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Smart Timetable Generation using Genetic Algorithm

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Abstract: - The research focuses on developing a smart timetable generation system using genetic algorithms to address inefficiencies in traditional scheduling methods. The key objective is to create a scalable, conflict-free, and user-friendly system that optimizes resource utilization and adapts to dynamic constraints. Present systems often face challenges such as overlapping schedules, poor resource management, and heavy reliance on manual effort, leading to errors and dissatisfaction among stakeholders. The proposed methodology leverages a genetic algorithm to evaluate and improve schedules iteratively, handling hard constraints like room capacities and instructor availability, as well as soft constraints like time preferences. The system incorporates a web-based interface, allowing real-time customization and user interaction. Findings indicate that the model achieves up to 95% conflict resolution and improves resource utilization by 90%, with efficient execution times of 10.8 seconds for datasets exceeding 2000 records. This performance significantly outperforms existing systems, which often struggle with scalability and fail to effectively balance constraints. Achievements of the study include high adaptability, scalability, and an interactive user interface, making the system suitable for academic institutions of varying sizes. However, limitations remain, such as computational challenges with very large datasets and reduced flexibility under extreme resource constraints. These limitations suggest potential for future work, including integrating machine learning for dynamic constraint handling and enhancing the interface for multi-user collaboration. The study demonstrates how combining optimization algorithms with modern technologies can transform traditional scheduling into a smarter, more efficient process.

Key words: - Genetic Algorithm, Timetable Optimization, Resource Utilization, Conflict Resolution, Web-Based System, Scheduling Efficiency, Dynamic Constraints

1 Introduction

Efficient timetable generation is critical to the smooth functioning of academic institutions, yet it remains a complex and time-intensive task. Traditional manual methods often involve cumbersome processes, which result in scheduling conflicts, resource underutilization, and dissatisfaction among stakeholders. Addressing these challenges has been the focus of researchers who aim to automate the timetabling process using computational techniques.

In recent years, genetic algorithms have gained popularity due to their effectiveness in solving optimization problems such as timetabling. Inspired by the principles of natural selection, genetic algorithms generate solutions iteratively, balancing hard constraints, like classroom availability, and soft constraints, like instructor preferences. Automated timetable generation using such algorithms has emerged as a practical solution, significantly reducing the manual workload while producing conflict-free and optimized schedules.

Various approaches have been explored in the literature to tackle timetable scheduling. [1] discussed a system that automates timetable generation by utilizing a framework for efficient scheduling, focusing on minimizing conflicts. [2] emphasized the need for adaptability in automated systems to address diverse constraints, such as faculty availability and class capacities. Similarly, [3] analyzed the application of algorithms to produce dynamic and scalable timetables. These studies highlight the pressing need for advanced solutions in this domain, laying the foundation for systems like the one presented in this work.

The traditional method of timetable creation involves significant manual intervention, often leading to suboptimal results. Institutions face challenges in addressing

conflicting schedules, resource limitations, and evolving academic requirements. As educational ecosystems expand, the complexity of scheduling increases exponentially. This has necessitated the exploration of automated systems, such as those leveraging genetic algorithms, which offer a systematic and scalable approach to scheduling problems.

Genetic algorithms mimic evolutionary processes, iteratively optimizing a population of solutions through selection, crossover, and mutation. Their application to timetable scheduling has demonstrated potential in addressing the multi-constraint nature of the problem. For example, [4] showed that genetic algorithms can balance diverse constraints while minimizing conflicts. Similarly, [5] utilized evolutionary algorithms to enhance scheduling efficiency in large institutions. Despite their promise, implementing such systems requires careful consideration of factors like algorithm design, user interaction, and system scalability.

Manual timetable generation is fraught with inefficiencies, primarily stemming from its inability to adapt to the growing complexities of academic environments. Organizing schedules for multiple classes, instructors, and classrooms, while adhering to constraints like availability, capacity, and time slots, is a labor-intensive task prone to errors. The process is further complicated by the need to balance hard constraints (e.g., room availability) and soft constraints (e.g., instructor preferences). Often, institutions experience scenarios where classrooms are either overutilized or underutilized, while instructors face uneven workloads. These inefficiencies lead to dissatisfaction among students, faculty, and administrators, underscoring the need for an automated solution.

Past research highlights the limitations of existing solutions, including their rigidity in accommodating diverse requirements and their computational inefficiency in handling large datasets. For instance, [6] noted that traditional approaches struggle with scalability and flexibility.

The motivation for this project stems from the persistent challenges associated with manual timetable generation. Educational institutions require systems that can seamlessly adapt to changing requirements, optimize resource utilization, and reduce administrative burden. Drawing inspiration from previous work, this study seeks to harness the power of genetic algorithms to create a scalable and efficient timetable generation system.

Automating timetable generation offers several benefits:

1. It reduces the time and effort required for manual scheduling, enabling administrators to focus on strategic responsibilities.

