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**direxternal( ) —** Obtain list of existing external globals

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## Description

direxternal(*pattern*) returns a column vector containing the names matching *pattern* of the existing external globals. direxternal() returns J(0,1,"") if there are no such globals.

*pattern* is interpreted by [M-5] **strmatch( )**.

## Syntax

>       *string colvector*  direxternal(*string scalar pattern*)

## Remarks and examples [stata.com](stata.com)

See [M-5] **findexternal( )** for the definition of a global.

A list of all globals can be obtained by direxternal("*").

## Conformability

direxternal(*pattern*):
    *pattern*:    $1 \times 1$
    *result*:    $n \times 1$

## Diagnostics

direxternal(*pattern*) returns J(0,1,"") when there are no globals matching *pattern*.

## Also see

[M-5] **findexternal( )** — Find, create, and remove external globals

[M-4] **Programming** — Programming functions