

# Optimal Multi-echelon Integrated Supply Chain Selecting Best Supplier and Distributor using Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm

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**Abstract** Supply chain managers across the globe are struggling to integrate and utilize core competencies of supply chain players, so that goods are manufactured and delivered at right time while minimizing cost and satisfied customers demand. In this model we have discussed the problem of supplier and distributor selection for an optimal supply chain. Where both selection is done on the basis of multi-criteria like offer price, limited supply and storage capacity, delivery time, geographic location, quality etc. On the basis of these multi-criteria we have formulated multi-objective mathematical model. We have optimized this model using *multi-objective Genetic algorithm and visualized by parallel coordinates plot*. In the end, numerical example is carried out to justify the feasibility of the model. The present model deals with an integrated multi-echelon supply chain that reduce the total cost of supply chain by allocating optimal supplier and distributor to the manufacturer and retailer respectively.

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## 1. Introduction

Due to globalization of world, today organizations are outsourcing the different activities. In outsourcing activities, the selections of the supply partner place an important role. For selecting supplier's on several criteria Timmerman [7] formulated linear weighting models. Weber and Current [3] firstly use *Multi-objective programming* (MOP) for selecting vendors under multiple criteria. In that different constraint affect the number of vendors to employ. That problem was solved by Weber *at el.* [4] with data envelopment analysis (DEA) tool. Amin and Zhang [19] A formulated model for integrated close loop supply chain configuration. Shaw *at el.* [11] generated multi-objective model and optimize it by Fuzzy AHP and Fuzzy Multi Objective Linear Programming. Seifbarghy and Esfandiari [14] proposed supplier selection model with transportation cost. Model formulation of supplier pre-selection platform-based products was done by Cao *at el.* [22] formulated model in the Presence of Dual-Role Factor. Moreover, not only in supply chain but whenever conflict nature objective occurs then Multi-objective programming gives better result so Verma [17] formulated second order generalized hybrid invexity frameworks for MOP. Further that used by Roman *at el.* [6] for optimizing dengue transmission model.

MPO gives set of pareto optimal front solutions. From that we select appropriate optimum solution. To visulize all in terms of quality, shape and distribution of solution set different methods are given by different

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researchers. Obayashi and Sasaki [18], Pryke et al. [1], Tusar and Filipic [21], He and Yen [23], Li et al. [13], Ibrahim et al. [2] gave self-organizing map, heatmap, preselection method, performance metric, parallel co-ordinate, Radvis methods respectively.

*Genetic algorithm* is inspired by Darwin's theory "Survival of fittest". It is an evolutionary algorithm based on natural selection process. Algorithm begins with a initial population and then chromosomes with fitness score has been to reproduce next population. After applying genetic algorithm for machine learning by Schaffer [10] different researcher worked on GA to solve their problem. Srinivas and Deb [15] used non-dominated GA to solve their multi-objective optimization problem. Murata et al. [20] using multi-objective GA for flowshop scheduling problem. Parks et al. [8] done selection of breeding using multi-objective GA. Basnet and Weintraub [5] formulated supplier selection under bi-criteria and solved using multi-objective GA. In some complex problem it is observe that when global optimized stuck with local optimized value then ga gives better results like Talati and Mishra [9] and Mishra and Talati [16]. This paper is formatted as follows. In section 2 Problem description is discussed. Section 3 contain notations and assumption those used to formulate mathematical model. Using assumption multi-echelon inventory model is formulated in section 4. Section 5 gives overview of multi-objective genetic algorithm. Numerical example is carried out in section 6. The results and observations are carried out in section 7.

## 2. Problem description

The problem of selecting the supply partners for an organization is given in present model. The question is to select the best supplier and best distributor to find the optimal total cost of the entire supply chain. The pictorial representation of present model is given below in Figure 1. This model is for  $p$  items.

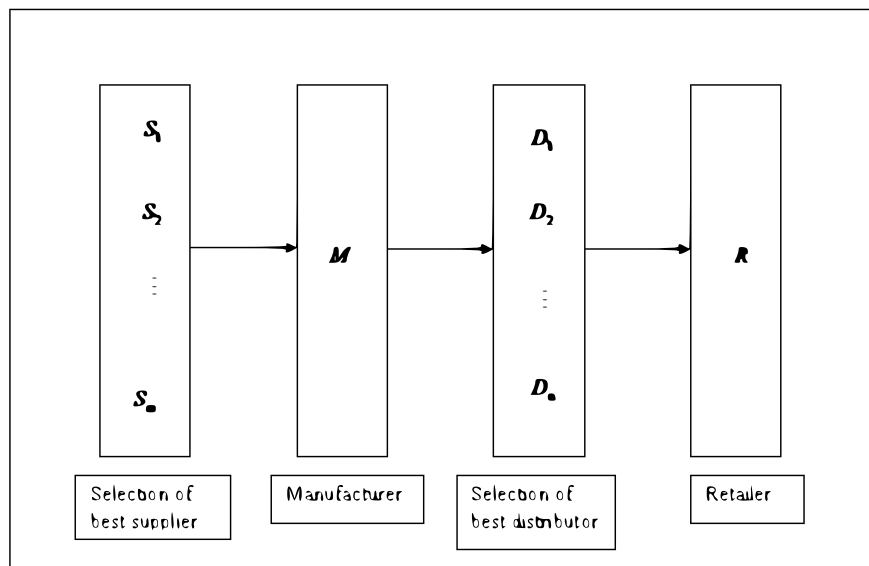


Figure 1. Present model

Price (include transportation cost), quality, delivery time and supplier supply capacity for each items are used to evaluate best supplier. While price, distribution area, delivery time and storage capacity are taken into consideration to select best distributor.

