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# DESIGN PROCESS



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- III. To recruit outstanding students, faculty and staff, and to foster their development and career goals.

## Mechanical Engineering

| Full-time | Bachelor of Engineering



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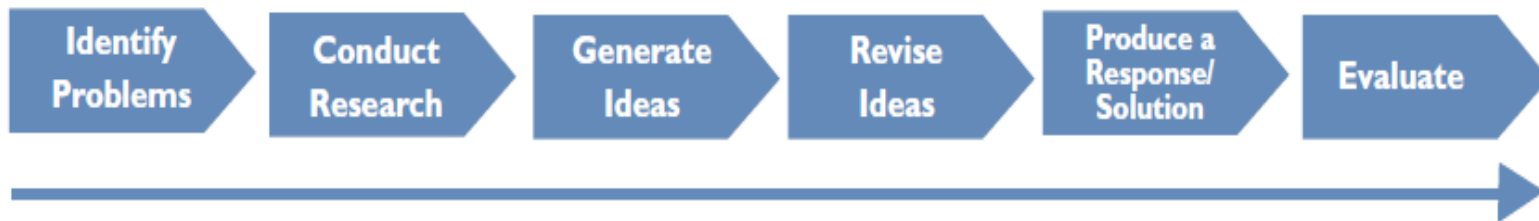
The program is designed to enable students to become effective problem solvers as well as critical and creative thinkers, while stressing ethical responsibilities in professional conduct and engineering work.

# Linear Model of Design

- Although this maybe ideal, may not be realistic in our projects or life.

## A Simple Linear Model

Some models suggest that problem solving is a set of clearly defined and prescribed steps. This is rarely the case.



# Action and Interactive Models

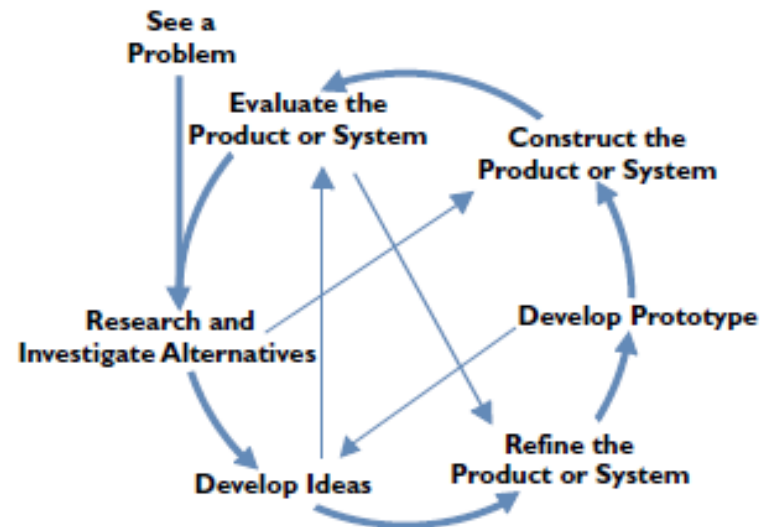
## Action Model

Some models suggest a continuous flow of activity, from problem identification to the development of a refined product.



## Interactive Model


Interactive models illustrate the complexity of a process, in which at any time you might move to any point in the process in order to figure something out.

