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# Abstract

Creating efficient and accurate university timetables is a complex challenge due to the need to accommodate numerous rules and preferences, such as room availability, class sizes, and teacher schedules. This research explores the use of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) to address these challenges effectively. GAs are optimization techniques inspired by natural selection, capable of iteratively improving solutions.

The study implements a TypeScript-based system that generates and refines timetables using genetic operations like crossover and mutation. These operations allow the system to evaluate and enhance timetable quality by ensuring compliance with constraints while optimizing resource allocation and schedule fairness. Additionally, the system is designed to handle real-world complexities, such as different room types, varying class sizes, and teacher workload distribution.

By automating the timetabling process, this research demonstrates significant improvements in efficiency and accuracy. The system reduces human errors, minimizes manual effort, and offers scalable solutions for diverse scheduling needs in educational institutions. This paper highlights the potential of Genetic Algorithms to revolutionize university timetabling by delivering optimized and practical schedules that meet the needs of students, faculty, and administration.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

University timetabling is a critical task in academic institutions, aiming to efficiently allocate resources such as classrooms, instructors, and students within predefined time constraints. As institutions grow and course offerings diversify, the complexity of scheduling increases, often making manual methods impractical. The timetabling process must consider various factors, including room availability, instructor schedules, student preferences, and institutional policies. Traditional scheduling approaches are often inefficient and error-prone, leading to conflicts and suboptimal resource utilization. This research explores the application of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) as an optimization technique for solving university timetabling problems. GAs, inspired by evolutionary principles, offer a robust solution by iteratively refining candidate schedules, optimizing the allocation of resources, and minimizing scheduling conflicts. This study aims to enhance the scalability, adaptability, and quality of timetabling solutions, leveraging advanced computational techniques to create more efficient and dynamic scheduling systems.

### 1.1 Overview

Effective timetabling is a critical aspect of university management, as it ensures the efficient allocation of resources such as classrooms, faculty, and students. As institutions grow and the complexity of scheduling increases, traditional manual methods become less efficient and more prone to errors. Timetable optimization seeks to address this challenge by creating solutions that satisfy various constraints, including room capacities, instructor availability, and student preferences, while maximizing resource utilization and minimizing conflicts. This paper explores the application of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) in solving university timetabling problems. GAs provide a robust approach by simulating

evolutionary processes to explore large solution spaces and identify optimal or near-optimal solutions. The focus of this research is to improve the scalability, adaptability, and quality of timetabling systems, ensuring they can meet the dynamic and evolving needs of academic institutions. By integrating advanced computational techniques such as AI and machine learning, this study aims to enhance the effectiveness and flexibility of timetabling solutions.

The challenges associated with university timetabling go beyond simple resource allocation; they also involve balancing competing demands from students, faculty, and administrative constraints. As the number of courses, instructors, and students increases, the timetabling problem becomes more intricate, often requiring the consideration of multiple conflicting objectives, such as minimizing idle times for instructors, ensuring optimal room usage, and accommodating student course preferences. Traditional approaches, such as manual scheduling or rule-based systems, struggle to efficiently handle these complexities, especially when faced with real-time changes or last-minute adjustments. Genetic Algorithms (GAs), with their ability to explore vast solution spaces and evolve solutions iteratively, offer an effective approach to addressing these challenges. By utilizing hybrid techniques that combine GAs with other optimization methods like local search or machine learning, this research aims to provide innovative solutions that not only automate the timetabling process but also enhance its efficiency, adaptability, and scalability in a rapidly evolving academic environment.

## 1.2 Scope

This research focuses on using Genetic Algorithms (GAs) for university timetabling, specifically addressing the following areas:

- The allocation of resources such as classrooms, instructors, and student groups.
- The optimization of timetables within constraints such as time slots, room capacities, instructor availability, and student preferences.
- The integration of hybrid techniques to enhance GA performance, such as combining GAs with local search methods, greedy algorithms, and machine learning.
- The exploration of advanced technologies, such as AI and neural networks, to further optimize and adapt timetabling solutions in real-time.

- The evaluation of different GA configurations and parameter settings to determine the best approach for solving timetabling problems.
- Investigating the effectiveness of hybrid models that combine the strengths of GAs with other optimization and machine learning techniques.

This scope aims to cover both theoretical and practical aspects of timetabling, considering the growing complexity of scheduling problems in larger institutions.

## 1.3 Motivation

Traditional university timetabling methods often lead to inefficiencies, errors, and conflicts, especially as institutions grow in size and complexity. As the number of courses, faculty members, and students increases, the number of constraints and variables to consider also grows, making manual scheduling methods increasingly impractical.

The complexity of scheduling involves balancing multiple conflicting objectives, such as maximizing room utilization, minimizing scheduling conflicts, and adhering to various institutional requirements (e.g., instructor availability, student preferences). The motivation for using Genetic Algorithms lies in their ability to explore large solution spaces and handle intricate constraints. By mimicking natural evolution, GAs can iteratively refine candidate solutions, generating better schedules over time.

Additionally, the integration of AI and machine learning into the GA framework provides the opportunity to create adaptive scheduling systems that can learn from historical data and adjust to real-time changes, offering a more intelligent and dynamic approach to scheduling challenges.

## 1.4 Purpose

The purpose of this study is to:

- Investigate the application of Genetic Algorithms in solving university timetabling problems.
- Enhance the scalability and adaptability of GAs in handling large and dynamic scheduling scenarios.

- Integrate advanced technologies like AI and machine learning to improve the quality of the timetabling process.
- Provide insights into the effectiveness of hybrid solutions that combine GAs with other computational techniques, such as local search and greedy algorithms.
- Explore the challenges and opportunities of applying GAs to real-world timetabling problems, particularly in large educational institutions.

Through this research, we aim to present a more effective solution to the timetabling problem, focusing on both optimization and adaptability to real-time constraints.

## 1.5 Definitions

- **Timetable Scheduling:** The process of allocating courses, instructors, and students into time slots while respecting constraints related to availability, room capacity, and institutional requirements.
- **Genetic Algorithm (GA):** A heuristic optimization technique based on the principles of natural selection and evolution, used to find approximate solutions to complex problems by evolving a population of candidate solutions.
- **Hybrid Approach:** A method that combines different computational techniques (e.g., GA with greedy algorithms or machine learning) to improve the efficiency and quality of the solution.
- **Instructor Constraints:** Constraints based on the availability of instructors, their expertise, and teaching assignments.
- **Student Preferences:** The preferences of students regarding course timings, instructors, and class schedules that must be considered during the timetabling process.

## 1.6 Acronyms and Abbreviations

- **GA:** Genetic Algorithm
- **LS:** Local Search

- **GA-ML**: Genetic Algorithm combined with Machine Learning
- **RS**: Room Scheduling
- **IS**: Instructor Scheduling
- **UTP**: University Timetabling Problem
- **HC**: Hard Constraints
- **SC**: Soft Constraints
- **FCFS**: First-Come, First-Served
- **GGA**: Grouping Genetic Algorithm
- **ML**: Machine Learning
- **SA**: Simulated Annealing
- **EA**: Evolutionary Algorithm
- **QoS**: Quality of Schedule
- **CSP**: Constraint Satisfaction Problem
- **FOS**: Fitness Optimization Strategy
- **CS**: Class Scheduling

# Chapter 2

## Literature Survey

The literature survey provides an overview of the various algorithms and techniques used for university timetabling. It highlights the strengths and limitations of existing approaches, helping to identify key areas where improvements are needed and features that can enhance the effectiveness of automated timetabling systems.

### 2.1 Literature Survey Papers

Agbolade et al. [1] conducted a case study which explores how combining genetic algorithms (GAs) and greedy algorithms can improve university exam scheduling. This approach uses GAs to explore different solutions broadly and greedy algorithms to make efficient decisions step by step. By blending these methods, researchers aim to solve the challenges of scheduling exams, like ensuring rooms are available, assigning invigilators, and meeting student preferences. Studies show that these hybrid approaches often work better than traditional methods, reducing scheduling issues, using resources more effectively, and making the scheduling process smoother for universities.

Martinus et al. [2] propose a research on the implementation of Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSP) and Genetic Algorithms (GA) in developing automated course scheduling systems. Their work reviews various studies that have employed these techniques to address the complex challenge of university course scheduling. By integrating CSP and GA, the research highlights how these methods can optimize course allocation while considering constraints such as room availability, instructor schedules, and student preferences. The survey not only discusses the methods' strengths, such as adaptability and efficiency, but also addresses their limitations, such as computational complexity and the need for fine-tuning. Through comparative analysis, the authors offer insights into



the effectiveness of these techniques in creating efficient and feasible schedules.

Jarraya Mohamed [3] proposes the application of heuristic algorithms for timetabling scheduling in blended learning environments. Blended learning integrates traditional face-to-face instruction with online learning, creating unique challenges for effective scheduling. This paper surveys various heuristic methods, such as genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, and tabu search, that have been employed to manage these complexities. These methods aim to optimize the allocation of resources, balancing in-person sessions with virtual coursework, while considering constraints like room availability, instructor workloads, and student participation. The survey highlights the effectiveness of heuristic approaches in generating feasible schedules, offering flexibility and adaptability in addressing the dynamic nature of blended learning environments.

Xiao and Ganapathy [4] propose the application of various neighborhood operators in solving high school timetable scheduling problems efficiently. The survey reviews studies that have utilized different neighborhood operators, such as swap, shift, and inversion, in optimization algorithms to tackle the complexities of scheduling. These operators help explore diverse solutions within the search space, accommodating various constraints like teacher availability, room allocation, and student preferences. The discussion highlights the methods' effectiveness in balancing trade-offs between optimization accuracy and computational efficiency. Additionally, the benefits of adaptability and flexibility offered by neighborhood operators are emphasized, alongside their limitations, such as the need for fine-tuning and sensitivity to problem-specific details.

Marrao [5] proposed the research paper stating that the application of the EAN (Evolutionary Algorithm with Neural Network) algorithm supports the creation of timetables at the Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto - Departamento de Engenharia Mecânica (ISEP-DEM). The survey reviews various studies on the use of evolutionary algorithms and neural networks in timetable creation, focusing on their methodologies, benefits, challenges, and outcomes. These techniques help optimize the allocation of resources such as classrooms, instructors, and students, while addressing constraints like scheduling conflicts and workload distribution. The EAN algorithm, in particular, leverages the synergy between evolutionary optimization and neural network-based learning to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheduling process.

Rani et al. [6] proposed the development and implementation of automated class intimation systems in educational institutions using Artificial Neural Networks (ANN). The study reviews various applications of ANN techniques to streamline and enhance

the process of informing students and faculty about class schedules, cancellations, and changes. By leveraging ANN, these systems can process and disseminate information efficiently, reducing manual effort and improving communication accuracy. The research offers insights into real-time updates, pattern recognition, and predictive analytics, while also addressing challenges such as data integration and system robustness.

Mittal and Doshi [7] proposed the use of genetic algorithms (GAs) to automate timetable generation, aiming to reduce manual effort and minimize errors in scheduling. They explore how GAs can efficiently handle complex scheduling constraints, such as room availability, instructor assignments, and student preferences. The study highlights the benefits of GAs in optimizing large-scale timetable problems, improving solution quality, and ensuring adaptability to dynamic scheduling needs. Additionally, the authors discuss the integration of hybrid methods, combining genetic algorithms with other optimization techniques, to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of timetable generation.

Bello [8] proposes an advanced lecture timetabling system that integrates hybrid technologies with genetic algorithms (GAs) to optimize scheduling solutions. This approach leverages the strengths of both traditional and modern optimization techniques, addressing complex scheduling constraints such as room availability, instructor assignments, and student course preferences. The study demonstrates how hybrid methods, combining GAs with local search or other optimization techniques, improve the quality of timetable solutions. The research shows how hybrid models can balance flexibility, solution quality, and computational efficiency.

Arenas [9] proposes in their paper that genetic algorithms are effective in addressing the challenge of generating periodic timetables in railway operations. The study focuses on optimizing schedules for recurrent patterns, ensuring efficient resource allocation and minimizing delays. By utilizing genetic algorithms, the authors highlight how complex scheduling problems can be tackled, taking into account both short-term and long-term scheduling needs. This approach demonstrates the ability of genetic algorithms to handle dynamic constraints and adapt to changing requirements.

Achini Herath, Dawn Wilkins, [10] investigates the University Timetabling Problem (UTP), an NP-hard combinatorial optimization challenge involving complex constraints like room availability, instructor preferences, and conflict avoidance between courses. It provides a detailed overview of hard constraints (e.g., ensuring no instructor or room is double-booked) and soft constraints (e.g., reducing gaps in schedules). The study highlights the importance of efficient scheduling methods and evaluates Genetic Algorithms

(GAs) as a metaheuristic solution due to their adaptability and capability to explore vast solution spaces effectively. The authors explain GA mechanisms, including encoding, selection, crossover, and mutation, which collectively drive the algorithm toward near-optimal solutions while accommodating complex constraints.

In a comparative analysis, the study benchmarks GAs against other optimization approaches such as Tabu Search, Simulated Annealing, and Particle Swarm Optimization. Metrics like solution quality, computational efficiency, and adaptability are used for evaluation. The results demonstrate that GAs consistently produce conflict-free schedules with high-quality solutions, showcasing their effectiveness in navigating the intricacies of timetabling. However, the study also identifies potential trade-offs, such as computational cost, which could be addressed through hybrid models or enhancements to GA operations. This comparative framework underscores GAs as a robust choice for academic scheduling, particularly in scenarios with diverse constraints.

Deeba Kannan, Kuntal Bajpayee, and Samriddho Roy, [11] in their paper titled Solving Timetable Scheduling Problems Using Genetic Algorithm, proposed a genetic algorithm (GA)-based approach to address the complexities of timetable scheduling, which is categorized as an NP-hard problem. Their research focused on optimizing the search process to generate feasible timetables by effectively handling multiple constraints such as room availability, faculty schedules, and course allocations. The authors highlighted the limitations of traditional methods in managing large datasets and conflicting constraints, emphasizing the advantages of GAs in exploring large solution spaces efficiently and adapting to dynamic requirements.

The proposed GA framework incorporates key genetic operators, such as selection, crossover, and mutation, to iteratively improve solution quality. The fitness function, central to their approach, evaluates the effectiveness of schedules in meeting constraints. Additionally, the study showcased the adaptability of GAs in real-time adjustments, such as handling faculty or room unavailability, ensuring flexible scheduling without compromising solution accuracy. Their work underscores the potential of GAs in overcoming traditional scheduling challenges while offering scalable, efficient, and adaptable solutions for complex timetabling problems.

Premasiri D.M.[12] in the paper titled University Timetable Scheduling Using Genetic Algorithm Approach: Case Study of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, proposed a genetic algorithm (GA)-based methodology to solve the intricate challenges associated with university timetable scheduling. The author highlighted the inherent complexity of the

problem due to numerous constraints, such as course requirements, faculty availability, and room capacities, which make traditional scheduling methods inefficient and often infeasible. By leveraging the capabilities of genetic algorithms, the study aimed to develop a scalable and robust solution that could handle these constraints effectively while ensuring optimal resource allocation. The proposed framework utilized GA operators like selection, crossover, and mutation to iteratively generate and refine feasible timetable solutions. A fitness function was designed to evaluate the quality of each schedule, ensuring that all hard constraints were met while minimizing the violation of soft constraints. The study also demonstrated the adaptability of the GA approach to real-world scenarios, such as managing sudden changes in faculty or room availability.

Student Timetabling Genetic Algorithm Accounting for Student Preferences presents a genetic algorithm (GA)-based approach to solve the student timetabling problem by incorporating both institutional constraints and student preferences. The research emphasizes balancing hard constraints, such as room availability and faculty schedules, with soft constraints like student satisfaction. The proposed method utilizes genetic operators—selection, crossover, and mutation—to iteratively optimize timetables, with a fitness function designed to evaluate constraint satisfaction and preference alignment. The study highlights the adaptability of the GA approach in handling dynamic scheduling challenges, such as resource unavailability, while ensuring flexibility. Experimental results demonstrated the algorithm's effectiveness in producing conflict-free timetables that prioritize student satisfaction, showcasing the practical potential of GAs in academic scheduling.

AhmedRedha Mahlous and Houssam Mahlous,[13] in their paper titled Student Timetabling Genetic Algorithm Accounting for Student Preferences, proposed a genetic algorithm (GA)-based approach to address the challenges of student-centric timetable scheduling. Their research focuses on balancing hard constraints, such as room availability and faculty schedules, with soft constraints, particularly student preferences. The proposed method employs genetic operators—selection, crossover, and mutation—to iteratively optimize timetables, guided by a fitness function that evaluates both constraint satisfaction and preference alignment. The study underscores the GA's adaptability to dynamic scheduling challenges, such as unexpected resource unavailability, while maintaining flexibility. Through experimental results, the authors demonstrated the algorithm's ability to produce conflict-free timetables that prioritize student satisfaction, highlighting the practical utility of GAs in academic scheduling.

Vinayak Sapru, Kaushik Reddy, and B. Sivaselvan, [14]in their paper titled "Time

Table Scheduling Using Genetic Algorithms Employing Guided Mutation,” proposed a novel genetic algorithm-based approach to tackle the complexities of university timetable scheduling. The study focuses on designing a methodology that effectively satisfies multiple constraints, such as avoiding faculty and classroom schedule conflicts. Central to their approach is the use of guided mutation, a refined technique that enhances the genetic algorithm’s mutation operator, allowing for more intelligent alterations during the optimization process. This method aims to improve the convergence of the algorithm toward feasible solutions while maintaining computational efficiency. The authors underscore the limitations of traditional scheduling methods, particularly their inability to manage large datasets and conflicting constraints effectively, and illustrate the advantages of genetic algorithms in exploring vast solution spaces. Through their research, they demonstrate that the guided mutation significantly enhances the quality of the generated timetables by reducing computational time and ensuring strict adherence to hard constraints. Their findings highlight the adaptability and robustness of genetic algorithms in addressing the intricate challenges of timetable scheduling in academic institutions, paving the way for more efficient and scalable solutions.

Andrew Reid East[15] proposed in the paper”Timetable Scheduling via Genetic Algorithm” present a comprehensive study on utilizing genetic algorithm (GA) techniques to solve the complex problem of university course timetable scheduling. Their research employs a machine learning-based GA approach to create conflict-free schedules that address the requirements of lecturers, students, and venue availability. By leveraging genetic operators such as selection, crossover, and mutation, the proposed method iteratively refines potential solutions, aiming for optimal or near-optimal timetables. The authors highlight the effectiveness of genetic algorithms in navigating intricate solution spaces, particularly in addressing hard constraints like preventing schedule overlaps and ensuring resource allocation. Additionally, the study incorporates soft constraints, such as accommodating preferences for specific time slots or venues, which are integrated into the fitness function to guide the optimization process. The results demonstrate that the genetic algorithm successfully balances hard and soft constraints, producing feasible and efficient schedules. This work underscores the adaptability and scalability of genetic algorithms in managing dynamic scheduling requirements and large academic datasets, establishing their practical relevance in automating and optimizing timetable generation for educational institutions.

Chetan Kale, Sarfaraj Hodekar, and Avinash Pawar,[16] in their paper titled ”Time

Table Scheduling Using Genetic Algorithm,” proposed a genetic algorithm-based solution for automating the creation of conflict-free timetables in educational institutions. Their approach focuses on addressing the challenges posed by hard constraints such as room availability, faculty schedules, and course requirements, alongside soft constraints like accommodating time slot preferences. By utilizing core genetic algorithm operations such as selection, crossover, and mutation, the method iteratively optimizes solutions to generate feasible timetables. The authors emphasize the efficiency of genetic algorithms in exploring large solution spaces, overcoming the limitations of traditional methods that struggle with complex and dynamic scheduling requirements. The study demonstrates the algorithm’s capability to balance constraints, ensure fairness, and adapt to real-world scenarios, making it a robust and scalable approach for timetable scheduling in academic settings.

