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Computer users, most of whom assume they are working with reliable routines, unwittingly accept results from functions where the accuracies vary significantly from one mathematical library to another, from one library function to another, and even over different argument intervals of the same function. [...] Users are not likely to demand an improved situation because most of them, having neither the time nor the inclination to test manufacturer-supplied software, do not know the problem exists. This paper contains the results of such tests of elementary functions from several computer companies. The data [...] demonstrate that the industry does not satisfy the needs of those who require accurate and efficient mathematical software.

These lines, written nearly four decades ago in 1984 by Black, Burton and Miller [8], are unfortunately still very true today.

The IEEE 754 standard, even in its latest 2019 revision [1], does not *require* correctly rounded mathematical functions, it only *recommends* them. In turn, current mathematical libraries do not provide correct rounding, which is the best possible result. Thus, users might get different results with different libraries, or different versions of the same library. This can have dramatic consequences: for example missed collisions in the Large Hadron Collider [7] or reproducibility issues in neuroimaging [18].

This document compares the accuracy of several mathematical libraries for the evaluation of mathematical functions, in single, double and quadruple precision (respectively `binary32`, `binary64`, and `binary128` in the IEEE 754 standard), and also in the extended double format. For single precision, an exhaustive search is possible for univariate functions, thus the given values are upper bounds. For larger precisions or bivariate functions, since an exhaustive search is not possible with academic resources, we use a black-box algorithm that tries to locate the values with the largest error; the given values are only lower bounds, but comparing them can give an idea of the relative accuracy of different libraries. An interesting fact is that, for several functions, different libraries yield the same largest known error, for the exact same input value, which probably means they use the same code base. While GCC clearly says that the accuracy of mathematical functions is unknown [17], some libraries document the largest known errors¹ [11, 14, 28]. Also, in [22], the

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¹For the GNU libc, the values given in the “Known Maximum Errors in Math Functions” section are however not always accurate, since larger values can be found in GNU libc Bugzilla (and in this document).

authors have proven rigorous upper bounds for some double-precision functions (exp, log, sin, tan) of the Intel Math Library, in some domains (however the code might have changed since then).

Today, at least for single precision and most double precision functions, it is known how to get correct rounding (for all rounding modes, not only for rounding to nearest) at very low cost, and reference implementations exist that outperform current libraries (see references in [9]).

1 Introduction

In this document we compare the accuracy of the following mathematical libraries: GNU libc 2.41 [19], the Intel Math Library shipped with the Intel oneAPI DPC++ Compiler 2025.0.0 (IML) [20], AMD LibM 5.0 [3], Newlib 4.5.0 [31], OpenLibm 0.8.5 [29], Musl 1.2.5 [26], the Apple Math Library 15.1.1 available under Darwin 24.1.0 [4], the LLVM libc 19.1.7 [23], the Microsoft library from Visual Studio 2022 (MSVC) [24], the mathematical library from FreeBSD 14.2 [16], libamath from the Arm Performance Libraries 24.04 [5], the CUDA mathematical library 12.8 [27], and the ROCm mathematical library 6.2.4 [12]. We only consider rounding to nearest-even; with other rounding modes one did get disastrous results with some libraries in the past [21], as reported already in 2002 by Vincent Lefèvre.² We do not compare to the x87 instructions `fsin` and others, which are known to have bad accuracy [13].

For each function, assuming y is the value returned by the library, and z is the exact result (as with infinite precision), we denote by e the absolute difference between y and z in terms of units-in-last-place of z (i.e., when z is in the subnormal range, in terms of multiples of the smallest positive subnormal). The value z is approximated with the GNU MPFR library [15], using a larger precision. Our definition of ulp (unit-in-last-place) is the following: for $2^{e-1} \leq |x| < 2^e$, and precision p , we define $\text{ulp}(x) = 2^{e-p}$. i.e., the distance between two consecutive p -bit floating-point numbers in the binade $[2^{e-1}, 2^e)$, see [25]. When one of y and z is NaN or $\pm\infty$, we use the following rules:

- if both y and z are NaN, we consider the error is 0;
- if only one of y and z is NaN, we consider the error is infinite;
- if both y and z are $\pm\infty$, we consider the error is 0 if they have the same sign, and infinite otherwise;
- if the library result is ∞ , and the MPFR result is finite, we assume the library result is the next floating-point number after the largest finite number in the format (assuming unbounded exponent);
- if the library result is finite, and the MPFR result is ∞ , we recompute the MPFR result using unbounded exponent, and compute the difference with this value.

The results for GNU libc, AMD LibM, Newlib, OpenLibm, and Musl were obtained on an Intel Core i5-4590 or i7-8700 with GCC 14.2.0 under Debian. Newlib was configured with default flags (in particular, without use of hardware FMA), and with the default configuration.³ Those for LLVM

²<https://bugs.debian.org/cgi-bin/bugreport.cgi?bug=153022>

³For binary32, by default, the old SunPro functions are used; with `OBSOLETE_MATH_DEFAULT=0`, Newlib will use instead a new set of mathematical functions provided by Arm, that use binary64 for intermediate computations.

libc were obtained on an Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214; an AMD EPYC2 7352 was used for the Intel Math Library (IML in short), with the Intel compiler version 2025.0.0, using `-fp-model=strict`, including `mathimf.h` instead of `math.h` (see [10] for more details about the Intel compiler). Those for the Apple math library were obtained on a Mac M1 (arm64) with clang 15.0.0. The results with the Microsoft library were obtained using the Universal C Runtime Library (UCRT) distributed with Windows SDK version 10.0.22621 for Windows 11, and the code was run on a Dell Precision 5540 with an Intel Core i9 9880H running Windows 11 and on a Dell PowerEdge R7525 with two AMD EPYC2 7352 running Windows Server 2019. The FreeBSD results were obtained with a libvirt image running on a Intel Xeon Silver 4214. The results for libamath from the Arm Performance Libraries were obtained on an AWS Graviton3 c7g.metal instance running Ubuntu 22.04. The CUDA library was tested on a NVidia Grace-Hopper system running CUDA 12.8. The tests were also run on a GTX1060 GPU, hosted on an AMD Ryzen 7 1800X, obtaining identical results. The ROCm library was tested on an AMD Radeon Instinct MI50 running ROCm 6.2.4 hosted on a Intel Xeon Silver 4114. Tests were also run on a "Radeon Pro WX 9100", hosted on a AMD Ryzen 9 5900X, obtaining identical results.

In all tables, values of e are given with 3 decimal digits, rounded up; thus for example $e = 2.17$ for a univariate single-precision function means that the relative error is bounded by 2.17 ulps for all `binary32` inputs, and in all other cases (larger formats or bivariate functions) it means the largest *known* error is bounded by 2.17 ulps, with at least one case giving an error of more than 2.16 ulps. Note that correct rounding implies an entry 0.5, but the converse is false: when the "round-to-even" rule applies, if the library returns the "odd" value, the error will still be 0.5 ulp.

It should be noted that one might get different results for a given library on different hardware, for at least two reasons. Firstly some libraries have a runtime dispatcher which invokes different source code for different cpus, for example using the fused multiply-add, or extensions SSE, AVX, AVX2 or AVX512. This is the case of the GNU libc and of the Intel Math library. Secondly the very same binary might produce different results on different hardware due to the use of some assembly instructions that are implemented differently. This is for example the case with the `rsqrt` and `rcp` instructions that differ on Intel and AMD hardware, see §3.2.

2 Single Precision

2.1 Univariate Functions

The IEEE 754 single-precision format (`binary32`) has $2^{32} - 2^{24}$ values, not counting `+Inf`, `-Inf`, and `NaN`. For a function with a single input, it is thus possible to check all values by exhaustive search.

Table 1 summarizes the largest known ulp error for each function and each library. For univariate functions, the corresponding input can easily be found by exhaustive search, while Table 2 gives the corresponding inputs for bivariate functions.

In all tables, empty cells mean the corresponding function is not available.

We see that for all libraries, the `sqrt` function is correctly rounded for all `binary32` inputs, as required by IEEE 754.⁴ The following functions are correctly rounded: `rsqrtf` in the Intel Math Library, `cbrtf` in OpenLibm, Musl, the Apple library and FreeBSD, `coshf` in MSVC, `sinhf` and `tanhf` in AMD LibM (which uses the CORE-MATH implementation [32]), 21 functions from

⁴As noticed by Hugues de Lasso, correct rounding implies a maximal error of 0.5 ulp, but the converse is not necessarily true. However, we also checked the results agree with GNU MPFR.

