

Estimating and Costing of Building using Revit

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Abstract: *This project, "Estimation and Costing of an RCC Building Using Revit Software," explains how to calculate the cost of building a G+4 residential structure using modern technology. Revit software helps in making the process faster and more accurate by automatically measuring materials and costs. The project covers different estimation methods, such as rate analysis and quantity surveying, to determine the required amounts of bricks, cement, sand, doors, and windows. It also includes cost calculations for important parts of the building, like the foundation, walls, and roof, to ensure proper budgeting. By using Revit, the project helps to avoid extra costs, plan materials properly, and complete construction within budget. It also teaches students how to use digital tools for cost estimation and project planning, making construction work more efficient and organized.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Before starting any building project, it is important to know how much money will be needed. Estimation helps to find out the number of materials, workers, and costs required, while costing helps in planning the budget. If the cost is too high, changes can be made to fit the budget.

A good estimate helps to use materials properly, avoid waste, and prevent extra expenses. It is also needed for project approvals, contracts, and keeping costs under control.

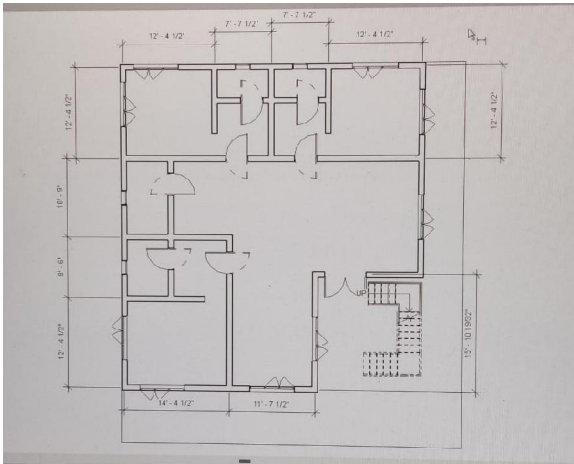
Today, Revit software makes estimation easier and more accurate. It creates 3D building models and calculates material quantities and costs automatically. This saves time and reduces mistakes.

This project focuses on estimating and costing a G+4 RCC building using Revit software, showing how technology helps in better planning and budgeting.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Estimating the cost of a building is very important to plan the budget, manage resources, and avoid extra expenses. Studies show that old methods of estimation often lead to mistakes, delays, and higher costs. One study explains that having the right techniques and skilled professionals can make cost estimation more accurate. Another study on a seven-story building in Dhaka found that manual methods are slow and can have errors, while modern tools like Revit and BIM software make the process easier and more reliable. Research comparing different cost estimation methods shows that software like Revit and AutoCAD helps by automatically calculating materials and reducing human mistakes. A case study on multi-story buildings also shows that using quantity surveying and volumetric analysis makes estimation faster and more precise. These studies prove that modern software improves cost planning and project success. This project follows these ideas by using Revit software to estimate and cost an RCC G+4 building, showing how technology helps in better construction planning.

