

## Automated Disassembly Sequence Prediction for Industry 4.0 Using Enhanced Genetic Algorithm

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**Abstract:** The evolution of Industry 4.0 made it essential to adopt the Internet of Things (IoT) and Cloud Computing (CC) technologies to perform activities in the new age of manufacturing. These technologies enable collecting, storing, and retrieving essential information from the manufacturing stage. Data collected at sites are shared with others where execution automatically occurs. The obtained information must be validated at manufacturing to avoid undesirable data losses during the de-manufacturing process. However, information sharing from the assembly level at the manufacturing stage to disassembly at the product end-of-life state is a major concern. The current research validates the information optimally to offer a minimum set of activities to complete the disassembly process. An optimal disassembly sequence plan (DSP) can possess valid information to organize the necessary actions in manufacturing. However, finding an optimal DSP is complex because of its combinatorial nature. The genetic algorithm (GA) is a widely preferred artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm to obtain a near-optimal solution for the DSP problem. The converging nature at local optima is a limitation in the traditional GA. This study improvised the GA workability by integrating with the proposed priori crossover operator. An optimality function is defined to reduce disassembly effort by considering directional changes as parameters. The enhanced GA method is tested on a real-time product to evaluate the performance. The obtained results reveal that diversity control depends on the operators employed in the disassembly attributes. The proposed method's solution can be stored in the cloud and shared through IoT devices for effective resource allocation and disassembly for maximum recovery of the product. The effectiveness of the proposed enhanced GA method is determined by



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making a comparative assessment with traditional GA and other AI methods at different population sizes.

**Keywords:** Automation; internet of things; disassembly sequence planning; priori cross over operator; enhanced GA; disassembly predicates

## 1 Introduction

Industries are experiencing a paradigmatic shift from global manufacturing to agile manufacturing to achieve product variety in limited quantities according to customer desire [1]. Carlsson et al. studied various manufacturing practices and opined that agile manufacturing can fulfill customer desire completely, but could cause severe raw material scarcity in the short term because of the practice of linear economy policies. It concentrated on production and the distribution of products instead of its takeback and turning into raw material for production in the future [2]. Industrial revolution 4.0 explored the possibility to perform manufacturing and de-manufacturing activities by smartly sharing information from one machine to another [3]. Wang et al. opined that agile manufacturing can be extended to meet the circular economy objectives by adopting cloud computing (CC) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies because cloud computing technologies can support the storage and retrieval of the necessary information at manufacturing time, whereas IoT is essential for its use at de-manufacturing [4]. IoT can be used to create a potential interacting machine network for supporting the specified disassembly actions without human intervention at the manufacturing stage. It consists of a set of devices connected to a database to extract information and data processing units to execute them in the practical environment. The human-machine interaction can be avoided by supplying appropriate information with extensive validation before supplying it to the database. Essential information about each activity in a production line must be collected and validated to avoid undesirable errors with their execution at different production lines [5–7].

An optimal disassembly sequence plan (DSP) can contain essential information at the product development stage because it has undergone extensive validation through various disassembly predicates because of its significance over the overall manufacturing process [8]. Traditionally, DSP is generated at the product development stage to organize various downstream activities in manufacturing [9]. Sharing an optimal DSP can supply valid and essential information from one production line to another. However, DSP is treated as a nondeterministic polynomial time (NP-hard) combinatorial problem because of multiple constraints in evaluating optimality [10–12]. The complexity of a DSP problem can be increased with an increase in the number of disassembly constraints and the total number of parts in a product [13]. Researchers have explored various methods for assembly/disassembly training, such as virtual reality [14–16].

AI methods are proven successful to solve the NP-hard and combinatorial optimization problems. Methods, such as artificial neural networks, genetic algorithm (GA), ant colony optimization (ACO), particle swarm optimization (PSO), and teaching and learning based optimization (TLBO) are commonly applied AI techniques to solve the DSP problem [17–20]. However, these methods demand huge computational effort and space to generate high-quality solutions. Most research approaches have not considered necessary disassembly predicates to avoid computational complexities [21]. Disassembly predicates significantly affect presenting real-time conditions and are essential to evaluate the physical applicability of generated solutions.

Bahubalendruni et al. [22] extensively studied predicate consideration and observed that non-consideration of the predicate could reduce computational effort but adversely affect the quality

of the solution. Abdullah et al. [23] observed that liaison and geometrical feasibility are preferred disassembly predicates for initial solution generation and implementing different criteria, such as time, directional changes, tool changes, and cost. Chakrabarty et al. [24] opinioned that as long as geometrical feasibility testing is confined to test principal axis directions such as  $\pm X$ ,  $\pm Y$ , and  $\pm Z$ , the optimality of the solution is not guaranteed. This article presents the literature, followed by identifying major research gaps in the AI-based DSP problem and considering end-of-life (EoL) activities in formulating disassembly predicates. The research improves the performance of an AI method that can solve a real-time DSP problem by considering the necessary disassembly predicates.

