

This lab exercise has three requirements:

1. Write a program that calculates an *approximation* for the square root of a number entered by the user. In this assignment, you are not allowed to call any library function for square root. The actual algorithm is described in the **Design the Square Root Program** section of this document.
2. The program must output (in column format) the *intermediate values* that it uses in its calculations. This data must be precisely formatted to look like the **Sample Output** section of this document.
3. After the calculations are complete, the program must output the final result. (Refer to the **Sample Output** section of this document for more details.)

Due Date

You must *submit* the source code for the solution to this lab exercise to *Moodle* by

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in order to receive full credit for this work. You must also *demonstrate* the working program to the instructor during class, within two weeks of submitting the source code. (In other words, **submit** the source code by the due date, and do not let yourself get too far behind regarding the demonstration of your working solution during class. This is the same policy that is described in the course *Syllabus*.)

HINT:

To make the formatting of output easier, add these two statements near the beginning of the program:

```
int precision = 18;  
int fieldWidth = 25;
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and then use those variables as arguments for the **setprecision()** and **setw()** directives to format the output.

Design the Square Root Program

The program must have two **nested loops**:

- An **outer loop** that gets input values from the user, outputs column headings and displays the final result. This loop repeats as long as the user keeps replying “y” or “yes” to the “**Keep running?**” prompt.
- An **inner loop** that repeats the approximation calculations and outputs intermediate results until the **difference** value is less than the **tolerance** value.

The outer loop must ask the user to input three values:

- The number for which we need to calculate the square root. (Save this value in the **inputNumber** variable.)
- The “**tolerance**” (permissible error) for the calculated result.
- The initial “**estimate**” for the square root.

The algorithm for calculating square root involves starting with an estimate for the value of the square root. We do not necessarily expect the initial estimate to be very close to the real square root value, so we perform a

calculation to determine **how bad** the initial estimate is. Then we use this information to refine our estimate. We repeat the process until we decide that the latest estimate is “close enough”.

Inputs from the user:

```
double inputNumber; // (we will calculate the square root of this number.)
double tolerance;   // the acceptable error for the approximation.
double estimate;     // an initial “guess” of the square root result
```

Variables used in the calculations:

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double quotient;    // inputNumber / estimate
double difference; // difference between estimate and quotient.
double result;      // copy of the estimate variable, before the next calculation
int      n;          // number of “guesses” so far (loop counter).
```

Outputs to the screen:

For each pass through the inner loop, output the intermediate values of the variables used in the calculations, formatted in columns. (See also the **Sample Output** section of this document.)

After the inner loop exits, output the final result.

Calculations:

The **inner loop** of the program must be a **do-while** loop that performs the following steps:

- Calculate: **quotient = inputNumber / estimate.**
- Calculate: **difference = fabs(estimate - quotient).**
(The **fabs** function is part of the **cmath** library.)
- Output: The intermediate values of **n**, **estimate**, **quotient**, and **difference**.
- Copy: Save a copy of the latest **estimate** value in **result**.
- Calculate: a new value for **estimate**: the average between the *previous* value of **estimate** and the **quotient**.

The loop continues until the **difference** is less than the **tolerance**.

Before the beginning of the inner loop, output column headings for the intermediate values. Use these column headings:

n	estimate	quotient	difference
—	_____	_____	_____

Always remember: make small, incremental changes. Test each small change as you go.

Sample Output

In the sample output shown below, text that the user types is shown in **BOLD** font. When the program actually runs, all text is shown in the same font.)

Sample Input / Output			
Enter a floating point number: 10000			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.0001			
Enter the initial estimate: 5			
tolerance = 0.00010000000000000000			
Estimating square root of 10000.000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	5.000000000000000000	2000.000000000000000000	1995.000000000000000000
2	1002.500000000000000000	9.975062344139651316	992.524937655860298946
3	506.237531172069850527	19.753572945979396280	486.483958226090464905
4	262.995552059024646496	38.023456753198921376	224.972095305825718015
5	150.509504406111773278	66.440986829758827525	84.068517576352945753
6	108.475245617935300402	92.186931156822382150	16.288314461112918252
7	100.331088387378841276	99.670004190425501633	0.661084196953339642
8	100.000546288902171455	99.999453714082122247	0.001092574820049208
9	100.000000001492139745	99.999999998507860255	0.000000002984279490
The square root of 10000.000000000000000000			
is 100.000000001492139745			
(+/- 0.00010000000000000000)			
Keep running? y			
Enter a floating point number: 10000			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.00000000000001			
Enter the initial estimate: 5			
tolerance = 0.00000000000010000000			
Estimating square root of 10000.000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	5.000000000000000000	2000.000000000000000000	1995.000000000000000000
2	1002.500000000000000000	9.975062344139651316	992.524937655860298946
3	506.237531172069850527	19.753572945979396280	486.483958226090464905
4	262.995552059024646496	38.023456753198921376	224.972095305825718015
5	150.509504406111773278	66.440986829758827525	84.068517576352945753
6	108.475245617935300402	92.186931156822382150	16.288314461112918252
7	100.331088387378841276	99.670004190425501633	0.661084196953339642
8	100.000546288902171455	99.999453714082122247	0.001092574820049208
9	100.000000001492139745	99.999999998507860255	0.000000002984279490
10	100.000000000000000000	100.000000000000000000	0.000000000000000000
The square root of 10000.000000000000000000			
is 100.000000000000000000			
(+/- 0.000000000000100000)			

