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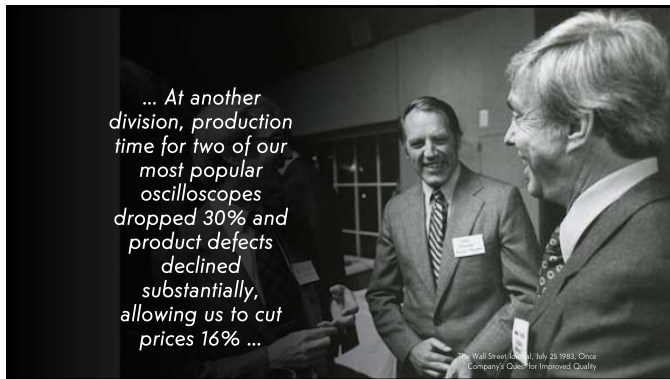
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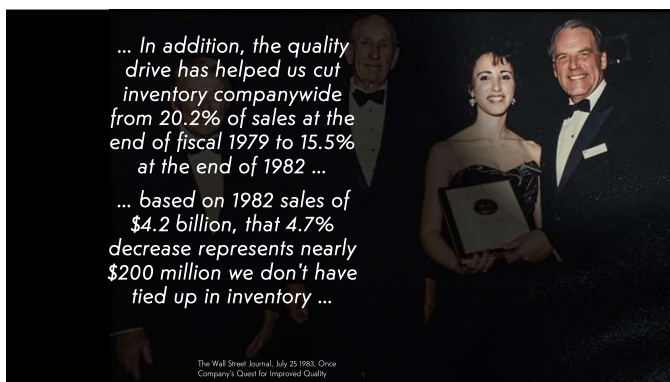
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what are the ways you  
establish the reliability  
value proposition?

... start with the creation of a reliability,  
availability and maintainability value map

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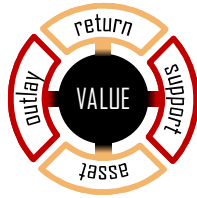
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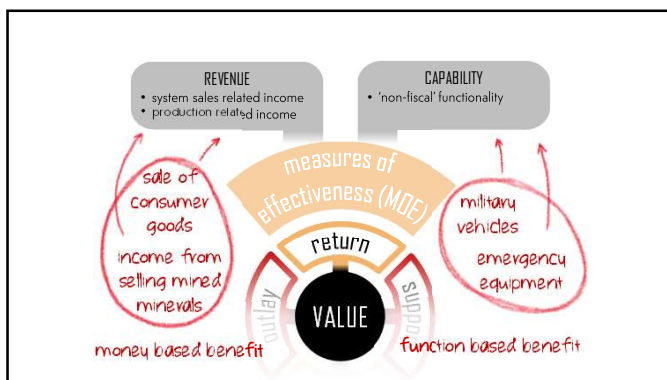
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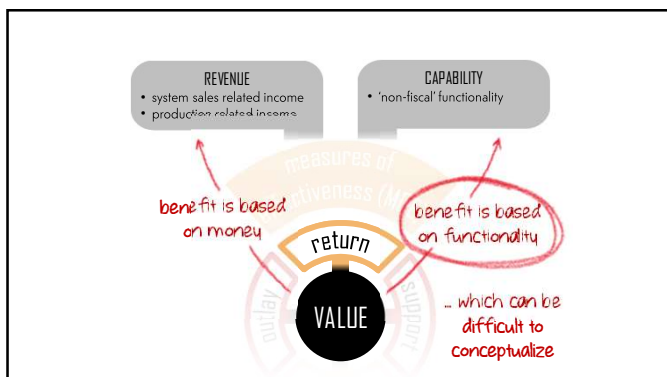
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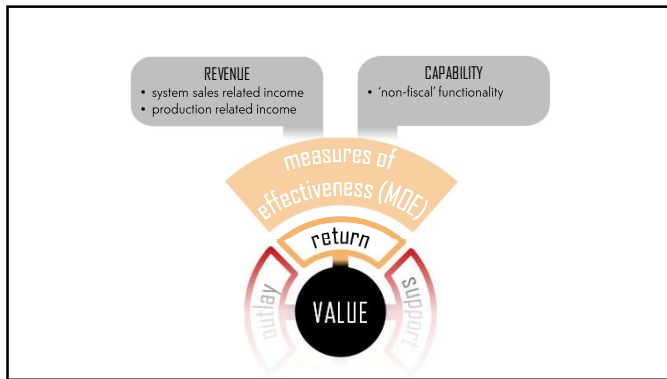
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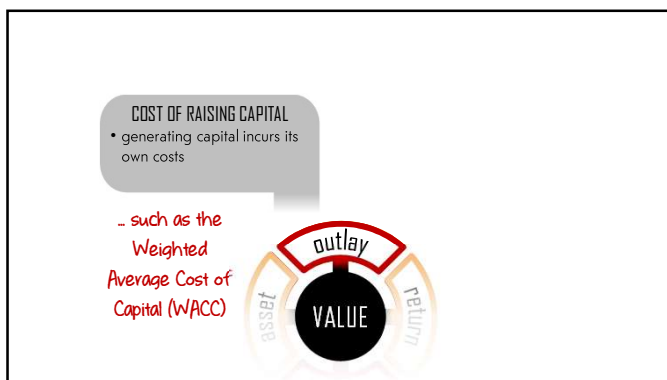
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**weighted average cost of capital/  
(WACC)**

*noun*

is the ongoing fee a company pays  
creditors, shareholders and owners for the  
capital they provide.

