

Policies:

• Risk management Plan

- Methods to identify, profile, assess, monitor and handle risks
- Risk officer → not pm, oversee project risks
- Budget and schedule reserves

• Risk profile

- likelihood, impact, trigger symptoms, monitoring methods and response strategy

• Risk schedule / Budget Reserve

- time and dollar amount in schedule and budget

7 Advanced Project Scheduling

* Time-Cost Trade-off → direct cost

Reducing the project duration:

- Reduce amount of work.
- Appropriate technology
- Motivation
- Support from executives
- More expensive resources
- More resources.

- Better resources costs more money [duration is a function of cost]

Case where the duration is reduced by more resources

- More people
- Overtime
- Technology
- Equipment

Normal: work effort considered the norm → least costly

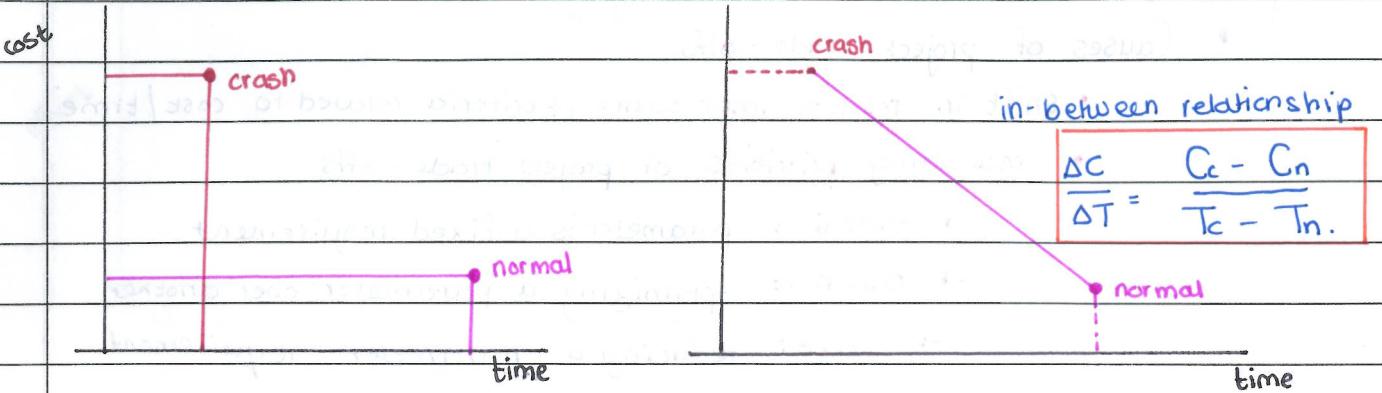
Crash: maximum resources applied → most costly

- Normal Time (T_n) and Crash Time (T_c) are fixed

- CPM time cost trade off takes no variability (baring cost) into account

$$\rightarrow T = f(\$)$$

$$\rightarrow T \neq f(\text{Murphy})$$



- **ALWAYS** reduces the work and adds the resources on **Critical Path**.
- How far can an activities time be reduced ?
 - to its crash time
 - until a parallel path becomes critical.

Principles

1. Choose the least costly slope to shorten the duration
2. Not sufficiently reduced → second costly slope
3. Look at all non-critical paths
4. if a non-critical path becomes critical — shorten duration

Find the least cost path that allows for the shortest duration. This is achieved by only crashing activities on the critical path

- Method 1: Crash step-by-step → Start with lowest cost slope
- Method 2: For the shortest duration
 - crash all activities
 - relax activities with the highest cost slope

* Duration with Least Cost

- Objective: complete project in whatever time results in lowest cost

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$$\boxed{\text{Total project Cost (Tc)} = \text{Direct Cost (DC)} + \text{Overhead (OH)}}$$

Kyk na die voorbeeld in die notes.

