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Unit-1

Video Lecture No. – 2

**Introduction to C programming & Algorithms**

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# Problem solving with programming

## Course Objectives

The course aims to provide exposure to problem-solving through programming.

The course aims to raise the programming skills of students via logic building capability.

With knowledge of C programming language, students would be able to model real world problems.



# Learning Outcomes

CO Number	Title	Level
CO1	Identify situations where computational methods would be useful.	Understand
CO2	Approach the programming tasks using techniques learnt and write pseudo-code.	Remember
CO3	Choose the right data representation formats based on the requirements of the problem.	Understand
CO4	Use the comparisons and limitations of the various programming constructs and choose the right one for the task.	Understand



# Scheme of Evaluation

S.No	Items	Marks
1	1 <sup>st</sup> hourly test	12
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> hourly test	12
3	Element-1 Online Quiz	4*3=12
4	Element-2 Surprise Test	3*3=9
5	Element-3 Assignments	4*3=12
6	Element-4 Tutorial	3*3=9
7	Attendance (90% & More)	2

## What

An **algorithm** is a set of instructions designed to perform a specific task, In computer **programming**, **algorithms** are often created as functions. These functions serve as small programs that can be referenced by a larger **program**

## Why

**Algorithms** are a very **important** topic in **Computer Science** because they help software developers create efficient and error free programs.

# CONTENTS

- Introduction to C Programming
- Features of C programming
- Algorithms



# Programming

# Programming Language

- The language, through which user can interact with computer is known as computer language or programming language.

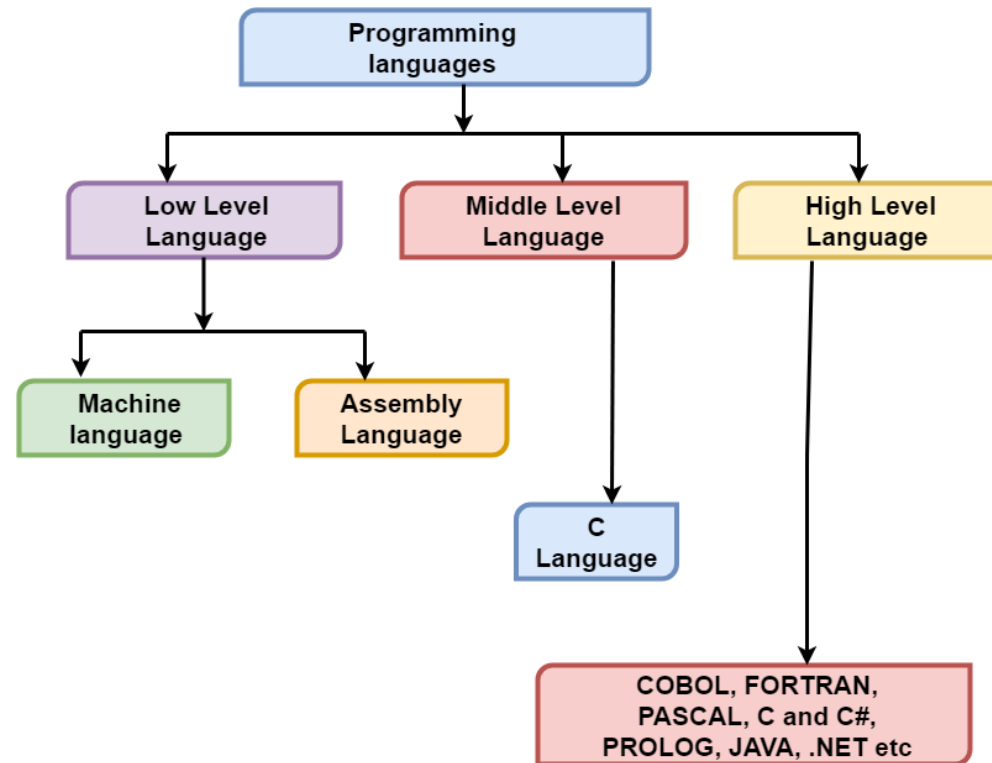


Fig 1: Programming languages

# Types of Programming language:

- **Machine language** is the low level programming **language**. **Machine language** can only be represented by 0s and 1s, it is a collection of binary digits or bits that the computer reads and interprets directly
- In earlier when we have to create a picture or show data on the screen of the computer then it is very difficult to draw using only binary digits(0s and 1s). For example: To write 120 in the computer system its representation is 1111000. So it is very difficult to learn.

