

	Production Process	Service Process	Little's Law	Average throughput rate (R) [units/hr]	Computer percent project is under/over budget
Flow Unit	Materials	Customers			
Input Rate	Raw material releasing rate	Customer arrival rate			To compute the percent that a project or activity is over or under budget... $\frac{[Actual cost of work completed - Budgeted cost of work completed]}{Budgeted cost of work completed} \times 100\% = \frac{ ACWC - BCWC }{BCWC} \times 100\%$
Capacity Rate	Maximum output rate	Maximum service completion rate			
Throughput Rate	Finished goods output rate	Customers departure rate (service completion rate)			
Flow Time	Time required to turn materials into a product	Time that a customer is being served		$Flow Time = I/R$	minutes/unit for unit load units/hours for capacity rate
Inventory	Amount of work-in-process	Number of customers being served			high unit load for bottle neck or low capacity rate for bottleneck

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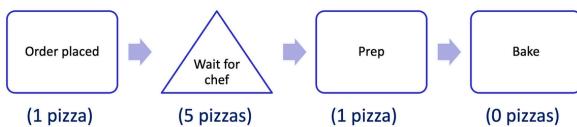
$$\text{Utilization (of a resource)} = \frac{\text{Throughput Rate (process)}}{\text{Capacity Rate (resource)}} \times 100\% = \frac{\text{Actual Output Rate}}{\text{Maximum Output Rate}}$$

$$\text{Cycle time is time between outputs} = \frac{1}{\text{Throughput Rate}}$$

$$\text{Implied Utilization} = \frac{\text{Input Rate (process)}}{\text{Capacity Rate (resource)}} = \frac{\text{Input Rate (process)}}{\text{Capacity Rate} / \text{unit load}}$$

Inventory in a buffer counts all flow units in a buffer.  
Inventory in an activity counts all flow units performing an activity.  
Inventory in the process counts all flow units in the process (this includes all buffers and activities).

Example:



### Inventory buildup

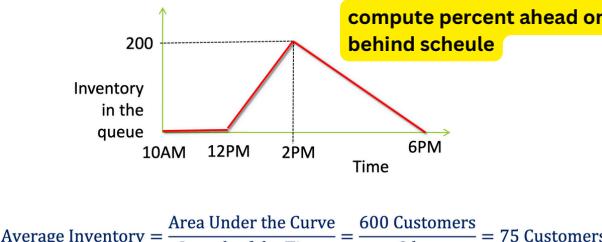
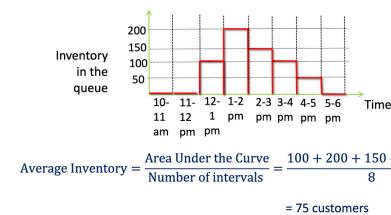
Time	Input rate (passengers/15 min slot)	Capacity rate (passengers / 15 min slot)	Excess Demand	Excess Capacity	INVENTORY BUILD-UP in the queue
6:15	7	15	0	8	0
6:30	10	15	0	5	0
6:45	8	15	0	7	0
7:00	12	15	0	3	0
7:15	9	15	0	6	0
7:30	16	15	1	0	1
7:45	14	15	0	1	0
8:00	19	15	4	0	4
8:15	22	15	7	0	11
8:30	17	15	2	0	13
8:45	13	15	0	2	11
9:00	11	15	0	4	7
9:15	12	15	0	3	4
9:30	8	15	0	7	0
9:45	10	15	0	5	0
10:00	7	15	0	8	0
	195	240			3.1875

➤ A stable process is one where

Long-run average throughput rate = Long-run average input rate

Short-run average input rate can be greater than the short-run average capacity rate

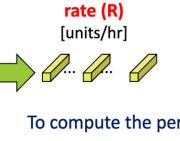
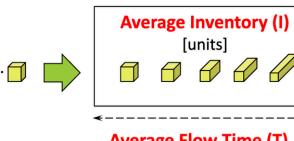
### Average Inventory



Little's Law

Average throughput rate (R) [units/hr]

Computer percent project is under/over budget



To compute the percent that a project or activity is over or under budget...  
$$\frac{[Actual cost of work completed - Budgeted cost of work completed]}{Budgeted cost of work completed} \times 100\% = \frac{|ACWC - BCWC|}{BCWC} \times 100\%$$

$$(Average) Inventory = \text{Little's Law: } I = R \times T$$

$$\text{Flow Time } T = I/R$$

- Average throughput rate, flow time, and inventory are related
- A manager can influence any one of these by controlling the other two
- You cannot independently choose flow time, throughput and inventory levels

minutes/unit for unit load  
units/hours for capacity rate

high unit load for bottleneck or low capacity rate for bottleneck

### Inventory Turnover

- Days of Inventory : The number of days inventory stays on the shelf.
- Inventory turnover: The number of times inventory is replaced in a year.
- Cost of goods sold: Expenses allocated to make the output.



To use Little's Law, we consider average DOI, COI, CGS!

$$\text{Inventory turnover} = \frac{365}{\text{Days of Inventory}}$$

### Q. Why are critical paths important?

- A. They determine the duration of the process.
- A. Any delay in a critical activity will delay the entire process.
- A. They allow us to allocate resources among activities to find appropriate trade-offs between duration and cost.
- We could have one resource work on two critical activities, but it might be more cost efficient to hire different resources for each.

### Earned Value Analysis

**Definition:** Consider the transformation of one flow unit in a process. An **earned value analysis** at a point in time includes

1. The percentage of scheduled completion of each activity at this time.
2. The percentage of actual completion of each activity at this time.
3. The original budget for each activity.
4. The actual cost spent on an activity up to this point in time.

**Definition:** The budgeted cost of work scheduled to date for the activity is denoted by **BCWS**. This equals (% scheduled)\*Budget.

\*BCWS is how much we **expected** to spend based on the **expected** amount of completed work.

**Definition:** The budgeted cost of work completed to date for the activity is denoted by **BCWC**. This equals (% completed)\*Budget.

\*BCWC is how much we **expected** to spend based on the **actual** amount of completed work.

**Definition:** The actual cost of work completed to date for the activity is denoted by **ACWC**.

\*ACWC is how much we **actually** spent based on the **actual** amount of completed work.

➤ We cannot decrease the original flow time beyond the crash time.

➤ Crash the “cheapest” critical activity first (the one with the lowest cost slope).

➤ When crashing critical activities, pay attention to the fact that the critical path may change as we proceed.

