

# No-Wait Flowshop Permutation Scheduling Problem: Fire Hawk Optimizer Vs Beluga Whale Optimization Algorithm

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**Abstract.** *No-Wait Flowshop Permutation Scheduling Problem (NWPFSPP) is a scheduling problem that states that every job completed on machine  $n$  must be processed immediately on the next machine. The NWPFSPP problem is an extension of the flowshop problem. This article proposes two new algorithms fire hawk optimization and beluga whale optimization, to solve the NWPFSPP problem and minimize makespan. The two new algorithms developed to solve the NWPFSPP problem are tested on three different cases. Each algorithm was run 30 times and was compared using an independent sample  $t$ -test. The results were also compared with the Campbell Dudek Smtih algorithm. In addition, the effectiveness of the FHO and BWO algorithms was assessed against the CDS algorithm using the Relative Error Percentage (REP) method. The results show that the FHO and BWO algorithms are better at solving NWPFSPP problems when compared to the CDS algorithm. However, the BWO algorithm is more recommended in cases with large data because it can provide better results.*

**Keywords:** *Fire hawk optimizer, Beluga Whale Optimization, No-Wait Flowshop, Scheduling*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Production scheduling is one of the important stages before the start of production activities to complete jobs effectively and efficiently. Product completion time must be taken into account by the company. Production delays can cause losses to the company because it can reduce customer confidence in the company. (Nadia, Dewi, & Sianto, 2017; Michael L. Pinedo, 2012). The objectives of scheduling include increasing productivity and reducing idle, reducing production process time, reducing customer waiting time, and reducing energy consumption (Baker & Trietsch, 2009, 2013). A common problem in production is the inaccuracy in order delivery due to non-optimal production schedules. The company needs to estimate how long it will take to complete the order or when it will be ready to be shipped to the customer (Hernanda & Hariastuti). In addition, scheduling

problems are also caused by limited facilities and the number of machines, which results in jobs experiencing queues when they are processed because the machines are busy (Baker & Trietsch, 2013; M. L. Pinedo, 2016).

Flowshop scheduling problems naturally arise in many conditions, as there are many practical and essential applications for jobs to be processed sequentially with more than one processing stage in the industry. (Firmansyah, Utomo, & Irawan, 2016; Grabowski & Pempera, 2005). In many flowshop scheduling, there is a constraint that once the processing of a job starts, the subsequent processing must be done without any delay in the machining process from machine to machine. If necessary, the start of job processing is delayed on the first machine so that the job does not have to wait for processing on the next machine. Such a flowshop can be referred to as a 'no-wait flowshop (Rajendran, 1994; Ye, Li, & Miao, 2016). Many industries use no-wait flowshop scheduling systems to perform scheduling systems on production processes, such as the chemical industry (Raaymakers & Hoogeveen, 2000; Rajendran, 1994), steel and aluminum production (Wisner, 1972), plastic molding (Ding, Song, Zhang, Gupta, & Wu, 2015), pharmaceutical industry (Raaymakers & Hoogeveen, 2000) and many more industries that use this system. (Ye et al., 2016). Thus, this flowshop scheduling problem is interesting to be

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studied further, especially the no-wait permutation flowshop scheduling problem (NWPFSFSP).

There are many kinds of research focusing on NWPFSFSP. Bertolissi (2000) proposed a Heuristic algorithm for scheduling in the no wait flowshop. Rajendran (1994) proposed A No-wait Flowshop Scheduling Heuristic to minimize the makespan value. Nailwal, Gupta, and Jeet (2016) also proposed A heuristic for no-wait flow shop scheduling. In addition, some studies take an approach by applying new algorithms to solve the NWPFSFSP problem. Pan, Wang, and Zhao (2008) proposed An improved iterated greedy algorithm Pan, Wang, and Qian (2009) with A novel differential evolution. Engin and Güçlü (2018) with A new hybrid ant colony optimization algorithm.

Although many studies have been proposed related to NWPFSFSP, only a few use the latest algorithms to solve NWPFSFSP. Studies that have used metaheuristic algorithms to solve NWPFSFSP are Pan et al. (2008), Engin and Güçlü (2018), and Pan et al. (2009). Unfortunately, these studies did not focus on makespan minimization. Since there are few studies, this research proposes Fire Hawk Optimizer (FHO) and Beluga Whale Optimization (BWO) algorithms for makespan minimization in NWPFSFSP. The FHO algorithm is a new algorithm that mimics the behavior of a Hawk in searching for its prey, proposed by Azizi, Talatahari, and Gandomi (2022). Likewise, BWO, an algorithm that mimics the behavior of beluga whales in nature proposed by Zhong, Li, and Meng (2022). FHO has been used in various studies, such as in BIM-Based Resource Tradeoff in Project Scheduling Using Fire Hawk Optimizer (FHO). Shishehgharkhaneh, Azizi, Basiri, and Moehler (2022). However, the BWO algorithm has never been proposed for NWPFSFSP problem solving.