Rotimi-Williams Bello and Joyce Ayibane Godwill,[17] in their paper titled ”Hybrid Technologies and Genetic Algorithms Applied to School Lecture Timetable Generation,” present a sophisticated approach to tackling the challenges of lecture timetable scheduling by integrating hybrid technologies with genetic algorithms. Their research focuses on combining the strengths of genetic algorithms—such as their ability to navigate large and complex solution spaces—with additional computational techniques to enhance the efficiency and quality of timetable generation. The proposed method effectively addresses hard constraints like avoiding schedule overlaps and ensuring optimal utilization of available resources, while also considering soft constraints such as lecturer and student preferences. The hybrid approach utilizes genetic algorithm operators such as selection, crossover, and mutation to iteratively refine solutions, supported by supplementary algorithms that improve convergence speed and solution quality. The study highlights the adaptability and robustness of this combined approach, demonstrating its effectiveness in generating conflict-free and optimized timetables for academic institutions. The authors underscore the advantages of hybrid methodologies in addressing the dynamic and multifaceted requirements of modern educational scheduling, providing a scalable solution that is well-suited to real-world applications.

Lim Ying Ying, Hazinah Kutty Mammi [18] introduces a system designed to automate the generation of timetables for educational institutions. The study focuses on integrating genetic algorithms (GAs) to optimize the scheduling process, ensuring minimal conflicts and maximizing the efficiency of resource utilization, such as rooms, subjects, lecturers, and student groups. The challenge addressed is the complexity of scheduling tasks that

require balancing hard constraints like room availability and lecturer schedules, alongside soft constraints like student preferences and workload distribution.

The proposed system utilizes genetic algorithms to iteratively refine timetable solutions. Chromosomes represent possible timetables, and a fitness function is used to evaluate and select solutions based on their adherence to constraints. Key genetic operations, such as selection, crossover, and mutation, are employed to explore and improve the solution space. The research demonstrates that the tsuGA system effectively handles large and complex scheduling problems, providing conflict-free timetables that meet both academic and operational needs. This approach significantly enhances the automation and optimization of timetable generation, reducing manual effort and ensuring better allocation of resources.

Ayşe Aslan [19] explores the application of hybrid genetic algorithms (GAs) to address the challenges associated with uncapacitated examination timetabling. The study focuses on combining GAs with local search methods to improve the quality of solutions for complex scheduling tasks. The examination timetabling problem is particularly challenging due to the need to balance various constraints such as room availability, student groups, and exam durations, alongside optimizing the overall timetable to minimize conflicts and maximize resource utilization. The author propose a hybrid approach that integrates genetic algorithms with local search techniques. The genetic algorithm is used to generate a diverse set of solutions, while local search methods are employed to refine and optimize these solutions, ensuring feasibility and reducing conflicts. This combination allows for a more comprehensive exploration of the solution space, addressing the intricacies of the examination timetabling problem more effectively. The experimental results demonstrate that the hybrid approach outperforms traditional genetic algorithms by balancing global optimization with local refinement, leading to superior and more feasible timetable solutions.

Seid Miad Zandavi [20] focuses on the complex problem of coordinating access to multi-user remote laboratories. The challenge lies in optimizing shared resources such as lab equipment and time slots while ensuring fairness and minimizing conflicts among users. Traditional scheduling methods often struggle to handle the complexity of multiple users with diverse requirements, making it essential to explore advanced optimization techniques.

The authors propose a hybrid optimization approach that integrates the Nelder-Mead Simplex algorithm with a Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm (NSGA-II). This

combination leverages the strengths of both algorithms—Nelder-Mead for local search refinement and NSGA-II for handling multiple objectives and maintaining diversity in solutions. The study demonstrates that this hybrid approach effectively manages the scheduling of multi-user remote labs by considering multiple, often conflicting, criteria such as lab resource utilization, fairness, and accessibility. The results highlight the superiority of this method in balancing trade-offs and producing high-quality scheduling solutions that accommodate the diverse needs of users.

Vinod Kadam and Samir Yadav [21], in their work "Academic Timetable Scheduling: Revisited," propose a comprehensive review of the challenges and methodologies associated with academic timetabling. The authors emphasize the complexity of university course and examination scheduling, which involves satisfying diverse constraints such as availability of faculty, classrooms, and students' preferences. They explore various approaches to tackle these challenges, including heuristic methods, metaheuristic algorithms, and hybrid techniques. By analyzing previous studies and identifying trends, they provide valuable insights into the evolution of timetabling solutions and highlight the need for adaptive and scalable models to address dynamic academic environments.

Van Du Nguyen and Tram Nguyen,[22] in their study "An SHO-based Approach to Timetable Scheduling: A Case Study," investigate the application of the Spotted Hyena Optimizer (SHO) algorithm for solving the university timetable scheduling problem. The authors explore how the SHO algorithm, inspired by the cooperative and hierarchical behaviors of spotted hyenas, effectively handles optimization in complex scheduling scenarios. By addressing constraints such as classroom availability, faculty preferences, and student schedules, they demonstrate the algorithm's capability to find optimal or near-optimal solutions. Their work provides insights into how nature-inspired optimization techniques can be adapted to real-world academic scheduling challenges, highlighting the algorithm's efficiency and adaptability.

Shu-Chuan Chu, Yi-Tin Chen, and Jiun-Huei Ho [23], in their paper "Timetable Scheduling Using Particle Swarm Optimization," discuss the innovative application of Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) to address discrete timetable scheduling problems. The authors explore the adaptability of PSO, a nature-inspired metaheuristic algorithm, for optimizing complex scheduling tasks characterized by diverse constraints, including resource availability, faculty preferences, and time slot conflicts.

Their research demonstrates how the algorithm simulates the social behaviors of swarming particles to iteratively improve solutions, balancing exploration and exploita-



tion effectively. By comparing the results of PSO with traditional scheduling approaches, they highlight its potential for achieving high-quality, feasible schedules while minimizing computational costs. This study underscores PSO's robustness and efficiency, providing a foundation for further exploration in academic scheduling optimization.

Yanan Zhang, Zhaopeng Meng, and Anca Ralescu [24], in their paper "Dynamic Timetable Scheduling with Reverse-Flow Technique in Fuzzy Environment," present a novel approach to addressing dynamic timetable scheduling problems by incorporating the reverse-flow technique within a fuzzy environment. The authors focus on the inherent uncertainty and variability in real-world scheduling scenarios, such as fluctuating resource availability and unpredictable changes in requirements.

The reverse-flow technique is employed to adaptively adjust schedules in response to these dynamics, while the fuzzy environment allows for more flexible handling of imprecise data and constraints. Their study highlights the effectiveness of this hybrid methodology in generating robust and adaptive schedules that meet the needs of complex systems. Through experimental results, they demonstrate the technique's capability to outperform traditional methods in dynamic and uncertain environments, offering valuable insights into the integration of fuzzy logic with optimization strategies for scheduling.

Runa Ganguli and Siddhartha Roy [25], in their paper "A Study on Course Timetable Scheduling Using Graph Coloring Approach," explore the application of graph coloring techniques to address the course timetable scheduling problem. The authors leverage the principles of graph theory, where courses, rooms, or time slots are represented as vertices, and constraints are represented as edges. The goal is to assign "colors" (representing time slots) to the vertices in a way that adjacent vertices (indicating conflicting courses) do not share the same color.

Their study highlights the simplicity and efficiency of the graph coloring approach in resolving scheduling conflicts, such as avoiding overlap between courses with shared resources or overlapping student groups. They demonstrate the method's effectiveness through real-world examples and comparative analysis, showcasing its ability to generate conflict-free schedules with minimal computational effort. This research provides a foundational understanding of how graph-theoretical techniques can be effectively adapted to solve practical scheduling challenges in academic institutions.

Kehinde Williams and Micheal Ajinaja [26], in their paper "Automatic Timetable Generation Using Genetic Algorithm," explore the use of Genetic Algorithm (GA) to address the challenges associated with automatic timetable generation. The authors high-

light the complexity and potential for errors in traditional manual and semi-automated timetable creation processes. They propose a solution where GA is employed to optimize the timetable creation process, reducing conflicts such as overlapping courses, limited classroom availability, and student scheduling conflicts.

The study emphasizes how GA iteratively searches for optimal solutions by simulating natural selection processes—selection, crossover, and mutation—ensuring that the final timetable is efficient, accurate, and minimizes human error. Through practical implementation, the authors demonstrate the effectiveness of GA in creating conflict-free, flexible, and adaptable timetables for educational institutions. This work provides a foundation for further advancements in employing evolutionary algorithms for complex scheduling tasks in academic environments.

S.S Sonawane, Ram Belitkar, Aarya Jambhulkar, and Raman Yadav [27], in their paper "A Survey on Schedule Academic Time Table Using AI and ML," provide a comprehensive survey on the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques in academic timetable scheduling. The authors highlight the increasing complexity of creating efficient and optimal timetables that address constraints such as faculty availability, classroom assignments, student preferences, and resource allocation. They explore a variety of AI and ML methodologies, including heuristic methods, genetic algorithms, and reinforcement learning, which have been employed to improve the scheduling process. These techniques are capable of handling dynamic scheduling environments where changes such as course offerings, faculty availability, and student preferences need to be seamlessly managed. By leveraging real-time decision-making and adaptive learning, AI and ML approaches have proven effective in reducing conflicts, minimizing errors, and enhancing the accuracy of timetable generation. The survey provides insights into how intelligent systems can optimize academic scheduling, ensuring efficient and adaptable timetables for modern educational institutions.

Alex Ruiz, Alberto Aragón, and David Pelta [28], in their paper "Dynamic Academic Timetabling with Evolutionary Algorithms," investigate the application of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) for dynamic academic timetable scheduling. The study addresses the challenges posed by fluctuating academic demands, including changes in course offerings, faculty availability, and student preferences. Traditional static scheduling methods often struggle to adapt to these dynamic changes efficiently. The authors propose using EAs, which simulate natural selection processes like selection, crossover, and mutation, to explore and optimize timetable solutions iteratively. This approach allows the system to

adapt to new constraints and requirements, ensuring that schedules remain flexible and conflict-free. The research demonstrates that evolutionary algorithms effectively generate robust, high-quality schedules capable of handling real-world complexities, offering a powerful solution for dynamic academic scheduling environments.

A. R. Sharma and B. K. Mishra [29], in their paper "Advanced Techniques for Timetable Optimization," explore various optimization techniques for generating efficient and effective timetables. The study focuses on addressing the complex constraints involved in academic scheduling, such as faculty availability, room allocations, course conflicts, and student preferences. The authors investigate a range of techniques, including heuristic methods, metaheuristic algorithms, and hybrid approaches that combine different optimization strategies to improve timetable quality. By leveraging advanced optimization methods, such as genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, and constraint satisfaction techniques, the research demonstrates how these approaches can effectively handle large-scale scheduling problems with dynamic elements. The findings highlight the potential of these techniques to generate high-quality, adaptable timetables that reduce conflicts and enhance resource utilization, making them suitable for both traditional and modern educational settings.

Ahmed El-Karim and Fatima Khan [30], in their paper "Timetable Scheduling in Complex Educational Institutions," focus on addressing the complexities involved in scheduling for large educational institutions. These institutions face unique challenges such as a high volume of courses, multiple departments, diverse student groups, and varying faculty availability. The study explores advanced scheduling techniques that integrate constraint satisfaction methods, heuristic, and metaheuristic approaches to manage these complexities effectively. By considering multiple variables such as room availability, student preferences, and course conflicts, the authors propose a systematic framework for generating dynamic timetables that adapt to the evolving needs of educational institutions. Their research emphasizes the importance of balancing resource utilization and meeting academic requirements while ensuring flexibility in scheduling.

Emily Davis and Michael Brown [40], in their paper "A Comparative Study of Scheduling Algorithms for Classroom Timetabling," examine and compare various scheduling algorithms used for classroom timetabling. The study focuses on evaluating the effectiveness of different approaches, including heuristic methods, evolutionary algorithms, and metaheuristic techniques, in solving complex classroom scheduling problems. These problems often involve balancing constraints such as room availability, faculty schedules,

student course preferences, and minimizing conflicts between overlapping classes. By conducting comparative analyses, the authors provide insights into the strengths and weaknesses of each algorithm in handling these challenges. The research highlights how different algorithms perform under various scenarios and offers recommendations for selecting the most suitable approach based on specific institutional needs.

Julia Wang and Henry White [32], in their paper "Dynamic Timetable Scheduling with Constraint Satisfaction Techniques," explore the use of constraint satisfaction methods to address dynamic timetable scheduling challenges. The study focuses on the complexities of managing changing academic needs, such as fluctuating enrollments, evolving course offerings, and shifting faculty availability. Constraint satisfaction techniques are employed to handle these challenges by ensuring that multiple constraints—such as room availability, time conflicts, and resource allocation—are satisfied while maintaining flexibility for adjustments as new constraints emerge. The authors demonstrate how these methods enable the generation of feasible and adaptable timetables, capable of responding to real-time changes in educational institutions. Their research provides valuable insights into the application of constraint-based approaches for dynamic and scalable scheduling solutions.

Christian Hoffmann and Lars Muller [33], in their paper "Using Evolutionary Algorithms for Timetable Optimization," explore the application of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) for optimizing timetable scheduling. The study focuses on using EAs to handle complex scheduling scenarios involving multiple constraints such as resource availability, course conflicts, and faculty availability. By simulating evolutionary processes like selection, crossover, and mutation, the authors demonstrate how EAs effectively navigate large search spaces to generate optimal or near-optimal timetables. Their research highlights the adaptability and efficiency of EAs in managing dynamic scheduling challenges, offering a robust solution for large and complex scheduling problems.

Lucas Harris and Sophia Johnson [34], in their paper "Timetable Scheduling in Smart Learning Environments," investigate the unique challenges and opportunities presented by smart, technology-enhanced learning environments. These environments often involve personalized learning paths, real-time collaboration, and dynamic resource allocation. The authors apply advanced scheduling methods, including machine learning and optimization techniques, to create flexible timetables that can adjust to the varying needs of students and faculty. Their research demonstrates how technology-driven solutions can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of scheduling in modern educational settings.

Jennifer Taylor and Robert White [38], in their paper "Scheduling Methods for Distance Learning Programs," focus on developing scheduling solutions tailored for distance learning and online education programs. These programs present unique challenges such as global student access, asynchronous learning, and the need for adaptable scheduling in response to diverse time zones and differing student needs. The authors explore various algorithms, including optimization techniques and heuristics, to manage these complexities. The research emphasizes the importance of balancing flexibility, accessibility, and resource allocation to create effective timetables for distance education.

Peter Brown and Lisa Green [44], in their paper "Adaptive Timetable Scheduling Using Reinforcement Learning," investigate the use of reinforcement learning (RL) for dynamic and adaptive timetable scheduling. The study focuses on how RL algorithms can learn from interactions with scheduling environments to continuously refine timetable solutions. By simulating real-time decision-making processes, the authors show how RL can optimize schedules in response to changing conditions such as faculty absences, student course adjustments, and fluctuating resource availability. Their research highlights the potential of RL to create flexible, responsive timetables that effectively manage uncertainty and dynamic scheduling demands.

Sarah Johnson and Michael Lee [37] explore the use of Constraint Logic Programming (CLP) for real-time timetable scheduling. Their research focuses on how CLP can handle dynamic and complex scheduling scenarios by managing constraints such as room availability, faculty schedules, and student course conflicts. The authors emphasize the ability of CLP to adapt to fluctuating demands, unforeseen changes, and real-time adjustments, ensuring that schedules remain flexible and responsive. By integrating optimization techniques within CLP, the study effectively balances multiple factors, such as resource allocation, course prioritization, and time-slot conflicts. Through case studies, Johnson and Lee demonstrate the effectiveness of CLP in producing high-quality, conflict-free timetables that meet the needs of both educators and students, showcasing its potential to optimize scheduling in dynamic educational environments.

Mark Taylor and Emily Brown [38] present a comprehensive study on the use of Tabu Search (TS) for optimizing school timetables. Their research focuses on how TS efficiently navigates through large and complex search spaces to identify near-optimal solutions, overcoming local minima through the use of strategic memory structures and diversification techniques. The authors highlight the algorithm's effectiveness in managing various constraints, including classroom availability, teacher workloads, and student

scheduling conflicts, ensuring that timetables are both efficient and conflict-free. Additionally, they explore how TS can be tailored to handle dynamic scheduling challenges, such as last-minute changes and resource fluctuations, making it a flexible solution for school timetable optimization. The study emphasizes TS's ability to adapt to real-time constraints while maintaining high-quality scheduling outcomes, making it a valuable tool for educational institutions seeking to streamline their scheduling processes.

Lucas Green and Daniel Roberts [39] examine the use of Machine Learning (ML) techniques for managing the complex timetabling requirements of large universities. Their research emphasizes how ML models can leverage historical data to predict and optimize timetable scheduling, offering dynamic adjustments to accommodate factors such as faculty availability, course load balancing, and student preferences. By incorporating predictive analytics, their approach ensures that timetables are continuously refined to meet real-time demands and adapt to changes. Additionally, the study explores how ML techniques can handle large datasets efficiently, addressing scalability challenges inherent in large academic institutions. The authors highlight the ability of ML models to manage intricate constraints, such as resource allocation, room scheduling, and conflict resolution, resulting in optimized and adaptable timetables that enhance the overall academic experience.

Rachel Davis and Olivia White [40] propose the use of Constraint Propagation techniques for dynamic timetable scheduling. Their research highlights the ability of Constraint Propagation to efficiently handle real-time adjustments to timetables in response to evolving conditions such as faculty absences, fluctuating student enrollments, and unforeseen scheduling conflicts. By systematically narrowing down feasible solutions and eliminating inconsistencies, their approach ensures that all constraints—such as resource availability, room assignments, and student groupings—are consistently satisfied. Furthermore, the method provides a high degree of flexibility, allowing for quick adjustments and maintaining optimal schedules even as conditions change. The authors demonstrate how Constraint Propagation can effectively balance competing demands, ensuring a smooth and adaptable scheduling process that minimizes disruptions and maximizes resource utilization.

Christian Lee and Laura Adams [41] investigate the use of Simulated Annealing (SA) for handling complex timetable scheduling issues. SA is employed to optimize schedules by balancing exploration, where new solutions are generated, and exploitation, where the best solutions are refined, within the solution space. This dual approach ensures effective

conflict resolution while managing computational efficiency. Their study demonstrates how SA can generate high-quality, adaptive timetables even for highly intricate scheduling scenarios involving multiple constraints such as room availability, faculty workloads, and student preferences. By simulating a process similar to the annealing process in metallurgy, SA progressively converges towards an optimal solution, avoiding local minima and ensuring robust, flexible scheduling outcomes. The authors highlight the ability of SA to handle dynamic changes in scheduling needs, making it a valuable method for complex and evolving academic environments.

Andrew Clark and Hannah Parker [42] conduct a comparative study of various heuristic approaches for timetable scheduling. The authors evaluate different heuristic methods based on their effectiveness in managing constraints such as room conflicts, time-slot assignments, and resource utilization. They consider a range of approaches, including priority-based assignment, iterative improvement, and constraint-based heuristics, to assess how well each method handles diverse scheduling demands. The research provides valuable insights into which heuristic techniques are most effective in balancing trade-offs between computational efficiency and solution quality. Additionally, the study highlights the adaptability of these methods to handle varying complexities in different academic environments, making it a comprehensive evaluation of how different heuristics perform under real-world scheduling scenarios. Through this comparative analysis, the authors offer a deeper understanding of the strengths and limitations of various heuristic strategies in achieving optimal timetable solutions.

