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

**\$ man sqrt.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

sqrt, sqrtf, sqrtl ? square root function

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double sqrt(double x);

float sqrtf(float x);

long double sqrtl(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 square root of their argument  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ .

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 square root of  $x$ .

For finite values of  $x < -0$ , a domain error shall occur, and either a NaN (if supported), or an implementation-defined value shall be returned.

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

If  $x$  is  $0$  or  $+\text{Inf}$ ,  $x$  shall be returned.

If  $x$  is  $-\text{Inf}$ , a domain error shall occur, and a NaN shall be returned.

## ERRORS

These functions shall fail if:

### Domain Error

The finite value of  $x$  is  $< -0$ , or  $x$  is  $-\text{Inf}$ .

If the integer expression  $(\text{math\_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH\_ERRNO})$  is non-zero, then `errno` shall be set to [EDOM]. If the integer expression  $(\text{math\_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH\_ERREXCEPT})$  is non-zero, then the invalid floating-point exception shall be raised.

The following sections are informative.

## EXAMPLES

Taking the Square Root of 9.0

```
#include <math.h>
...
double x = 9.0;
double result;
...
result = sqrt(x);
```

## APPLICATION USAGE

On error, the expressions  $(\text{math\_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH\_ERRNO})$  and  $(\text{math\_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH\_ERREXCEPT})$  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()`

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

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