library version	GNU libc 2.41	IML 2025.0.0	AMD 5.0	Newlib 4.5.0	OpenLibm 0.8.5	Musl 1.2.5	Apple 15.1.1	LLVM 19.1.7	MSVC 2022	FreeBSD 14.2	ArmPL 24.04	CUDA 12.8	ROCm 6.2.4
acos	0.500	0.528	0.897	0.899	0.918	0.918	0.634	0.500	0.669	0.895	1.32	1.34	1.47
acosh	0.500	0.501	0.504	2.01	2.01	2.01	0.502	0.500	2.89	2.01	2.79	2.18	0.564
asin	0.500	0.528	0.781	0.926	0.743	0.743	0.634	0.500	0.861	0.672	2.41	1.36	2.54
asinh	0.500	0.527	0.518	1.78	1.78	1.78	0.515	0.500	1.99	1.78	3.57	1.78	0.573
atan	0.500	0.541	0.501	0.853	0.853	0.853	0.722	0.500	0.501	0.853	2.88	1.21	2.10
atanh	0.500	0.507	0.547	1.73	1.73	1.73	0.511	0.500	2.35	1.73	3.09	3.16	0.574
cbrt	0.500	0.520	0.548	3.56	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	1.83	0.500	1.53	1.17	1.14
cos	0.561	0.548	0.729	2.91	0.501	0.501	0.846	0.500	0.530	0.501	0.561	1.52	1.61
cosh	0.500	0.506	1.03	2.51	1.36	1.03	0.579	0.500	0.500	1.36	1.89	2.34	0.567
erf	0.500	0.780	0.531	0.968	0.943	0.968	0.501	0.500	3.99	0.890	1.93	1.04	1.51
erfc	0.500	0.934		63.9	3.17	3.13	0.750		6.66	3.18	1.64	4.49	3.33
exp	0.502	0.506	0.501	0.911	0.911	0.502	0.514	0.500	0.501	0.911	0.502	1.94	1.00
exp10	0.502	0.507	0.501	1.00		3.88	0.514	0.500				2.07	1.00
exp2	0.502	0.519	0.501	1.00	0.501	0.502	0.514	0.500	2.14	0.501	0.502	2.39	0.871
expm1	0.500	0.544	Inf	0.813	0.813	0.813	0.687	0.500	3.02	0.813	1.51	1.45	1.45
j0	9.00	0.678		6.18e6	3.66e6	3.66e6				3.66e6		3.78e10	7.60e7
j1	9.00	1.69		1.68e7	2.25e6	2.25e6				2.25e6		7.48e9	7.53e7
lgamma	0.500	0.510		7.50e6	7.50e6	7.50e6	0.501		2.92e5	7.50e6		1.35e7	7.50e6
log	0.818	0.519	0.577	0.888	0.888	0.818	0.511	0.500	0.562	0.888	0.818	0.865	1.89
log10	0.500	0.516	1.40	2.10	0.832	0.832	0.502	0.500	0.626	0.832	0.82	2.09	1.71
log1p	0.500	0.525	0.501	1.30	0.839	0.835	0.513	0.500	1.44	0.839	2.02	0.887	0.579
log2	0.752	0.508	0.766	1.65	0.865	0.752	0.502	0.500	2.04	0.865	0.752	0.919	1.00
sin	0.561	0.546	0.530	1.37	0.501	0.501	0.846	0.500	0.530	0.501	0.561	1.50	1.61
sinh	0.501	0.538	0.500	2.51	1.83	1.83	0.579	0.500	0.501	1.83	2.26	2.94	0.922
sqrt	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500		0.500	0.500
tan	0.500	0.520	0.509	3.48	0.800	0.800	0.746	0.500	0.502	0.800	3.30	3.10	2.33
tanh	0.500	0.514	0.500	2.19	2.19	2.19	0.817	0.500	1.27	2.19	2.59	1.82	1.41
tgamma	0.500	0.510		239	0.501	0.501	0.501		3.58e5	0.501		4.34	1.68e7
y0	8.98	3.40		4.84e6	4.84e6	4.84e6				4.84e6		2.36e10	7.53e7
y1	9.00	2.07		6.18e6	4.17e6	3.66e6				4.17e6		4.96e10	9.35e7
acospi	1.94	0.504											
asinpi	1.86	0.506											
atanpi	1.93	0.545											
cospi	1.98	0.501	1.95					0.500		0.501	2.65	0.966	0.966
exp10m1	0.500												
exp2m1	0.500							0.500					
log10p1	0.833												
log2p1	0.500												
sinpi	1.98	0.501	1.96					0.500		0.755	2.49	0.967	0.967
tanpi	2.93	1.00	2.22							0.800			
rsqrt		0.500										1.52	0.864
atan2	0.500	0.550	0.584	1.52	1.55	1.55	0.722	0.500	0.584	1.55	2.93	2.18	2.01
atan2pi	1.61	0.841											
compound		0.501											
hypot	0.501	Inf	0.501	1.21	1.21	0.927	0.501	0.500	0.501	1.21		1.03	1.57
pow	0.817	0.515	1.56	169.	0.970	0.817	0.514	0.500	0.568	0.970	0.817	2.60	1.40

Table 1: Single precision: largest value of e (for univariate functions), and largest *known* value of e (for bivariate functions). Empty cells mean the corresponding function is not available.

	GNU libc 2.41		IML 2025.0.0	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	0x1.960176p-63	0x1.f88dp+80	-0x1.58a7ecp-118	0x1.58a7bep-123
atan2pi	-0x1.baca2ap-96	-0x1.a6c0c4p-82	-0x1.461adep+23	-0x1.74fbc8p+22
compound			0x1.46674cp+50	0x1.d5738ap-30
hypot	-0x1.003222p-20	-0x1.6a2d58p-32	-0x1.527182p+127	-0x1.803006p+127
pow	0x1.025736p+0	0x1.309f94p+13	0x1.fe7782p-1	-0x1.c361cap+14
	AMD LibM 5.0		Newlib 4.5.0	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	0x1.ffffe24p+59	0x1.000adcp+73	-0x1.f9cf48p+49	0x1.f60598p+51
hypot	-0x1.0554acp+44	-0x1.6dc9e6p+32	-0x1.6b05c4p-127	0x1.6b3146p-126
pow	0x1.10fff4p+0	0x1.58fd76p+10	0x1.d6411cp-102	0x1.793482p+0
	OpenLibm 0.8.5		Musl 1.2.5	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	0x1.a10104p+123	0x1.99f182p+125	0x1.a10104p+123	0x1.99f182p+125
hypot	-0x1.6b05c4p-127	0x1.6b3146p-126	0x1.26b188p-127	-0x1.a4f2fp-128
pow	0x1.343e4ep+0	0x1.af3c4p+8	1.025736p+0	1.309f94p+13
	Apple 15.1.1		LLVM 19.1.7	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	-0x1.ce62cep-116	0x1.cbf9bp-113	0x1.960176p-63	0x1.f88dp+80
hypot	-0x1.003222p-20	-0x1.6a2d58p-32	0x1.65e2cp+124	0x1.ac1p+112
pow	0x1.95e42cp-27	0x1.369972p-14	-0x1.8p-49	0x1.8p+1
	MSVC 2022		FreeBSD 14.2	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	0x1.ffffe24p+59	0x1.000adcp+73	0x1.a10104p+123	0x1.99f182p+125
hypot	-0x1.003222p-20	-0x1.6a2d58p-32	-0x1.6b05c4p-127	0x1.6b3146p-126
pow	0x1.107fe4p+0	0x1.631e6cp+10	0x1.343e4ep+0	0x1.af3c4p+8
	ArmPL 24.04			
	x	y		
atan2	-0x1.9be82ap-101	0x1.92cfb2p-101		
pow	0x1.025736p+0	0x1.309f94p+13		
	CUDA 12.8		ROCm 6.2.4	
	x	y	x	y
atan2	0x1.0e5beap+6	0x1.016188p+6	0x1.e9d044p-37	0x1.dfb95ep-35
hypot	0x1.007594p+1	-0x1.003512p+1	-0x1.ad2d0ap+111	-0x1.7f456ap+118
pow	0x1.6794b6p+0	0x1.f9f1bap+7	0x1.25f64ep-5	0x1.a47bc2p+4

Table 2: Inputs for single precision bivariate functions giving the largest known error.

GNU libc (also using the CORE-MATH code), and all functions available in the LLVM library. However, with rounding towards zero, AMD's `tanhf` yields `0x1p+0` instead of `0x1.fffffep-1` for $x = 0x1.205968p+3$ (this issue was already in AMD LibM 4.2).

We get large errors for `j0f`, `j1f`, `y0f`, `y1f` and `lgammaf` for all libraries where these functions are available, except for GNU libc, IML, and the Apple library.

Nevertheless, for almost all single precision functions, it is now possible to choose a library which provides presumably correct rounding (exceptions are the Bessel functions, `acospi`, `asinpi`, `atanpi`, `log10p1`, `tanpi`, `atan2pi` and `compound`).

2.2 Bivariate Functions

For single precision bivariate functions, it is not possible to perform an exhaustive search with academic resources, since there are up to 2^{64} possible pairs of inputs. For example, for the power function x^y , there are about 2^{61} input pairs $x, y > 0$ that do not yield underflow nor overflow. We thus used the algorithm described in §3.1 to obtain the values for bivariate functions in Table 1, which are *lower bounds* for the largest error.

Notes about GNU libc. GNU libc 2.41 implements new C23 functions for all formats: `acospi`, `asinpi`, `atanpi`, `cospi`, `sinpi`, `tanpi` and `atan2pi`.

Notes about the Intel Math Library. For $x = -0x1.527182p+127$ and $y = -0x1.803006p+127$, the `hypotf` function yields NaN instead of +Inf. The `rsqrt` function, which is not yet standardized in C99, is called `invsqrt` in the Intel Math Library; in single precision, it is correctly rounded for all rounding modes.

Notes about AMD LibM. AMD LibM provides new functions: `cospi`, `sinpi`, `tanpi`. We noticed a regression: for $x = -0x1.154244p+4$, AMD LibM 5.0 `expm1f` yields NaN instead of `-0x1.fffffep-1`.

Notes about Newlib. For negative integers, Newlib `tgammaf` returns an infinite value, whereas other libraries return NaN. We use the `lgammaf_r` function, since we were unable to compile the `lgammaf` function (undefined reference to `'_impure_ptr'`).

Notes about the Apple Math Library. The `erff`, `lgammaf` and `tgammaf` functions seem to call the corresponding double function, which explains the very good accuracy and the very small number of incorrectly-rounded results. The single precision `exp10` function is available as `__exp10f`.

