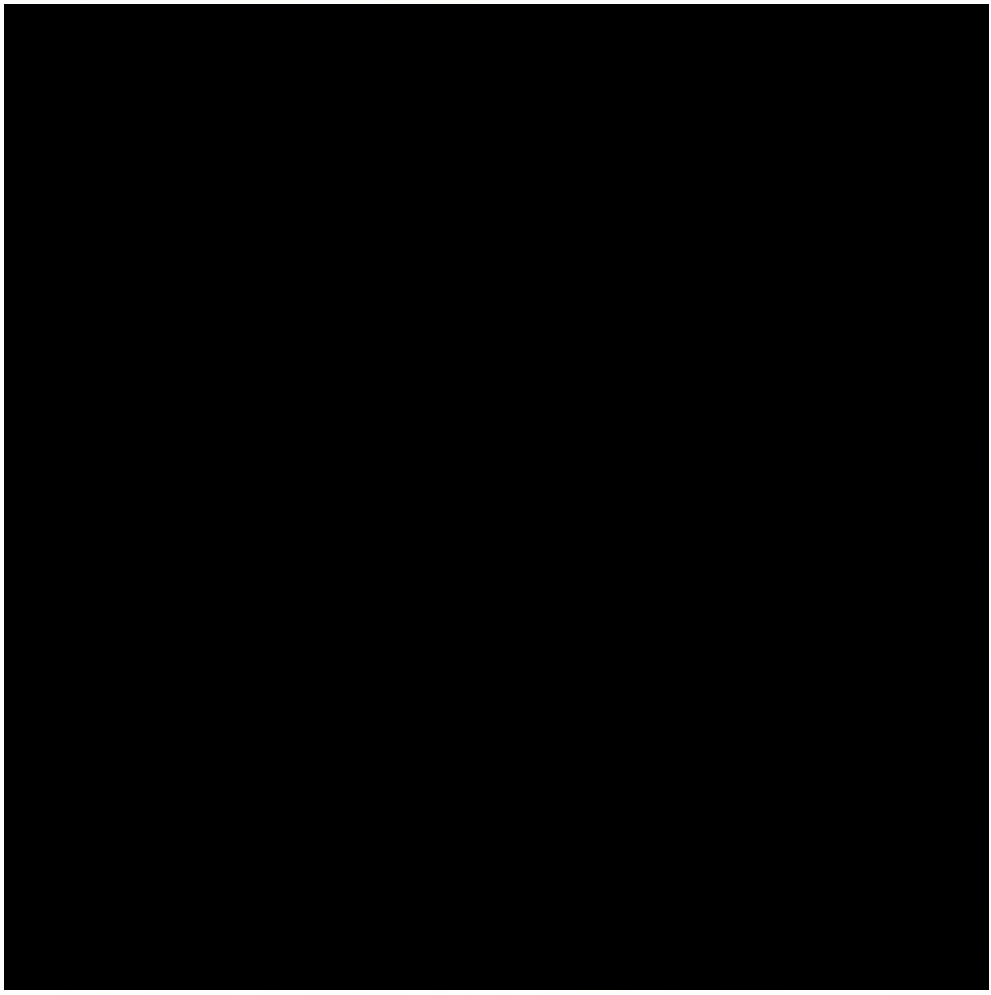


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It is shown in this paper that in Britain 2.75% of the gross national income, i.e. approximately 800 million pounds yearly is destined to research and development, of which 40 per cent for military and spatial aims. The choice of the problems for which these amounts are spent is criticized and stress is laid on the fact that there are no mathematical criteria allowing to determine what amount should be spent on research for a certain problem. The utilization of the scientific staff is discussed, as well as co-operation in research problems, obstacles standing in the path of technical progress, a.s.o.