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**\$ man erf.3**

ERF(3) Linux Programmer's Manual ERF(3)

NAME

erf, erff, erfl - error function

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double erf(double x);

float erff(float x);

long double erfl(long double x);
```

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Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see `feature_test_macros(7)`):

erf():

ISO/C99 SOURCE || POSIX C SOURCE >= 200112L || XOPEN SOURCE

/\* Since glibc 2.19: \*/ DEFAULT\_SOURCE

|| /\* Glibc versions <= 2.19: \*/ BSD\_SOURCE || SVID\_SOURCE

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## DESCRIPTION

These functions return the error function of  $x$ , defined as

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \times \text{integral from 0 to } x \text{ of } \exp(-t^2) dt$$

## RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the value of the error function of  $x$ .

x, a value in the range [-1, 1].

If x is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is +0 (-0), +0 (-0) is returned.

If x is positive infinity (negative infinity), +1 (-1) is returned.

If x is subnormal, a range error occurs, and the return value is

$2*x/sqrt(pi)$ .

## ERRORS

See `math_error(7)` for information on how to determine whether an error has occurred when calling these functions.

The following errors can occur:

Range error: result underflow (x is subnormal)

An underflow floating-point exception (FE\_UNDERFLOW) is raised.

These functions do not set `errno`.

## ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see `at?`  
`tributes(7)`.

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?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

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?erf(), erff(), erfl() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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## CONFORMING TO

C99, POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

The variant returning double also conforms to SVr4, 4.3BSD.

## SEE ALSO

`cerf(3)`, `erfc(3)`, `exp(3)`

## COLOPHON

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