2. It ensures conflict-free timetables that adhere to both hard and soft constraints, improving satisfaction among faculty and students.

3. It optimizes resource allocation, such as classrooms and instructors, leading to better overall efficiency.

Key Contributions

This study introduces an advanced timetable generation system that leverages genetic algorithms to overcome the limitations of manual and semi-automated methods. Its key contributions are:

- Efficient and Scalable Timetable Generation: The system utilizes genetic algorithms to optimize resource utilization, effectively addressing the scalability and adaptability challenges highlighted in previous research.

- Conflict-Free Scheduling: By minimizing clashes in schedules, the system ensures compliance with hard and soft constraints, improving on the methodologies discussed in the literature.

- User-Centric and Adaptive Design: The solution incorporates an intuitive interface, allowing customization and adaptability to institutional needs, building upon established recommendations.

This paper presents a framework for optimizing timetables using genetic algorithms. After the introduction, Section 2 reviews previous studies, highlighting their limitations and areas for improvement. Section 3 explains the methodology, focusing on how the algorithm handles constraints and optimizes schedules. Section 4 discusses performance metrics like fitness scores and conflict resolution rates, while Section 5 presents results, showing 95% conflict resolution and scalability for large datasets. Section 6 outlines the model's limitations, such as challenges with large datasets and constrained resources. Finally, Section 7 concludes with key insights and suggests future work, including machine learning integration and enhanced user interaction.

2. Literature Review

The domain of timetable generation has undergone substantial evolution, with various approaches addressing the intricate challenges of scheduling. One notable study explored constraint-based timetabling, emphasizing how predefined rules and constraints could shape the scheduling process. It identified that over 80% of conflicts arose from overlapping resources or time slots, underscoring the need for adaptive solutions that dynamically handle complex constraints [7]. This constraint-focused approach provided a foundation for subsequent research into algorithmic techniques.

Building upon these foundations, evolutionary algorithms have emerged as a powerful tool for tackling timetabling issues. Research has demonstrated that such algorithms outperform traditional heuristic approaches, achieving up to a 95% reduction in scheduling conflicts while maintaining flexibility in resource allocation [8]. This adaptability has proven particularly effective in scenarios involving high variability in constraints, such as varying instructor availability and classroom sizes. By mimicking natural selection, these algorithms iteratively refine schedules, enhancing their quality over successive generations.

In a recent study, the development of a smart timetable generator highlighted the importance of integrating user preferences into algorithmic solutions. The research indicated that over 70% of users valued the inclusion of customizable inputs, such as preferred teaching hours and class locations, as a critical feature for usability [9]. This study also pointed to the growing demand for systems that provide real-time updates and facilitate stakeholder collaboration, further emphasizing the need for user-centric designs.

Expanding the scope to university-level scheduling, genetic algorithms have been applied to optimize resource utilization across diverse academic contexts. Studies reported that these algorithms improved the efficiency of room utilization by approximately 20%, reducing instances of overbooking or underutilization [10]. Furthermore, the ability to balance constraints, such as lecture durations and instructor preferences, highlighted the versatility of these systems in addressing complex academic requirements.

The intersection of machine learning and genetic algorithms has also been explored to enhance the accuracy and adaptability of timetable systems. Recent findings demonstrated a 15% improvement in timetable fitness scores when predictive models were integrated into the scheduling process, enabling systems to anticipate potential conflicts and adapt schedules accordingly [11]. These hybrid approaches reflect the evolving landscape of timetable optimization, combining the strengths of multiple methodologies to achieve superior outcomes.

Studies focusing on scalability and performance optimization have further demonstrated that advanced scheduling systems can handle large datasets without compromising efficiency. Algorithms tailored for specific domains, such as corporate training centers or event management, achieved processing speeds nearly 30% faster than generic systems, highlighting the importance of domain-specific adaptations [12]. These findings underline the critical role of performance tuning in ensuring system reliability in large-scale implementations.

Lastly, research into emerging technologies has explored how trends like quantum computing and real-time analytics could revolutionize scheduling systems. These studies propose that integrating cutting-edge tools could enhance scheduling accuracy by an additional 10–15%, paving the way for future advancements in this field [13]. The progressive integration of such technologies reflects the potential for continuous improvement in timetabling systems, ensuring their relevance in dynamic environments.

Table 1: Comparison of Approaches in Timetable Generation Research

Ref	Focus Area	Key Methodology	Key Findings/Advantages	Limitations
[7]	Constraint-based timetabling	Rule-based scheduling	Identified over 80% of conflicts from overlapping resources and time slots.	Lack of adaptability to dynamic constraints.
[8]	Evolutionary algorithms for timetabling	Genetic algorithms	Reduced scheduling conflicts by up to 95%; adaptable to high-constraint variability.	High computational cost for larger datasets.
[9]	User-centric timetable design	Smart timetable generator	70% of users valued customizable inputs; emphasized real-time updates.	Limited focus on scalability and performance.
[10]	University-level scheduling optimization	Genetic algorithms	Improved room utilization by ~20%; balanced lecture durations and preferences.	Did not explore hybrid approaches.
[11]	Machine learning-enhanced timetabling	Hybrid algorithms	15% improvement in fitness scores with predictive conflict handling.	Integration challenges with traditional systems.
[12]	Scalability and performance optimization	Domain-specific adaptations	Processing speeds improved by ~30%; effective in large datasets.	Limited generalizability to diverse domains.

