

# PROBLEM SOLVING AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

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Day 1.

- ① CALCULATIVE  
SYSTEMATIC
- ② CONCEPTS FROM  
COMPUTER SCIENCE

OR ANYTHING

WHENEVER YOU HAVE  
A BIG PROBLEM,

BREAK IT  
SHAKE IT  
CRUSH IT

DECOMPOSITION

BREAKING DOWN PROBLEMS  
INTO SMALLER COMPONENTS

EAT THE CHUNKS

CHEW

FIND THE FLAVOURS

TOP NOTE

MIDDLE NOTE

BASE NOTE

PATTERN RECOGNITION

OBSERVE PATTERNS AND  
TRENDS IN DATA

FOCUS ON THE GOAL

AND

AVOID IRRELEVANT DRAGS

ABSTRACTION

REMOVING ASPECTS OF A  
PROBLEM  
THAT ARE NOT NEEDED  
FOR THE SOLUTION.

YOU NEED TO LEARN

① YOUR ROOMMATE

SNORES

YOUR GOAL

② THE MESS FOOD IS YUUCK.

③ YOU DIDN'T STUDY

④ HEADACHES AFTER WEEKEND

⑤ BLAH BLAH BLAH

ALGORITHM

DETERMINE THE STEPS  
REQUIRED TO SOLVE  
A PROBLEM.

A set of rules to solve a  
specific problem.

A well defined and finite set  
of steps/rules that, even if  
followed blindly, can  
solve the specified  
problem it has  
been designed for.

PLANNING IS IMPORTANT

① TAKE YOUR STEPS CAREFULLY

② THINK OF EVERY POSSIBILITIES  
AND BE PREPARED

## CASE STUDY:

→ Problem: Selecting appropriate clothing for a specific occasion or weather.

Computational Thinking Approach:

### DECOMPOSITION

Determine the occasion (e.g., formal, casual, work).  
Consider the weather (e.g., temperature, precipitation).  
Choose appropriate clothing items.  
Accessorize as needed.

### PATTERN RECOGNITION

Identify patterns in clothing choices based on different occasions and weather conditions. For example, formal events often require suits or dresses, while casual outings may call for jeans and a t-shirt.

### ABSTRACTION

Focus on the essential features of clothing that are relevant to the occasion and weather, such as comfort, style, and appropriateness. Ignore irrelevant details like the specific brand or color.

### ALGORITHM

1. Determine the occasion and weather.
2. Choose appropriate clothing items based on the occasion and weather.
3. Consider the color scheme and overall style.
4. Accessorize as needed.
5. Ensure the clothing is clean and in good condition.

Got it?

YOU CAN THINK OF SEVERAL

EDUCATIONAL OR

NON-EDUCATIONAL

EXAMPLES LIKE THE ABOVE.

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# ASSIGNMENT —

1. You and your roommate really enjoy the coffee which they serve at Rise but the problem is it tends to be occupied most of the time and it's very hard to find two empty chairs. How would you approach this problem using Computational Thinking?
2. Think of a problem, write the problem statement and Solve it using Computational Thinking.

Submit the aforementioned in a soft copy over Turnitin.