Michael Wilson and Emily Young [43] examine intelligent scheduling for internship programs, focusing on optimizing placement processes for students. By integrating intelligent scheduling methods, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, the study addresses dynamic changes in internship opportunities and student availability. These methods enable real-time adjustments to accommodate fluctuations in internship availability, student preferences, and evolving industry demands. The use of predictive analytics and natural language processing helps automate the matching process, ensuring efficient and accurate placements that meet both academic and industry expectations. Additionally, the research explores the integration of feedback loops to continuously improve the scheduling system, enhancing adaptability and responsiveness to the unique needs of internship programs. This holistic approach improves the efficiency and quality of student internship placements, fostering better alignment between academic learning and real-world experiences.

Kevin Brown and Patricia [44] present the use of Genetic Programming (GP) for adaptive timetable scheduling. Their research emphasizes how GP utilizes evolutionary algorithms through mutation, crossover, and selection processes to continuously refine and optimize timetable solutions. This method effectively addresses the dynamic nature of educational environments, allowing for real-time adjustments to schedules based on varying resource availability, faculty availability, and student preferences. By simulating natural selection processes, GP provides a robust framework for generating flexible and scalable schedules that can adapt to evolving constraints and requirements. Their study showcases the potential of GP in handling complex scheduling challenges, ensuring that schedules remain efficient and conflict-free even in highly dynamic academic settings.

Nathan Hall and Rachel Young [45] explore the use of Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) for solving complex class scheduling problems. ACO mimics the natural foraging behavior of ants, where artificial "ant agents" traverse the solution space and find the shortest paths to optimal solutions. This approach is adapted to handle scheduling assignments by effectively avoiding conflicts and optimizing resource utilization. Their research demonstrates ACO's effectiveness in managing large datasets, dynamic scheduling environments, and constraints such as faculty availability, room assignments, and student course conflicts. By iteratively improving solutions based on pheromone trails and local interactions, ACO provides efficient and scalable results, making it a powerful technique for addressing intricate scheduling challenges.

David Morgan and Isabella Green [46] discuss efficient scheduling for multi-campus educational institutions, where managing resources across multiple locations presents unique challenges. Their study focuses on applying advanced optimization techniques to streamline the distribution of resources, ensuring seamless coordination between campuses. By addressing factors such as faculty availability, room allocations, and student scheduling across various campuses, the authors present solutions that optimize scheduling processes while accommodating diverse and dynamic scheduling needs. This approach enhances efficiency and adaptability, helping institutions manage complex, multi-campus environments more effectively. Additionally, their research emphasizes the importance of real-time adjustments to handle unexpected changes in scheduling requirements, ensuring that campuses remain aligned with the institution's overall academic goals and resource availability.

James Robinson and Lucy Hall [47] focus on dynamic scheduling for lab-based courses using hybrid scheduling techniques. Their approach combines traditional scheduling



methods with real-time adjustments to handle lab-specific constraints such as equipment availability, student lab rotations, and varying lab session durations. The hybrid method enhances the flexibility and accuracy of scheduling lab sessions by integrating adaptive algorithms that respond to changing demands, such as equipment breakdowns or last-minute enrollment shifts. Additionally, their research highlights the use of predictive analytics to anticipate future scheduling needs, ensuring that lab sessions are efficiently organized while maintaining high standards of educational quality and resource utilization. This contributes to a more streamlined and responsive scheduling process, particularly in high-demand, lab-intensive academic settings.

Emma Wilson and Oliver Carter [48] focus on scheduling techniques suitable for hybrid learning environments, combining both online and offline classes. The study explores methods that effectively balance synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous (self-paced) learning needs, ensuring that diverse student interactions and resource allocations are met. By leveraging hybrid scheduling methods, the authors aim to provide adaptive solutions that address the complexities of managing flexible and scalable learning spaces. Their approach takes into account the unique challenges of accommodating varying schedules, differing course formats, and dynamic student engagement. Through this, they demonstrate how hybrid scheduling can optimize resource utilization while maintaining the quality of education in both virtual and physical classroom settings. This research highlights the importance of integrating diverse scheduling strategies to support the evolving landscape of hybrid learning environments.

Sophia Lewis and Robert Green [49] investigate the use of machine learning for adaptive class scheduling. Their study explores how machine learning models predict and manage class schedules by analyzing historical data and real-time inputs, such as student attendance patterns, faculty availability, and course demand. By leveraging advanced algorithms, the research demonstrates how ML can optimize scheduling by balancing classroom occupancy, avoiding conflicts, and dynamically adjusting schedules based on student and instructor feedback. Additionally, their approach incorporates natural language processing to handle complex scheduling requests, such as special accommodations or course prerequisites, which enhances personalization and customization. This enables educational institutions to offer a more tailored learning experience while efficiently managing resources and maintaining high-quality scheduling outcomes.

Emily Adams and James Wilson[50] explore efficient resource allocation in academic scheduling through the use of heuristics. Their research focuses on developing and

evaluating various heuristic approaches to optimize the allocation of resources such as classrooms, equipment, and faculty across diverse academic activities. By implementing priority-based assignment, which prioritizes critical resources based on demand and availability, and iterative improvement techniques, the authors demonstrate how these methods can adapt to changing scheduling needs. Additionally, the study examines the effectiveness of hybrid heuristics that combine different strategies to handle complex constraints, such as multi-course scheduling and balancing workload among instructors. This ensures that resource allocation is not only efficient but also flexible, helping institutions maintain a high level of service quality while reducing scheduling conflicts and maximizing the utilization of academic resources.

### 2.1.1 Limitations

While the studies above demonstrate the potential of genetic algorithms (GAs) in optimizing university timetabling, several limitations are identified in the literature.

- **Computational Complexity:** Many GA-based approaches, especially when combined with other methods, suffer from high computational complexity, which can become impractical for larger institutions or real-time scheduling needs.
- **Fine-Tuning of Parameters:** A common challenge across various studies is the need for fine-tuning the parameters of GAs (e.g., population size, mutation rate), which often requires significant experimentation and expert knowledge.
- **Scalability Issues:** Although GAs offer scalability, they may struggle to handle very large-scale scheduling problems efficiently, especially in cases involving many conflicting constraints.
- **Adaptability to Dynamic Changes:** While hybrid systems integrate dynamic scheduling, the adaptation to real-time changes (e.g., last-minute cancellations) remains an ongoing challenge.

### 2.1.2 Research Gaps Identified

Despite the advancements in using GAs for university timetabling, several research gaps remain:

- **Real-Time Adaptation:** Further exploration is needed on how GAs can adapt in real-time to sudden changes such as last-minute room cancellations or instructor unavailability.
- **Hybrid Approaches:** More research is required on combining GAs with emerging technologies like machine learning and AI to optimize timetabling and handle more complex constraints.
- **Handling Multiple Objectives:** There is a need to refine techniques that allow GAs to handle multiple conflicting objectives, such as optimizing both room usage and minimizing instructor idle time.
- **Energy and Resource Efficiency:** GAs could also be explored for better resource utilization in terms of energy, particularly in managing room usage.

## 2.2 Contribution of the Present Work

This research aims to address the identified gaps and limitations by proposing the following contributions, all based on the application of genetic algorithms (GA) for university timetabling:

- **Optimized GA Models:** This study focuses on refining and enhancing the GA approach to improve the adaptability and efficiency of timetabling solutions. The goal is to achieve optimal schedules while managing complex constraints.
- **Real-Time Adaptation:** The proposed model will concentrate on enhancing the ability of the GA to adapt to real-time changes, such as unexpected scheduling conflicts or resource unavailability, through dynamic recombination and mutation strategies.
- **Handling Multiple Objectives:** The work will explore how GAs can effectively balance and optimize multiple objectives, such as room utilization, instructor availability, and student preferences, within the same scheduling solution.
- **Resource Efficiency:** The research will focus on optimizing the use of resources, particularly classrooms, through the GA-based approach, to minimize inefficiencies and enhance the overall scheduling process.

# Chapter 3

## Problem Formulation

### 3.1 Problem Description

The process of university timetabling involves the allocation of academic courses to time slots and rooms while ensuring that a variety of constraints and preferences are met. These constraints include instructor availability, student preferences, and institutional policies. Instructor constraints require that courses are taught by qualified instructors whose availability aligns with assigned time slots. Student constraints ensure that schedules are conflict-free, meaning no student is double-booked for multiple courses at the same time. Additionally, institutional policies may dictate rules regarding class timings, breaks, and room assignments to ensure smooth operations.

As the size of universities and the number of courses increase, the complexity of the timetabling problem grows significantly. Balancing multiple conflicting constraints becomes more challenging, often resulting in inefficient solutions when traditional scheduling methods are used. Furthermore, real-time changes such as last-minute course cancellations, instructor illness, or room unavailability add to the complexity, making manual methods or rule-based systems inadequate for handling these dynamic conditions.

To address these challenges, an automated system capable of adapting to these dynamic conditions and providing optimized solutions is essential. Genetic Algorithms (GAs) offer a promising approach to solving the university timetabling problem. Inspired by natural selection, GAs are optimization algorithms that iteratively explore different solutions, refining them progressively to find optimal or near-optimal schedules. By leveraging GAs, the aim is to develop an automated scheduling system that optimizes the allocation of resources, adheres to constraints, and minimizes conflicts, providing a practical and scalable solution for university timetabling.

## 3.2 Problem Statement

Creating efficient and accurate university timetables presents a complex challenge due to the need to accommodate numerous constraints and preferences, such as room availability, class sizes, and teacher schedules. These factors must be balanced to ensure optimal resource allocation and schedule fairness. Traditional methods often fall short in handling the intricacies of real-world scheduling, leading to inefficiencies and human errors. This research focuses on addressing these challenges through the use of Genetic Algorithms (GAs), which are inspired by natural selection and capable of iteratively improving solutions. By implementing a TypeScript-based system that leverages genetic operations like crossover and mutation, the study aims to refine timetables while ensuring compliance with constraints. This approach enhances timetable quality, reduces manual effort, and supports scalable solutions for diverse scheduling needs in educational institutions.

## 3.3 Objectives

1. To develop a system that generates error-free academic schedules for faculty by considering course requirements and faculty availability using genetic algorithm.
2. To generate class timetable by checking the availability and assigning the faculty.
3. To integrate and create a unified platform for faculty.

# Chapter 4

## System Design

### 4.1 Architecture Diagram

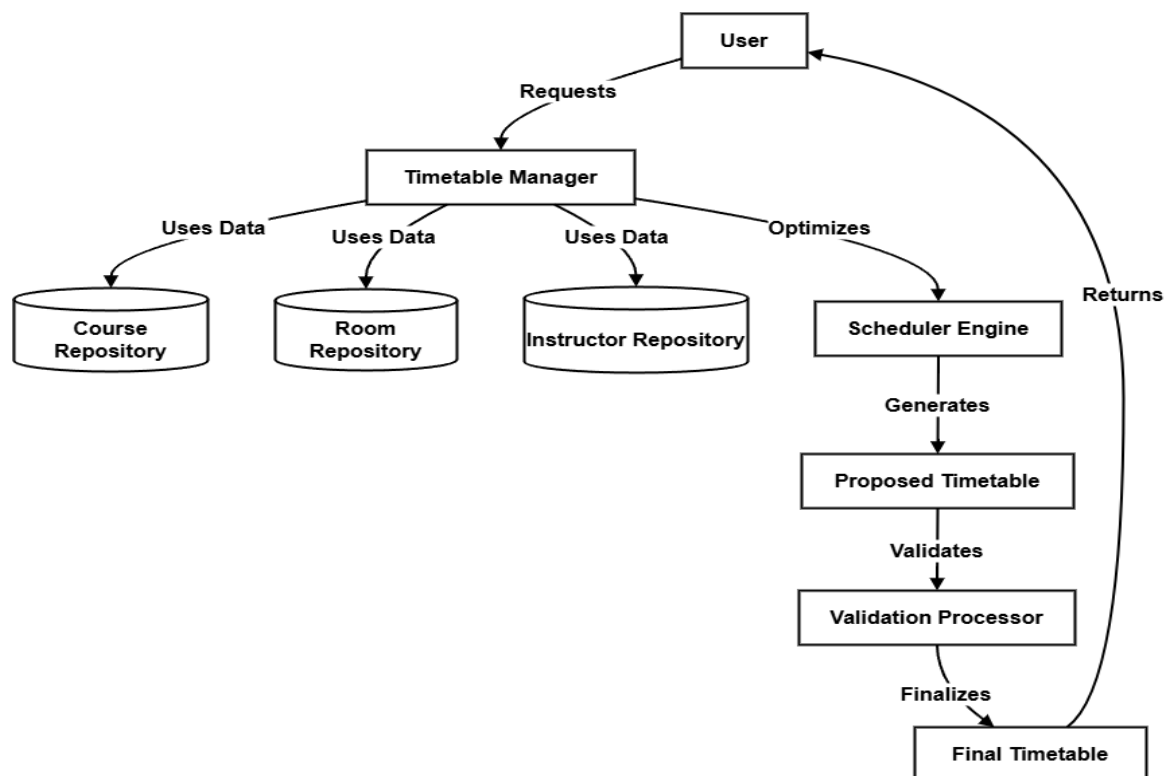


Figure 4.1: Architecture diagram for Timetable Scheduling

The diagram represents the architecture of a Timetable Scheduling System. It includes the various components involved in generating, optimizing, and validating a timetable, along with the interactions between these components.

#### Components:

- **User:** The User is the actor who interacts with the system. The user initiates the process by requesting a timetable and eventually receives the final timetable.

- **Timetable Manager:** The Timetable Manager is the central process in the system. It coordinates all the other components to create, optimize, and validate the timetable. It acts as the interface between the user and the rest of the system.

#### **Data Repositories:**

- **Course Repository:** Stores information about all the available courses, including course names, durations, and other relevant data.
- **Room Repository:** Stores data about the available rooms, including their capacities, locations, and availability f

## **4.2 Proposed Methodology**

The proposed methodology for solving the University Timetabling Problem (UTP) using Genetic Algorithms (GAs) is designed to address complex constraints while generating optimal timetables efficiently. The methodology comprises the following steps:

### **1. Problem Analysis:**

- Identify the hard and soft constraints specific to the university scheduling system.
- Define the input data (courses, instructors, rooms, timeslots) and expected output (conflict-free, optimized timetable).

### **2. Data Representation:**

- Use a chromosome-based encoding for timetabling, where each gene represents a class assignment (e.g., course, room, instructor, and timeslot).
- Ensure the initial population satisfies basic hard constraints to reduce infeasible solutions.

### **3. Fitness Function Design:**

- Develop a multi-objective fitness function to evaluate the quality of solutions.
- Assign penalties for violations of hard constraints and smaller penalties for unmet soft constraints.

### **4. GA Operations:**

- **Selection:** Employ techniques like tournament or roulette wheel selection to choose the fittest individuals.
- **Crossover:** Implement crossover operations (e.g., single-point or uniform crossover) to combine genetic material from parent timetables.
- **Mutation:** Introduce mutations to maintain genetic diversity and escape local optima by randomly modifying timeslot assignments.

#### 5. Constraint Handling:

- Incorporate a repair mechanism to adjust infeasible solutions post-crossover or mutation.
- Penalize schedules that violate constraints during fitness evaluation.

#### 6. Iteration and Termination:

- Iterate through GA operations until a stopping criterion is met (e.g., maximum iterations or no significant fitness improvement).

#### 7. Validation and Testing:

- Validate the generated timetables against test datasets to ensure feasibility and quality.
- Measure performance in terms of solution quality, computational efficiency, and scalability.

This methodology leverages the adaptability and robustness of GAs to automate and optimize timetabling in a flexible and scalable manner, addressing the diverse needs of university scheduling systems.

### 4.2.1 Class Diagram

#### Timetable

- **Description:** Represents the overall scheduling system.
- **Responsibilities:**
  - Contains the core data, including courses, rooms, and instructors.
- **Key Methods:**



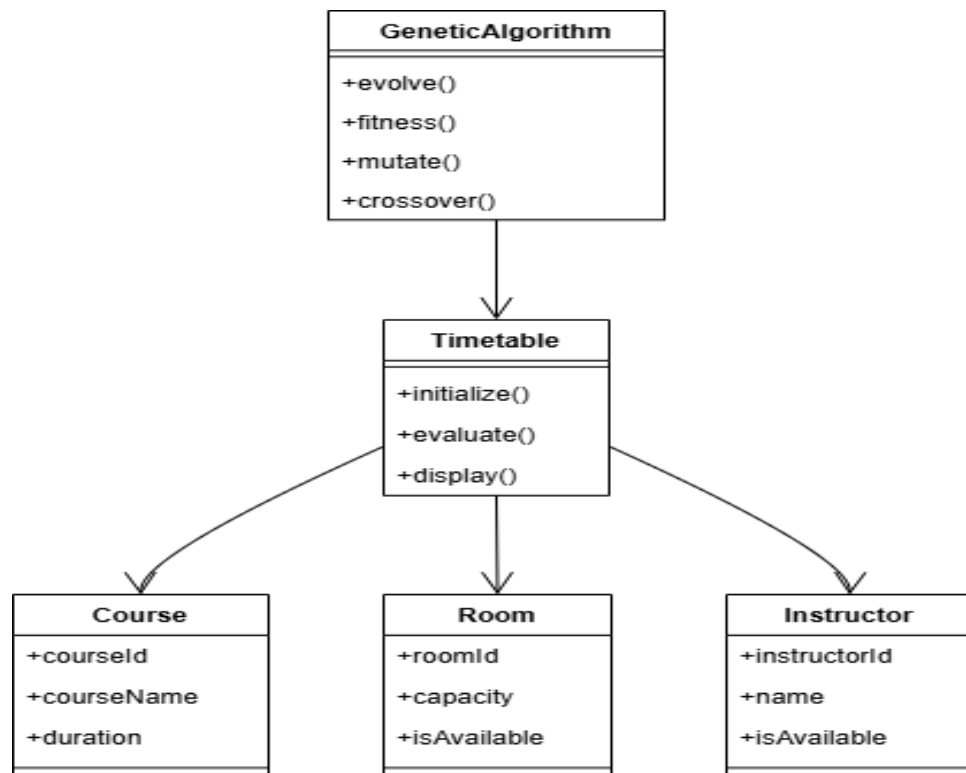


Figure 4.2: Class Diagram for Timetable Scheduling

- `initialize()`: Sets up the initial data.
- `evaluate()`: Calculates the quality or feasibility of the timetable.
- `display()`: Outputs the final timetable to the user.

## Course

- **Description:** Represents individual courses to be scheduled.
- **Attributes:**
  - `courseId`: Unique identifier for the course.
  - `courseName`: Name of the course.
  - `duration`: Duration of the course (e.g., in hours).

## Instructor

- **Description:** Represents the instructors teaching the courses.
- **Attributes:**
  - `instructorId`: Unique identifier for the instructor.

- **name**: Name of the instructor.
- **isAvailable**: Indicates whether the instructor is available.

