

NAG Toolbox for MATLAB

g01et

1 Purpose

g01et returns the value of the Landau distribution function $\Phi(\lambda)$, via the function name.

2 Syntax

```
[result] = g01et(x)
```

3 Description

g01et evaluates an approximation to the Landau distribution function $\Phi(\lambda)$ given by

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} \phi(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

where $\phi(\lambda)$ is described in g01mt, using piecewise approximation by rational functions. Further details can be found in Kölbig and Schorr 1984.

4 References

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

5 Parameters

5.1 Compulsory Input Parameters

1: **x – double scalar**

The argument λ of the function.

5.2 Optional Input Parameters

None.

5.3 Input Parameters Omitted from the MATLAB Interface

None.

5.4 Output Parameters

1: **result – double scalar**

The result of the function.

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

There are no failure exits from this routine.

7 Accuracy

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

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

8 Further Comments

None.

9 Example

```
x = 0.5;  
[result] = g01et(x)  
  
result =  
    0.3733
```
