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A schedule network encodes precedence rather than merely placing activities in a list. The forward pass finds earliest event times, while the backward pass finds latest times consistent with the project deadline. An activity's total float is latest start minus earliest start. A dummy activity has zero duration and records a dependency without inventing extra work.

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Task 1. A takes 4 days and B takes 3; both can start immediately. C takes 2 after A. D takes 5 after both A and B. E takes 3 after C and D. Construct an activity-on-arrow network with a necessary dummy, then give EST, LST and float for A–E.

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