Week 78 (3/8/04)

Infinite square roots

Find the value of

$$\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{\frac{17}{16} - \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{\frac{17}{16} - \sqrt{1 - \cdots}}}}}$$
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Assume, when taking the limit, that deep within the nested square roots we choose to begin with a "1" (starting with a "17/16" would yield a complex number).