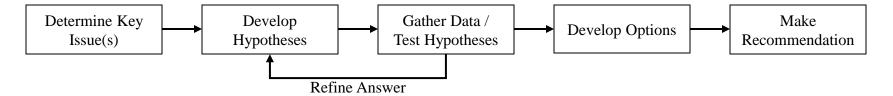
Overview



- As the interviewer describes the situation, think about what are the *key issues* facing general managment
- Develop hypotheses
- Decide what *data* you need to better understand the issues
- **⇔ Listen** to the facts
- Evaluate *which facts are critical* to the key issues
- Probe for more detail in critical areas
- Summarize *options* before making recommendation
- State *pros and cons* be fact driven
- Make your recommendation

Using Frameworks

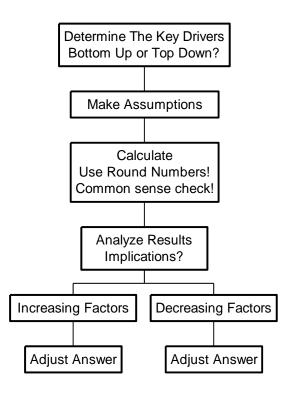
- There is no golden rule, more than one framework may be applicable
- Do not force a framework
- ⇔ Be prepared to *revise* your hypotheses
- Mutually Exclusive and Collectively Exhaustive (*MECE*)
- Listen for clues from the interviewer
- Accept direction from the interviewer
- Display your thinking *visually / graphically*
- A Be *transparent* in your analysis
- Leave time to *summarize* and make *recommendations*

Some General Frameworks

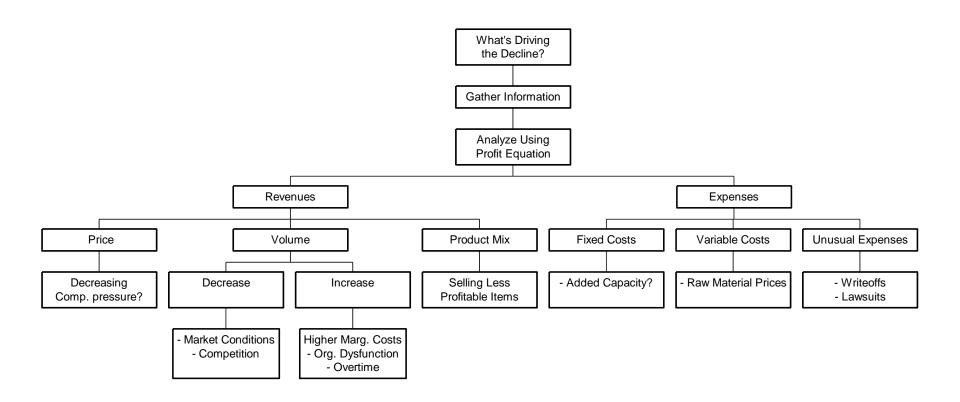
- The Four P's
- Porter's Five Forces (+govt.)
- The Profit Equation

Don't be afraid to create your own framework, as long as it is *logical*, *appropriate* and *transparent* to the interviewer.

