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Activity – Based Costing System

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Learning objectives

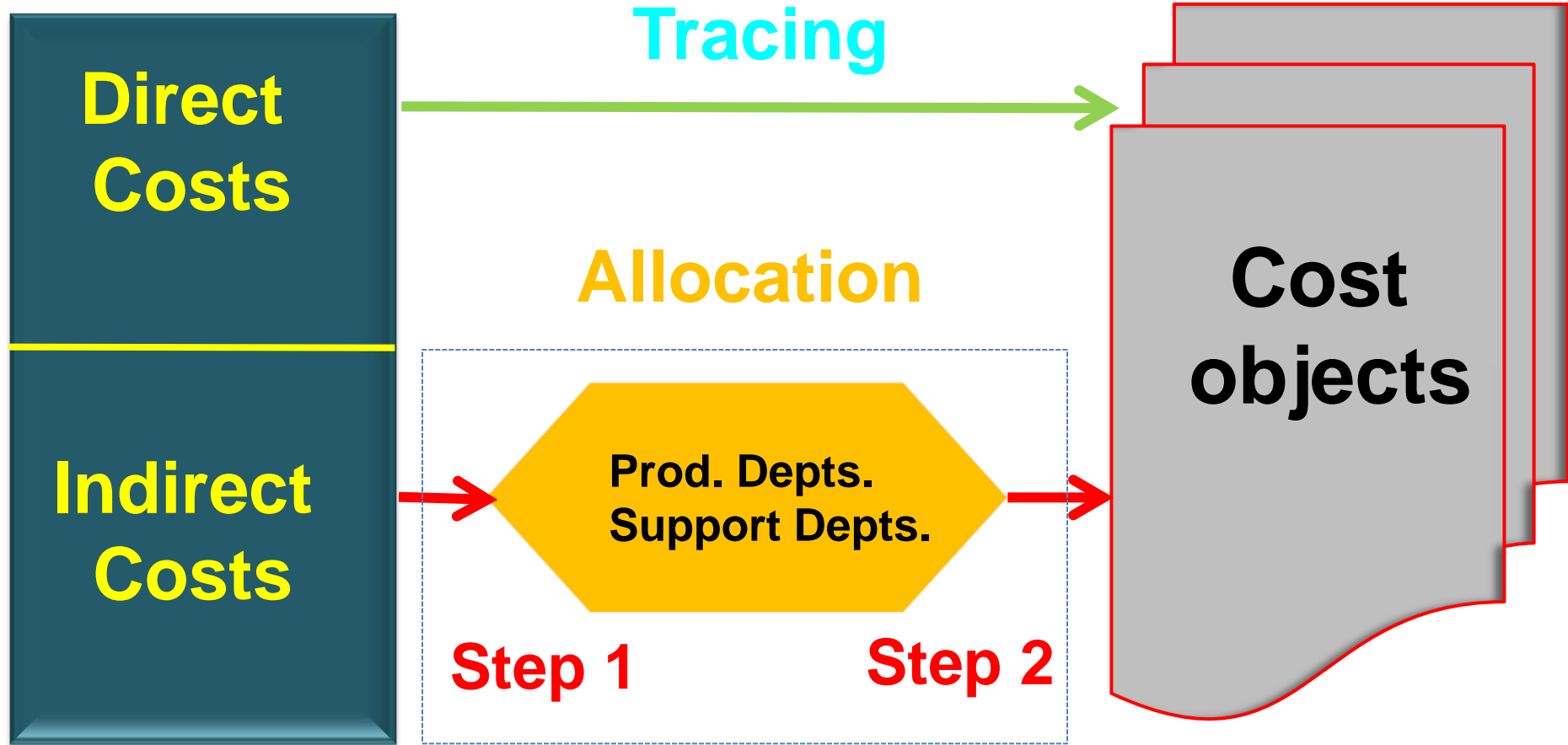
After studying this chapter, you should be able to:

- 1 – Identify disadvantages of traditional costing systems.
- 2 – Explain the relationship between activities, resources, and cost drivers.
- 3 – Explain the logic of activity based costing system.
- 4 – Describe how activities are identified.
- 5 – Identify the implementing steps of activity based costing.
- 6 – Compute product cost using activity based costing.

