

## **Bicriteria in $n \times 2$ Flow Shop Scheduling Problem under Specified Rental Policy, Processing Time, Setup Time Each Associated with Probabilities Including Job Block Criteria and Weightage of Jobs**

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### **Abstract**

This paper is an attempt to obtain an optimal solution for minimizing the bicriteria taken as minimization of the total rental cost of the machines subject to obtain the minimum makespan for  $n$ -jobs, 2-machine flow shop scheduling problem in which the processing times and independent set up times are associated with probabilities including job block criteria. Further jobs are attached with weights to indicate their relative importance. The proposed method is very simple and easy to understand and also provide an important tool for the decision makers. A computer programme followed by a numerical illustration is given to justify the algorithm.

**Keywords:** Flowshop Scheduling, Heuristic, Processing Time, Setup Time, Job Block, Weights of jobs

### **1. Introduction**

Scheduling is one of the optimization problems found in real industrial content for which several heuristic procedures have been successfully applied. Scheduling is a form of decision making that plays a crucial role in manufacturing and service industries. It deals with allocation of resources to tasks over given time periods and its goal is to optimize one or more objectives. The majority of scheduling research assumes setup as negligible or part of processing time. While this assumption adversely affects solution quality for many applications which require explicit treatment of set up. Such applications, coupled with the emergence of product concept like time based competitions and group technology, have motivated increasing interest to include setup considerations in scheduling theory. A flow shop scheduling problems has been one of the classical problems in production scheduling since Johnson (1954) proposed the well known Johnson's rule in the two stage flow shop makespan scheduling problem. Smith (1967) considered minimization of mean flow time and maximum tardiness. Yoshida & Hitomi (1979) further considered the problem with setup times. The work was developed Sen & Gupta (1983), Chandasekharan (1992), Bagga & Bhambani (1997) and Gupta Deepak et al. (2011) by considering various parameters. Maggu & Das (1977) established an equivalent job-block theorem. The idea of job block has practical significance to create a balance between a cost of providing priority in service to the customer and cost of giving service with non priority. In the sense of providing relative importance in the process Chandermouli (2005) associated weight with the jobs. The algorithm which minimizes one criterion does not take into consideration the effect of other criteria. Thus, to reduce the scheduling cost significantly, the criteria like that of makespan and total flow time can be combined which leads to optimization of bicriteria.

Gupta & Sharma (2011) studied bicriteria in  $n \times 2$  flow shop scheduling under specified rental policy, processing time and setup time associated with probabilities including job block. This paper is an attempt to extend the study made by Gupta & Sharma (2011) by introducing the Weightage in jobs, Thus making the

problem wider and more practical in process / production industry. We have obtained an algorithm which gives minimum possible rental cost while minimizing total elapsed time simultaneously.

## 2. Practical Situation

Many applied and experimental situations exist in our day-to-day working in factories and industrial production concerns etc. The practical situation may be taken in a paper mill, sugar factory and oil refinery etc. where various qualities of paper, sugar and oil are produced with relative importance i.e. weight in jobs, hence Weightage of jobs is significant. Various practical situations occur in real life when one has got the assignments but does not have one's own machine or does not have enough money or does not want to take risk of investing huge amount of money to purchase machine. Under such circumstances, the machine has to be taken on rent in order to complete the assignments. In his starting career, we find a medical practitioner does not buy expensive machines say X-ray machine, the Ultra Sound Machine, Rotating Triple Head Single Positron Emission Computed Tomography Scanner, Patient Monitoring Equipment, and Laboratory Equipment etc., but instead takes on rent. Rental of medical equipment is an affordable and quick solution for hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, which are presently constrained by the availability of limited funds due to the recent global economic recession. Renting enables saving working capital, gives option for having the equipment, and allows upgradation to new technology. Further the priority of one job over the other may be significant due to the relative importance of the jobs. It may be because of urgency or demand of that particular job. Hence, the job block criteria become important.

