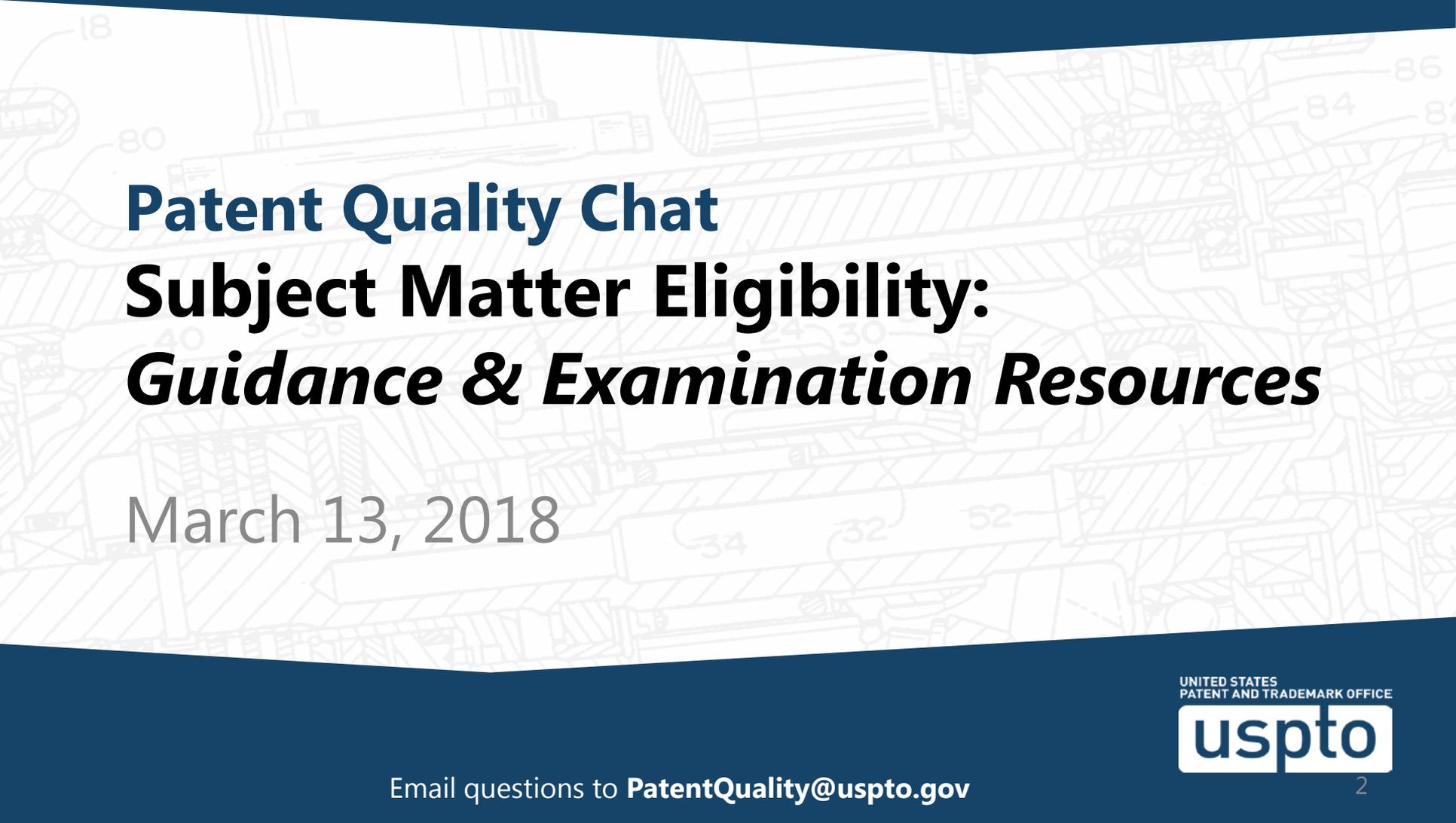


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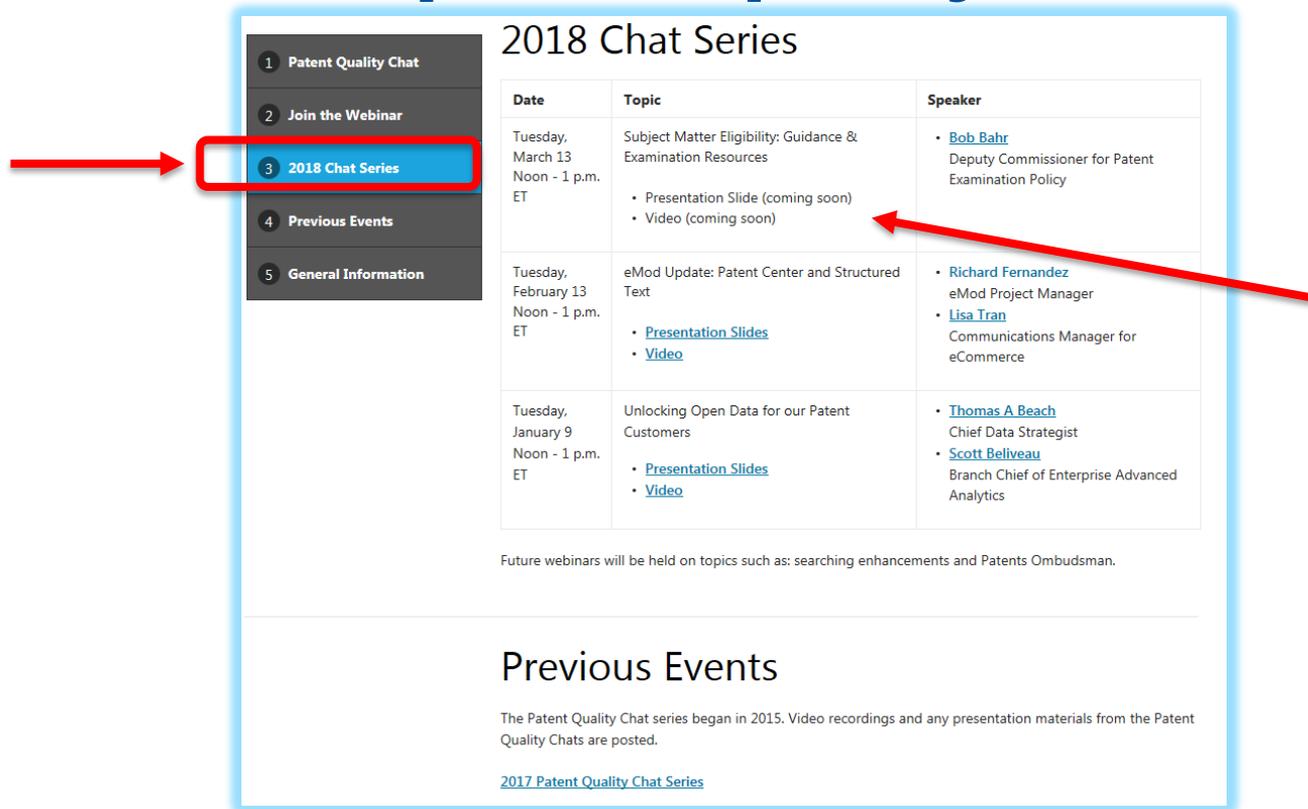
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Tuesday, February 13 Noon - 1 p.m. ET	eMod Update: Patent Center and Structured Text <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Slides• Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Fernandez eMod Project Manager• Lisa Tran Communications Manager for eCommerce