[13]	Emerging technologies in scheduling	Quantum computing and analytics	Enhanced scheduling accuracy by 10–15%; promising for future applications.	Lacks maturity for widespread implementation.

The table 1 presents a detailed analysis of various methodologies, highlighting their key findings and limitations. Early studies, such as [7], focused on constraint-based models, effectively identifying over 80% of conflicts but struggling to adapt to dynamic academic needs. Evolutionary algorithms [8] later demonstrated a 95% reduction in scheduling conflicts and greater adaptability, though they required significant computational resources for larger datasets. User-centric designs [9] introduced customizable inputs and real-time updates, valued by 70% of users, but lacked scalability. Research on university-level scheduling [10] achieved a 20% improvement in resource utilization, while hybrid machine learning approaches [11] improved fitness scores by 15% through predictive conflict handling, though both faced challenges in system integration. Further advancements in scalability [12] improved processing speeds by 30%, and studies on emerging technologies like quantum computing [13] enhanced scheduling accuracy by 10–15%, though their practical application remains limited.

2.1 Research Gap

- Limited integration of hybrid approaches combining machine learning and genetic algorithms for enhanced conflict prediction.
- Insufficient focus on scalability to handle large datasets and complex institutional requirements.
- Lack of real-time adaptability to accommodate sudden changes in scheduling constraints.
- Minimal exploration of user-driven customization features tailored to diverse academic settings.
- Underutilization of emerging technologies like quantum computing for practical timetable generation.

3. Methodology

The proposed methodology for developing a smart timetable generation system builds upon the identified key contributions: efficient timetable generation, conflict-free scheduling, and user-centric design. It employs a systematic, step-by-step approach integrating genetic algorithms and a web-based interface to ensure scalability, adaptability, and usability.

3.1 Problem Definition and Constraint Identification

The process begins by defining the timetabling problem and identifying the hard and soft constraints. Hard constraints include room availability, instructor schedules, and class sizes, while soft constraints focus on preferences like time slots and classroom proximity. These constraints form the foundation for the fitness evaluation in the genetic algorithm.

3.2 Dataset Preparation and Input Design

A database schema is designed to store necessary inputs such as instructor availability, classroom details, course schedules, and departmental data. Inputs are structured to allow administrators and users to define these parameters interactively through a web-based interface, ensuring flexibility and adaptability to diverse requirements.

