VECTOR SUBTRACTION

PURPOSE
Carry out the subtraction of 2 vectors in R^d with real elements.

SYNTAX
LET <v3> = VECTOR SUBTRACTION <v1> <v2>   <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR/qualification>
where <v1> is the variable containing the (real) elements of the first vector;
>   <v2> is the variable containing the (real) elements of the second vector;
>   <v3> is the variable containing the (real) elements of the resultant vector;
and where the <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification> is optional and rarely used in this context.

EXAMPLES
LET Y3 = VECTOR SUBTRACTION Y1 Y2

NOTE 1
The vector (x1, x2, ... ,xn) represents the line sgment from the origin (0,0,...,0) to the point (x1, x2, ..., xn). That is, each element of the vector represents the corresponding value on the corresponding axis. Vectors are sometimes represented in terms of the unit coordinate vectors. For example, for the 3d case the vector x=(x1,x2,x3) can be written as $a = x_1 i + x_2 j + x_3 k$ where

$i = (1,0,0)$ $j = (0,1,0)$ $l = (0,0,1)$

NOTE 2
Storagewise, a DATAPLOT "variable" and a mathematical "vector" are identical. The ordering of elements within a DATAPLOT variable is identical to the ordering of elements within a mathematical vector. Thus to store the vector with elements 4 11 37 8 19 in the variable Y, enter the following command (the READ and SERIAL READ commands can be used to store longer vectors):

LET Y = DATA 4 11 37 8 19

DEFAULT
None

SYNONYMS
The command LET Y3 = VECTOR SUBTRACTION Y1 Y2 is equivalent to the command LET Y3 = Y2 - Y1.

RELATED COMMANDS
VECTOR ADDITION	=	Carries out a vector addition.
VECTOR DOT PRODUCT	=	Computes a vector dot product.
VECTOR LENGTH	=	Computes the vector length.
VECTOR DISTANCE	=	Computes the vector distance.
VECTOR ANGLE	=	Computes the vector angle.

APPLICATIONS
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PROGRAM
LET Y1 = DATA 4 2 3 1 6
LET Y2 = DATA 1 2 4 6 3
LET Y3 = VECTOR SUBTRACTION Y1 Y2
SET WRITE DECIMALS 0
WRITE Y1 Y2 Y3