

TRANSFORMATION PROCESS AND PRODUCTION

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1. TRANSFORMATION PROCESS



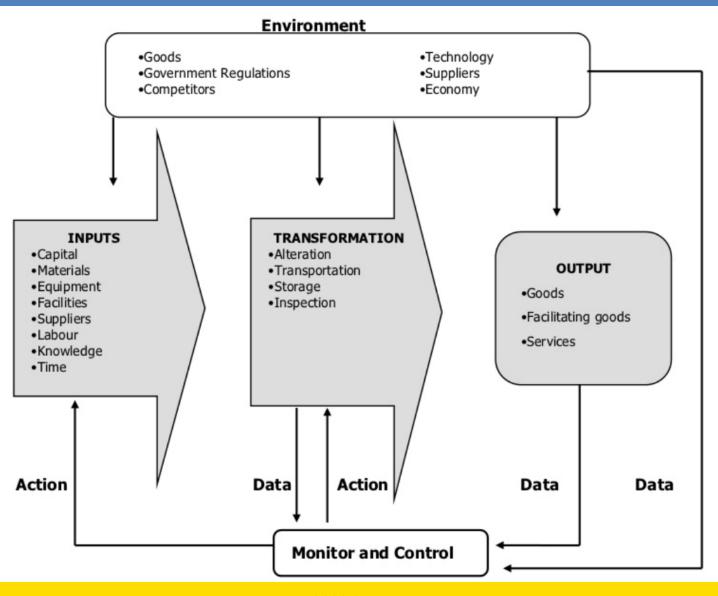
Transformation process

- -succession of mutually interconnected activities which aim at reaching the company goals
- -all the activities have a financial and a material dimension



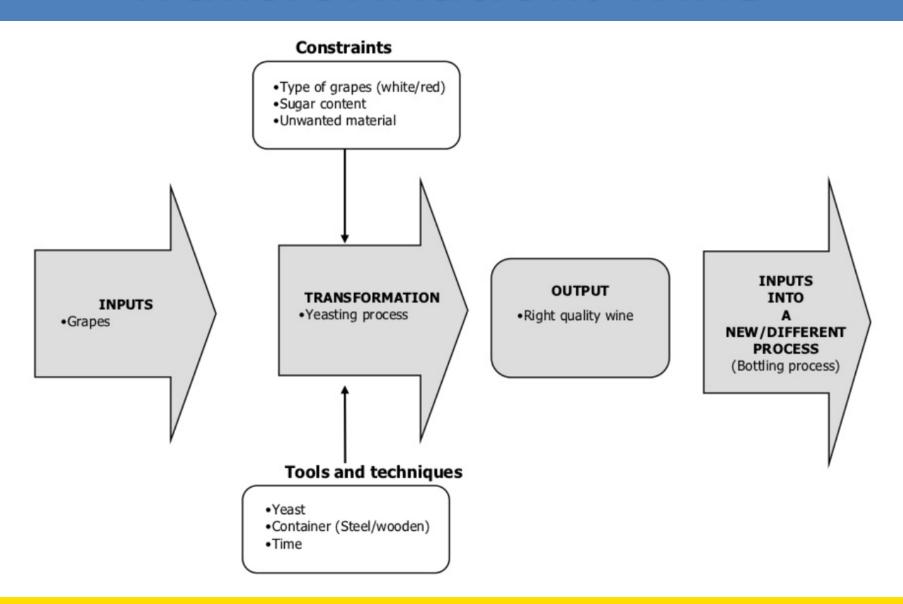


Transformation process





Transformation: wine





Inbound logistics

- =stock management
- -determining the need for material resources and their procuring
- -the aim is to procure material inputs for the production process in the required quantity, quality, assortment, at the required time and place, while achieving minumum <u>ordering</u> and <u>carrying</u> costs
- -it is a complex process: procurement, transportation, receipt, distribution (of inputs), storage, stock management (stock control...)



Inbound logistics

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-what should be procured?

Raw materials / materials – they are a part of the final product Auxiliaries – paint, lacquer...

Technological materials – lubricants for machines, paper...

Semi-finished products – parts, components...

Traded goods – accessories (e.g. car radio sets...)

Energy – electricity, gas, water...