### 3. Notations and Assumptions

#### 3.1. Notations

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ | Index of items  |
| $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ | Index of candidate suppliers  |
| $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ | Index of candidate distributors   |
| $D_i$                | Demand of item $i$  |
| $P_i$                | Processing price of manufacturer for item $i$                             |
| $T_k$                | Transportation cost for distributor $k$ to retailer                       |
| $P_{ij}$             | Price from supplier $j$ to manufacturer to supply item $i$ /unit (\$)     |
| $P'_{ik}$            | Price from manufacturer to distributor $k$ to receive item $i$ /unit (\$) |
| $C_{ij}$             | Supply capacity of supplier $j$ to supply item $i$                        |
| $C'_{ik}$            | Storage capacity of distributor $k$ to store item $i$                     |
| $q_{ij}$             | Defective quality of supplier $j$ when supplying item $i$                 |
| $Q_i$                | Acceptable quality for item $i$   |
| $A'_{ik}$            | Outside distribution area of distributor $k$ when distribute item $i$     |
| $A'_i$               | Acceptable outside distribution area for item $i$                         |
| $l_{ij}$             | Late delivery of supplier $j$ when supply item $i$                        |
| $L_i$                | Acceptable delivery for item $i$  |
| $l'_{ik}$            | Late delivery of distributor $k$ when distribute item $i$                 |
| $L'_i$               | Acceptable delivery for item $i$  |
| $TC$                 | Total cost for item $i$   |
| $PUC$                | Total purchasing cost for item $i$  |
| $PRC$                | Total processing cost for item $i$  |
| $TRC$                | Total manufacturer to distributor transportation cost                     |
| $MIC$                | Total manufacturer inventory carrying cost                                |
| $DIC$                | Total distributor inventory carrying cost                                 |
| $RIC$                | Total retailer inventory carrying cost                                    |
| $INC$                | Total inventory carrying cost for system                                  |

#### 3.2. Assumptions

- Demand of customer is deterministic.
- Supplier's supply capacity of each item is limited.
- Supplier selection is done on the base of quality and delivery performance.
- Distributor selection is done on the base of distributor coverage area and delivery performance.
- Distributor's storage capacity of each item is limited.
- Transportation cost per item from supplier to manufacturer and manufacturer to distributor are included into price.
- Inventory carrying cost at any player of supply chain remains fixed.

### 4. Multi-echelon inventory model

Here we want to minimize the total cost of supply chain for different items so our objective function of the mathematical model is given below

$$TC = PUC + PRC + TRC + INC \quad (1)$$

The basic costs involved as below.

**Purchasing cost:**

Purchasing cost is defined as follow

$$PUC = \sum_i \sum_j x_{ij} P_{ij} \quad (2)$$

Where  $x_{ij}$  = order quantity of  $i^{th}$  item from  $j^{th}$  supplier

**Processing cost:**

Here we take constant processing cost for different items.

$$PRC = \sum_i x_i P_i \quad (3)$$

where  $x_i = \sum_j x_{ij}$

**Transportation cost:**

Transportation from distributor  $k$  to retailer is given below

$$TRC = \sum_i \sum_k y_{ik} T_k \quad (4)$$

Where  $y_{ik}$  = order quantity of  $i^{th}$  item from manufacturer to distributor  $k$

**Inventory carrying cost:**

Here we take fix carrying cost per item for any player of supply chain

$$INC = xMIC + yDIC + yRIC \quad (5)$$

Where  $x = \sum_i x_i$ ;  $y = \sum_i y_i$

The constraints are involved in present model are the following

All the items customer demand must be fulfill by supplier.

$$\sum_j x_{ij} \geq D_i \quad (6)$$

Quality supply by supplier to manufacturer is less than or equal to supply capacity of supplier.

$$x_{ij} \leq C_{ij} \quad (7)$$

Aggregate quality supply by supplier to manufacturer must be acceptable

$$\sum_j x_{ij} q_{ij} \leq Q_i D_i \quad (8)$$

Aggregate delivery time taken by supplier to manufacturer must be acceptable

$$\sum_j x_{ij} l_{ij} \leq L_i D_i \quad (9)$$

All the items customer demand must be fulfill by distributor.

$$\sum_k y_{ik} = D_i \quad (10)$$

Quality supply by manufacturer to distributor is less than or equal to storage capacity of distributor.

$$y_{ik} \leq C'_{ik} \quad (11)$$

Aggregate distribution area covered by distributor must be acceptable

$$\sum_k y_{ik} A'_{ik} \leq A'_i \quad (12)$$

Aggregate delivery time taken distributor to retailer must be acceptable

$$\sum_k y_{ik} l'_{ik} \leq L'_i D_i \quad (13)$$

So, for best supplier selection we have following objective function and cionstraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min f &= \sum_i \sum_j x_{ij} P_{ij} \quad (14) \\ \text{subject to } &\sum_j x_{ij} \geq D_i; x_{ij} \leq C_{ij}; \\ &\sum_j x_{ij} q_{ij} \leq Q_i D_i; \sum_j x_{ij} l_{ij} \leq L_i D_i \end{aligned}$$

And for best distributor selection we have following objective function and cionstraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min g &= \sum_i \sum_k y_{ik} P'_{ik} \quad (15) \\ \text{subject to } &\sum_k y_{ik} \geq D_i; y_{ik} \leq C'_{ik}; \\ &\sum_k y_{ik} A'_{ik} \leq A'_i; \sum_k y_{ik} l'_{ik} \leq L'_i D_i \end{aligned}$$

Where  $x_{ij}$  and  $y_{ik}$  are decision variables.

## 5. Multi objective genetic algorithm

### 5.1. Multi-objective optimization

A multi-objective optimization problem (MOP) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \min(\bar{f}(\bar{x})) &= (f_1(\bar{x}), \dots, f_p(\bar{x})) \\ \text{subject to } &\bar{c}(\bar{x}) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\bar{x} \in S$ (Feasible region);  $f_i : R_n \rightarrow R_m$  are objective functions;  $\bar{c}(\bar{x})$  are constraint functions.

MOP minimizes all objective function simultaneously. If objectives are complex then it is not possible to find single solution that optimize objective functions simultaneously. So in this case we found some optimal solutions so that their values can be improved without relaxing of at least one of the other objective values. These solutions are called Pareto-optimal solution. The set of all Pareto optimal is called Pareto-optimal front. For selecting one solution from Pareto-optimal front we have different visualization methods like Scatter plot matrix, Heat map, Self-organizing maps, 3DRadVis, Parallel Coordinates Plot etc.

