

NAME

`copysign`, `copysignf`, `copysignl` - copy sign of a number

SYNOPSIS

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

```
double copysign(double x, double y);
```

```
float copysignf(float x, float y);
```

```
long double copysignl(long double x, long double y);
```

Link with `-lm`.

Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

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```

```
  _SVID_SOURCE || _BSD_SOURCE || _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 600 || _ISOC99_SOURCE ||
```

```
  _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200112L;
```

```
  or cc -std=c99
```

DESCRIPTION

The `copysign()`, `copysignf()`, and `copysignl()` functions return a value whose absolute value matches that of `x`, but whose sign bit matches that of `y`.

For example, `copysign(42.0, -1.0)` and `copysign(-42.0, -1.0)` both return `-42.0`.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return a value whose magnitude is taken from `x` and whose sign is taken from `y`.

If `x` is a NaN, a NaN with the sign bit of `y` is returned.

ERRORS

No errors occur.

ATTRIBUTES

Multithreading (see [pthreads\(7\)](#))

The `copysign()`, `copysignf()`, and `copysignl()` functions are thread-safe.

CONFORMING TO

C99, POSIX.1-2001. This function is defined in IEC 559 (and the appendix with recommended functions in IEEE 754/IEEE 854).

NOTES

On architectures where the floating-point formats are not IEEE 754 compliant, these functions may treat a negative zero as positive.

SEE ALSO

[signbit\(3\)](#)

COLOPHON

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