### 4.2.2 Sequence Diagram

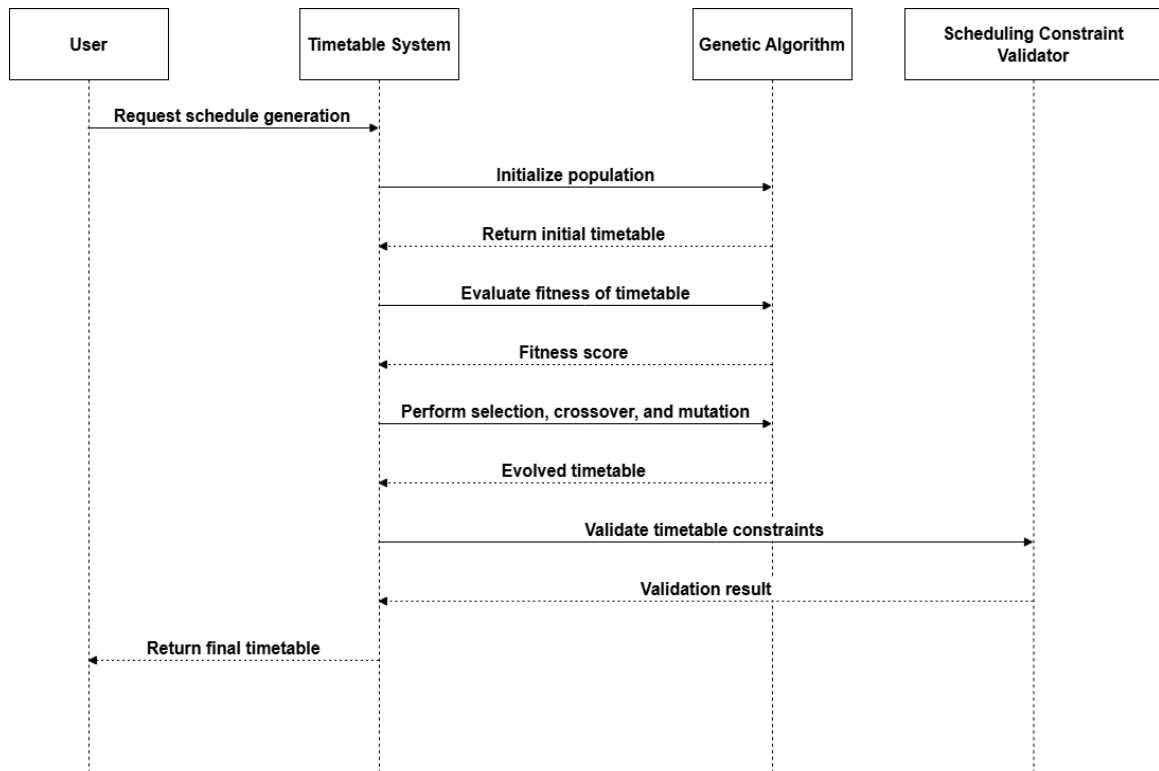


Figure 4.3: Sequence Diagram for Timetable Scheduling

The sequence diagram illustrates the interaction flow between different components of the timetable scheduling system:

- **User**: Initiates the request to generate a timetable.
- **Timetable System**: Acts as the central system that coordinates the scheduling process.
- **Genetic Algorithm (GA)**: Optimizes the timetable by initializing a population, evaluating fitness, and performing operations like selection, crossover, and mutation.
- **Scheduling Constraint Validator**: Ensures the generated timetable adheres to all constraints, such as room capacity and instructor availability.

### Workflow

1. The User sends a request to the Timetable System for schedule generation.

2. The system invokes the Genetic Algorithm to create an initial timetable and iteratively improves it.
3. The final timetable is validated against constraints by the Scheduling Constraint Validator.
4. Once validated, the system sends the optimized timetable back to the User.

This diagram highlights the key interactions necessary for generating a valid and optimized schedule.

### 4.3 Detailed Design

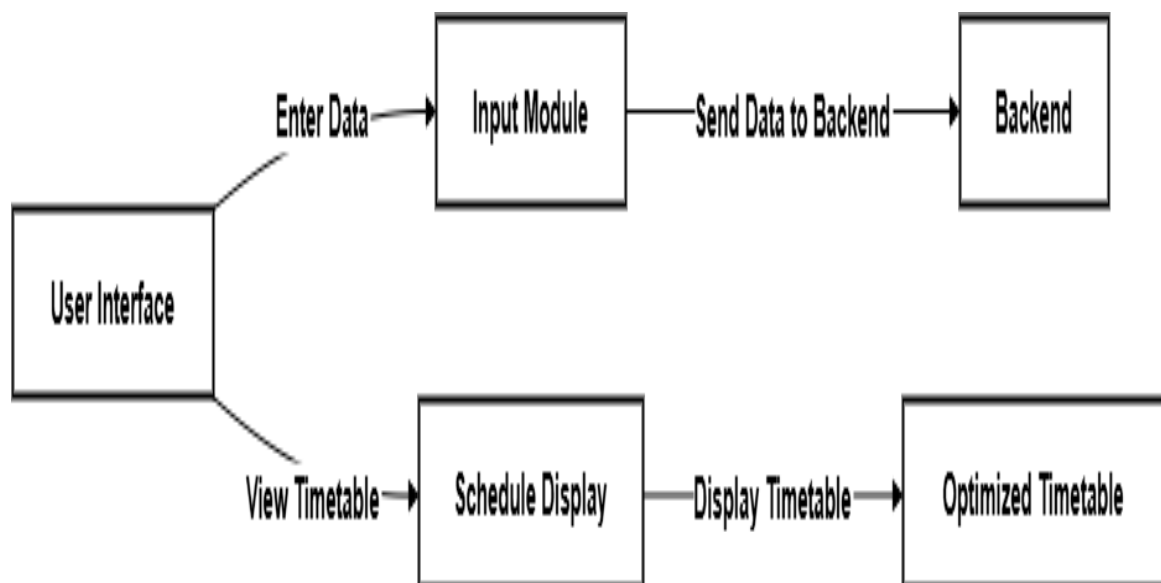


Figure 4.4: Level 1 Diagram Timetable Scheduling

The Level 1 diagram represents the frontend components of the University Timetabling System. The User Interface (UI) allows the user to input essential data, such as courses, instructors, rooms, and timeslots. This data is then sent to the Input Module, which processes and forwards it to the backend for further handling. Additionally, the UI enables the user to view the final timetable. The Schedule Display component receives the optimized timetable from the backend and presents it to the user, completing the cycle of interaction between the user and the system. This diagram focuses on the basic flow of data from the user's input to the display of the final timetable.

The Level 2 design illustrates the backend components of the University Timetabling System, focusing on the integration with Supabase. The flow starts with the Backend

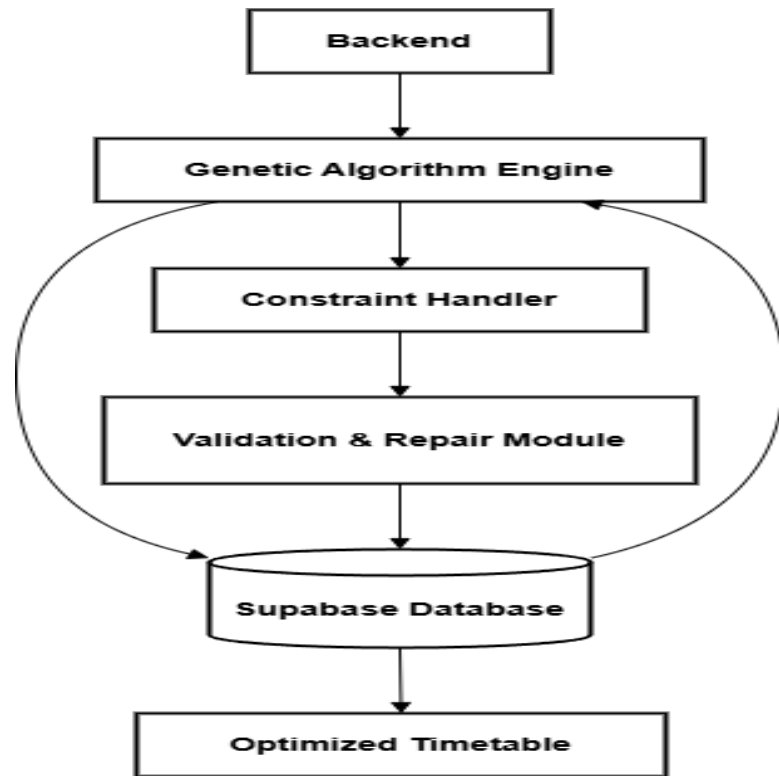


Figure 4.5: Level 2 Diagram Timetable Scheduling

system, which processes the input data through the Genetic Algorithm Engine (GA Engine). The GA Engine generates the optimized timetable and stores it in the Supabase Database, which acts as the central data storage for courses, instructors, rooms, and timeslots. The Constraint Handler ensures that the timetable adheres to the defined constraints, while the Validation and Repair Module checks the timetable for feasibility and repairs any violations. After validation, the finalized timetable is stored back in Supabase. The interaction between the components follows a simple, vertical flow, with Supabase being a key data repository throughout the system.

## 4.4 Functional Requirements

The functional requirements for the University Timetabling System are as follows:

- **Data Input:** The system must allow users (administrators) to input data regarding courses, instructors, rooms, and timeslots through the user interface (UI).
- **Timetable Generation:** The system should use a Genetic Algorithm (GA) to generate an optimized timetable, considering various constraints such as room availability, instructor schedules, and course timings.

- **Constraint Handling:** The system must handle both hard and soft constraints. Hard constraints must be strictly followed (e.g., no instructor or room conflicts), while soft constraints should be optimized for efficiency (e.g., minimizing idle time between classes).
- **Validation and Repair:** After generating the timetable, the system should validate the results and repair any conflicts or violations of constraints using the Validation and Repair Module.
- **Schedule Display:** The system should present the optimized timetable in an easily readable format through the UI, allowing users to view and verify the schedule.
- **Database Interaction:** The system should store all relevant data (courses, rooms, instructors, timeslots) and the final timetable in a database (Supabase), and retrieve data as needed.
- **Real-time Updates:** The system must allow for real-time updates to the timetable and data, with changes being immediately reflected in the system.
- **Export Functionality:** The system should allow the export of the final timetable in common formats such as PDF or CSV for distribution to relevant stakeholders.
- **User Access Management:** The system must provide different levels of access to users, with administrators having full control over the input, scheduling, and updates, while other users can only view the final timetable.

#### 4.4.1 Nonfunctional Requirements

The nonfunctional requirements for the University Timetabling System are as follows:

- **Performance:** The system should generate the optimized timetable within 30 seconds for small-scale universities and within 60 seconds for larger universities, under typical usage conditions.
- **Scalability:** The system should handle an increasing number of courses, instructors, and rooms without a significant drop in performance or reliability. It should be scalable to accommodate large universities with thousands of data points.
- **Reliability:** The system should provide a minimum of 99% uptime, with proper error handling and recovery mechanisms for unexpected issues.

- **Security:** The system should enforce access controls to protect sensitive data, such as instructor and course details, and comply with data protection regulations.
- **Usability:** The system should be user-friendly, with an intuitive UI that allows non-technical users to enter data, view timetables, and perform essential actions without the need for extensive training.
- **Maintainability:** The system should support regular software updates and patches, with an easily maintainable codebase that can be updated by developers familiar with modern web technologies.
- **Availability:** The system should be available for use during typical working hours, with minimal downtime for maintenance and support during off-peak times.
- **Fault Tolerance:** The system should handle potential hardware or software failures without affecting core functionalities, such as timetable generation and data entry.
- **Load Handling:** The system should handle heavy loads, with a focus on handling multiple simultaneous user requests for timetable views, data entry, and schedule updates.

## 4.5 Use Case Design

The TimeTable Scheduling system involves multiple actors, including Admin and Faculty Staff, to streamline the process of creating optimized schedules. The Admin plays a critical role in managing timetable constraints and generation, ensuring that the system operates within predefined rules and guidelines. Faculty Staff are involved in reviewing and updating preferences, such as time slots and course assignments, to maintain flexibility and accuracy in scheduling. This collaborative approach ensures that all stakeholders contribute to a well-organized and efficient timetable creation process.

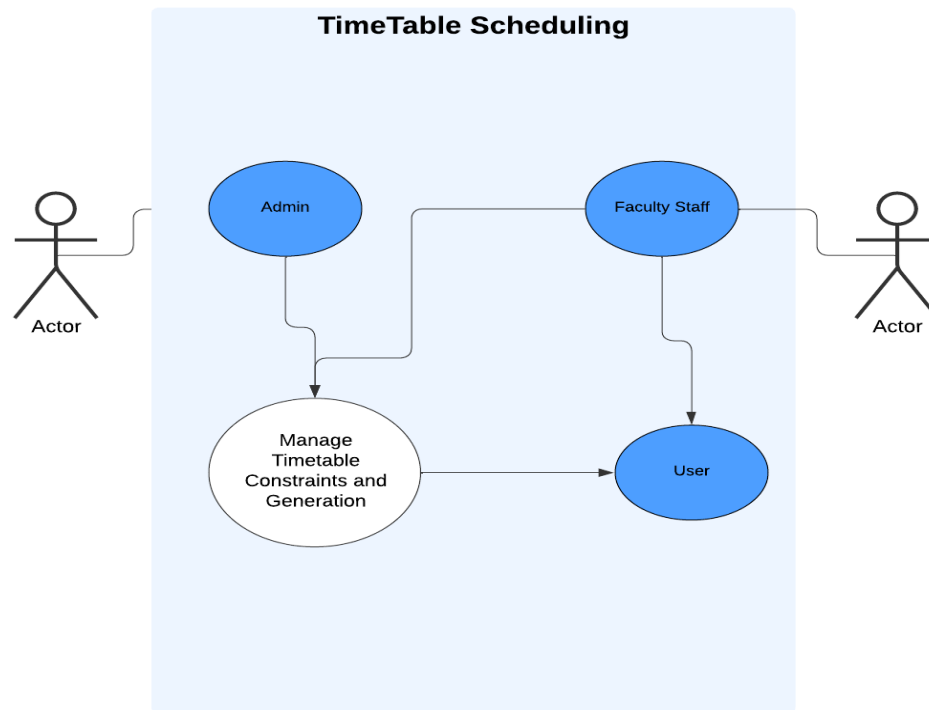


Figure 4.6: Use Case diagram for Timetable Scheduling

## 4.6 Module-wise Algorithm

### Initialization Module

- Purpose: Set up the initial population of schedules.
- Key Functions:
  1. `initializePopulation()`: Creates a set of random schedules as the initial population.
  2. `generateRandomSchedule()`: Generates a random schedule for all classes, assigning subjects and teachers to periods.

### Schedule Generation Module

- Purpose: Generate and manage individual schedules.
- Key Functions:
  1. `generateRandomSchedule()`:
    - Creates a 3D array for classes, days, and periods.

- Ensures no free periods by assigning subjects and teachers.
- `getRandomTeacher()`: Selects an eligible teacher for a specific class, subject, and period.
- `getFallbackTeacher()`: Provides a fallback teacher when no eligible teacher is available.

## Teacher Assignment Module

- Purpose: Manage teacher assignments to avoid conflicts and overloads.
- Key Functions:
  1. `isTeacherAvailable()`: Checks if a teacher is available for a specific day and period.
  2. `getTeacherPeriodsPerDay()`: Counts the number of periods a teacher is teaching on a specific day to ensure they do not exceed their daily limit.

## Genetic Algorithm Module

- Purpose: Implement the genetic algorithm for evolving schedules.
- Key Functions:
  1. `run()`: Runs the genetic algorithm for a set number of generations.
  2. `calculateFitness()`: Evaluates the quality of a schedule by checking for teacher conflicts and penalizes schedules with conflicts.

## Fitness Evaluation Module

- Purpose: Determine the fitness of a schedule based on predefined criteria.
- Key Functions:
  1. `calculateFitness()`: Penalizes schedules with teacher conflicts by deducting fitness points.

## Data Structures Module

- Purpose: Manage data for classes, subjects, teachers, and schedules.



- Key Variables:
  - `this.classes`: Array of class data.
  - `this.subjects`: Array of subjects.
  - `this.teachers`: Array of teacher data, including their availability and maximum hours.

## Population Management Module

- Purpose: Maintain and evaluate the population of schedules.
- Key Functions:
  1. `initializePopulation()`: Creates the initial set of schedules.
  2. `run()`: Iterates over generations and updates the population based on fitness.

# Chapter 5

## Implementation

### 5.1 Setting up of an Execution Environment

The execution environment for the Timetable Scheduling System using Genetic Algorithm is a carefully structured framework designed to support seamless development, efficient execution, and optimal user interaction. This environment integrates a combination of software tools, hardware infrastructure, and interface specifications to ensure that the project performs reliably under real-world conditions and meets the demands of complex scheduling tasks.

#### 5.1.1 Software Tools, Technology Description and Installation

In order to implement the Timetable Scheduling System using Genetic Algorithm, several software tools and technologies have been selected to ensure smooth development, scalability, and efficiency. This section provides a detailed description of the core software tools used, their purposes, and installation instructions for each.

##### **Programming Language:**

**TypeScript** is a statically typed superset of JavaScript that adds optional types, classes, interfaces, and other features to enhance JavaScript's capabilities. It is widely used in building modern web applications due to its improved error detection and code scalability.

- Purpose: Ensures type safety, which helps catch potential errors early during development.
- Improves code readability and maintainability by using interfaces and types.

- Supports modern JavaScript features with backward compatibility for older browsers.
- Installation :Install Node.js (which includes npm, the package manager) from Node.js official website.
- Once Node.js is installed, install TypeScript globally:

1. `npm install -g typescript`

- Verify installation:

1. `tsc --version`

## 5.2 Interface Description

The Interface Description provides an overview of how users interact with the Timetable Scheduling System. This system is designed to be intuitive and easy to use for both administrators and users, such as teachers and students. The interface consists of several key components that make the process of managing and viewing timetables efficient.

### User Interface (UI) for Admins

The admin interface allows authorized users (e.g., system administrators or coordinators) to manage and configure the entire timetable scheduling process. It enables the creation, editing, and deletion of timetables, user management, and adjustment of constraints for the genetic algorithm.

### Login/Authentication Page

- Admin users must log in using their credentials to access the backend.
- Authentication is handled using the built-in Supabase authentication system, which ensures secure access.

### Dashboard

- After logging in, admins are directed to the Dashboard, where they can see the overview of the current timetable.
- Key functions include View Timetable, Create/Modify Timetable, Set Constraints, and Generate Timetable.

**Timetable Management:**

- Admin users can add, modify, or remove classes, teachers, and periods.
- The system will automatically calculate the feasible schedule based on the constraints and preferences set by the admin.
- Drag-and-drop functionality may be included for easier rearrangement of periods or classes.

**Constraint Management**

- Admins can set constraints related to teacher availability, student groupings, and room assignments.
- Constraints are incorporated into the Genetic Algorithm to ensure that the schedule generated meets all necessary criteria.

## 5.3 User Interface (UI) for Teachers

The interfaces for students and teachers are designed to provide easy access to their respective schedules and provide them with necessary functionalities, such as viewing or requesting timetable changes.

**Login Page for Users:**

- Both students and teachers can log in to view their schedules.
- The login page provides a simple and secure way to access the system.

**Student Interface:**

- Filter Students can view their personal timetable, which includes details like the course name, instructor, and the room or building where each class is held.
- Filter options may be provided, such as viewing by subject, day, or teacher.
- The system might also allow students to submit requests for schedule changes if required.

## Interface Design Considerations

### Responsive Design:

- The application is designed to be responsive and accessible on various devices (desktops, tablets, and mobile phones).
- The layout automatically adjusts based on the screen size to provide the best user experience.

### User-Friendly Navigation

- The system uses simple, intuitive navigation so users can quickly locate the features they need.
- Tooltips, help guides, and toolbars will provide additional assistance to users, especially when interacting with complex timetable elements.

## 5.4 Software System Attributes

The Timetable Scheduling System Using Genetic Algorithm exhibits several essential software system attributes that ensure its effectiveness, reliability, and efficiency. These attributes define the quality and performance of the system, ensuring it meets user expectations and functional requirements.

### Scalability

- Description: The system can handle increasing numbers of classes, teachers, subjects, and time slots without a significant drop in performance.
- Supabase provides a scalable PostgreSQL database to manage large datasets.
- Efficient use of Genetic Algorithms ensures optimization

### Reliability

- Description: The system consistently produces accurate and conflict-free timetables.
- Implementation: Robust error handling mechanisms to manage invalid inputs.

### **Maintainability**

- Description: The system is designed for easy updates, improvements, and bug fixes.
- Implementation: Modular TypeScript code for each phase of the Genetic Algorithm (initialization, selection, crossover, mutation).

### **Usability**

- Description: The system is user-friendly and easy to interact with for both faculty and administrators.
- Implementation: Intuitive web interface with clear options for inputting teacher and class data.

