Project Planning & Control

Lesson 6
Bar Charts for Resource Usage, Pros and Cons

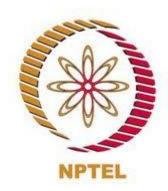Koshy Varghese, Ph.D.

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Activity	Description	Duration (days)	Cost (Rs)
1	A	3	3000
2	B	3	6000
3	C	4	4000
4	D	5	2000
			15000

Activity	Days									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	■	■	■							
B		■	■	■						
C					■	■	■	■		
D						■	■	■	■	■

	Days									
Activity	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
A										
B										
C										
D										
Cost of Work Done (000's)	1	3	3	2	1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.4	0.4
Cumulative Cost (000's)	1	4	7	9	10	11.4	12.8	14.2	14.6	15
Percentage (%)	6.6	26	45	60	67	77	86	95	97.5	100

Step 3 - Draw Cost-Completion Curve

	Days										% Planned Cost
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A											
B											50-75%
C											75-100%
D											0-25 %
Cost of Work Done (000's)	1	3	3	2	1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.4	0.4	
Cumulative Cost (000's)	1	4	7	9	10	11.4	12.8	14.2	14.6	15	
Percentage Planned Cost	6.6	26	45	60	67	77	86	95	97.5	100	

What control information can be represented on the Gantt Chart?

PROS & CONS

PROS

- Intuitive Representation

- Communication to Any Level in the Organization

- Excellent Representation for Final Planning & Monitoring Information

- Ideal for projects that simple, sequential

CONS

- Dependencies Cannot be Represented – No Logic

- Limitation in Number of Activities Represented

- Cannot be Used as an Analytical Tool

- Can be very complex to prepare for large projects

Questions & Discussion