In proposed model we use Parallel Co-ordinates Plot to visualize the distribution, range, and trade-off among Pareto-optimal front. An M-dimensional objective is represented by polyline with vertices of M-parallel axes place among X-axis. The parallel axes are M equidistant vertical bars along the X-axis for each solution. The Y-axis

corresponds to the range of values for each objective. The limitation of Parallel Co-ordinate Plot is that it does not show the shape of pareto front but it simple to construct for large number of objectives to show dependencies among objectives without the loss of data in the representation. Figure 2 represent the example of Parallel Co-ordinate Plot. Considered  $a(15,35,25,55)$ ,  $b(10,15,3,30)$ ,  $c(20,5,35,20)$ .

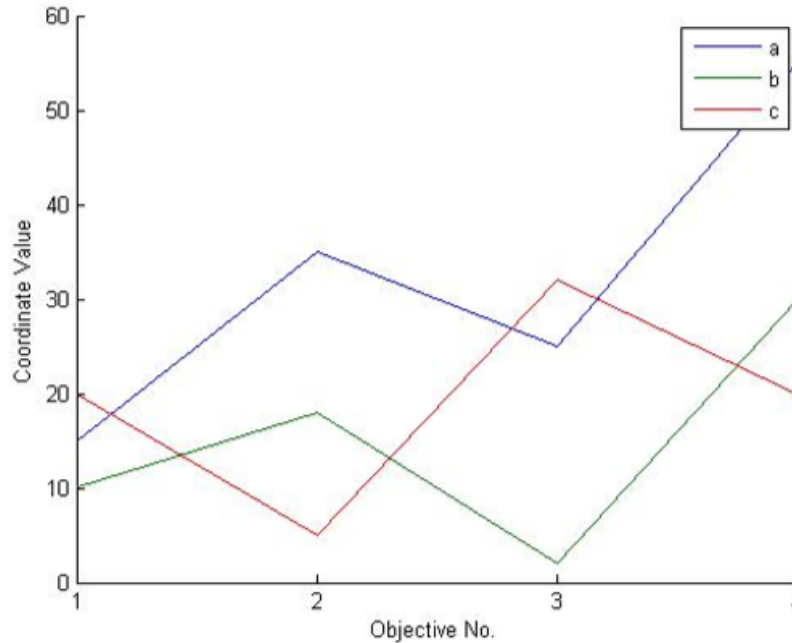


Figure 2. Parallel Co-ordinate plot for three objects

In MOP the fundamental criterion to compare solutions in terms of convergence is Pareto dominance. Parallel co-ordinates can clearly show Pareto dominance relation between two solutions. As shown in Figure 2, polyline "a" is clearly dominated by "b" (considering minimization problem). And for polyline "c" is dominated by "b". So polyline "b" is the minimum solution. Parallel co-ordinate plot displays all possible solution sets parallelly for comparison.

## 5.2. Multi-objective Genetic algorithm

Genetic algorithm (GA) starts with a set of population, called Chromosomes. In iterations of GA, selection of individuals is done on the basis of fitness score of chromosomes for crossover and mutation to produce new chromosomes. Thus a new set of population is generated for the next iteration. The iterations continue until a solution with desired tolerance is not achieved. Since GA generates multiple solutions, it goes well with MOP as MOP requires it to identify non-interior solutions.

When we use GA for MOP, selection of mating pairs creates an issue. To resolve this issue, different researchers use different methods like giving different random weights to objectives, separating the population into subpopulations, etc. Here we separate the population into subpopulations on the basis of items.

We have  $m$  suppliers and  $n$  distributors. So in multi-objective GA, total chromosomes for suppliers and distributors are  $2^m$  and  $2^n$  respectively. We convert the multi-objective problem on the basis of different items. Thus allocating items

for best suppliers are different  $p$  linear programs.

$$\begin{aligned} \min f &= \sum_i x_{ij} P_{ij} & (16) \\ \text{subject to } \sum_j x_{ij} &\geq D_i; x_{ij} \leq C_{ij}; \\ \sum_j x_{ij} q_{ij} &\leq Q_i D_i; \sum_j x_{ij} l_{ij} \leq L_i D_i \end{aligned}$$

And allocating items for best distributors are different  $p$  linear programs.

$$\begin{aligned} \min g &= \sum_i y_{ik} P'_{ik} & (17) \\ \text{subject to } \sum_k y_{ik} &\geq D_i; y_{ik} \leq C'_{ik}; \\ \sum_k y_{ik} A'_{ik} &\leq A'_i; \sum_k y_{ik} l'_{ik} \leq L'_i D_i \end{aligned}$$

**6. Numerical examples and sensitivity analysis**

Consider supply chain with 3 suppliers, 1 manufacturer, 3 distributor and 1 retailer  
 $D = 50$ ;  $L_i = Q_i = A'_i = L'_i = 3\%$ ;  $P_1 = 10(\$/unit)$ ;  $P_2 = 8(\$/unit)$ ;  $P_3 = 9(\$/unit)$ ;  $T_1 = 1.2(\$/unit)$ ;  
 $T_2 = 1.45(\$/unit)$ ;  $T_3 = 1.5(\$/unit)$ ;  $MIC = 2(\$/unit)$ ;  $DIC = 4(\$/unit)$ ;  $RIC = 1.5(\$/unit)$   
 supplier and distributor information are given in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

Table 1. Supplier Information

| Supplier             | Supplier 1 |     |     | Supplier 2 |     |     | Supplier 3 |     |     |
|----------------------|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|
| Items                | 1          | 2   | 3   | 1          | 2   | 3   | 1          | 2   | 3   |
| Price(\$)            | 8          | 7   | 9   | 11         | 12  | 7   | 9          | 11  | 14  |
| Supplier capacity    | 180        | 120 | 80  | 100        | 120 | 160 | 150        | 120 | 100 |
| Quality (%)          | 0.1        | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.6        | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1        | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Late delivery(years) | 0.1        | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4        | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2        | 0.3 | 0.1 |

Table 2. Distributor Information

| Distributor          | Distributor 1 |     |     | Distributor 2 |     |     | Distributor 3 |     |     |
|----------------------|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|
| Items                | 1             | 2   | 3   | 1             | 2   | 3   | 1             | 2   | 3   |
| Price(\$)            | 20            | 28  | 19  | 23            | 27  | 20  | 24            | 25  | 22  |
| Supplier capacity    | 280           | 120 | 480 | 320           | 80  | 400 | 240           | 160 | 260 |
| Distributor area (%) | 0.2           | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1           | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4           | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Late delivery(years) | 0.2           | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2           | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2           | 0.1 | 0.3 |

**Supplier selection:**

Using multi objective GA in Matlab14a we get set of optimal solutions.Those show in Table-5(Appendix)

Using parallel co-ordinate method we visualize appropriate optimal solution from Pareto-optimal front. That visualize by Figure 3. As shown in Figure 3 X-axis represent solutions and Y-axis represent related total cost  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  for the three items.