Tuesday, January 9 Noon - 1 p.m. ET	Unlocking Open Data for our Patent Customers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Slides• Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thomas A Beach Chief Data Strategist• Scott Beliveau Branch Chief of Enterprise Advanced Analytics

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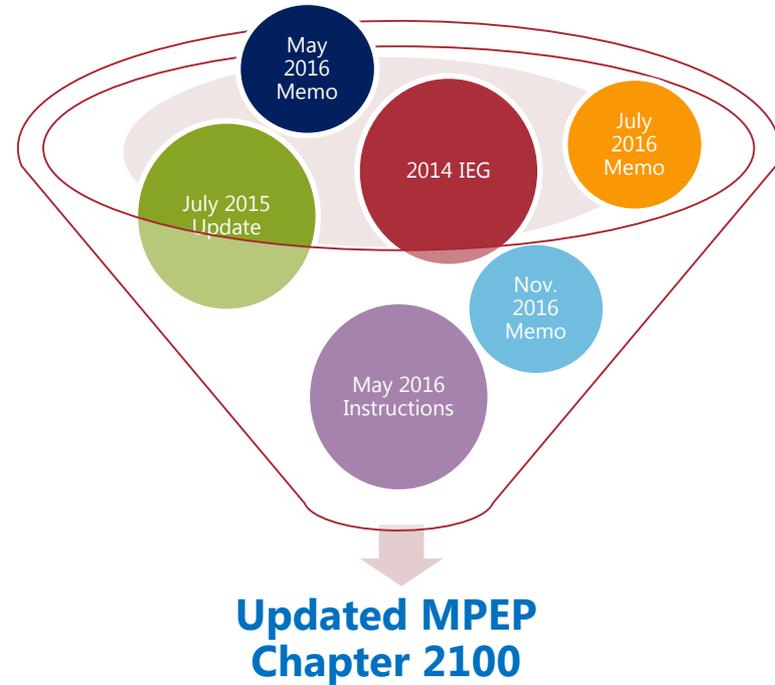
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Eligibility Guidance Is Now In the MPEP