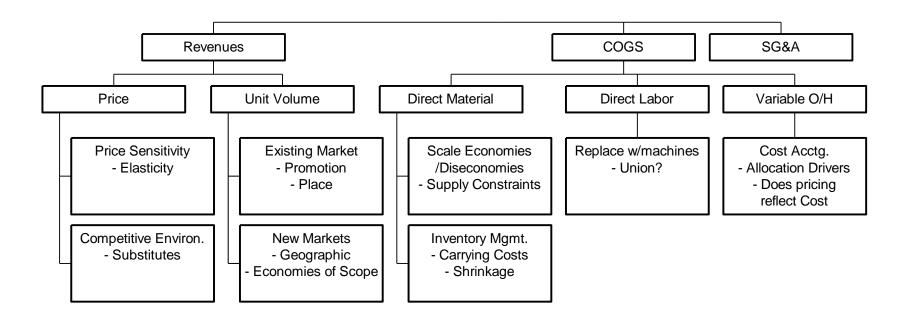
Market Sizing



Declining Profits

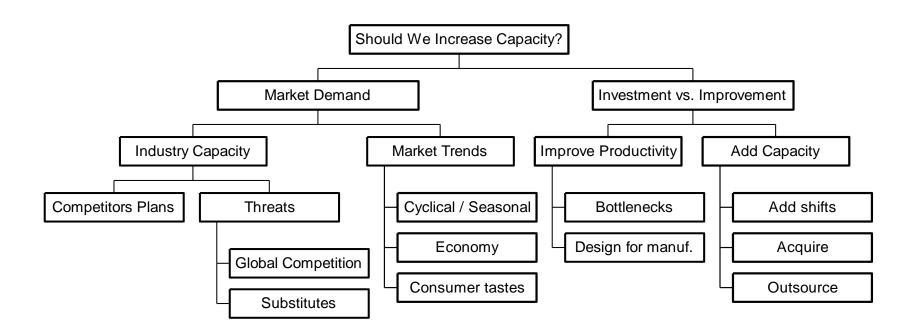


Increase Profitability

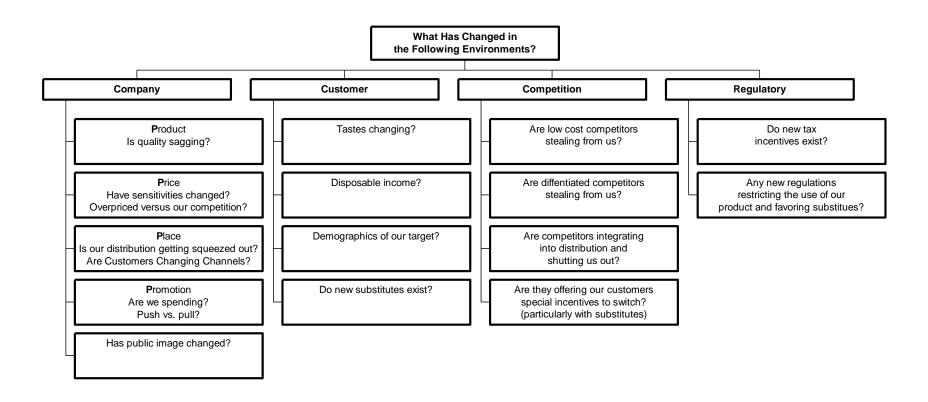


Can we explore economies of scope with entry into adjacent industry?

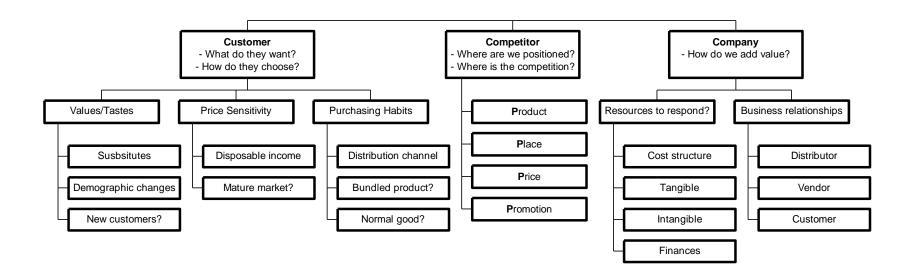
Increase Capacity?



