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## 1 Introduction to MPFR

MPFR is a portable library written in C for arbitrary precision arithmetic on floating-point numbers. It is based on the GNU MP library. It aims to provide a class of floating-point numbers with precise semantics. The main characteristics of MPFR, which make it differ from most arbitrary precision floating-point software tools, are:

- the MPFR code is portable, i.e., the result of any operation does not depend on the machine word size mp\_bits\_per\_limb (64 on most current processors), possibly except in faithful rounding. It does not depend either on the machine rounding mode or rounding precision;
- the precision in bits can be set *exactly* to any valid value for each variable (including very small precision);
- MPFR provides the four rounding modes from the IEEE 754-1985 standard, plus away-from-zero, as well as for basic operations as for other mathematical functions. Faithful rounding (partially supported) is provided too, but the results may no longer be reproducible.

In particular, MPFR follows the specification of the IEEE 754 standard, currently IEEE 754-2019 (which will be referred to as IEEE 754 in this manual), with some minor differences, such as: there is a single NaN, the default exponent range is much wider, and subnormal numbers are not implemented (but the exponent range can be reduced to any interval, and subnormals can be emulated). For instance, computations in the binary64 format (a.k.a. double precision) can be reproduced by using a precision of 53 bits.

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#### 1.1 How to Use This Manual

Everyone should read Chapter 4 [MPFR Basics], page 7. If you need to install the library yourself, you need to read Chapter 2 [Installing MPFR], page 3, too. To use the library you will need to refer to Chapter 5 [MPFR Interface], page 14.

The rest of the manual can be used for later reference, although it is probably a good idea to glance through it.

## 2 Installing MPFR

The MPFR library is already installed on some GNU/Linux distributions, but the development files necessary to the compilation such as mpfr.h are not always present. To check that MPFR is fully installed on your computer, you can check the presence of the file mpfr.h in /usr/include, or try to compile a small program having #include <mpfr.h> (since mpfr.h may be installed somewhere else). For instance, you can try to compile:

version.c:2:19: error: mpfr.h: No such file or directory

then MPFR is probably not installed. Running this program will give you the MPFR version.

If MPFR is not installed on your computer, or if you want to install a different version, please follow the steps below.

#### 2.1 How to Install

Here are the steps needed to install the library on Unix systems (more details are provided in the INSTALL file):

1. To build MPFR, you first have to install GNU MP (version 5.0.0 or higher) on your computer. You need a C compiler, preferably GCC, but any reasonable compiler should work (C++ compilers should work too, under the condition that they do not break type punning via union). And you need the standard Unix 'make' command, plus some other standard Unix utility commands.

Then, in the MPFR build directory, type the following commands.

#### 2. './configure'

This will prepare the build and set up the options according to your system. You can give options to specify the install directories (instead of the default /usr/local), threading support, and so on. See the INSTALL file and/or the output of './configure --help' for more information, in particular if you get error messages.

#### 3. 'make'

This will compile MPFR, and create a library archive file libmpfr.a. On most platforms, a dynamic library will be produced too.

#### 4. 'make check'

This will make sure that MPFR was built correctly. If any test fails, information about this failure can be found in the tests/test-suite.log file. If you want the contents of this

file to be automatically output in case of failure, you can set the 'VERBOSE' environment variable to 1 before running 'make check', for instance by typing:

'VERBOSE=1 make check'

In case of failure, you may want to check whether the problem is already known. If not, please report this failure to the MPFR mailing-list 'mpfr@inria.fr'. For details, see Chapter 3 [Reporting Bugs], page 6.

5. 'make install'

This will copy the files mpfr.h and mpf2mpfr.h to the directory /usr/local/include, the library files (libmpfr.a and possibly others) to the directory /usr/local/lib, the file mpfr.info to the directory /usr/local/share/info, and some other documentation files to the directory /usr/local/share/doc/mpfr (or if you passed the '--prefix' option to configure, using the prefix directory given as argument to '--prefix' instead of /usr/local).

## 2.2 Other 'make' Targets

There are some other useful make targets:

• 'mpfr.info' or 'info'

Create or update an info version of the manual, in mpfr.info.

This file is already provided in the MPFR archives.

• 'mpfr.pdf' or 'pdf'

Create a PDF version of the manual, in mpfr.pdf.

• 'mpfr.dvi' or 'dvi'

Create a DVI version of the manual, in mpfr.dvi.

• 'mpfr.ps' or 'ps'

Create a PostScript version of the manual, in mpfr.ps.

• 'mpfr.html' or 'html'

Create a HTML version of the manual, in several pages in the directory doc/mpfr.html; if you want only one output HTML file, then type 'makeinfo --html --no-split mpfr.texi' from the 'doc' directory instead.

• 'clean'

Delete all object files and archive files, but not the configuration files.

• 'distclean'

Delete all generated files not included in the distribution.

• 'uninstall'

Delete all files copied by 'make install'.

#### 2.3 Build Problems

In case of problem, please read the INSTALL file carefully before reporting a bug, in particular section "In case of problem". Some problems are due to bad configuration on the user side (not specific to MPFR). Problems are also mentioned in the FAQ https://www.mpfr.org/faq.html.

Please report problems to the MPFR mailing-list 'mpfr@inria.fr'. See Chapter 3 [Reporting Bugs], page 6. Some bug fixes are available on the MPFR 4.2.1 web page https://www.mpfr.org/mpfr-4.2.1/.

## 2.4 Getting the Latest Version of MPFR

The latest version of MPFR is available from https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/mpfr/ or https://www.mpfr.org/.

## 3 Reporting Bugs

If you think you have found a bug in the MPFR library, first have a look on the MPFR 4.2.1 web page https://www.mpfr.org/mpfr-4.2.1/ and the FAQ https://www.mpfr.org/faq.html: perhaps this bug is already known, in which case you may find there a workaround for it. You might also look in the archives of the MPFR mailing-list: https://sympa.inria.fr/sympa/arc/mpfr. Otherwise, please investigate and report it. We have made this library available to you, and it is not to ask too much from you to ask you to report the bugs that you find.

There are a few things you should think about when you put your bug report together.

You have to send us a test case that makes it possible for us to reproduce the bug, i.e., a small self-content program, using no other library than MPFR. Include instructions on how to run the test case.

You also have to explain what is wrong; if you get a crash, or if the results you get are incorrect and in that case, in what way.

Please include compiler version information in your bug report. This can be extracted using 'cc-V' on some machines, or, if you are using GCC, 'gcc-v'. Also, include the output from 'uname-a' and the MPFR version (the GMP version may be useful too). If you get a failure while running 'make' or 'make check', please include the config.log file in your bug report, and in case of test failure, the tests/test-suite.log file too.

If your bug report is good, we will do our best to help you to get a corrected version of the library; if the bug report is poor, we will not do anything about it (aside of chiding you to send better bug reports).

Send your bug report to the MPFR mailing-list 'mpfr@inria.fr'.

If you think something in this manual is unclear, or downright incorrect, or if the language needs to be improved, please send a note to the same address.

## 4 MPFR Basics

#### 4.1 Headers and Libraries

All declarations needed to use MPFR are collected in the include file mpfr.h. It is designed to work with both C and C++ compilers. You should include that file in any program using the MPFR library:

```
#include <mpfr.h>
```

Note, however, that prototypes for MPFR functions with FILE \* parameters are provided only if <stdio.h> is included too (before mpfr.h):

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpfr.h>
```

Likewise <stdarg.h> (or <varargs.h>) is required for prototypes with va\_list parameters, such as mpfr\_vprintf.

And for any functions using intmax\_t, you must include <stdint.h> or <inttypes.h> before mpfr.h, to allow mpfr.h to define prototypes for these functions. Moreover, under some platforms (in particular with C++ compilers), users may need to define MPFR\_USE\_INTMAX\_T (and should do it for portability) before mpfr.h has been included; of course, it is possible to do that on the command line, e.g., with -DMPFR\_USE\_INTMAX\_T.

Note: If mpfr.h and/or gmp.h (used by mpfr.h) are included several times (possibly from another header file), <stdio.h> and/or <stdarg.h> (or <varargs.h>) should be included before the first inclusion of mpfr.h or gmp.h. Alternatively, you can define MPFR\_USE\_FILE (for MPFR I/O functions) and/or MPFR\_USE\_VA\_LIST (for MPFR functions with va\_list parameters) anywhere before the last inclusion of mpfr.h. As a consequence, if your file is a public header that includes mpfr.h, you need to use the latter method.

When calling a MPFR macro, it is not allowed to have previously defined a macro with the same name as some keywords (currently do, while and sizeof).

You can avoid the use of MPFR macros encapsulating functions by defining the MPFR\_USE\_NO\_MACRO macro before mpfr.h is included. In general this should not be necessary, but this can be useful when debugging user code: with some macros, the compiler may emit spurious warnings with some warning options, and macros can prevent some prototype checking.

All programs using MPFR must link against both libmpfr and libgmp libraries. On a typical Unix-like system this can be done with '-lmpfr -lgmp' (in that order), for example:

```
gcc myprogram.c -lmpfr -lgmp
```

MPFR is built using Libtool and an application can use that to link if desired, see GNU Libtool.

If MPFR has been installed to a non-standard location, then it may be necessary to set up environment variables such as 'C\_INCLUDE\_PATH' and 'LIBRARY\_PATH', or use '-I' and '-L' compiler options, in order to point to the right directories. For a shared library, it may also be necessary to set up some sort of run-time library path (e.g., 'LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH') on some systems. Please read the INSTALL file for additional information.

Alternatively, it is possible to use 'pkg-config' (a file 'mpfr.pc' is provided as of MPFR 4.0):

