



Algorithms

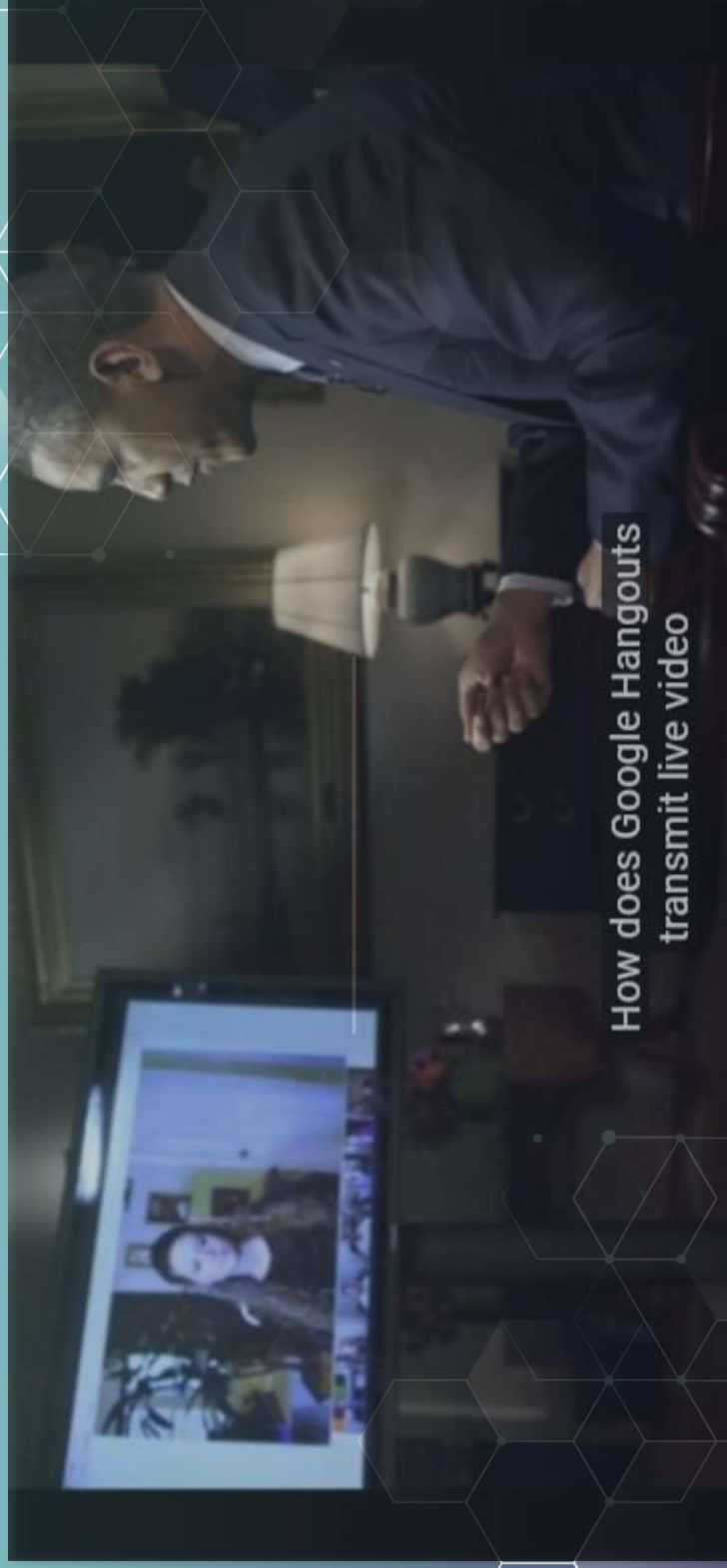
Computer Science is the Science of Algorithms

Algorithm

A set of steps to accomplish a task.

An algorithm is an ordered set of unambiguous, executable steps that defines a terminating process.

