# 61A Extra Lecture 1

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How to find the square root of 2?

>>> f = lambda x: x\*x - 2
>>> df = lambda x: 2\*x
>>> find\_zero(f, df)
1.4142135623730951



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