Based on these reasons, we conclude that the NWPFSFSP problem in makespan minimization needs further investigation using new advanced algorithms. FHO and BWO algorithms were chosen because they are new and have never been applied or tested in solving NWPFSFSP problems focusing on makespan minimization. Therefore, this study's Research Goals (GR) are as follows: (RG 1). Developing the latest algorithms,

namely FHO and BWO in solving NWPFSFSP problems with the goal of makespan minimization; (RG 2). Analyzing the effectiveness of using FHO and BWO algorithms in NWPFSFSP with the goal of makespan minimization. Based on the RGs, it is clear that this research contributes to science by providing a new reference or alternative solution in solving NWPFSFSP that focuses on makespan minimization. Furthermore, this research also encourages researchers and practitioners to expand their research scope in similar areas.

The structure of this article is described as follows: Section 1 is the background of this research. The method and proposed algorithm are presented in section 2. Section 3 will present the research data and the results of the research that has been carried out. Finally, section 5 presents the conclusions obtained from the research results.

## II. RESEARCH METHOD

This section describes the notation and mathematical model of the NWPFSFSP problem. Figures 1 and 2 show differences related to the permutation flowshop scheduling problem (PFSP) and NWPFSFSP. PFSSP is a generalization of the flowshop scheduling problem (FSP) in which jobs are allowed and processed in the same job order on all machines to minimize the amount of completion time (Iqbal, 2014). NWPFSFSP is a case where  $n$  jobs are processed in the same order on  $m$  machines, and no job is allowed to wait between consecutive operations until the entire process is completed. Thus, the start of a job on the first machine may be delayed to satisfy the no-wait constraint. (Guevara-Guevara, Gómez-Fuentes, Posos-Rodríguez, Remolina-Gómez, & González-Neira, 2022)

The difference between FSSP and NWPFSFSP in Figures 1 and 2, illustrated by Makuchowski (2015).

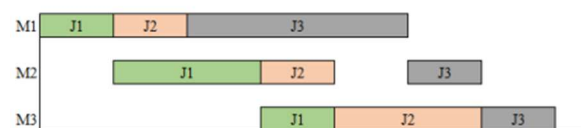


Figure 1. Permutation Flowshop

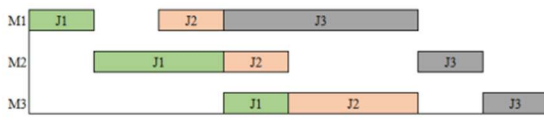


Figure 2. No-wait Permutation Flowshop

### Notations and Formulation of Mathematical models

The problem in this case has the following assumptions: (1) sequential jobs or no pre-emption; (2) all jobs and machines are ready at time  $t=0$ ; (3) machines are ready to use or in prime condition; (4) each machine only performs one task at a time; (5) the next task can be done if the machine has completed the previous task; (6) setup and removal times are included in the processing time.

Notations and mathematical models in solving NWPFS to minimize makespan are as follows (Ye et al., 2016):

- $\pi$  Sequence for  $n$  jobs,  $\pi = [J_1, J_2, \dots, J_{j-1}, \dots, J_n]$ ;
- $n$  Number of jobs;
- $m$  Number of machines;
- $P_{j,i}$  Process time for job  $j$  on machine  $i$ , where  $j=1, \dots, n$  and  $i=1, \dots, m$ ;
- $ST_{j,i}$  start time of job  $j$  on machine  $i$ ;
- $CT_{j,i}$  job completion time for job  $j$  on machine  $i$ ;
- $d_{j-1,j}^i$  The potential distance between the job completion time of job  $j-1$  and the job start time of job  $j$  on machine  $i$ ;
- $D_{j-1,j}$  the distance between the completion times of two adjacent jobs on the last machine.