The Concept



Activity-Based Costing



Traditional Costing Systems

1 - Direct labor
2 - Direct materials } are easy to trace to products.

3 - MOH cost } cannot be traced easily
must be assigned with estimates

Example: Consider the cost of a restaurant bill for four friends. Each orders separate entrees, desserts, and drinks. The restaurant bill is as follows:

	A	B	C	D	Total	Average
Entree	ID 2,000	ID 6,000	ID 3,500	ID 2,500	ID 14,000	ID 3,500
Dessert	0	ID 2,000	ID 500	ID 500	ID 3,000	ID 750
Drink	ID 500	ID 1,500	ID 1,250	ID 750	ID 4,000	ID 1,000
Total	ID 2,500	ID 9,500	ID 5,250	ID 3,750	ID 21,000	ID 5,250

What is the average cost per lunch ?

Undercosting and Overcosting Example

$$\text{ID } 21,000 \div 4 = \text{ID } 5,250$$

2,500

3,750

9,500

A and D
are overcosted.

B is
undercosted.

The average can lead to undercosting or overcosting of products:

Product undercosting: a product consumes a high level of resources but is allocated low costs per unit (B).

Product overcosting: a product consumes a low level of resources but is allocated high costs per unit (A).

Mechanical
service

Electrical
service

Body
repairs

Paint
service



1

2

3

1

2

3

Auto repair and maintenance workshop

Provides 4 services:

1- Mechanical services

2 – Electrical services

3 – Repair of vehicle body services

4 – Paint services

3 Vehicles repaired during March, 2018:

- ❖ The first: mechanical and electrical services.**
- ❖ The second: paint services.**
- ❖ The third: mechanical, electrical, repair of body vehicles, and paint services.**

- **During March, indirect costs for the workshop were ID 300,000.**
- **The workshop uses the direct labor as allocation base.**
- **Normal work capacity is 200 DLH for March.**
- **Direct labor hours used to repairs**
- **the three vehicles were 20, 10, and 30 DLH respectively.**

How ID 300,000 indirect costs can be allocated to the three vehicles?

Solution:

1 - Compute the allocation rate:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Allocation rate} &= \text{ID } 300,000 \div 200 \text{ DLH} \\ &= \text{ID } 1,500 \text{ per DLH}\end{aligned}$$

Indirect costs allocated to each vehicle:

$$\text{First} = \text{ID } 1,500 \times 20 \text{ DLH} = \text{ID } 30,000$$

$$\text{Second} = \text{ID } 1,500 \times 10 \text{ DLH} = \text{ID } 15,000$$

$$\text{Third} = \text{ID } 1,500 \times 30 \text{ DLH} = \text{ID } 45,000$$

ABC Definition:

Activity based costing: is a costing system that assigns resource costs to cost objects such as products, services, or customers based on activities performed for the cost objects.

1 - Costs of resources are assigned to activities based on the resource consumption drivers.

2 - costs of activities are assigned to cost objects based on activity consumption drivers.

Basic Terms

1 – Activity: is an event, task, or unit of work with a specified purpose.

Example:

- Designing products - Setting up machines
- Operating machines - Distributing products - Quality inspection - Purchase orders
- Materials handling.

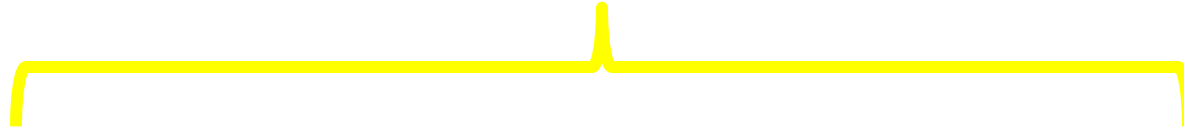
2 – Resource: is an economic element needed or consumed in performing activities: Salaries and supplies.

