

# HW - Network Diagram

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- Due Dec 5 by 11:59pm
- Points 34
- Submitting a file upload
- File Types xlsx and zip

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**NOTE:** All coding problems must be done via code - no hard coding of any type is allowed for credit. Any crash or execution errors that are not gracefully handled will result in a mandatory 20% reduction. Also, all output requested should be clear with labels and easy to find, or a penalty of 10% will occur.

1. (34 pts) You are tasked with writing Python code to determine the critical path(s) for network diagrams. Network diagram configuration is given for problem 1 and problem 2 in their respective [.CSV](#) files. The format of the CSV file is given below. The reason for the 1st row is so your program can verify the csv file is formatted for this problem hence the SER416 and the 2nd entry in that row is the version number, in this case 1.

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1st row must be SER416, 1
2nd row is just the Column headers
1 row for each task in the network Diagram:
> Each row then (could be in any order): taskName, Duration, (each predecessor separated by commas up to the number in previous field)
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Assumptions:

- You **CANNOT** assume that the tasks are listed in topological order.
- You **CAN** assume the network has exactly **one start** and **one terminal task**.
- You **CAN** assume a **maximum of 15 tasks** in the network.
- Task names will always be valid **strings**.


Write Python code that:


- (2 pts) Write code that prompts the user for which file to process and verifies the first line of the file is of the format `SER416, 1`. Before continuing, The program should parse the configuration data and write it into an Excel/CSV sheet for reference. [.CSV](#)
- (10 pts) Add code that calculates and writes out the **forward and backward pass data** for each task. Specifically, compute: ( Early Start (ES), Early Finish (EF), Late Start (LS), Late Finish (LF) ). This

data should be written adjacent to each task's original configuration data in the output file.

- (5 pts) Add code that calculates and writes out each task's Free Float and Total Float, placed near the ES/EF/LS/LF values in the output file.
- (2 pts) Add code that calculates and writes out the **minimum total project duration** using the computed task timings and outputs it clearly in the Excel/CSV output.
- (5 pts) Add code that identifies and outputs all **tasks that are on any critical path** (i.e., tasks with zero total float). Display them clearly in the output file; there is no need to show the path structure.
- (10 pts) Write code to determine all **critical path(s)** through the network (can be more than one). Output each path sequence clearly and label it appropriately in the Excel/CSV file or terminal output.

HINT: This problem is best solved using **recursion or topological sorting** but can also be done iteratively.

**HW9-part1-prob1.csv** (<https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/234472/files/112833206?wrap=1>)\_   
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**HW9-part1-prob2.csv** (<https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/234472/files/112833207?wrap=1>)\_   
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**NOTE:** For full credit, your code must generate the correct result for the two files above and gracefully degrade if the file format header is not correct, as noted above.

## Submission:

Submit a .zip file that includes:

- network\_diagram\_solver.py: Your well-commented Python file.
- network\_analysis\_output.csv: Output of calculated task data.
- A screenshot of your output (console or CSV).

### HW Network Diagram Rubric (1)

Criteria	Ratings					Pts
File Configuration Verification  Code correctly reads the .csv file, verifies the first row format (SER416, 1), and writes parsed configuration to an output file.	<b>2 pts Full Marks</b>  Correct file verified and configuration data saved.		<b>1 pts Partial Marks</b>  File verification partial or read error handled poorly.		<b>0 pts No Marks</b>  File not verified or failed to parse.	2 pts
Forward and Backward Pass Calculation  Code computes Early Start, Early Finish, Late Start, and Late Finish correctly for all tasks.	<b>10 pts Full Marks</b>  all data correct	<b>8 pts Forward and Backward Pass</b>  Both work but some data is incorrect.	<b>5 pts Forward only</b>  Forward path works with correct data and no backward path attempt	<b>2 pts Partial Marks</b>  Forward path attempted by data is not all correct.	<b>0 pts No Marks</b>  Not attempted or has none of the forward pass or backward pass data is correct.	10 pts
Float data  Computes Free Float and Total Float values and includes them in the output.	<b>5 pts Full Marks</b>  all values correct.		<b>2.5 pts Partial Marks</b>  Attempted but inaccurate/partial results		<b>0 pts No Marks</b>  No float values calculated or incorrect logic	5 pts
Project Duration  Calculates total minimum project duration using latest finish among terminal tasks.	<b>2 pts Full Marks</b>  Correctly computed and reported		<b>1.2 pts Partial Marks</b>  Attempted with wrong logic or result		<b>0 pts No Marks</b>  Not attempted	2 pts
Identify Tasks on Critical Paths  Tasks with Total Float = 0 are clearly listed	<b>5 pts Full Marks</b>  All correct tasks identified		<b>3 pts Partial Marks</b>  Partial list, missed or wrongly added tasks		<b>0 pts No Marks</b>  Not attempted or wrong logic	5 pts

Criteria	Ratings			Pts
as being on critical path(s).				
Critical path Identification Determines all critical path sequences and reports them clearly.	<b>10 pts Full Marks</b> All paths correctly computed	<b>5 pts Partial Marks</b> Partially correct or only one critical path found	<b>0 pts No Marks</b> Incorrect logic or not attempted	10 pts
Total Points: 34				