

Software Cost estimation Practical Exam First Term 2023/2024

1. The general effort equation is:

$$PM = A \times \text{Size}^B \times M,$$

where the exponent B is given by the equation:

$$\text{The exponent } B = [(\sum \text{scale factors}) / 100] + 1.01,$$

the scale factors are Precedentedness, Development flexibility, Risk resolution, Process maturity, and Team Cohesion.

- (a) Estimate the scale factors and calculate B in the following case:*** A

company takes on a new project not in a domain of its experience. The client did not define the process to be used and has allowed time for risk analysis. The company has a CMM level 3 rating (Capability Maturity Model is a framework for assessing how well organizations manage the development of their staff).

- (b) If the multiplier M = 2 calculate the effort without cost drivers and with cost driver if the project size = 125000 LOC.***

2. In a use case estimation method given that the unadjusted use case points (UUCP) = 85, Environmental Factor (EF) = 1.05, and Technical Complexity Factor (TCF) = 0.85. ***Calculate the Adjusted Use-Case Points.***
3. If you have ***275-function-point program*** were to be implemented in ***Java***, calculate the range of the size estimate and the nominal value given that for Java: you would take the range of ***40 to 80 LOC per function point*** and the expected value of ***55 LOC per function point***.
4. Suppose you are creating an effort estimate for a desktop business application of 1,400 function points in Java and you have a maximum team size of 6 people. ***Calculate the effort for this application using the ISBSG Method***, given that:
The Desktop equation:
$$\text{StaffMonths} = 0.157 \times \text{FunctionPoints}^{0.591} \times \text{MaximumTeamSize}^{0.810}$$

The Third Generation Language equation:
$$\text{StaffMonths} = 0.425 \times \text{FunctionPoints}^{0.488} \times \text{MaximumTeamSize}^{0.697}$$

5. Suppose you have an effort estimate of *21 to 28* staff months. ***Derive the estimated range for the schedule from a past project*** its estimated effort and schedule were 22 staff months and 9 months respectively, using the equation:

$$\text{EstimatedSchedule} = \text{PastSchedule} \times (\text{EstimatedEffort} / \text{Past Effort})^{1/3}$$