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Innovation

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Ig Nobel Prize in 2000



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graphene resulted from

"Friday night experiments where you try something very elementary and try to go in another direction"

how can we foster/teach innovation?



Need to...

teach problem solving

encourage risk taking

What happens in a lecture?



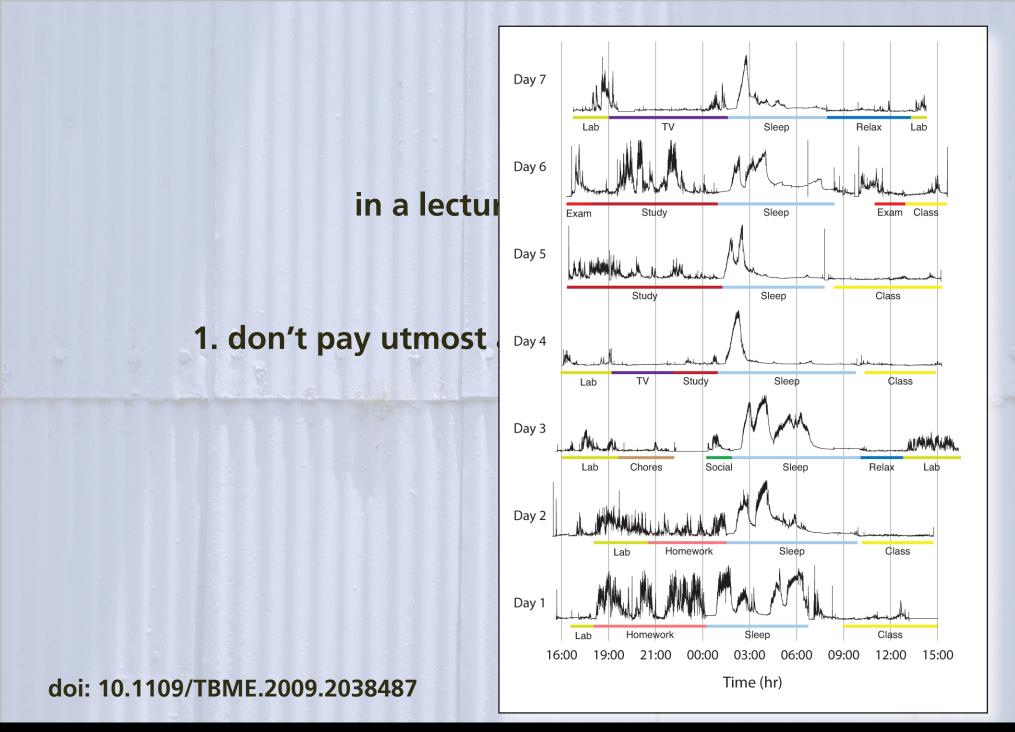
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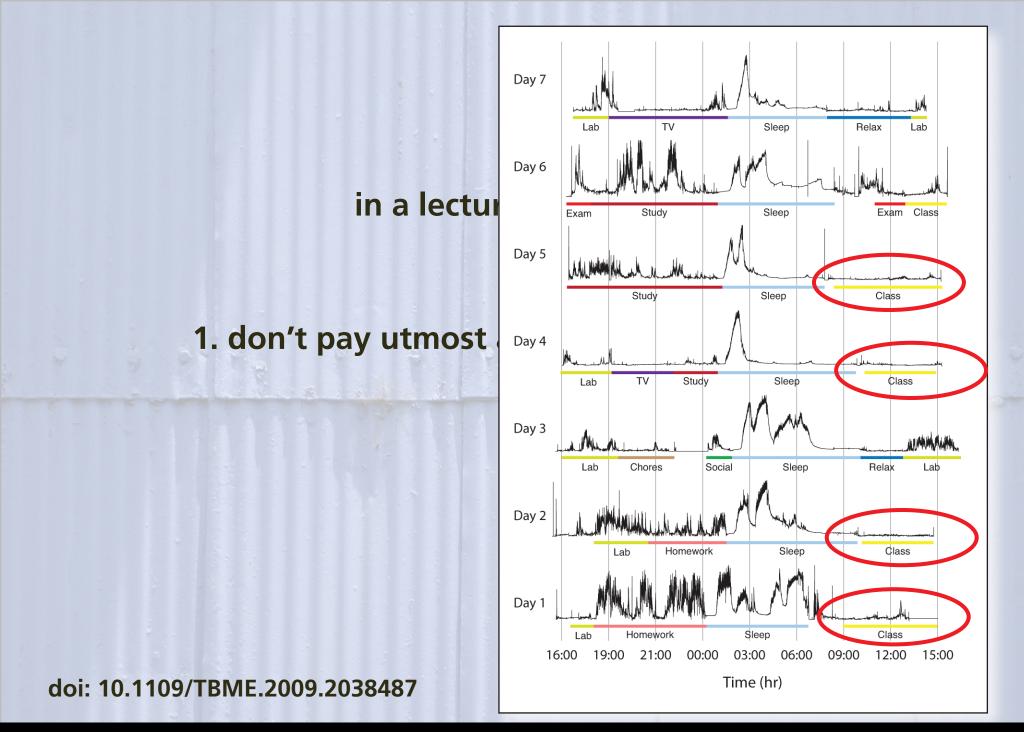
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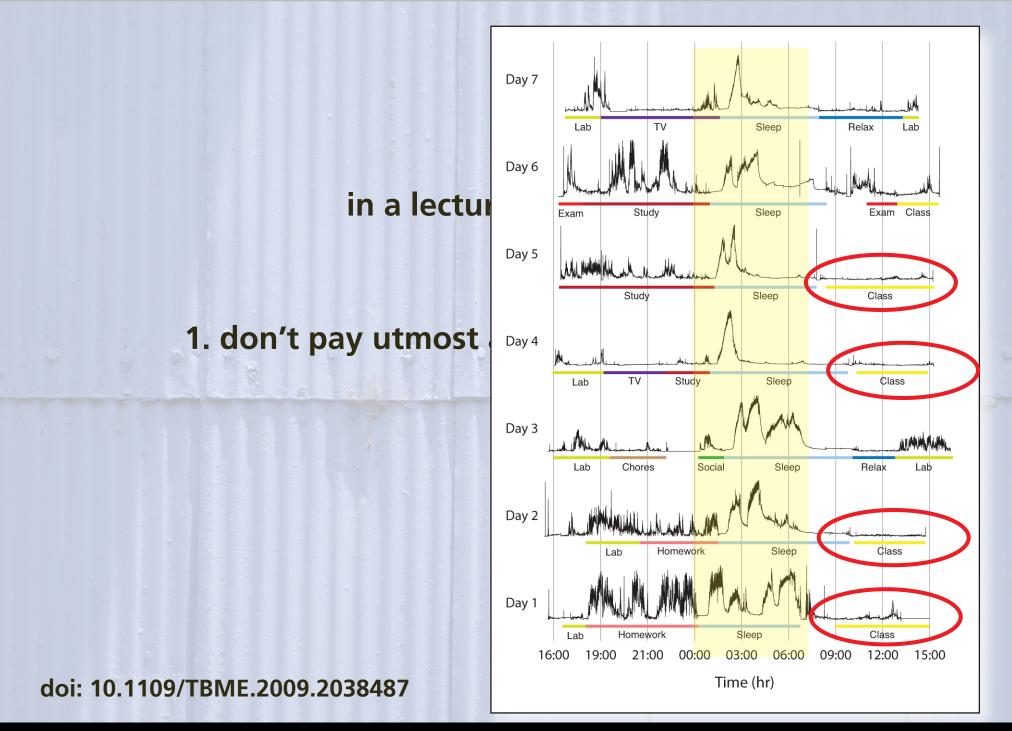