```
cc myprogram.c $(pkg-config --cflags --libs mpfr)
```

Note that the 'MPFR\_' and 'mpfr\_' prefixes are reserved for MPFR. As a general rule, in order to avoid clashes, software using MPFR (directly or indirectly) and system headers/libraries should not define macros and symbols using these prefixes.

## 4.2 Nomenclature and Types

A floating-point number, or float for short, is an object representing a radix-2 floating-point number consisting of a sign, an arbitrary-precision normalized significand (also called mantissa), and an exponent (an integer in some given range); these are called *regular numbers*. By convention, the radix point of the significand is just before the first digit (which is always 1 due to normalization), like in the C language, but unlike in IEEE 754 (thus, for a given number, the exponent values in MPFR and in IEEE 754 differ by 1).

Like in the IEEE 754 standard, a floating-point number can also have three kinds of special values: a signed zero (+0 or -0), a signed infinity (+Inf or -Inf), and Not-a-Number (NaN). NaN can represent the default value of a floating-point object and the result of some operations for which no other results would make sense, such as 0 divided by 0 or +Inf minus +Inf; unless documented otherwise, the sign bit of a NaN is unspecified. Note that contrary to IEEE 754, MPFR has a single kind of NaN and does not have subnormals. Other than that, the behavior is very similar to IEEE 754, but there are some minor differences.

The C data type for such objects is mpfr\_t, internally defined as a one-element array of a structure (so that when passed as an argument to a function, it is the pointer that is actually passed), and mpfr\_ptr is the C data type representing a pointer to this structure; mpfr\_srcptr is like mpfr\_ptr, but the structure is read-only (i.e., const qualified).

The precision is the number of bits used to represent the significand of a floating-point number; the corresponding C data type is mpfr\_prec\_t. The precision can be any integer between MPFR\_PREC\_MIN and MPFR\_PREC\_MAX. In the current implementation, MPFR\_PREC\_MIN is equal to 1.

Warning! MPFR needs to increase the precision internally, in order to provide accurate results (and in particular, correct rounding). Do not attempt to set the precision to any value near MPFR\_PREC\_MAX, otherwise MPFR will abort due to an assertion failure. However, in practice, the real limitation will probably be the available memory on your platform, and in case of lack of memory, the program may abort, crash or have undefined behavior (depending on your C implementation).

An exponent is a component of a regular floating-point number. Its C data type is mpfr\_exp\_t. Valid exponents are restricted to a subset of this type, and the exponent range can be changed globally as described in Section 5.13 [Exception Related Functions], page 46. Special values do not have an exponent.

The rounding mode specifies the way to round the result of a floating-point operation, in case the exact result cannot be represented exactly in the destination (see Section 4.4 [Rounding], page 9). The corresponding C data type is mpfr\_rnd\_t.

MPFR has a global (or per-thread) flag for each supported exception and provides operations on flags (Section 4.6 [Exceptions], page 11). This C data type is used to represent a group of flags (or a mask).

#### 4.3 MPFR Variable Conventions

Before you can assign to a MPFR variable, you need to initialize it by calling one of the special initialization functions. When you are done with a variable, you need to clear it out, using one of the functions for that purpose. A variable should only be initialized once, or at least

cleared out between each initialization. After a variable has been initialized, it may be assigned to any number of times. For efficiency reasons, avoid to initialize and clear out a variable in loops. Instead, initialize it before entering the loop, and clear it out after the loop has exited. You do not need to be concerned about allocating additional space for MPFR variables, since any variable has a significand of fixed size. Hence unless you change its precision, or clear and reinitialize it, a floating-point variable will have the same allocated space during all its life.

As a general rule, all MPFR functions expect output arguments before input arguments. This notation is based on an analogy with the assignment operator. MPFR allows you to use the same variable for both input and output in the same expression. For example, the main function for floating-point multiplication, mpfr\_mul, can be used like this: mpfr\_mul (x, x, x, rnd). This computes the square of x with rounding mode rnd and puts the result back in x.

## 4.4 Rounding

The following rounding modes are supported:

- MPFR\_RNDN: round to nearest, with the even rounding rule (roundTiesToEven in IEEE 754); see details below.
- MPFR\_RNDD: round toward negative infinity (roundTowardNegative in IEEE 754).
- MPFR\_RNDU: round toward positive infinity (roundTowardPositive in IEEE 754).
- MPFR\_RNDZ: round toward zero (roundTowardZero in IEEE 754).
- MPFR\_RNDA: round away from zero.
- MPFR\_RNDF: faithful rounding. This feature is currently experimental. Specific support for this rounding mode has been added to some functions, such as the basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, square, division, square root) or when explicitly documented. It might also work with other functions, as it is possible that they do not need modification in their code; even though a correct behavior is not guaranteed yet (corrections were done when failures occurred in the test suite, but almost nothing has been checked manually), failures should be regarded as bugs and reported, so that they can be fixed.

Note that, in particular for a result equal to zero, the sign is preserved by the rounding operation.

The MPFR\_RNDN mode works like roundTiesToEven from the IEEE 754 standard: in case the number to be rounded lies exactly in the middle between two consecutive representable numbers, it is rounded to the one with an even significand; in radix 2, this means that the least significant bit is 0. For example, the number 2.5, which is represented by (10.1) in binary, is rounded to (10.0) = 2 with a precision of two bits, and not to (11.0) = 3. This rule avoids the *drift* phenomenon mentioned by Knuth in volume 2 of The Art of Computer Programming (Section 4.2.2).

Note: In particular for a 1-digit precision (in radix 2 or other radices, as in conversions to a string of digits), one considers the significands associated with the exponent of the number to be rounded. For instance, to round the number 95 in radix 10 with a 1-digit precision, one considers its truncated 1-digit integer significand 9 and the following integer 10 (since these are consecutive integers, exactly one of them is even). 10 is the even significand, so that 95 will be rounded to 100, not to 90.

For the directed rounding modes, a number x is rounded to the number y that is the closest to x such that

- MPFR\_RNDD: y is less than or equal to x;
- MPFR\_RNDU: y is greater than or equal to x;
- MPFR\_RNDZ: |y| is less than or equal to |x|;
- MPFR\_RNDA: |y| is greater than or equal to |x|.

The MPFR\_RNDF mode works as follows: the computed value is either that corresponding to MPFR\_RNDU. In particular when those values are identical, i.e., when the result of the corresponding operation is exactly representable, that exact result is returned. Thus, the computed result can take at most two possible values, and in absence of underflow/overflow, the corresponding error is strictly less than one ulp (unit in the last place) of that result and of the exact result. For MPFR\_RNDF, the ternary value (defined below) and the inexact flag (defined later, as with the other flags) are unspecified, the divide-by-zero flag is as with other roundings, and the underflow and overflow flags match what would be obtained in the case the computed value is the same as with MPFR\_RNDD or MPFR\_RNDU. The results may not be reproducible.

Most MPFR functions take as first argument the destination variable, as second and following arguments the input variables, as last argument a rounding mode, and have a return value of type int, called the *ternary value*. The value stored in the destination variable is correctly rounded, i.e., MPFR behaves as if it computed the result with an infinite precision, then rounded it to the precision of this variable. The input variables are regarded as exact (in particular, their precision does not affect the result).

As a consequence, in case of a non-zero real rounded result, the error on the result is less than or equal to 1/2 ulp (unit in the last place) of that result in the rounding to nearest mode, and less than 1 ulp of that result in the directed rounding modes (a ulp is the weight of the least significant represented bit of the result after rounding).

Unless documented otherwise, functions returning an int return a ternary value. If the ternary value is zero, it means that the value stored in the destination variable is the exact result of the corresponding mathematical function. If the ternary value is positive (resp. negative), it means the value stored in the destination variable is greater (resp. lower) than the exact result. For example with the MPFR\_RNDU rounding mode, the ternary value is usually positive, except when the result is exact, in which case it is zero. In the case of an infinite result, it is considered as inexact when it was obtained by overflow, and exact otherwise. A NaN result (Not-a-Number) always corresponds to an exact return value. The opposite of a returned ternary value is guaranteed to be representable in an int.

Unless documented otherwise, functions returning as result the value 1 (or any other value specified in this manual) for special cases (like acos(0)) yield an overflow or an underflow if that value is not representable in the current exponent range.

## 4.5 Floating-Point Values on Special Numbers

This section specifies the floating-point values (of type mpfr\_t) returned by MPFR functions (where by "returned" we mean here the modified value of the destination object, which should not be mixed with the ternary return value of type int of those functions). For functions returning several values (like mpfr\_sin\_cos), the rules apply to each result separately.

Functions can have one or several input arguments. An input point is a mapping from these input arguments to the set of the MPFR numbers. When none of its components are NaN, an input point can also be seen as a tuple in the extended real numbers (the set of the real numbers with both infinities).

When the input point is in the domain of the mathematical function, the result is rounded as described in Section 4.4 [Rounding], page 9, (but see below for the specification of the sign of an exact zero). Otherwise the general rules from this section apply unless stated otherwise in the description of the MPFR function (Chapter 5 [MPFR Interface], page 14).

When the input point is not in the domain of the mathematical function but is in its closure in the extended real numbers and the function can be extended by continuity, the result is the obtained limit. Examples:  $mpfr_hypot$  on (+Inf,0) gives +Inf. But  $mpfr_pow$  cannot be defined on (1,+Inf) using this rule, as one can find sequences  $(x_n,y_n)$  such that  $x_n$  goes to 1,  $y_n$  goes to +Inf and  $(x_n)^{y_n}$  goes to any positive value when n goes to the infinity.

When the input point is in the closure of the domain of the mathematical function and an input argument is +0 (resp. -0), one considers the limit when the corresponding argument approaches 0 from above (resp. below), if possible. If the limit is not defined (e.g., mpfr\_sqrt and mpfr\_log on -0), the behavior is specified in the description of the MPFR function, but must be consistent with the rule from the above paragraph (e.g., mpfr\_log on  $\pm 0$  gives -Inf).

When the result is equal to 0, its sign is determined by considering the limit as if the input point were not in the domain: If one approaches 0 from above (resp. below), the result is +0 (resp. -0); for example, mpfr\_sin on -0 gives -0 and mpfr\_acos on 1 gives +0 (in all rounding modes). In the other cases, the sign is specified in the description of the MPFR function; for example mpfr\_max on -0 and +0 gives +0.

When the input point is not in the closure of the domain of the function, the result is NaN. Example:  $mpfr\_sqrt$  on -17 gives NaN.

When an input argument is NaN, the result is NaN, possibly except when a partial function is constant on the finite floating-point numbers; such a case is always explicitly specified in Chapter 5 [MPFR Interface], page 14. Example:  $mpfr_hypot$  on (NaN,0) gives NaN, but  $mpfr_hypot$  on (NaN,+Inf) gives +Inf (as specified in Section 5.7 [Transcendental Functions], page 28), since for any finite or infinite input x,  $mpfr_hypot$  on (x,+Inf) gives +Inf.

MPFR also tries to follow the specifications of the IEEE 754 standard on special values (IEEE 754 agree with the above rules in most cases). Any difference with IEEE 754 that is not explicitly mentioned, other than those due to the single NaN, is unintended and might be regarded as a bug. See also Chapter 7 [MPFR and the IEEE 754 Standard], page 60.

## 4.6 Exceptions

MPFR defines a global (or per-thread) flag for each supported exception. A macro evaluating to a power of two is associated with each flag and exception, in order to be able to specify a group of flags (or a mask) by OR'ing such macros.

Flags can be cleared (lowered), set (raised), and tested by functions described in Section 5.13 [Exception Related Functions], page 46.

The supported exceptions are listed below. The macro associated with each exception is in parentheses.

• Underflow (MPFR\_FLAGS\_UNDERFLOW): An underflow occurs when the exact result of a function is a non-zero real number and the result obtained after the rounding, assuming an unbounded exponent range (for the rounding), has an exponent smaller than the minimum value of the current exponent range. (In the round-to-nearest mode, the halfway case is rounded toward zero.)

Note: This is not the single possible definition of the underflow. MPFR chooses to consider the underflow after rounding. The underflow before rounding can also be defined. For instance, consider a function that has the exact result  $7 \times 2^{e-4}$ , where e is the smallest exponent (for a significand between 1/2 and 1), with a 2-bit target precision and rounding toward positive infinity. The exact result has the exponent e-1. With the underflow before rounding, such a function call would yield an underflow, as e-1 is outside the current exponent range. However, MPFR first considers the rounded result assuming an unbounded

exponent range. The exact result cannot be represented exactly in precision 2, and here, it is rounded to  $0.5 \times 2^e$ , which is representable in the current exponent range. As a consequence, this will not yield an underflow in MPFR.

- Overflow (MPFR\_FLAGS\_OVERFLOW): An overflow occurs when the exact result of a function is a non-zero real number and the result obtained after the rounding, assuming an unbounded exponent range (for the rounding), has an exponent larger than the maximum value of the current exponent range. In the round-to-nearest mode, the result is infinite. Note: unlike the underflow case, there is only one possible definition of overflow here.
- Divide-by-zero (MPFR\_FLAGS\_DIVBYO): An exact infinite result is obtained from finite inputs.
- NaN (MPFR\_FLAGS\_NAN): A NaN exception occurs when the result of a function is NaN.
- Inexact (MPFR\_FLAGS\_INEXACT): An inexact exception occurs when the result of a function cannot be represented exactly and must be rounded.
- Range error (MPFR\_FLAGS\_ERANGE): A range exception occurs when a function that does not return a MPFR number (such as comparisons and conversions to an integer) has an invalid result (e.g., an argument is NaN in mpfr\_cmp, or a conversion to an integer cannot be represented in the target type).

Moreover, the group consisting of all the flags is represented by the MPFR\_FLAGS\_ALL macro (if new flags are added in future MPFR versions, they will be added to this macro too).

Differences with the ISO C99 standard:

- In C, only quiet NaNs are specified, and a NaN propagation does not raise an invalid exception. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, MPFR sets the NaN flag whenever a NaN is generated, even when a NaN is propagated (e.g., in NaN + NaN), as if all NaNs were signaling.
- An invalid exception in C corresponds to either a NaN exception or a range error in MPFR.

## 4.7 Memory Handling

MPFR functions may create caches, e.g., when computing constants such as  $\pi$ , either because the user has called a function like mpfr\_const\_pi directly or because such a function was called internally by the MPFR library itself to compute some other function. When more precision is needed, the value is automatically recomputed; a minimum of 10% increase of the precision is guaranteed to avoid too many recomputations.

MPFR functions may also create thread-local pools for internal use to avoid the cost of memory allocation. The pools can be freed with mpfr\_free\_pool (but with a default MPFR build, they should not take much memory, as the allocation size is limited).

At any time, the user can free various caches and pools with mpfr\_free\_cache and mpfr\_free\_cache2. It is strongly advised to free thread-local caches before terminating a thread, and all caches before exiting when using tools like 'valgrind' (to avoid memory leaks being reported).

MPFR allocates its memory either on the stack (for temporary memory only) or with the same allocator as the one configured for GMP: see Section "Custom Allocation" in *GNU MP*. This means that the application must make sure that data allocated with the current allocator will not be reallocated or freed with a new allocator. So, in practice, if an application needs to change the allocator with mp\_set\_memory\_functions, it should first free all data allocated with the current allocator: for its own data, with mpfr\_clear, etc.; for the caches and pools, with mpfr\_mp\_memory\_cleanup in all threads where MPFR is potentially used. This function is currently equivalent to mpfr\_free\_cache, but mpfr\_mp\_memory\_cleanup is the recommended way in case the allocation method changes in the future (for instance, one may choose to allocate the caches for floating-point constants with malloc to avoid freeing them if the allocator changes).

Developers should also be aware that MPFR may also be used indirectly by libraries, so that libraries based on MPFR should provide a clean-up function calling mpfr\_mp\_memory\_cleanup and/or warn their users about this issue.

Note: For multithreaded applications, the allocator must be valid in all threads where MPFR may be used; data allocated in one thread may be reallocated and/or freed in some other thread.

MPFR internal data such as flags, the exponent range, the default precision, and the default rounding mode are either global (if MPFR has not been compiled as thread safe) or per-thread (thread-local storage, TLS). The initial values of TLS data after a thread is created entirely depend on the compiler and thread implementation (MPFR simply does a conventional variable initialization, the variables being declared with an implementation-defined TLS specifier).

Writers of libraries using MPFR should be aware that the application and/or another library used by the application may also use MPFR, so that changing the exponent range, the default precision, or the default rounding mode may have an effect on this other use of MPFR since these data are not duplicated (unless they are in a different thread). Therefore any such value changed in a library function should be restored before the function returns (unless the purpose of the function is to do such a change). Writers of software using MPFR should also be careful when changing such a value if they use a library using MPFR (directly or indirectly), in order to make sure that such a change is compatible with the library.

## 4.8 Getting the Best Efficiency Out of MPFR

Here are a few hints to get the best efficiency out of MPFR:

- you should avoid allocating and clearing variables. Reuse variables whenever possible, allocate or clear outside of loops, pass temporary variables to subroutines instead of allocating them inside the subroutines:
- use mpfr\_swap instead of mpfr\_set whenever possible. This will avoid copying the significands;
- avoid using MPFR from C++, or make sure your C++ interface does not perform unnecessary allocations or copies. Slowdowns of up to a factor 15 have been observed on some applications with a C++ interface:
- MPFR functions work in-place: to compute a = a + b you don't need an auxiliary variable, you can directly write mpfr\_add (a, a, b, ...).

## 5 MPFR Interface

The floating-point functions expect arguments of type mpfr\_t.

The MPFR floating-point functions have an interface that is similar to the GNU MP functions. The function prefix for floating-point operations is mpfr\_.

The user has to specify the precision of each variable. A computation that assigns a variable will take place with the precision of the assigned variable; the cost of that computation should not depend on the precision of variables used as input (on average).

The semantics of a calculation in MPFR is specified as follows: Compute the requested operation exactly (with "infinite accuracy"), and round the result to the precision of the destination variable, with the given rounding mode. The MPFR floating-point functions are intended to be a smooth extension of the IEEE 754 arithmetic. The results obtained on a given computer are identical to those obtained on a computer with a different word size, or with a different compiler or operating system.

MPFR does not keep track of the accuracy of a computation. This is left to the user or to a higher layer (for example, the MPFI library for interval arithmetic). As a consequence, if two variables are used to store only a few significant bits, and their product is stored in a variable with a large precision, then MPFR will still compute the result with full precision.

The value of the standard C macro errno may be set to non-zero after calling any MPFR function or macro, whether or not there is an error. Except when documented, MPFR will not set errno, but functions called by the MPFR code (libc functions, memory allocator, etc.) may do so.

#### 5.1 Initialization Functions

An mpfr\_t object must be initialized before storing the first value in it. The functions mpfr\_init and mpfr\_init2 are used for that purpose.

void mpfr\_init2 (mpfr\_t x, mpfr\_prec\_t prec) [Function] Initialize x, set its precision to be exactly prec bits and its value to NaN. (Warning: the corresponding MPF function initializes to zero instead.)

Normally, a variable should be initialized once only or at least be cleared, using mpfr\_clear, between initializations. To change the precision of a variable that has already been initialized, use mpfr\_set\_prec or mpfr\_prec\_round; note that if the precision is decreased, the unused memory will not be freed, so that it may be wise to choose a large enough initial precision in order to avoid reallocations. The precision *prec* must be an integer between MPFR\_PREC\_MIN and MPFR\_PREC\_MAX (otherwise the behavior is undefined).

void mpfr\_inits2 (mpfr\_prec\_t prec, mpfr\_t x, ...) [Function] Initialize all the mpfr\_t variables of the given variable argument va\_list, set their precision to be exactly prec bits and their value to NaN. See mpfr\_init2 for more details. The va\_list is assumed to be composed only of type mpfr\_t (or equivalently mpfr\_ptr). It begins from x, and ends when it encounters a null pointer (whose type must also be mpfr\_ptr).

#### void mpfr\_clear (mpfr\_t x)

Free the space occupied by the significand of x. Make sure to call this function for all mpfr\_t variables when you are done with them.

### void mpfr\_clears (mpfr\_t x, ...)

[Function]

Free the space occupied by all the mpfr\_t variables of the given va\_list. See mpfr\_clear for more details. The va\_list is assumed to be composed only of type mpfr\_t (or equivalently mpfr\_ptr). It begins from x, and ends when it encounters a null pointer (whose type must also be mpfr\_ptr).

Here is an example of how to use multiple initialization functions (since NULL is not necessarily defined in this context, we use (mpfr\_ptr) 0 instead, but (mpfr\_ptr) NULL is also correct).

```
{
    mpfr_t x, y, z, t;
    mpfr_inits2 (256, x, y, z, t, (mpfr_ptr) 0);
    ...
    mpfr_clears (x, y, z, t, (mpfr_ptr) 0);
}
```

#### void mpfr\_init (mpfr\_t x)

[Function]

Initialize x, set its precision to the default precision, and set its value to NaN. The default precision can be changed by a call to  $mpfr_set_default_prec$ .

Warning! In a given program, some other libraries might change the default precision and not restore it. Thus it is safer to use mpfr\_init2.

#### void mpfr\_inits (mpfr\_t x, ...)

[Function]

Initialize all the mpfr\_t variables of the given va\_list, set their precision to the default precision and their value to NaN. See mpfr\_init for more details. The va\_list is assumed to be composed only of type mpfr\_t (or equivalently mpfr\_ptr). It begins from x, and ends when it encounters a null pointer (whose type must also be mpfr\_ptr).

Warning! In a given program, some other libraries might change the default precision and not restore it. Thus it is safer to use mpfr\_inits2.

#### MPFR\_DECL\_INIT (name, prec)

[Macro]

This macro declares name as an automatic variable of type mpfr\_t, initializes it and sets its precision to be exactly prec bits and its value to NaN. name must be a valid identifier. You must use this macro in the declaration section. This macro is much faster than using mpfr\_init2 but has some drawbacks:

- You must not call mpfr\_clear with variables created with this macro (the storage is allocated at the point of declaration and deallocated when the brace-level is exited).
- You cannot change their precision.
- You **should not** create variables with huge precision with this macro.
- Your compiler must support 'Non-Constant Initializers' (standard in C++ and ISO C99) and 'Token Pasting' (standard in ISO C90). If prec is not a constant expression, your compiler must support 'variable-length automatic arrays' (standard in ISO C99). GCC 2.95.3 and above supports all these features. If you compile your program with GCC in C90 mode and with '-pedantic', you may want to define the MPFR\_USE\_EXTENSION macro to avoid warnings due to the MPFR\_DECL\_INIT implementation.

#### void mpfr\_set\_default\_prec (mpfr\_prec\_t prec)

[Function]

Set the default precision to be **exactly** *prec* bits, where *prec* can be any integer between MPFR\_PREC\_MIN and MPFR\_PREC\_MAX. The precision of a variable means the number of bits used to store its significand. All subsequent calls to mpfr\_init or mpfr\_inits will use this

precision, but previously initialized variables are unaffected. The default precision is set to 53 bits initially.

Note: when MPFR is built with the '--enable-thread-safe' configure option, the default precision is local to each thread. See Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12, for more information.

```
mpfr_prec_t mpfr_get_default_prec (void)
```

[Function]

Return the current default MPFR precision in bits. See the documentation of mpfr\_set\_default\_prec.

Here is an example on how to initialize floating-point variables:

The following functions are useful for changing the precision during a calculation. A typical use would be for adjusting the precision gradually in iterative algorithms like Newton-Raphson, making the computation precision closely match the actual accurate part of the numbers.

```
void mpfr_set_prec (mpfr_t x, mpfr_prec_t prec)
```

[Function]

Set the precision of x to be **exactly** prec bits, and set its value to NaN. The previous value stored in x is lost. It is equivalent to a call to mpfr\_clear(x) followed by a call to mpfr\_init2(x, prec), but more efficient as no allocation is done in case the current allocated space for the significand of x is enough. The precision prec can be any integer between MPFR\_PREC\_MIN and MPFR\_PREC\_MAX. In case you want to keep the previous value stored in x, use mpfr\_prec\_round instead.

Warning! You must not use this function if x was initialized with MPFR\_DECL\_INIT or with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set (see Section 5.16 [Custom Interface], page 51).