Project Priorities:

→ Causes of project trade-offs

- shift in relative importance of criteria related to cost/time
- managing priorities of project trade-offs
 - constrain: parameter is a fixed requirement
 - enhance: optimizing a parameter over another
 - accept: reducing a parameter requirement

Time	Performance	Cost
constrain		
enhance	●	
accept	●	

Practical Matters

- Good practise to propose two alternatives
- Choice between Plan A or Plan B
- Method 2 is unpractical because if all activities are critical — open up to being late
- Management should decide on acceptable risk / network sensitivity.
- Developing country — longer duration

Theory of Constraints & Critical Chain Method.

Common Problems:

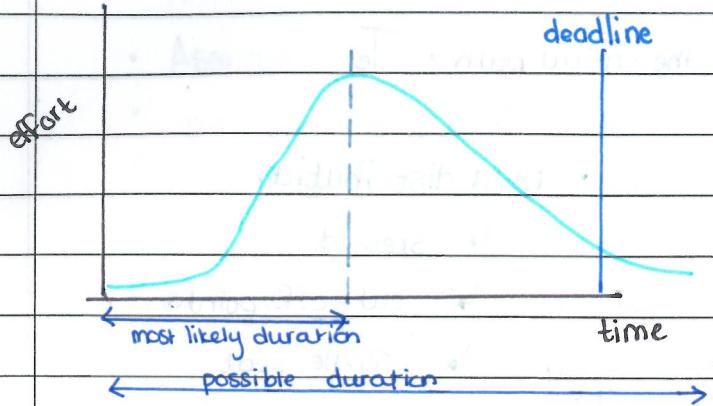
- Meeting all specification / requirements
 - budget
 - time.

Solutions:

- Critical Chain Method: contingency to manage reserves
- Various aspects of the solution have been known from a long time.

Theory of Constraints:

- Critical chain Method is a Theory of Constraints (TOC)
- Duration is considered as the constraint
- Objective is to deliver something that would generate income.
- Sooner the income is materialized the better



Reserves get wasted:

- We build in a lot of **contingency reserve** and it gets wasted in:
 - Student syndrome
 - Multi-tasking
 - Delays accumulate

* PERT technique

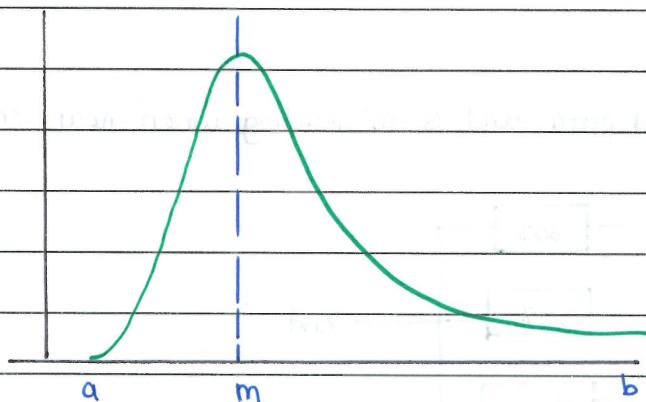
P = program

E = evaluation

R = Review

T = Technique

- Addresses variability of the duration of activities on the **critical path**
- Treats completion time as **probabilistic**.
- Deals with **uncertainty**
- Ex: What is the probability of 20 day completion



- a optimistic
- b pessimistic
- m most likely.

We need to define a cut-off point for b - pessimistic view.

t_e = expected duration (50% of completion)

$$t_e = \frac{a + 4m + b}{6}$$

Typo

The sum of te of activities on the critical path = Te

$$Te = \sum_{cp} te$$

Standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \frac{b-a}{6}$$

$$V = \left[\frac{b-a}{6} \right]^2$$

• Beta distribution

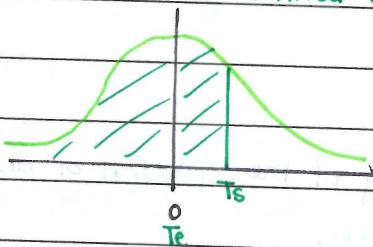
↳ skewed

↳ cut-off points

↳ single peak

Steps:

1. Calculate te for each activity
2. Identify the critical path
3. Consider summative distribution of all activities on critical path
↳ Normal distribution to find the probability

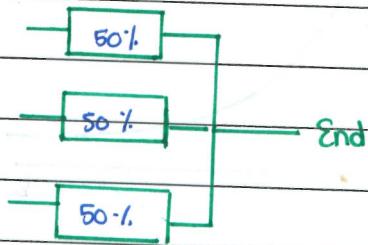


$$Z = \frac{Ts - Te}{\sigma}$$

4. Compute Te & σ for the critical path.
5. Use the z-value to calculate a probability

Shortcomings

- Only considers the critical path and is misleading when near-critical path becomes critical!
- Merge point bias



$0.5^3 = 0.125$ chance of finishing on time.

- Monte Carlo simulation addresses the issue of merge points and near critical paths.
 - randomly select times for project
 - compute the critical path
 - repeat

- Assumes successor will start immediately when predecessor is completed
- provides false confidence
- Expecting high probability of Project completion - lets guard down.

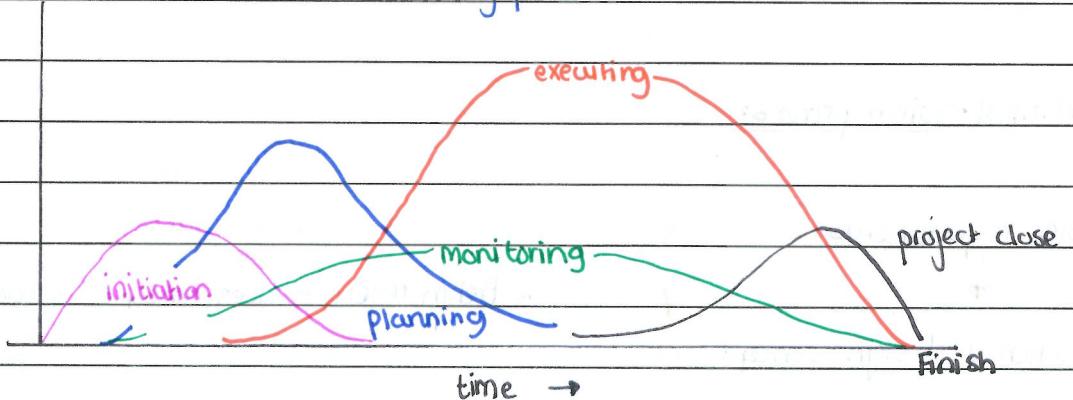
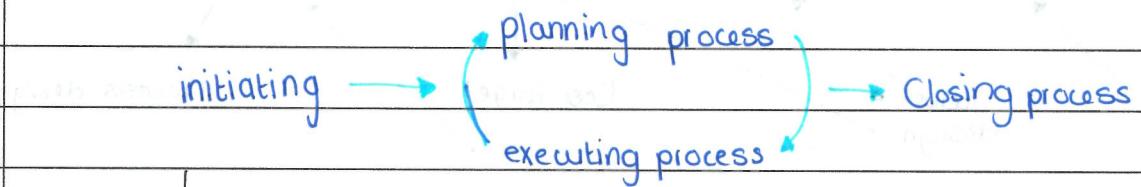
Risk of adding up most likely values:

- Simply add up the most likely values
- Does not take into account:
 - non critical paths becoming critical
 - behavioral aspects.
- Add up μ and NOT m — skewed distribution.

#11 Project Execution and Control.

* Phase C: Project Execution

- Expanding project team
- Assigning responsibilities
- Task integration
- Documentation
- Change Control
- Quality Control
- Inventory Control
- Production Coordination



Design Stage:

PM role:

- Design methodology
 - functional design
 - Physical design

Typo