If we want to reduce the process flow time, then we have to reduce the length of all critical paths simultaneously.

$$\text{inventory in process} = I_q + I_s$$

**Definition:** The **cost slope** is the extra cost we pay to shorten the flow time of an activity per time unit.

$$\text{Cost slope} = \frac{\text{Crash Cost} - \text{Normal Cost}}{\text{Normal Time} - \text{Crash Time}}$$

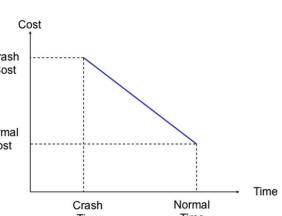
To compute the percent that an activity is ahead or behind schedule...

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{|\% \text{ Scheduled (activity)} - \% \text{ Completed (activity)}|}{\% \text{ Scheduled (activity)}} \times 100\% \\ &= \frac{|BCWS(\text{activity}) - BCWC(\text{activity})|}{BCWS(\text{activity})} \times 100\% \end{aligned}$$

To compute the percent that the project is ahead or behind schedule...

$$\frac{|BCWS(\text{Total}) - BCWC(\text{Total})|}{BCWS(\text{Total})} \times 100\%$$

If BCWS<BCWC, we are ahead of schedule



## Multiple Flow Units

Using multiple flow unit analysis, we can look at **average flow units**

- Ex. If product A amounts for 25% of our output, product B amounts for 25% of our output, and product C amounts for 50% of our output, then....

$$\alpha_A = 0.25 \quad \alpha_B = 0.25 \quad \alpha_C = 0.50$$

$$\alpha_{\text{simple}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad 5$$

$$\alpha_{\text{decorated}} = \frac{2}{3} \quad 15$$

## Product Mix Coefficients

### Partner activity

You sell 2 types of cakes – decorated cakes and simple cakes.

You sell twice as many decorated cakes as simple cakes.

When customers ask for a simple cake, the **cashier** removes the cake from the freezer and sells it to the customer.

When customers for a decorated cake, the **designer** removes the cake from the freezer, decorates it, and bring it to the **cashier** to sell.

Removing a cake from the freezer takes 2 minutes, selling a cake takes 3 minutes,



and decorating takes 10 minutes.

### What are the product mix coefficients of a typical order?

$$\alpha_d = \frac{2}{3}, \alpha_s = \frac{1}{3}$$

### What is the unit load for the two different resources (min/cake)?

$$\text{Cashier expected time} = (\alpha_{\text{simple}} \cdot \text{time}_{\text{simple}}) + (\alpha_{\text{decorated}} \cdot \text{Time for decorated cake}) \\ \frac{1}{3} \cdot 5 + \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 3\right) = 3.66$$

$$\text{Designer expected time} = (\alpha_{\text{simple}} \cdot \text{time}_{\text{simple}}) + (\alpha_{\text{decorated}} \cdot \text{Time for decorated}) \\ \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 0\right) + \frac{2}{3} \cdot 12 = 8$$

3.66, 8

The designer is bottleneck

### Q. What is the process flow time of the product mix?

$$\text{Process Time Flow: } (\alpha_{\text{simple}} \cdot \text{time}_{\text{simple}}) + (\alpha_{\text{decorated}} \cdot \text{time}_{\text{decorated}}) \\ \frac{1}{3} \cdot 5 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot 15 = 11.66$$

## Scheduling with Due Dates (Moore's Algorithm)

### The setup:

- Assume  $n$  flow units are in the process at time 0.
- Each flow unit has a pre-determined amount of time required to finished the process, and each flow unit has an assigned deadline.

### The goal:

Determine in which order the flow units should go through the process so that the **number of units that are late** (i.e., miss their deadline) is as few as possible.

### Moore's Algorithm:

- Find the EDD.
- Among all flow units up to and including the first one that is late, choose the flow unit with the longest processing time and discard it.
- Repeat Step 2 until every flow unit is either on time or discarded.
- Schedule all discarded flow units at the end in any order.

How far ahead or behind schedule are we (as a percentage)?

The project is ahead of schedule by  $\frac{42.5 - 32.5}{32.5} \times 100\% = 30.8\%$

How far over or under budget are we (as a percentage)?

The project is over budget by  $\frac{42.5 - 32.5}{42.5} \times 100\% \approx 23.5\%$

Activity	Budget (\$)	% Scheduled	% Completed	ACWC (\$)	BCWS (\$)	BCWC (\$)
A	10	50	75	7.5	$10 \times .5 = 5$	$10 \times .75 = 7.5$
B	20	75	50	15	$20 \times .75 = 15$	$20 \times .5 = 10$
C	50	25	50	30	$50 \times .25 = 12.5$	$50 \times .5 = 25$
Total				52.5	32.5	42.5

## Scheduling to minimize sum of completion times

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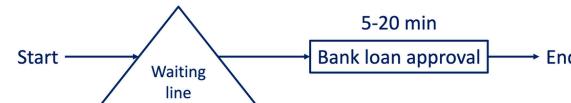
### The goal:

Determine in which order the flow units should go through the process so that the **sum of completion times** is as small as possible.

### Shortest processing time algorithm:

- Among the flow units that are not yet scheduled, choose one with the shortest processing time.
- Repeat step 1 until all flow units have been scheduled.

Consider a process for approving a bank loan.



Q. How should we schedule the applications in the queue to minimize sum of completion times?

Customer ID	Time to approve loan
1	10 min
2	15 min
3	7 min

Customer ID	Completion time
1	10
2	$10+15=25$
3	$10+15+7=32$

$10+25+32=67 \text{ minutes}$

Customer ID	Completion time
1	7
2	$7+10=17$
3	$7+10+15=32$

$7+17+32=56 \text{ minutes}$

Option B is best option

## Scheduling with Priorities

### The setup:

- Assume  $n$  flow units are in the process at time 0.
- Each flow unit has a pre-determined amount of time required to finished the process, and each flow unit has a weight signifying its importance.
- The weighted processing time of a flow unit is (Processing Time/Weight)

### The goal:

Determine in which order the flow units should go through the process so that the **sum of weighted completion times** is as small as possible.

### Weighted shortest processing time algorithm:

- Among the flow units that are not yet scheduled, choose one with the shortest weighted processing time.
- Repeat step 1 until all flow units have been scheduled.

Customer ID	Time to approve loan in the credit system	Weight	Weighted processing time = Time/Weight
1	6 minutes	4	1.5
2	5 minutes	1	5
3	8 minutes	2	4
4	15 minutes	1	15

Customer 1, 3, 2, 4

Suppose you are taking 5 different classes, call them A, B, C, D, and E.

You have different HW assignments in each class.

Each HW assignment has a **due date**.

If you missed the due date, you can no longer submit the HW.

The impact on your final grade from missing each HW is the same.