```
mpfr_prec_t mpfr_get_prec (mpfr_t x)
```

[Function]

Return the precision of x, i.e., the number of bits used to store its significand.

### 5.2 Assignment Functions

These functions assign new values to already initialized floats (see Section 5.1 [Initialization Functions], page 14).

[Function]

```
int mpfr_set_ld (mpfr_t rop, long double op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                     [Function]
int mpfr_set_float128 (mpfr_t rop, _Float128 op, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                     [Function]
        rnd)
int mpfr_set_decimal64 (mpfr_t rop, _Decimal64 op, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                     [Function]
        rnd)
int mpfr_set_decimal128 (mpfr_t rop, _Decimal128 op,
                                                                     [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_set_z (mpfr_t rop, mpz_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                     [Function]
int mpfr_set_q (mpfr_t rop, mpq_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                     [Function]
```

int mpfr\_set\_f (mpfr\_t rop, mpf\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) Set the value of rop from op, rounded toward the given direction rnd. Note that the input 0 is converted to +0 by mpfr\_set\_ui, mpfr\_set\_si, mpfr\_set\_uj, mpfr\_set\_sj, mpfr\_set\_z, mpfr\_set\_q and mpfr\_set\_f, regardless of the rounding mode. The mpfr\_set\_float128 function is built only with the configure option '--enable-float128', which requires the compiler or system provides the '\_Float128' data type (GCC 4.3 or later supports this data type); to use mpfr\_set\_float128, one should define the macro MPFR\_WANT\_FLOAT128 before including mpfr.h. If the system does not support the IEEE 754 standard, mpfr\_set\_  $\verb|flt,mpfr_set_d|, \verb|mpfr_set_decimal| 64 and \verb|mpfr_set_decimal| 128 might not |$ preserve the signed zeros (and in any case they don't preserve the sign bit of NaN). The mpfr\_ set\_decimal64 and mpfr\_set\_decimal128 functions are built only with the configure option '--enable-decimal-float', and when the compiler or system provides the '\_Decimal64' and '\_Decimal128' data type; to use those functions, one should define the macro MPFR\_WANT\_ DECIMAL\_FLOATS before including mpfr.h. mpfr\_set\_q might fail if the numerator (or the denominator) cannot be represented as a mpfr\_t.

For mpfr\_set, the sign of a NaN is propagated in order to mimic the IEEE 754 copy operation. But contrary to IEEE 754, the NaN flag is set as usual.

Note: If you want to store a floating-point constant to a mpfr\_t, you should use mpfr\_set\_str (or one of the MPFR constant functions, such as  $mpfr\_const\_pi$  for  $\pi$ ) instead of  $mpfr\_set\_$ flt, mpfr\_set\_d, mpfr\_set\_ld, mpfr\_set\_decimal64 or mpfr\_set\_decimal128. Otherwise the floating-point constant will be first converted into a reduced-precision (e.g., 53-bit) binary (or decimal, for mpfr\_set\_decimal64 and mpfr\_set\_decimal128) number before MPFR can work with it.

```
int mpfr_set_ui_2exp (mpfr_t rop, unsigned long int op,
                                                                       [Function]
        mpfr_exp_t e, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_set_si_2exp (mpfr_t rop, long int op, mpfr_exp_t e,
                                                                       [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_set_uj_2exp (mpfr_t rop, uintmax_t op, intmax_t e,
                                                                       [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_set_sj_2exp (mpfr_t rop, intmax_t op, intmax_t e,
                                                                       [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_set_z_2exp (mpfr_t rop, mpz_t op, mpfr_exp_t e,
                                                                       [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
  Set the value of rop from op \times 2^e, rounded toward the given direction rnd. Note that the
```

input 0 is converted to +0.

```
int mpfr_set_str (mpfr_t rop, const char *s, int base,
                                                                    [Function]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
```

Set rop to the value of the string s in base base, rounded in the direction rnd. See the documentation of mpfr\_strtofr for a detailed description of base (with its special value 0)

and the valid string formats. Contrary to mpfr\_strtofr, mpfr\_set\_str requires the whole string to represent a valid floating-point number.

The meaning of the return value differs from other MPFR functions: it is 0 if the entire string up to the final null character is a valid number in base *base*; otherwise it is -1, and rop may have changed (users interested in the [ternary value], page 10, should use mpfr\_strtofr instead).

Note: it is preferable to use mpfr\_strtofr if one wants to distinguish between an infinite rop value coming from an infinite s or from an overflow.

#### 

Read a floating-point number from a string *nptr* in base *base*, rounded in the direction *rnd*; base must be either 0 (to detect the base, as described below) or a number from 2 to 62 (otherwise the behavior is undefined). If *nptr* starts with valid data, the result is stored in *rop* and \*endptr points to the character just after the valid data (if endptr is not a null pointer); otherwise *rop* is set to zero (for consistency with strtod) and the value of *nptr* is stored in the location referenced by endptr (if endptr is not a null pointer). The usual ternary value is returned.

Parsing follows the standard C strtod function with some extensions. After optional leading whitespace, one has a subject sequence consisting of an optional sign ('+' or '-'), and either numeric data or special data. The subject sequence is defined as the longest initial subsequence of the input string, starting with the first non-whitespace character, that is of the expected form.

The form of numeric data is a non-empty sequence of significand digits with an optional decimal-point character, and an optional exponent consisting of an exponent prefix followed by an optional sign and a non-empty sequence of decimal digits. A significand digit is either a decimal digit or a Latin letter (62 possible characters), with 'A' = 10, 'B' = 11, ..., 'Z' = 35; case is ignored in bases less than or equal to 36, in bases larger than 36, 'a' = 36, 'b' = 37, ..., 'z' = 61. The value of a significand digit must be strictly less than the base. The decimal-point character can be either the one defined by the current locale or the period (the first one is accepted for consistency with the C standard and the practice, the second one is accepted to allow the programmer to provide MPFR numbers from strings in a way that does not depend on the current locale). The exponent prefix can be 'e' or 'E' for bases up to 10, or '©' in any base; it indicates a multiplication by a power of the base. In bases 2 and 16, the exponent prefix can also be 'p' or 'P', in which case the exponent, called binary exponent, indicates a multiplication by a power of 2 instead of the base (there is a difference only for base 16); in base 16 for example '1p2' represents 4 whereas '1@2' represents 256. The value of an exponent is always written in base 10.

If the argument base is 0, then the base is automatically detected as follows. If the significand starts with '0b' or '0B', base 2 is assumed. If the significand starts with '0x' or '0X', base 16 is assumed. Otherwise base 10 is assumed.

Note: The exponent (if present) must contain at least a digit. Otherwise the possible exponent prefix and sign are not part of the number (which ends with the significand). Similarly, if '0b', '0B', '0x' or '0X' is not followed by a binary/hexadecimal digit, then the subject sequence stops at the character '0', thus 0 is read.

Special data (for infinities and NaN) can be '@inf@' or '@nan@(n-char-sequence-opt)', and if base  $\leq 16$ , it can also be 'infinity', 'inf', 'nan' or 'nan(n-char-sequence-opt)', all case insensitive with the rules of the C locale. An 'n-char-sequence-opt' is a possibly empty

string containing only digits, Latin letters and the underscore  $(0, 1, 2, ..., 9, a, b, ..., z, A, B, ..., Z, _)$ . Note: one has an optional sign for all data, even NaN. For example, '-@nAn@(This\_Is\_Not\_17)' is a valid representation for NaN in base 17.

Set the variable x to NaN (Not-a-Number), infinity or zero respectively. In mpfr\_set\_inf or mpfr\_set\_zero, x is set to positive infinity (+Inf) or positive zero (+0) iff sign is non-negative; in mpfr\_set\_nan, the sign bit of the result is unspecified.

```
void mpfr_swap (mpfr_t x, mpfr_t y)
```

[Function]

Swap the structures pointed to by x and y. In particular, the values are exchanged without rounding (this may be different from three  $mpfr_set$  calls using a third auxiliary variable).

Warning! Since the precisions are exchanged, this will affect future assignments. Moreover, since the significand pointers are also exchanged, you must not use this function if the allocation method used for x and/or y does not permit it. This is the case when x and/or y were declared and initialized with MPFR\_DECL\_INIT, and possibly with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set (see Section 5.16 [Custom Interface], page 51).

## 5.3 Combined Initialization and Assignment Functions

```
int mpfr_init_set (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
int mpfr_init_set_ui (mpfr_t rop, unsigned long int op,
                                                                         [Macro]
        mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_init_set_si (mpfr_t rop, long int op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
int mpfr_init_set_d (mpfr_t rop, double op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
int mpfr_init_set_ld (mpfr_t rop, long double op, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                         [Macro]
        rnd)
int mpfr_init_set_z (mpfr_t rop, mpz_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
int mpfr_init_set_q (mpfr_t rop, mpq_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
int mpfr_init_set_f (mpfr_t rop, mpf_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                         [Macro]
  Initialize rop and set its value from op, rounded in the direction rnd. The precision of rop
  will be taken from the active default precision, as set by mpfr_set_default_prec.
```

Initialize x and set its value from the string s in base base, rounded in the direction rnd. See mpfr\_set\_str.

### 5.4 Conversion Functions

```
float mpfr_get_flt (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
double mpfr_get_d (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
long double mpfr_get_ld (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
_Float128 mpfr_get_float128 (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
_Decimal64 mpfr_get_decimal64 (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
_Decimal128 mpfr_get_decimal128 (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
Convert op to a float (respectively double, long double, _Decimal64, or _Decimal128)
using the rounding mode rnd. If op is NaN, some NaN (either quiet or signaling) or the
```

result of 0.0/0.0 is returned (the sign bit is not preserved). If op is  $\pm Inf$ , an infinity of the same sign or the result of  $\pm 1.0/0.0$  is returned. If op is zero, these functions return a zero,

trying to preserve its sign, if possible. The mpfr\_get\_float128, mpfr\_get\_decimal64 and mpfr\_get\_decimal128 functions are built only under some conditions: see the documentation of mpfr\_set\_float128, mpfr\_set\_decimal64 and mpfr\_set\_decimal128 respectively.

```
long int mpfr_get_si (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
unsigned long int mpfr_get_ui (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
intmax_t mpfr_get_sj (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
uintmax_t mpfr_get_uj (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

Convert op to a long int, an unsigned long int, an intmax\_t or an uintmax\_t (respectively) after rounding it to an integer with respect to rnd. If op is NaN, 0 is returned and the erange flag is set. If op is too big for the return type, the function returns the maximum or the minimum of the corresponding C type, depending on the direction of the overflow; the erange flag is set too. When there is no such range error, if the return value differs from op, i.e., if op is not an integer, the inexact flag is set. See also mpfr\_fits\_slong\_p, mpfr\_fits\_ulong\_p, mpfr\_fits\_intmax\_p and mpfr\_fits\_uintmax\_p.

Return d and set  $\exp$  (formally, the value pointed to by  $\exp$ ) such that  $0.5 \le |d| < 1$  and  $d \times 2^{\exp}$  equals op rounded to double (resp. long double) precision, using the given rounding mode. If op is zero, then a zero of the same sign (or an unsigned zero, if the implementation does not have signed zeros) is returned, and  $\exp$  is set to 0. If op is NaN or an infinity, then the corresponding double precision (resp. long-double precision) value is returned, and  $\exp$  is undefined.

Set exp (formally, the value pointed to by exp) and y such that  $0.5 \le |y| < 1$  and  $y \times 2^{exp}$  equals x rounded to the precision of y, using the given rounding mode. If x is zero, then y is set to a zero of the same sign and exp is set to 0. If x is NaN or an infinity, then y is set to the same value and exp is undefined.

### mpfr\_exp\_t mpfr\_get\_z\_2exp (mpz\_t rop, mpfr\_t op) [Function]

Put the scaled significand of op (regarded as an integer, with the precision of op) into rop, and return the exponent exp (which may be outside the current exponent range) such that op exactly equals  $rop \times 2^{exp}$ . If op is zero, the minimal exponent emin is returned. If op is NaN or an infinity, the erange flag is set, rop is set to 0, and the minimal exponent emin is returned. The returned exponent may be less than the minimal exponent emin of MPFR numbers in the current exponent range; in case the exponent is not representable in the exponent type, the erange flag is set and the minimal value of the exponent type is returned.

int mpfr\_get\_z (mpz\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Convert op to a mpz\_t, after rounding it with respect to rnd. If op is NaN or an infinity, the erange flag is set, rop is set to 0, and 0 is returned. Otherwise the return value is zero when rop is equal to op (i.e., when op is an integer), positive when it is greater than op, and negative when it is smaller than op; moreover, if rop differs from op, i.e., if op is not an integer, the inexact flag is set.

#### 

#### int mpfr\_get\_f (mpf\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd)

[Function]

Convert op to a mpf\_t, after rounding it with respect to rnd. The erange flag is set if op is NaN or an infinity, which do not exist in MPF. If op is NaN, then rop is undefined. If op is +Inf (resp. -Inf), then rop is set to the maximum (resp. minimum) value in the precision of the MPF number; if a future MPF version supports infinities, this behavior will be considered incorrect and will change (portable programs should assume that rop is set either to this finite number or to an infinite number). Note that since MPFR currently has the same exponent type as MPF (but not with the same radix), the range of values is much larger in MPF than in MPFR, so that an overflow or underflow is not possible.

#### size\_t mpfr\_get\_str\_ndigits (int b, mpfr\_prec\_t p)

[Function]

Return the minimal integer m such that any number of p bits, when output with m digits in radix b with rounding to nearest, can be recovered exactly when read again, still with rounding to nearest. More precisely, we have  $m = 1 + \left\lceil p \frac{\log 2}{\log b} \right\rceil$ , with p replaced by p-1 if b is a power of 2.

The argument b must be in the range 2 to 62; this is the range of bases supported by the mpfr\_get\_str function. Note that contrary to the base argument of this function, negative values are not accepted.

#### 

Convert op to a string of digits in base |base|, with rounding in the direction rnd, where n is either zero (see below) or the number of significant digits output in the string. The argument base may vary from 2 to 62 or from -2 to -36; otherwise the function does nothing and immediately returns a null pointer.

For base in the range 2 to 36, digits and lower-case letters are used; for -2 to -36, digits and upper-case letters are used; for 37 to 62, digits, upper-case letters, and lower-case letters, in that significance order, are used. Warning! This implies that for base > 10, the successor of the digit 9 depends on base. This choice has been done for compatibility with GMP's  $mpf_get_str$  function. Users who wish a more consistent behavior should write a simple wrapper.

If the input is NaN, then the returned string is 'QNaNQ' and the NaN flag is set. If the input is +Inf (resp. -Inf), then the returned string is 'QInfQ' (resp. '-QInfQ').

If the input number is a finite number, the exponent is written through the pointer expptr (for input 0, the current minimal exponent is written); the type mpfr\_exp\_t is large enough to hold the exponent in all cases.

The generated string is a fraction, with an implicit radix point immediately to the left of the first digit. For example, the number -3.1416 would be returned as '-31416' in the string and 1 written at expptr. If rnd is to nearest, and op is exactly in the middle of two consecutive possible outputs, the one with an even significand is chosen, where both significands are considered with the exponent of op. Note that for an odd base, this may not correspond to an even last digit: for example, with 2 digits in base 7, (14) and a half is rounded to (15), which is 12 in decimal, (16) and a half is rounded to (20), which is 14 in decimal, and (26) and a half is rounded to (26), which is 20 in decimal.

If n is zero, the number of digits of the significand is taken as  $mpfr_get_str_ndigits$  (base, p), where p is the precision of op (see [mpfr\_get\_str\_ndigits], page 21).

If str is a null pointer, space for the significand is allocated using the allocation function (see Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12) and a pointer to the string is returned (unless the base is invalid). To free the returned string, you must use mpfr\_free\_str.

If str is not a null pointer, it should point to a block of storage large enough for the significand. A safe block size (sufficient for any value) is  $\max(n+2,7)$  if n is not zero; if n is zero, replace it by  $mpfr_get_str_ndigits$  (base, p), where p is the precision of op, as mentioned above. The extra two bytes are for a possible minus sign, and for the terminating null character, and the value 7 accounts for '-@Inf@' plus the terminating null character. The pointer to the string str is returned (unless the base is invalid).

Like in usual functions, the inexact flag is set iff the result is inexact.

```
void mpfr_free_str (char *str)
```

[Function]

Free a string allocated by mpfr\_get\_str using the unallocation function (see Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12). The block is assumed to be strlen(str)+1 bytes.

```
int mpfr_fits_ulong_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_slong_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_uint_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_sint_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_ushort_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_sshort_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_uintmax_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
int mpfr_fits_intmax_p (mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                      [Function]
```

Return non-zero if op would fit in the respective C data type, respectively unsigned long int, long int, unsigned int, int, unsigned short, short, uintmax\_t, intmax\_t, when rounded to an integer in the direction rnd. For instance, with the MPFR\_RNDU rounding mode on -0.5, the result will be non-zero for all these functions. For MPFR\_RNDF, those functions return non-zero when it is guaranteed that the corresponding conversion function (for example mpfr\_get\_ui for mpfr\_fits\_ulong\_p), when called with faithful rounding, will always return a number that is representable in the corresponding type. As a consequence, for MPFR\_RNDF, mpfr\_fits\_ulong\_p will return non-zero for a non-negative number less than or equal to ULONG\_MAX.

#### 5.5 Arithmetic Functions

Set rop to op1 + op2 rounded in the direction rnd. The IEEE 754 rules are used, in particular for signed zeros. But for types having no signed zeros, 0 is considered unsigned (i.e., (+0) + 0 = (+0) and (-0) + 0 = (-0)). The mpfr\_add\_d function assumes that the

radix of the double type is a power of 2, with a precision at most that declared by the C implementation (macro IEEE\_DBL\_MANT\_DIG, and if not defined 53 bits).

Set rop to op1 - op2 rounded in the direction rnd. The IEEE 754 rules are used, in particular for signed zeros. But for types having no signed zeros, 0 is considered unsigned (i.e., (+0) - 0 = (+0), (-0) - 0 = (-0), 0 - (+0) = (-0) and 0 - (-0) = (+0)). The same restrictions as for mpfr\_add\_d apply to mpfr\_d\_sub and mpfr\_sub\_d.

Set rop to  $op1 \times op2$  rounded in the direction rnd. When a result is zero, its sign is the product of the signs of the operands (for types having no signed zeros, 0 is considered positive). The same restrictions as for  $mpfr_add_d$  apply to  $mpfr_mul_d$ . Note: when op1 and op2 are equal, use  $mpfr_sqr$  instead of  $mpfr_mul$  for better efficiency.

- int mpfr\_sqr (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to op<sup>2</sup> rounded in the direction rnd.

Set rop to op1/op2 rounded in the direction rnd. When a result is zero, its sign is the product of the signs of the operands. For types having no signed zeros, 0 is considered positive; but note that if op1 is non-zero and op2 is zero, the result might change from  $\pm Inf$  to NaN in future MPFR versions if there is an opposite decision on the IEEE 754 side. The same restrictions as for mpfr\_add\_d apply to mpfr\_d\_div and mpfr\_div\_d.

