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Subject: Re: Left Matrix Division  
Posted by [mankoff](#) on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 07:54:34 GMT  
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Nevermind, I found the LA\_LEAST\_SQUARES function. It turns out that  $a \backslash b$  in MATLAB does a lot of different things depending on the shape of  $a$ .

-k.

On Sep 18, 6:53 pm, mankoff <mank...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi,  
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> I'm trying to do some matrix division, something which in MATLAB is  
> done  
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>  $r = a \backslash b$   
>  
> where  $A$  is  $m$  row  $\times$   $n$  column and  $B$  is an  $n$  column matrix and the result  
> is and  $m \times 1$  column matrix.  
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> I think this is called left matrix division and is equal to " $b^{(-1)}$   
> times  $a$ ", but am having trouble inverting  $B$  as it is a column vector.  
> I have been looking into IMSL\_INV as I have not found any other IDL  
> functions that claim to invert a matrix or do matrix division.  
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> Any help will be much appreciated.  
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> Thanks,  
>  
> -k.

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