Darrell Mann "Hands on Systematic Innovation"

Errata and Q&A (Part 4)

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This is a document of errata, questions, and suggestions from the translation team in Japan to the Author with the hope of response by the Author in near future.

As we wrote you before, we have recently sent the whole manuscript off to the printer and waiting for the book coming out in a week. Since we wrote you the Part 3 of this Errata and Q&A, we have made a large number of revisions and improvements in the Japanese Edition, without changing any part of the contents and texts of the original Edition. Here we summarize only the important ones. (Please refer to our Part 3 document as well, because there describe a large number of important decisions in setting hierarchical numbering to subsection titles and in making new subsection titles, which are not repeated here.)

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Book	"Hands-On Systematic	[We have chosen the book title of the Japanese Edition (when
title	Innovation"	translated back from Japanese) as:
		"TRIZ Practices and Benefits, Vol. 1. Systematic Technology
		Innovation".
		This assumes a series of books coming in near future.]
7		[Preface to the Japanese Edition by the Author is inserted. Written by
		Darrell Mann on Jan. 11, 2004. (1 page)]
7		[Preface to the Japanese Edition by Toru Nakagawa is inserted.
		Written on May 16, 2004. (3 pages). See the separate document I sent
		you on Jun. 14, 2004]
7-8	Table of Contents	[Detailed Table of Contents is prepared, as shown in our Part 3 of Q&A
	(brief form)	on Jan. 25, 2004. (8 pages)]
20; 2p	in the process of	[Note added on 'INTERFACE':
	thinking in TIME,	The term 'INTERFACE' here refers to the above description of 'how
	SPACE and	different parts of systems connect and relate to one another'. This
	INTERFACE	specific terminology is used throughout this book and needs to be
		noticed.]
26;	The Problem Explorer -	[Note added on 'Problem Explorer':
2pb		The term 'Problem Explorer' in the original text seems to be used in
_		two contexts; one for representing the activities of problem exploration,
		and the other for representing a more concrete method/tool in the
		problem definition. Here the term is used in the former context.]
33;	Every one is aware of	[Note added on 'benchmarking':
3р	the term	The term 'benchmark' originally means the 'reference point' for
	'benchmarking', but	preparing maps; the position and height of the reference points were
		determined exactly beforehand, and the locations of all the points
		nearby are measured with reference to them. 'Benchmarking' means
		such measurement for map preparation, and is further extended to
		mean measuring the performances etc. with some clearly set reference
		(such as standard problems) and evaluating them in comparison.]

		[This comment is necessary in Japan because we use two different
		terms in the above two contexts.]
41;	in which a problem	[Note added on 'maps':
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1p	owner maps from a	The word 'mapping' is a specific term in mathematics. Here, without
	specific problem to	using the specific wording in mathematics, we simply translate it into
		'transformation' in a common sense.]
		[This comment may seem strange when it is expressed in English. It
		just reflects wordings in Japanese.]
49;	A Green hat and	[Note added on 'lateral thinking':
7p	'lateral' thinking.	'Lateral thinking' is a way thinking with emphasis on the 'association'
		described in Section 3.1.5. See also Section 3.3.]
		[These section numbers refer to the ones shown in our Table of
		Contents.]
51;	is commonly recorded	[Note added on 'car-park':
2p	and placed in a	'Car-park' here means a space at the corner of the whiteboard where
	'car-park'	miscellaneous side-information is kept recorded on a temporary basis
		during the sessions in which CREAX' Magnotes are used. See Section
		10.3.4.5.]
56;	PMI or 'Po'	[Note added on 'PMI' and 'Po':
4p		PMI: A method for idea generation induced by the keywords of Plus,
		Minus, and Interesting.
		'Po': A method for idea generation induced by the keywords of
		hyPOthesis, supPOse, POssible, and POetry]
87;	The 'problem explorer' is	[Note inserted on 'Problem Explorer':
1p	where we will set the	The term 'Problem Explorer' in the original text seems to be used in
-	context	two different contexts; one for representing the activities of problem
		exploration, and the other for representing a more concrete
		method/tool (such as the Problem Definition Sheets discussed in this
		chapter) in the problem definition. Thus depending on the context,
		the term is translated into 'Problem Exploration' or 'Problem
		Exploration Tool'. In the title of this chapter it should mean 'Problem
		Exploration'.]