3 - Activity Cost Pool: is group of indirect cost allocated to a distinct type of activity.

4 - Cost Driver: any factor that has a direct cause-effect relationship with the resources consumed.

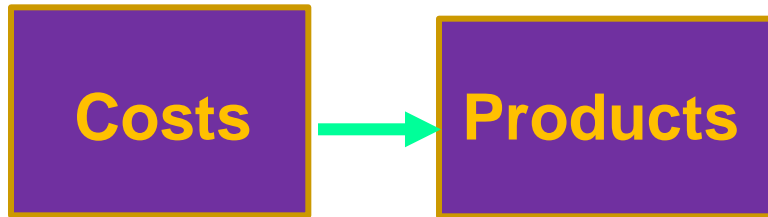
In ABC cost drivers are used to assign activity cost pools to products or services.

Cost Allocation



Traditional Costing Systems

One allocation base: DLH, MH

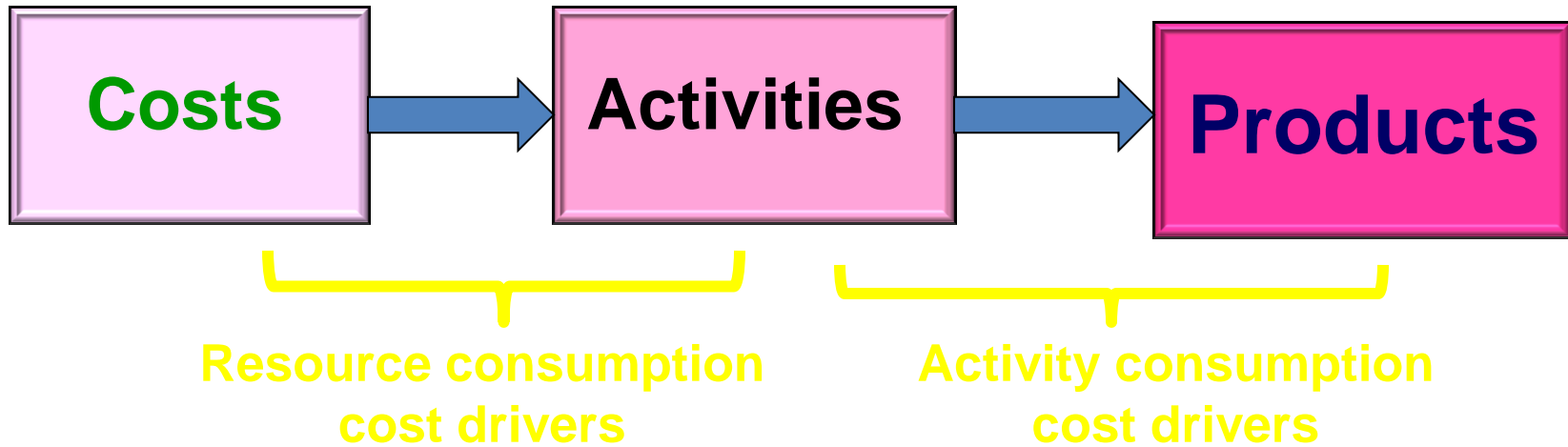


ABC System

Using many cost drivers as allocation bases: one cost driver for each activity



ABC allocates the indirect costs by two stages :



Allocation Stages

Steps of Computing Product Costs using Activity based Costing

Seven-steps:

Step 1: Identify the products that are the chosen cost objects.

Step 2: Identify the direct costs of the products.

Step 3: Select the activities and cost-allocation bases to use for allocating indirect costs to the product.

Step 4: Identify the indirect costs associated with each cost-allocation base.

Step 5: Compute the rate per unit of each cost-allocation base.

Step 6: Compute the indirect costs allocated to the products.