- The MPEP has been updated to incorporate the 2014 Interim Eligibility Guidance (IEG) and its updates
- MPEP now replaces the IEG and updates (as of August 2017)



MPEP Organization

- Eligibility guidance is located in Chapter 2100
 - **2103** discusses how the eligibility analysis fits into the overall patent examination process
 - **2104** discusses the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101
 - **2105** discusses patentability of living subject matter
 - **2106 and its subparts** discuss the subject matter eligibility analysis
- Additional information is located in Chapter 700
 - **706.03** and **706.03(a)** discuss subject matter eligibility rejections and provide appropriate form paragraphs

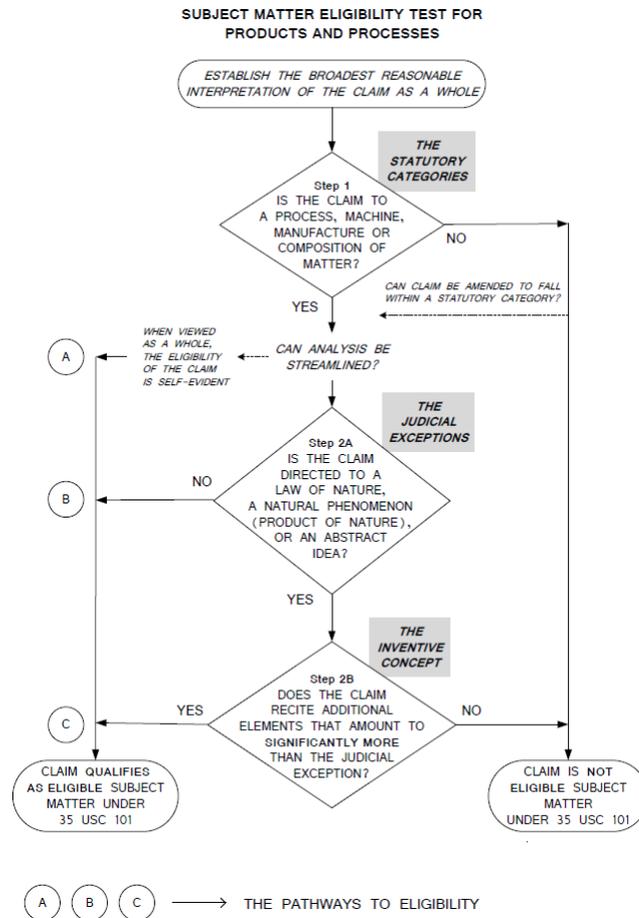
MPEP WALK-THROUGH

The Eligibility Analysis

- MPEP **2106** discusses the eligibility analysis
 - I. Explains the two criteria for subject matter eligibility: the claimed invention must be to a statutory category (Step 1) and qualify as patent-eligible subject matter (Step 2 aka the *Alice/Mayo* test)
 - II. Stresses the importance of establishing the broadest reasonable interpretation (BRI) of the claim prior to the eligibility analysis
 - III. Provides guidance on the analysis as a whole and introduces the flowchart

Flowchart

- Sets forth the only analysis for examination of subject matter eligibility under 35 U.S.C. 101
- MPEP **2106** includes updated flowchart that:
 - Adds labels for each step
 - Indicates three pathways to eligibility (including streamlined analysis)



Step 1: Statutory Categories

- MPEP **2106.03** discusses Step 1
 - I. Explains the four categories (process, machine, manufacture, & composition of matter)
 - Discusses how the courts have defined the categories
 - Provides examples of subject matter that doesn't fall within any category (*e.g.*, software *per se*, signals *per se*, and human organisms)
 - II. Provides guidance on how to evaluate whether the claimed invention is to one of the four statutory categories

Step 2A: Directed To A Judicial Exception

- MPEP **2106.04** discusses Step 2A
 - I. Introduces the judicial exceptions and explains the Supreme Court's concern about preempting basic tools of scientific and technological work
 - II. Provides guidance on how to evaluate whether a claim is directed to a judicial exception
- Sub-sections **2106.04(a) through 2106.04(c)** provide detailed information on the judicial exceptions

