


Job and Operation Entropy in Job Shop Scheduling: A Dataset

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Abstract. The job shop problem is a highly practically relevant NP-hard problem, which has and continues to receive considerable attention in the literature. Approaches to the problem are typically benchmarked on publicly available datasets containing sets of problem instances. These problem instances are usually generated by some mechanism involving randomisation of instance properties or by maximising instance difficulty, but do not explicitly address properties such as product mix. Product mix, or more generally, diversity in jobs and operations, can be highly variable across different use cases and may affect the suitability of different scheduling methods. We generate a dataset explicitly varying this property by formalising the concept of diversity. To this end, we measure the diversity of jobs and operations in job shop instances using the Shannon entropy and generate instances with specific values of entropy. While our interest is specifically in learning-based approaches to scheduling, the generated instances can serve as a common basis to investigate the impact of instance diversity on a wider variety of different scheduling methods.

1 Introduction

- 2 Job shop scheduling has been an area of research with origins going back to at least 1956 [1].
- 3 Due to the NP-hardness of the problem, simple heuristics are often used to solve the problem
- 4 in practice. Recently, the application of reinforcement learning is increasingly investigated
- 5 for job shop scheduling as well [2]–[4]. In many cases, reinforcement learning essentially
- 6 learns scheduling or dispatching heuristics. While reinforcement learning can derive scheduling
- 7 heuristics for the general setting, one of its promises is in learning tailor-made heuristics, i.e.
- 8 heuristics that are designed to perform specifically well on problems typically encountered on
- 9 one specific shop floor, rather than in the general job shop scheduling problem. Such tailor-made
- 10 heuristics would have to rely on the exploitation of some characteristic problem structure in
- 11 these specific settings.
- 12 The structure of a given job shop problem, or a set of problems, is defined by three different

13 objects: machines, jobs, and operations. A given problem instance, or a set of problem instances,
 14 can feature more or less commonality or diversity in these objects. Maximum diversity means
 15 that all jobs and operations are unique, while repeated jobs and operations decrease diversity.
 16 This conception of diversity captures an important practical aspect of job shops: the product mix.
 17 Some job shops may tailor their operations to the production of a more narrow range of products,
 18 while others may produce a wider mix of products.

19 The question then arises whether reinforcement learning agents can learn scheduling heuristics
 20 that perform especially well for specific degrees of diversity in jobs and operations. For instance,
 21 it may be that scheduling heuristics that perform especially well in the face of low diversity can
 22 be found. Further, it is not clear what the impact of this kind of diversity on the solution quality
 23 as achieved by (non-exact) methods is. To understand the impact of the degree of diversity in
 24 jobs and operations on the performance of reinforcement learning and scheduling approaches in
 25 general, we generate job shop problem instances and datasets with varying degrees of diversity.
 26 As a foundation for this generation, we formalize different measures of diversity in job shops
 27 based on the *Shannon entropy* [5].

28 Benchmark datasets for the job shop problem have been proposed in the past, but not with a focus
 29 on varying diversity. Existing benchmarks such as the well-known Taillard instances [6] instead
 30 aim to create instances that are, by some measure, as difficult as possible. With the advent of
 31 learning-based scheduling approaches, diversity becomes an increasingly interesting property for
 32 the reasons described above. Since our motivation in generating datasets centering around the
 33 concept of diversity is thus clearly in studying its impact on learning-based scheduling methods,
 34 we will often argue from this perspective in the remainder of this document. The introduced
 35 concepts are nevertheless relevant for scheduling methods in general and hence of interest to the
 36 operations research community as a whole.

37 In the remainder of this dataset descriptor, we first give a description of the diversity measures
 38 we propose, followed by a description of our generated data, and a detailed description of the
 39 procedure used to generate said data. Experiments using the generated data are out of scope for
 40 this dataset descriptor and will be carried out in future works.