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104;	Both actually relate	[Note added to this paragraph:
3pb	attributes to problems.	In the USIT method developed by Ed Sickafus, the functional
		relationships are considered in some more detail and represented in a
		following manner: "An attribute of an object (i.e. a component of the
		system) acts on an attribute of another (directly-connected) object, and
		as a result changes an attribute of an object." In the present case, we
		may say: "The temperature of the piston acts on the chemical stability
		of the oil, and as a result reduces the durability of the oil", and "The
		chemical activity of sulphur acts on the chemical reactivity of the oil
		molecules, and as a result changes the molecular characteristics of the
		oil (, and hence improves the lubricity of the oil)." This sort of
		description urges the problem solver to consider the mechanism in the
		system more closely. See reference: "Unified Structured Inventive
		Thinking: How to Invent", by Ed Sickafus, Ntelleck, Grosse Isle, MI,
		USA (1997).]
106;	Texts in this figure are	[This figure is enlarged to show the texts in a readable size.]
Fig.	too small to read.	

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115;	In this hierarchical FAA	[Functional relationships are also shown in full detail just as shown in
Fig.	model, functional	Fig. 6.12.]
6.17	relationships are not	
	shown explicitly.	
117;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
2p		The idea to draw the functional analysis diagram in a way based on the hierarchy of importance of the functions (or components) is adopted more clearly in the USIT method (developed by Ed Sickafus, 1997). In USIT, the most important object (i.e. component) in the system is chosen depending on the problem and is drawn at the top of the diagram. Then all other relevant objects are drawn below one by one in the 'functionally preferable order' (i.e. useful function), in accordance with clearly defined USIT criteria. This type of hierarchical functional diagram is used with the aim at representing the 'original design intention'. In USIT, the unwanted effects of the problem (i.e. harmful, insufficient, and excessive functions) are analyzed in a kind of attribute analysis (called 'Qualitative Change Graphs') done besides
		the functional analysis.
117;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
2pb		The method of analyzing Causes and Effects is described rather briefly
		in this text, because it has been discussed in many other techniques
		and literatures. Beside this subsection, see Section 5.4.4 on the
		discussion of "root cause analysis vs root contradiction analysis".
		Network-type diagrams to show the causes and effects are used in many techniques besides TOC. Especially in TRIZ, Problem
		Formulator (PF) method has been developed by Ideation International
		Inc.]
118;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
1p		The USIT tool for analyzing (Plausible) Root-Causes requests the
		problem solver to list up for the unwanted (harmful) effect all the
		potentially relevant attributes of all the objects (i.e. components) in
		the system. In the present case, we may list up, besides the attributes
		of Media 1, the attributes of the pipe (e.g. rigidity, resonant freq2uency, etc.), the attributes of the hangers (e.g. spacing, allowance for
		vibration, etc.), and the attributes of the pipewalls, etc. Later in the
		attribute analysis, the problem solver is requested to classify these
		attributes into two classes with the criterion whether the unwanted
		effect either increases or decreases if the attribute is increased.]
148;	[Texts (especially in the	[Only the main parts of the patent are extracted, and the abstract and
Fig.	abstract) are printed	the drawing are shown much more clearly.]
8.15	with too small fonts.]	
155;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
3р		As is described in Nakagawa's Preface to the Japanese Edition, during
		preparing for this Japanese Edition we have examined the section/subsection structures of the whole textbook and made a
		hierarchical numbering system of sections while inserting a number of
		subsection headings. Particularly in this Chapter, the principal parts
		originally have 19 subsections arranged in a flat manner; we worked to
		reveal the logic in the tool selection, to classify the subsections into
		sections according to the types/viewpoints of the problem, and by using
		the hierarchical numbering of sections/subsections to clarify the intention of the Author. The orders of the subsections and the texts

