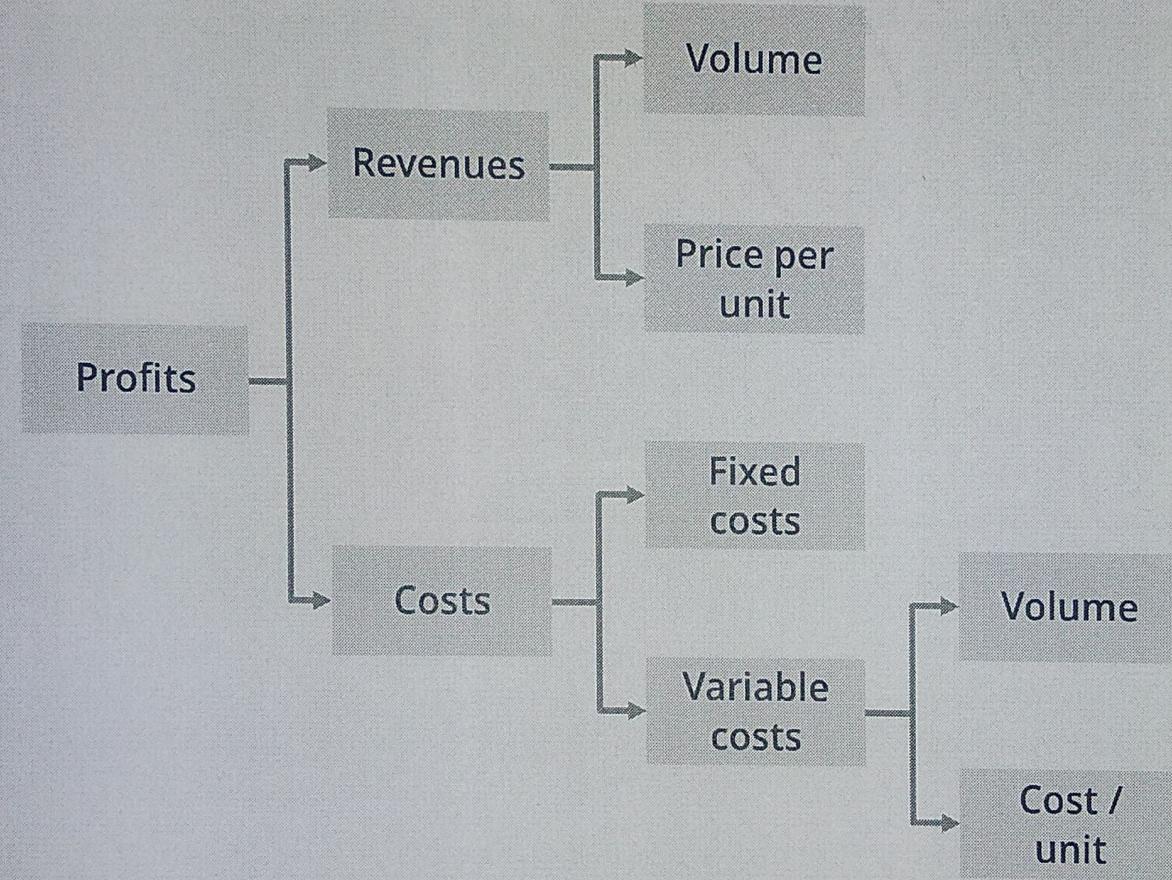
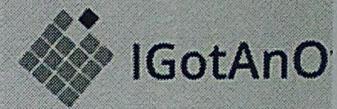


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Profitability framework



Useful revenue segmentation

- By product type
- By distribution channel
- By geography
- By customer type

Fixed costs examples:

- Rent
- Staff overhead
- Loan interest

Variable costs examples

- Raw materials
- Delivery
- Commission
- Direct labour

4Ps framework

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Product ✓

- Customer need fulfilled
- Usage (who, where, how, etc.)
- Good vs. service
- Product lifecycle (new vs. mature)
- Substitutes
- Etc.

Price ✓

- Perceived value for customer
- Competitor prices
- Customer price sensitivity
- Production cost
- Etc.

Promotion

- Marketing messages
- Media type (E.g.: TV, Facebook, etc.)
- Best time to promote (E.g.: Halloween)
- Competitors' strategies
- Etc.

Place ✓

- Possible channel (E.g.: physical, website, etc.)
- Customer expectation
- Requirement for sales team?
- Competitor's strategies
- Etc.

