

SEPM ASSIGNMENT-2

Q. Differentiate b/w CPM & PERT

→ B. PERT CPM

1) PERT stands for project eval and review 2) CPM stands for critical path method technique.

1) It is a technique of project management which is used to manage uncertain activities of any project. 2) It is a technique of project management used to only certain activities of any project.

3) It is a probability model.

3) It is deterministic model.

4) Appropriate for

4) Appropriate for reasonable time estimation.

5) Non-repetitive nature of job.

5) Repetitive nature of job.

6) No change of crashing as there is no certainty of time.

6) May-crash because of on-time bound.

Q. Explain the diff b/w total slack and free slack.

→ Total slack:

- It is the amount of time a task can be delayed without delaying the project's overall completion date.
- If total slack is -ve it means the project is behind schedule and needs compression techniques like crashing or fast-tracking.
- If total slack is zero, the task is on the critical path.

Free slack:

- It is the amount of time a task can be delayed without delaying the start of any successor task.
- It is useful for identifying tasks that can be postponed without affecting dependent activities.

key difference:

- total slack affects the entire project completion, where as free slack only affects immediate successor task.
- A task can have free slack but still have total slack but not vice versa.
- free slack is always equal to or less than total slack.

(ii) AOA & AON diagrams:

→ Activity on node diagram:

In AON, activities are represented as nodes (boxes) and dependencies between them are shown with arrows.

key characteristics:

- Nodes: represent project activities.
- Arrows indicate dependencies b/w activities.
- Used in precedence diagrams which allow for diff types of relationships.
- Finish to start. Start to start. Finish to finish. Start to finish.
- Adv: More flexible and widely used, can represent lead and lag times effectively.

Activity on Arrow (AOA):

- In AOA activities are represented by arrows, while (nodes) represent the start & end points of activities.

key characteristics:

- Arrows represent activities, Nodes represent center.
- uses only finish to start relationships.

Adv:

- Clearly shows dependencies & the critical path
- Simpler for smaller projects.

Q. Explain risk identification, risk projection, RMMM plan in detail.

- Risk identification is the process of recognizing potential risks that could negatively impact a project, system or organization. Key steps include:
- Understanding project scope.
 - Brainstorming & expert consultation.
 - Swot analysis.
 - Checklist based approach.
 - Historical data analysis.
 - Categorizing risks:
 - a) Technical risks
 - b) Financial risks
 - c) Operational risks
 - d) External risks.

Risk projection also known as risk estimation involves analyzing the identified risks in terms of their likelihood, impact & priority.

This helps in decision making regarding mitigation strategies.

Key aspects include:

- Probability assessment: estimates the chances of risk occurring.
- Impact analysis: determines the severity of consequences if the risk occurs.
- Risk exposure calculation: $RE = P \times I$.
- RMMM:
 - Risk mitigation: defined as strategies to prevent risks from occurring.
 - Risk monitoring: continuous tracking of risk indicators and warnings.
 - Risk management: developing response plans for different risk scenarios.

Q. Explain software configuration management.

- Configuration management is the process of identifying and defining the release and change of these items throughout the system.

lifecycle recording and reporting the status of configuration items & change requests.

- Configuration management is practiced ~~from~~ in one form or another as part of an SE project where several individuals or organizations have to coordinate their activities.
- SCM is a system for managing the evolution of software products, both during the initial stages of development and all stages of maintenance.
- All supporting software used in dev even though not part of the software product, should also be controlled by scm.
- Advantages:
 - i) scm provides significant benefits to all projects regardless of size, scope and complexity.
 - ii) Provides a snapshot of dynamically changing software.
 - iii) Tracks concurrent development of modules or components of overall system.

Q. Explain the significance of Gantt charts in project management.

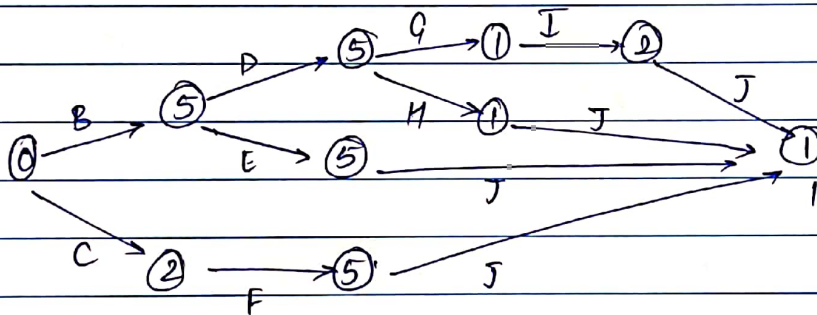
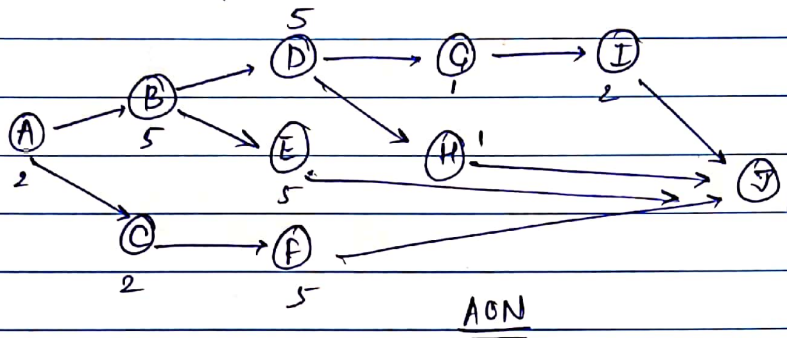
→ A Gantt chart is a visual project management tool that represents the schedule of tasks over time. It helps in planning, tracking & managing tasks efficiently ensuring that project stay on schedule.

