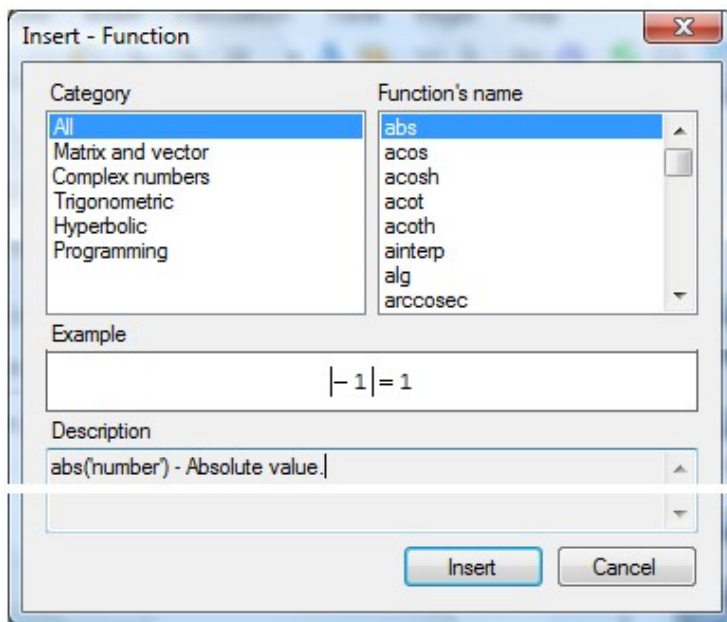


**Predefined functions for real and complex numbers in *SMath Studio***  
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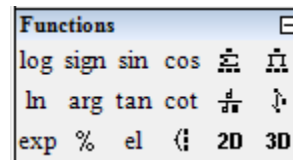
**Functions for real numbers** - The following functions are available for application to real numbers:

- abs            absolute value
- exp            exponential function
- Gamma        Gamma ( $\Gamma$ ) function
- ln             natural logarithm, i.e., logarithm of base  $e$
- log            logarithm of any base
- log10        logarithm of base 10
- mod           modulus
- nthroot      the  $n$ -th root of a number
- numden      decompose a fraction into numerator and denominator
- perc          percentage
- round        rounds to an integer
- sign          extracts the sign
- sqrt          square root
- random      generates a random number

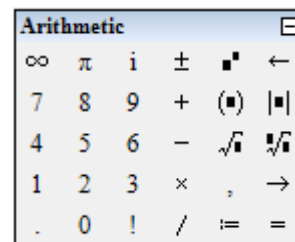
These functions are available, unclassified, by using the *Insert > Function* menu and then selecting the *All* category of functions:



Some of these functions are also available in the *Functions palette*:  
The *Function* palette includes also trigonometric functions ( $\sin$ ,  $\cos$ ,  $\tan$ ,  $\cot$ ), calculus expressions (summation, product, derivative, integral), functions that apply to matrices ( $eI$ ), and functions that apply to graphs (the last three symbols in the last line).



Some of these functions are also available in the *Arithmetic palette*. These include the absolute value (*abs*), the square root (*sqrt*), and the *n*-th root (*nthroot*) functions. Also shown in the *Arithmetic palette* are the following items:



- Mathematical Constants: Positive infinity ( $\infty$ ), Pi ( $\pi$ ), Imaginary unit ( $i$ )
- Numerical Digits: 0-9
- Arithmetic operators:  $\pm$ ,  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $/$ , power
- Evaluation operators: Definition ( $:=$ ), Numerical Evaluation ( $=$ ), Symbolic Evaluation ( $\rightarrow$ )
- Postfix Operators: Factorial (!)
- Editing Characters: Decimal point ( $.$ ), Comma ( $,$ ), Backspace ( $\leftarrow$ )

Since trigonometric and hyperbolic functions apply also to real numbers, we provide a list of those functions available under the *Function – Insert* form (see above) under the headings *Trigonometric* and *Hyperbolic*:

**Trigonometric:**

- |       |           |            |                   |
|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| • sin | sine      | • asin     | inverse sine      |
| • cos | cosine    | • acos     | inverse cosine    |
| • tan | tangent   | • atan     | inverse tangent   |
| • cot | cotangent | • acot     | inverse cotangent |
| • sec | secant    | • arcsec   | inverse secant    |
| • csc | cosecant  | • arccosec | inverse cosecant  |

**Hyperbolic:**

- |        |                      |         |                              |
|--------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| • sinh | hyperbolic sine      | • csch  | hyperbolic cosecant          |
| • cosh | hyperbolic cosine    | • asinh | inverse hyperbolic sine      |
| • tanh | hyperbolic tangent   | • acosh | inverse hyperbolic cosine    |
| • coth | hyperbolic cotangent | • atanh | inverse hyperbolic tangent   |
| • sech | hyperbolic secant    | • acoth | inverse hyperbolic cotangent |

**Examples of functions applied to real numbers**

These functions can be inserted from the *Functions – Insert* form (*Insert > Function* menu), the *Functions palette*, or simply by typing the name of the function into a region of the *SMath Studio* worksheet. The following are examples of real-number functions in *SMath Studio*:

```
//EXAMPLES OF FUNCTIONS FOR REAL NUMBERS: //Using "Ctrl+." instead of "="
//abs: type "abs(-3.25)=" to produce: |-3.25|=3.25 |-3.25|→13/4
//exp: type "exp(-0.5)=" to produce:: exp(-0.5)=0.6065 exp(-0.5)→exp(-1/2)
//"exp(-0.5)"is same as"e^(-0.5)": e^-0.5=0.6065 e^-0.5→1/√e
```

```
//Gamma: type "Gamma(1.5)=" to produce:   Gamma(1.5)=0.8862   Gamma(1.5)→ $\frac{886228183571491}{1000000000000000}$ 
//ln: type "ln(3.2)=" to produce:         ln(3.2)=1.1632     ln(3.2)→ $\ln\left(\frac{16}{5}\right)$ 
//"exp" and "ln" are inverse functions:   exp(ln(5))=5       ln(exp(-3.2))=-3.2
//log: type "log(10,2)=" to produce:      log2(10)=3.3219   log2(10)→ $\frac{\ln(10)}{\ln(2)}$ 
//log10: type "log10(8.2)=" to produce:   log10(8.2)=0.9138 log10(8.2)→ $\log_{10}\left(\frac{41}{5}\right)$ 
//mod: type "mod(18,5)=" to produce:      mod(18,5)=3        mod(18,5)→3
```

The *mod* function applies to integers only, and it's described in the following example:

```
//Function "mod" calculates the integer residual (r) of the ratio of two integers m,n,
//where m>n and q is the integer quotient, i.e.: m/n = q + r/m. Thus, if m is a multiple
//of n, r = 0, and mod(m,n) = 0. Otherwise, mod(m,n) = r < n. See the following examples:
mod(5,1)=0   mod(5,2)=1   mod(5,3)=2   mod(5,4)=1   mod(5,5)=0
// Thus, function "mod" can be used to determine if an integer m is a multiple of
// another integer n, for if that is the case then "mod(m,n) = 0".
//nthroot: type "nthroot(81,3)=":          $\sqrt[3]{81}=4.3267$         $\sqrt[3]{81}\rightarrow\sqrt[3]{81}$ 
```

Function *numdem*, shown below, separates a fraction into a numerator and a denominator:

```
//numden: type "numden(27.4)=":           numden(27.4)= $\begin{pmatrix} 27.4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$    numden(27.4)→ $\begin{pmatrix} 137 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

$$\text{numden}\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}+\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}\right)=\begin{pmatrix} 2.7182\cdot 10^{15} \\ 1.9604\cdot 10^{15} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{numden}\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}+\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}\right)\rightarrow\begin{pmatrix} 1+\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3}+\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that, in its numerical evaluation, the last example shows both numerator and denominator multiplied by 1015. These two factors obviously cancel when the fraction is put together again, but it serves to emphasize that *SMath Studio* calculates values with 15 decimals.

More functions for real numbers are shown next:

```
//numden: type "numden(27.4)=":           numden(27.4)= $\begin{pmatrix} 27.4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$    numden(27.4)→ $\begin{pmatrix} 137 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ 
//perc: type "perc(10,25)=":             perc(10,25)=2.5    perc(10,20)→perc(10,20)
```



```
//round: "round(x,n)" rounds up a floating-point value x to n decimal figures:
round(10.23446, 4)=10.2345      round(-3.12567, 4)=-3.1257
round(10.23446, 3)=10.234      round(-3.12567, 3)=-3.126
round(10.23446, 2)=10.23      round(-3.12567, 2)=-3.13
round(10.23446, 1)=10.2      round(-3.12567, 1)=-3.1
round(10.23446, 0)=10      round(-3.12567, 0)=-3

// Function "sign(x)" returns the values -1, 0, or 1, depending on whether
// x is negative, zero, or positive, e.g.,
sign(-3.5)=-1      sign(0.0)=0      sign(3.5)=1

//sqrt: type "sqrt(23.54)=" to produce:  $\sqrt{23.54}=4.8518$   $\sqrt{23.54} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1177}}{\sqrt{50}}$ 
```

Function *rand* is used to produce random numbers, as indicated below:

```
// Function "rand(x)" produces a random number uniformly distributed between 0 and x.
// The argument "x" must be a positive number. Other examples:
random(10)=2      random(100)=9      random(200)=54      random(1000)=951

// Function "random" returns integer numbers. If we were to need a random number
// between 0 and 1, with n decimal figures, use: random(10^n)/10^n, e.g.,
 $\frac{\text{random}(10^2)}{10^2}=0.8$        $\frac{\text{random}(10^3)}{10^3}=0.321$        $\frac{\text{random}(10^4)}{10^4}=0.9049$ 

// To generate a uniformly-distributed random number in the interval [a,b],
// with a<b, use: a + (b-a)*random(10^n)/10^n, where n = 2, 3, 4, ..., e.g.:
 $20+(80-20) \cdot \frac{\text{random}(10^3)}{10^3}=53.6$ 

// You can write your own function "myrandom" to calculate random numbers:
myrandom(a, b, n)=a +  $\left( (b-a) \cdot \frac{\text{random}(10^n)}{10^n} \right)$  +

//Examples: myrandom(50, 100, 5)=76.378      myrandom(50, 100, 5)=78.82
myrandom(50, 100, 5)=84.0755      myrandom(50, 100, 5)=69.4585

The following example shows how to produce a row vector of random values in the range
[50,100] using n=5:

for k=1..10
  x_1 k:=myrandom(50, 100, 5)
1) Press "for" in the "Programming" palette
2) Type k in the first place holder in "for"
3) Type "range(1,10)" in the second place holder in "for"
4) Type "x[1,k <space bar> :=" below the "for" line
5) Click outside of the region, and type "x="

x=(65.848 68.176 90.855 77.108 94.498 81.336 81.732 88.2085 90.936 66.7025)
```

## Functions exclusive for complex numbers

The *Function – Insert* form provides the following functions that apply exclusively to complex numbers (let  $z = x+iy$  represent a complex number):

- `arg` angle in complex plane,  $arg(z) = atan(y/x)$
- `Im` imaginary part,  $Im(z) = y$
- `pol2xy` convert polar coordinates to rectangular coordinates
- `Re` real part,  $Re(z) = x$
- `xy2pol` convert rectangular coordinates to polar coordinates

The following examples show applications of these functions to complex numbers:

```
//EXAMPLES OF FUNCTIONS PROPER TO COMPLEX NUMBERS: //Using "Ctrl+." instead of "="