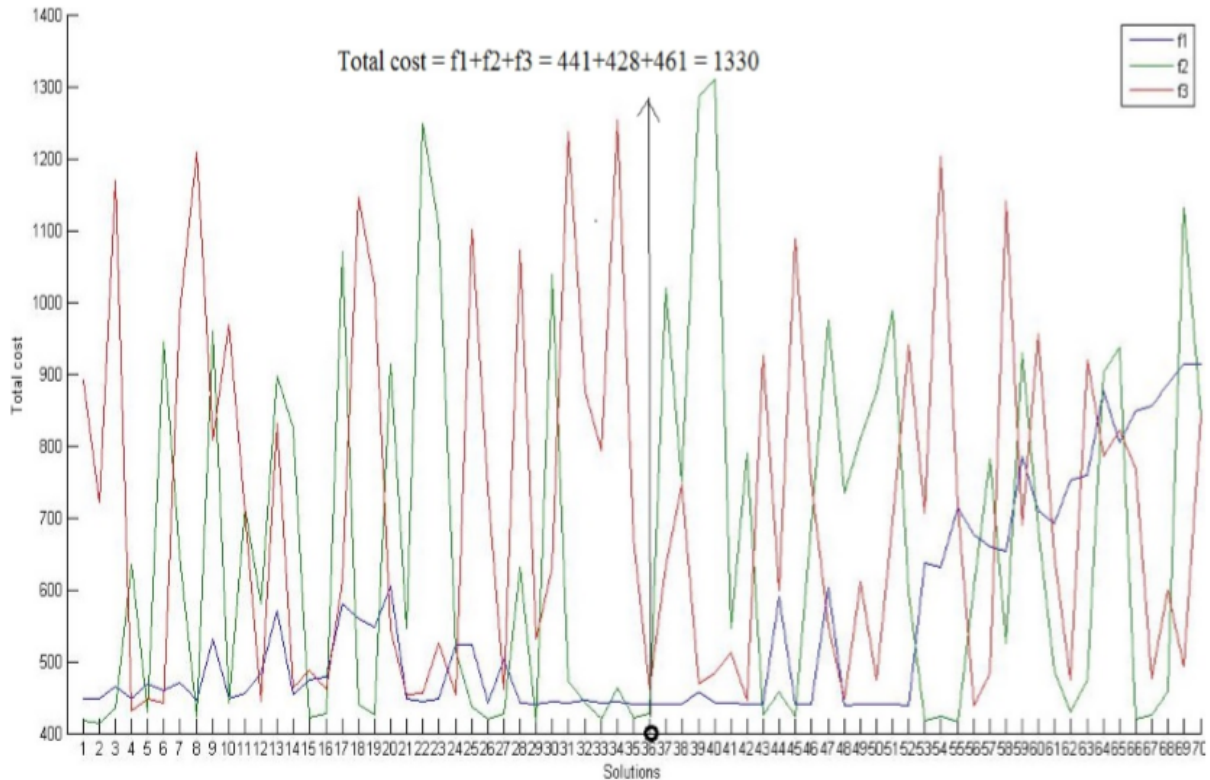


Figure 3. Visulization of Pareto-optimal front representation to select supplier

From Table 5 (Appendix) and Figure 3 it is clear that 36<sup>th</sup> solution is best because it minimize the cost and full fill the required demand. So manufacturer order quantity from different supplier’s are given in Table 3 and manufacturer pay total 1330 (\$).

Table 3. Optimal order quantity by manufacturer to supplier to minimize total cost

|        | Supplier 1 | Supplier 2 | Supplier3 |
|--------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Item 1 | 20         | 5          | 25        |
| Item 2 | 33         | 5          | 12        |
| Item 3 | 38         | 4          | 10        |



**Distributor selection:** Using multi objective GA in Matlab14a we get set of optimal solutions. Those Pareto-optimal front solutions are given in Table 6.(Appendix)