41 2 Job & Operation Entropy

42 A job shop problem instance consists of a set of jobs \mathcal{J} , each composed of a set of operations
 43 $\mathcal{O}_j \subset \mathcal{O}$, where \mathcal{O} is the set of all operations in the problem instance. Each operation $o \in \mathcal{O}$ has
 44 to be processed on a certain machine $m_o \in \mathcal{M}$ for a given duration d_o . The operations of a job
 45 are subject to precedence constraints, i.e. they need to be processed in a certain order. Solving
 46 such an instance means scheduling all operations in \mathcal{O} , i.e. determining when each operation is
 47 processed, such that no precedence constraints are violated and only one operation is scheduled
 48 on a given machine at a time [7]. For simplicity, we assume that each job $j \in \mathcal{J}$ has the same
 49 number of operations $|\mathcal{O}_j| = \frac{|\mathcal{O}|}{|\mathcal{J}|}$, i.e. the operations of the instance are equally divided between
 50 all jobs. We further assume that the number of machines equals the number of operations for
 51 each job $|\mathcal{M}| = |\mathcal{O}_j|$, and that each machine has a unique machine type represented by an integer.
 52 The size of a given instance can then be described as $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{O}_j|$, e.g. 6×6 , 10×10 , and so
 53 on. Diversity can be measured either on a job level or on an operation level, and describes

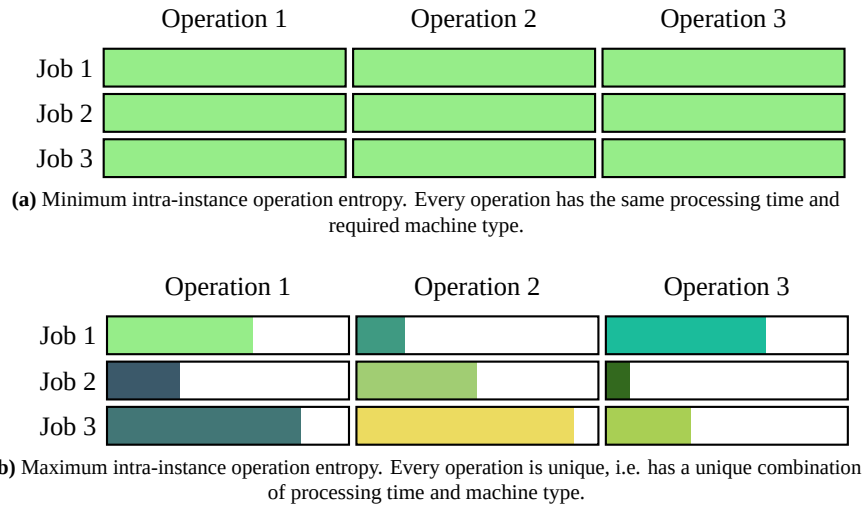


Figure 1: Illustration of intra-instance operation entropy extrema. Each operation is represented by a rectangle, where the color of each rectangle indicates the required machine type, while the processing time is indicated by the amount the rectangle is filled. Note that for illustrative purposes, we have violated the assumption that the number of machines equals the number of operations per job.

54 how many unique jobs or operations are present within a given collection of jobs and how their
 55 frequencies are distributed. The concept of diversity of jobs and operations will be formalized in
 56 the following.

57 2.1 Intra-Instance Operation Entropy

58 We begin by focusing our attention on the operation level within a single problem instance. Here,
 59 we view two operations as identical if both their processing times and their required machine
 60 types are equal. Diversity of operations is then a measure of how many operations within the
 61 instance are identical to other operations within the instance, and how many operations are
 62 unique. In other words, is a scheduling algorithm expected to repeatedly encounter a smaller
 63 number of unique operations, or is it expected to schedule a larger number of unique operations,
 64 such that each individual unique operation is encountered less frequently. Figure 1 gives an
 65 illustration of examples with minimum and maximum diversity. Between these extremes is a
 66 continuum of examples with varying degrees of diversity.

67 We can formalize this measure of diversity by measuring the frequency of each operation in the
 68 instance and calculating the Shannon entropy based on the collected frequencies. By doing so,
 69 we essentially view a problem instance as a discrete probability distribution, so that each unique
 70 operation corresponds to an event, and the frequency of this operation in the problem instance
 71 corresponds to the probability of the event:

$$H(\mathcal{O}) := - \sum_{o \in \mathcal{O}} P(o) \log_{|\mathcal{O}|} P(o) \quad (1)$$

72 We term the resulting value the *intra-instance operation entropy*. Since the base of the logarithm
 73 is chosen as $|\mathcal{O}|$, the value will be 0 for minimum diversity, and 1 for maximum diversity. Note

