

Quick planning using "S" curves and cost based durations

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Objective

Fully automated model for quick planning based on the project cost estimate

- Total duration
- Allocation of cost over time
- Defining and sequencing activities
- Activities duration
- Number of crews

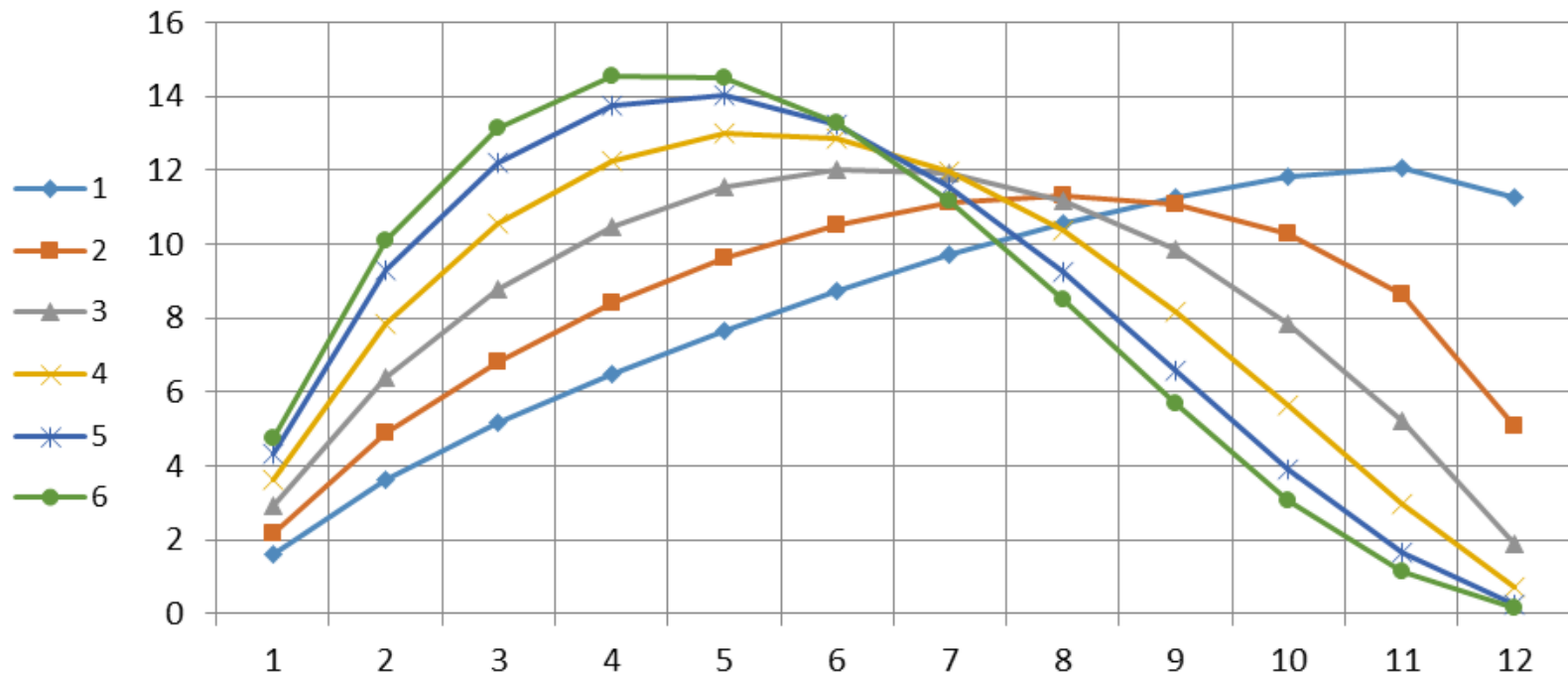
Estimating total duration

Relationship between cost and time (BCIS, 2009)

Use	Duration (weeks)
General	$22.4 \times \text{LOG}(\text{€}) - 91$
Collective housing	$33 \times \text{LOG}(\text{€}) - 146$
Single family	$31 \times \text{LOG}(\text{€}) - 131$

Allocation of cost over time

Expenses by periods (Lara and Dinsmore)



