This paper deals with the problem of no-wait hybrid flow shop which sequence dependent setup times, ready time and machine availability constraint. Minimizing the mean tardiness is considered as the objective to develop the optimal scheduling algorithm. To do so, an efficient hybrid imperialist competitive algorithm (HICA) is proposed to tackle this problem. Our proposed algorithm is compared to other solution approaches reported on the literature. For this purpose, we draw an analogy between the results obtained from algorithms applied to some random case study. To achieve reliable results, Taguchi approach is used to define robust parameters' values for our proposed algorithm. The superiority and effectiveness of our proposed algorithm is inferred from all the results obtained in various situations.

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