Identifying Abstract Ideas

- MPEP **2106.04(a)** discusses abstract ideas
 - Explains that examiners identify abstract ideas by comparing claimed concepts to concepts previously identified as abstract ideas by the courts
 - I. Discusses how an invention can be directed to an improvement in computer-related technology instead of an abstract idea
 - II. Points examiners to additional information relevant to the evaluation of whether a claim is directed to an abstract idea

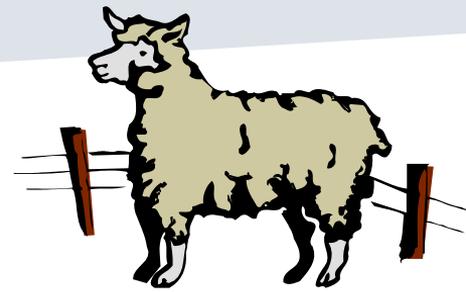
What Is, And Isn't, An Abstract Idea

- MPEP **2106.04(a)(1)** provides more information about claims that are not directed to abstract ideas
 - I. Claim may involve, but not recite, an abstract idea
 - II. Claim may recite an abstract idea, but be directed to an improvement instead
- MPEP **2106.04(a)(2)** provides examples of abstract ideas identified by the Supreme Court and Federal Circuit
 - I. "Fundamental Economic Practices"
 - II. "Certain Methods Of Organizing Human Activity"
 - III. "An Idea 'Of Itself'"
 - IV. "Mathematical Relationships/Formulas"

Identifying Laws of Nature & Natural Phenomena

- MPEP **2106.04(b)** discusses some concepts and products that the courts have identified as examples of laws of nature & natural phenomena
 - I. Provides examples as well as explanation about how claims describing natural abilities/qualities are not necessarily “directed to” a judicial exception
 - II. Explains “product of nature” exceptions and that they are identified using the markedly different characteristics analysis

Identifying Products of Nature



- MPEP **2106.04(c)** explains that the Markedly Different Characteristics (MDC) analysis is used to determine if a nature-based product is a “product of nature” exception
 - I. Explains when to perform the MDC analysis and which claim limitation(s) are analyzed
 - II. Provides information about how to perform the MDC analysis, including choosing appropriate naturally occurring counterparts for comparison

Step 2B: Evaluating Significantly More

- MPEP **2106.05** discusses Step 2B
 - I. Explains the Supreme Court's analysis of significantly more (also called an "inventive concept")
 - A. Introduces the Step 2B considerations
 - B. Walks through *Alice* and *BASCOT* to show how courts evaluate claims for an inventive concept
 - II. Provides guidance on how to evaluate whether a claim encompasses an "inventive concept"
- Sub-sections **2106.05(a) through 2106.05(h)** provide detailed information on the Step 2B considerations

Considerations Favoring Eligibility

- MPEP **2106.05(a)** discusses improvements to the functioning of a computer or to any other technology or technical field
- MPEP **2106.05(b)** discusses applying the judicial exception with, or by use of, a particular machine
- MPEP **2106.05(c)** discusses effecting a transformation or reduction of a particular article to a different state or thing
- MPEP **2106.05(d)** discusses specific limitations other than what is well-understood, routine, conventional activity in the field, or adding unconventional steps that confine the claim to a particular useful application
- MPEP **2106.05(e)** discusses other meaningful limitations beyond generally linking the use of the judicial exception to a particular technological environment

Considerations That Do Not Favor Eligibility

- MPEP **2106.05(d)** discusses simply appending well-understood, routine, conventional activities previously known to the industry, specified at a high level of generality, to the judicial exception
- MPEP **2106.05(f)** discusses adding the words “apply it” (or an equivalent) with the judicial exception, or mere instructions to implement an abstract idea on a computer
- MPEP **2106.05(g)** discusses adding insignificant extra-solution activity to the judicial exception
- MPEP **2106.05(h)** discusses generally linking the use of the judicial exception to a particular technological environment or field of use

Streamlined Analysis

- MPEP **2106.06** discusses the Streamlined Analysis
 - Explains that the streamlined analysis is available for claims having self-evident eligibility, and that there is no difference in results between the streamlined analysis and the “full” analysis (Steps 2A and 2B)
 - Sub-section **2106.06(a)** provides examples of claims having self-evident eligibility
 - Sub-section **2106.06(b)** provides examples of claims that have self-evident eligibility because they are directed to unambiguous improvements to a technology or to computer functionality

Formulating Eligibility Rejections

- MPEP **2106.07** discusses how examiners should formulate and support subject matter eligibility rejections
 - Sub-section **2106.07(a)** directs examiners on best practices in formulating a subject matter eligibility rejection
 - Sub-section **2106.07(b)** emphasizes the importance of considering applicant's arguments and challenges to an eligibility rejection
 - Sub-section **2106.07(c)** stresses the importance of clarifying the record both in rejections and when claims are found eligible