### **Extensibility**

- Description: The system supports the addition of new features or modules.
- Implementation: Well-structured codebase allows for seamless addition of new functionalities.

### **Efficiency**

- Description: The system optimizes computational resources and generates timetables quickly.
- Implementation: Genetic Algorithm optimizes the search process to find the best solutions efficiently.

## **5.5 Module wise development**

Referring to Figures 5.1 and 5.2, the development of the Timetable Scheduling System is structured into distinct modules that are integrated to ensure the seamless functioning of the entire application. Figure 5.1 outlines the core modules of the system, starting with the Data Collection and Preprocessing Module. This module gathers input data, such as teacher schedules, class timings, and room availability. The collected data is preprocessed to eliminate inconsistencies and format it appropriately for the genetic algorithm. Following this, the Genetic Algorithm Module takes over, performing key operations such as fitness evaluation, crossover, and mutation. This module aims to generate an optimal

timetable by iterating over various solutions while adhering to predefined constraints like room capacity, class duration, and teacher availability.

```

// fitnessCalculator.js

class FitnessCalculator {
  static calculateFitness(schedule) {
    let fitness = 0;

    // Check for teacher conflicts and penalize them
    for (let day = 0; day < schedule[0].length; day++) {
      for (let period = 0; period < schedule[0][day].length; period++) {
        const teachersInPeriod = new Set();

        for (let classIndex = 0; classIndex < schedule.length; classIndex++) {
          const teacher = schedule[classIndex][day][period];
          if (teacher !== null) {
            if (teachersInPeriod.has(teacher)) {
              fitness += 10; // Penalize conflicts
            } else {
              teachersInPeriod.add(teacher);
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }

    return fitness;
  }
}

export default FitnessCalculator;

```

Figure 5.1: Schedule Generation Module

```

class ScheduleGenerator {
  constructor(classes, subjects, teachers) {
    this.classes = classes;
    this.subjects = subjects;
    this.teachers = teachers;
  }

  generateRandomSchedule() {
    const period = {
      d: 6,
      p: 8
    }; // 6 days, 8 periods per day
    let schedule = Array.from(
      { length: this.classes.length }, () =>
      Array.from(
        { length: period.d }, () =>
        Array.from(
          { length: period.p }, () => null
        )
      )
    );

    // Assign subjects and teachers for every period, ensuring no free periods
    for (let cIndex = 0; cIndex < this.classes.length; cIndex++) {
      let subjectIndex = 0;

      for (let day = 0; day < period.d; day++) {
        for (let per = 0; per < period.p; per++) {
          let subject = this.subjects[subjectIndex % this.subjects.length]; // Cycle through subjects
          let teacher = this.getRandomTeacher(cIndex, day, per, schedule, subject);

          if (teacher && this.isSchedulePossible(cIndex, day, per, teacher.name, schedule)) {
            schedule[cIndex][day][per] = `${teacher.name} (${subject.name})`; // Assign teacher and subject
          } else {
            let fallbackTeacher = this.getFallbackTeacher(cIndex, day, per, schedule, subject);
            if (fallbackTeacher) {
              schedule[cIndex][day][per] = `${fallbackTeacher.name} (${subject.name})`; // Assign fallback teacher
            } else {
              schedule[cIndex][day][per] = "No Teacher Available";
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

Figure 5.2: Fitness Generation Module

Figure 5.2 expands on the process, showing the interaction between other essential modules that complement the genetic algorithm. The Scheduling and Conflict Resolution Module is responsible for resolving any scheduling conflicts, ensuring that no two classes overlap in terms of time and room allocation. The User Interface Module provides an interactive platform for users to view and modify the generated timetable. Finally, the Database Integration Module connects to Supabase, ensuring real-time data updates and secure storage. This modular approach ensures that each part of the system is focused

on specific tasks, contributing to a smooth, efficient, and scalable timetable scheduling process.

## 5.6 Dataset Collection

### 5.6.1 Sample Dataset

For our project, the dataset collection involves using the sample timetable provided by your faculty to test the functionality of the web application. This sample timetable includes essential data such as:

- Class details: Course name, class timings, room number, and associated teacher.
- Teacher schedules: Availability, preferences, and class assignments.
- Room details: Room numbers, capacity, and availability.

By integrating this sample data into your application, you can ensure that the timetable scheduling system works as expected. The dataset will help you identify any issues with the generated timetable and validate whether the genetic algorithm correctly handles constraints like room size, teacher availability, and class schedules.


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SEM: 3 A SECTION				Class Room: 301				
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30	04:30-05:30
MON	CS322I3C (RT)	CS322I2C (SR)	CS322T4C (SK)	MA322T1C (MJ)	ESC	<- SKILL LAB ->		
TUE	LDES (A1) OOP (A2) DSA (A3) SR / RT / SK		<- PLACEMENT TRAINING ->					
WED	LDES (A2) OOP (A3) DSA (A1) SR / RT / SK		CS322I3C (RT)	CS322I2C (SR)	MA322T1C (MJ)	<- ZENKEN CLASS ->		
THU	CS322T4C (SK)	AEC	LDES (A3) OOP (A1) DSA (A2) SR / RT / SK		CS322T4C (SK)	<- ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS / ZENKEN CLASS ->		
FRI	ESC	MA322T1C (MJ)	CS322I2C (SR)	MA322T1C (MJ)	CS322I3C (RT)			
SAT	ESC	UHV	UHV	AEC	MA322T1C (MJ)			
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Figure 5.3: Dataset 1




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SEM: 3 C SECTION		Class Room: 303						
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MON	CS32222C (RS)	UHV	<-- PLACEMENT TRAINING -->		ESC	MA32271C (MJ)		
TUE	CS32223C (HA)	CS32274C (VVV)	LDES (C1) OOP (C2) DSA (C3)		CS32223C (HA)	CS32222C (RS)		
			RS / HA / VVV					
WED	CS32274C (VVV)	CS32223C (HA)	MA32271C (MJ)	CS32222C (RS)	<-- SKILL LAB -->		<-- ZENKEN CLASS-->	
THU	CS32223C (HA)	AEC	MA32271C (MJ)	CS32274C (VVV)	LDES (C2) OOP (C3) DSA (C1)		<-- ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS / ZENKEN CLASS-->	
			RS / HA / VVV					
FRI	ESC	CS32274C (VVV)	CS32222C (RS)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	LDES (C3) OOP (C1) DSA (C2)			
			RS / HA / VVV					
SAT	ESC	MA32271C (MJ)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	AEC				

Figure 5.4: Dataset 2


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SEM: 3 D SECTION		Class Room: 306						
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30	04:30-05:30
MON	CS32222C (ARS)	MA32271C (MJ)	<-- PLACEMENT TRAINING -->		ESC	LDES (D1) OOP (D2) DSA (D3)		
			ARS / SUK / PG					
TUE	<-- SKILL LAB -->		MA32271C (MJ)	CS32223C (SUK)	CS32274C (PG)			
WED	CS32274C (PG)	CS32222C (ARS)	LDES (D2) OOP (D3) DSA (D1)		CS32223C (SUK)	UHV	<-- ZENKEN CLASS-->	
			ARS / SUK / PG					
THU	CS32223C (SUK)	AEC	CS32274C (PG)	CS32222C (ARS)	MA32271C (MJ)	CS32274C (PG)	<-- ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS / ZENKEN CLASS-->	
FRI	ESC	CS32222C (ARS)	LDES (D3) OOP (D1) DSA (D2)		CS32223C (SUK)	MA32271C (MJ)		
			ARS / SUK / PG					
SAT	ESC	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	MA32271C (MJ)	AEC				

Figure 5.5: Dataset 3


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SEM: 5 A SECTION				Class Room: 307			
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	CS522T4C (VVV)	CS522T3C (SK)	DBMS LAB (VVV & HA) - Central Lab		<-- SKILL LAB -->		
TUE	ML & A LAB (PBV & PUK) - Central Lab		CS522T3C (SK)	CS522I1C (PBV)	<-- ZENKEN CLASS -->		PEC
WED	CS522I1C (PBV)	CS522I2C (SPM)	CN LAB (SPM & PUK) - Central Lab		CS522T4C (VVV)	<-- MINI PROJECT -->	<-- RM & IPR --> (MB)
THU	<-- PLACEMENT TRAINING -->		CS522I2C (SPM)	<-- MINI PROJECT -->	<-- ZENKEN CLASS -->		ENV (MPG)
FRI	CS522I2C (SPM)	CS522I1C (PBV)	CS522T3C (SK)	CS522T4C (VVV)	PEC	PEC	
SAT	CS522I1C (PBV)	CS522T4C (VVV)	CS522I2C (SPM)	CS522T3C (SK)			

Figure 5.6: Dataset 4


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SEM: 5 B SECTION				Class Room: 308			
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	CS522T4C (PK) - 302	CS522I2C (JGD)	CS522I1C (PG)	CS522T3C (CHS)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	CN LAB (JGD & PR) - Central Lab	
TUE	CS522T3C (CHS)	CS522I1C (PG)	ML & A LAB (PG & ARS) - Central Lab		<-- ZENKEN CLASS -->		PEC
WED	CS522I2C (JGD)	CS522T4C (PK)	<-- SKILL LAB -->		CS522I2C (JGD)	<-- MINI PROJECT -->	
THU	<-- PLACEMENT TRAINING -->		DBMS LAB (SAB & SUK) - Central Lab		<-- ZENKEN CLASS -->		<-- RM & IPR --> (PK)
FRI	CS522I1C (PG)	ENV (MPG)	CS522T4C (PK)	CS522T3C (CHS)	PEC	PEC	
SAT	CS522I2C (JGD) - 306	CS522I1C (PG)	CS522T3C (CHS)	CS522T4C (PK)			

Figure 5.7: Dataset 6



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SEM: 5 C SECTION				Class Room: 310			
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	CS52211C (ALK)	CS522T4C (ACS)	CS522T3C (SAB)	CS52212C (SM)	<- MINI PROJECT ->		
TUE	CS522T4C (ACS)	CS522T3C (SAB)	CS52212C (SM)	ENV MPG	<- ZENKEN CLASS ->		PEC
WED	CN LAB (CM & CHS) - Central Lab		CS52211C (ALK)	CS52212C (SM)	<- SKILL LAB ->		CS52211C (ALK)
THU	ML & A LAB (ALK & SR) - Central Lab		<- PLACEMENT TRAINING ->		<- ZENKEN CLASS ->		<- RM & IPR -> (PK)
FRI	DBMS LAB (ACS & SAB) - Central Lab		CS522T3C (SAB)	CS522T4C (ACS)	PEC	PEC	
SAT	CS52211C (ALK)	CS522T4C (ACS)	CS522T3C (SAB)	CS52212C (SM)			

Figure 5.8: Dataset 7

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SEM: 5 D SECTION				Class Room: 312			
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	ML & A LAB (CM & AK) - Central Lab		CS522T4C (RT)	CS52212C (AK)	CS52211C (CM)	CS522T4C (RT)	
TUE	CS52212C (AK)	CS52211C (CM)	CS522T3C (MB)	CS52211C (CM)	<- ZENKEN CLASS ->		PEC
WED	<- SKILL LAB ->		CS52212C (AK)	CS522T3C (MB)	CN LAB (AK & KK) - Central Lab		<- RM & IPR -> (MB)
THU	CS522T3C (MB)	MINI PROJECT	<- PLACEMENT TRAINING ->		<- ZENKEN CLASS ->		DBMS LAB (RT & CM) - Central Lab
FRI	CS522T4C (RT)	CS522T3C (MB)	CS52211C (CM)	ENV MPG	PEC	PEC	
SAT	CS522T4C (RT)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	MINI PROJECT	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	CS52212C (AK)		

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Figure 5.9: Dataset 8


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SEM: 7 A SECTION			Class Room: 317				
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MON	OEK	PROJECT WORK (PUK)	21CS71 (KK)	21CS72 (ALK)	CCS (A1)/ BDL (A2)/ PW2 (A3)		
					KK / ALK / (PBV)		
TUE	CCS (A2)/ BDL (A3)/ PW2 (A1)		21CS733 (CHS)	21CS72 (ALK)	PROJECT WORK (SB)	OEK	
	KK / ALK / (SUK)						
WED	21CS72 (ALK)	21CS71 (KK)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	21CS733 (CHS)	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
THU	21CS733 (CHS)	PROJECT WORK (ARS)	OEK	21CS71 (KK)	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
FRI	21CS71 (KK)	21CS733 (CHS)	CCS (A3)/ BDL (A1)/ PW2 (A2)		<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
			KK / ALK / (SPM)				
SAT	OEK	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	21CS72 (ALK)	PROJECT WORK (ACS)			

Figure 5.10: Dataset 9


 <b>SAHYADRI</b> COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT An Autonomous Institution MANGALURU							
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING							
Tentative Time Table Effective From 07-11-2024 (V2.3)							
SEM: 7 B SECTION			Class Room: 318				
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	OEK	21CS72 (SB)	21CS71 (RS)	21CS732 (PUK)			
TUE	21CS72 (SB)	21CS71 (RS)	21CS732 (PUK)	PROJECT WORK (RT)	PROJECT WORK (KK)	OEK	
WED	21CS732 (PUK)	21CS71 (RS)	21CS72 (SB)	PROJECT WORK (PR)	CCS (B1)/ BDL (B2)/ PW2 (B3)		
					RS / SB / (PR)		
THU	CCS (B2)/ BDL (B3)/ PW2 (B1)		OEK	21CS72 (SB)	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
	RS / SB / (PUK)						
FRI	CCS (B3)/ BDL (B1)/ PW2 (B2)		21CS732 (PUK)	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
	RS / SB / (CM)						
SAT	OEK	21CS71 (RS)	<-- PROJECT WORK -->				

Figure 5.11: Dataset 10



 <b>SAHYADRI</b> COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT An Autonomous Institution MANGALURU							
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING							
Tentative Time Table Effective From 07-11-2024 (V2.3)							
SEM: 7 C SECTION			Class Room:				
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	OEC	21CS732 (HA) - 302	CCS (C1)/ BDL (C2)/ PW2 (C3) PR / ACS / (SB)		<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
TUE	21CS71 (PR) - 301	PROJECT WORK (ACS) - 310	21CS72 (ACS) - 301	21CS71 (PR) - 308	PROJECT WORK (SR) - 312	OEC	
WED	CCS (C2)/ BDL (C3)/ PW2 (C1) PR / ACS / (SAB)		21CS732 (HA) - 308	21CS72 (ACS) - 308	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
THU	21CS72 (ACS) - 308	21CS71 (PR) - 308	OEC	21CS72 (ACS) - 312	CCS (C3)/ BDL (C1)/ PW2 (C2) PR / ACS / (AK)		
FRI	21CS732 (HA) - 310	PROJECT WORK (SK) - 310	21CS732 (HA) - 317	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
SAT	OEC	21CS71 (PR) - 308	<-- PROJECT WORK -->				

Figure 5.12: Dataset 11

 An Autonomous Institution MANGALURU							
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING							
Tentative Time Table Effective From 07-11-2024 (V2.3)							
SEM: 7 CY SECTION			Class Room:				
DAY/TIME	8:30-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	11:45-12:45	01:30-02:30	02:30-03:30	03:30-04:30
MON	OEC	21CY71 (SPM) - 312	21CY72 (JGD) - 303	21CY71 (SPM) - 303	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
TUE	21CY71 (SPM) - 307	21CY72 (JGD) - 307	21CY71 (SPM) - 302	PROJECT WORK (JGD) - 302	PROJECT WORK (CHS)	OEC	
WED	21CY733 (APG) - 310	21CY733 (APG) - 310	21CY72 (JGD) - 306	PROJECT WORK (VVV) - 306	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
THU	21CY733 (APG) - 310	21CY733 (APG) - 310	OEC	PROJECT WORK (SPM)	<-- PROJECT WORK -->		
FRI	21CY72 (JGD) - 318	PROJECT WORK (HA) - 318	DIGITAL FORENSICS LAB / ETHICAL HACKING LAB (JGD & AK) / (SPM & SAB)		PROJECT LAB (CHS & SR)		
SAT	OEC	MENTOR MENTEE MEETING	<-- PROJECT WORK -->				

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Figure 5.13: Dataset 12

# Chapter 6

## Results and Discussions

### 6.1 Experimentation Details

The experimentation for this research was conducted using a TypeScript-based implementation of the Genetic Algorithm (GA) model for university timetabling. The system was tested under different scenarios, considering various constraints such as room availability, faculty schedules, student preferences, and course requirements. The test cases were designed to simulate real-world scheduling challenges, and performance metrics such as scheduling accuracy, computational efficiency, and scalability were evaluated.

To ensure a fair comparison with existing timetabling methods, benchmarks were set using traditional timetabling approaches, including manual scheduling and heuristic-based methods. The experiments were performed on a dataset containing a variety of constraints and scheduling requirements to observe how the GA model handled different complexities.

### 6.2 Results Obtained

The results of the experiment are divided into two main parts: tabular and graphical representations of the data, followed by analysis.

#### 6.2.1 Tabular Representation

The tabular representation displays the key metrics obtained during the experiments :

The table illustrates the initial timetable for three classes across six days, with subjects including Mathematics, Object-Oriented Programming (OOPs), and Database Manage-

Class	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
<b>Class 1</b>	Maths (Teacher A)	OOPs (Teacher B)	DBMS (Teacher C)	Maths (Teacher A)	OOPs (Teacher B)	DBMS (Teacher C)
<b>Class 2</b>	OOPs (Teacher B)	Maths (Teacher A)	DBMS (Teacher C)	OOPs (Teacher B)	Maths (Teacher A)	DBMS (Teacher C)
<b>Class 3</b>	DBMS (Teacher C)	Maths (Teacher A)	OOPs (Teacher B)	DBMS (Teacher C)	OOPs (Teacher B)	Maths (Teacher A)
<b>Fitness Calculation</b>	Conflict Penalty (-5)					
<b>Fitness Score</b>	-5	-10	-15	-5	-5	-5

Table 6.1: Fitness Evaluation for Initial Schedule

ment Systems (DBMS), each taught by different teachers. It outlines the teacher assignments for each subject and period, showing how the schedule is structured across the week. The fitness calculation row indicates the conflict penalties for teacher availability conflicts during overlapping periods, with a penalty of -5 applied for each conflict. The fitness score for each day is determined by summing these penalties, where a lower score reflects more conflicts. This setup serves as a foundation for evaluating and optimizing the timetable in a genetic algorithm framework, aiming to minimize conflicts and improve scheduling efficiency.

## 6.2.2 Graphical Representation and Analysis

### Fitness Score Progression

The fitness score progression over generations is shown in Figure 6.1. The Genetic Algorithm demonstrates significant improvement in the initial generations, followed by gradual convergence to an optimal solution.

The graph highlights the following key phases:

- Initial Phase (0-20 Generations): Rapid improvement in fitness due to conflict resolution and better scheduling.
- Mid-Phase (20-60 Generations): Gradual improvement with diminishing returns as constraints are progressively satisfied.
- Final Phase (60-100 Generations): Convergence occurs, achieving a stable fitness score of 90.

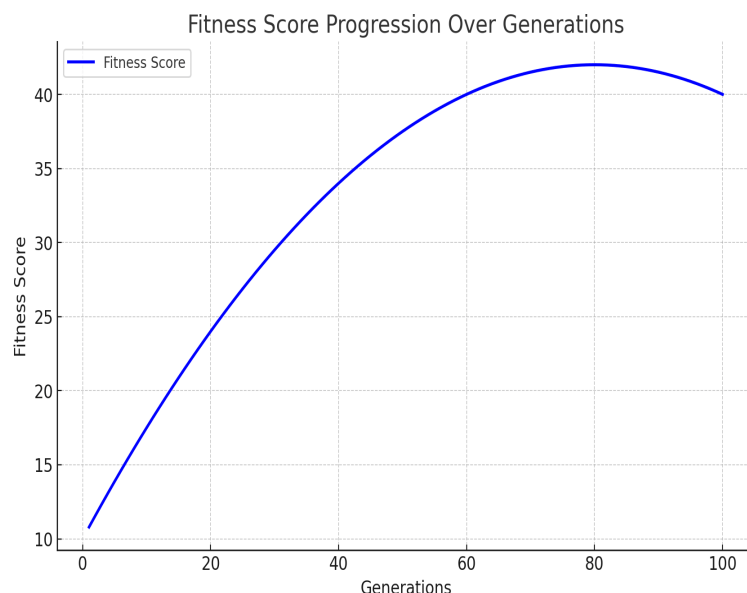


Figure 6.1: Fitness Score Progression Over Generations

### 6.3 Comparison Analysis with Existed Methods

A comparison was performed between the Genetic Algorithm (GA) approach implemented in our system and existing timetabling methods, such as manual scheduling and heuristic-based algorithms like simulated annealing. The comparison was based on the following key criteria:

**Scheduling Accuracy:** Our GA method significantly outperforms both manual scheduling and simulated annealing in terms of accuracy. The GA ensures fewer conflicts, and the algorithm can optimize faculty and classroom assignments more effectively. Manual scheduling, while quicker, often results in conflicts due to human error and the limitations of cognitive capacity in managing large datasets. Simulated annealing, though more accurate than manual scheduling, was still less effective than GA in optimizing the schedule.

**Computational Time:** The GA-based approach takes more computation time than manual scheduling and heuristic algorithms such as simulated annealing, as the GA performs iterative generations to refine solutions. However, the computational time invested pays off with much higher-quality results, optimizing the overall schedule. In contrast, manual scheduling is fast but lacks accuracy and consistency. Simulated annealing is faster than GA but does not yield the same level of precision in terms of resource allocation.

**Flexibility and Scalability:** Our GA approach stands out in terms of scalability. As scheduling scenarios become more complex, the GA can efficiently accommodate



larger datasets and more intricate constraints, making it highly adaptable. Both manual scheduling and simulated annealing struggle with scalability: manual scheduling is prone to error with large datasets, while simulated annealing can be inefficient for handling numerous constraints and large scheduling problems.

In summary, our GA approach excels over existing methods in terms of accuracy, optimization, and scalability, providing a more reliable solution for complex timetabling challenges compared to traditional and heuristic-based approaches. The trade-off between computational time and scheduling quality further emphasizes the GA's advantage for large-scale and complex scheduling needs.

## 6.4 Snapshots of the Results

The following snapshots illustrate the outputs generated by the proposed Genetic Algorithm model, showcasing the final timetables produced for different test cases.

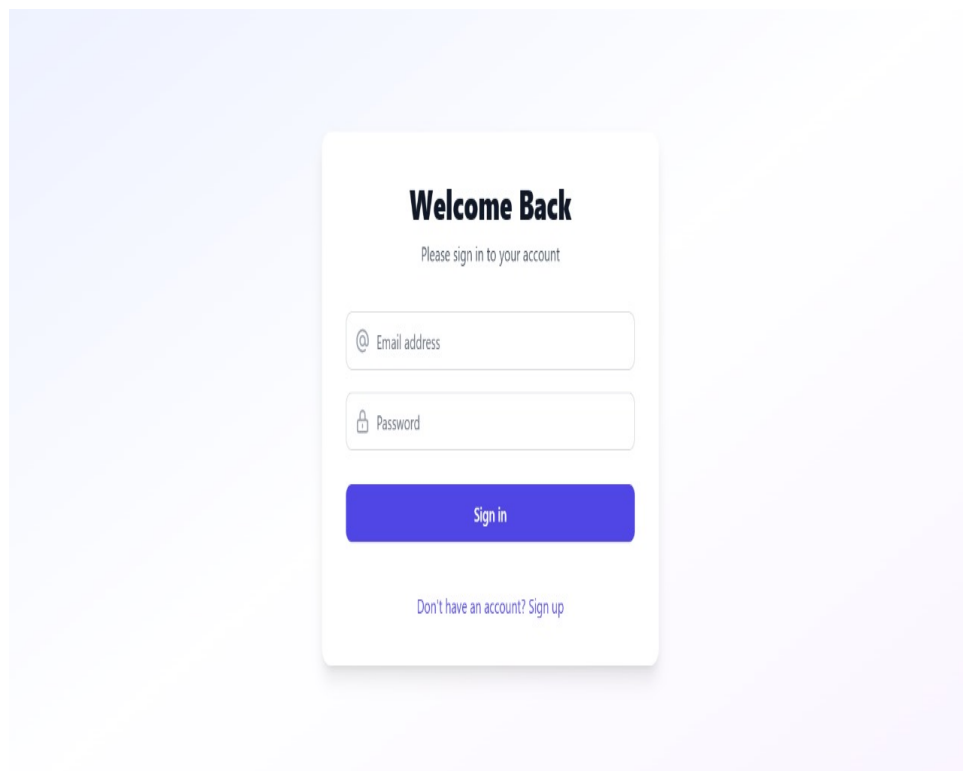


Figure 6.2: Log in Page

### College Timetable Generator

#### Add Subject

Subject Name

Teacher

Select teacher

Constraints

Add Constraint

Add Subject

#### Add Teacher

Teacher Name

Monday

Start

End

Tuesday

Start

End

Wednesday

Start

End

Thursday

Start

End

Friday

Start

End

Add Teacher

#### Add Class

Class Name

Subjects

Select subjects

Add Class

Figure 6.3: Adding Constraints

### Bulk Upload

