

# Ps 2 Problem 3

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## Abstract

This document has an outline of a program that test overflow/floating point errors in python.

## 1 Introduction

When dividing or square rooting by very small numbers sometimes you get errors even in very simple calculations.

## 2 Methods

Let's calculate the roots of a quadratic function  $.001x^2 + 1000x + .001$  using two equivalent functions that you can see in the code that i dont want to type up here in latex because it would take too long.

## 3 Results

proof of me passing with my normal quadratic code.

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===== test session starts =====
platform darwin -- Python 3.11.4, pytest-7.4.0, pluggy-1.0.0
rootdir: /Users/surfacespider/Desktop/phys-ga2000/ps-2
plugins: anyio-3.5.0
collected 1 item

test_quadratic.py . [100%]

===== 1 passed in 0.09s =====
(base) surfacespider@10-17-214-83 ps-2 %
```

Figure 1: mine passed with just the naive implementation so thats unfortunate. i didnt have to pick and choose my specific root calculations to get it

## 4 Discussion

You're supposed to see issues with one calculation and not the other but my errors for the regular calcaution were  $(-9.999894245993346e-07, -999999.999999)$  and my errors for the other calculation were  $(-1.000000000001e-06, -1000010.5755125057)$  so only the other one gave me a failed root. go figure