

# Package ‘lamW’

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*Lambert-W Function***Description**

The Lambert-W function is defined as the multivalued inverse of the function  $z = f(W) = We^W$ . The function has two branches. The principal branch is defined on the interval  $[-\frac{1}{e}, +\infty)$  and is always greater than or equal to  $-1$ . The second branch is defined on the interval  $[-\frac{1}{e}, 0)$  and is always less than or equal to  $-1$ . The real-valued function is not defined for values less than  $-\frac{1}{e}$ .

**Usage**

```
lambertW0(x)
lambertWm1(x)
```

**Arguments**

**x**                      **numeric** vector of values

**Details**

The Lambert-W function is defined for all real  $x \geq -\frac{1}{e}$ . It has two values in the interval  $(-\frac{1}{e}, 0)$ . The values strictly greater than  $-1$  are assigned to the “principal” branch, also referred to as  $W_0$ , and the values strictly less than  $-1$  are assigned to the “secondary” branch, referred to as  $W_{-1}$ . For non-negative  $x$ , only the principal branch exists as the other real-valued branch approaches negative infinity as  $x$  approaches 0. The algorithms used to calculate the values predominantly follow those in the reference with some simplifications. There are many applications in which the Lambert-W function is useful, such as combinatorics, physics, and hydrology. The interested reader is directed to the references for more detail.

**Value**

Both functions return the appropriate values in the intervals for which they are defined. Outside of those intervals, they will return NaN, except that `lambertW0(Inf)` will return its limit Inf and `lambertWm1(0)` will return its limit -Inf.

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**See Also**

This package provides similar functionality to the [Lambert](#) functions in the **gsl** package without having to obtain or install the entire GSL.

**Examples**

```
lambertW0(exp(1))      ## Should equal 1, as  $1 * \exp(1) = e$ .
lambertW0(0)           ## Should equal 0, as  $0 * \exp(0) = 0$ .
lambertW0(-exp(-1))    ## Should equal -1.
lambertWm1(-exp(-1))   ## Should also equal -1.
A <- -2 * exp(-2)
lambertWm1(A)          ## Should equal -2
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