III. PLANNING OF BUILDING



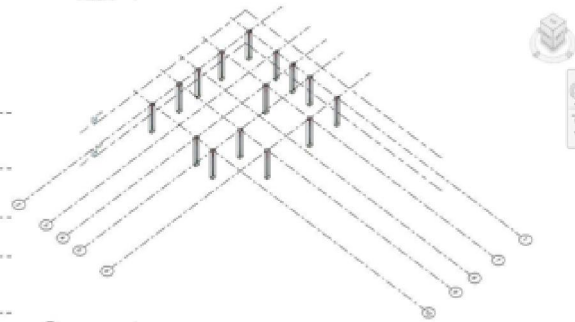
Grid plan of foundation



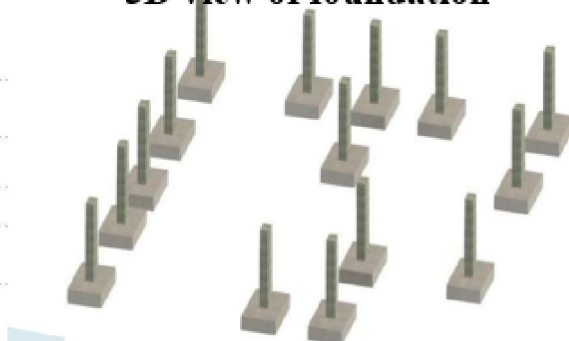
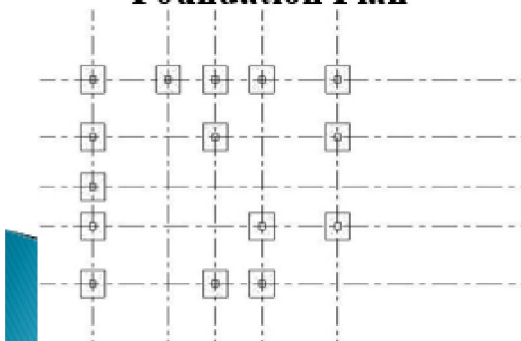
3D view of columns



Foundation Plan



3D view of foundation



IV. ESTIMATION OF BUILDING

Calculation of no. Of bricks & cost of bricks

IN MILIMETER (MM)

Size of brick = 190mm x 90mm x 90mm (WITHOUT MORTAR) Volume = L x W x H

=190 x 90 x 90

=1539000mm²

PLASTER OF MORTAR USED =10MM

Size of brick = 200mm x 100mm x 100mm (WITH MORTAR) Volume = L x W x H

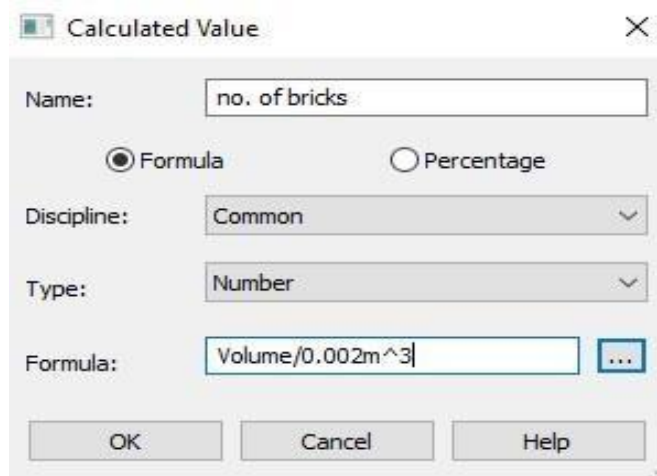
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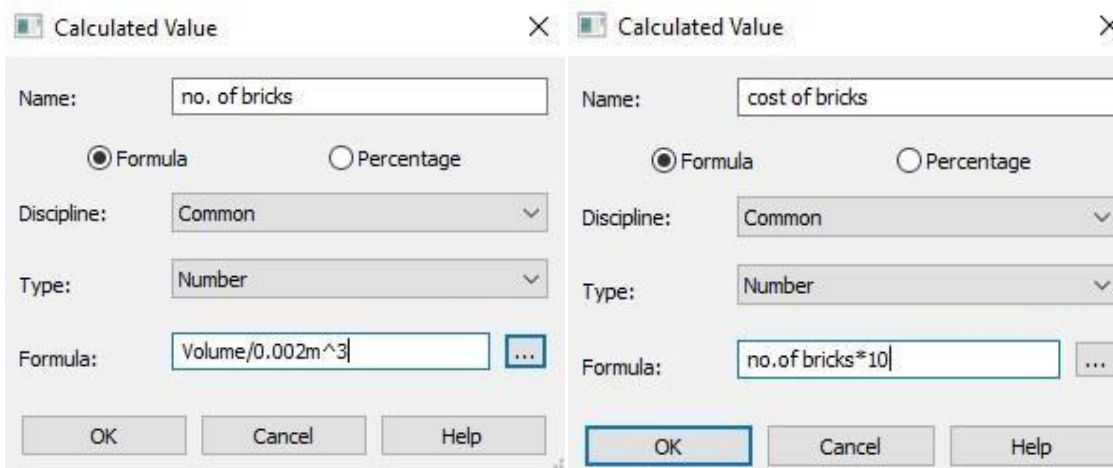
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$= 200 \times 100 \times 100$
 $= 200000$
 $10\text{MM} = 1\text{CM}$
 Size of brick = $19\text{cm} \times 9\text{cm} \times 9\text{cm}$ (WITHOUT MORTAR)
 Volume = length \times width \times height
 $= 19 \times 9 \times 9$
 $= 1539\text{cm}^2$ PLASTER USED = 1 cm
 Brick size = $20\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm}$ Volume = 2000cm^3
 1 METER = 100CM
 Brick size = $0.19 \times 0.09 \times 0.09$
 $= 0.001539\text{m}^2$ PLASTER USED = 0.1 M
 Brick size = $0.20\text{m} \times 0.10\text{m} \times 0.10\text{m}$ (WITH MORTAR)
 Volume = $20 \times 10 \times 10$
 $= 0.002\text{m}^3$
 NumberOf bricks in $1\text{m}^3 = \text{Volume of } 1\text{m}^3 / \text{volume of 1 brick with mortar}$
 $= 1/0.002$
 $= 500$ Bricks



