

# Q1:

Given table (interpreted)

Activity	Pre req	Normal time (days)	Crash time (days)	Normal cost	Crash cost
A	—	2	1	\$1,200	\$1,600
B	A	5	1	\$1,500	\$4,500
C	B	2	2	\$750	\$750
D	A	5	3	\$2,500	\$3,500
E	A	6	4	\$3,000	\$4,000
F	C,D,E	5	3	\$2,000	\$3,000

Normal path lengths:

- A–B–C–F =  $2+5+2+5 = 14$  days (crit path)
- A–D–F =  $2+5+5 = 12$  days
- A–E–F =  $2+6+5 = 13$  days

## (a) Cost to complete in 14 days (normal schedule)

Sum of normal costs:

$$1200 + 1500 + 750 + 2500 + 3000 + 2000 = 10,950$$

Answer (a): \$10,950

## (b) Crash cost per time period (per day):

Compute

$$((\text{CrashCost} - \text{NormalCost}) / (\text{NormalTime} - \text{CrashTime})) :$$

- A:

$$((1600 - 1200) / (2 - 1) = 400/1 = 400/\text{day})$$

- B:

$$((4500 - 1500) / (5 - 1) = 3000/4 = 750/\text{day})$$

- C:

$$\text{//not Possible As } 750 = 750$$

- D:

$$((3500 - 2500) / (5 - 3) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

- E:

$$((4000 - 3000) / (6 - 4) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

- F:

$$((3000 - 2000) / (5 - 3) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

**Ans (b):** A 400/day; B 750/day; C N/A; D 500/day; E 500/day; F \$500/day.

## (c) Crash to complete in 8 days (minimum-cost crash schedule)

**Obj:** reduce project duration from 14 -> 8 (need 6 days reduction).

**Available crash capacity on initial critical path A-B-C-F:**

- A: can reduce by 1 day (2 -> 1)
- B: can reduce by 4 days (5 -> 1)
- C: cannot reduce (2 -> 2)
- F: can reduce 2 days (5 -> 3)

Total possible reduction on that path = 1+4+0+2 = **7 days** (>= 6 required) -> Thus this is viable

**Crash procedure (minimum incremental cost on the current critical path, recalculating critical path after each step):**

1. **Crash A by 1 day** (cheapest on current critical path at \$400/day).

- A: 2 -> 1, extra cost = \$400
- New proj length: 14 -> 13 days
- New path lengths: A-B-C-F = 13; A-D-F = 11; A-E-F = 12

2. **Crash F by 2 days** (2nd cheapest on the critical path at \$500/day; F can be shortened by 2)

- F: 5 -> 3, extra cost =  $2 \times 500 = 1,000$
- New project length: 13 -> 11 days
- New path length: A-B-C-F = 11; A-D-F = 9; A-E-F = 10

3. **Remaining reduction we require: 11 -> 8 = 3 days.**

- On current critical path A-B-C-F, only B can still be crashed (C cannot) B's crash cost = \$750/day
- Crash **B by 3 days**: B: 5 -> 2, extra cost =  $3 \times 750 = 2,250$
- After this: A-B-C-F = 1 + 2 + 2 + 3 = **8 days** -> target reached.

I didn't crash D or E because they're not on the critical path and crashing them would not reduce the proj duration until crit path changed, my chosen sequence minimizes incremental cost at each step

**Activities shortened:** A by 1 day, F by 2 days, B by 3 days

## (d) Total proj cost when completed in 8 days

Start from normal cost \$10,950 (from (a)). Add incremental crash costs:

- A: +400(1day) -> A cost becomes 1,600 (which equals given crash cost)
- F: +1,000(2days) -> F cost becomes 3,000 (full crash cost)
- B: +2,250(3days) -> B cost becomes  $1,500 + 2,250 = 3,750$

Sum extra crash cost =  $400 + 1,000 + 2,250 = 3,650$

Total project cost = normal cost + crash increments =  $10,950 + 3,650 = \$14,600$

**Ans (d): \$14,600**

## Q2:

### Given

- Planned Value (PV) = \$28,000
- Earned Value (EV) = \$25,000
- Actual Cost (AC) = \$29,500

### (a) Budget status - Over or under budget?

**Cost Variance (CV)** = EV – AC = 25,000 – 29,500 = **-\$4,500** - negative CV means **over budget** to date

**Cost Performance Index (CPI)** = EV / AC = 25,000 / 29,500 = **0.8475** ( $\approx 0.85$ )

CPI < 1  $\Rightarrow$  you are getting 0.85 value for every 1 spent - **cost efficiency is poor**

**Interpretation:** the phase is currently **over budget** by \$4,500 and performing at ~85% cost efficiency - spending must go down!

