

Software Cost estimation Practical Exam First Term 2023/2024

1. The general effort equation is:

$$PM = A \times Size^B \times M,$$

where the exponent B is given by the equation:

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

the scale factors are Precededness, 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:
$$StaffMonths = 0.157 \times FunctionPoints^{0.591} \times MaximumTeamSize^{0.810}$$
The Third Generation Language equation:
$$StaffMonths = 0.425 \times FunctionPoints^{0.488} \times MaximumTeamSize^{0.697}$$

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:

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