$$ST_{j,1} = CT_{j-1,m} \text{ where } j = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

$$ST_{j,1} = ST_{j-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} P_{j,k} \text{ where } j = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2)$$

$$CT_{j,1} = CT_{j,m} - \sum_{k=i+1}^m P_{j,k} \text{ where } j = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (3)$$

$$d_{j-1,j}^i = ST_{j,i} - CT_{j-1,i} = ST_{j,1} - CT_{j-1,m} + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} P_{j,k} + \sum_{k=i+1}^m P_{j-1,k} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} P_{j,k} + \sum_{k=i+1}^m P_{j-1,k} \quad (4)$$

$$D_{j-1,j} = \sum_{k=1}^m P_{j,k} - \min d_{j-1,j}^i = \sum_{k=1}^m P_{j,k} - \min_{\{i\}} (\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} P_{j,k} + \sum_{k=1}^m P_{j-1,k}) = \max_{\{i\}} (\sum_{k=i}^m P_{j,k} + \sum_{k=i+1}^m P_{j-1,k}) \quad (5)$$

The formula in equation (1) assumes that the start time of job  $j$  on the last machine is the same as the finish time of job  $j-1$  on the previous machine. Since there is no waiting time on each machine for each job, the starting time of job  $j$  on machine  $i$  and the finishing time of job  $j-1$  on machine  $i$  are formulated in equations 2 and 3. The distance between the starting time of job  $j$  and the finishing time of job  $j-1$  is formulated in equation (4). The potential distance between the starting time on job  $j$  and the completion time on job  $j-1$  can be reduced by shifting job  $j$  to the left, which can be formulated in equation (5).

So that to find the completion time or makespan value can be formulated in equation (6):

$$C_{\max}(\pi) = \sum_{i=1}^m P_{1,i} + \sum_{j=2}^n D_{j-1,j} \quad (6)$$

### Proposed Algorithm

This section will explain the proposed FHO and BWO procedures in solving the makespan minimization problem in the NWPFS case.

### Fire Hawk Optimizer

FHO is one of the new metaheuristic algorithms proposed by Azizi et al. (2022). Hawks' behavior inspires this algorithm to hunt prey by spreading fire in the hunting area. The Hawk will take a burning stick and drop it in another unburned place to start a small fire. This small fire scares the prey and forces them to flee hastily and nervously so that the Hawk can catch them more easily. This research will solve the makespan minimization problem in the NWPFS case using FHO.

The first stage of Fire Hawk Optimizer is initialization. Several candidate solutions ( $X$ ) are initially defined as the position vectors of the Fire Hawk and its prey. A random initialization process is used to identify the initial positions of these vectors in space. The formulation of the position vectors is as in equations 7 and 8.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_i \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1^1 X_1^2 \dots X_1^j \dots X_1^d \\ X_2^1 X_2^2 \dots X_2^j \dots X_2^d \\ \vdots \vdots \vdots \\ X_i^1 X_i^2 \dots X_i^j \dots X_i^d \\ \vdots \vdots \vdots \\ X_N^1 X_N^2 \dots X_N^j \dots X_N^d \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$X_i^j(0) = X_{i,\min}^j + \text{rand.} (X_{i,\max}^j - X_{i,\min}^j), \begin{cases} i = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, d \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Where d represents the dimension of the problem under consideration; then  $X_i$  represents the i-th solution candidate in the search space; N is the total number of solution candidates in the search space;  $X_i^j(0)$  represents the initial position of the solution candidate;  $X_i^j$  is the j-th decision variable of the i-th solution candidate;  $X_i^j \min$  and  $X_i^j \max$  are the minimum and maximum limits of the j-th decision variable for the i-th solution candidate; and rand is a uniformly distributed random number in the range [0,1].

Next is to determine the location of the Fire Hawk in the area by evaluating the objective function for the candidate solution considering the selected optimization problem formulated in equations 9 and 10. Where  $F_1^H$  is the 1-th Fire Hawk considering the total number of n Fire Hawks in the search space, and  $P_k^R$  is the k-th prey in the search space considering the total number of m prey.

$$PR = \begin{bmatrix} PR_1 \\ PR_2 \\ \vdots \\ PR_k \\ \vdots \\ PR_m \end{bmatrix}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad (9)$$

$$FH = \begin{bmatrix} PH_1 \\ PH_2 \\ \vdots \\ PH_k \\ \vdots \\ PH_n \end{bmatrix}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (10)$$

The next phase calculates the distance between the Fire Hawk and the intended prey. The calculation of the total distance between the Fire Hawk and the intended prey is formulated in equation 11.

$$D_k^l = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}, \begin{cases} l = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ k = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Where  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  represent the coordinates of the Fire Hawk and prey in the search space; m is the total number of prey in the search space; n is the total number of Fire Hawks in the search space; and  $D_k^l$  is the total distance between the 1st Fire Hawk and the k-th prey. In the next phase of the algorithm is the position update procedure in the main search loop of FHO, as shown in equation 12.

$$FH_I^{\text{new}} = FH_I + (r_1 \times GB - r_2 FH_{\text{near}}), I = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (12)$$

Where  $FH_I^{\text{new}}$  is the new position vector of the 1-th Fire Hawk (FH<sub>I</sub>); GB is the global best solution in the search space considered as the main fire;  $FH_{\text{near}}$  is one of the other Fire Hawk in the search space; and r1 and r2 are uniformly distributed random numbers in the range of (0,1) to determine the Fire Hawk movement towards the main fire and the other Fire Hawk territory.