Class & HW	A-1	A-2	B-1	C-1	C-2	D-1	E-1	E-2
Days required to finish	5	5	1	1	3	2	1	1
Days until due	5	5	6	7	7	12	13	14
Order	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Finish time

Late?

Second Attempt: Schedule A-1 at the end, and otherwise use EDD.

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Days until due	5	5	6	7	7	12	13	14
Order	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Finish time	21	1	3	4	5	10	12	15
Late?	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Third Attempt: Schedule A-1, C-2 at the end, and otherwise use EDD.

Class & HW	A-1	B-1	D-1	C-1	E-1	A-2	D-2	C-2	E-2
Days required to finish	5	1	2	1	1	5	2	3	1
Days until due	5	5	6	7	7	12	13	14	14
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## EOQ (Economic Order Quantity) without demand variability

EOQ: Optimal order quantity to minimize inventory cost

D	Annual demand rate	Q: Quantity
S	Order/setup cost per order	Goal: Decide how much stock to purchase ( $S^*$ ) to minimize $E[C(S, D)]$ .
H	Annual holding cost per average unit	We plot our (sum of) total overage and underage cost $C(S, D)$ as our order $S$ changes:
L	Lead Time	

$$\text{Lead time} = \text{Reorder point} = D * L$$

$$Q_{OPT} = \sqrt{\frac{2SD}{H}}$$

Example:

A doctor's office operates 52 weeks per year, 7 day per week. The office purchases crutches for \$6.50 per pair.

The cost of placing an order of crutches from the supplier is \$54. The lead time to get an order of crutches is 5 weeks. The average annual cost of storing a pair of crutches is \$1.755. The weekly demand for crutches is always 50 pairs per week.

Q: What is the optimal EOQ value?

D	50/wk or 2600/yr
S	\$54
H	\$1.755 per year

Q: What is the corresponding annual total cost TC(Q)?

$$TC(400) = \frac{400}{2} \times 1.755 + \frac{2600}{400} \times 54 = \$702$$

Q: What should be the reorder point ROP?

$$ROP = 50 \times 5 = 250 \text{ boxes}$$

## EOQ (Economic Order Quantity) WITH demand variability

$$Q_{OPT} = \sqrt{\frac{2S \times E[D]}{H}}$$

Standard Deviation Formula

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\mu)^2}{n}}$$

## Computing ROP when demand is normally distributed (EOQ)

$$Q_{OPT} = \sqrt{\frac{2S \times E[D]}{H}}$$

## Computing ROP when demand is normally distributed (EOQ)

$$ROP = E[D] + SS$$

or  $\mu_L + SS$

$$ROP = E[D] + z_{SL} \times \sigma[D]$$

$z = \text{NORM.S.INV(CSL)}$  in Excel  
(or using a normal table)

$$SS = z * \sigma_L$$

Q: When should the park order more food if they want to be sure that they run out of food < 1% of the time during the 7 day waiting period?

$$\sigma_L = \sqrt{k} * \sigma \quad k \text{ is the lead time in periods (days, months, years). ex lead time is 1 week, 50 weeks in a year, so } k=50$$

## Computing ROP when demand is normally distributed

The weekly demand for fancy (pairs of) shoes is normally distributed with an average of 500 (pairs of) shoes and a standard deviation of 50 (pairs of) shoes. The lead time is 2 weeks.

Q: What safety stock is necessary if the store uses a 93% service level?

$$\sigma_L = \sqrt{k} \sigma = \sqrt{2} * 50 = 70.71 \text{ pairs}$$

$$SS = z * \sigma_L = 104.65 \text{ pairs}$$

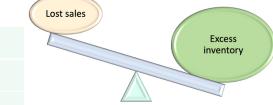
$z = \text{NORM.S.INV}(.93) = 1.48$

## PK Formula sheet

c	Number of servers
$\lambda$	Average arrival rate of units per interval of time (also the throughput rate)
$\mu$	Average service rate (for each server) per interval of time
$\rho$	Utilization of each server (as well as the resource pool). $\rho = \lambda / (c \times \mu)$ and we need $0 \leq \rho < 1$ for the PK-Formula
$I_s$	The average inventory at the server(s). By Little's Law, $I_s = RT_s = \lambda \times \frac{1}{\mu} = c\rho$
$I_q$	The average inventory in the queue. (See next page for PK-Formula)
I	The average inventory in the process. $I = I_q + I_s$
$T_s$	Average flow time at the server. This equals $1/\mu$ .
$T_q$	Average wait time in the queue. This equals $I_q / \lambda$
T	The average flow time to get through the entire process (queue + server). $T = T_s + T_q$

## Newsvendor Model

$D$	(Uncertain) Demand
$C_o$	Overage cost per unit (cost for ordering one unit above demand)
$C_u$	Underage cost per unit (cost for not meeting one unit of demand)
S	Stocking quantity



Goal: Decide how much stock to purchase ( $S^*$ ) in order to minimize sum of overage and underage costs.

Overage Cost

$$C_o = C - SV$$

p	Retail price
c	Wholesale cost
sv	Salvage value

The cost (per unit) of ordering too much is...

Underage Cost

$$C_u = p - c$$

The cost (per unit) of ordering too few is...

We call the optimal value  $S^*$  or optimum ( $S$ )tocking quantity expected total newsvendor cost

$$E[C(S, D)] = C_u \times E[\max\{0, D-S\}] + C_o \times E[\max\{0, S-D\}]$$

D The demand during the selling period (This is a random variable)

S\* The optimal order quantity.

p The retail price per unit (how much we sell each unit for).

c The wholesale cost per unit (how much we buy each unit for).

sv The salvage value per unit (how much we salvage each unit for).

$C_u$  The cost of under ordering, also called the underage cost. This equals p-c.

$C_o$  The cost of over ordering, also called the overage cost. This equals sv-c.

CR The critical ratio is  $C_u / (C_u + C_o)$ . This is the service level that balances  $C_u$  and  $C_o$ .

Q. How much should we order to balance  $C_u$  and  $C_o$ ?

Marginal overage cost	Marginal underage cost
Probability that $D \leq S$ $\Pr(D \leq S)$	Probability that $S \leq D$ $1 - \Pr(D \leq S)$
Marginal cost of over stocking $\Pr(D \leq S) \times C_o$	Marginal cost of under stocking $(1 - \Pr(D \leq S)) \times C_u$

The newsvendor solution:

Find the value  $S^*$  that balances the marginal costs of over- and under-stocking.

$$\Pr(D \leq S) \times C_o = (1 - \Pr(D \leq S)) \times C_u \quad \text{OR} \quad \Pr(D \leq S) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$$

$$S^* \text{ satisfies } \Pr(D \leq S^*) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$$

Goal: Decide how much stock to purchase ( $S^*$ ) to minimize total overage and underage costs.

