

Special Issue

Trends, Challenges, and the Future of Planning and Scheduling Optimization

Message from the Guest Editor

Planning and scheduling play an integral role in our world, helping us to achieve our objectives with minimal cost in terms of resources and time. This includes planning delivery routes to maximize the number of deliveries within the shortest possible route and time period, as well as scheduling manufacturing activities such that the correct material arrives at the precise moment it is needed (just-in-time manufacturing). Just-in-time manufacturing involves a range of support technologies, such as Internet-of-Things (IOT) sensors to track the flow of assets, data streaming, real-time big data analytics, etc. Furthermore, a variety of solutions can be applied to obtain optimal or approximate solutions for a diverse range of problems in planning and scheduling processes, including conventional, meta-heuristic, and other approaches. Research on such applications, or their supporting technologies, are welcome in this Special Issue.

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