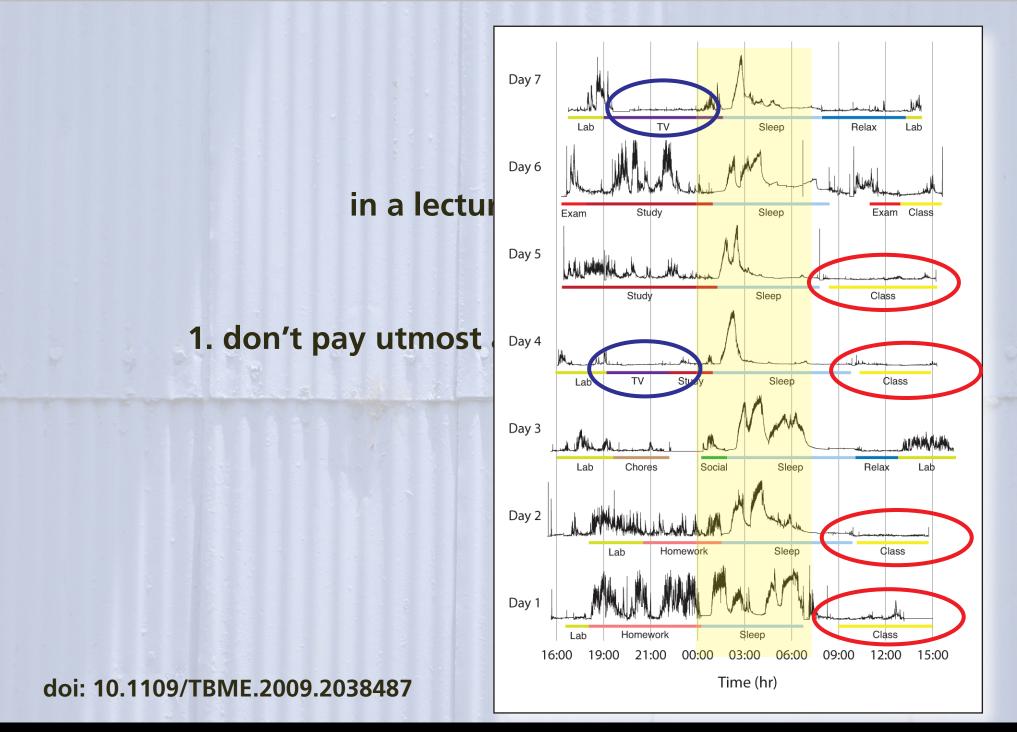




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in a lecture, students...

1. don't pay utmost attention

2. think they know it



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3. are not confronted with misconceptions



