



## FORCE FIELD ANALYSIS COMPONENTS (K. Lewin)

### Driving Forces

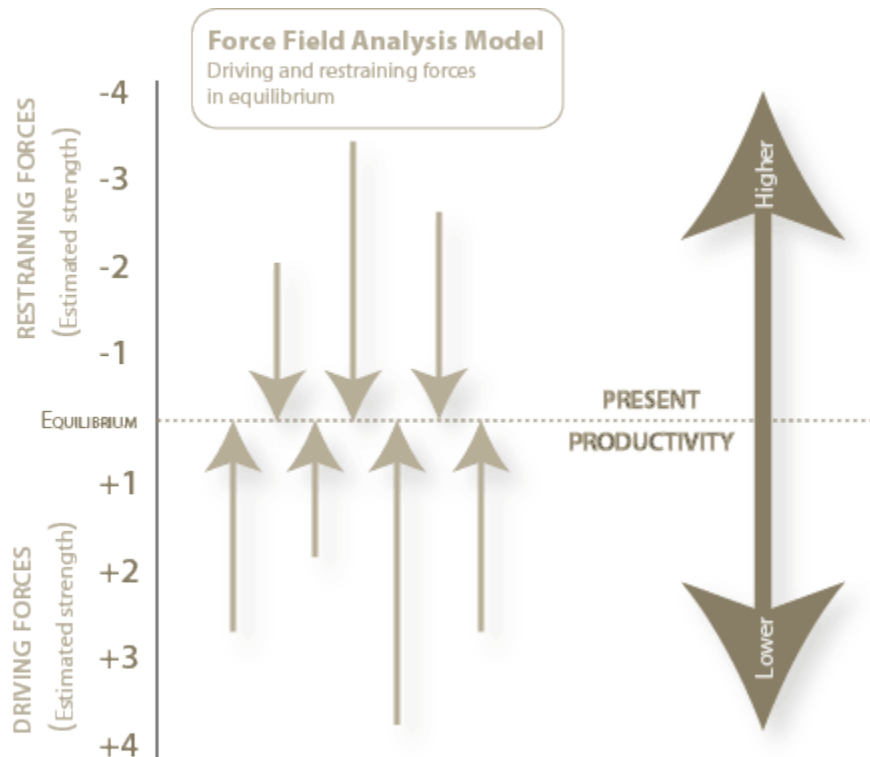
Driving forces are those forces affecting a situation that are pushing in a particular direction; they tend to initiate a change and keep it going. In terms of improving productivity in a work group, pressure from a supervisor, incentive earnings, and competition may be examples of driving forces.

### Restraining Forces

Restraining forces are forces acting to restrain or decrease the driving forces. Apathy, hostility, and poor maintenance of equipment may be examples of restraining forces against increased production. Equilibrium is reached when the sum of the driving forces equals the sum of the restraining forces.

### Equilibrium

This equilibrium, or present level of productivity, can be raised or lowered by changes in the relationship between the driving and the restraining forces.



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<i>Change Model Paradigm</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>
<b>Power Coercive</b>	<p>Leader orders change, subordinates comply</p> <p>Change agent must have authority</p> <p>Origin of regulations and laws</p> <p>May be used to force a change, ie: desegregation laws</p> <p>May fail due to high resistance</p>
<b>Empirical Rationale</b>	<p>Emphasis on Reason and Knowledge</p> <p>Based on premise that people will change once they realize it serves their rationale self interest</p> <p>Recipients are not actively involved in change process but are educated about the values</p> <p>Often used for technological change</p> <p>Ignores beliefs, feelings, values</p>
<b>Normative Educative</b>	<p>Change only really occurs once attitude, values, skills, relationship changes are made</p> <p>Those affected by the change MUST be involved in the planning</p> <p>Mutual trust and collaboration needed</p> <p>Conflict must be resolved amicably</p> <p>Kurt Lewin's theory is an example</p>

**Table 1: General Change Model Paradigms**