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Subject: Review of Technical Definition Assignment

A peer review of the technical definition assignment is completed. Thank you for preparing helpful technical definitions for the term "algorithm". Here are some suggestions for the definitions:

First Impressions
- Expansion strategies used for the definition are logical and easy to follow.
- Using only descriptions or questions for the headings can ensure uniformity in the format of the document.

Organization
- Introducing the term "algorithm" using descriptions of the history of algorithms is a great strategy. Excellent.
- Referring to years throughout the expanded definition provides excellent supporting details. A suggestion would be to discuss the Euclid's algorithm (300BC) before the Boolean algorithm (1847) under the "Uses of algorithms" heading. This allows for a better chronological organization of the uses of algorithms throughout history.

Sentence Structure
- Beginning all expansion strategies with a clear topic sentence allows for easy understanding of the definition. Well done.
- Reducing the repetition of "but" can increase sentence variation. For example, "however" can be used in place of "but" to retain the contrast being highlighted in the sentence.
- Editing for sentence fragments will enhance clarity of the definitions. For example, in the second sentence under "Uses of algorithms", beginning the sentence with "even when" requires a second clause. Thus, the second sentence should be joined with the first sentence to read, "Algorithms are used by everyone all the time even when we don't even realize it."

Visuals
- Incorporating visuals can support the expanded definition of "algorithm". The current visuals utilized are excellent choices.
- Labelling the visuals with a description and referring to the visuals in the writing can better connect readers to the figure while reading the definition. For example, this includes referring to flowchart in the paragraph discussing the Euclid's algorithm. The flowchart could be labelled with "Figure 1" and be given a brief description of what the flowchart is illustrating.

References
- Utilizing peer-reviewed scholarly articles can be more reliable sources of information compared to web sources such as blogs and news platforms.
- Ensuring the proper format of MLA is followed is important for correctly referencing sources of information. For example, be sure that the title "Works Cited" is centred on a new page and that the citations are double spaced. The following website is a helpful guide about MLA formatting: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_works_cited_page_basic_format.html.

I hope the suggestions are helpful as you proceed to refining your definition for "algorithm". The definition aided by the flowchart visual you chose is a great start to writing a clear definition! With the following revisions, you will be able to prepare a helpful and informative definition for the term "algorithm" for students learning about linear equations:

- Editing for sentence structure to enhance clarity of definitions
- Referring to figures in the text to further support definitions
- Checking references to ensure proper MLA formatting

If you have any questions or need further clarifications, please feel free to contact me at janice.pang@alumni.ubc.ca.