

Negate

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Minus

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| $-y$ is the negative of y . That is, it is defined as $0 - y$. Thus, $-2 = 0 - 2$ is $-2 = 0 - 2$. | $-$ is defined as in elementary arithmetic, and is extended to complex numbers as usual. |
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The function $-$ is self-inverse, that is, $-^{-1}$ is $-$ itself.

Although -2 may often be used instead of -2 , it is important to understand that the former is the application of a function to the number 2 , whereas the symbol $-$ is an indivisible part of the number representation, just as the period is an indivisible part of a number such as 8.9 .