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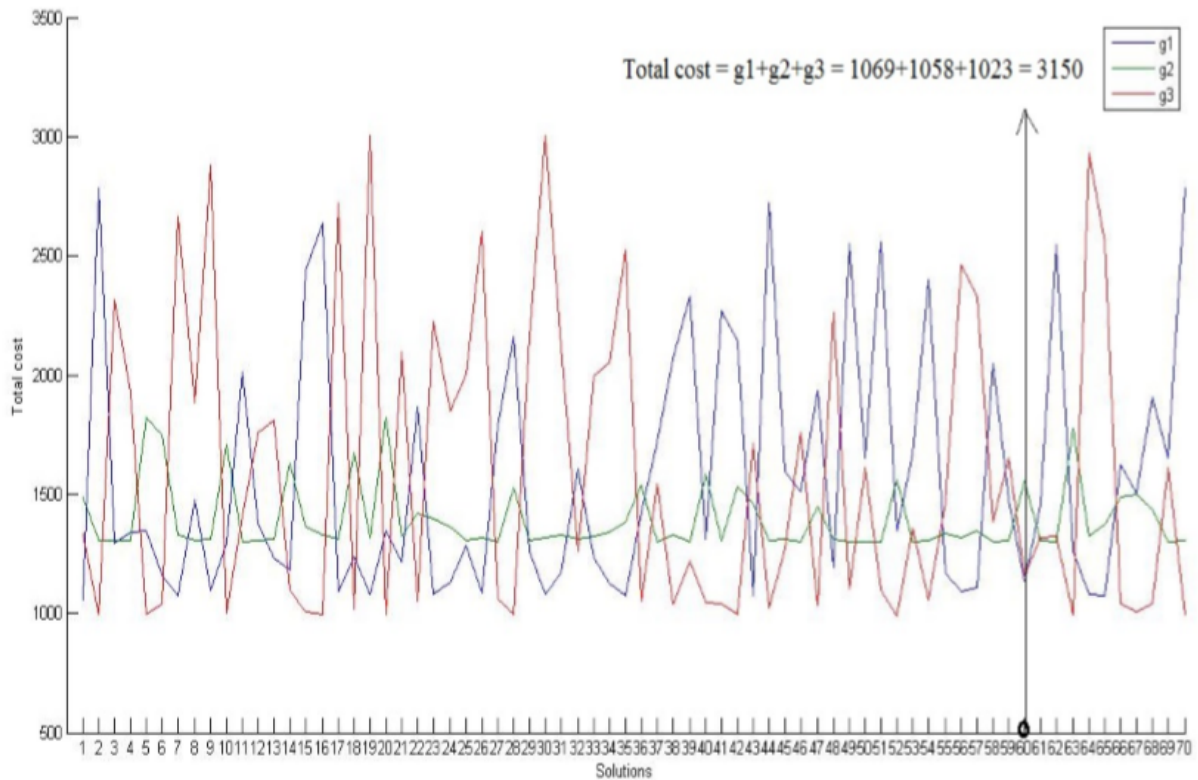


Figure 4. Visualization of Pareto-optimal front representation to select distributor

From Table 6 (Appendix) and Figure 4 it is clear that 60<sup>th</sup> solution is best because it minimize the cost and full fill the required demand. So manufacturer supply quantity to different distributors are given in Table 4 and for that he pay total 3150 (\$).

Table 4. Optimal order quantity from manufacturer to distributor to minimize total cost

|        | Distributor 1 | Distributor 2 | Distributor 3 |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Item 1 | 30            | 11            | 9             |
| Item 2 | 10            | 14            | 26            |
| Item 3 | 17            | 13            | 20            |

So total cost for supply chain is  $TC = PUC + PRC + TRC + INC = 4055.2(\$)$

## 7. Conclusion

Last many decades, supplier selection process in MOP were solved by researcher using different methods like AHP, fuzzy AHP, DEA, fuzzy multi-objective linear programming, fuzzy multi-objective goal programming. In proposed model, we have selected supplier and distributor under different criteria using multi-objective GA. Their optimal solution visualization is presented by Parallel Co-ordinate Plots. Since this model considered many parameters while selecting best suppliers and distributors item wise, it can be used by and supply chain to minimize their total cost. Its optimal solution is obtained within few minutes while running on a standard PC. The results show that it just not satisfy only customer requirement under constraint but also offer a best minimum cost for supply chain.

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## Appendix

Table 5. Pareto-optimal front solutions to select supplier

|    | $x_{11}$ | $x_{12}$ | $x_{13}$ | $f_1$ | $x_{21}$ | $x_{22}$ | $x_{23}$ | $f_2$ | $x_{31}$ | $x_{32}$ | $x_{33}$ | $f_3$ | TC   |
|----|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|------|
| 1  | 13       | 6        | 31       | 449   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 417   | 42       | 33       | 7        | 892   | 1758 |
| 2  | 14       | 6        | 31       | 449   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 415   | 43       | 21       | 7        | 721   | 1585 |
| 3  | 14       | 6        | 33       | 465   | 32       | 6        | 13       | 435   | 39       | 53       | 11       | 1168  | 2068 |
| 4  | 14       | 6        | 30       | 449   | 34       | 18       | 17       | 634   | 33       | 2        | 15       | 432   | 1515 |
| 5  | 15       | 6        | 32       | 468   | 33       | 5        | 12       | 429   | 37       | 3        | 10       | 448   | 1345 |
| 6  | 15       | 6        | 30       | 460   | 32       | 14       | 50       | 944   | 35       | 3        | 12       | 443   | 1847 |
| 7  | 16       | 6        | 31       | 471   | 29       | 12       | 28       | 646   | 39       | 40       | 11       | 986   | 2103 |
| 8  | 16       | 5        | 28       | 446   | 33       | 4        | 13       | 424   | 41       | 55       | 9        | 1208  | 2078 |
| 9  | 16       | 8        | 35       | 532   | 28       | 11       | 58       | 960   | 38       | 28       | 11       | 808   | 2300 |
| 10 | 16       | 5        | 29       | 448   | 29       | 8        | 13       | 442   | 38       | 40       | 10       | 969   | 1859 |
| 11 | 16       | 6        | 28       | 455   | 29       | 12       | 33       | 714   | 37       | 21       | 11       | 708   | 1877 |
| 12 | 18       | 6        | 30       | 484   | 32       | 13       | 18       | 581   | 35       | 3        | 13       | 444   | 1509 |
| 13 | 18       | 18       | 25       | 570   | 28       | 11       | 52       | 898   | 38       | 30       | 11       | 831   | 2299 |
| 14 | 18       | 5        | 27       | 453   | 29       | 15       | 40       | 825   | 34       | 6        | 11       | 463   | 1741 |
| 15 | 18       | 9        | 25       | 475   | 34       | 4        | 12       | 422   | 39       | 5        | 9        | 488   | 1385 |
| 16 | 19       | 5        | 30       | 478   | 33       | 5        | 12       | 427   | 38       | 4        | 9        | 462   | 1367 |
| 17 | 19       | 15       | 29       | 581   | 28       | 11       | 67       | 1070  | 36       | 15       | 11       | 612   | 2263 |
| 18 | 19       | 9        | 35       | 560   | 33       | 6        | 13       | 441   | 41       | 51       | 9        | 1147  | 2148 |
| 19 | 19       | 13       | 27       | 548   | 33       | 4        | 13       | 425   | 39       | 44       | 9        | 1023  | 1996 |
| 20 | 19       | 18       | 29       | 605   | 29       | 14       | 49       | 915   | 36       | 10       | 12       | 545   | 2065 |
| 21 | 19       | 5        | 26       | 449   | 33       | 6        | 22       | 546   | 37       | 3        | 10       | 453   | 1448 |
| 22 | 19       | 6        | 25       | 444   | 29       | 15       | 79       | 1249  | 33       | 5        | 12       | 456   | 2149 |
| 23 | 20       | 7        | 24       | 449   | 29       | 12       | 69       | 1104  | 36       | 9        | 12       | 526   | 2079 |
| 24 | 20       | 7        | 33       | 524   | 33       | 11       | 14       | 515   | 36       | 3        | 11       | 454   | 1493 |
| 25 | 20       | 7        | 33       | 524   | 32       | 6        | 13       | 437   | 39       | 48       | 11       | 1101  | 2062 |
| 26 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 443   | 34       | 4        | 13       | 420   | 39       | 24       | 7        | 738   | 1601 |
| 27 | 20       | 11       | 25       | 503   | 33       | 5        | 12       | 427   | 38       | 4        | 9        | 462   | 1392 |
| 28 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 443   | 31       | 10       | 28       | 631   | 40       | 45       | 11       | 1072  | 2146 |
| 29 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 34       | 3        | 12       | 416   | 42       | 7        | 8        | 532   | 1389 |
| 30 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 445   | 28       | 12       | 64       | 1039  | 36       | 16       | 11       | 631   | 2115 |
| 31 | 20       | 6        | 24       | 443   | 32       | 9        | 13       | 473   | 41       | 56       | 11       | 1237  | 2153 |
| 32 | 20       | 6        | 24       | 446   | 31       | 7        | 13       | 442   | 39       | 32       | 10       | 874   | 1762 |
| 33 | 20       | 6        | 24       | 442   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 419   | 41       | 27       | 8        | 793   | 1654 |
| 34 | 20       | 6        | 25       | 445   | 32       | 9        | 12       | 464   | 41       | 57       | 11       | 1254  | 2163 |
| 35 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 34       | 4        | 13       | 422   | 42       | 17       | 8        | 671   | 1534 |
| 36 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 33       | 5        | 12       | 428   | 38       | 4        | 10       | 461   | 1330 |
| 37 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 28       | 13       | 60       | 1020  | 36       | 16       | 12       | 633   | 2094 |
| 38 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 29       | 12       | 36       | 750   | 37       | 24       | 11       | 747   | 1938 |
| 39 | 20       | 6        | 25       | 457   | 28       | 15       | 83       | 1285  | 33       | 6        | 12       | 469   | 2211 |

