TE 250: Week 9 Competition & Business Types

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Agenda

- Defining the competition
- Petal diagram breakout
- Startup Types
- Team Breakout: Selecting the proposed solution



Another pitch example

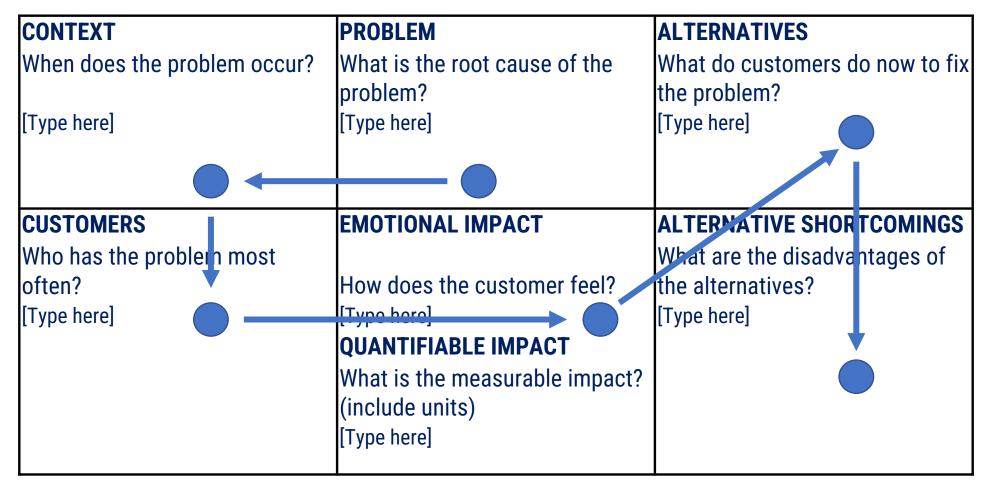
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- Start at 31:20



Reviewing how we got here...