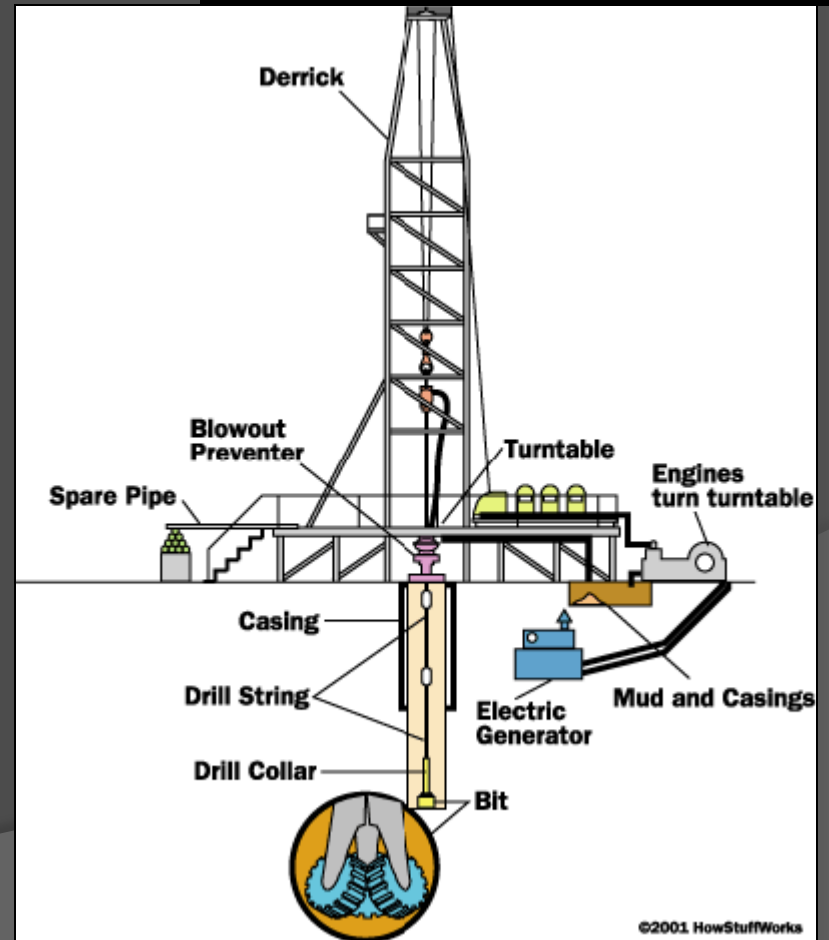


# Ethical Considerations

## Social Impact

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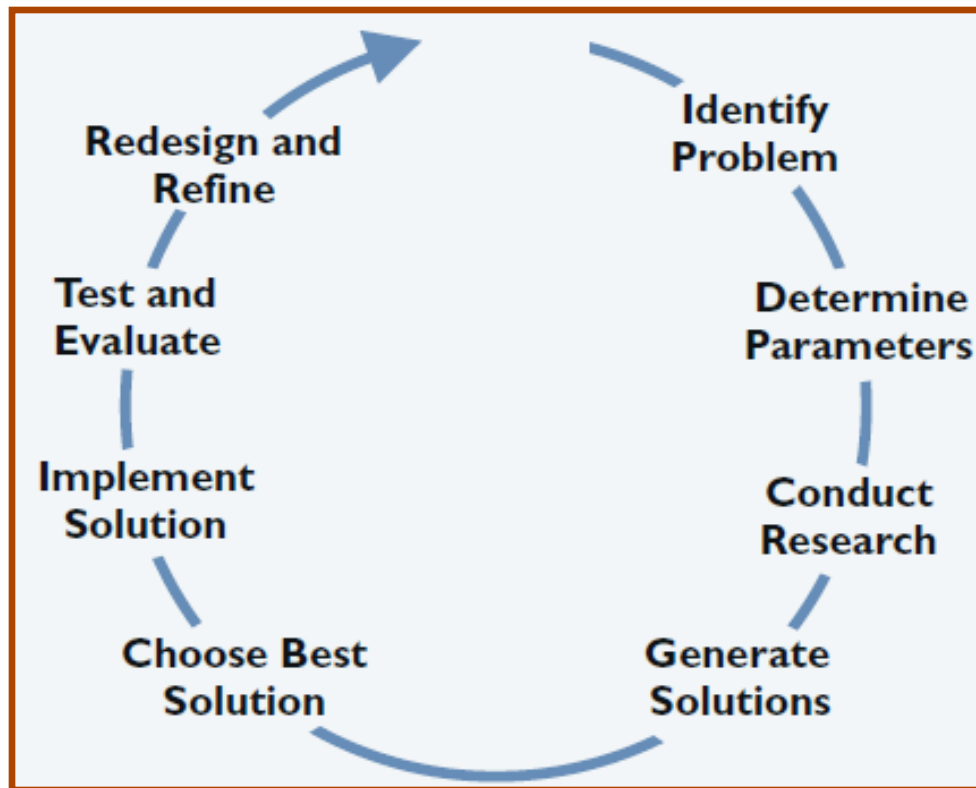
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- Identify consequences and effects
  - Develop a value system through critical thinking
  - Judge benefits and disadvantages of technological applications
  - Make ethical decisions



