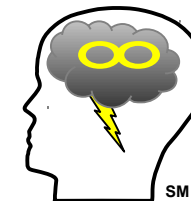


On methods for computational creativity

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VCA - Variables, Constants, and Assumptions.

#!/bin/think

for each Variable, Constant, Assumption in a model ; do

1. Identify the **V**, **C**, **A** or give it a name.
2. Change the **V**, **C**, **A** across it's domain and exceed limits.
3. Add or subtract **V**, **C**, **A** from the model.
4. Apply other useful techniques below, re-model, repeat.

done

MR - Modeling Rules

Modeling Rule 1: Initial state is nothing.

Modeling Rule 2: No undeclared thing.

Modeling Rule 3: Assumptions allowed if declared.

Modeling Rule 4: Minimize assumptions, but no limit.

Modeling Rule 5: Definitions can be used if declared. (**D**)

Definition 1- **Axiom** is an assumption.

Modeling Rule 6: Hypothesis is allowed if declared. (**H**)

Modeling Rule 7: Conjectures allowed if declared. (**J**)

Modeling Rule 8: Opinions allowed but have no value.

Some models are meant to model reality, some aren't, and some are generalized to be repeatedly applied differently.

A generalized model of models.

1. Models contain **Things**, **Variables**, **Constants**, **Assumptions**, **Definitions**, **Hypothesii**, **conJectures**, **choicE**, **dOmain**, and **Utopia**. Operators are **Generalize**, **Instantiate**, and **Scale**.
2. Definition: thing – any thing, event, process, noun, verb,
3. Generalize a thing one or more levels. (**G**). Generalizing can turn constants into variables.
4. Instantiate a thing one or more levels. (**I**) Instantiating can turn variables into constants.
5. Re-apply **VCA** at **G**, **GI**, **GG**, **GGI**, **GGII**, etc.
6. Domain-Analysis - Analyze the legal and illegal domains of VCA.
7. Utopian/Idealism - Decouple what from how.
8. Scale – Scale a known solution to fit the size of the problem (**S**).
9. State some truth, then change along boolean domain (true, false).
10. Choosing techniques:
 - a) Does the choice have to be correct?
 - b) Does a wrong choice exist?
 - c) Is this a defining choice?
 - d) Is any choice okay?
 - e) Is there a set or range to choose from?

Model of models

