

Project risks come in different forms like budget problems, delays in schedule, issues with personnel and resources, and problems related to customers. One significant risk is when a project falls behind schedule. Unlike making tangible things like cars, where you can see the progress, managing a software project is tough because it involves intangible elements that are not easily visible. 14.

## Risk Management

Technical risks involve potential challenges in methods, implementation, interfacing, testing, and maintenance. These risks encompass issues such as ambiguous, incomplete, or changing specifications, technical uncertainty, and the risk of technology becoming outdated. Often, technical risks arise from the team's insufficient knowledge about the project during its development.

### ⊗ Introduction:

A risk is a potential problem which might happen or which might not happen. Risk concerns future happenings. It involves change in mind, opinion, actions, places etc. Two main characteristics of risk are:

1) Uncertainty: the risk may or may not happen, that is there are no 100% risks.

2) Loss: If risks become a reality then losses occur.

⊗ Nature of risk: There are 3 main classifications of risks that can affect software project: [Risk Types] [Imp].

if more than 3 marks asked we can explain internal terms like schedule, risk, budget, risk etc.

1) Project risk: It concerns topics like budget, schedule, personnel, resource and customer related problems. Since the project is intangible, it is very tough to monitor and control it.

2) Technical risk: It concerns potential method, implementation, testing and maintenance issues as well as technical uncertainty. This risk occurs due to insufficient knowledge about technology and project.

3) Business risk: It contains risks of building an excellent product that no one needs, losing budgetary, or communication etc.

### ⊗ Identification of risk: [Imp]

Identification of risk is one of the critical steps in risk management. By chance, if failure occurs in identifying any particular risk, then all other steps that are involved in risk management will not be implemented for that particular task. To manage risk, project team or organization should be able to know what risks the project might face and then how to evaluate those risks. Following are the methods for identifying risks:



i) Checklist Analysis: It is a technique for identifying and managing risks in which the checklist is developed by listing items, steps, tasks, then further analysed against provided criteria of risks.

ii) Brainstorming: It provides free and open approach that usually encourage each and everyone on project team to participate. It is used to determine best possible solution to problems as well as issues that arises.

iii) Casual Mapping: It is a method that builds on reflection and review failure factors in cause and effect of the diagrams. A best keytool for risk judgement.

iv) SWOT Analysis (Strengths - Weakness - Opportunities - Threat Analysis):

SWOT is a very helpful technique for identifying risks within greater organization. It is basically used for formulation of strategies for project. It helps to find out weaknesses and threats.

v) Flowchart Method: This method allows for dynamic process to be diagrammatically represented on paper. It is generally used to represent activities of process graphically and sequentially to simply find the risk.

### ⊗ Risk Analysis:

Risk analysis in project management is a sequence of processes to identify the factors that may affect a project's success. This process includes risk identification (already discussed), analysis of risks and management of risks. Risk analysis helps to control possible future events that may harm overall project. It is a pro-active process.

During risk analysis we perform following steps:

1. Identifying the problems causing risk in projects.
2. Identifying the probability of occurrence of problems.
3. Identifying the impact of problem.



4. Assign value to step 2 and 3 in range of 1-100 as (0-10) very low, (10-25) low, (25-50) moderate, (50-75) high, (75-100) very high.

5. Calculate risk exposure factor as:

$$RE = (\text{potential damage}) * (\text{probability of occurrence})$$

i.e, step 3 x Step 2.

where, potential value: a money value.  
for e.g. flood caused damage of 15 crores.

probability: ranges from 0.00 to 1.00  
for e.g. 0.1 (ten time in hundred chances)

6. Prepare table consisting of all of these values and order risk on the basis of risk exposure factor (RE).

Example:

Risk	Problem	Probability of occurrence	Impact of problem	Risk Exposure	Priority
R <sub>1</sub>	Issue of incorrect password	2	2	4	R <sub>2</sub>
R <sub>2</sub>	Design is not Robust	2	7	14	R <sub>1</sub>

Risk Avoidance and Mitigation: The purpose of this technique is to altogether eliminate the occurrence of risks. So to avoid risks this method reduces the scope of projects by removing non-essential requirements.

Risk Monitoring: Here, the risk is monitored continuously by re-evaluating the risk, the impact of risk, and the probability of risk. It ensures that:

- Risk has been reduced.
- New risks are discovered.
- Impact and magnitude of risks are measured.

