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Introduction to Optimization

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- Golden section (f) • Fibonacci (f) • Bisection (f')
 - Secant (f')
 - Newton's (f' and f'')

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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 ρ 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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