

NAME

dgamma – Double-precision Gamma(x)

SYNOPSIS

Fortran (77, 90, 95, HPF):

```
f77 [ flags ] file(s) ... -L/usr/local/lib -lgjl
```

DOUBLE PRECISION FUNCTION dgamma(x)

DOUBLE PRECISION x

C (K&R, 89, 99), C++ (98):

```
cc [ flags ] -I/usr/local/include file(s) ... -L/usr/local/lib -lgjl
```

Use

```
#include <gampsi.h>
```

to get this prototype:

```
fortran_double_precision dgamma(const fortran_double_precision * x_);
```

NB: The definition of C/C++ data types **fortran_**xxx, and the mapping of Fortran external names to C/C++ external names, is handled by the C/C++ header file. That way, the same function or subroutine name can be used in C, C++, and Fortran code, independent of compiler conventions for mangling of external names in these programming languages.

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DESCRIPTION

Compute and return the value of the Gamma(x) function for double-precision **x**.

This code correctly handles the case where **x** is NaN, for which Gamma(NaN) is a NaN. and the case where **x** is sufficiently large and positive, or takes one of the integer values 0, -1, -2, -3, ..., for which Gamma(x) = +Infinity, a special value in IEEE 754 arithmetic.

This code is substantially similar to that given by

W. J. Cody

Algorithm 715: SPECFUN --- A Portable FORTRAN

Package of Special Function Routines and Test Drivers

ACM Trans. Math. Software 19(1) 22--32, March 1993.

but has been augmented for support of IEEE 754 arithmetic.

SEE ALSO

dpsi(3), **dpsiln(3)**, **gamma(3)**, **psi(3)**, **psiln(3)**, **qgamma(3)**, **qpsi(3)**, **qpsiln(3)**.

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The algorithms and code are described in detail in the paper

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