Notes about LLVM-libc. Although the maximum observed distance is 0.5 ulp for `powf` and rounding to nearest, some inputs are not correctly rounded for other rounding modes, for example for $x = 0x1.9a1p-20$ and $y = 0x1.ep+0$, LLVM 19.1.7 `powf` yields `0x1.b5e4d4p-37` for rounding towards zero instead of `0x1.b5e4d6p-37` (x^y is exact).

Notes about the Microsoft mathematical library. The Bessel functions are not available in single precision (they are only available in double precision).

Notes about FreeBSD. We use the generic x86_64 binary from the FreeBSD distribution. Some slightly different results might be obtained if you recompile FreeBSD using fused-multiply-add.

3 Double Precision

For double precision it is not possible to perform an exhaustive search with academic resources. We thus use a black-box algorithm—described in §3.1—that tries to find large errors. Therefore, the values in the double-precision tables are only lower bounds of the largest error.

REMARK: We did not want to analyze the code of each library, since this approach would need more human work, and would require to start again from scratch for each new version of the library. We did not want either to design code specific to each function: for example for the double precision sine or cosine, one could test inputs near 2^{1024} , to check the argument reduction is correctly done. We expect our search algorithm automatically detects such issues.

3.1 Search Algorithm

The idea of the algorithm is to subdivide recursively the set of values to search for. We describe it for a univariate double precision function, but it works for any IEEE format, as long as there is a corresponding integer type with the same bit-width, and it also works for bivariate functions.

Assume $f(x)$ is a univariate double precision function. The number of possible inputs of f is less than 2^{64} , thus each one can be mapped to a 64-bit integer. Assume we have a conversion function `to_double` from `uint64_t` to `double`. The algorithm takes as input a range $[a, b]$ of `uint64_t` values, and a threshold t . If $b - a < t$, it checks exhaustively all double precision values $x = \text{to_double}(i)$ for $a \leq i < b$. This means for each x , we compute the ulp-error e between the value $y \approx f(x)$ returned by the corresponding library, and the exact result z (as with infinite precision), as described in §1, and record the largest error.

If $b - a \geq t$, we subdivide the interval $[a, b]$ into two (almost) equal intervals, in each one we generate t random values and compute the corresponding errors. We then recurse in the interval where we found the largest error.

For example with $t = 10^6$, the initial interval has 2^{64} values, thus we compute $f(x)$ on $2t$ random inputs x (t in each sub-range of 2^{63} values), and so on... The recursion stops when the width of the current interval is less than the total number of evaluations done so far in the recursion tree, thus an exhaustive search will at most double the search time.

In practice we use a variant of this algorithm suggested by Eric Schneider: instead of recursing only in the sub-interval giving the largest error on the random sample, we keep at each level of the search tree a list of say 20 intervals with the largest sample errors. Then we subdivide each of these intervals, which yields 40 smaller intervals (or 80 for bivariate functions), and keep again the 20 most promising ones.

We tried three variants of this algorithm, depending on how we choose the “best” sub-interval. The first strategy—described above—keeps the sub-interval with the largest ulp-error. A second strategy keeps the sub-interval with the maximal *average* ulp-error (considering only inputs which yield a meaningful ulp-error, discarding those giving NaN, zero or $\pm\infty$). A third strategy keeps the sub-interval with the largest expected ulp-error; for this, we estimate the mean and standard deviation of the ulp-error on each sub-interval, from which we deduce an estimate of the largest ulp-error for the number of points in the sub-interval [30]. In practice we found the first strategy

to be more effective, with the second and third strategies finding sometimes larger errors. Thus when the search program is run on a machine with n cores, we assign one core to the second and third strategies, and $n - 2$ cores to the first one.

The program also keeps track of the worst cases found for each library, and tries these input values for the other libraries. This helps determining the libraries using the same code base. The search programs (`check_sample.c` for univariate functions, and `check_sample2.c` for bivariate functions), the exhaustive search program for `binary32` univariate functions (`check_exhaustive.c`) and the source code of this article (containing in comment the x -values yielding the largest errors for `binary32`) are available from https://gitlab.inria.fr/zimmerma/math_accuracy.

We have also used the worst cases found by Vincent Lefèvre, publicly available at <https://www.vinc17.net/research/testlibm/>.

3.2 Results

We used a threshold of at least $t = 10^6$ for all libraries, often on processors with at least 32 cores, and the search program was run multiple times, cycling over all libraries, to detect common large errors.

Table 3 summarizes the largest known errors found using the above algorithm, for example the 0.531 entry for `acos` and IML means that for all inputs tried by the above algorithm, the error for the arc-cosine function with the Intel Math Library was bounded by 0.531 ulp. On each line, bold-face entries correspond to the best largest known error. Detailed tables (Tables 4-11) give the input values (in hexadecimal) yielding the corresponding ulp-error e , which enables the reader to reproduce our results.

In double precision, the Intel Math Library gives the best results in most cases. However, it was observed that the Intel Math Library gives better results on AMD hardware than on Intel hardware for `acosh`, `asin`, `asinh` and `atan2`; a possible explanation is that these functions use the `rsqrt` instruction, which is known to be more accurate on AMD hardware [6]. The square root function seems to be correctly rounded for all libraries, as required by IEEE 754. All LLVM functions except `cbirt` seem to be correctly rounded. Large errors occur for the AMD `cbirt` function, for the `j0`, `j1`, `y0` and `y1` functions for all libraries that provide them except the Intel Math Library, for the `lgamma` function from all libraries but the GNU and Intel libraries, for the `tgamma` function from Newlib, OpenLibm, the Apple library, MSVC and FreeBSD, for the power function from OpenLibm, MSVC and FreeBSD, and for `compound` from IML.

Notes about AMD LibM. An issue noticed in 4.1 (maybe it was there earlier) is still in 5.0: for subnormal numbers, `cbirt` gives huge errors, for example for $x = -0x0.01ffffffffffffp-1022$, it yields $-0x1.9d23e0bb9777ap-323$ instead of the expected value $-0x1.ffffffffffffabp-344$.

Notes about Newlib. For negative integers, Newlib `tgamma` returns an infinite value, whereas other libraries return NaN. The C standard says that a domain error or pole error may occur for a negative integer, but due to some non-standard dealing of Newlib with `errno`, we were unable to check whether it is the case. We however excluded negative integers for Newlib `tgamma` in our tests.

Notes about the Microsoft mathematical library. The `_y1` function yields NaN for $x = +0$ instead of `-Inf`, which explains the `Inf` value in Table 3.

library version	GNU libc	IML	AMD	Newlib	OpenLibm	Musl	Apple	LLVM	MSVC	FreeBSD	ArmPL	CUDA	ROCm
	2.41	2025.0.0	5.0	4.5.0	0.8.5	1.2.5	15.1.1	19.1.7	2022	14.2	24.04	12.8	6.2.4
acos	0.523	0.531	1.36	0.930	0.930	0.930	1.06		0.934	0.930	1.52	1.53	0.772
acosh	2.25	0.509	1.32	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25		3.22	2.25	2.66	2.52	0.662
asin	0.516	0.531	1.06	0.981	0.981	0.981	0.709		1.05	0.981	2.69	1.99	0.710
asinh	1.92	0.507	1.65	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.58		2.05	1.92	2.04	2.57	0.661
atan	0.523	0.528	0.863	0.861	0.861	0.861	0.876		0.863	0.861	2.24	1.77	1.73
atanh	1.78	0.507	1.04	1.81	1.81	1.80	2.01		2.50	1.81	3.00	2.50	0.664
cbirt	3.67	0.523	1.53e22	0.670	0.668	0.668	0.729	4.51e15	1.86	0.668	1.79	0.501	0.501
cos	0.516	0.518	0.919	0.887	0.834	0.834	0.948	0.500	0.897	0.834		1.52	0.798
cosh	1.93	0.516	1.85	2.67	1.47	1.04	0.523		1.91	1.47	1.93	1.40	0.563
erf	1.43	0.773	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.02	6.41		4.62	1.02	2.29	1.50	1.12
erfc	5.19	0.827		4.08	4.08	3.72	10.7		8.46	4.08	1.71	4.51	4.08
exp	0.511	0.530	1.01	0.949	0.949	0.511	0.521	0.500	1.50	0.949	0.511	0.928	0.929
exp10	0.513	0.538	1.02	0.896		4.14	0.521	0.500			0.510	1.11	1.11
exp2	0.511	0.535	1.05	0.896	0.751	0.511	0.521	0.500	2.23	0.751	0.509	0.948	0.947
expm1	0.911	0.512	0.670	0.909	0.909	0.909	0.706	0.500	3.06	0.909	2.18	1.18	1.91
j0	4.51e14	0.600		9.01e15	4.51e14	4.51e14	3.83e14		1.88e26	4.51e14		3.08e20	1.25e13
j1	4.47e14	0.615		9.01e15	1.10e15	1.10e15	1.10e15		3.85e26	1.10e15		1.73e21	4.80e13
lgamma	11.1	0.515		4.45e15	4.45e15	4.45e15	2.33e16		5.10e13	4.45e15		5.11e15	4.45e15
log	0.520	0.518	0.610	0.946	0.946	0.520	0.508	0.500	0.577	0.946	0.520	0.564	0.663
log10	1.62	0.532	1.09	2.08	0.814	0.814	0.514	0.500	0.633	0.814	1.62	1.43	0.785
log1p	0.899	0.521	0.636	0.896	0.896	0.900	0.667	0.500	1.44	0.896	1.74	1.50	1.00
log2	0.548	0.500	1.72	2.06	0.921	0.555	0.515	0.500	0.812	0.921	0.554	1.31	0.734
sin	0.516	0.518	0.895	0.888	0.831	0.831	0.944	0.500	0.799	0.831		1.52	0.800
sinh	1.93	0.521	1.49	2.67	1.88	1.88	0.539		1.51	1.88	2.59	1.51	0.868
sqrt	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500		0.500	0.500
tan	0.619	0.550	1.38	1.02	1.02	1.02	3.53	0.500	1.32	1.02		2.09	1.30
tanh	2.21	0.556	1.40	2.22	2.22	2.22	0.613		1.44	2.22	2.76	1.48	0.866
tgamma	8.68	0.519		2.27e3	1.03e3	16.0	1.03e3		9.01e15	1.03e3		10.1	13.7
y0	5.93e15	1.14		1.42e15	1.42e15	1.42e15	1.42e15		3.30e25	1.42e15		1.18e21	1.95e13
y1	5.56e15	1.25		5.56e15	5.56e15	5.56e15	5.56e15		Inf	5.56e15		1.17e21	6.14e13
acospi	1.51	0.541											
asinpi	1.50	0.521											
atanpi	1.51	0.942											
cospi	1.86	0.503	2.47							0.812	3.18	1.52	0.894
exp10m1	3.54												
exp2m1	1.93												
log10p1	1.95												
log2p1	1.88												
sinpi	1.86	0.532	2.56							0.811	3.16	1.52	0.892
tanpi	2.85	1.00	2.56							0.969			
rsqrt		0.501										0.510	1.00
atan2	0.524	0.548	1.51	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.747		0.750	1.55	2.23	1.76	1.82
atan2pi	1.49	1.02											
compound		1.13e15											
hypot	0.792	0.751	1.03	1.21	1.21	1.04	1.21	0.500	1.22	1.21		1.89	1.21
pow	0.523	1.73	1.00	0.892	636.	0.525	0.757		91.3	636.	0.523	1.84	1.40