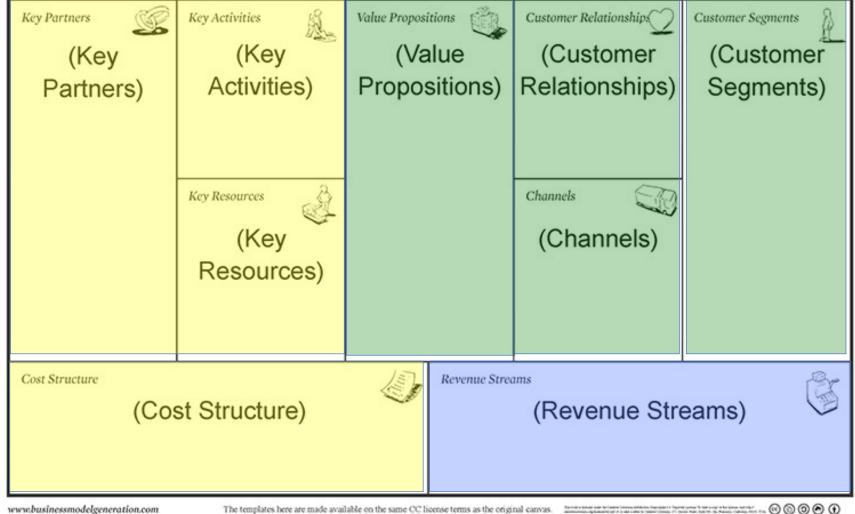


Problem Statement Canvas



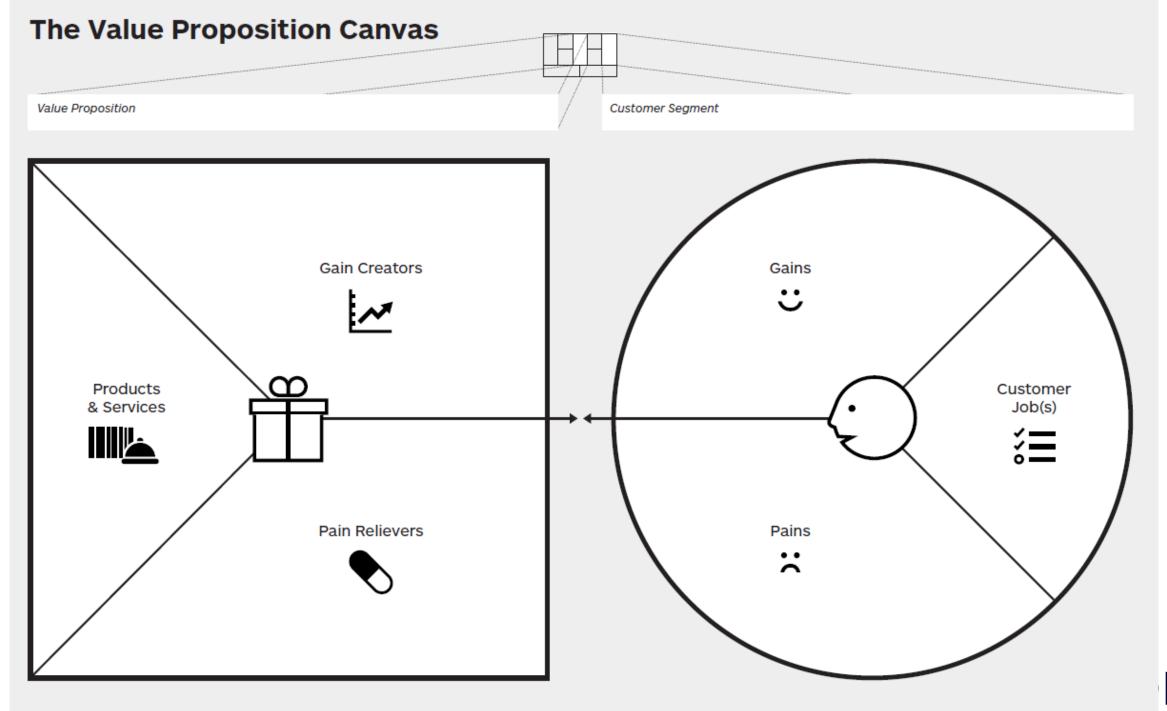


Week 1 Business model canvas



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Focus on the right side first





✓ Customer A

✓ Customer B

✓ Customer C

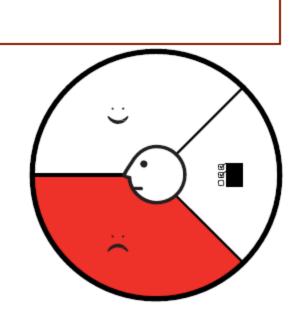
✓ Customer D

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task to perform, problem to solve, needs to satisfy

customer pains

describe bad outcomes, risks, and obstacles related to customer jobs

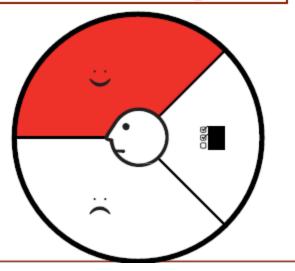


✓ Customer A
✓ Customer B
✓ Customer C

✓ Customer D

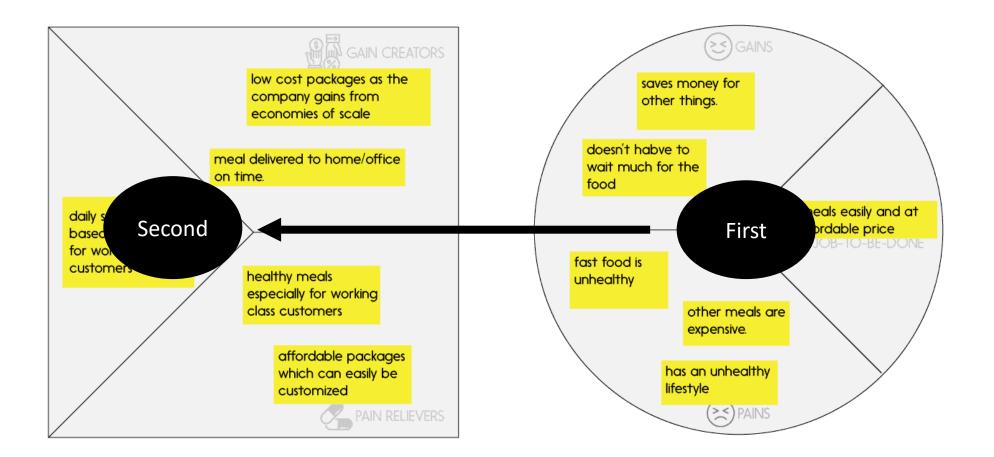
customer gains

describe the more or less expected benefits the customers are seeking



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VALUE PROPOSITION CANVAS







Moving to the left side of the VP Canvas: It is time to add solution thinking to our problem identification



What is **Creativity**? And what role does it play?



