

**6.00 Handout, Lecture 4**  
**(Not intended to make sense outside of lecture)**

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low = 0.0
high = x
ans = (high + low)/2.0
while abs(ans**2 - x) >= epsilon:
    #print 'ans =', ans, 'low =', low, 'high =', high
    if ans**2 < x:
        low = ans
    else:
        high = ans
    ans = (high + low)/2.0
print ans, 'is close to square root of', x
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def withinEpsilon(x, y, epsilon):
    """x, y, epsilon ints or floats. epsilon > 0.0
    returns true if x is within epsilon of y"""
    return abs(x - y) <= epsilon
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def f(x):
    x = x + 1
    print 'x =', x
    return x
x = 3
z = f(x)
print 'z =', z
print 'x =', x
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def f1(x):
    def g():
        x = 'abc'
    x = x + 1
    print 'x =', x
    g()
    assert False
    return x
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x = 3
z = f1(x)
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def isEven(i):
    """assumes i a positive int
    returns True if i is even, otherwise False"""
    return i%2 == 0
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def findRoot(pwr, val, epsilon):
    """assumes pwr an int; val, epsilon floats
    pwr and epsilon > 0
    if it exists,
        returns a value within epsilon of val**pwr
    otherwise returns None"""
    assert type(pwr) == int and type(val) == float\
        and type(epsilon) == float
    assert pwr > 0 and epsilon > 0
    if isEven(pwr) and val < 0:
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        return None
    low = -abs(val)
    high = max(abs(val), 1.0)
    ans = (high + low)/2.0
    while not withinEpsilon(ans**pwr, val, epsilon):
        #print 'ans =', ans, 'low =', low, 'high =', high
        if ans**pwr < val:
            low = ans
        else:
            high = ans
        ans = (high + low)/2.0
    return ans

def testFindRoot():
    """x float, epsilon float, pwr positive int"""
    for x in (-1.0, 1.0, 3456.0):
        for pwr in (1, 2, 3):
            ans = findRoot(pwr, x, 0.001)
            if ans == None:
                print 'The answer is imaginary'
            else: print ans, 'to the power', pwr, 'is close to', x

sumDigits = 0
for c in str(1952):
    sumDigits += int(c)
print sumDigits

x = 100
divisors = ()
for i in range(1,x):
    if x%i == 0:
        divisors = divisors+(i,)

print divisors[0] + divisors[1]
print divisors[2:4]

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