



# Parallel-machine scheduling of deteriorating jobs with potential machine disruptions<sup>☆</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

We consider parallel-machine scheduling of deteriorating jobs in a disruptive environment in which some of the machines will become unavailable due to potential disruptions. This means that a disruption to some of the machines may occur at a particular time, which will last for a period of time with a certain probability. If a job is disrupted during processing by a disrupted machine and it does not need (needs) to re-start after the machine becomes available again, it is called the resumable (non-resumable) case. By deteriorating jobs, we mean that the actual processing time of a job grows when it is scheduled for processing later because the machine efficiency deteriorates over time due to machine usage and aging. However, a repaired machine will return to its original state of efficiency. We consider two cases, namely performing maintenance immediately on the disrupted machine when a disruption occurs and not performing machine maintenance. In each case, the objective is to determine the optimal schedule to minimize the expected total completion time of the jobs in both non-resumable and resumable cases. We determine the computational complexity status of various cases of the problem, and provide pseudo-polynomial-time solution algorithms and fully polynomial-time approximation schemes for them, if viable.

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## 1. Introduction

Contemporary production and service systems often operate in a dynamic and uncertain environment, in which unexpected events may occur from time to time. Should the expected events be *disruptions*, they may cause some resources (machines or facilities) to be unavailable for a certain period of time, which will directly affect the utilization of the resources and ultimately customer service. Examples of disruptive events occurring during production abound, e.g., machine breakdowns, power failures, and shortages of raw materials, personnel, tools, etc. Research on scheduling that takes disruptions into account is commonly known as scheduling with availability constraints, which has been extensively investigated in the literature. Lee et al. [13], Sanlaville and Schmidt [23], Schmidt [25], and Ma et al. [19] survey and summarize the major results and practices in this area.

Machine scheduling with availability constraints can be categorized into two major classes. One class is where the machine unavailability is deterministic due to some internal factors such as preventive maintenance. In this case, both the disruption starting time and duration are either fixed in advance [4,8–11,20,31,34,33] or are decision variables in the scheduling model [5,18,21,22,28–30,32]. The other class is where the machine unavailability is stochastic [1–3], which is caused by machine breakdowns or other internal and external factors. Lee and Yu [15] consider single-machine scheduling with potential disruptions due to external factors, e.g., bad weather (typhoons and snowstorms), labour strikes, power shortages, etc. In such a case, the disruption starting time is roughly known (should it happen); however, the disruption duration is unknown until the damage is made. They provide pseudo-polynomial-time algorithms to solve the problems of minimizing the expected total weighted completion time and the expected maximum tardiness. Subsequently, Lee and Yu [16] extend the results to the parallel-machine case to minimize the expected total weighted completion time.

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We pursue the stream of research initiated by Lee and Yu [15,16]. We consider scheduling of jobs on  $m$  identical parallel machines that are subject to potential disruptions in a deteriorating production environment, which means that the job processing times will deteriorate over time. Some of the machines may become unavailable for a period of time over the scheduling period due to potential disruptions arising from worker shortage, power shortage, etc. In such a case, we often know the disruption starting time (should it happen) in advance, yet the duration is unknown until it happens. That is, there is a possibility that a disruption will happen at a particular time and the disruption will last for a certain duration with a certain probability. So the machine unavailability will only be revealed at the time when the disruption occurs. Thus we assume that once a disruption occurs, we will know its duration. Specifically, we consider two cases. One is to perform maintenance immediately on each of the disrupted machines when a disruption occurs and the other is not to perform machine maintenance, where performing machine maintenance will improve the efficiency of the machine by returning it to its original state of efficiency at the expense of the cost incurred from maintenance. With known probabilities of all the unexpected events, the scheduling objective is to find an optimal schedule for the jobs to minimize the expected total completion time of the jobs. We extend the work of Lee and Yu [16] in three major ways as follows:

- We consider the scheduling problem in a deteriorating production environment, i.e., the actual processing time of a job grows when it is scheduled for processing later because the machine efficiency deteriorates over time due to machine usage and aging, which more accurately reflects real-life production.
- We assume that machine unavailability will only occur on some of the machines, which is the case where the factory has backup power to keep some of the machines working when the disruption occurs due to power shortage, whereas Lee and Yu [16] assume that machine unavailability will happen on all the machines.
- We include the case where the disruption may not happen (i.e.,  $\zeta_\gamma = 0$ ) in the non-resumable case, which Lee and Yu [16] do not consider.

The purpose of this paper is twofold. One is to study a more realistic and complex scheduling model that takes both potential machine disruptions and job deterioration into consideration. The other is to ascertain the computational complexity status and provide solution procedures, if viable, for the problems under consideration.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we introduce the notation and formally formulate our problems. In Section 3 we derive some structural properties of the optimal solutions that are useful for tackling our problems. In Sections 4 and 5 we analyze the computational complexity status and provide solution procedures, if viable, for the problems in the non-resumable and resumable cases, respectively. In the last section we conclude the paper and suggest topics for future research.

## 2. Problem formulation

We formally describe the general problem under consideration as follows: There are  $n$  independent jobs in the job set  $N = \{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$  to be processed on  $m$  identical parallel machines  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m$  over a scheduling period  $T$ . All the  $n$  jobs are available for processing at time zero. Each job needs to be processed on one machine only and each machine is capable of processing any job but at most one job at a time. The machines will experience deterioration in efficiency due to usage and aging [26]. As a result of deterioration in machine efficiency over time, the actual processing time of a job will become longer if it is scheduled for processing later. Specifically, if job  $J_j$  is processed on machine  $M_i$  and starts processing at time  $t$ , we define its actual processing time as  $p_{jt} = p_j(1 + at)$ , where  $p_j$  is the normal processing time of job  $J_j$  and  $a$  ( $a > 0$ ) is the deteriorating rate common to all the jobs. Some of the  $m$  machines may become unavailable due to potential machine disruptions, each of which will last for a period of time with a certain probability. Without loss of generality, we assume that a machine disruption will happen at time  $r$ , which makes the first  $l$  machines  $M_1, \dots, M_l$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq m$ , unavailable and the duration will take  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma = 0, 1, \dots, s$ ) time units with a probability  $\zeta_\gamma$ , which is the same for all the disrupted machines once the anticipated disruption occurs. Here,  $\zeta_0$  is the probability that the disruption will not happen and  $s$  is the maximum possible duration.

In order to reduce the effect of machine deterioration, an option strategy is to perform machine maintenance, which will improve the efficiency of the machine by making it return to its original state of efficiency. It follows that the actual processing time of job  $J_j$  will be the same as its normal processing time if it is the first job that starts processing on a repaired machine after maintenance. However, we focus on the case where the effect of machine deterioration on the objective value during the scheduling period is smaller compared with the cost incurred from the maintenance duration and the maintenance cost, which is reasonable in most production and service systems. As a consequence, we consider the following two cases:

*Case 1:* Perform maintenance immediately on each of the disrupted machines with a fixed duration, denoted by  $\kappa$ , when a disruption occurs by several maintenance workers (or teams). Thus, the disrupted machines will become unavailable during the time interval  $[r, r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\}]$  under the scenario  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma \geq 1$ ).

*Case 2:* Do not perform machine maintenance.

