

## Nature and Dimensions

- Political → resource Allocation
- Economic / fiscal → Distribution, stabilization, growth
- Accounting → spending limits, legality
- Managerial → service provision, Performance evaluation

## Evolution and Paradigms

- Incrementalism (1950s - 1960s) → small stable changes
- Transition (1970s - 1990s) → legislative - executive conflict, deficits
- Emerging paradigm (2000s) → Coequal branches, dynamic decisions

## Early Theory (Progressive)

- Mabel Walker → Proportional distribution
- Focus : Quantity of public services community living standards
- Relevance : benchmarking and outcomes.

## Political and Legal Principles

- Separation of Powers → executive vs legislative conflict
- Budget as negotiation and compromise.

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## Models and Approaches

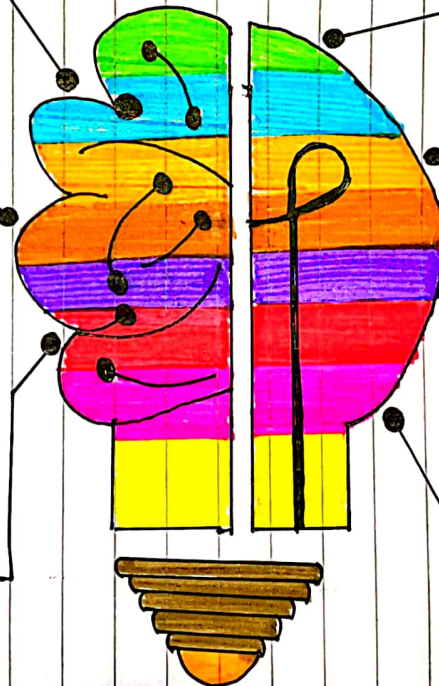
- Nonconventional Budgets (super / regulator)
- Multiple Rationality model (policy, management, control)
- Principal - Agent model (Information)
- Responsibility Budgeting (accountability by results)
- Organization - based Approach (public resource allocation)

## Modern and contemporary Approaches

- Budgets as portfolios → risk return trade off
- Punctuated Equilibrium → stability vs major shifts
- Agency mission and strategy → mission based budgeting.
- Budgeting for outcomes over efficiency
- Philosophy and Entrepreneurial

## Economic perspective

- Musgrave's Three functions :
  - 1) Allocation of goods / services
  - 2) Income distribution
  - 3) Economic stabilization
- Criticism of Incrementalism → Ignores major shifts.



Budget Theory in the  
Public Sector