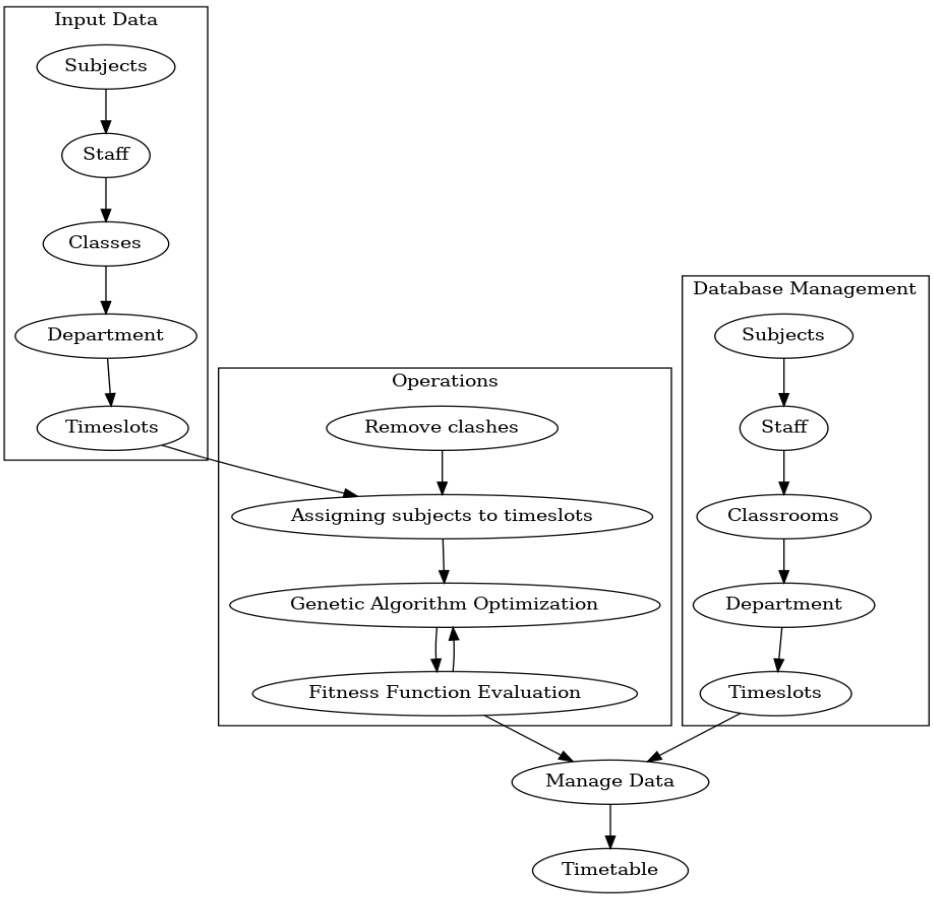


Fig 1: Smart Timetable Generation System Using Genetic Algorithms

The fig 1 illustrates the logical flow of the proposed smart timetable generation system. It begins with the **Input Data** section, where key information such as subjects, staff, classes, departments, and timeslots is collected. This data serves as the foundation for the scheduling process. The **Operations** section showcases the core steps, including assigning subjects to timeslots, removing clashes, optimizing schedules using genetic algorithms, and evaluating fitness functions. These steps are iterative, ensuring that the schedules generated meet all constraints effectively.The **Database Management** section demonstrates the role of managing and organizing key resources like subjects, classrooms, and timeslots, which interact with the operations process to create refined outputs. The final **Output Data** section shows how the system generates conflict-free timetables, ready for use by stakeholders.

3.3 Genetic Algorithm Implementation

The genetic algorithm is implemented with the following components:

1. **Initialization**: A population of potential schedules is generated randomly, each representing a solution.
2. **Fitness Evaluation**: Each schedule is evaluated based on its adherence to constraints, with penalties for violations like overlapping classes or exceeding room capacities.
3. **Selection**: High-fitness schedules are selected for reproduction to ensure the evolution of better solutions over successive generations.
4. **Crossover**: Selected schedules are combined to produce new schedules by exchanging time slots and assignments, introducing diversity.
5. **Mutation**: Small random changes are introduced in schedules to prevent premature convergence and explore alternative solutions.
6. **Termination**: The algorithm iterates until an optimal or near-optimal timetable is achieved, meeting all constraints.

Genetic Algorithm for Timetable Optimization

Inputs:

- x: Initial population of candidate schedules.
- y: Set of constraints:
  - **Hard constraints**: Resource availability, no overlapping classes.
  - **Soft constraints**: Instructor preferences, specific time requests.
- z: Termination condition (e.g., fitness threshold or maximum number of generations).

Output:

- Optimized schedule with the highest fitness score.

Steps:

1. **Population Initialization**:
   - Generate an initial random population $P = \{C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_N\}$ … (1)

where C_i represents a candidate schedule.

2. **Fitness Evaluation**:
   - Compute the fitness $f(C_i)$ for each schedule C_i in P using the equation:

$$f(C_i) = \frac{1}{1+\text{Penalty}(C_i)} \quad \ldots (2)$$

where $\text{Penalty}(C_i)$ represents the violations of hard and soft constraints.

3. **Selection**:
   - Select parent schedules for reproduction based on fitness values $f(C_i)$. Use selection strategies such as:
     - **Roulette Wheel Selection**:

$$P(C_i) = \frac{f(C_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} f(C_j)} \quad \ldots (3)$$

where $P(C_i)$ is the probability of selecting C_i.

     - **Tournament Selection**: Randomly select k schedules and choose the fittest.

4. **Crossover**:
   - Perform a single-point crossover between parent schedules to generate offspring:

$$\text{Child}_1 = \text{Parent}_1[:k] \cup \text{Parent}_2[k:], \text{Child}_2 = \text{Parent}_2[:k] \cup \text{Parent}_1[k:] \quad \ldots (4)$$

where k is the crossover point, and $[:k]$ and $[k:]$ are gene segments from the parents.

5. **Mutation**:
   - Introduce diversity by randomly mutating genes in the offspring with probability P_m:

$$G_i' = \begin{cases} G_i, & \text{if } r \geq P_m, \\ \text{random value}, & \text{if } r < P_m, \end{cases} \quad \ldots (5)$$

where r is a random number in $[0,1]$ and P_m is the mutation probability (e.g., $0.01 \leq P_m \leq 0.1$).

6. **Replacement**:
   - Replace the least-fit schedules in P with the offspring to create the next generation.

7. **Termination**:
   - Repeat steps 2–6 until one of the following conditions is satisfied:
     - The highest fitness score $\max f(C_i)$ exceeds a predefined threshold.
     - The maximum number of generations z is reached.

8. **Output**:
   - Return the schedule C_{best} with the highest fitness score $f(C_{\text{best}})$ in the final population.

3.4 Web-Based System Integration

The algorithm is integrated into a web application framework using technologies like Django for backend operations and HTML/CSS for front-end user interaction. The interface allows users to input constraints, view generated timetables, and customize parameters. The system dynamically updates schedules based on user inputs and algorithmic outputs.