**To overcome this problem the assembly language is invented.**



- **Assembly language** is the more than low level and less than high-level language so it is intermediary language. Assembly languages use numbers, symbols, and abbreviations instead of 0s and 1s. For example: For addition, subtraction and multiplications it uses symbols like Add, sub and Mul, etc.
- **High-level languages** are designed to be used by the human operator or the programmer. They are referred to as "closer to humans." In other words, their programming style and context is easier to learn and implement than low-level languages

**Examples of high-level programming languages** in active use today include Python, Visual Basic, Delphi, Perl, PHP, ECMAScript, Ruby, C#, Java and many others.

# Language Translator:

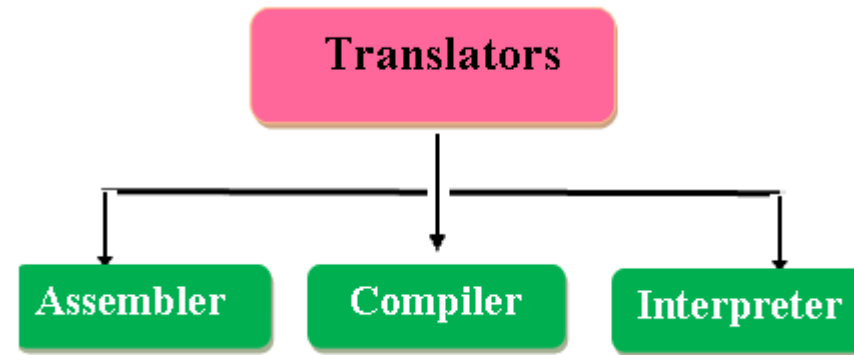


Fig 2:Types of language translator

## Job of Assembler:

covert assembly code  
into machine code

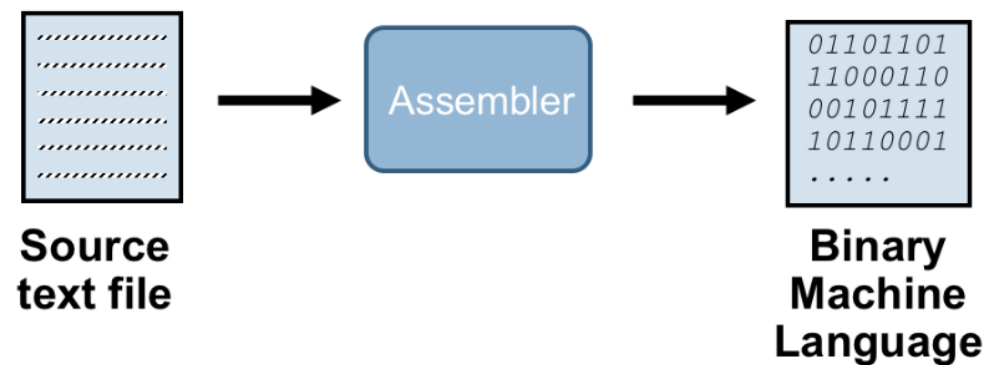


Fig 3: Working of Assembler

# Compiler & interpreter

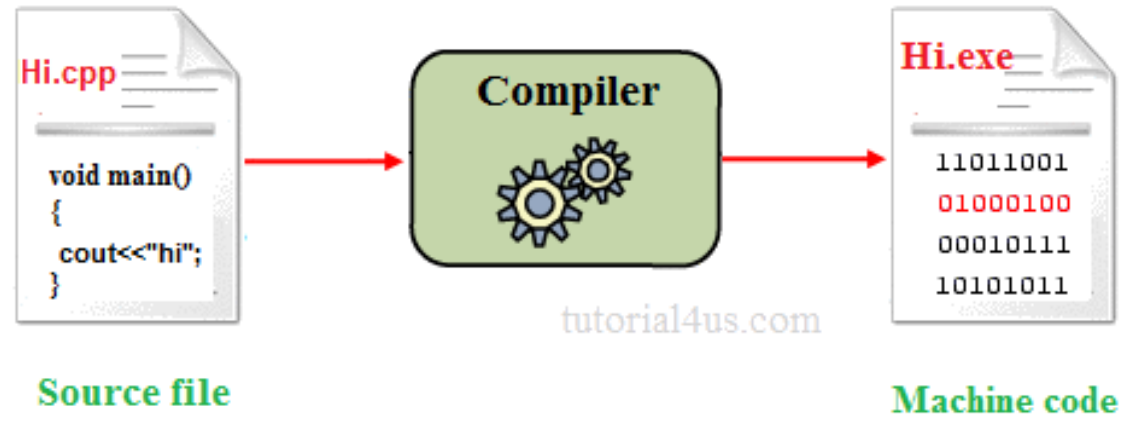


Fig 4: Working of Compiler

**Compiler** transforms code written in a high-level programming language into the machine code, at once, before program runs, whereas an **Interpreter** converts each high-level program statement, one by one, into the machine code, during program run.

**Compiled code runs faster while interpreted code runs slower.**

# C language

C is a structured programming language. It was initially developed by Dennis Ritchie in the year 1972. It was mainly developed as a system programming language to write an operating system.