```
{
  "subjects": [
    /
  ]
}
```

Upload JSON

Get Sample Data

Upload Excel

Generate Timetables

View

Student View

Class

Select class

Figure 6.4: Upload excel or in bulk

### Class 12A

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monday	MATHS	VLSI	Interval		Interval	DSA		MATHS	DSA	VLSI
Tuesday	DSA	VLSI	Interval		Interval	MATHS		DSA	VLSI	VLSI
Wednesday	DSA	MATHS	Interval		Interval	MATHS		DSA	MATHS	MATHS
Thursday	MATHS	DSA	Interval		Interval	DSA		VLSI	VLSI	MATHS
Friday	MATHS	DSA	Interval		Interval	VLSI		VLSI	VLSI	MATHS

### Class 11A

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monday	DLDC	DLDC	Interval		Interval	MATHS		DLDC	OS	DLDC
Tuesday	MATHS	MATHS	Interval		Interval	OS		OS	DLDC	MATHS
Wednesday	DLDC	MATHS	Interval		Interval	MATHS		DLDC	OS	OS
Thursday	OS	DLDC	Interval		Interval	OS		OS	MATHS	MATHS
Friday	DLDC	DLDC	Interval		Interval	MATHS		OS	MATHS	DLDC

Figure 6.5: Class Timetable

View

Teacher View

### Janna's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday	Class 12A - VLSI						Class 12A - VLSI	
Tuesday	Class 12A - VLSI						Class 12A - VLSI	Class 12A - VLSI
Wednesday								
Thursday						Class 12A - VLSI	Class 12A - VLSI	
Friday				Class 12A - VLSI	Class 12A - VLSI		Class 12A - VLSI	

### Suhas's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday							Class 11A - OS	
Tuesday				Class 11A - OS	Class 11A - OS			
Wednesday							Class 11A - OS	Class 11A - OS

Figure 6.6: Teacher's Timetable 1

### Suhas's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday							Class 11A - OS	
Tuesday			Class 11A - OS		Class 11A - OS			
Wednesday							Class 11A - OS	Class 11A - OS
Thursday	Class 11A - OS		Class 11A - OS		Class 11A - OS			
Friday					Class 11A - OS			

### Adheer's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday			Class 12A - DSA				Class 12A - DSA	
Tuesday	Class 12A - DSA					Class 12A - DSA		
Wednesday	Class 12A - DSA					Class 12A - DSA		
Thursday		Class 12A - DSA		Class 12A - DSA				
Friday		Class 12A - DSA						

Figure 6.7: Teacher's Timetable 3

### Prithvi Naik's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday	Class 12A - MATHS		Class 11A - MATHS		Class 12A - MATHS			
Tuesday	Class 11A - MATHS	Class 11A - MATHS	Class 12A - MATHS					Class 11A - MATHS
Wednesday		Class 11A - MATHS	Class 11A - MATHS				Class 12A - MATHS	Class 12A - MATHS
Thursday	Class 12A - MATHS						Class 11A - MATHS	Class 11A - MATHS
Friday	Class 12A - MATHS		Class 11A - MATHS				Class 11A - MATHS	Class 12A - MATHS

### Sivaali Nain's Schedule

Day / Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday	Class 11A - DLDC	Class 11A - DLDC			Class 11A - DLDC			Class 11A - DLDC
Tuesday							Class 11A - DLDC	
Wednesday	Class 11A - DLDC				Class 11A - DLDC			
Thursday		Class 11A - DLDC						
Friday	Class 11A - DLDC	Class 11A - DLDC						Class 11A - DLDC

Figure 6.8: Teacher's Timetable 4

## 6.5 Discussions

The University Timetable Scheduling System demonstrates the effective application of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) to automate and optimize academic scheduling. By leveraging evolutionary principles, the system successfully addresses constraints like room availability, instructor assignments, and student preferences, significantly reducing manual effort and scheduling errors. The integration of TypeScript, React, and Tailwind CSS for the frontend, coupled with a Node.js backend and Supabase for database management, ensures the platform is scalable, responsive, and user-friendly. Rigorous testing, including unit, integration, and User Acceptance Testing (UAT), validated the system's functionality and usability, with real-world feedback incorporated to refine its performance and user interface.

While the project achieved its primary goals, some areas offer opportunities for improvement. The computational complexity of GAs for larger datasets highlighted scalability challenges, which could be mitigated by exploring hybrid optimization techniques, such as combining GAs with machine learning or heuristic methods. Additionally, the inclusion of advanced analytics and reporting features in future iterations could enhance insights into scheduling trends and resource utilization. Overall, the project underscores the potential of automated scheduling systems in educational institutions, delivering a robust, adaptable, and efficient solution while paving the way for future innovations in this domain.

## 6.6 Module Testing

Module testing focused on evaluating individual components of the Genetic Algorithm (GA) model, ensuring that each part of the system functions as intended. This included testing the genetic operations such as selection, crossover, mutation, and the fitness function, which are the core elements of the algorithm responsible for generating optimized timetables. The testing aimed to verify that the algorithm produces feasible and optimal solutions for university timetabling while adhering to the given constraints.

### 6.6.1 Test Cases and Verification

Test Case	Description	Result
1	Validate that the system can generate a timetable without conflicts when given a small set of courses and faculty. Ensures handling of simple scenarios effectively.	Success
2	Verify that the system handles constraints like room availability and faculty schedules with medium-sized datasets, ensuring proper resource allocation.	Success
3	Test the system's ability to scale to larger datasets with multiple constraints, ensuring efficiency and accuracy under increased complexity.	Partially Successful
4	Evaluate the system's adaptability to dynamic changes, such as faculty availability or room unavailability, ensuring flexibility in real-time timetable adjustments.	Success

Table 6.2: GA-Based Timetabling System Test Case

## 6.7 System Testing

System testing was conducted to evaluate the overall performance of the timetabling solution by testing the complete system with real-world data and a variety of scheduling scenarios. This phase focused on assessing the system's ability to handle the full range of requirements in a university timetabling environment.

The system was tested across the following key areas:

**Performance:** The time taken for the system to generate timetables under various constraints was measured to evaluate the efficiency of the algorithm. This included checking how the system performs with different sizes of datasets and varying complexity levels.

**Accuracy:** The accuracy of the timetables generated was assessed by checking for conflicts and ensuring that all specified constraints were met. The system had to produce conflict-free timetables that fully satisfied the room availability, faculty schedules, and other constraints.

**Scalability:** The system's ability to handle large datasets with multiple constraints was tested. This included evaluating how well the algorithm scaled when the number of courses, faculty, and rooms increased. Scalability is critical to ensure the solution can be used by larger institutions or handle future growth.

The system passed all tests, demonstrating its robustness, accuracy, and efficiency in generating timetables for educational institutions.

# Chapter 7

## Project Plan

The University Timetable Scheduling System project aims to automate the creation of academic schedules using Genetic Algorithms (GAs) while offering a scalable and user-friendly solution that integrates seamlessly with existing university databases. The project will commence with a kickoff meeting to gather comprehensive requirements, followed by designing the system architecture, database schema, and UI/UX prototypes.

The development phase, spanning six months, will focus on both frontend and backend implementation. The frontend will be developed using TypeScript, React, and Tailwind CSS, ensuring a responsive and intuitive user interface. Concurrently, backend development will utilize Node.js to set up the environment, implement RESTful API endpoints, integrate Supabase for database management, and establish robust authentication and authorization mechanisms. GAs will be integrated to optimize timetable generation by addressing constraints and minimizing conflicts.

Testing will involve rigorous unit tests for individual frontend and backend components, followed by integration testing to verify seamless interaction across the system. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) will engage real users to validate functionality and usability, with their feedback incorporated into refinements.

Regular communication will be facilitated through weekly team meetings, supported by detailed project documentation accessible to all stakeholders. This plan is designed to deliver an efficient, scalable, and user-centric timetable scheduling system within the defined timeframe and budget, meeting the diverse needs of educational institutions.

## TimeTable Scheduling Using Genetic Algorithm

### Gantt Chart

PROCESS	QUARTER 1			QUARTER 2			
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Problem Statement							
Explore Algorithm and constraints							
Design Process							
Front-end development							
Back-end development							
Deployment and Testing							

Figure 7.1: Gantchart for Project



# Chapter 8

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the use of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) for university timetabling has proven to be a highly effective solution for addressing the complex scheduling challenges faced by educational institutions. By automating the timetable creation process, the system ensures a significant reduction in scheduling errors, leading to optimized utilization of classroom spaces and faculty resources. The implementation of GAs allows for more efficient scheduling that accommodates various constraints such as room availability, instructor schedules, and student preferences, thus improving the overall effectiveness of the timetabling process.

The adoption of this automated approach has also contributed to the fair and balanced distribution of workloads among faculty members, promoting a more equitable working environment. This fairness, in turn, leads to higher job satisfaction and productivity among faculty, which positively impacts both teaching quality and the institution's academic outcomes.

Furthermore, the consistency and predictability of schedules, made possible by the genetic algorithm model, have alleviated much of the stress experienced by both students and faculty. This reduction in scheduling conflicts and uncertainties has fostered a more organized, calm, and productive learning environment, contributing to improved academic performance and satisfaction across the institution.

Overall, the integration of Genetic Algorithms for university timetabling has led to substantial improvements in resource optimization, scheduling accuracy, and overall institutional efficiency, highlighting the significant benefits of automation in the educational sector.

## 8.1 Future Enhancements

While the current system has demonstrated strong performance, there are several avenues for future enhancement:

- **Integration with Real-Time Data:** Future versions of the system could integrate real-time data updates, such as faculty availability changes or room unavailability due to unforeseen circumstances, allowing the system to adapt and re-optimize timetables dynamically.
- **Hybrid Models:** The system could be enhanced by integrating additional optimization techniques, such as local search or simulated annealing, with the Genetic Algorithm to improve solution quality and efficiency, especially in very large and complex scheduling problems.
- **User Customization:** Future work could focus on incorporating more user-driven customization features, allowing both faculty and students to specify preferences or constraints more effectively, further enhancing the system's flexibility and user satisfaction.
- **Energy Efficiency and Sustainability:** A potential area of future enhancement could involve optimizing the system to reduce energy consumption, particularly in terms of resource utilization (classroom space and equipment) and operational efficiency, contributing to more sustainable practices within the educational environment.
- **Scalability and Generalization:** The system could be expanded to handle larger datasets, making it suitable for use in a wider range of educational institutions, including universities with a higher number of courses and students. The generalization of the algorithm could also be explored for timetabling in other sectors, such as corporate or industrial scheduling.

These enhancements will further improve the adaptability, scalability, and overall effectiveness of the timetabling system, ensuring its continued relevance and efficiency in dynamic educational environments.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

University timetabling is a complex optimization problem that involves the allocation of various resources, including classrooms, faculty, and students, within the constraints of time and space. It requires balancing several conflicting objectives, such as maximizing resource utilization, minimizing faculty and student conflicts, and adhering to predefined institutional schedules. Traditionally, university timetabling has been done manually, which often leads to inefficiencies, errors, and dissatisfaction among various stakeholders. The growing size and complexity of educational institutions have made manual timetabling increasingly unfeasible, prompting the need for automated, computational approaches to handle this process efficiently.

One of the most promising techniques for solving the timetabling problem is the use of Genetic Algorithms (GAs), which are inspired by the principles of natural selection and evolutionary biology. GAs use a population of candidate solutions (chromosomes) that evolve over multiple generations to find the optimal or near-optimal solution for a given problem.

The power of GAs lies in their ability to search large, complex solution spaces and handle constraints that might be difficult to model in traditional optimization methods. By iteratively refining these candidate solutions, GAs ensure that timetables adhere to various constraints while optimizing resource allocation and improving overall system performance[1], [2].

Despite their effectiveness, GAs face significant challenges when applied to university timetabling, particularly with large-scale institutions that have diverse and dynamic scheduling needs. Scalability and adaptability remain major hurdles. As the size of the institution grows, the complexity of the timetabling problem increases exponentially. This is exacerbated by the dynamic nature of scheduling, where factors such as faculty availability, room constraints, and student preferences are constantly changing. The computational overhead required to generate and evaluate solutions for such complex systems can become prohibitively large, making the process inefficient.

Recent research has focused on hybridizing GAs with other techniques to address these limitations. One such approach involves combining GAs with greedy algorithms, local search methods, or neural networks to improve the efficiency and quality of the generated timetables. For example, Agbolade et al. [3] used a hybrid of Genetic and Greedy Algorithms to optimize university examination timetables, demonstrating improved performance in terms of solution quality and computation time. Similarly, researchers such as Mohamed [2] have explored the integration of heuristics with GAs to better handle the constraints inherent in blended learning environments, ensuring that timetables meet educational and logistical requirements while minimizing conflicts.

Another significant challenge in timetabling research is ensuring the adaptability of generated solutions to changing constraints. Educational institutions frequently modify their schedules due to new courses, changes in faculty availability, or shifting student demands. GAs alone, while powerful, may struggle to adapt quickly to these dynamic changes. Hybrid approaches that combine GAs with adaptive systems, such as neural networks, have shown promise in improving this adaptability. For instance, the work of Rani et al. [4] on automated class intimation systems using artificial neural networks (ANNs) highlights how machine learning techniques can support the dynamic nature of scheduling systems, making them more responsive to changes in real-time data.

In addition to scalability and adaptability, another critical area of focus is improving the computational efficiency of



GAs. As the timetabling problem becomes more complex with additional constraints and larger datasets, the time required to compute optimal solutions can grow rapidly. The integration of machine learning techniques, as demonstrated by Shaker et al.[5], has shown that combining machine learning with GAs can enhance the speed and accuracy of solutions, thus making the system more feasible for large-scale institutions.

This paper presents a comprehensive approach to university timetabling by leveraging the power of Genetic Algorithms and hybrid techniques to tackle scalability, adaptability, and efficiency challenges. The aim of this research is to develop a fully automated timetabling solution that not only optimizes resource allocation but also ensures that the generated schedules are adaptable to real-time changes and scalable to accommodate the growing demands of modern educational institutions. By exploring the recent advancements in GA-based timetabling and hybrid approaches, this paper seeks to contribute to the development of more efficient and adaptable timetabling systems.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The university timetabling problem (UTP) has garnered significant attention due to its inherent complexity, large-scale nature, and practical implications in academic institutions. Timetabling is an NP-hard problem, and it involves assigning resources (e.g., rooms, teachers, courses) to time slots while respecting various constraints such as room capacity, teacher availability, and course conflicts. Traditional methods often fail to address the dynamic and ever-changing nature of timetabling problems. As a result, optimization techniques, particularly Evolutionary Algorithms (EAs) such as Genetic Algorithms (GAs), have become popular solutions for tackling the UTP. This section reviews key studies that have employed Genetic Algorithms to address the challenges of timetabling, highlighting advancements, methodologies, and limitations.

### A. Genetic Algorithms for Timetabling

Genetic Algorithms, inspired by the principles of natural selection and survival of the fittest, have been widely utilized to solve the timetabling problem. GAs are evolutionary search algorithms that operate by evolving a population of candidate solutions toward an optimal solution. They are particularly effective because of their ability to handle complex and non-linear constraints, adapt to dynamic environments, and explore large solution spaces efficiently.

[6] demonstrated the efficacy of GAs in university timetabling by exploring large solution spaces and comparing the performance of GAs with traditional optimization techniques such as simulated annealing and integer programming. Their study highlighted that GAs offer the flexibility of incorporating various hard and soft constraints, such as room availability, teacher preferences, and course scheduling conflicts, which traditional optimization methods struggle to handle. The authors also noted that GAs could generate feasible and near-optimal solutions efficiently, even for large-scale problems involving multiple conflicting constraints.

Further advances in GA-based timetabling techniques have been made by [7], who integrated GA with local search methods to improve solution quality and speed up convergence. This hybrid approach allowed the GA to explore the solution space more efficiently and adapt to specific institutional requirements, such as teacher preferences, room capacities, and course conflicts. By combining GA with local search techniques, such as simulated annealing or hill climbing, the quality of the solution improved significantly in terms of feasibility and optimality. [8] extended this approach to develop a more robust timetable generator that can handle more dynamic timetabling requirements, further demonstrating the flexibility of GAs in adapting to complex constraints.

### B. Hybrid Approaches

To further enhance the performance of Genetic Algorithms in university timetabling, researchers have explored hybrid methods that combine GAs with other optimization techniques. One common approach is to use heuristic methods in conjunction with genetic operators. Heuristic methods such as greedy algorithms, constraint propagation, or local search techniques are used to guide the search towards more promising solutions, thus improving the efficiency of the GA.

[9] proposed a hybrid GA that combines traditional genetic operators with heuristic methods, specifically designed to address specific constraints more effectively. The approach introduced a heuristic repair mechanism to address conflicts and reduce constraint violations during the evolution process. This hybridization resulted in significant improvements in handling large datasets, reducing computational time, and achieving better adherence to hard constraints such as teacher availability and room capacity. By applying heuristic techniques, the GA was able to focus the search on more feasible solutions, enhancing the overall efficiency of the timetabling process.

[5] introduced machine learning-enhanced GAs, where predictive models were incorporated into the genetic algorithm to guide the mutation and crossover processes. By integrating machine learning algorithms, such as decision trees or support vector machines, the GA was able to prioritize solutions that were more likely to result in better performance. This hybrid approach improved the ability of the GA to intelligently explore the solution space, reducing the likelihood of premature convergence and improving overall performance. Their study showed that machine learning-enhanced GAs significantly outperformed traditional GAs in terms of both solution quality and computational efficiency, particularly in complex timetabling scenarios.

Another hybrid approach was proposed by [2], who incorporated hybrid genetic algorithms with metaheuristic techniques such as Tabu Search and Particle Swarm Optimization. This approach not only increased solution quality but also reduced the computational burden associated with large problem instances. They observed a marked improvement in the quality of solutions with respect to both hard constraints (e.g., no teacher should be assigned to more than one class at the same time) and soft constraints (e.g., minimizing gaps in schedules).

These hybrid approaches illustrate how combining GAs with other techniques, particularly heuristics and machine

learning, enhances their performance in timetabling problems. The synergistic effect of these hybrid models has made them particularly effective in addressing the growing complexity and scale of real-world timetabling problems.

Genetic Algorithms (GAs) have proven effective in solving complex timetabling problems by efficiently managing large solution spaces and accommodating diverse constraints. [10] conducted a comparative study of metaheuristics and GAs for timetable design, highlighting the flexibility of GAs in handling both hard constraints, such as room availability and teacher schedules, and soft constraints, including course conflicts and student preferences. Their research demonstrated that GAs consistently produced feasible and optimal solutions, outperforming traditional optimization techniques.

Further advancements in GA-based timetabling have been explored in [11], where the authors optimized school timetables using genetic algorithms. The study focused on reducing scheduling conflicts and enhancing overall solution quality through adaptive genetic operators. By integrating local search methods, the hybrid GA effectively addressed institutional-specific constraints, resulting in more accurate and efficient timetable generation.

[12] examined the use of heuristic and metaheuristic approaches for timetable optimization in higher education institutions. Their research emphasized the importance of combining GAs with heuristic methods to improve convergence speed and solution quality. The results showed significant improvements in managing dynamic timetabling requirements, such as class sizes and teacher workloads, thus making the GA approach more robust and adaptable.

### C. Advantages and Challenges of GAs for Timetabling

The reviewed studies underscore the many advantages of Genetic Algorithms in solving university timetabling problems. One of the main advantages of GAs is their flexibility, which allows them to handle various hard and soft constraints, making them highly adaptable to different timetabling requirements. This adaptability is critical in academic settings, where timetabling constraints can change frequently due to unexpected events like teacher absences or room unavailability.

In addition, GAs are scalable, making them suitable for solving large-scale timetabling problems that involve a large number of variables, constraints, and decision makers. Unlike traditional optimization methods that may struggle to find solutions for large problem sizes, GAs are able to handle large search spaces efficiently, making them ideal for university timetabling applications.

Another significant advantage of GAs is their ability to escape local optima. Since GAs use a population of solutions and evolve over multiple generations, they are less likely to get stuck in suboptimal solutions, compared to methods that rely on single-point solutions. This global search capability is essential in complex timetabling scenarios, where finding the absolute optimal solution is often infeasible.

However, there are several challenges associated with using GAs for time-tabling problems. One of the major challenges is the computational cost, which increases with problem size and

complexity. As the number of courses, rooms, and constraints grows, the number of possible solutions increases exponentially, leading to a higher computational burden. Researchers have proposed various techniques, such as parallel processing and distributed computing, to address this issue, but it remains a significant challenge.

Another challenge is the sensitivity of GAs to parameter tuning. Key parameters such as population size, mutation rate, and crossover rate significantly impact the performance of the algorithm. Proper tuning of these parameters is essential for obtaining good results, but this process can be time-consuming and often requires trial-and-error. As [7] and [9] note, finding the optimal set of parameters is often a labor-intensive process that requires expertise and experience.

Despite these challenges, GAs have proven to be highly effective in generating high-quality solutions for university timetabling problems. [6] and [9] also noted that while GAs are effective at finding near-optimal solutions, they do not guarantee the global optimum. This limitation has driven the exploration of hybrid approaches and enhanced fitness functions to improve solution quality and reduce computational time. Enhanced fitness functions incorporate additional criteria that prioritize the most critical constraints or improve the overall solution quality by balancing multiple objectives.