EXAMINATION RESOURCES

MPEP Addresses Body of Case Law

- MPEP presents a comprehensive view of eligibility that incorporates teachings from the full body of relevant case law
- Expands discussion of recent case law from memoranda and other guidance documents
 - Cases confirming that software-based innovations can make non-abstract improvements to computer technology (e.g., *Enfish*, and *McRO*) are discussed in **2106.04(a)**, **2106.04(a)(1)**, and **2106.06(b)**
 - Cases confirming that claims describing natural processes and properties are not necessarily directed to judicial exceptions (e.g., *Rapid Litigation Mgmt.* and *Tilghman*) are discussed in **2106.04(b)**
 - **2106.05(a) through 2016.05(e)** discuss several judicial decisions where the courts identified claims that provide an inventive concept

But There Are Always More Decisions...

Federal Circuit Eligibility Decisions Since *Alice Corp.*

Federal Circuit Eligibility Decisions Since MPEP edition

Digitech
Planet Bingo †
buySAFE
Ultramercial
DDR Holdings
Ambry
Content Extraction
Allvoice †
OIP Tech.
Sequenom
Internet Patents
IV v. Cap. One Bank
Versata *
Vehicle Intelligence †

Mortgage Grader
In re Smith *
Genetic Tech.
In re Brown * †
Enfish
TLI Comms.
BASCOM
Rapid Lit. Mgmt.
Shortridge †
Lendingtree †
Electric Power Group
In re Chorna * †
TDE Petroleum †
McRO

Affinity Labs. v. Amazon
Affinity Labs. v. DirecTV
IV v. Symantec
FairWarning
Synopsys
Amdocs
Tranxition †
Ameranth *
Trading Tech. v. CQG †
Evolutionary Intel. †
Smartflash †
IV v. Cap. One Financial
IV v. Erie Indemnity I

Thales Visionix
In re Salwan * †
Clarilogic †
Coffelt †
Mentor Graphics
West View Research †
RecogniCorp
Easyweb †
Credit Acceptance
Cleveland Clinic
Prism Tech. †
Audatex †
Visual Memory
Return Mail

Secured Mail
Smart Systems
Two-Way Media
IV v. Erie Indemnity II †
Inventor Holdings
Finjan v. Blue Coat
Core Wireless
Move v. Real Estate Alliance †
Berkheimer v. HP
Ziuli v. Google LLC * †
Aatrix Software
Automated Tracking Sol. †
Exergen Corp. v. Kaz USA †

Bold text indicates decision identifying claims as eligible

* Case appealed from USPTO † Non-precedential decision (Rule 36 affirmances not shown)

QRS: Decisions Identifying Abstract Ideas

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Identifying Abstract Ideas (Part 2)

"An Idea 'Of Itself'" – MPEP 2106.04(a)(2) Part (III)	
<p>A. Concepts Relating To Data Comparisons That Can Be Performed Mentally Or Are Analogous To Human Mental Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Anonymous loan shopping (<i>Mortgage Grader</i>)Collecting and comparing known information (<i>Classen</i>)Comparing data to determine a risk level (<i>Perkin-Elmer</i>)[†]Comparing information regarding a sample or test subject to a control or target data (<i>Ambry/Myriad CAFC</i>)Comparing new and stored information and using rules to identify options (<i>Smartgene</i>)[†]Diagnosing an abnormal condition by performing clinical tests and thinking about the results (<i>Grams</i>)Obtaining and comparing intangible data (<i>CyberSource</i>)	<p><i>Ventures v. Erie Indemnity II</i> [†]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mental process for logic circuit design (<i>Synopsys</i>)Organizing and manipulating information through mathematical correlations (<i>Digitech</i>)Relaying mailing address data (<i>Return Mail</i>)Retaining information in navigation of online forms (<i>Internet Patents</i>)Storing, gathering, and analyzing data (<i>TDE Petroleum</i>)[†]Using categories to organize, store and transmit information (<i>Cyberfone</i>)[†]
<p>B. Concepts Relating To Organizing Or Analyzing Information In A Way That Can Be Performed Mentally Or Is Analogous To Human Mental Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collecting and analyzing information to detect misuse and notifying a user when misuse is detected (<i>FairWarning</i>)Collecting, displaying, and manipulating data (<i>Int. Ventures v. Cap One Financial</i>)Collecting information, analyzing it, and displaying certain results of the collection and analysis (<i>Electric Power Group, West View</i>)[†]Collecting, storage, and recognition of data (<i>Smart Systems Innovations</i>)Creating an index, and using that index to search for and retrieve data (<i>Int. Ventures v. Erie Indemnity I</i>: '434 patent)Data recognition and storage (<i>Content Extraction</i>)Determining a price, using organizational and product group hierarchies (<i>Versata</i>)Encoding and decoding image data (<i>RecogniCorp</i>)Identification of unwanted files in a particular field (<i>Int.</i>)	<p>C. Concepts Described As Ideas Having No Particular Concrete Or Tangible Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assigning hair designs to balance head shape (<i>Brown</i>)[†]Determining a price, using organizational and product group hierarchies (<i>Versata</i>)Displaying an advertisement in exchange for access to copyrighted media (<i>UltraCommercial</i>) <p>D. Other Concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivering user-selected media content to portable devices (<i>Affinity Labs v. Amazon.com</i>)Gathering financial information of potential borrowers (<i>Carilogis</i>)[†]Generating a second menu from a first menu and sending the second menu to another location (<i>Ameranth</i>)Migration or transitioning of settings (<i>Transition</i>)[†]Providing out-of-region access to regional broadcast content (<i>Affinity Labs v. DirecTV</i>)Providing restricted access to resources (<i>Prism Techs.</i>)[†]Remotely accessing and retrieving user specified information (<i>Int. Ventures v. Erie Indemnity I</i>: '002 patent)

