

Now we use 4-digit rounding arithmetic

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{92.25 \pm \sqrt{8508}}{2} = \frac{92.25 \pm 92.24}{2}$$

$$x_1 = 0.005$$

$$x_2 = 92.25$$

| | Exact value | 4-digit value | Absolute error | Relative error |
|-------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| x_1 | 0.0054203727 $0.54203727 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.005 $0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $0.4203727 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 0.07755 $= 0.7755 \cdot 10^{-1}$ |
| x_2 | 92.24457963 0.9224457963×10^2 | 92.25 $0.9225 \cdot 10^2$ | 0.542×10^{-2} | 0.5876×10^{-4} |

To avoid the large relative error in x_1 , we can compute x_2 and then use Viett's formula to find x_1 . Namely,

$$x_1 x_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2x_2} = 0.00542$$

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|-------|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| x_1 | -11- | 0.00542 0.542×10^{-2} | 0.3727×10^{-6} | 0.68759×10^{-4} |
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exact to 4 significant digits