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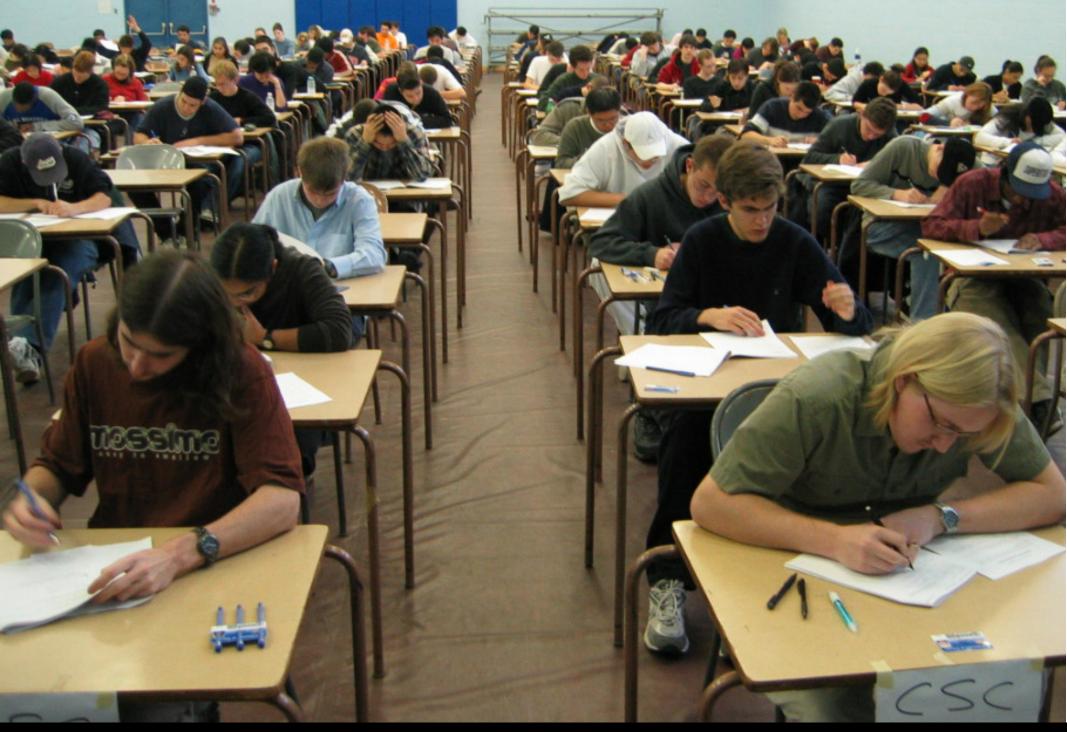






an illusion...