"Mathematical Relationships / Formulas" – MPEP 2106.04(a)(2) Part (IV)	
<p>A. Concepts Relating To Mathematical Relationships Or Formulas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Arrhenius equation (<i>Diehr</i>)An algorithm for converting binary coded decimal to pure binary (<i>Benson</i>)An algorithm for calculating and comparing regions in space (<i>Coffelt</i>)[†]A formula describing certain electromagnetic standing wave phenomena (<i>Mackay Radio</i>)A formula for computing an alarm limit (<i>Flook</i>)A mathematical formula for hedging (<i>Bilski</i> claims 4-8, 10, 11)	<p>B. Concepts Relating To Performing Mathematical Calculations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An algorithm for calculating parameters indicating an abnormal condition (<i>Grams</i>)Calculating the difference between local and average data values (<i>Able</i>)Managing a stable value protected life insurance policy (<i>Rancorn</i>)Organizing and manipulating information through mathematical correlations (<i>Digitech</i>)Using an algorithm for determining the optimal number of visits by a business representative to a client (<i>Moucorps</i>)

- Quick Reference Sheet (QRS) groups abstract ideas to help examiners identify pertinent cases and find related information in the MPEP
- Many cases on the QRS are explained in further detail in the MPEP, for example:
 - *FairWarning* is discussed along with other cases concerning "idea of itself" and mental process concepts
 - *Digitech* is discussed along with other cases concerning mathematical relationship concepts

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[†] Indicates a non-precedential decision that was issued with a written opinion

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QRS: Decisions Holding Claims Eligible

- QRS also identifies court decisions that held claims eligible, along with citations to related sections in the MPEP
- Decisions are grouped by the court's rationale for holding the claims eligible. For example:

- *Finjan* and *Core Wireless* are listed with other cases holding that the claims at issue were not directed to abstract ideas
- *BASCOM* is listed with other cases holding that the claims at issue recited an inventive concept

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Decisions Holding Claims Eligible

Claims eligible in Step 2A		
<p>Claim is not directed to an abstract idea</p> <p>See MPEP 2106.04(a), 2106.04(a)(1) and 2106.06(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Core Wireless</i> (GUI for mobile devices that displays commonly accessed data on main menu)• <i>DDR Holdings</i> (matching website "look and feel") see Example 2• <i>Enfish</i> (self-referential data table)• <i>Finjan v. Blue Coat Sys.</i> (virus scan that generates a security profile identifying both hostile and potentially hostile operations)• <i>MeRO</i> (rules for lip sync and facial expression animation)• <i>Thales Visionix</i> (using sensors to more efficiently track an object on a moving platform)• <i>Trading Tech. v. CQG I</i> (GUI that prevents order entry at a changed price)• <i>Visual Memory</i> (enhanced computer memory system)	<p>Claim is not directed to a law of nature or natural phenomenon</p> <p>See MPEP 2106.04(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Eibel Process</i> (gravity-fed paper machine) see Example 32• <i>Rapid Lit. Mgmt. v. CellzDirect</i> (cryopreserving liver cells)• <i>Tilghman</i> (method of hydrolyzing fat) see Example 33	<p>Claim is not directed to a product of nature (because the claimed nature-based product has markedly different characteristics)</p> <p>See MPEP 2106.04(c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Chokrobarty</i> (genetically modified bacterium) see Example 13 (NBP-5)• <i>Myriad</i> (cDNA with modified nucleotide sequence) see Example 15 (NBP-7)

