abs() — Absolute value (length)
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For Z real, abs(Z) returns the elementwise absolute values of Z.

For Z complex, abs(Z) returns the elementwise length of each element. If Z = a + bi, returned is  $sqrt(a^2 + b^2)$ , although the calculation is not made in that way. The method actually used prevents overflow.

## Syntax

real matrix abs (numeric matrix Z)

### Conformability

abs(Z):

Z:	r	$\times$	С
result:	r	×	с

# **Diagnostics**

abs(.) returns . (missing).

#### Also see

[M-4] Scalar — Scalar mathematical functions

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