

TRIZCUPN Theory of Inventive Problem Solving

all innovations emerge from the application of a very small number of inventive principles and strategies. © Inno Planet

What is TRIZ?

- TRIZ is the Russian acronym for the "Theory of Inventive Problem Solving".
- It is a systematic problem solving method based on logic and data, not intuition or spontaneous creativity of individuals or groups





- Developed by Genrich Altshuller and his colleagues from 1946 through to 1985 in the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
- It is based on the study of patterns of problems and solutions
- TRIZ provides repeatability, predictability, and reliability due to its structure and algorithmic approach
- It improves individual or team's ability to solve problems

Key Discoveries

Initial analysis of patents (worldwide)

200,000



* Today >2.8M patents have been analyzed & investigated

TRIZ is a statistically based family of <u>principles and strategies</u> enabling engineers to identify potential solution paths of technical problems Problems and solutions were repeated across industries & sciences \rightarrow 40 Inventive Principles for solving Problems

Patterns of technical evolution were repeated across industries & sciences → Technology Trends to evolve a technical system to the next generation



Innovations used scientific effects outside the field from where the original problem was found → Scientific Effects can be used to solve problems in unique ways

Why TRIZ?

Trial and error problem solving approach Structured and systematic problem solving approach

Increase efficiency and speed of innovation



Thomas Alva Edison (1847 – 1931) "Genius is one percent inspiration, ninetynine percent perspiration"

In 1879, after spending \$40,000, and performing 1,200 experiments with 5,000 researchers, Edison succeeded in making a light bulb using carbonized filaments from cotton thread. The light bulb burned for two days. The electric light took the greatest amount of time and required the most complicated experiments of all his experiments.

TRIZ Proliferation

methodology embraced by many corporations

siemens	intel
samsung	boeing
whirlpool	motorola
lg	procter & gamble
christian dior	delphi automotive

MAY 31, 2006 INNOVATION By Reena Jana

BusinessWeek

The World According to TRIZ

Blue-chip American companies are embracing a 60-year-old innovation theory pioneered by a Russian inventor

Fast-forward to 2006. The list of American companies that have applied Altshuller's recipe for innovation includes Boeing (**BA**), Hewlett Packard (**HPQ**), IBM (**IBM**), Motorola (**MOT**), Raytheon (**RTN**), and Xerox (**XRX**), among others.

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Tech Innovations for Tough Times

How GE and others are using alternative techniques such as $\ensuremath{\mathsf{TRIZ}}$ to make R&D more efficient

By Steve Hamm

These days, TRIZ is coming on strong at corporations hungry for new ways to improve innovation and productivity beyond what they've already achieved with the widely adopted Six Sigma and Lean techniques. In addition to GE, TRIZ fans include Intel (INTC), <u>Samsung</u>, and Procter & Gamble (<u>PG</u>), as well as smaller companies like FuelCell



Energy (FCEL), a Danbury (Conn.) leader in power-generation fuel cells. The company employed TRIZ to evaluate the expensive flanges it uses to join pipes in its generators. After weighing the component costs, effectiveness, and complexity of assembly, FuelCell switched to a new clamping technique that will slash costs by 50%.

A Perpetual Crisis Machine

Samsung's VIP Center is home to a uniquely paranoid culture--and that's the way the boss likes it.

By PETER LEWIS September 19, 2005

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In any event, TRIZ is by no means unique to Samsung; hundreds of companies--including competitors like Philips, LG, and Motorola--use it too. At the VIP Center, however, the goal is to train every engineer and researcher in the company in TRIZ think.

Limitation of usual problem solving methods

- Psychological inertia
- Lack of knowledge
- Wrong objective or goal
- Avoid conflict or contradiction
- Do not know actual root cause



Structure of TRIZ tools



TRIZ Tool : Structured Problem Solving

<u>Content</u>

- What is Structured Problem Solving?
- Understanding Step-by-Step Process
- Know the advantage of TRIZ to complement Structured Problem Solving process

What is Structured Problem Solving?

Step by Step Process



Step 1 – Define Problem



Purpose

• Identify the problem and the importance of working on it

Output

- Establish a team
- Develop Problem Statement

Key questions

- Nature of problem?
- Symptoms quantified?
- Resources committed?

