| Description | Syntax | Remarks and examples | Conformability |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Diagnostics | Also see |  |  |

## Description

blockdiag $\left(Z_{1}, Z_{2}\right)$ returns a block-diagonal matrix with $Z_{1}$ in the upper-left corner and $Z_{2}$ in the lower right, that is,

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
Z_{1} & \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{0} & Z_{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$ may be either real or complex and need not be of the same type.

## Syntax

numeric matrix blockdiag (numeric matrix $Z_{1}$, 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

```
blockdiag \(\left(Z_{1}, Z_{2}\right)\) :
    \(Z_{1}: \quad r_{1} \times c_{1}\)
    \(Z_{2}: \quad r_{2} \times c_{2}\)
    result: \(\quad r_{1}+r_{2} \times c_{1}+c_{2}\)
```


## Diagnostics

None. Either or both $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$ may be void.

## Also see

[M-4] Standard - Functions to create standard matrices
Stata, Stata Press, and Mata are registered trademarks of StataCorp LLC. Stata and Stata Press are registered trademarks with the World Intellectual Property Organization of the United Nations. StataNow and NetCourseNow are trademarks of StataCorp LLC. Other brand and product names are registered trademarks or trademarks of their respective companies. Copyright (c) 1985-2023 StataCorp LLC, College Station, TX,
 USA. All rights reserved.
For suggested citations, see the FAQ on citing Stata documentation.