Imagination \rightarrow Vision \rightarrow Creativity \rightarrow Invention \rightarrow Innovation

Imagination is the result of wanting more.

Vision is the ability to see the world the way you want it to be.

Creativity is the ability to use the imagination to develop new ideas, new things, or new solutions.



- Brainstorming Diamond
- Reverse Planning
- Disney Creative: Dreamer/Realist/Critic
- Walking Meeting
- Psychological Distancing / Superhero
- SCAMPER



Group Creativity Exercises

As you complete interviews, start refining your solution hypotheses based on what you learn.

You will propose a solution in your Final Pitch Presentation



Sharing: What process did you use and what solutions did you submit?



Defining the competition



Competition

Every good idea has competition. Period.

We are the only ones doing X... Our solution is novel...



Competition

One of your biggest competitors will be the status quo.

(also know as doing nothing)



There are a variety of ways to document the competitive landscape



Our Company Competitive Analysis

Goodnesss



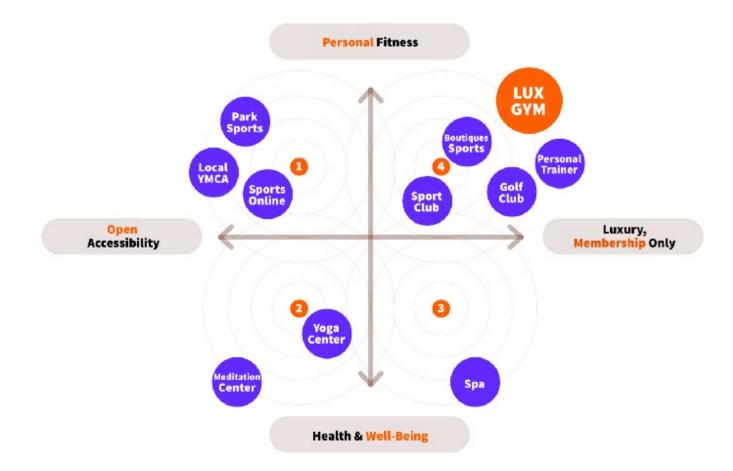
Our Company



Badness

Goodness

4 Quadrant Chart



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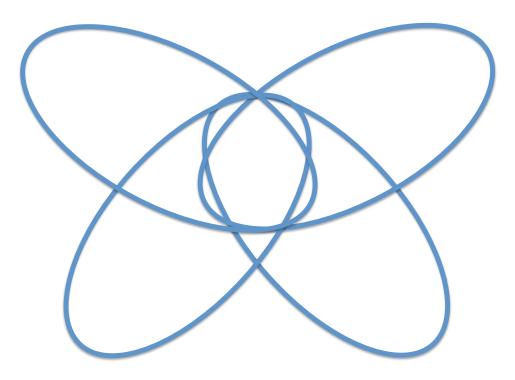
Petal Diagram approach