Step 7: Compute the total cost of the products by adding all direct and indirect costs assigned to the products

Overview of Activity-Based Costing System

Functions

Design

Setup

Shipment

**No. of
hours
design**

**No. of
workers**

**No. of
shipments**

**Product
1**

**Product
2**

**Product
3**

Activities

**Allocation
base**

**Cost
objects**

Advantages:

- 1 - ABC provides more accurate product costs.**
- 2 – ABC improves the indirect costs control.**
- 3 - ABC leads to better decisions such as pricing decisions and keep or drop decisions, and**

Example

A company produces two types of watches: hand and mural. The following data is provided:

	Hand watch	Mural watch
Units produced	60,000	15,000
Direct materials	ID 1,125,000	ID 675,000
Direct labor	ID 600,000	ID 195,000
Indirect costs	ID 2,112,000	

Data to allocate the indirect costs are:

Activity	Allocation base	Indirect costs
Design	parts-square meter	ID 450,000
Machines setup	setup-hours	ID 300,000
Machines operations	Machine hours	ID 637,500
Shipment setup	shipments	ID 81,000
Distribution	cubic meter delivered	ID 405,000
Administration	Direct labor-hours	ID 238,500
Total		ID 2,112,000

Budgeted quantity of allocation bases is as follows:

	Hand	Mural	Total
No. of parts-square meter	30 meter	70 meter	100 meter
No. of setup	500 hrs	1,500 hrs	2,000 hrs
No. of Machine hours	9,000 hrs	3,750 hrs	12,750
No. of shipments	100 ships	100 ships	200 ships.
No. of cubic meter delivered	45,000 m3	22,500 m3	67,500 m3.
No. of direct labor-hours	30,000 hrs	9,750 hrs.	39,750 hrs.

Selling price:

hand watch ID 60 per unit.

mural watch of ID 100 per unit.

Required: Compute cost per unit for each product

Solution

1- Calculate the activity rates:

Design = ID 450,000 ÷ 100 = ID 4,500 per m²

M. setup = ID 300,000 ÷ 2,000 mh. =ID 150 / mh

M. Operation = ID 637,500 ÷ 12,750 mh.= ID 50 / mh

Shipment = ID 81,000 ÷ 200 ships = ID 405 / ship

Distribution = ID 405,000 ÷ 67,500 m³ = ID 6 / m³

Administration= ID 238,500 ÷ 39,750 dlh.= ID 6 /hrs

2- Assign indirect costs to activities:

	Hand watch		Mural watch		Total
	No. all. base	Costs	No. all. base	Costs	
Design (ID 4,500)	30 m2	135,000	70 m2	315,000	ID 450,000
Setup (ID 150)	500 hrs.	75,000	1,500 hrs.	225,000	ID 300,000
Operating (ID 50)	9,000 hrs.	450,000	3,750 hrs.	187,500	ID 637,500
Shipment (ID 405)	100 ship	40,500	100 ship	40,500	ID 81,000
Distribution (ID 6)	45,000 m3	270,000	22,500 m3	135,000	ID 405,000
Administ. (ID 6)	30,000 hr	180,000	9,750 hrs	58,500	ID 238,500
Total cost allocat.	ID 1,150,500		ID 961,500		ID 2,112,000
÷ units produced	60,000 units		15,000 units		
In. cost alloc./ unit	ID 19.17		ID 64.10		

3 - Calculate product costs

	Hand watch 60,000		Mural watch 15,000	
	Total	Per unit	Total	Per unit
Direct material	1,125,000	18.75	675,000	45.00
Direct labor	600,000	10.00	195,000	13.00
Indirect costs		19.17		64.10
Cost per unit		ID 47.92		ID 122.10

Traditional costing systems

Allocation rate = ID 2,112,000 ÷ 75,000 units
= ID 28.16 per units

Cost allocated to:

Hand watch = ID 28.16 × 60,000 units = ID 1,689,600

Mural watch = ID 28.16 × 15,000 units = ID 422,400

Total ID 2,112,000

Calculate product costs

	Hand watch 60,000		Mural watch 15,000	
	Total	Per unit	Total	Per unit
Direct material	1,125,00	18.75	675,000	45.00
Direct labor	600,000	10.00	195,000	13.00
Indirect costs	1,689,600	28.16	422,400	28.16
Cost per unit		ID 56.91		ID 86.16