In the next phase of the algorithm, the movement of prey within each Fire Hawk territory is considered a key aspect of animal behavior for the position update process. This action can be considered in the position update process using equation 13.

$$PR_q^{\text{new}} = PR_q + (r_3 \times FH_1 - r_4 \times SP_l), \begin{cases} l = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ q = 1, 2, \dots, r. \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Where  $SP_l$  is the safe place under the lth Fire Hawk territory; r3 and r4 are uniformly distributed random numbers in the range of (0, 1) to determine the prey's movement towards the Fire Hawk and the safe place. While  $PR_q^{\text{new}}$  is the new position vector of the q-th prey ( $PR_q$ ) surrounded by the 1-th Fire Hawk ( $FH_1$ ); GB is the best solution in the search space which is considered as the main fire.

In addition, the prey can move toward another Fire Hawk territory, and it is possible that the prey

**Figure 3.** Fire Hawk Optimizer

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procedure Fire Hawk Optimizer (FHO)
    Determine initial positions of solution candidates (Xi) in the search space with N candidates
    Apply LRV
    Evaluate fitness values for initial solution candidates
    Determine the Global Best (GB) solution as the main fire
    while Iteration < Maximum number of iterations
        Generate n as a random integer number for determining the number of Fire Hawks
        Determine Fire Hawks (FH) and Preys (PR) in the search space
        Calculate the total distance between the Fire Hawks and the preys
        Determine the territory of the Fire Hawks by dispersing the preys
        for I=1:n
            Determine the new position of the Fire Hawks by Eq. 12.
            for q=1:r
                Calculate the safe place under Ith Fire Hawk territory by Eq. 15.
                Determine the new position of the preys by Eq. 13.
                Calculate the safe place outside the Ith Fire Hawk territory by Eq. 16.
                Determine the new position of the preys by Eq. 14.
            end
        end
        Apply LRV
        Evaluate fitness values for the newly created Fire Hawks and preys
        Determine the Global Best (GB) solution as the main fire
    end while
    return GB
end procedure

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can get closer to the Fire Hawk near the ambush or even try to hide in a safer place outside the Fire Hawk territory where they are trapped. These actions can be considered in the position update process using equation 14.

$$PR_q^{new} = PR_q + (r_5 \times FH_{Alter} - r_6 \times SP), \begin{cases} I = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ q = 1, 2, \dots, r. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Where  $FH_{Alter}$  is one of the other Fire Hawks in the search space;  $PR_q^{new}$  is the new position vector of the q-th prey ( $PR_q$ ) surrounded by the 1-th Fire Hawk ( $FH_1$ );  $SP$  is a safe place outside the territory of the Ith Fire Hawk;  $r_5$  and  $r_6$  are uniformly distributed random numbers in the range of (0,1) to determine the movement of prey towards other Fire Hawks and safe places outside the territory.

Based on the fact that safe havens in nature are places where most animals congregate to stay safe and healthy during danger, the mathematical presentation of  $SPI$  and  $SP$  are formulated in equations 15 and 16.

$$SP_I = \frac{\sum_{q=1}^r PR_q}{r}, \begin{cases} q = 1, 2, \dots, r. \\ I = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

$$SP = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^m PR_k}{m}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (16)$$

$PR_q$  is the qth prey surrounded by the Ith Fire Hawk ( $FH_I$ );  $PR_k$  is the kth prey in the search space.

### Beluga Whale Optimization

The BWO algorithm is inspired by the behavior of beluga whales during beluga whale swimming, preying, and whale fall proposed by Zhong et al. (2022). This research will solve the makespan minimization problem in the NWPFSPP case with

