

FAQ's

1. What are the types of activities?

Normally an activity can be categorized into 4:

1. Predecessor activity: the activity which immediately comes before another activity without any intervening activity.
2. Successor activity: the activity which follows another activity without any intervening activities.
3. Concurrent activity: Activities that can be carried out concurrently with another activity.
4. Dummy Activity: It's a hypothetical activity and doesn't consume any kind of resource. It is represented by dotted lines and is inserted in network to clarify activity pattern under the following situations,
 - To make activities with common starting and finishing points distinguishable
 - To identify and maintain the proper relationship between activities that are not connected by events
 - To bring all loose ends to a single initial to terminal event in networks

2. State the rules to be followed while creating a network?

- Time flows from left to right
- Head events always have a number higher than that of the tail events.
- Simple dependency rule:
 - An event can't occur until all activities leading to it are complete
 - No activity can start until its tail event is reached.
 - In short no activity may start until all previous activities in the same chain are completed.
- Logical sequencing and connection of activities

- Which activity must be completed before the start of a particular activity
- Which activity to follow
- Which activity can go simultaneously

3. What are the common errors in logical sequencing?

Looping / cycling error

Dangling (no end)

Redundancy (unnecessary dummy)

4. Explain Fulkerson rule.

Numbering should reflect logical sequences.

Following are the steps to be followed,

- 1) An initial event is one which has arrows coming out of it and none of the arrow entering in it. In a network there will be only one such event. Call it 1.
- 2) Delete all arrows coming out from event 1. This will give us at least one more initial event, number these as 2, 3, 4...
- 3) Delete all arrows from the numbered events , this creates new initial events, follow previous step
- 4) Continue till last event is numbered.