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My favorite open problems involve finite algebras having only finitely many basic operations, and the subdirectly irreducible models of their equational theories. In this talk I will reminisce on work over the last 40 years that has failed to solve these problems. (Received January 16, 2017)