**Figure 4.** The pseudo code of BWO algorithm

**Algorithm :** The pseudo code of BWO algorithm

**Input:** Algorithmic parameters (population size, maximum iteration)

**Output:** The best solution

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1: Initialize the population, Apply LRV, and evaluate fitness values, obtain the best solution (P*)
2: While  $T \leq T_{max}$  Do
3:   Obtain probability of whale fall  $Wf$  by Eq. (26) and balance factor  $Bf$  by Eq. (19)
4:   For each beluga whale ( $X_i$ ) Do
5:     If  $Bf(i) > 0.5$ 
6:       // In the exploration phase
7:       Generate  $p_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) randomly from dimension
8:       Choose a beluga whale  $X_r$  randomly
9:       Update new position of  $i$ -th beluga whale using Eq. (20)
10:    Else If  $Bf(i) \leq 0.5$ 
11:      // In the exploitation phase
12:      Update the random jump strength  $C1$  and calculate the Levy flight function
13:      Update new position of  $i$ -th beluga whale using Eq. (21)
14:    End If
15:    Check the boundaries of new positions, Apply LRV, and evaluate the fitness values
16:  End For
17:  For each beluga whale ( $X_i$ ) Do
18:    // the whale fall phase
19:    If  $Bf(i) \leq Wf$ 
20:      Update the step factor  $C2$ 
21:      Calculate the step size  $X_{step}$ 
22:      Update new position of  $i$ -th beluga whale using Eq. (24)
23:      Check the boundaries of new position, Apply LRV, and calculate fitness value
24:    End If
25:  End For
26:  Find the current best solution  $P^*$ 
27:   $T = T + 1$ 
28: End While
29: Output the best solution

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three stages in BWO. The stages in BWO are described as follows: (1) Initiation Phase, (2) Exploration Phase, and (3) Whale Fall.

Since BWO is population-based, beluga whales are considered search agents, and each is also considered a candidate solution. So the position matrix is modeled in equation 17.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \dots & x_{1,d} \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & \dots & x_{2,d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{n,1} & x_{n,2} & \dots & x_{n,d} \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

Where n is the population size of beluga whales, d represents the dimension of the design variable. The corresponding fitness values are modeled for all beluga whales in equation 18.

$$f_x = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, \dots, x_{1,d}) \\ f(x_{2,1}, x_{2,2}, \dots, x_{2,d}) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{n,1}, x_{n,2}, \dots, x_{n,d}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

The algorithm can change from exploration to exploitation depending on the equilibrium factor  $B_f$  modeled by equation 19.

$$B_f = B_0(1 - \frac{T}{2T_{max}}) \quad (19)$$

Where  $B_0$  changes randomly between (0,1) at each iteration, T is the current iteration, and Tmax is the maximum number of iterations,. The exploration stage occurs when the equilibrium factor  $B_f > 0.5$  while the exploitation stage occurs when  $B_f = 0.5$ . As the iteration T increases, the fluctuation range of  $B_f$  decreases from (0, 1) to (0, 0.5), illustrating a significant change in probability for the exploitation and exploration phases, while the probability of the exploitation phase increases as the iteration T increases.

### Exploration Phase

In the exploration phase, BWO is performed by considering the swimming behavior of beluga whales. Therefore, the position of the search agent is determined by the swimming pair of the beluga whale, and the position of the beluga whale is updated by modeling in equation 20.

$$\begin{cases} X_{1,j}^{T+1} = X_{1,p}^T + (X_{r,p1}^T + X_{1,pj}^T)(1 + r_1) \sin(2\pi r_2), & j = \text{even} \\ X_{1,j}^{T+1} = X_{1,p}^T + (X_{r,p1}^T + X_{1,pj}^T)(1 + r_1) \cos(2\pi r_2), & j = \text{odd} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Where T is the current iteration,  $X_{1,pj}^T$  is the position of the i-th beluga whale at dimension pj,  $X_{1,j}^{T+1}$  is the new position of the i-th beluga whale at dimension j, pj (j = 1, 2, ... , d) is a random number selected from the d-dimension,  $X_{1,pj}^T$  and  $X_{r,p1}^T$  are the current positions for the i-th and r-th beluga whales (r is a randomly selected beluga whale), r1 and r2 are random numbers between (0, 1), sin (2πr2) and cos (2πr2) means the beluga whale fins are mirrored towards the surface. Based on the dimensions chosen by the odd and even numbers, the updated position reflects synchronous behavior when swimming or diving. Two random numbers r1 and r2 are used to enhance the random operator in the exploration phase.

### Exploitation Phase

The preying behavior of beluga whales inspires BWO's exploitation phase. Beluga whales can cooperatively forage and move according to the location of nearby beluga whales. Therefore,

beluga whales prey by sharing position information, considering the best candidate and others. This phase also uses the Levy Flight strategy (Mantegna, 1994) to improve convergence. Mathematical modeling in the exploitation phase is formulated in equation 21.

$$X_i^{T+1} = r_3 X_{best}^T - r_4 X_i^T + C_1 \times L_F \times (X_r^T - X_i^T) \quad (21)$$

Where T is the current iteration,  $X_r^T$  and  $X_i^T$  are the current positions for the i-th beluga whale and the random beluga whale, X is the position of the new position of the i-th beluga whale,  $X_{best}^T$  is the best position among the beluga whales, r3 and r4 are random numbers between (0,1),  $C_1 = 2r4(1-T/Tmax)$  is the random jump strength that measures the intensity of Levy Flight.