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Porter's 5 forces

Customers bargaining power

- Customer concentration (E.g.: top 3 as % revenues)
- Price sensitivity
- Information availability

Suppliers bargaining power

- Supplier concentration (E.g.: top 3 as % revenues)
- Cost of switching from one supplier to another
- Supplier differentiation

Threat of substitutes

- Potential new substitutes
- Ease of substitution
- Evolution of customer propensity to substitute

Threat of new entrants

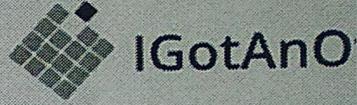
- Regulation authorisations required
- Capital requirements
- Economies of scale
- Network effects

Existing rivals

- Number of competitors and market share
- Similarity between products
- Financial health of competitors

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3Cs framework



Customers

- Customer demographics
(E.g.: age, sex, income, etc.)
- Customer needs
- Customer segments size and growth rates
- Customer willingness to pay and price sensitivity

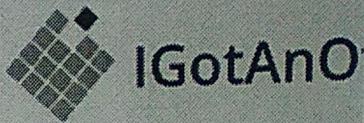
Competition

- Competitors' value proposition and brand
- Competitors' market share and growth
- Competitors' financial health

Company

- Product offering
- Profitability
- Core competencies
- Unique selling point
- Financial performance and resources

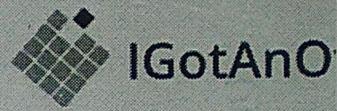
Market entry framework



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Market ✓	Client capabilities	Financials	Entry strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market size• Product types• Market profitability• Competition intensity• Market regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differences between client's current and new market• Is it the client's first new market entry?• Have other companies entered already?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current financial situation of the client• Cost to enter new market• Ongoing costs once market entered• Expected revenues and ROI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ideal timing of market entry• Do a test in a region first?• Build own company, buy competitor or do JV?• Control from head office or decentralise?

Pricing framework



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Cost-based

- Fixed costs
- Variable costs
- Number of units sold annually
- Profitability targeted

Value-based

- Price of next best alternative to product offered
- Features that makes product better than next best alternative
- Value of these features

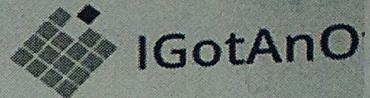
Competitor-based

- Available substitutes from competition
- Price of these substitutes
- Value of our product vs. substitutes

Overall strategy

- Pricing strategy objective? High profitability, win market share, etc
- Cross-sell/ upsell opportunities to take into account
- Possibility to sell different version of the same product?

Merger and acquisition framework



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The market

- Are both companies in the same market?
- Market size and growth
- Market profitability
- Competition intensity
- Market regulation

The target

- Current / future financial position of the target
- Important assets and capabilities owned by target
- Quality of target's management team
- Culture of target company vs. buyer

The buyer

- Acquisition rationale: undervaluation, control or synergies
- Acquisition financing
- Does buyer have experience with other acquisitions?
- Right time to make acquisition?

Synergies and ris

- Value of individual and combined entities
- Cost synergies
- Revenue synergies
- Biggest risks of failure

MAJOR PLAYERS, MARKET SHARE,
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