The reason for considering Case 1 is twofold. One is that it may reduce the effect on the objective value caused by machine disruptions because performing maintenance can improve the efficiency of the machines. The other is that it may reduce the effect on the objective value caused by performing maintenance because disrupted machines have unavailable time intervals due to machine disruptions, which can reduce the effect from maintenance duration. In each case, we consider both the *resumable* and *non-resumable* cases. If a job is disrupted during processing by a disrupted machine and it does not need (needs) to re-start after the machine becomes available again, it is called the resumable (non-resumable) case (see [12]). Assume that the last job started before but not completed at  $r$  is job  $J_j$ . In the non-resumable case,  $J_j$  needs to re-start at times  $r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\}$  and  $r + \gamma$  for Case 1 and Case 2, respectively, under scenario  $\gamma \geq 1$ , while in the resumable case, processing of the remaining part of  $J_j$  will continue at times  $r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\}$  and  $r + \gamma$  for Case 1 and Case 2, respectively, without any penalty.

We assume throughout the paper that  $p_j$ ,  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $\kappa$  are known positive integers such that  $\kappa \leq s$  and  $a$  is chosen such that  $ap_j$  is a positive integer for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . The objective is to determine an optimal schedule to minimize the expected total completion time of the jobs, i.e.,  $E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , where  $C_j$  denotes the completion time of job  $J_j$  in a given sequence.

Using the three-field notation  $\alpha|\beta|\gamma$  introduced by Graham et al. [6] for describing scheduling problems, we denote our problem by  $Px, \iota|r/nr-a, M/NM, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , where  $\alpha = Px, \iota$  denotes that there are  $m$  identical parallel machines, in which  $x$  is empty when  $m$  is considered to be part of the input and  $x=m$  when  $m$  is fixed, and the first  $\iota$  machines will become unavailable if an anticipated disruption happens;  $r-a$  and  $nr-a$  denote the resumable and non-resumable cases, respectively;  $M$  and  $NM$  denote performing maintenance immediately on the disrupted machines when an anticipated disruption occurs and not performing machine maintenance, respectively;  $DE$  denotes job deterioration; and  $PDR$  indicates potential disruptions.

### 3. Preliminary analysis

In this section we derive some structural properties of the optimal schedules for the problems under study, which we will use for the design of solution algorithms in the following sections. Let us first recall some results on the corresponding single-machine problem without machine disruptions.

**Lemma 3.1** ([27]). *For the problem  $1|DE|\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is any regular scheduling measure to be minimized, the completion time of the  $j$ th job in the sequence  $(J_{[1]}, \dots, J_{[j-1]}, J_{[j]}, J_{[j+1]}, \dots, J_{[n]})$  is equal to  $C_{[j]} = (s_0 + \frac{1}{a}) \prod_{k=1}^j (1 + ap_{[k]}) - \frac{1}{a}$  if the first job starts processing at time  $s_0$ .*

**Lemma 3.2** ([27]). *For the problem  $1|DE|\sum C_j$ , there exists an optimal schedule in which the jobs are scheduled in the shortest processing time (SPT) order.*

As a consequence of Lemma 3.2, the following result holds:

**Lemma 3.3.** *For the problem  $Px, \iota|r/nr-a, M/NM, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , there exists an optimal schedule in which*

(1) *the jobs finished no later than  $r$  on each disrupted machine  $M_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, \iota$ , and the jobs processed on each non-disrupted machine  $M_i$ ,  $i = \iota + 1, \dots, m$ , are sequenced in the SPT order, respectively; and*

(2) *the jobs started no earlier than  $r$  on each disrupted machine  $M_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, \iota$ , are sequenced in the SPT order.*

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 3.2 that the arguments hold for all possible scenarios of  $\gamma$  and all the machines with the objective of minimizing the total completion time. Thus, the lemma holds for the objective of minimizing the expected total completion time  $E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ .  $\square$

Thus, in the rest of this paper, we assume, without loss of generality, that the jobs are re-indexed in the SPT order such that  $p_1 \leq \dots \leq p_n$ . For notational convenience, we let  $p_{\max} = \max_{j=1, \dots, n} p_j$ ,  $TP = \frac{1}{a} \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + ap_j) - \frac{1}{a}$ , and  $\mathcal{TP} = (r + s + \frac{1}{a}) \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + ap_j) - \frac{1}{a}$ . We assume that  $r < TP \leq T$  for the case of performing machine maintenance and  $\mathcal{TP} \leq T$  for the case of not performing machine maintenance. Otherwise, the potential machine disruptions have no effect on the solution.

### 4. The non-resumable case

Since even for the case without deteriorating effect with  $\iota = m$  and  $\zeta_s = 1$ , the problem with an arbitrary  $m$ , denoted as  $P, h_{i1}|nr-a|\sum_{j=1}^n C_j$ , is NP-hard in the strong sense [17], our problem when both  $m$  and  $\iota$  are arbitrary, denoted as  $P, \iota|nr-a, M/NM, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , is NP-hard in the strong sense, too. Note also that Lee and Liman [14] show that the problem without deteriorating effect on a single machine with  $\zeta_s = 1$  is NP-hard, which implies that our problem is also NP-hard when  $m$  is fixed. Hence, we focus on the case with a fixed  $m$  in this section. We first design a pseudo-polynomial-time solution algorithm for each of the cases of performing and not performing machine maintenance, establishing that it is NP-hard in the ordinary sense. We then show how to convert the solution algorithm into a fully polynomial-time approximation scheme (FPTAS) for the special case with  $\iota = 1$ . Recall that a solution algorithm  $A_\epsilon$  for a minimization problem is a  $(1+\epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm if it always delivers an approximate solution  $Z$  with  $Z \leq (1+\epsilon)Z^*$  for all the instances, where  $Z^*$  is the optimal solution value. A family of approximation algorithms  $\{A_\epsilon\}$  defines an FPTAS for the considered problem, if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $A_\epsilon$  is a  $(1+\epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm that is polynomial in  $n, L$ , and  $1/\epsilon$ , where  $L = \log \max\{n, r, s, ap_{\max}\}$  is the number of bits in binary encoding for the largest numerical parameter in the input.

#### 4.1. Pseudo-polynomial-time algorithms

In this subsection we develop pseudo-polynomial-time dynamic programming algorithms to solve the problems  $Pm, \iota|nr-a, M, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  and  $Pm, \iota|nr-a, NM, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , respectively.

##### 4.1.1. The problem $Pm, \iota|nr-a, M, DE, PDR|E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$

This subsection focuses on the case of performing machine maintenance. For simplicity, we only analyze the two-machine case with  $\iota = 1$  in detail, and then briefly discuss how to generalize the results to the case with  $m$  machines for any given  $\iota$ .