Defining and sequencing activities

	NatC	Code	Description	Qty	Tgt	Unit	1: Plan 31-Jul-12	2: Plan 31-Aug-12	3: Plan 30-Sep-12	4: Plan 31-Oct-12	5: Plan 30-Nov-12	6: Plan 31-Dec-12	7: Plan 31-Jan-13	8: Plan 28-Feb-13	9: Plan 31-Mar-13	10: Plan 30-Apr-13
1/0	-	0	Housing project	1			81.819,57	94.631,40	107.592,89	120.252,72	132.122,19	142.700,30	151.509,33	158.132,48	162.244,74	163.639,07
2/1	+ 1	E01	Preliminaries	1			3.981,85									
3/1	+ 2	E02	Earthwork	1			48.877,31									
4/1	+ 3	E03	Sewage	1			10.072,11									
5/1	- 4	E04	Foundations	1			18.888,30	46.181,73								
6/2	+ 4.1	E04CM040	HM-20/P/20/l concrete cleaning	34,59		m3	2.119,68									
7/2	+ 4.2	E04CE020	Wood formwork footings, trenches, beams p	48,68		m2	778,39									
8/2	+ 4.3	E04CA060	HA-25/P/40/lla concrete, footings	220,88		m3	15.990,23	10.714,16								
9/2	+ 4.4	E04SA020	HA-25 concrete slab reinforced, e = 15 cm	659,35		m2		9.059,47								
10/2	+ 4.5	E04SE020	Limestone 40/80, e = 20 cm	659,35		m2		4.437,43								
11/2	+ 4.6	E04MA010	HA-25/P/20/l in concrete wall 25 cm, 1-sided	88,57		m3		21.970,67								
12/1	- 5	E05	Structures	1				48.449,67	107.592,89	120.252,72	132.122,19	41.794,27				
13/2	+ 5.1	E05HFA020	Salb self-supporting beam 20 +5 cm, 60 cm bas	6.277,72		m2		48.449,67	107.592,89	114.778,28						
14/2	+ 5.2	E05AG010	Lintel galvanized steel, 250x4 mm	365,45		m				5.474,44	986,72					
15/2	+ 5.3	E05AW040	Angle of 60 mm	108,00		m					2.066,04					
16/2	5.4	E05HFS400_01	Formation of hollow slab	181,37		m2					8.705,76					
17/2	+ 5.5	E05HLA030	HA-25/P/20 concrete, formwork slabs5 kg/m3	11,66		m3					2.775,08					
18/2	+ 5.6	E05HSA010	HA-25/P/20/l concrete, pillars, metal formwork,	205,16		m3					47.619,69					
19/2	+ 5.7	E05HVA030	Concrete girders with wood framing HA-25/P/2	230,18		m3				69.968,90	1.888,69					
20/2	+ 5.8	E05HVA075	HA-25/P/20/l concrete with flat bands	107,85		m3					39.905,58					
21/1	+ 6	E07	Walls and divisions	1							100.906,03	151.509,33	77.457,39			
22/1	+ 7	E08	Cladding and suspended ceilings	1									80.675,09	89.886,69		
23/1	+ 8	E09	Covers	1										40.090,04		
24/1	+ 9	E10	Insulation and waterproofing	1										32.268,01	59.251,19	

Activities sequencing and cost allocation based on "S" curve (Presto)