Calculated Value dialog box for 'no. of bricks'. The 'Name' field contains 'no. of bricks'. The 'Formula' radio button is selected. The 'Discipline' is set to 'Common' and the 'Type' is set to 'Number'. The 'Formula' field contains 'Volume/0.002m^3'. Buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' are visible at the bottom.



Two screenshots of 'Calculated Value' dialog boxes. The left dialog box is for 'no. of bricks' with the formula 'Volume/0.002m^3'. The right dialog box is for 'cost of bricks' with the formula 'no. of bricks*10'. Both dialog boxes have 'Formula' selected, 'Common' discipline, and 'Number' type. The 'OK' button in the right dialog box is highlighted.

Calculation of No. cement bags & cost of Cement Bags

Volume of 1 m³ covering 500 no. of bricks

= Bricks in 1m³ × 1 brick volume without mortar

= 0.001539 × 500

= 0.7695m³

Volume of mortar (in 1 m³) = 1 - 0.7695

= 0.2305m³ (wet volume)

For dry volume, 33% is increased as per IS code,

Dry volume = (0.2305 × 33%) + 0.2305

= 0.2305 + 0.076065

= 0.06m³

Mortar Ratio = (1:6) = (Cement: Sand)

Quantity of cement in (1m³) = (dry volume of mortar × ratio of cement) / Ratio of (cement + sand)

= (0.306 × 1) / (1 + 6)

= 0.043m³

Density of cement = 1440kg/m³

Quantity of cement in kg = quantity of cement × density of cement

= 0.043 × 1440

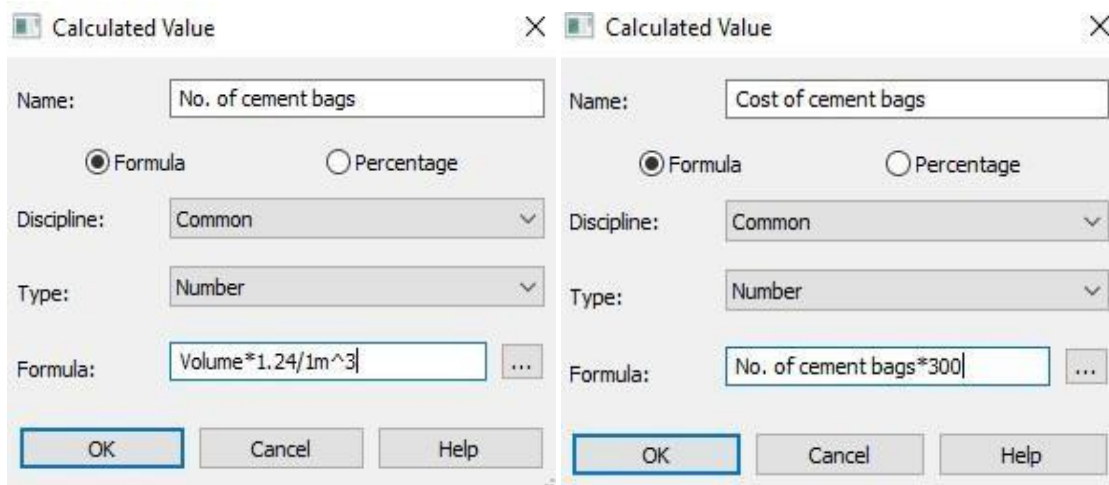
= 62 kg

1 cement bag = 50 kg

Total no. Of cement bag in m³ = 62 / 50

= 1.24 bags

Cost of 1.24 bags = 300 × 1.24 = 372rs



Calculation of sand & cost of Sand

Quantity of sand in 1m³ = (dry volume of mortar × sand ratio) / Ratio of (cement and sand)