Table 3: Double precision: Largest known error.

function	GNU libc 2.41	IML 2025.0.0
	x	x
acos	0x1.dfffffb3488a4p-1	0x1.6c05eb219ec46p-1
acosh	0x1.0001ff6afc4bap+0	0x1.01825ca7da7e5p+0
asin	-0x1.0000045b2c904p-3	0x1.6c042a6378102p-1
asinh	-0x1.02657ff36d5f3p-2	-0x1.000276d9cf31ap-4
atan	0x1.f9004c4fef9eap-4	-0x1.ffff8020d3d1dp-7
atanh	-0x1.ebb5133a9d9a4p-4	-0x1.e2cfb2667f17ep-9
cbrt	0x1.7a337e1ba1ec2p-257	-0x1.f7af4893d1d51p-616
cos	-0x1.7120161c92674p+0	-0x1.d19ebc5567dcdp+311
cosh	-0x1.633c654fee2bap+9	-0x1.5a364e6b98134p+9
erf	0x1.c332bde7ca515p-5	-0x1.c5bcc48b2d463p-21
erfc	0x1.3ff2d63705b29p+0	0x1.a8cf81fa2a28fp+4
exp	-0x1.49f33ad2c1c58p+9	0x1.fce66609f7428p+5
exp10	-0x1.57449153f316ep-7	-0x1.5cd9d94d49a85p+1
exp2	-0x1.1a4ce073ea908p-5	-0x1.8002f29666b99p-6
expm1	0x1.63be411e096ep-2	-0x1.62fe464c64f65p-8
j0	0x1.33d152e971b4p+1	0x1.aff859518c846p+7
j1	-0x1.ea75575af6f09p+1	-0x1.67b5541c7d8b7p+7
lgamma	-0x1.f613ab0969f81p+1	-0x1.3f62c60e23b31p+2
log	0x1.1211bef8f68e9p+0	0x1.00800db2e8bep+0
log10	0x1.de02157073b31p-1	0x1.feda7b62c1033p-1
log1p	-0x1.2bf183e0344b2p-2	0x1.000aee2a2757fp-9
log2	0x1.1406d79e1b574p+0	0x1.b4ebe40c95a01p+0
sin	-0x1.f8b791cafcdelp+4	-0x1.0e16eb809a35dp+944
sinh	-0x1.633c654fee2bap+9	-0x1.adc135eb544c1p-2
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	-0x1.317cd745dd37cp+9	0x1.49adfd996a81dp+18
tanh	0x1.e126eee514cbcp-3	0x1.002629fd74484p+0
tgamma	-0x1.c18caecc00f7bp+2	-0x1.3e0001ad3bee3p+6
y0	0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1	0x1.4cdee58a47eddp-31
y1	0x1.193bed4dff243p+1	0x1.c513c569fe78ep+0
acospi	0x1.da0ea62dd7231p-1	0x1.6a18f7dda5343p-1
asinpi	-0x1.8805060cb885cp-3	0x1.921fabd2a2b25p-750
atanpi	0x1.9601b055fdf97p-3	0x1.a7fb417ac774ap-2
cospi	-0x1.1a0a2fa299b92p+6	-0x1.f01d619f61e5bp-8
exp10m1	0x1.e880c5bafbd41p-2	
exp2m1	0x1.d047583a6c6dp-1	
log10p1	-0x1.4c2971893052fp-1	
log2p1	0x1.a7b725780ff2cp-2	
sinpi	-0x1.45f3e53e1d707p-7	0x0.07f16ec91c164p-1022
tanpi	-0x1.fae7d0ef22d4ep-2	0x1.49b79692667bp+46
rsqrt		0x1.00018f5913816p-458

Table 4: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in GNU libc and the Intel Math Library (univariate functions).

function	GNU libc 2.41	IML 2025.0.0
	x, y	x, y
atan2	0x1.ed6060626eecfp-429	0x1.b77ade79a36d5p-326
	0x1.f42ebb62994dcp-426	0x1.ffa37b72b52bp-319
atan2pi	-0x1.fe856e7997f8p+381	-0x1.026462f302171p-391
	0x1.90ece816f9a7cp+343	0x1.39b157b1210a4p-390
compound		-0x1.0000000000001p-1 0x1p+10
hypot	0x0.603e52daf0bfdp-1022	0x0.19deaac345ffap-1022
	-0x0.a622d0a9a433bp-1022	0x0.92c8727c389b6p-1022
pow	0x1.010e2e7ee71aep+0	0x1.fffff9c61ce4p-1
	0x1.44bf0047427f6p+17	0x1.c4e304ed4c734p+31

Table 5: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in GNU libc and the Intel Math Library (bivariate functions).

3.3 Other Functions

For other functions from the C standard like `ldexp`, correct rounding might at first glance seem easier to implement. However, as reported by Fred Tydeman, cutting the smallest subnormal number in half does not always return zero. We noticed that for rounding upwards, for $x = 0x1p-1074$, Newlib 4.5.0 (already reported for 4.3.0) returns 0 for `ldexp(x, -1)` instead of x . There is a similar issue for `ldexpf` and `ldexpl`.

4 Double Extended Precision

This format corresponds to the C type `long double` on `x86_64` processors. Some libraries do not provide double extended precision, or do not provide mathematical functions for this format. The results are summarized in Table 12, and detailed in Tables 13-16. We see that in this format, the Intel Math library is better than all other libraries for all functions it provides, both univariate and bivariate, except for the `hypot` function.

Notes about GNU libc. We noticed that for extended double precision, the GNU libc can give different results on `x86_64` hardware, whether it is Intel or AMD hardware. For example for $x = 0xb.1722e675ab2f4c1p-5$, `expm1` yields `0xd.413ec8a7dda564ap-5` on AMD cpu, and `0xd.413ec8a7dda5648p-5` on Intel cpu.

Notes about the Intel Math Library. The `j01`, `j11`, `y01`, and `y11` functions call the corresponding quadruple precision function, which explains why the largest error is near 0.5 ulp in our experiments (for the `j11`, `y01` and `y11` functions, we found inputs that are not correctly rounded thanks to the BaCSeL software tool).

