Supplementary Report: Results for Taillard's Benchmark Experimentation

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Abstract

In this report we introduce the supplementary data for the Taillard's benchmark experimentation carried out in the paper A Distance-based Ranking Model Estimation of Distribution Algorithms for Flowshop Scheduling Problem submitted to the journal IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation. Experimentation parameters, maximum number of evaluations and the final results of the experimentation are extensively introduced. Finally, a complete statistical analysis is introduced to confirm the results obtained.

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1 Parameters

In this section, we introduce the θ_{upper} parameters used for each configuration type in the GM-EDA and HGM-EDA (see table 1), and the maximum number of evaluations performed by the algorithms when optimizing (see table 2).

Table 1: Upper θ values for the Taillard's benchmark instances. Note the first instance of each set was selected for the experimentation. The θ that provided the best fitness average of 10 repetitions was selected.

Instance	θ range	θ_{upper}
20×05	1.0 - 3.0	1.5
20×10	1.0 - 3.0	1.4
20×20	1.0 - 3.0	1.4
50×05	2.5 - 5.5	3.7
50×10	2.5 - 5.5	2.8
50×20	2.5 - 5.5	3.0
100×05	3.5 - 6.0	4.9
100×10	3.5 - 6.0	3.7
100×20	3.5 - 6.0	4.7
200×10	4.0 - 6.0	5.3
200×20	4.0 - 6.0	5.5
500×20	4.0 - 7.0	4.4

Table 2: Maximum number of evaluations for the Taillard's benchmark instances. Note that the first instance of each set was selected for the experimentation. The evaluation numbers reported are the average of 20 repetitions of the evaluations performed by AGA algorithm running $n \times m \times 0.4$ seconds.

Instance Evaluations

20×05	182224100
20×10	224784800
20×20	256896400
50×05	220712150
50×10	256208100
50×20	275954150
100×05	235879800
100×10	266211000
100×20	283040000
200×10	272515500
200×20	287728850
500×20	260316750

2 Results

In the tables 3, 4 and $\,$ 5 the results for the Taillard's benchmark instances of the algorithms AGA, VNS₄, GM-EDA, VNS and HGM-EDA are reported.

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Table 4: Results for the Taillard's benchmark instances. Min, Max, Average and Standard deviation of the results obtained from 20 replications are introduced. Results in bold denote optimum or best known solutions of 20 repetitions.

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Table 5: Results for the Taillard's benchmark instances. Min, Max, Average and Standard deviation of the results obtained from 20 replications are introduced. Results in hold denote optimum or hest known solutions of 20 repetitions.

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3 Statistical Analysis

In order to state whether there exist statistical differences among the observed results, we consider applying a non-parametric Friedman's test to the average results of the 5 algorithms separately for each job-machine configuration. A level $\alpha=0.05$ of significance was set. Results reported significant differences between the algorithms. Therefore a post-hoc method is used to carry out all pairwise comparisons and determined which algorithms stand out from the rest of the approaches. Particularly, Shaffer's static procedure is used. Again, the significance level has been fixed to $\alpha=0.05$.

3.1 Instances of 20 jobs: 20×05 , 20×10 and 20×20 .

3.1.1 Non-parametric test: Friedman Test

Table 6: Average ranking of the algorithms for the instances 20×05 , 20×10 and 20×20 .

Algorithm	20×05	20×10	20×20
AGA	1.9	1.9	1.9
VNS_4	1.9	1.9	1.9
HGM-EDA	1.9	1.9	1.9

As seen in the Table 6, all the algorithms perform the same therefore, there is not any statistical difference between the algorithms.

3.2 Instances of 50 jobs: 50×05 , 50×10 and 50×20 .

3.2.1 Non-parametric test: Friedman Test

Table 7: Average ranking of the algorithms for the instances 50×05 , 50×10 and 50×20 .

Algorithm	50×05	50×10	50×20
AGA	2.5	2.7	2.5
VNS_4	0.9	1.9	0.9
HGM-EDA	2.4	2.2	2.5

3.2.2 Pairwise comparison: Shaffer's Static Procedure

Table 8: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 50×05 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	5.28×10^{-4}	0.001
VNS_4 vs. $HGM\text{-}EDA$	0.001	0.001
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.82	0.82

Table 9: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 50×10 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	9.11×10^{-5}	2.73×10^{-4}
VNS_4 vs. $HGM\text{-}EDA$	0.005	0.005
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.26	0.26

Table 10: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 50×20 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	\mid unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
AGA vs. VNS ₄	7.96×10^{-4}	0.0023
VNS_4 vs. $HGM\text{-}EDA$	7.96×10^{-4}	0.0023
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	1.0	1.0

3.3 Instances of 100 jobs: 100×05 , 100×10 and 100×20 .

3.3.1 Non-parametric test: Friedman Test

Table 11: Average ranking of the algorithms for the instances 100×05 , 100×10 and 100×20 .

Algorithm	100×05	100×10	100×20
AGA	2.4	2.3	2.4
VNS_4	0.9	0.9	0.9
HGM-EDA	2.6	2.7	2.6

3.3.2 Pairwise comparison: Shaffer's Static Procedure

Table 12: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 100×05 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	\mid unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
VNS ₄ vs. HGM-EDA	3.46×10^{-4}	0.001
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	7.96×10^{-4}	0.0023
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.654	0.654

Table 13: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 100×10 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
VNS_4 vs. $HGM\text{-}EDA$	1.43×10^{-4}	4.31×10^{-4}
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	0.0036	0.0036
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.37	0.37

Table 14: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 100×20 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
VNS ₄ vs. HGM-EDA	3.46×10^{-4}	0.001
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	0.001	0.001
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.654	0.654

3.4 Instances of 200 jobs: 200×10 and 200×20 .

3.4.1 Non-parametric test: Friedman Test

Table 15: Average ranking of the algorithms for the instances 200×10 and 200×20 .

Algorithm	200×10	200×20
AGA	1.9	1.9
VNS_4	0.9	0.9
HGM-EDA	2.9	2.9

3.4.2 Pairwise comparison: Shaffer's Static Procedure

Table 16: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 200×10 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
VNS ₄ vs. HGM-EDA	7.74×10^{-6}	2.32×10^{-5}
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	0.025	0.025
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.025	0.025

Table 17: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 200×20 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
VNS ₄ vs. HGM-EDA	7.74×10^{-6}	2.32×10^{-5}
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	0.025	0.025
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	0.025	0.025

3.5 Instances of 500 jobs: 500×20 .

3.5.1 Non-parametric test: Friedman Test

Table 18: Average ranking of the algorithms for the instances 500×20 .

Algorithm	500×20
AGA	2.8
VNS_4	2.1
HGM-EDA	0.9

3.5.2 Pairwise comparison: Shaffer's Static Procedure

Table 19: Adjusted p-values for the algorithms for the configuration 500×20 . The hypothesis that have a p-value higher than ≤ 0.05 are rejected.

Hypothesis	unadjusted p	p_{Shaf}
AGA vs. HGM-EDA	2.15×10^{-5}	6.45×10^{-5}
VNS_4 vs. $HGM\text{-}EDA$	0.013	0.013
$AGA vs. VNS_4$	0.073	0.073