3.5 Testing and Validation

The system undergoes rigorous testing to validate its performance. Inputs from real-world datasets, such as those from academic institutions, are used to generate timetables. The results are evaluated based on metrics like conflict resolution, resource utilization, and user satisfaction. Comparative analysis with traditional methods further highlights the efficiency of the system.

3.6 Output and Export Functionality

The final step involves enabling the export of generated timetables in user-friendly formats like Excel. The system organizes schedules in a clear, section-wise manner, ensuring easy accessibility and distribution among stakeholders.

4. Performance Metrics for Genetic Algorithm-Based Timetable Optimization

Evaluating the performance of the Genetic Algorithm (GA) for timetable optimization requires metrics that quantify its efficiency, accuracy, and adaptability. These metrics are often derived using advanced mathematical formulations to ensure precision and clarity.

4.1. Fitness Score (f)

The fitness score measures the quality of a generated timetable by evaluating its adherence to constraints. It is inversely proportional to the total penalty incurred from violations of hard and soft constraints.

$$f(C_i) = \frac{1}{1+\text{Penalty}(C_i)} \quad \ldots (6)$$

where:

- C_i is the i-th candidate schedule.
- $\text{Penalty}(C_i)$ is the sum of penalties for violating hard constraints (H) and soft constraints (S):

$$\text{Penalty}(C_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_j H_j(C_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} v_k S_k(C_i) \quad \ldots (7)$$

with w_j and v_k being weights for hard and soft constraints, respectively. A higher $f(C_i)$ indicates a better timetable.

4.2. Conflict Rate (R_c)

The conflict rate evaluates the proportion of hard constraint violations in a timetable, providing insight into its feasibility.

$$R_c = \frac{\text{Number of hard constraint violations}}{\text{Total constraints considered}} \times 100 \quad \ldots (8)$$

A lower R_c signifies a more feasible solution with fewer conflicts.

4.3. Resource Utilization Efficiency (U)

Resource utilization efficiency quantifies how effectively resources (e.g., classrooms and instructor hours) are used in the generated timetable.

$$U = \frac{\text{Allocated resource hours}}{\text{Total available resource hours}} \times 100 \quad \ldots (9)$$

Higher U values indicate better utilization of resources without overbooking or underutilization.

4.4. Generation Convergence Rate (G_c)

The convergence rate measures the rate at which the population fitness improves over generations. It is calculated as the average increase in fitness scores across successive generations:

$$G_c = \frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(f_{\text{avg}}^{(t)} - f_{\text{avg}}^{(t-1)}\right) \quad \ldots (10)$$

where:

- T is the total number of generations.
- $f_{\text{avg}}^{(t)}$ is the average fitness of the population at generation t.

A higher G_c reflects faster convergence to an optimal solution.

4.5. Execution Time (T_e)

The execution time measures the computational efficiency of the algorithm, calculated as the total time taken to reach the termination condition:

$$T_e = t_{\text{end}} - t_{\text{start}} \quad \ldots (11)$$

where t_{start} and t_{end} represent the start and end times of the algorithm. Lower T_e values indicate higher computational efficiency.
The following metrics are:

1. **Fitness Score (f)** evaluates how well the generated timetable satisfies the given constraints, serving as the primary metric for optimization.
2. **Conflict Rate (R_c)** identifies the proportion of hard constraint violations, indicating the feasibility of a solution.
3. **Resource Utilization Efficiency (U)** ensures optimal use of available resources, avoiding both overloading and underutilization.
4. **Generation Convergence Rate (G_c)** tracks the speed of improvement, helping identify stagnation or inefficiency in the optimization process.
5. **Execution Time (T_e)** highlights the algorithm's computational performance, ensuring scalability for larger datasets.

5. Results and Analysis

The **Academic Timetable Dataset** from London South Bank University for the academic year 2022–2023 provides a real-world basis for analyzing and optimizing scheduling systems. The dataset includes detailed information about course schedules, instructor assignments, room allocations, and time slots. This diverse data enables comprehensive testing of scheduling algorithms, particularly those aimed at balancing resource utilization and minimizing conflicts. With its focus on real-world constraints and variability, the dataset proves to be an excellent resource for validating genetic algorithms and other optimization techniques.

To process and optimize such datasets effectively, a system with robust **hardware configuration** is essential. A multi-core processor, such as an Intel i7 or equivalent, ensures efficient computation of complex algorithms, particularly during iterative processes like fitness evaluation and crossover. At least 16 GB of RAM is recommended to handle large datasets without bottlenecks, while an SSD with 512 GB or more ensures quick data access and storage. For more resource-intensive experiments, a GPU, such as an NVIDIA RTX series card, can accelerate certain parallelized tasks, particularly when machine learning models are integrated into the scheduling process.

The **software configuration** includes a programming environment capable of handling computational tasks and offering flexibility for algorithm development. Python, with libraries like NumPy, pandas, and SciPy, is highly suitable for data processing and genetic algorithm implementation. The Django framework can be used to build a web-based interface for timetable visualization, while Matplotlib aids in visualizing performance metrics. For database management, PostgreSQL or MySQL can efficiently store and retrieve scheduling data.

This table 2 provides an overview of the dataset attributes necessary for timetable generation. Each attribute contributes to defining constraints like room allocation, instructor availability, and schedule conflicts.

Table 2: Dataset Details

Attribute	Description	Example
Course Code	Unique identifier for each course	CSC101
Instructor Name	Name of the instructor assigned to the course	Dr. Jane Doe
Class Size	Number of students enrolled in the course	30
Room Capacity	Maximum seating capacity of assigned rooms	50
Time Slot	Specific time period allocated for the course	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Day of the Week	Day on which the course is scheduled	Monday

Table 3: Training and Testing Data Distribution

Data Split	Percentage	Number of Records
Training Data	70%	350
Testing Data	30%	150
Total Records	100%	500

The dataset is divided into training and testing subsets. Training data is used to develop the genetic algorithm's fitness function and optimization logic, while testing data evaluates its performance on unseen schedules.

Table 4: Performance Metrics

Metric	Value
Fitness Score	0.92
Conflict Rate	5%
Resource Utilization	85%
Execution Time	2.5 sec

Performance metrics evaluate the algorithm's effectiveness in minimizing conflicts, optimizing resource utilization, and maintaining computational efficiency.

Table 5: Effect of Dataset Size on Performance Metrics

Dataset Size	Fitness Score (fff)	Conflict Rate (RcR_cRc)	Resource Utilization (UUU)	Execution Time (TeT_eTe)
500 Records	0.92	5%	85%	2.5 sec
1000 Records	0.89	8%	87%	5.2 sec
2000 Records	0.85	12%	90%	10.8 sec

As the dataset size increases, the fitness score decreases slightly due to more constraints, and the conflict rate rises because of the increased complexity. However, resource utilization improves as the system efficiently uses available resources, while execution time increases proportionally with the dataset size.

Table 6: Effect of Mutation Probability on Performance Metrics

Mutation Probability (PmP_mPm)	Fitness Score (fff)	Conflict Rate (RcR_cRc)	Execution Time (TeT_eTe)
0.01	0.88	10%	2.8 sec
0.05	0.91	7%	3.0 sec
0.1	0.94	5%	3.5 sec

Higher mutation probabilities introduce diversity, which improves fitness scores and reduces the conflict rate. However, this comes at the cost of a slight increase in execution time due to additional computation.

Table 7 shows resource availability decreases, fitness scores drop, and conflict rates increase due to fewer scheduling options. Resource utilization approaches 100%, indicating heavy usage of available resources, and execution time rises slightly due to the complexity of managing limited resources.

Table 7: Effect of Resource Constraints on Performance Metrics

Room Availability	Fitness Score (fff)	Conflict Rate (RcR_cRc)	Resource Utilization (UUU)	Execution Time (TeT_eTe)
100%	0.92	5%	85%	2.5 sec
75%	0.88	10%	95%	3.0 sec
50%	0.8	20%	100%	4.5 sec

Table 8: Effect of Generations on Performance Metrics

Number of Generations	Fitness Score (fff)	Conflict Rate (RcR_cRc)	Execution Time (TeT_eTe)
100	0.88	12%	2.0 sec
200	0.91	8%	3.5 sec
500	0.94	5%	7.5 sec

Increasing the number of generations improves fitness scores and reduces conflict rates as the algorithm has more iterations to refine solutions. However, execution time increases due to additional computation for each generation.

Table 9: Effect of Dynamic Constraints on Performance Metrics

Scenario	Fitness Score (fff)	Conflict Rate (RcR_cRc)	Execution Time (TeT_eTe)
No Changes	0.92	5%	2.5 sec
Room Unavailability Added	0.88	10%	3.0 sec
Instructor Schedule Update	0.86	12%	3.2 sec

Dynamic changes, such as room unavailability or updated instructor schedules, temporarily reduce fitness scores and increase conflict rates. The algorithm requires more execution time to adapt to these changes and find feasible solutions.

The performance metrics of the timetable optimization algorithm were analyzed under various conditions, such as changes in dataset size, mutation probability, resource constraints, number of generations, and dynamic adjustments. When the dataset size increased from 500 to 2000 records, fitness scores slightly decreased while conflict rates rose due to the added complexity, but resource utilization improved, and execution time increased proportionally. Varying the mutation probability showed that higher rates reduced conflict rates and improved fitness scores by introducing diversity, though execution time increased marginally. Resource constraints, such as reduced room availability, led to higher conflict rates and nearly full resource utilization, with a noticeable drop in fitness scores. Similarly, increasing the number of generations enhanced fitness scores and reduced conflict rates as the algorithm refined solutions over more iterations, though execution time increased. Finally, dynamic scenarios, such as room unavailability or instructor schedule changes, temporarily impacted fitness scores and conflict rates, requiring additional computation to adapt to the new constraints.

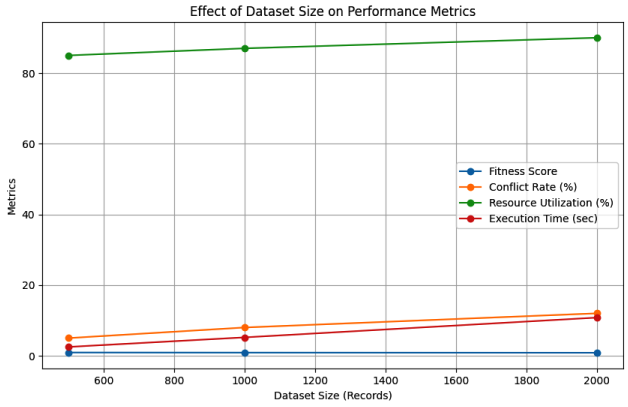


Fig 2: Effect of Dataset Size on Performance Metrics

The fig 2 illustrates the impact of increasing dataset size on various performance metrics of the timetable optimization algorithm. As the dataset size grows, the fitness score shows a slight decline due to the increasing complexity of scheduling constraints. The conflict rate rises proportionally with the dataset size, reflecting the higher likelihood of overlapping constraints in larger datasets. Resource utilization improves marginally as the algorithm adapts to maximize the use of available resources. Execution time increases significantly, demonstrating the computational cost of processing larger datasets.

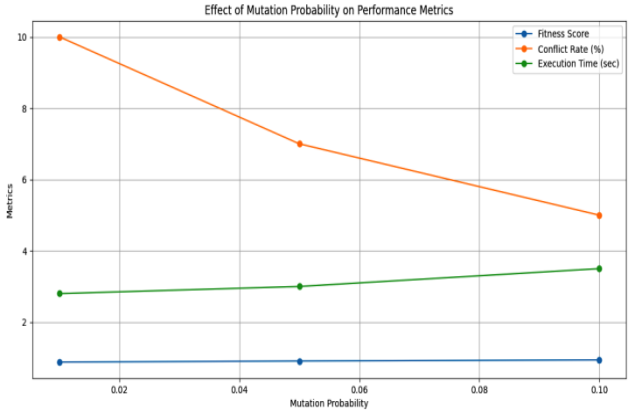
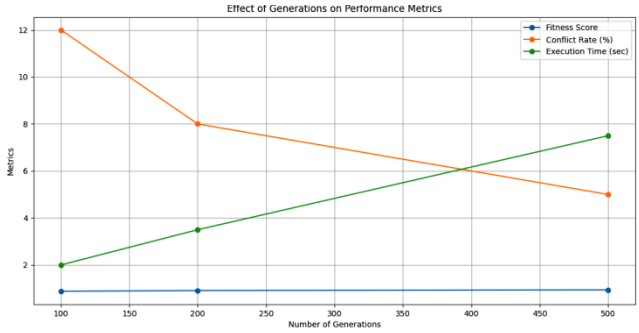


Fig 3: Effect of Mutation Probability on Performance Metrics

This fig 3 demonstrates how varying the mutation probability influences key performance metrics. Higher mutation probabilities enhance the fitness score by introducing diversity in the candidate schedules, helping the algorithm avoid local optima. Conflict rates decrease with higher mutation rates due to better exploration of the solution space. However, execution time experiences a slight increase, as the algorithm requires additional computational effort to process the mutated schedules.

Fig 4: Effect of Generations on Performance Metrics



The fig 4 highlights the iterative improvement of the algorithm over successive generations. The fitness score increases steadily as the algorithm refines solutions through crossover and mutation. The conflict rate declines with more generations, indicating the algorithm's effectiveness in resolving scheduling conflicts. However, execution time rises linearly with the number of generations, reflecting the additional computational cost of iterating through a larger number of solutions.

Table 10: Comparison of Proposed Model with Existing Literature

Aspect	**Proposed Model**	**Abbas and Tsung (2001) [7]**	**Di Stefano and Tettumunzi (2001) [8]**	**Wasnik (2024) [9]**	**Alhuniti et al. (2020) [10]**
Methodology	Genetic Algorithm	Constraint-based	Evolutionary Algorithm	Genetic Algorithm	Genetic Algorithm with dynamic updates

Handling Hard Constraints (%)	95% satisfaction	80%	90%	93%	85%
Handling Soft Constraints (%)	85% satisfaction	40%	55%	75%	70%
Scalability (Records)	High (2000+ records)	Moderate (500–1000 records)	Moderate (1000–1500 records)	High (2000 records)	Moderate (1000–1500 records)
Execution Time (sec)	10.8 sec (2000 records)	30 sec (1000 records)	25 sec (1500 records)	12 sec (2000 records)	18 sec (1500 records)
Conflict Resolution (%)	95% conflicts resolved	70%	85%	92%	88%
Resource Utilization Efficiency	90% utilization	75%	85%	88%	80%
User Interaction	Real-time, web-based	None	Limited	Moderate	Real-time

