Read It

algorithm

Define It

An algorithm is a set of steps that, when followed, will carry out a specific task.

Digging Deeper:

An algorithm is a precise rule (or set of rules) specifying how to solve some problems. An algorithm, a little like a recipe for a food item, sets out the sequence or order of a set of steps that, when executed (or carried out), will carry out a specific task.

Deconstruct It

From the French *algorithm* and Ancient Greek *arithmós*.

Link It

Computation, system, method, approach, instruction, sequence.

Use It

A computer program is an example of an algorithm.