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NAME

atan2, atan2f, atan2l - arc tangent function of two variables

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <math.h>
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```
double atan2(double y, double x);  
float atan2f(float y, float x);  
long double atan2l(long double y, long double x);
```

Link with -lm.

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

atan2f(), **atan2l()**:

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

or cc -std=c99

DESCRIPTION

The **atan2()** function calculates the principal value of the arc tangent of y/x , using the signs of the two arguments to determine the quadrant of the result.

RETURN VALUE

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

If y is $+0$ (-0) and x is less than 0, $+\pi$ ($-\pi$) is returned.

If y is $+0$ (-0) and x is greater than 0, $+0$ (-0) is returned.

If y is less than 0 and x is $+0$ or -0 , $-\pi/2$ is returned.

If y is greater than 0 and x is $+0$ or -0 , $\pi/2$ is returned.

If either x or y is NaN, a NaN is returned.

If y is $+0$ (-0) and x is -0 , $+\pi$ ($-\pi$) is returned.

If y is $+0$ (-0) and x is $+0$, $+0$ (-0) is returned.

If y is a finite value greater (less) than 0, and x is negative infinity, $+\pi$ ($-\pi$) is returned.

If y is a finite value greater (less) than 0, and x is positive infinity, $+0$ (-0) is returned.

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

If y is positive infinity (negative infinity) and x is negative infinity, $+3\pi/4$ ($-3\pi/4$) is returned.

If y is positive infinity (negative infinity) and x is positive infinity, $+\pi/4$ ($-\pi/4$) 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), **atan**(3), **carg**(3), **cos**(3), **sin**(3), **tan**(3)

COLOPHON

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