... this is market-based – if security holders believe they are not being  
paid enough for their capital they invest their money elsewhere

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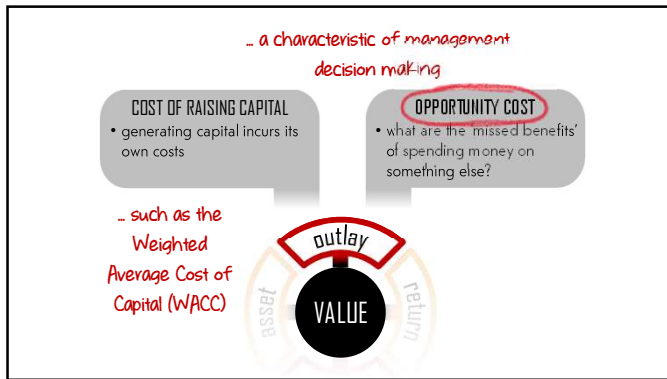
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**opportunity cost/**  
[op-er-tyoo-ni-tee kost]

*noun*

is the loss of potential gain from other alternatives when one alternative is chosen.

New Oxford American Dictionary, 3rd Edition ([http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american\\_english/opportunity-cost](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/opportunity-cost)) retrieved 4th June 2016

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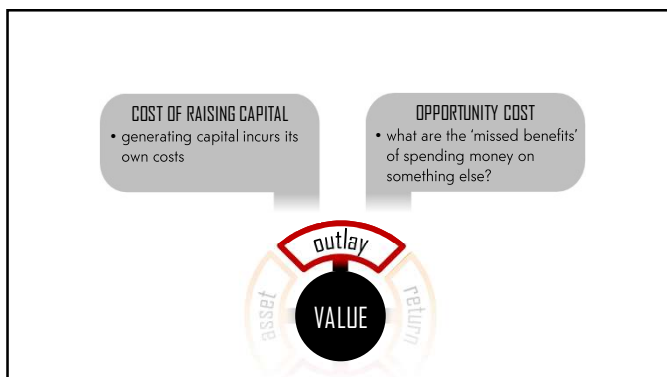
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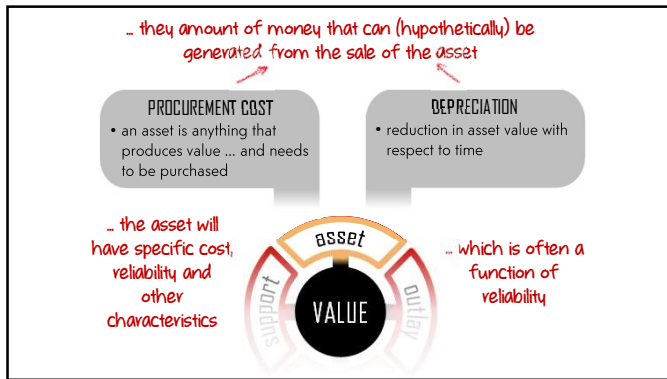
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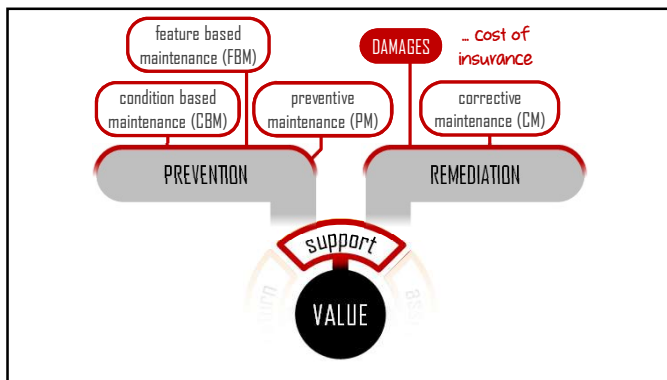
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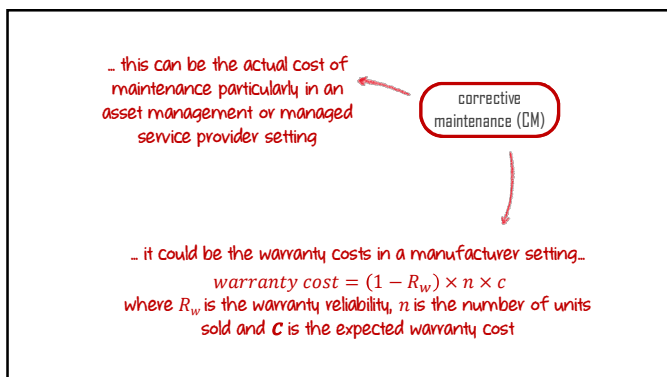
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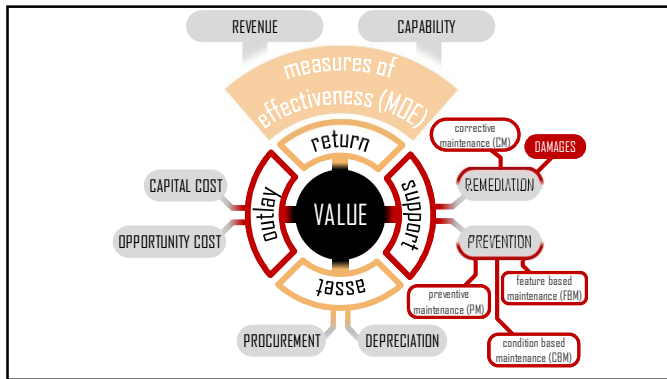
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these value elements  
are what we call 'hard'

