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OBJECTIVE

At the end of this lab students should reach the below objectives:

1. Able to develop simple problems using 'if' structure, 'if-else' structure.
2. Able to represent nested loop structure and switch structure.
3. Able to develop simple programs using repetitive structure.

TASK 1

Write a program to compute the roots of a quadratic equation ($ax^2 + bx + c = 0$). The roots of the equation can be calculated using the following formulae:

$$x_1 = (-b + \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4ac))/2a$$
$$x_2 = (-b - \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4ac))/2a$$

Note: If $b^2 - 4ac$ is negative, the roots are complex.

Write your program in the space provided. Using gedit, type and save your program. Test your program to solve the following equations:
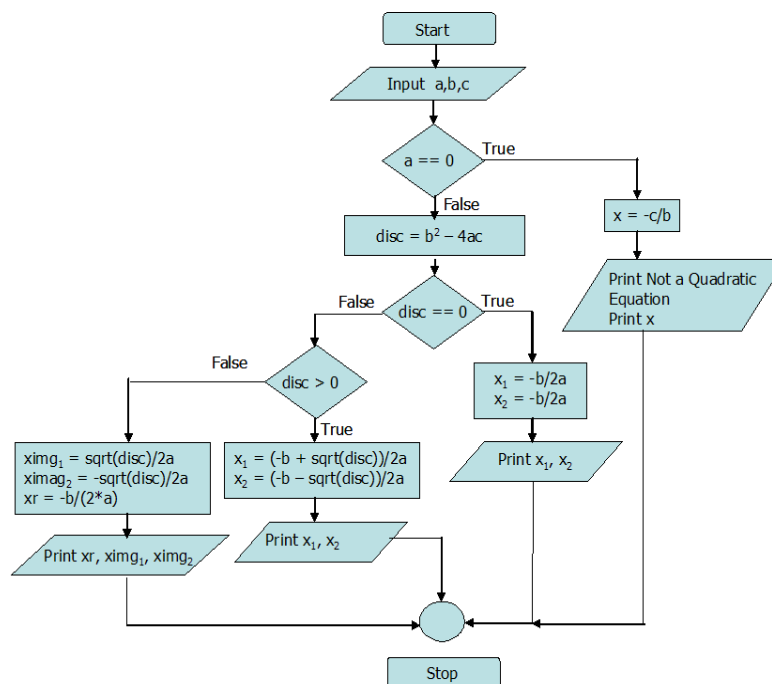
(a) $x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$
(b) $2x^2 + 7x + 9 = 0$
(c) $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$
(d) $3x - 2 = 0$

A flow chart to solve the problem is shown below.

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TASK 2

Some measures of interest in statistics are the arithmetic mean (a_m), geometric mean (g_m), harmonic mean (h_m) and variance (v) defined for a set of numbers x_1, x_2, x_3, …, x_n as follows:

$$a_m = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \qquad g_m = \frac{1}{n}\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i \qquad h_m = \frac{n}{\displaystyle\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{1}{x_i}}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n^2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i\right)^2$$

Write a program in C to read a set of data and compute the arithmetic mean, geometric mean, harmonic mean and variance. Test your program with the following data set:

12.9, 10.2, 14.8, 13.0, 13.8, 21.0, 11.9, 12.5, 12.6, 12.0

TASK 3

Consider a DC - RC transient circuit with the supply voltage V as 12 V, the resistance R is 2.0 kΩ and the capacitor value is 4.7 µF. The current (i), voltage across the resistor (V_R) and the inductor (V_C) in the RC series circuit are given by the following expressions:

$$i = \frac{V}{R}(e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \qquad\qquad V_R = V(e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \qquad\qquad V_c = V(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

V is the applied voltage in Volts.
R is the circuit resistance in Ohms.
C is the Capacitance in farad.
t is the time in seconds.

Write a program in C to read in the circuit parameters and compute the current, voltage across the resistor and the inductor when the time is varied from 0 to 10.0 milliseconds in steps of 1.0 millisecond using (a) *for* loop (b) *while* loop. Execute your program and tabulate the results. Which method is advantageous? State the reason for your answer.

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