## Programming

Relational Operators
MATLAB provides theserelational operators.

| Operator | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| $<$ | Less than |
| $<=$ | Less than or equal to |
| $>$ | Greater than |
| $>=$ | Greater than or equal to |
| $==$ | Equal to |
| $\sim=$ | Not equal to |

## Relational Operators and Arrays

The MATLAB relational operators compare corresponding elements of arrays with equal dimensions. Relational operators always operate element-by-element. In this example, the resulting matrix shows where an element of is equal to the corresponding element of $B$.

```
A = [2 7 6;9 0 5;3 0.5 6];
B = [8 7 0;3 2 5;4 -1 7];
A == B
ans =
    0 1 0
    0 0 1
    0 0 0
```

For vectors and rectangular arrays, both operands must be the same size unless one is a scalar. For the case where one operand is a scalar and the other is not, MATLAB tests the scalar against every element of the other operand. Locations where the specified relation istrue receive logical 1. Locations where the relation is false receive logical 0 .

## Relational Operators and Empty Arrays

The relational operators work with arrays for which any dimension has size zero, as long as both arrays are the same size or one is a scalar. However, expressions such as

$$
A=[]
$$

return an error if A is not 0-by-0 or 1-by-1. This behavior is consistent with that of all other binary operators, such as $+,-,>,<, \&, \mid$, etc.

To test for empty arrays, use the function

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