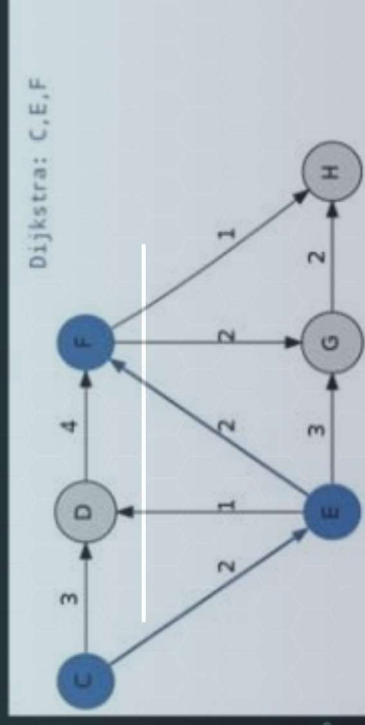




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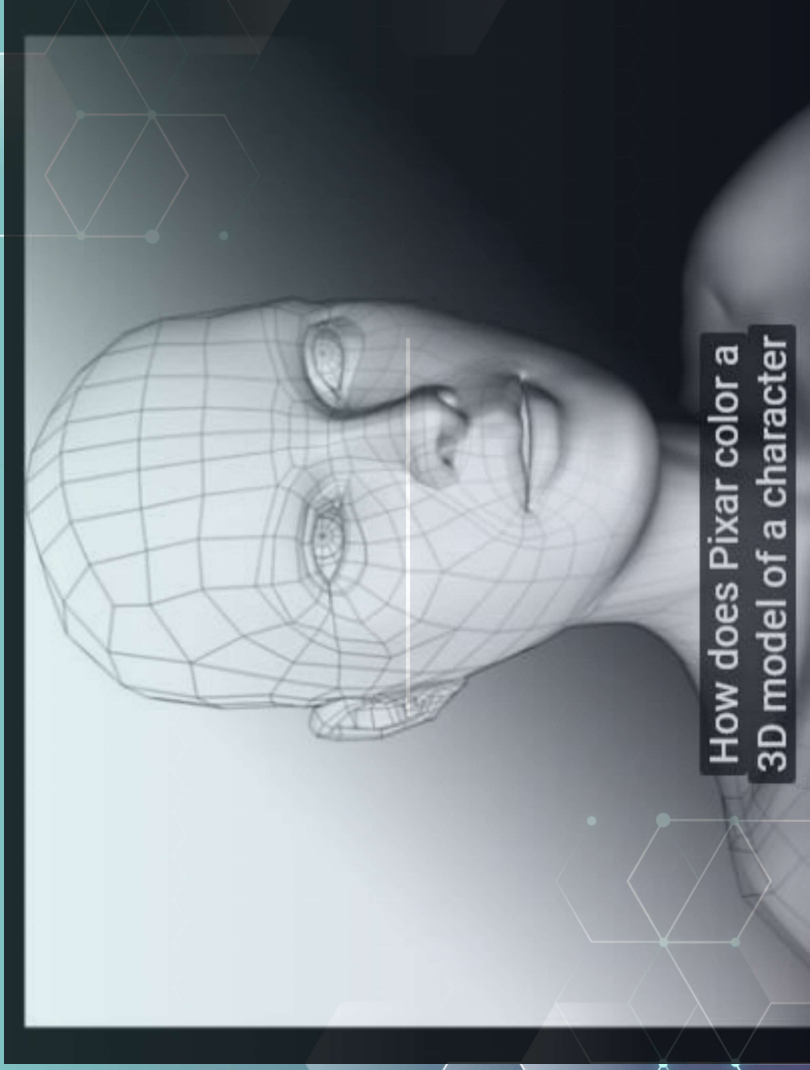
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Route finding Algorithms

