

Improving the job shop scheduling algorithm to minimize total penalty costs considering maintenance activity

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1. INTRODUCTION

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Scheduling is a plan for arranging job sequences and allocating resources, both time and facilities, to each operation that must be complete[d \[1\].](#page-11-0) The essence of the scheduling objective function is to minimize the total processing time (makespan). In addition, scheduling based on machine environment is divided into several types. These include single and multiple machines, flow, job, and open shops [\[2](#page-11-0)[–4\].](#page-11-1) Li [\[5\],](#page-11-2) Sivrikaya-Serifoglu & Ulusoy [\[6\],](#page-11-3) and Dorndoft et al. [\[7\]](#page-11-4) developed a production scheduling optimization algorithm that can handle NP-Hard problems while taking time and resource constraints into account. They employed branch and bound algorithms and genetic algorithms to manage the complexity, aiming to minimize penalty costs and delays. We widely use heuristic and metaheuristic algorithms for scheduling because they can overcome the limitations of mathematical models or exact algorithms that are too slow for large scales [\[8](#page-11-5)–[10\].](#page-11-6) Some studies use a combination of exact algorithms and heuristics to solve complex scheduling problems with the aim of optimizing time or cost criteria [\[11](#page-11-7)–[13\].](#page-11-8)

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A job shop is a manufacturing environment where new ones often have different work routes or operations [\[2](#page-11-0)–[3\].](#page-11-0) Job shop scheduling is characterized by scheduling *n* jobs on *m* machines, each comprising an unidentical machine sequence or routing. The simple form of this model assumes that each job only passes through a machine once on its route to the process. However, other models allow each job to pass through similar machines more than once on its route.

Production scheduling is generally based on the assumption that resources are always available. However, in reality, these resources, including machines, equipment, and facilities that support the production process, have limited availability of resources [\[14](#page-11-9)–[16\].](#page-11-10) For example, when the machine is interrupted during the production process. These conditions are improved by scheduling and accomplishing maintenance activities to reduce the disturbance level on the machine. This causes the job process to take a long time, resulting in penalties such as tardiness and earliness costs. The earliness penalty occurs when the work is completed before the specified time limit, thereby saving costs [\[17\].](#page-12-0) Meanwhile, tardiness occurs because the work was not completed within the predetermined time limit, which leads to a penalty [10–12]. Pham & Klinkert [\[18\]](#page-12-1) and Hsu [\[19\]](#page-12-2) emphasize makespan reduction as the main priority in scheduling, even though it is applied in different sectors, namely healthcare services and the manufacturing industry.

The issue of scheduling several jobs on a single machine was developed by Li [\[5\]](#page-11-2) and parallel machine by Sivrikaya-Şerifoğlu & Ulusoy [\[6\]](#page-11-3) to minimize the sum of earliness and tardiness costs. Chen [\[16\]](#page-11-10) researched a single machine that addressed the issue of machine unavailability in scheduling. The investigation entailed scheduling problems by several time intervals as a maintenance activity. It is designed for a single machine and focuses on improving the periodic maintenance schedule. Andriani [\[23\]](#page-12-3) developed a job shop scheduling model to minimize penalty costs without considering disruptions to the production process. Therefore, the proposed model is designed based on this model by considering the maintenance activities schedule.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The *earliness* penalty occurs when the work is completed before the specified time limit, thereby saving costs. Meanwhile, *tardiness* occurs because the work was not completed within the predetermined time limit, which leads to a penalty. Baker and Scudder [1] formulated the *earliness* and *tardiness* model as follows.