Inventory – calculators, PCs...
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Inbound logistics

-activities:

Planning material needs

Market survey

Search for the best suppliers

Ordering

Transportation

Entry control

Storage – (supply-side, production-side, sales-side)

Expedition



"Just in time" inventory system

- -developed by Toyota (Taichi Ohno)
- -perfect coordination of firm with suppliers
- -minimum stock and maximum quality
- -stock arrives exactly when it is needed
- -reduces storage and transportation costs







Production

- -basic acitivity of the company, which leads to satisfaction of customers' needs
- -transformation of inputs to product
- -type of production: tailor-made, serial, mass
- -production process: mechanical, chemical, biological
- -production program: main, secondary, associated, additional
- -it is studied by production management



Sales

- -activities aimed at selling goods / services on the market
- -many dimensions: market survey sales support after-sales activities
- -very big differences among industries



Separate class about marketing.



Human resources

- -human resources management
- -the goal is to ensure optimal number of employees with an optimal structure (profession, qualifications, skills, age...) at the required time
- -recruitment and selection of employees, qualification growth, remuneration, motivation, social program...



Separate class about HR.

Finance

- -the aim is to provide the company with sufficient financial resources, to make sure it is self-sufficient, has a financial equilibrium position and an optimal capital structure
- -financial relationships with customers, suppliers, government, employees, creditors...
- -assets vs. liabilities
- -balance sheet, profit and loss statement
- -financial resources by source: own/internal – capital deposits, profit after tax, depreciation... external – loans, credits, customer prepayments...



Balance sheet

Example Company Balance Sheet December 31, 2017

ASSETS

What the company owns.

Current assets

Investments

Property, plant, and equipment

Intangible assets

Other assets

Total assets

LIABILITIES & OWNER'S EQUITY

What the company owes.

Current Liabilities

Long-term liabilities

Total liabilities

Shareholder's equity.

Owner's equity

Total liabilities & owner's equity



Loans

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1. Short-term loans (<1 year)
      Prepayments
      Commercial loans
      Overdrafts
      Factoring
2. Medium-term loans (1-4 years)
      Bank loans
      Leasing
      Forfaiting
      Bonds
3. Long-term loans (>5 years)
      Bank loans
      Bonds
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Lombard loan?

Revolving loan?



Financial analysis of a firm

- 1. Collecting accounting and other documents
 - -balance sheet, profit and loss statement, cash flow statement, account statements...
- 2. Calculating financial indicators
 - -liquidity, profitability, solvency, stability
- 3. Comparing indicators with other values
 - -planned values, past-period values, values of other companies in the same industry...
- 4. Evaluation and proposing measures

The most important are: cash flow economic result (profit or loss)



Investment

- -in general, it is the act of committing money or capital to an endeavor (a business, project, etc.), with the expectation of obtaining an additional income or profit
- -activities focusing on renewal and purchase of new assets (equipment, property, intangible assets)...
- a) Tangible investment
 - -in entrepreneurship, real estate, art collections, precious metals...
 - -lowers the liquidity
- b) Intangible investment
 - -research, software, licences, know-how
- c) Financial investment
 - -securities (<= 1 year) bills of exchange, checks financial market
 - -securities (> 1 year) stocks, bonds capital market



Research and development

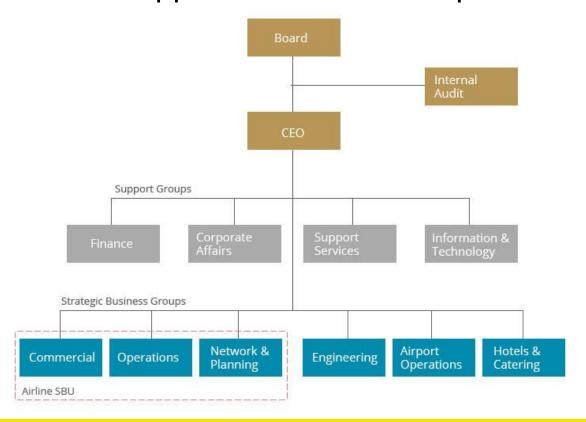
- -using own or external scientific and technical knowledge in an effort to improve manufactured products and services provided, and increase productivity of the processes
- -e.g. in Slovakia a part of R&D costs (25 %) can be deducted from income tax payable

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Administration

- -various supporting activities
- -accounting, finance, legal department, general management...
- -often centralized to support the whole enterprise

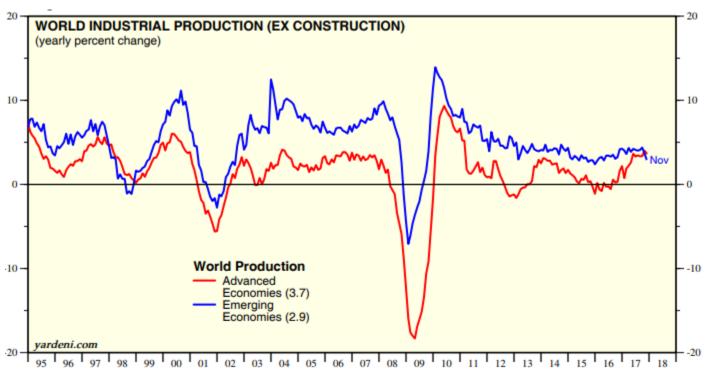




2. PRODUCTION



Production in the world



Source: Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis.