Customer Turnover

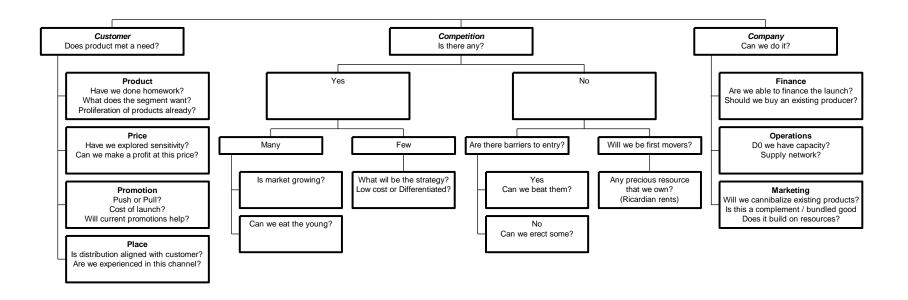


Competitive Response

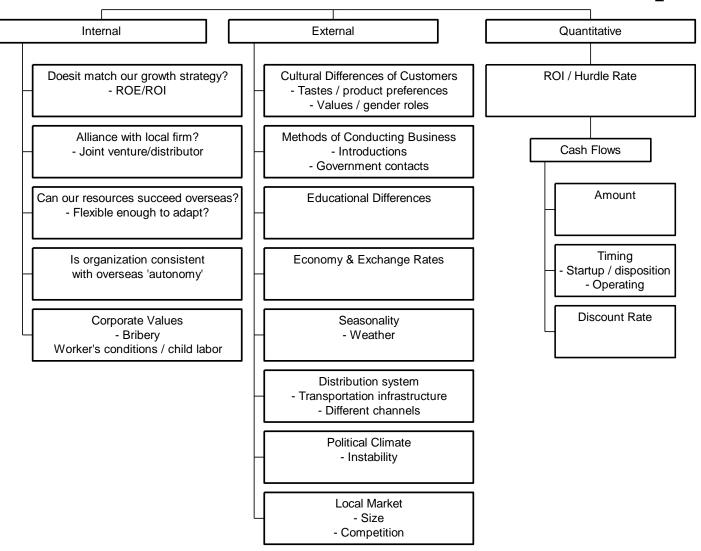


- Given the above, is it worth making a competitive response?
- How will the competition react?
- Applying game theory or PARTS analysis may help.

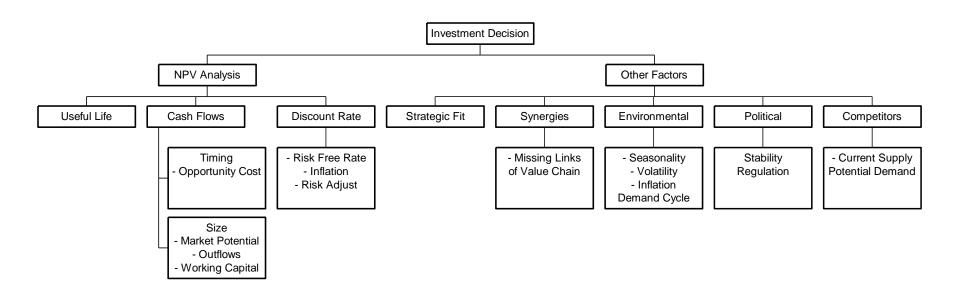
New Product Introduction?



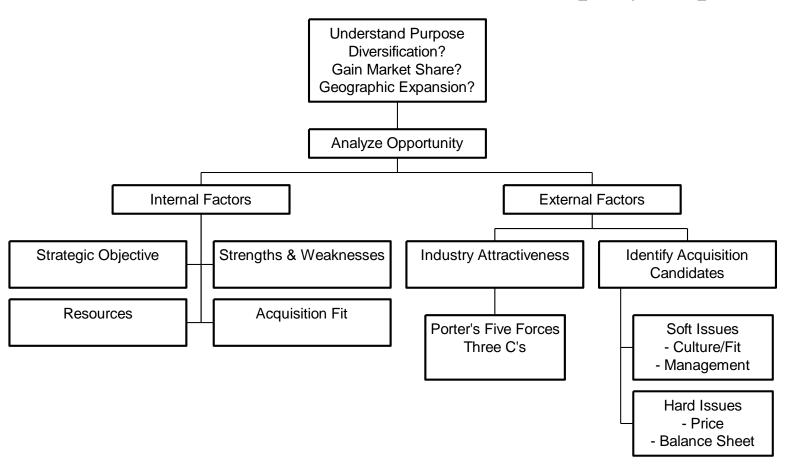
International Expansion



Investment Decision



Company Acquisition



Hostile Takeover Defense