... they are based on relatively  
'certain' characteristics and  
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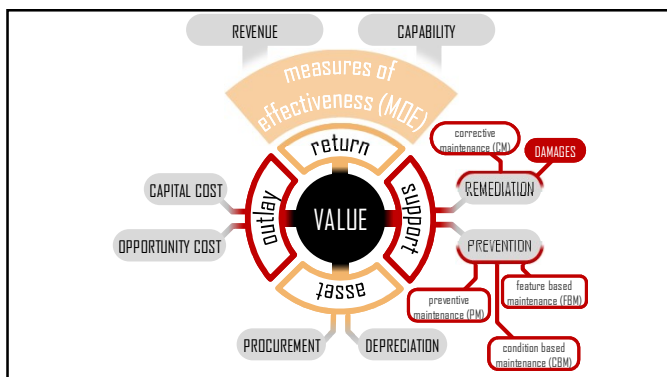
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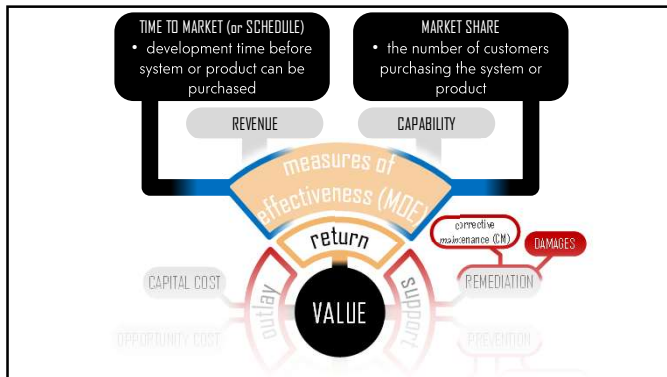
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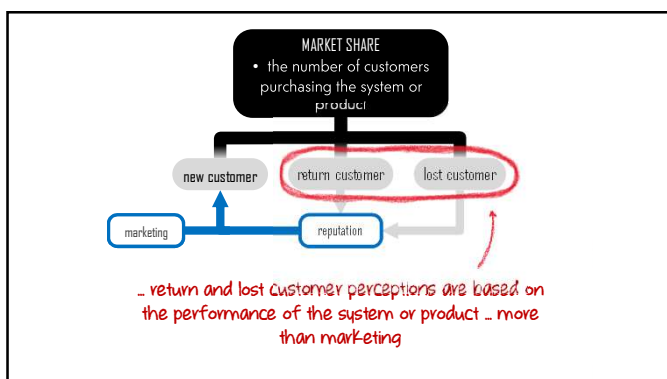
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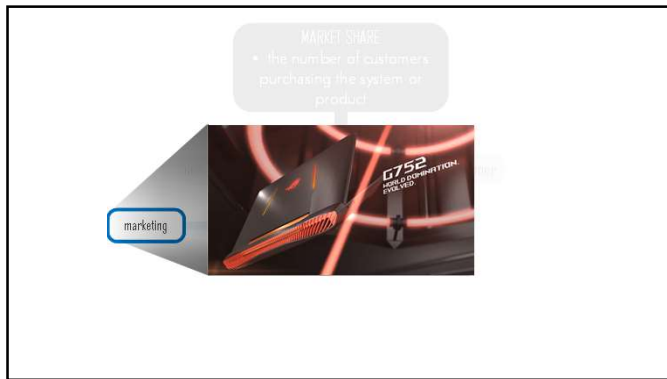
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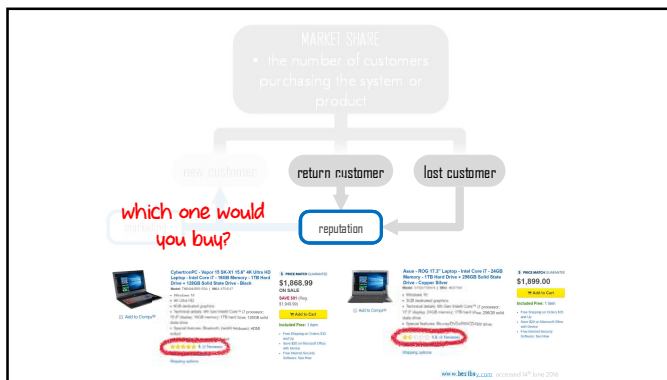
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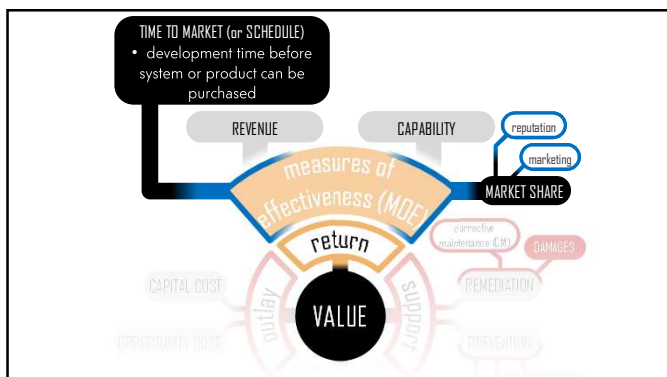
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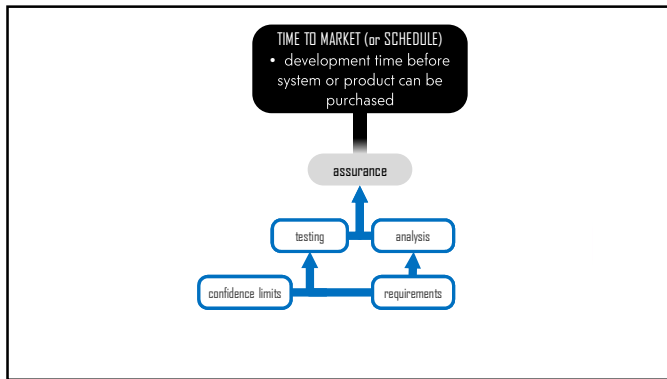