## ⊗ Evaluation of risk to the schedule using Z-values: [Imp]

### Important related formulas:

→ Same... these are already discussed in unit 3 in PERT also

1) Expected time =  $\frac{\text{optimistic time} + 4 \times (\text{most likely time}) + \text{Pessimistic Time}}{6}$

i.e.,  $T_e = \frac{t_o + 4t_m + t_p}{6}$

2) Variance =  $\left( \frac{\text{Pessimistic time} - \text{Optimistic time}}{6} \right)^2$

i.e.,  $\sigma^2 = \left( \frac{t_p - t_o}{6} \right)^2$

3) Z-value =  $\frac{\text{Scheduled Time} - \text{Expected Time}}{\text{Standard deviation}(\sigma) \text{ of critical path}}$

i.e.,  $Z = \frac{T_s - T_e}{\sigma}$

→ youtube link: <https://youtu.be/clay6madCg>  
if any confusion otherwise easy

Q1.

Activity	Optimistic	Most likely	Pessimistic
1-2	4	10	16
1-3	3	6	9
1-4	4	7	16
2-5	5	5	5
3-5	8	11	32
4-6	4	10	16
5-6	2	5	8

i.e. question point मा  
जहाँ जहाँ directly  
जहाँ जहाँ process  
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- i) Draw the network diagram.
- ii) Identify the critical path and its duration.
- iii) What is the probability that the project will be completed in 5 days earlier than critical path duration?
- iv) What project duration will provide 95% confidence level of completion?



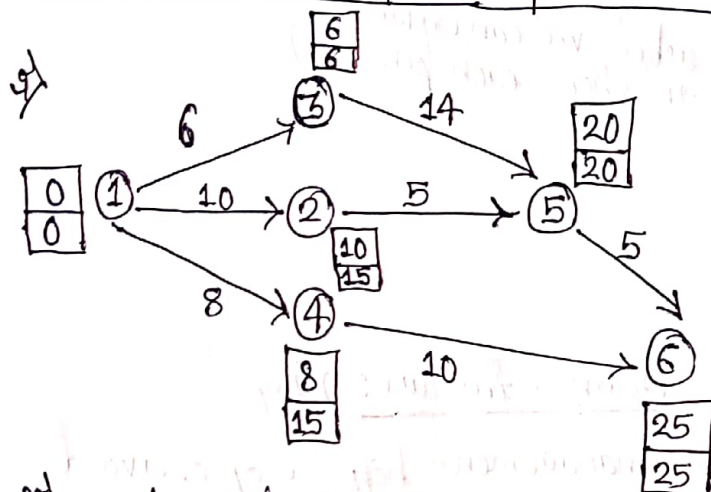
Solution:

आपका नम्बर बढि process  
Same PERT के दू same

If any issue or confusion  
occured during study  
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16.

Activity	Time Estimates (Days)			Expected Time $t_e = \frac{t_o + 4t_m + t_p}{6}$	Variance $\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{t_p - t_o}{6}\right)^2$
	$t_o$	$t_m$	$t_p$		
1-2	4	10	16	10	4
1-3	3	6	9	6	1
1-4	4	7	16	8	4
2-5	5	5	5	5	0
3-5	8	11	32	14	16
4-6	4	10	16	10	4
5-6	2	5	8	5	1



Earliest Time  
Latest Time

ii) Critical Path is: 1  $\xrightarrow{6}$  3  $\xrightarrow{14}$  5  $\xrightarrow{5}$  6  
Therefore duration = 6 + 14 + 5  
= 25 days

$$\text{Variance } (\sigma^2) = 1 + 16 + 1 = 18$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{18}$$

$$\therefore \text{Standard deviation} = 4.24$$

in table for activity 1-3 variance is 1  
similarly for others

iii) Now, we calculate Z value as

$$Z = \frac{T_s - T_e}{\sigma} = \frac{20 - 25}{4.24} = -1.18$$

we have critical path  
duration as 25 days in (i).  
In question 5 days earlier  
said so 25 - 5 = 20 days  
will be  $T_s$

$$\text{So, } Z = -1.18$$

Now, from Z-value table value for -1.1 row and .08 column is 0.1190  
 $\therefore$  Probability = 11.9%

decimal to  
percent

i) Given 95% confidence, so, from z-value table, the value for 0.95 is 1.65. (i.e,  $z=1.65$ ).

Percent to decimal

So, using formula,  $z = \frac{T_s - T_e}{\sigma}$

$$\text{or, } 1.65 = \frac{T_s - 25}{4.24}$$

$$\text{or, } T_s = 31.97 \text{ days.}$$

Hence, Project duration for 95% level of confidence is 31.97 days

### Risk Management Process:

- i) Identification of risk.
- ii) Analysis of risk.
- iii) Evaluate or Rank the risk.
- iv) Treat the Risk.
- v) Monitor and Review the risk.

if asked we can explain in short each point

### Boehm's Risk engineering break down structure: [Imp]

Boehm believes that, "Risk management helps people avoid disasters, rework and stimulate win-win situation on software projects. Boehm's software risk management focuses on the concept of "risk exposure" as defined by the relationship where the probability of unsatisfactory outcome and loss determine the volume of risk event."

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