The proposed research generates an optimal solution for representing essential information in the manufacturing stage and the execution of the same for its management after the EoL. The method should offer necessary qualifying criteria and require minimum computation effort for solution generation. The article is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the reviewed literature, and Section 3 describes the necessary DSP attributes and their role in presenting real-time disassembly conditions. Section 4 presents the fitness value evaluation of the given disassembly sequence, and Section 5 explains the enriched GA and implementation on different case studies. Section 6 consists of detailed discussions on the working of the proposed method, and Section 7 concludes the article by proposing the future scope of research.

## 2 Literature Review

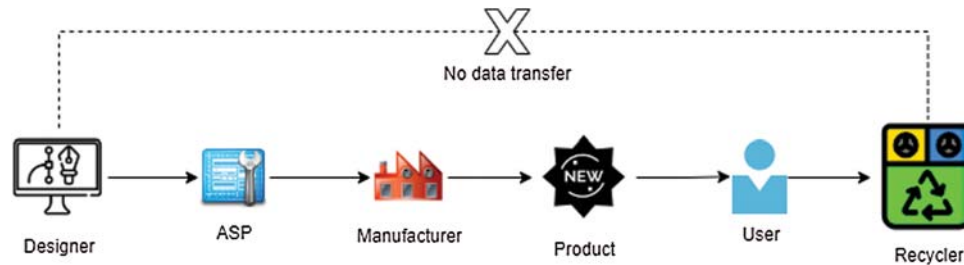
GA is a prominent and widely used AI method to solve the DSP problem under different objectives. Hui et al. originated the implementation of GA to solve the DSP problem by taking it as a complex combinatorial problem. A chromosome was made by representing each part of the product with a unique number, and a fitness function is developed to produce offspring after its evaluation [25]. Methods such as roulette wheel, tournament, and elitism selections are used to avoid the identified issue, and the roulette wheel selection was found effective [8]. Lazzerini and Marcelloni used partially matched crossover (PMX) and mutation operators to assess the generated disassembly plan [26]. Tian et al. applied GA to generate an optimal DSP based on environmental and economic constraints. The precedence of disassembly tasks was identified from the interference graphs [27]. The traditional GA was subjected to many limitations, such as premature convergence and heavy computational effort demand [28]. Researchers attempted to avoid the premature convergence problem by improving the crossover and mutation operator performance. Kongar and Gupta developed a priority preservative crossover (PPX) mechanism and stated that their mechanism could generate near-optimal solutions with fewer computations [29]. Giudice and Fargione used the PPX operator in GA and took the disassembly time, lifecycle cost parameters into the fitness function. Kheder et al. adopted the PPX mechanism developed by Kongar and Gupta to solve the DSP problem for maintenance [8]. Tseng et al. proposed a novel block-based GA to solve the premature convergence problem by modifying the selection process using the goal formula and score matrix [30]. Xing and Wang hybridized the GA with PSO to achieve an optimal solution for the DSP problem. PSO is used to remember the previously visited best position and record it for initial solution generation. Later, the formulated solution is optimized using the crossover operator of GA [31]. Researchers also attempted GA hybridization with other AI methods to overcome the limitations encountered with the traditional method [32–37]. Tab. 1 represents the summary of AI methods used to solve the DSP problem with different objectives.

