

*AHELP for CIAO 3.4*

get_lfactorial

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Synopsis

Module function to compute the natural logarithm of the factorial of the input quantity

Syntax

```
Double_Type get_lfactorial(Double_Type)
```

Description

This function may be used, e.g., to convert the Cash statistic to the true Poisson log–likelihood in simulation scripts. The input number must be non–negative.

Example

Compute the natural log of 6 factorial:

```
sherpa> get_lfactorial(6)
6.57925
```

Bugs

See the [Sherpa bug pages](#) online for an up–to–date listing of known bugs.

See Also

chandra

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sherpa

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