



Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'scalb.3' command

\$ man scalb.3

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NAME

scalb, scalbf, scalbl - multiply floating-point number by integral power of radix (OBSOLETE)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double scalb(double x, double exp);

float scalbf(float x, float exp);

long double scalbl(long double x, long double exp);

Link with -lm.
```

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

```
scalb():

_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500

    /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE

    /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

```
scalbf(), scalbl():

_XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600

    /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE

    /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions multiply their first argument *x* by FLT_RADIX (probably 2) to the power of *exp*, that is:

x * FLT_RADIX ** *exp*

The definition of FLT_RADIX can be obtained by including <float.h>.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return $x * \text{FLT_RADIX}^{** \text{exp}}$.

If x or exp is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is positive infinity (negative infinity), and exp is not negative infinity, positive infinity (negative infinity) is returned.

If x is +0 (-0), and exp is not positive infinity, +0 (-0) is returned.

If x is zero, and exp is positive infinity, a domain error occurs, and a NaN is returned.

If x is an infinity, and exp is negative infinity, a domain error occurs, and a NaN is returned.

If the result overflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return HUGE_VAL, HUGE_VALF, or HUGE_VALL, respectively, with a sign the same as x.

If the result underflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return zero, with a sign the same as x.

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:

Domain error: x is 0, and exp is positive infinity, or x is positive infinity and exp is negative infinity and the other argument is not a NaN

errno is set to EDOM. An invalid floating-point exception (FE_INVALID) is raised.

Range error, overflow

errno is set to ERANGE. An overflow floating-point exception (FE_OVERFLOW) is raised.

Range error, underflow

errno is set to ERANGE. An underflow floating-point exception (FE_UNDERFLOW) is raised.

ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

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?scalb(), scalbf(), scalbl() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

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CONFORMING TO

scalb() is specified in POSIX.1-2001, but marked obsolescent.

POSIX.1-2008 removes the specification of scalb(), recommending the use of scalbln(3), scalblnf(3), or scalblnl(3) instead. The scalb() function is from 4.3BSD.

scalbf() and scalbl() are unstandardized; scalbf() is nevertheless present on several other systems

BUGS

Before glibc 2.20, these functions did not set errno for domain and range errors.

SEE ALSO

ldexp(3), scalbln(3)

COLOPHON

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