# PERT And CPM

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# What is the difference between PERT and CPM?

- Project Management can be understood as a systematic method of planning, scheduling, execution, monitoring, control of various aspects of a project,
- so as to achieve the goals undertaken at the time of project formulation.

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- PERT and CPM are two network-based project management techniques that demonstrate the flow and sequence of activities and events.
- Program (Project) Management and Review Technique (PERT) is suitable for those projects where the time required to complete various activities is not known.
- On the other hand, the Critical Path Method or CPM is suitable for projects that are recurring in nature.

# What is the difference between PERT and CPM?

- The two scheduling methods use a common approach to design the network and trace its critical path.
- They are used in the successful completion of a project and hence are used in conjunction with each other.

# WHAT Is PERT?

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- Program (Project) Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) is an activity to understand planning, arrangement, scheduling, coordination and governance of a project.
- This program helps to understand the technique of study done to complete a project, identify the shortest and minimum time taken to complete the whole project.
- PERT was developed in the 1950s with the objective of cost and time of a project.

- The Critical Path Method or CPM is a well-known project modeling technique in project management.
- It is a resource using algorithms that were developed in the 1950s by James Kelly and Morgan Walker.
- CPM is mainly used to determine critical and non-critical tasks in projects that will help prevent conflicts and reduce bottlenecks.

• In a nutshell, CPM is all about choosing a path in a project that will help calculate the shortest amount of time that is required to complete the task with the least amount of wastage.

#### BASIS FOR COMPARISONPERT CPM

#### 1. Meaning:

PERT is a project management technique, used to manage uncertain activities of a project. CPM is a statistical technique of project management that manages well defined activities of a project.

#### 2. What is it?:

A technique of planning and control of time.

A method to control cost and time.

#### 3. <u>Orientation:</u>

**Event-oriented** 

Activity-oriented

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#### 4. Evolution:

Evolved as Research & Development project

Evolved as Construction project

#### 5. Model:

Probabilistic Model

**Deterministic Model** 

#### 6. Focuses on:

Time

Time-cost trade-off

#### 7. Estimates:

Three time estimates

One time estimate

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#### 8. Appropriate for:

High precision time estimate Reasonable time estimate

#### 9. Management of:

Unpredictable Activities
Predictable activities

#### 10. Nature of jobs:

Non-repetitive nature Repetitive nature

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#### 11. Critical and Non-critical activities:

No differentiation

Differentiated

#### 12. Suitable for:

Research and Development Project

Non-research projects like civil construction, ship building etc.

#### 13. Crashing concept:

Not Applicable

Applicable