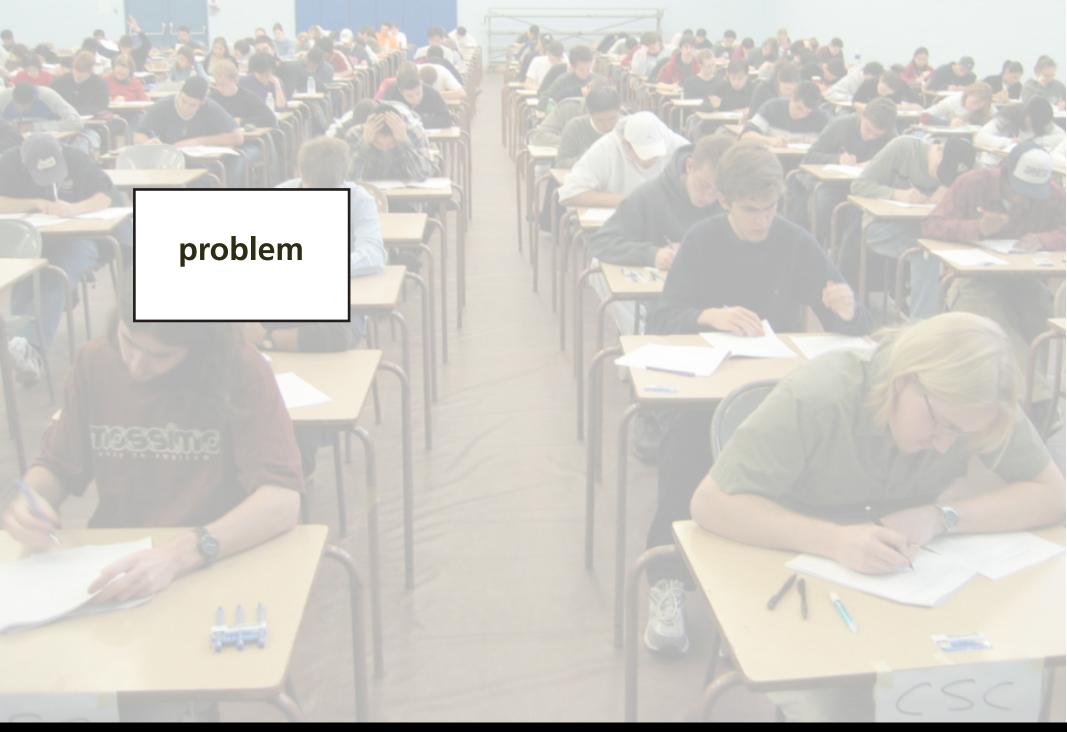




assessment promotes memorization and stifles creativity

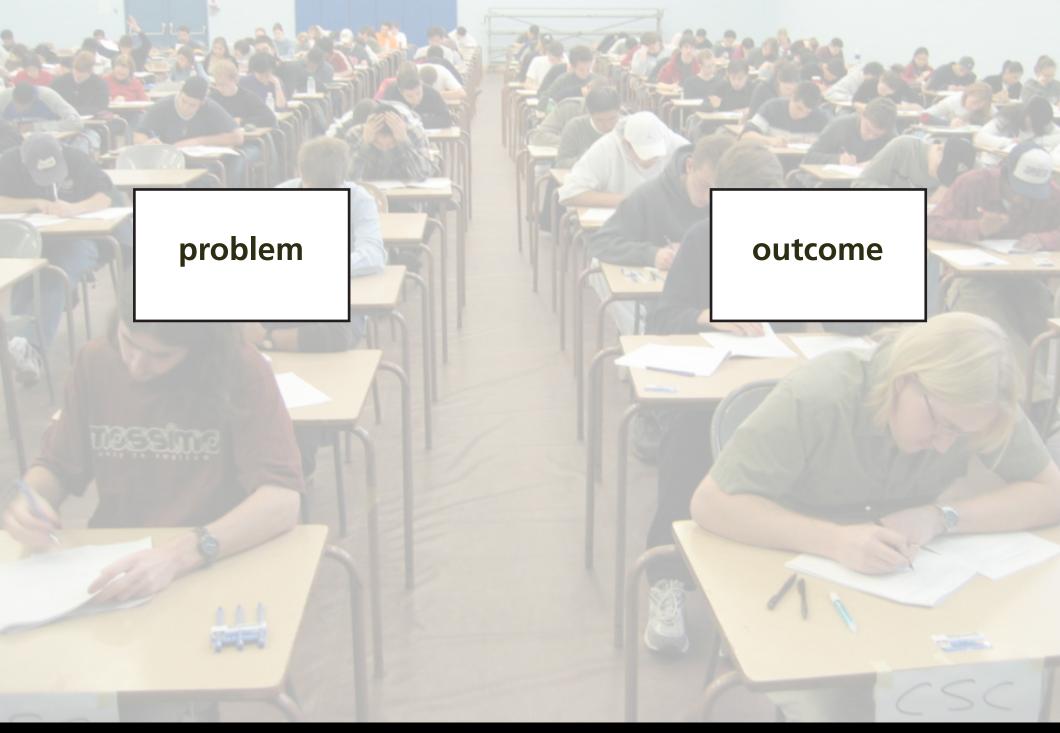






