

Formatting PICMET Papers: Papers for Proceedings Vol. 1: Book of Summaries and Vol. 2: CD-ROM

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12	Authors' names
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Number equations consecutively with equation numbers in parentheses flush with the right margin. Italicize Roman symbols for quantities and variables, but not Greek symbols. Use parentheses and brackets to avoid ambiguities, as in

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize } Z = & P_1(d_1^- + d_1^+) \\ & + P_2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} w_i d_i^- \right] + P_3(d_m^- + d_m^+) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{subject to } x_n - x_1 + d_1^- + d_1^+ = \Omega \quad (2)$$

$$x_k - x_j + d_i^- + d_i^+ = \pi_{jk} \text{ (for all } k, j \text{ and } i) \quad (3)$$

$$x_n - x_1 + d_m^- + d_m^+ = 0 \quad (4)$$

Be sure that the symbols in your equation have been defined before or immediately after the equation appears. Use “(1),” not “Eq. (1)” or “equation (1),” except at the beginning of a sentence: “Equation (1) is ...”

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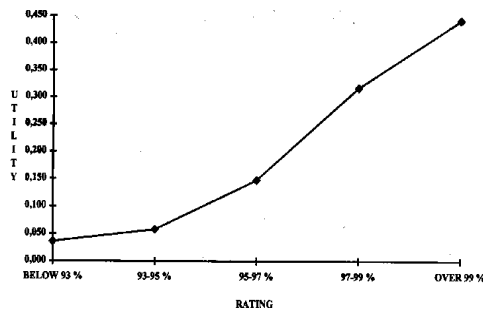


Fig. 1. The utility curve of reliability. (Note how the caption, “RATING,” is centered in the column.)

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