Annual world output approx.: 75 mil. cars, 1 700 aircraft, income of chemical industry over 5 tril. USD, 800 mil. tons of wheat, 1 bil. tons of corn...



Goods vs. services

-main differences:

- INTANGIBILITY
- HETEROGENEITY
- SIMULTANEOUS PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION
- PERISHABILITY

Criteria	Product (product manufacturer)	Service (service provider)
Durability	A physical, durable product	Intangible, perishable product
Inventory	Output can be inventoried	Output cannot be inventoried
Customer involvement	Low contact with customers	High contact with clients
Operation facility	Large production facility	Small service facility
Resource intensity	Capital intensive	Labour intensive
Quality	The quality of the product is easily measured	The quality of the service is not easily measured
Re-usability	The product can be resold	The service cannot be resold
Patents	A product can be patented	A service can only be patented with difficulty



Production process

- -final result of the production process are tangible goods and intangible services
- -we will focus on goods
- -the production process starts with the input of materials (and other inputs) into production and ends with the completion of the product
- -it is a combination of technological, human and natural process Technological: transformation using machines and tools.

Human: transformation using human labor.

Natural: transformation using natural processes.

=> more often than not it is a combination of them



Production program

- -what the company produces, the whole assortment:
- Main product: corresponds to the main specialization of the production unit
- Secondary product: products which are parts or accessories of the main products
- Associated product: allows for greater use of equipment or of waste material
- Additional product: product belonging to a completely different class of products



Technological processes

- -by the type of process used in production we distinguish between:
- Mechanical production: the properties of the materials used do not change what changes is appearance, shape, and so on.
- Chemical production: the properties of the materials used change due to chemical processes.
- Biological (biochemical) production: the properties of the materials used change due to natural processes. E.g. food industry.



Types of production

-the main difference is number of products and the width of assortment

Tailor-made Various types of products in small quantities

Irregular or no repetition

High qualification of workforce, great versatility of

production facilities

Often higher product prices, high storage costs

Lower labor productivity

Serial Certain quantities of products of the same kind (series)

The series are repeated regularly

Universal and specialized equipment and specialized

workforce (less qualified)

Few products in large quantities

Long production of the same products

Single-purpose equipment, highly specialized

The most effective type of production

Highest labor productivity

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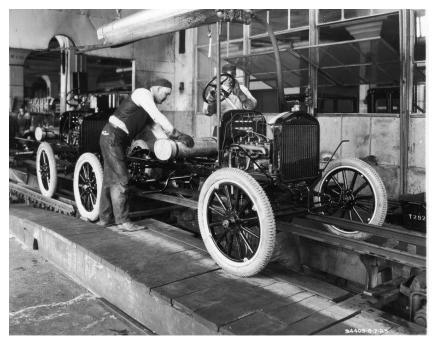
Mass

Types of production

- -continuous and discontinuous production
- -cyclical and non-cyclical production
- -simple and complex production



- -assembly line (1913 Ford)
- -CNC automation (1950s)
- -mass introduction of robots in production (1970s)





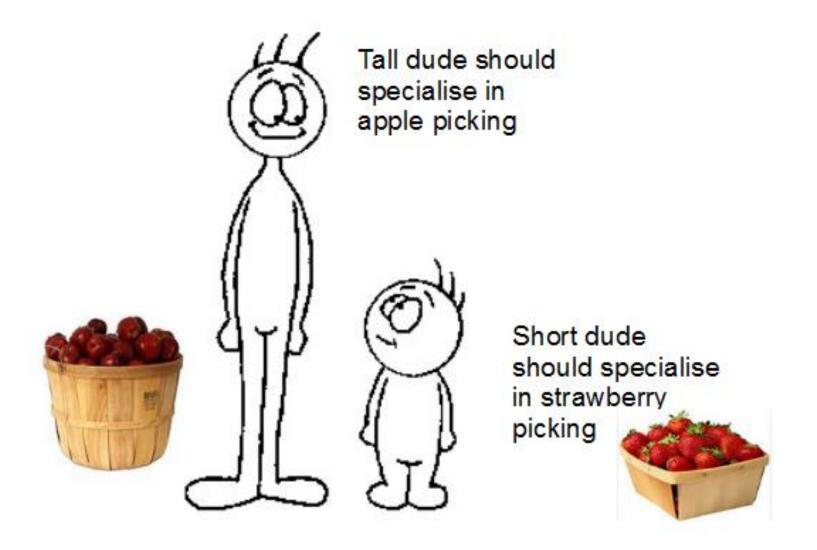
Division of labor

-Smith's example with production of pins: (abridged)