|    | $x_{11}$ | $x_{12}$ | $x_{13}$ | $f_1$ | $x_{21}$ | $x_{22}$ | $x_{23}$ | $f_2$ | $x_{31}$ | $x_{32}$ | $x_{33}$ | $f_3$ | TC   |
|----|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|------|
| 40 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 443   | 29       | 15       | 85       | 1311  | 33       | 7        | 12       | 484   | 2238 |
| 41 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 442   | 30       | 10       | 20       | 547   | 34       | 9        | 11       | 512   | 1501 |
| 42 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 32       | 12       | 38       | 789   | 35       | 3        | 12       | 447   | 1677 |
| 43 | 20       | 5        | 24       | 441   | 33       | 4        | 13       | 426   | 38       | 37       | 9        | 925   | 1792 |
| 44 | 20       | 9        | 36       | 589   | 33       | 6        | 14       | 457   | 38       | 13       | 11       | 600   | 1646 |
| 45 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 441   | 33       | 4        | 13       | 423   | 42       | 47       | 9        | 1088  | 1952 |
| 46 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 440   | 30       | 11       | 31       | 689   | 37       | 24       | 11       | 750   | 1879 |
| 47 | 20       | 9        | 37       | 603   | 29       | 12       | 57       | 974   | 35       | 11       | 12       | 549   | 2126 |
| 48 | 20       | 5        | 25       | 439   | 33       | 16       | 28       | 734   | 34       | 3        | 14       | 449   | 1622 |
| 49 | 21       | 5        | 25       | 440   | 29       | 12       | 43       | 811   | 37       | 14       | 12       | 611   | 1862 |
| 50 | 21       | 5        | 25       | 440   | 29       | 15       | 45       | 875   | 34       | 6        | 12       | 474   | 1789 |
| 51 | 21       | 5        | 24       | 440   | 28       | 12       | 59       | 988   | 36       | 21       | 11       | 696   | 2124 |
| 52 | 21       | 5        | 25       | 439   | 31       | 10       | 24       | 596   | 38       | 37       | 11       | 940   | 1975 |
| 53 | 21       | 10       | 40       | 637   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 418   | 42       | 19       | 8        | 706   | 1761 |
| 54 | 21       | 11       | 39       | 631   | 33       | 4        | 13       | 423   | 41       | 55       | 9        | 1202  | 2256 |
| 55 | 21       | 12       | 46       | 715   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 416   | 42       | 20       | 7        | 715   | 1846 |
| 56 | 21       | 17       | 36       | 676   | 33       | 14       | 18       | 605   | 35       | 3        | 13       | 439   | 1720 |
| 57 | 21       | 11       | 41       | 659   | 29       | 10       | 42       | 783   | 36       | 6        | 11       | 484   | 1926 |
| 58 | 21       | 11       | 40       | 653   | 32       | 10       | 17       | 525   | 40       | 50       | 11       | 1140  | 2318 |
| 59 | 21       | 17       | 47       | 786   | 28       | 12       | 54       | 930   | 36       | 20       | 11       | 690   | 2406 |
| 60 | 22       | 14       | 42       | 711   | 29       | 11       | 32       | 686   | 38       | 39       | 11       | 956   | 2353 |
| 61 | 22       | 13       | 41       | 692   | 29       | 11       | 14       | 487   | 38       | 17       | 10       | 649   | 1828 |
| 62 | 22       | 13       | 48       | 751   | 34       | 5        | 12       | 429   | 38       | 5        | 9        | 475   | 1655 |
| 63 | 22       | 13       | 49       | 759   | 30       | 6        | 17       | 474   | 39       | 35       | 11       | 919   | 2152 |
| 64 | 22       | 21       | 52       | 877   | 28       | 11       | 52       | 903   | 37       | 27       | 11       | 785   | 2565 |
| 65 | 22       | 17       | 49       | 804   | 28       | 11       | 56       | 937   | 38       | 29       | 11       | 821   | 2562 |
| 66 | 22       | 20       | 50       | 848   | 34       | 3        | 13       | 419   | 41       | 25       | 7        | 768   | 2035 |
| 67 | 22       | 21       | 50       | 856   | 34       | 5        | 12       | 426   | 39       | 4        | 9        | 476   | 1758 |
| 68 | 22       | 21       | 53       | 886   | 33       | 6        | 14       | 457   | 38       | 13       | 11       | 600   | 1943 |
| 69 | 23       | 22       | 54       | 915   | 29       | 15       | 69       | 1131  | 35       | 7        | 12       | 494   | 2540 |
| 70 | 23       | 22       | 54       | 915   | 29       | 10       | 47       | 843   | 38       | 30       | 11       | 841   | 2599 |

