

**NAME**

expm1, expm1f, expm1l – exponential minus 1

**SYNOPSIS**

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

```
double expm1(double x);
```

```
float expm1f(float x);
```

```
long double expm1l(long double x);
```

Link with `-lm`.

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature\\_test\\_macros\(7\)](#)):

**expm1()**:

```
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500 /* Since
glibc 2.19: */ _DEFAULT_SOURCE /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE ||
_SVID_SOURCE
```

**expm1f(), expm1l()**:

```
_ISOC99_SOURCE || _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L /* Since glibc 2.19: */ _DE-
FAULT_SOURCE /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE || _SVID_SOURCE
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions return a value equivalent to

$\exp(x) - 1$

The result is computed in a way that is accurate even if the value of  $x$  is near zero—a case where  $\exp(x) - 1$  would be inaccurate due to subtraction of two numbers that are nearly equal.

**RETURN VALUE**

On success, these functions return  $\exp(x) - 1$ .

If  $x$  is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If  $x$  is +0 (−0), +0 (−0) is returned.

If  $x$  is positive infinity, positive infinity is returned.

If  $x$  is negative infinity, −1 is returned.

If the result overflows, a range error occurs, and the functions return `-HUGE_VAL`, `-HUGE_VALF`, or `-HUGE_VALL`, respectively.

**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:

Range error, overflow

`errno` is set to `ERANGE` (but see [BUGS](#)). An overflow floating-point exception (`FE_OVERFLOW`) is raised.

**ATTRIBUTES**

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
<code>expm1()</code> , <code>expm1f()</code> , <code>expm1l()</code>	Thread safety	MT-Safe

**CONFORMING TO**

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

**BUGS**

For some large negative  $x$  values (where the function result approaches −1), `expm1()` raises a bogus underflow floating-point exception.

For some large positive  $x$  values, `expm1()` raises a bogus invalid floating-point exception in addition to the

expected overflow exception, and returns a NaN instead of positive infinity.

Before version 2.11, the glibc implementation did not set *errno* to **ERANGE** when a range error occurred.

**SEE ALSO**

[exp\(3\)](#), [log\(3\)](#), [log1p\(3\)](#)

**COLOPHON**

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