Activities duration

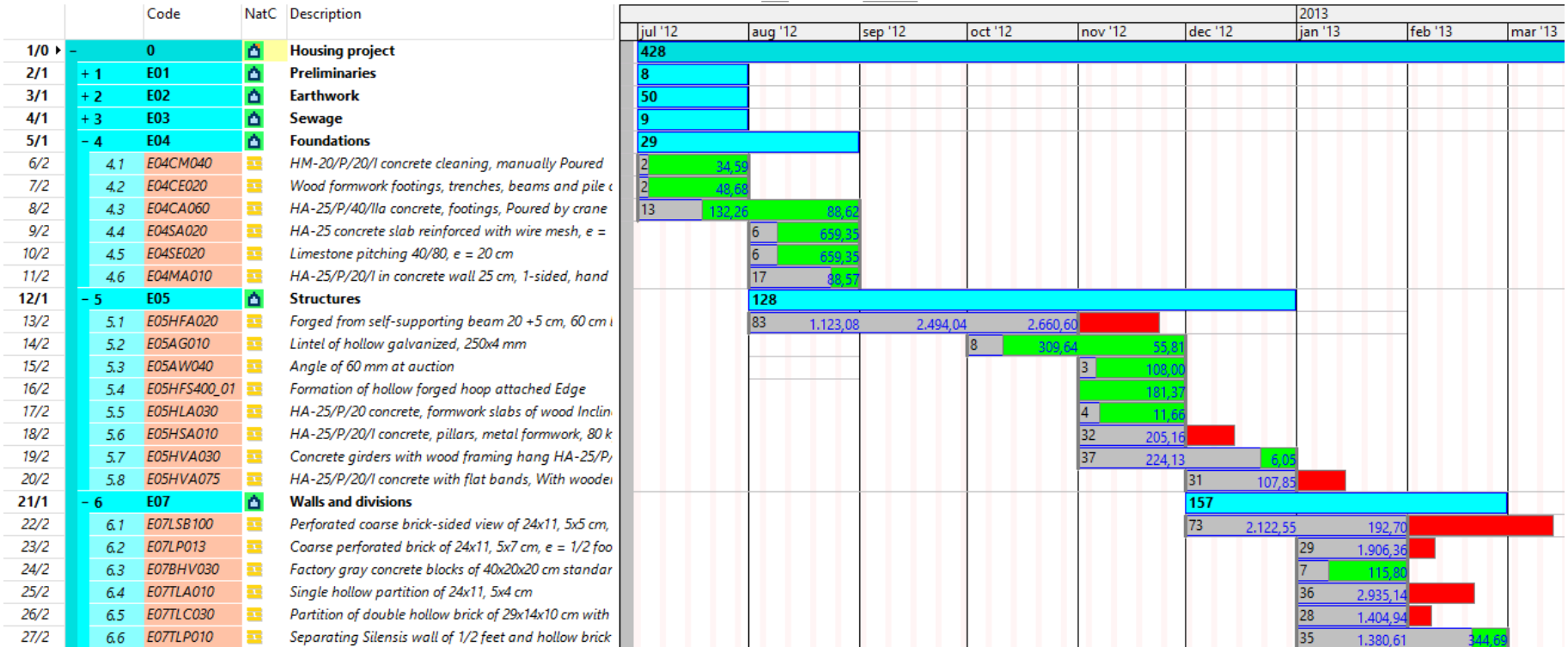
Based on

- Proportionality between activity (resources) cost and duration and total (resources) cost and duration
- Estimation of the number of simultaneous activities
- Correction for activity size
- A simultaneity coefficient V ($0 = \text{serial}$, $1 = \text{parallel}$) is inserted to adapt to different situations

Activity duration =

$(\text{Activity cost} / \text{Total cost}) ^ (1 - V) \times \text{Total duration}$

