Understand algorithms as precise pseudocode instructions across different contexts

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Learning target: Understand algorithms as precise pseudocode instructions across different contexts.

Precise pseudocode identifies stored quantities and an unambiguous next action. Sequence executes instructions in order, selection chooses a branch and repetition revisits a block. A terminating algorithm also needs a quantity that cannot decrease forever. The Euclidean algorithm illustrates these features while preserving the required greatest common divisor.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Trace this pseudocode for a=84,b=30: WHILE b≠0: r=a mod b; a=b; b=r. RETURN a. Give every pair (a,b) after an iteration and the returned value.

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