Exercise: System Archetypes

Pick three of Kim and Senge's Archetypes that appear to be applicable to some aspects of your project.

For each archetype selected:

1. Sketch the generic archetype.

2. Sketch a version of the same diagram made specific to the aspect of your project you wish to focus on. You may have to add two or three elements to the diagram for clarity, but your goal is to produce a problem-specific diagram that vividly has the same structure as the generic archetype.

3. Write a brief statement to accompany your diagrams that includes:
   1. A description of how the archetype applies to your project,
   2. Any structure/behavior insights you think the archetype surfaces for your project,
   3. If appropriate, any thought you have about how the archetype in this instance might oversimplify and lead to superficial or even false understandings about your project.