

Polya's Technique

Objectives

- Name the four steps of Polya's Technique
- Apply Polya's Technique to Novel Problems
- Use "0, 1, Many, Crazy" to determine input/output test cases

Polya's Problem Solving Framework Steps

1. Understand the Problem
2. Devise a Plan
3. Carry Out the Plan
4. Look Back



Mathematics is the cheapest science. Unlike physics or chemistry, it does not require any expensive equipment. All one needs for mathematics is a pencil and paper.

— *George Polya* —

AZ QUOTES

ALL OF PROGRAMMING...

INPUT -> OUTPUT

STEP ONE: Understand the Problem

- Identify Inputs and Outputs
- Ask "What if" Questions

Test Cases "0, 1, Many, Crazy"

Input: Array of numbers

[1, 2, 3]

Outputs:

0 -> [] but also null, undefined

1 -> [1], [3.141592]

many -> [1, 2, 3]

crazy -> [NaN], {}, ['one', 'two', Infinity, true, [1,2,3]]

STEP TWO: Devise a Plan

- Come up with more than one plan
- Choose a solution based on:
 - Your Ability
 - Code's Performance
 - Code Maintainability / Readability

STEP THREE: Carry Out the Plan

- Quickly dispense with boilerplate code
- Write code 'outside in' ("sandwich code")

STEP FOUR: Look Back

- Ensure the correctness of your solution (and keep working until it's correct)
- Once it's correct, decide where you want to go:
 - You could refactor <https://github.com/gSchool/javascript-curriculum/blob/master/Refactoring.md>
 - You could burn-and-build (delete and rewrite)
 - You could write a real test suite

Write a function that takes a camelCase string and returns
SCREAMING_SNAKE_CASE