## Features of C language:

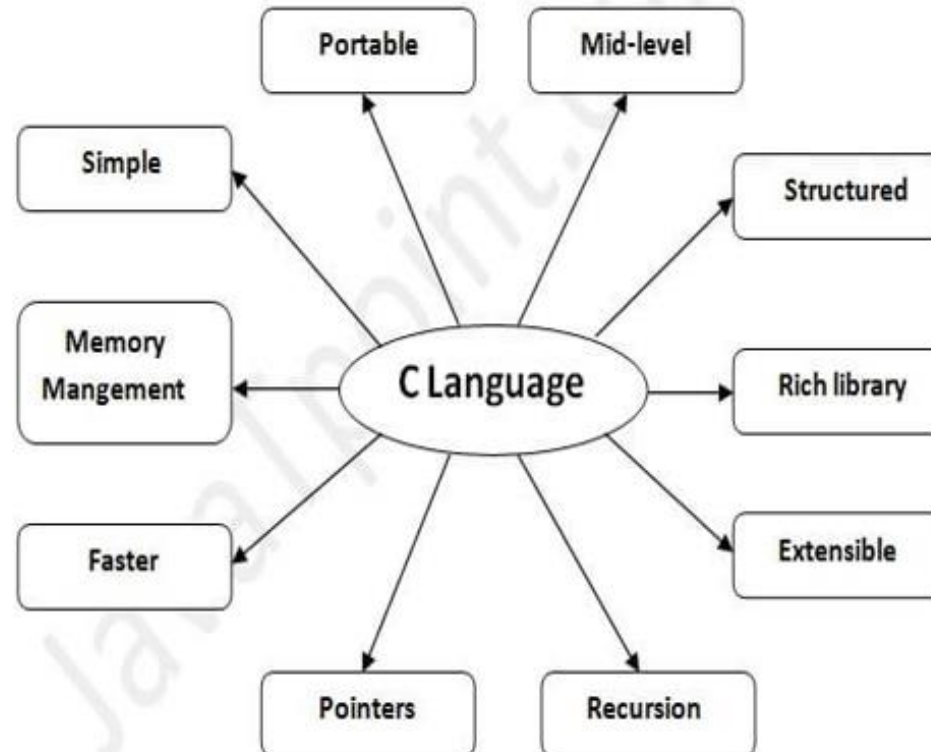


Fig 5: Features of C language

**Structured programming language** :C is a structured programming language in the sense that **we can break the program into parts using functions**. So, it is easy to understand and modify. Functions also provide code reusability.

**Portability**: C language is lavishly portable as programs which are written in C language can run and compile on any system with either none or small changes.

**Fast and Efficient**: Programs Written in C are efficient and fast because of its variety of data type and powerful operators.

**Mid-level programming language**: As it is a middle-level language so it has the combined form of both, capabilities of assembly language and features of the high level language.

**Rich set of built-in Operators**: It is a diversified language with a rich set of built-in operators which are used in writing complex or simplified C programs.

**Libraries with rich functions:** C provides a lot of inbuilt functions that make the development fast.

**Memory Management:** It supports the feature of dynamic memory allocation. In C language, we can free the allocated memory at any time by calling the free() function.