## 3. Notations

- S : Sequence of jobs 1,2,3,...,n
- $S_k$  : Sequence obtained by applying Johnson's procedure,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- $M_j$  : Machine  $j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$
- M : Minimum makespan
- $a_{ij}$  : Processing time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- $p_{ij}$  : Probability associated to the processing time  $a_{ij}$
- $s_{ij}$  : Set up time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- $q_{ij}$  : Probability associated to the set up time  $s_{ij}$
- $A_{ij}$  : Expected processing time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- $S_{ij}$  : Expected set up time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- $A'_{ij}$  : Expected flow time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- $w_i$  : weight of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job
- $A''_{ij}$  : Weighted flow time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_j$
- B : Equivalent job for job – block
- $L_j(S_k)$  : The latest time when machine  $M_j$  is taken on rent for sequence  $S_k$
- $t_{ij}(S_k)$  : Completion time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job of sequence  $S_k$  on machine  $M$
- $\dot{t}_{ij}$  : Completion time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job of sequence  $S_k$  on machine  $M_j$  when machine  $M_j$  start processing jobs at time  $L_j(S_k)$
- $I_{ij}(S_k)$  : Idle time of machine  $M_j$  for job  $i$  in the sequence  $S_k$
- $U_j(S_k)$  : Utilization time for which machine  $M_j$  is required, when  $M_j$  starts processing jobs at time  $E_j(S_k)$

$R(S_k)$  : Total rental cost for the sequence  $S_k$  of all machine

$C_i$  : Rental cost of  $i^{th}$  machine

### 3.1 Definition

Completion time of  $i^{th}$  job on machine  $M_j$  is denoted by  $t_{ij}$  and is defined as :

$$t_{ij} = \max (t_{i-1,j} + S_{(i-1),j} \times q_{(i-1),j}, t_{i,j-1}) + a_{ij} \times p_{ij} \quad \text{for } j \geq 2.$$

$$= \max (t_{i-1,j} + S_{(i-1),j}, t_{i,j-1}) + A_{i,j}$$

where  $A_{i,j}$ = Expected processing time of  $i^{th}$  job on  $j^{th}$  machine

$S_{i,j}$ = Expected setup time of  $i^{th}$  job on  $j^{th}$  machine.

### 3.2 Definition

Completion time of  $i^{th}$  job on machine  $M_j$  starts processing jobs at time  $L_j$  is denoted by  $t'_{ij}$  and is defined as

$$t'_{i,j} = L_j + \sum_{k=1}^i A_{k,j} + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} S_{k,j} = \sum_{k=1}^i I_{k,j} + \sum_{k=1}^i A_{k,j} + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} S_{k,j}$$

$$\text{Also } t'_{i,j} = \max(t'_{i,j-1}, t'_{i-1,j} + S_{i-1,j}) + A_{i,j}.$$

## 4. Rental Policy

The machines will be taken on rent as and when they are required and are returned as and when they are no longer required. i.e. the first machine will be taken on rent in the starting of the processing the jobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> machine will be taken on rent at time when 1<sup>st</sup> job is completed on 1<sup>st</sup> machine.

## 5. Problem Formulation

Let some job  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are to be processed on two machines  $M_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) under the specified rental policy P. Let  $a_{ij}$  be the processing time of  $i^{th}$  job on  $j^{th}$  machine with probabilities  $p_{ij}$  and  $s_{ij}$  be the setup time of  $i^{th}$  job on  $j^{th}$  machine with probabilities  $q_{ij}$ . Let  $w_i$  be the weight of  $i^{th}$  job. Let  $A_{ij}$  be the expected processing time and  $S_{ij}$  be the expected setup time of  $i^{th}$  job on  $j^{th}$  machine. Our aim is to find the sequence  $\{S_k\}$  of the jobs which minimize the rental cost of the machines while minimizing total elapsed time.

The mathematical model of the problem in matrix form can be stated as:

Jobs	Machine M <sub>1</sub>				Machine M <sub>2</sub>				Weight of job
	a <sub>i1</sub>	p <sub>i1</sub>	s <sub>i1</sub>	q <sub>i1</sub>	a <sub>i2</sub>	p <sub>i2</sub>	s <sub>i2</sub>	q <sub>i2</sub>	
i	a <sub>i1</sub>	p <sub>i1</sub>	s <sub>i1</sub>	q <sub>i1</sub>	a <sub>i2</sub>	p <sub>i2</sub>	s <sub>i2</sub>	q <sub>i2</sub>	w <sub>i</sub>
1	a <sub>11</sub>	p <sub>11</sub>	s <sub>11</sub>	q <sub>11</sub>	a <sub>12</sub>	p <sub>12</sub>	s <sub>12</sub>	q <sub>12</sub>	w <sub>1</sub>
2	a <sub>21</sub>	p <sub>21</sub>	s <sub>21</sub>	q <sub>21</sub>	a <sub>22</sub>	p <sub>22</sub>	s <sub>22</sub>	q <sub>22</sub>	w <sub>2</sub>
3	a <sub>31</sub>	p <sub>31</sub>	s <sub>31</sub>	q <sub>31</sub>	a <sub>32</sub>	p <sub>32</sub>	s <sub>32</sub>	q <sub>32</sub>	w <sub>3</sub>
4	a <sub>41</sub>	p <sub>41</sub>	s <sub>41</sub>	q <sub>41</sub>	a <sub>42</sub>	p <sub>42</sub>	s <sub>42</sub>	q <sub>42</sub>	w <sub>4</sub>
5	a <sub>51</sub>	p <sub>51</sub>	s <sub>51</sub>	q <sub>51</sub>	a <sub>52</sub>	p <sub>52</sub>	s <sub>52</sub>	q <sub>52</sub>	w <sub>5</sub>

**Table 1**

Mathematically, the problem is stated as

Minimize  $U_j(S_k)$  and

Minimize  $R(S_k) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i1} \times C_1 + U_j(S_k) \times C_2$

Subject to constraint: Rental Policy (P)

Our objective is to minimize rental cost of machines while minimizing total elapsed time.

### 6. Theorem

The processing of jobs on  $M_2$  at time  $L_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n I_{i,2}$  keeps  $t_{n,2}$  unaltered:

**Proof.** Let  $t'_{i,2}$  be the completion time of  $i^{\text{th}}$  job on machine  $M_2$  when  $M_2$  starts processing of jobs at  $L_2$ . We shall prove the theorem with the help of mathematical induction.

Let  $P(n) : t'_{n,2} = t_{n,2}$

*Basic step:* For  $n = 1, j = 2$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} t'_{1,2} &= L_2 + \sum_{k=1}^1 A_{k,2} + \sum_{k=1}^{1-1} S_{k,2} = \sum_{k=1}^1 I_{k,2} + \sum_{k=1}^1 A_{k,2} + \sum_{k=1}^{1-1} S_{k,2} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^1 I_{k,2} + A_{1,2} = I_{1,2} + A_{1,2} = A_{1,1} + A_{1,2} = t_{1,2}, \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(1)$  is true.

*Induction Step:* Let  $P(m)$  be true, i.e.,  $t'_{m,2} = t_{m,2}$

Now we shall show that  $P(m+1)$  is also true, i.e.,  $t'_{m+1,2} = t_{m+1,2}$

Since  $t'_{m+1,2} = \max(t_{m+1,1}, t'_{m,2} + S_{m,2}) + A_{m+1,2}$

$$= \max(t_{m+1,1}, t_{m,2} + S_{m,2}) + A_{m+1,2} \quad (\text{By Assumption})$$

$$= t_{m+1,2}$$

Therefore,  $P(m+1)$  is true whenever  $P(m)$  is true.

Hence by Principle of Mathematical Induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n$  i.e.  $t'_{n,2} = t_{n,2}$  for all  $n$ .

**Remark:** If  $M_2$  starts processing the job at  $L_2 = t_{n,2} - \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_{i,2}$ , then total time elapsed  $t_{n,2}$  is not altered and  $M_2$  is engaged for minimum time. If  $M_2$  starts processing the jobs at time  $L_2$  then it can be easily

shown that.  $t_{n,2} = L_2 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_{i,2}$

## 7. Algorithm

**Step 1:** Calculate the expected processing times and expected set up times as follows

$$A_{ij} = a_{ij} \times p_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad S_{ij} = s_{ij} \times q_{ij} \quad \forall i, j$$

**Step 2:** Calculate the expected flow time for the two machines M1 and M2 as follows

$$A'_{i1} = A_{i1} - S_{i2} \quad \text{and} \quad A'_{i2} = A_{i2} - S_{i1} \quad \forall i$$

**Step 3:** If  $\min(A'_{i1}, A'_{i2}) = A'_{i1}$ , then  $G_i = A'_{i1} + w_i$ ,  $H_i = A'_{i2}$  and

$$\text{If } \min(A'_{i1}, A'_{i2}) = A'_{i2}, \text{ then } H_i = A'_{i2} + w_i, G_i = A'_{i2}.$$