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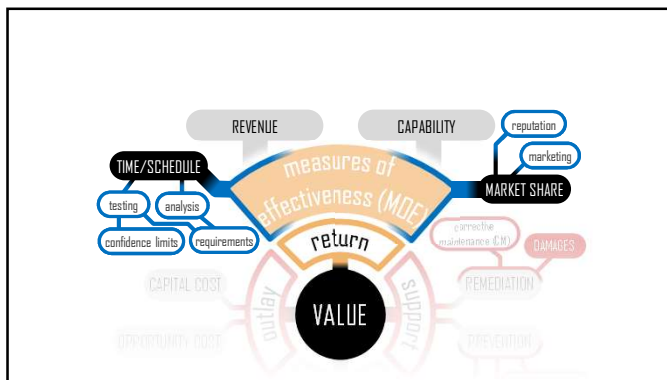
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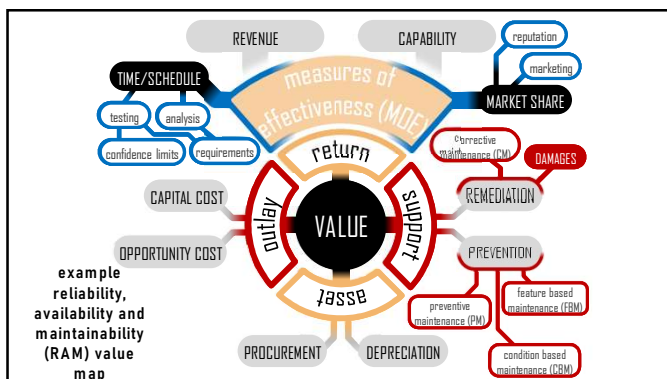
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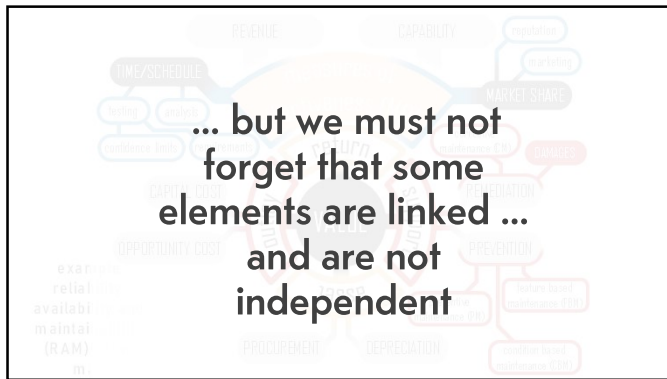
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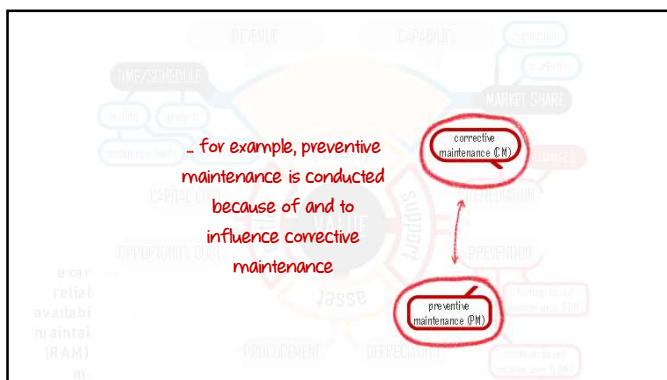
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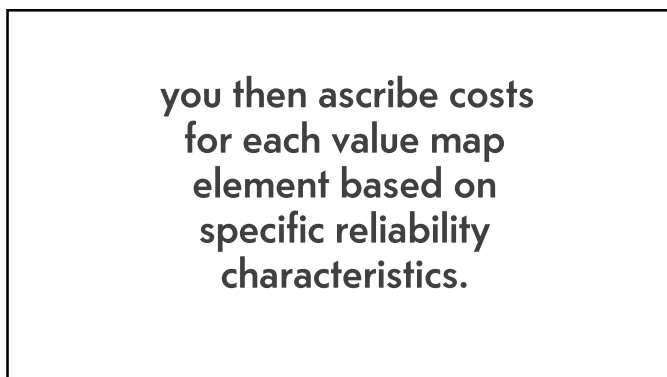
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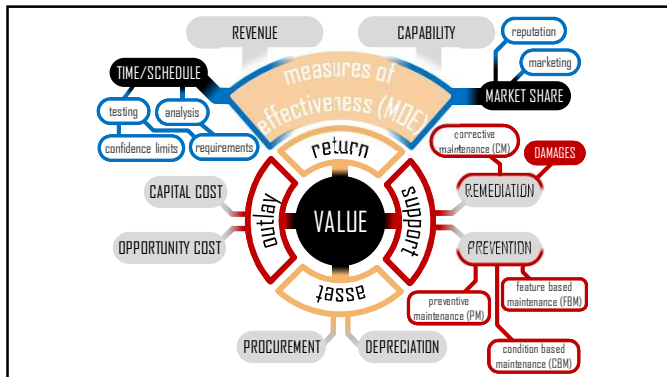
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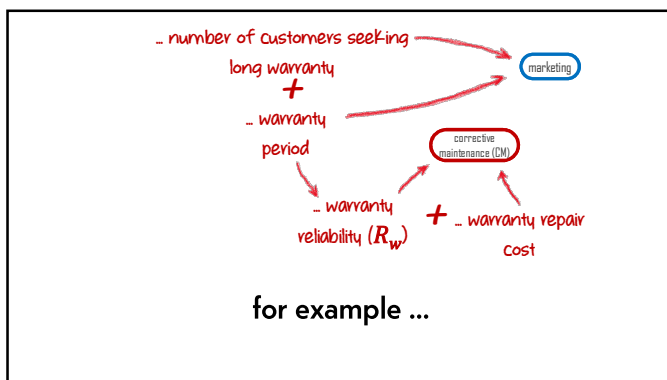
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**EXAMPLE**

