



PMP Exam Formulas Summary

Earned Value Management			
Name	Abbr.	Formula	Note
Budget At Completion	BAC	BAC = Total budget	What the project budget is
Earned Value	EV	EV= Actual % Complete * BAC	The value earned for the work actually completed to date. What the project is worth
Actual Cost	AC	AC = Cost spent	where cost spent = cost incurred. What the project has spent so far
Cost Variance	CV	CV = EV - AC	Positive = Under budget Negative = Over budget
Percent Complete	PC	PC = EV / BAC *100%	
Cost Performance Index	CPI	CPI = EV/AC	Shows overall cost efficiency on the project. CPI >1: under budget CPI <1 : over budget
Schedule Variance	SV	SV = EV - PV	Positive = ahead schedule Negative = behind schedule
Schedule Performance Index	SPI	SPI = EV/PV	Shows overall schedule adherence. SPI >1: ahead schedule SPI < than 1 : behind schedule
Project Future CPI	PP	PP = Net investment / Average annual cash flow	Payback Period = Add up the projected cash inflow minus expenses until you reach the initial investment. Shorter is better
Variance At Completion	VAC	VAC = BAC - EAC	Projection of being over or under budget based on current performance. Positive: under budget Negative : over budget
To Complete Performance Index - Utilizing BAC	TCPI	TCPI =(BAC – EV)/(BAC-AC)	Predicts likelihood of reaching BAC TCPI >1, harder to complete & meet BAC TCPI <1, Easier to complete and meet BAC
- Utilizing EAC	TCPI	TCPI =(BAC – EV)(EAC-AC)	Predicts likelihood of reaching EAC. TCPI >1, harder to complete & meet EAC TCPI <1, Easier to complete and meet EAC



Estimate at Completion <i>- Standard formula</i>	EAC	$EAC = BAC / CPI$	Forecasts final project costs based on current performance. The CPI stays the same until the end of the project
<i>- Future work at planned costs formula</i>	EAC	$EAC = AC + BAC - EV$	Forecasts final project costs based on current performance
<i>- Initial costs estimates flawed</i>	EAC	$EAC = AC + \text{Bottom-up ETC}$	Used when the initial plan no longer valid. Forecasts final project costs based on current performance
<i>- CPI and SPI affect remainder of project</i>	EAC	$(EAC) = AC + \{(BAC - EV) / (CPI * SPI)\}$	Used when both CPI & SPI influence the remaining work
Estimate To Complete	ETC	$ETC = EAC - AC$	Predict how much more the remainder of the project will cost

Project Selection			
Name	Abbr.	Formula	Note
Present Value	PV	$PV = FV / (1+r)^n$	What the project should be worth. Bigger result is better
Discounted Cash Flow	DCF	Cash flow * DF	
Future Value	F	$FV = PV * (1+r)^n$	The value at specified date in the future that is equivalent in value to a specified sum today
Discount Rate	r		
Discount Factor	DF		
Number of Years	n		
Net Present Value	NPV	Sum of PV of the individual cash flows	Used in Capital budgeting to analyze the profitability of a project or investment Bigger NPV is better, more precise than payback period
Return of Investment	ROI	$ROI = \text{Net Income} / \text{total investment}$	ROI = Select biggest number.
Benefit Cost Ratio	BCR	$BCR = \text{Benefit} / \text{Cost}$	Bigger is better. Represent return for every \$1
Cost Benefit Ratio	CBR	$CBR = \text{Cost} / \text{Benefit}$	
Internal Rate of Return	IRR	The interest rate at which the PV equals the initial invest	Bigger IRR is better, more precise than NPV
Payback Period	PP	$PP = \text{Net investment} / \text{Average annual cash flow}$	Payback Period = Add up the projected cash inflow minus expenses until you reach the initial investment. Shorter is better
Opportunity Cost	OC	Opportunity Cost = The value of the project not chosen.	Smaller is better
Expected Monetary Value	EMV	$EMV = \text{Probability} * \text{Impact}$	



PERT		
Name	Abbr.	Formula
PERT 3-point	PERT 3	$PERT3 = (Pessimistic + (4 * Most\ Likely) + Optimistic) / 6$
PERT α	PERT α	$PERT\ \alpha = (Pessimistic - Optimistic) / 6$
PERT Activity Variance	PAV	$PAV = ((Pessimistic - Optimistic) / 6)^2$
PERT Variance all activities		$(PVA) = \sum((Pessimistic - Optimistic) / 6)^2$

Classes of Estimates	
Type	Note
Order of Magnitude estimate = -25% to +75%	The estimate cost at early stage, scope not defined yet
Preliminary estimate = -15% to + 50%	Rough estimate made at the beginning of the project
Budget estimate = -10% to +25%	Made during the planning phase
Definitive estimate = -5% to +10%	The most accurate, takes time to create
Final estimate = 0%	Always zero