# Design Process (Cyclical)

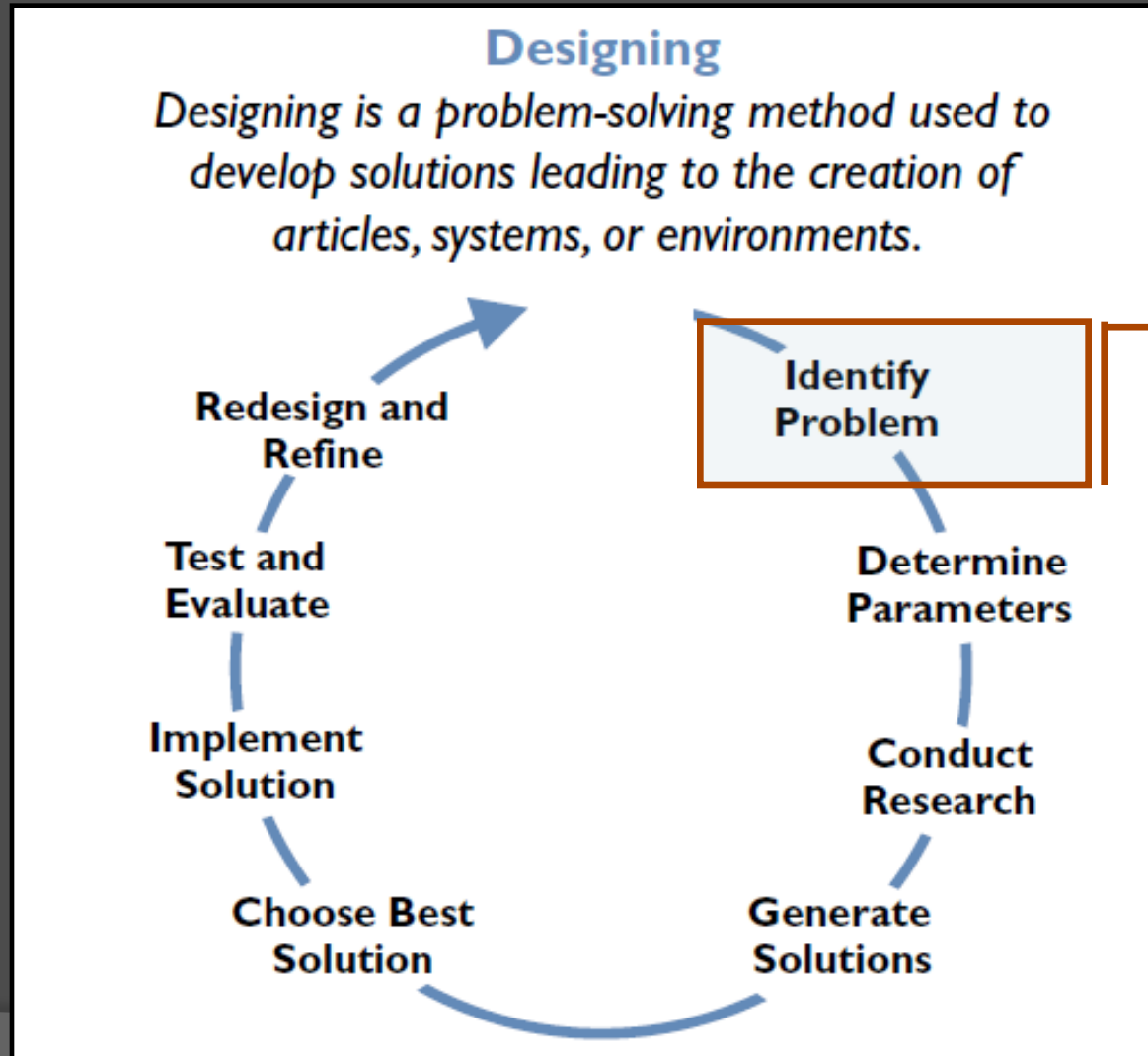
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We will use this model for our projects.