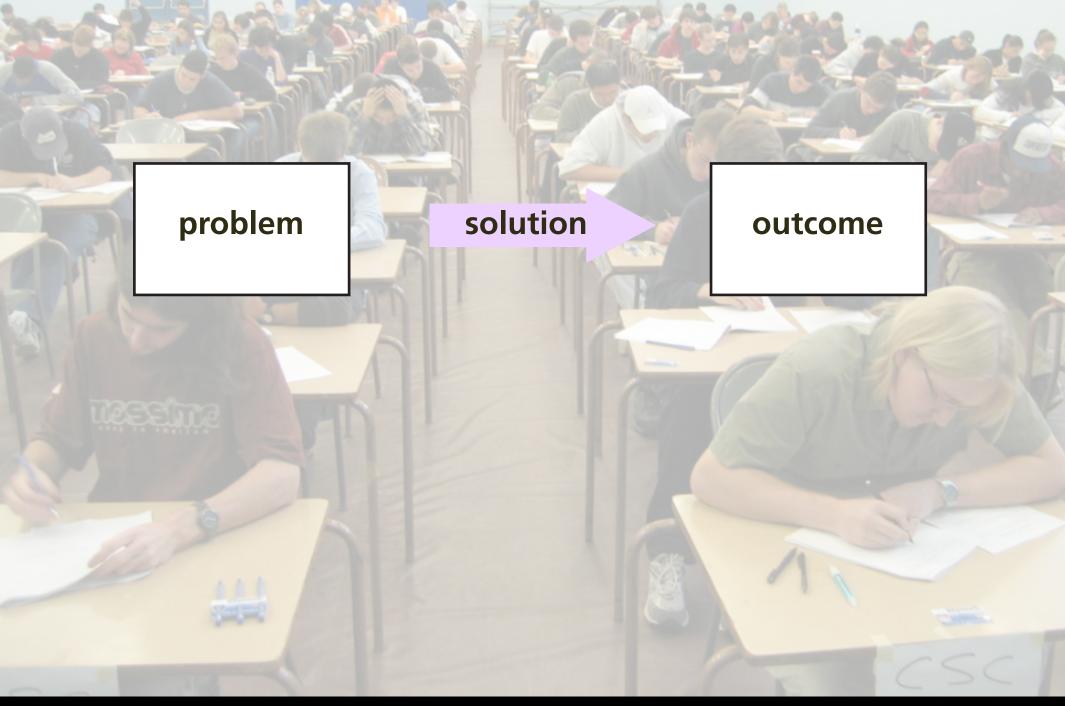






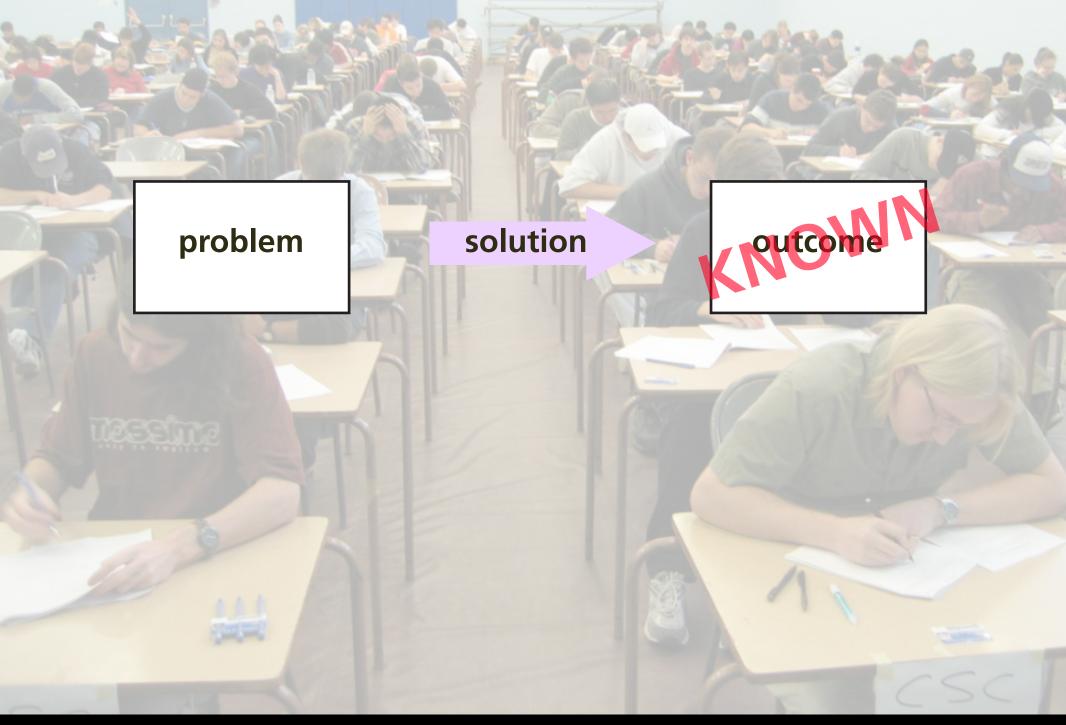






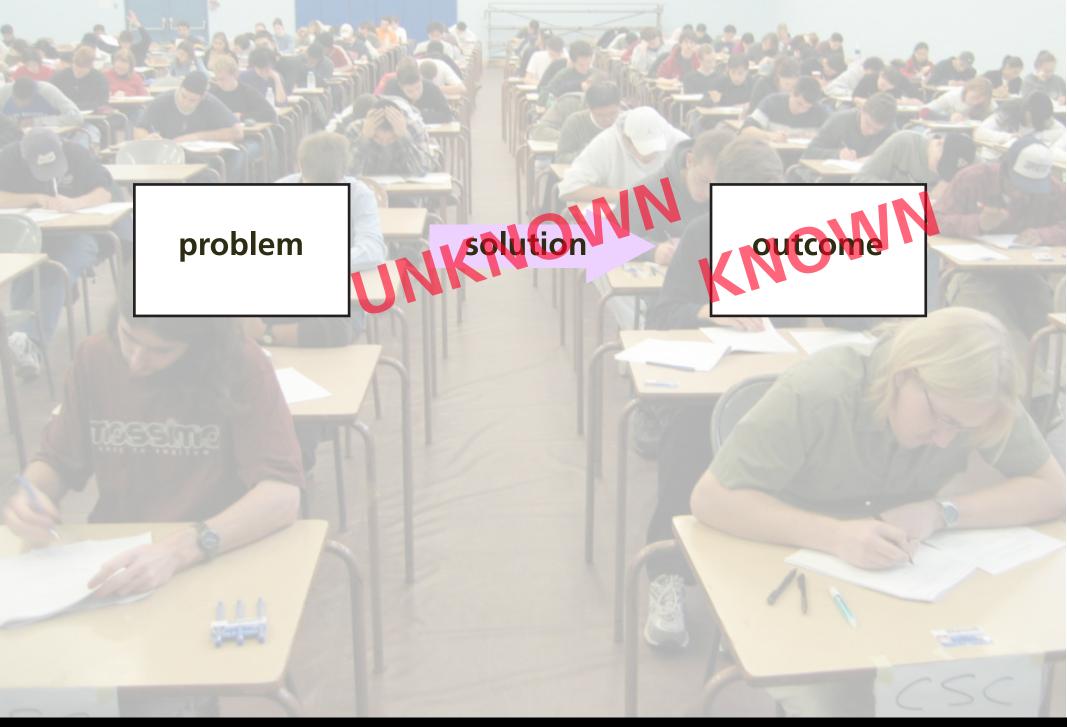






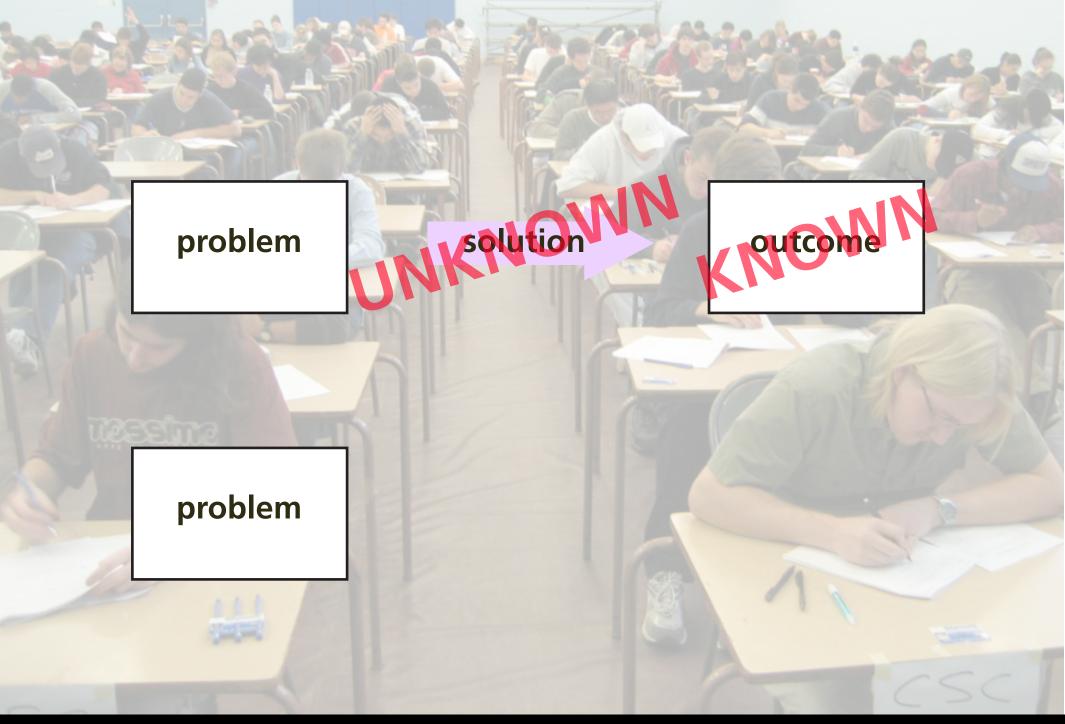