Comparison between Traditional and ABC

Indirect costs allocated per unit	H. watch	M. watch
Traditional costs system	ID 28.16	ID 28.16
ABC	ID 19.17	ID 64,10

Cost per unit	H. watch	M. watch
Selling price	ID 60	ID 100
Traditional costs system	ID 56.91	ID 86.16
ABC	ID 47.92	ID 122.10

**Thanks For Your
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20-37. The Acton Corporation manufactures electrical meters. For August, there were no beginning inventories of direct materials and no beginning or ending work in process. Acton uses a JIT production system and backflush costing with three trigger points for making entries in the accounting system:

- Purchase of direct materials
- Completion of good finished units of product
- Sale of finished goods

Acton's August standard cost per meter is direct materials, \$24, and conversion cost, \$18. Acton has no direct materials variances. The following data apply to August manufacturing:

Direct materials purchased \$540,000

Number of finished units manufactured 19,000

Conversion costs incurred \$425,000

Number of finished units sold 18,000

Required :

1. Prepare summary journal entries for August (without disposing of under- or overallocated conversion costs). Acton has no direct materials variances.
2. Post the entries in requirement 1 to T-accounts for Materials and In-Process Inventory Control, Finished Goods Control, Conversion Costs Control, Conversion Costs Allocated, and Cost of Goods Sold.

The solution :

1. Purchase of direct materials

Direct Materials Control \$540,000
 Accounts Payable Control \$540,000

Conversion costs Control \$425,000
 other accounts \$425,000

2. Completion of good finished units of product

Finished product Control \$798000
 Direct Materials Control \$ 456000
 Conversion costs allocated \$ 342000
($24 * 19000 = \$4560000$, $18 * 19000 = \$342000$)
($24 + 18 * 19000 = \$798000$)

