# A Genetic Algorithm Solution for the Doctor Scheduling Problem 

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#### Abstract

In this study, we present a genetic algorithm solution to the scheduling problem for doctors in the Pediatric Department of Prince Sultan Military Medical City (PSMMC) in Riyadh Saudi Arabia. The genetic algorithm approach uses a cost bit matrix where each cell indicates any violation of constraints. The experimental results show that the suggested method generated a doctor schedule faster and with less violated constrains compared to the traditional manual methods.


Keywords- Doctor Scheduling Problem, Genetic Algorithms, cost bit matrix.

## I. Introduction

A hospital providing around-the-clock services divides its daily work into consecutive shifts, and a shift is a period of time in which a group of employees is in-service. A doctor is assigned to a set of shifts, and this assignment satisfies several constraints that may be set up by staffing requirements, rules by the administration, and labor contract clauses. In a Doctor Scheduling Problem (DSP), each doctor is assigned to the set of shifts and rest days in a timetable called a doctor roster. DSP was proven to be NP-hard even with only a subset of real world constraints [4]. In the literature, many research works were done on DSP or the similar Nurse Scheduling Problem (NSP). Miller et al. [13], and Warner et al. [14] formulated Nursing Schedule Problem as the selection of a timetable that minimized an objective function that balanced the trade-off between staffing coverage and nurses' preferences. Abdannadher et al. [2], applied Constraint Logic Program (CLP) framework and Li et al. [11], employed Bayesian optimization algorithm. Jan et al. [9], and Aickelin et al. [3] applied the genetic algorithms (GA) to NSP. Kundu et al. [10] applied genetic algorithm and simulated annealing to the same problem instances and compared their performances with others, and [6] applied coloring graph theory to solve NSP.

In DSP, there are many constraints and there can be several different instances with different set of constraints. In this study, we consider the cyclic Doctor Scheduling Problem with the following constraints. An instance includes three components:
(l) the personal preference of each doctor to work on particular days and shifts,
(2) the minimal coverage constraints of the minimal required number of doctors per shift and per day,
(3) the case-specific constraints specified by personal time requirements, specific workplace conditions, etc.

The objective of this problem is to satisfy doctors' requests as much as possible while fulfilling the employers' requirements. In this paper, we apply a genetic algorithm with a cost bit matrix that penalizes the solution of the DSP if the constrains are violated, and hence find a schedule solution that optimizes the doctors' roasters and satisfies the constraints. In the next section, we will briefly introduce the genetic algorithms, DSP, its cost function, and the cost bit matrix. In Section III the GA results are discussed. Finally, conclusions and future work are discussed in Section IV.

## II. Genetic Algorithms

Genetic Algorithms (GA) are adaptive heuristic search algorithms [12] premised on the evolutionary ideas of natural selection and genetics. The basic concepts of the GA were designed to simulate those processes in natural evolution system, and survival of the fittest. GA are a powerful tool to solve optimization problems with multiple variables [1][7]. GA were applied to several scheduling problems [3][5][8][9]. GA use a search algorithm to simulate the process of natural selection. GA start with the set of potential solutions called population and evolves toward more optimal solutions. The solutions are evaluated by a fitness function. The fitness value represents the quality measure of a solution so that the algorithm can use it to select ones with better genetic material for producing new solutions and further generations. The selection chooses superior solutions in every generation and assures that inferior solutions become extinct. The crossover operator chooses two solutions from the current population and generates a new solution based on their genetic material. Selection and crossover operators will expand the good features of superior individuals through the whole population. They will also direct the search process towards a local optimum. The mutation operator changes the value of some genes in a solution and helps to search other parts of the problem space. The main disadvantage of GA is the requirement for a large computation time.

## A. Doctor Scheduling Problem

DSP consists of creating weekly or monthly schedules for N doctors by assigning one out of a number of possible shift patterns to each doctor. These schedules have to satisfy working contracts and meet the requirements for the number
of doctors of different grades for each shift, while being seen to be fair by the staff concerned. Therefore, DSP is essentially a scheduling problem that suits a number of constraints. The constraints are usually categorized into two categories: soft and hard constraints. Hard constraints should always be satisfied in any working schedule so that there will be no breaches. Any schedule that does not satisfy all of the hard constraints cannot be a feasible one. Possible examples include restrictions on the number of doctors for each shift; the maximum number of shifts in a week, a month, etc. On the contrary, soft constraints can be violated but as minimal as possible. In other words, the soft constraints are expected to be satisfied, but violation does not make it an infeasible solution. We confined the constraints as follows:
(a) Hard constraints
(i) There are constraints on the number of doctors for each working shift per day. The number of doctors for morning, evening, and night shift should be between the minimum and maximum values.
(ii) There are constraints for the working patterns. Morning after night shift, evening after night, morning after evening shift and three consecutive night shifts are restricted combination of working patterns.
(b) Soft constraints

There are constraints for the total number of off-days (o), night ( n ), morning ( m ) and evening (e) shifts during a certain period of days for each doctor.

