

NAME

sqrt, sqrtf, sqrtl - square root function

SYNOPSIS

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

```
double sqrt(double x);
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```
float sqrtf(float x);
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```
long double sqrtl(long double x);
```

Link with *-lm*.

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

```
sqrtf(), sqrtl():
```

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

DESCRIPTION

These functions return the nonnegative square root of *x*.

RETURN VALUE

On success, these functions return the square root of *x*.

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 less than -0, a domain error occurs, and a NaN is returned.

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:

Domain error: *x* less than -0

errno is set to **EDOM**. An invalid floating-point exception (**FE_INVALID**) is raised.

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
sqrt(), sqrtf(), sqrtl()	Thread safety	MT-Safe

CONFORMING TO

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

The variant returning *double* also conforms to SVr4, 4.3BSD, C89.

SEE ALSO

[cbrt\(3\)](#), [csqrt\(3\)](#), [hypot\(3\)](#)

COLOPHON

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