

# Assignment 4

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Submit Question 1 and any **one** of the other questions 2-7 by the end of Tuesday's session.

For each of the following questions you should use **constants** to store values which will not change in the program, and loops for all repetitive actions.

1. Write a program to calculate the roots of a quadratic equation. A quadratic equation takes the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

and its roots can be computed using the mathematical formula:

$$r_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
$$r_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

A simple program should have the following structure (follow the structure used in the compound interest problem that we did in class):

- a) Declare some floating-point numbers to store the input to the problem  
`double a, b, c;`
- b) Declare some floating-point numbers to store the output of the problem i.e. the two roots  
`double r1, r2;`
- c) Use the `printf` statement to ask the user to input the three required input numbers and use `scanf` to get the values that the user enters into your three input variables
- d) Compute each of the roots, using the formula and functions from the math library.
- e) Use a `printf` statement to report your answers back to the user.

Note that the program will fail if for some types of input e.g. if (`a==0`) then the program will report a "division by zero" error.

Improve the program by inserting `if` statements to catch these problems and deal with them without the program failing e.g. a simple fix would add a statement such as

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if (a == 0)
{
    printf("The root cannot be computed when a is
    zero.\n");
}
```

A better solution would output the correct answer for this special case. Similarly, deal with the case when the number under the square root is negative.

*For those who find the above steps easy:* A less obvious problem with programs such as this is that they sometimes give **inaccurate** results for certain values of a, b and c e.g.  $a=10e-5$ ,  $b=10e5$ ,  $c=1.0$ . Can you think of any way to get a more accurate answer in these cases?

2. Write a program to print out all the numbers between 0 and 100 inclusive (0 and 100 should be printed too), each number should be followed by a new line character `\n`.
3. Write a program to print out all the **even** numbers between 0 and 100 inclusive (0 and 100 should be printed too), each number should be followed by a new line character `\n`. A number is even if it is divisible by 2, or the remainder of the number divided by 2 is 0. The remainder of a division can be calculated using the modulus operator `'%'`. E.g.  $4 \% 2 == 0$ ,  $5 \% 2 == 1$ .
4. Write a program that allows the user to guess a number between 1 and 10. The program should print the following messages;
  - "You guessed correctly, the answer was <ans>" if they guessed correctly
  - "You guessed incorrectly, the answer is greater\n" if the answer is bigger than their guess.
  - "You guessed incorrectly, the answer is smaller\n" if the answer is smaller than their guess.
5. Modify the program in 4. above, so that it gives the user **three** attempts to guess a number between 1 and 10. Also, If the user enters a number which is not between 1 and 10 inclusive, the program should keep asking the user to enter another number until it is within the correct range.
6. Write a program to read a number from the user and tell them if it is prime. A prime number is a number greater than 1 which is not divisible by any whole number other than itself and 1. The easiest (and least efficient) way to check if a number is prime is to **check if the number is divisible** by all numbers between 1 and itself exclusive (i.e. for 100 check the numbers 2 - 99), but maybe you can think of a better algorithm.
7. Write a program to print out all the **prime** numbers between 1 and 100 inclusive (1 and 100 should be printed too if they are prime), each number should be followed by a new line character `\n`