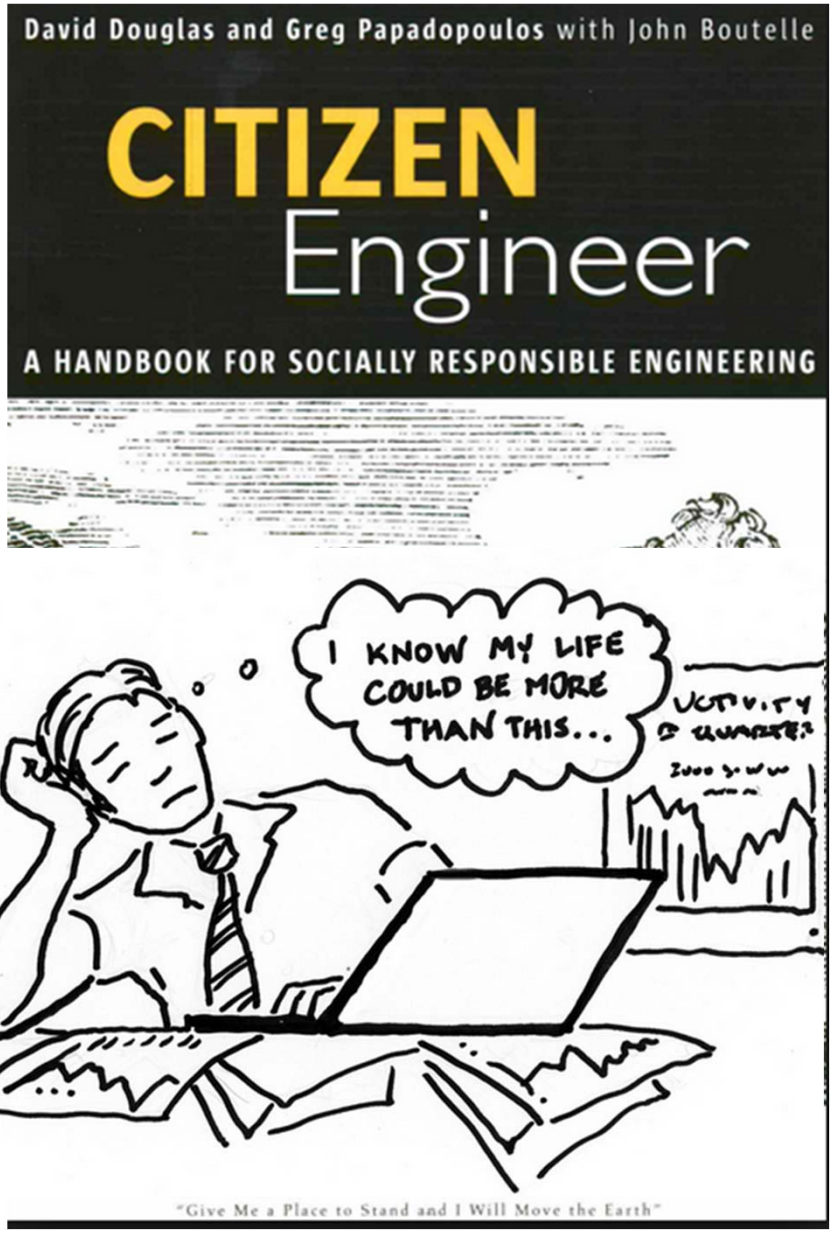
Citizen Engineer



Engineer

- Constructive Artist
  - Art:
  - Art of Engineering:
  - Tools and Materials:
  - Build and Optimize things
- Pragmatists
  - Deal with constraints of ( ) limitations, business ( ), and ( ) realities
  - ( ) constraints

Citizen

- Member of a ( )
- Implies also a ( ) element
  - Rights and responsibilities
- Citizenship
  - ( ) in community
  - Working toward the ( ) of the community
  - Economic participation and public ( )

Citizen Engineer

- Citizen Engineer: Blend of ( ) and ( )
- New Demand and Awakening
  - Engineers are being asked to extend their sphere of responsibility to new areas
    - Developing world
    - ( )
    - Security and Privacy Issues
  - Society is asking engineers to accept more responsibility for the ( ) of the products and serviced they design
- Socially Responsible Engineering
  - Create better products and to make a positive, lasting ( ) on our society and planet – unprecedented opportunities for new generations of engineers

Responsibilities of Engineers

- Basic Responsibilities
  - Engineers have an ( ) obligation to make decisions that are consistent with the safety, health, and welfare of the ( ), and to disclose factor that might endanger the public or the ( ). → Code of Ethics
- Social/Environmental Responsibilities
  - Engineers should consider the total environmental impact of the products and services they design over the entire ( ), from raw materials through manufacture, assembly, distribution, sales and marketing, use, recycling, and disposal.

