Designing an investigative algorithm

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Learning target: Understand ordered steps, choices and repetition in algorithms and their representation, including pseudocode.

An algorithm needs explicit inputs, an initial state, a sequence of operations and a stopping rule. Decisions and repetition must be unambiguous enough for another person or a computer to follow. Trace a few steps to detect logical errors, then compare the algorithm’s output with an independently derived result and interpret its precision.

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Task 1. Write an algorithm that finds the smallest integer n with planned margin at most 0.04, using planning proportion 0.32. Include a loop and stopping condition.

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