We first develop a forward dynamic programming algorithm  $NRMDPDDP$  for the case where  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ . The algorithm first fixes the variable  $t_1$ , which denotes the starting time of the first job scheduled on machine  $M_1$  that will finish after  $r$  in the final optimal schedule when disruption does not happen on machine  $M_1$ . This means that if disruption does not happen, the first job scheduled on machine  $M_1$  that will finish after  $r$  starts at time  $t_1$ , and if the anticipated disruption happens and lasts for a time period  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma > 0$ ), the first job scheduled on machine  $M_1$  that will finish after  $r$  will restart at time  $r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\}$ , even though it may have been processed during  $[t_1, r]$ . Due to the deteriorating effect, it is easy to see that  $t_1$  ranges from  $\tau$  to  $r$ , where  $\tau = \lceil \frac{r - p_{\max}}{1 + ap_{\max}} \rceil$ . For each given  $t_1$ , the algorithm consists of  $n+1$  phases and in each phase  $j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , a state space  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, t_1)}$  is generated. Any state in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, t_1)}$  is a vector  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  that encodes a feasible partial schedule for the jobs  $\{J_1, \dots, J_j\}$ , where the variables  $u_1$  ( $0 \leq u_1 \leq t_1$ ) and  $u_2$  denote the total actual processing time of the jobs finished no later than  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  and the total

actual processing time of the jobs processed on machine  $M_2$ , respectively,  $v_1$  and  $q_1$  measure the total actual processing times of the jobs finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  for the cases where the disruption does not happen and the anticipated disruption does happen on machine  $M_1$ , respectively, and  $f$  stands for the expected total completion time of the partial schedule. The state spaces  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,  $t_1 = \tau, \dots, r$ , are constructed iteratively, where the initial space  $\mathcal{F}_{(0,t_1)}$  for each  $t_1 = \tau, \dots, r$  contains  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  as its only element. For each given  $t_1$ , in the  $j$ th phase,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , we build a state by adding a single job  $J_j$  to a previous state, if it is possible for the given state. To add job  $J_j$  to a state  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j-1,t_1)}$ , there are three cases to consider as follows:

**Case 1:** Schedule job  $J_j$  before  $t_1$  on machine  $M_1$ . This is possible only when  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq t_1$ . In this case, the contribution of job  $J_j$  to the objective function is  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1)$ . Hence, we include the new state  $(u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1), u_2, v_1, q_1, f + u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1))$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$  if  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq t_1$ .

**Case 2:** Schedule job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$ . In this case, when the scenario  $\gamma = 0$  with probability  $\zeta_0$  happens, the completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))$  since the machine efficiency is not improved during the scheduling horizon; however, when scenario  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ , with probability  $\zeta_\gamma$  happens, the completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $r + \kappa + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1)$  if  $1 \leq \gamma \leq \kappa$ , and  $r + \gamma + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1)$  otherwise since the machine maintenance takes  $\kappa$  time units. Hence, the expected completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $\zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1))$ . Therefore, if  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)) > r$ , which ensures that  $J_j$  will be finished after  $r$  when  $\gamma = 0$  happens, we include the new state  $(u_1, u_2, v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)), q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1), f + \zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1)))$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$ .

**Case 3:** Schedule job  $J_j$  on machine  $M_2$ . In this case, the contribution of job  $J_j$  to the objective function is  $u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2)$ . Hence, we include the new state  $(u_1, u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2), v_1, q_1, f + u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2))$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$ .

Note that the process to construct  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$  may generate more than a single state that does not lead to a complete optimal schedule. The following result shows how to reduce the set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  and  $(u'_1, u'_2, v'_1, q'_1, f')$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$  with  $u_1 \leq u'_1$ ,  $u_2 \leq u'_2$ ,  $v_1 \leq v'_1$ ,  $q_1 \leq q'_1$ , and  $f \leq f'$ , we can eliminate the latter state.

**Proof.** This is due to the fact that for any extension for the partial schedule corresponding to the state  $(u'_1, u'_2, v'_1, q'_1, f')$  to a solution for the complete problem, the corresponding extension for the partial schedule corresponding to the state  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  yields a feasible solution whose  $f$  value is at least as good as that of the former.  $\square$

We summarize the results of the above analysis in the following solution algorithm for the problem  $P2, 1|nr-a, M, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ .

#### Algorithm NRMDPDDP

- Step 1. [Preprocessing] Re-index the jobs in the SPT order.
- Step 2. [Initialization] Set  $\tau = \lceil \frac{r - p_{\max}}{1 + ap_{\max}} \rceil$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{(0,t_1)} = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)\}$  for each  $t_1 = \tau, \dots, r$ .
- Step 3. [Generation]
- For  $t_1 = \tau$  to  $r$  do
- For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do
- Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} = \emptyset$
- For each  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j-1,t_1)}$  do
- /\* Schedule job  $J_j$  before  $t_1$  on machine  $M_1$
- If  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq t_1$ , then
- Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1), u_2, v_1, q_1, f + u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1))\}$ ;
- Endif
- /\* Schedule job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$
- If  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)) > r$ , then
- Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2, v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)), q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1), f + \zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1))\}$ ;
- Endif
- /\* Schedule job  $J_j$  on machine  $M_2$
- Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2), v_1, q_1, f + u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2))\}$ ;
- Endfor
- [Elimination] /\* Update set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$  \*/
- For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  and  $(u'_1, u'_2, v'_1, q'_1, f')$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$  with  $u_1 \leq u'_1$ ,  $u_2 \leq u'_2$ ,  $v_1 \leq v'_1$ ,  $q_1 \leq q'_1$ , and  $f \leq f'$ , eliminate the latter state from set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j,t_1)}$ ;
- Endfor
- Endfor
- Step 4. [Result] The optimal solution value is given by  $\min\{f | (u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(n,t_1)}, t_1 = \kappa, \dots, r\}$  and the optimal solution can be found by backtracking.

**Theorem 4.2.** Algorithm NRMDPDDP solves the problem  $P2, 1|nr-a, M, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  in  $O(nr^2TP^3)$  time.

**Proof.** The optimality of algorithm NRMDPDDP follows directly from Lemma 3.3 and the above analysis. We now analyze its time complexity. Step 1 is a sorting procedure, which takes  $O(n \log n)$  time. In Step 3, an upper bound on the number of the vectors  $\{u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1\}$  is  $rTP^3$  because, by Lemma 3.1, there are at most  $r$  possible values for  $u_1$  and at most  $TP$  possible values for each of  $u_2, v_1$ , and  $q_1$ .

respectively. Thus, for each given  $t_1$ , before each iteration  $j$ , there are at most  $rTP^3$  possible states  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j-1, t_1)}$  because the number of the vectors  $\{u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f\}$  is upper-bounded by  $rTP^3$  due to the elimination rules. In iteration  $j$ , there are at most three new states generated from each state in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j-1, t_1)}$  for each candidate job. Therefore, there are at most  $3rTP^3$  new states generated in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, t_1)}$ . Thus, the construction of  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, t_1)}$  requires  $O(rTP^3)$  time, which is also the time required for the elimination process. After  $nr$  iterations, Step 3 can be executed in  $O(nr^2TP^3)$  time, as required. Step 4 takes  $O(r^2TP^3)$  time. Therefore, the overall time complexity of the algorithm is indeed  $O(nr^2TP^3)$ .  $\square$

If  $\zeta_0 = 0$ , i.e., the anticipated disruption will definitely happen although the duration is uncertain, the time complexity of algorithm *NRMDPDDP* can be reduced to  $O(nrTP^2)$  since the parameters  $t_1$  and  $v_1$  can be dropped in the state vector. We give a formal description of the algorithm for this case in the following, where  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  is the state space generated in the  $j$ th iteration.

**Algorithm NRMDPDDP0**

Step 1. [Preprocessing] Re-index the jobs in the SPT order.

Step 2. [Initialization] Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(0)} = \{(0, 0, 0, 0)\}$ .

