



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'signgam.3'

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NAME

lgamma, lgammaf, lgammal, lgamma_r, lgammaf_r, lgammal_r, signgam - log gamma function

LIBRARY

Math library (libm, -lm)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>

double lgamma(double x);

float lgammaf(float x);

long double lgammal(long double x);

double lgamma_r(double x, int *signp);

float lgammaf_r(float x, int *signp);

long double lgammal_r(long double x, int *signp);

extern int signgam;
```

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

lgamma():

```
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L || _XOPEN_SOURCE
|| /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE
|| /* glibc <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

lgammaf(), lgammal():

```
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L
|| /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE
|| /* glibc <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

lgamma_r(), lgammaf_r(), lgammal_r():

```
/* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE  
|| /* glibc <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

signgam:

```
_XOPEN_SOURCE  
|| /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE  
|| /* glibc <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

DESCRIPTION

For the definition of the Gamma function, see `tgamma(3)`.

The `lgamma()`, `lgammaf()`, and `lgammal()` functions return the natural logarithm of the absolute value of the Gamma function. The sign of the Gamma function is returned in the external integer `signgam` declared in `<math.h>`. It is 1 when the Gamma function is positive or zero, -1 when it is negative.

Since using a constant location `signgam` is not thread-safe, the functions `lgamma_r()`, `lgammaf_r()`, and `lgammal_r()` have been introduced; they return the sign via the argument `signp`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the natural logarithm of $\Gamma(x)$.

If x is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is 1 or 2, +0 is returned.

If x is positive infinity or negative infinity, positive infinity is returned.

If x is a nonpositive integer, a pole error occurs, and the functions return `+HUGE_VAL`, `+HUGE_VALF`, or `+HUGE_VALL`, respectively.

If the result overflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return `HUGE_VAL`, `HUGE_VALF`, or `HUGE_VALL`, respectively, with the correct mathematical sign.

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:

Pole error: x is a nonpositive integer

`errno` is set to `ERANGE` (but see `BUGS`). A divide-by-zero floating-point exception (`FE_DIVBYZERO`) is raised.

Range error: result overflow

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

raised.

STANDARDS

lgamma()

lgammaf()

lgammal()

C11, POSIX.1-2008.

signgam

POSIX.1-2008.

lgamma_r()

lgammaf_r()

lgammal_r()

None.

HISTORY

lgamma()

lgammaf()

lgammal()

C99, POSIX.1-2001.

signgam

POSIX.1-2001.

lgamma_r()

lgammaf_r()

lgammal_r()

None.

BUGS

In glibc 2.9 and earlier, when a pole error occurs, `errno` is set to `EDOM`; instead of the POSIX-mandated `ERANGE`. Since glibc 2.10, glibc does the right thing.

SEE ALSO

tgamma(3)

Linux man-pages 6.17

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