		and used all and all 1
		are not changed at all.]
174		[See Table 9.1 shown in our previous Q&A document (Part 1).]
174; 2n	because certain parts of	[Note added here:
3р	the TRIZ community have shifted their efforts	In particular, it is told that since 1985 G.S. Altshuller himself shifted his principal research interests from application of TRIZ to technology
	to other parts of the	towards the fields of creative personality and creativity education.]
	method	towards the news of creative personancy and creativity education.
174;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
4p		On the research project of patent analysis and its result, namely new
		version of Contradiction Matrix, Darrell Mann and Simon Dewulf
		(CREAX) presented two papers at TRIZCON2003 Conference in March
		2003 (posted in "TRIZ Home Page in Japan" in Japanese translation in
		April 2003). The new version of the contradiction matrix was
		published as "Matrix 2003: TRIZ Contradiction Matrix" written by Darrell Mann, Simon Dewulf, Boris Zlotin, and Alla Zusman (CREAX
		Press, July 2003).]
176;	- or weight or possibly	[Note added here:
170, 1p	even productivity.	The text mentions 'Productivity' (i.e. Parameter 39); but it is not
r	r · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	suitable because productivity means how much useful things this
		system can produce. More suitable parameters should be 'Ease of
		manufacture' (Parameter 32) (for making this system) or 'Ease of
		repair' (Parameter 34) (for maintaining this system).]
181;	We now have a very	[Note added here:
5р	good technical	According to the logic discussed above, the 'Parameter getting worse'
	contradiction:-	should be 'Ease of manufacture' (Parameter 32). But the Author
		apparently used the Parameter 29 'Manufacturing precision' in
		mistake, and listed up the four Inventive Principles taken at the 31/29 box of the Contradiction Matrix. The box 31/32 of the Matrix is
		vacant. Thus, even though the original text has a mistake here, it
		has been translated into Japanese as it is.]
184;	Another well known	[Note added here:
1p	means to achieve the 2.5	The basic direction of solutions mentioned here is to reduce the size of
-	degrees or better	the iris and to make the range of reflection angle of the light causing
	requirement is to	the red-eye phenomenon even smaller than 2.5 degrees. This means
	encourage the subject's	that we are going to change the constraint itself.]
	iris to reduce in size	
186;	the pupil is usually	[Note added here:
1p	small enough to allow	See the Translation Note added two pages before.]
	the 2.5 degree rule to be satisfied.	
186;	This feature we will call	[Note added here:
3pb	'solution mapping'	The technique to encourage the generation of ideas (or keywords) freely
-		around a main topic and to systematize the ideas in somewhat
		hierarchical manner is often called 'Mind Mapping' (see Section 3.4).
		In the present text, the Author intends to handle not simple ideas in a
		general sense but various solutions/solution directions, and hence he
		calls the method 'solution mapping'. It is always important to
		consider various solutions in a systematic scheme and to explore
		solutions further by extending such a scheme. In USIT, this method
		is called "Solution Generalization Method" and is placed at the fifth among the five USIT Solution Generation Methods.]
187;	wrote down their ideas -	[Note added here:
107, 1pb	one per Magnote - on the	Magnote is a hexagonal plastic plate of about 6 cm in the edge, having
- 40	one per mugnote - on the	magnete is a newagenar plastic plate of about o ciri in the cuge, having

	yellow hexagons.	a magnetic sheet attached on the back. Session participants write
		their ideas etc. on the Magnotes and place them on a whiteboard. The
		plates can be used repeatedly by erasing the memos (with water or
		with alcohol, depending on the types of the pen). Similar activities
		can be done with post-it notes.]
196;	2) Contradictions come	[Note added here:
1pb	in both 'discrete' and	The 'discrete' and 'continuous' scenarios do not talk about in which way
_	'continuous' types.	the contradiction comes, but rather talk about in which way the
		problem solver has disposed (i.e. in which way the contradiction goes
		out). A certain contradiction (for example, the contradiction in the
		bicycle saddle) can be disposed with the discrete scenario in some case
		and with the continuous scenario in other case.]
202		[A list of Inventive Principles is inserted here. (1 page)]
207;	Principle 12.	[Note added here:
	Equipotentiality	The explanation here in the original text apparently talks about a
	A. If an object or	specific case and may not be suitable as the explanation to Principle
	system requires or is	12. Usually it is explained as: "If an object is requested to lift or lower,
	exposed to tension or	redesign the object's environment and eliminate the necessity of
	compression forces,	lifting/lowering the object." With some extension, this Principle
	redesign	means that in case of requests of lifting/lowering an object,
		movement, increasing/decreasing temperature, and various other
		treatment, try to redesign the system and its environment so as to
		reduce wasteful operations and to perform operations smoothly
		without wasting energy.]
218;	Principle 39. Inert	[Note added here:
	Atmosphere	The word "atmosphere" here does not mean the general feeling of a
		place but means, as a technical term, the gas (usually air) surrounding
		the system.]