**Table 1:** Summary of literature review

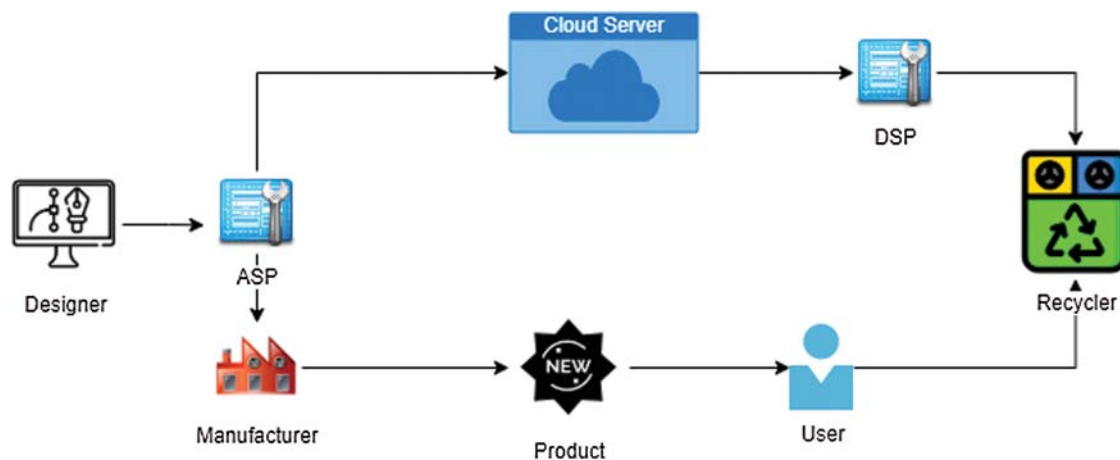
Ref. No	Algorithm	Operator	Type of representation	Attributes	Objective function
[8]	Rule based model	—	Matrix	Liaison, Geometric feasibility	Minimum directional changes
[26]	GA	Novel Crossover Operator	Matrix	Geometric feasibility, Tool feasibility	Minimum tool travel
[28]	GA	Precedence preservative crossover	Matrix	Geometric feasibility	Minimum Disassembly time
[29]	GA	Block-based crossover mechanism	Graph	Precedence relations	—
[31]	GA-PSO	Three-part fragment reordering, Precedence preservative crossover	Graph	Precedence relations	—
[32]	GA-ACO	Best-order crossover (BOX)	Graph	Precedence relations	Minimum tool changes
[34]	GA-SA	Multi-point crossover	Matrix	Stability, precedence relations	Minimum Disassembly time

The following research gaps were observed from the cited literature.

- The information sharing from assembly level at manufacturing stage to disassembly at product EoL stage is concerning, which is addressed in this article. The solution offered by the proposed method can be stored in the cloud and further shared through IoT devices for effective resource allocation and disassembly for maximum recovery of the product. Figs. 1 and 2 show the overall product cycle without and with cloud and IoT devices, respectively.
- A huge amount of computational effort is needed to produce a feasible solution for the disassembly sequence-planning problem.
- The necessary product information is not supplied prior because of the complexities of attribute representation.
- The generated solutions using existing methods lack optimality and practical feasibility in the de-manufacturing environment.



**Figure 1:** Product lifecycle without Cloud and IoT devices



**Figure 2:** Product life cycle with Cloud and IoT devices

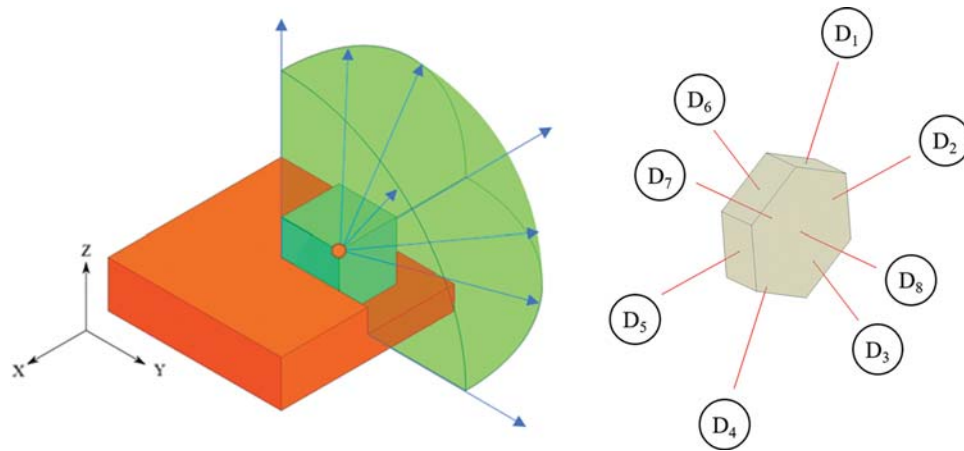
### 3 Disassembly Attributes Representation and Conversion

Attributes are given importance in DSP formulation to represent conditions in an actual disassembly environment to achieve a practical solution. This study considers the disassembly direction of each part and subassembly stability during the disassembly process.

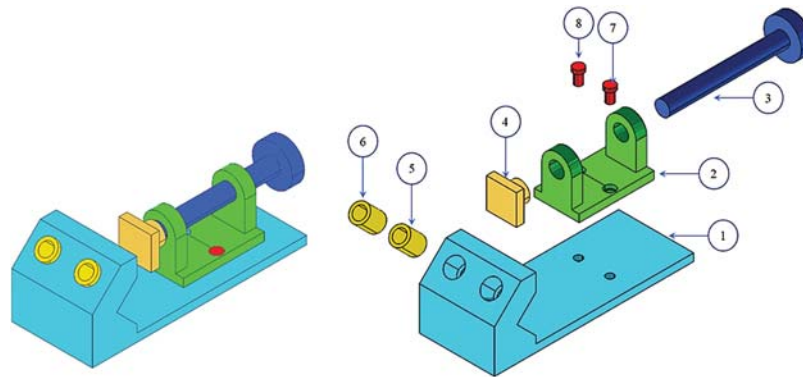
#### 3.1 Geometrical Feasibility

Geometrical feasibility is an attribute used to represent the feasible directions of a part regarding other parts to perform the necessary disassembly operations. The existing methods considered only principal axis directions, such as  $\pm X$ ,  $\pm Y$ , and  $\pm Z$  to perform disassembly actions and demanded human intervention to evaluate disassembly in other feasible directions. Fig. 3 represents the feasible directions other than the principal axis that required human intervention to verify disassembly in the corresponding direction.