**Pointer:** C provides the feature of pointers. We can directly interact with the memory by using the pointers.

**Recursion:** In C, we **can call the function within the function**. It provides code reusability for every function. Recursion enables us to use the approach of backtracking.

**Easy to Extend:** Programs written in C language can be extended means when a program is already written in it then some more features and operations can be added into it.

# ALGORITHM

- An algorithm is a series of instructions for carrying out an operation or solving a problem.
- It is important to write computer programs without any logical error to generate the proper output, so it is recommended that the programmer prepare a rough design to solve the problem by showing the steps involved in the program. This is called algorithm.
- In simple words, an algorithm is a step by step procedure to describe the solution of a particular problem.
- Let's take a real-world example, a simple algorithm to make a coffee! So, what are the steps involved in making a Tea? Let's write down all the steps one by one.

# Characteristics of Algorithm

- **Finiteness:** Any algorithm should complete at one particular time and this is very important for any algorithm otherwise your algorithm will go in infinite state and it will not complete ever.
- **Definiteness:** Each algorithm should be clear and unambiguous.
- **Effectiveness:** Each line of an algorithm should be essentials. We should try to write in a simple way so it would be basic.
- **Input:** Every algorithm should take input it can be Zero or one or more. So according to the conditions user can use.
- **Output:** For any work some output should come, this is must otherwise there is no meaning of any work. In the same way, each algorithm should generate one or more output.
- **Generality:** The algorithm should be common for the set of input and requirements so the same algorithm can apply in multiple places according to the user's requirements.



# ALGORITHM TO MAKE TEA

Step 1- Start

Step 2-Take a cup and tea bag

Step 3-Put the teabag in cup.

Step 4-Fill the kettle with water.

Step 5-Boil the water for few seconds

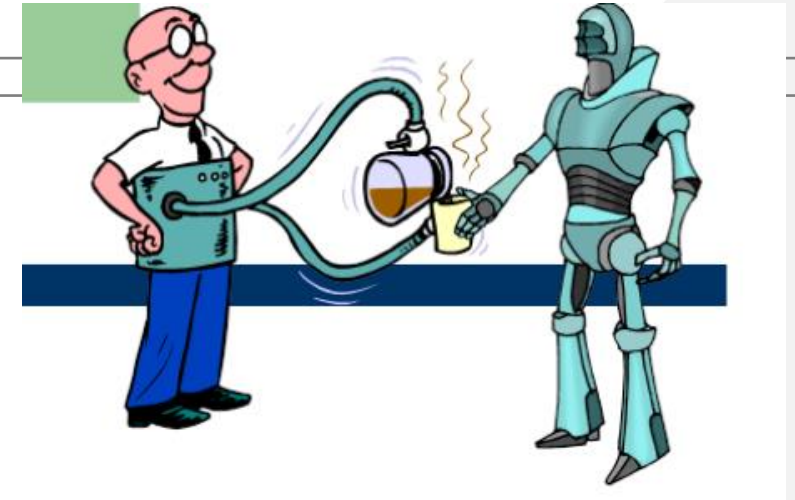
Step 6-Pour some of the boiled water into the cup.

Step 7-Add milk to the cup.

Step 8-Add required sugar to the cup.

Step 9- Stir the cup for few seconds and the tea is ready

Step 10- Stop



# Example: Add Two Numbers

Step 1 **Start**

Step 2 **Accept or Read** number1

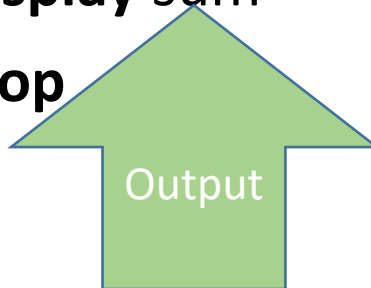
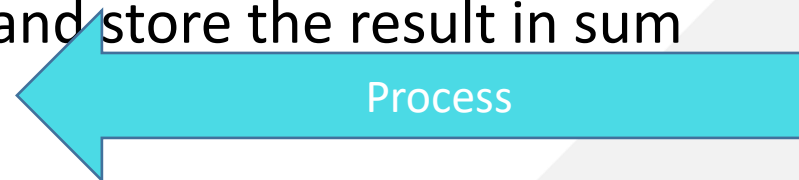
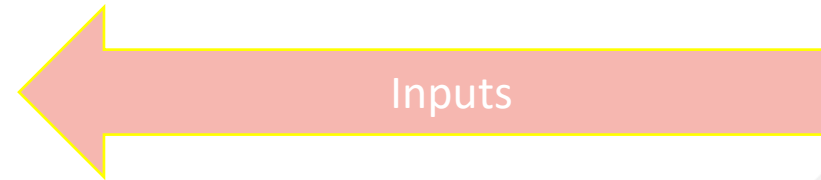
Step 3 **Accept or Read** number2