Set rop to  $\sqrt{op}$  rounded in the direction rnd. Set rop to -0 if op is -0, to be consistent with the IEEE 754 standard (thus this differs from mpfr\_rootn\_ui and mpfr\_rootn\_si with n = 2). Set rop to NaN if op is negative.

int mpfr\_rec\_sqrt (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to  $1/\sqrt{op}$  rounded in the direction rnd. Set rop to +Inf if op is  $\pm 0$ , +0 if op is +Inf, and NaN if op is negative. Warning! Therefore the result on -0 is different from the one of the rSqrt function recommended by the IEEE 754 standard (Section 9.2.1), which is -Inf instead of +Inf. However, mpfr\_rec\_sqrt is equivalent to mpfr\_rootn\_si with n=-2.

Set rop to the nth root (with n = 3, the cubic root, for mpfr\_cbrt) of op rounded in the direction rnd. For n = 0, set rop to NaN. For n odd (resp. even) and op negative (including -Inf), set rop to a negative number (resp. NaN). If op is zero, set rop to zero with the sign obtained by the usual limit rules, i.e., the same sign as op if n is odd, and positive if n is even.

These functions agree with the rootn operation of the IEEE 754 standard.

This function is the same as  $mpfr_rootn_ui$  except when op is -0 and n is even: the result is -0 instead of +0 (the reason was to be consistent with  $mpfr_sqrt$ ). Said otherwise, if op is zero, set rop to op.

This function predates IEEE 754-2008, where rootn was introduced, and behaves differently from the IEEE 754 rootn operation. It is marked as deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

Set rop to -op and the absolute value of op respectively, rounded in the direction rnd. Just changes or adjusts the sign if rop and op are the same variable, otherwise a rounding might occur if the precision of rop is less than that of op.

The sign rule also applies to NaN in order to mimic the IEEE 754 negate and abs operations, i.e., for mpfr\_neg, the sign is reversed, and for mpfr\_abs, the sign is set to positive. But contrary to IEEE 754, the NaN flag is set as usual.

Set rop to the positive difference of op1 and op2, i.e., op1 – op2 rounded in the direction rnd if op1 > op2, +0 if op1  $\leq$  op2, and NaN if op1 or op2 is NaN.

Set rop to  $op1 \times 2^{op2}$  rounded in the direction rnd. Just increases the exponent by op2 when rop and op1 are identical.

Set rop to  $op1/2^{op2}$  rounded in the direction rnd. Just decreases the exponent by op2 when rop and op1 are identical.

Set rop to the factorial of op, rounded in the direction rnd.

Set rop to  $(op1 \times op2) + op3$  (resp.  $(op1 \times op2) - op3$ ) rounded in the direction rnd. Concerning special values (signed zeros, infinities, NaN), these functions behave like a multiplication followed by a separate addition or subtraction. That is, the fused operation matters only for rounding.

Set rop to  $(op1 \times op2) + (op3 \times op4)$  (resp.  $(op1 \times op2) - (op3 \times op4)$ ) rounded in the direction rnd. In case the computation of  $op1 \times op2$  overflows or underflows (or that of  $op3 \times op4$ ),

the result *rop* is computed as if the two intermediate products were computed with rounding toward zero.

Set rop to the Euclidean norm of x and y, i.e.,  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , rounded in the direction rnd. Special values are handled as described in the ISO C99 (Section F.9.4.3) and IEEE 754 (Section 9.2.1) standards: If x or y is an infinity, then +Inf is returned in rop, even if the other number is NaN.

Set rop to the sum of all elements of tab, whose size is n, correctly rounded in the direction rnd. Warning: for efficiency reasons, tab is an array of pointers to  $mpfr_t$ , not an array of  $mpfr_t$ . If n=0, then the result is +0, and if n=1, then the function is equivalent to  $mpfr_set$ . For the special exact cases, the result is the same as the one obtained with a succession of additions ( $mpfr_add$ ) in infinite precision. In particular, if the result is an exact zero and n > 1:

- if all the inputs have the same sign (i.e., all +0 or all -0), then the result has the same sign as the inputs;
- otherwise, either because all inputs are zeros with at least a +0 and a -0, or because some inputs are non-zero (but they globally cancel), the result is +0, except for the MPFR\_RNDD rounding mode, where it is -0.

#### 

Set rop to the dot product of elements of a by those of b, whose common size is n, correctly rounded in the direction rnd. Warning: for efficiency reasons, a and b are arrays of pointers to mpfr\_t. This function is experimental, and does not yet handle intermediate overflows and underflows.

For the power functions (with an integer exponent or not), see [mpfr\_pow], page 28, in Section 5.7 [Transcendental Functions], page 28.

## 5.6 Comparison Functions

```
int mpfr_cmp (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_ui (mpfr_t op1, unsigned long int op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_si (mpfr_t op1, long int op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_d (mpfr_t op1, double op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_ld (mpfr_t op1, long double op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_z (mpfr_t op1, mpz_t op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_q (mpfr_t op1, mpq_t op2)
                                                                       [Function]
int mpfr_cmp_f (mpfr_t op1, mpf_t op2)
                                                                       [Function]
```

Compare op1 and op2. Return a positive value if op1 > op2, zero if op1 = op2, and a negative value if op1 < op2. Both op1 and op2 are considered to their full own precision, which may differ. If one of the operands is NaN, set the *erange* flag and return zero.

Note: These functions may be useful to distinguish the three possible cases. If you need to distinguish two cases only, it is recommended to use the predicate functions (e.g., mpfr\_equal\_p for the equality) described below; they behave like the IEEE 754 comparisons, in

particular when one or both arguments are NaN. But only floating-point numbers can be compared (you may need to do a conversion first).

int mpfr\_cmp\_si\_2exp (mpfr\_t op1, long int op2, mpfr\_exp\_t e) [Function] Compare op1 and  $op2 \times 2^e$ . Similar as above.

```
int mpfr_cmpabs (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2)
[Function]
```

int mpfr\_cmpabs\_ui (mpfr\_t op1, unsigned long int op2) [Function]

Compare |op1| and |op2|. Return a positive value if |op1| > |op2|, zero if |op1| = |op2|, and a negative value if |op1| < |op2|. If one of the operands is NaN, set the *erange* flag and return zero.

```
int mpfr_nan_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_inf_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_number_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_zero_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_regular_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_regular_p (mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_regular_p (mpfr_t op)
[Function]
```

Return non-zero if op is respectively NaN, an infinity, an ordinary number (i.e., neither NaN nor an infinity), zero, or a regular number (i.e., neither NaN, nor an infinity nor zero). Return zero otherwise.

#### int mpfr\_sgn (mpfr\_t op)

[Macro]

Return a positive value if op > 0, zero if op = 0, and a negative value if op < 0. If the operand is NaN, set the *erange* flag and return zero. This is equivalent to mpfr\_cmp\_ui (op, 0), but more efficient.

```
int mpfr_greater_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] int mpfr_greaterequal_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] int mpfr_less_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] int mpfr_lessequal_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] int mpfr_equal_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] Return non-zero if op1 > op2, op1 \ge op2, op1 < op2, op1 \le op2, op1 = op2 respectively, and zero otherwise. These functions return zero whenever op1 and zero op2 is NaN.
```

and zero otherwise. Those functions return zero whenever op1 and/or op2 is NaN.

```
int mpfr_lessgreater_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] Return non-zero if op1 < op2 or op1 > op2 (i.e., neither op1, nor op2 is NaN, and op1 \neq op2), zero otherwise (i.e., op1 and/or op2 is NaN, or op1 = op2).
```

```
int mpfr_unordered_p (mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2) [Function] Return non-zero if op1 or op2 is a NaN (i.e., they cannot be compared), zero otherwise.
```

```
int mpfr_total_order_p (mpfr_t x, mpfr_t y)
[Function]
```

This function implements the totalOrder predicate from IEEE 754, where -NaN < -Inf < negative finite numbers < -0 < +0 < positive finite numbers < +Inf < +NaN. It returns a non-zero value (true) when x is smaller than or equal to y for this order relation, and zero (false) otherwise. Contrary to mpfr\_cmp (x, y), which returns a ternary value, mpfr\_total\_order\_p returns a binary value (zero or non-zero). In particular, mpfr\_total\_order\_p (x, x) returns true, mpfr\_total\_order\_p (-0, +0) returns true and mpfr\_total\_order\_p (+0, -0) returns false. The sign bit of NaN also matters.

### 5.7 Transcendental Functions

All those functions, except explicitly stated (for example mpfr\_sin\_cos), return a [ternary value], page 10, i.e., zero for an exact return value, a positive value for a return value larger than the exact result, and a negative value otherwise.

Important note: In some domains, computing transcendental functions (even more with correct rounding) is expensive, even in small precision, for example the trigonometric and Bessel functions with a large argument. For some functions, the algorithm complexity and memory usage does not depend only on the output precision: for instance, the memory usage of mpfr\_rootn\_ui is also linear in the argument k, and the memory usage of the incomplete Gamma function also depends on the precision of the input op. It is also theoretically possible that some functions on some particular inputs might be very hard to round (i.e. the Table Maker's Dilemma occurs in much larger precisions than normally expected from the context), meaning that the internal precision needs to be increased even more; but it is conjectured that the needed precision has a reasonable bound (and in particular, that potentially exact cases are known and can be detected efficiently).

```
int mpfr_log (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_log_ui (mpfr_t rop, unsigned long int op, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                            [Function]
         rnd)
int mpfr_log2 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_log10 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
  Set rop to the natural logarithm of op, \log_2 op or \log_{10} op, respectively, rounded in the direction
  rnd. Set rop to +0 if op is 1 (in all rounding modes), for consistency with the ISO C99 and
  IEEE 754 standards. Set rop to -\text{Inf} if op is \pm 0 (i.e., the sign of the zero has no influence on
  the result).
int mpfr_log1p (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_log2p1 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_log10p1 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
  Set rop to the logarithm of one plus op (in radix two for mpfr_log2p1, and in radix ten for
  mpfr_log10p1), rounded in the direction rnd. Set rop to -Inf if op is -1.
int mpfr_exp (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_exp2 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_exp10 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
  Set rop to the exponential of op, to 2^{op} or to 10^{op}, respectively, rounded in the direction rnd.
int mpfr_expm1 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_exp2m1 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_exp10m1 (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
                                                                            [Function]
  Set rop to e^{op} - 1 (resp. 2^{op} - 1, and 10^{op} - 1), rounded in the direction rnd.
int mpfr_pow (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_powr (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op1, mpfr_t op2, mpfr_rnd_t
                                                                            [Function]
int mpfr_pow_ui (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op1, unsigned long int
                                                                            [Function]
         op2, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
```

[Function]

[Function]

int mpfr\_pow\_si (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op1, long int op2,

int mpfr\_pow\_uj (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op1, uintmax\_t op2,

mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd)

mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd)

Set rop to op1<sup>op2</sup>, rounded in the direction rnd. The mpfr\_powr function corresponds to the powr function from IEEE 754, i.e., it computes the exponential of op2 multiplied by the logarithm of op1. The mpfr\_pown function is just an alias for mpfr\_pow\_sj (defined with #define mpfr\_pown mpfr\_pow\_sj), to follow the C2x function pown. Special values are handled as described in the ISO C99 and IEEE 754 standards for the pow function:

- pow( $\pm 0$ , y) returns  $\pm Inf$  for y a negative odd integer.
- pow( $\pm 0$ , y) returns +Inf for y negative and not an odd integer.
- pow( $\pm 0$ , y) returns  $\pm 0$  for y a positive odd integer.
- pow( $\pm 0$ , y) returns +0 for y positive and not an odd integer.
- pow(-1,  $\pm$ Inf) returns 1.
- pow(+1, y) returns 1 for any y, even a NaN.
- pow(x,  $\pm$ 0) returns 1 for any x, even a NaN.
- pow(x, y) returns NaN for finite negative x and finite non-integer y.
- pow(x, -Inf) returns +Inf for 0 < |x| < 1, and +0 for |x| > 1.
- pow(x, +Inf) returns +0 for 0 < |x| < 1, and +Inf for |x| > 1.
- pow(-Inf, y) returns -0 for y a negative odd integer.
- pow(-Inf, y) returns +0 for y negative and not an odd integer.
- pow(-Inf, y) returns -Inf for y a positive odd integer.
- pow(-Inf, y) returns +Inf for y positive and not an odd integer.
- pow(+Inf, y) returns +0 for y negative, and +Inf for y positive.

Note: When 0 is of integer type, it is regarded as +0 by these functions. We do not use the usual limit rules in this case, as these rules are not used for pow.

Set rop to the power n of one plus op, following IEEE 754 for the special cases and exceptions. In particular:

- When op < -1, rop is set to NaN.
- When n is zero and op is NaN (like any value greater or equal to -1), rop is set to 1.
- When op = -1, rop is set to +Inf for n < 0, and to +0 for n > 0.

The other special cases follow the usual rules.

Set rop to the cosine of op, sine of op, tangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd.

Set rop to the cosine (resp. sine and tangent) of  $op \times 2\pi/u$ . For example, if u equals 360, one gets the cosine (resp. sine and tangent) for op in degrees. For  $mpfr_cosu$ , when  $op \times 2/u$  is a half-integer, the result is +0, following IEEE 754 (cosPi), so that the function is even. For  $mpfr_sinu$ , when  $op \times 2/u$  is an integer, the result is zero with the same sign as op, following IEEE 754 (sinPi), so that the function is odd. Similarly, the function  $mpfr_tanu$  follows IEEE 754 (tanPi).

```
int mpfr_cospi (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_sinpi (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_tanpi (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

Set rop to the cosine (resp. sine and tangent) of  $op \times \pi$ . See the description of mpfr\_sinu, mpfr\_cosu and mpfr\_tanu for special values.

Set simultaneously sop to the sine of op and cop to the cosine of op, rounded in the direction rnd with the corresponding precisions of sop and cop, which must be different variables. Return 0 iff both results are exact, more precisely it returns s + 4c where s = 0 if sop is exact, s = 1 if sop is larger than the sine of op, s = 2 if sop is smaller than the sine of op, and similarly for c and the cosine of op.

Set rop to the secant of op, cosecant of op, cotangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd.

```
int mpfr_acos (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_asin (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_atan (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

Set rop to the arc-cosine, arc-sine or arc-tangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd. Note that since acos(-1) returns the floating-point number closest to  $\pi$  according to the given rounding mode, this number might not be in the output range  $0 \le rop < \pi$  of the arc-cosine function; still, the result lies in the image of the output range by the rounding function. The same holds for asin(-1), asin(1), atan(-Inf), atan(+Inf) or for atan(op) with large op and small precision of rop.

Set rop to  $a \times u/(2\pi)$ , where a is the arc-cosine (resp. arc-sine and arc-tangent) of op. For example, if u equals 360, mpfr\_acosu yields the arc-cosine in degrees.

```
int mpfr_atanpi (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to acos(op) (resp. asin(op) and atan(op)) divided by \pi.
```

For mpfr\_atan2, set rop to the arc-tangent2 of y and x, rounded in the direction rnd: if x > 0, then atan2(y, x) returns  $\operatorname{sign}(y) \times (\pi - \operatorname{atan}(|y/x|))$ , thus a number from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ . As for atan, in case the exact mathematical result is  $+\pi$  or  $-\pi$ , its rounded result might be outside the function output range. The function mpfr\_atan2u behaves similarly, except the result is multiplied by  $u/(2\pi)$ ; and mpfr\_atan2pi is the same as mpfr\_atan2u with u=2. For example, if u equals 360, mpfr\_atan2u returns the arc-tangent in degrees, with values from -180 to 180.

atan2(y, 0) does not raise any floating-point exception. Special values are handled as described in the ISO C99 and IEEE 754 standards for the atan2 function:

```
• atan2(+0, -0) returns +\pi.
```

- atan2(-0, -0) returns  $-\pi$ .
- atan2(+0, +0) returns +0.
- atan2(-0, +0) returns -0.
- atan2(+0, x) returns  $+\pi$  for x < 0.
- atan2(-0, x) returns  $-\pi$  for x < 0.
- atan2(+0, x) returns +0 for x > 0.
- atan2(-0, x) returns -0 for x > 0.
- atan2(y, 0) returns  $-\pi/2$  for y < 0.
- atan2(y, 0) returns  $+\pi/2$  for y > 0.
- atan2(+Inf, -Inf) returns  $+3\pi/4$ .
- atan2(-Inf, -Inf) returns -3π/4.
  atan2(+Inf, +Inf) returns +π/4.
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- atan2(-Inf, +Inf) returns -π/4.
  atan2(+Inf, x) returns +π/2 for finite x.
- atan2(-Inf, x) returns  $-\pi/2$  for finite x.
- atan2(y, -Inf) returns  $+\pi$  for finite y > 0.
- atan2(y, -Inf) returns  $-\pi$  for finite y < 0.
- atan2(y, +Inf) returns +0 for finite y > 0.
- atan2(y, +Inf) returns -0 for finite y < 0.

```
int mpfr_cosh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_sinh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_tanh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

Set rop to the hyperbolic cosine, sine or tangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd.

Set simultaneously sop to the hyperbolic sine of op and cop to the hyperbolic cosine of op, rounded in the direction rnd with the corresponding precision of sop and cop, which must be

different variables. Return 0 iff both results are exact (see mpfr\_sin\_cos for a more detailed description of the return value).