Bahubalendruni et al. proposed and developed a method to evaluate geometrical feasibility, other than principal axis directions; however, the method is intended to solve the exploded view generation problem in the computer-aided design (CAD) environment [38]. This research adopted the similarity in problem formulation and performed the necessary modifications to improve the encryption. An omnidirectional geometrical feasibility matrix is used to represent the conditions in the actual disassembly environment. The product represented in Fig. 4 is taken to demonstrate the concept of geometric feasibility and the corresponding representation in the matrix format.



**Figure 3:** Feasible directions that need human intervention to test geometric feasibility



**Figure 4:** 8-part assembly

The geometric feasibility omni-direction (GFOD) matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix (1) in which each cell consists of an encoded whole number and  $n$  represents the total number of parts in a product. The value is computed by converting a bit string into a whole number. If  $P_i$  can be removed in the presence of part  $P_j$  in direction  $D_k$ , a  $k^{th}$  bit of a bit string of GFOD ( $P_i, P_j$ ) is 1, or else 0. Tab. 2 represents the 11 feasible directions in which the parts of the assembly shown in Fig. 4 could be moved. Matrix (1) depicts the GFOD for assembly in Fig. 4 in whole number format. For example, the value GFOD (8,1), 32 in binary representation 100000, shows that P8 can be removed from P1 by moving part 8 in the +Z direction.

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 406 & 1430 & 406 & 1024 & 1024 & 4 & 4 \\
 313 & 0 & 128 & 1340 & 1854 & 1854 & 4 & 4 \\
 825 & 8 & 0 & 18 & 1854 & 1854 & 1982 & 1982 \\
 313 & 948 & 128 & 0 & 1854 & 1854 & 958 & 958 \\
 512 & 1973 & 1973 & 1973 & 0 & 1726 & 1982 & 1982 \\
 512 & 1973 & 1973 & 1973 & 1965 & 0 & 1982 & 1982 \\
 32 & 32 & 1981 & 1469 & 1981 & 1981 & 0 & 1726 \\
 32 & 32 & 1981 & 1469 & 1981 & 1981 & 1965 & 0
 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

**Table 2:** Feasibility vectors and directions for 8-part assembly

X	Y	Z	Direction
0	0	0	0
0	0	-1	1
-1	0	0	2
0	1	0	3
0	0	1	4
1	0	0	5
0	-1	0	6
-0.707	0	0.707	7
0.707	0	-0.707	8
0.707	0	0.707	9
-0.707	0	-0.707	10

In GFOD, 0 represents the infeasibility to disassemble the column part in the present part given in the row, whereas 1 represents the feasibility to disassemble in the respective direction. For the product shown in Fig. 4, 11 normal directions of all parts exist, so the binary format will be width 11. Tab. 3 shows the GFOD matrix.

**Table 3:** GFOD matrix for 8-part assembly

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	1, 3, 5, 6, 9	10, 3, 6, 1, 5, 8	3, 6, 1, 5, 8	10	10	1	1
2	2, 3, 4, 7	0	5	10, 3, 6, 1, 2, 4, 7	10, 3, 6, 1, 2, 8, 9, 4, 7	10, 3, 6, 1, 2, 8, 9, 4, 7	1	1
3	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9	2	0	5	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 5, 4	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 5, 4	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4
4	2, 3, 6, 7	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	5	0	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 5, 4	7, 8, 9, 10, 3, 6, 1, 5, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 7
5	9	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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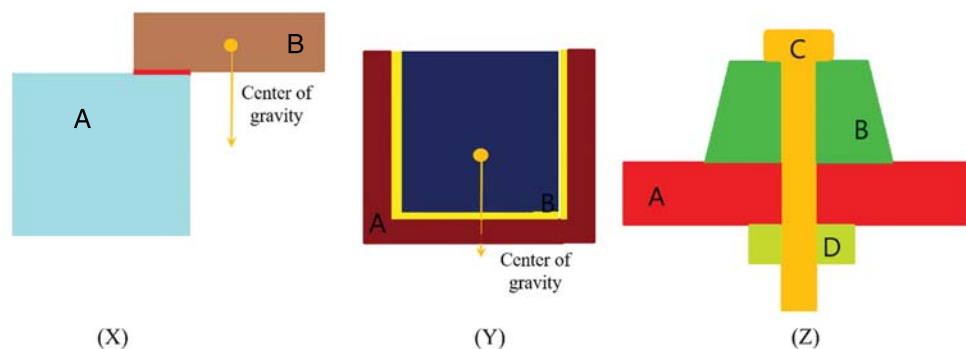