Responsibilities of Engineers

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

D.C. Politics

On patrol with the enforcer of D.C.'s plastic-straw ban

Zach Rybarczyk, who works for the D.C. Department of Energy and Environment, inspects restaurants in Union Station on Jan. 8 to see whether they are still using plastic straws after the city's ban went into effect this year. Cava passed its inspection. (Calla Kessler/The Washington Post)

Challenges of Socially Responsible Engineering

- Social responsibility remains difficult and uncharted territory for most engineers today
- Four (4) Challenges
  1. The number of possible social/environmental impacts is **large**, and each one can be **difficult to calculate**
  2. Key impacts of our product may lie outside our company (or competency). (Ex) Evolution of fish species near power plant
  3. Most attempts to reduce impacts in one area result in impacts somewhere else. (Ex) Wind farm noise and bird killing → **unanticipated consequence**
  4. **Trade-offs often involve things that appear, at the surface, to have little to do with each other. (Ex) Paper bag vs. plastic bag.**

Unanticipated Impact/Consequence of Engineering

- **Anticipated Consequences**
  - Intended & Desired
- **Unanticipated Consequences**
  - Undesirable

Unanticipated Impact/Consequence of Engineering

- Anticipated Consequences (**Nuclear Power Plant**)
  - Intended and Desired:

- Unanticipated Consequences
  - Undesirable:

Unanticipated Impact/Consequence of Engineering

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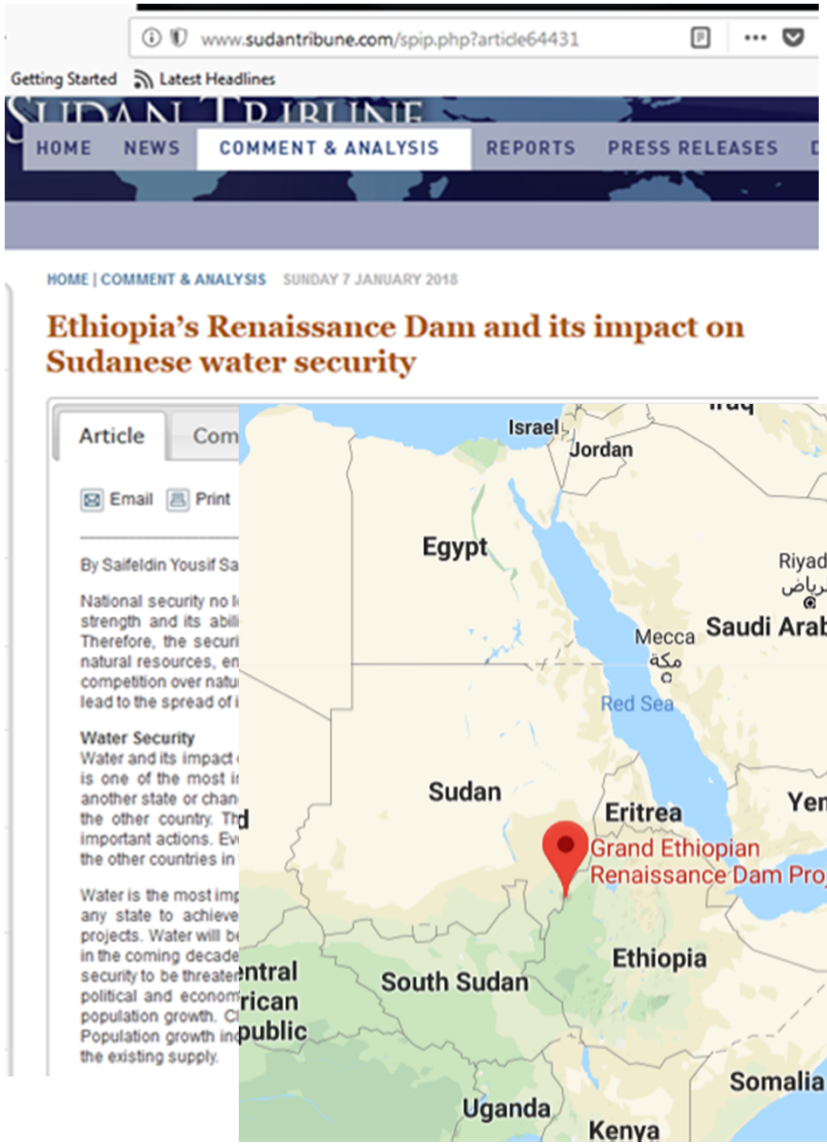

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- **Unanticipated Consequences**
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Md. bill calls for end of synthetic turf use

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- **Anticipated Consequences**
  - Intended and Desired:
- **Unanticipated Consequences**
  - Undesirable:

Environmental Concerns

Unlike natural turf, synthetic grass does not absorb carbon dioxide or produce oxygen, and does not filter pollutants from air and water. When it is time to replace synthetic grass, the old turf usually goes into a landfill because the material is not recyclable. Synthetic grass releases greenhouse gasses into the environment. Harmful substances, such as zinc and nonylphenol, may leach from the recycled rubber granules and pollute water, according to the Washington Toxics Coalition.