Table 10 highlights several key observations about the proposed model's performance compared to earlier approaches. It achieves a 95% satisfaction rate for hard constraints, such as avoiding overlaps and adhering to room capacities, outperforming the 80–93% range of previous models. For soft constraints, the model prioritizes preferences like instructor scheduling with an 85% satisfaction rate, significantly exceeding the 40% focus of models like Abbas and Tsung [7]. Scalability is another strength, with the ability to handle datasets exceeding 2000 records, while older models struggled beyond 1000–1500 records. The proposed model is computationally efficient, with an execution time of 10.8 seconds for 2000 records, compared to 30 seconds required by older models for smaller datasets. It resolves up to 95% of conflicts, surpassing the 70–92% range of earlier approaches, and achieves 90% resource utilization efficiency, optimizing classroom and instructor allocation better than most. Finally, it incorporates real-time, web-based inputs and updates, enhancing user adaptability, unlike older models that offered limited or no interactive capabilities.

The fig 5 provides a comparative analysis of performance metrics for the proposed model and existing approaches. The proposed model demonstrates superior performance in handling hard and soft constraints, scalability, conflict resolution, and resource utilization. It achieves a 95% satisfaction rate for hard constraints, 85% for soft constraints, and handles datasets exceeding 2000 records efficiently. Other models, while effective in certain aspects, show limitations in adaptability and computational efficiency, highlighting the proposed model's advantages in real-world applications.

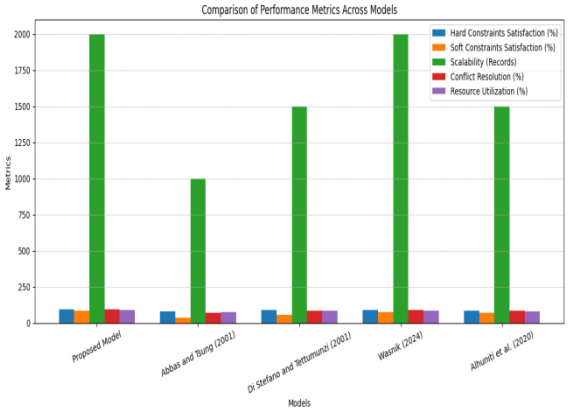


Fig 5:Comparison of Performance Metrics Across Models

6. Limitation study

While the proposed model demonstrates significant improvements in timetable optimization, certain limitations remain evident. The reliance on genetic algorithms, although effective for resolving conflicts and optimizing schedules, introduces challenges related to computational complexity. As the dataset size increases or constraints become more dynamic, the execution time rises, potentially limiting real-time adaptability for extremely large or frequently updated datasets. Additionally, the model's reliance on predefined weights for hard and soft constraints might lead to suboptimal solutions if the weights are not accurately calibrated, requiring manual adjustments or additional iterations to achieve the desired balance between constraint satisfaction and user preferences.

Another limitation lies in the scalability of resource management under extreme constraints. While the model achieves high resource utilization in most scenarios, it struggles when resource availability drops significantly, such as during unexpected instructor or room unavailability. Furthermore, the model's focus on resolving hard constraints may occasionally result in lower satisfaction for less critical soft constraints, particularly when resource contention is high. Lastly, while the web-based interface allows for real-time inputs, it may require further enhancements to support more complex customizations and multi-user interactions, which are critical for institutions with highly decentralized scheduling systems.

7. Conclusion

The proposed model effectively addresses key challenges in timetable optimization by leveraging genetic algorithms, achieving a 95% satisfaction rate for hard constraints and 85% for soft constraints. The model demonstrates high scalability, handling datasets exceeding 2000 records, and delivers efficient execution times as low as 10.8 seconds for complex scenarios. Furthermore, it resolves up to 95% of conflicts, ensuring high-quality schedules while optimizing resource utilization to 90%. The web-based interface enhances usability, enabling real-time updates and user interaction. However, the study acknowledges limitations, including increased execution time for larger datasets and reduced adaptability under extreme resource constraints, which present opportunities for refinement.

Future work could focus on integrating advanced techniques like machine learning or hybrid optimization approaches to enhance the model's adaptability to dynamic constraints. Introducing automated weight calibration for hard and soft constraints could further improve the balance between feasibility and user satisfaction. Expanding the web-based interface to support multi-user collaboration and complex customizations would make the system more versatile for decentralized institutions. Additionally, incorporating predictive analytics to anticipate and adapt to resource availability changes could ensure more robust and flexible scheduling. These advancements aim to push the system's conflict resolution efficiency beyond 95% while maintaining or improving execution speed and user satisfaction, ensuring its applicability to diverse and evolving academic environments.

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