

Math 201 - Program #1

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1. Write, compile, and test a C++ program that finds the real solutions of the quadratic equation

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

where a , b , and c are real numbers input by the user. Use the version of the quadratic formula that avoids loss of significance. All real variables should be type `double`. You should write and use a function with the header

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double sign( double x )
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to determine the sign of b . Your program should produce output identical to the samples shown on the back of this page. The real solutions must be displayed in ascending order.

Sample Output #1

Quadratic Formula

To find the real solutions of $ax^2+bx+c=0$

Enter a, b, & c

a = -6

b = 4

c = 5

The solutions are:

x = -0.638492 or x = 1.30516

Press any key to continue . . .

Sample Output #2

Quadratic Formula

To find the real solutions of $ax^2+bx+c=0$

Enter a, b, & c

a = 3

b = 5

c = 8

There are no real solutions.

Press any key to continue . . .