**Step 4:** Find the weighted flow time for two machine M1 and M2 as follows

$$A''_{i1} = G_i / w_i \quad \text{and} \quad A''_{i2} = H_i / w_i \quad \forall i$$

**Step 5:** Take equivalent job  $\beta(k, m)$  and calculate the processing time  $A''_{\beta 2}$  and  $A''_{\beta 1}$  on the guide lines of Maggu and Das [6] as follows

$$A''_{\beta 1} = A''_{k1} + A''_{m1} - \min(A''_{m1}, A''_{k2})$$

$$A''_{\beta 2} = A''_{k2} + A''_{m2} - \min(A''_{m1}, A''_{k2})$$

**Step 6:** Define a new reduced problem with the processing times  $A''_{i1}$  and  $A''_{i2}$  as defined in step 3 and jobs (k,m) are replaced by single equivalent job  $\beta$  with processing time  $A''_{\beta 1}$  and  $A''_{\beta 2}$  as defined in step 4.

**Step 7:** Using Johnson's technique [1] obtain all the sequences  $S_k$  having minimum elapsed time. Let these be  $S_1, S_2, \dots$ .

**Step 8:** Compute total elapsed time  $t_{n2}(S_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , by preparing in-out tables for  $S_k$ .

**Step 9:** Compute  $L_2(S_k)$  for each sequence  $S_k$  as follows

$$L_2(S_k) = t_{n,2}(S_k) - \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,2}(S_k) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_{i,2}(S_k)$$

**Step 10:** Find utilization time of 2<sup>nd</sup> machine for each sequence  $S_k$  as  $U_2(S_k) = t_{n2}(S_k) - L_2(S_k)$ .

**Step 11:** Find minimum of  $\{U_2(S_k)\}; k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Let it for sequence  $S_p$ . Then  $S_p$  is the optimal sequence and minimum rental cost for the sequence  $S_p$  is

