

For

$$a = \frac{1000c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c} + b}.$$

we get

$$a \rightarrow \frac{1000c \epsilon_r^2}{(\underbrace{\sqrt{b\epsilon_r^4 + c\epsilon_r^2}}_{O(\epsilon_r^2)} + \underbrace{b\epsilon_r}_{O(\epsilon_r)}) \cancel{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{O(\epsilon_r^2)}{O(\epsilon_r)} = O(\epsilon_r)$$

so $O(\epsilon_r)$ here, which is a lot better. This is simply due to less operations in a way, that the rounding errors can cancel.

In numbers using NumPy's single precision:

$$a = 1000 \left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c} - b} - 2b \right) = 2.000000110059709$$

$$a = \frac{1000c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c} + b} = 2.0000001100038816$$