

# Relaxed document editing with web technologies

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Through the issue of the New-York Evening post, Feb. 6, I opposed Mr. Melville's plan of reaching the north pole<sup>1</sup>, as I could not consider the theory on which it is founded is correct. In answer to my remarks, Mr. Melville in the same paper, Feb. 17, maintains his position, and denounces his critics for hindering his endeavors, instead of *"sending him to prove his theories he has so much faith in, and permitting him to bring back the necessary facts that alone can carry conviction to the unbeliever without a theory."* When  $a \neq 0$ , there are two solutions to  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and they are

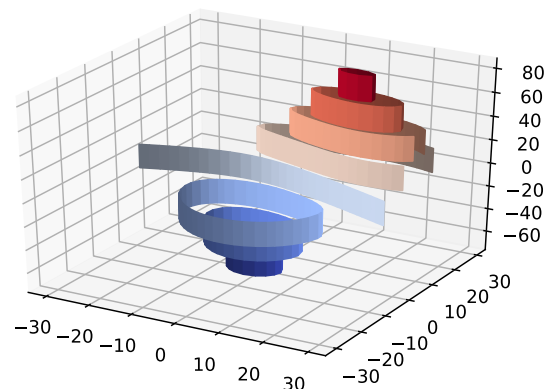
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

He says, *"It would be more in the spirit of progress and the advancement of science, if my critics would propound new theories or other plans of progress, rather than simply find fault of say 'I don't believe.'"* We cannot coincide with this opinion of Mr. Melville, and claim the full right to criticise a plan of exploration before it is set in motion. What is the cause of so many failures of arctic expeditions and other undertakings? Is it the careless neglect of thorough deliberation before entering into expeditions, or is it the hostility of nature? Have we nothing to learn by the Jeannette and the Proteus?

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