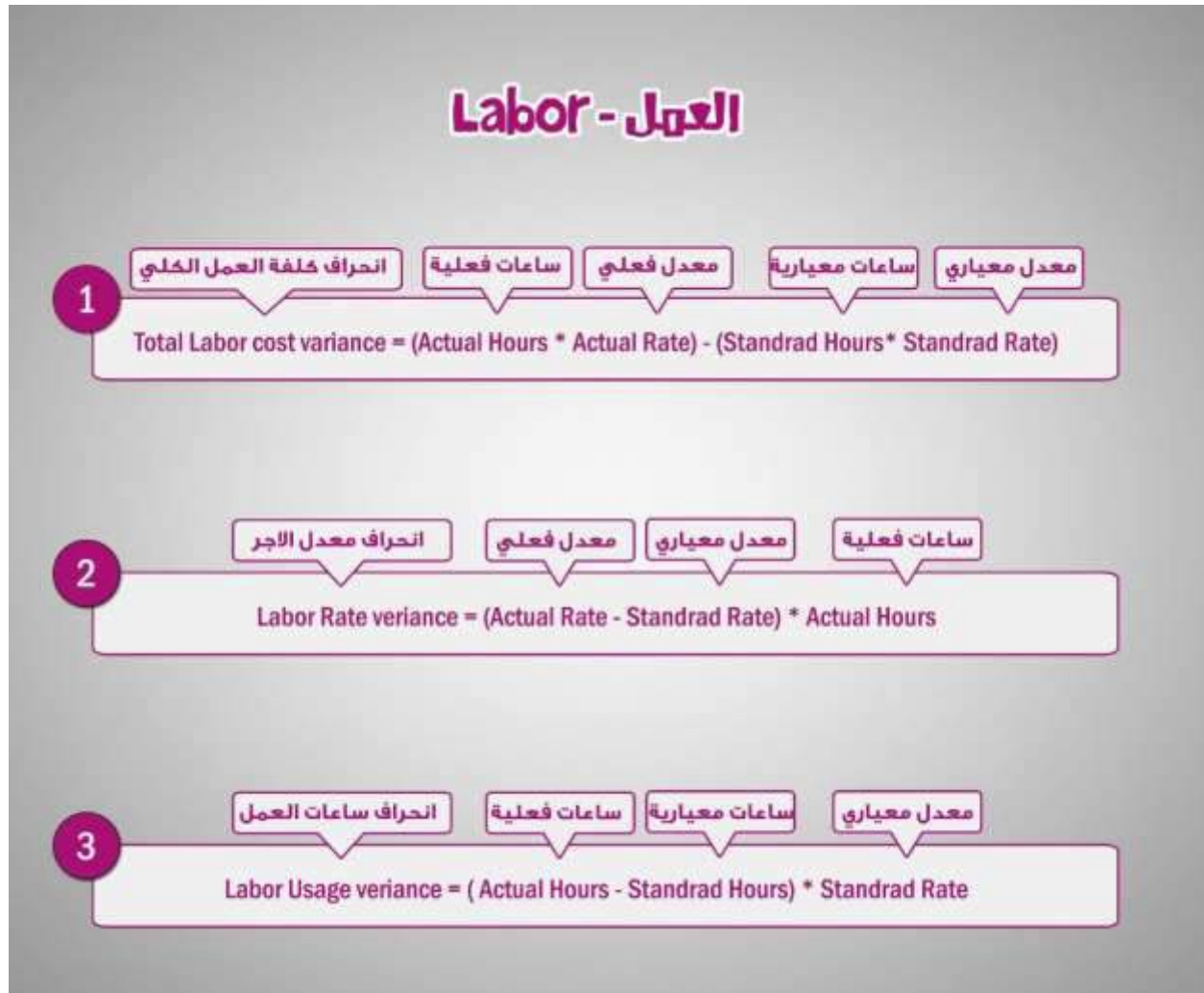
3. Sale of finished goods

Cost of Goods Sold \$756000
 Finished product Control \$756000
($24 + 18 * 18000 = 756000$)

Direct Materials Control			
Beginning balance	0	Finished product Control	\$4560000
Accounts Payable Control	\$540,000		
		Ending balance	84000
	<u>\$540,000</u>		<u>\$540,000</u>
Conversion costs Control			
Other accounts	\$425,000	Conversion costs allocated	\$425,000
	<u>\$425,000</u>		<u>\$425,000</u>
Conversion costs allocated			
Conversion costs control	\$425,000	Finished product Control	\$342000
	<u>\$425000</u>	Cost of goods sold	\$83000
			<u>\$425000</u>

		Finished product Control	
Beginning balance	0	Cost of goods sold	\$756000
Direct Materials Control	\$4560000	Ending balance	\$ 42000
Conversion costs allocated	\$342000		
	798000		798000
		Cost of goods sold	
Finished product Control	\$756000		
Underallocated conversion costs	\$83000		
	839000		839000

The direct labor variances



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Example 5 :- Compute the Labor Variances from the
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 information given below :-

Standard time per unit	3 hours
Standard rate of wages per hour	6 R.S
Actual production	700 units
Actual time taken	2,000 hours
Actual wages	14,000 R.S

Solution :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{① Total Labor cost Variance} &= (AH \times AR) - (SH \times SR) \\
 &= (2,000 \times 7) - (2,100 \times 6) \\
 &= 14,000 - 12,600 \\
 &= 1,400 \text{ u}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{② Labor Rate Variance} &= (AR - SR) \times AH \\
 &= (7 - 6) \times 2,000 \\
 &= 1 \times 2,000 \\
 &= 2,000 \text{ u}
 \end{aligned}$$

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③ Labor usage/efficiency Variance = $(AH - SH) \times SR$
 $= (2,000 - 2,100) \times 6$
 $= -100 \times 6$
 $= -600 \text{ f}$