$L_F$  is the Levy Flight function (Mantegna, 1994) formulated by the mathematical model in equations 22 and 23.

$$L_F = 0,05 \times \frac{\mu \times \sigma}{|v|^{1/\beta}} \quad (22)$$

$$\sigma = \left( \frac{\Gamma(1+\beta) \times \sin(\frac{\pi\beta}{2})}{\Gamma((1+\frac{\beta}{2}) \times \beta \times 2^{(\beta-1)/2})} \right)^{1/\beta} \quad (23)$$

Where u and v are normally distributed random numbers, β is a default constant equal to 1.5.

### Whale Fall

The Whale Fall phase is an inspired phase when beluga whales die. During migration and foraging, beluga whales are threatened by killer whales, polar bears, and humans. Most beluga whales are intelligent and can escape threats by sharing information. However, many beluga whales do not survive and fall to the bottom of the deep sea. This phenomenon, called "whale fall", feeds many creatures.

To ensure the sum of the population size is constant, the position of the beluga whales and the size of the Whale Fall step are used to establish the latest position. The mathematical model is expressed in equation 24.

$$X_i^{T+1} = r_5 X_i^T - r_6 X_r^T + r_7 X_{step} \quad (24)$$

$X_{step}$  is the Whale Fall step size modeled in equation 25. While  $r_5$ ,  $r_6$ , and  $r_7$  represent random numbers between (0.1).

$$X_{step} = (\mu_b - 1_b) \exp(\frac{-C_2 T}{T_{max}}) \quad (25)$$

ub and lb are the upper and lower limits of the variable, respectively. The variable C2 is a step factor related to the probability of whale fall and population size ( $C2=2Wf \times n$ ). The step size is affected by the boundaries of the design variables, iterations and the maximum iterative number. The probability of Whale Fall ( $W_f$ ) can be calculated as a linear function in equation 26.

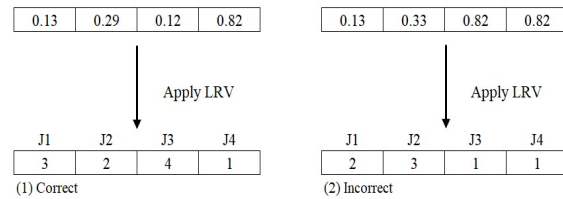
$$W_f = 0.1 - 0.05T/T_{max} \tag{26}$$

The probability of Whale Fall decreases from 0.1 at the beginning of the iteration to 0.05 at the last iteration, indicating that as the beluga whale gets closer to the food source during the optimization process, the danger of the beluga whale decreases.

**Largest Rank Value**

According to research by Li and Yin (2013) LRV is an effective way of mapping job permutations. Where the first largest value is selected as the first order of job permutation. After that, select the second largest value as the second order in the work. This experiment will apply LRV in sorting FHO and BWO positions in determining a job sequence. An illustration of the use of LRV is shown in Figure 5, which refers to

research conducted by D. M. Utama.



**Figure 5.** Largest Rank Value

**Experimental data and procedures**

The first research data use the data in table 1 published by Nailwal et al. (2016) with a problem of 5 jobs with 3 machines, referred to as Case 1 and belongs to the small data category. The second research data use Table 2 published by Carlier (1978) Car 06 with a problem of 8 jobs with 9 machines called Case 2 and belongs to the medium data category. The third research data use data in table 3 published by Reeves (1995) Rec 09 with a problem of 20 jobs with 10 machines called Case 3 and belongs to the big data category.

**III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**Algorithm Test Results**

**Table 1.** Reasearch data case 1

| Job | Machine   |           |           |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|     | Machine 1 | Machine 2 | Machine 3 |
| 1   | 3         | 2         | 4         |
| 2   | 4         | 5         | 3         |
| 3   | 1         | 4         | 5         |
| 4   | 1         | 3         | 2         |
| 5   | 4         | 3         | 7         |

