



1. Algorithms, flow charts and programming languages

Business Programming

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Evaluation Scheme

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Class Activities	20%	Problem Situation	60%
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What is an Algorithm?

A finite set of well defined series of steps, procedures designed to solve a problem, accomplish a specific task or achieve a goal

How do we represent an algorithm then?

Natural Language

Our general purpose, spoken and written, communication language.

→ **Example (lemonade):** Cut some lemons, squeeze them, mix with water and sugar, and add ice on top.

→ **Example (sum 2 numbers):** I ask two numbers, add them together and show them.

IPO Diagrams (Input – Process – Output)

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An **IPO diagram** is a simple way to show how a task or system works.

1. **Input** – What you start with. The information, materials, or data you give to the system.
2. **Process** – The steps or actions done to the input to make something new.
3. **Output** – The result you get after the process is done.

Making Lemonade:

Input	Process	Output
Lemons Sugar Water Ice	Cut Lemons; Squeeze Lemons; Mix sugar and water; Add Ice	Fresh lemonade

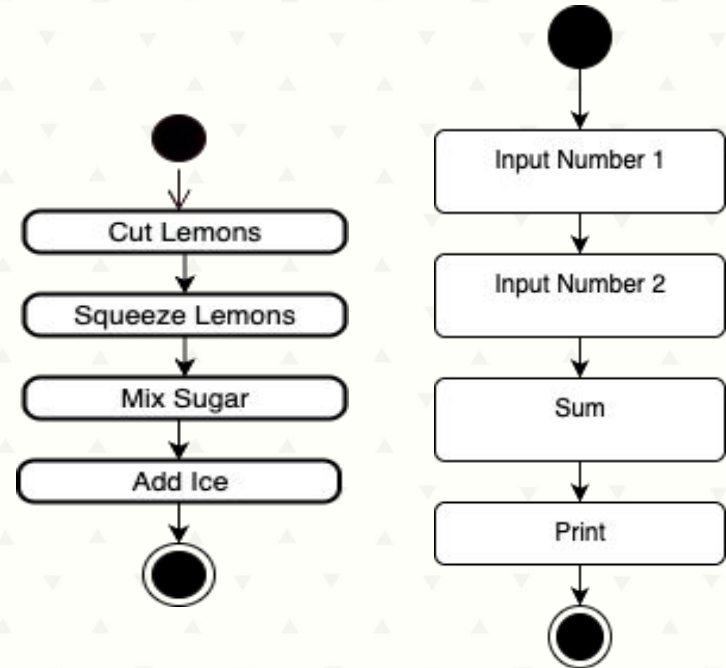
Sum of 2 numbers

Input	Process	Output
Number 1; Number 2;	$S = N1 + N2$	S (Sum)

Flowcharts

- Shows **every step**, decisions, loops, and possible paths.
- Gives more detail for programming or precise procedures.
- Takes more time to design and read.
- Graphical representation

There are **many** ways to do these Flowchart diagrams that represent algorithms and they go well beyond the scope of this class.



Pseudocode

A series of instructions in a more human-readable form, similar to English or any Natural language.

(As you can see, it's just readable and doesn't have strict syntax rules, as long as you write it correctly)

Sum 2 Numbers pseudocode

```
input A
input B
Sum  $\leftarrow$  B + A
Print(Sum)
```

Swap 2 numbers

```
START
  READ A
  READ B
  temporal = A
  A = B
  B = temporal
  DISPLAY A, B
END
```


Sum of two numbers Python

```
# Method 1
n1 = 3.2
n2 = 2.3
my_sum = n1+n2
print(my_sum)
```

This will give us the sum **But** what we said was to **INPUT** so this one would be incorrect if we cared for our FLOWCHART and PSEUDOCODE since its clearly written as **INPUT**.

```
# Method 2.1
# roughly following OUR OWN Pseudocode ->
n1 = float(input("Input number 1: "))
n2 = float(input("Input number 2: "))
my_sum = n1+n2
print(my_sum)
```

We are doing what our pseudocode tells us BUT, we are actually doing more steps that are not stated.

What am I doing that It's NOT in our pseudocode?