CURRENT MARKET

- SIZE
- GROWTH RATE
- CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION

PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATION

BARRIERS TO ENTRY /
BARRIERS TO EXIT

START FROM SCRATCH

ACQUISITION
JOINT VENTURE

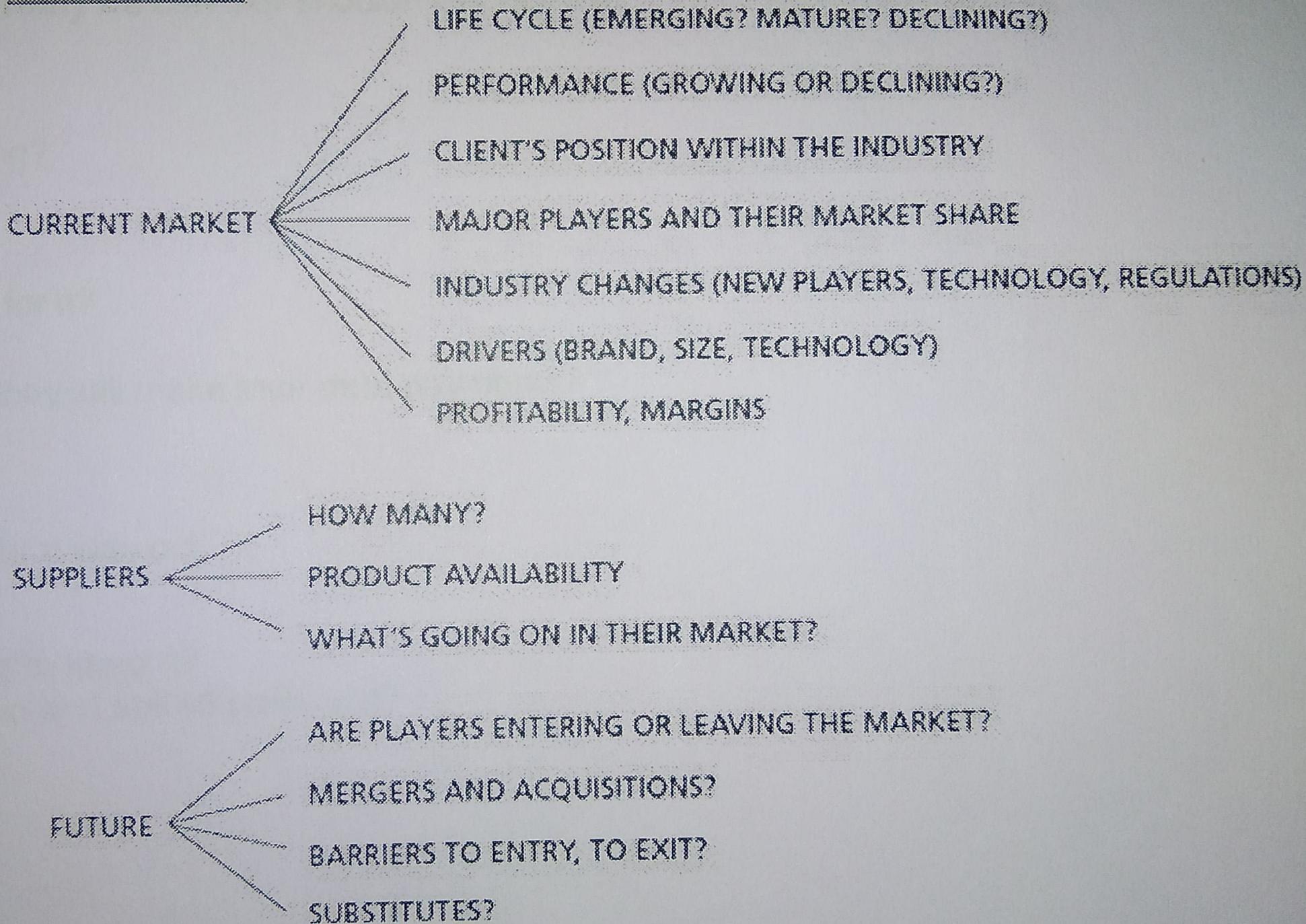
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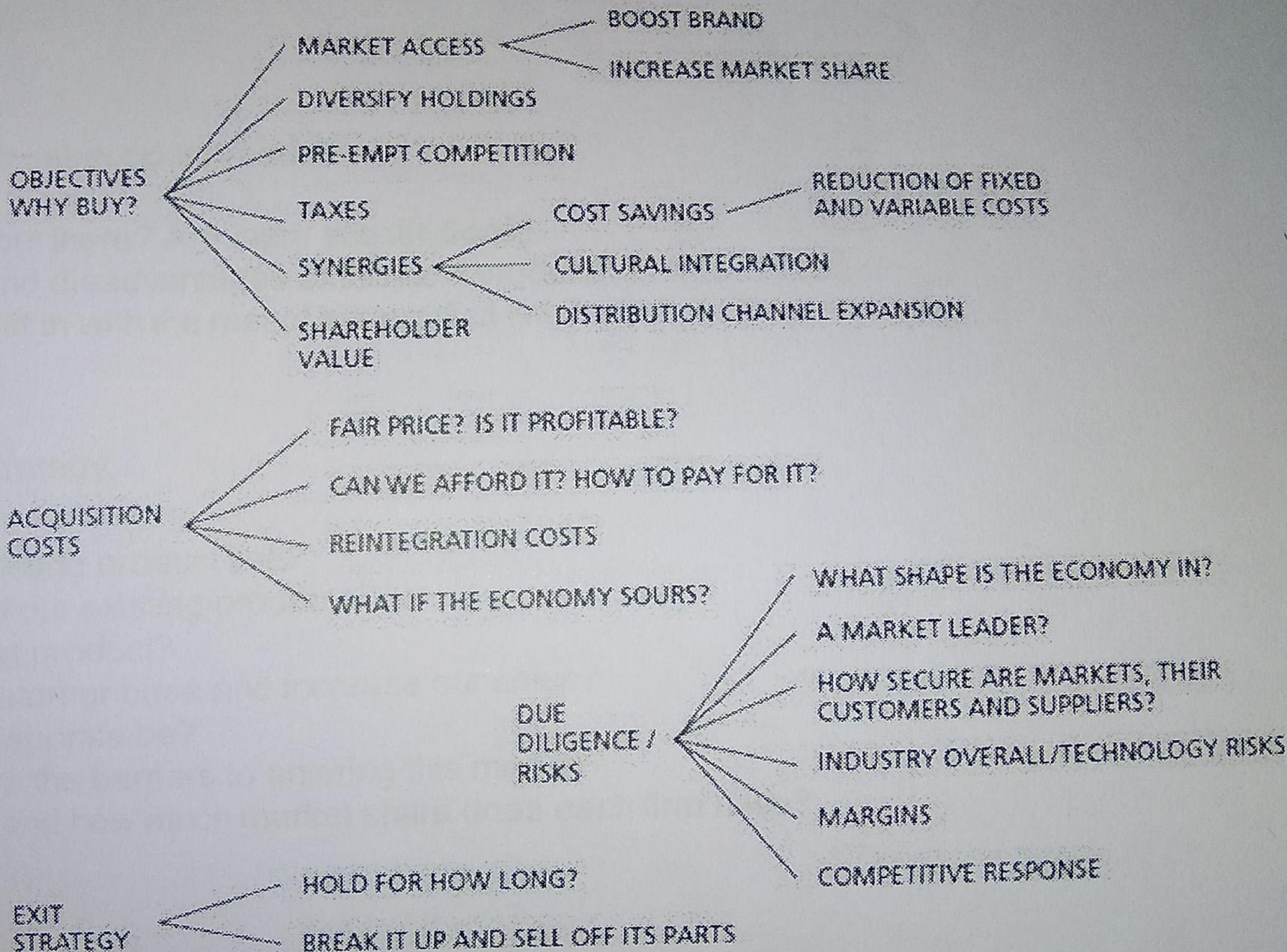
COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF EACH

