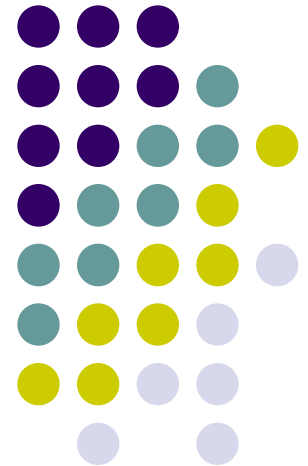# PATTERN

Planning Assistance Through Technical Evaluation of Relevance Numbers

PATTERN

- Normative forecasting
- Relevance tree method
- Goal-oriented forecasting method where one establishes a future need and recedes backwards to the present and to the technologies needed to achieve the objective of the future.

Basic form of relevance tree

GOAL

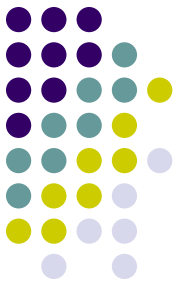FUNCTIONS

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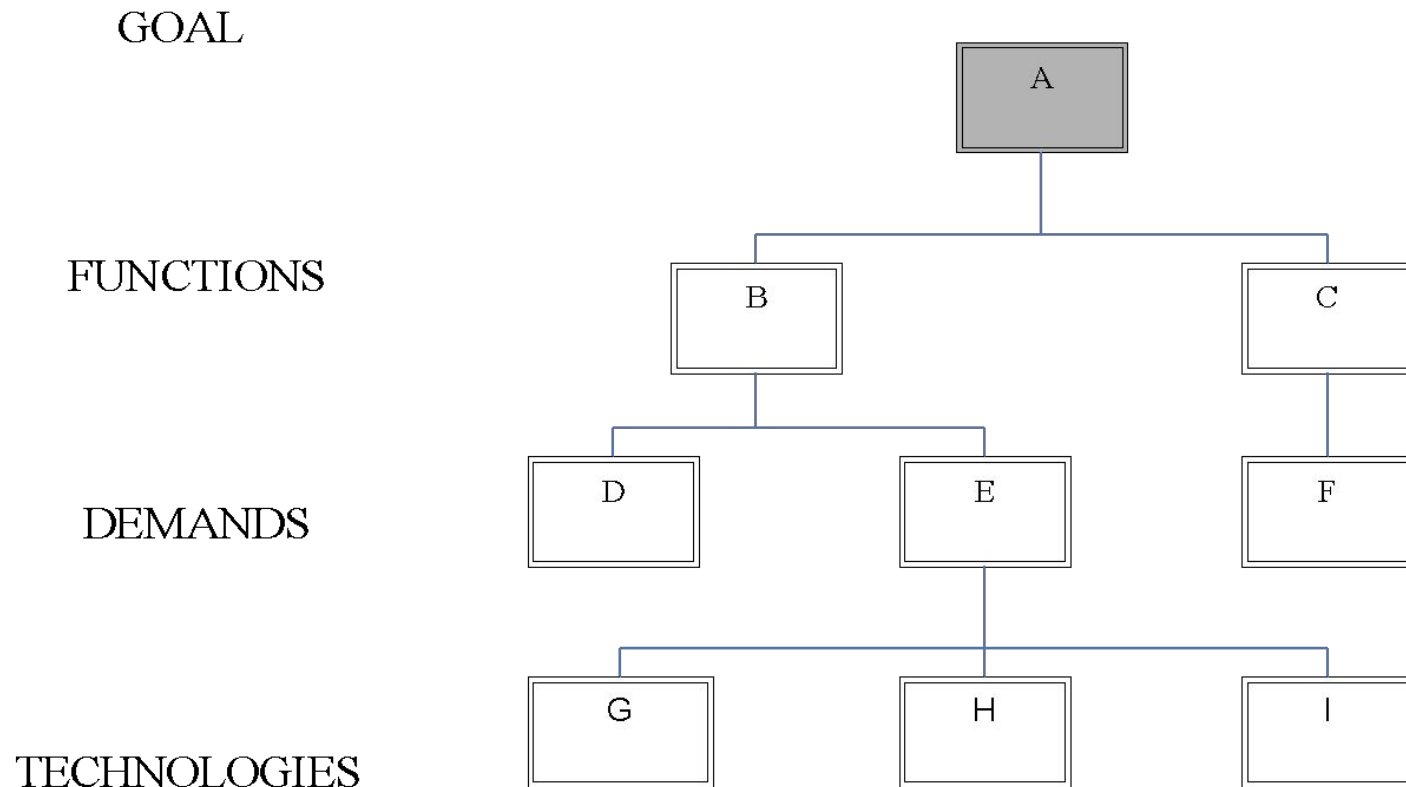
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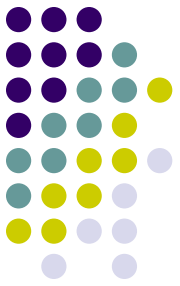
- There is hierarchy in the relevance tree
- Branches represent goals and subgoals
- All relevant subgoals for each goal have to be identified
- Each branch must be well defined so that there are no overlaps

PATTERN

- PATTERN has been used by the Honeywell Corporation for military, space and medical purposes.