```
int mpfr_sech (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_csch (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
int mpfr_coth (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

Set rop to the hyperbolic secant of op, cosecant of op, cotangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd.

```
int mpfr_acosh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function] int mpfr_asinh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function] int mpfr_atanh (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the inverse hyperbolic cosine, sine or tangent of op, rounded in the direction rnd.
```

int mpfr\_eint (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the exponential integral of op, rounded in the direction rnd. This is the sum of Euler's constant, of the logarithm of the absolute value of op, and of the sum for k from 1 to infinity of  $op^k/(k \cdot k!)$ . For positive op, it corresponds to the Ei function at op (see formula 5.1.10 from the Handbook of Mathematical Functions from Abramowitz and Stegun), and for negative op, to the opposite of the E1 function (sometimes called eint1) at -op (formula 5.1.1 from the same reference).

int mpfr\_li2 (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to real part of the dilogarithm of op, rounded in the direction rnd. MPFR defines the dilogarithm function as  $-\int_{t=0}^{op} \log(1-t)/t \ dt$ .

Set rop to the value of the Gamma function on op, resp. the incomplete Gamma function on op and op2, rounded in the direction rnd. (In the literature, mpfr\_gamma\_inc is called upper incomplete Gamma function, or sometimes complementary incomplete Gamma function.) For mpfr\_gamma (and mpfr\_gamma\_inc when op2 is zero), when op is a negative integer, rop is set to NaN.

Note: the current implementation of mpfr\_gamma\_inc is slow for large values of rop or op, in which case some internal overflow might also occur.

int mpfr\_lngamma (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the value of the logarithm of the Gamma function on op, rounded in the direction rnd. When op is 1 or 2, set rop to +0 (in all rounding modes). When op is an infinity or a non-positive integer, set rop to +Inf, following the general rules on special values. When -2k-1 < op < -2k, k being a non-negative integer, set rop to NaN. See also mpfr\_lgamma.

Set rop to the value of the logarithm of the absolute value of the Gamma function on op, rounded in the direction rnd. The sign (1 or -1) of Gamma(op) is returned in the object pointed to by signp. When op is 1 or 2, set rop to +0 (in all rounding modes). When op is an infinity or a non-positive integer, set rop to +Inf. When op is NaN, -Inf or a negative integer, \*signp is undefined, and when op is  $\pm 0$ , \*signp is the sign of the zero.

int mpfr\_digamma (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the value of the Digamma (sometimes also called Psi) function on op, rounded in the direction rnd. When op is a negative integer, set rop to NaN.

Set rop to the value of the Beta function at arguments op 1 and op 2. Note: the current code does not try to avoid internal overflow or underflow, and might use a huge internal precision in some cases.

Set rop to the value of the Riemann Zeta function on op, rounded in the direction rnd.

```
int mpfr_erf (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_erfc (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
[Function]
[Function]
```

Set rop to the value of the error function on op (resp. the complementary error function on op) rounded in the direction rnd.

Set rop to the value of the first kind Bessel function of order 0, (resp. 1 and n) on op, rounded in the direction rnd. When op is NaN, rop is always set to NaN. When op is positive or negative infinity, rop is set to +0. When op is zero, and n is not zero, rop is set to +0 or -0 depending on the parity and sign of n, and the sign of op.

Set rop to the value of the second kind Bessel function of order 0 (resp. 1 and n) on op, rounded in the direction rnd. When op is NaN or negative, rop is always set to NaN. When op is +Inf, rop is set to +0. When op is zero, rop is set to +Inf or -Inf depending on the parity and sign of n.

Set rop to the arithmetic-geometric mean of op1 and op2, rounded in the direction rnd. The arithmetic-geometric mean is the common limit of the sequences  $u_n$  and  $v_n$ , where  $u_0 = op1$ ,  $v_0 = op2$ ,  $u_{n+1}$  is the arithmetic mean of  $u_n$  and  $v_n$ , and  $v_{n+1}$  is the geometric mean of  $u_n$  and  $v_n$ . If any operand is negative and the other one is not zero, set rop to NaN. If any operand is zero and the other one is finite (resp. infinite), set rop to +0 (resp. NaN).

```
int mpfr_ai (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t x, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the value of the Airy function Ai on x, rounded in the direction rnd. When x is NaN, rop is always set to NaN. When x is +Inf or -Inf, rop is +0. The current implementation is not intended to be used with large arguments. It works with |x| typically smaller than 500. For larger arguments, other methods should be used and will be implemented in a future version.
```

Set rop to the logarithm of 2, the value of  $\pi$ , of Euler's constant 0.577..., of Catalan's constant 0.915..., respectively, rounded in the direction rnd. These functions cache the computed values to avoid other calculations if a lower or equal precision is requested. To free these caches, use mpfr\_free\_cache or mpfr\_free\_cache2.

## 5.8 Input and Output Functions

This section describes functions that perform input from an input/output stream, and functions that output to an input/output stream. Passing a null pointer for a stream to any of these functions will make them read from stdin and write to stdout, respectively.

When using a function that takes a FILE \* argument, you must include the <stdio.h> standard header before mpfr.h, to allow mpfr.h to define prototypes for these functions.

Output op on stream stream as a text string in base |base|, rounded in the direction rnd. The base may vary from 2 to 62 or from -2 to -36 (any other value yields undefined behavior). The argument n has the same meaning as in mpfr\_get\_str (see [mpfr\_get\_str], page 21): Print n significant digits exactly, or if n is 0, the number mpfr\_get\_str\_ndigits (base, p), where p is the precision of op (see [mpfr\_get\_str\_ndigits], page 21).

If the input is NaN, +Inf, -Inf, +0, or -0, then '@NaN@', '@Inf@', '-@Inf@', '0', or '-0' is output, respectively.

For the regular numbers, the format of the output is the following: the most significant digit, then a decimal-point character (defined by the current locale), then the remaining n-1 digits (including trailing zeros), then the exponent prefix, then the exponent in decimal. The exponent prefix is 'e' when  $|base| \le 10$ , and 'c' when |base| > 10. See [mpfr\_get\_str], page 21, for information on the digits depending on the base.

Return the number of characters written, or if an error occurred, return 0.

Input a string in base base from stream stream, rounded in the direction rnd, and put the read float in rop.

After skipping optional whitespace (as defined by isspace, which depends on the current locale), this function reads a word, defined as the longest sequence of non-whitespace characters, and parses it using mpfr\_set\_str. See the documentation of mpfr\_strtofr for a detailed description of the valid string formats.

Return the number of bytes read (including the leading whitespace, if any), or if the string format is invalid or an error occurred, return 0.

```
int mpfr_fpif_export (FILE *stream, mpfr_t op)
[Function]
```

Export the number op to the stream stream in a floating-point interchange format. In particular one can export on a 32-bit computer and import on a 64-bit computer, or export on a little-endian computer and import on a big-endian computer. The precision of op and the sign bit of a NaN are stored too. Return 0 iff the export was successful.

Note: this function is experimental and its interface might change in future versions.

#### int mpfr\_fpif\_import (mpfr\_t op, FILE \*stream)

[Function]

Import the number op from the stream stream in a floating-point interchange format (see mpfr\_fpif\_export). Note that the precision of op is set to the one read from the stream, and the sign bit is always retrieved (even for NaN). If the stored precision is zero or greater than MPFR\_PREC\_MAX, the function fails (it returns non-zero) and op is unchanged. If the function fails for another reason, op is set to NaN and it is unspecified whether the precision of op has changed to the one read from the file. Return 0 iff the import was successful.

Note: this function is experimental and its interface might change in future versions.

#### void mpfr\_dump (mpfr\_t op)

[Function]

Output op on stdout in some unspecified format, then a newline character. This function is mainly for debugging purpose. Thus invalid data may be supported. Everything that is not specified may change without breaking the ABI and may depend on the environment.

The current output format is the following: a minus sign if the sign bit is set (even for NaN); '@NaN@', '@Inf@' or 'O' if the argument is NaN, an infinity or zero, respectively; otherwise the remaining of the output is as follows: 'O.' then the p bits of the binary significand, where p is the precision of the number; if the trailing bits are not all zeros (which must not occur with valid data), they are output enclosed by square brackets; the character 'E' followed by the exponent written in base 10; in case of invalid data or out-of-range exponent, this function outputs three exclamation marks ('!!!'), followed by flags, followed by three exclamation marks ('!!!') again. These flags are: 'N' if the most significant bit of the significand is 0 (i.e., the number is not normalized); 'T' if there are non-zero trailing bits; 'U' if this is an UBF number (internal use only); '<' if the exponent is less than the current minimum exponent; '>' if the exponent is greater than the current maximum exponent.

## 5.9 Formatted Output Functions

### 5.9.1 Requirements

The class of mpfr\_printf functions provides formatted output in a similar manner as the standard C printf. These functions are defined only if your system supports ISO C variadic functions and the corresponding argument access macros.

When using any of these functions, you must include the <stdio.h> standard header before mpfr.h, to allow mpfr.h to define prototypes for these functions.

#### 5.9.2 Format String

The format specification accepted by mpfr\_printf is an extension of the gmp\_printf one (itself, an extension of the printf one). The conversion specification is of the form:

```
% [flags] [width] [.[precision]] [type] [rounding] conv
```

'flags', 'width', and 'precision' have the same meaning as for the standard printf (in particular, notice that the precision is related to the number of digits displayed in the base chosen by 'conv' and not related to the internal precision of the mpfr\_t variable), but note that for 'Re', the default precision is not the same as the one for 'e'. mpfr\_printf accepts the same 'type' specifiers as GMP (except the non-standard and deprecated 'q', use '11' instead), namely the length modifiers defined in the C standard:

```
'h' short
'hh' char
```

```
'j' intmax_t or uintmax_t
'l' long or wchar_t
'll' long long
'L' long double
't' ptrdiff_t
'z' size_t
```

and the 'type' specifiers defined in GMP, plus 'R' and 'P', which are specific to MPFR (the second column in the table below shows the type of the argument read in the argument list and the kind of 'conv' specifier to use after the 'type' specifier):

```
"F' mpf_t, float conversions
"Q' mpq_t, integer conversions
"M' mp_limb_t, integer conversions
"N' mp_limb_t array, integer conversions
"Z' mpz_t, integer conversions
"P' mpfr_prec_t, integer conversions
"R' mpfr_t, float conversions
```

The 'type' specifiers have the same restrictions as those mentioned in the GMP documentation: see Section "Formatted Output Strings" in *GNU MP*. In particular, the 'type' specifiers (except 'R' and 'P') are supported only if they are supported by gmp\_printf in your GMP build; this implies that the standard specifiers, such as 't', must *also* be supported by your C library if you want to use them.

The 'rounding' field is specific to mpfr\_t arguments and should not be used with other types.

With conversion specification not involving 'P' and 'R' types, mpfr\_printf behaves exactly as gmp\_printf.

Thus the 'conv' specifier 'F' is not supported (due to the use of 'F' as the 'type' specifier for mpf\_t), except for the 'type' specifier 'R' (i.e., for mpfr\_t arguments).

The 'P' type specifies that a following 'd', 'i', 'o', 'u', 'x', or 'X' conversion specifier applies to a mpfr\_prec\_t argument. It is needed because the mpfr\_prec\_t type does not necessarily correspond to an int or any fixed standard type. The 'precision' value specifies the minimum number of digits to appear. The default precision is 1. For example:

```
mpfr_t x;
mpfr_prec_t p;
mpfr_init (x);
...
p = mpfr_get_prec (x);
mpfr_printf ("variable x with %Pd bits", p);
```

The 'R' type specifies that a following 'a', 'A', 'b', 'e', 'E', 'f', 'F', 'g', 'G', or 'n' conversion specifier applies to a mpfr\_t argument. The 'R' type can be followed by a 'rounding' specifier denoted by one of the following characters:

```
'U' round toward positive infinity
'D' round toward negative infinity
'Y' round away from zero
'Z' round toward zero
'N' round to nearest (with ties to even)
```

'\*' rounding mode indicated by the mpfr\_rnd\_t argument just before the corresponding mpfr\_t variable.

The default rounding mode is rounding to nearest. The following three examples are equivalent:

```
mpfr_t x;
mpfr_init (x);
...
mpfr_printf ("%.128Rf", x);
mpfr_printf ("%.128RNf", x);
mpfr_printf ("%.128R*f", MPFR_RNDN, x);
```

Note that the rounding away from zero mode is specified with 'Y' because ISO C reserves the 'A' specifier for hexadecimal output (see below).

The output 'conv' specifiers allowed with mpfr\_t parameter are:

```
'a' 'A' hex float, C99 style
'b' binary output
'e' 'E' scientific-format float
'f' 'F' fixed-point float
'g' 'G' fixed-point or scientific float
```

The conversion specifier 'b', which displays the argument in binary, is specific to mpfr\_t arguments and should not be used with other types. Other conversion specifiers have the same meaning as for a double argument.

In case of non-decimal output, only the significand is written in the specified base, the exponent is always displayed in decimal.

Non-real values are always displayed as 'nan' / 'inf' for the 'a', 'b', 'e', 'f', and 'g' specifiers, and 'NAN' / 'INF' for 'A', 'E', 'F', and 'G' specifiers, possibly preceded by a sign or a space (the minus sign when the value has a negative sign, the plus sign when the value has a positive sign and the '+' flag is used, a space when the value has a positive sign and the *space* flag is used).

The mpfr\_t number is rounded to the given precision in the direction specified by the rounding mode (see below if the precision is missing). Similarly to the native C types, the precision is the number of digits output after the decimal-point character, except for the 'g' and 'G' conversion specifiers, where it is the number of significant digits (but trailing zeros of the fractional part are not output by default), or 1 if the precision is zero. If the precision is zero with rounding to nearest mode and one of the following conversion specifiers: 'a', 'A', 'b', 'e', 'E', tie case is rounded to even when it lies between two consecutive values at the wanted precision which have the same exponent, otherwise, it is rounded away from zero. For instance, 85 is displayed as '8e+1' and 95 is displayed as '1e+2' with the format specification "%.ORNe". This also applies when the 'g' (resp. 'G') conversion specifier uses the 'e' (resp. 'E') style. If the precision is set to a value greater than the maximum value for an int, it will be silently reduced down to INT\_MAX.

If the precision is missing, it is chosen as follows, depending on the conversion specifier.

- With 'a', 'A', and 'b', it is chosen to have an exact representation with no trailing zeros.
- With 'e' and 'E', it is  $\left\lceil p \frac{\log 2}{\log 10} \right\rceil$ , where p is the precision of the input variable, matching the choice done for mpfr\_get\_str; thus, if rounding to nearest is used, outputting the value with a missing precision and reading it back will yield the original value.
- With 'f', 'F', 'g', and 'G', it is 6.

#### 5.9.3 Functions

For all the following functions, if the number of characters that ought to be written exceeds the maximum limit INT\_MAX for an int, nothing is written in the stream (resp. to stdout, to buf, to str), the function returns -1, sets the erange flag, and errno is set to EOVERFLOW if the EOVERFLOW macro is defined (such as on POSIX systems). Note, however, that errno might be changed to another value by some internal library call if another error occurs there (currently, this would come from the unallocation function).

Print to the stream stream the optional arguments under the control of the template string template. Return the number of characters written or a negative value if an error occurred.

```
int mpfr_printf (const char *template, ...)
int mpfr_vprintf (const char *template, va_list ap)
[Function]
```

Print to stdout the optional arguments under the control of the template string template. Return the number of characters written or a negative value if an error occurred.

Form a null-terminated string corresponding to the optional arguments under the control of the template string template, and print it in buf. No overlap is permitted between buf and the other arguments. Return the number of characters written in the array buf not counting the terminating null character or a negative value if an error occurred.

Form a null-terminated string corresponding to the optional arguments under the control of the template string template, and print it in buf. If n is zero, nothing is written and buf may be a null pointer, otherwise, the first n-1 characters are written in buf and the n-th one is a null character. Return the number of characters that would have been written had n been sufficiently large, not counting the terminating null character, or a negative value if an error occurred.

Write their output as a null terminated string in a block of memory allocated using the allocation function (see Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12). A pointer to the block is stored in str. The block of memory must be freed using  $mpfr_free_str$ . The return value is the number of characters written in the string, excluding the null-terminator, or a negative value if an error occurred, in which case the contents of str are undefined.

#### 5.10 Integer and Remainder Related Functions

```
int mpfr_round (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_roundeven (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op)
int mpfr_trunc (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op)
[Function]
[Function]
```

Set rop to op rounded to an integer. mpfr\_rint rounds to the nearest representable integer in the given direction rnd, and the other five functions behave in a similar way with some fixed rounding mode:

- mpfr\_ceil: to the next higher or equal representable integer (like mpfr\_rint with MPFR\_RNDU);
- mpfr\_floor to the next lower or equal representable integer (like mpfr\_rint with MPFR\_RNDD);
- mpfr\_round to the nearest representable integer, rounding halfway cases away from zero (as in the roundTiesToAway mode of IEEE 754);
- mpfr\_roundeven to the nearest representable integer, rounding halfway cases with the even-rounding rule (like mpfr\_rint with MPFR\_RNDN);
- mpfr\_trunc to the next representable integer toward zero (like mpfr\_rint with MPFR\_RNDZ).

When op is a zero or an infinity, set rop to the same value (with the same sign).

The return value is zero when the result is exact, positive when it is greater than the original value of op, and negative when it is smaller. More precisely, the return value is 0 when op is an integer representable in rop, 1 or -1 when op is an integer that is not representable in rop, 2 or -2 when op is not an integer.

When op is NaN, the NaN flag is set as usual. In the other cases, the inexact flag is set when rop differs from op, following the ISO C99 rule for the rint function. If you want the behavior to be more like IEEE 754 / ISO TS 18661-1, i.e., the usual behavior where the round-to-integer function is regarded as any other mathematical function, you should use one of the mpfr\_rint\_\* functions instead.