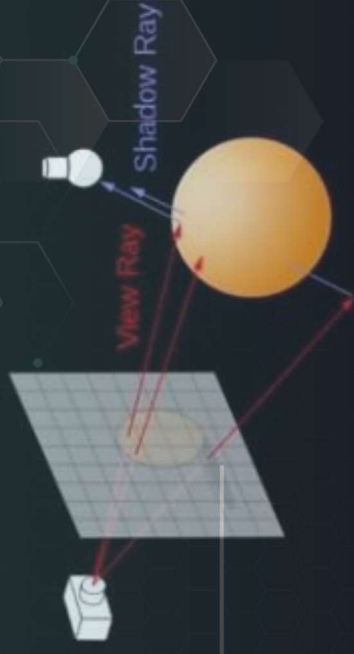
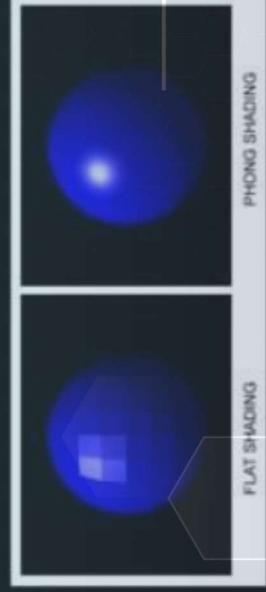


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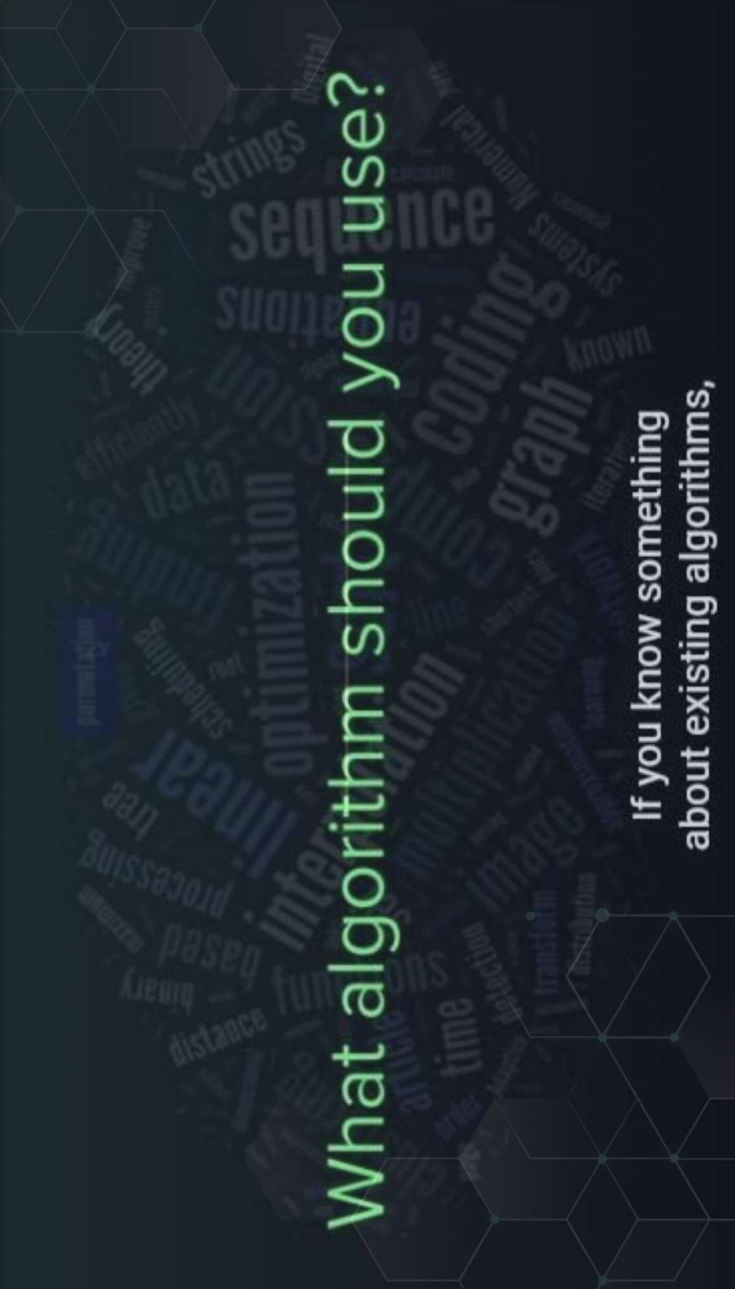
How does Pixar color a
3D model of a character



Rendering Algorithms



They use a rendering algorithm.