**Table 3:** Continued

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6	9	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
7	4	4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
8	4	4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	0

### 3.2 Disassembly Stability

The stability between different parts of the product is referred to as the ability to maintain its contact, irrespective of the orientation. Bahubalendruni et al. classified various stability, such as partial, permanent, and enriched stability based on the contact, the relationship between the assembly products [38]. It is critical to examine the existence of stability between the parts of a product to avoid debacles in the disassembly environment. Fig. 5X represents the possibility of occurring debacles because of the non-coincidence of the center of gravity of two parts. Fig. 5Y represents the stability between two parts in which the bottom part should not be disassembled before the upper part, and Fig. 5Z represents the stability between two parts because of external connectors.



**Figure 5:** (X) Possibility of occurring debacles because of the non-coincidence of the center of gravity of two parts (Y) Stability between two parts in which the bottom part should not be disassembled before the upper part (Z) Stability between two parts because of external connectors

The stability matrix is an  $n \times n$ -dimensioned matrix in which the values 0 is no stability, 1 is partial stability,  $-1$  is enriched stability, and 2 is permanent stability. The representation schema is adopted from the Gulivindala et al. assembly sequence-planning method [39]. Fig. 6 represents the stability matrix for the 8-part product represented in Fig. 2.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	2
2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Figure 6:** Stability matrix

#### 4 Disassembly Predicate Testing

Disassembly predicate testing is performed to verify whether the generated sequence is feasible or not. The working scheme of the geometrical feasibility and stability predicates is explained in 4.1 and 4.2, respectively.

##### 4.1 Geometrical Feasibility Predicate Testing

A non-blocking direction to remove the desired part in the presence of other parts can be identified using the GFOD matrix. Binary AND operation is performed over GFOD values at  $(S_i, S_j)$ , where  $i < j \leq n$  over the GFOD matrix. It results in all possible directions in which part  $S_i$  can be removed. Algorithm 1 is used to evaluate the geometrical predicate testing.

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**Algorithm 1:** Geometrical Feasibility Algorithm (Part  $(m+1)$  is the remaining part)

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$m+1$  is the length of the remaining assembly subset (i.e., we are to evaluate the feasibility of the  $m^{th}$  part in sequence),  $D$  = the total number of directions,  $N$  = the total number of parts, GFOD\_Transpose = the GFOD matrix transpose, and  $S$  = the disassembly sequence.

**Step 01:**  $part\_id = S[m]$

**Step 02:**  $direction = \text{int}("1" * d, 2)$

**Step 03:** For  $k = m+1$  to  $N$

**Step 04:**  $next\_part\_id = S[k]$

**Step 05:**  $direction = \text{BINARY\_AND}(direction, \text{GFOD\_Transpose}[next\_part\_id, part\_id])$

**Step 06:** if  $direction = 0$

**Step 07:** return infeasible

**Step 08:** End if

**Step 09:** End for

**Step 10:** return feasible

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The above procedure is to be repeated for all parts.

##### 4.2 Stability Predicate Testing

For a part to be removed, it is verified from the stability matrix that any other existing part has contact with it or not. Algorithm 2 is used to evaluate the stability predicate testing.

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**Algorithm 2:** Stability Feasibility Algorithm (Part  $(m + 1)$  is the remaining part)
 

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$m + 1$  is the length of the remaining assembly subset (i.e., to evaluate the feasibility of the  $m^{th}$  part in the sequence),  $N$  = the total number of parts,  $temp\_stability\_matrix$  will be initialized to the stability matrix before calling for the first time, and  $S$  = the disassembly sequence.

