

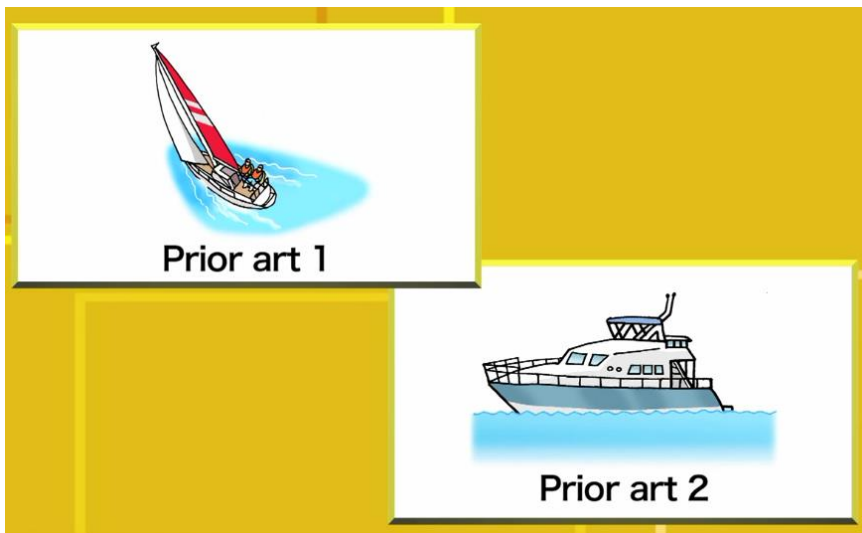
“The Industrial Property Rights System in Japan”
Chapter 2. The Patent System and Utility Model System

Inventive Step

Not considered to represent an “Inventive step”

- Inventions that are simply an aggregation of other publicly known inventions
- Inventions with just slight structural modifications
- Inventions that could easily be created by anyone

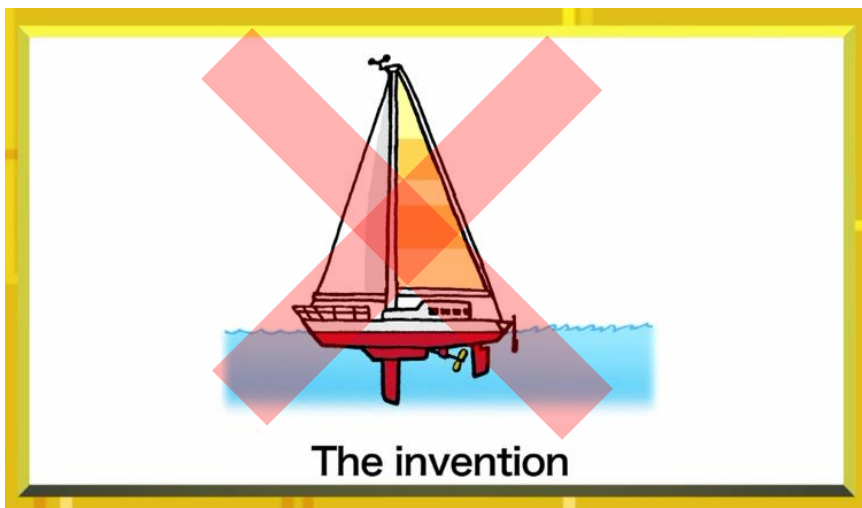
Case Study



Prior art 1: Yacht

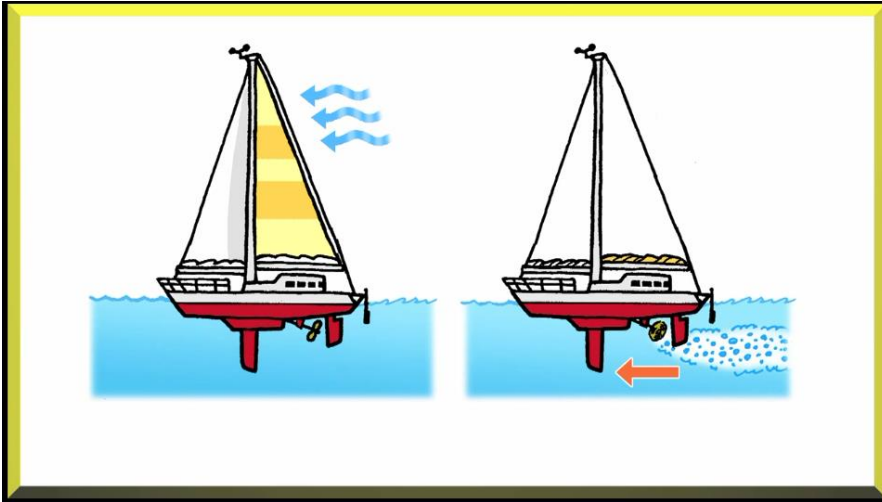
Prior art 2: Motorboat

Case 1



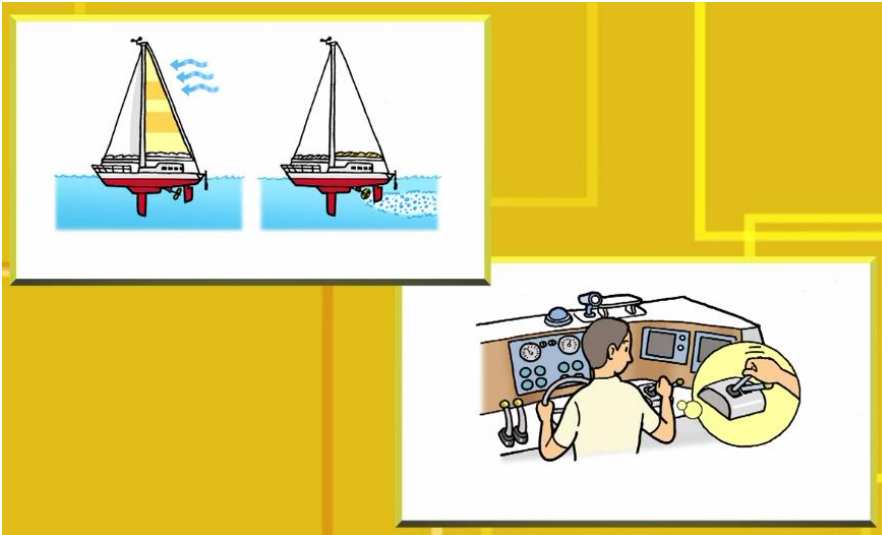
Prior art 1 (Yacht) + Prior art 2 (Motorboat) ⇒ The invention (Motor yacht)

Case 2



Automatic switching by digital anemometer

Case 3



Manual switching by digital anemometer

Point of examination

The examination should be carried out by comparing the scope of claims of an invention with the existing technologies

Patent examiners must be able to:

- Fully comprehend the substance of the invention under examination
- Compare it with existing technologies