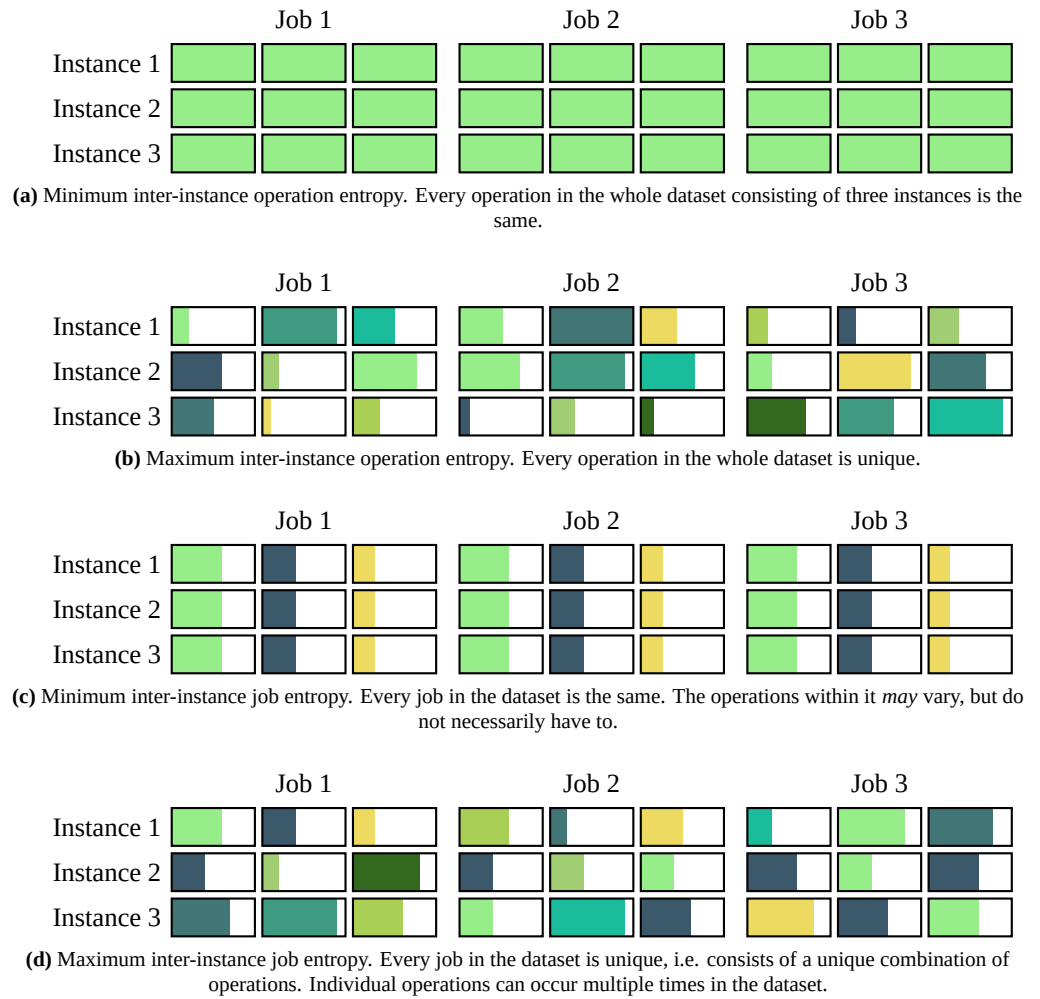


Figure 2: Illustration of inter-instance operation and job entropy extrema in a dataset consisting of three instances, each having three jobs, which are each composed of three operations. Each operation is displayed as a rectangle and grouped horizontally with the other operations of the job. Colors represent the required machine type while the processing time is indicated by the amount the corresponding rectangle is filled.

74 that the intra-instance operation entropy is a property of a problem instance, not a property of a
75 probability distribution from which a problem instance may be sampled.

76 Intuitively, this intra-instance operation entropy has some connection to the difficulty of a given
77 problem instance. With minimum entropy, every operation is identical and the order of scheduling
78 does not matter at all. Such a minimum entropy problem can hence be considered easy since
79 even random scheduling would lead to an optimal solution. With maximum entropy, the number
80 of unique operations equals the total number of operations. Since every operation is unique,
81 decisions have to be considered more carefully to arrive at good solutions. Note that the notion of
82 difficulty we use here is not about the NP-hardness of the problem, but instead asks the question:
83 how close can a given non-exact method be expected to come to the optimal solution for a
84 given problem? In other words, what is the expected optimality gap of a method for a specific
85 problem instance. The larger it is, the more difficult the instance would be considered to be.
86 While the extremum with minimum entropy provides a clear example of an easy instance, how
87 an instance’s difficulty relates to its entropy between the extremes of minimum and maximum
88 entropy remains to be investigated experimentally.