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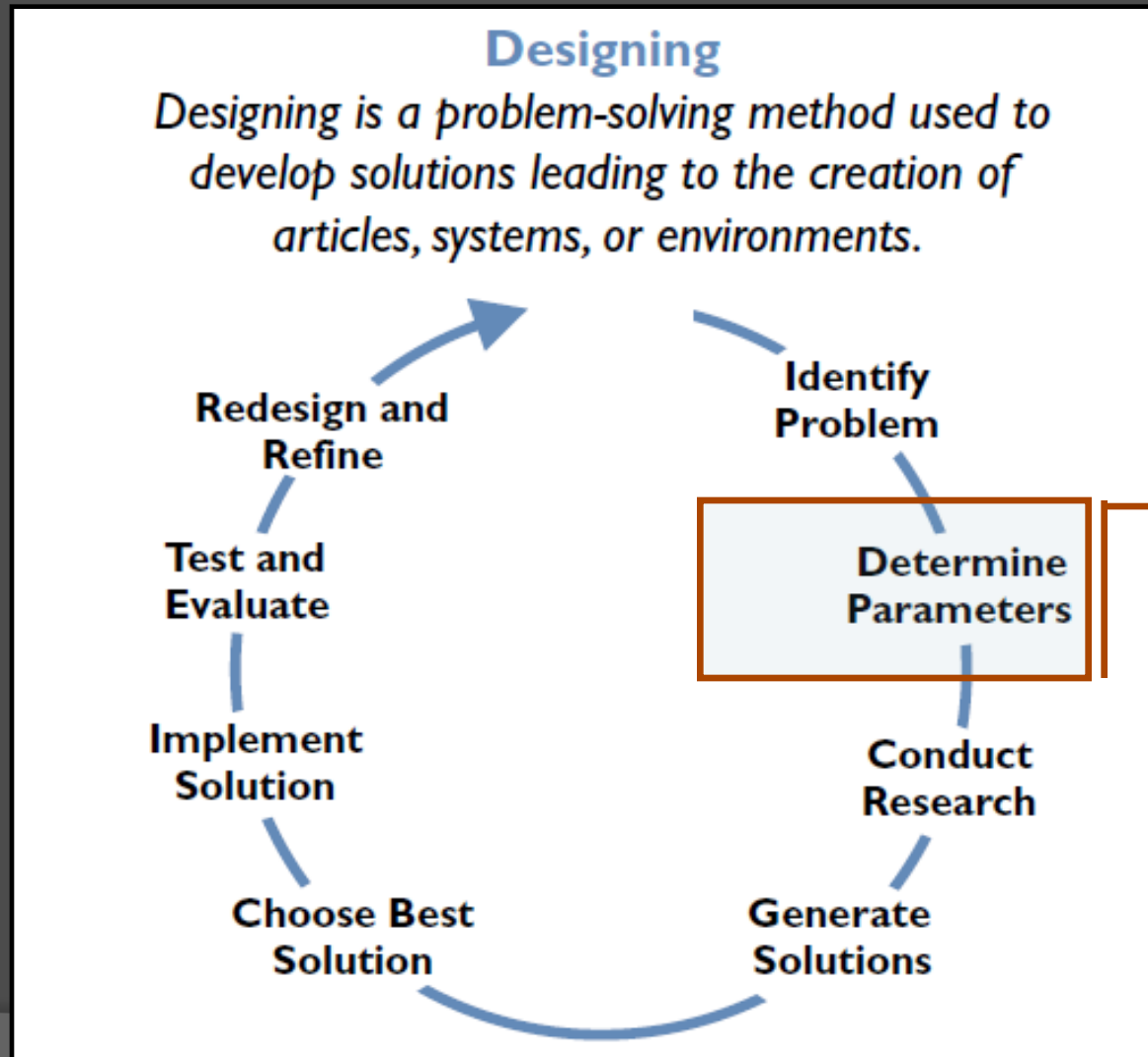


What are we building and why?

# Problem Statement

- To design a device to throw a glass marble as far as possible, adjusts for accuracy (to hit the door) and eventually destroys cardboard castles only using the force of a counterweight.

# Design Matrix (Cyclical)



What are the parameters for this project?