Dirt and Odor

Synthetic grass needs regular cleaning with a bristle brush or broom to remove dirt, leaves, pet hair and other debris. Unlike natural turf, artificial turf does not promote decomposition of pet feces and urine, which can leave odors. Wash the turf with soapy water and a pressure washer or power washer to remove pet odors and any remaining small debris. Do not clean with undiluted bleach, which will damage synthetic turf.

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nanoparticles in food

Nanoparticles are also already appearing in our food supply. They are used as preservatives, to keep foods fresh and bacteria-free for longer, and to act as thickening and coloring agents. Unfortunately, because the science is new, companies aren't yet required to reveal nano-sized ingredients on the label. (We hope that changes soon as new research comes to light illuminating the potential dangers.)

nanoparticles in personal care products

The health concern with nanoparticles is that the materials are small enough to penetrate the skin or to get inside the body via inhalation—when they're not intended to do so. Once inside of us, they could cause problems.

A recent study, for example, found that certain nanoparticles can harm DNA. Researchers from MIT and the Harvard School of Public Health looked at five types of nanoparticles—silver, zinc oxide, iron oxide, cerium oxide, and silicon dioxide. All of these are present in personal care products, toys, clothing, and the like, helping to improve texture, kill microbes, and enhance shelf life.

Unanticipated Impact/Consequence of Engineering

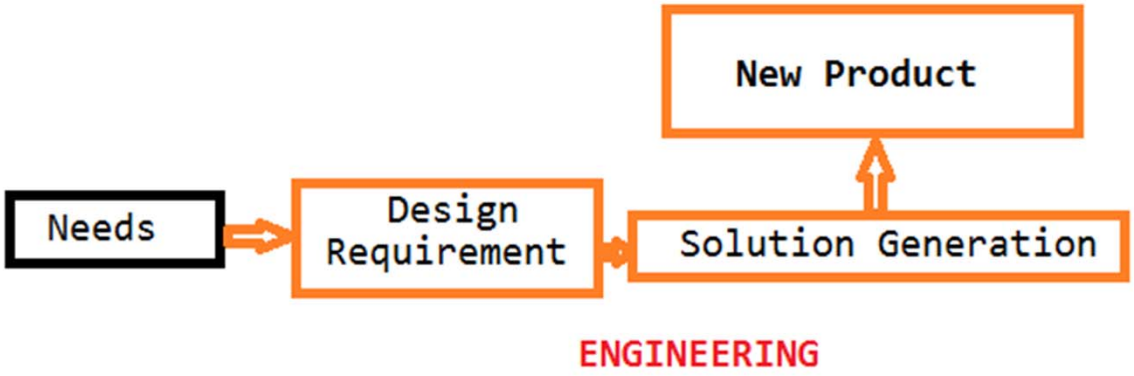
- Why do we have unintended (unanticipated) consequences?
- “Why engineered systems can be so difficult to understand, and hence why consequences are unanticipated?”
- Because, engineered systems are
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
  - d)

Social Responsibilities

- Technology making changes in the organization of our society
- We engineers need to **ask** ourselves how our new products may ( ) social organizations and eco-systems, and need to **search and ( )** possible solutions
- From the findings, we may consider **changes and revisions** of our product to ( ) unanticipated undesired consequences