Notes about Newlib. Newlib only provides long double functions for platforms where `long double` is the same as `double` (which is not the case of the `x86_64` processor) with two exceptions:

function	AMD LibM 5.0 x	Newlib 4.5.0 x
acos	0x1.35b03e336a82bp-1	-0x1.0068b067c6feep-1
acosh	0x1.209fae707a0edp+0	0x1.0001ff6afc4bap+0
asin	-0x1.00d44cccfa99p-1	-0x1.004d1c5a9400bp-1
asinh	0x1.005ae8d126f7ep+0	-0x1.02657ff36d5f3p-2
atan	-0x1.60370d15396b7p-1	0x1.62ff6a1682c25p-1
atanh	-0x1.d8fb311a52173p-2	-0x1.f97fab0650c4p-4
cbrt	0x0.7fffffffpp-1022	-0x1.00ddafe7d9deep-885
cos	0x1.91e60af551108p-1	-0x1.4ae182c1ab422p+21
cosh	0x1.ff76fb3f476d5p+0	0x1.633cc2ae1c934p+9
erf	0x1.11642f2eab9edp+0	-0x1.c57541b55c8ebp-16
erfc		0x1.5182d8799b84bp+0
exp	0x1.b97dc8345c55p+5	0x1.2e8f20cf3cbe7p+8
exp10	-0x1.285d82b75258fp+2	0x1.ce7ef793d4b0ap-2
exp2	0x1.fffbbf4152bafp+9	-0x1.ff95ecb4e6331p-2
expm1	0x1.9a57c1ec06a74p-2	0x1.62ff47a01658fp-2
j0		0x1.45f3067a0f4b2p+847
j1		0x1.45f3066f80258p+325
lgamma		-0x1.3a7fc9600f86cp+1
log	0x1.10803885617a6p+0	0x1.48ae5a67204f5p+0
log10	0x1.10fdf4211fd45p+0	0x1.55535a0140a21p+0
log1p	0x1.e0013fd35cbbp-4	-0x1.2bf1de6b04a8ap-2
log2	0x1.0b541b6746bd1p+0	0x1.68d778f076021p+0
sin	-0x1.85e624577c23ep-1	-0x1.842d8ec8f752fp+21
sinh	0x1.1feb2a79f307p+3	-0x1.633cae1335f26p+9
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	0x1.371a47b7e4eb2p+11	0x1.3f9605aaeb51bp+21
tanh	-0x1.fde5bd2769a01p-1	-0x1.e134557098e37p-3
tgamma		-0x1.535175475cc8dp+7
y0		0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1
y1		0x1.193bed4dff243p+1
cospi	-0x1.fffffffffffffp-28	
sinpi	-0x1.ffffed20ca4dep-14	
tanpi	0x1.ffffce32e4a7cp-15	
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	-0x1.ec2003fe89e36p-433 0x1.ec173ed5fd8f5p-427	-0x1.358bb5eb25bdcp+813 0x1.2f86b82481a0ap+815
hypot	0x1.ea74e4b1da32bp+1002 -0x1.0a9efc37c242cp+1003	0x1.6a0a41410b1abp-1004 -0x0.a24afe71b539fp-1022
pow	0x1.3bbe002a257a7p-771 0x1.64bf51fe77808p+0	0x1.b44c681a51345p-822 0x1.3e262867f583fp-11

Table 6: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in AMD LibM and Newlib.

function	OpenLibm 0.8.5	Musl 1.2.5
	x	x
acos	-0x1.0068b067c6feep-1	-0x1.0068b067c6feep-1
acosh	0x1.0001ff6afc4bap+0	0x1.0001ff6afc4bap+0
asin	-0x1.004d1c5a9400bp-1	-0x1.004d1c5a9400bp-1
asinh	-0x1.02657ff36d5f3p-2	-0x1.0240f2bdb3f25p-2
atan	0x1.62ff6a1682c25p-1	0x1.62ff6a1682c25p-1
atanh	-0x1.f97fab0650c4p-4	-0x1.f8a404597baf4p-4
cbrt	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008
cos	-0x1.34e729fd08086p+21	-0x1.34e729fd08086p+21
cosh	-0x1.6310ab92794a8p+9	-0x1.502bf5ad80729p+0
erf	-0x1.c57541b55c8ebp-16	-0x1.c57541b55c8ebp-16
erfc	0x1.5182d8799b84bp+0	0x1.527f4fb0d9331p+0
exp	0x1.2e8f20cf3cbe7p+8	-0x1.18209ecd19a8cp+6
exp10		-0x1.fe8c27141c94ap+3
exp2	-0x1.ff1eb5acee46bp+9	-0x1.1a4ce073ea908p-5
expm1	0x1.62ff47a01658fp-2	0x1.62ff47a01658fp-2
j0	0x1.33d152e971b4p+1	-0x1.33d152e971b4p+1
j1	-0x1.ea75575af6f09p+1	0x1.ea75575af6f09p+1
lgamma	-0x1.3a7fc9600f86cp+1	-0x1.3a7fc9600f86cp+1
log	0x1.48ae5a67204f5p+0	0x1.dc0b586f2b26p-1
log10	0x1.553e1cb579ee9p+0	0x1.553e1cb579ee9p+0
log1p	-0x1.2bf1de6b04a8ap-2	-0x1.2bf32aaf122e2p-2
log2	0x1.67eaf07ce24d1p+0	0x1.0b53197bd66c8p+0
sin	0x1.4d84db080b9fdp+21	0x1.4d84db080b9fdp+21
sinh	-0x1.63324af2fb5b7p-1	-0x1.63324af2fb5b7p-1
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	0x1.3f9605aaeb51bp+21	0x1.3f9605aaeb51bp+21
tanh	-0x1.e134557098e37p-3	-0x1.e134557098e37p-3
tgamma	-0x1.540b170c4e65ep+7	-0x1.fc4b534c8eccp+2
y0	0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1	0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1
y1	0x1.193bed4dff243p+1	0x1.193bed4dff243p+1
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	-0x1.358bb5eb25bdcp+813	-0x1.358bb5eb25bdcp+813
	0x1.2f86b82481a0ap+815	0x1.2f86b82481a0ap+815
hypot	0x1.6a0a41410b1abp-1004	0x1.00014d4b1c6b9p-1015
	-0x0.a24afe71b539fp-1022	-0x1.000105ba9bf4p-1015
pow	0x1.000002c5e2e99p+0	0x1.010e2e7ec0c83p+0
	0x1.c9eee35374af6p+31	0x1.44bf00479249dp+17

Table 7: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in OpenLibm and Musl.

function	Apple 15.1.1 x	LLVM 19.1.7 x
acos	-0x1.8d313198a2e03p-53	
acosh	0x1.00007fb3703ddp+0	
asin	0x1.eae75e3d82b6fp-2	
asinh	-0x1.fdefd03df4cd7p-3	
atan	0x1.01e0be37af68fp+1	
atanh	0x1.ffd834a270fp-10	
cbrt	0x1.fed1fe9f1122dp+11	
cos	0x1.2f29eb4e99fa2p+7	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008
cosh	-0x1.62dabd4848dc4p-2	
erf	-0x1.e057e7a0e494cp-2	
erfc	0x1.bba14dc3507ccp+1	
exp	-0x1.4133f4fd79c1cp-13	0x1p-53
exp10	-0x1.c37443e446523p-16	0x1.bcb7b1526e50dp-55
exp2	-0x1.b3d9b47ad1b2fp-13	0x1.71547652b82fefp-53
expm1	0x1.e7f93188565ecp-5	0x1p-52
j0	0x1.6148f5b2c2e45p+2	
j1	-0x1.ea75575af6f09p+1	
lgamma	-0x1.bffc76b86fp+2	
log	0x1.490af72a25a81p-1	0x1.5b6e7e4e96f86p+2
log10	0x1.2501ee5628b08p-1	0x1.e12d66744ff81p+429
log1p	-0x1.ffffff3ffffdp-28	0x1p-53
log2	0x1.6b015f8d9a784p-1	0x1.b4ebe40c95a01p+0
sin	-0x1.07e4c92b5349dp+4	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008
sinh	0x1.d7131e11fc6b3p-2	
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	-0x1.a81d98fc58537p+6	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008
tanh	0x1.00cf9f273d84p+1	
tgamma	-0x1.5456e56919a19p+7	
y0	0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1	
y1	0x1.193bed4dff243p+1	
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	-0x1.6a539153430d8p-416 0x1.d2b5b9dc716d8p-415	
hypot	0x1.6a0a41410b1abp-1004 -0x1.4495fce36a73ep-1023	0x1.a308e1455f447p+0 0x1.9d931a83ef879p+0
pow	0x1.111616f835fb1p-72 0x1.c6cfa07925d49p+3	

Table 8: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in the Apple and LLVM Math Libraries.

function	MSVC 2022	FreeBSD 14.2
	x	x
acos	-0x1.010fd0ad6aa41p-1	-0x1.0068b067c6feep-1
acosh	0x1.0007fd4307b75p+0	0x1.0001ff6afc4bap+0
asin	-0x1.0239000439deep-1	-0x1.004d1c5a9400bp-1
asinh	-0x1.00212bb59c31ep-4	-0x1.02657ff36d5f3p-2
atan	-0x1.60370d15396b7p-1	0x1.62ff6a1682c25p-1
atanh	-0x1.ffbe8dd88527fp-9	-0x1.f97fab0650c4p-4
cbirt	-0x1.55cd285f321f6p-64	-0x1.13a5ccd87c9bbp+1008
cos	-0x1.9200634d4471fp-1	-0x1.34e729fd08086p+21
cosh	-0x1.1ff088806d82ep+3	-0x1.6310ab92794a8p+9
erf	0x1.755dca4d8b458p+0	-0x1.c57541b55c8ebp-16
erfc	0x1.f6094003e85d6p+1	0x1.5182d8799b84bp+0
exp	-0x1.74046dfefd9d1p+9	0x1.2e8f20cf3cbe7p+8
exp2	-0x1.72286b6f94510p-2	-0x1.ff1eb5acee46bp+9
expm1	-0x1.62d7c116d2e32p-1	0x1.62ff47a01658fp-2
j0	0x1.bbbd6a9201265p+657	0x1.33d152e971b4p+1
j1	0x1.a635d8219ad13p+157	-0x1.ea75575af6f09p+1
lgamma	-0x1.bffe071eea741p+2	-0x1.3a7fc9600f86cp+1
log	0x1.0ffc349469a2fp+0	0x1.48ae5a67204f5p+0
log10	0x1.e005e1e891807p-1	0x1.553e1cb579ee9p+0
log1p	-0x1.8000000000000p-53	-0x1.2bf1de6b04a8ap-2
log2	0x1.160732376ad7fp+0	0x1.67eaf07ce24d1p+0
sin	-0x1.11b624b546894p+9	0x1.4d84db080b9fdp+21
sinh	-0x1.aff899f6fcad6p+4	-0x1.63324af2fb5b7p-1
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	-0x1.4d7c8b8320237p+11	0x1.3f9605aaeb51bp+21
tanh	-0x1.fb52ec8460d82p-1	-0x1.e134557098e37p-3
tgamma	-0x1.5c00000003c15p+7	-0x1.547cf3ddaaddap+7
y0	0x1.c1d741dc52512p+744	0x1.c982eb8d417eap-1
y1	+0	0x1.193bed4dff243p+1
cospi		-0x1.fe3bb5207682dp-3
sinpi		0x1.0806840ac80ap+3
tanpi		0x1.c9542a6e8f18fp+0
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	-0x1.f1037a6756bfep-881 0x1.959f99be632e6p+142	-0x1.358bb5eb25bdcp+813 0x1.2f86b82481a0ap+815
hypot	-0x1.6a5a0ce661358p+890 -0x1.0151c108425b1p+890	0x1.6a0a41410b1abp-1004 -0x1.4495fce36a73ep-1023
pow	0x1.fffff9c61ce40p-1 0x1.c4e304ed4c734p+31	0x1.000002c5e2e99p+0 0x1.c9eee35374af6p+31

Table 9: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in the Microsoft and FreeBSD Math Libraries.