**Calculating Warranty Costs ...**

A manufacturer of electronic goods expects to sell 10 000 wireless modem routers ...

... each wireless modem router has a 2 year warranty (based on market expectations)

... warranty repair involves unit replacement at cost of \$ 125

*what are the expected warranty costs?*

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## EXAMPLE

The company has undertaken some analysis and testing ...

... and determined the hazard or failure rate of the wireless modem router

- the hazard or failure rate is the expected number of failures per unit time - such as failures per year



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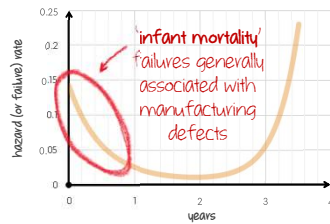
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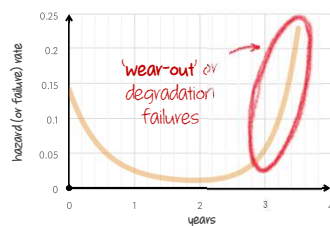
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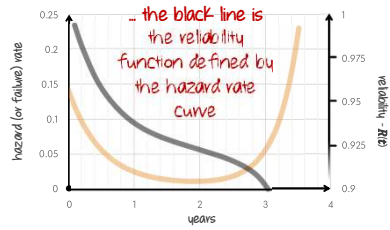
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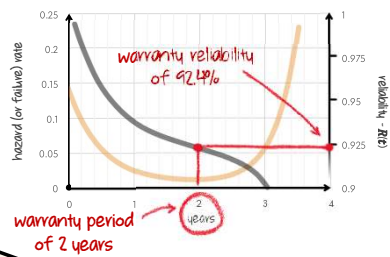
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## EXAMPLE



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## EXAMPLE

That means that 7.6 per cent of all wireless modem routers will fail during the warranty period ...

$$\text{warranty cost} = (1 - R_w) \times n \times c$$

where  $R_w$  is the warranty reliability,  $n$  is the number of units sold and  $c$  is the expected warranty cost ...

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1 - 0.924) \times 10\,000 \times \$125 \\ &= \$95\,000 \end{aligned}$$

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## EXAMPLE

In this example, the reliability value function is ...

$$V = -[(1 - R_w) \times n \times c]$$

noting that the negative sign relates how value is 'maximized' when warranty costs are 'minimized'.



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## EXAMPLE

... the key reliability **metric** or characteristic is the warranty reliability,  $R_w$ .



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... where are resources on warranty performance and value?

