NAME

isdnan – Is double-precision x a NaN?

SYNOPSIS

Fortran (77, 90, 95, HPF):

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

LOGICAL FUNCTION isdnan(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_logical isdnan(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

Return .TRUE. if **x** is a NaN, and .FALSE. otherwise.

This function should be implementable as a simple inline test for inequality of **x** with itself:

isdnan = (**x** .ne. **x**)

in ALL compilers for ALL programming languages on ALL systems with IEEE 754 arithmetic.

Unfortunately, some compilers, even without optimization, incorrectly reduce this test to .FALSE. This happens with all optimization levels on SGI IRIX 6.**x** f77 and f90 compilers. Thus, we have to obfuscate the test by wrapping one operand in a function call. This successfully foiled the SGI compilers, without requiring disassembly and examination of the bit patterns of **x**.

SEE ALSO

anan(3), **dnan**(3), **isanan**(3), **isqnan**(3), **qnan**(3).

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The algorithms and code are described in detail in the paper

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