

**NAME**

catan, catanf, catanl – complex arc tangents

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <complex.h>
```

```
double complex catan(double complex z);
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float complex catanf(float complex z);
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long double complex catanl(long double complex z);
```

Link with `-lm`.

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions calculate the complex arc tangent of  $z$ . If  $y = \text{catan}(z)$ , then  $z = \text{ctan}(y)$ . The real part of  $y$  is chosen in the interval  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ .

One has:

$$\text{catan}(z) = (\text{clog}(1 + i * z) - \text{clog}(1 - i * z)) / (2 * i)$$

**VERSIONS**

These functions first appeared in glibc in version 2.1.

**ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see [attributes\(7\)](#).

Interface	Attribute	Value
<b>catan()</b> , <b>catanf()</b> , <b>catanl()</b>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

C99, POSIX.1-2001, POSIX.1-2008.

**EXAMPLE**

```
/* Link with "-lm" */

#include <complex.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    double complex z, c, f;
    double complex i = I;

    if (argc != 3) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s <real> <imag>\n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    z = atof(argv[1]) + atof(argv[2]) * I;

    c = catan(z);
    printf("catan() = %6.3f %6.3f*i\n", creal(c), cimag(c));

    f = (clog(1 + i * z) - clog(1 - i * z)) / (2 * i);
    printf("formula = %6.3f %6.3f*i\n", creal(f2), cimag(f2));

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

**SEE ALSO**

**ccos(3), clog(3), ctan(3), complex(7)**

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