$$R(S_p) = t_{n,1}(S) \times C_1 + U_2(S_p) \times C_2.$$

## 8. Programme

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#include<iostream.h>
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<process.h>
int n,j;
float a1[16],b1[16],g[16],h[16],g1[16],h1[16],g12[16],h12[16],sa1[16],sb1[16];
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float macha[16],machb[16],cost_a,cost_b,cost;
int f=1;
int group[16];//variables to store two job blocks
float minval,minv,maxv;
float gbeta=0.0,hbeta=0.0;
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    int a[16],b[16],sa[16],sb[16],j[16],w[16];
    float p[16],q[16],u[16],v[16];float maxv;
    cout<<"How many Jobs (<=15) : ";cin>>n;
    if(n<1 || n>15)
        {cout<<endl<<"Wrong input, No. of jobs should be less than 15..\n Exiting";
        getch();exit(0);}
    for(int i=1;i<=n;i++)
        {j[i]=i;
        cout<<"\nEnter the processing time and its probability, Setup time and its probability of "<<i<<" job
for machine A : ";
        cin>>a[i]>>p[i]>>sa[i]>>u[i];
        cout<<"\nEnter the processing time and its probability, Setup time and its probability of "<<i<<" job
for machine B : ";
        cin>>b[i]>>q[i]>>sb[i]>>v[i];
        cout<<"\nEnter the weightage of "<<i<<"job:";cin>>w[i];
        //Calculate the expected processing times of the jobs for the machines:
        a1[i] = a[i]*p[i];b1[i] = b[i]*q[i];
        //Calculate the expected setup times of the jobs for the machines:
        sa1[i] = sa[i]*u[i];sb1[i] = sb[i]*v[i];}
        cout<<"\nEnter the rental cost of Machine A:";cin>>cost_a;
        cout<<"\nEnter the rental cost of Machine B:";cin>>cost_b;
        cout<<endl<<"Expected processing time of machine A and B: \n";
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        {cout<<j[i]<<"\t"<<a1[i]<<"\t"<<b1[i]<<"\t";cout<<sa1[i]<<"\t"<<sb1[i]<<"\t"<<w[i];
        cout<<endl;}
        //Calculate the final expected processing time for machines
        cout<<endl<<"Final expected processing time of machin A and B:\n";
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        {g1[i]=a1[i]-sb1[i];h1[i]=b1[i]-sa1[i];}
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
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        {if(g1[i]<h1[i])
          {g12[i]=g1[i]+w[i];h12[i]=h1[i];}
else
  {h12[i]=h1[i]+w[i];g12[i]=g1[i];}
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
  {g[i]=g12[i]/w[i];h[i]=h12[i]/w[i];}
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
  {cout<<"\n\n" <<j[i]<<"\t" <<g[i]<<"\t" <<h[i]<<"\t" <<w[i];cout<<endl;}
  cout<<"\nEnter the two job blocks(two numbers from 1 to "<<n<<"):";
  cin>>group[0]>>group[1];
  //calculate G_Beta and H_Beta
if(g[group[1]]<h[group[0]])
  {minv=g[group[1]];}
else
  {minv=h[group[0]];}
  gbeta=g[group[0]]+g[group[1]]-minv;hbeta=h[group[0]]+h[group[1]]-minv;
  cout<<endl<<endl<<"G_Beta=" <<gbeta;cout<<endl<<"H_Beta=" <<hbeta;
int j1[16];float g11[16],h11[16];
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
  {if(j[i]==group[0]||j[i]==group[1])
    {f--;}
else
  {j1[f]=j[i];}f++;}
  j1[n-1]=17;
for(i=1;i<=n-2;i++)
  {g11[i]=g[j1[i]];h11[i]=h[j1[i]];}
  g11[n-1]=gbeta;h11[n-1]=hbeta;
  cout<<endl<<endl<<"displaying original scheduling table" <<endl;
for(i=1;i<=n-1;i++)
  {cout<<j1[i]<<"\t" <<g11[i]<<"\t" <<h11[i]<<endl;}
  float mingh[16];char ch[16];
for(i=1;i<=n-1;i++)
  {if(g11[i]<h11[i])
    {mingh[i]=g11[i];ch[i]='g';}
else
  {mingh[i]=h11[i];ch[i]='h';} }
for(i=1;i<=n-1;i++)
  {
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maxv=(machb[i-1]+sb1[arr1[i-1]]);
else
    maxv=macha[i];machb[i]=maxv+b1[arr1[i]];
    cout<<arr1[i]<<"\t"<<macha1[i]<<"--"<<macha[i]<<" "<<"\t"<<maxv<<"--"<<machb[i]<<endl;}
cout<<"\n\nTotal Elapsed Time (T) = "<<machb[n];cout<<endl<<endl<<"Machine A:";
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
    {cout<<endl<<"Job "<<i<<" Computation Time"<<macha[i];}cout<<endl<<endl<<"Machine B:";
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        {cout<<endl<<"Job "<<i<<" Computation Time"<<machb[i];}
float L2,L_2,min,u2;float sum1=0.0,sum2=0.0;
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
    {sum1=sum1+a1[i];sum2=sum2+b1[i];}cout<<"\nsum1="<<sum1;L2=machb[n];
float sum_2,sum_3;arr1[0]=0,sb1[0]=0;
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
    {sum_2=0.0,sum_3=0.0;
for(int j=1;j<=i;j++)
    {sum_3=sum_3+sb1[arr1[j-1]];}
for(int k=1;k<=i;k++)
    {sum_2=sum_2+b1[arr1[k]];}}
cout<<"\nsum_2="<<sum_2;cout<<"\nsum_3="<<sum_3;L_2=L2-sum_2-sum_3;
cout<<"\nLatest time for which B is taken on Rent="<<"\t"<<L_2;u2=machb[n]-L_2;
cout<<"\n\nUtilization Time of Machine M2="<<u2;
cost=(macha[n]*cost_a)+(u2*cost_b);
cout<<"\n\nThe Minimum Possible Rental Cost is="<<cost;
cout<<"\n\n{*****";
getch();
}
    
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### 9. Numerical Illustration

Consider 5 jobs, 2 machine flow shop problem with weights of jobs, processing time and setup time associated with their respective probabilities as given in the following table and jobs 2, 5 are to be processed as a group job (2,5). The rental cost per unit time for machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are 6 units and 7 units respectively. Our objective is to obtain optimal schedule to minimize the total production time / total elapsed time subject to minimization of the total rental cost of the machines, under the rental policy P.