	ArmPL 24.04
function	x
acos	0x1.251869c3f7881p-1
acosh	0x1.071334daf83adp+0
asin	0x1.0479b37d95e5cp-1
asinh	-0x1.000eed78380ap+0
atan	0x1.032b4811f3dc5p+0
atanh	-0x1.e7c1f36602014p-4
cbrt	0x1.fffad1cec59fep-332
cosh	-0x1.628af341989dap+9
erf	0x1.0000187085e56p-8
erfc	0x1.46cffdf330b13p+4
exp	-0x1.49f33ad2c1c58p+9
exp10	-0x1.5acf96f42165bp-7
exp2	-0x1.f7087fb1cf9e8p+9
expm1	0x1.633f993a730c9p-2
log	0x1.1211bef8f68e9p+0
log10	0x1.de02157073b31p-1
log1p	-0x1.2e496d25897ecp-2
log2	0x1.0b53f741fb8c4p+0
sinh	0x1.9fa32b1149d35p-2
tanh	-0x1.c416448380debp-3
cospi	0x1.5a33cc258p-22
sinpi	0x1.ffffe4b85e77ap-2
function	x, y
atan2	0x1.d5de7a294d493p-935 0x1.d030d7b608be1p-935
pow	0x1.010e2e7ee71aep+0 0x1.44bf0047427f6p+17

Table 10: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in the Arm Performance Library.

	CUDA 12.8	ROCm 6.2.4
function	x	x
acos	0x1.266637a3d2bbcp-1	-0x1.36b1482765f6dp-1
acosh	0x1.1d7bc19163966p+0	0x1.0aaade11e199ap+0
asin	-0x1.2ef2481799c7cp-1	0x1.df27e1c764802p-2
asinh	0x1.0ab3fc30267c2p-1	0x1.2aae7abf26ce3p-2
atan	0x1.52184b1b9bd9bp+0	-0x1.0684fa9fa7481p+0
atanh	-0x1.f586714622a66p-3	-0x1.2493fec07e5p-3
cbrt	-0x1.588a24f7a97d3p+535	0x1.1e0ef6faa076p+175
cos	0x1.25133ca3904dfp+20	0x1.2a33ae1a620b1p+1
cosh	0x1.e7ffe229fe99ep+1	-0x1.e7fa36b6eb43p+1
erf	0x1.340ff534d52bfp-2	-0x1.10c4c3d3b6cdbp+0
erfc	0x1.8659a03b35abcp-7	0x1.f27ea468cbe91p-19
exp	-0x1.625f1b359729ep+9	-0x1.625f1c27780c8p+9
exp10	-0x1.a7d980016dc5ap+0	0x1.5c1ece7fea4bep+0
exp2	-0x1.ff40169bd093bp+9	-0x1.ff3e3278714d8p+9
expm1	0x1.a0e95d59498e9p-2	0x1.632cfb1033275p-2
j0	-0x1.0e126bbcb3e65p+25	0x1.ddca13ef271d2p+3
j1	-0x1.635ab5a8baf45p+26	0x1.aa5baf310e5a2p+3
lgamma	-0x1.fa471547c2fe5p+1	-0x1.3a7fc9600f86cp+1
log	0x1.69e7aa6da2df5p-1	0x1.5556123e8a2bp-1
log10	0x1.803dea263187fp-1	0x1.55558196a2cbp+0
log1p	-0x1.ffffffbaefe27p-2	-0x1.5efad5491a79bp-1022
log2	0x1.670c5aa6680abp+0	0x1.55562d11c546fp+0
sin	-0x1.1c49ad613ff3bp+19	-0x1.f05e952d81b89p+5
sinh	0x1.be64384e3ac1ep+0	-0x1.ff9faf9b69235p-5
sqrt	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1	0x1.fffffffffffffp-1
tan	0x1.da7a85a88bbecp+11	-0x1.66af736e8555p+18
tanh	-0x1.19398a9a24319p-1	0x1.00433533940cdp-4
tgamma	-0x1.2baa17692a3f2p+7	-0x1.201a11d80c13dp+2
y0	0x1.16bad92479879p+25	0x1.ab8e1c4a1e74ap+3
y1	0x1.2391e4c8faa6p+26	0x1.e9e480605283cp+4
cospi	-0x1.ae7b6f6da3747p-2	-0x1.ffb154d307aa1p-3
sinpi	-0x1.4778e04770c45p-4	0x1.0092557af9571p-2
rsqrt	0x1.f81ab000eb7d9p+479	0x1.000000000002p+484
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	0x1.9cde4ff190e45p+931 0x1.37d91467e558bp+931	0x1.401ec07d65549p+888 0x1.3c3976605bb0cp+888
hypot	-0x1.41fcfeeb2e246p+420 -0x1.8d4d41eacdeccep+420	0x1.afa7134ad6d8p-403 0x1.6a0ff6e086067p-384
pow	0x1.6b2d4fdb85ba1p-1 -0x1.f0d1d713b0262p+10	0x1.17efb14831458p-421 0x1.f8c34d6504b2p-7

Table 11: Double precision: inputs giving the largest known error in CUDA and ROCm.

`sqrt` and `hypot`. However, in Newlib 4.5.0, the `hypotl` function does not work properly: for $x \geq 2^{8192}$, the call `hypotl(x,0)` gives infinity.

Notes about OpenLibm. The `powl` function does not seem to be thread-safe, the `tgammal` function yields `+Inf` for `x=-0x6.db747ae147ae148p+8` instead of `0x0.01dbd551da54538p-16385`, and `expm1l` yields `NaN` instead of `0xf.ffffcfce79e56d5p+16380` for `x=0x2.c5c85fdf170c604cp+12`.

Notes about the Apple Math Library. The Apple Darwin ABI for ARM processors maps the C long double type to double, thus there is no real “double extended” format. The same holds for the Microsoft math library.

Notes about LLVM-libc. The LLVM-libc library only implements the square root function in double-extended precision, and for this function we could not find any error larger than 0.5 ulp (for rounding to nearest). Since a single function is implemented, we don’t mention LLVM-libc in Tables 12-16.

Notes about FreeBSD. For `x=-0x6.e00000000000008p+8` which is very near a negative integer, the `tgammal` function yields `-0` instead of `-0x4.b40cdf839d0bbp-16392`.

5 Quadruple Precision

Only the GNU libc and the Intel Math Library support quadruple precision, through the `_Float128` type in GNU libc, and `_Quad` in the Intel Math Library (using the option of the Intel C compiler `-Qoption,cpp,--extended_float_types`). The results are summarized in Table 17, and detailed in Table 18. Only the square root function is correctly rounded (or at least seems to be). The Intel Math Library gives better results than the GNU libc for all functions it provides, except for `lgamma` and `tgamma`. Apart from these two functions, and from the Bessel functions `j0`, `j1`, `y0`, `y1`, the observed error for the Intel Math Library is at most 1.4 ulps. The GNU libc has large errors for `j0`, `j1`, `y0`, `y1`, and `pow`.