= (0.306 × 6) / (1 + 6) = 1.836 / 7

= 0.262m³

Density of sand = 1450 to 1500kg/m³

We are taking = 1450kg/m³

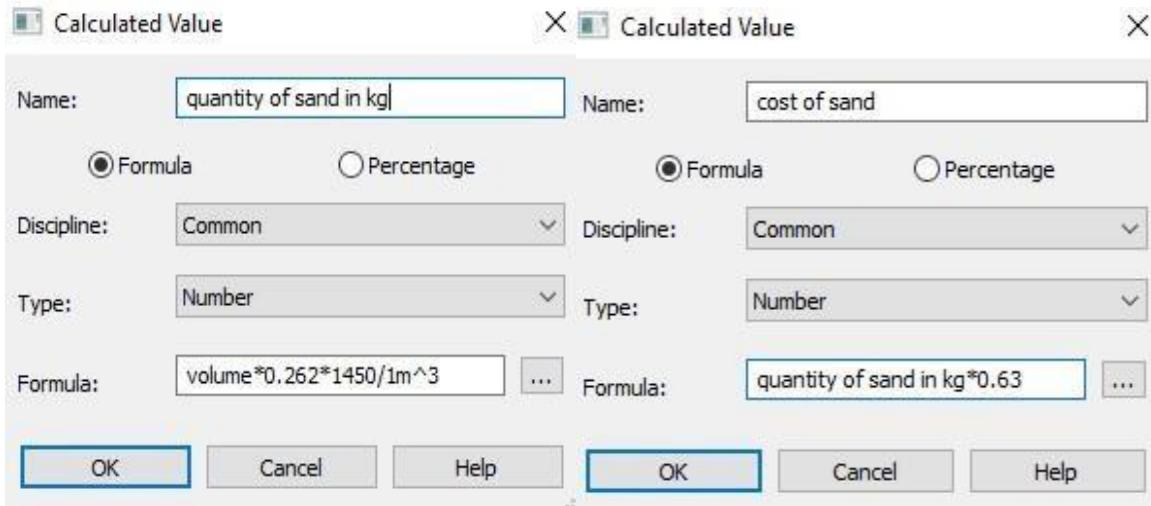
Quantity of sand in kg = 0.262 × density of sand

= 0.262 × 1450

= 379.9kg

1 Trucks and = 6660kg

$379.9\text{kg} = (379.9/6660)\text{truck}$
 $= 0.0570 \text{ truck}$
 $1\text{trucks and cost} = 10500\text{rs}$
 $379.9\text{kgs and cost} = 0.0570 \times 10500$
 $= 598.50\text{rs}$
 $1 \text{ kg s and} = 379.9/598.5$
 $= 0.63\text{rs}$



Calculation of Cost of Aggraagate

- Aggregate Required for 1m³ of Concrete (1:2:4 Mix):

$$\frac{1 \times 4}{1 + 2 + 4} = 0.57 \text{ m}^3$$

- Weight of Aggregate (Density = 1500 kg/m³):

$$0.57 \times 1500 = 855 \text{ kg}$$

- Cost Estimation:

- Cost per Ton (1000 kg): ₹1,200
- Total Cost for 855 kg:

$$\frac{855}{1000} \times 1200 = ₹1,026$$

<Floor Schedule>			
A	B	C	D
Area	Family and Type	Volume	Cost
2392 SF	Floor: Generic - 12	996.67 CF	1500.00
1795 SF	Floor: Generic - 12	747.82 CF	1500.00
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11366 SF		4735.76 CF	9000.00

<Railing Schedule>			
A	B	C	D
Railing Height	Family and Type	Length	Cost
3' - 0"	Railing: Handrail - Rectangular	18' - 1 13/32"	600.00
3' - 0"	Railing: Handrail - Rectangular	29' - 7 3/32"	600.00
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Grand total: 22			13200.00

V. CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates how Revit software can make the estimation and costing of an RCC G+4 building more efficient and accurate. By using modern technology, construction planning becomes faster, reduces errors, and helps manage the budget better. The software automatically calculates material quantities, avoiding wastage and extra costs. This approach improves construction efficiency and ensures better resource utilization.

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