

# Appendix A

## The Resampling Stats Commands

### Arithmetic

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description:: Matlab has many built-in mathematical functions. Here is a list of the most commonly used operators. (You can get a more complete list by giving the command `help name-of-function`)

+ Addition. Example:

```
>> 3+2
```

- Subtraction. Example:

```
>> b - 1
```

.\* Multiplication. Examples:

```
>> 3.*4 ⇒ ans: 12
```

```
>> [3 1 2].* 5.4
```

```
ans: 16.2 5.4 10.8
```

```
>> a.*b
```

Note the dot before the `*`. Multiplication also works with a plain `*`, which doesn't have the dot. A plain `*` instructs MATLAB to perform *matrix* multiplication, which is the same as regular multiplication only when one of the arguments to `*` is a single number (a "scalar"). If you don't know what this means, don't worry. If you fail to use the dot when it is required, you will in many cases get an error message:

```
??? Error using ==> *
```

```
Inner matrix dimensions must agree.
```

Simply remember, when you see this message, to put the dot before the \* (unless you really wanted to perform matrix multiplication).

`./` Division. Remember the dot, which here serves the same purpose as in multiplication, to distinguish matrix multiplication from ordinary multiplication.

`sqrt` Square root. `sqrt(4)`

`abs` Absolute value. `abs(x)` `.^` Exponentiation. For example, find the square deviation from the mean, `(x - mean(x)).^2`

`log` Logarithm.

```
>> log(10) => ans: 2.3026
```

`log` is the “natural logarithm.” Use `log10` for the logarithm base 10 and `log2` for the base 2 logarithm.

Syntax: Some things to remember about arithmetic operations in MATLAB:

- Use parentheses to make sure that the operation you want is being performed. For instance: `x - mean(x).^2` is quite different from `(x-mean(x)).^2`

```
>> x = [-1 -1 -1]
```

```
>> x - mean(x).^2 => ans: -2 -2 -2
```

```
>> (x - mean(x)).^2 => ans: 0 0 0
```

- All of the operations will work on vectors or arrays of numbers. The operation is applied to each element individually. For example:

```
>> [1 2 3].^2 => ans: 1 4 9
```

```
>> log([1 2 3]) => ans: 0 0.6931 1.0986
```

- For operations that involve two vectors, the two vectors generally be the same size. That is, they should have the same number of elements (and should have the same shape). You can find the shape of a variable with the `size` command. For example:

```
>> [1 2 3] + [4 5 6] => ans: 5 7 9
```

```
>> [1 2 3 4] + [4 5 6]
```

```
Error: Matrix dimensions must agree.
```

There is one exception: you can combine a single number with an array of any size. For example:

» [2 4 6] + 1 ⇒ *ans:* 3 5 7