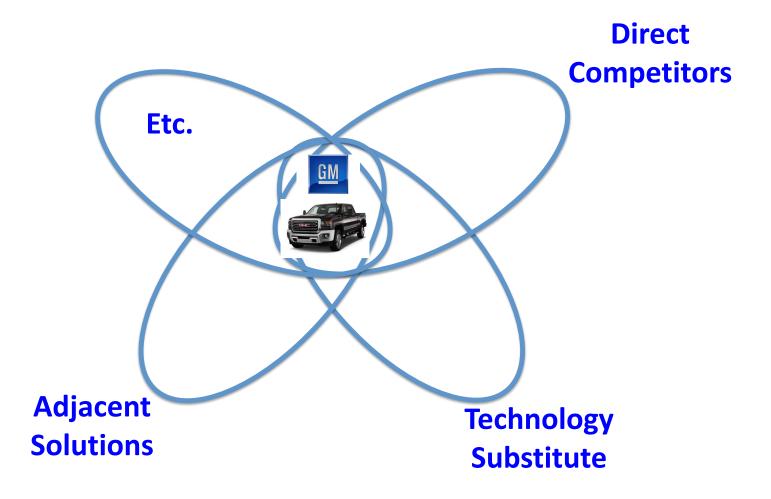




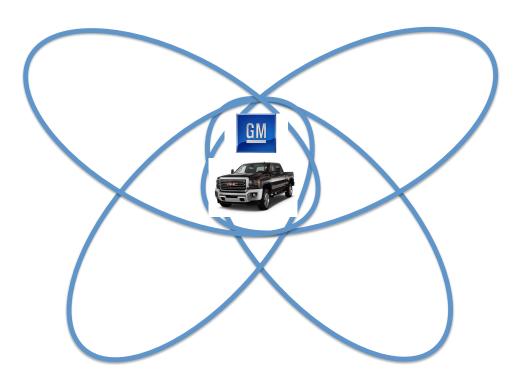
Petal Diagram Tech Current substitutes solutions MyTech, Inc. Adjacent Tech solutions market

Petal Diagram: Competitive Landscape Transportation

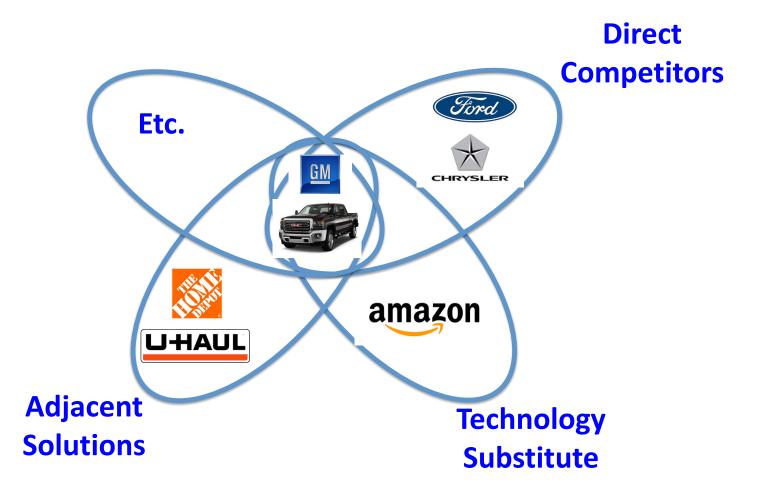




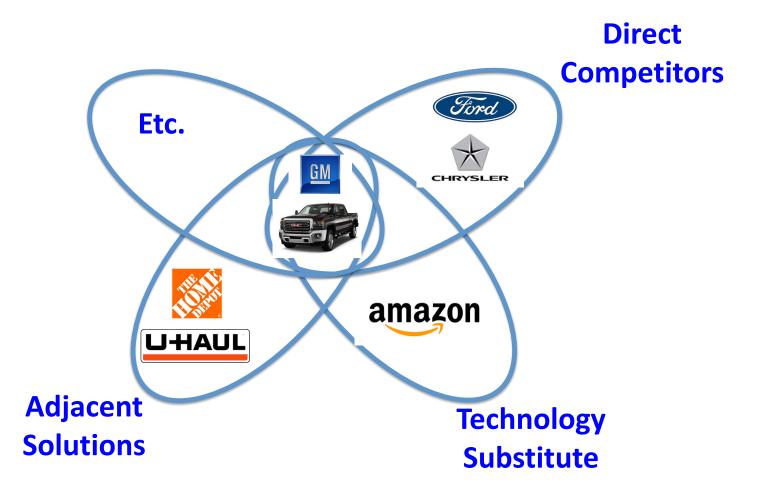
Transportation



Customer Segment: Weekend Home Renovation Warrior Value Proposition: "Haul stuff back from Home Depot"



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Once you identify the competitive landscape, then you need to define your position...