- Some significance:

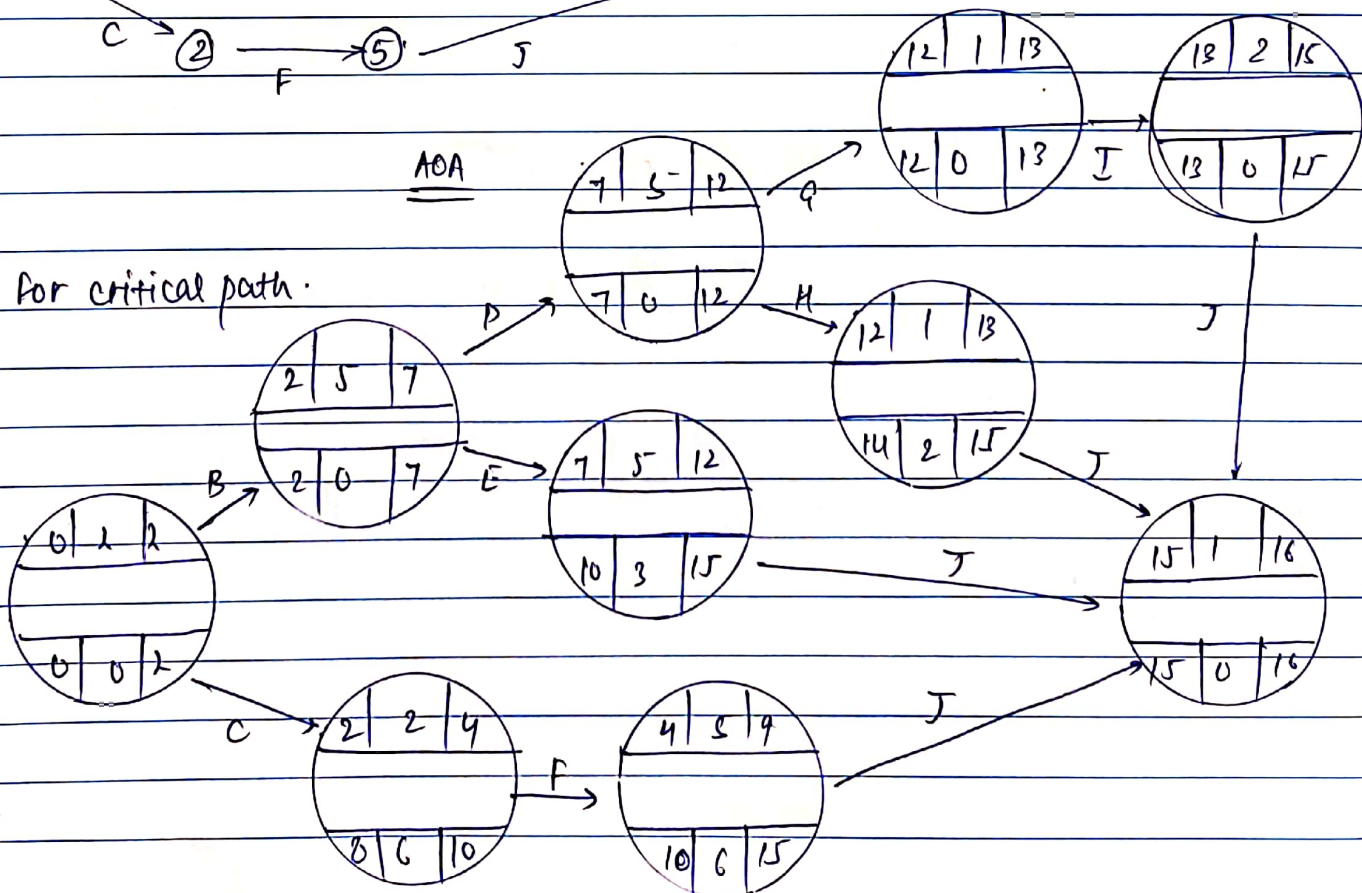
- i) visualizing the project timeline: provides a clear picture of the project progress & structure.
- ii) Task scheduling & deadlines: ensures that tasks are completed on time by setting clear start and end dates. Helps managers allocate resources effectively and avoid scheduling conflicts.
- iii) Managing task dependencies: identifies which task rely on others, preventing delays in sequential tasks. Helps in adjusting schedules when dependencies shift.

iv) Risk identification & mitigation: highlights potential bottlenecks in the schedule. ~~Highlights potential~~.

Q. Draw the AOA and AON network diagrams for the following project & show critical path.



For critical path.



Critical path: A → B → D → G → I → J.