Step 3. [Generation]

For  $j=1$  to  $n$  do

Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)} = \emptyset$

[State Generation]

For each  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j-1)}$  do

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  before  $r$  on machine  $M_1$

If  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq r$ , then

Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j)} \cup \{(u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1), u_2, q_1, f + u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1))\}$ ;

Endif

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$

Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2, q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1), f + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1))\}$ ;

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  on machine  $M_2$

Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2), q_1, f + u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2))\}$ ;

Endfor

[Elimination] /\* Update set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  \*/

The same as in algorithm *NRMDPDDP*;

Endfor

Step 4. [Result] The optimal solution value is given by  $\min\{f \mid (u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(m)}\}$  and the optimal solution can be found by backtracking.

Hence, we conclude with the following result.

**Theorem 4.3.** Algorithm *NRMDPDDP0* solves the problem  $P2, 1 \mid nr - a, M, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 = 0$  in  $O(nrTP^2)$  time.

Note that the idea of algorithm *NRMDPDDP* can be applied for the general case with  $m$  machines and any given  $\iota$ , in which we should include the new variables  $t_i$  to denote the starting time of the first job scheduled on machine  $M_i$  that will finish after  $r$  in the final optimal schedule when the disruption does not happen on machine  $M_i$ , and  $v_i$  and  $q_i$  to denote the total actual processing time of the jobs finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_i$  for the cases where the disruption does not happen and where the anticipated disruption does happen on machine  $M_i$ , respectively, for all  $i = 2, \dots, \iota$ . We conclude with the following result.

**Theorem 4.4.** The problem  $Pm, \iota \mid nr - a, M, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  can be solved in  $O(nr^{2\iota}TP^{m+\iota})$  time if  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  and in  $O(nr^\iota TP^m)$  time otherwise.

4.1.2. The problem  $Pm, \iota \mid nr - a, NM, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$

This subsection focuses on the case of not performing machine maintenance. For simplicity, we only analyze the two-machine case with  $\iota = 1$  and  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  in detail, and develop a forward dynamic programming algorithm *NRNMDPDDP* for solving it.

The idea of algorithm *NRNMDPDDP* is analogous to that of *NRMDPDDP*. Let  $t_1$  and  $\tau$  be defined as before. For each given  $t_1$ , the algorithm consists of  $n+1$  phases and in each phase  $j, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , a state space  $\mathcal{L}_{(j, t_1)}$  is generated. Any state in  $\mathcal{L}_{(j, t_1)}$  is a vector  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  that encodes a feasible partial schedule for the jobs  $\{J_1, \dots, J_j\}$ , where the variables  $u_1, u_2, v_1$ , and  $f$  are defined as before, and  $q_1 = (q_1^1, \dots, q_1^s)$  is a vector in which  $q_1^\gamma, \gamma = 1, \dots, s$ , denotes the total actual processing times of the jobs finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  under the scenario  $\gamma$ . The state spaces  $\mathcal{L}_{(j, t_1)}, j = 0, 1, \dots, n, t_1 = \kappa, \dots, r$ , are constructed iteratively. The initial space  $\mathcal{F}_{(0, t_1)}$  for each  $t_1 = \kappa, \dots, r$  contains  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  with  $= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_s)$  as its only element. For each given  $t_1$ , in the  $j$ th phase,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , we build a state by adding a single job  $J_j$  to a previous state, if it is possible for the given state. To add job  $J_j$  to a state  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{L}_{(j-1, t_1)}$ , there are three cases analogous to those in algorithm *NRMDPDDP* to consider. The procedures for Cases 1 and 3 are the same as those in algorithm *NRMDPDDP*. We illustrate Case 2 here, i.e., scheduling job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$ . In this case, under the scenario  $\gamma = 0$  with probability  $\zeta_0$ , the completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))$ ; however, when scenario  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ , with probability  $\zeta_\gamma$  happens, the completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma))$ . Hence, the expected completion time of job  $J_j$  is  $\zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma)))$ . Therefore, if  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)) > r$ , which ensures that  $J_j$  will be finished after  $r$  when  $\gamma = 0$  happens, we include the new state  $(u_1, u_2, v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)), \bar{q}_1, f + \zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma))))$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{(j, t_1)}$ , where  $\bar{q}_1 = (\bar{q}_1^1, \dots, \bar{q}_1^s)$  with  $\bar{q}_1^\gamma = q_1^\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q_1^\gamma)), \gamma = 1, \dots, s$ .

Before presenting the dynamic programming algorithm in detail, a similar elimination property can be derived to reduce the state space.

**Lemma 4.5.** For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  and  $(u'_1, u'_2, v'_1, q'_1, f')$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)}$  with  $u_1 \leq u'_1$ ,  $u_2 \leq u'_2$ ,  $v_1 \leq v'_1$ ,  $q_1 \leq q'_1$ , and  $f \leq f'$ , we can eliminate the latter state, where  $q_1 \leq q'_1$  means that  $q'_\gamma \leq q_\gamma$  for all  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ .

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to that of Lemma 4.1.  $\square$

We summarize the results of the above analysis in the following solution algorithm for the problem  $P2, 1 | nr - a, NM, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ .

**Algorithm NRNMDPDDP**

Step 1. [Preprocessing] Re-index the jobs in the SPT order.

Step 2. [Initialization] Set  $\tau = \lceil \frac{r - p_{\max}}{1 + ap_{\max}} \rceil$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{(0,t_1)} = \{(0, 0, 0, 0)\}$  for each  $t_1 = \tau, \dots, r$ , where  $\underbrace{= (0, \dots, 0)}_s$ .

Step 3. [Generation]

For  $t_1 = \tau$  to  $r$  do

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do

Set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} = \emptyset$

For each  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{L}_{(j-1,t_1)}$  do

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  before  $t_1$  on machine  $M_1$

If  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq t_1$ , then

Set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1), u_2, v_1, q_1, f + u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1))\}$ ;

Endif

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$

If  $t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)) > r$ , then

Set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2, v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1)), \bar{q}_1, f +$

$\zeta_0(t_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(t_1 + v_1))) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \gamma + q'_\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q'_\gamma)))\}$ ,

where  $\bar{q}_1 = (\bar{q}_1^1, \dots, \bar{q}_1^s)$  with  $\bar{q}_1^\gamma = q'_\gamma + p_j(1 + a(r + \gamma + q'_\gamma))$ ,  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ ;

Endif

/\* Schedule job  $J_j$  on machine  $M_2$

Set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2), v_1, q_1, f + u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2))\}$ ;

Endfor

[Elimination] /\* Update set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)}$  \*/

For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  and  $(u'_1, u'_2, v'_1, q'_1, f')$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)}$  with  $u_1 \leq u'_1$ ,

$u_2 \leq u'_2$ ,  $v_1 \leq v'_1$ ,  $q_1 \leq q'_1$ , and  $f \leq f'$ , eliminate the latter state from set  $\mathcal{L}_{(j,t_1)}$ ;

Endfor

Endfor

Step 4. [Result] The optimal solution value is given by  $\min\{f | (u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{L}_{(n,t_1)}, t_1 = \kappa, \dots, r\}$  and the optimal solution can be found by backtracking.

**Theorem 4.6.** Algorithm NRNMDPDDP solves the problem  $P2, 1 | nr - a, NM, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  in  $O(nr^2 TP^{s+1} TP)$  time.

