



Lab02 – Quadratic Equation

COMP 125 Programming with Python

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Find the roots of the quadratic equation

Version 1

- Given a quadratic equation of the form:

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

- Calculate the discriminant

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

- Find the roots

$$x_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} \quad x_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

- You can assume that the discriminant is positive, i.e. the roots are real
- The coefficients will be directly defined in the code. Let $a = 1, b = 1, c = -6$
- Write the pseudocode

Pseudocode for version 1

```
#import the sqrt function
from math import sqrt
#Define the coefficients
a=1
b=1
c=-6
#Calculate the discriminant
dis=b**2-4*a*c
#Check the sign of the discriminant
print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
#Roots
x1=(-b+sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
print("First root: ",x1)
x2=(-b-sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
print("Second root: ",x2)
```

Write the code

You will need the square root function. Use the following statement:

```
In [1]: from math import sqrt
```

```
In [2]: sqrt(4)
```

```
Out[2]: 2.0
```

Python code for version 1

```
8      # Find the roots of the quadratic equation
9      #  $ax^2+bx+c=0$ 
10
11     #import the sqrt function
12     from math import sqrt
13
14     #Define the coefficients
15     a=1
16     b=1
17     c=-6
18
19     #Calculate the discriminant
20     dis=b**2-4*a*c
21
22     #Check the sign of the discriminant
23     print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
24
25     #Roots
26     x1=(-b+sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
27     print("First root: ",x1)
28     x2=(-b-sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
29     print("Second root: ",x2)
```

```
In [10]: runcell(0, 'C:/Users/
Discriminant is: 25
First root: 2.0
Second root: -3.0
```

Find the roots of the quadratic equation

Version 2

- Given a quadratic equation of the form:

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

- Calculate the discriminant

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

- Find the roots

$$x_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} \quad x_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

- You can assume that the discriminant is positive, i.e. the roots are real
- The coefficients should be received from the user input

Modify the first version

You will need the square root function. Use the following statement:

```
In [1]: from math import sqrt
```

```
In [2]: sqrt(4)
```

```
Out[2]: 2.0
```

Use the input function to receive user input.

```
In [11]: input("Please enter coefficient a: ")
```

```
Please enter coefficient a: 1
```

```
Out[11]: '1'
```


Python code for version 2

```
8 # Find the roots of the quadratic equation
9 # ax^2+bx+c=0
10
11 #import the sqrt function
12 from math import sqrt
13
14 #Get the coefficients
15 a=float(input("Please enter coefficient a: "))
16 b=float(input("Please enter coefficient b: "))
17 c=float(input("Please enter coefficient c: "))
18
19 #Calculate the discriminant
20 dis=b**2-4*a*c
21
22 #Check the sign of the discriminant
23 print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
24
25 #Roots
26 x1=(-b+sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
27 print("First root: ",x1)
28 x2=(-b-sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
29 print("Second root: ",x2)
```

```
In [12]: runfile('C:/Users/msayar/
wdir='C:/Users/msayar/Documents/CO
```

Please enter coefficient a: 1

Please enter coefficient b: 1

Please enter coefficient c: -6

Discriminant is: 25.0

First root: 2.0

Second root: -3.0

Find the roots of the quadratic equation

Version 3

- Given a quadratic equation of the form:

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

- Calculate the discriminant

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

- Find the roots

$$x_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} \quad x_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

- You can assume that the discriminant is positive, i.e. the roots are real
- The coefficients should be received from the user input
- Check the discriminant, if it is less than zero print a warning message

Modify the second version

You will need the square root function. Use the following statement:

```
In [1]: from math import sqrt  
  
In [2]: sqrt(4)  
Out[2]: 2.0
```

Use the input function to receive user input.

```
In [11]: input("Please enter coefficient a: ")  
  
Please enter coefficient a: 1  
Out[11]: '1'
```

Check the sign of the discriminant:

```
#Check the sign of the discriminant  
if dis<0:  
    print("This equation has complex roots.")  
else:  
    print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
```