Practical Checking Chart for Citizen Engineers

- Technology Side



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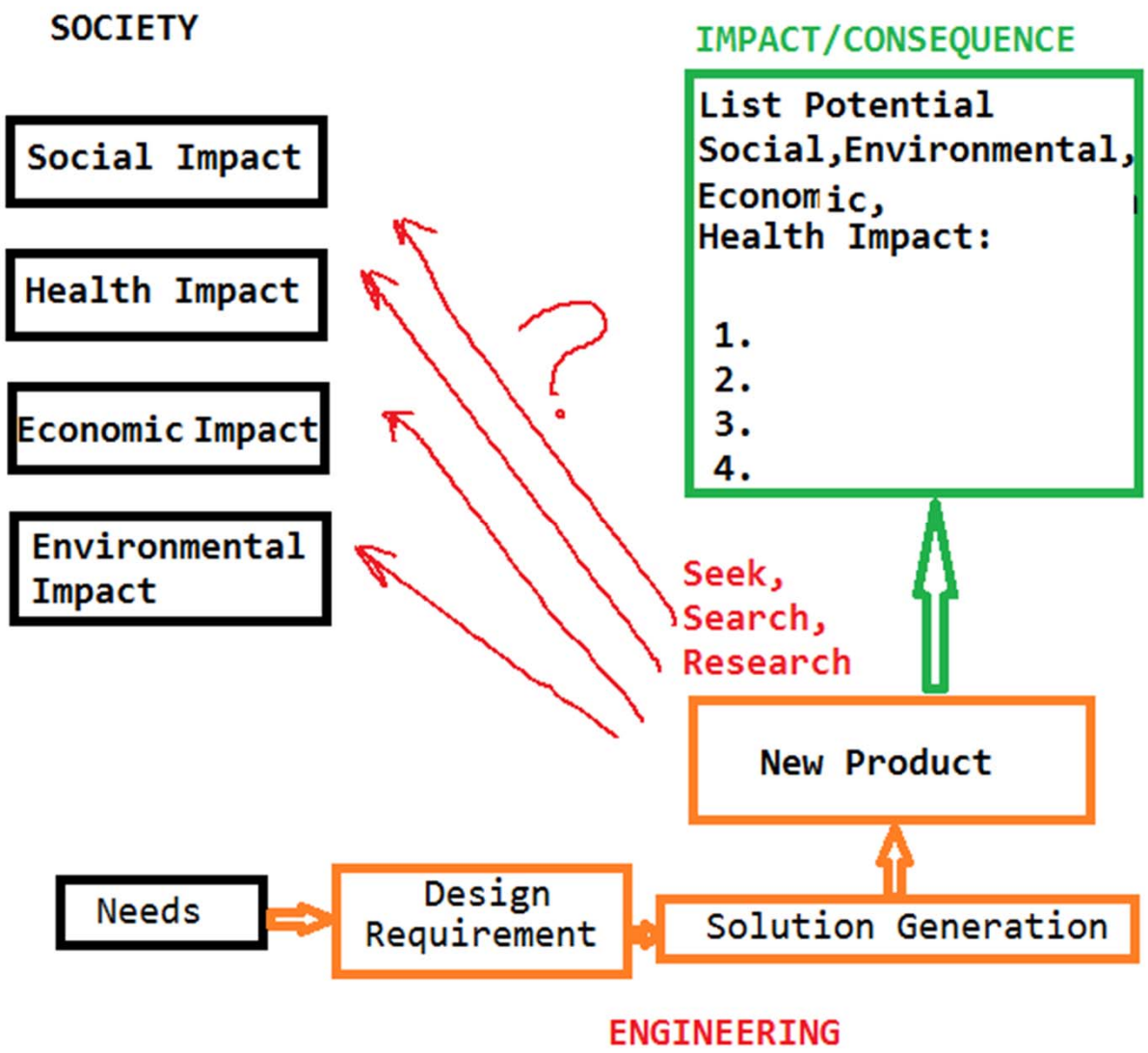

