# **COMPLEX SUBTRACTION**

#### **PURPOSE**

Carry out a complex subtraction (element-by-element) of 2 complex variables.

## **DESCRIPTION**

DATAPLOT stores all variables as real. Complex variables are supported as a pair of real variables. That is, the pair Y1,Y2 of real variables can be thought of as the single complex variable Y1 + i\*Y2 where i is the square root of -1.

Complex subtraction is performed by subtracting the two real components and subtracting the two complex components. That is, (a+bi) - (c+di) = (a-c) + (b-d)i.

#### **SYNTAX**

```
LET < v5> < v6> = COMPLEX SUBTRACTION < v1> < v2> < v3> < v4> < SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification> where < v1> and < v2> are the real and imaginary components of the first input variable; < v3> and < v4> are the real and imaginary components of the second input variable; < v5> and < v6> are the real and imaginary components of the output variable; and where the < SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification> is optional and rarely used in this context.
```

#### **EXAMPLES**

```
LET Y5 Y6 = COMPLEX SUBTRACTION Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4
LET E F = COMPLEX SUBTRACTION A B C D SUBSET A > 10
LET E F = COMPLEX SUBTRACTION A B C D FOR I = 1 1 20
```

#### **DEFAULT**

None

## **SYNONYMS**

None

## **RELATED COMMANDS**

COMPLEX ADDITION Carries out complex addition. COMPLEX MULTIPLICATION Carries out complex multiplication. COMPLEX DIVISION Carries out complex division. COMPLEX EXPONENTIATION Carries out complex exponentiation. COMPLEX CONJUGATE Computes the complex conjugate. COMPLEX SQUARE ROOT Computes the complex square root. COMPLEX ROOTS Computes the complex roots. POLYNOMIAL SUBTRACTION Carries out a polynomial subtraction. VECTOR SUBTRACTION Carries out a vector subtraction. MATRIX SUBTRACTION Carries out a matrix subtraction.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Mathematics

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## **PROGRAM**

```
READ X1 Y1 X2 Y2
1 2 3 4
3 5 2 1
2 2 4 3
END OF DATA
LET X3 Y3 = COMPLEX SUBTRACTION X1 Y1
```

WRITE X1 Y1 X2 Y2 X3 Y3