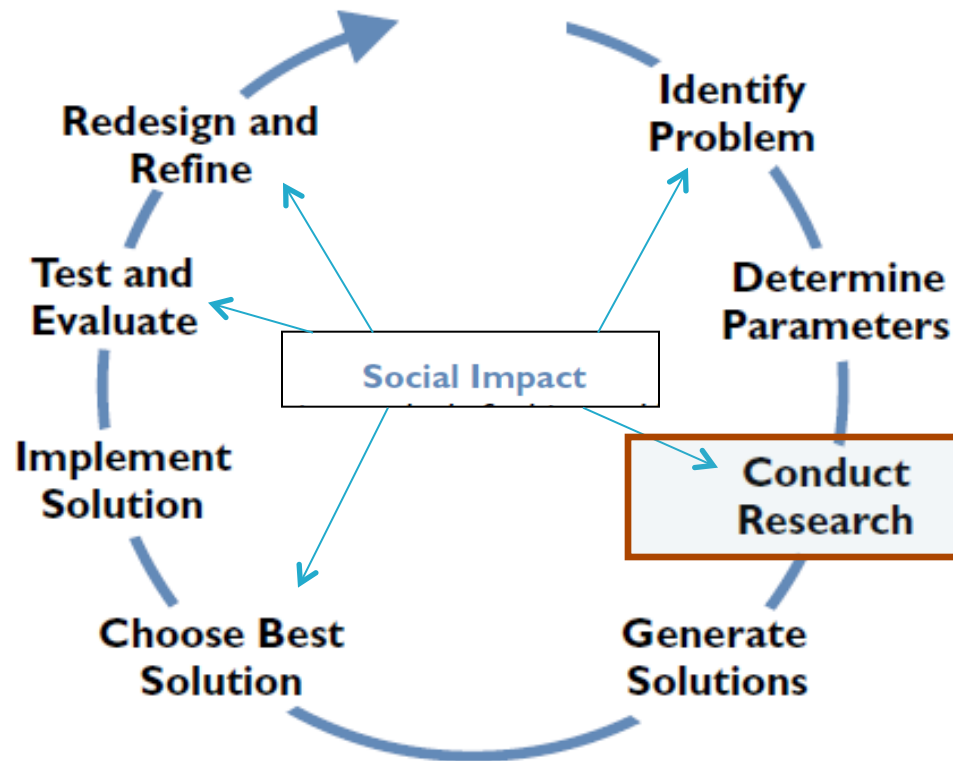
# Parameters: Trebuchet

- ⦿ 2 to 3 Classes – Design and Draw
- ⦿ 7 Shop Classes – Include 1 Class demonstrations and 1 Class for Testing
  - Possibility of extensions
- ⦿ Structure: Wood ( $\frac{3}{4}$ "x $\frac{3}{4}$ " or  $\frac{3}{8}$ "x $\frac{3}{4}$ ") and Dowel ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ".)
- ⦿ Axle Piece – Dowel ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- ⦿ Glue is permitted, no other fasteners allowed.
- ⦿ Pivot point of trebuchet is 12" from table surface.

# Ideal Design Process

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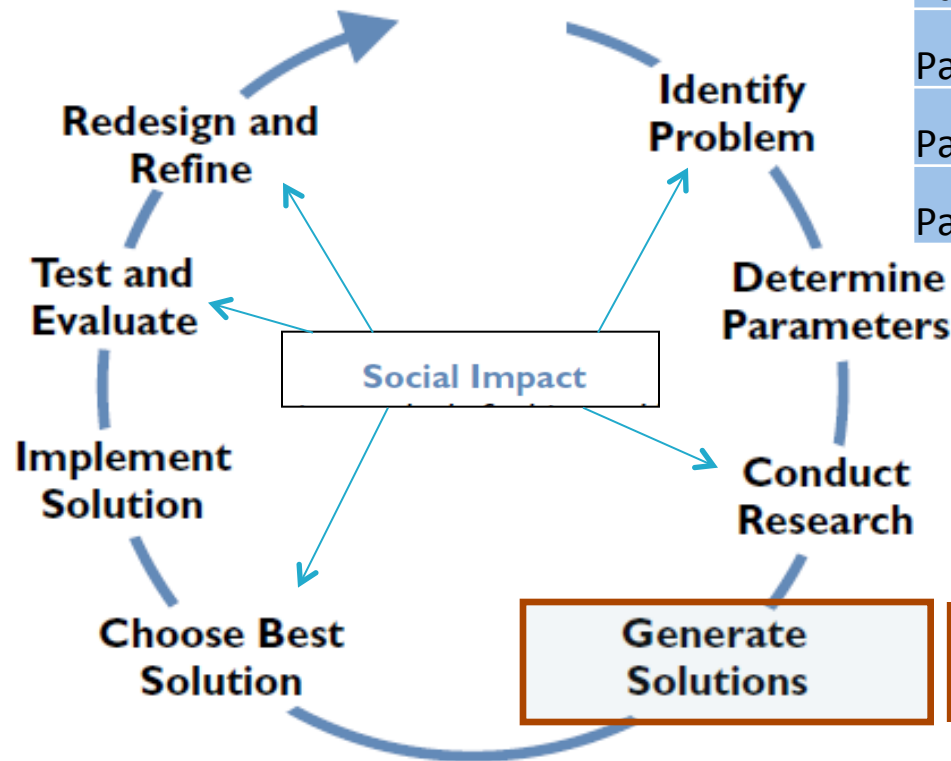
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- Important aspect of research to maintain engineering integrity.