Note that no double rounding is performed; for instance, 10.5 (1010.1 in binary) is rounded by mpfr\_rint with rounding to nearest to 12 (1100 in binary) in 2-bit precision, because the two enclosing numbers representable on two bits are 8 and 12, and the closest is 12. (If one first rounded to an integer, one would round 10.5 to 10 with even rounding, and then 10 would be rounded to 8 again with even rounding.)

```
int mpfr_rint_ceil (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_rint_floor (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_rint_round (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_rint_roundeven (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_rint_trunc (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
int mpfr_rint_trunc (mpfr_t rop, mpfr_t op, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
Set rop to op rounded to an integer:
[Function]
```

- mpfr\_rint\_ceil: to the next higher or equal integer;
- mpfr\_rint\_floor: to the next lower or equal integer;
- mpfr\_rint\_round: to the nearest integer, rounding halfway cases away from zero;
- mpfr\_rint\_roundeven: to the nearest integer, rounding halfway cases to the nearest even integer;
- mpfr\_rint\_trunc to the next integer toward zero.

If the result is not representable, it is rounded in the direction rnd. When op is a zero or an infinity, set rop to the same value (with the same sign). The return value is the ternary value

associated with the considered round-to-integer function (regarded in the same way as any other mathematical function).

Contrary to mpfr\_rint, those functions do perform a double rounding: first op is rounded to the nearest integer in the direction given by the function name, then this nearest integer (if not representable) is rounded in the given direction rnd. Thus these round-to-integer functions behave more like the other mathematical functions, i.e., the returned result is the correct rounding of the exact result of the function in the real numbers.

For example, mpfr\_rint\_round with rounding to nearest and a precision of two bits rounds 6.5 to 7 (halfway cases away from zero), then 7 is rounded to 8 by the round-even rule, despite the fact that 6 is also representable on two bits, and is closer to 6.5 than 8.

int mpfr\_frac (mpfr\_t rop, mpfr\_t op, mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set rop to the fractional part of op, having the same sign as op, rounded in the direction rnd (unlike in mpfr\_rint, rnd affects only how the exact fractional part is rounded, not how the fractional part is generated). When op is an integer or an infinity, set rop to zero with the same sign as op.

Set simultaneously iop to the integral part of op and fop to the fractional part of op, rounded in the direction rnd with the corresponding precision of iop and fop (equivalent to mpfr\_trunc(iop, op, rnd) and mpfr\_frac(fop, op, rnd)). The variables iop and fop must be different. Return 0 iff both results are exact (see mpfr\_sin\_cos for a more detailed description of the return value).

Set r to the value of x-ny, rounded according to the direction rnd, where n is the integer quotient of x divided by y, defined as follows: n is rounded toward zero for  $mpfr\_fmod$ ,  $mpfr\_fmod\_ui$  and  $mpfr\_fmodquo$ , and to the nearest integer (ties rounded to even) for  $mpfr\_remainder$  and  $mpfr\_remquo$ .

Special values are handled as described in Section F.9.7.1 of the ISO C99 standard: If x is infinite or y is zero, r is NaN. If y is infinite and x is finite, r is x rounded to the precision of r. If r is zero, it has the sign of x. The return value is the ternary value corresponding to r.

Additionally,  $mpfr_fmodquo$  and  $mpfr_remquo$  store the low significant bits from the quotient n in \*q (more precisely the number of bits in a long int minus one), with the sign of x divided by y (except if those low bits are all zero, in which case zero is returned). If the result is NaN, the value of \*q is unspecified. Note that x may be so large in magnitude relative to y that an exact representation of the quotient is not practical. The  $mpfr_remainder$  and  $mpfr_remquo$  functions are useful for additive argument reduction.

int mpfr\_integer\_p (mpfr\_t op)
Return non-zero iff op is an integer.

[Function]

## 5.11 Rounding-Related Functions

void mpfr\_set\_default\_rounding\_mode (mpfr\_rnd\_t rnd) [Function] Set the default rounding mode to rnd. The default rounding mode is to nearest initially.

Round x according to rnd with precision prec, which must be an integer between MPFR\_PREC\_MIN and MPFR\_PREC\_MAX (otherwise the behavior is undefined). If prec is greater than or equal to the precision of x, then new space is allocated for the significand, and it is filled with zeros. Otherwise, the significand is rounded to precision prec with the given direction; no memory reallocation to free the unused limbs is done. In both cases, the precision of x is changed to prec.

Here is an example of how to use  $mpfr\_prec\_round$  to implement Newton's algorithm to compute the inverse of a, assuming x is already an approximation to n bits:

Warning! You must not use this function if x was initialized with MPFR\_DECL\_INIT or with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set (see Section 5.16 [Custom Interface], page 51).

Assuming b is an approximation of an unknown number x in the direction rnd1 with error at most two to the power EXP(b) - err where EXP(b) is the exponent of b, return a non-zero value if one is able to round correctly x to precision prec with the direction rnd2 assuming an unbounded exponent range, and 0 otherwise (including for NaN and Inf). In other words, if the error on b is bounded by two to the power k ulps, and b has precision prec, you should give err = prec - k. This function **does not modify** its arguments.

If rnd1 is MPFR\_RNDN or MPFR\_RNDF, the error is considered to be either positive or negative, thus the possible range is twice as large as with a directed rounding for rnd1 (with the same value of err).

When rnd2 is MPFR\_RNDF, let rnd3 be the opposite direction if rnd1 is a directed rounding, and MPFR\_RNDN if rnd1 is MPFR\_RNDN or MPFR\_RNDF. The returned value of mpfr\_can\_round (b, err, rnd1, MPFR\_RNDF, prec) is non-zero iff after the call mpfr\_set (y, b, rnd3) with y of precision prec, y is guaranteed to be a faithful rounding of x.

Note: The [ternary value], page 10, cannot be determined in general with this function. However, if it is known that the exact value is not exactly representable in precision *prec*, then one can use the following trick to determine the (non-zero) ternary value in any rounding mode rnd2 (note that MPFR\_RNDZ below can be replaced by any directed rounding mode):

Indeed, if rnd2 is MPFR\_RNDN, this will check if one can round to prec + 1 bits with a directed rounding: if so, one can surely round to nearest to prec bits, and in addition one can determine the correct ternary value, which would not be the case when b is near from a value exactly representable on prec bits.

A detailed example is available in the examples subdirectory, file can\_round.c.

```
mpfr_prec_t mpfr_min_prec (mpfr_t x)
```

[Function]

Return the minimal number of bits required to store the significand of x, and 0 for special values, including 0.

```
const char * mpfr_print_rnd_mode (mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
Return a string ("MPFR_RNDN", "MPFR_RNDZ", "MPFR_RNDU", "MPFR_RNDD", "MPFR_RNDA",
"MPFR_RNDF") corresponding to the rounding mode rnd, or a null pointer if rnd is an invalid rounding mode.
```

Given a function foo and one or more values op (which may be a mpfr\_t, a long int, a double, etc.), put in rop the round-to-nearest-away rounding of foo(op,...). This rounding is defined in the same way as round-to-nearest-even, except in case of tie, where the value away from zero is returned. The function foo takes as input, from second to penultimate argument(s), the argument list given after rop, a rounding mode as final argument, puts in its first argument the value foo(op,...) rounded according to this rounding mode, and returns the corresponding ternary value (which is expected to be correct, otherwise mpfr\_round\_nearest\_away will not work as desired). Due to implementation constraints, this function must not be called when the minimal exponent emin is the smallest possible one. This macro has been made such that the compiler is able to detect mismatch between the argument list op and the function prototype of foo. Multiple input arguments op are supported only with C99 compilers. Otherwise, for C90 compilers, only one such argument is supported.

Note: this macro is experimental and its interface might change in future versions.

```
unsigned long ul;
mpfr_t f, r;
/* Code that inits and sets r, f, and ul, and if needed sets emin */
int i = mpfr_round_nearest_away (mpfr_add_ui, r, f, ul);
```

#### 5.12 Miscellaneous Functions

### void mpfr\_nexttoward (mpfr\_t x, mpfr\_t y)

[Function]

If x or y is NaN, set x to NaN; note that the NaN flag is set as usual. If x and y are equal, x is unchanged. Otherwise, if x is different from y, replace x by the next floating-point number (with the precision of x and the current exponent range) in the direction of y (the infinite values are seen as the smallest and largest floating-point numbers). If the result is zero, it keeps the same sign. No underflow, overflow, or inexact exception is raised.

Note: Concerning the exceptions and the sign of 0, the behavior differs from the ISO C nextafter and nexttoward functions. It is similar to the nextUp and nextDown operations from IEEE 754 (introduced in its 2008 revision).

Set rop to the minimum (resp. maximum) of op1 and op2. If op1 and op2 are both NaN, then rop is set to NaN. If op1 or op2 is NaN, then rop is set to the numeric value. If op1 and op2 are zeros of different signs, then rop is set to -0 (resp. +0). As usual, the NaN flag is set only when the result is NaN, i.e., when both op1 and op2 are NaN.

Note: These functions correspond to the minimumNumber and maximumNumber operations of IEEE 754-2019 for the result. But in MPFR, the NaN flag is set only when *both* operands are NaN.

```
int mpfr_urandomb (mpfr_t rop, gmp_randstate_t state)
[Function]
```

Generate a uniformly distributed random float in the interval  $0 \le rop < 1$ . More precisely, the number can be seen as a float with a random non-normalized significand and exponent 0, which is then normalized (thus if e denotes the exponent after normalization, then the least -e significant bits of the significand are always 0).

Return 0, unless the exponent is not in the current exponent range, in which case *rop* is set to NaN and a non-zero value is returned (this should never happen in practice, except in very specific cases). The second argument is a <code>gmp\_randstate\_t</code> structure, which should be created using the GMP <code>gmp\_randinit</code> function (see the GMP manual).

Note: for a given version of MPFR, the returned value of *rop* and the new value of *state* (which controls further random values) do not depend on the machine word size.

Generate a uniformly distributed random float. The floating-point number rop can be seen as if a random real number is generated according to the continuous uniform distribution on the interval [0, 1] and then rounded in the direction rnd.

The second argument is a gmp\_randstate\_t structure, which should be created using the GMP gmp\_randinit function (see the GMP manual).

Note: the note for mpfr\_urandomb holds too. Moreover, the exact number (the random value to be rounded) and the next random state do not depend on the current exponent range and the rounding mode. However, they depend on the target precision: from the same state of the random generator, if the precision of the destination is changed, then the value may be completely different (and the state of the random generator is different too).

Generate one (possibly two for mpfr\_grandom) random floating-point number according to a standard normal Gaussian distribution (with mean zero and variance one). For mpfr\_grandom, if rop2 is a null pointer, then only one value is generated and stored in rop1.

The floating-point number rop1 (and rop2) can be seen as if a random real number were generated according to the standard normal Gaussian distribution and then rounded in the direction rnd.

The gmp\_randstate\_t argument should be created using the GMP gmp\_randinit function (see the GMP manual).

For mpfr\_grandom, the combination of the ternary values is returned like with mpfr\_sin\_cos. If rop2 is a null pointer, the second ternary value is assumed to be 0 (note that the encoding of the only ternary value is not the same as the usual encoding for functions that return only one result). Otherwise the ternary value of a random number is always non-zero.

Note: the note for mpfr\_urandomb holds too. In addition, the exponent range and the rounding mode might have a side effect on the next random state.

Note: mpfr\_nrandom is much more efficient than mpfr\_grandom, especially for large precision. Thus mpfr\_grandom is marked as deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

#### 

Generate one random floating-point number according to an exponential distribution, with mean one. Other characteristics are identical to mpfr\_nrandom.

#### mpfr\_exp\_t mpfr\_get\_exp (mpfr\_t x)

[Function]

Return the exponent of x, assuming that x is a non-zero ordinary number and the significand is considered in [1/2,1). For this function, x is allowed to be outside of the current range of acceptable values. The behavior for NaN, infinity or zero is undefined.

#### int mpfr\_set\_exp (mpfr\_t x, mpfr\_exp\_t e)

[Function]

Set the exponent of x to e if x is a non-zero ordinary number and e is in the current exponent range, and return 0; otherwise, return a non-zero value (x is not changed).

#### int mpfr\_signbit (mpfr\_t op)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value iff op has its sign bit set (i.e., if it is negative, -0, or a NaN whose representation has its sign bit set).

#### 

Set the value of rop from op, rounded toward the given direction rnd, then set (resp. clear) its sign bit if s is non-zero (resp. zero), even when op is a NaN.

Set the value of rop from op1, rounded toward the given direction rnd, then set its sign bit to that of op2 (even when op1 or op2 is a NaN). This function is equivalent to mpfr\_setsign (rop, op1, mpfr\_signbit (op2), rnd).

#### const char \* mpfr\_get\_version (void)

[Function]

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[Macro]

Return the MPFR version, as a null-terminated string.

MPFR\_VERSION
MPFR\_VERSION\_MAJOR
MPFR\_VERSION\_MINOR
MPFR\_VERSION\_PATCHLEVEL
MPFR\_VERSION\_STRING

MPFR\_VERSION is the version of MPFR as a preprocessing constant. MPFR\_VERSION\_MAJOR, MPFR\_VERSION\_MINOR and MPFR\_VERSION\_PATCHLEVEL are respectively the major, minor and patch level of MPFR version, as preprocessing constants. MPFR\_VERSION\_STRING is the version (with an optional suffix, used in development and pre-release versions) as a string constant, which can be compared to the result of mpfr\_get\_version to check at run time the header file and library used match:

```
if (strcmp (mpfr_get_version (), MPFR_VERSION_STRING))
  fprintf (stderr, "Warning: header and library do not match\n");
```

Note: Obtaining different strings is not necessarily an error, as in general, a program compiled with some old MPFR version can be dynamically linked with a newer MPFR library version (if allowed by the library versioning system).

#### long MPFR\_VERSION\_NUM (major, minor, patchlevel)

[Macro]

Create an integer in the same format as used by MPFR\_VERSION from the given major, minor and patchlevel. Here is an example of how to check the MPFR version at compile time:

```
#if (!defined(MPFR_VERSION) || (MPFR_VERSION < MPFR_VERSION_NUM(3,0,0)))
# error "Wrong MPFR version."
#endif</pre>
```

#### const char \* mpfr\_get\_patches (void)

[Function]

Return a null-terminated string containing the ids of the patches applied to the MPFR library (contents of the PATCHES file), separated by spaces. Note: If the program has been compiled with an older MPFR version and is dynamically linked with a new MPFR library version, the identifiers of the patches applied to the old (compile-time) MPFR version are not available (however, this information should not have much interest in general).

#### int mpfr\_buildopt\_tls\_p (void)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value if MPFR was compiled as thread safe using compiler-level Thread-Local Storage (that is, MPFR was built with the '--enable-thread-safe' configure option, see INSTALL file), return zero otherwise.

#### int mpfr\_buildopt\_float128\_p (void)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value if MPFR was compiled with '\_Float128' support (that is, MPFR was built with the '--enable-float128' configure option), return zero otherwise.

#### int mpfr\_buildopt\_decimal\_p (void)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value if MPFR was compiled with decimal float support (that is, MPFR was built with the '--enable-decimal-float' configure option), return zero otherwise.

#### int mpfr\_buildopt\_gmpinternals\_p (void)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value if MPFR was compiled with GMP internals (that is, MPFR was built with either '--with-gmp-build' or '--enable-gmp-internals' configure option), return zero otherwise.

#### int mpfr\_buildopt\_sharedcache\_p (void)

[Function]

Return a non-zero value if MPFR was compiled so that all threads share the same cache for one MPFR constant, like mpfr\_const\_pi or mpfr\_const\_log2 (that is, MPFR was built with the '--enable-shared-cache' configure option), return zero otherwise. If the return value is non-zero, MPFR applications may need to be compiled with the '-pthread' option.

```
const char * mpfr_buildopt_tune_case (void)
```

[Function]

Return a string saying which thresholds file has been used at compile time. This file is normally selected from the processor type.

## 5.13 Exception Related Functions

Return the (current) smallest and largest exponents allowed for a floating-point variable. The smallest positive value of a floating-point variable is  $1/2 \times 2^{emin}$  and the largest value has the form  $(1 - \varepsilon) \times 2^{emax}$ , where  $\varepsilon$  depends on the precision of the considered variable.

```
int mpfr_set_emin (mpfr_exp_t exp)
int mpfr_set_emax (mpfr_exp_t exp)
[Function]
```

Set the smallest and largest exponents allowed for a floating-point variable. Return a non-zero value when exp is not in the range accepted by the implementation (in that case the smallest or largest exponent is not changed), and zero otherwise.

For the subsequent operations, it is the user's responsibility to check that any floating-point value used as an input is in the new exponent range (for example using mpfr\_check\_range). If a floating-point value outside the new exponent range is used as an input, the default behavior is undefined, in the sense of the ISO C standard; the behavior may also be explicitly documented, such as for mpfr\_check\_range.

Note: Caches may still have values outside the current exponent range. This is not an issue as the user cannot use these caches directly via the API (MPFR extends the exponent range internally when need be).

