

# Solutions to Exercises from The Art of Computer Programming, by Donald Knuth

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1. Using a temp variable  $t$  the values can be rotated like this -  
$$t \leftarrow a, a \leftarrow b, b \leftarrow c, c \leftarrow d, d \leftarrow t$$
2. At step **[E3]**  $r$  is assigned to  $n$  and  $n$  to  $m$ . As  $r$  is remainder of division of  $m$  by  $n$ ,  $r$  should be  $< n$ . Hence  $m < n$ .
3. Below are the steps of modified algorithm **[F]** which takes  $m$  and  $n$  as input.  
**[F1]** Divide  $m$  by  $n$  and let the remainder be  $r$ .  
**[F2]** if  $r = 0$  return  $n$ . Terminate  
**[F3]** Invoke **[F]** with  $n, r$  as input and return result.
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5. From the procedure reading the book following properties are missing which means it's not a proper algorithm.
  - Finiteness is missing - the whole procedure goes in a loop and does not actually terminate.
  - Output is missing - the procedure does not a definite output.
  - Effectiveness is missing - The steps cannot be done on pencil/paper or a real computer realistically.  
Comparison with **[E]**: **[E]** terminates after finite number of steps and is effective(steps can be performed on pen and paper and has definite output.
6. The answer should be close to 3. I dint calculate the exact value though.
7.  $T_m + 1 = U_m$