... there are many websites such as [www.warrantyweek.com](http://www.warrantyweek.com)



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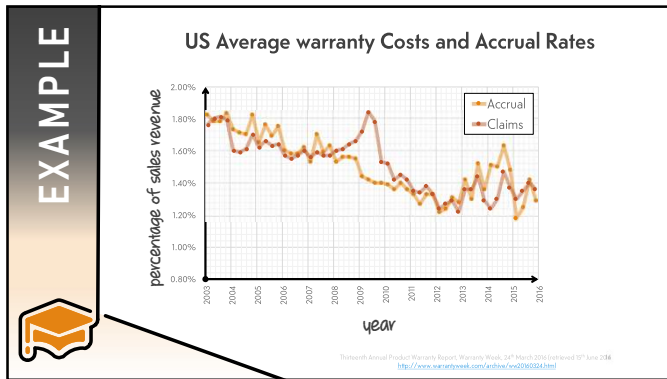
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**warranty cost/**  
**[wawr-uh n-tee kost]**  
*noun*  
 is the cost incurred for the agreed  
 repair or replacement of products,  
 goods or systems sold.

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**warranty accrual/**  
**[wawr-uh n-tee uh-kroo-uh l]**  
*noun*  
 is the capital set aside at time of sale  
 to mitigate warranty liable  
 associated with the expected  
 warranty cost.

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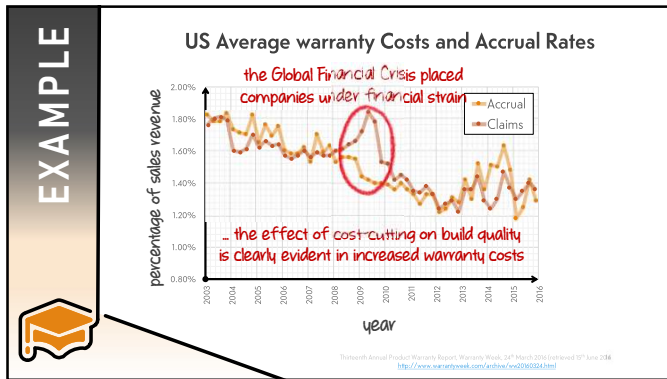
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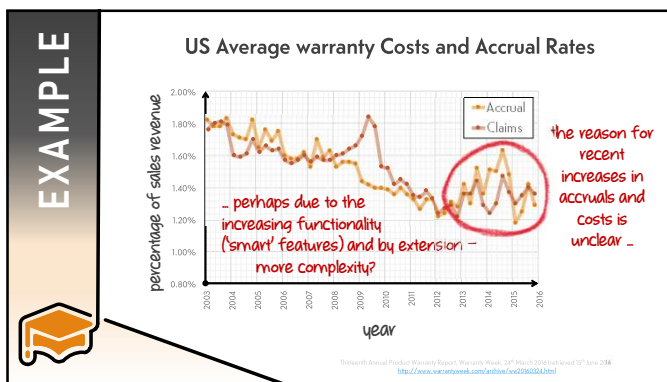
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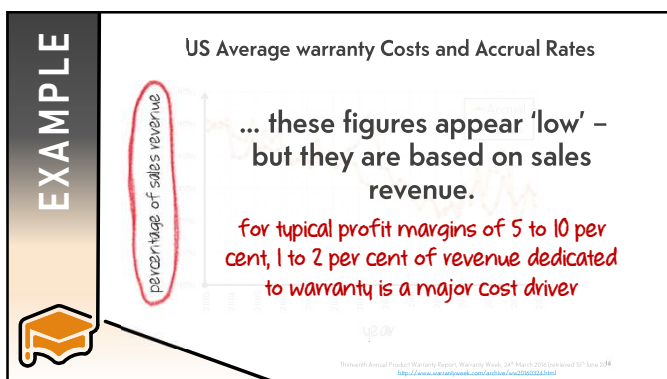
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**EXAMPLE**

US Average warranty Costs and Accrual Rates

... also – these are 'average' percentages across multiple industries ...

'satisfactory' warranty percentages can range from 1 to 10 per cent (the computer industry is around 5 per cent)

percentage of sales revenue

Source: Annual Product Warranty Report, Warranty Week, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (updated 07<sup>th</sup> June 2020)  
<http://www.warrantyweek.com/articles/2020/06/03/04.html>

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... just to reinforce the importance of warranty ...

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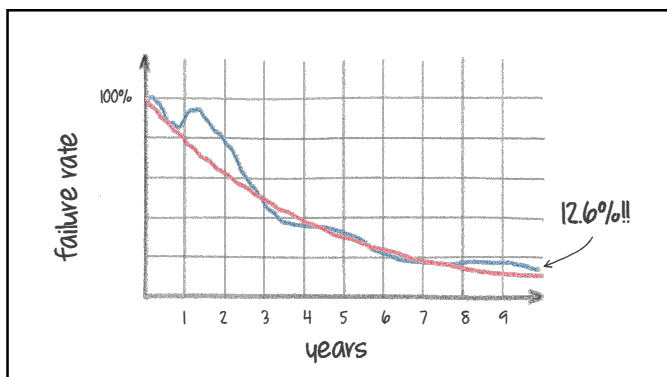
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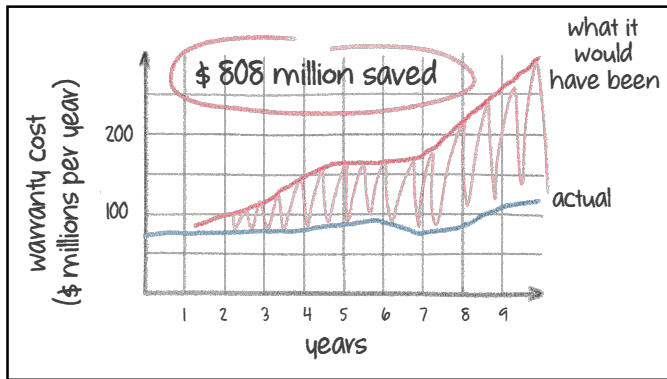
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so how do we incorporate  
'reputational' characteristics  
into value?  
... start with 'lost customers'