"... a workman not educated to this business [...] could scarce, perhaps, with his utmost industry, make one pin in a day, and certainly could not make twenty. But in the way in which this business is now carried on, not only the whole work is a peculiar trade, but it is divided into a number of branches, of which the greater part are likewise peculiar trades. One man draws out the wire, another straights it, a third cuts it, a fourth points it, a fifth grinds it at the top for receiving, the head; to make the head requires two or three distinct operations; to put it on is a peculiar business, to whiten the pins is another; it is even a trade by itself to put them into the paper; and the important business of making a pin is, in this manner, divided into about eighteen distinct operations, which, in some manufactories, are all performed by distinct hands, though in others the same man will sometimes perform two or three of them. I have seen a small manufactory of this kind where ten men only were employed, and where some of them consequently performed two or three distinct operations. But though they were very poor, and therefore but indifferently accommodated with the necessary machinery, they could, when they exerted themselves, make among them about twelve pounds of pins in a day. There are in a pound upwards of four thousand pins of a middling size. Those ten persons, therefore, could make among them upwards of forty-eight thousand pins in a day. Each person, therefore, making a tenth part of fortyeight thousand pins, might be considered as making four thousand eight hundred pins in a day." Wealth of Nations, 1776



Division of labor



Modern times and ec. devel.

- -new inventions
- -new discoveries = new opportunities for trade intensification in international relations
- -new sources of precious metals
- -relatively rapid population growth
- -renaissance in culture and philosophy
- -emerging class of "traders"
- -rise of nation-states and colonial system



MERCANTILISM

= political economy of state building



Discoveries





Discoveries

1488 – Bartolomeu Dias (POR)

Cape of Good Hope

1492 – Christ. Columbus (SPA)

America (the Bahamas)

1498 – Vasco da Gama (POR)

Maritime route to India

1500 – Pedro Álvarez Cabral (POR)

Brasil

1513 - Vasco N. de Balboa (SPA)

Crossed the Isthmus of Panama

1522 – Fern. de Magallanes (SPA)

Sailed around the world

1606 - Willem Janszoon (HOL)

Australia

1642 - Abel Tasman (HOL)

Tasmania, New Zealand

1778 – James Cook (ANG)

Hawaii



Industrial revolutions

First

- -18th century in England
- -use of steam in production (trains, printing, factories)

Second

- -turn of 19th / 20th century
- -use of oil and electricity in production
- -telephone, radio, television, later assembly line

Third

- -1970s 2008 (?) in USA and the West
- -use of new energies and ICT in production

Fourth

- -today
- -digital revolution, biotechnologies, nanotechnologies, 3D printing



Stages of production process

- Pre-production stage preparation, processing of inputs

 preparation of semi-finished products, parts, etc.
 for the next stage
- 2. Production stage manufacturing of the product itself or of the components it consists of
- 3. Finishing stage final processes: dyeing, painting, impregnation...
 - -assembly of the final product from the components manufactured in the previous stage



Production cycle

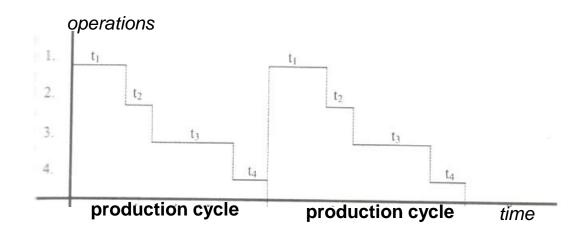
- -the time elapsed in production since the first operation begins until the last operation is completed
- -it consists of several components:
- Time of technological operations (t_T): -time needed to perform the technological operations in production
- Time of non-technological operations (t_N): -transportation, packaging, measuring, weighing, reparing, controlling, waste handling...
- Wait time and lost time (t_W): -necessary breaks -unwanted losses of time

$$t = t_T + t_N + t_W$$

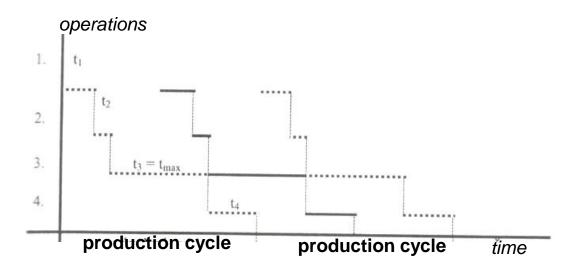


Production cycle

-gradual



-parallel





Production cycle

-factors affecting the length of production cycle:

length of technological operations

size of batches

transfer of batches between departments

location of workplaces

speed of handling (conveyor belts, etc.)

length of production path

technical factors

qualification of workers

time of control operations

time of interruptions

level of production management

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Labor productivity

- -a significant indicator of company success
- -can be calculated directly for each firm:

$$P_p = rac{Q}{p}$$
 in \in per employee in pcs. per employee in kg per employee $P_p = rac{Q}{t}$

-how to increase labor productivity?