89 2.2 Inter-Instance Operation Entropy

90 While the operation entropy described above may be of interest in characterizing single problem
91 instances, testing the ability of reinforcement learning agents to learn tailor-made heuristics
92 requires a view that goes beyond single problem instances. A problem instance may for example
93 be considered one day’s worth of jobs in a given shop floor, or some other unit of time. An
94 agent would have to learn to solve not just a single problem instance, but ever new instances
95 as they occur during the daily operations of the shop floor. A specific job shop may produce
96 similar jobs over time, thereby leading to problem instances not entirely different from each
97 other, but sharing some commonalities. To train and test a reinforcement learning agent, we need
98 a collection, or a dataset of such problem instances.

99 The concept of intra-instance operation entropy can be adapted for this purpose by considering
100 not only the operations of a single instance, but the operations of a whole dataset. The calculation
101 in Equation (1) hence stays the same, merely the meaning of \mathcal{O} is expanded. We call the resulting
102 measure the *inter-instance operation entropy*.

103 2.3 Intra-Instance & Inter-Instance Job Entropy

104 The concepts introduced in the two previous subsections can easily be applied to jobs instead of
105 operations. We consider two jobs identical if they consist of the same sequence of operations
106 with identical processing times and required machine types. The *intra-instance job entropy* can
107 then be defined by:

$$H(\mathcal{J}) := - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} P(j) \log_{|\mathcal{J}|} P(j) \quad (2)$$

108 Similarly, the *inter-instance job entropy* can be defined by considering the set of all jobs in
109 a dataset, rather than all jobs in the problem instance. The extrema of inter-instance job and

110 operation entropy are illustrated in Figure 2.

111 2.4 Dataset Description

112 Based on the concepts described above, we generate a number of different datasets. The purpose
 113 of the generated datasets is to test scheduling approaches for different settings of job and operation
 114 entropy. We generate datasets concerning different levels of inter-instance operation entropy,
 115 intra-instance operation entropy, and inter-instance job entropy, as summarized in Table 1. Intra-
 116 instance job entropy is not considered here, as the total number of jobs within single instances is
 117 typically too small to generate meaningful variation.

118 By default, we generate 1000 problem instances for each combination of entropy value and
 119 problem size. One exception to this are the inter-instance operation entropy datasets, as these
 120 require a large set of unique operations to generate datasets of certain entropy levels. This
 121 number of required unique operations grows with the number of problem instances. As the
 122 uniqueness of an operation is defined by its machine type and processing time, and the number
 123 of possible machine types depends on the problem size, the main avenue of generating large sets
 124 of unique operations is by defining large ranges of admissible processing times. If the ranges
 125 become too wide, the differences between short and long operations become unrealistic. To keep
 126 these differences within sensible bounds, we limit the number of instances in the inter-instance
 127 operation entropy datasets to 500.

| Entropy type | Entropy Values | Dataset size | $ \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{O} $ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| inter-instance operation | [0.2, 0.3, ..., 0.8] | 500 | [6, 7, ..., 15] |
| intra-instance operation | [0.2, 0.3, ..., 0.8] | 1000 | [6, 7, ..., 15] |
| inter-instance job | [0.2, 0.3, ..., 0.8] | 1000 | [6, 7, ..., 15] |

Table 1: Overview of the generated datasets characterized by different entropy measures, entropy values, and sizes.

128 Each entropy dataset is generated to show different levels of diversity as measured by entropy
 129 values between 0.2 and 0.8 at 0.1 increments. The dataset size defines the number of instances for
 130 each entropy value. For each entropy value, multiple different instance sizes given by $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{O}|$
 131 are considered. The full list of generated datasets can be found in Table 2.

132 3 Data Generation

133 In the previous sections, we have described our generated data and how we measure its char-
 134 acteristics. In the following, we describe *how* we generate datasets with certain target entropy
 135 properties.

136 As described previously, operation and job entropy are descriptions of the underlying probability
 137 distributions of operations and jobs, respectively. To generate job shop instances and datasets
 138 with a certain target entropy, we therefore generate a probability distribution with this target
 139 entropy and then simply sample from the probability distribution to generate our data.