**Step 01:**  $part\_id = S[m]$

**Step 02:**  $temp\_stability\_matrix[part\_id][ ] = 0$

**Step 03:**  $temp\_stability\_matrix[ ][part\_id] = 0$

**Step 04:** For  $k = m + 1$  to  $N$

**Step 05:**  $next\_part\_id = S[k]$

**Step 06:** if  $temp\_stability\_matrix[ ][next\_part\_id]$  is all zeros

**Step 07:** return infeasible

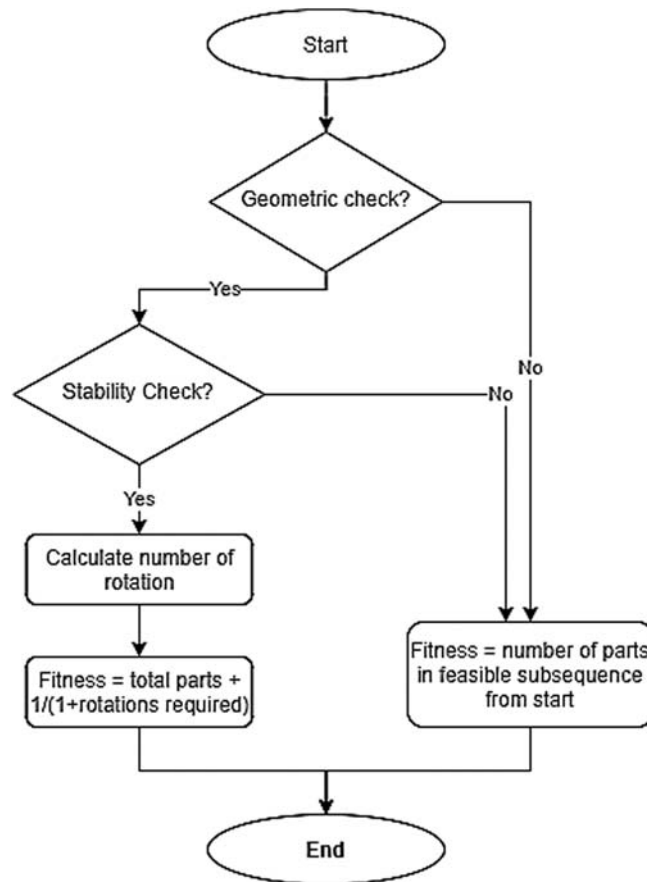
**Step 08:** end if

**Step 09:** end for

**Step 10:** return feasible

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The above procedure is to be repeated for all parts.



**Figure 7:** Fitness function flow chart

### 4.3 Fitness Value

The fitness value of each sequence is computed from the geometric and stability checks. Fig. 7 depicts a flowchart in which the geometric feasibility of the sequence is first verified and promoted to the next level evaluating with the stability predicate. If the sequence fails to qualify the stability predicate, the process is initiated from the first step until the completion of all possible part combinations. If the sequence is geometrically feasible and stable, fitness is equal to the sum of the number of parts ( $N$ ) and  $1/(1+r)$ , where  $r$  is the number of rotations. Eq. (2) is used as fitness

$$fitness = \begin{cases} l & \text{if infeasible sequence} \\ N + \frac{1}{1+r} & \text{if feasible sequence} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

## 5 Enriched Genetic Algorithm

GA is an evolutionary method inspired by biological concepts to solve computationally complex problems. The solution is represented as a chromosome whose fitness value is evaluated using the feasibility and optimality criteria. The exchange of genetic information to produce a child is achieved using a crossover operation. A mutation operation is used to produce new genes absent in the parent chromosomes. For each iteration, crossover and mutation operations are applied on the present chromosomes to produce new offspring. After a certain number of iterations, the algorithm is prompted to converge and discover the best chromosome as an optimal solution.

### 5.1 Chromosome Representation and Process Initialization

For DSP, the chromosome is a sequence of numbers representing the order in which the parts are to be disassembled. Fig. 8 consists of individual chromosomes representing the possible solution for a selected 8-part assembly. The initial population is randomly initiated, and roulette wheel selection is used for the selection process.

6	5	1	8	7	4	3	2
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	6	7	8	1	4	3	2
5	7	8	6	4	3	2	1

**Figure 8:** Chromosome representation

## 5.2 Crossover and Mutation Operators

Crossover operation is also called a recombination operation. The objective is to combine genetic information from parents to generate new offspring. The partially mapped crossover (PMX), cycle crossover (CX), order crossover operator (OX1), order-based crossover operator (OX2), position-based crossover operator, voting recombination crossover operator (VR), and alternating-position crossover operator (AP) are widely preferred crossover operators for combinatorial optimization problems [40]. This study proposes a novel crossover operator to solve the DSP problem.

### Priori Operator

The proposed crossover operator has multiple parents, a master parent (M) and other parents (Pi). The working of this operator is as follows:

Step 1: Select master (M) and other parents (Pi)

Step 2: For each parent, compute partial sequence from 0 to fitness value

Step 3: Copy master to the child

Step 4: For each parent, identify the parts in its partial sequence but not in the master parent partial sequence. For each identified part, reposition it in the child chromosome, such that the prior part in both child and parent is the same.

The process shown in Fig. 9 assumed the number of parents set to 3. The fitness values of the master parent, parent A, and parent B are 3, 4, and 4, respectively.