// arg(z):          arg(2+2.i)=0.7854          arg(2+2.i)→arg(2.(1+i))
//Re(z):           Re(-3+5.i)=-3             Re(-3+5.i)→Re(-3+5.i)
//Im(z):           Im(-3+5.i)=5             Im(-3+5.i)→Im(-3+5.i)

//pol2xy:          pol2xy(5, π/6)={4.3301+1.6653·10-15.i
                                     2.5-2.7756·10-15.i}  pol2xy(5, π/6)→pol2xy(5, π/6)

//xy2pol:          xy2pol(3, 4)={5
                                     0.9273}                xy2pol(3, 4)→xy2pol(3, 4)
```

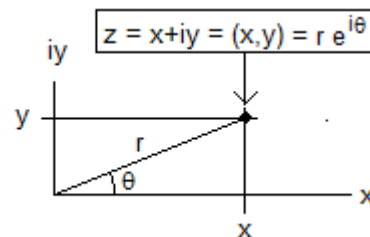
The function *abs*, when applied to a complex number, produces the modulo (length) of the complex number. Function *abs* is not included in the listing of *Complex Numbers* functions in the *Insert – Function* form. However, *abs*, and many other functions that we applied to real numbers above, can be applied to complex numbers as illustrated next:

```
//EXAMPLES OF FUNCTIONS FOR COMPLEX NUMBERS: //Using "Ctrl+." instead of "="

//abs(z):          |4.5+3.1.i|=5.4644        |4.5+3.1.i|→|90+62.i|
//exp(z):          exp(2+3.i)=-7.3151+1.0427.i  exp(2+3.i)→exp(2+3.i)
//e^z:            e5-3.i=-146.9279-20.9441.i  e5-3.i→e5-3.i
//Gamma(z):       Gamma(1.5+2.6.i)=0.0319+0.1071.i  Gamma(1+2.i)→15190422302300700000000
                                                         1000000
//ln(z):          ln(3+i)=1.1513+0.3218.i      ln(3+i)→ln(3+i)
//log(z,x):       log2(10+i)=3.3291+0.1438.i    log2(10)→ln(10)/ln(2)
//log10(z):       log10(8.2-3.i)=0.9411-0.1523.i  log10(8.2-3.i)→log10(41-15.i/5)
//nthroot(z,n):   3√4+5.i=1.7747+0.5464.i      3√4+5.i→3√4+5.i
//perc(p,z):      perc(10, 25+50.i)=2.5+5.i     perc(10, 25+10.i)→perc(10, 25+10.i)
//sqrt(z):        √-5+3.i=0.6446+2.3271.i      √-5+3.i→√-5+3.i
```

## Rectangular and polar representation of complex numbers

A complex number written in the form  $z = x + iy$  is in its rectangular (or Cartesian) representation. Thus, it can be written also as the ordered pair  $(x,y)$ , and be represented in an Argand diagram in which the abscissa is  $x$  and the ordinate is  $iy$ . An alternative way to represent point  $(x,y)$  is through its polar representation whose coordinates are  $(r,\theta)$ . The proper way to write the polar representation of a complex number is through the use of Euler's formula:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$ . With this result,



$$z = x + iy = r \cos(\theta) + i r \sin(\theta) = r (\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)) = r e^{i\theta}$$

*SMath Studio* provides functions *xy2pol* to convert from rectangular  $(x,y)$  into polar  $(r,\theta)$  coordinates, and *pol2xy* to convert from polar  $(r,\theta)$  to rectangular  $(x,y)$  coordinates. Thus, with these functions one can go easily from rectangular to polar representations of a complex number, and vice versa.

In the following example we convert from rectangular to polar representations of a complex number:

```
// EXAMPLE: Rectangular to polar
z1:=3+4.i // z1 in rectangular form
r1:=|z1|   r1=5 // components of polar form
theta1:=arg(z1)   theta1=0.9273
xy2pol(3,4)={5 // direct way to calculate polar form
             0.9273 // with "xy2pol"
```

The following example shows a conversion from polar to rectangular representations of a complex number:

```
// EXAMPLE: Polar to rectangular
z2:=10.e^{i*\pi/6} // z2 in polar form
z2=8.6603+5.i // shown directly in rectangular form
x2:=Re(z2)   x2=8.6603 // or you can separate components
y2:=Im(z2)   y2=5 // of the rectangular form with Re, Im
pol2xy(10, \pi/6)={8.6603+3.3307*10^{-15}.i // Alternatively, use
                  5-5.5511*10^{-15}.i // pol2xy to calculate
                  // rectangular components
```

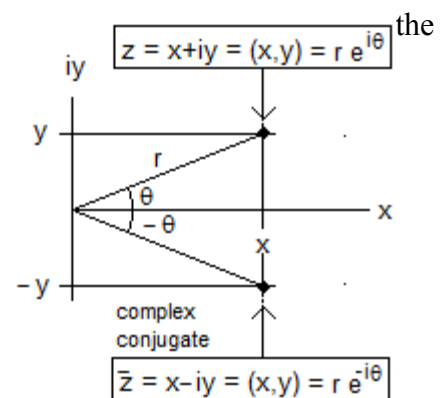
Note: the imaginary parts of the results from "pol2xy" contain numbers so small (e.g.,  $3.3307 \times 10^{-15}$ ) that they're basically zero.

## Operations with complex numbers

The following examples show operations with complex numbers in *SMath Studio*:

```
//Operations with complex numbers:
z1:=3.2-1.5·i      z2:=-5.2+2.2·i
// addition:      z1+z2=-2+0.7·i
// subtraction:  z1-z2=8.4-3.7·i
// multiplication: z1·z2=-13.34+14.84·i
// division:      z1/z2=-0.6255+0.0238·i
// conjugate:     z1c:=Re(z1)-i·Im(z1)
                  z1c=3.2+1.5·i
```

The complex conjugate of a complex number is the reflection of number  $z = x + iy$  about the  $x$  axis, i.e.,  $\bar{z} = x - iy$ . This is illustrated in the figure to the right:



```
//Powers of
//the imaginary
//unit:
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} i^2 \\ i^3 \\ i^4 \\ i^5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -i \\ 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

All other operations follow the rules of algebra with the caveat that  $i^2 = -1$ , etc. Other powers of the unit imaginary number are shown in the vector to the left.

Using the conjugate we can write:  $z \cdot \bar{z} = r^2$ .  
This calculation is illustrated below:

```
z0:=-2.5+6.2·i // number
z0c:=-2.5-6.2·i // conjugate
z0·z0c=44.69 //number x conjugate
√(z0·z0c)=6.6851
|z0|=6.6851 // abs(z0)
```

## The *Gamma* function

Most readers with courses in Algebra and Calculus I will be already familiar with most of the functions for real and complex numbers presented in this document. The *Gamma* function may be an exception, since it is an advanced mathematical function and probably would not have been introduced in those courses. The *Gamma* function is defined by an integral, namely,

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$$

The *Gamma* function is related to the factorial operator as follows:  $\Gamma(x+1) = x!$ , if  $x$  is an integer.

The following examples use the *Gamma* function in some calculations:

```
Gamma(5) = 24      4! = 24
Gamma(5.6) = 61.554
Gamma(3+3*i) = -0.4401 - 0.0636*i
```

Note: the *Gamma* function currently defined in *SMath Studio 0.85* cannot handle negative arguments, or complex arguments whose real part is negative. For many applications this definition will be fine, but the full definition of the *Gamma* function should be able to handle negative arguments. Based on the paper “*A note on the computation of the convergent Lanczos complex Gamma approximation*” by Paul Godfrey (2001), found in <http://home.att.net/~numericana/answer/info/godfrey.htm#lanczoscoeffs>, I redefined the *Gamma* function to include negative arguments, as follows:

The figure to the right also shows some calculations of the modified *Gamma* function, and a graph of the function.

Compare the graph with that shown in the one shown in the wikipedia entry:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamma\\_function](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamma_function)

