

**op\_range** — Range operators

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## Description

The range operators create vectors that count from  $a$  to  $b$ .

$a . . b$  returns a row vector.

$a : : b$  returns a column vector.

## Syntax

$a . . b$       row range  
 $a : : b$       column range

## Remarks and examples

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$a . . b$  and  $a : : b$  count from  $a$  up to but not exceeding  $b$ , incrementing by 1 if  $b \geq a$  and by  $-1$  if  $b < a$ .

$1 . . 4$  creates row vector  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ .

$1 : : 4$  creates column vector  $(1 \backslash 2 \backslash 3 \backslash 4)$ .

$-1 . . -4$  creates row vector  $(-1, -2, -3, -4)$ .

$-1 : : -4$  creates column vector  $(-1 \backslash -2 \backslash -3 \backslash -4)$ .

$1.5 . . 4.5$  creates row vector  $(1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5)$ .

$1.5 : : 4.5$  creates column vector  $(1.5 \backslash 2.5 \backslash 3.5 \backslash 4.5)$ .

$1.5 . . 4.4$  creates row vector  $(1.5, 2.5, 3.5)$ .

$1.5 : : 4.4$  creates column vector  $(1.5 \backslash 2.5 \backslash 3.5)$ .

$-1.5 . . -4.4$  creates row vector  $(-1.5, -2.5, -3.5)$ .

$-1.5 : : -4.4$  creates column vector  $(-1.5 \backslash -2.5 \backslash -3.5)$ .

$1 . . 1$  and  $1 : : 1$  both return  $(1)$ .

## Conformability

$a..b$

<i>a</i> :	$1 \times 1$
<i>b</i> :	$1 \times 1$
<i>result</i> :	$1 \times \text{trunc}(\text{abs}(b - a)) + 1$

$a::b$

<i>a</i> :	$1 \times 1$
<i>b</i> :	$1 \times 1$
<i>result</i> :	$\text{trunc}(\text{abs}(b - a)) + 1 \times 1$

## Diagnostics

$a..b$  and  $a::b$  return missing if  $a >= .$  or  $b >= ..$

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