Industry Analysis



Mergers and Acquisitions

Objectives, costs, due diligence, exit strategies



Step 3: Supply and demand. (You'll win big points for graphing your answer.)

- What's the supply? How's the demand?
- How will pricing have an effect on the market equilibrium?
- Matching competition: What are similar products selling for?
- Are there substitutions (in this case, Microsoft® Word, typewriters, etc.)?

Basically, there are four main ways to price the product: competitive analysis, cost-based pricing, price-based costing and company objective.

Competitive Analysis: Are there similar products out there? How does our product compare to the competition? Do we know their costs? How are they priced? Are there substitutions available?

Cost-based Pricing: Take all our costs, add them up and add a profit to it. This way you'll know your break-even point.

Price-based Costing: What are people willing to pay for this product? If they're not willing to pay more than what it costs you to make, then it might not be worth making. On the other hand, they may be willing to pay much more than what you would get by just adding a profit margin. Profit margins vary greatly by industry. Grocery stores have a very thin profit margin, while drug companies traditionally have a large profit margin.

Company Objective: What is the motivation behind the pricing? Is the company interested in profits (usually priced higher) or market-share (usually priced lower)? This can often be the deciding factor when picking a price.

However, when solving a pricing problem, you need to look at all four of these strategies and see where, or if, they intersect.

Pricing Strategies

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

COMPETITORS' PRICES

COMPETITORS' PRICES COMPARED TO OURS

SUBSTITUTIONS

CONSUMER BUYING HABITS

COST-BASED PRICING

COST OF GOODS SOLD — WHAT DOES IT COST TO MAKE?

WHAT'S OUR BREAK EVEN POINT?

HOW MUCH PROFIT MARGIN CAN WE ADD?

PRICE-BASED COSTING

WHAT ARE CUSTOMERS WILLING TO PAY FOR THE PRODUCT?

WHAT'S IT WORTH TO THEM COMPARED TO OTHER THINGS?

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

MARKET SHARE

COMPANY OBJECTIVES

PROFITS

GROWTH STRATEGIES

- INCREASE DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS ✓
- INCREASE PRODUCT LINE ✓
- INVEST IN MAJOR MARKETING CAMPAIGN
- DIVERSIFY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
- ACQUIRE COMPETITORS