

Here are the details for $\sqrt{10}$:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3.16d \\
 \sqrt{10.000000} \\
 \underline{9} \\
 61 \quad 100 \\
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 626 \quad 3900 \\
 \underline{3756} \\
 632d \quad 14400 \\
 (6322 \cdot 2 = 12644) \\
 (6323 \cdot 3 > 14400) \\
 \boxed{d = 2}
 \end{array}$$

As expected, to two-decimal places, $\sqrt{10} = 3.16$.

Suggested problems

Try approximating $\sqrt{107}$ and $\sqrt{1525}$ to two decimal places.

9.8596 is a perfect square. Evaluate $\sqrt{9.8596}$

An acre has originally defined so that exactly 640 acres was equivalent to 1 square mile.
To the nearest integer, what is the length (in feet) of the side of a square whose area is 1 acre?

The following diagram (2 small squares and 2 rectangles inside a larger square) hints at why this algorithm works. Try explaining why the algorithm works?

