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**Ralph N. McKenzie\*** ([ralph.n.mckenzie@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ralph.n.mckenzie@vanderbilt.edu)), Department of Mathematics, Vanderbilt University, 1326 Stevenson Center, Nashville, TN 37240. *How I approached research problems, and sometimes solved them.*

I will talk (by request) about how I have gone about the work of mathematical research (which I have been doing for fifty years). How did I select problems, go about tackling them, develop ideas, and so on? I have collaborated with more than fifty researchers over the years, and I will be talking about some of these colleagues. My research methods have of course changed over time (hopefully, developed). (Received January 17, 2017)