

## NAG Library Function Document

### nag\_prob\_der\_landau (g01rtc)

#### 1 Purpose

nag\_prob\_der\_landau (g01rtc) returns the value of the derivative  $\phi'(\lambda)$  of the Landau density function.

#### 2 Specification

```
#include <nag.h>
#include <nagg01.h>
double nag_prob_der_landau (double x)
```

#### 3 Description

nag\_prob\_der\_landau (g01rtc) evaluates an approximation to the derivative  $\phi'(\lambda)$  of the Landau density function given by

$$\phi'(\lambda) = \frac{d\phi(\lambda)}{d\lambda},$$

where  $\phi(\lambda)$  is described in nag\_prob\_density\_landau (g01mtc), using piecewise approximation by rational functions. Further details can be found in Kölbig and Schorr (1984).

To obtain the value of  $\phi(\lambda)$ , nag\_prob\_density\_landau (g01mtc) can be used.

#### 4 References

Kölbig K S and Schorr B (1984) A program package for the Landau distribution *Comp. Phys. Comm.* **31** 97–111

#### 5 Arguments

1: **x** – double *Input*  
*On entry:* the argument  $\lambda$  of the function.

#### 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

#### 7 Accuracy

At least 7 significant digits are usually correct, but occasionally only 6. Such accuracy is normally considered to be adequate for applications in experimental physics.

Because of the asymptotic behaviour of  $\phi'(\lambda)$ , which is of the order of  $\exp[-\exp(-\lambda)]$ , underflow may occur on some machines when  $\lambda$  is moderately large and negative.

#### 8 Parallelism and Performance

Not applicable.

#### 9 Further Comments

None.

## 10 Example

This example evaluates  $\phi'(\lambda)$  at  $\lambda = 0.5$ , and prints the results.

### 10.1 Program Text

```

/* nag_prob_der_landau (g01rtc) Example Program.
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 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <nag.h>
#include <nag_stdlib.h>
#include <nagg01.h>

int main(void)
{
    /* Scalars */
    double x, y;
    Integer exit_status = 0;

    printf(" nag_prob_der_landau (g01rtc) Example Program Results\n");

    /* Skip heading in data file */
    scanf("%*[\n] ");
    scanf("%lf%*[\n] ", &x);

    /* nag_prob_der_landau (g01rtc).
     * Landau derivative function phi'(lambda)
     */
    y = nag_prob_der_landau(x);

    printf("\n    X          Y\n\n");
    printf("    %3.1f    %13.4e\n", x, y);

    return exit_status;
}

```

### 10.2 Program Data

```

nag_prob_der_landau (g01rtc) Example Program Data
0.5 : Value of X

```

### 10.3 Program Results

```

nag_prob_der_landau (g01rtc) Example Program Results

    X          Y

0.5    -3.6034e-02

```

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