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## Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'erfc.3'

# \$ man erfc.3 ERFC(3) Linux Programmer's Manual ERFC(3) NAME erfc, erfcf, erfcl - complementary error function **SYNOPSIS** #include <math.h> double erfc(double x); float erfcf(float x); long double erfcl(long double x); Link with -lm. Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see feature\_test\_macros(7)): erfc(): \_ISOC99\_SOURCE || \_POSIX\_C\_SOURCE >= 200112L || \_XOPEN\_SOURCE || /\* Since glibc 2.19: \*/ \_DEFAULT\_SOURCE || /\* Glibc versions <= 2.19: \*/ \_BSD\_SOURCE || \_SVID\_SOURCE erfcf(), erfcl(): \_ISOC99\_SOURCE || \_POSIX\_C\_SOURCE >= 200112L || /\* Since glibc 2.19: \*/ \_DEFAULT\_SOURCE || /\* Glibc versions <= 2.19: \*/ \_BSD\_SOURCE || \_SVID\_SOURCE

### **DESCRIPTION**

These functions return the complementary error function of x, that is, 1.0 - erf(x).

#### **RETURN VALUE**

On success, these functions return the complementary error function of x, a value in the range [0,2].

If x is a NaN, a NaN is returned.

If x is +0 or -0, 1 is returned.

If x is positive infinity, +0 is returned.

If x is negative infinity, +2 is returned.

If the function result underflows and produces an unrepresentable value, the return value is 0.0.

If the function result underflows but produces a representable (i.e., subnormal) value, that value is returned, and a range error occurs.

#### **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: result underflow (result is subnormal)

An underflow floating-point exception (FE\_UNDERFLOW) is raised.

These functions do not set errno.

#### **ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at? tributes(7).

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?erfc(), erfcf(), erfcl() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

#### **CONFORMING TO**

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

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

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The erfc(), erfcf(), and erfcl() functions are provided to avoid the loss accuracy that would occur for the calculation 1-erf(x) for large values of x (for which the value of erf(x) approaches 1).

## SEE ALSO

cerf(3), erf(3), exp(3)

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