# Ideal Design Process

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	Solution 1	Solution 2	Solution 3
Parameter 1	1	2	3
Parameter 2	3	1	2
Parameter 3	2	1	3
Parameter 4	3	2	1

Use a **Design Matrix** to find the Best Solution.

# Design Matrix Example

- Rank the solutions in order of how effectively they speak to the parameters.
- Choose solution that solves/answers the most parameters in the best way.

	Solution 1	Solution 2	Solution 3
(x2) Parameter 1	7	10	9
Parameter 2	10	9	7
Parameter 3	9	8	4
Parameter 4	6	5	2

Solution 2 seems to achieve the highest rank.

# Design Matrix Example

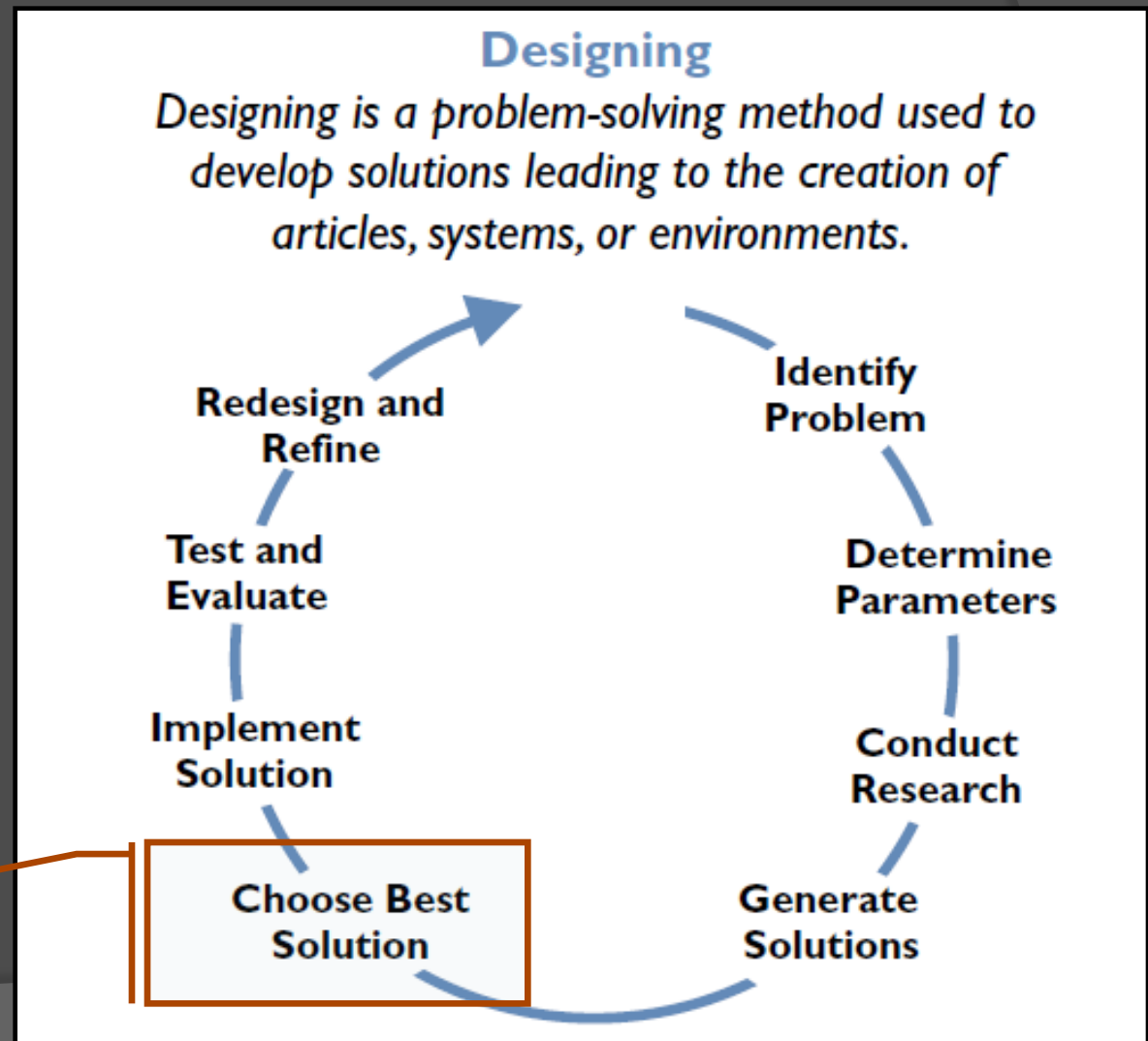
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- Simple numerical value to decide best solution.

