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## NAME

atan, atanf, atanl - arc tangent function

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>
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```
double atan(double x);
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```
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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