Python code for version 3

```
8 # Find the roots of the quadratic equation
9 # ax^2+bx+c=0
10
11 #import the sqrt function
12 from math import sqrt
13
14 #Get the coefficients
15 a=float(input("Please enter coefficient a: "))
16 b=float(input("Please enter coefficient b: "))
17 c=float(input("Please enter coefficient c: "))
18
19 #Calculate the discriminant
20 dis=b**2-4*a*c
21
22 #Check the sign of the discriminant
23 if dis<0:
24     print("This equation has complex roots.")
25 else:
26     print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
27
28     #Roots
29     x1=(-b+sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
30     print("First root: ",x1)
31
32     x2=(-b-sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
33     print("Second root: ",x2)
```

```
In [13]: runcell(0, 'C:/Users/msayar/Doc
```

```
Please enter coefficient a: 1
```

```
Please enter coefficient b: 1
```

```
Please enter coefficient c: -6
```

```
Discriminant is: 25.0
```

```
First root: 2.0
```

```
Second root: -3.0
```

```
In [14]: runcell(0, 'C:/Users/msayar/Doc
```

```
Please enter coefficient a: 1
```


```
Please enter coefficient b: 1
```

```
Please enter coefficient c: 6
```

```
This equation has complex roots.
```


Lets try another equation

```
8 # Find the roots of the quadratic equation
9 #  $ax^2+bx+c=0$ 
10 #import the sqrt function
11 from math import sqrt
12
13 #Define the coefficients
14 a=1
15 b=-1e5
16 c=1
17
18 #a=1e-30
19 #b=-1e30
20 #c=1e30
21
22 #Calculate the discriminant
23 dis=b**2-4*a*c
24
25 #Check the sign of the discriminant
26 print("Discriminant is: ",dis)
27
28 #Roots
29 x1=(-b+sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
30 print("First root: ",x1)
31 x2=(-b-sqrt(dis))/(2*a)
32 print("Second root: ",x2)
33
34 print()
35 print("Lets test x1= ",x1)
36 print("y=",a*x1**2+b*x1+c)
37 print("Lets test x2= ",x2)
38 print("y=",a*x2**2+b*x2+c)
```



Usage

Here you can get help of any object by pressing **Ctrl+I** in front of it, either on the Editor or the Console.

Help can also be shown automatically after writing a left parenthesis next to an object. You can activate this behavior in *Preferences > Help*.

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Console 1/A

```
In [32]: runcell(0, 'C:/Users/msayar/Documents/COMP125/quadratic_v4.py')
```

```
Discriminant is: 9999999996.0
```

```
First root: 99999.99999
```


```
Second root: 1.0000003385357559e-05
```

```
Lets test x1= 99999.99999
```

```
y= 0.0
```

```
Lets test x2= 1.0000003385357559e-05
```

```
y= -3.384357558644524e-07
```



```
In [33]:
```

Let's try another equation

```
8 # Find the roots of the quadratic equation
9 # ax^2+bx+c=0
10 #import the sqrt function
11 from math import sqrt
12
13 #Define the coefficients
14 #a=1
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16 #c=1
17
18 a=1e-30
19 b=-1e30
20 c=1e30
21
22 #Calculate the discriminant
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34 print()
35 print("Lets test x1= ",x1)
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Console 1/A

```
In [33]: runcell(0, 'C:/Users/msayar/Documents/COMP125/quadr
Discriminant is:  1.0000000000000001e+60
First root:  1e+60
Second root:  0.0
```

```
Lets test x1=  1e+60
y= 1e+30
Lets test x2=  0.0
y= 1e+30
```

```
In [34]:
```

IPython console History

Floating Point Arithmetic

- Floating point arithmetic is not always exact !!!
- Floating point system is finite and discrete, unlike real numbers !!!
- Make sure to check your results.
- For more check out:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floating-point_arithmetic