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to that of Theorem 4.2, the only difference being that the number of different combinations of  $\{u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1\}$  is upper-bounded by  $rTP^{s+1} TP$  because, by Lemma 3.1, there are at most  $r$  possible values for  $u_1$ , at most  $TP$  possible values for  $u_2$ , and at most  $TP$  values for each of  $v_1$  and  $q'_\gamma$ ,  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ , respectively.  $\square$

Analogous to the analysis in Section 4.1.1, algorithm NRNMDPDDP can be generalized to solving the general problem  $Pm, \iota | nr - a, NM, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  or  $\zeta_0 = 0$ , and the following result holds.

**Theorem 4.7.** The problem  $Pm, \iota | nr - a, NM, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  can be solved in  $O(nr^{2\iota} TP^{(s+1)\iota} TP^{m-\iota})$  time if  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  and in  $O(nr^\iota TP^{s\iota} TP^{m-\iota})$  time otherwise.

#### 4.2. FPTASs for the case where $\iota = 1$ and $\zeta_0 = 0$

In this subsection we first describe how to convert algorithm iNRMDPDDP0 into an FPTAS and then briefly discuss how to generalize the result to the case with  $m$  machines,  $\iota = 1$  and  $\zeta_0 = 0$ . To do this, we borrow the idea from Hall and Potts [7] to partition the state space into boxes, which originates from the interval partitioning approach suggested by Sahni [24]. Specifically, to convert algorithm NRMDPDDP0 into an FPTAS, we partition the state space  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$  into three-dimensional boxes and approximate the solution by retaining only one state within any box. We formally describe the procedure as follows:

**Algorithm NRMDPDAA<sub>e</sub>**

Step 1. [Preprocessing] Re-index the jobs in the SPT order.

Step 2. [Initialization] Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(0)} = \{(0, 0, 0, 0)\}$ .

Step 3. [Generation]

For  $j=1$  to  $n$  do  
 Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)} = \emptyset$   
 [State Generation] /\* Generate  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  from  $\mathcal{F}_{(j-1)}$  \*/  
 The same as that in algorithm NRMDPDDPO;  
 [Labeling] /\* Attach a label to each state in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  \*/  
 For each state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j)}$ , attach the label  $(\Delta(u_2), \Delta(q_1), \Delta(f))$  to it, where the function  $\Delta$  is defined as  $\Delta(x) = k$  in which  $x$  satisfies  $\delta^k \leq x \leq \delta^{(k+1)}$  and  $\delta = 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+\epsilon)^n}$ ;  
 [Elimination] /\* Update set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  \*/  
 (1) For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  and  $(u'_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  with the same label and  $u_1 \leq u'_1$ , eliminate the latter state from set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$ ;  
 (2) For any two states  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  and  $(u_1, u'_2, q'_1, f')$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  with  $u_2 \leq u'_2$ ,  $q_1 \leq q'_1$ , and  $f_1 \leq f'_1$ , eliminate the latter state from set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$ ;  
 Endfor  
 Step 4. [Result] The approximate solution value is given by  $\min\{f \mid (u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(n)}\}$  and the approximate solution can be found by backtracking.

**Lemma 4.8.** For any eliminated state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j)}$ , there exists a state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  such that  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^j u_2$ ,  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^j q_1$ , and  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^j f$ .

**Proof.** Refer to Appendix for details. □

**Theorem 4.9.** For any  $\epsilon > 0$  and an optimal solution value  $f^*$ , algorithm NRMDPDAA $_{\epsilon}$  finds in  $O\left(\frac{n^7 L^3}{\epsilon^3}\right)$  time a solution value  $\tilde{f}$  such that  $\tilde{f} \leq (1 + \epsilon)f^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(u_1^*, u_2^*, q_1^*, f^*) \in \mathcal{F}_{(n)}$  be a state corresponding to the optimal solution value  $f^*$ . By the proof of Lemma 4.8, for  $(u_1^*, u_2^*, q_1^*, f^*)$ , there exists a non-eliminated state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  such that  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^n f^*$ . It follows from  $(1 + \frac{x}{n})^n \leq 1 + 2x$ , for any  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , that  $(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+\epsilon)^n})^n \leq 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} \leq 1 + \epsilon$ , so  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^n f^* \leq (1 + \epsilon)f^*$ .

For the time complexity of algorithm NRMDPDAA $_{\epsilon}$ , Step 1 requires  $O(1)$  time. Note that there are at most  $TP$  possible values for each of  $u_2$  and  $q_1$ , respectively, and at most  $nTP$  possible values for  $f$ . Therefore, the number of possible values of  $\Delta(u_2)$  and  $\Delta(q_1)$  are given by

$$\lceil \log_{\delta} TP \rceil = \lceil \ln TP / \ln \delta \rceil \leq \lceil (1 + 2n(1 + \epsilon)/\epsilon) \ln TP \rceil \leq \lceil (1 + 2n(1 + \epsilon)/\epsilon) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + ap_k) - \ln a \right) \rceil,$$

where the first inequality is obtained from the well-known inequality  $\ln x \geq (x - 1)/x$  for all  $x \geq 1$ . Similarly, the number of possible values of  $\Delta(f)$  is given by

$$\lceil \log_{\delta} nTP \rceil \leq \lceil (1 + 2n(1 + \epsilon)/\epsilon) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + ap_k) + \ln n - \ln a \right) \rceil.$$

Thus, the total number of different boxes at the beginning of each iteration, which equals the number of different states at the beginning of each iteration since at most one state is retained for each possible label after the elimination process, is at most  $O\left(\frac{n^6 L^3}{\epsilon^3}\right)$ . In each iteration  $j$ , there are at most three new states generated from each state in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j-1)}$ . Thus, the number of new states generated is at most  $3 \times O\left(\lceil (1 + 2n(1 + \epsilon)/\epsilon) (\sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + ap_k) - \ln a) \rceil^2 \lceil (1 + 2n(1 + \epsilon)/\epsilon) (\sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + ap_k) + \ln n - \ln a) \rceil\right)$ , which equals  $3 \times O\left(\frac{n^6 L^3}{\epsilon^3}\right)$ . Thus, the construction of  $\mathcal{F}_{(j)}$  requires  $O\left(\frac{n^6 L^3}{\epsilon^3}\right)$  time, which is also the time required for the elimination process. After  $n$  iterations, the total number of different boxes is at most  $O\left(\frac{n^7 L^3}{\epsilon^3}\right)$ , which is also the overall time complexity of algorithm NRMDPDAA $_{\epsilon}$ . □

Note that the idea of algorithm NRMDPDAA $_{\epsilon}$  can be generalized to the general case with  $m$  machines,  $\iota = 1$  and  $\zeta_0 = 0$ , in which we should include the new variables  $u_i$  to denote the total actual processing time of the jobs scheduled on machine  $M_i$  for all  $i = 3, \dots, m$  in the state vector. We conclude with the following result.

**Theorem 4.10.** The problem  $Pm, 1 \mid nr - a, M, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 = 0$  admits an FPTAS that runs in  $O\left(\frac{n^{2m+3} L^{m+1}}{\epsilon^{m+1}}\right)$  time.

In a similar way, the following result holds.

**Theorem 4.11.** The problem  $Pm, 1 \mid nr - a, NM, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 = 0$  admits an FPTAS that runs in  $O\left(\frac{n^{2(s-1)\iota + 2m + 3} L^{(s-1)\iota + m + 1}}{\epsilon^{(s-1)\iota + m + 1}}\right)$  time.

