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1 PROBLEM FORMULATION

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Problem formulation consists of

1) Need - objective - constraint - criteria - needed information - safety  
For a water purifier:

(a) NEED:

- Device to purify tap water
- Easy to use
- Duration to filter should be less than 45 min
- Easy to maintain (clean and service)
- Durable (should last long)
- Economic (should be cheaper in the long run)
- Light weight
- Should have manual and automatic modes for easy use.

(b) Constraints

- Weight less than 25 kg.
- Capacity more than 5000 ml.
- Duration of filtering less than 45 min

(c) Criteria

- Easy to use.
- Easy installation and maintenance
- Effectively cleans water
- Retaining good minerals and purify maximum

(d) Needed information

- Model/Technology used
- Does it need external purifier or not
- Motor power.
- Voltage.

(e) Problem at hand.

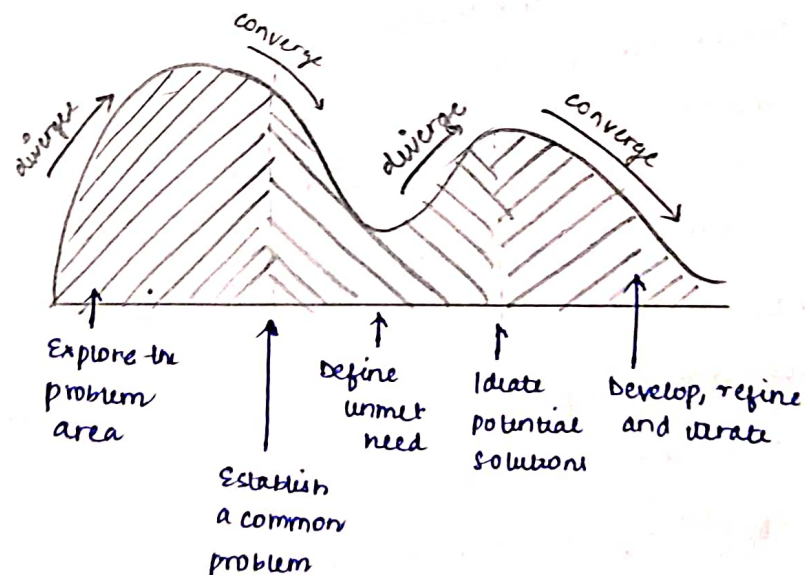
- To obtain clean water
- Time saving

(f) Safety

- Kid friendly - safe to use and .
- Stop purifying if tank opened manually .
- If any malfunction occurs, it stops working .
- Noise reduction by silencers .

## 2) HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN

It is an idea that overlays design thinking to ensure that products are actually relevant and beneficial and are adopted by the people.

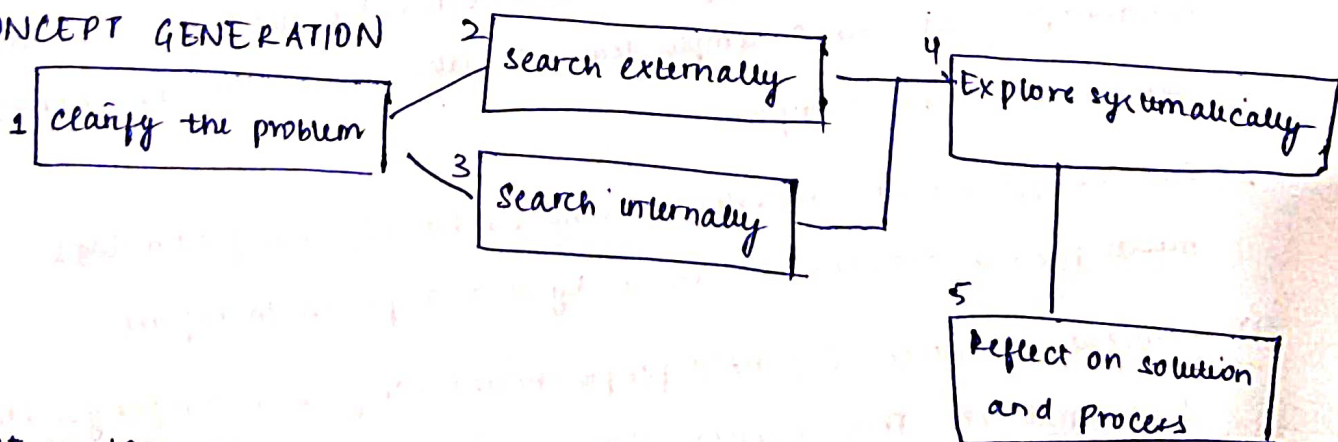


~~Defining unmet needs:~~

ex SWIGGY

- THE PROBLEM: Food delivery :- We can find solutions to late night hunger pangs or big catering parties.
- COMMON PROBLEM: We all have favourite restaurants, some small or some large chains. Not all restaurants have delivery options available. That can happen due to lack of funds or the lack of need.
- UNMET NEED: The need is to have any sort of meal available at the doorstep hasslefree.
- POTENTIAL SOLUTION: There can be a ~~ser~~ product linked to a service. We can have restaurants affiliated with the product. The hotel can give their menus and the product (app) can list them. After going through the list, a customer can place an order with the restaurant. Now the restaurant has delivery partner service with the product. The food reaches the customer's doorstep in a jiffy.
- DEVELOP: With time the app (product) can have a variety of options, from cuisines to outlets, it can provide many options. The time taken for delivery can be reduced as well.

⇒ CONCEPT GENERATION



- Let us take the example of choosing a faculty in FFCs in our college.
- 1 We understand the problem: We need to find faculties who teach well, have a good rapport with the students and is interested in their subject to help in studies after class as well.



