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HYPOT(3P) POSIX Programmer's Manual HYPOT(3P)

PROLOG

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NAME

hypot, hypotf, hypotl ? Euclidean distance function

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double hypot(double x, double y);

float hypotf(float x, float y);

long double hypotl(long double x, long double y);
```

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 value of the square root of x^2+y^2 without undue overflow or underflow.

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 length of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle with sides of length x and y .

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

If x or y is $\pm\text{Inf}$, $\pm\text{Inf}$ shall be returned (even if one of x or y is NaN).

If x or y is NaN, and the other is not $\pm\text{Inf}$, a NaN shall be returned.

If both arguments are subnormal and the correct result is subnormal, a range error may occur and the correct result shall be returned.

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.

These functions may fail if:

Range Error The result underflows.

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 underflow floating-point exception shall be raised.

The following sections are informative.

EXAMPLES

See the EXAMPLES section in `atan2()`.

APPLICATION USAGE

`hypot(x,y)`, `hypot(y,x)`, and `hypot(x, -y)` are equivalent.

$\text{hypot}(x, ?0)$ is equivalent to $\text{fabs}(x)$.

Underflow only happens when both x and y are subnormal and the (inex? act) result is also subnormal.

These functions take precautions against overflow during intermediate steps of the computation.

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

RATIONALE

None.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

`atan2()`, `feclearexcept()`, `fetestexcept()`, `isnan()`, `sqrt()`

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

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