140 To generate such probability distributions, denoted as \mathcal{P} , we essentially use gradient descent. For
 141 ease of modelling and implementation, we define a simple neural network using a single, fully
 142 connected hidden layer. The input and output layers have equal dimensions, i.e. the network
 143 receives a tensor filled with the scalar value 1 as input and returns a modified distribution
 144 matching the desired entropy. This network is not trained to generalise and its weights are
 145 only optimised to generate one specific probability distribution. The choice of using a neural
 146 network is hence simply due to ease of modelling and the convenience of modern automatic
 147 differentiation frameworks. More elegant and efficient ways of generating similar datasets can
 148 certainly be devised, but optimising the generation procedure would be ill-spent effort, since it is
 149 only executed once to generate our datasets.

150 The loss function used to train the neural network is composed of the following two terms:

- 151 1. The mean squared error between the entropy of the produced probability distribution and
 152 the target entropy.
- 153 2. A regularization term, defined as a squared difference between the mean of the current
 154 probability distribution values and the maximum within them.

155 The first term allows the network to find a distribution that matches the required entropy, and the
 156 regularization term makes sure that they are distributed more uniformly.

157 The entropy optimizer algorithm follows the following steps:

- 158 1. Define the *output size*, which is dependent on the type of the entropy dataset. It defines the
 159 maximum size of the operation or job pools, which are sets of unique operations and jobs
 160 from which specific operations and jobs for individual instances are sampled subsequently.
- 161 2. Run the optimization network for *max episodes*, or until the desired precision is reached,
 162 and the uniform validity condition is met. That is defined by the fraction of the distributions
 163 with values above the mean.
- 164 3. After training each network, filter out values below the frequency threshold, compare the
 165 current output's entropy with the best ones, and replace it if necessary.

166 3.1 Inter-instance job entropy dataset

167 To generate a dataset with a target entropy for the set of all jobs, it is necessary to determine the
 168 entropy probability distribution, which is obtained for the size $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{D}|$, where $|\mathcal{D}|$ represents
 169 the dataset size. By leveraging the values within \mathcal{P} , a job pool is constructed to accommodate
 170 the entire dataset. However, a challenge arises due to the rounding of the multiplication between
 171 the elements of \mathcal{P} and the dataset size, resulting in an insufficiently sized job pool.

172 To address this issue while minimizing potential effects on entropy, the pool is augmented by
 173 incorporating the least frequent jobs. This ensures that the job pool matches the required size
 174 while preserving the desired entropy characteristics. To accomplish this, the frequency counts
 175 of jobs within the pool are examined, and the least frequent jobs are identified. These jobs are
 176 appended to the pool to compensate for the discrepancy in size.

177 Once the job pool is created, it is randomly partitioned into $|\mathcal{D}|$ instances, each of the size of
178 $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{O}|$.

179 3.2 Intra-instance operation entropy dataset

180 To generate a dataset that maintains the target entropy at the instance level, the dataset does not
181 need to be generated all at once. The entropy probability distribution \mathcal{P} , is determined for a size
182 equivalent to $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{O}|$. Based on this distribution, the operations pool is created.

183 It is important to note that in order to obtain a set of unique operations, the product of the
184 number of operations and the maximum operation duration should exceed the size of the entropy
185 distribution list. This criterion ensures that there are enough distinct operations for the pool.

186 Once the pool of operations is created, it is shuffled to introduce more randomness. The pool is
187 then divided into different jobs within an instance. This procedure is repeated until the desired
188 dataset size is reached.

189 3.3 Inter-instance operation entropy dataset

190 To generate a dataset with a target entropy for the set of all operations, it is required to determine
191 the entropy distribution list, which is optimized for the size $|\mathcal{J}| \times |\mathcal{O}| \times |\mathcal{D}|$. As a consequence,
192 the size of \mathcal{P} is much larger compared to other dataset types. To ensure that it is possible to
193 create an operation pool consisting of unique operations, the maximum operation duration is
194 increased to 2083 units.

195 The size of the operation pool is adjusted to fix any rounding issues that may arise from the
196 multiplication of the distribution and the pool size. After the operation pool is created, it is
197 randomly shuffled, and the pool is divided into individual jobs, which are then grouped into
198 instances.