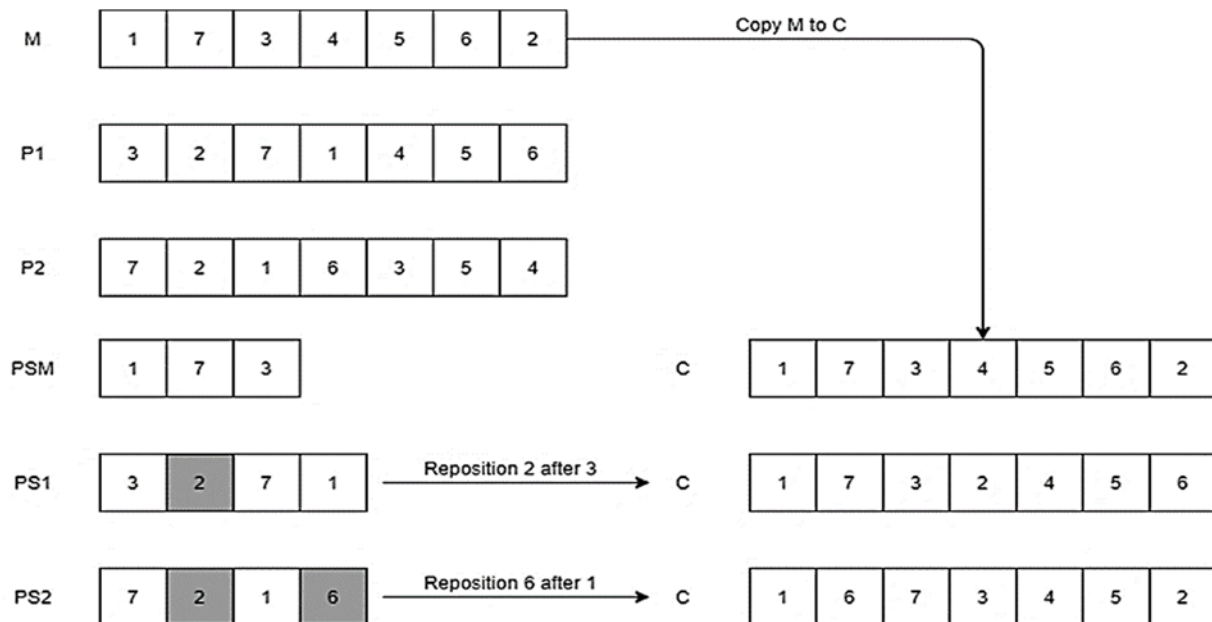


Figure 9: Priori operator

### 5.3 Solution Evaluation

For each iteration, a new population is generated based on the roulette wheel selection mechanism, priori crossover, and swap mutation. The function discussed in Section 4.3 is used to evaluate the feasibility and fitness of the sequence.

#### Termination

The evolutionary process of GA runs until the termination condition is satisfied. The terminating conditions implemented are

- (1) reach the maximum number of iterations
- (2) obtain a predefined fitness value

The enhanced GA will terminate immediately if any previously mentioned condition is true.

## 6 Discussion

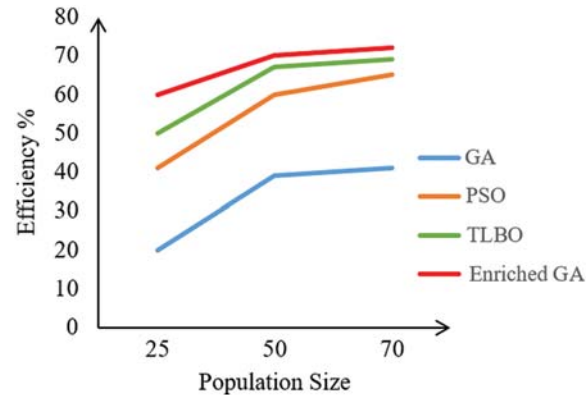
The developed algorithm is evaluated over different real-time product configurations by supplying the necessary data about disassembly attributes, such as geometrical feasibility and stability. It is implemented using Python programming language and tested on a Windows 10.0 operating system, 4 GB RAM, 1 TB ROM. The performance of the developed program was compared with other AI methods, such as traditional GA and PSO [24,29]. Parameters, such as computational time, iteration count, and efficiency were considered to compare its performance. Tab. 4 presents the performance of different AI methods and the proposed enriched GA method upon generating a solution for the product shown in Fig. 4.