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E_i = \max(0, d_i - C_i) = (d_i - C_i)^{+}
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\n(1)

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T_i = \max(0, C_i - d_i) = (C_i - d_i)^{+}
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\n(2)

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f(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha E_i + \beta T_i)
$$
\n(3)

where,

- *Eⁱ* : *Earliness* on job *i*
- *dⁱ* : *Due date* on job *i*
- *Cⁱ* : *Completion time* on job *i*
- *Tⁱ* : *Tardiness* on job *i*
- *α* : *Earliness* penalty unit cost
- *β* : *Tardiness* penalty unit cost
- *f*(*s*) : Function of on *S* schedule

Andrian[i \[23\]](#page-12-3) developed a job shop scheduling using the priority dispatching algorithm. The algorithm used a forward and backward-forward scheduling approach to minimize the total earliness and tardiness costs. It is assumed that no other activities can interrupt the production process. The notations used in this model will be employed to develop a proposed algorithm and they are presented below.

- *St* : a collection of tasks that are ready to be scheduled at step *t* (iteration step) *Pst* : a partial schedule that contains scheduled operations *C^j* : completion time of the *j*-th operation *Rij* : start time of the *i-*th job and the *j*-th operation
- *R** : the fastest time an operation can be started (*R* = Cj + tij*)

The calculation stages of this model realized with the forward approach, are described in the following algorithm.

Step 1: Initiation Stage

Identification of the number and routing of jobs.

- Step 2: Set $t = 1$, $C_j = 0$, and $P_{st} = 0$ (P_{st} is a partial schedule containing scheduled operations).
	- Set S_t (S_t is the set of operations ready to be scheduled) is equal to all operations without predecessors.
- Step 3: For each operation in *S^t* that requires machine *m* where *Rij* is performed, select *task ij.*
	- In model 1: Select task *ij* with the largest remaining processing time, taking into account the effect of *tij* on *task ij* (LPTR).
		- In model 2: Select *task ij* with the largest remaining processing time without considering the effect of *tij* on *task ij* (LPTR+1).
- Step 4: The selected *task ij* will have $R_{ij} = R^*$ where R^* equals m^* .
	- a. Is *task ij* > 1?

When selecting whether *task ij* contains *S^t* and *m** where *R** is greater than one? If not, then proceed to Step 5.

- b. If yes, select the *ij* task with the Short Processing Time (SPT) priority rule, and proceed to Step 5.
- *c.* On Step 4b, is *task ij* > 1? When selecting Step 4b, is *task ij* in S_t and accomplished in m^* where R^* is greater than one? If not, then it proceeds to Step 5.
- d. If yes, select the *ij task* with the First Come First Serve (FCFS) priority rule, and proceed to Step 5.

Step 5: Proceed to the next step by creating a *Pst+1* partial schedule and refine the data set by:

- a. Enter the selected *task ij* on *Pst+1.*
- b. Eliminate the selected *task ij* from S_t and form S_{t+1} by adding its successor when all of its predecessor tasks have been scheduled.
- c. Add *t* to 1.
- d. Update the available time for each machine.
- e. Fix C_j for all *task ij* in S_{t+1} , namely:
	- (a) For *task ij*, which is the successor of the selected task,
		- C_j = max (R^* , available time in machine *k*).
	- (b) For *task ij* that has not been selected at the previous *Step t*,
	- C_j = max (C_j at Step *t* before, available time in machine *k*)

Step 6: When there are still unscheduled tasks, proceed to Step 3, otherwise stop.

The following steps describe the calculation stages for the Andriani [23] algorithm, realized with the backwards-forward approach.

Step 19: If *O = Ø,* hence, *stop*, if not, search new *noj* and *nom* from the current available set *O.*

Chen [\[16\]](#page-11-10) discusses single-machine scheduling considering limited machine availability due to the periodic maintenance schedule. There is a time interval *T* between two consecutive maintenance activities. A maintenance activity requires an amount of time t for execution (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Scheduling with maintenance periods on a single machine [16]

Description:

 $J[i]$: *j*-th job

M : maintenance time

T : time interval between two maintenance periods

t : amount of time to perform one maintenance

Furthermore, Chen [\[16\]](#page-11-10) formulates the problem to minimize the total flow time. The total flow time of all jobs in schedule *S* is modeled as follows.