SWOT Analysis

Pros

Cons

Internal Factors Strengths things you do well to set you apart from competitors, such as state of the art technology

Weaknesses areas in which you need to improve, such as lack of funding for promotion

External Factors

Opportunities

factors that can benefit your business, such as a competitor closing or favorable regulations Threats factors that can hurt your business, such as a competitor entering the market or a price increase from your supplier

How Maximize?

How Reduce?

SWOT Analysis

Pros

Cons

Internal Factors Strengths Expertise in develop./manuf. of biologic drugs. High margins, limited competition

Weaknesses Inability to discover novel therapeutics to avoid declines in revenue

Opportunities

External Factors

Expand to new geographies, indications, and formulations

Threats Competition from followon biologics and pricing pressures

SWOT Analysis for Amgen

Breakout activity

Build a pedal diagram for Shake Box

Health protein shakes from a vending machine

Targeted at busy students on college campuses with few healthy alternative for a quick meal

Competes with food trucks, fast food restaurants, vending machines, convenience stores, delivery services, food delivery, and subscription food services.



Defining the enterprise



Components of Culture

Building a company culture starts from day 1

- Vision
- Values
- Practices
- People
- Narrative
- Place

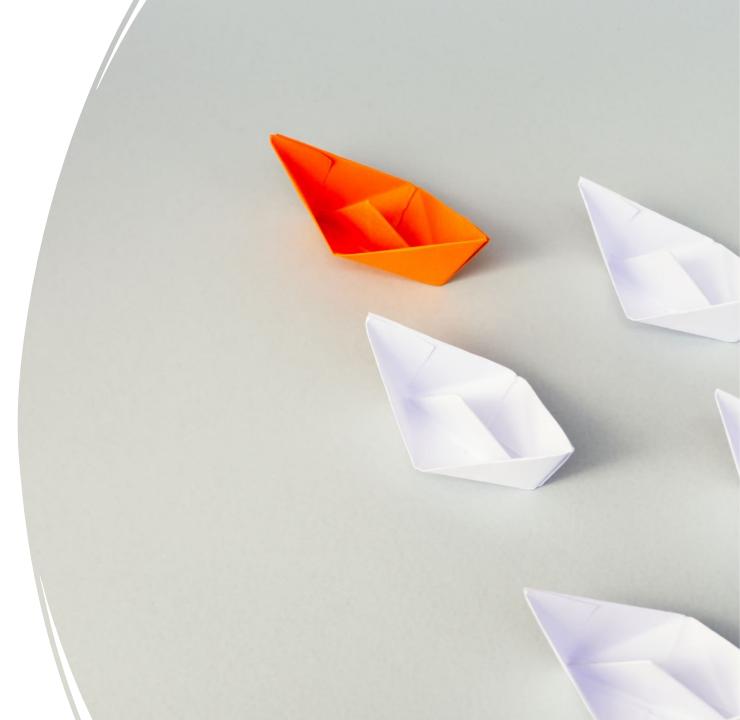


Culture – six components

1. Vision

Articulated in mission statement

- a. defines purpose
- b. orients employee behavior







WARBY PARKER

arby Parker was founded with a rebellious spirit and a lofty objective: to offer designer eyewear at a revolutionary price, while leading the way for socially-conscious businesses.



Our Blue Box Values

At American Express[®], we have a mission to be the world's most respected service brand. To do this, we have established a culture that supports our team members, so they can provide exceptional service to our customers.



Patagonia's Mission Statement

Build the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis.

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Honesť tea

Mission Statement

Honest Tea seeks to create and promote great-tasting, healthier, organic beverages. We strive to grow our business with the same honesty and integrity we use to craft our products, with sustainability and great taste for all.



Our vision and business idea

At IKEA our vision is to create a better everyday life for the many people. Our business idea supports this vision by offering a wide range of well-designed, functional home furnishing products at prices so low that as many people as possible will be able to afford them.



2. Values



Offers guidelines on behaviors & mindset required to achieve vision

Authenticity > Originality



Ten things we know to be true

Focus on the user and all else will follow.
It's best to do one thing really, really well.
Fast is better than slow.
Democracy on the web works.
You don't need to be at your desk to need an answer.
You can make money without doing evil.
There's always more information out there.
The need for information crosses all borders.
You can be serious without a suit.
Great just isn't good enough.