Goal: Decide how much stock to purchase ( $S^*$ ) to minimize  $E[C(S, D)]$ .

Goal: Decide how much stock to purchase ( $S^*$ ) to balance marginal costs of over-and under-stocking.

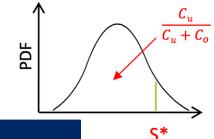
All three goals give the same  $S^*$ !

The newsvendor solution is to order  $S^*$  satisfying

The value  $\frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$  is the critical (or newsvendor) ratio (or service level or fractile)

If we have a continuous demand distribution, then...

$$S^* = \text{Any value of } S \text{ such that } \Pr(D \leq S) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$$



$$\mu_L = k\mu$$

➤ In the EOQ Model

$$ROP = \mu_L + z * \sigma_L$$

➤ In the NewsVendor Model

$$S^* = E[D] + (z * \sigma[D])$$

Probability that demand is less than or equal to the stocking quantity OR the probability you won't run out of stock (or your desired service level) known as the CSL or z in the EOQ model

$$\Pr(D \leq S^*) = z = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o} = \frac{4}{7}$$

z is the critical (or newsvendor) ratio (or service level)

You need to find the z\_(critical ratio). If the ratio is 4/7, find z\_(4/7)

You can sell a box of sushi for \$7. Each box costs \$3 to make. At the end of the day, you throw away any unsold sushi.

$$\Pr(D \leq S^*) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o} = \frac{4}{7} \quad z = \frac{4}{7} \text{ and you search the z table for } z_{4/7} \text{ or } z_{5.57} = 0.1764$$

$$S^* = E[D] + z_{4/7} \times \sigma[D] \approx 50 + 1.764 \times 5 = 50.882 \text{ boxes}$$

Recall:  
 $C_o = \$3$   
 $C_u = \$4$

$C_o > C_u$  means higher penalty cost for order too many units

**PK Formula (10,13)**

(A queue forms in the buffer) Service rate:  $\mu$  units/time interval (Average capacity rate)

Arrival rate:  $\lambda$  units/time interval (average input rate)

Recall we assume stability unless stated otherwise.

$\lambda = 1 / E[A]$ , exam q

$\mu = 1 / E[S] = \frac{1}{T_s}$ .

$c = \text{num of servers}$

**PK FORMULA**

$$I_q \cong \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho} \times \frac{(CA)^2 + (CS)^2}{2}$$

"=" for special cases  
"≈" in general

**G/G/1 queue** For G/G/x →  $p = \lambda / \mu * x$

The first "G" refers to the fact that the "arrivals" follow a "general" (probability) distribution  
The second "G" refers to the fact that the "service times" follow a "general" (probability) distribution  
The "1" refers to the fact that there is a single server

**M/M/1 queue**

The first "M" indicates that the inter-arrival times are exponentially distributed (or Markovian)  
The second "M" indicates that the service times are exponentially distributed (or Markovian)  
The "1" refers to the fact that there is a single server

**M/D/1 queue**

The first "M" indicates that the inter-arrival times are exponentially distributed  
The second "D" indicates that the service times are a constant (or Deterministic)  
The "1" refers to the fact that there is a single server

**G/G/c queue**

The first "G" refers to the fact that the "arrivals" follow a "general" (probability) distribution  
The second "G" refers to the fact that the "service times" follow a "general" (probability) distribution  
The "c" refers to the fact that there are c many servers

If it's D/D/1,  $I_q = 0$

M/M/c queue, the PK formula is

$$I_q \cong \frac{\rho^{2/(c+1)}}{1-\rho} \times \frac{(CA)^2 + (CS)^2}{2}$$

general exponential

How to deal with variability?  
Reduce Variability  
➤ Variability due to "bad information"  
➤ Reduce variability by improving information

**About Input (Demand)** Better Forecasting  
**About Process** Reduce Process Variability  
Better Scheduling  
Better Quality  
Choose appropriate "Buffer" Reduce impact of variability by "risk pooling"  
Build adequate inventory and/or Build adequate capacity  
"Risk pooling" reduces queue length and wait times

**EOQ and Inventory Management (14)**

Why should a business hold inventory?

Protect against unpredictable variability  
Capitalize on predictable variability  
Possible discounts of economies of scale  
Account for transportation/flow times

How to estimate costs  
Ordering/setup costs (fixed costs): S

- Estimate costs incurred during the placement of each new order
- Do not count "sunk" costs and fixed overhead

Unit Cost: C

- Estimate variable cost incurred in the production of each additional unit

Holding/carrying costs: H or i

- Estimate opportunity cost of working capital
- Estimate cost of storage, handling, etc.

Why should a business not hold inventory?

Incur carrying costs  
Limited storage  
For inventory with short shelf life, we may waste inventory  
Shifting consumer preferences may make inventory less desirable  
Inventory hides operational problems  
How much inventory should we hold for a particular type of item?  
Trade-off 1: Ordering costs (Economies of Scale) vs Holding costs  
Trade-off 2: Shortage costs vs Cost of wasted inventory

Ordering/Setup costs (Fixed costs) = Fixed transportation costs  
Holding costs (Carrying costs) = Costs for storage, insurance, work, tied up working capital  
Shortage Costs (Opportunity Costs) = Lost sales, etc.

The EOQ Model

Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) balances ordering and holding costs.  
Goal: Determine the quantity (Q) to order in order to balance ordering and holding costs.

Goal: The EOQ model determines how much quantity (Q) to order in order to minimize total annual cost.

**Notation**

D Annual Demand Rate  
Q Lot or batch size (the order size)  
S Set-up cost per lot/batch, or average cost of processing/placing an order  
C Unit cost  
H Annual holding/storage cost per unit of average inventory  
i Percent carrying cost (e.g., "interest" rate)

Average (cycle) inventory =  $\frac{\text{Area under curve}}{T} = \frac{Q}{2}$

**Class 15: EOQ with lead times and random demand**

Lead Time (L): Time between placing an order and receiving it.  
Q: How do we compute the optimal EOQ value  $Q_{opt}$  now that the demand is random?

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)  
 $P(X \leq k) = 1 - e^{-\lambda k}$

Probability density function (PDF)  
 $f(k) = \lambda e^{-\lambda k}$

Quantity on hand

Reorder Point

ROP

Place Order

Receive order

Time

LEAD TIME

Scenario 1: ROP =  $D_l$   
Inventory = 0  
Shortage = 0  
Overstock = No

Scenario 2:  $ROP > D_l$   
Inventory =  $ROP - D_l$   
Shortage = 0  
Overstock: Yes

μ =  $\frac{1}{E[S]} = \frac{1}{T_s}$ .