### (b) Schedule status - On time or behind?

**Schedule Variance (SV)** = EV – PV = 25,000 – 28,000 = **-\$3,000** - negative SV means **behind schedule** (in value terms)

**Schedule Performance Index (SPI)** = EV / PV = 25,000 / 28,000 = **0.8929** ( $\approx 0.89$ )

SPI < 1 ==> about **89%** of planned work value has been earned  $\rightarrow$  **behind schedule**

**Interpretation:** the phase is **behind schedule** (shortfall \$3,000 in earned value)

### (c) Quick forecast (optional) - estimate to complete the phase

You need the **Budget at Completion (BAC)** to make a formal EAC. If the phase BAC = the planned value to date (PV = \$28,000) then:

One common EAC formula:

$$\mathbf{EAC = BAC / CPI} \Rightarrow \text{EAC} \approx 28,000 / 0.8475 \approx \$33,050$$

Alternate form:  $\mathbf{EAC = AC + (BAC - EV)/CPI} \Rightarrow 29,500 + (28,000 - 25,000) / 0.8475 \approx 29,500 + 3,539 \approx \$33,039$  (same within rounding)

**Implication:** if trends continue &  $BAC = 28k$ , *expected final cost* = \*\*33k\*\* - **~\$5k over original BAC**

(If  $BAC \neq PV$ , substitute actual BAC into the same formulas.)

## (d) Actionable implications (brief)

- Over budget and behind schedule - both warning signs
- Performance indices CPI  $\approx 0.85$  and SPI  $\approx 0.89$  indicate corrective action needed (cost control, scope/replanning, re-allocation of resources, staff changes, etc etc)
- Produce an **EAC** using the true BAC, re-evaluate remaining work, and prepare a remedial plan (cost reductions, replanning, prioritized or narrower scope)
- Re assess assumptions, risks, and approvals (license/gaming items may be driving rework/costs).

## Common formulas for Q 34567

- **SV (Schedule Variance)** = EV – PV
- **CV (Cost Variance)** = EV – AC
- **SPI (Schedule Performance Index)** = EV / PV
- **CPI (Cost Performance Index)** = EV / AC

## Q3:

PV = 190,000, EV = 150,000, AC = \$170,000

(a)

$$SV = EV - PV = 150,000 - 190,000 = -40,000 * * CV = EV - AC = 150,000 - 170,000 =$$

\* \* -**20,000**

**(b)** Conclusion:

- **Behind schedule** ( $SV < 0$ )
- **Over budget / cost overrun** ( $CV < 0$ ).

## **Q4:**

//(same values)  $PV = 190,000$ ,  $EV = 150,000$ ,  $AC = \$170,000$

**(a)**

$$SPI = EV / PV = 150,000 / 190,000 = \mathbf{0.7895} \text{ (rounded)}$$

**(b)**

$$CPI = EV / AC = 150,000 / 170,000 = \mathbf{0.8824} \text{ (rounded)}$$

**(c)** Conclusion:

- **SPI < 1 (0.7895)** - project is **behind schedule** (only ~78.95% of planned work earned)
- **CPI < 1 (0.8824)** - proj is **cost-inefficient / over budget** (you get ~=0.88 value per 1 spent)

## **Q5**

$PV = 140,000$ ,  $EV = 160,000$ ,  $AC = \$145,000$

**(a)**

$$SV = EV - PV = 160,000 - 140,000 = \mathbf{+\$20,000}$$

**(b)**

$$CV = EV - AC = 160,000 - 145,000 = \mathbf{+\$15,000}$$

**(c)** Conclusion:

- **Ahead of schedule** ( $SV > 0$ )
- **Under budget / cost favorable** ( $CV > 0$ )

## Q6

(same values)  $PV = 140,000$ ,  $EV = 160,000$ ,  $AC = \$145,000$

(a)

$$SPI = EV / PV = 160,000 / 140,000 = \mathbf{1.1429} \text{ (rounded)}$$

(b)

$$CPI = EV / AC = 160,000 / 145,000 = \mathbf{1.1034} \text{ (rounded)}$$

(c) Conclusion:

- **SPI > 1 (1.1429)** - project is **ahead of schedule**
- **CPI > 1 (1.1034)** - project is **cost-efficient / under budget** ( $\sim=1.10 \text{ value per } 1 \text{ spent}$ )

## Q7

$PV = 240,000$ ,  $EV = 250,000$ ,  $AC = \$270,000$

(a)

$$SV = EV - PV = 250,000 - 240,000 = \mathbf{+\$10,000}.$$

(b)

$$CV = EV - AC = 250,000 - 270,000 = \mathbf{-\$20,000}.$$

(c)

$$SPI = EV / PV = 250,000 / 240,000 = \mathbf{1.0417} \text{ (rounded).}$$

(d)

$$CPI = EV / AC = 250,000 / 270,000 = \mathbf{0.9259} \text{ (rounded).}$$

(e) Conclusion:

- **Ahead of schedule** ( $SPI > 1$ ,  $SV > 0$ ).
- **Over budget / cost-inefficient** ( $CPI < 1$ ,  $CV < 0$ ): the project is progressing faster than planned but spending is way too high - higher than the value earned