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Modular Decomposition Issues

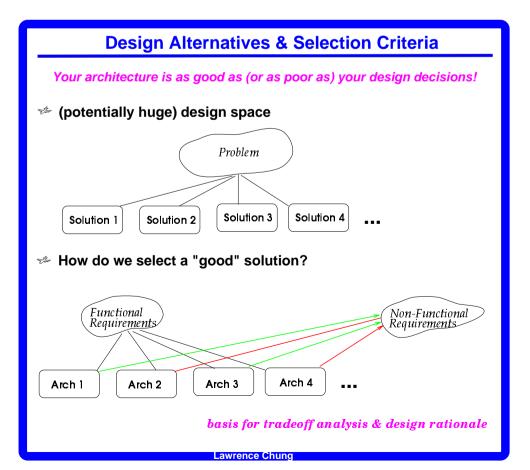
Design Alternatives & Selection Criteria

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The KWIC Problem

Functional Requirements

The KWIC (Key Word in Context) index system
accepts an ordered set of lines, (where)
each line is an ordered set of words, and
each word is an ordered set of characters.

Any line may be "circularly shifted"

by repeatedly

removing the first word and

appending it at the end of the line.

The KWIC index system
outputs a listing of all circular shifts
of all lines
in alphabetical order.

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- Non-Functional Requirements
 - modifiability --- changes in processing algorithms
 - e.g., line shifting: one at a time as it is read or all after they are read or on demand when the alphabetization requires a new set of shifted lines
 - e.g., batch alphabetizer vs. incremental alphabetizer
 - modifiability --- changes in data representation
 - e.g., storing chacters, words and lines (e.g., in 1-d array/2-d array/linked-array, compressed vs. uncompressed) storing circular shifts explicitly or implicitly (as pairs of index and offset) core storage vs. secondary storage
 - enhanceability --- additions of (enhancement to) system function
 - e.g., to eliminate noise words (e.g., "a", "an", "the", "and", "or", "of", "with", "for", "I", "you", "it", "they", ...) the user deletes lines from the original or shifted lines
 - performance --- space and time
 - reusability --- to what extent can the components serve as reusable entities?

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