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silver ratio

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The *silver ratio* is the sum of 1 and the square root of 2, represented by the Greek letter delta with a subscript S. That is,  $\delta_S = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ , with an approximate value of 2.4142135623730950488 (see A014176 in Sloane's OEIS). Its continued fraction is

$$2 + \cfrac{1}{2 + \cfrac{1}{2 + \cfrac{1}{\ddots}}},$$

which suggests that the Pell numbers  $P_n$  can be used as convergents. Similarly, the  $n$ th power of the silver ratio for  $n > 0$  is  $P_n \delta_S + P_{n-1}$ .