$$
f(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i
$$
 (4)

3. MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The differences among the models from Chen [\[16\],](#page-11-10) Andriani [\[23\],](#page-12-3) and the proposed one are shown in Table 1. Chen [\[16\]](#page-11-10) developed a method to minimize total flow time in a scheduling system that considers periodic maintenance and non-resumable jobs. The proposed heuristic algorithm shows results close to optimal with an average error of only 0.57%. This algorithm is much faster compared to the branch and bound algorithm, making it suitable for large-scale problems. Meanwhile, Andrian[i \[23\]](#page-12-3) aimed to develop a job shop scheduling algorithm to minimize the total costs of earliness and tardiness. It modified the algorithm by providing different priority rules.

The following assumptions were employed:

- 1. Scheduling is conducted for processes that can be stopped (manufacturing)
- 2. Set-up time is not affected by the work order, therefore, it can be considered part of the processing time.
- 3. Transportation time is negligible
- 4. Job starts at *t=0* (forward approach)
- 5. Static job arrival pattern
- 6. Penalty costs are dissimilar
- 7. Each job has a different due date
- 8. The generated process determines the schedule of maintenance activities
- 9. Scheduled maintenance activities are simultaneously performed on each machine
- 10. At the time of the scheduled maintenance activity, the machine was not operating.

The proposed model modifies the basic one designed by Andrian[i \[23\].](#page-12-3) Figure 2 shows that the proposed model is in the form of a job shop flowchart.

Figure 2. The job shop flowchart

The triplet notation is applied in the study, which notation consists of (*i, j, k*), namely *i* indicates the job number, *j* indicates the operation sequence, and *k* indicates the machine used. The additional notations used in the proposed algorithm are:

- *t* : iteration step
- *n* : number of jobs
- *tij* : processing time of the *i-*th job and the *j*-th operation
- *Cij* : completion time of the *i-*th job and the *j*-th operation
- *C** : the fastest time the operation can be completed
- *P^x* : maintenance activities that have been scheduled by *x* (maintenance period*, x=*1, 2, …, *x+*1)
- *k* : machine number
- *dⁱ* : *i*-th *due date*
- *Irc* : time interval for job execution that can be scheduled

The calculation stages of the proposed model with a forward approach are described in the following algorithm.

Identify the number and routing of jobs

- Step 2: Set $t = 1$, $R_{ij} = 0$, and $P_{st} = 0$ (P_{st} is a partial schedule containing scheduled operations). Set S_t (S_t is the set of operations ready to be scheduled) is equal to all operations without *predecessor*.
- Step 3: For every operation in *S^t* that requires an *m* machine where *Cij* is performed, select *task ij*. In model 1: Select the *task ij* with the largest remaining processing time that considers *tij* in the *task ij* (LPTR).
	- In model 2: Select *task ij* with the largest remaining processing time without considering *tij* in the *task ij* (LPTR+1)
- Step 4: a. If there is only one *task ij* selected*, task* (*ij =* 1), then schedule the *task,*
	- b. If the number of selected *tasks ij* is more than one *task* (*ij >* 1), then select *task ij* with the SPT priority rule (min *tij*),
	- **c.** If there is still a *task ij* that has (min t_{ij}) at the same price (min t_{ij} > 1), then select the *task* with FCFS priority rule.
- Step 5: a. If the *task ij selected has* R_{ij} + t_{ij} = C_{ij} \leq *P_x* (maintenance activity start schedule), then schedule it before *Px*,

b. If the *task ij* selected has R_{ij} + t_{ij} = C_{ij} > P_x (maintenance activity start schedule), then schedule it after *Px*,

Task ij selected will have $C_{ij} = C^*$ *where* C^* *will have* m^* *.*

Step 6: Proceed to the next step by creating a partial schedule P_{s+1} and refine the data set as follows:

- a. Input the selected *task ij* at *Pst+1.*
- b. Remove the selected *task ij* from *S^t* and form *St+1* by adding its *successor* if all its *predecessor* tasks are already scheduled except for the last task.
- c. Add *t* with 1
- d. Update the *available time* for each machine
- e. Fix the *Rij* for all *task ij* in *St+1,* namely:
	- 1. For which is the *successor* of the selected *task ij*, R_{ij} = max (C^* , available time at machine *k*).
	- 2. For *task ij* that has not been selected in the previous *step t*, R_{ij} = max (R_{ij} at step *t* before, available time at machine *k*).
- Step 7: If there are still unscheduled tasks, perform Step 3, otherwise stop.

The flowchart of the scheduling algorithm of the proposed forward approach model can be seen in Figure

3.

Figure 3. Flowchart of the proposed forward approach model

The calculation stages for the proposed model with the backward-forward approach are described in the following algorithm.

Step 20: Subtract the current operation from *set O* and add the new member *O* from Step 15.

Step 21: If *O =* Ø*,* then *stop*, otherwise find new *noj* and *nom* from the current *set O*.

4. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Simulations were conducted for six cases, with details of the total jobs, machines, and penalty costs used (Table 2). The cost of earliness and tardiness is \$ 1/unit time and \$ 2/unit time, respectively. For each machine, maintenance activity needs a certain amount of time $t = 2$ units of time. Whereas, there is a time interval of T = 8 units of time between two consecutive maintenance periods [\[16\].](#page-11-10)

Cases	Number of jobs	Number of machines	Source			
			Andriani [23]			
Н		5	Andriani [23]			
HН		З	Generated data			
IV		З	Generated data			
		5	Generated data			
			Gaol et al. [24]			

Table 2. The case details for simulations

The due date of jobs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are 38, 36, 37, 38, and 37 units of time, respectively. The process time data (Table 3) and machine routing (Table 4) used for each case are shown below.

Each of the cases ais solved using two different combinations of priority rules, namely *Least Processing Time Remaining* (LPTR) – *Shortest Processing Time* (SPT) – *First Come First Serve* (FCFS) and LPTR+1 – SPT – FCFS, by employing two scheduling approaches, namely forward and backward-forward approach [\[5](#page-11-2)[,21–](#page-12-5) [22,](#page-8-0)25].

Table 4. The machine routing data

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4 1 3 2 5 4

Table 5 shows that each case with various jobs and machines has different penalty costs. However, increasing the number of machines and jobs results in a higher total penalty cost. In cases I (three jobs, four machines) and II (three jobs, five machines), the job will have a longer routing or processing approach. Furthermore, the recapitulation results of all cases in the proposed model are shown below.

		Forward Approach	Backward-forward Approach				
Case		LPTR – SPT – FCFS LPTR+1 – SPT – FCFS LPTR – SPT – FCFS LPTR+1 – SPT – FCFS					
	18.0	18.0	17.0	17.0			
Н	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0			
Ш	29.0	29.0	22.0	22.0			
1V	42.0	52.0	35.0	55.0			
	60.0	54.0	82.0	54.0			
VI	67.2	30.5	28.8	28.7			

Table 5. Recapitulation of total penalty costs

When the number of jobs and machines increases due to lower total penalty costs, such as in Cases II (three jobs, five machines) and V (four jobs, five machines), the total penalty cost generated in Case V is lower than in Case II. In contrast to Cases III (four jobs, three machines) and IV (five jobs, three machines), adding the same number of jobs and machines results in a higher total penalty cost. This is because the number of machines is less than the number of jobs.

A combination of different priority rules affects the incidence of penalty costs. This is because the order of the job process is carried out according to their respective priority rules. However, this is similar to the comparison of Cases II and V in the backward-forward approach (LPTR - SPT - FCFS), which resulted in a higher total cost. Cases II and V resulted in \$64 and \$82, respectively. This shows that the order of work priority affects the resulting penalty costs.

