

# Julia & IJulia Cheat-sheet (for 18.xxx at MIT)

## Basics:

[julia-lang.org](http://julia-lang.org) documentation  
github.com/stevengj/julia-mit installation & tutorial  
ipython notebook --profile-julia start IJulia browser  
shift-return execute input cell in IJulia

## Defining/changing variables:

`x = 3` define variable  $x$  to be 3  
`x = [1,2,3]` array/"column"-vector (1,2,3)  
`y = [1 2 3]` 1×3 row-vector (1,2,3)  
`A = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 11 12]`  
—set  $A$  to 3×4 matrix with rows 1,2,3,4 etc.  
`x[2] = 7` change  $x$  from (1,2,3) to (1,7,3)  
`A[2,1] = 0` change  $A_{2,1}$  from 5 to 0  
`u, v = (15.03, 1.2e-27)` set  $u=15.03, v=1.2\times 10^{-27}$   
`f(x) = 3x` define a function  $f(x)$   
`x -> 3x` an "anonymous" function

## Constructing a few simple matrices:

`rand(12), rand(12,4)` random length-12 vector or 12×4 matrix  
with uniform random numbers in [0,1)  
`randn(12)` Gaussian random numbers (mean 0, std. dev. 1)  
`eye(5)` 5×5 identity matrix  $I$   
`linspace(1.2,4.7,100)` 100 equally spaced points from 1.2 to 4.7  
`diagm(x)` matrix whose diagonal is the entries of  $x$

## Portions of matrices and vectors:

`x[2:12]` the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> elements of  $x$   
`x[2:end]` the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last elements of  $x$   
`A[5,1:3]` row vector of 1<sup>st</sup> 3 elements in 5<sup>th</sup> row of  $A$   
`A[5,:]` row vector of 5<sup>th</sup> row of  $A$   
`diag(A)` vector of diagonals of  $A$

## Arithmetic and functions of numbers:

`3*4, 7+4, 2-6, 8/3` mult., add, sub., divide numbers  
`3^7, 3^(8+2im)` compute  $3^7$  or  $3^{8+2i}$  power  
`sqrt(-5+0im)`  $\sqrt{-5}$  as a complex number  
`exp(12)`  $e^{12}$   
`log(3), log10(100)` natural log (ln), base-10 log ( $\log_{10}$ )  
`abs(-5), abs(2+3im)` absolute value  $|-5|$  or  $|2+3i|$   
`sin(5pi/3)` compute  $\sin(5\pi/3)$   
`besselj(2,6)` compute Bessel function  $J_2(6)$

## Arithmetic and functions of vectors and matrices:

`x * 3, x + 3` multiply/add every element of  $x$  by 3  
`x + y` element-wise addition of two vectors  $x$  and  $y$   
`A*y, A*B` product of matrix  $A$  and vector  $y$  or matrix  $B$   
`x * y` not defined for two vectors!  
`x .* y` element-wise product of vectors  $x$  and  $y$   
`x .^ 3` every element of  $x$  is cubed  
`cos(x), cos(A)` cosine of every element of  $x$  or  $A$   
`exp(A), expm(A)` exp of each element of  $A$ , matrix exp  $e^A$   
`x', A'` conjugate-transpose of vector or matrix  
`x'*y, dot(x,y), sum(conj(x).*y)` three ways to compute  $x \cdot y$   
`A \ b, inv(A)` return solution to  $Ax=b$ , or the matrix  $A^{-1}$   
`λ, v = eig(A)` eigenvals  $\lambda$  and eigenvectors (columns of  $V$ ) of  $A$

## Plotting (type using PyPlot first)

`plot(y), plot(x,y)` plot  $y$  vs. 0,1,2,3,... or versus  $x$   
`loglog(x,y), semilogx(x,y), semilogy(x,y)` log-scale plots  
`title("A title"), xlabel("x-axis"), ylabel("foo")` set labels  
`legend(["curve 1", "curve 2"], "northwest")` legend at upper-left  
`grid(), axis("equal")` add grid lines, use equal  $x$  and  $y$  scaling  
`title(L"the curve  $\sqrt{x}$ ")` title with LaTeX equation  
`savefig("fig.png"), savefig("fig.eps")` save as PNG or EPS image

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