$I_q \approx \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu-\lambda)} \times \frac{(CA)^2 + (CS)^2}{2}$

Information about variability

Utilization % =  $\frac{\text{Throughput Rate}}{\text{Capacity Rate}} = \frac{\text{Actual Output Rate}}{\text{Maximum Output Rate}} \times 100\%$

What strategies respond to variability?  
• Inventory - Let the queue build up.  
• Capacity - Increase capacity to produce more.  
• Information - Try doing away with uncertainty by knowing the variability.

**The Operations Management (OM) Triangle**

Capacity  
Information (variability reduction)

The "Inventory" corner : we have high inventory, low excess capacity, and high variability/low information  
The "Information" corner: High information and low variability, using low excess capacity, and low inventory  
The "Capacity" corner: High excess capacity, Inventory using low inventory and information/high variability

**The PK-Formula and the OM Triangle**

$$I_q \cong \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho} \times \frac{(CA)^2 + (CS)^2}{2}$$

Also denoted as:

$$I_q = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu-\lambda)} \times \frac{(CA)^2 + (CS)^2}{2}$$

Remember: In an exponential distribution The mean and standard deviation will be the same, so CA = 1 and CS = 1

**Safety Stock (SS):** Inventory used to protect against variable demand.

CSL = Prob ( $D_l \leq ROP$ )

The optimal EOQ quantity is inventory to serve the expected demand during each cycle, i.e., Q is the cycle stock.

Q. What might happen if the demand rate is uncertain?

A: We might stock out.  
We (the inventory managers) get to choose a service level (this is just the desired probability that we serve demand during lead time).  
To reach a desired service level, we may need more than just the cycle stock. The extra stock we need to reach the desired service level is the safety stock.

**Coefficient of variation**

Inventory  
Information (Variability)

**Coefficient of variation (CV) =  $\frac{\text{Standard Deviation}}{\text{Mean}}$**

**Inventory in Process**

Inventory in process (I)

Little's law

$$I_q = I_q / \lambda : I_q = \lambda T_q$$

$$I_s = I_s / \lambda : I_s = \lambda T_s$$

$$I = I_q + I_s : I = \lambda T$$

$$T_s = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad (\text{utilisation rate})$$

$I_q$  Average inventory in queue  
 $I_s$  Average inventory at the server  
 $I = I_q + I_s$  Average inventory in process  
 $T_q$  Average waiting time in queue  
 $T_s$  Average service time at the server  
 $T = T_q + T_s$  Average flow time in process

What might affect inventory in the buffer?  
Utilization of the server ρ (higher ρ correlates with higher  $I_q$ ).  
The capacity rate μ of the server (higher μ correlates with lower  $I_q$ ).  
Variability in the arrivals and the server.

Total Annual Cost =  $TC(Q) = \frac{Q}{2} H + \frac{D}{Q} S = \text{Annual holding Cost} + \text{Annual setup costs}$

## Class 18: Forecasting (SMA, MAE)

Forecasting is a statistical estimate of future demand, that can be used to plan current activities  
Forecasts are often based on past sales, while considering issues like seasonality, trends in demand, etc

### Finance and Accounting:

Forecasts provide the basis for budgetary planning and cost control.

### Marketing:

Relies on sales forecasting to plan new products and promotions.

### Production and Operations:

Use forecasts to make decisions involving capacity planning, process selection and inventory control.

### Strategic Planning:

Forecasting is one of the bases for corporate long-run planning.

### Qualitative Forecasting methods

#### Executive Judgment

Based on experience and history

#### Market Research

Surveys, interviews, etc.

#### Panel Consensus

Meetings of executives, salespeople and customers

#### Delphi Method

1. Choose experts to participate representing a variety of points of view
2. Obtain forecasts (and reasoning) from all participants
3. Summarize the results and redistribute them to the participants along with appropriate new questions
4. Summarize again, refining forecasts and conditions, and again develop new questions to distribute to all participants
5. Repeat the previous step as necessary and distribute the final results.

### Quantitative Forecasting Methods

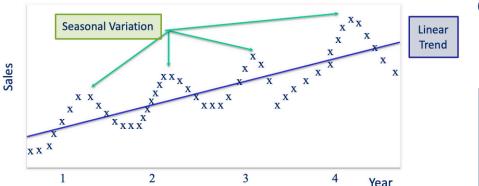
#### Time Series Analysis

Time series forecasting models try to predict future based on past data

Some common approaches

- o Moving averages
- o Exponential smoothing

#### A Typical Time-Series of Past Demands



#### Forecasting notation:

- $A_t$  The actual demand at time t.  
 $F_t$  The forecasted demand at time t.

In COMM 204, we look at different methods of forecasting  $F_t$ :

1. Simple moving averages
2. Weighted moving averages
3. Exponential smoothing

For each method, we measure error using the mean absolute error.

#### Q: How can we quantify a linear trend?

**Definition:** The n-period simple moving average (SMA) at period t is

$$F_t = \frac{A_{t-1} + A_{t-2} + \dots + A_{t-n}}{n}$$

This is one of the simplest forecasts.

This average can remove variability not associated to trends.

n is the **window length**, which we can choose.

Simple Moving Average: Example

Week	Demand	3-Week SMA	6-Week SMA
1	650	N/A	N/A
2	678	N/A	N/A
3	720	N/A	N/A
4	785	682.67	N/A
5	859	727.67	N/A
6	920	788.00	N/A
7	850	854.67	768.67
8	758	876.33	802.00
9	892	842.67	815.33
10	920	833.33	844
11	789	856.67	866.5
12	844	867	854.83

$$F_4 = (650+678+720)/3 \approx 682.67$$

$$F_7 = (650+678+720+785+859+920)/6 \approx 768.67$$

#### What is a good forecast?

**Definition:** The forecast error at time t is  $F_t - A_t$ .

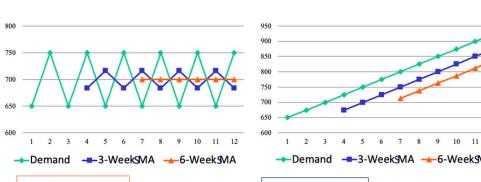
**Definition:** The mean absolute error (MAE) at time t is

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T |F_t - A_t|}{T}$$

The average is only taken over time periods where we have  $F_t$  and  $A_t$ .

Example.

