Algorithmic Notations

Flowchart

Initial and terminal symbols

to indicate the start point and the end point of the flowchart



Input/read and output/write symbols

to indicate steps involving the exchange of data with the outside



Flow direction symbol

to indicate the origin and destination of the flow



to indicate data calculation or data handling

x ← 10

Check symbol ou alternatives symbol

to indicate the selection of one of the actions, according to the result of a logical condition (yes/no)



Connection symbol

to indicate the connection of two points in the flowchart (can be omitted)

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Pseudocode

An algorithm must start with

algorithm <name-of-algorithm>

An algorithm must end with

end_algorithm

The data necessary to execute the algorithm is indicated by the command (optional)

input parameters: <list-of-variables>

where <list-of-variables> are the names of the variables that receive the initial data

The data determined (obtained) by the algorithm is indicated by the command (optional)

output parameters: <list-of-variables>

where <list-of-variables> are the names of the variables that receive the results

Writing comments to clarify the algorithm (this part isn't executable)

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The \leftarrow symbol is used to assign the result of a expression to a variable

<variable> \leftarrow <expression>

Structure for input/read data

ler: <list-of-variables>

to indicate the <list-of-variables> that is available to receive the initial data (values)

Structure for output/write data

escrever: <list-of-variables, messages>

to indicate which and where certain values should be written and to show messages

Simple conditional structure

if <logical_condition> then

<commands>

end_if

Composed conditional structure

if <logical_condition> then

<commands_1>

else

<commands_2>

end_if

Repetition structure that checks the condition at the entry of the cycle

while <logical_condition> do

<commands>

end_while

Repetition structure that checks the condition at the exit of the cycle

do

<commands>

while <logical_condition>