2- Review common pitfalls in the selection of new ventures

- 1. Inadequate planning of the business
- 2. Insufficient initial capital for start-up period and development stages due to inadequate planning
- 1. Mistaken estimate of market demand for product or service
- 2. Lack of management ability
- 1. Failure to select and use appropriate outside professional advisors
- 2. Inability to market product or services effectively
- 3. Over dependence on a single individual or on a predicted specific event
- 4. Failure to understand capital requirements of a growing business
- 5. Poor timing of expenditures due to poor planning
- 6. Expedient rather than reasoned decision-making

4- Examine why new venture fail (capital often)

Development risk: Can the product or service actually be created?

Manufacturing risk: If the product can be developed, can it actually be produced in appropriate volume?

Marketing risk: If the product can be made, can it be sold effectively?

Financial risk: If the product can be sold effectively, will the resulting company be profitable *and* can the profits actually be realized in a form that allows investors to receive cash?

Growth risk: If the company can achieve operating profitability at one level, can profitability be maintain as the company evolves?