#### Q: Which forecast has the lower MAE?



The 6-week SMA has a lower MAE

No long term trend.  
The 6-week SMA does not 'fluctuate' as much as the 3-week SMA.

The 3-week SMA has a lower MAE

Long term trend.  
The 6-week SMA has a longer lag behind actual demand than 3-week SMA.

#### Q: How many periods should be used?

#### Advantages of More Periods

- More data points can give a better estimate in the sense that the effect of randomness is reduced by averaging together a number of observations
- When there is no trend in the data, using more observations results in a forecast with lower error

#### Disadvantages of More Periods

- A large number of observations causes the moving average to respond slowly to permanent changes
- When there is a trend in the data, using more observations results in a forecast with high error

#### Exponential Smoothing

$$F_t = F_{t-1} + \alpha \cdot (A_{t-1} - F_{t-1}) = \alpha \cdot A_{t-1} + (1-\alpha) \cdot F_{t-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_t &= \alpha \cdot A_{t-1} + (1-\alpha) \cdot [ \alpha \cdot A_{t-2} + (1-\alpha) \cdot F_{t-2} ] \\ &= \alpha \cdot A_{t-1} + (1-\alpha) \cdot \alpha \cdot A_{t-2} + (1-\alpha)^2 \cdot [ \alpha \cdot A_{t-3} + (1-\alpha) \cdot F_{t-3} ] \\ &= \dots \\ &= \alpha \cdot A_{t-1} + (1-\alpha) \cdot \alpha \cdot A_{t-2} + \dots + (1-\alpha)^{t-2} \cdot \alpha \cdot A_1 + (1-\alpha)^{t-1} \cdot F_1 \end{aligned}$$

This is why it is called **exponential** smoothing.

Larger values of  $\alpha$  give more weight to the recent observed data  $A_{t-1}$ . Smaller values of  $\alpha$  give more weight to the recent forecast  $F_{t-1}$ .

Exponential Smoothing:  
Example Ex.1

Assume that  
 $F_1 = 500$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_1 + 0.1 \cdot A_1 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 500 + 0.1 \cdot 650 = 515 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_3 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_2 + 0.1 \cdot A_2 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 515 + 0.1 \cdot 678 = 513.30 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_4 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_3 + 0.1 \cdot A_3 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 513.30 + 0.1 \cdot 720 = 550.17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_5 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_4 + 0.1 \cdot A_4 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 550.17 + 0.1 \cdot 785 = 573.65 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_6 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_5 + 0.1 \cdot A_5 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 573.65 + 0.1 \cdot 859 = 602.19 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_7 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_6 + 0.1 \cdot A_6 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 602.19 + 0.1 \cdot 850 = 633.97 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_8 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_7 + 0.1 \cdot A_7 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 633.97 + 0.1 \cdot 758 = 655.57 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_9 &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_8 + 0.1 \cdot A_8 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 655.57 + 0.1 \cdot 892 = 665.81 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{10} &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_9 + 0.1 \cdot A_9 \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 665.81 + 0.1 \cdot 920 = 688.43 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{11} &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_{10} + 0.1 \cdot A_{11} \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 688.43 + 0.1 \cdot 789 = 711.59 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{12} &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_{11} + 0.1 \cdot A_{12} \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 711.59 + 0.1 \cdot 844 = 719.33 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{13} &= (1-0.1) \cdot F_{12} + 0.1 \cdot A_{13} \\ &= 0.9 \cdot 719.33 + 0.1 \cdot 800 = 801.70 \end{aligned}$$

Q: How do we pick up long term trends and seasonal patterns?

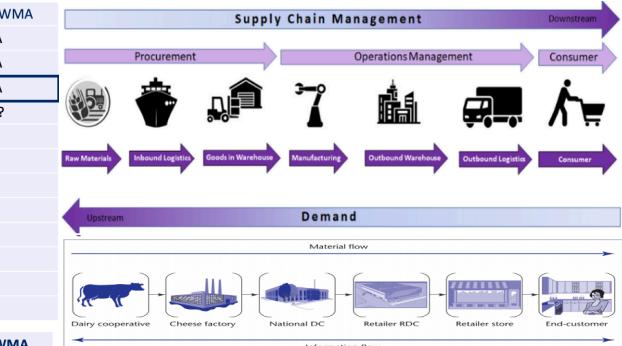
Consider exponential smoothing.

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A lower  $\alpha$  smooths over older values of  $A_t$  – Long term trends

#### Class 20: Supply Chain Management and Supply Chain Design

The supply chain is defined as 'the processes involved in getting the right product, to the right place, in the right quantity, at the right time, at the right price'



➢ The definitions tend to follow one of 3 perspectives:

**1. Network** – organisation of customers (downstream) and suppliers (upstream) who are part of the supply chain; this also includes the suppliers of the raw materials needed for production and final consumer of the products and services.

**2. Flow** – movement of materials, information and cash between suppliers, manufacturers, logistics providers and customers.

**3. Process** – articulation of the core processes involved in the supply chain – planning, purchasing, manufacturing and logistics. More recently this has included the reverse flow of materials at end of life.

The supply chain is actually a **complex supply network** of interconnected operations between buyers, suppliers and customers.

□ The Supply Network is defined as "the network of organizations that are involved, through upstream and downstream linkages, in the different processes and activities that produce value in the form of products and services delivered to the ultimate consumer (Christopher, 1992).

**Definition:** Let  $\alpha$  be in  $(0,1)$ . We call  $\alpha$  the **smoothing factor**. Let  $F_1$  be an initial value. The **exponential smoothing (ES)** at period  $t \geq 2$  is

$$F_t = F_{t-1} + \alpha \cdot (A_{t-1} - F_{t-1}) = \alpha \cdot A_{t-1} + (1-\alpha) \cdot F_{t-1}$$

You have to determine the forecast error for both the 3 week WMA, and the ES MAE

The average is only taken over time periods where we have  $F_t$  and  $A_t$ .

Example.

Month	Demand	Forecast	Forecast Error
1	220		
2	250	255	-5
3	210	205	-5
4	300	320	20
5	325	315	-10

$$MAE = |5+5+20+10|/4 = 10$$

We place one order. This is different than the EOQ model.

If  $D$  follows a continuous distribution, then

$$S^* = S \text{ such that } \Pr(D \leq S) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$$

If  $D$  follows a discrete distribution, then

$$S^* = \text{smallest } S \text{ such that } \Pr(D \leq S) \text{ is at least } \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}.$$

Suppose  $C_u = 5$  and  $C_o = 2$ .

