

Lab 1

1 The Quadratic Equation

Write a program that solves an equation of the form

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

The general solution to this equation has two solutions:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Prompt the user to enter a,b, and c, and then solve for x. Print the solution to the console. Your program must account for several possibilities:

1. If a = 0 the solution above is invalid. In this case, the equation is of the form

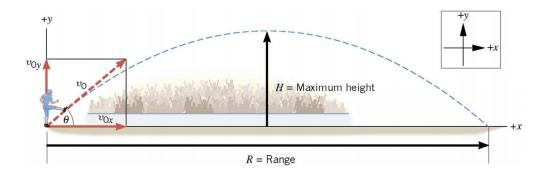
$$bx + c = 0$$

which has the solution:

$$x = -\frac{c}{b}$$

- 2. If both a = 0 AND b = 0, the equation cannot be solved. Either the user has entered a true statement (c = 0) or not (c! = 0). Test this and tell the user whether or not they have entered a true statement.
- 3. Finally, the term under the square root $(b^2 4ac)$, called the discriminant, might be negative. If this is the case, the solution is complex and cannot be solved. Print a message to the user stating that this is the case.

2 Projectile Motion



A football place kicker kicks a football at an angle of θ degrees above the horizontal. The initial speed of the ball is $v_0 = 22$ m/s. Ignore air resistance and find the maximum height that the ball attains at the angles of 25, 45, 65, and 85 degrees.

The equation for maximum height is:

$$H = \frac{v_0 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

Where $g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.

Write a program which loops over the requested angles, calculates the max height H, and prints the output. Use the iomanip library from the discussed last week to format your output to a fixed width. See the sample output below:



Sample Output

Angle [deg]	Max Height [m]
25	4.41048
45	12.3469
65	20.2834
85	24.5063