Step 2 - Current Situation



Purpose

• Clarify the problem areas as the situation exists today

Output

• Create a problem description

Step 3 - Identify Causes



Purpose

• Identify and verify the root causes of the problem

Output

Isolate and verify the root cause of the problem

Step 4 - Develop Solutions



Purpose

• Develop and test solutions to eliminate the root cause

Output

- Fix the problem at the root cause level
- Generate no additional problems

Step 5 - Implement Solutions



Purpose

• Implement and validate corrective actions

Output

- Implementation plan, risks and barriers identified
- Validate that corrective action is working

Step 6 - Standardize Solutions



Purpose

• Ensure that improvements are sustained over time

Output:

• Solutions proliferated to similar equipment and processes

Step 7 - Next Steps



Purpose

• Evaluate accomplishments and lessons learned

Output:

- Document post-mortem
- Update documentation
- Publish report and findings

What is the hardest step in problem solving?

Structured Problem Solving Process & TRIZ

SPS

Define Problem

Current Situation

Identify Causes

Develop Solutions

Implement Solutions

Standardize Solutions

Next Steps

TRIZ

- TRIZ helps to define the real problem to be worked on vs. symptoms
- Function Analysis of product or process
- Ideality of Engineering Systems & focusing on Main Useful Function
- Cause and Effect Chain helps to see other potential causes of problems
- Scientific Effects database better understanding of potential causes
- Substance-Field Modeling, 76 Standard Inventive Solutions
- 40 Inventive Principles identify potential solutions
- Predictions (Trends of Engineering System Evolution) identifies evolutionary potential of interaction between components
- ARIZ (Algorithm of Inventive Problem Solving)

TRIZ complements Structured Problem Solving

TRIZ is a "power" tool to add to an innovator's toolbox

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TRIZ Tool : Engineering Contradiction

Content

- What is Engineering Contradiction?
- What are System Parameters?
- What are Inventive Principles?
- How to use Contradiction Matrix?

Exercise

Inventive Principle Case Study

What is a Contradiction?

An improvement in one characteristic of a system results in the degradation of another characteristic

"As one characteristic gets better another characteristic gets worse"

- <u>If</u> I add heat, <u>then</u> productivity goes up, <u>but</u> it consumes more energy
- If I make the lift larger, <u>then</u> it is better to carry more loads, <u>but</u> it adds more weight
- If I increase the power of the car, <u>then</u> the speed will be improved, <u>but</u> the fuel consumption will go up

Traditionally the problem is addressed by compromise, sacrifice or trade-off

Resolving Engineering Contradictions

- Identifying, understanding and resolving Engineering Contradictions within a system is a powerful way to improve the system
- It is possible to eliminate the Engineering Contradictions rather than looking for trade offs
- Use "If ... (manipulative variable changes) ... then ... (responding variable #1 improves) ..., but ... (responding variable #2 worsens) ..."



Contradiction Matrix

39 Worsening Parameters

Worsening Feature	Speed	Shape	Loss of Time	Reliability	Measurement accuracy	Ease of operation	Adaptability or versatility	System complexity	Measurement Difficulty	Productivity
Speed	+	35, 15, 18, 34		11, 35, 27, 28	28, 32, 1, 24	32, 28, 13, 12	15, 10, 26	10, 28, 4, 34	3, 34, 27, 16	
Shape	35, 15, 34, 18	+	14, 10, 34, 17	10, 40, 16	28, 32, 1	32, 15, 26	1, 15, 29	16, 29, 1, 28	15, 13, 39	17, 26, 34, 10
Loss of Information	26, 32		24, 26, 28, 32	10, 28, 23		27, 22			35, 33	13, 23, 15
Loss of Time		4, 10, 34, 17	+	10, 30, 4	24, 34, 28, 32	4, 28, 10, 34	35, 28	6, 29	18, 28, 32, 10	
Measurement accuracy	28, 13, 32, 24	6, 28, 32	24, 34, 28, 32	5, 11, 1, 23	÷	1, 13, 17, 34	13, 35, 2	27, 35, 10, 34	26, 24, 32, 28	10, 34, 28, 32
Ease of operation	18, 13, 34	15, 34, 29, 28	4, 28, 10, 34	17, 27, 8, 40	25, 13, 2, 34	+	15, 34, 1, 16	32, 26, 12, 17		15, 1, 28
Ease of repair	34, 9	1, 13, 2, 4	32, 1, 10, 25	11, 10, 1, 16	10, 2, 13	1, 12, 26, 15	7, 1, 4, 16	35, 1,		1, 32, 10
Adaptability or versatility	35, 10, 14	15, 37, 1, 8	35, 28	35, 13, 8, 24	35, 5, 1, 10	15, 34, 1, 16	+	15, 29, 37, 28	1	35, 28, 6, 37
System complexity	34, 10, 28	29, 13, 28, 15	6, 29	13, 35, 1	2, 26, 10, 34	27, 9, 26, 24	29, 15, 28, 37	V	15, 10, 37, 28	12, 17, 28
Productivity		14, 10, 34, 40		1, 35, 10, 38	1, 10, 34, 28	1, 28, 7, 10	1, 35, 28, 37	12, 17, 28, 24	35, 18, 27, 2	+