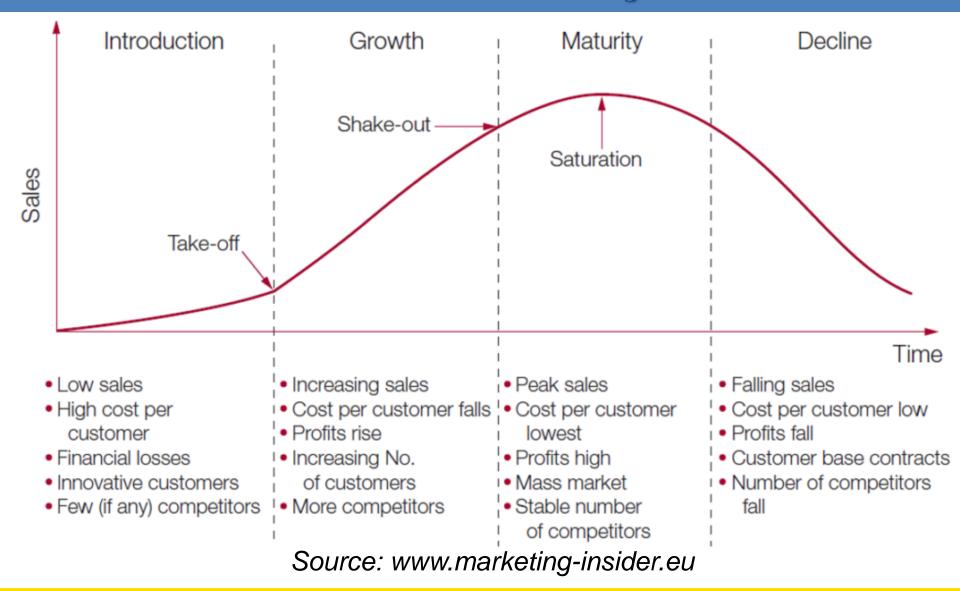
increase the degree of mechanization
reduce downtown, accidents, sick leaves
improve the organization of work
change the assortment
increase qualifications of employees
reduce employee turnover



Production program

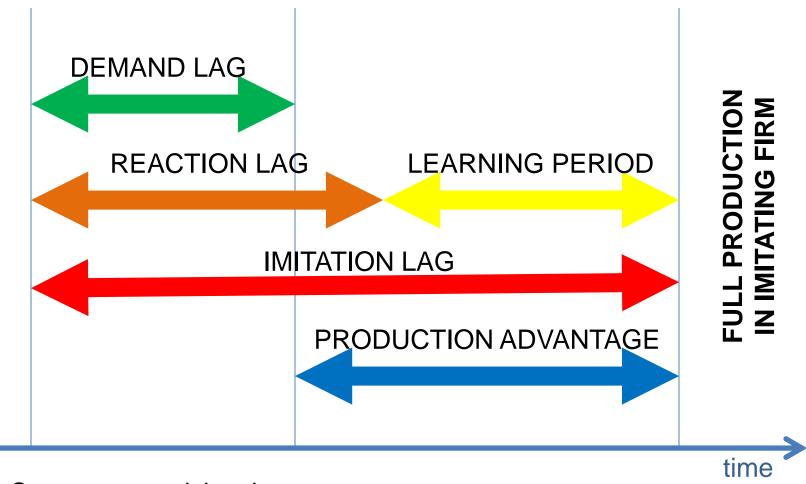
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-a good production program has to:
      ensure the firm reaches profits in the long-term
      efficiently use the firm's assets
      enable the firm to reach a high market share
-i.e. it must take into account:
      situation on the market (supply, demand, price...)
      company resources
             -> production capacity
-what influences production capacity?
      technological background, equipment
      machine-hour capacity
      number of time periods (Shifts? Holidays? Weekends?)
      composition of the production plan
      bottlenecks
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Product life cycle





Imitation lag



Source: www.wright.edu



Imitation lag

-the imitation gap cycle:

