1. Mapping problem to BQM (binary quadric model)

A schedule has to satisfy 3 constraints:

- 1. Machine qualification: a job cannot be allocated to a machine *j* that is not qualified for this job.
- 2. Non-splitting allocation: a given job cannot be split and executed on two different machines.
- 3. Non-preemption: a job cannot be preempted. When started, the job must be executed until its completion.

This can be formulated as the following:

 $i: jobs (i \in I)$

j: machines $(j \in M)$

I: the set of jobs

M: a set of machines

Mi: a set of alternative machines on which job i can be processed

 p_{ij} : the processing time of job i on machine j

 w_i : the welcome rate for machine j

Define a binary variable $q_{i,j}$, taking value 1 if job i is processed on machine j, otherwise 0

$$0 = \left(\sum_{j \in Mi} q_{ij} - 1\right)^2 \tag{1}$$

$$cost(j) = \sum_{i} q_{ij} \times p_{ij}$$
 (2)

$$C_{max} \geqslant \cot(j)$$
 (3)

Constraint (1) ensure each job can be performed only on one machine. Constraint (2) determines the total processing time on machine j. Constraint (3) determines the make-span.

After written all of the components (objective and constraints) as BQM expressions, defined the final BQM by adding all of the components together.

$$BQM = min(C_{max} + \lambda \sum_{i} \left(\sum_{j} q_{ij} - 1 \right)^{2}) \quad (4)$$

2. Building QUBO matrix in Python

Now the cost function can be formulated as a quadratic, upper-triangular matrix, as required for the QUBO problem. We keep a mapping of binary variable $q_{i,j}$ to index in the QUBO matrix Q, given by I(i,j). These indices are the diagonals of the QUBO matrix.

Firstly, we define a matrix Q with binary variable $q_{i,j}$, add the constraint to enforce that each job can be performed only on one machine, as per Constraint (1):

- 1. For every job i with alternative machine j, $add(-\lambda)$ to the diagonal of Q given by index I(i, j).
- 2. For every cross-term arising from Constraint (1), add (2λ) to the corresponding off-diagonal.

The full code for Constraint (1) is shown below:

Secondly, we then add $(w_j*0.2+p_{i,j})$ at diagonal index I(i,j) for every job proposed with machine j. The code is shown below:

After defined the Q matrix, we try to solve Qubo problem on D-wave's advanced 4000 QPU. The matrix below here is the result for example problem (10 job*10 machine).

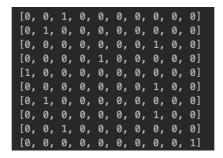


Figure 1 result matrix for 10job*10machine problem

3. Result visualization

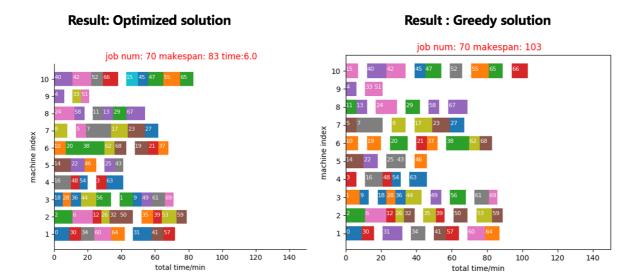


Figure 2 optimized solution vs greedy solution

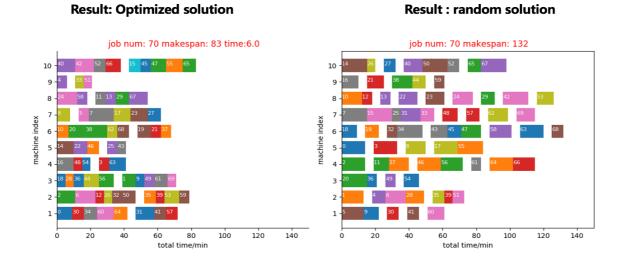


Figure 3optismized solution vs random solution