



$$f(x) = 0 \quad ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{2c}{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}} \quad \boxed{B}$$

If either of these are used you are asking for trouble! Round-off
 • when a and/or c are very small and $b \geq 0$

$$-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - \text{very small}} \quad \text{JUST DON'T}$$

$$q = -\frac{1}{2} \left[b + \text{sign}(b) \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \right]$$

$$x_1 = \frac{q}{a} \quad x_2 = \frac{c}{q}$$

are the 2 roots.

Stability: Example: calculate the integer powers of ϕ (Golden Mean)

$$\phi = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} \approx 0.61803\dots$$

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$$\phi^0 = 1 \quad \phi^1 = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$$

Another solution $\phi^+ = -\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$

$$\phi^1 = \phi + \varepsilon \phi^+ \quad \left| \phi^+ \right| > 1$$

linear
combination