

• Resource constrained

- level of resources available cannot be exceeded
- Resources fixed, time is flexible.
- Resource levelling: attempt to even out demands on resources by using slack to manage resources

Resource levelling:

PMBOK: " Any form of schedule network analysis in which schedule decisions are driven by resource constraints "

- activities can be split (jump between activities) = negative impact
- reducing overloading / difficult to manage fluctuations of one resource leads to overloading another resource.

Network Sensitivity:

- the likelihood that the original critical path will change once initiated

Function of:

- Number of critical paths
- Amount of slack across critical activities
- Uncertainty of time duration of activities.

8 Cost Estimating & Budgeting

* • Estimating:

- process of approximating the time/cost of completing project deliverables
- task of balancing expectations of the stakeholders and need for control

Types:

- Top-down: analogy, group consensus, mathematical relationship
- Bottom-up: estimates of elements of WBS.

* Methods:

- detail cost planning on work packages — accurate but expensive
- industrial standards
- functional staff members
- Three times method

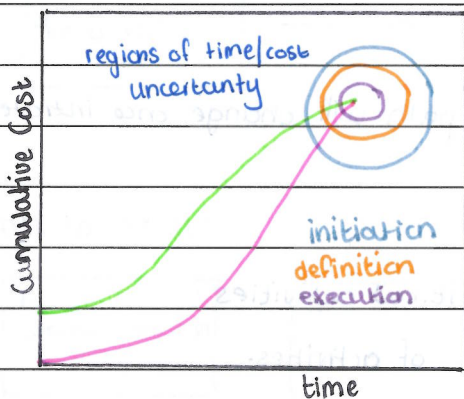
$$\text{Duration} = \frac{a + b + 4m}{6}$$

Cost increase:

- **Uncertainty and little definition** makes estimation difficult
- Ratio of cost to estimate \rightarrow **Cost escalation**
- $\pm 20\%$ normal on projects

Sources:

- \rightarrow Uncertainty and shortage of accurate information
- \rightarrow Changes in design and requirements
- \rightarrow Economic and social factors
- \rightarrow Ego of the estimator
- \rightarrow Ineffective, bad communication and shortage of control
- \rightarrow Project contract.



Life Cycle Cost (LCC):

- cradle to grave costs
 - \rightarrow cost during Definition & Execution phase
 - \rightarrow plus operation and disposal.
- **Target** costs for operation / maintenance / disposing
- Design system to meet target costs

* Estimating Process

Estimate: a realistic assessment based upon known facts, work, the resources, constraints and environment

Target: desired outcome, commitment or purpose

Accuracy: the closeness of the **estimated** value to the **actual** value

Precision: number of decimal places in the estimate.

* Methods:

Top down approaches:

1. Expert opinion
2. Analogy + compensation differences.

$$\text{Cost, Engine A} = (\text{cost, Engine B}) \left[\frac{\text{Thrust, engine A}}{\text{Thrust, engine B}} \right]^{0.7}$$

* 3. Parametric: formula or cost function.

eg.

$$\text{Cost} = 150A + 300\sqrt{\# \text{rooms}} + 150(\# \text{floors})$$

Bottom up approach:

4. Cost engineering

- detailed cost break down of labour, materials, etc

3 & 4 are the best methods. Rule of thumb, the smaller the work package the better the estimate.

Procedure for large projects:

1. PM: uses the WBS to identify work packages
2. FM: Subdivide work packages into identifiable tasks - determine labour materials, facilities
3. Supervisor: estimates the labour hours and material quantities
4. FM: check and aggregate time/material estimates
5. FM: convert time estimates to costs
6. PM: approves the estimates, aggregates costs, add in Overhead costs

$$\text{Project cost} = \sum \text{direct costs} + \sum \text{overhead costs}$$

7. PM: adds contingency amounts
8. PM: compares bottom-up estimates to top-up target.

	* Top-down Estimate	Bottom - up Estimate.
Intended use	Feasibility study, rough time/cost estimate fund requirement, resource capacity.	Budgeting, Scheduling, Resources fund timing
Preparation Cost	1/10 to 3/10 of total projected cost	3/10 or 1% of total projected cost

Accuracy	Minus 20% to Plus 60%	Minus 10% to plus 30%
Method	Consensus, Ratio, Apportion Functional points, learning curves	Template, Parametric WBS packages

Direct Costs: * Direct management * direct Equipment
 * direct labour * direct Expenses
 * direct materials

the same counts for indirect costs.

• Direct Costs

→ costs clearly chargeable to a specific work package

• Direct Overhead Costs

→ Costs directly tied to an identifiable project deliverable

• General / Administrative Costs

→ organization costs indirectly linked to a specific package

A. Direct Cost

→ directly related to work

→ costs are spent as the project needs it: direct deliveries

→ labour, materials, Equipment

B. Direct Overhead Costs

→ Organization resources used in project

→ related to the project deliverables

→ determined by basing on a specific %

→ payment of PM, rent of property

→ changes with time duration

C. General Overhead Costs

- Organization costs indirectly linked to a specific package
- Organization costs of all products/projects
- advertising, book keeping
- strategic decision of head office

* Project Cost Accounting System

- Enables budget information to be aggregated / disaggregated according to work packages
- Project budget: subdivided into control accounts

Cost monitoring:

- Weekly expenses and Cumulative Expenses
 - * Created from work packages budget
 - * Expenses occur uniformly through work package duration
 - * Analogous to resource loading profile
- Cumulative expenses shows the Budgeted Costs of the Work Schedule, which is expected expenditure growth through out project.
- Planning and control:
 - * weekly and cumulative expenses are adjusted to accomodate cash-flow capital constraints

Level of detail:

- * different for different levels of management
- * level of detail in WBS varies with complexity
- * Excessive detail is costly - unproductive paperwork
- * Insufficient detail is costly - lack of focus on goal