In this project, we consider a scheduling problem for the Pediatric Department of Prince Sultan Military Medical City (PSMMC) in Riyadh/ Saudi Arabia. Monthly doctors' rosters are made manually before the end of each month. Figure 1 shows original hospital roasters for the month of February 2016. Even though making monthly rosters manually required great effort and time, it did not resolve all conflicts, and sometimes it had created more tedious adjustments to accomplish needed tasks. There are consultants, senior and junior doctors working in this department. This project is concerned with scheduling shifts for junior doctors in two of the department wards for one month only. A major problem with any scheduling problem is the allocation of resources in an effective way, and violating constraints will be affecting the quality of the solution.

## B. The Cost Function

We have to define a cost function which, after optimization, will obtain optimal schedules for each doctor. Let N, D be the number of doctors and days. Then, DSP may be represented as a problem to find a schedule matrix, so that each element of the matrix, $X_{i j}$ expresses that doctor i works on day j where $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{ij}}=(\mathrm{me}, \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{o})$.
(a) To evaluate the violation of hard constraint (i), we define $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{n}$ as the total number of doctors for morning, evening, and night shift on day $j$. If any of these numbers are not between the minimum and maximum number of doctors for each shift (mmin, mmax, emin, emax, nmin, nmax), cost $C_{1}$ will be incremented by 1 .
(b) To evaluate the violation of hard constraint (ii), working patterns are examined. Any violation of the working patterns specified (such as n after m , e after n , m after e , or consecutive $n, n, n$ ) will increment cost $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ by l .
(c) To evaluate the violation of soft constraint, we define M , $\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}$ as the total number of the corresponding shifts, morning, evening and night and off-days for doctor i during the period of D and Mreq, Ereq, Nreq, Oreq as the required number of morning, night and night shifts and off-days for all doctors during the period of D. If any of these numbers M, E, N, O does not meet, Ereq, Nreq, Oreq respectively, cost $C_{3}$ will be incremented by 1 .

Different weight values can be assigned for the costs $\mathrm{C}_{1}$, $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{3}$. Then, the final cost function is

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\mathrm{f}=\mathrm{C}_{1} * \mathrm{w}_{1}+\mathrm{C}_{2} * \mathrm{w}_{2}+\mathrm{C}_{3} * \mathrm{w}_{3}
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where $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{I}}, \mathrm{w}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{w}_{3}$ are weight values for $\mathrm{C}_{1}, \mathrm{C}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{3}$, respectively. Our goal is to minimize the cost function f so as to find an optimal doctor schedule. The simplest method to find the solution is a brute force approach (manually) evaluating all possible doctor schedules and finding the feasible one with the minimum cost among them. However, if the number of all possible doctor's increase, this approach is intractable. This is a class of problems schedules for which it is believed that no efficient algorithm exists, called NPhard. In other words, the algorithms that guarantee to find an optimal solution with the size of D and N in reasonable time may not exist. To overcome this problem, we use a genetic algorithm which is an approximation algorithm. GA provide an approximate solution rather than an optimal one in acceptable time.

## C. GA Paramreters for Selction and Crossover

The initial population ( n ), are the first n schedules for doctors that are NxD matrices, is generated randomly assigning each doctor to one of the three shifts with a day-off on each day, Table I shows a sample of a week schedule for 5 doctors (a $5 \times 7$ matrix). The costs of these schedules are calculated by cost functions $C_{1}, C_{2}$ and $C_{3}$. The method of selection in this study, is the roulette wheel selection that is the most common type of selection method. Two schedules, P1 and P2, are chosen randomly based on their costs and are used to produce an offspring. One schedule can be selected for a parent more than once. The crossover between the two chosen parents genome is done at a single point randomly chosen with probability 0.8 to produce the new generation offspring, and with 0.01 Mutation rate. The remaining initial
parameters are set as given by the PSMMC hospital for Feb 2016, $\mathrm{N}=24, \mathrm{D}=29, \mathrm{mmin}=8, \max =10$, emin=6, emax=10, nmin $=6$, $\mathrm{nmax}=10$, and soft constrains for each week Mreq $=$ Ereq $=$ Nreq $=2$, and Oreq=1. The method was activated to reach an optimum cost $=0(\mathrm{f}=0)$ using Matlab genetic algorithm toolbox with Intel Core ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ i5-250M 2.5 Ghz CPU and 4GB.