**Table 2.** Reasearch data case 2

| Job | Machine |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     | 1       | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 1   | 887     | 447 | 234 | 159 | 201 | 555 | 463 | 456 | 753 |
| 2   | 799     | 779 | 567 | 267 | 478 | 444 | 123 | 789 | 21  |
| 3   | 999     | 999 | 852 | 483 | 520 | 120 | 456 | 630 | 427 |
| 4   | 666     | 666 | 140 | 753 | 145 | 142 | 789 | 258 | 520 |
| 5   | 663     | 25  | 222 | 420 | 699 | 578 | 876 | 741 | 142 |
| 6   | 333     | 558 | 558 | 159 | 875 | 965 | 543 | 36  | 534 |
| 7   | 222     | 886 | 965 | 25  | 633 | 412 | 210 | 985 | 157 |
| 8   | 114     | 541 | 412 | 863 | 222 | 25  | 123 | 214 | 896 |



**Table 3.** Reasearch data case

| job | Machine |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|     | 1       | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 1   | 77      | 95 | 41 | 97 | 47 | 45 | 10 | 41 | 72 | 8  |
| 2   | 99      | 28 | 42 | 4  | 7  | 30 | 65 | 45 | 51 | 94 |
| 3   | 74      | 25 | 92 | 29 | 4  | 21 | 47 | 36 | 61 | 9  |
| 4   | 4       | 21 | 40 | 80 | 66 | 85 | 1  | 33 | 1  | 4  |
| 5   | 49      | 95 | 96 | 74 | 96 | 63 | 59 | 84 | 70 | 29 |
| 6   | 53      | 59 | 75 | 19 | 13 | 50 | 82 | 60 | 9  | 13 |
| 7   | 88      | 47 | 28 | 11 | 86 | 90 | 93 | 38 | 33 | 59 |
| 8   | 92      | 99 | 84 | 13 | 73 | 55 | 19 | 93 | 74 | 25 |
| 9   | 2       | 49 | 86 | 46 | 58 | 42 | 24 | 79 | 12 | 17 |
| 10  | 97      | 18 | 28 | 77 | 92 | 54 | 49 | 24 | 19 | 71 |
| 11  | 28      | 93 | 93 | 7  | 25 | 89 | 49 | 11 | 93 | 45 |
| 12  | 64      | 22 | 91 | 56 | 46 | 27 | 32 | 70 | 94 | 5  |
| 13  | 25      | 96 | 98 | 51 | 21 | 20 | 93 | 64 | 86 | 11 |
| 14  | 19      | 41 | 87 | 15 | 31 | 78 | 54 | 74 | 71 | 6  |
| 15  | 81      | 1  | 74 | 56 | 8  | 55 | 3  | 92 | 28 | 5  |
| 16  | 9       | 29 | 49 | 48 | 72 | 38 | 26 | 3  | 49 | 80 |
| 17  | 5       | 74 | 19 | 27 | 71 | 35 | 52 | 76 | 79 | 47 |
| 18  | 8       | 66 | 40 | 71 | 17 | 61 | 84 | 49 | 52 | 56 |
| 19  | 34      | 7  | 58 | 94 | 22 | 27 | 40 | 19 | 26 | 77 |
| 20  | 13      | 56 | 45 | 27 | 40 | 26 | 90 | 28 | 27 | 88 |

This section describe and explain the results of the study by considering the effect of different population numbers and the number of iterations on Makespan. In addition, this section will compare the effectiveness of the FHO algorithm with the CDS algorithm shown in tables 4 and 5 in determining the makespan value.

**Table. 4** Makespan calculation results with CDS method

| Reaserach data | Number of Machines and Jobs | Makespan |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Case 1         | 5 job and 3 machine         | 30       |
| Case 2         | 8 job and 9 machine         | 12334    |
| Case 3         | 20 job and 10 machine       | 2628     |

The test results in Table 4 and Table 5 show that the FHO and BWO algorithms get a better makespan value when compared to the CDS algorithm. In addition, after testing, it is known that the number of populations and the number

of iterations will affect the calculation results of the FHO and BWO algorithms. The higher the population and iterations used, the better the makespan results will be compared to the population size and the small number of iterations, especially if the data tested is large data.

**Comparison of Algoritma Testing Results**

This section describes the results of testing the FHO and BWO algorithms and the results of the independent sample t-test.