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Claims eligible in Step 2B (claim as a whole amounts to significantly more than the recited judicial exception, i.e., the claim recites an inventive concept)		
See MPEP 2106.05 and 2106.05(a) through (h)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Abele</i> (tomographic scanning)• <i>Amdocs</i> (field enhancement in distributed network)• <i>BASCOM</i> (filtering Internet content) see Example 34	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Classen</i> (processing data about vaccination schedules & then vaccinating)• <i>Diehr</i> (rubber manufacturing) see Example 25• <i>Mackay Radio</i> (antenna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Myriad CAFC</i> (screening method using transformed cells)• <i>RCT</i> (digital image processing) see Example 3• <i>SIRF Tech</i> (GPS system) see Example 4

* Indicates a non-precedential decision that was issued with a written opinion

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Case Law Chart

- Case law chart provides additional information so examiners can look at the patent(s) and claim(s) at issue in the case
- QRS & Chart are updated periodically (usually monthly)

Case Name	Decision Type	Citation	Decision Date	Patent(s) or App.No(s)	Title or General Subject Matter	Claim Type	Exception Type	Judicial Conclusion	Classification (USPC & CPC)
<i>Classen Immunotherapies Inc. v. Biogen IDEC</i>	Precedential	659 F.3d 1057, 100 U.S.P.Q.2d 1492 (Fed. Cir. 2011)	8/31/2011	6,638,739 6,420,139 5,723,283	Method and composition for an early vaccine to protect against both common infectious diseases and chronic immune mediated disorders	Methods	Abstract Idea	Eligible All claims in '739 and '139 Ineligible All claims in '283	435/69.3 A61K39/295
<i>Electric Power Group, LLC, v. Alstom</i>	Precedential	830 F.3d 1350, 119 U.S.P.Q.2d 1739 (Fed. Cir. 2016)	8/1/2016	8,401,710 8,060,259 7,233,843	Real-time monitoring of an electric power grid	Methods and systems	Abstract Idea	Ineligible '710: 9, 12 and 17 '259: 1, 5, 18, 21, 38, 49 and 53 '843: 4, 7, 9, 12, 19 and 24	700/291 G06F 19/00
<i>Enfish LLC v. Microsoft Corp.</i>	Precedential	822 F.3d 1327, 118 U.S.P.Q.2d 1684 (Fed. Cir. 2016)	5/12/2016	6,151,604 6,163,775	Improved information and storage system using a self-referential table	Product	n/a	Eligible '604: 17, 31 and 32 '775: 31 and 32	707/200 G06F 17/30 707/3 G06F 17/30
<i>Genetic Tech. Ltd. v. Merial LLC</i>	Precedential	818 F.3d 1369, 118 U.S.P.Q.2d 1541 (Fed. Cir. 2016)	4/8/2016	5,612,179	Intron sequence analysis method for detection of adjacent and remote locus alleles as haplotypes	Methods	Law of Nature	Ineligible Claims 1-25 and 33-36	435/6 C12Q 1/68

Examples For Use With MPEP

- Six sets of examples were issued to explain how to apply the eligibility analysis to various fact patterns
- Cover technologies including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, business methods, computer-related inventions, and software
- Include eligible and ineligible claims, in accordance with case law and based on hypothetical fact patterns



Claims With Self-Evident Eligibility

(Pathway A: Streamlined Analysis)

- Example 19 (hip prosthesis)
- Example 20 (robotic arm assembly)
- Example 26 (internal combustion engine)
- Example 27 (BIOS software)
- Example 32 (*Eibel Process*: paper-making machine)
- Example 33 (*Tilghman*: hydrolysis of fat)

Claims Eligible In Step 2A

(Pathway B: Not Directed To An Exception)