- Step 1: Seek, Search, Research the Potential Unintended Impact
- List them

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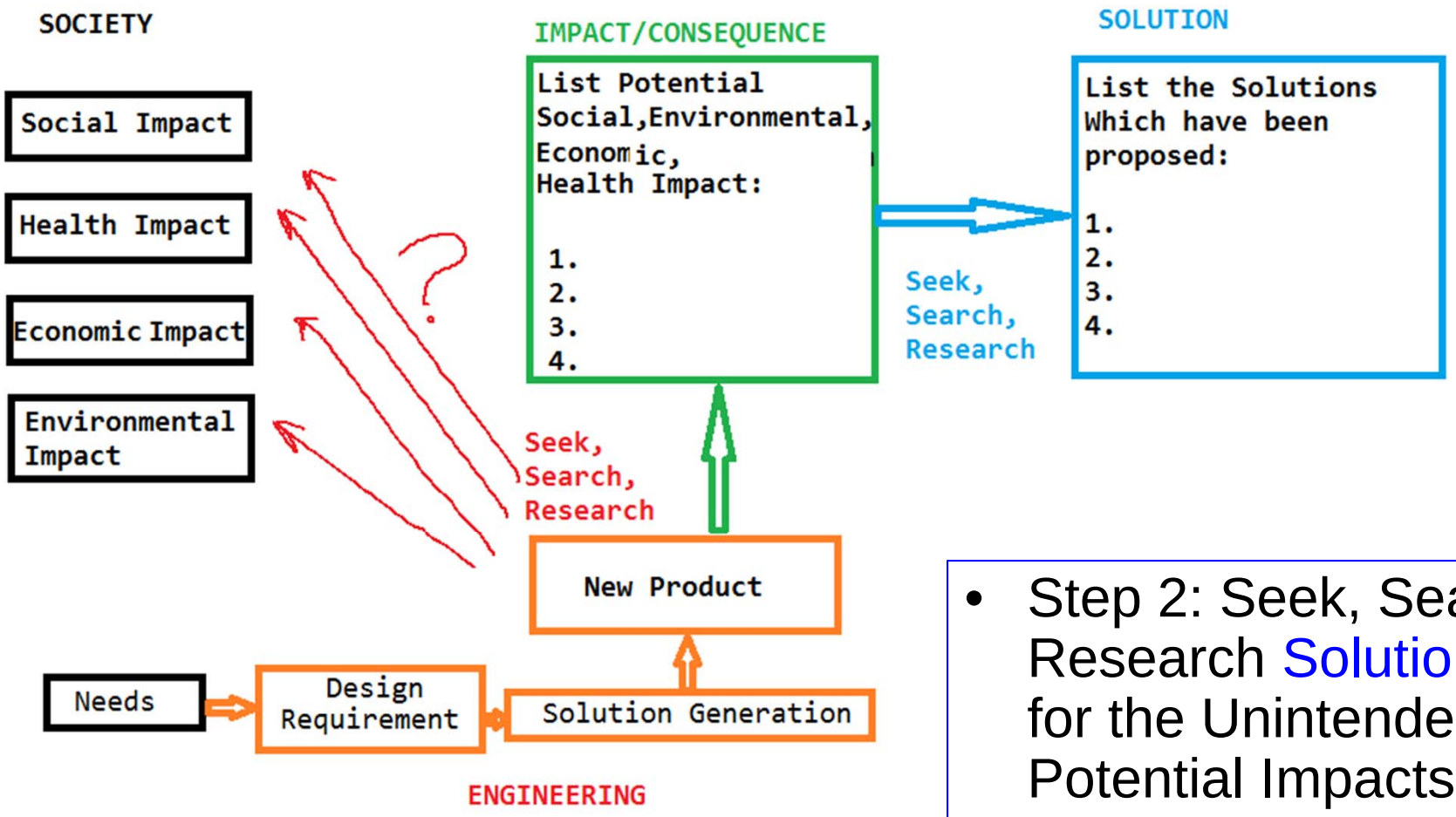

- Step 2: Seek, Search, Research Solutions for the Unintended Potential Impacts
- List them