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|    | $y_{11}$ | $y_{12}$ | $y_{13}$ | $g_1$ | $y_{21}$ | $y_{22}$ | $y_{23}$ | $g_2$ | $y_{31}$ | $y_{32}$ | $y_{33}$ | $g_3$ | TC   |
|----|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|------|
| 1  | 35       | 7        | 8        | 1055  | 17       | 12       | 27       | 1486  | 12       | 11       | 41       | 1336  | 3877 |
| 2  | 34       | 55       | 35       | 2785  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1307  | 12       | 36       | 3        | 996   | 5088 |
| 3  | 34       | 17       | 10       | 1294  | 9        | 14       | 27       | 1306  | 56       | 16       | 42       | 2316  | 4916 |
| 4  | 35       | 14       | 13       | 1342  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1304  | 50       | 19       | 27       | 1932  | 4578 |
| 5  | 31       | 16       | 14       | 1345  | 25       | 19       | 25       | 1821  | 22       | 23       | 5        | 993   | 4159 |
| 6  | 33       | 10       | 12       | 1161  | 23       | 16       | 27       | 1749  | 20       | 20       | 12       | 1038  | 3948 |
| 7  | 30       | 11       | 10       | 1076  | 10       | 15       | 25       | 1327  | 85       | 22       | 28       | 2665  | 5068 |
| 8  | 34       | 19       | 15       | 1479  | 9        | 13       | 27       | 1307  | 39       | 18       | 36       | 1885  | 4671 |
| 9  | 29       | 12       | 11       | 1097  | 10       | 15       | 25       | 1311  | 99       | 23       | 25       | 2880  | 5288 |
| 10 | 32       | 15       | 13       | 1297  | 21       | 17       | 26       | 1711  | 23       | 20       | 7        | 1001  | 4009 |
| 11 | 36       | 39       | 16       | 2014  | 8        | 12       | 29       | 1301  | 12       | 15       | 40       | 1407  | 4722 |
| 12 | 32       | 21       | 10       | 1373  | 10       | 13       | 27       | 1308  | 42       | 19       | 26       | 1757  | 4438 |
| 13 | 34       | 14       | 9        | 1235  | 10       | 13       | 27       | 1312  | 37       | 17       | 35       | 1810  | 4357 |
| 14 | 33       | 10       | 12       | 1183  | 18       | 18       | 25       | 1628  | 19       | 17       | 18       | 1096  | 3907 |
| 15 | 34       | 46       | 29       | 2438  | 10       | 14       | 28       | 1362  | 15       | 32       | 4        | 1006  | 4806 |
| 16 | 34       | 51       | 33       | 2637  | 10       | 13       | 28       | 1331  | 13       | 34       | 3        | 996   | 4964 |
| 17 | 29       | 11       | 10       | 1094  | 10       | 15       | 25       | 1313  | 90       | 23       | 26       | 2721  | 5128 |
| 18 | 32       | 13       | 12       | 1236  | 20       | 17       | 26       | 1674  | 22       | 20       | 9        | 1018  | 3928 |
| 19 | 28       | 11       | 11       | 1080  | 11       | 15       | 25       | 1320  | 105      | 24       | 25       | 3003  | 5403 |
| 20 | 31       | 16       | 14       | 1345  | 25       | 19       | 25       | 1821  | 22       | 23       | 5        | 993   | 4159 |
| 21 | 33       | 13       | 10       | 1215  | 10       | 14       | 26       | 1321  | 61       | 19       | 26       | 2100  | 4636 |
| 22 | 34       | 16       | 35       | 1866  | 11       | 15       | 29       | 1420  | 14       | 33       | 5        | 1050  | 4336 |
| 23 | 32       | 9        | 9        | 1082  | 13       | 14       | 26       | 1395  | 62       | 17       | 32       | 2226  | 4703 |
| 24 | 33       | 11       | 9        | 1131  | 12       | 14       | 26       | 1362  | 51       | 16       | 26       | 1851  | 4344 |
| 25 | 34       | 13       | 12       | 1283  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1306  | 53       | 20       | 27       | 2001  | 4590 |
| 26 | 28       | 12       | 11       | 1084  | 10       | 15       | 25       | 1318  | 84       | 22       | 25       | 2601  | 5003 |
| 27 | 34       | 34       | 14       | 1788  | 9        | 12       | 29       | 1303  | 12       | 14       | 25       | 1065  | 4156 |
| 28 | 33       | 38       | 26       | 2163  | 16       | 15       | 27       | 1529  | 16       | 30       | 4        | 995   | 4687 |
| 29 | 33       | 14       | 12       | 1259  | 9        | 13       | 27       | 1307  | 62       | 20       | 27       | 2164  | 4730 |
| 30 | 28       | 11       | 11       | 1080  | 11       | 15       | 25       | 1320  | 105      | 24       | 25       | 3002  | 5402 |

