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PROLOG

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NAME

tan, tanf, tanl ? tangent function

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double tan(double x);

float tanf(float x);

long double tanl(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 tangent of their argument *x*, measured in radians.

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 tangent of x .

If the correct value would cause underflow, and is not representable, a range error may occur, and $\tan()$, $\tanf()$, and $\tanl()$ 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 , and LDBL_MIN , respectively.

If x is NaN, a NaN shall be returned.

If x is ± 0 , x shall be returned.

If x is subnormal, a range error may occur and x should be returned.

If x is not returned, $\tan()$, $\tanf()$, and $\tanl()$ shall return an implementation-defined value no greater in magnitude than DBL_MIN , FLT_MIN , and LDBL_MIN , respectively.

If x is $\pm\text{Inf}$, a domain error shall occur, and either a NaN (if supported), or an implementation-defined value 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.

If the correct value would cause overflow, a range error shall occur and $\tan()$, $\tanf()$, and $\tanl()$ shall return $\pm\text{HUGE_VAL}$, $\pm\text{HUGE_VALF}$, and $\pm\text{HUGE_VALL}$, respectively, with the same sign as the correct value of the function.

ERRORS

These functions shall fail if:

Domain Error

The value of x is $\pm\text{Inf}$.

If the integer expression $(\text{math_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH_ERRNO})$ is non-zero, then errno shall be set to $[\text{EDOM}]$. If the integer expression $(\text{math_errhandling} \ \& \ \text{MATH_ERREXCEPT})$ is non-zero, then the invalid floating-point exception shall

be raised.

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, or the value of `x` is subnormal.

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

Taking the Tangent of a 45-Degree Angle

```
#include <math.h>
...
double radians = 45.0 * M_PI / 180;
double result;
...
result = tan (radians);
```

APPLICATION USAGE

There are no known floating-point representations such that for a normal argument, $\tan(x)$ is either overflow or underflow.

These functions may lose accuracy when their argument is near a multiple of $\pi/2$ or is far from 0.0.

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

`atan()`, `feclearexcept()`, `fetetestexcept()`, `isnan()`

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

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