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Q1.) Explain PNR with a neat graph.

Q2.) Explain how risks are managed by project managers.

Q3.) Explain building blocks of CASE tools.

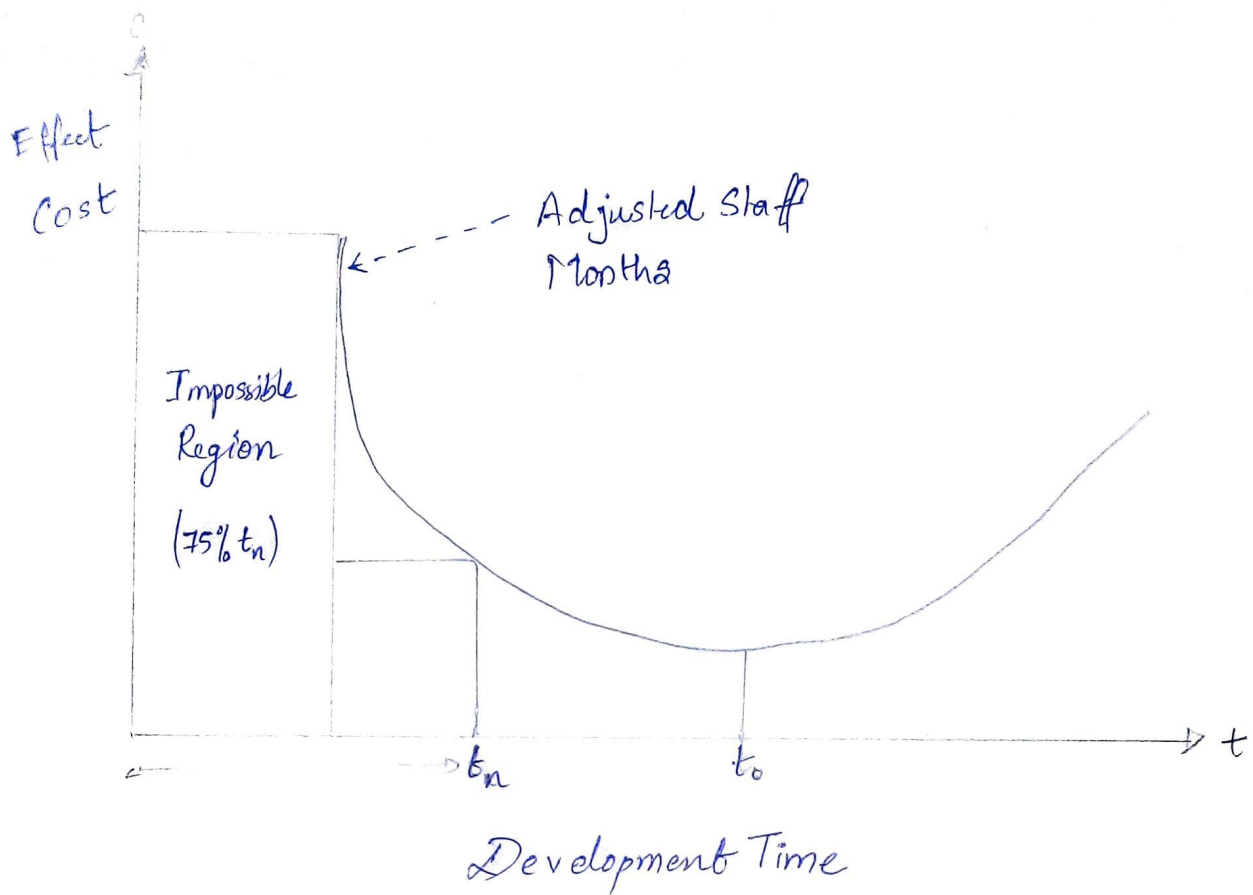
## Answers

A1.) ~ Converting effort estimates into project duration and team sizes is an important part of project planning.

~ While adding team members to a project, increases cost in a linear fashion.

~ Research by Putnam Norden found that for projects that require communication and learning, the efforts follows a Rayleigh distribution.

~ The Putnam Norden Rayleigh (PNR) Curve. is shown below:



$t_n$  = Nominal delivery time

$t_0$  = Optimal delivery time (in terms of cost) =  $2 t_n$

- ~ The curved line is the PNR staffing curve, the X axis shows time and the Y axis shows costs
- ~ The optimal delivery time ( $t_0$ ) indicates the lowest cost that the project could be delivered for.
- ~ If we move from right to left we see that the curve gets steeper and steeper (indicating increased cost) but not much of a shortening in timeline.
- ~ Most companies are looking for the best compromise between low cost and short timelines as indicated by the nominal delivery time " $T_n$ ".

## A2.) Risk Management

- Risk is a potential obstacle that has the equal probability of occurring or not.
- Irrespective of the predicament Risk Management is the process of identifying the risk, with its probability of risk.
- Not just that, risk management involves estimation of its impact and sketching a logical plan to handle the plausible situation.
- To identify Risk it can be generally classified as
  - (i) Known Risks: Those risks which can be brought to light after strict scrutiny of the Project, business and technical environment.
  - (ii) Predictable Risks: These risks can be forecasted using various methods like studying the past history, deriving a conclusion, plausible inferences from ~~the~~ the overall environment.
  - (iii) Unpredictable Risks: As the name says they are beyond the reach of the human evaluation.



- ~ Risk can be further classified on the basis of various key stones.
- ~ Then the Risk is handled in such a way that the impact it may cause is either nullified or minimized.
- ~ The risks are also monitored all through the project as that may enable them or more correctly ~~take~~ <sup>be</sup> empower them to take reflexive action accurately.
- ~ There are various factors such as: technical, marketing, business, sales, internal staff, external environment, product specifications, stakeholders characteristics, technological barriers, budget deadlines etc. ~~which~~ to be considered when a project manager tries to manage risk.
- ~ Project managers are hence advised to be ready for any thing. <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ timely identification risk delivers he or she can succeed in progressing the project.

## A2.) Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE)

- ~ Computer aided software engineering is the implementation of computer facilitated tools and methods in software development.
- ~ CASE is used to ensure high quality and defect free software.
- ~ It ensures a checkpointed and disciplined approach and helps designers, developers testers and every one else to view the project milestones during development.
- ~ There are various types of case tools:
  1. Diagramming Tools:
    - ~ Helps in diagrammatic & graphical representation of data & system processes.
    - eg:- Flow chart maker tool, UML creators.
  2. Report Generators
    - ~ It helps in understanding the data requirements and relationships involved.
  3. Analysis Tools
    - ~ It focuses on inconsistency and incorrect specification involved in the diagram. eg:- Accept360

#### 4. Central Repository

~ It provides the single point of storage for data diagrams, reports and documents related to project management.

eg:- GitHub, GitLab etc.

#### 5. Document Generators

~ Helps in generating user & technical documents as per standards. It creates docs for technical & end users.

eg:- README.md & LICENCE.md generators on GitHub.

#### 6. Code Generators

~ It aids or helps to generate bulk code automatically - sometimes as a template to begin a project

eg:- 'flutter run' - helps in creating a demo project with around 400MB of autogenerated code.