**Table 4:** Comparative study

Algorithm	Population size	No. of iterations	Computational time (s)	Efficiency
TLBO [19]	25	68	2.31	58
	50	52	3.05	69
	75	43	4.07	71
GA [24]	25	88	3.74	20
	50	63	5.4	39
	70	58	6.17	41
PSO [29]	25	70	2.63	46
	50	53	4.1	63
	70	46	5.07	68
Proposed enriched GA	25	64	1.67	60
	50	52	2.16	70
	70	37	2.32	72

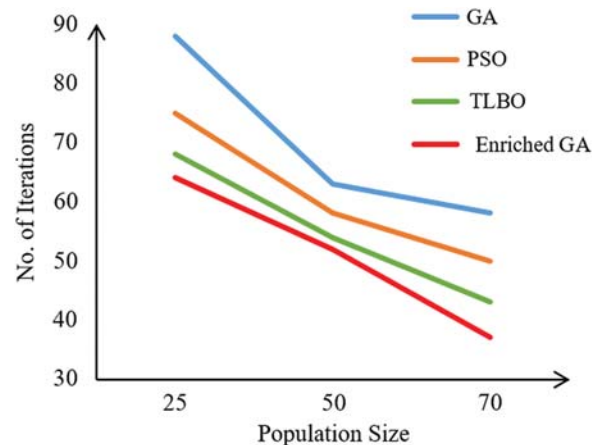
Fig. 10 represents the comparison between the developed enriched GA and other algorithms of efficiency regarding population size. The developed enriched GA has a higher efficiency than other algorithms taken for the comparison. Generally, a product made with  $n$  number of parts might have more than  $n!$  possible representations. However, among all possible representations, only one solution can be optimal and practically feasible in the de-manufacturing environment. The efficiency of an algorithm underlies generating the population and identification of such an

optimal solution by eliminating the infeasible solutions. All algorithms improve their efficiency with the increase in population size because of the elimination of such an infeasible solution for each increment in the population. The selection criteria chosen for the enriched GA worked efficiently to eliminate the infeasible solutions for further steps.



**Figure 10:** Efficiency % vs. Population size

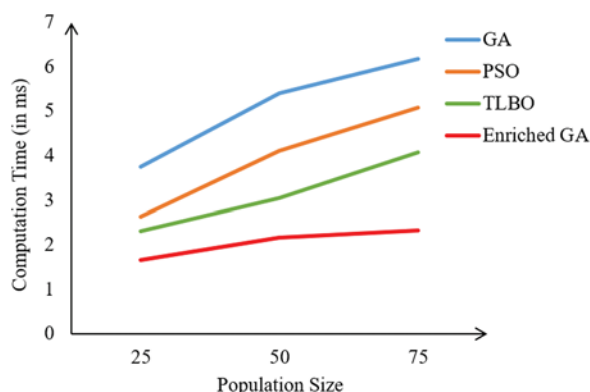
Fig. 11 represents the comparison between the enriched GA and other methods for the no. of iterations taken to arrive at the optimal solution. As the population size rises, the number of iterations needed to arrive at optimal solutions gradually decreases because more possible solutions are explored as the population size grows at each iteration. The iteration needed for the enriched GA is lower than conventional GA and PSO because the proposed heuristic operator can find a viable sequence faster.



**Figure 11:** No. of Iterations vs. Population Size

Fig. 12 represents the comparison between the enriched GA and other methods for the computational time taken for the optimal solution generation. The traditional GA required a higher computational time because of the lack of an effective operator for the fitness value evaluation. PSO consumed less compared to the traditional GA because of recognition and remembrance of the best positions at the initial stages and using those positions for further stages might reduce

the consumption. However, the fitness evaluation at the intermediate stages for optimal solution generation might demand more computation to arrive at the final solution. The proposed enriched GA facilitates the storing and reuse of higher fitness part combinations for further generations and significantly helped to reduce computational time.



**Figure 12:** Computational Time vs. Population Size

The limitation in the proposed operator is the overhead of setting the additional parameter, i.e., the number of parents and the diversification of chromosomes depend on the mutation operator similar to the traditional GA. Hence, the proposed algorithm could be converged at local optima with improperly specified parameters.

## 7 Conclusion

This research proposed a traditional AI method to enhance its performance in producing an optimal solution for validating information to be supplied for IoT and CC technologies. It can be used to create a potential network among machines from the product assembly stage to execute the disassembly actions at the de-manufacturing stage. The workability of the proposed enriched GA method was evaluated by applying it to a real-time product and the obtained results were compared with other methods. The following novelties were contributed and discussed in this paper.

- A novel priori crossover operator is developed, integrated into the versatile algorithm, and its efficiency was proven by applying it to a product.
- The developed operator can determine an operation path based on the fitness value of parents.
- Deterministic fitness functions were developed to evaluate the feasibility of a generated disassembly sequence.

The future scope of this research is to generalize the proposed method by inducing a heuristic mutation operator and incorporate various technologies, such as cybersecurity and image-based malware classification technologies for enhancing security in the developed system.



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