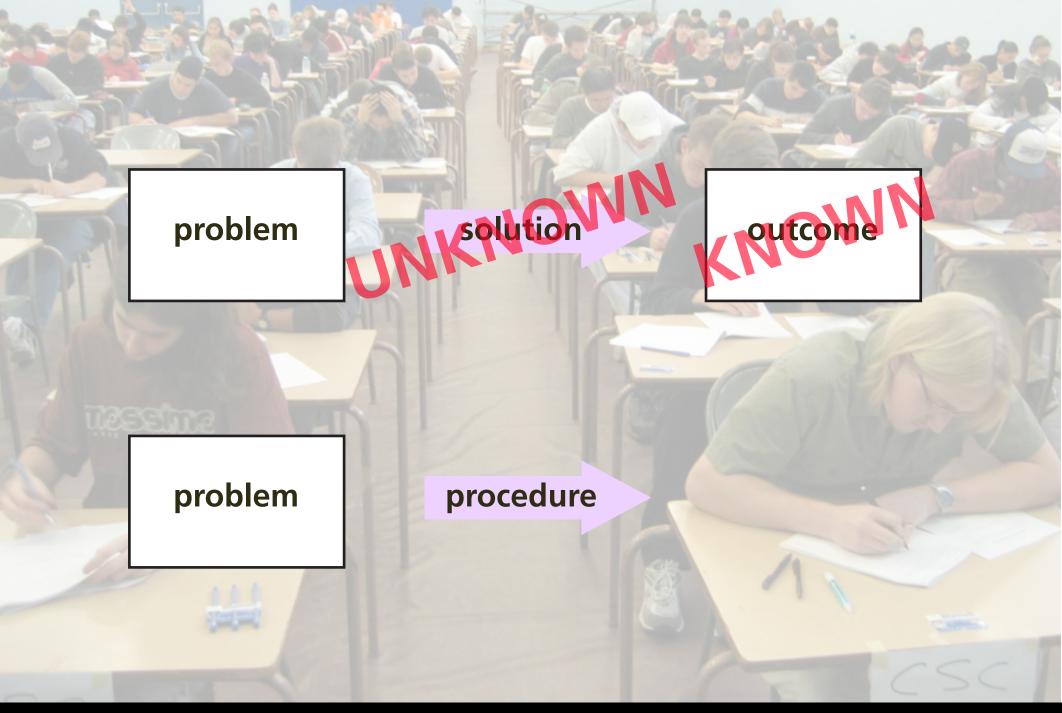






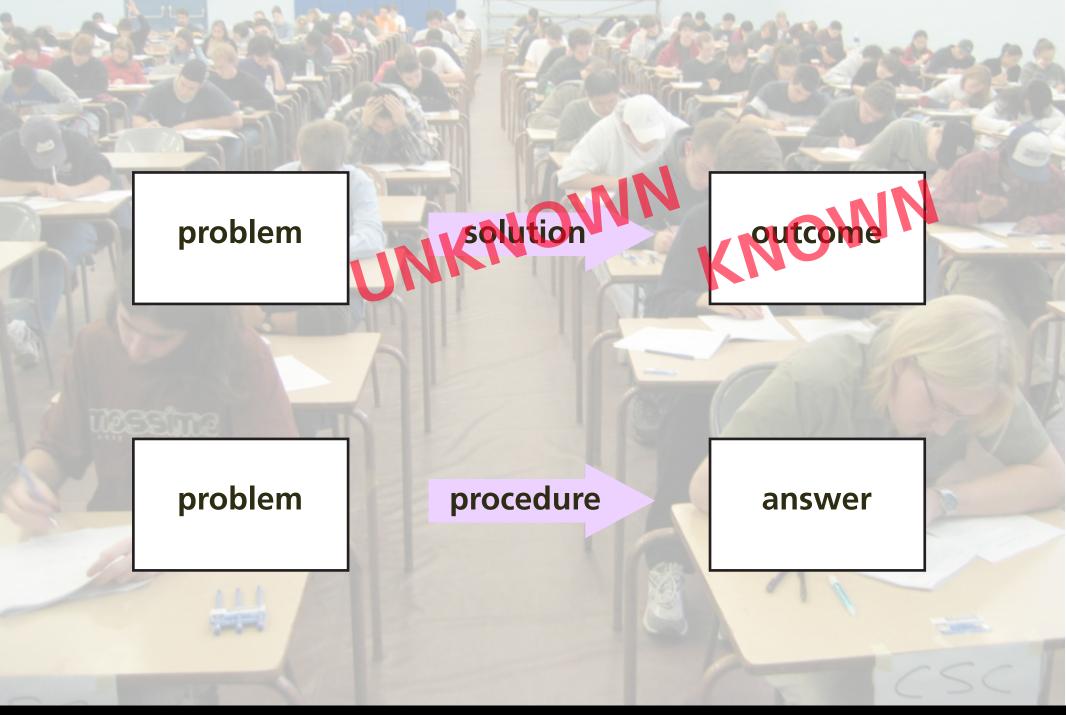






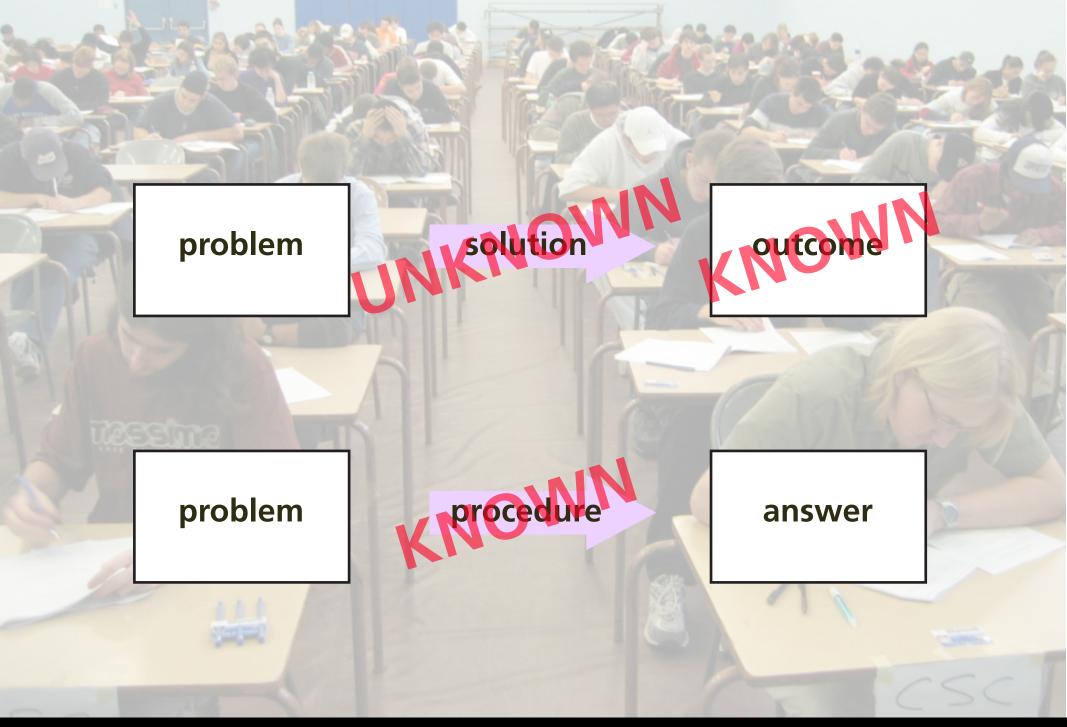