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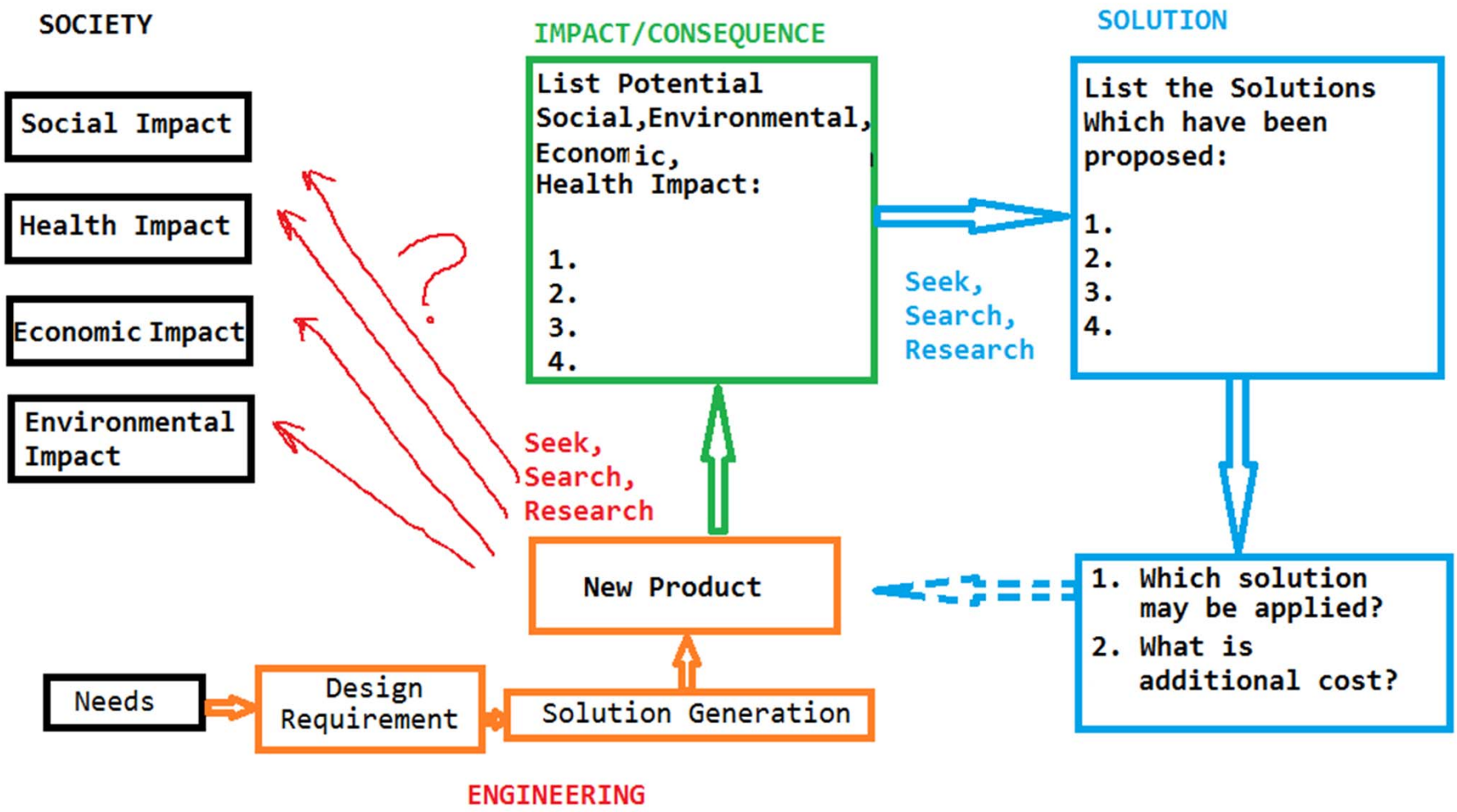
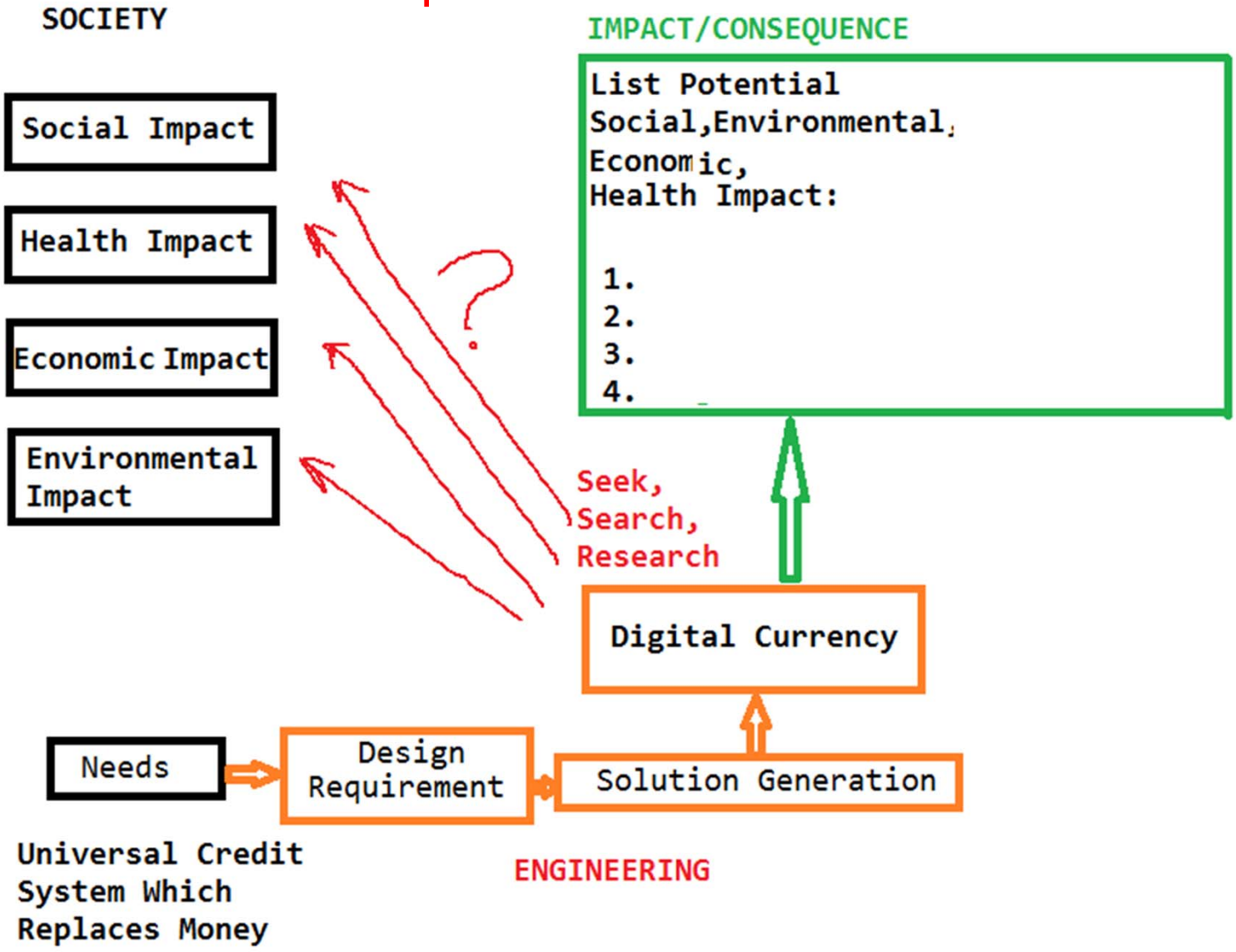


- Step 3: Decide which solution approach to adopt
- Consider the additional cost for implementing the solution to the product.