199 4 Conclusion

200 We have formalized the property of diversity of jobs and operations in job shop problem instances
201 by introducing the concepts of intra-instance operation entropy, measuring the diversity of
202 operations within single problem instances, inter-instance operation entropy, measuring the
203 diversity of operations within a whole set of problem instances, as well as the similar concepts
204 of intra- and inter-instance job entropy. Based on these concepts, we have devised a method to
205 generate problem instances matching a given target entropy and used it to generate a wide range
206 of different instances belonging to multiple datasets.

207 We believe our generated datasets are a step towards more research on the effect of job structure
208 in learning-based and traditional scheduling approaches. We hypothesize that reinforcement
209 learning is especially useful in cases of relatively-low inter-instance entropy. In such cases,
210 reinforcement learning may be able to learn tailor-made heuristics exploiting the problem charac-
211 teristics as measured by the inter-instance entropy, whereas traditional methods need to be able
212 to cope with general scheduling problems. If this hypothesis can be confirmed experimentally,
213 future research will further examine whether combining learning-based methods with planning

214 procedures such as in neural Monte Carlo tree search [8] can compensate for higher entropy
215 levels.

216 While this is the main motivation behind the generation of our datasets, we can further envision
217 them being used as the basis for curriculum learning approaches [9], where the entropy of
218 instances could be gradually increased during training to vary the problem difficulty. Finally,
219 investigating the impact of operation and job entropy on traditional scheduling methods may be
220 able to deepen the understanding of the impact on job structure on different kinds of potential
221 solutions.

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254 tion Systems and Logistics: CPSL 2023*, vol. 4, 2023, pp. 34–43.

255 **Appendix**

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{O} $ | Optimizer output |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| inter-op-500-6x6-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-6x6-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 36 | 18000 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-7x7-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 49 | 24500 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 64 | 32000 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| inter-op-500-8x8-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-8x8-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 64 | 32000 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-9x9-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 81 | 40500 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-10x10-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 100 | 50000 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 121 | 60500 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| inter-op-500-11x11-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-11x11-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 121 | 60500 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-12x12-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 144 | 72000 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-13x13-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 169 | 84500 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 196 | 98000 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| inter-op-500-14x14-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-14x14-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 196 | 98000 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-02 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.2 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-03 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.3 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-04 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.4 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-05 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.5 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-06 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.6 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-07 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.7 | 225 | 112500 |
| inter-op-500-15x15-08 | inter-instance operation | 500 | 0.8 | 225 | 112500 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-6x6-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 36 | 36 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 49 | 49 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| intra-op-1000-7x7-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-7x7-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 49 | 49 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-8x8-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 64 | 64 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-9x9-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 81 | 81 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 100 | 100 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| intra-op-1000-10x10-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-10x10-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 100 | 100 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-11x11-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 121 | 121 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 144 | 144 |
| intra-op-1000-12x12-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 144 | 144 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| intra-op-1000-13x13-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-13x13-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 169 | 169 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-14x14-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 196 | 196 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-02 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.2 | 225 | 225 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-03 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.3 | 225 | 225 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-04 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.4 | 225 | 225 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-05 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.5 | 225 | 225 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-06 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.6 | 225 | 225 |
| intra-op-1000-15x15-07 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.7 | 225 | 225 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| intra-op-1000-15x15-08 | intra-instance operation | 1000 | 0.8 | 225 | 225 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-6x6-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 36 | 6000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-7x7-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 49 | 7000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-8x8-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 64 | 8000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-9x9-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 81 | 9000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-10x10-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 100 | 10000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 121 | 11000 |

| Name | Entropy type | $ \mathcal{D} $ | Entropy | $ \mathcal{J} \times \mathcal{C} $ | Optimizer output |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| inter-job-1000-11x11-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-11x11-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 121 | 11000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-12x12-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 144 | 12000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-13x13-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 169 | 13000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-14x14-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 196 | 14000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-02 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.2 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-03 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.3 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-04 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.4 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-05 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.5 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-06 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.6 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-07 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.7 | 225 | 15000 |
| inter-job-1000-15x15-08 | inter-instance job | 1000 | 0.8 | 225 | 15000 |

Table 2: Table listing detailed information about generated datasets. Each dataset's name is composed of the following information: the type of entropy considered, the size of the dataset, the size of the instances within it, and the entropy level. The optimizer output is the size of the output layer of the neural network that finds the probability distribution for a given target entropy. The larger the optimizer output is, the more unique operations will be generated.