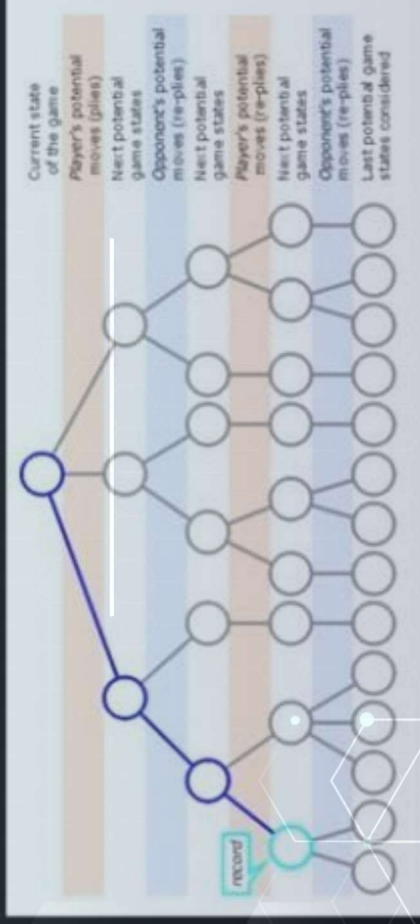
What algorithm should you use?

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Minimax algorithms

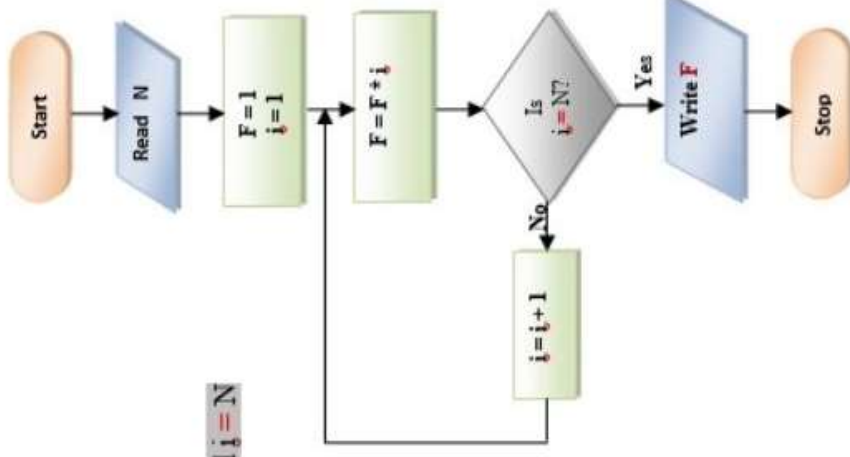


Draw a flowchart for computing factorial N, where $N! = 1 * 2 * 3 * \dots * N$

Algorithm

1. Start
2. Read N
3. Initialize $F = 1, i = 1$
4. $F = F * i$
5. Increment i by 1
6. Repeat step 4 & 5 until $i = N$
7. Print F
8. Stop

Flowchart



Program

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int N, F = 1, i;

    printf("Enter value of N: ");
    scanf("%d", &N);

    for(i=1; i<=N; i++)
    {
        F = F * i;
    }

    printf("Factorial of N is: %d", F);