Step 4 Add number1 and number2 and store the result in sum

$\text{Sum} = \text{number1} + \text{number2}$

Step 5 **Display** sum

Step 6 **Stop**



# Example: Calculate area of Rectangle

STEP 1 : Start

STEP 2 : Read W of Rectangle

STEP 3 : Read h of Rectangle

STEP 4 : calculate area

$$\text{Area} = w \times h$$

STEP 5 : Display Area

STEP 6 : Stop

# CALCULATE INTEREST OF BANK DEPOSIT

- Step 1: Start
- Step 2: Read Amount
- Step 3: Read Years
- Step 4: Read Rate
- Step 5: Calculate the interest with formula  
$$\text{Interest} = \text{Amount} * \text{Years} * \text{Rate} / 100$$
- Step 6: Display interest

# DETERMINE WHETHER STUDENT PASSED THE EXAM OR NOT

- Step 1: Start
- Step 2: Read grades of 4 courses M1, M2, M3 and M4,
- Step 3: Calculate the average grade with formula  
$$\text{"Grade"} = (M1 + M2 + M3 + M4) / 4$$

Step 4: If the average grade is less than 60, Display "FAIL", else Display "PASS".

Step 5: Exit

# DETERMINE WHETHER THE NUMBER IS EVEN OR ODD

- Step 2: Read Number N,
- Step 3: Set remainder =  $N \text{ modulo } 2$ ,
- Step 4: If remainder is equal to 0 then Goto step 5 else Goto step 6
- Step 5: Display Number N is even
- Step 6: Display Number N is odd.
- Step 7: Stop

# Display your name ( 1 time & 100 times)

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Display "Anchal"

Step 3: Stop

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Set counter=1

Step 3: **Repeat steps 4 and 5 until  
counter<=100**

Step 4: display "Anchal"

Step 5: increase counter by 1

Counter=counter+1

Step 6: Stop

Repetition of  
statements(Loop)

## Advantages of Algorithm

- The algorithms are very easy to understand and can be written in simple language which can be understood by anyone
- Algorithms can be broken down into different pieces, which will be easy to implement practically.
- By using algorithms, we can easily understand the sequence to be followed in processing.

## Disadvantages of Algorithm

Below are some main disadvantages of any algorithms:

- It's very difficult to convert the complex task into proper algorithms.
- Its time-consuming process because we need to spend proper time for writing algorithm and later we need to implement in a programming language.
- It's complicated to show functionalities for each step of introduction to algorithms and it's hard to understand each flow in the term for loop and branch.



# Summary

**In this lecture we have discussed about programming languages, need of programming language.**

**We have discussed about c programming language , covered some features of C and language translators.**

**Moreover we have learnt about algorithms , need of algorithms in programming and we have designed some algorithms**

**Discussed about advantages , disadvantages and applications of algorithm**

# Frequently Asked question

**Q1** Where are algorithms used in real life?

Answer: In real life these algorithms are used in mp3 players, video players, making dictionaries and there are much examples for searching and sorting. Searching Algorithms is used in Quantum computing also. In Operating system scheduling of tasks is done through various algorithms such as FIFO, Round robin, etc. Google when showing search results uses page ranking techniques. Facebook when showing news feed uses a similar ranking algorithm to make it more relevant to you. All these use a modification of Link Analysis, an interesting branch in Data Mining.

So, whenever you press a key on your keyboard, make a call, perform a calculation, start an application or press a remote button, always an algorithms is triggered. So, there are countless examples of many algorithms in our daily life and making our life easier.

## Q2 What are the various types of algorithms?

Answer: There are numerous types of algorithms designed to a particular purpose.