ملامظات حول المثال 5 :-

① محتاج أن نستخرج معدل الأهر الفعلي للساعة كالتالي :-

$AR = \frac{14,000}{2,000} = 7 \text{ R.s per hours}$
إجمالي الجور الفعلي
الوقت الفعلي المستغرق

② محتاج أن نستخرج ساعات العمل المعيارية لحجم الإنتاج الفعلي كالتالي :-

$SH = 700 \times 3 = 2,100 \text{ hours}$
كمية الإنتاج الفعلي
الوقت المعياري للوحدة الواحدة

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Exercice 2: Materials and manufacturing labor Variances

شركة
تم جمعها للبيانات التالية
انظر
consider the following data collected for great homes, Inc.

مورد مباشر
Direct materials
تضمنت التكلفة
Cost incurred

سعر فعلي
Actual inputs * Actual prices \$ 200,000

سعر معياري
Actual inputs * standard prices \$ 214,000

مجموع المدفلات المعيارية
Standard inputs allowed for \$ 225,000

سعر معياري
actual outputs * standard prices

الانحرافات الكلية و الكفاية السعر اصعب المطلوب

Required: compute the price, efficiency, and total variances

أمور التصنيع المباشرة و المواد المباشرة ل
For direct materials and direct manufacturing labor.

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{① Total materials cost variances} &= AC - SC \\ &= 200,000 - 225,000 \\ &= -25,000 \text{ F} \end{aligned}$$

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② Material price variance = $(AP - SP) * AQ$
 $= (AP * AQ) - (SP * AQ)$
 $= 200,000 - 214,000$
 $= -14,000 \text{ f}$

③ Material usage/efficiency variance = $(AQ - SQ) * SP$
 $= (AQ * SP) - (SQ * SP)$
 $= 214,000 - 225,000$
 $= -11,000 \text{ f}$

④ Total labor cost variance = $AC - SC$
 $= 90,000 - 80,000$
 $= 10,000 \text{ u}$

⑤ Labor Rate variance = $(AR - SR) * AH$
 $= (AR * AH) - (SR * AH)$
 $= 90,000 - 86,000$
 $= 4,000 \text{ u}$

⑥ Labor usage/efficiency variance = $(AH - SH) * SR$
 $= (AH * SR) - (SH * SR)$
 $= 86,000 - 80,000$
 $= 6,000 \text{ u}$



Standard Costing

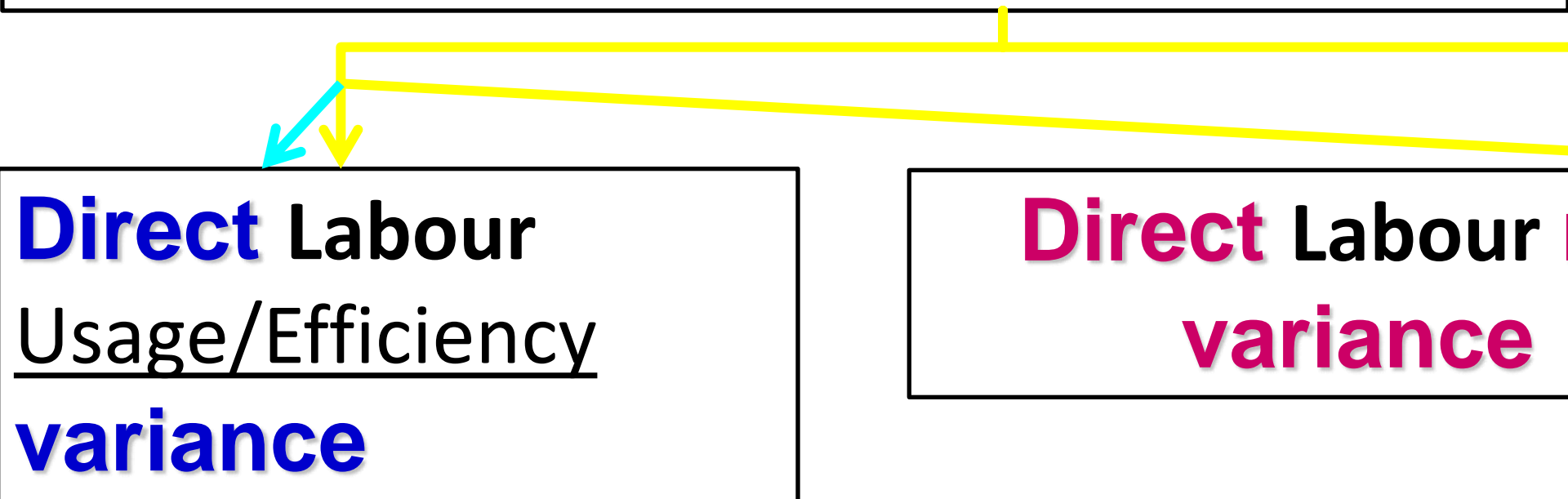
Computing and Analysis of direct labor Variances

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Labour Variances

- Total direct Labour Cost Variance = (Actual hours **AH** * Actual rate per hour **AR**) - (Standard hours for the actual output **SH** * Standard rate per hour **SR**)
- *or* Actual direct labor cost **AC** - Standard direct labor cost **SC**,
- Direct Labour Rate Variance = (Actual rate per hour **AR** - Standard rate per hour **SR**) * Actual hours **AH**
- Direct Labour Usage/Efficiency Variance = (Actual hours **AH** - Standard hours for the actual output **SH**) * Standard rate per hour **SR**

Total Direct Labour Cost Variance



Practice Problem

A firm gives you the following data:

Standard time per unit 2.5 hours

Actual hours worked 2,000 hours

Standard rate of pay Rs. 2 per hour

25 % of the actual hours has been lost as idle time.

Actual output 1,000 units

Actual wages Rs. 4,500

Calculate all labour variances.

Solution

- Total direct Labour Cost Variance = (Actual hours **AH** * Actual rate per hour **AR**) - (Standard hours for the actual output **SH** * Standard rate per hour **SR**)
- = \$ 4500 – ((2.5 h *1000 units)*Rs. 2 per hour
- = \$ 4500- (2500 h*Rs. 2 per hour)
- = \$4500 - \$5000= \$500 F. variance
- Direct Labour Rate Variance = (Actual rate per hour **AR**- Standard rate per hour **SR**)* Actual hours **AH**
- = (Rs. 2.25 per hour- h*Rs. 2 per hour)2000 h
- = \$ 500 UNF. Variance
- Direct Labour Usage/Efficiency Variance =(Actual hours **AH**- Standard hours for the actual output **SH**)* Standard rate per hour **SR**
- =(2000 h- 2500 h) Rs. 2 per hour
- = \$1000 F. variance

Practice Problems

Compute the Labour variances from the information given below:

Standard time	3 hours per unit
Standard rate of wages	Rs. 6 per hour
Actual production	700 units
Actual time taken	2000 hours
Actual Wages	Rs. 14000
Idle time	50 hours

The solution

- Total direct Labour Cost Variance = (Actual hours **AH** * Actual rate per hour **AR**) - (Standard hours for the actual output **SH** * Standard rate per hour **SR**)
- = \$ 14000 – ((3 h * 700 units) * Rs. 6 per hour
- = \$ 14000 - (2100 h * Rs. 6 per hour)
- = \$14000 - \$12600 = \$1400 UNF. variance
- Direct Labour Usage/Efficiency Variance = (Actual rate per hour **AR** - Standard rate per hour **SR**) * Actual hours **AH**
- = (Rs. 7 per hour - h * Rs. 6 per hour) 2000 h
- = \$ 2000 UNF. Variance
- Direct Labour Rate Variance = (Actual hours **AH** - Standard hours for the actual output **SH**) * Standard rate per hour **SR**
- = (2000 h - 2100 h) Rs. 6 per hour
- = \$600 F. variance

Labor Efficiency Variance- Causes