If emin > emax and a floating-point value needs to be produced as output, the behavior is undefined (mpfr\_set\_emin and mpfr\_set\_emax do not check this condition as it might occur between successive calls to these two functions).

```
mpfr_exp_t mpfr_get_emin_min (void)
mpfr_exp_t mpfr_get_emin_max (void)
mpfr_exp_t mpfr_get_emax_min (void)
mpfr_exp_t mpfr_get_emax_max (void)
[Function]
[Function]
```

Return the minimum and maximum of the exponents allowed for mpfr\_set\_emin and mpfr\_set\_emax respectively. These values are implementation dependent, thus a program using mpfr\_set\_emax(mpfr\_get\_emax\_max()) or mpfr\_set\_emin(mpfr\_get\_emin\_min()) may not be portable.

```
int mpfr_check_range (mpfr_t x, int t, mpfr_rnd_t rnd)
[Function]
```

This function assumes that x is the correctly rounded value of some real value y in the direction rnd and some extended exponent range, and that t is the corresponding [ternary value], page 10. For example, one performed  $t = mpfr_log(x, u, rnd)$ , and y is the exact logarithm of u. Thus t is negative if x is smaller than y, positive if x is larger than y, and zero if x equals y. This function modifies x if needed to be in the current range of acceptable

values: It generates an underflow or an overflow if the exponent of x is outside the current allowed range; the value of t may be used to avoid a double rounding. This function returns zero if the new value of x equals the exact one y, a positive value if that new value is larger than y, and a negative value if it is smaller than y. Note that unlike most functions, the new result x is compared to the (unknown) exact one y, not the input value x, i.e., the ternary value is propagated.

Note: If x is an infinity and t is different from zero (i.e., if the rounded result is an inexact infinity), then the overflow flag is set. This is useful because  $mpfr\_check\_range$  is typically called (at least in MPFR functions) after restoring the flags that could have been set due to internal computations.

```
int mpfr_subnormalize (mpfr_t x, int t, mpfr_rnd_t rnd) [Function]
```

This function rounds x emulating subnormal number arithmetic: if x is outside the subnormal exponent range of the emulated floating-point system, this function just propagates the [ternary value], page 10, t; otherwise, if  $\mathrm{EXP}(x)$  denotes the exponent of x, it rounds x to precision  $\mathrm{EXP}(x) - emin + 1$  according to rounding mode rnd and previous ternary value t, avoiding double rounding problems. More precisely in the subnormal domain, denoting by e the value of emin, x is rounded in fixed-point arithmetic to an integer multiple of  $2^{e-1}$ ; as a consequence,  $1.5 \times 2^{e-1}$  when t is zero is rounded to  $2^e$  with rounding to nearest.

The precision PREC(x) of x is not modified by this function. rnd and t must be the rounding mode and the returned ternary value used when computing x (as in  $mpfr_check_range$ ). The subnormal exponent range is from emin to emin + PREC(x) - 1. If the result cannot be represented in the current exponent range of MPFR (due to a too small emax), the behavior is undefined. Note that unlike most functions, the result is compared to the exact one, not the input value x, i.e., the ternary value is propagated.

As usual, if the returned ternary value is non zero, the inexact flag is set. Moreover, if a second rounding occurred (because the input x was in the subnormal range), the underflow flag is set.

Warning! If you change *emin* (with mpfr\_set\_emin) just before calling mpfr\_subnormalize, you need to make sure that the value is in the current exponent range of MPFR. But it is better to change *emin* before any computation, if possible.

This is an example of how to emulate binary64 IEEE 754 arithmetic (a.k.a. double precision) using MPFR:

```
f{
    mpfr_t xa, xb; int i; volatile double a, b;

mpfr_set_default_prec (53);
    mpfr_set_emin (-1073); mpfr_set_emax (1024);

mpfr_init (xa); mpfr_init (xb);

b = 34.3; mpfr_set_d (xb, b, MPFR_RNDN);
    a = 0x1.1235P-1021; mpfr_set_d (xa, a, MPFR_RNDN);

a /= b;
    i = mpfr_div (xa, xa, xb, MPFR_RNDN);
    i = mpfr_subnormalize (xa, i, MPFR_RNDN); /* new ternary value */
```

```
mpfr_clear (xa); mpfr_clear (xb);
}
```

Note that mpfr\_set\_emin and mpfr\_set\_emax are called early enough in order to make sure that all computed values are in the current exponent range. Warning! This emulates a double IEEE 754 arithmetic with correct rounding in the subnormal range, which may not be the case for your hardware.

Below is another example showing how to emulate fixed-point arithmetic in a specific case. Here we compute the sine of the integers 1 to 17 with a result in a fixed-point arithmetic rounded at  $2^{-42}$  (using the fact that the result is at most 1 in absolute value):

```
mpfr_t x; int i, inex;
       mpfr_set_emin (-41);
       mpfr_init2 (x, 42);
       for (i = 1; i <= 17; i++)
           mpfr_set_ui (x, i, MPFR_RNDN);
            inex = mpfr_sin (x, x, MPFR_RNDZ);
           mpfr_subnormalize (x, inex, MPFR_RNDZ);
           mpfr_dump (x);
       mpfr_clear (x);
void mpfr_clear_underflow (void)
                                                                            [Function]
void mpfr_clear_overflow (void)
                                                                            [Function]
void mpfr_clear_divby0 (void)
                                                                            [Function]
void mpfr_clear_nanflag (void)
                                                                            [Function]
void mpfr_clear_inexflag (void)
                                                                            [Function]
void mpfr_clear_erangeflag (void)
                                                                            [Function]
  Clear (lower) the underflow, overflow, divide-by-zero, invalid, inexact and erange flags.
void mpfr_clear_flags (void)
                                                                            [Function]
  Clear (lower) all global flags (underflow, overflow, divide-by-zero, invalid, inexact, erange).
```

Note: a group of flags can be cleared by using mpfr\_flags\_clear.

```
void mpfr_set_underflow (void)
                                                                         [Function]
void mpfr_set_overflow (void)
                                                                         [Function]
void mpfr_set_divby0 (void)
                                                                         [Function]
void mpfr_set_nanflag (void)
                                                                         [Function]
void mpfr_set_inexflag (void)
                                                                         [Function]
void mpfr_set_erangeflag (void)
                                                                         [Function]
```

Set (raise) the underflow, overflow, divide-by-zero, invalid, inexact and erange flags.

```
int mpfr_underflow_p (void)
                                                                          [Function]
int mpfr_overflow_p (void)
                                                                          [Function]
int mpfr_divby0_p (void)
                                                                          [Function]
int mpfr_nanflag_p (void)
                                                                          [Function]
int mpfr_inexflag_p (void)
                                                                          [Function]
```

#### int mpfr\_erangeflag\_p (void)

[Function]

Return the corresponding (underflow, overflow, divide-by-zero, invalid, inexact, erange) flag, which is non-zero iff the flag is set.

The mpfr\_flags\_ functions below that take an argument mask can operate on any subset of the exception flags: a flag is part of this subset (or group) if and only if the corresponding bit of the argument mask is set. The MPFR\_FLAGS\_ macros will normally be used to build this argument. See Section 4.6 [Exceptions], page 11.

```
void mpfr_flags_clear (mpfr_flags_t mask)
```

[Function]

Clear (lower) the group of flags specified by mask.

```
void mpfr_flags_set (mpfr_flags_t mask)
Set (raise) the group of flags specified by mask.
```

[Function]

```
mpfr_flags_t mpfr_flags_test (mpfr_flags_t mask)
```

[Function]

Return the flags specified by mask. To test whether any flag from mask is set, compare the return value to 0. You can also test individual flags by AND'ing the result with MPFR\_FLAGS\_macros. Example:

```
mpfr_flags_t mpfr_flags_save (void)
```

[Function]

Return all the flags. It is equivalent to mpfr\_flags\_test(MPFR\_FLAGS\_ALL).

[Function]

Restore the flags specified by mask to their state represented in flags.

## 5.14 Memory Handling Functions

These are general functions concerning memory handling (see Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12, for more information).

```
void mpfr_free_cache (void)
```

[Function]

Free all caches and pools used by MPFR internally (those local to the current thread and those shared by all threads). You should call this function before terminating a thread, even if you did not call mpfr\_const\_\* functions directly (they could have been called internally).

```
void mpfr_free_cache2 (mpfr_free_cache_t way)
```

[Function]

Free various caches and pools used by MPFR internally, as specified by way, which is a set of flags:

- those local to the current thread if flag MPFR\_FREE\_LOCAL\_CACHE is set;
- those shared by all threads if flag MPFR\_FREE\_GLOBAL\_CACHE is set.

The other bits of way are currently ignored and are reserved for future use; they should be zero.

Note: mpfr\_free\_cache2 (MPFR\_FREE\_LOCAL\_CACHE | MPFR\_FREE\_GLOBAL\_CACHE) is currently equivalent to mpfr\_free\_cache().

#### void mpfr\_free\_pool (void)

[Function]

Free the pools used by MPFR internally. Note: This function is automatically called after the thread-local caches are freed (with mpfr\_free\_cache or mpfr\_free\_cache2).

#### int mpfr\_mp\_memory\_cleanup (void)

[Function]

This function should be called before calling mp\_set\_memory\_functions. See Section 4.7 [Memory Handling], page 12, for more information. Zero is returned in case of success, non-zero in case of error. Errors are currently not possible, but checking the return value is recommended for future compatibility.

## 5.15 Compatibility With MPF

A header file mpf2mpfr.h is included in the distribution of MPFR for compatibility with the GNU MP class MPF. By inserting the following two lines after the #include <gmp.h> line,

```
#include <mpfr.h>
#include <mpf2mpfr.h>
```

many programs written for MPF can be compiled directly against MPFR without any changes. All operations are then performed with the default MPFR rounding mode, which can be reset with mpfr\_set\_default\_rounding\_mode.

Warning! There are some differences. In particular:

- The precision is different: MPFR rounds to the exact number of bits (zeroing trailing bits in the internal representation). Users may need to increase the precision of their variables.
- The exponent range is also different.
- The formatted output functions (gmp\_printf, etc.) will not work for arguments of arbitrary-precision floating-point type (mpf\_t, which mpf2mpfr.h redefines as mpfr\_t).
- The output of mpf\_out\_str has a format slightly different from the one of mpfr\_out\_str (concerning the position of the decimal-point character, trailing zeros and the output of the value 0).

#### void mpfr\_set\_prec\_raw (mpfr\_t x, mpfr\_prec\_t prec)

[Function]

Reset the precision of x to be **exactly** prec bits. The only difference with  $mpfr_set_prec$  is that prec is assumed to be small enough so that the significand fits into the current allocated memory space for x. Otherwise the behavior is undefined.

int mpfr\_eq (mpfr\_t op1, mpfr\_t op2, unsigned long int op3) [Function] Return non-zero if op1 and op2 are both non-zero ordinary numbers with the same exponent and the same first op3 bits, both zero, or both infinities of the same sign. Return zero otherwise. This function is defined for compatibility with MPF, we do not recommend to use it otherwise. Do not use it either if you want to know whether two numbers are close to each other; for instance, 1.011111 and 1.100000 are regarded as different for any value of op3 larger than 1.

Compute the relative difference between op1 and op2 and store the result in rop. This function does not guarantee the correct rounding on the relative difference; it just computes |op1 - op2|/op1, using the precision of rop and the rounding mode rnd for all operations.

These functions are identical to mpfr\_mul\_2ui and mpfr\_div\_2ui respectively. These functions are only kept for compatibility with MPF, one should prefer mpfr\_mul\_2ui and mpfr\_div\_2ui otherwise.

#### 5.16 Custom Interface

Some applications use a stack to handle the memory and their objects. However, the MPFR memory design is not well suited for such a thing. So that such applications are able to use MPFR, an auxiliary memory interface has been created: the Custom Interface.

The following interface allows one to use MPFR in two ways:

- Either directly store a floating-point number as a mpfr\_t on the stack.
- Either store its own representation on the stack and construct a new temporary mpfr\_t each time it is needed.

Nothing has to be done to destroy the floating-point numbers except garbaging the used memory: all the memory management (allocating, destroying, garbaging) is left to the application.

Each function in this interface is also implemented as a macro for efficiency reasons: for example mpfr\_custom\_init (s, p) uses the macro, while (mpfr\_custom\_init) (s, p) uses the function. The mpfr\_custom\_init\_set macro is not usable in contexts where an expression is expected, e.g., inside for(...) or before a comma operator.

Note 1: MPFR functions may still initialize temporary floating-point numbers using mpfr\_init and similar functions. See Custom Allocation (GNU MP).

Note 2: MPFR functions may use the cached functions (mpfr\_const\_pi for example), even if they are not explicitly called. You have to call mpfr\_free\_cache each time you garbage the memory iff mpfr\_init, through GMP Custom Allocation, allocates its memory on the application stack.

size\_t mpfr\_custom\_get\_size (mpfr\_prec\_t prec) [Function]
Return the needed size in bytes to store the significand of a floating-point number of precision prec.

void mpfr\_custom\_init (void \*significand, mpfr\_prec\_t prec) [Function] Initialize a significand of precision prec, where significand must be an area of mpfr\_custom\_get\_size (prec) bytes at least and be suitably aligned for an array of mp\_limb\_t (GMP type, see Section 5.17 [Internals], page 52).

Perform a dummy initialization of a mpfr\_t and set it to:

- if  $|kind| = MPFR_NAN_KIND$ , x is set to NaN;
- if  $|kind| = MPFR_INF_KIND$ , x is set to the infinity of the same sign as kind;
- if  $|kind| = MPFR_ZERO_KIND$ , x is set to the zero of the same sign as kind;
- if  $|kind| = MPFR_REGULAR_KIND$ , x is set to the regular number whose sign is the one of kind, and whose exponent and significand are given by exp and significand.

In all cases, significand will be used directly for further computing involving x. This function does not allocate anything. A floating-point number initialized with this function cannot be resized using mpfr\_set\_prec or mpfr\_prec\_round, or cleared using mpfr\_clear! The significand must have been initialized with mpfr\_custom\_init using the same precision prec.

#### int mpfr\_custom\_get\_kind (mpfr\_t x)

[Function

Return the current kind of a mpfr\_t as created by mpfr\_custom\_init\_set. The behavior of this function for any mpfr\_t not initialized with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set is undefined.

#### void \* mpfr\_custom\_get\_significand (mpfr\_t x)

[Function]

Return a pointer to the significand used by a mpfr\_t initialized with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set. The behavior of this function for any mpfr\_t not initialized with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set is undefined.

#### mpfr\_exp\_t mpfr\_custom\_get\_exp (mpfr\_t x)

[Function]

Return the exponent of x, assuming that x is a non-zero ordinary number and the significand is considered in [1/2,1). But if x is NaN, infinity or zero, contrary to  $mpfr_get_exp$  (where the behavior is undefined), the return value is here an unspecified, valid value of the  $mpfr_exp_t$  type. The behavior of this function for any  $mpfr_t$  not initialized with  $mpfr_custom_init_set$  is undefined.

#### void mpfr\_custom\_move (mpfr\_t x, void \*new\_position)

[Function]

Inform MPFR that the significand of x has moved due to a garbage collect and update its new position to new\_position. However, the application has to move the significand and the mpfr\_t itself. The behavior of this function for any mpfr\_t not initialized with mpfr\_custom\_init\_set is undefined.

#### 5.17 Internals

A *limb* means the part of a multi-precision number that fits in a single word. Usually a limb contains 32 or 64 bits. The C data type for a limb is mp\_limb\_t.

The mpfr\_t type is internally defined as a one-element array of a structure, and mpfr\_ptr is the C data type representing a pointer to this structure. The mpfr\_t type consists of four fields:

- The \_mpfr\_prec field is used to store the precision of the variable (in bits); this is not less than MPFR\_PREC\_MIN.
- The \_mpfr\_sign field is used to store the sign of the variable.
- The  $_{\tt mpfr\_exp}$  field stores the exponent. An exponent of 0 means a radix point just above the most significant limb. Non-zero values n are a multiplier  $2^n$  relative to that point. A NaN, an infinity and a zero are indicated by special values of the exponent field.
- Finally, the \_mpfr\_d field is a pointer to the limbs, least significant limbs stored first. The number of limbs in use is controlled by \_mpfr\_prec, namely ceil(\_mpfr\_prec/mp\_bits\_per\_limb). Non-singular (i.e., different from NaN, infinity or zero) values always have the most significant bit of the most significant limb set to 1. When the precision does not correspond to a whole number of limbs, the excess bits at the low end of the data are zeros.

## 6 API Compatibility

The goal of this section is to describe some API changes that occurred from one version of MPFR to another, and how to write code that can be compiled and run with older MPFR versions. The minimum MPFR version that is considered here is 2.2.0 (released on 20 September 2005).

API changes can only occur between major or minor versions. Thus the patchlevel (the third number in the MPFR version) will be ignored in the following. If a program does not use MPFR internals, changes in the behavior between two versions differing only by the patchlevel should only result from what was regarded as a bug or unspecified behavior.

As a general rule, a program written for some MPFR version should work with later versions, possibly except at a new major version, where some features (described as obsolete for some time) can be removed. In such a case, a failure should occur during compilation or linking. If a result becomes incorrect because of such a change, please look at the various changes below (they are minimal, and most software should be unaffected), at the FAQ and at the MPFR web page for your version (a bug could have been introduced and be already fixed); and if the problem is not mentioned, please send us a bug report (see Chapter 3 [Reporting Bugs], page 6).

However, a program written for the current MPFR version (as documented by this manual) may not necessarily work with previous versions of MPFR. This section should help developers to write portable code.

Note: Information given here may be incomplete. API changes are also described in the NEWS file (for each version, instead of being classified like here), together with other changes.