- Recursive algorithms.
- Dynamic programming algorithm.
- Backtracking algorithm.
- Divide and conquer algorithm.
- Greedy algorithm.
- Brute Force algorithm.
- Randomized algorithm.
- Facial recognition algorithms
- Shortest Path Finding Algorithm

### **Q3 Write an algorithm to find maximum of three numbers.**

Answer: Algorithm:

Step 1 : Start

Start 2 : Input a, b, c

Start 3 : if  $a > b$  goto step 4, otherwise goto step 5

Start 4 : if  $a > c$  goto step 6, otherwise goto step 8

Start 5 : if  $b > c$  goto step 7, otherwise goto step 8

Start 6 : Output "a is the largest", goto step 9

Start 7 : Output "b is the largest", goto step 9

Start 8 : Output " c is the largest", goto step 9

Start 9 : Stop

# Assessment Questions:

1. The word \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the name of a Persian mathematician Abu Ja'far Mohammed ibn-i Musa al Khowarizmi.
  - a) Flowchart
  - b) Flow
  - c) Algorithm
  - d) Syntax
  
2. In computer science, algorithm refers to a special method usable by a computer for the solution to a problem.
  - a) True
  - b) False
  
3. This characteristic often draws the line between what is feasible and what is impossible.
  - a) Performance
  - b) System Evaluation
  - c) Modularity
  - d) Reliability

4. Which of the following is incorrect? Algorithms can be represented:

- a) as pseudo codes
- b) as syntax
- c) as programs
- d) as flowcharts

5. When an algorithm is written in the form of a programming language, it becomes a \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Flowchart
- b) Program
- c) Pseudo code
- d) Syntax

6. Any algorithm is a program.

- a) True
- b) False

7 Design an algorithm to calculate percentage of a student for marks of 5 subjects.

8 Design an algorithm to check the given number is positive negative or zero

9 Design an algorithm to find maximum among 4 numbers

10 design an algorithm to check whether a person is eligible for vote or not.

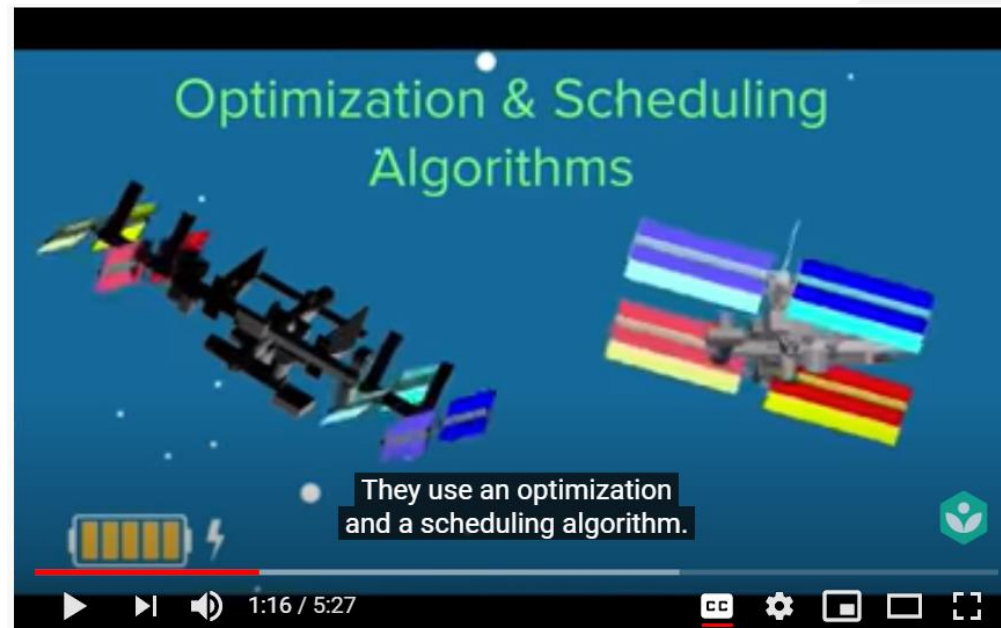
11. Differentiate Middle level and high level language .

# Discussion forum.

Real life applications of algorithms, students please have a look at this video and mention your views , also add some new examples



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvSOaYi89B4>



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