blockdiag() — Block-diagonal matrix

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blockdiag (Z_1 , Z_2) returns a block-diagonal matrix with Z_1 in the upper-left corner and Z_2 in the lower right, that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & Z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

 Z_1 and Z_2 may be either real or complex and need not be of the same type.

Syntax

 $\textit{numeric matrix} \ \ \texttt{blockdiag}(\textit{numeric matrix}\ Z_1, \textit{numeric matrix}\ Z_2)$

Remarks and examples

To create a block diagonal matrix of Z_1 , Z_2 , Z_3 , code

: blockdiag(Z1, blockdiag(Z2,Z3))

Conformability

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \texttt{blockdiag}(Z_1\text{, }Z_2\text{):} \\ & Z_1\text{:} & r_1 \times c_1 \\ & Z_2\text{:} & r_2 \times c_2 \\ & \textit{result:} & r_1 + r_2 \times c_1 + c_2 \end{array}$$

Diagnostics

None. Either or both Z_1 and Z_2 may be void.

Also see

[M-4] **Standard** — Functions to create standard matrices

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