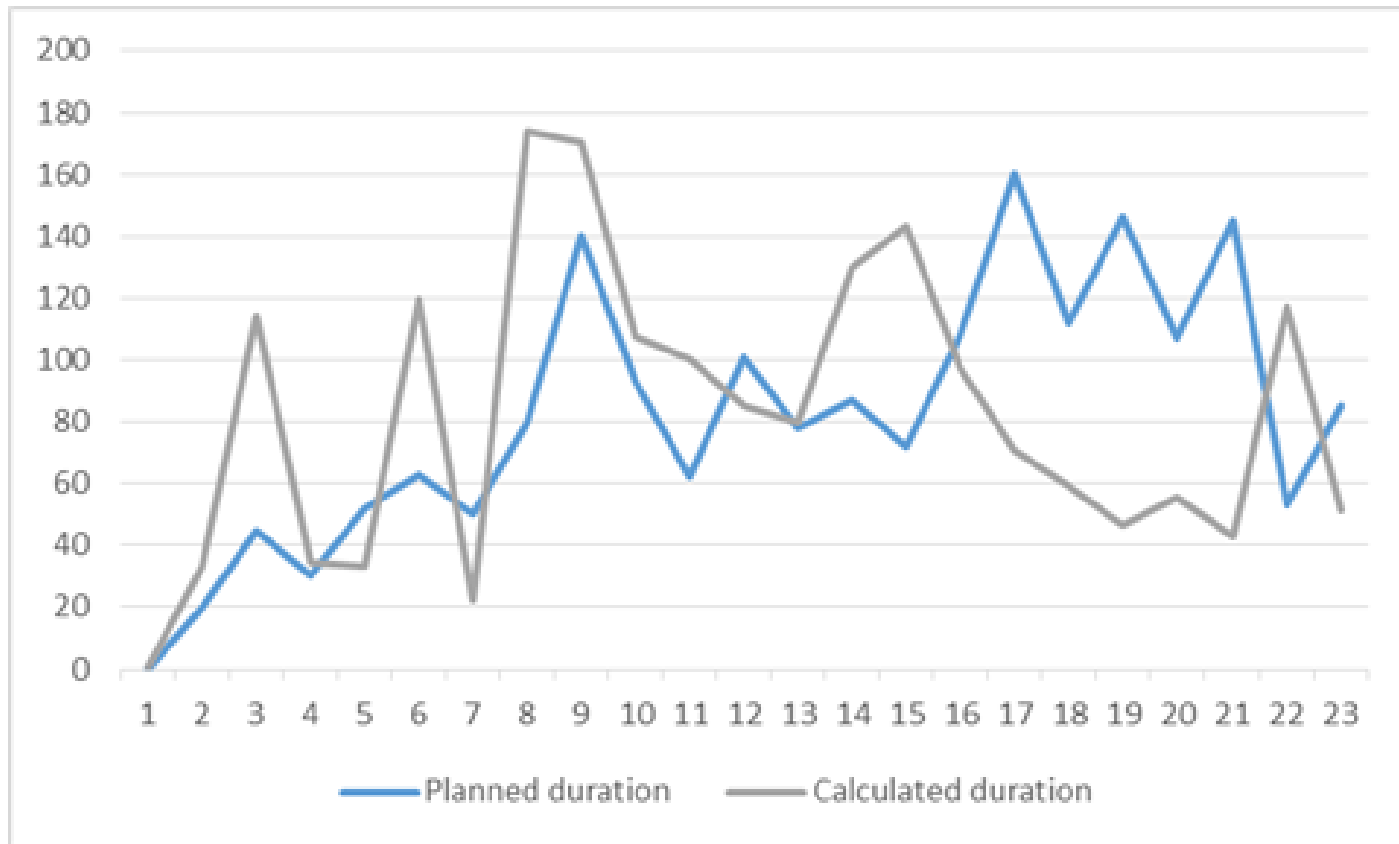
Final result



Presto

No. of crews = Time based duration / Cost based duration

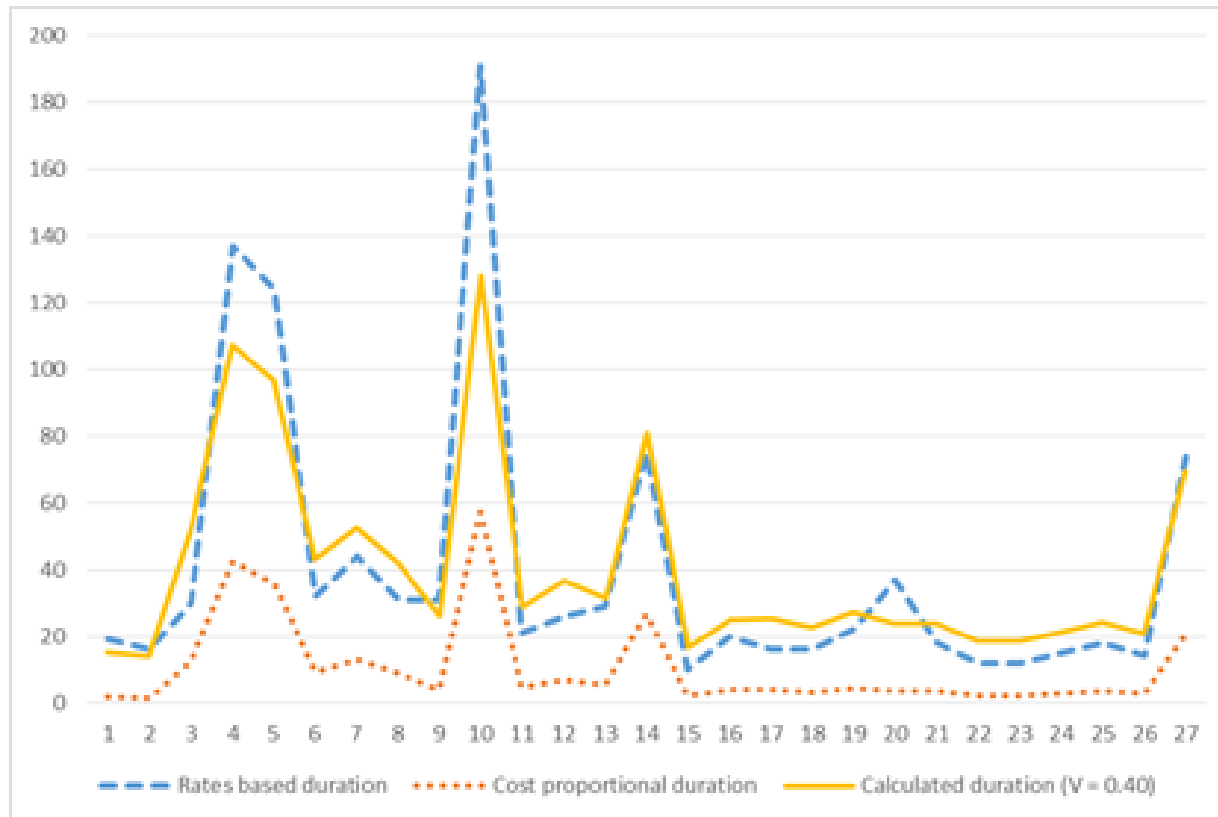
Planned vs. calculated durations



Commercial center

Activities at division level, $V = 0,6$

Planned vs. calculated durations



Residential building

Activities at work unit level, $V = 0,4$

Future work

- Refine and validate the model for different project types and sizes

Conclusions

Starting from an estimate, the methodology is completely automatic, with the following decision points:

- *Applying the BCIS expression*
- *Checking the sequential order*
- *Selecting the right “S” curve for the project*
- *Deciding the simultaneity coefficient*

Thank you

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