Job	Machine $M_1$				Machine $M_2$				Weight of job
	$a_{i1}$	$p_{i1}$	$s_{i1}$	$q_{i1}$	$a_{i2}$	$p_{i2}$	$s_{i2}$	$q_{i2}$	
1	11	0.3	4	0.3	10	0.2	4	0.1	2

2	12	0.1	6	0.2	13	0.1	3	0.2	3
3	13	0.2	7	0.1	16	0.1	6	0.3	4
4	15	0.1	4	0.3	8	0.3	5	0.1	6
5	14	0.3	7	0.1	6	0.3	3	0.2	5

Table 2

**Solution: As per step 1:** Expected processing and setup times for machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are as shown in table 3.

**As per step 2:** The expected flow times for the machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are as shown in table 4.

**As per step 3 :** The weighted flow time for two machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are as shown in table 5.

**As per step 4:** Here  $\beta = (2,5)$

$$A''_{\beta_1} = 0.2 + 0.72 - 0.72 = 0.2, \quad A''_{\beta_2} = 1.03 + 1.22 - 0.72 = 1.5.$$

**As per step 6 :** Using Johnson's method optimal sequence is

$$S = \beta - 1 - 3 - 4 \quad \text{i.e. } 2-5-1-3-4$$

**As per step 7:** The In-Out table for the sequence  $S$  is as shown in table 6.

Total elapsed time  $t_{n,2}(S) = 20.2$  units

**As per Step 8:** The latest time at which Machine  $M_2$  is taken on rent

$$L_2(S) = t_{n,2}(S) - \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,2}(S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_{i,2}(S) = 20.2 - 9.1 - 3.4 = 7.7 \text{ units}$$

**As per step 9:** The utilization time of Machine  $M_2$  is

$$U_2(S) = t_{n,2}(S) - L_2(S) = 20.2 - 7.7 = 12.5 \text{ units}$$

The Biobjective In - Out table is as shown in table 7.

$$\text{Total Minimum Rental Cost} = R(S) = t_{n,1}(S) \times C_1 + U_2(S) \times C_2 = 16.6 \times 6 + 12.5 \times 7 = 187.1 \text{ units.}$$

## 10. Conclusion

If the machine  $M_2$  is taken on rent when it is required and is returned as soon as it completes the last job, the starting of processing of jobs at time  $L_2(S) = t_{n,2}(S) - \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,2}(S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_{i,2}(S)$  on  $M_2$  will, reduce the idle time of all jobs on it. Therefore total rental cost of  $M_2$  will be minimum. Also rental cost of  $M_1$  will always be minimum as idle time of  $M_1$  is always zero. The study may further be extending by introducing the concept of transportation time, Breakdown Interval etc.

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**Tables**

Table 3: The expected processing and setup times for machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are

Job	Machine $M_1$		Machine $M_2$		Weight of job
i	$A_{i1}$	$S_{i1}$	$A_{i2}$	$S_{i2}$	$w_i$
1	3.3	1.2	2	0.4	2
2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.6	3
3	2.6	0.7	1.6	1.8	4
4	1.5	1.2	2.4	0.5	6
5	4.2	0.7	1.8	0.6	5

Table 4: The expected flow times for the machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are

Job	Machine $M_1$	Machine $M_2$	Weight of job
i	$A_{i1}$	$A_{i2}$	$w_i$
1	2.9	0.8	2
2	0.6	0.1	3
3	0.8	0.9	4
4	1.0	1.2	6
5	3.6	1.1	5

Table 5: The weighted flow time for two machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are

Job	Machine $M_1$	Machine $M_2$
i	$A''_{i1}$	$A''_{i2}$
1	1.45	1.4
2	0.2	1.03
3	1.2	0.225
4	1.16	0.2
5	0.72	1.22

Table 6: The In-Out table for the sequence S is

Jobs	Machine $M_1$	Machine $M_2$
i	In - Out	In - Out
2	0 – 1.2	1.2 – 2.5
5	2.4 – 6.6	6.6 – 8.4
1	7.3 – 10.6	10.6 – 12.6
3	11.8 – 14.4	14.4 – 16.0
4	15.1 – 16.6	17.8 – 20.2

Table 7: The Biobjective In – Out table is

Jobs	Machine $M_1$	Machine $M_2$
i	In - Out	In - Out
2	0 – 1.2	7.7– 9.0
5	2.4 – 6.6	9.6 – 11.4
1	7.3 – 10.6	12.0 – 14.0
3	11.8 – 14.4	14.4 – 16.0
4	15.1 – 16.6	17.8 – 20.2

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