SIGMA	
1 sigma = 68.26%	1 standard deviation , frequently used in analyzing data
2 sigma = 95.46%	2 standard deviations , frequently used in analyzing data
3 sigma = 99.73%	3 standard deviations , frequently used in analyzing data
6 sigma = 99.99%	6 standard deviations , frequently used in analyzing data
Control Limits (CL)	3 sigma from mean, reflects the expected variation in the data

Communications	
Communication Channels	$CC = n * (n-1) / 2$
Communication Channels per member	$(n-1)$
Increased Channels	$n * (n-1) / 2$ After - $n * (n-1) / 2$ Before
Decreased Channels	$n * (n-1) / 2$ Before - $n * (n-1) / 2$ After
	C: number of communications channels n: number of stakeholders



Procurement			
Name	Abbr.	Formula	Note
Point of total assumption	(PTA)	$(PTA) = [(CP-TP)]/\text{buyer's share ratio} + TC$	Determined by (FPIF) fixed price plus incentive fees contract. The seller bears all the lose of a coast overrun
Contract Savings	(CS)	$(CS) = \text{Target Cost} - \text{Actual Coast}$	The saving that is divided between the seller and the buyer based on agreed ratio for the coast saved by the seller against the original estimated coast
Contract bounce	(CB)	$(CB) = \text{Savings} * \text{percentage}$	The sum paid when the seller meets certain goals decided in the (CPIF) cost plus incentive contract
Contact Coast	(CC)	Bonus + Fees	
Total Coast	(TC)	Actual coast+ Contact coast	
Source selection criteria	(SS)	$(SS) = (\text{weightage} * \text{Price}) + (\text{weightage} + \text{Quality})$	Used to score seller proposals
CP: Ceiling price TP: Target price TC: Target cost			

Depreciation			
Name	Abbr.	Formula	Note
Depreciation Expense	(DE)	$DE = \text{Asset Cost} / \text{Useful Life}$	Calculated using Straight-line Depreciation
Depreciation Rate	(DR)	$(DR) = 100\% / \text{Useful Life}$	Calculated using Straight-line Depreciation
Depreciation Rate	(DR)	$(DR) = 2 * (100\% / \text{Useful Life})$	Calculated using Double Declining Balance Method
Depreciation Rate	(DR)	$(DR) = \text{Useful Life} + (\text{Useful Life} - 1) + (\text{Useful Life} - 2) + \text{etc...}$	Calculated using Sum-of-Years' Digits Method
Book value	(BV)	$(BV) = \text{Book value at the beginning of the year} - \text{Depreciation Expenses}$	Calculated using Double Declining Balance Method



Network Diagram												
Name	Abbr.	Formula	Note									
Float	(FLT)	(FLT) = LS –ES OR (FLT) = LF - EF	If FLT<0 , Behind schdule If FLT = 0, critical If FLT >0 , Under schdule									
Free Float	(FF)	(FF) = ES -EF										
Activity duration	(AD)	(AD) = EF – ES +1 OR (AD)= LF – LS + 1										
Early Finish	(EF)	(EF) = (ES + Duration) – 1										
Early Start	(ES)	(ES) = EF + 1										
Late Finish	(LF)	(LF) = LS -1										
Late Start	(LS)	(LS) = (LF – Duration) +1										
Forward Pass		ES = EF of the predecessor node EF = ES + Dur										
Backward Pass		LF = LS of the Successor LS = LF – Dur										
Slack		= LF – EF = LS – ES	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>ES</td> <td>Dur</td> <td>EF</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Node</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LS</td> <td>Float</td> <td>LF</td> </tr> </table>	ES	Dur	EF	Node			LS	Float	LF
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Important Values
Control Limits = 3 sigma from mean
Control Specifications = Defined by customer; less than the control limits
Float on the critical path = 0 days
Pareto Diagram = 80/20
Time a PM spends communicating = 90%
Crashing a project = Crash least expensive tasks on critical path.
JIT inventory = 0% (or very close to 0%.)
Lag: Waiting time between activities (positive time)
Lead: Activities are moved closer together or overlap (negative time).
Crashing: Adding resources to reduce the project duration. Crashing adds costs to the project.
Fast tracking: Allows project phases to overlap to reduce the project duration. Fast tracking adds risk to the project.
Free float: The amount of time an activity can be delayed without delaying the next activity's start date.
Total float: The amount of time an activity can be delayed without delaying the project's end date.



Refer to the PMBOK® Guide 6th Edition for more details.

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