0/1 제약조건을 갖는 부정확한 실시간 태스크들의 총오류를 최소화시키는 효율적인 알고리즘

(An Efficient Algorithm to Minimize Total Error of the Imprecise Real Time Tasks with 0/1 Constraint)

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초록

부정확한 실시간 시스템은 시간적으로 긴급한 태스크들을 융통성있게 스케쥴링해 줄 수 있다. 총 오류를 최소화시키면서 0/1 제약조건과 시간적 제약조건들을 모두 만족시키는 대부분의 스케쥴링문제들은 선택적태스크들이 임의의 수행시간을 갖고 있을 때 NP-complete이다.

Liu는 단일처리기상에서 0/1제약조건을 갖는 태스크들을 총 오류가 최소화되도록 스케쥴링시킬 수 있는 합리적인 전략을 제시하였다. 또한, 송 등은 다중처리기상에서 0/1제약조건을 갖는 태스크들을 총 오류가 최소화되도록 스케쥴링 시킬 수 있는 합리적인 전략을 제시하였다. 그러나, 이러한 알고리즘들은 모두 오프라인 알고리즘들이다. <중략〉 두 알고리즘들 사이의 성능비교의 결과로서, 선택적 태스크들이 그들의 실행요구시간의 임의의 순서대로 스케쥴될 때는 제안된 알고리즘이 NORA 알고리즘과 비슷한 총오류를 산출하지만 특별히 선택적 태스크들이 그들의 실행요구시간의 오름차순으로 스케쥴될 때는 제안된 알고리즘이 NORA 알고리즘보다 더 적은 총오류를 산출할 수 있음이 밝혀졌다. 본 논문에서 제시된 알고리즘은 레이다의 추적, 이미지 처리, 미사일 제어 등의 응용에서 효과적으로 적용될 수 있다.

Abstract

The imprecise real-time system provides flexibility in scheduling time-critical tasks. Most scheduling problems of satisfying both 0/1 constraint and timing constraints, while the total error is minimized, are NP-complete when the optional tasks have arbitrary processing times. Liu suggested a reasonable strategy of scheduling tasks with the 0/1 constraint on uniprocessors for minimizing the total error. Song et al suggested a reasonable strategy of scheduling tasks with the 0/1 constraint on multiprocessors for minimizing the total error. But, these algorithms are all off-line algorithms. In the online scheduling, NORA algorithm can find a schedule with the minimum total error for the imprecise online task system. In the NORA algorithm, the EDF strategy is adopted in the optional scheduling. The algorithm, proposed in this paper, can be applied to some applications efficiently such as radar tracking, image processing, missile control and so on.

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1. Introduction

The imprecise real-time system, proposed in [1, 4], provides flexibility in scheduling tim e-critical tasks. Examples of its applications include image processing and tracking.

For some applications, execution of the optional parts is valuable only if they are executed completely before the deadline, and of novalue if they are executed partially.

The systems with such imprecise tasks are called systems with 0/1 constraint.

Most scheduling problems of satisfying bot h 0/1 constraint and timing constraints, while the total error is minimized, are NP-complete when the optional tasks have arbitrary processing times [1]. By the total error, it means the sum of the processing times of all optional tasks that could not be scheduled.

In [1], Liu suggested a reasonable strategy of scheduling tasks with the 0/1 constraint on uniprocessors for minimizing the total error. This method schedules the first optional task with the longest processing time. This method is called as LOF(Longest Optional First) strategy. Song et al suggested a reasonable strategy of scheduling tasks with the 0/1 constraint on multiprocessors for minimizing the total error in [2]. The results of this paper show that the longest processing first selection strategy(LOF strategy) outperforms random or minimal laxity policy.

On the other hand, in the case of online sc heduling, Shih and Liu proposed NORA algor ithm which can find a schedule with the min imum total error for a task system consistin g solely of online tasks that are ready upon arrival in [5]. But, for the task system with 0/1 constraint, it has not been known wheth er NORA algorithm can be optimal or not in

the sense that the total error is minimized. In NORA algorithm, the EDF(Earliest Deadli ne First) strategy[3] is adopted in the option al scheduling.

On the other hand, for the task system wi th 0/1 constraint, the EDF_Scheduling may n ot be optimal in the sense that the total erro r is minimized. Furthermore, when the optio nal tasks are scheduled in the ascending ord er of their processing requirement time, NOR A algorithm which the EDF strategy is adop ted may not produce minimum total error.

Therefore, in this paper, an imprecise online scheduling algorithm is proposed to minimize total error when the optional tasks of the online real-time tasks with 0/1 constraint are scheduled in the ascending order of their processing requirement time. This algorithm is designed to improve the defect of the previous NORA algorithm.

The algorithm, proposed in this paper, can be applied to some applications efficiently such as radar tracking, image processing, missile control and so on.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows; Section 2 provides an imprecise online real-time task system model. In section 3, related works are described.

Section 4 presents an efficient online sched uling algorithm for the imprecise real-time t ask system with 0/1 constraints to minimize total error. The results of simulation and an alysis are described in section 5. And section 6 concludes this paper.

2. Imprecise Online Real-time Ta sk System Model

Each task T_i in a basic imprecise onlin

e real-time task system model consists of the following parameters.