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library version	GNU libc 2.41	Intel Math Library IML 2025.0.0	OpenLibm 0.8.5	Musl 1.2.5	FreeBSD 14.2
acos	1.75	0.505	0.938	1.75	0.938
acosh	2.99	0.502	3.14	2.99	2.24
asin	1.15	0.506	1.03	2.00	1.03
asinh	2.96	0.506	3.19	2.96	1.63
atan	0.640	0.501	1.10	0.640	1.10
atanh	2.88	0.501	85.4	3.19	1.52
cbrt	0.824	0.503	0.890	0.890	0.890
cos	1.51	0.502	0.799	0.799	0.799
cosh	3.40	0.502	4.86	3.73	0.936
erf	1.17	0.518	1.17	1.17	0.995
erfc	4.73	0.527	5.77	5.12	1.38e8
exp	1.27	0.501	2.00	1.54	0.752
exp10	1.50	0.501		40.1	
exp2	0.788	0.501	2.18	0.788	0.753
expm1	3.08	0.502	Inf	9.71e3	0.517
j0	9.79e17	0.501			
j1	3.38e18	0.501			
lgamma	12.2	0.549	9.08e19	9.08e19	1.65e20
log	0.998	0.501	1.22	0.998	0.512
log10	1.36	0.502	1.22	1.36	0.511
log1p	2.49	0.501	2.60	2.49	0.516
log2	0.995	0.502	1.64	0.995	0.509
sin	1.51	0.502	0.799	0.799	0.799
sinh	3.40	0.503	4.85	9.71e3	0.803
sqrt	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
tan	1.76	0.504	1.02	1.02	1.02
tanh	3.22	0.506	2.56	2.95	0.640
tgamma	9.77	0.550	Inf	3.69e19	4.24e16
y0	1.38e18	0.501			
y1	4.61e18	0.501			
acospi	2.86				
asinpi	2.09				
atanpi	1.56				
cospi	1.80				0.797
exp10m1	3.57	3.57			
exp2m1	3.20	3.20			
log10p1	4.17	4.17			
log2p1	3.95	3.95			
sinpi	1.80				0.797
tanpi	3.02				1.50
rsqrt		0.501			
atan2	0.751	0.501	1.69	0.751	1.69
atan2pi	1.60				
compound		0.502			
hypot	0.584	0.751	0.981	1.08	0.981
pow	0.914	0.501	3.77e4	3.77e4	3.77e4

Table 12: Double extended precision: Largest known error.

function	GNU libc 2.41 x	IML 2025.0.0 x
acos	0xf.fe002cabd608585p-4	0x8.af256cd27462348p-4
acosh	0x1.1ecdb5b8f0c5d79p+0	0x1.1f9c4feedfe4f2cp+0
asin	0x8.171fd358c4cb27bp-4	-0x8.018aef8787e5a6bp-4
asinh	-0x8.0bb656992eac437p-4	0x7.ff15da44c3651abp-4
atan	-0x1.0411ae010d4c5b1ep+0	-0x8.00f60592e42d79p+8
atanh	-0x3.337ceaccc9025258p-4	0x3.e7be418257523408p-4
cbrt	-0xc.f4fd71a450e6a0bp-14732	-0x2.320375fd33ed311cp-13376
cos	-0x3.d067a048093bdf94p+9160	-0x4.b0df0d7d55044918p+8
cosh	0x2.c5d375f827733ac4p+12	-0x7.f6a09874512cf768p-4
erf	0xd.7fe64ab05cf75e8p-4	-0x1.c55160e785ee1cbap-4
erfc	0x1.59723d7ee47e3034p+0	0x3.03c7b9f943690558p-4
exp	0x5.8b9111182b4467ep-4	0x2.c590e6ab0d71c77p+12
exp10	0x1.2da9675e95849c3ep+12	-0x1.2ab76ac25255a1aap+12
exp2	-0x7.3f819acf048f1678p-4	-0x3.fe9a346527a75d98p-16
expm1	0x5.8b910bbe3c26818p-4	-0x1.0040016b56008656p-8
j0	-0x2.67a2a5d2e367f784p+0	-0x1.6a09e667f3bd238cp-32
j1	0x3.d4eaaeb5ede115p+0	0x8.001819d5fc886dap-4
lgamma	-0x3.ec9403f23a1f21cp+0	-0x4.07fe15510b6a28p+0
log	0x1.20dad075f537ae56p+0	0x1.1001246349edf00cp+0
log10	0x1.272b7c3bbb08ae12p+0	0x1.010141e1049fce68p+0
log1p	-0x6.451f6c3fd0d4a218p-4	-0xe.fefa23913fa3eb7p-8
log2	0x1.058f12b8b3ac44bep+0	0x1.01004bffffe4316bep+0
sin	-0x6.e2368c0ed74e5698p+16	-0xc.141cf155623856bp+8
sinh	0x2.c5d375f827733ac4p+12	0x7.b0af44fc25df3efp-4
sqrt	0xf.fffffffffffffffffp-4	0xf.fffffffffffffffffp-4
tan	0x1.974cd2181086913p+8	0xc.845cb771b06f4c5p+0
tanh	0x3.b9979a543d0fbfa8p-4	0x7.fb808a1ef99076ep-4
tgamma	-0x1.70a55b2628a7cb68p+4	-0x6.9c7abe03c485dbbp+8
y0	0xe.4c175c6a0bf51e8p-4	0x1.000213a50d97fd8ep+0
y1	0xb.bfc89c6a1903022p+0	0x4.002362c1b67ad6cp+0
acospi	0xf.fec85670a4b0761p-4	
asinpi	0x8.14d7e32b5c44642p-4	
atanpi	0x8.14d7e32b5c44642p-4	
cospi	0x7.ae7df669ffba0068p-4	
exp10m1	0x2.c7fd02fd98797bf4p-4	
exp2m1	0x9.3c1d13fc7c58944p-4	
log10p1	0x4.a486e7fa771f839p-4	
log2p1	0x5.843d01be597f38fp-4	
sinpi	0x2.8bea50886e293398p-8	
tanpi	-0x3.a8c5dc49265fd13p+0	
rsqrt		0x1.61e30a1ac16221eap+12600

Table 13: Double extended precision: inputs giving the largest known error in GNU libc and the Intel Math Library (univariate functions).

function	GNU libc 2.41	IML 2025.0.0
	x, y	x, y
atan2	-0x7.9301460b8463cbp+15368 0xf.25cd5eb1280b4d1p+15372	-0x5.c0c9cc5a59632f88p+16340 0x5.db7810fba1ce4908p+16348
atan2pi	0x4.8010e21a5d13ad38p+212 0x5.bb4879ec6325337p+10940	
compound		0xa.613dc3f1daa2566p+5432 -0x4.fcf34863ee4e7a38p-20
hypot	-0x2.97b86706043d619p+7240 0x1.8256bdd12d2e163ep+7240	-0x3.00bad8a56d87a0cp-16384 -0xe.6d794db04791398p-16388
pow	0x2.21dda4bcec55b158p-3616 0x7.ef1ef5fbe3df50dp-16	0xc.b80572af668bb57p+152 -0x6.8a6d3d7b442f3c18p+4

Table 14: Double extended precision: inputs giving the largest known error in GNU libc and the Intel Math Library (bivariate functions).

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function	OpenLibm 0.8.5 x	Musl 1.2.5 x
acos	-0x8.040541d0054d89p-4	0xf.fe002cabd608585p-4
acosh	0x1.10384b24aec007fcp+0	0x1.1ecdb5b8f0c5d79p+0
asin	0x8.0519515d1e15a6bp-4	-0x3.fff0a397b8dea17cp-8
asinh	-0x5.c9866cb231f2c7c8p-4	-0x8.0bb656992eac437p-4
atan	0x6.fffde214a06fb5f8p-4	-0x1.0411ae010d4c5b1ep+0
atanh	-0xf.ffffffffffffe78p-32	0x3.344a915e34e5e6b8p-4
cbirt	-0x3.ffffffa5623708p+4588	-0x3.ffffffa5623708p+4588
cos	0x3.e0db6fa4b23541ap+4	0x3.e0db6fa4b23541ap+4
cosh	0x2.c5d374f9436efd1p+12	0x2.c5d37484e4c162bp+12
erf	0xd.7fe64ab05cf75e8p-4	0xd.7fe64ab05cf75e8p-4
erfc	0x1.5cc0e1cc32a3dc98p+0	0x1.5c9262fa4210902p+0
exp	0x8.aa2253c0d601dedp+0	-0x2.c5a1073a0f38b61cp+12
exp10		0xd.41cfea690e121b5p+8
exp2	-0xf.ffffd9f32ee1e06p-12	-0x7.3f819acf048f1678p-4
expm1	0x2.c5c85fdf170c604cp+12	0x2.c5c85fdf170c604cp+12
lgamma	-0x2.74ff92c01f0d82acp+0	-0x2.74ff92c01f0d82acp+0
log	0xb.504a14384e9b137p-4	0x1.20dad075f537ae56p+0
log10	0xb.ffac4b4c47e00c3p-4	0x1.272b7c3bbb08ae12p+0
log1p	-0x4.c669bd1813ec8bd8p-4	-0x6.451f6c3fd0d4a218p-4
log2	0x1.6646b082fd1065cep+0	0x1.058f12b8b3ac44bep+0
sin	-0x2.a2a4a117ff34b034p+8	-0x2.a2a4a117ff34b034p+81
sinh	-0x2.c5d375cbe7e4a81cp+12	0x2.c5c85fdbc1ccc354p+12
sqrt	0xf.fffffffffffffp-4	0xf.fffffffffffffp-4
tan	-0x6.fae45244b0bc104p+8	-0x6.fae45244b0bc104p+8
tanh	0x3.8b2602d43bdf4c28p-4	0x4.024182351388d15p-4
tgamma	-0x6.db747ae147ae148p+8	-0x2.8d19fd20f3aa62cp+4
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	0x3.d34c9d81dcd29354p+5568 0xf.3afc4f6c9f5c4a2p+5568	-0x7.9301460b8463cbp+15368 0xf.25cd5eb1280b4d1p+15372
hypot	0x1.73f339f61eda21dp-16384 0x2.e45f9f9500877e2p-16384	0x2.00007da75fd5903cp-8960 0x2.d42207352184bff4p-8960
pow	0xf.a795000b7dae5b4p-4 -0x7.e4a42355b11a8098p+16	0xf.a795000b7dae5b4p-4 -0x7.e4a42355b11a8098p+16

Table 15: Double extended precision: inputs giving the largest known error in OpenLibm and Musl.