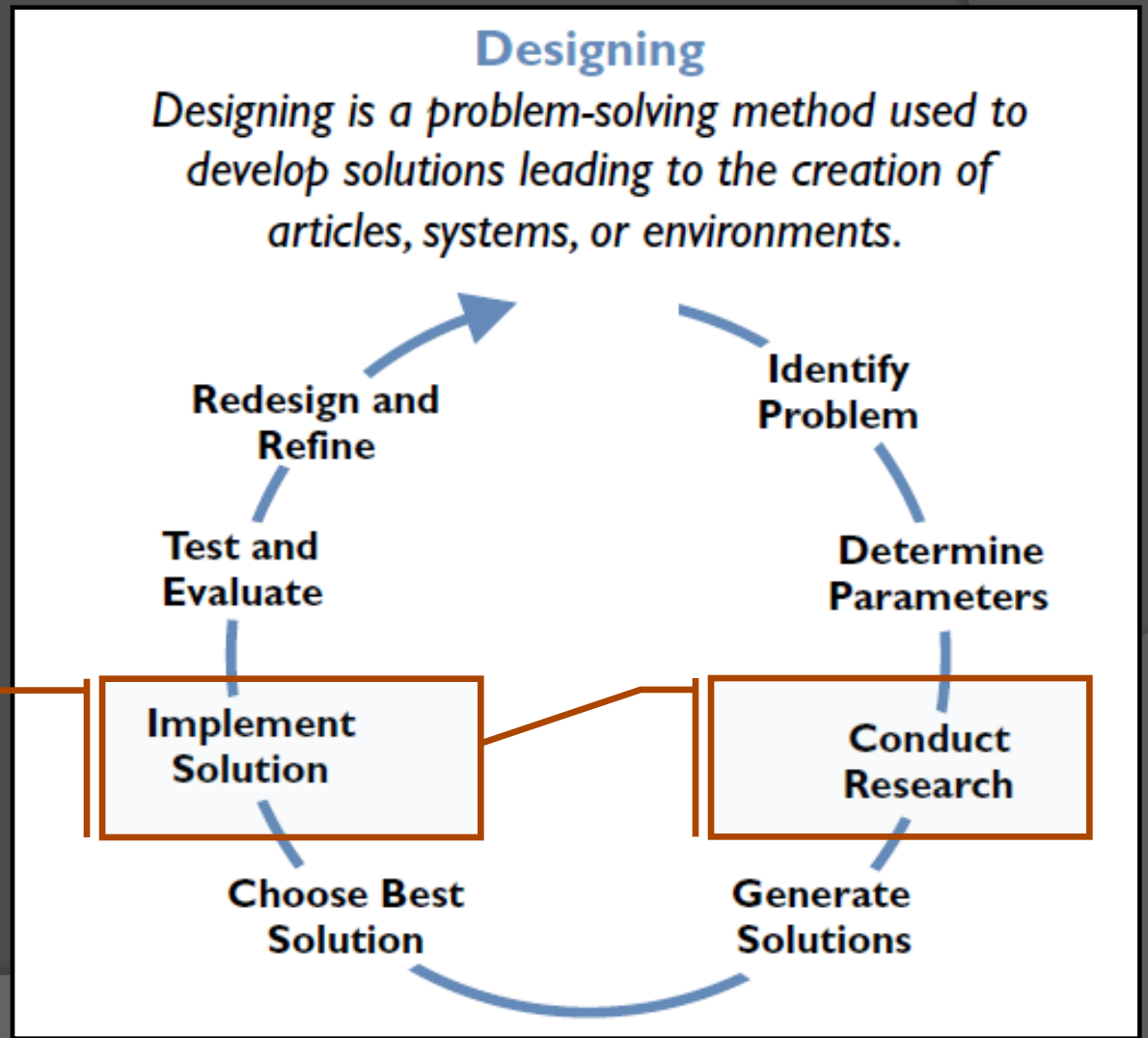
# Design Process (Cyclical)