TABLE I. SAmple Week of hospital schedule for 5 Doctors

| Doctor | M | T | W | TH | F | S | SU |
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| 1 | m | e | n | o | m | m | n |
| 2 | e | m | m | n | o | m | n |
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| 4 | m | m | e | e | n | o | m |
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## III. GA Results

The genetic algorithm started with a population size of 60 individuals, with the size of each genome NxD matrix (24 doctors for 29 days). The algorithm terminates when the maximum number of generations reaches 300 , or when the increase in fitness of the best individual over five successive generations falls below a certain threshold, set at $2 \times 10^{-6}$. Our fitness function f is set to the final cost function as $\mathrm{f}=$ $5 \mathrm{C}_{1}+5 \mathrm{C}_{2}+\mathrm{C}_{3}$, which penalizes systems violating the constrains with the assigned weights. The GA runs throughout the generations to find the best genome in this population. The best genome is the one, which violates the least number of constrains. After all 300 generations (repeated 50 times), the genetic algorithm finds the optimum genome; hence, it finds the best doctor schedule table which violates the least constrains. The proposed GA results are compared to the hospital manual roaster tables derived from Fig. 1. Table III shows the incident matrix for the 24 doctors in PSMMC for the month of February, 2016. Fig. 2 shows the GA results as plots of the best fitness value over the generations, and average distance between individuals for the 4 weeks. The best doctor schedule produced from the GA is given in Table IV. Table II shows a comparison of the performance results of the two methods. Both methods solved each of the given problem instances and the results did not violate any of hard constraints in all periods. GA generated schedules with optimal cost in all periods, also, the optimal costs from GA is smaller than that of the manual tables. The average execution time of GA is around 3.45 minutes which is much faster than those of manual tables
which takes a few hours to accomplish. Hence, GA are very effective compared to traditional manual methods based on on time and least constrains violation.

TABLE II. COMPARISONS OF GA AND TRADITIONAL HOSPITAL SCHEDULE

| period | Method | $\mathbf{f}_{\text {opt }}$ | T (min) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1week | GA | 2 | 2.6 |
|  | Manual | 7 |  |
|  | GA | 5 | 3.2 |
|  | Manual | 11 |  |
| 4weeks | GA | 4 | 3.75 |
|  | Manual | 12 |  |

## IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we proposed a Genetic Algorithm approach with a cost bit matrix to solve a DSP in PSMMC hospital. The genetic algorithm found solutions satisfying all the constraints. This approach generated a doctor schedule faster in speed and better in quality than traditional manual methods. Although we have presented this work in terms of doctor scheduling, it should be noted that the main idea of the approach could be applied to many other scheduling problems. Future research aims at experiments on the nurse's schedule in PSMMC hospital with more constraints and a diversity of requirements. Our future plans also include producing a software that helps hospitals design schedules with their constrains for their doctors and nurses with simple inputs and less time to avoid manual schedule making.

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Figure 1. Example of a Hospital Manual Doctor schedule.


Figure 2. GA results showing the average distance between the indivisuals, and the best fitness value for 4 weeks.

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| $R 3_{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ |
| R42 | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | - |
| R12 | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | - | - | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ |
| R21 | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | ■ | - | $\square$ | ■ |
| $R 25$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ |
| $S \cup B_{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | ■ |
| $\mathrm{R}_{3}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ |
| $R 4_{3}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | - | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | ■ |
| $R 13$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $R 2{ }_{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - |
| $R 26$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ |
| SUB ${ }_{3}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | - | - |
| $R 3_{4}$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | $\square$ | - | - | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| R44 | $\square$ | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $R 14$ | $\square$ | - | ■ | ■ | $\square$ | - | ■ | - | - | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | ■ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $R 2_{3}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | ■ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | ■ | ■ | ■ | $\square$ | ■ | - | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $R 27$ | $\square$ | - | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | ■ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | ■ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $S \cup B_{4}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

TABLE IV. GENETIC ALGORITHM BEST DOCTOR SCHEDULE $\mathrm{N}=24, \mathrm{D}=29$.


