

Assignment: Algorithm Design for Analyzing a Quadratic Equation

Objective:

The goal of this assignment is to practice algorithmic thinking, problem-solving, and the use of **Decision (If/Else)** structures. You will design an algorithm that analyzes a standard quadratic equation and determines the nature of its real roots.

Your Task:

You must deliver your algorithm in two formats:

1. A complete **Flowchart** (designed in Flowgorithm).
2. A step-by-step **Textual Algorithm** (pseudocode).

Your algorithm must clearly show:

- **Start:** The beginning of the process.
 - **Input:** The specific information you must get from the user (the coefficients a, b, and c).
 - **Process:** The logical steps and calculations needed to analyze the equation.
 - **Output:** The final result you will display to the user (the number of real roots).
 - **End:** The end of the process.
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The Problem:

Design a single algorithm that solves the following problem: “**Creation of the algorithm that shows how many roots a quadratic equation has**”

Required Inputs:

- Coefficient **a** (a Real number)
- Coefficient **b** (a Real number)
- Coefficient **c** (a Real number)

Mathematical Background (Hint):

To solve this, you must use the **discriminant (delta)**. The formula for the discriminant is:
 $\text{delta} = b*b - 4*a*c$

The value of the discriminant tells you how many real roots the equation has:

1. If **delta > 0**, the equation has **two distinct (different) real roots**.
2. If **delta = 0**, the equation has **one real root** (or two equal real roots).
3. If **delta < 0**, the equation has **no real roots**.

Your algorithm must use **Decision (If/Else)** structures (likely nested) to check these three conditions.

Example (How to think about the algorithm):

Algorithm: Analyzing a Quadratic Equation

1. Start
2. Declare Real variables: a, b, c, delta.
3. Output: "Please enter coefficient a:"
4. Input: a.
5. Output: "Please enter coefficient b:"
6. Input: b.
7. Output: "Please enter coefficient c:"
8. Input: c.
9. Process: Calculate the delta using the formula.
10. **Decision:** Check if $\text{delta} > 0$.
 - **True:** Output "The equation has two distinct real roots."
 - **False:** (This means delta is 0 or less than 0)
 - **Nested Decision:** Check if $\text{delta} == 0$.
 - **True:** Output "The equation has one real root."
 - **False:** (This means delta *must* be less than 0) * Output "The equation has no real roots."
11. End

Your final flowchart should visually represent this logic. Good luck!