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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'exp.3p' command***

***\$ man exp.3p***

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### PROLOG

This manual page is part of the POSIX Programmer's Manual. The Linux implementation of this interface may differ (consult the corresponding Linux manual page for details of Linux behavior), or the interface may not be implemented on Linux.

### NAME

exp, expf, expl ? exponential function

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double exp(double x);

float expf(float x);

long double expl(long double x);
```

### DESCRIPTION

The functionality described on this reference page is aligned with the ISO C standard. Any conflict between the requirements described here and the ISO C standard is unintentional. This volume of POSIX.1?2017 defers to the ISO C standard.

These functions shall compute the base-e exponential of x.

An application wishing to check for error situations should set errno to zero and call feclearexcept(FE\_ALL\_EXCEPT) before calling these functions. On return, if errno is non-zero or fetestexcept(FE\_INVALID | FE\_DIVBYZERO | FE\_OVERFLOW | FE\_UNDERFLOW) is non-zero, an error has

occurred.

## RETURN VALUE

Upon successful completion, these functions shall return the exponential value of  $x$ .

If the correct value would cause overflow, a range error shall occur and `exp()`, `expf()`, and `expl()` shall return the value of the macro `HUGE_VAL`, `HUGE_VALF`, and `HUGE_VALL`, respectively.

If the correct value would cause underflow, and is not representable, a range error may occur, and `exp()`, `expf()`, and `expl()` shall return 0.0, or (if the IEC 60559 Floating-Point option is not supported) an implementation-defined value no greater in magnitude than `DBL_MIN`, `FLT_MIN`, and `LDBL_MIN`, respectively.

If  $x$  is NaN, a NaN shall be returned.

If  $x$  is  $\neq 0$ , 1 shall be returned.

If  $x$  is  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$  shall be returned.

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## ERRORS

These functions shall fail if:

Range Error The result overflows.

If the integer expression `(math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO)` is non-zero, then `errno` shall be set to `[ERANGE]`. If the integer expression `(math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT)` is non-zero, then the overflow floating-point exception shall be raised.

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The following sections are informative.

## EXAMPLES

### Computing the Density of the Standard Normal Distribution

This function shows an implementation for the density of the standard normal distribution using `exp()`. This example uses the constant `M_PI` which is part of the XSI option.

```
#include <math.h>

double
normal_density (double x)
{
    return exp(-x*x/2) / sqrt (2*M_PI);
}
```

## APPLICATION USAGE

On error, the expressions `(math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO)` and `(math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT)` are independent of each other, but at least one of them must be non-zero.

## RATIONALE

None.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

`feclearexcept()`, `fetestexcept()`, `isnan()`, `log()`

The Base Definitions volume of POSIX.1-2017, Section 4.20, Treatment of Error Conditions for Mathematical Functions, `<math.h>`

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