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NAME

atan, atanf, atanl - arc tangent function

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
double atan(double x);
```

```
float atanf(float x);
```

```
long double atanl( long double x);
```

Link with -lm.

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

atanf(), **atanl()**:

```
_BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600 ||  
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L;
```

or cc -std=c99

DESCRIPTION

The **atan()** function calculates the principal value of the arc tangent of x; that is the value whose tangent is x.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the principal value of the arc tangent of x in radians; the return value is in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.

If x is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is +0 (-0), +0 (-0) is returned.

If x is positive infinity (negative infinity), $+\pi/2$ ($-\pi/2$) is returned.

ERRORS

No errors occur.

CONFORMING TO

C99, POSIX.1-2001. The variant returning double also conforms to SVr4, 4.3BSD, C89.

SEE ALSO

acos(3), **asin(3)**, **atan2(3)**, **carg(3)**, **catan(3)**, **cos(3)**, **sin(3)**, **tan(3)**

COLOPHON

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