



## Introduction to Optimization

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- Golden section ( $f$ )
  - Fibonacci ( $f$ )
  - Bisection ( $f'$ )
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$$\rho = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 0.382$$

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- Observe

$$\frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} = \frac{1 - \rho}{1}$$

- *Why the name?* If you divide a line into two parts ( $a < b$ ) with  $a$  equal to  $\rho$  times the original length ( $a + b$ ), then

$$\frac{a + b}{b} = \frac{b}{a}$$

Greek geometers called this the golden section

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