Practical Checking Chart for Citizen Engineers - Example

- STEP 1 Search Potential Impact



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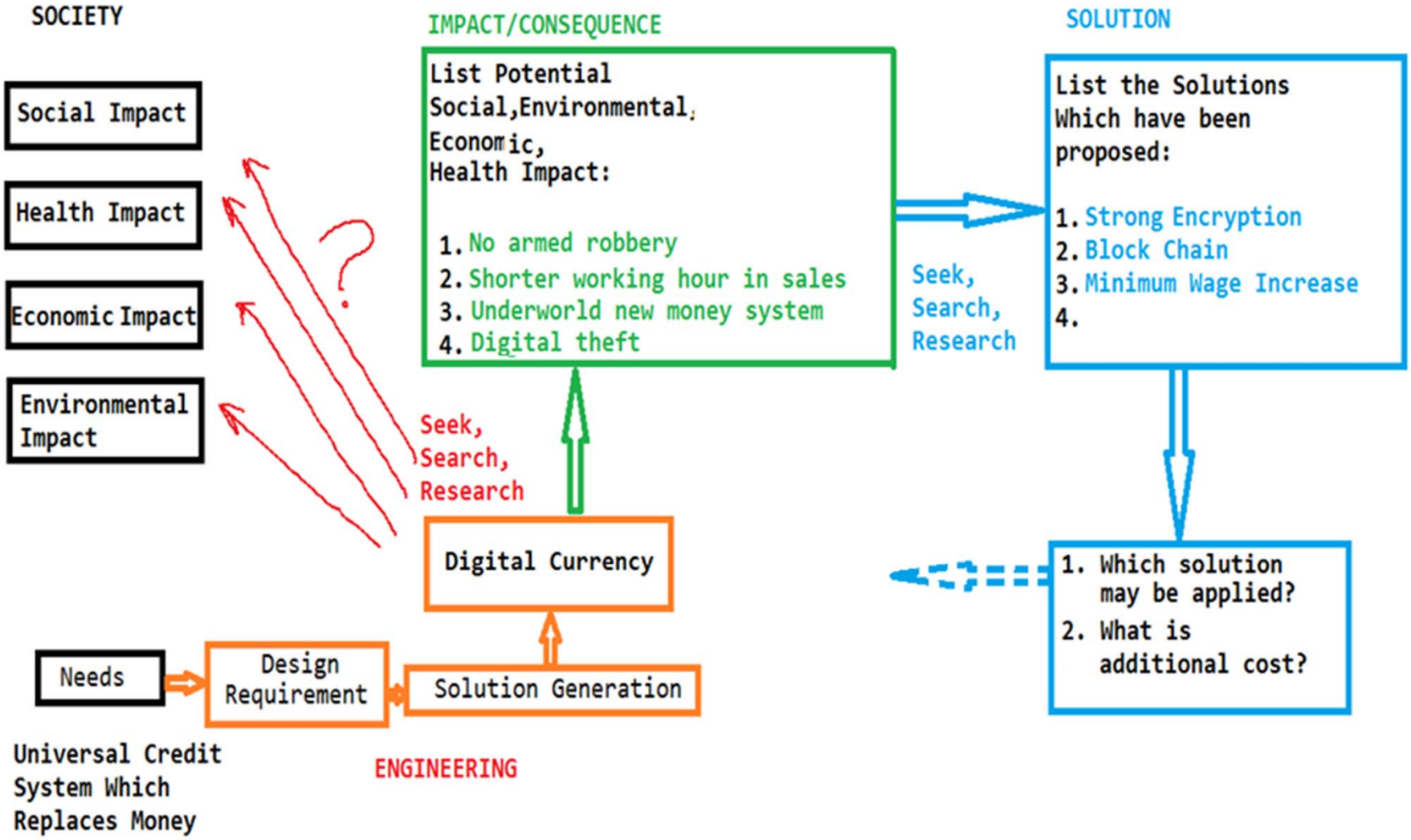
STEP 2: Search Solution to the Impact