After testing the data 30 times in Table 6, the independent sample t-test was continued. According to McMillan and Schumacher (2010) the independent sample t-test is an inferential statistical procedure to determine the possibility of rejecting the null hypothesis that the two results are the same. So, in this study, the independent sample t-test test was used to

**Table 5.** Makespan calculation results with FHO and BWO algorithm

| Reaserach data | Number of Machines and Jobs | Iteration             | Population | Makespan FHO        | Makespan BWO |      |      |      |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|------|------|------|
| Case 1         | 5 job and 3 machine         | 100                   | 100        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 300        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 500        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 300        | 100                 | 25           | 25   |      |      |
|                |                             |                       |            | 300                 | 25           | 25   |      |      |
|                |                             |                       |            | 500                 | 25           | 25   |      |      |
|                |                             | 500                   | 100        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 300        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 500        | 25                  | 25           |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | Case 2     | 8 job and 9 machine | 100          | 100  | 9690 | 9690 |
|                |                             |                       |            |                     |              | 300  | 9690 | 9690 |
|                |                             |                       |            |                     |              | 500  | 9690 | 9690 |
| 300            | 100                         | 9690                  |            |                     |              | 9690 |      |      |
|                | 300                         | 9690                  |            |                     |              | 9690 |      |      |
|                | 500                         | 9690                  |            |                     |              | 9690 |      |      |
| 500            | 100                         | 9690                  |            |                     | 9690         |      |      |      |
|                | 300                         | 9690                  |            |                     | 9690         |      |      |      |
|                | 500                         | 9690                  |            |                     | 9690         |      |      |      |
|                | Case 3                      | 20 job and 10 machine |            |                     | 100          | 100  | 2137 | 2128 |
|                |                             |                       |            |                     |              | 300  | 2137 | 2100 |
|                |                             |                       |            |                     |              | 500  | 2101 | 2063 |
| 300            |                             |                       | 100        | 2099                |              | 2132 |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 300        | 2091                |              | 2058 |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 500        | 2084                |              | 2047 |      |      |
| 500            |                             |                       | 100        | 2103                | 2094         |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 300        | 2071                | 2051         |      |      |      |
|                |                             |                       | 500        | 2071                | 2047         |      |      |      |

determine whether there was a difference between the FHO and BWO test results. In addition, it aims to find out which one is more effective in solving NWPFSF in reducing makespan. The results of the independent sample t-test are shown in Table 7.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this study, researchers proposed the FHO and BWO algorithms to minimize makespan in the No-Wait Flowshop Scheduling Problem. Test results show where the FHO and BWO algorithms are better when compared to the CDS algorithm.

The FHO and BWO algorithms, when used in small data case studies, provide the same makespan value, so the FHO and BWO algorithms are recommended for use in solving NWPFSF. However, the test results on big data case studies are different. The results of the analysis on the independent sample t-test test show that the two algorithms have different results. In this test, the mean result of the BWO algorithm is lower than the FHO, so it can be concluded that BWO is more recommended in solving NWPFSF in large data case studies. In addition, the test results analysis shows that the number of populations

**Table 6.** FHO and BWO test result

| Replications | Case 1 |     | Case 2 |      | Case 3 |      |
|--------------|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|------|
|              | FHO    | BWO | FHO    | BWO  | FHO    | BWO  |
| 1            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2122   | 2057 |
| 2            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2116   | 2174 |
| 3            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2122   | 2056 |
| 4            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2153   | 2135 |
| 5            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2104   | 2133 |
| 6            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2105   | 2079 |
| 7            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2155   | 2088 |
| 8            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2157   | 2082 |
| 9            | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2148   | 2090 |
| 10           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2123   | 2126 |
| 11           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2135   | 2075 |
| 12           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2153   | 2101 |
| 13           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2159   | 2086 |
| 14           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2154   | 2143 |
| 15           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2152   | 2081 |
| 16           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2117   | 2079 |
| 17           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2147   | 2075 |
| 18           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2112   | 2055 |
| 19           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2112   | 2108 |
| 20           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2120   | 2091 |
| 21           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2122   | 2083 |
| 22           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2109   | 2094 |
| 23           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2136   | 2084 |
| 24           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2121   | 2101 |
| 25           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2103   | 2047 |
| 26           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2149   | 2053 |
| 27           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2123   | 2090 |
| 28           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2126   | 2105 |
| 29           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2122   | 2088 |
| 30           | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2071   | 2082 |

**Table 7.** independent sample t-test result

|                    | Case 1 |     | Case 2 |      | Case 3    |           |
|--------------------|--------|-----|--------|------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | FHO    | BWO | FHO    | BWO  | FHO       | BWO       |
| Mean               | 25     | 25  | 9690   | 9690 | 2128,2667 | 2091,3667 |
| Standard Deviation | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0    | 20,98757  | 28,45745  |
| t                  |        | -   |        | -    |           | 5,716     |
| Sig. (2-tailed)    |        | -   |        | -    |           | 0         |

and the number of iterations tested will affect the calculation results, especially on big data. The greater the number of populations and iterations, the smaller the makespan results. Suggestions for future research are to compare with other

algorithms and provide different approaches or goals in using the FHO and BWO algorithms.

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