39 Improving Parameters

39 System Parameters

- 1. Weight of Moving Object
- 2. Weight of Stationary Object
- 3. Length (or Angle) of Moving Object
- 4. Length (or Angle) of Stationary Object
- 5. Area of Moving Object
- 6. Area of Stationary Object
- 7. Volume of Moving Object
- 8. Volume of Stationary Object
- 9. Speed
- 10. Force (a.ka. Torque)
- 11. Pressure or Stress
- 12. Shape
- 13. Stability of the Object's Composition
- 14. Strength
- 15. Duration of Action of Moving Object
- 16. Duration of Action of Stationary Object
- 17. Temperature
- 18. Illumination Intensity
- 19. Use of Energy by Moving Object
- 20. Use of Energy by Stationary Object

- 21. Power
- 22. Loss of Energy
- 23. Loss of Substance
- 24. Loss of Information
- 25. Loss of Time
- 26. Quantity of Substance
- 27. Reliability (Robustness)
- 28. Measurement Accuracy
- 29. Manufacturing Precision (Consistency)
- 30. Object Affected Harmful Factors
- 31. Object Generated Harmful Factors
- 32. Ease of Manufacture (Manufacturability)
- 33. Ease of Operation
- 34. Ease of Repair (Repairability)
- 35. Adaptability or Versatility
- 36. Device Complexity
- 37. Difficulty of Detecting and Measuring
- 38. Extent of Automation
- 39. Productivity

40 Inventive Principles

1. Segmentation

- 2. Taking Out or Extraction
- 3. Local Quality
- 4. Asymmetry
- 5. Merging or Combination
- 6. Universality
- 7. Nested Doll
- 8. Anti-weight or Counter weight
- 9. Preliminary anti action/Prior counter action
- 10. Preliminary action/Prior action
- 11. Beforehand cushioning/Prior Cushioning
- 12. Equipotentiality/Remove tension
- 13. The other way around
- 14. Spheroidality-Curvature
- 15. Dynamics
- 16. Partial or excessive actions
- 17. Another dimension
- 18. Mechanical vibration
- 19. Periodic action
- 20. Continuity of useful action

- 21. Skipping/Hurrying
- 22. Blessing in Disguise
- 23. Feedback
- 24. Intermediary
- 25. Self-service
- 26. Copying
- 27. Cheap/Short Living
- 28. Mechanics substitution/Another sense
- 29. Pneumatics and hydraulics/Fluidity
- 30. Flexible shells and thin films/Thin & flexible
- 31. Porous Materials/Holes
- 32. Color changes
- 33. Homogeneity
- 34. Discarding and recovering
- 35. Parameter changes
- 36. Phase transitions
- 37. Thermal expansion/Relative change
- 38. Strong oxidants/Enriched Atmosphere
- 39. Inert Atmosphere/Calmed Atmosphere
- 40. Composite materials/Composite structure



MATRIZ = International TRIZ MyTRIZ = Malaysia TRIZ Innovation Association (http://mytriz.com.my)



Summary, Wrap up

- Reviewed TRIZ philosophy, methodology and tools. TRIZ has ~25 tools which are able to be customized based on needs (e.g. patent circumnavigation, forecast future trends, solve old & chronic problems)
- Effective in identification of problem and generation of innovative solutions
 - Structured brainstorming of ideas. Complements other innovation process/methods e.g. Blue Ocean Strategy, Lean, Six Sigma,
- Follow the process flow, no shortcuts



"You can wait a hundred years for enlightenment, or you can solve the problem in 15 minutes with these principles" --- Genrich Altshuller, TRIZ