**Remark 4.12.** It is well known that FPTAS is the strongest type of approximation result for an NP-hard problem. Theorems 4.10 and 4.11 indicate that in the non-resumable case, no matter whether performing machine maintenance or not, the problem admits an FPTAS when  $m$  is fixed,  $\iota = 1$ , and  $\zeta_0 = 0$ . However, the time complexity of the FPTAS may pose a challenge to solving the problem in practice, so future research should design fast and efficient constant ratio approximation algorithms for the problems.

**5. The resumable case**

It is worth noting that the proof given in Levin et al. [17] for the problem  $P, 1 \mid nr - a \mid \sum_{j=1}^n C_j$  can be applied for the resumable case, implying that our problem when both  $m$  and  $\iota$  are arbitrary, denoted as  $P, \iota \mid r - a, M/NM, DE, PDR \mid E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ , is also NP-hard in the strong sense. In addition, since even for the case without deteriorating effect on two identical parallel machines with  $\iota = 2$  and  $\zeta_s = 1$ , the

problem is NP-hard [16], our problem with a fixed  $m$  is NP-hard, too, when  $\iota \geq 2$ . In the following we focus on the case with a fixed  $m$  under the resumable availability constraint, and design a pseudo-polynomial-time solution algorithm for each of the cases of performing and not performing machine maintenance, establishing that it is NP-hard in the ordinary sense. However, the question as to whether or not the problem with  $\iota = 1$  is NP-hard remains open.

Before developing the algorithm, we note that scheduling the jobs on each machine in the SPT order is optimal for the case without the deteriorating effect on  $m$  identical parallel machines with  $\iota = m$  under the resumable availability constraint (see Theorem 4 in Lee and Yang [16]). However, this result does not hold for our problem even for the single-machine case, as shown in the following example.

**Example 5.1.** Let  $n = 3, m = 1; p_1 = 10, p_2 = 50, p_3 = 90; a = 0.1, r = 40, \kappa = s = 5$ , and  $\zeta_s = 1$ .

For the case of performing maintenance, consider a solution obtained by splitting job  $J_2$  into two pieces  $J_2'$  and  $J_2''$  with normal processing times 15 and 35, and scheduling jobs  $J_1, J_2', J_2''$ , and  $J_3$  in the intervals  $[0,10], [10,40], [50,85]$ , and  $[85,490]$ , respectively. It fulfils the property that the jobs follow the SPT order and yields an objective value of 585. However, a better solution is obtained by splitting job  $J_2$  into two pieces  $J_2'$  and  $J_2''$  with normal processing times 40 and 10, and scheduling jobs  $J_2', J_2'', J_1$ , and  $J_3$  in the intervals  $[0,40], [50,60], [60,80]$ , and  $[80,440]$ , respectively, which yields a smaller objective value of 580.

Similarly, for the case of not performing maintenance, the solution in which the jobs follow the SPT order yields an objective value of 2700. However, a better solution with objective value of 2500 is obtained by splitting job  $J_2$  into two pieces  $J_2'$  and  $J_2''$  with normal processing times 40 and 10, respectively, and scheduling the jobs in the following order:  $J_2', J_2'', J_1$ , and  $J_3$ .

### 5.1. The problem $Pm, \iota | r - a, M, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$

This subsection focuses on the case of performing machine maintenance. Again, we only analyze the two-machine case with  $\iota = 1$  and  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  in detail, and develop a forward dynamic programming algorithm RMDPDDP for solving it.

The idea of algorithm RMDPDDP is analogous to that of NRMDPDDP, except that we need to enumerate all the possible disrupted jobs that start processing no later than  $r$  but finish processing after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  by Lemma 3.3 and Example 5.1. Thus we have to add a new parameter  $k_1$  to denote that the disrupted job on machine  $M_1$  is job  $J_{k_1}$  in the final optimal schedule. For each fixed  $k_1$ , let  $\tau_1$  denote the starting time of job  $J_{k_1}$  on machine  $M_1$  in the final optimal schedule, which must satisfy  $\tau_1 + p_{k_1}(1 + a\tau_1) > r$ , implying that  $\tau_1$  ranges from  $\chi_{k_1}$  to  $r$ , where  $\chi_{k_1} = \lceil \frac{r - p_{k_1}}{1 + ap_{k_1}} \rceil$ . For any feasible combination of  $k_1$  and  $\tau_1$ , we set  $l_{(k_1, \tau_1)} = (r - \tau_1)/(1 + a\tau_1)$ , which denotes the normal processing part of job  $J_{k_1}$  processed before  $r$  when the disruption does happen, and re-index  $J_{k_1}$  as  $J_{n+1}$  and  $J_j$  as  $J_{j-1}$  for  $j = k_1 + 1, \dots, n$ . For each given feasible combination of  $k_1$  and  $\tau_1$ , this algorithm consists of  $n$  phases and in each phase  $j, j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , a state space  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)}$  is generated. Any state in  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)}$  is a vector  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f)$  that encodes a feasible partial schedule for the jobs  $\{J_1, \dots, J_j\}$ , where the variables  $u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1$ , and  $f$  are defined as before. The state spaces  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)}, j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, k_1 = 1, \dots, n, \tau_1 = \chi_{k_1}, \dots, r$ , are constructed iteratively, where the initial space  $\mathcal{F}_{(0, k_1, \tau_1)}$  for  $k_1 = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\tau_1 = \chi_{k_1}, \dots, r$ , contains  $(0, 0, p_{n+1}(1 + a\tau_1), p_{n+1} - l_{(k_1, \tau_1)}, \zeta_0(\tau_1 + p_{n+1}(1 + a\tau_1)) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + p_{n+1} - l_{(k_1, \tau_1)}))$  as its only element. For any possible combination of  $k_1$  and  $\tau_1$ , in the  $j$ th phase,  $j = 1, \dots, n-1$ , we build a state by adding a single job  $J_j$  to a previous state in an analogous way to that in algorithm NRMDPDDP, if it is possible for the given state. Note also that Lemma 4.1 still holds for this case.

The solution procedure for the problem  $P2, 1 | r - a, M, DE, PDR | E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  can be formally described as follows.