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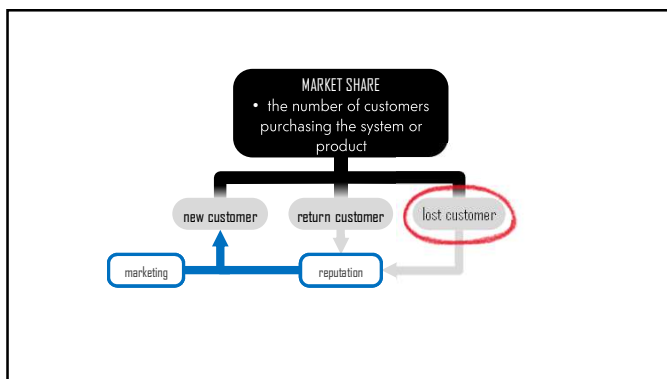
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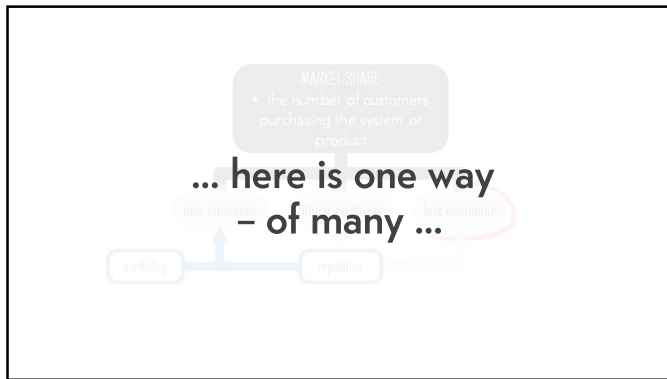
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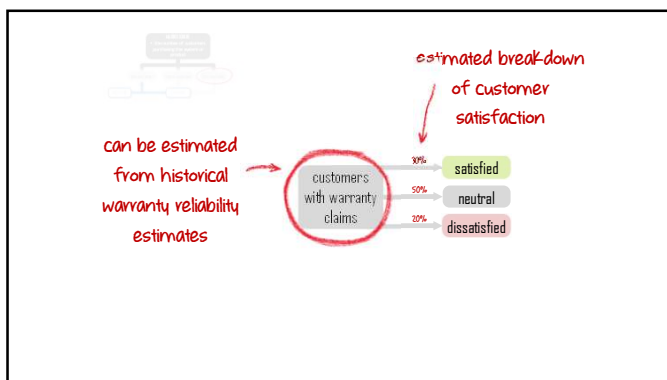
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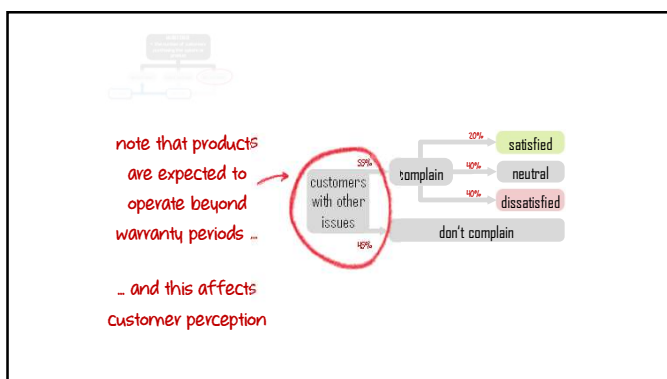
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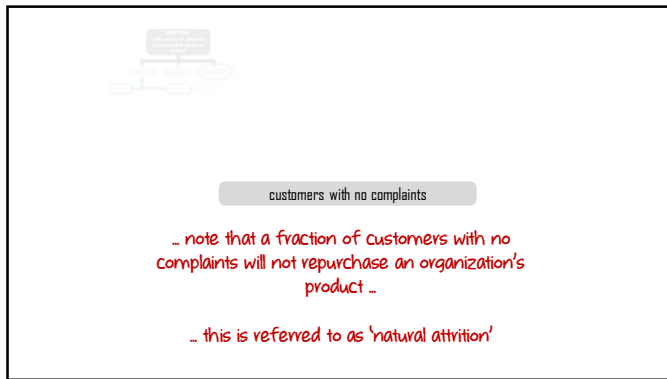
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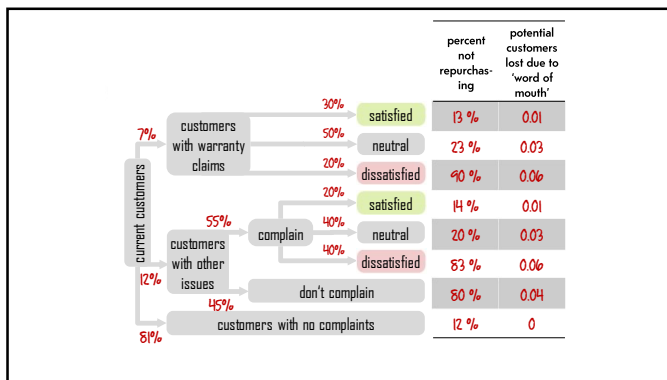
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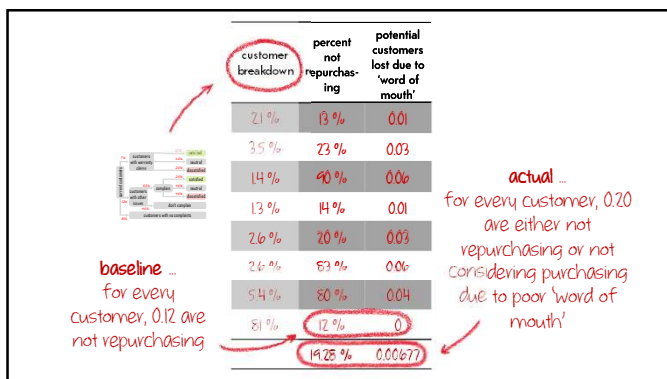
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... if there are 10 000 current customers, defects are causing 796 lost sales ...