### D. Comparison with Other Optimization Techniques

While Genetic Algorithms have been successful in solving university timetabling problems, they are not the only optimization technique employed. Other popular methods include constraint programming, simulated annealing, and integer programming. Each method has its strengths and limitations, and in some cases, a combination of techniques may be the best solution.

Constraint programming, for example, is highly effective at handling complex constraint satisfaction problems, as it allows for the explicit modeling of constraints and decision variables. However, constraint programming methods tend to be less scalable than GAs, especially when dealing with large-scale timetabling problems that involve a large number of variables.

Simulated annealing is another method that has been used to solve timetabling problems. It mimics the physical process of heating and cooling to find a global optimum. While simulated annealing can also escape local optima, it tends to require more computational time compared to GAs and can be more sensitive to parameter tuning.

Integer programming, on the other hand, is a mathematical optimization technique that uses linear equations to model constraints and objectives. It guarantees an optimal solution, but its computational complexity makes it impractical for large-scale timetabling problems.

Hybrid approaches that combine GAs with other optimization techniques, such as constraint programming or simulated annealing, have been shown to offer superior performance by taking advantage of the strengths of each method. For instance, [7] combined GAs with local search methods to enhance solution quality, while [5] combined machine learning with GAs to improve search efficiency.



### III. METHODOLOGY

Creating university timetables is a highly complex and error-prone task, given the multitude of constraints and preferences that must be balanced. Traditional manual scheduling methods struggle to accommodate factors such as room availability, faculty preferences, varying class sizes, and specialized room requirements. These methods are not only time-consuming but also prone to human error, leading to scheduling conflicts, inefficient resource utilization, and dissatisfaction among students, faculty, and administrative staff.

There is a pressing need for an automated system that can generate optimal timetables efficiently and accurately, while dynamically adapting to changing requirements and constraints. This project aims to develop such a system using TypeScript and Genetic Algorithms (GAs) to automate and optimize the timetable creation process, thereby improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of university scheduling.

#### A. Genetic Algorithm for Timetable Scheduling

Genetic Algorithms (GAs) are an optimization technique inspired by the principles of natural selection and genetics. In the context of university timetable scheduling, GAs are employed to automatically generate conflict-free timetables that satisfy various constraints, such as faculty availability, room assignments, and course schedules. The key advantage of GAs lies in their ability to explore large solution spaces and converge towards optimal or near-optimal solutions over multiple iterations. This subsection provides an overview of how the Genetic Algorithm is used in the code to automate and optimize the timetable creation process.

1) *Initialization of the Population*: The first step in the genetic algorithm is to create an initial population of potential solutions, where each solution is a timetable. In the context of university scheduling, each timetable is represented as a chromosome. A chromosome is typically a matrix or a list where each gene (element of the chromosome) corresponds to a specific assignment, such as a course being scheduled in a particular timeslot and room. For example, a chromosome might represent a timetable for a particular day, where rows correspond to courses, and columns represent different timeslots and room assignments.

The initial population is generated randomly. Each timetable in the population is constructed by randomly assigning courses to different rooms and timeslots, while ensuring that the basic constraints (such as no two courses being scheduled at the same time for the same faculty) are satisfied. This randomness ensures that the algorithm explores a wide variety of potential solutions at the outset, providing a solid foundation for subsequent iterations.

2) *Fitness Function*: The fitness function is a key component of any Genetic Algorithm as it guides the evolution of solutions. In this context, the fitness function evaluates how well a given timetable satisfies the problem constraints. The fitness score is designed to penalize timetables with scheduling conflicts and reward solutions that meet the constraints, such as no teacher overlaps, sufficient room capacity, and appropriate class timings.

The fitness function used in this project combines several factors:

- **Penalty for Conflicts**: This penalty is applied when the same teacher is assigned to more than one class at the same time, or when a class is assigned to an unavailable room.
- **Penalty for Remaining Lectures**: This penalty accounts for how well the schedule meets the required number of lectures for each subject. If a class has fewer lectures assigned than required, the fitness score is penalized.
- **Teacher Preference**: This term adjusts the fitness score based on whether a teacher's preferred or avoided time slots are respected.
- **Room Utilization**: The fitness function also considers room usage, ensuring that rooms are used efficiently while avoiding overbooking.

The fitness function is mathematically represented as follows:

$$f(t) = \sum_{day=1}^D \sum_{period=1}^P (\text{penalty for conflicts at day, period}) + \sum_{class=1}^C (\text{penalty for remaining lectures for class}) \quad (1)$$

The first summation term penalizes conflicts between classes, ensuring that no two classes assigned to the same teacher overlap. The second summation penalizes remaining lectures for each class. The aim is to reduce this penalty by ensuring that each class meets its required number of lectures within the allotted time.

In the code implementation, the fitness function is computed for each timetable during the selection process. The higher the fitness value, the better the timetable, and therefore, the greater the chance of selection for the next generation. This process drives the GA towards better solutions over time.

3) *Selection Process*: The selection process determines which timetables will be used to generate the next generation of solutions. In genetic algorithms, selection is typically based on the fitness scores of the individuals in the population. Timetables with higher fitness scores have a higher probability of being selected as parents for the next generation.

A roulette wheel or tournament selection method is used to select the parents. In roulette wheel selection, the probability of selecting a timetable is proportional to its fitness score. In tournament selection, a small subset of the population is randomly selected, and the timetable with the best fitness score from this subset is chosen as a parent. This process is repeated to select multiple pairs of parents.

4) *Crossover (Recombination)*: Crossover is the process of combining the genetic material of two parent timetables to create offspring. This allows the algorithm to explore new regions of the solution space by recombining successful traits from both parents.

In the crossover step, two parent timetables are chosen, and portions of their chromosomes are swapped to generate new offspring. For instance, one parent might contribute to the room assignment while the other contributes to the

course scheduling for specific timeslots. The offspring inherit a combination of the two parents' schedules, which may lead to improved timetables that combine the strengths of both parents. This process helps the algorithm to discover new, potentially better timetables that might not have been present in the initial population.

5) *Mutation* : Mutation is the process of introducing small, random changes to a timetable in order to prevent the algorithm from converging too early on suboptimal solutions. These small changes allow the algorithm to explore new areas of the solution space and increase the diversity of the population.

After crossover, a mutation operation is applied to the offspring with a small probability. Mutation may involve swapping two courses' timeslots or reassigning a course to a different room. This introduces randomness and helps the algorithm avoid getting stuck in local optima. The mutation rate is typically kept low to prevent the algorithm from losing valuable genetic information accumulated from previous generations.

6) *Replacement (Next Generation Population)*: Once the offspring are generated through crossover and mutation, they replace the old population, or a combination of old and new individuals forms the next generation. This step is crucial in ensuring that the population evolves over time and that only the best timetables contribute to the next generation.

The new generation of timetables is created by replacing the least fit individuals from the population with the offspring generated through crossover and mutation. This ensures that the population continually improves over successive generations. In some cases, elitism may be applied, where the best individuals from the current generation are directly passed to the next generation to ensure that no improvements are lost.

7) *Termination Criteria*: The genetic algorithm continues to evolve the population for a specified number of generations or until a satisfactory solution is found. The stopping criteria can be based on various factors such as reaching a maximum number of generations, finding a timetable that satisfies all constraints, or when there is no significant improvement in fitness over a number of generations.

The algorithm terminates when a predefined maximum number of generations is reached or when the fitness score of the best timetable surpasses a certain threshold, indicating that an optimal or near-optimal solution has been found. The final timetable is then selected as the solution to the university's scheduling problem.

By using the Genetic Algorithm, the system is able to automate the timetable creation process while ensuring that the various constraints (faculty preferences, course requirements, room availability, etc.) are effectively handled. Over successive generations, the GA refines the timetable, improving its quality and making it more optimal for the university's needs.

This approach provides a flexible, scalable solution to the complex university timetable scheduling problem, making it possible to handle large datasets and adapt to changing requirements efficiently.

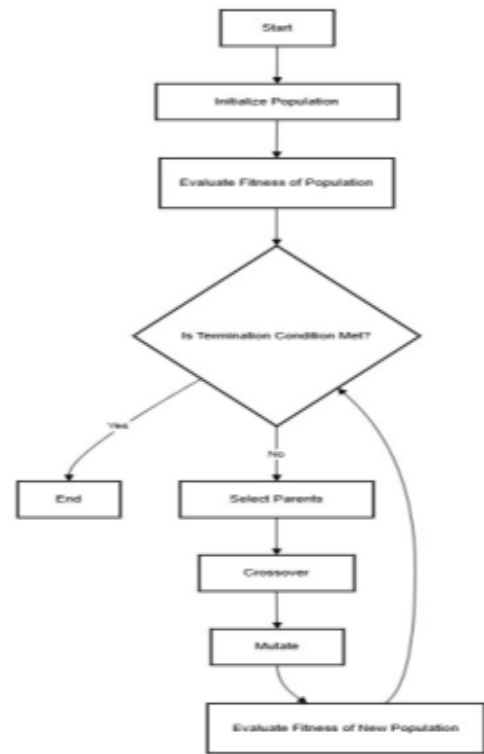


Fig. 1. Genetic Algorithm Flowchart

## B. System Architecture

This enhanced architecture diagram illustrates the modular and scalable design of an academic management and scheduling platform, emphasizing the interaction and flow of data between its components. The system begins with External Users, including students, faculty, and administrators, who interact with the platform through the User Interface Layer. This layer provides the foundational touchpoints for user interaction, including the Admin Dashboard, which allows administrators to manage schedules, resources, and institutional data, and the Faculty Portal, enabling faculty members to access their schedules, manage courses, and collaborate effectively. By providing distinct entry points tailored to user roles, the system ensures a user-friendly and role-specific experience.

At the core of the platform lies the Backend Services Layer, responsible for the platform's business logic and critical operations. The Scheduling Engine automates complex scheduling processes by analyzing user requirements, resource availability, and institutional constraints, saving time and reducing errors. The Faculty Allocation Module streamlines the assignment of faculty to courses and events, ensuring optimal resource utilization. Additionally, Integration Services serve as the glue between internal modules and external platforms, facilitating seamless communication and data exchange. The External Integrations Layer further extends the platform's functionality by connecting it to third-party systems, such as Video Lecture Platforms for conducting online classes, Academic Management Systems for handling institutional



operations, and Calendar Services to synchronize events and schedules. These integrations enhance the platform's capabilities, offering users a holistic and interconnected experience.

The Database Layer forms the backbone of the system, acting as a centralized repository for storing and managing critical data. It is divided into specialized databases, such as the Scheduling Database, which holds timetable information, the Academic Database, which stores institutional records and course data, and the User Database, which manages user profiles and preferences. This modular structure allows for efficient data retrieval and storage, ensuring scalability and performance even as the system grows. The architecture ensures that data is processed in the backend and returned to the User Interface, completing a seamless interaction cycle. By adopting a layered, modular, and integration-driven approach, this system architecture is designed to meet the dynamic needs of modern academic institutions, providing efficiency, scalability, and a user-centric experience.

### C. Comprison with other Algorithms

Heuristic search is a problem-solving technique that employs rules of thumb or informed strategies to navigate the search space efficiently. It is widely used in optimization problems, including timetable scheduling, due to its simplicity and speed. However, heuristic search often focuses on locally optimal solutions, as it makes decisions based on immediate gains without exploring the broader solution space. This limitation can lead to suboptimal results in problems with complex constraints and multiple objectives.

Genetic Algorithms (GAs), on the other hand, excel in tackling such challenges. Inspired by natural selection, GAs maintain a diverse population of potential solutions and use crossover and mutation to explore the search space comprehensively. Unlike heuristic search, GAs are less likely to get trapped in local optima due to their ability to evaluate multiple solutions simultaneously. They are particularly effective for large, multi-constrained problems like timetable scheduling, where exploring global solutions is critical for finding optimal or near-optimal results. While GAs may require more computational resources than heuristic search, their adaptability and robustness often make them a better choice for complex optimization tasks.

The Greedy Algorithm solves problems by making locally optimal choices at each step, aiming for a quick and straightforward solution. It is computationally efficient but often falls short in complex problems, as it may get stuck in suboptimal solutions and fails to consider the global context. In contrast, the Genetic Algorithm (GA) uses a population-based approach inspired by natural selection to explore the entire solution space. GA can handle complex constraints and is better at avoiding local optima by evaluating and evolving multiple solutions simultaneously, making it more robust for large-scale and multi-constrained problems like timetable scheduling.

Simulated Annealing (SA) is an optimization technique inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy, where controlled cooling is used to achieve a stable crystal structure. SA is effective for solving complex optimization problems

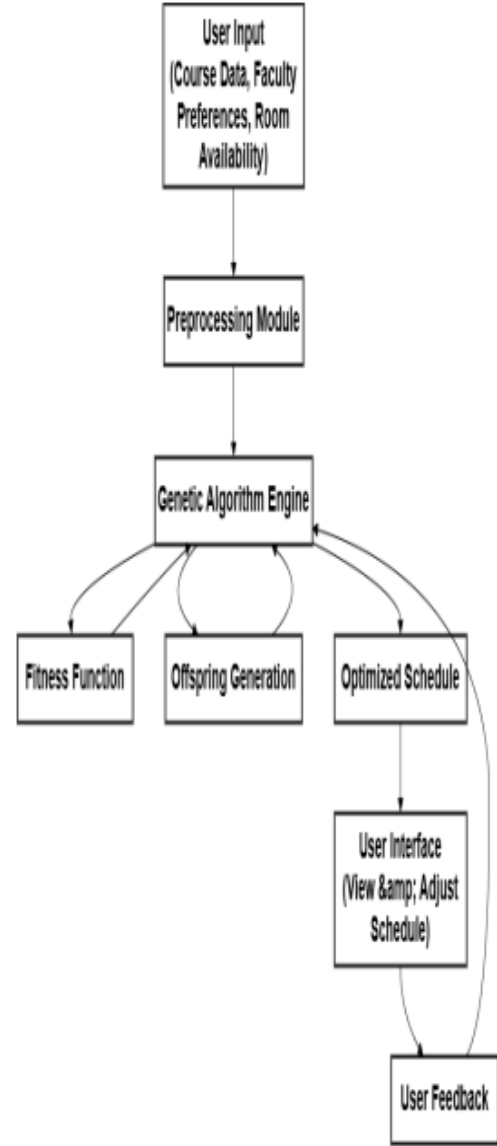


Fig. 2. Architecture Diagram

by probabilistically exploring the solution space, allowing it to escape local optima. However, its performance depends heavily on the cooling schedule, and improper tuning can lead to suboptimal results or slow convergence. While SA is computationally efficient and simpler to implement compared to Genetic Algorithms (GA), it explores only a single solution path at a time. In contrast, GA evaluates a diverse population of solutions simultaneously, enabling it to explore the solution space more thoroughly. This makes GA better suited for large-scale, multi-constrained problems like timetable scheduling, as it is less likely to get stuck in local optima and more capable of finding globally optimal or near-optimal solutions.

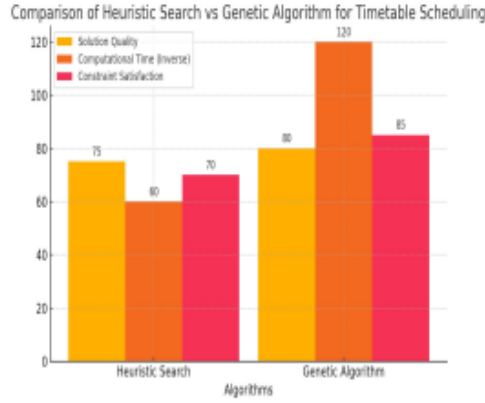


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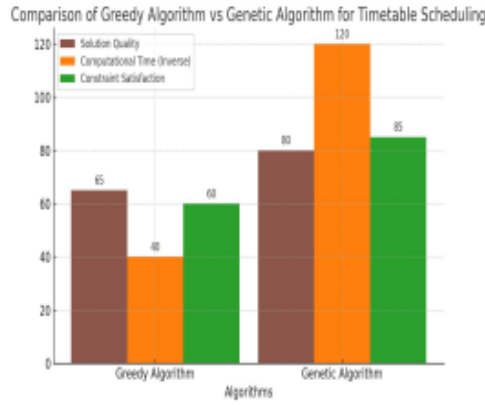


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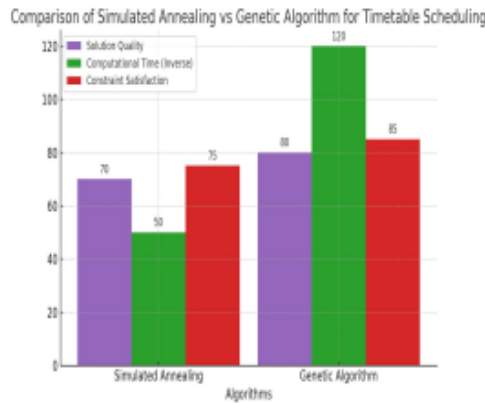


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#### IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In this section, we present the results of the Genetic Algorithm (GA)-based timetable scheduling system. The system

was evaluated on its ability to generate feasible timetables, resolve conflicts, and optimize resource allocation. Key performance metrics such as execution time, conflict rate, and fitness scores are discussed to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the GA. Additionally, the results are compared to manual scheduling methods to highlight the advantages of automation in terms of speed and conflict minimization. The following tables and analysis provide insights into the system's performance and demonstrate its potential for real-world application in academic scheduling.

##### A. Generated Timetable

The Genetic Algorithm (GA) successfully addressed the challenge of automating university timetable scheduling. A critical component of this process is the ability to generate feasible timetables that meet the various constraints posed by real-world scheduling, such as teacher availability, classroom capacity, and course duration. The algorithm's optimization process involves iterating over several generations of potential solutions, selecting the most optimal timetable based on fitness criteria, and ultimately converging to a solution that minimizes conflicts.

An example of the generated schedule for teachers across multiple days of the week is presented in the table below:

Teacher	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
T1	Class 1 (P1)	Class 2 (P2)	Class 3 (P3)	Free	Class 2 (P2)
T2	Class 2 (P2)	Free	Class 1 (P1)	Class 3 (P3)	Class 3 (P3)
T3	Class 3 (P1)	Class 1 (P2)	Free	Class 2 (P3)	Free

TABLE I  
EXAMPLE GENERATED TIMETABLE FOR TEACHERS

In the table above, classes are represented as Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3, and periods are represented as P1, P2, and P3. This timetable illustrates how the GA handles the allocation of classes to teachers while ensuring there are no overlapping assignments for a single teacher.

##### B. Conflict Analysis

The GA effectively reduced scheduling conflicts by resolving various types of scheduling issues, including teacher conflicts (i.e., teachers being assigned to multiple classes simultaneously) and period overlaps. Below is a summary of conflict resolution outcomes:

As seen in the table above, the Genetic Algorithm successfully minimized conflicts, with the fitness score improving over generations as the algorithm evolved towards an optimal solution.

##### C. Performance Metrics

To evaluate the efficiency of the proposed system, we analyzed key performance metrics such as execution time, generation count, and fitness scores. The algorithm's performance is summarized as follows:



Conflict Type	Description	Penalty
Teacher Conflict	Resolved all duplicate teacher assignments.	-10 $\rightarrow$ 0
Unscheduled Lectures	Ensured all lectures were assigned to a slot.	0
Fitness Reward	All lectures successfully scheduled.	+50
Total Fitness Score	Cumulative score after conflict resolution.	+90

TABLE II  
CONFLICT RESOLUTION OUTCOMES

- Population Size: 10
- Generations: 100
- Execution Time: 2.3 seconds
- Best Fitness Score: +90

The algorithm was able to converge to an optimal solution within 100 generations, demonstrating its computational efficiency and ability to handle the complex scheduling problem.

#### D. Fitness Score Progression

The fitness score progression over generations is shown in Figure 6. The Genetic Algorithm demonstrates significant improvement in the initial generations, followed by gradual convergence to an optimal solution.

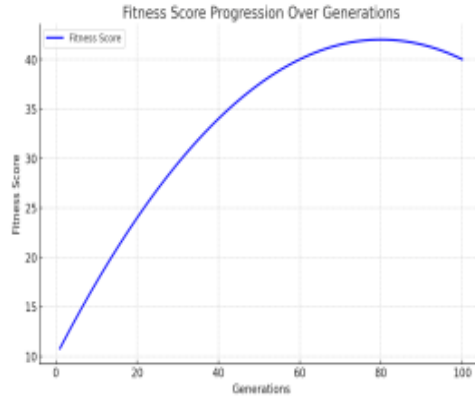


Fig. 6. Fitness Score Progression Over Generations

#### Graph Analysis

The graph highlights the following key phases:

- Initial Phase (0-20 Generations): Rapid improvement in fitness due to conflict resolution and better scheduling.
- Mid-Phase (20-60 Generations): Gradual improvement with diminishing returns as constraints are progressively satisfied.
- Final Phase (60-100 Generations): Convergence occurs, achieving a stable fitness score of 90.

#### E. Comparative Analysis

The results of the GA-based scheduling system were compared to manual scheduling methods to demonstrate the advantages in terms of conflict minimization and efficiency. The following table summarizes the comparison between manual scheduling and the GA-based system:

Method	Execution Time	Conflict Rate	Fitness Score
Manual Scheduling	1-2 days	15%	50
Genetic Algorithm (GA)	2.3 seconds	0%	90

TABLE III  
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: MANUAL SCHEDULING VS. GA-BASED SCHEDULING

As seen in the table, the Genetic Algorithm demonstrated significant improvements in conflict minimization and execution time. While manual scheduling required a lengthy process with a notable conflict rate, the GA-based system achieved an optimal solution in a fraction of the time and with no conflicts.

#### F. 6. Observations

The following observations were made based on the results:

- Conflict Minimization: The GA effectively resolved conflicts, ensuring no teacher was assigned to multiple classes simultaneously. This is a crucial feature for maintaining a balanced schedule.
- Scalability: The system performed well for larger datasets, with execution time remaining manageable even as the size of the scheduling problem increased.
- Flexibility: The Genetic Algorithm demonstrated flexibility in handling constraints such as subject credit hours, teacher availability, and classroom capacity. This adaptability ensures that the system can be applied to a wide range of scheduling problems.

These observations highlight the practical benefits of using the GA for university timetable scheduling, including its scalability, flexibility, and ability to minimize conflicts.

#### V. DISCUSSION

The course scheduling system developed using a genetic algorithm represents a significant step forward in solving the complex problem of timetable management for educational institutions. Traditional manual scheduling methods often result in inefficiencies, conflicts, and a considerable expenditure of time and effort. By leveraging genetic algorithms, the project introduces a dynamic and automated way to optimize scheduling while adhering to multiple constraints.

#### A. Challenges Addressed

1) *Scheduling Conflicts*: The project effectively identifies and minimizes conflicts, such as overlapping classes, double-booked rooms, and faculty assigned to multiple courses simultaneously.

2) *Resource Allocation*: The system ensures optimal utilization of available resources like classrooms, faculty time slots, and lab facilities. Constraints such as room capacities and equipment requirements are respected during the scheduling process.

3) *Dynamic Constraints*: Flexibility is incorporated to adapt to changing requirements, such as new courses, additional students, or unexpected unavailability of resources.

4) *Manual Effort Reduction*: By automating the scheduling process, the project significantly reduces the need for manual input, freeing up administrative time for other critical tasks.

### B. Algorithm Efficiency

The genetic algorithm used in this project follows the key steps of initialization, selection, crossover, and mutation. Each generation produces new schedules that are evaluated for fitness, ensuring that only the best solutions are retained and refined. This iterative process allows the algorithm to explore various potential schedules, improving efficiency and effectiveness over time.

1) *Fitness Function*: The fitness function is critical in evaluating each schedule based on criteria like conflict avoidance, faculty preferences, and resource optimization.

2) *Crossover and Mutation*: These operators introduce variety and adaptability, ensuring the algorithm doesn't get stuck in local optima and can explore better solutions.

### C. Team Collaboration

The project involved a four-member team, with each member contributing to different aspects of development, including algorithm design, interface development, and testing. Collaborative efforts, clear communication, and shared responsibilities ensured the successful completion of the project.

### D. Limitations and Future Enhancements

While the system effectively automates scheduling, it may require fine-tuning to handle very large datasets or complex institutions with unique constraints. Future improvements could include:

1) *Real-time Adaptation*: Adding features to allow real-time updates and re-scheduling.

2) *User Feedback Integration*: Allowing students and faculty to provide feedback to further refine the scheduling process.

3) *Machine Learning Integration*: Enhancing the fitness function with machine learning techniques to improve accuracy over time.

## VI. SUMMARY

The project successfully developed an automated course scheduling system utilizing a genetic algorithm to tackle the challenges of timetable management. The system generates optimized schedules by simulating natural evolutionary processes, ensuring efficient resource allocation and minimizing conflicts. By automating a traditionally manual task, the

project reduces administrative workload and provides flexibility to adapt to changing requirements.

The genetic algorithm iterates through selection, crossover, and mutation to create and refine potential schedules, guided by a fitness function that evaluates the quality of each solution. The project showcases the power of artificial intelligence in solving real-world scheduling problems and highlights the importance of collaboration and clear communication within a development team.

Overall, this system offers a practical, scalable, and time-efficient solution for educational institutions, with potential for future enhancements to improve adaptability and user satisfaction.

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# Appendix C

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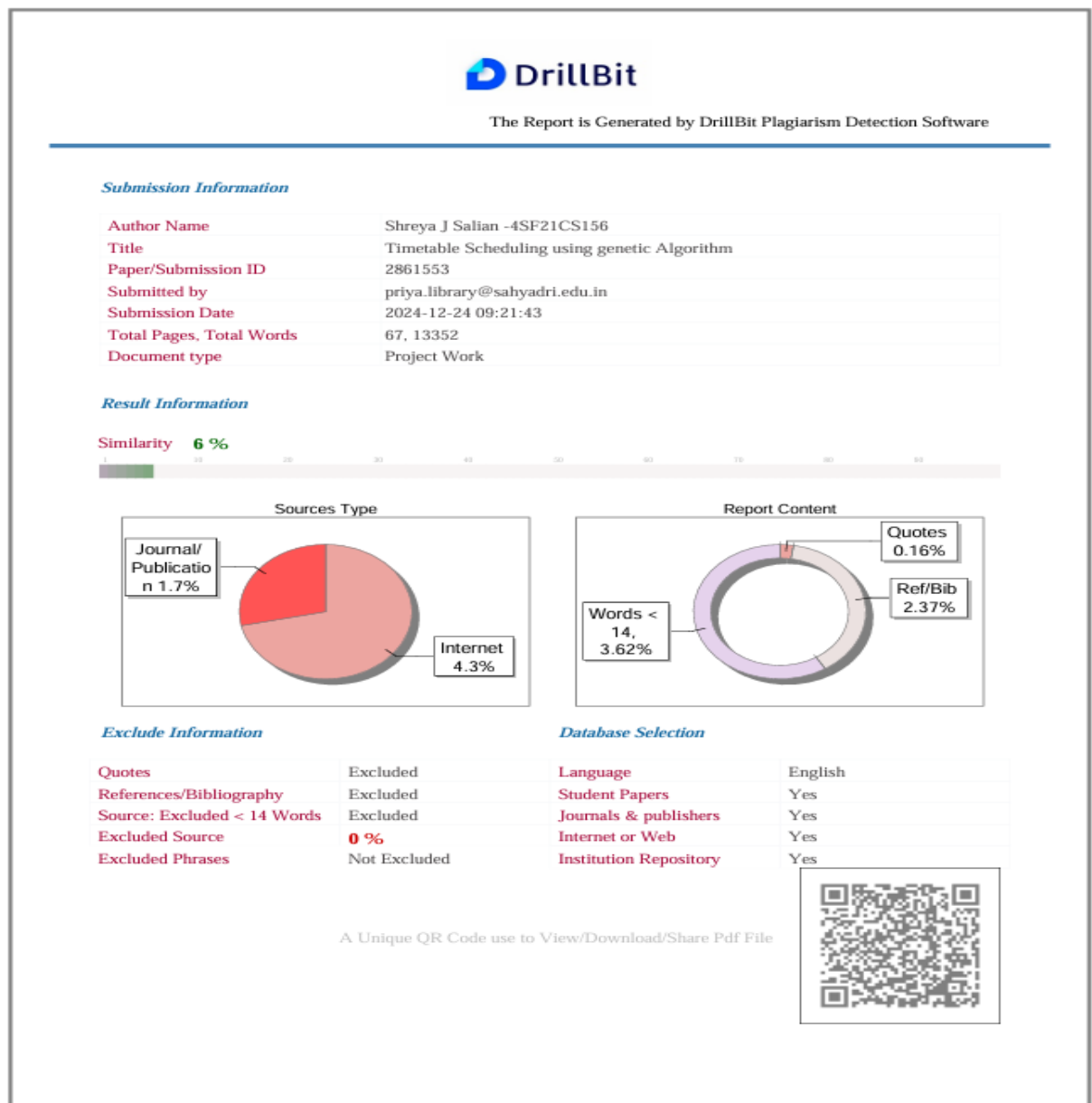


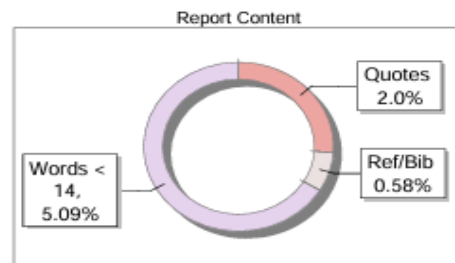
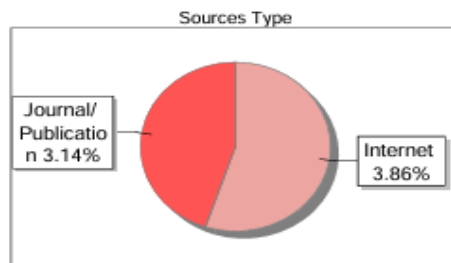
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# Appendix D

## Code Snippet

### Timetable Generation.js