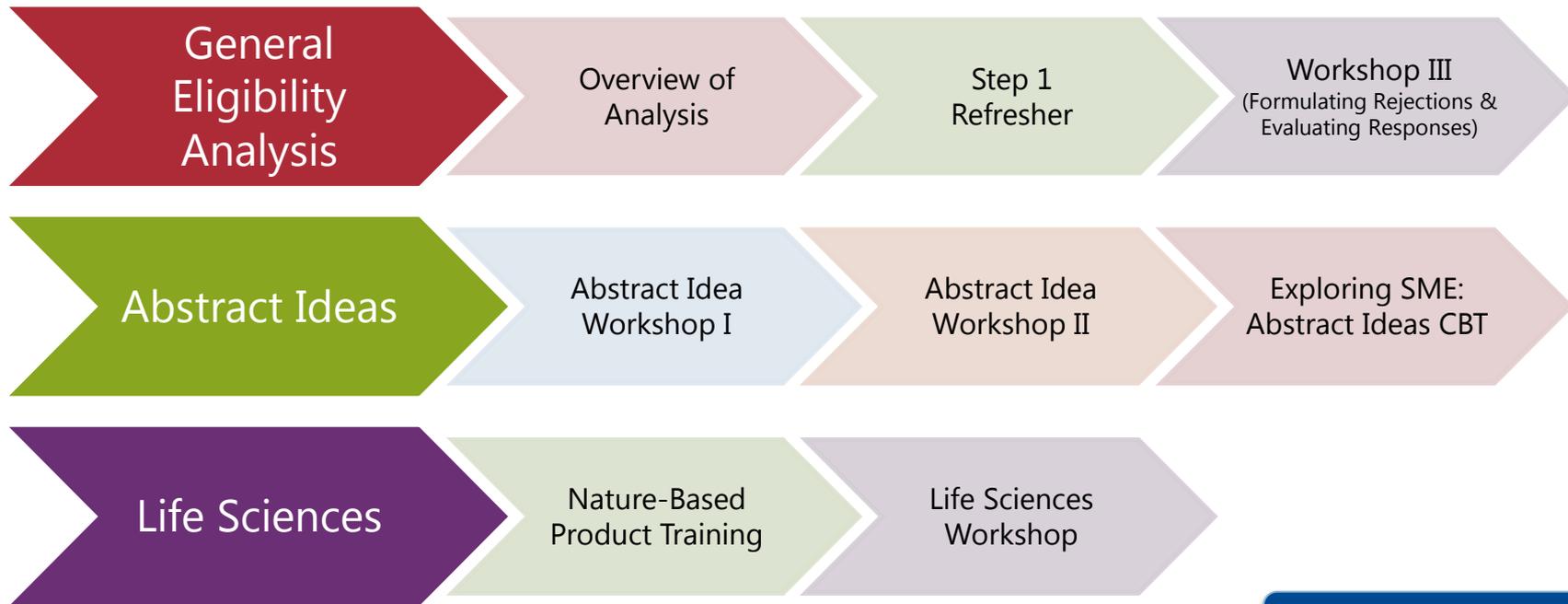
- Example 1 (removing malicious code)*
 - Example 9 (firework)
 - Example 11 (methods of treatment)
 - Example 23 (GUI)*
 - Example 27 (BIOS software)*
 - Example 29 (methods of diagnosis and/or treatment)
 - Example 31 (methods of manipulating DNA sequences)
- * Example where a claim is directed to an improvement in computer-related technology like in *Enfish*
- † Example where a claim recites a nature-based product that demonstrates markedly different characteristics
- Example 9 (gunpowder)†
 - Example 10 (pomelo juice)†
 - Example 11 (amazonic acid)†
 - Example 12 (proteins)†
 - Example 13 (bacterium)†
 - Example 14 (mixtures of bacteria)†
 - Example 15 (nucleic acids)†
 - Example 16 (antibodies)†
 - Example 17 (cells)†
 - Example 18 (food)†
 - Example 29 (vaccines)†
 - Example 30 (dietary sweeteners)†

Claims Eligible In Step 2B

(Pathway C: Inventive Concept)

- Example 3 (digital image processing)
- Example 4 (global positioning system)
- Example 17 (cells)
- Example 21 (business method)
- Example 23 (GUI)
- Example 25 (*Diehr*: rubber manufacturing)
- Example 28 (vaccines)
- Example 29 (methods of diagnosis and/or treatment)
- Example 31 (methods of manipulating DNA sequences)
- Example 34 (*BASCOM*: filtering content)
- Example 35 (verifying customer identity)
- Example 36 (tracking inventory)

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- Feedback from the public and the examining corps
 - Public comment period open-ended
 - Comments are posted here:
<https://www.uspto.gov/patent/laws-and-regulations/comments-public-response-specific-requests-uspto>
- Monitor judicial developments
- Focus on improving the consistent application of the guidance in the examining corps

Resource Links

- Subject Matter Eligibility

<https://www.uspto.gov/patent/laws-and-regulations/examination-policy/subject-matter-eligibility>

- Includes guidance documents, example sets, training materials, and information about relevant case law
- Includes links to public comments
- Any updates will be posted to this page

- General examination guidance and training materials

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