... which is \$ 11 938 in lost profit if (for example) the profit per sale is \$ 15

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... but these are just estimates  
- how do we reduce the uncertainty?

... start with conducting sensitivity analysis

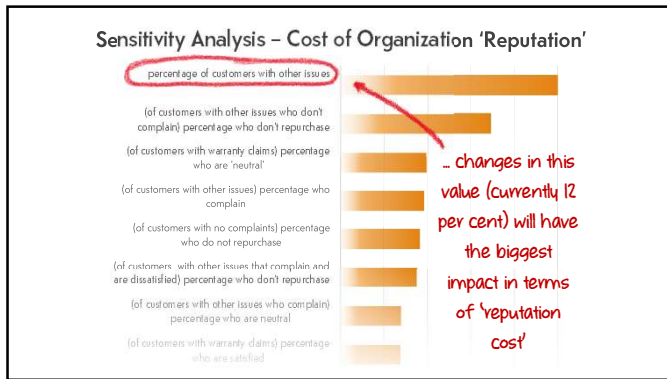
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sensitivity analysis/  
[sen-si-tiv-i-tee uh-nal-uh-sis]

*noun*

is the study of how the uncertainty in the output of a model or system is influenced by uncertainty in its inputs.

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... this means that (for example) surveys can target the finding the percentage of 'customers with other issues'

... and it also means that (as it stands) reducing this percentage will have the biggest positive benefit on reputation cost

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## OBSERVATION



soft cost drivers are equally important ...  
... if not easy to calculate.

... so where do we 'stop' analysis – in terms of trying to model reliability value?

... typically, after you have made your business case (which starts on 'hard cost drivers')

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... the proper place to start, we concluded, was to start with a startling goal – one that would get attention ...

... the goal we chose was a ten fold reduction in our failure rates of our products during the 1980s ...

... we knew this represented a difficult challenge ... [but] we also suspected that anything less dramatic wouldn't convey the importance we attached to this issue ...

... we also knew the close linkage between higher quality, lower cost and increased productivity would lead to other beneficial results for the company

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## OBSERVATION



you stop analysis when ...

you have all the **information you need** to adequately enable a decision ...

... and there is no **organizational benefit** in creating a better understanding of reliability value.

... but what happens when we need to take into more performance characteristics than reliability metrics?

... for example – how do we compare the **value** of expensive but reliable systems to inexpensive but faulty ones?

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## OBSERVATION



**What do you do if you present 'soft' figures that are uncertain estimates ... and someone challenges you or tells you that you are wrong?**

... such as warranty estimates, number of lost customers, the effect of the loss of each customer et cetera.

There is one technique that usually (but not always) works ...

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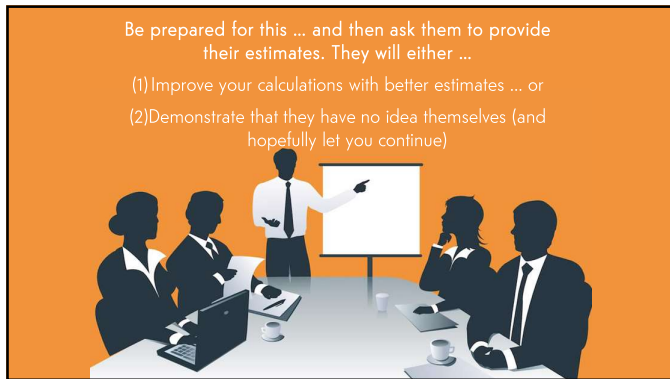
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