#### Algorithm RMDPDDP

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Step 1. [Preprocessing] Re-index the jobs in the SPT order.
Step 2. [Initialization] For any  $k_1 = 1, \dots, n$ , set  $\chi_{k_1} = \lceil \frac{r - p_{k_1}}{1 + ap_{k_1}} \rceil$ . For any  $k_1 = 1, \dots, n$  and  $t_1 = \chi_{k_1}, \dots, r$ , set  $l_{(k_1, \tau_1)} = (r - \tau_1)/(1 + a\tau_1)$ 
and let  $\mathcal{F}_{(0, k_1, \tau_1)} = \{(0, 0, p_{k_1}(1 + a\tau_1), p_{k_1} - l_{(k_1, \tau_1)}, \zeta_0(\tau_1 + p_{k_1}(1 + a\tau_1)) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + p_{k_1} - l_{(k_1, \tau_1)}))\}$ .
Step 3. [Generation]
For  $k_1 = 1$  to  $n$  do
  For the original SPT order do: re-index  $J_{k_1}$  as  $J_{n+1}$  and  $J_j$  as  $J_{j-1}$  for  $j = k_1 + 1, \dots, n$ ;
  For  $\tau_1 = \chi_{k_1}$  to  $r$  do
    For  $j = 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
      Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} = \emptyset$ 
      For each  $(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(j-1, k_1, \tau_1)}$  do
        /* Schedule job  $J_j$  before  $\tau_1$  on machine  $M_1$ 
        If  $u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1) \leq \tau_1$ , then
          Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \cup \{(u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1), u_2, v_1, q_1, f + u_1 + p_j(1 + au_1))\}$ ;
        Endif
        /* Schedule job  $J_j$  to be finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$ 
        Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2, v_1 + p_j(1 + a(\tau_1 + v_1)), q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1), f + \zeta_0(\tau_1 + v_1 + p_j(1 + a(\tau_1 + v_1)))$ 
        +  $\sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1 + p_j(1 + aq_1))\}$ ;
        /* Schedule job  $J_j$  on machine  $M_2$ 
        Set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)} \cup \{(u_1, u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2), v_1, q_1, f + u_2 + p_j(1 + au_2))\}$ ;
      Endfor
    [Elimination] /* Update set  $\mathcal{F}_{(j, k_1, \tau_1)}$  */
    The same as that in algorithm NRMDPDDP;
  Endfor
Endfor

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Step 4. [Result] The optimal solution value is given by  $\min\{f|(u_1, u_2, v_1, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(n-1, k_1, \tau_1)}, k_1 = 1, \dots, n, \tau_1 = \chi_{k_1}, \dots, r\}$  and the optimal solution can be found by backtracking.

**Theorem 5.2.** Algorithm RMDPDDP solves the problem  $P2, 1|r-a, M, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  in  $O(n^2r^2TP^3)$  time.

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to that of Theorem 4.2. □

Analogous to the analysis in Subsection 4.1.1, algorithm RMDPDDP can be applied for solving the general problem  $Pm, \iota|r-a, M, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  with slightly modifications, and we conclude the following result.

**Theorem 5.3.** The problem  $Pm, \iota|r-a, M, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  can be solved in  $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota}TP^{m+\iota})$  time if  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  and in  $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota}TP^m)$  time otherwise.

5.2. The problem  $Pm, \iota|r-a, NM, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$

This subsection focuses on the case of not performing machine maintenance. The idea of the algorithm for this case with  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  is analogous to those of algorithms NRNMDPDDP and RMDPDDP. Compared with algorithm RMDPDDP, we need new parameters  $q_i^\gamma$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, \iota$ ,  $\gamma = 1, \dots, s$ , to denote the total actual processing times of the jobs finished after  $r$  on machine  $M_i$  under the scenario  $\gamma$  in the state vector. Thus, combining Theorems 4.7 and 5.3, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 5.4.** The problem  $Pm, \iota|r-a, NM, DE, PDR| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$  can be solved in  $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota} TP^{(s+1)\iota} TP^{m-\iota})$  time if  $\zeta_0 \neq 0$  and in  $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota} TP^{s\iota} TP^{m-\iota})$  time otherwise.

6. Conclusions

This paper addresses parallel-machine scheduling of deteriorating jobs with potential machine disruptions. In such a case, the job processing times will deteriorate over time and some of the machines may become unavailable for some periods of time due to the potential machine disruptions. The disruption starting time is often known (should it happen) in advance, yet the disruption duration that will last for a certain duration with a certain probability is unknown until it happens. We consider the cases of performing maintenance immediately on the disrupted machines when a disruption occurs and not performing machine maintenance, where performing machine maintenance will improve the efficiency of a machine, making it return to its original state of efficiency. In each case, the objective is to find an optimal schedule to minimize the expected total completion time of the jobs for both the non-resumable and resumable cases. We summarize the major results of this paper in Table 1.

It is worth noting that performing maintenance on the disrupted machines when a disruption occurs will decrease the expected total completion time of the jobs at the expense of the maintenance cost. When this cost is included in the objective function, it is not difficult to make a decision whether or not to perform machine maintenance immediately on the disrupted machines when a disruption occurs by using our algorithms.

For future research, we suggest several interesting topics as follows:

- Ascertain the computational complexity status of the problem  $Pm, 1|r-a, M/NM, DE, PMD| E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$ .
- Design efficient constant ratio approximation algorithms for the problems under consideration.
- Extend our model to the case where the objective is to determine the optimal maintenance starting time and optimal schedule to minimize the expected total completion time of the jobs.

**Table 1**  
Summary of results.

Problem	Complexity	Reference
$P, \iota r/nr-a, M/NM, DE, PDR  E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$	NP-hard in the strong sense	Levin et al. [17]
$Pm, \iota nr-a, M, DE, PDR  E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$	NP-hard in the ordinary sense $O(nr^{2\iota}TP^{m+\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ $O(nr^\iota TP^m)$ : DP if $\zeta_0 = 0$ $O\left(\frac{n^{2m+3}L^{m+1}}{e^{m+1}}\right)$ : FPTAS if $\zeta_0 = 0$ and $\iota = 1$	Lee and Liman [14] Theorem 4.4 Theorem 4.4 Theorem 4.10
$Pm, \iota nr-a, NM, DE, PDR  E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$	NP-hard in the ordinary sense $O(nr^{2\iota}TP^{(s+1)\iota}TP^{m-\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ $O(nr^\iota TP^{s\iota} TP^{m-\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 = 0$ $O\left(\frac{n^{2(s-1)\iota+2m+3}L^{(s-1)\iota+m+1}}{e^{(s-1)\iota+m+1}}\right)$ : FPTAS if $\zeta_0 = 0$ and $\iota = 1$	Lee and Liman [14] Theorem 4.7 Theorem 4.7 Theorem 4.11
$Pm, \iota r-a, M, DE, PDR  E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$	NP-hard in the ordinary sense if $\iota \geq 2$ ; open if $\iota = 1$ $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota}TP^{m+\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ $O(n^{\iota+1}r^\iota TP^m)$ : DP if $\zeta_0 = 0$	Lee and Yu [16] Theorem 5.3 Theorem 5.3
$Pm, \iota r-a, NM, DE, PDR  E(\sum_{j=1}^n C_j)$	NP-hard in the ordinary sense if $\iota \geq 2$ ; open if $\iota = 1$ $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota}TP^{(s+1)\iota}TP^{m-\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 \neq 0$ $O(n^{\iota+1}r^{2\iota}TP^{s\iota}TP^{m-\iota})$ : DP if $\zeta_0 = 0$	Lee and Yu [16] Theorem 5.4 Theorem 5.4

- Extend our model to the case where the disruption starting time is random that follows a given probability distribution.
- Extend our model to different machine environments, e.g., the flow shop.

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**Appendix A**

**Proof of Lemma 4.8.** We prove the lemma by induction on  $j$ . It is clear that the lemma holds for  $j=1$ . As the induction hypothesis, we assume that the lemma holds for any  $j=k-1$ , i.e., for any eliminated state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$ , there exists a state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  such that  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^{k-1}u_2$ ,  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^{k-1}q_1$ , and  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^{k-1}f$ . We show that the lemma holds for  $j=k$ .