- 2) We'll search externally by asking our seniors or reviewing their previous class material and question papers.
- 3) We'll search internally by noting any personal experience or any observation made by any of us.
- 4) Now we would classify all the information systematically in the form of a tree or table.
- 5) After seeing the ~~now~~ information systematically, we can ask our peers for feedback and reflect on the solution.

3) 'HASH' wants to visit our campus. This planning looks like a project planning. We'll consider the following steps:

- 1) Breaking the work in ~~the~~ set of tasks
  - 2) Developing a list of approvals and milestones
  - 3) Itemizing required resources
  - 4) Checking the plan for consistency.
- 1) We need to divide the work in a set of tasks. Here HASH is visiting on Campus, so we need to accommodate the team, food for the team, commute from the airport to college and visa-versa. We need to send shortlisted candidates list, an oncampus team to take them to the interview venue across the campus.
  - 2) List of approvals and milestones: Whoever has been assigned a task, they must have a deadline to abide by and a person to report.
  - 3) Required resources: The HASH people should carry their company's ID and a personal ID. They should also submit the interviewer's certificate to show they are eligible to take interviews.
  - 4) Plan for consistency: We should think and analyse if the plan is doable and feasible.

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## EMPATHY MAPPING

Empathy mapping is used to understand the thinking process of the user while buying anything. It has four pillars - SAY - THINK - DO - FEEL.

Let us consider the example of buying a car.

- States the price range
- Ask for basic models
- Mileage
- Asks for a test drive
- Which size is the best
- Which ~~model~~ is most reliable
- Salesman's opinion

DOES

BUYING A

CAR

THINK

FEEL

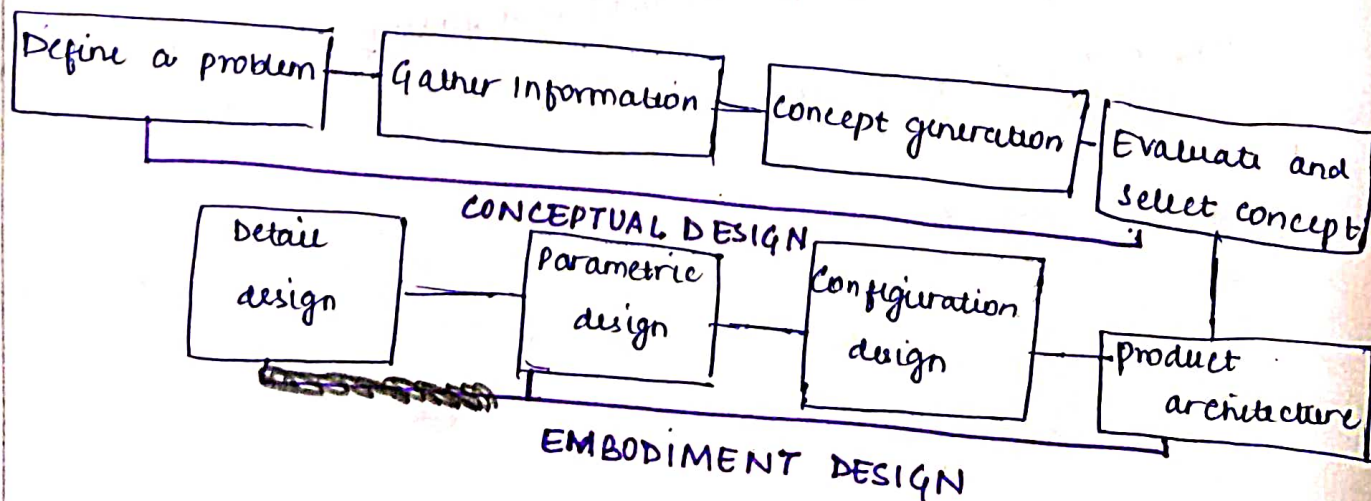
- Observes the showroom
- Checks online
- Calls a relative / friend
- Compare models
- Ask fellow customers
- Visit multiple times ~~days~~ before making a decision

- Is this the right brand / showroom?
- Am I spending too much?
- Maybe I don't need a car.
- Too many terms which I know nothing about.
- Payment mode seems tricky.
- Maybe I should seek more options.

- Confused about making a decision
- Excited for a new car.
- Unsure about the model
- Overwhelmed for ~~make~~ buying a car
- Anxious for making a big purchase
- Happy

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## DESIGN CONCEPT



EXAMPLE: A baby feeding bottle.

## 1) CONCEPTUAL DESIGN:

- (a) Problem definition: We need to design a baby feeding bottle. This has to be a better alternative to the bottles already available in the market. We need to use better plastic and better quality rubber/silicon.
- (b) Gather information: Find out about latest PET and plastic polymer patents as well as softest and safest rubber patents. Go-through journals and documents to find surveys of previously available bottles.
- (c) Concept generation: Brainstorm and collect data about designing, use, function of the bottle.
- (d) Evaluate and select concept: After going through the charts, tables and feedbacks choose the most apt solution to implement. So, the best plastic and rubber.

## (2) EMBODIMENT

- (e) Product architecture: Finalise the final elements to be added to the bottle.
- (f) Configuration design: Make a mockup model to estimate the size and preliminary selection of materials and manufacturing process of the bottle. So it decides the assembly of the bottle.
- (g) Parametric design: Finalise ways in which the bottle can fail, boiling-temperatures or extra cooling etc.
- ~~(h)~~ Detail design: Final bottle (product) with quality, costs, aesthetics and performance as parameters.