3. Practices

The enshrinement of values

If a company says, "people are our greatest asset," it should be prepared to invest in employees in visible ways.





What employees are saying:

"I truly feel that Wegmans is a company where employees can follow the American Dream. We're given endless opportunities to learn and grow. It's a place where those who seek to build a career for themselves while following their passions can do so."

15 applicants per job opening94% employee satisfaction

The booming family-owned grocery chain spends more than \$50 million a year on training and development for its massive workforce, and is one of the few grocers to help defray school costs—this year it awarded \$5 million in tuition assistance. "It's nice to work for a company that keeps giving instead of taking away," says one employee.



4. People

Must share core values → stringent recruiting Firms with cultural alignment have 30% less turnover



Fit > Talent

5. Narrative

A company's story ...it's history ...it's heritage ...it's roots



Even more powerful as part of a firm's ongoing culture



6. Place

Seek congruency

- a. Geography industry clusters, customs
- b. Architecture office layout
- c. Aesthetic Design décor









Getting ready for Week 10

- Week 9 Team Assignment Submit interview tracker 4 interviews per member
- Week 9 Individual Assignment Create a petal diagram for the assigned startup
- Should be accumulating interviews and documenting them on the tracker. How are they impacting your vision for a solution?
- Topics still to be covered:
 - Week 10: Market segmentation and sizing with breakout (10pts)
 - Week 11: Venture formation, IP, etc with breakout (10pts)
 - Week 12: IP and finance with breakout (10pts)
 - Week 13: Making a pitch with breakout (10pts)
 - Week 14/15: Final Pitching



Team Breakout

Hypothesize three options for a solution to the problem you are solving Down select to a single solution hypothesis

Build out a petal diagram of the competition based on the final hypothesis Submit work product before end of class



Week 9 Breakout Template

Team #:_____

Members present in class: _____

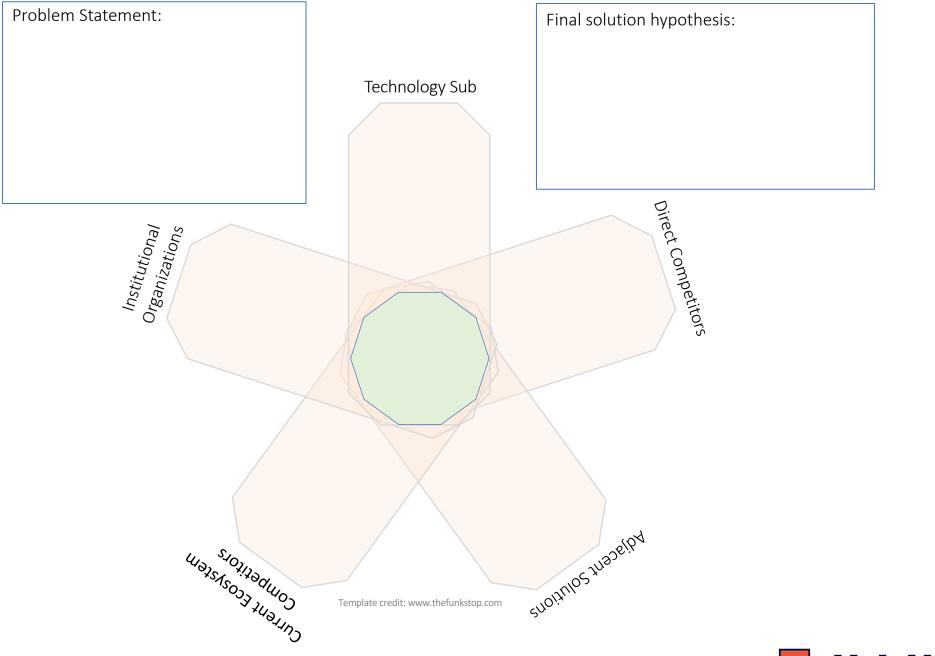
Solution Option 1:

Solution Option 2:

Solution Option 3:

Selected solution hypothesis (1, 2, or 3):_____





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