Problem Generation

1- Well defined design problems:

- clear objectives
- clear design criteria and
- clear evaluation criteria to test solutions
 e.g. hospital, factory, airport terminal

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2- Not-so-well defined problems:

- unclear objectives,
- unclear design criteria,
- additional considerations can always be added that would lead to reformulation of the design problem

Most architectural design projects lie within this category: e.g. library, cultural centers, housing, religious buildings.





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3- Wicked design problems:

- each preconception of the goals leads to a different set of solutions –
- no stopping rule, problem solving can go on for ever —
- no correct or incorrect solution because there is no evaluation criteria
- additional considerations can always be added to reformulate the problem

e.g. war memorial or solid façade of a mall



Monumen<mark>t Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg in</mark> Berlin, Germany by Mies van der Rohe. 1926, destroyed in 1935



Monument Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Euxempurg in Berlin, Germany by Mies van der Rohe. 1926, destroyed in 1935



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Problem Solving Behavior (Rowe, P. 1987: pp. 56-73)

1- Trial and Error:

Characteristics:

- Random manner of choosing a solution
- Unclear desirable properties, unclear design criteria
- Tacit, unclear methods of evaluation; evaluation of each trial is very simple
- Each trial is independent from the results of the previous one

Appropriate for: When design problem is wicked or poorly defined, or in certain portions of the project such as. very early stages, or façade design...etc.





New Museum in New York, NY by SANAA, 2002-2007



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- 1. Storage
- 2. Theater
- 3. Mechanical
- 4. Vestibule
- 5. Lobby
- 8. Ticket desk
- 7. Controom
- 8. Loading
- 9. Shop
- 10. Café
- 11. Gallery
- 12. Skylight above
- 13. Roof below
- 14. Multipurpose
- 15. Terrace
- 16. Pantry
- 17. Education
- 18. Office









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2- Generate and test:

Characteristics:

- The results of each test guides the subsequent solution; the design solution is refined more with every trial.
- Each attempt is compared to the previous one, IF it is better then it is accepted as an improvement, IF it is worse, then the earlier arrangement is used as a basis for further improvement.
- The problem is explicitly bounded, and properties of the solution are well defined.
- Evaluation of each attempt is based on the conformance of the attempted solution to the required solution properties.
- It is difficult to decide upon a stopping rule

Appropriate for: When required solution properties are relatively explicit so as to be able to use them in testing each trial..







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REHAB Centre in Basel, Switzerland by Herzog & de

Meuron ,1998-2002







- 1. Entrance court
 8. Occupational and

 2. Outpatient rooms
 speech therapy

 3. Day hospital
 9. Therapy pool

 4. Cafeteria
 10. Physiotherapy

 5. Administrative offices
 11. Multipurpose space

 6. Reception
 12. French garden
 - 13. Intensive care

7. Neuropsychology

- 14. Medical services
- 15. Diagnostics
- 16. Courtyard with pool
- 17. Patients' bedrooms
- Services
- Offices
 - 20. Lounge/dining

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Cartagena Auditorium & Conference Centre, Spain by Jose Selgas y Lucia Cano,2002-2006







3- Means and Ends Analysis:

Characteristics:

- A prescribed set of actions (means)
- A prescribed set of goals (ends)
- A set of decision rules
- A variety of alternative solutions may result from following the prescribed set of actions and decision rules.

Appropriate for: When there is strong conviction (theory / strategy) that particular design goals (ends) can be solved through certain protocols (means or when a variety of solutions are required within a common framework (e.g. housing and museum)



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Architect Steven Holl Watercolor New Bellevue Art Museum







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