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function	x
acos	-0x8.040541d0054d89p-4
acosh	0x1.0001fe8811e16ee2p+0
asin	0x8.0519515d1e15a6bp-4
asinh	-0x8.4d30725ad98215ap-4
atan	0x6.fffde214a06fb5f8p-4
atanh	-0x7.ff5cbca0e5646c78p-12
cbrt	-0x3.fffffffa5623708p+4588
cos	0x3.e0db6fa4b23541ap+4
cosh	-0xf.c52a6a14a334e77p-4
erf	0x1.c5a9ec676d7e551ep-24
erfc	0x3.ffffff7ffffc34p-36
exp	-0x2.c5b2c28ca01620dcp+12
exp2	-0x3.ffe0d002661900a8p+12
expm1	0x3.80e4f0677c553158p-4
lgamma	-0x2.74ff92c01f0d82acp+0
log	0x1.01007581714f057ap+0
log10	0x1.0101ff27167c589ap+0
log1p	0x1.0071fc209b87c88p-8
log2	0x1.0101e3c5cde465ccp+0
sin	-0x2.a2a4a117ff34b034p+8
sinh	0xd.ae04a309c0411f3p-4
sqrt	0xf.fffffffffffffp-4
tan	-0x6.fae45244b0bc104p+8
tanh	0x1.80371de2d031a66ep+0
tgamma	-0x6.e000000000000008p+8
cospi	-0x3.f25066fd5ea7265p-4
sinpi	-0x4.019c9d05624aa028p-4
tanpi	-0x1.7ffffffd731f108p+0
function	x, y
atan2	0x3.d34c9d81dcd29354p+5568
	0xf.3afc4f6c9f5c4a2p+5568
hypot	0x1.73f339f61eda21dp-16384
	0x2.e45f9f9500877e2p-16384
pow	0xf.a795000b7dae5b4p-4
	-0x7.e4a42355b11a8098p+16

Table 16: Double extended precision: inputs giving the largest known error in FreeBSD.

library version	GNU libc 2.41	Intel Math Library IML 2025.0.0
acos	1.28	0.502
acosh	4.00	0.501
asin	1.20	0.502
asinh	3.95	0.501
atan	1.41	0.501
atanh	3.89	0.501
cbrt	0.736	0.501
cos	1.52	0.501
cosh	1.92	0.501
erf	1.42	0.501
erfc	4.38	0.504
exp	0.751	0.501
exp10	2.00	0.501
exp2	1.08	0.501
expm1	1.64	0.501
j0	4.10e32	2.90e28
j1	3.57e33	3.33e31
lgamma	13.0	2.79e30
log	1.05	0.501
log10	2.01	0.501
log1p	3.51	0.501
log2	3.31	0.501
sin	1.52	0.501
sinh	2.07	0.501
sqrt	0.500	0.500
tan	1.06	0.502
tanh	2.39	0.501
tgamma	10.7	8.20e3
y0	1.69e33	4.79e27
y1	3.47e33	1.45e30
acospi	1.70	
asinpi	1.86	
atanpi	2.32	
cospi	1.79	
exp10m1	3.25	
exp2m1	2.23	
log10p1	3.47	
log2p1	3.35	
rsqrt		0.501
sinpi	1.79	
tanpi	3.03	
atan2	1.89	0.501
atan2pi	2.81	
compound		0.501
hypot	0.792	0.501
pow	30.3	1.40

Table 17: Quadruple precision: Largest known error.

function	GNU libc 2.41 x	IML 2025.0.0 x
acos	0x9.fdbe71e81d65064f0f24b2602998p-4	0xf.f80616c2416bf63c33a739ae3a08p-4
acosh	0x1.0f97586eba090200118df0902f99p+0	0x1.004ae7a1e9d7b621b12baeda616dp+0
asin	0x7.79659a0b568bad280c8ec7eb8278p-4	0x7.ff86cc20db4e6f7fd33ce212282cp-8
asinh	0x5.a924236647ffb723576b172b52fcp-4	0x1.0000f6bea05a0cafd1e775e627d3p-4
atan	0x3.7ff864717fc99760d470d1a994cp-4	-0x1.15eb4e54ee6ca35bf8b1764f30d4p+0
atanh	0x2.c02a24f3472c7840afb8cfb68bap-4	-0xd.9fe29c463116c87fa567e436489p-8
cbirt	-0x5.a837d1198a72e5a89695db79896cp-13792	-0x2.10d29fbb2036d1d7ffdd8bf63184p+10912
cos	-0x3.08db9df46e0cd142071fdec7eb6p+64	-0x6.081f6e15f81d27ac2a6038eed3bp+2232
cosh	-0x2.c5d376fd225ce5739bef59cb0e16p+12	-0x2.ba5adc2ddaf3f5466db2cd018394p+4
erf	0xd.f3a140b19b0e7d0fafae7eec5ebp-4	0x5.a5182e2e3fce6963a492839ebb3cp-8
erfc	0x1.517e84504890cba9f9f65ff93206p+0	0x6.0a5ca72c4efcd78f90acc0aefbbp+0
exp	-0x2.c5b323ac8f24d66ed41ee61ab6bap+12	-0x5.6622c128e27c6a8c991743947adcp-8
exp10	0x3.e9d3cc7e0cbdc5bc7f7dfc1932fd6p+0	0x1.1e2a2ef09a4f66e4d3648a85045bp+12
exp2	0x1.fff69758fd951b5213a6d47be1ap+0	-0x7.cab667376a3dd98217d7b028adccp-8
expm1	0x5.a1195b05aec378d0b236943f4a18p-4	0x8.ca3ec068eee81b45c0adcae049ap+4
j0	-0x8.a75ab6666f64eae68f8eb383dad8p+0	0x3.7c3f883498c0d5e0dab7e54a98b2p+4
j1	-0x1.7059c8d303730c6b82b12d9941b9p+8	-0x1.7059c8d303730c6b82b12d9941b9p+8
lgamma	-0x3.ec2152452b5eaf0f070d215b3418p+0	-0x3.24c1b793cb35efb8be699ad3d9bap+0
log	0xf.d016f49074a9c4fe793af2394278p-4	0xc.4806c5e4877bbeb4b44ed03d9f18p-5364
log10	0x1.6a291ea0aa11fb374f1df8b3ac6bp+0	0x1.9b621e77f399e4a8c1a85a964e94p-12364
log1p	0x6.a0aed5f6dad05d6ff33ecd883dc8p-4	-0x6.2611e37be5cf4388865319f859b4p-12
log2	0xb.54170d5cfa8fd72a47d6bda19068p-4	0xf.f63cee8e97ac6783532625273eap-4
sin	0x5.6a5005df151cc2274e119666a9c8p+64	0x4.246e3c1f1094e4159999f13cff24p+5604
sinh	0x6.7e79f3aada38698b910c300b19b8p-4	-0x1.6606d9c89bc66d481844a8589dcbp+0
sqrt	0xf.fffffffffffffffffffffffffffff8p-4	0xf.fffffffffffffffffffffffffffff8p-4
tan	-0x3.832b771f9462df46117b6a863fa2p+8	0xb.eb95e948d6f2a74a1d3a7694bd88p+3816
tanh	-0x3.c26abeca541298cca288adb1e12p-4	-0x2.01d7bf6773e2b04acd388c84cd4ep-4
tgamma	-0x1.62ab0823decc5cf957d9a218cf27p+4	0x2.00003274fc8659f8ed68e96e0378p-16224
y0	0x6.b99c822052e965e1754eb5ffeb08p+4	0x3.9561432d16442ec543c74876d1c8p+4
y1	0x2.3277da9bfe485c85c35e5bcc806p+0	0x2.80bc307275f6a6a3feb2ab211838p+4
acospi	0xb.50b04f0a7917332097372387f018p-4	
asinpi	-0xa.7ca6c96caefe80b9d757de58a578p-4	
atanpi	0x3.2d7177f38d6ee175de059ee6394p-4	
cospi	-0x2.5845a017ae769ea1c20e04c7e47cp+28	
exp10m1	0xb.2ee9062818e91afe8e80fae1818p-4	
exp2m1	0xb.2ee9062818e91afe8e80fae1818p-4	
log10p1	-0x6.eec527c6a8d6e31ca9f0dcd747cp-4	
log2p1	-0x7.fff3a57fdd2666bcecb33bd89f4p-4	
rsqrt		0x1.00db76159f986d3a3614199fd36fp-188
sinpi	-0x1.45f52c8be3999ba924f1f3e5a7b7p-8	
tanpi	-0x1.a8c117800f4a648c213cd0b6db1fp+0	
function	x, y	x, y
atan2	0x1.41df5aa214612c7e019fa6ade88p-13316 0x5.e53b26a270a29eb9f77ef8ef7af8p-13316	-0x1.fb41ff205f5ade930a9fcbba8ea8p-16384 0x2.23f098fd6b8799dbeb03219bfa08p-10520
atan2pi	-0x2.c6994d7f40fae88117550b428404p+16040 0xe.181a2c7696ba5cf23a6eab680b2p+16040	
compound		0x2.660c17a54ded3960195d40db8ee4p-11652 0xd.45349a19be26b49582eb8c9bb588p+11660
hypot	-0x1.80e7403e1b344c4a78edeced92e4p-16384 -0x2.986c750d01c32e4c807c12ad685p-16384	0x8.79ec30b61f9b839fe507bbdf414p-11908 0xb.94f6832f64d0729ebd68035ed7a8p-11908
pow	0x1.364dcbbad0512d7bacaae2a8d56bp+0 -0xe.68759219434c37725fdf30d17d2p+12	0x4p-16496 0x3.ffffff39c102f0aa11bb2c8a91dp-128

Table 18: Quadruple precision: inputs giving the largest known error in GNU libc and the Intel Math Library.

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