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on the same machine. For  $N$  jobs and  $M$  machines, total  $MN$  bits are required to represent a solution for  $N$  jobs and  $M$  machines. For  $N=6$ ,  $M=6$ , 36 bits are required. For  $N=20$ ,  $M=5$ , 100 bits are required.

Figure 1 shows a symbolic representation of a schedule for  $N=6$  jobs and  $M=6$  machines. The binary rows represent the 15 job pairs. For example, the first row represents job 1 on machine 3, and job 2 on machine 1. The second row represents job 2 on machine 1, and job 3 on machine 2. The third row represents job 3 on machine 2, and job 4 on machine 1. The fourth row represents job 4 on machine 1, and job 5 on machine 3. The fifth row represents job 5 on machine 3, and job 6 on machine 1. The sixth row represents job 6 on machine 1, and job 1 on machine 3. The seventh row represents job 1 on machine 3, and job 2 on machine 1. The eighth row represents job 2 on machine 1, and job 3 on machine 2. The ninth row represents job 3 on machine 2, and job 4 on machine 1. The tenth row represents job 4 on machine 1, and job 5 on machine 3. The eleventh row represents job 5 on machine 3, and job 6 on machine 1. The twelfth row represents job 6 on machine 1, and job 1 on machine 3. The thirteenth row represents job 1 on machine 3, and job 2 on machine 1. The fourteenth row represents job 2 on machine 1, and job 3 on machine 2. The fifteenth row represents job 3 on machine 2, and job 4 on machine 1.

Note that the above schedule is an optimal schedule. The binary representation shows that bits have been set to 1 within a machine. This binary representation is heuristic that a genetic algorithm tends to keep the processing time of each job pair. We can make use of a good schedule crossover. Note also that, in a genetic algorithm, each bit has its own meaning.

#### 4 Evaluation

As stated above, a symbolic representation can be represented in a binary form. However, does a binary representation properly include the space of binary form representation. In fact, for a representation of  $2^{90} \approx 10^{27}$  elements, while a  $6 \times 6$  representation is  $(6!)^6 \approx 10^{17}$ . Hereafter, the former representation is interchangeable with the latter. Any evaluation of a genotype, a binary space into a consideration. The idea behind our procedure is as follows. In general, a genotype is represented by a conventional chromosome. The chromosome represents a schedule. The first function first finds a schedule. The second function determines the fitness of the schedule. The third function evaluates the total fitness of the schedule. The procedure that creates a legal genotype is called

local harmonization algorithm. The Harmonization algorithm goes through local harmonization and global harmonization. The former creates a symbolic representation from  $g$ , removing local inconsistencies. The symbolic representation may contain global inconsistencies. By removing all global inconsistencies, the latter creates a schedule representation. The legal genotype represents the schedule.

job1:	*	0	0	1	1	0
job2:	1	*	0	0	1	1
job3:	1	1	*	1	1	0
job4:	0	1	0	*	0	0
job5:	0	0	0	1	*	1
job6:	1	0	1	1	0	*

(a) Original priority

job1:	*	0	0	1	1	0
job2:	1	*	0	0	1	1
job3:	1	1	*	1	1	0
job4:	0	1	0	*	0	0
job5:	0	0	0	1	*	1
job6:	1	0	0	1	0	*

(b) After selecting jobs

job1:	*	0	0	1	1	0
job2:	1	*	0	1	1	1
job3:	1	1	*	1	1	1
job4:	0	0	0	*	0	0
job5:	0	0	0	1	*	1
job6:	1	0	0	1	0	*
sum						2

(c) After selecting job 3

job1:	*	0	0	1	1	1
job2:	1	*	0	1	1	1
job3:	1	1	*	1	1	1
job4:	0	0	0	*	0	0
job5:	0	0	0	1	*	1
job6:	0	0	0	1	0	*
sum						2

(d) Final priority

Figure 2 : Local Harmonization

mining distance is 'g' to g. The harmonization algorithm goes through two phases: local harmonization and global harmonization. The former creates a symbolic representation from  $g$ , removing local inconsistencies. The symbolic representation may contain global inconsistencies. By removing all global inconsistencies, the latter creates a schedule representation. The legal genotype represents the schedule.

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Table 1 : Main Results f

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Barker1985	BAB	55
Carlier1989	BAB	55
Nakano1991	GA	55

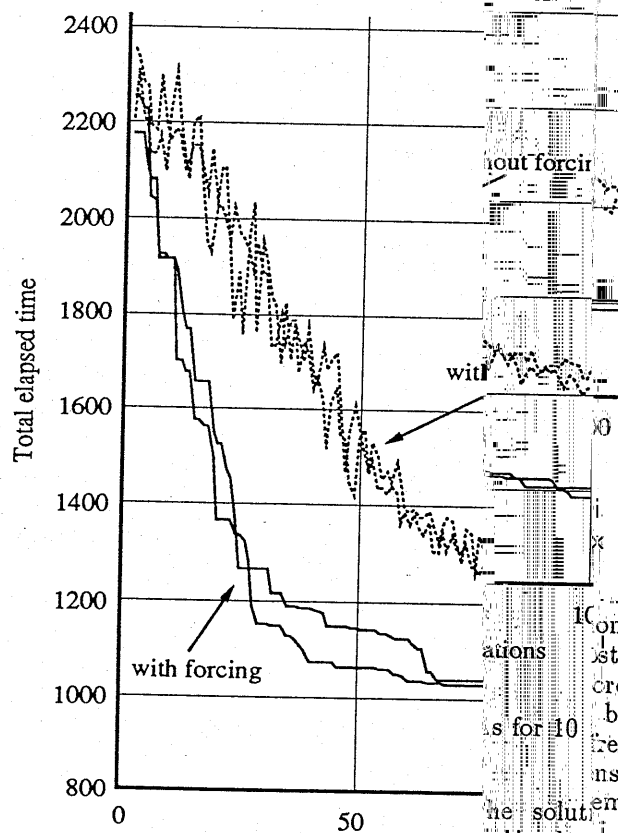


Figure 3 : Convergence of GA

## 6 Experiments

This section shows the results of experiments conducted using three well-known JSP benchmarks [Muth and Thompson, 1963]:

- 6 × 6 (6 jobs, 6 machines) problem
- 10 × 10 (10 jobs, 10 machines) problem
- 20 × 5 (20 jobs, 5 machines) problem

Our best results (total elapsed time) are shown in Table 1 together with the historical progress in branch and bound methods.

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