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219;	where we want the two	[Note added here:
2p	different attributes hot	In the text the word "Attributes" is used. It is a terminology used e.g.
	and cold.	in data base theory. However, we need to be careful whether this word
		represents a category of property or a value of property. In the present
		text, the word represents two values 'hot' and 'cold' of the property
		typically expressed in temperature. Here it does not mean one value of
		'hot and cold' nor one category of property 'hot and cold'. Thus in the
		Japanese translation, we use the word "Attribute" to show a category of
		property and the word "Attribute value" to show a value of some
		property. This discrimination between categories and values in
		properties should be important, as Sickafus teaches repeatedly in USIT,
		but the Author seems not pay much attention.]
225;	1) Where do I want	[Note added here:
3р	characteristic A and	In these questions the word "characteristic" is used, whereas in the
	where do I want	beginning of Chapter 11 the word "attribute" and in Section 11.1 the
	characteristic -A.	word "condition" are used respectively in a similar meaning.]
233;	we'll stick to s-fields	[Note added here:
2pb		Even though the English text uses the abbreviated form of "S-Field" in
		most cases, in the Japanese Edition we will always use
		"Substance-Field" in order to keep its meaning clearer.]

233;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
1pb		As described above, it should be noticed that the concept of "Field" in
195		TRIZ has much wider meaning than the terminology of the Field in
		physics (where it is typically used as electrical field, magnetic field,
		gravitational field, etc.). In order to show such a specific term in TRIZ,
		we will basically write it in the form of "Field" in the Japanese Edition.]
234;	A comprehensive list of	[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
3pb	these Standards,	In the original English edition, the Inventive Standards are not
- 1	,	numbered in any way (even though arranged in a classified order). In
		the Japanese Edition, for the sake of clarity and ease of use, they are
		hierarchically numbered in the order as they appear, and called as B2,
		Ca3, Db5, etc. This way of numbering was approved by the Author.]
234;	fall into four types.	[Note added here:
2pb	51	The Inventive Standards listed in Section 12.5 are arranged in the
1		following four classes: (A) (Inventive Standards for) Incomplete
		S-Fields, (B) Measurement/Detection Problems, (C) Harmful Effects,
		and (D) Insufficient/Excessive Relationships. The Procedure in the
		next section (Section 12.2) is described on the basis of this top level of
		classification. At the second level of classification appear the four
		types (i.e. completing, modifying, adding, and transitioning) described
		here.]
235;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
4p		In order to learn how to build the "Substance-Field Model", you are
-		advised to study first the Function and Attribute Analysis of Chapter 6
		(especially Section 6.2) and then case studies in this chapter (Section
		12.4). Section 12.2 here explains how to use the "Substance-Field
		Model" assuming you have built it properly.]
236	Table of Fields	[Note added to the Table:
		As shown in this table, there are a wide variety of types of "Fields".
		Furthermore, any type (or sub-type) of "Field" can appear in different
		forms. For example, the subcategory "gravitational" implies that the
		gravitational "Field" (in TRIZ sense) may appear as the gravitational
		force, as gravitational acceleration, as gravitational field, as
		gravitational potential energy, etc. All these introduce various
		"Physical Effects". All these different appearances are implied in the
		TRIZ concept of "Fields". To emphasize this notion, all the items in the
		Table are represented by adjectives (e.g. "gravitational"). (In the
		original edition, though most of the items are written in adjectives,
		there are some written in nouns.)]
244;	in addition to the 76	[Note added here:
1pb	Inventive Standards,	References to the 76 Inventive Standards developed in the classical
		TRIZ are shown in the form of "Reference 1.1.2". This refers to
		Altshuller's book of Ref. 1); but it may refer to Salamatov's book of Ref.
		2) except very minor differences.]
244		[A brief list of the Inventive Standards is inserted here, because a blank
		space of half a page happens to be available. Up to the second level of
		classification is shown.]
250;	the resonant frequency	[Note added here:
3р	of electrons	Though the original text describes as "resonance of electrons", it is the
		NMR method (i.e. "resonance of nuclei") that is used commonly for the
		described purpose. Thus the text in corrected.]
292;	it is not surprising to see	[Note added here on SIT:
2pb	the emergence of	SIT implies the method (Systematic Inventive Thinking) developed in