PATTERN is based on:

- Goal identification
- Recognizing the relevance of set goals in relation to criteria (means ranking, e.g. setting goals priority)
- Recognizing technological alternatives necessary for achieving the goal

Steps for PATTERN

- Model description, recognizing the goals and hierarchy of the relevance tree

- Recognize criteria

- Determine relevance numbers – with participation of experts; selected exploratory, intuitive methods can be used

- Data processing and final results – calculating relevance numbers, goals priority, ranking of technological alternatives

Basic terms

- Goals A, B,C...j...N
- Criteria α, β, …, x, …, *v*.
- Levels 1, 2, 3...i...n
- Criteria weights

$$W\alpha, W\beta, …, Wx, …, Wv.$$

- Contribution marks of the goal j to criteria x - element weights

$$Sj\alpha, Sj\beta, …, Sjx, …, Sjv.$$

- Based on the relevance tree primary matrix has to be made for each expert

Primary matrix

Criteria	α	β	….	x	….	v
Weights	W_α	W_β	….	W_x	….	W_v
Goals	Contribution marks of goals to criteria – Element weights					
A	$S_A^{\;\alpha}$	$S_A^{\;\beta}$	….	$S_A^{\;x}$	….	$S_A^{\;v}$
B	$S_B^{\;\alpha}$	$S_B^{\;\beta}$	….	$S_B^{\;x}$	….	$S_B^{\;v}$
C	$S_C^{\;\alpha}$	$S_C^{\;\beta}$		$S_C^{\;x}$	….	$S_C^{\;v}$
….	….	….	….	….	….	….
j	$S_j^{\;\alpha}$	$S_j^{\;\beta}$	….	$S_j^{\;x}$	….	$S_j^{\;v}$
….	….	….	….	….	….	….
N	$S_N^{\;\alpha}$	$S_N^{\;\beta}$	….	$S_N^{\;x}$	….	$S_N^{\;v}$

Basic terms

- Based on the primary matrix the final primary matrix has to be calculated
- The elements of final primary matrix are average values of responding elements in primary matrixes

Basic terms

- A panel of experts can be asked to weight the importance of each criterium in relation to the others
- The panel could be asked to weight the contribution of each element/goal to criteria – element weights

Conditions for primary and final primary matrix

- Sum of criteria weights is 1

$$\sum_{x=\alpha}^{v} W_x = 1$$

- Sum of contribution marks of goals to each criterium is 1

$$\sum_{j=A}^{N} S_j^x = 1$$

- Partial relevance numbers (relevance of goal j for criterium x)

- Local relevance numbers (relevance of goal j at level i)

$$PRN_j^x = W_x \cdot S_j^x$$

$$r_i^j = \sum_{x=\alpha}^{v} W_x S_j^x$$

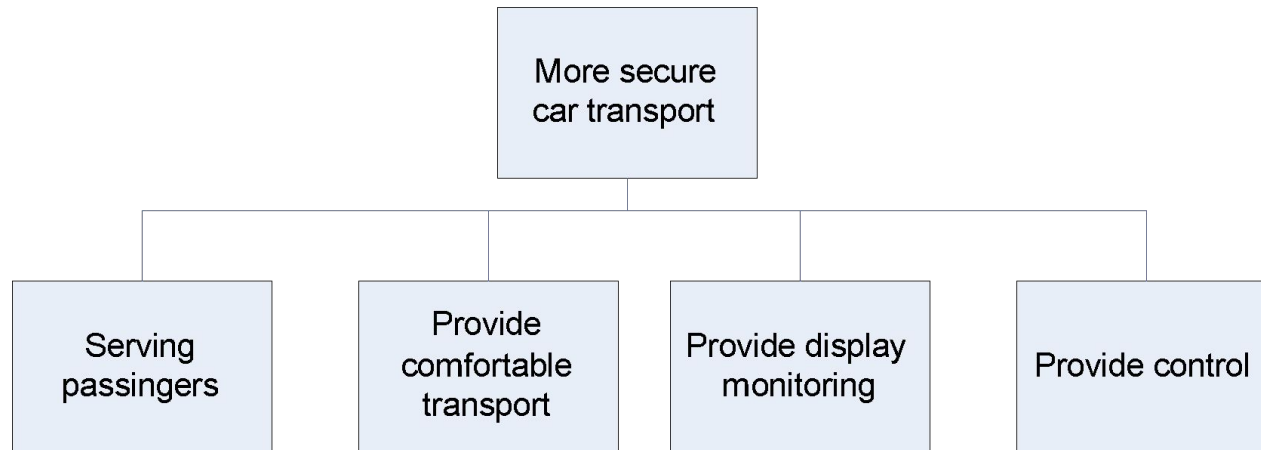- Condition – Sum of local relevance numbers at one level has to be 1

$$\sum_{j=A}^{N} r_i{}^{j} = 1$$

- Cumulative direct relevance number – Relevance of goal j for main goal, whole relevance tree

$$R = \prod_{i=1}^{n} r_i$$

Example from car transport

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                    │   More secure    │
                    │  car transport   │
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- Criteria:

  α - lower costs

  β - higher security

  γ - higher efficiency

  δ - better comfort