

Experiment No-2

Experiment name: Write a C program to calculate the area of Triangle where the value of Three lines are given.

Objective:

- To develop a C program that computes the area of a triangle using the lengths of its three sides by applying Heron's Formula, while ensuring input validation to confirm the sides form a valid triangle.

Problem Analysis:

- Formula (Heron's Formula): If the sides are a, b, and c, then

$$s = \frac{(a+b+c)}{2} \text{ and}$$
$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)}$$

Input Variables	Processing Variables	Output Variable	Header File
a, b, c: float	s: Semi-perimeter area= calculated using Heron's formula	area (area of the triangle)	#include <stdio.h> #include <math.h>

Algorithm:

Step-1 : Start

Step-2 : Declare variables a, b, c, s, and area.

Step-3 : Input three sides a, b, and c.

Step-4 : Calculate semi-perimeter: $s = (a + b + c) / 2$.

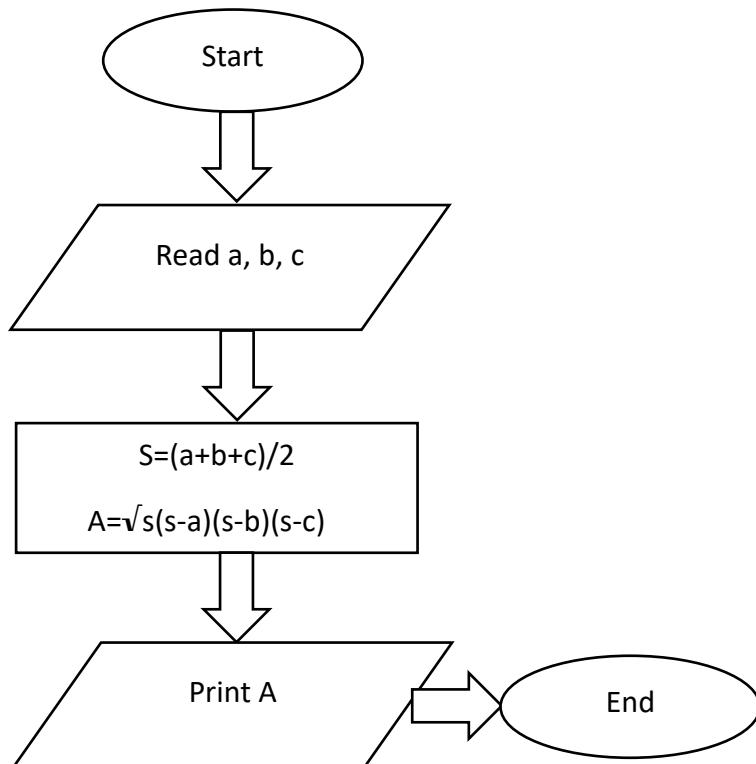
Step-5 : Calculate area using formula:

$$\text{area} = \sqrt{(s * (s - a) * (s - b) * (s - c))}$$

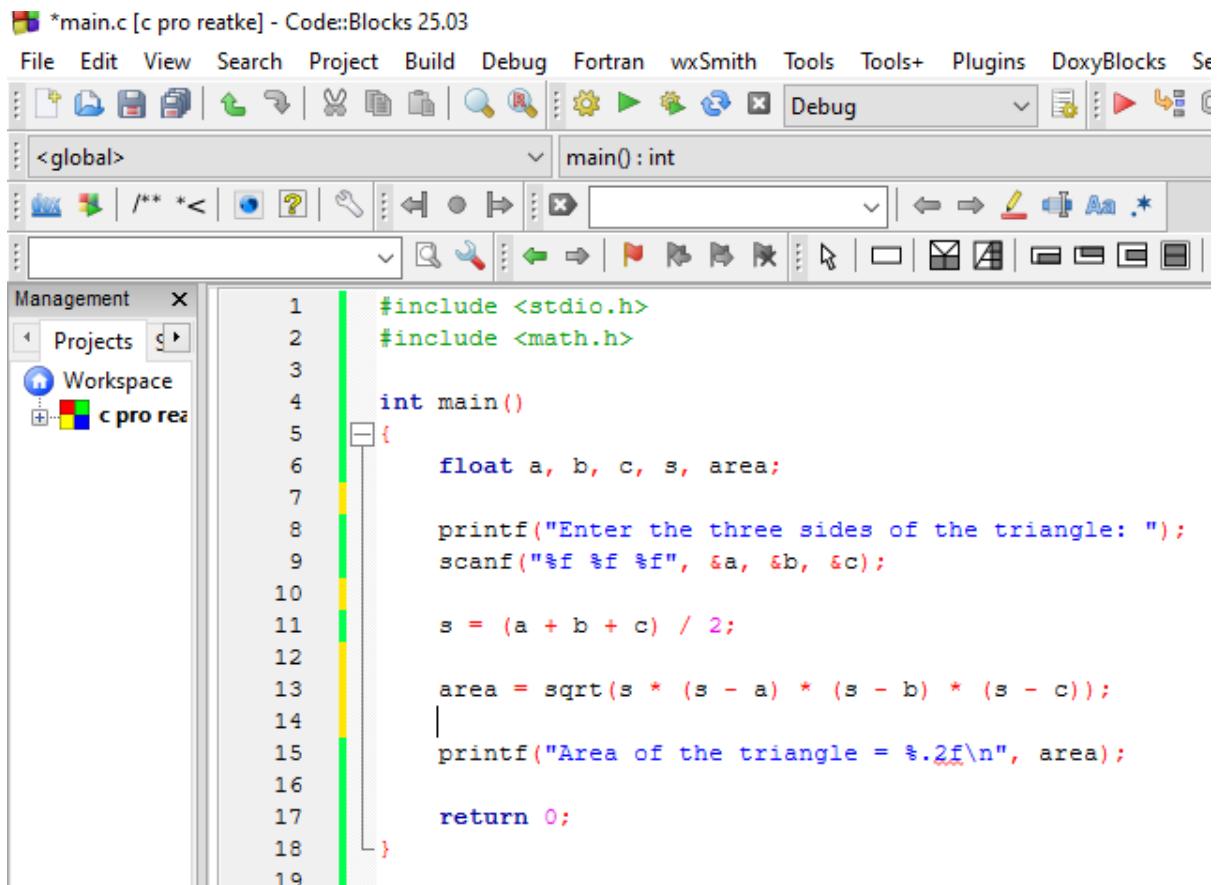
Step-6 : Display the area.

Step-7 : End

Flowchart:



Source Code:



The screenshot shows the Code::Blocks IDE interface. The title bar reads "main.c [c pro reatke] - Code::Blocks 25.03". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Search, Project, Build, Debug, Fortran, wxSmith, Tools, Tools+, Plugins, DoxyBlocks, and Settings. The toolbar has various icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Build. The status bar at the bottom shows "Debug" and other build-related information. The code editor window displays the following C program:

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    float a, b, c, s, area;

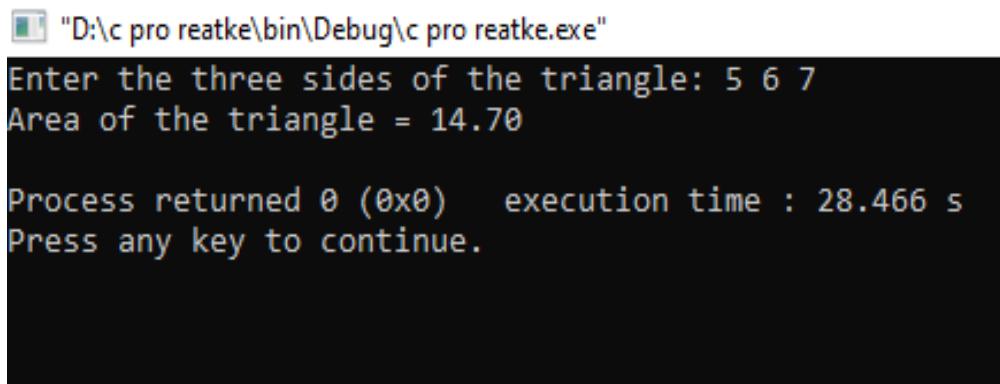
    printf("Enter the three sides of the triangle: ");
    scanf("%f %f %f", &a, &b, &c);

    s = (a + b + c) / 2;

    area = sqrt(s * (s - a) * (s - b) * (s - c));
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    printf("Area of the triangle = %.2f\n", area);

    return 0;
}
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Output:



The terminal window shows the execution of the program. It prompts for three side lengths (5, 6, 7), calculates the area (14.70), and then exits.

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D:\c pro reatke\bin\Debug\c pro reatke.exe
Enter the three sides of the triangle: 5 6 7
Area of the triangle = 14.70

Process returned 0 (0x0)  execution time : 28.466 s
Press any key to continue.
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Discussion:

This program effectively calculates the area of a triangle using Heron's formula, which is suitable when only the lengths of the three sides are known. The program includes input validation to ensure that the provided side lengths can actually form a triangle (the sum of any two sides must be greater than the third side). The use of float data type allows for handling decimal values for side lengths and area. The math.h library is crucial for the sqrt() function required by Heron's formula. The output is formatted to two decimal places for better readability.