    return 0;
}
```

1. Variables

A variable is a symbolic name or reference to some kind of information. This is similar to how the term is used in math. For example, if you're using positive integers, then $a + b > a$. In this scenario, a and b are both variables. In computer programming, variables allow code to operate for any values being represented by variables, but they can be more than just symbolic letters. Variables can have a number of properties, such as name, type, value, scope, life time, or location (in a computer's memory). Different languages call for variables differently, but they all use the component. You can find more examples here.

2. Conditional statements (“if” statements)

Conditional statements are expressions that ask the program to determine if a variable is true or false (pro tip: these are known as Boolean values). Typically, if a statement is true, the program should perform one action, and if a statement is false, the program should perform a different action. Those actions are called conditions. Read on [here](#) and [here](#).

3. Looping and iteration

An iteration is any time a program repeats a process or sequence. Loops are a common type of iteration, in which a program performs a certain action for an indefinite number of times until a new condition is met. These are frequently called “while loops,” because they often express that “while” a certain condition is true, the program should continue to do a certain action until that condition is false or a new condition is true. Loops also make it possible for programs to do something else while a given process is running.

4. Data types and data structures

Data types help classify what information a variable can hold and what can be done with it. Data types include:

- Numbers, (e.g., 7, 3.14).
- Booleans (true or false)
- Characters ('a', 'b', ... 'z', '1', '2', ... '9', '!', '^', etc)
- Strings (multiple characters strung together — eg. "hello world!")

Data Structures Include:

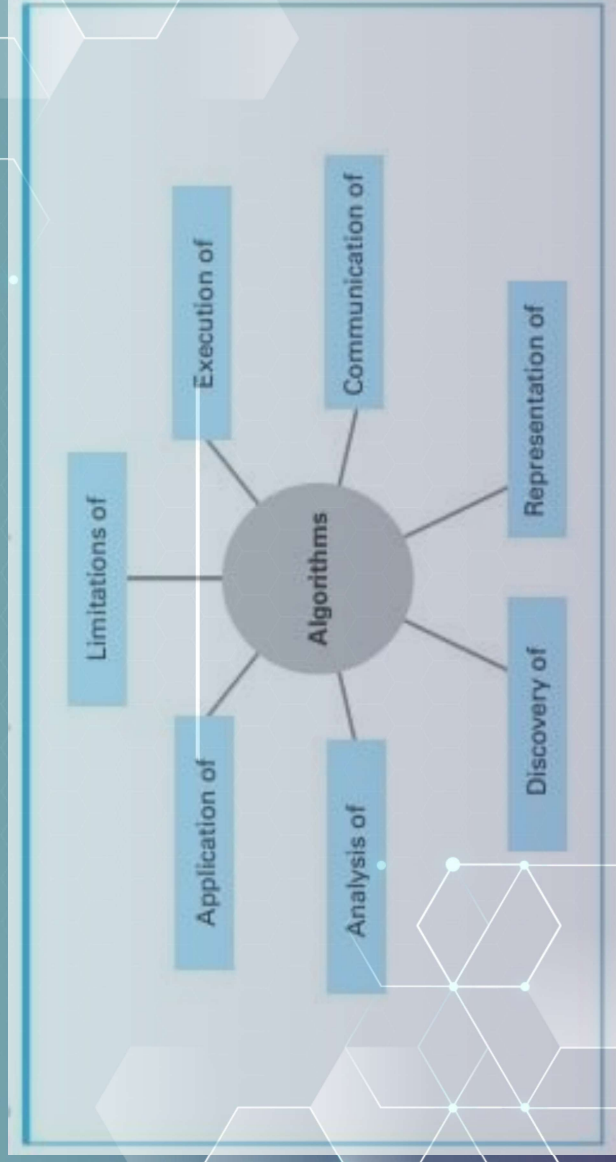
- Arrays/Lists (an ordered list of multiple items.)
- Hashes/Dictionarys (an unordered list of key-value pairs)
- Objects (a data structure that encapsulates information and functionality)

5. Functions

Functions are self-contained modules of code that accomplish a particular task. Once a function is written, it can be called and used repeatedly. They operate like a black box: data goes in, the function operates on it, and processed data comes out. Functions let you reuse code rather than constantly rewrite it, and allow you to think about your program as a series of sub-steps. Functions are also known as routines or subroutines.

Recognizing these five components of a computer language will help you situate yourself when learning a new language. You'll be able to pick up new languages faster, and understand how to manipulate different languages to best produce your program.

What is Computer Science?





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