



# JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IS COMPLEX

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Putting a man on the moon was merely a complicated task, not a complex one?

“Putting a man on the moon” is really often given as an example of a merely complicated but not complex task - Glouberman and Zimmerman (2002), cited in Rogers (2008).

But while that task was certainly very complicated, it was often complex too. There were plenty of conflicting sub-goals, arguments about how to solve a particular problem, interdependencies and conflicts between means, and between ends... You can *see* it as merely complicated, in order to make a point, and maybe that's OK. But if you're an actual space scientist you'd probably disagree.