

Def: An algorithm is a procedure for doing something.

Def: A pseudocode is a list of steps, input & output for applying an algorithm to a problem.

Ex: Suppose your goal is to sum N values $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^N$.

What is the algorithm? $S = \sum_{j=1}^N x_j$

What is the pseudocode?

Input: $N, \{x_j\}_{j=1}^N$

Output: S = the sum

Step 1: $S = 0, j = 1$

Step 2: While $j \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S + x_j \\ j &= j + 1 \end{aligned}$$

step 3: return S

$$j = j + 1$$