



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

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

PROLOG

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NAME

scalbln, scalblnf, scalblnl, scalbn, scalbnf, scalbnl ? compute exponent using FLT_RADIX

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double scalbln(double x, long n);

float scalblnf(float x, long n);

long double scalblnl(long double x, long n);

double scalbn(double x, int n);

float scalbnf(float x, int n);

long double scalbnl(long double x, int n);
```

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 $x * FLT_RADIX^n$ efficiently, not normally

by computing FLT_RADIXn explicitly.

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 $x * \text{FLT_RADIX}^n$.

If the result would cause overflow, a range error shall occur and these functions shall return ?HUGE_VAL, ?HUGE_VALF, and ?HUGE_VALL (according to the sign of x) as appropriate for the return type of the function.

If the correct value would cause underflow, and is not representable, a range error may occur, and scalbln(), scalblnf(), scalblnl(), scalbn(), scalbnf(), and scalbnl() shall return 0.0, or (if IEC 60559 Floating-Point is not supported) an implementation-defined value no greater in magnitude than DBL_MIN, FLT_MIN, LDBL_MIN, DBL_MIN, FLT_MIN, and LDBL_MIN, respectively.

If x is NaN, a NaN shall be returned.

If x is ?0 or ?Inf, x shall be returned.

If n is 0, x shall be returned.

If the correct value would cause underflow, and is representable, a range error may occur and the correct value 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

None.

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

These functions are named so as to avoid conflicting with the historical definition of the `scalb()` function from the Single UNIX Specification. The difference is that the `scalb()` function has a second argument of `double` instead of `int`. The `scalb()` function is not part of the ISO C standard. The three functions whose second type is `long` are provided because the factor required to scale from the smallest positive floating-point value to the largest finite one, on many implementations, is too large to represent in the minimum-width `int` format.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

SEE ALSO

`feclearexcept()`, `fetestexcept()`

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

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