Consider an arbitrary state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k)}$ . First, we assume that job  $J_j$  finishes processing no later than  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  in the corresponding partial schedule. Then there must be  $u_1 \leq r$  by the constraint. While implementing algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_e$ , the state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  is constructed from  $((u_1 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a), u_2, q_1, f - u_1) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$ . According to the induction hypothesis, there exists a state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f}) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$  such that  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq (u_1 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a)$ ,  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^{k-1}u_2$ ,  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^{k-1}q_1$ , and  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^{k-1}(f - u_1)$ . Since

$$\tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1) = (\tilde{u}_1(1 + p_j a) + p_j) \leq u_1 \leq r,$$

the state  $(\tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1), \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f} + \tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1))$  is generated during the state generation process. However, this state may be eliminated by another state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  through the elimination rules in algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_e$ . If it is eliminated by  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  through elimination rule (1), we have

- (a)  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq \tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1) \leq u_1$ ,
- (b)  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^k u_2$ ,
- (c)  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^k q_1$ , and
- (d)  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta(\tilde{f} + \tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1)) \leq \delta(\delta^{k-1}(f - u_1) + u_1) \leq \delta\delta^{k-1}(f - u_1 + u_1) = \delta^k f$ .

Otherwise, by the above proof, we have  $\tilde{u}_1 = \tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1) \leq u_1$ ,  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^k u_2$ ,  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^k q_1$ , and  $\tilde{f} \leq \tilde{f} + \tilde{u}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{u}_1) \leq \delta^{k-1}f \leq \delta^k f$ .

It follows that the induction hypothesis holds for  $j=k$  when job  $J_j$  finishes processing no later than  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  in the corresponding partial schedule.

Now, we turn to the case where job  $J_j$  finishes processing after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  in the corresponding partial schedule. While implementing algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_e$ , the state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  is constructed from  $(u_1, u_2, (q_1 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a), f - \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1)) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$ . According to the induction hypothesis, there exists a state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f}) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$  such that  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^{k-1}u_2$ ,  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta^{k-1}(q_1 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a)$ , and  $\tilde{f} \leq \delta^{k-1}(f - \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1))$ . During the state generation process, the state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{q}_1), \tilde{f} + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + \tilde{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{q}_1)))$  is generated. However, this state may be eliminated by another state  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  through the elimination rules in algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_e$ . If it is eliminated by  $(\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{f})$  through elimination rule (1), we have

- (a)  $\tilde{u}_1 \leq \tilde{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,
- (b)  $\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta\tilde{u}_2 \leq \delta^k u_2$ ,
- (c)  $\tilde{q}_1 \leq \delta(\tilde{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{q}_1)) = \delta(p_j + \tilde{q}_1(1 + p_j a)) \leq \delta(p_j + (1 + p_j a)\delta^{k-1}(q_1 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a))$   
 $= \delta(p_j + \delta^{k-1}(q_1 - p_j)) \leq \delta\delta^{k-1}(p_j + (q_1 - p_j)) = \delta^k q_1$ ,

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d) } \tilde{f} &\leq \delta \left( \tilde{f} + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + \tilde{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{q}_1)) \right) \\ &\leq \delta \left( \delta^{k-1} \left( f - \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + \tilde{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\tilde{q}_1)) \right) \\ &\leq \delta \left( \delta^{k-1} \left( f - \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_\gamma(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_{\gamma}(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + \delta^{k-1}q_1) \\
& \leq \delta \left( \delta^{k-1} \left( f - \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_{\gamma}(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1) \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \delta^{k-1} \left( \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_{\gamma}(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + q_1) \right) \right) = \delta^k f.
\end{aligned}$$

Otherwise, by the above proof, we have  $\widetilde{u}_1 = \widehat{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\widetilde{u}_2 \leq \widehat{u}_2 \leq \delta \widehat{u}_2 \leq \delta^k u_2$ ,  $\widetilde{q}_1 \leq \widehat{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{q}_1) \leq \delta(\widehat{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{q}_1)) \leq \delta^k q_1$ , and  $\widetilde{f} \leq \widehat{f} + \sum_{\gamma=1}^s \zeta_{\gamma}(r + \max\{\gamma, \kappa\} + \widehat{q}_1 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{q}_1)) \leq \delta^{k-1} \widehat{f} \leq \delta^k f$ .

It follows that the induction hypothesis holds for  $j=k$  when job  $J_j$  finishes processing after  $r$  on machine  $M_1$  in the corresponding partial schedule.

Finally, we consider the case where job  $J_j$  is scheduled on machine  $M_2$  in the corresponding partial schedule. While implementing algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_{\epsilon}$ , the state  $(u_1, u_2, q_1, f)$  is constructed from  $(u_1, (u_2 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a), q_1, f - u_2) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$ . According to the induction hypothesis, there exists a state  $(\widehat{u}_1, \widehat{u}_2, \widehat{q}_1, \widehat{f}) \in \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}$  such that  $\widehat{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\widehat{u}_2 \leq \delta^{k-1}(u_2 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a)$ ,  $\widehat{q}_1 \leq \delta^{k-1}q_1$ , and  $\widehat{f} \leq \delta^{k-1}(f - u_2)$ . During the state generation process, the state  $(\widetilde{u}_1, \widetilde{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2), \widetilde{q}_1, \widetilde{f} + \widetilde{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2))$  is generated. However, this state may be eliminated by another state  $(\widetilde{u}_1, \widetilde{u}_2, \widetilde{q}_1, \widetilde{f})$  through the elimination rules in algorithm  $NRMDPDAA_{\epsilon}$ . If it is eliminated by  $(\widetilde{u}_1, \widetilde{u}_2, \widetilde{q}_1, \widetilde{f})$  through elimination rule (1), we have

- (a)  $\widetilde{u}_1 \leq \widehat{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,
- (b)  $\widetilde{u}_2 \leq \delta(\widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2)) = \delta(p_j + \widehat{u}_2(1 + p_j a)) \leq \delta(p_j + (1 + p_j a)\delta^{k-1}(u_2 - p_j)/(1 + p_j a))$   
 $= \delta(p_j + \delta^{k-1}(u_2 - p_j)) \leq \delta\delta^{k-1}(p_j + (u_2 - p_j)) = \delta^k u_2$ ,
- (c)  $\widetilde{q}_1 \leq \delta\widehat{q}_1 \leq \delta\delta^{k-1}q_1 = \delta^k q_1$ , and
- (d)  $\widetilde{f} \leq \delta(\widehat{f} + \widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2))$   
 $\leq \delta(\delta^{k-1}(f - u_2) + \widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2))$   
 $\leq \delta(\delta^{k-1}(f - u_2) + \delta^{k-1}u_2) = \delta^k f$ .

Otherwise, by the above proof, we have  $\widetilde{u}_1 = \widehat{u}_1 \leq u_1$ ,  $\widetilde{u}_2 \leq \widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2) \leq \delta(\widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2)) \leq \delta^k u_2$ ,  $\widetilde{q}_1 \leq \widehat{q}_1 \leq \delta\widehat{q}_1 \leq \delta^k q_1$ , and  $\widetilde{f} \leq \widehat{f} + \widehat{u}_2 + p_j(1 + a\widehat{u}_2) \leq \delta^{k-1} \widehat{f} \leq \delta^k f$ .

It follows that the induction hypothesis holds for  $j=k$  when job  $J_j$  is scheduled on machine  $M_2$  in the corresponding partial schedule. Thus, the induction hypothesis holds in each case and the result follows.  $\square$

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