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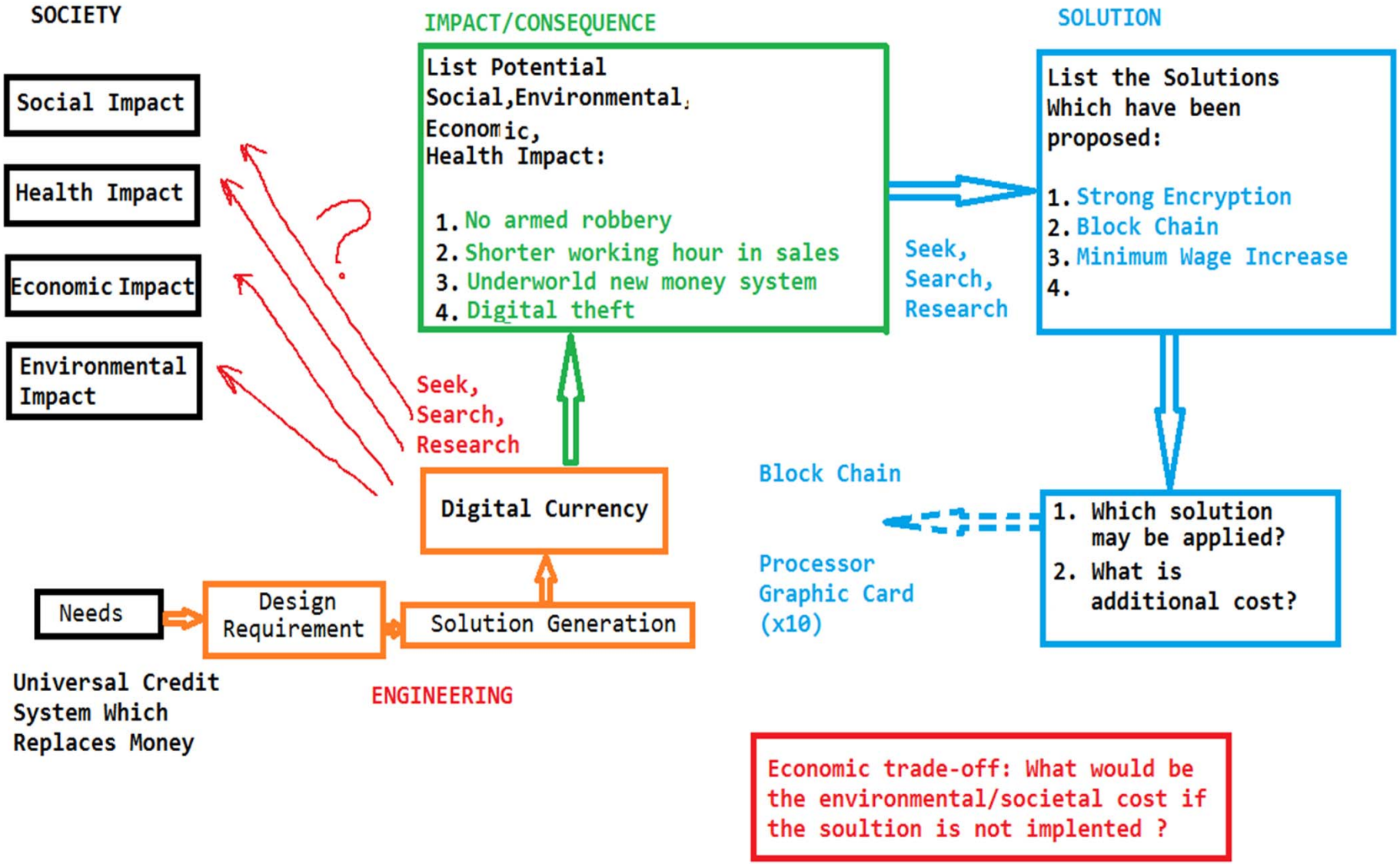
STEP 3: Apply the Chosen Solution



Citizen Engineer LAB

- Practice of Responsible Engineering
  - Select a new product/technology
  - Apply the 3 steps of the Practical Check Chart
  - Report writing – use the form provided
- Report Writing:
  - Group work: each group works together and produces 1 report
  - Submission via email by 5:00pm (W)3/4/2020

New Product/Technology	assigned to
Electrified Transportation and Battery (EV)	
Robot and Autonomous Systems	
Networked Things (IoTs)	

Citizen Engineer - LAB

- **Section A: Product/Technology Name and Primary Function(s)**
- **Section B: Anticipated Consequences**
    - Intended and Desired:
- **Section C: Unintended (Potential) Undesired Impacts**
    - Social Impact
    - Human/Animal Health Impact
    - Environmental Impact
    - Other Impact
- **Section D: Solutions to Mitigate the Unanticipated Potential Impacts**
    - Solution 1
    - Solution 2
    - Solution 3
- **Section E:Additional Cost** for Applying one of the solutions (of Section D) to the Product (of Section A)
    - Cost of Solution implementation
- **Section F: Economic Trade-off**
    - Environmental Societal Cost (if the solution is not implemented)
- **Section G: Conclusions**
    - **Concise and informative conclusion on socially responsible engineering**