|    | $y_{11}$ | $y_{12}$ | $y_{13}$ | $g_1$ | $y_{21}$ | $y_{22}$ | $y_{23}$ | $g_2$ | $y_{31}$ | $y_{32}$ | $y_{33}$ | $g_3$ | TC   |
|----|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|------|
| 31 | 32       | 12       | 10       | 1171  | 11       | 14       | 26       | 1330  | 52       | 21       | 32       | 2116  | 4617 |
| 32 | 35       | 27       | 12       | 1605  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1310  | 19       | 21       | 22       | 1259  | 4174 |
| 33 | 33       | 14       | 10       | 1235  | 10       | 14       | 26       | 1326  | 52       | 21       | 27       | 1998  | 4559 |
| 34 | 32       | 11       | 9        | 1125  | 11       | 15       | 26       | 1341  | 56       | 21       | 26       | 2052  | 4518 |
| 35 | 31       | 10       | 10       | 1073  | 13       | 14       | 26       | 1384  | 78       | 19       | 31       | 2522  | 4979 |
| 36 | 33       | 15       | 18       | 1425  | 16       | 16       | 27       | 1536  | 23       | 20       | 10       | 1051  | 4012 |
| 37 | 36       | 34       | 9        | 1718  | 8        | 12       | 29       | 1300  | 11       | 9        | 52       | 1545  | 4563 |
| 38 | 34       | 39       | 20       | 2070  | 10       | 13       | 28       | 1329  | 13       | 22       | 16       | 1039  | 4438 |
| 39 | 35       | 46       | 24       | 2333  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1302  | 12       | 20       | 26       | 1219  | 4854 |
| 40 | 32       | 16       | 12       | 1315  | 17       | 17       | 26       | 1584  | 24       | 20       | 9        | 1044  | 3943 |
| 41 | 34       | 46       | 22       | 2268  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1307  | 15       | 29       | 8        | 1039  | 4614 |
| 42 | 33       | 38       | 26       | 2144  | 16       | 15       | 27       | 1532  | 16       | 30       | 4        | 995   | 4671 |
| 43 | 33       | 8        | 9        | 1072  | 16       | 13       | 26       | 1457  | 37       | 15       | 32       | 1714  | 4243 |
| 44 | 34       | 54       | 33       | 2719  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1305  | 13       | 32       | 7        | 1026  | 5050 |
| 45 | 34       | 15       | 23       | 1595  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1310  | 18       | 22       | 22       | 1270  | 4175 |
| 46 | 35       | 25       | 9        | 1510  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1302  | 27       | 13       | 45       | 1761  | 4573 |
| 47 | 33       | 35       | 19       | 1937  | 12       | 17       | 26       | 1446  | 24       | 22       | 6        | 1036  | 4419 |
| 48 | 30       | 15       | 10       | 1194  | 10       | 14       | 26       | 1310  | 63       | 20       | 30       | 2262  | 4766 |
| 49 | 35       | 50       | 30       | 2554  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1302  | 15       | 24       | 16       | 1101  | 4957 |
| 50 | 36       | 33       | 7        | 1650  | 8        | 12       | 29       | 1300  | 11       | 9        | 56       | 1613  | 4563 |
| 51 | 35       | 50       | 30       | 2556  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1302  | 15       | 24       | 16       | 1099  | 4957 |
| 52 | 32       | 18       | 12       | 1348  | 16       | 17       | 26       | 1562  | 25       | 20       | 5        | 987   | 3897 |
| 53 | 34       | 31       | 12       | 1671  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1303  | 18       | 14       | 33       | 1357  | 4331 |
| 54 | 34       | 43       | 30       | 2397  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1305  | 16       | 24       | 12       | 1056  | 4758 |
| 55 | 34       | 11       | 10       | 1170  | 12       | 13       | 26       | 1334  | 17       | 22       | 32       | 1464  | 3968 |
| 56 | 29       | 11       | 10       | 1091  | 10       | 15       | 25       | 1319  | 76       | 22       | 26       | 2460  | 4870 |
| 57 | 30       | 11       | 10       | 1108  | 11       | 15       | 25       | 1344  | 72       | 22       | 24       | 2333  | 4785 |
| 58 | 36       | 40       | 17       | 2046  | 8        | 13       | 29       | 1301  | 12       | 15       | 39       | 1385  | 4732 |
| 59 | 33       | 23       | 12       | 1475  | 10       | 13       | 27       | 1308  | 37       | 21       | 24       | 1650  | 4433 |
| 60 | 30       | 11       | 9        | 1069  | 10       | 14       | 26       | 1058  | 17       | 13       | 20       | 1023  | 3150 |
| 61 | 34       | 14       | 18       | 1452  | 9        | 13       | 28       | 1308  | 21       | 21       | 22       | 1317  | 4077 |
| 62 | 35       | 47       | 32       | 2546  | 8        | 13       | 29       | 1302  | 12       | 22       | 30       | 1325  | 5173 |
| 63 | 32       | 14       | 13       | 1262  | 25       | 17       | 25       | 1777  | 22       | 22       | 6        | 997   | 4036 |
| 64 | 28       | 12       | 11       | 1083  | 11       | 15       | 25       | 1322  | 101      | 24       | 25       | 2929  | 5334 |
| 65 | 31       | 10       | 10       | 1074  | 12       | 14       | 26       | 1372  | 79       | 19       | 30       | 2555  | 5001 |
| 66 | 33       | 25       | 16       | 1623  | 14       | 16       | 27       | 1490  | 21       | 23       | 8        | 1040  | 4153 |
| 67 | 32       | 23       | 13       | 1505  | 15       | 16       | 26       | 1500  | 23       | 20       | 8        | 1004  | 4009 |
| 68 | 34       | 19       | 33       | 1909  | 12       | 15       | 28       | 1436  | 15       | 33       | 5        | 1042  | 4387 |
| 69 | 36       | 33       | 7        | 1650  | 8        | 12       | 29       | 1300  | 11       | 9        | 56       | 1613  | 4563 |
| 70 | 34       | 55       | 35       | 2785  | 9        | 13       | 29       | 1307  | 12       | 36       | 3        | 996   | 5088 |