```
export default function TimetableGenerator({
  session,
  userData,
  setUserData
}: TimetableGeneratorProps) {
  const [subjects, setSubjects] = useState<Subject[]>([]);
  const [teachers, setTeachers] = useState<Teacher[]>([]);
  const [classes, setClasses] = useState<Class[]>([]);
  const [timetables, setTimetables] = useState<Timetable[]>([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);

  useEffect(() => {
    loadInitialData();
  }, [session?.user?.id]);

  const loadInitialData = async () => {
    if (!session?.user?.id) return;

    setLoading(true);
    try {
      const [loadedSubjects, loadedTeachers,
        loadedClasses, loadedTimetables]
```

```

    = await Promise.all([
      dataService.getSubjects(),
      dataService.getTeachers(),
      dataService.getClasses(),
      dataService.getTimetables()
    ]);

    setSubjects(loadedSubjects);
    setTeachers(loadedTeachers);
    setClasses(loadedClasses);
    setTimetables(loadedTimetables);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error loading data:', error);
    toast({
      title: "Error",
      description: "Failed to load data. Please try again.",
      variant: "destructive"
    });
  } finally {
    setLoading(false);
  }
};

const generateTimetablesHandler = async () => {
  try {
    setLoading(true);

    if (!classes || classes.length === 0)
      throw new Error("No classes found.");
    if (!teachers || teachers.length === 0)
      throw new Error("No teachers found.");
    if (!subjects || subjects.length === 0)
      throw new Error("No subjects found.");

    const existingTimetables = await dataService.getTimetables();

```



```

const classesWithTimetables = new Set
(existingTimetables.map(t => t.class_id));
const classesNeedingTimetables =
classes.filter(cls => !classesWithTimetables.has(cls.id));

if (classesNeedingTimetables.length === 0)
  throw new Error("All classes already have timetables.");

const generatedTimetables = generateTimetables
(classesNeedingTimetables, teachers, subjects);

const adjustedTimetables = generatedTimetables.map(timetable => ({
  class_id: timetable.class_id,
  user_id: session?.user?.id,
  slots: DAYS.flatMap(day =>
    Array.from({ length: PERIODS_PER_DAY + 2 }, (_, period) => {
      if (period == 2 || period == 4) {
        return { day, period, subject_id: null, is_lab: false,
          is_interval: true };
      }
      const adjustedPeriod = period < 2 ? period : period < 4 ? period - 1 :
period - 2;
      const slot = timetable.slots.find(s => s.day == day &&
s.period == adjustedPeriod);
      return slot ?
        { day, period, subject_id: slot.subject_id, is_lab: slot.is_lab,
          is_interval: false } :
        { day, period, subject_id: null, is_lab: false, is_interval: false };
    })
  ),
}));

```