SOLUTION 2



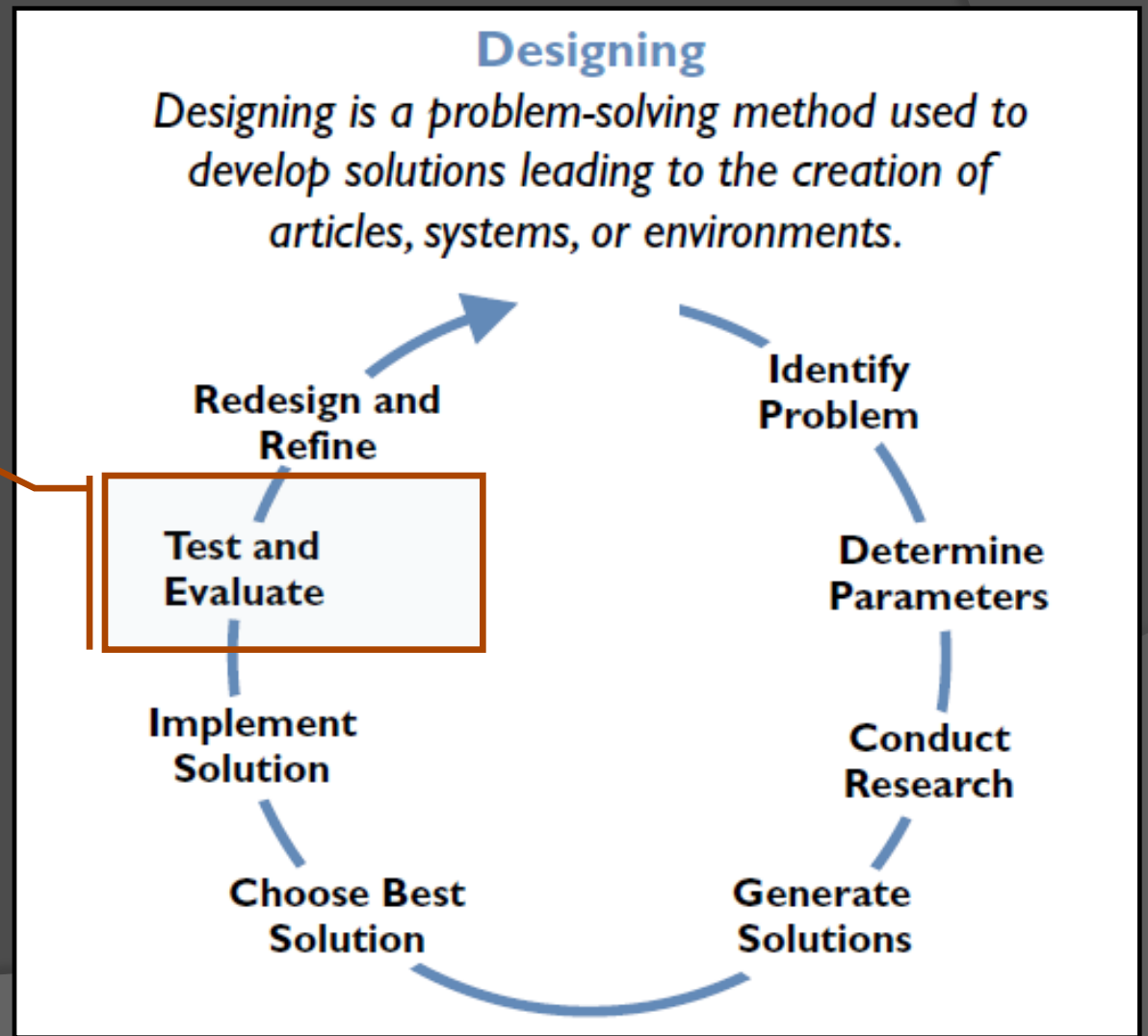
# Design Process (Cyclical)

Working Drawing,  
Production Plan,  
Prototype & Build.



# Design Process (Cyclical)

- We will have to make minor changes to our projects during the test and evaluation period.



# Design Matrix (Cyclical)

- Often times we will close a project following the test and evaluation period.
- Although it is likely at this point you will have a better idea of how you can improve your project.