Assume that the demand follows a discrete distribution:

d	$\Pr(D=d)$
1	0.15
2	0.25
3	0.35
4	0.25

Q. What is  $S^*$ ?

$$\frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o} = \frac{5}{7} = .714$$

A.  $S^* = 3$

How to pick up long term trends and seasonal patterns

Consider exponential smoothing.

## THE EOQ MODEL

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Usually,  $H = iC$ .

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## Global Production Networks Configuration

Demand is normally distributed

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[D_L] &= L \times \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma[D_L] = \sqrt{L} \times \sigma. \\ \text{CSL} \rightarrow Z &\leq \frac{ROP - \mathbb{E}[D_L]}{\sigma[D_L]} \end{aligned}$$

$$SS = ROP - \mathbb{E}[D_L] = (\mu \times L + z_{CSL} \times \sqrt{L} \times \sigma) - (\mu \times L) = z_{CSL} \times \sqrt{L} \times \sigma.$$

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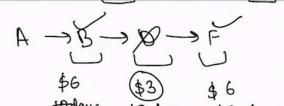
(a) What is the critical path(s) and the current duration of the project? (2 marks)

There are three paths: ABEF, ABDF, ACDF, with lengths 220 days, 235 days, 225 respectively. Hence, the current project duration is 235 days and ABDF is the critical path.

(b) What is the minimum amount of extra money you need to spend to reduce the project duration by 15 days? (5 marks)

Activity	Original Time	Original Cost	Crash Time	Crash Cost	Cost Slope
A	15 days	\$50	—	—	—
B	90 days	\$10	80 days	\$70	\$0.11 per day
C	80 days	\$10	65 days	\$150	\$1.33 per day
D	80 days	\$10	70 days	\$40	\$0.14 per day
E	65 days	\$10	55 days	\$20	\$0.18 per day
F	50 days	\$20	40 days	\$80	\$2.00 per day

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$$3 \times 10 = 30$$

B or F

$$6 \times 5 = 30$$

]  
\$ 60

## Other factors influencing Supply Chain Design

### Government Incentives and Policy

- Tax Breaks
- Tariff and non-tariff Barriers
- Trade Agreements

### Legal

- Intellectual Property Protection
- Rule of Law
- Employment Standards

### Network Effects

- Innovation Clusters
- Silicone Valley

The lead time is the time that it takes for goods to be shipped from the supplier.  
The reorder point is the inventory level at which we place our order for the next cycle.  
A stock out is the event when we do not have enough inventory to meet demand.

The safety stock (SS) corresponding to a reorder point ROP is any extra stock above the expected demand during lead time that we use to avoid stocking out during lead time. We compute safety stock as:

$$SS = ROP - (Expected Demand During Lead Time) = ROP - E[DL].$$

The (cycle) service level corresponding to a reorder point ROP is the probability that we do not stock out during lead time if we place an order to the supplier when our at ROP. Given that we do not stock out during lead time precisely when  $DL \leq ROP$ , the service level satisfies the equation  $SSL = \Pr(DL \leq ROP)$ .

If we substitute  $\rho = \lambda/\mu$ , then we see that

$$\frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho} \times \frac{(C_A)^2 + (C_S)^2}{2} = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu-\lambda)} \times \frac{(C_A)^2 + (C_S)^2}{2}$$

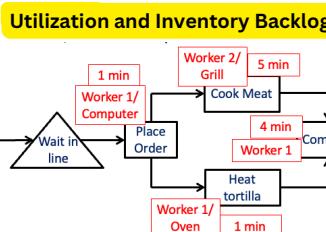
Crashing activities

1. Crash the "cheapest" critical activity first (the one with the lowest cost slope).

2. When crashing critical activities, pay attention to the fact that the critical path may change as we proceed.

3. New critical paths may emerge and we may now have to crash other activities.

4. If we want to reduce the process flow time, then we have to reduce the length of all critical paths simultaneously.



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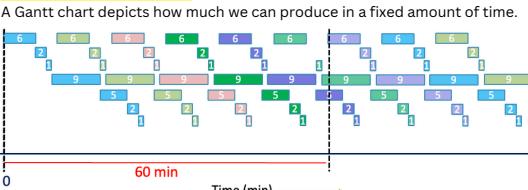
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#### Gantt Charts: Process Flow

A Gantt chart depicts how much we can produce in a fixed amount of time.



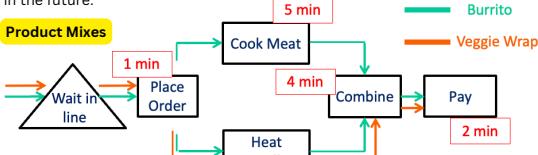
The capacity rate of a process might not equal the output rate.

**Input Rate to the process:** The rate at which units are entering the process.

**Throughput rate of process:** Actual output rate of the process.

**Utilization of a resource:** The percentage of a resource actually being used.

**Implied Utilization of resource:** The percentage of resource we expect to use in the future.

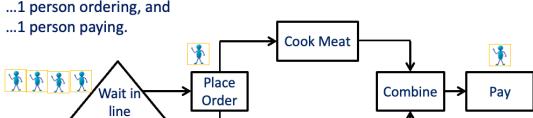


To analyze multiple flow units, we weight them to develop a product mix.

**Inventory in the process:** Number of flow units which are performing an activity or waiting in a buffer. (the units inside the process walls)

Suppose at 1:00 pm, our restaurant has...

...4 people waiting in line,  
...1 person ordering, and  
...1 person paying.



Each unit's individual flow time and the process inventory may depend on many things, ex. malfunction of resources, external factors. that's why we consider averages.

#### Little's Law

**Little's law:** In a stable process (long term average input equals throughput) the equation  $I = RT$  holds through.

#### Scheduling

**Shortest Processing Time (SPT) Schedule:** schedules tasks in order of process time (shortest time first). This schedule MINIMIZES the sum of completion times, or equivalently, the sum of weight times.

**Weighted Shortest Processing Time (SPT) Schedule:** schedules tasks based on the value of Time to Complete / Weight (smallest value first). This schedule minimizes the sum of weighted completion times.

**Earliest Due Date (EDD) Schedule:** schedules tasks in order of earliest due date.

**Moore's algorithm:** find a schedule by repeating these steps:

1. Find the EDD (earliest due date)
2. Find the first late task
3. Among all those tasks schedule up and including the first late in the EDD schedule, discard the longest one. This schedule minimizes the number of tasks completed after their deadline.