	simplified versions like SIT.	Israel in the beginning of 1980s by simplifying TRIZ and the methods downstream of it. Currently in Israel the method is promoted in the
	511.	name of ASIT (Advanced Structured Inventive Thinking) by Roni Horowitz et al. In 1995 Ed Sickafus of Ford Motor Co., USA, adopted
		SIT and developed USIT (Unified Structured Inventive Thinking).
		Since 1999 in Japan, Toru Nakagawa has been introducing USIT and
900.	there are occasions	enhancing it further.]
296; 4pb	when systems can be	[Note added here: Besides these occasions of apparent opposition of the evolution rules,
чро	seen to evolve in the	exceptions of application of Trends of Evolution are discussed in Section
	opposite direction.	13.1.5-6. There are two Trends (Trend of Mono-Bi-Poly-systems and
		Trend of Trimming) which may or may not be applied depending on the
		situations of the system.]
301;		[Note added at the end of the paragraph:
3р		The text describes that there are 30 different Trends which can be
		interpreted in 35 ways in total. However, Section 13.7 records 31
		different Trends, and this Figure 13.27 interprets them in 34 ways in total. By the way, the Trends of Evolution are numbered in the
		Japanese Edition in the order as they appear in the List, under the
		approval by the Author.]
302		[Table of the Trends of Evolution is prepared and inserted here in the
		Japanese Edition. Names of Trends and their Evolution Stages are
		summarized in a 2 page table.]
306	Fluid	[Note added here on "Fluid":
		A stage in this Trend is named 'Fluid' instead of more common word of
		'Liquid'. The latter word is mostly defined in relation to the states of
		matters as 'solid - liquid - gas', and connected with a relatively clear (and hence pure and narrow) concept in physics, and is used in
		relatively narrow meaning in everyday life, too. On the other hand the
		former word "Fluid" implies everything which can flow and is related
		mostly to technological concept which may allow various forms of
		matters. 'Fluids' sometimes mean liquids and gases together in
		contrast to solids. So the "Fluid" stage in this Trend may be
		understood as "mostly corresponds to Liquid but implies wider range of
		material compositions and physical properties".]
316	Action Co-ordination	[Note added here:
		The name of the Trend is sometimes called 'Action Harmonization', but here the Author chooses the word 'Action Co-ordination', which sounds
		more active and wider in implication. Japanese translation reflects
		this naming.]
305	[In the table]	[Note added here:
	(synergy effects)	It is not clear why the keyword 'synergy effects' is put in the
		parentheses (in page 321 as well). If we understand the keyword as to
		take advantages of the synergy effects among the bi- or poly-systems,
945		we do not need any parentheses.]
345; 3n	Effects database	[Note added here: Original TRIZ researchers have collected knowledge of phenomena in
3р		the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, etc. and classified
		them with respect to functions and attributes, which may be regarded
		as the resultant effects of such phenomena. Then they made a system
		of collected knowledge (i.e. database) which can be retrieved easily with
		the keys of "functions and attributes" to be realized. They named the
		database as 'Collections of Physical (Chemical and Mathematical)

