

**NAME**

complex - basics of complex mathematics

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <complex.h>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Complex numbers are numbers of the form  $z = a + b*i$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , so that  $i*i = -1$ .

There are other ways to represent that number. The pair  $(a,b)$  of real numbers may be viewed as a point in the plane, given by X- and Y-coordinates. This same point may also be described by giving the pair of real numbers  $(r,\phi)$ , where  $r$  is the distance to the origin  $O$ , and  $\phi$  the angle between the X-axis and the line  $Oz$ . Now  $z = r*\exp(i*\phi) = r*(\cos(\phi) + i*\sin(\phi))$ .

The basic operations are defined on  $z = a + b*i$  and  $w = c + d*i$  as:

**addition:**  $z + w = (a + c) + (b + d)*i$

**multiplication:**  $z * w = (a*c - b*d) + (a*d + b*c)*i$

**division:**  $z / w = ((a*c + b*d)/(c*c + d*d)) + ((b*c - a*d)/(c*c + d*d))*i$

Nearly all math function have a complex counterpart but there are some complex-only functions.

**EXAMPLE**

Your C-compiler can work with complex numbers if it supports the C99 standard. Link with *-lm*. The imaginary unit is represented by *I*.

```
/* check that exp(i * pi) == -1 */
#include <math.h> /* for atan */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <complex.h>

int
main(void)
{
    double pi = 4 * atan(1.0);
    double complex z = cexp(I * pi);
    printf("%f + %f * i\n", creal(z), cimag(z));
}
```

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[cabs\(3\)](#), [cacos\(3\)](#), [cacosh\(3\)](#), [carg\(3\)](#), [casin\(3\)](#), [casinh\(3\)](#), [catan\(3\)](#), [catanh\(3\)](#), [ccos\(3\)](#), [ccosh\(3\)](#), [cerf\(3\)](#), [cexp\(3\)](#), [cexp2\(3\)](#), [cimag\(3\)](#), [clog\(3\)](#), [clog10\(3\)](#), [clog2\(3\)](#), [conj\(3\)](#), [cpow\(3\)](#), [cproj\(3\)](#), [creal\(3\)](#), [csin\(3\)](#), [csinh\(3\)](#), [csqrt\(3\)](#), [ctan\(3\)](#), [ctanh\(3\)](#)

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