Table 6 shows that the scheduling results of the proposed model are higher than Andriani [\[23\].](#page-12-3) This is because the proposed scheduling model has a stipulated time used for the maintenance activities of each

machine. With maintenance time, the job is completed within a longer period. Figure 4 shows the difference in the Gantt chart between the results of the proposed and Andriani's [\[23\]](#page-12-3) models. The differentiated Gantt chart is a backward-forward approach (LPTR+1 - SPT - FCFS) used in Case I to represent the results obtained. The time used for maintenance activities increases the *flow time.*

			Forward Approach		Backward-forward Approach							
Model	Case	LPTR - SPT - FCFS		$LPTR+1 - SPT - FCFS$				$LPTR - SPT - FCFS$				$LPTR+1 - SPT - FCFS$
Andriani	I	13.0		13.0		$\overline{}$			٠			
$_{\rm II}$ $[23]$		22.0	22.0			60.0				64.0		
	I	18		18			17			17		
Proposed	\mathbf{I}	64		64		64			96			
(a) Model of Andriani [24] Machine 3 2 1	$2 \quad 3$	212 311 8	113 221	15 16	234 121 20	323 23	25	134 332 29	243 31 32	344	142 36 37 38	
(b) The proposed model 4					234			134				344
Machine 3 $\overline{2}$	212	113	323	Px	332			243		Px		142
$\mathbf{1}$	311		221		121							
	$t = 0$	5 8 6		13 $\overline{15}$ $\overline{17}$	Unit of time		23 24 25 26			33	35	

Table 6. The comparison of results between Andraini [\[23\]](#page-12-3) and the proposed models

Figure 4. Gantt chart differences in the *backward-forward* approach in Case I

Figure 5 shows scheduling after the *backward-forward* stage has been conducted. Scheduling carried out after the *backward* stage leads to an *infeasible* result. Therefore, it is carried out in the *forward* stage, and the schedule becomes *feasible*. In this Gantt chart, the resulting *flow time* can be suitable because, during the *job* process, none was allocated to the maintenance activities, hence, the machine needs to be available at all times.

Figure 5. The application of a backward-forward approach to produce a feasible task

The *forward* stage causes a shift, resulting in an *infeasible job* or *infeasible task*. Therefore, the resulting *flow time* is greater than the *due date*, leading to a late schedule and incurring penalty costs. The starting times for *jobs* one, two, and three are not *t* = 0 because it does not result in penalty costs, namely *earliness*. After the *forward* stage was conducted, not all *jobs* were shifted to follow the *infeasible ones*. Instead, it aims to consider the number of penalty costs generated. Task 243 needs to be shifted to *t* = 35 following *task* 311, which is *infeasible* because it was advanced at *t*= 26. Even though the resulting *flow time* for *job* two gets an *earliness* penalty cost of \$ 5, compared to the outcome of shifts following an *infeasible job*, the resulting *flow time* obtains a *tardiness* penalty cost of \$ 8. This simply means that not all *jobs* have to shift to follow the *infeasible ones* at the

forward stage. The *job* can shift, advance, or stay fixed, but there is a need to consider whether or not it *crashes* with the others and machines. When there is no *crash*, the *job* can be advanced or fixed at the original time.

6. CONCLUSION

In this study, we discuss a multi-machine problem in job shop scheduling conditions. In the proposed model, a periodic maintenance activity is inspired by the model of Chen [\[16\].](#page-11-10) Several numerical examples are applied to validate the proposed algorithm using four different priority rules. A combination of priority rules influences the *flow time* and total penalty costs.

Internally, supposing the maintenance activities are not scheduled, the proposed model scheduling results are the same as Andriani [\[23\].](#page-12-3) This shows that the proposed model can be used to complete *job shop* scheduling with or without preventive maintenance schedules. Externally, the proposed model produces a higher *flow time* because time is allocated for maintenance activities.

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