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		Effects' or simply 'Effects Database'. Since there is no suitable word to
		express this kind of knowledge collectively, they are usually written as
		"Effects" in English with the capital letter at the beginning. In
		Japanese some people translate it phonetically as "Effects". Even
		though such a phonetic translation may be allowable as a proper name
		of the database, it should not be a standard word for representing the
		concept. Since the present Japanese Edition intends to express the
		TRIZ concepts in the form as easy to understand as possible, we use the
		term (though a bit lengthy but express the original meaning) of
		"Physical Effects" or "Physical Effects Database". The wording of
		"Physical" should be understood just as representative of all the fields,
		including not only chemistry, biology, and mathematics but also, in the
0.40		near future, information science, business, human relations etc.]
346	Table of Effects	[Note added here:
	Database Classified by	In the original edition, the "Function" column of this field lists up the
	Functions	functions simply in the alphabetical order in English. In the Japanese
		Edition we found it necessary to arrange the functions in some
		meaningful order. Thus we have re-arrange the functions in the
		following order of classification: Functions related to positions,
		Functions to collect, Functions to separate, Functions related to
346	Table of Effects	thermal change, Functions to generate, maintain, detect, etc.] [Note added here:
340		-
	Database Classified by Functions	In the table many keywords are packed in narrow columns, and hence sometimes it is difficult in the original text to distinguish the separation
	FUNCTIONS	of items from simple changes of line. In the Japanese Edition, in order
		to make this difference clear, second lines of items are shown with
		indentation by one character.]
356		[A subsection of "What Do I Do?" is inserted here, taken from the
550		Author's reply to the question from the Portuguese translator in Brazil.]
359	d) Define the Physical	[Note added at the end of this subsection:
	Contradiction	The text describes that one should first state for a negative functional
		relationship (F) as "I want F and I do not want F" and then convert it
		into the statement about a parameter (A) as "I want condition A and I
		want condition -A". The process of converting the statement about the
		function F into the statement about the parameter A seems not clear to
		me. See Chapter 11.]
360;	f) Define the	[Note added at the middle of this subsection:
1p	X-Component	One of the ways of understanding "X-Component" is the analogy to the
-	_	mathematical concept where "Introduce an unknown variable x, set up
		an equation, and then solve the equation to find x". This concept has
		lifted the calculus up to the mathematics. The initial difficulty to
		understand the TRIZ concept and the power obtainable once we have
		understood them may just be comparable to the difficulty and power of
		understanding the mathematical concept.]
360;	the x-component is able	[Note added here:
1p	to eliminate the harmful	In this final statement, among negative functional relationships only
	function B and/or to	the case of harmful relationship is mentioned. In other cases read the
	solve the physical	part 'to eliminate the harmful function B' as either 'to make the
	contradiction, C.	insufficient function B' sufficient enough' or 'to reduce the excessive
		function B" at the appropriate level'.]
362;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
1p		Traditional methods of idea generation (so called know-hows of
		invention) in Japan and in the world mostly put stress in expanding or
		mychelon) in Japan and in the world mostly put suless in expanding of

		diverging the ideas first before converging them into several possible
		ones. Thus the TRIZ way of thinking, especially in ARIZ, is in sharp
		contrast to them in the point of making a focus (or converging) first and
		then exploring (or diverging), as shown in Fig 16.2.]
362;	It is always useful to	[Note added here:
2p	avoid this tendency and	In the original ARIZ procedure, during the 'solve' stage (including steps
··· r	carry on with	g through i) solutions obtained in the earlier step are generally thought
	subsequent steps.	the stronger. Thus it is assumed that once a (good) solution is found,
		one may quit the succeeding steps in ARIZ (see Ref. 2) by Y. Salamatov).
		In this relation, the Author's suggestion here should be noted.]
365;	the x-component is able	[Note added here:
4p	to eliminate the harmful	The wording of 'eliminate the harmful function' should better be
1	function 'insufficient lift'	replaced with a more general form 'eliminate the negative function',
		where negative functions include harmful, insufficient, and exceeding
		functions. 'To eliminate an insufficient function' means to make the
		function sufficient, while 'to eliminate an exceeding function' means to
		make the function at a suitable level.
366;	Combined use of	[Note added here:
4pb	tensegrity structure	'Tensegrity' is a word composed of 'tensile' and 'integrity'. Tensegrity
•		structure is a structure built of poles/pipes (i.e., anti-compression
		materials) connected with thin strings/ropes so as to disperse the
		tension all through the structure.]

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378;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
2p		This part of text does not analyze what is the root cause of the
		unwanted effect (e.g. bending or jamming of the staple) in the stapler.
		This seems to be reflected in taking a drastic choice of the staple itself
		as the object for applying the trimming technique. Since the 'staple'
		is at the top of the functional hierarchy of this stapler system, it is
		usually the last to be applied the trimming operation. Trimming may
		be applied to other components of the system so as to keep the original
		essential idea of the stapler system. Nevertheless, it is remarkable
		that the trimming technique can inspire drastic challenges to the
		current/conventional ideas, as demonstrated in the text. It is the
		strength of the trimming technique.]
380;	the useful function	[Note added here:
1p	currently delivered by	'The top plate' is a metal component just appearing below the plastic
	the top plate	cover in the picture (Fig. 17.7). Its useful function may be partly to
		constrain the staples (held in the magazine) from above (as suggested
		in the text) and more importantly to support positioning the punch
		(i.e. the metal plate fixed below the cover). Since the component
		mainly responsible for supporting the positioning of the punch should
		be the magazine, it may certainly be possible to transfer some
		functions of the top plate (and to trimming it). Anyway, even for a
		simple system like a stapler, it should be important to analyze the
		functions and the mechanisms of the system with much care for the
		purpose of better problem solving. Also see the last paragraph of this
		case study (Section 17.3.1).]
386;		[Note added at the end of this paragraph:

1p		The text of Section 18.2 is based on the Author's paper presented at a conference: "Ideality and 'Self-X'" by Darrell Mann, presented at
		ETRIA World Conference "TRIZ Future 2001", held at Bath, UK, on Nov. 7-9, 2001; posted in Japanese translation in "TRIZ Home Page in
		Japan" in March 2002.]
402;	if a part of the system	[Note added here:
3р	(in this case the wal) is	This text should not be regarded as a strict rule in modeling but as an
	not able to move, it	advice about the ordering of modeling.]
	should not be modeled	
	as little people.	
403;	In the meantime, the	[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
3pb	number of other	In USIT, Ed Sickafus extended this Smart Little People's Modeling
	published examples of	further into the "Particles Method". Examples of application of the
	the Smart Little People	Particles Methods are shown in Sickafus' USIT Textbook (1997) and in
	tool in action is	Nakagawa's "TRIZ Home Page in Japan".]
	relatively small,	
404;		[Note added to Fig. 19.10:
Fig.		In the original Figure 19.10, it is shown as if Time = 0 at the current
		position. However in the present context we are thinking about the
		'time of duration of an action', which is a finite value at the current
		situation. We are going to think about extremes of infinitely small (T
		> 0) and infinitely large duration periods.]
433;		[Note added to Fig. 21.3:
Fig.		In the table shown in Figure 21.3, natural logarithms (log _e) are used
1 18.		in numerical calculations, but ordinary logarithms (log ₁₀) should
		better be used for the sake of easier understanding.]
424;	Combinations See	[Note added here:
124, 1pb	Reference 21.6 for more	When we try to combine/integrate features from different solutions,
The	details of formal	we will often find conflict between the current 'best' solution and the
	methods for achieving	alternative solution in some feature, and hence we can formalize a
	such integration.	physical contradiction in TRIZ. Then, as is explained in detail in
	such integration.	Chapter 11, we can apply the Separation Strategy and further various
		Inventive Principles as summarized in Table 11.1. The technique
		described in this Translation Note is called 'Solution Combination
		Method' in USIT; it is the fourth of the five USIT solution generation
		methods.]
441;	The aims of this	[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
	research are to:-	The results of this extensive research program of patent analysis are
1p	research are to	reflected in various parts of this textbook, and were presented by
		Darrell Mann and Simon Dewulf at TRIZCON2003 Conference in
		March 2003 in the following two papers: "Updating TRIZ: 1985-2002
		Patent Research Findings" and "Updating the Contradiction Matrix".
		These two papers were posted in "TRIZ Home Page in Japan" both in
4.49	Easterne (1.1)	English and in Japanese (translated by Nakagawa).]
442;	Future evolution thus	[Note added at the end of this paragraph:
4p	looks set to occur at the	The integrated method of implementing VE and TRIZ together has
	detailed	been developed most intensively in Japan by SANNO Institue of
	implementation rather	Management. For example, see the book "VE and TRIZ: Innovative
	than the conceptual	Technology Management" by Manabu Sawaguchi, Doyukan, 2002 (in
	level.	Japanese).]
447;	should subscribe to	[Note added here:
2pb	TRIZ Journal, the	These are WWW sites specialized in TRIZ and are accessible with the
	CREAX Newsletter	URL of http://www.triz-journal.com/ and http://www.creax.com/. In

	and	Japan, the WWW site "TRIZ Home Page in Japan" (Editor: Toru
		Nakagawa) is most informative (both in Japanese and in English).]
463	No index (in the first	[A very intensive Index has been prepared for the Japanese Edition.
	printing)	Index having about 950 items, arranged in groups of relevant items in
		a hierarchical scheme, and printed in 10 pages.]
464	No Author's profile	[2 pages of information are added here: Profile of the Author (Darrell
		Mann) together with his photo, Profile of the Supervising Translator
		(Toru Nakagawa) and a photo (Mann, Simon Dewulf, and Nakagawa),
		and List of the Translators (16 members).]
separate	Contradiction Matrix	[The classical version of Contradiction Matrix is attached as the
		Appendix 2. The latest version, Matrix 2003, is supposed to be
		published in due course as the second volume of this series.]