Sample Input / Output

Keep running? **Y**

Enter a floating point number: **25**

Enter the desired tolerance value: **0.01**

Enter the initial estimate: **1**

tolerance = 0.01000000000000000021

Estimating square root of 25.000000000000000000

N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	1.000000000000000000	25.000000000000000000	24.000000000000000000
2	13.000000000000000000	1.923076923076923128	11.076923076923076650
3	7.461538461538461675	3.350515463917525860	4.111022997620935371
4	5.406026962727993990	4.624468241161800997	0.781558721566192993
5	5.015247601944897937	4.984798754563000145	0.030448847381897792
6	5.000023178253949041	4.999976821853496567	0.000046356400452474

The square root of 25.000000000000000000
 is 5.000023178253949041
 (+/- 0.01000000000000000000)

Keep running? **Y**

Enter a floating point number: **25**

Enter the desired tolerance value: **0.00000000000001**

Enter the initial estimate: **1**

tolerance = 0.00000000000010000000

Estimating square root of 25.000000000000000000

N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	1.000000000000000000	25.000000000000000000	24.000000000000000000
2	13.000000000000000000	1.923076923076923128	11.076923076923076650
3	7.461538461538461675	3.350515463917525860	4.111022997620935371
4	5.406026962727993990	4.624468241161800997	0.781558721566192993
5	5.015247601944897937	4.984798754563000145	0.030448847381897792
6	5.000023178253949041	4.999976821853496567	0.000046356400452474
7	5.0000000000053722360	4.999999999946277640	0.000000000107444720
8	5.000000000000000000	5.000000000000000000	0.000000000000000000

The square root of 25.000000000000000000
 is 5.000000000000000000
 (+/- 0.000000000000100000)

Keep running? **Y**

Enter a floating point number: **2**

Enter the desired tolerance value: **0.00001**

Enter the initial estimate: **1**

tolerance = 0.00001000000000000000

Estimating square root of 2.000000000000000000

N	estimate	quotient	difference
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Sample Input / Output			
1	1.00000000000000000000	2.00000000000000000000	1.00000000000000000000
2	1.50000000000000000000	1.3333333333333333259	0.166666666666666741
3	1.416666666666666519	1.411764705882353033	0.004901960784313486
4	1.414215686274509665	1.414211438474870075	0.000004247799639590
The square root of 2.00000000000000000000 is 1.414215686274509665 (+/- 0.00001000000000000000)			
Keep running? y			
Enter a floating point number: 2			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.0000000000001			
Enter the initial estimate: 1			
tolerance = 0.00000000000010000000			
Estimating square root of 2.00000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	1.00000000000000000000	2.00000000000000000000	1.00000000000000000000
2	1.50000000000000000000	1.3333333333333333259	0.166666666666666741
3	1.416666666666666519	1.411764705882353033	0.004901960784313486
4	1.414215686274509665	1.414211438474870075	0.000004247799639590
5	1.414213562374689870	1.414213562371500199	0.000000000003189671
6	1.414213562373094923	1.414213562373095145	0.000000000000000222
The square root of 2.00000000000000000000 is 1.414213562373094923 (+/- 0.000000000000100000)			
Keep running? y			
Enter a floating point number: 10			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.001			
Enter the initial estimate: 5			
tolerance = 0.001000000000000000002			
Estimating square root of 10.00000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	5.00000000000000000000	2.00000000000000000000	3.00000000000000000000
2	3.50000000000000000000	2.857142857142857206	0.642857142857142794
3	3.178571428571428825	3.146067415730336769	0.032504012841092056
4	3.162319422150882797	3.162235898737389750	0.000083523413493047
The square root of 10.00000000000000000000 is 3.162319422150882797 (+/- 0.00100000000000000000)			
Keep running? y			
Enter a floating point number: 10			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.0000000000001			
Enter the initial estimate: 5			

Sample Input / Output			
tolerance = 0.00000000000010000000			
Estimating square root of 10.000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	5.000000000000000000	2.000000000000000000	3.000000000000000000
2	3.500000000000000000	2.857142857142857206	0.642857142857142794
3	3.178571428571428825	3.146067415730336769	0.032504012841092056
4	3.162319422150882797	3.162235898737389750	0.000083523413493047
5	3.162277660444136274	3.162277659892622328	0.000000000551513946
6	3.162277660168379079	3.162277660168379523	0.000000000000000444
The square root of 10.000000000000000000			
is 3.162277660168379079			
(+/- 0.000000000000100000)			
Keep running? n			

This algorithm also corrects itself if the initial estimate of the square root is obviously wrong:

Sample Result for Obviously Incorrect Initial Estimate			
Enter a floating point number: 2			
Enter the desired tolerance value: 0.0000000000001			
Enter the initial estimate: 25			
tolerance = 0.00000000000010000000			
Estimating square root of 2.000000000000000000			
N	estimate	quotient	difference
1	25.000000000000000000	0.080000000000000002	24.92000000000001705
2	12.53999999999999147	0.159489633173843709	12.380510366826156243
3	6.349744816586921026	0.314973287552526959	6.034771529034394177
4	3.332359052069723937	0.600175421900530970	2.732183630169192856
5	1.966267236985127509	1.017155736707791025	0.949111500277336484
6	1.491711486846459156	1.340741837570805339	0.150969649275653817
7	1.416226662208632359	1.412203324064639443	0.004023338143992916
8	1.414214993136635901	1.414212131611001677	0.000002861525634223
9	1.414213562373818789	1.414213562372371280	0.000000000001447509
10	1.414213562373094923	1.414213562373095145	0.000000000000000222
The square root of 2.000000000000000000			
is 1.414213562373094923			
(+/- 0.000000000000100000)			
Keep running? y			