#### Relevant Formulas

$$\text{Capacity Rate of Resource} = \frac{1}{\text{Unit Load}}$$

$$\text{Resource Pool Capacity Rate} = (\text{capacity rate of each resource}) \cdot (\text{num. of resources in pool})$$

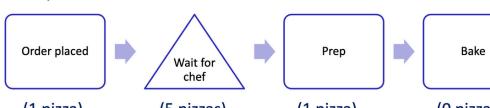
	Production Process	Service Process
Flow Unit	Materials	Customers
Input Rate	Raw material releasing rate	Customer arrival rate
Capacity Rate	Maximum output rate	Maximum service completion rate
Throughput Rate	Finished goods output rate	Customers departure rate (service completion rate)
Flow Time	Time required to turn materials into a product	Time that a customer is being served
Inventory	Amount of work-in-process	Number of customers being served

**Inventory in a buffer** counts all flow units in a buffer.

**Inventory in an activity** counts all flow units performing an activity.

**Inventory in the process** counts all flow units in the process (this includes all buffers and activities).

Example:



$$\text{Utilization (of a resource)} = \frac{\text{Throughput Rate (process)}}{\text{Capacity Rate (resource)}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Cycle time is time between outputs} = \frac{1}{\text{Throughput Rate}}$$

$$\text{Implied Utilization} = \frac{\text{Input Rate (process)}}{\text{Capacity Rate (resource)}}$$

$$\text{Flow Time T} = I/R$$

$$\text{Cost Slope} = \frac{(\text{Crash Cost} - \text{Original Cost})}{(\text{Original Time} - \text{Crash Time})}$$

$$\text{Throughput Rate} = \min(\text{input rate}, \text{capacity rate})$$

$$\text{Utilization of Resource} = \frac{(\text{Process Throughput Rate})}{(\text{Resource Capacity Rate})}$$

$$\text{Implied Utilization of Resource} = \frac{(\text{Process Input Rate})}{(\text{Resource Capacity Rate})}$$

$$Q_{OPT} = \sqrt{\frac{2SD}{H}}$$

$$TC(Q) = \frac{Q}{2}H + \frac{D}{Q}S$$

$$\text{Cycle Time} = \frac{D}{Q_{OPT}}$$

$I_q$  Average inventory (in queue)

$I_s$  Average inventory (at the server)

$I = I_q + I_s$  Average inventory (in process)

$T_q$  Average waiting time (in queue)

$T_s$  Average service time (at the server)

$T = T_q + T_s$  Average flow time (in process)

#### Little's law

$$I = R \cdot T \quad \text{Total Annual Cost} = TC(Q) = \frac{Q}{2}H + \frac{D}{Q}S = \text{Annual holding Cost} + \text{Annual setup costs}$$

$$\text{Long Term Avg. Inventory} = I$$

$$\text{Long Term Avg. Throughput Rate} \cdot \text{Long Term Avg. Flow Time} = R$$

$$\text{WSPT schedule} = \text{schedule tasks with smallest } \frac{(\text{Time to Complete})}{\text{Weight}} \text{ first}$$

$$T_q = I_q / \lambda \quad I_q = \lambda T_q$$

$$I_s = \lambda T_s$$

$$I = \lambda T$$

$$T_s = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad (\text{utilisation rate})$$

$$\text{Average Cycle Stock} = \frac{\text{Order Quantity}}{2}$$

Number of orders per year

Average (cycle) inventory

Annual Setup Cost

Annual Holding Cost

Annual Total Cost

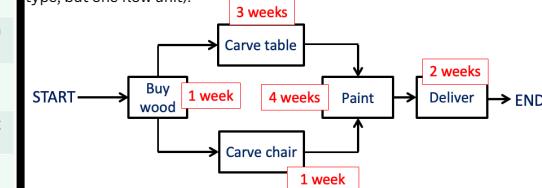
#### Process Management

##### Critical Path Analysis

Critical Path analysis helps us to find the critical path of the project, crash costs and times, and how much money is needed to reduce the project by XX days

Earned value analysis (BCWC, BCWS, ACWC) tells us if the project is ahead of schedule, behind schedule, over budget or under budget

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**Definition:** A critical path in a project is a longest path, and its length is the expected project duration. Critical activities are activities on some critical path.

#### Paying Extra or Less to decrease Flow Time of Activity

Sometimes, we can decrease the flow time of an activity by paying extra to complete the task faster.

The crash time is 0.5 weeks, the crash cost is \$750, and the cost slope is \$500 per week.

If we pay extra for a faster shipment, the "buy wood" activity may only require 0.5 weeks. Perhaps this activity now costs \$500.

**Definition:** A crash time of an activity is a new possible theoretical flow time. The crash cost is the price to complete the activity at the crash time.

**Definition:** The cost slope is the extra cost we pay to shorten the flow time of an activity by one time unit. This equals (Crash cost - Original cost)/(Original time - Crash time). ( $(750-500)/1.05$ )

#### Delays

**Definition:** An earned value analysis can be used to determine if a project is over/under budget and ahead/below schedule.

**Definition:** The budgeted cost of work scheduled to date for the activity is denoted by BCWS. This equals (% scheduled)\*Budget.

\*BCWS is how much we expected to spend based on the expected amount of completed work.

**Definition:** The budgeted cost of work completed to date for the activity is denoted by BCWC. This equals (% completed)\*Budget.

\*BCWC is how much we expected to spend based on the actual amount of completed work.

**Definition:** The actual cost of work completed to date for the activity is denoted by ACWC.

\*ACWC is how much we actually spent based on the actual amount of completed work.

To compute the percent that an activity is ahead or behind schedule...

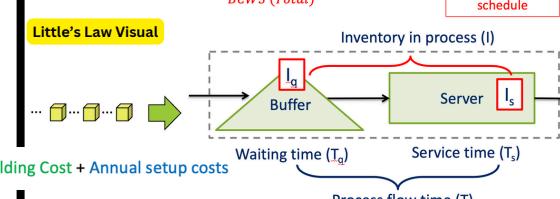
$$\frac{| \% \text{ Scheduled (activity)} - \% \text{ Completed (activity)} |}{ \% \text{ Scheduled (activity)}} \times 100\%$$

$$= \frac{| \text{BCWS (activity)} - \text{BCWC (activity)} |}{\text{BCWS (activity)}} \times 100\%$$

To compute the percent that the project is ahead or behind schedule...

$$\frac{| \text{BCWS (Total)} - \text{BCWC (Total)} |}{\text{BCWS (Total)}} \times 100\%$$

If BCWS < BCWC, we are ahead of schedule



What might affect inventory in the buffer?

Utilization of the server  $\rho$  (higher  $\rho$  correlates with higher  $I_q$ ). The capacity rate  $\mu$  of the server (higher  $\mu$  correlates with lower  $I_q$ ). Variability in the arrivals and the server.