## 6.1 Type and Macro Changes

The official type for exponent values changed from mp\_exp\_t to mpfr\_exp\_t in MPFR 3.0. The type mp\_exp\_t will remain available as it comes from GMP (with a different meaning). These types are currently the same (mpfr\_exp\_t is defined as mp\_exp\_t with typedef), so that programs can still use mp\_exp\_t; but this may change in the future. Alternatively, using the following code after including mpfr.h will work with official MPFR versions, as mpfr\_exp\_t was never defined in MPFR 2.x:

```
#if MPFR_VERSION_MAJOR < 3
typedef mp_exp_t mpfr_exp_t;
#endif</pre>
```

The official types for precision values and for rounding modes respectively changed from mp\_prec\_t and mp\_rnd\_t to mpfr\_prec\_t and mpfr\_rnd\_t in MPFR 3.0. This change was actually done a long time ago in MPFR, at least since MPFR 2.2.0, with the following code in mpfr.h:

```
#ifndef mp_rnd_t
# define mp_rnd_t mpfr_rnd_t
#endif
#ifndef mp_prec_t
# define mp_prec_t mpfr_prec_t
#endif
```

This means that it is safe to use the new official types mpfr\_prec\_t and mpfr\_rnd\_t in your programs. The types mp\_prec\_t and mp\_rnd\_t (defined in MPFR only) may be removed in the future, as the prefix mp\_ is reserved by GMP.

The precision type mpfr\_prec\_t (mp\_prec\_t) was unsigned before MPFR 3.0; it is now signed. MPFR\_PREC\_MAX has not changed, though. Indeed the MPFR code requires that MPFR\_PREC\_MAX

be representable in the exponent type, which may have the same size as mpfr\_prec\_t but has always been signed. The consequence is that valid code that does not assume anything about the signedness of mpfr\_prec\_t should work with past and new MPFR versions. This change was useful as the use of unsigned types tends to convert signed values to unsigned ones in expressions due to the usual arithmetic conversions, which can yield incorrect results if a negative value is converted in such a way. Warning! A program assuming (intentionally or not) that mpfr\_prec\_t is signed may be affected by this problem when it is built and run against MPFR 2.x.

The rounding modes GMP\_RNDx were renamed to MPFR\_RNDx in MPFR 3.0. However, the old names GMP\_RNDx have been kept for compatibility (this might change in future versions), using:

```
#define GMP_RNDN MPFR_RNDN
#define GMP_RNDZ MPFR_RNDZ
#define GMP_RNDU MPFR_RNDU
#define GMP_RNDD MPFR_RNDD
```

The rounding mode "round away from zero" (MPFR\_RNDA) was added in MPFR 3.0 (however, no rounding mode GMP\_RNDA exists). Faithful rounding (MPFR\_RNDF) was added in MPFR 4.0, but currently, it is partially supported.

The flags-related macros, whose name starts with MPFR\_FLAGS\_, were added in MPFR 4.0 (for the new functions mpfr\_flags\_clear, mpfr\_flags\_restore, mpfr\_flags\_set and mpfr\_flags\_test, in particular).

#### 6.2 Added Functions

We give here in alphabetical order the functions (and function-like macros) that were added after MPFR 2.2, and in which MPFR version.

- mpfr\_acospi and mpfr\_acosu in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_add\_d in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_ai in MPFR 3.0 (incomplete, experimental).
- mpfr\_asinpi and mpfr\_asinu in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_asprintf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_atan2pi and mpfr\_atan2u in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_atanpi and mpfr\_atanu in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_beta in MPFR 4.0 (incomplete, experimental).
- mpfr\_buildopt\_decimal\_p in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_buildopt\_float128\_p in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_buildopt\_gmpinternals\_p in MPFR 3.1.
- mpfr\_buildopt\_sharedcache\_p in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_buildopt\_tls\_p in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_buildopt\_tune\_case in MPFR 3.1.
- mpfr\_clear\_divby0 in MPFR 3.1 (new divide-by-zero exception).
- mpfr\_cmpabs\_ui in MPFR 4.1.
- mpfr\_compound\_si in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_copysign in MPFR 2.3. Note: MPFR 2.2 had a mpfr\_copysign function that was available, but not documented, and with a slight difference in the semantics (when the second input operand is a NaN).
- mpfr\_cospi and mpfr\_cosu in MPFR 4.2.

• mpfr\_custom\_get\_significand in MPFR 3.0. This function was named mpfr\_custom\_get\_mantissa in previous versions; mpfr\_custom\_get\_mantissa is still available via a macro in mpfr.h:

#define mpfr\_custom\_get\_mantissa mpfr\_custom\_get\_significand

Thus code that needs to work with both MPFR 2.x and MPFR 3.x should use mpfr\_custom\_get\_mantissa.

- mpfr\_d\_div and mpfr\_d\_sub in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_digamma in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_divby0\_p in MPFR 3.1 (new divide-by-zero exception).
- mpfr\_div\_d in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_dot in MPFR 4.1 (incomplete, experimental).
- mpfr\_erandom in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_exp2m1 and mpfr\_exp10m1 in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_flags\_clear, mpfr\_flags\_restore, mpfr\_flags\_save, mpfr\_flags\_set and mpfr\_flags\_test in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_fmma and mpfr\_fmms in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_fmod in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_fmodquo in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_fmod\_ui in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_fms in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_fpif\_export and mpfr\_fpif\_import in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_fprintf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_free\_cache2 in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_free\_pool in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_frexp in MPFR 3.1.
- mpfr\_gamma\_inc in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_get\_decimal128 in MPFR 4.1.
- mpfr\_get\_float128 in MPFR 4.0 if configured with '--enable-float128'.
- mpfr\_get\_flt in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_get\_patches in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_get\_q in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_get\_str\_ndigits in MPFR 4.1.
- mpfr\_get\_z\_2exp in MPFR 3.0. This function was named mpfr\_get\_z\_exp in previous versions; mpfr\_get\_z\_exp is still available via a macro in mpfr.h:

#define mpfr\_get\_z\_exp mpfr\_get\_z\_2exp

Thus code that needs to work with both MPFR 2.x and MPFR 3.x should use mpfr\_get\_z\_exp.

- mpfr\_grandom in MPFR 3.1.
- mpfr\_j0, mpfr\_j1 and mpfr\_jn in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_log2p1 and mpfr\_log10p1 in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_lgamma in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_li2 in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_log\_ui in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_min\_prec in MPFR 3.0.

- mpfr\_modf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_mp\_memory\_cleanup in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_mul\_d in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_nrandom in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_powr, mpfr\_pown, mpfr\_pow\_sj and mpfr\_pow\_uj in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_printf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_rec\_sqrt in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_regular\_p in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_remainder and mpfr\_remquo in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_rint\_roundeven and mpfr\_roundeven in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_round\_nearest\_away in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_rootn\_si in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_rootn\_ui in MPFR 4.0.
- mpfr\_set\_decimal128 in MPFR 4.1.
- mpfr\_set\_divby0 in MPFR 3.1 (new divide-by-zero exception).
- mpfr\_set\_float128 in MPFR 4.0 if configured with '--enable-float128'.
- mpfr\_set\_flt in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_set\_z\_2exp in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_set\_zero in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_setsign in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_signbit in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_sinh\_cosh in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_sinpi and mpfr\_sinu in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_snprintf and mpfr\_sprintf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_sub\_d in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_tanpi and mpfr\_tanu in MPFR 4.2.
- mpfr\_total\_order\_p in MPFR 4.1.
- mpfr\_urandom in MPFR 3.0.
- mpfr\_vasprintf, mpfr\_vfprintf, mpfr\_vprintf, mpfr\_vsprintf and mpfr\_vsnprintf in MPFR 2.4.
- mpfr\_y0, mpfr\_y1 and mpfr\_yn in MPFR 2.3.
- mpfr\_z\_sub in MPFR 3.1.

## 6.3 Changed Functions

The following functions and function-like macros have changed after MPFR 2.2. Changes can affect the behavior of code written for some MPFR version when built and run against another MPFR version (older or newer), as described below.

• The formatted output functions (mpfr\_printf, etc.) have slightly changed in MPFR 4.1 in the case where the precision field is empty: trailing zeros were not output with the conversion specifier 'e' / 'E' (the chosen precision was not fully specified and it depended on the input value), and also on the value zero with the conversion specifiers 'f' / 'F' / 'g' / 'G' (this could partly be regarded as a bug); they are now kept in a way similar to the formatted output functions from C. Moreover, the case where the precision consists only of a period has been fixed in MPFR 4.2 to be like '.0' as specified in the ISO C standard (it previously behaved as a missing precision).

- mpfr\_abs, mpfr\_neg and mpfr\_set changed in MPFR 4.0. In previous MPFR versions, the sign bit of a NaN was unspecified; however, in practice, it was set as now specified except for mpfr\_neg with a reused argument: mpfr\_neg(x,x,rnd).
- mpfr\_check\_range changed in MPFR 2.3.2 and MPFR 2.4. If the value is an inexact infinity, the overflow flag is now set (in case it was lost), while it was previously left unchanged. This is really what is expected in practice (and what the MPFR code was expecting), so that the previous behavior was regarded as a bug. Hence the change in MPFR 2.3.2.
- mpfr\_eint changed in MPFR 4.0. This function now returns the value of the E1/eint1 function for negative argument (before MPFR 4.0, it was returning NaN).
- mpfr\_get\_f changed in MPFR 3.0. This function was returning zero, except for NaN and Inf, which do not exist in MPF. The *erange* flag is now set in these cases, and mpfr\_get\_f now returns the usual ternary value.
- mpfr\_get\_si, mpfr\_get\_sj, mpfr\_get\_ui and mpfr\_get\_uj changed in MPFR 3.0. In previous MPFR versions, the cases where the *erange* flag is set were unspecified.
- mpfr\_get\_str changed in MPFR 4.0. This function now sets the NaN flag on NaN input (to follow the usual MPFR rules on NaN and IEEE 754 recommendations on string conversions from Subclause 5.12.1) and sets the inexact flag when the conversion is inexact.
- mpfr\_get\_z changed in MPFR 3.0. The return type was void; it is now int, and the usual ternary value is returned. Thus programs that need to work with both MPFR 2.x and 3.x must not use the return value. Even in this case, C code using mpfr\_get\_z as the second or third term of a conditional operator may also be affected. For instance, the following is correct with MPFR 3.0, but not with MPFR 2.x:

```
bool ? mpfr_get_z(...) : mpfr_add(...);
```

On the other hand, the following is correct with MPFR 2.x, but not with MPFR 3.0:

```
bool ? mpfr_get_z(...) : (void) mpfr_add(...);
```

Portable code should cast mpfr\_get\_z(...) to void to use the type void for both terms of the conditional operator, as in:

```
bool ? (void) mpfr_get_z(...) : (void) mpfr_add(...);
```

Alternatively, if ... else can be used instead of the conditional operator.

Moreover the cases where the *erange* flag is set were unspecified in MPFR 2.x.

- mpfr\_get\_z\_exp changed in MPFR 3.0. In previous MPFR versions, the cases where the erange flag is set were unspecified. Note: this function has been renamed to mpfr\_get\_z\_2exp in MPFR 3.0, but mpfr\_get\_z\_exp is still available for compatibility reasons.
- mpfr\_out\_str changed in MPFR 4.1. The argument base can now be negative (from -2 to -36), in order to follow mpfr\_get\_str and GMP's mpf\_out\_str functions.
- mpfr\_set\_exp changed in MPFR 4.0. Before MPFR 4.0, the exponent was set whatever the contents of the MPFR object in argument. In practice, this could be useful as a low-level function when the MPFR number was being constructed by setting the fields of its internal structure, but the API does not provide a way to do this except by using internals. Thus, for the API, this behavior was useless and could quickly lead to undefined behavior due to the fact that the generated value could have an invalid format if the MPFR object contained a special value (NaN, infinity or zero).
- mpfr\_strtofr changed in MPFR 2.3.1 and MPFR 2.4. This was actually a bug fix since the code and the documentation did not match. But both were changed in order to have a more consistent and useful behavior. The main changes in the code are as follows. The binary exponent is now accepted even without the '0b' or '0x' prefix. Data corresponding to NaN can now have an optional sign (such data were previously invalid).
- mpfr\_strtofr changed in MPFR 3.0. This function now accepts bases from 37 to 62 (no changes for the other bases). Note: if an unsupported base is provided to this function, the

behavior is undefined; more precisely, in MPFR 2.3.1 and later, providing an unsupported base yields an assertion failure (this behavior may change in the future).

- mpfr\_subnormalize changed in MPFR 3.1. This was actually regarded as a bug fix. The mpfr\_subnormalize implementation up to MPFR 3.0.0 did not change the flags. In particular, it did not follow the generic rule concerning the inexact flag (and no special behavior was specified). The case of the underflow flag was more a lack of specification.
- mpfr\_sum changed in MPFR 4.0. The mpfr\_sum function has completely been rewritten for MPFR 4.0, with an update of the specification: the sign of an exact zero result is now specified, and the return value is now the usual ternary value. The old mpfr\_sum implementation could also take all the memory and crash on inputs of very different magnitude.
- mpfr\_urandom and mpfr\_urandomb changed in MPFR 3.1. Their behavior no longer depends on the platform (assuming this is also true for GMP's random generator, which is not the case between GMP 4.1 and 4.2 if gmp\_randinit\_default is used). As a consequence, the returned values can be different between MPFR 3.1 and previous MPFR versions. Note: as the reproducibility of these functions was not specified before MPFR 3.1, the MPFR 3.1 behavior is not regarded as backward incompatible with previous versions.
- mpfr\_urandom changed in MPFR 4.0. The next random state no longer depends on the current exponent range and the rounding mode. The exceptions due to the rounding of the random number are now correctly generated, following the uniform distribution. As a consequence, the returned values can be different between MPFR 4.0 and previous MPFR versions.
- Up to MPFR 4.1.0, some macros of the Section 5.16 [Custom Interface], page 51, had undocumented limitations. In particular, their arguments may be evaluated multiple times or none.

#### 6.4 Removed Functions

Functions mpfr\_random and mpfr\_random2 have been removed in MPFR 3.0 (this only affects old code built against MPFR 3.0 or later). (The function mpfr\_random had been deprecated since at least MPFR 2.2.0, and mpfr\_random2 since MPFR 2.4.0.)

Macros mpfr\_add\_one\_ulp and mpfr\_sub\_one\_ulp have been removed in MPFR 4.0. They were no longer documented since MPFR 2.1.0 and were announced as deprecated since MPFR 3.1.0.

Function mpfr\_grandom is marked as deprecated in MPFR 4.0. It will be removed in a future release.

## 6.5 Other Changes

For users of a C++ compiler, the way how the availability of intmax\_t is detected has changed in MPFR 3.0. In MPFR 2.x, if a macro INTMAX\_C or UINTMAX\_C was defined (e.g. when the \_\_STDC\_CONSTANT\_MACROS macro had been defined before <stdint.h> or <inttypes.h> has been included), intmax\_t was assumed to be defined. However, this was not always the case (more precisely, intmax\_t can be defined only in the namespace std, as with Boost), so that compilations could fail. Thus the check for INTMAX\_C or UINTMAX\_C is now disabled for C++ compilers, with the following consequences:

- Programs written for MPFR 2.x that need intmax\_t may no longer be compiled against MPFR 3.0: a #define MPFR\_USE\_INTMAX\_T may be necessary before mpfr.h is included.
- The compilation of programs that work with MPFR 3.0 may fail with MPFR 2.x due to the problem described above. Workarounds are possible, such as defining intmax\_t and uintmax\_t in the global namespace, though this is not clean.

The divide-by-zero exception is new in MPFR 3.1. However, it should not introduce incompatible changes for programs that strictly follow the MPFR API since the exception can only be seen via new functions.

As of MPFR 3.1, the mpfr.h header can be included several times, while still supporting optional functions (see Section 4.1 [Headers and Libraries], page 7).

The way memory is allocated by MPFR should be regarded as well-specified only as of MPFR 4.0.

## 7 MPFR and the IEEE 754 Standard

This section describes differences between MPFR and the IEEE 754 standard, and behaviors that are not specified yet in IEEE 754.

The MPFR numbers do not include subnormals. The reason is that subnormals are less useful than in IEEE 754 as the default exponent range in MPFR is large and they would have made the implementation more complex. However, subnormals can be emulated using mpfr\_subnormalize.

MPFR has a single NaN. The behavior is similar either to a signaling NaN or to a quiet NaN, depending on the context. For any function returning a NaN (either produced or propagated), the NaN flag is set, while in IEEE 754, some operations are quiet (even on a signaling NaN).

The mpfr\_rec\_sqrt function differs from IEEE 754 on -0, where it gives +Inf (like for +0), following the usual limit rules, instead of -Inf.

The mpfr\_root function predates IEEE 754-2008, where rootn was introduced, and behaves differently from the IEEE 754 rootn operation. It is deprecated and mpfr\_rootn\_ui should be used instead.

Operations with an unsigned zero: For functions taking an argument of integer or rational type, a zero of such a type is unsigned unlike the floating-point zero (this includes the zero of type unsigned long, which is a mathematical, exact zero, as opposed to a floating-point zero, which may come from an underflow and whose sign would correspond to the sign of the real non-zero value). Unless documented otherwise, this zero is regarded as +0, as if it were first converted to a MPFR number with mpfr\_set\_ui or mpfr\_set\_si (thus the result may not agree with the usual limit rules applied to a mathematical zero). This is not the case of addition and subtraction (mpfr\_add\_ui, etc.), but for these functions, only the sign of a zero result would be affected, with +0 and -0 considered equal. Such operations are currently out of the scope of the IEEE 754 standard, and at the time of specification in MPFR, the Floating-Point Working Group in charge of the revision of IEEE 754 did not want to discuss issues with non-floating-point types in general.

Note also that some obvious differences may come from the fact that in MPFR, each variable has its own precision. For instance, a subtraction of two numbers of the same sign may yield an overflow; idem for a call to mpfr\_set, mpfr\_neg or mpfr\_abs, if the destination variable has a smaller precision.

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