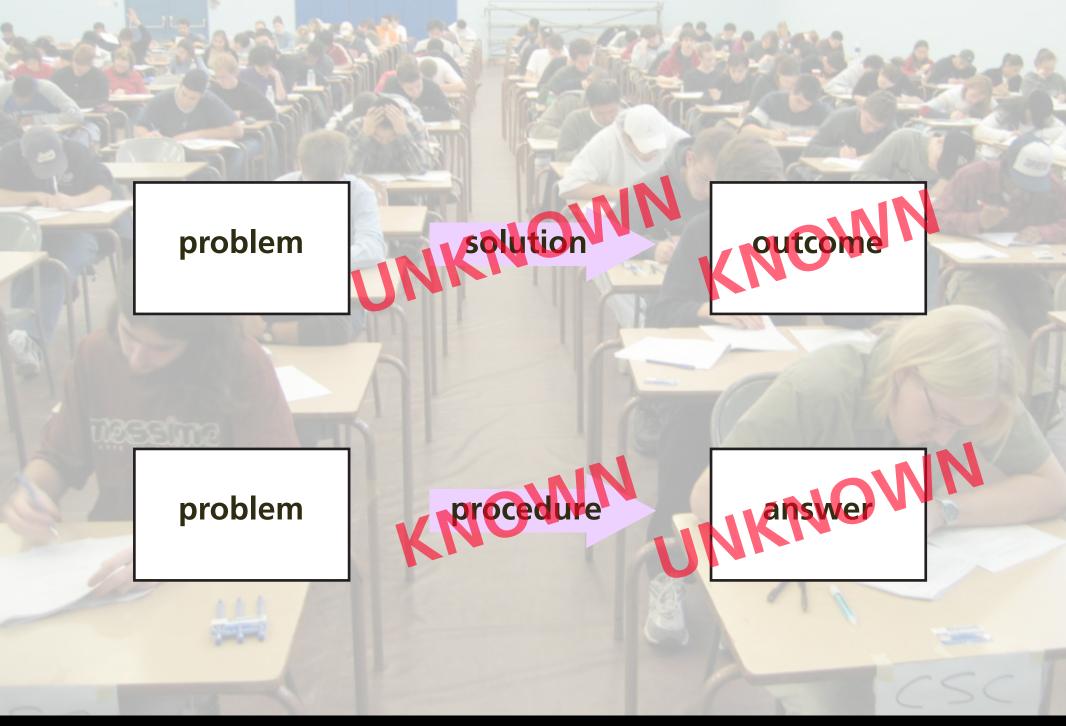






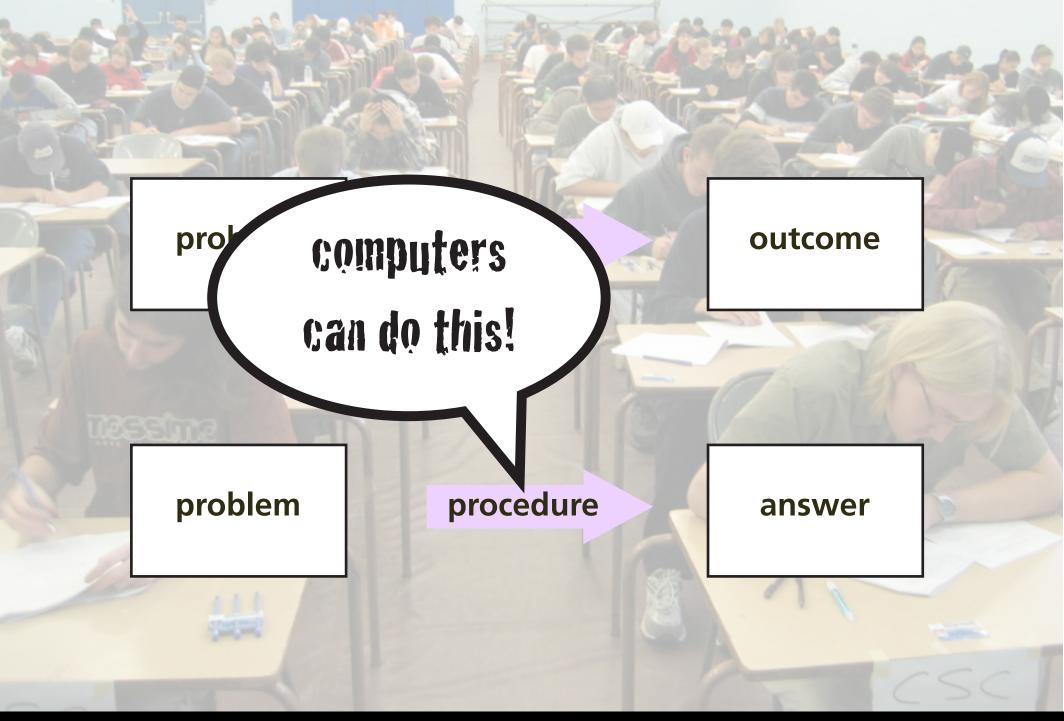






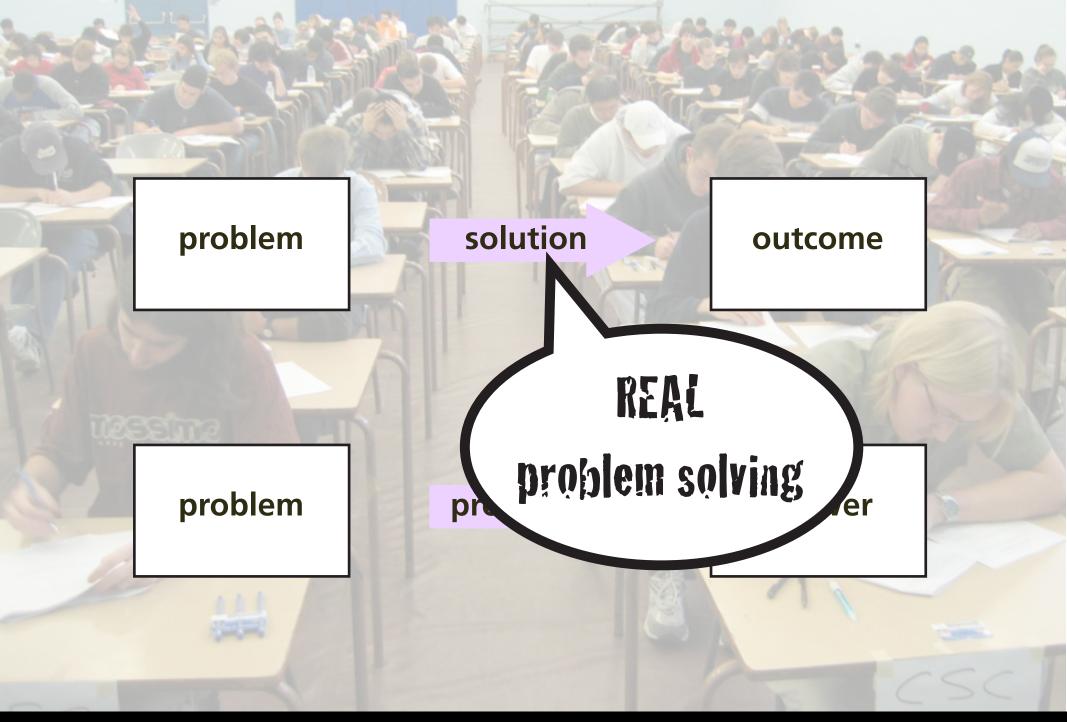






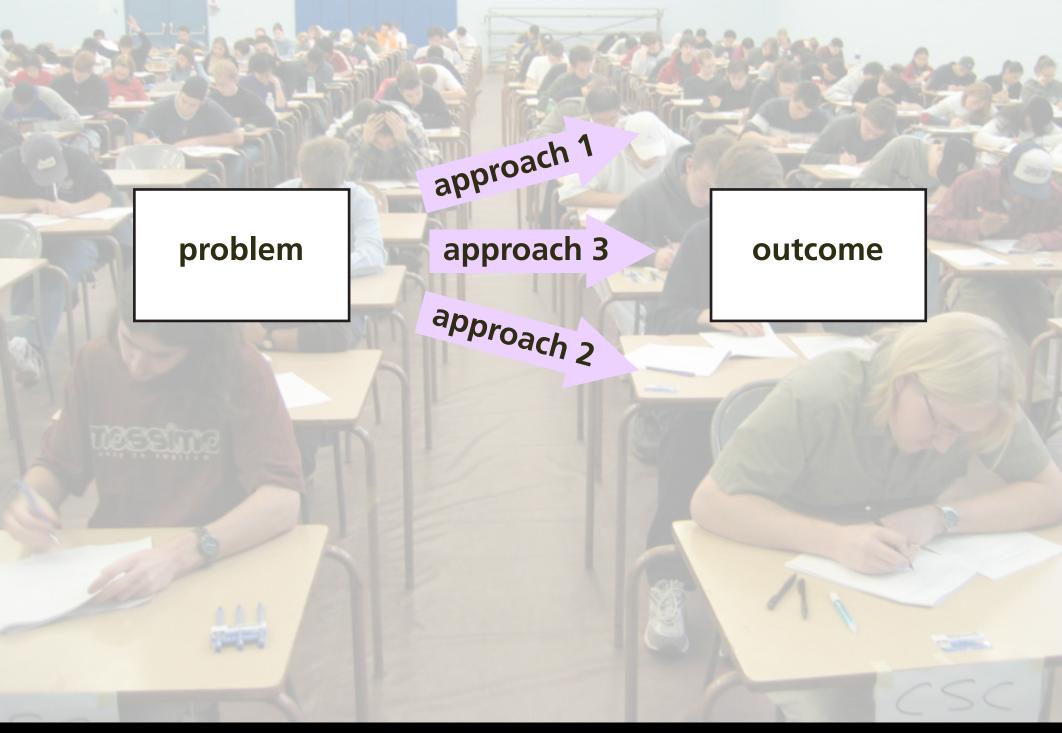


















approach 3

approach 2

approach 1

outcome

assessment incompatible with real problem solving







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