- \cdot Ready time (r_i): the time instant at which T_i becomes ready for execution
- · Deadline (d_i): the time instant by w hich T_i has to be finished
- . Processing time (p_i): the time required to execute the entire T_i
- . Processing time of mandatory part (m_i): the time required to execute the m andatory part of task T_i
- . Processing time of optional part (o_i): the time required to execute the optional p art of task T_i

A task T_i consists of two parts, a man datory task M_i and an optional task O_i . m_i and O_i represent the execution time of M_i and O_i , respectively $(m_i + o_i = p_i)$. If a scheduling algorit hm assigns x_i units of execution time for ta

sk T_i , the error e_i of task T_i becomes $p_i - x_i$.

Total error can be defined as follows assu ming that there are n tasks;

$$TE = \sum_{k=1}^{n} e_k$$

3. Related Works

There are many different imprecise schedul ing problems. These problems include mini mization of total error, minimization of the m aximum or average error, minimization of th e number of discarded optional tasks, minimi zation of the number of tardy tasks and min imization of average response time.

In this paper, the problem of scheduling i mprecise computations to meet timing constr aints and 0/1 constraint is considered for mi nimizing total error. As expected, the gener al problem of scheduling to meet the 0/1 con straint and timing constraints as well as to minimize the total error, is NP-complete whe n the optional tasks have arbitrary processin g times [1]. When the processing times of all optional tasks are equal, the DFS(Depth-f irst-search) algorithm is optimal for scheduli ng tasks with timing constraints and the 0/1 constraint to minimize total error [1]. When the tasks have identical ready times, a simpl er algorithm, called the LDF(Latest Deadline First) algorithm can be used to find optimal schedules [1]. A good strategy for schedulin g tasks with the 0/1 constraint to minimize t otal error is to try to schedule first the optio nal tasks with long processing times regardl ess of the number of processors [1, 2].

But, these algorithms are all off-line algori thms. For the case of imprecise online sche duling to minimize total error, Shih and Liu proposed NORA algorithm which can find a schedule with the minimum total error for a task system consisting solely of online tasks that are ready upon arrival in [5]. NORA al gorithm is optimal in the sense that it guara ntees all mandatory tasks are completed by t heir deadlines and the total error is minimize d. Especially, NORA algorithm maintains a reservation list for all mandatory tasks that have arrived but are not yet completed and uses it as a guide in deciding where to sche dule optional tasks and how much time to a ssign to them. So, NORA algorithm has a

good schedulability performance for all mand atory tasks, but for the optional tasks with 0/1 constraint, it is doubtful whether NORA a lgorithm can produce minimum total error or not. In NORA algorithm, some error is produced as a result of the EDF(Earliest Deadlin e First) scheduling as the scheduler of NOR A algorithm maintains a prioritized task que ue in which tasks are ordered on the EDF b asis.

On the other hand, for the task system wi th 0/1 constraint, the EDF_Scheduling may n ot be optimal in the sense that the total erro r is minimized[7]. Furthermore, when the op tional tasks are scheduled in the ascending o rder of their processing time, NORA algorith m which the EDF strategy is adopted may n ot produce minimum total error.

4. An Efficient Imprecise Online Scheduling Algorithm

In this section, an efficient online schedulin g algorithm for the imprecise real-time tasks to minimize total error is described. The fol lowing Fig. 1 showes this algorithm. Hereaf ter, we call this algorithm as IOS(Imprecise Online Scheduling) algorithm.

In this algorithm, at first, the procedure \Box SetSystemParameter□ is performed. In this procedure, all system parameters which are used in generating the imprecise online realtime task system are determined. These par ARo(p), $Amu(\mu)$, ameters include PiDistribution(p) $Alamda(\lambda)$, and N*mberTasks*. The meaning of each param eter is explained in section 5. Next, from th e □GenerateSystem□ procedure, an imprecis e online real-time task system can be gener ated randomly. The next □For loop□ is pe rformed whenever a task $T_i(1 \le i \le Number Tasks)$ arrived. Whe T_i is arrived, the \square never an online task DetermineSchedulableTasks (T_i) \square procedur e determines the schedulable tasks in a time interval $[r_i, r_{i+1}]$, then the \square SortTaskByDea dline()□ procedure sorts the schedulable task s by deadlines on ascending order. Next, an online schedulability check function □Check OnLineSchedulability()□ is performed.

This fuction checks the schedulability of the schedulable tasks whenever each online that T_i is arrived. The explanation about this function is described precisely in [6].

In this function, even though only one tas k turned to be not schedulable, this algorith m is terminated abnormally. If the tasks are turned to be all schedulable, "MandatoryScheduling (T_i , leng)" procedure can be performed in a ready time interval of task T_i and T_{i+1} . In this, leng denotes the size of the ready time interval. MandatoryScheduling (T_i , leng) procedure schedules the schedulable mandatory tasks in the time interval with the EDF strategy.

As a result of the procedure, *ML* list in st ep 2 is updated and *leng* value is decreased by the sum of scheduled mandatory processing times.

Next, OptionalScheduling (T_i , leng) procedure which is the main focus of the proposed algorithm can be performed. In this procedure, two lists BTL and L are introduced. The BTL list means a list of the burden tas ks which incur maximum error on T_i arri

val. The L list signify a list of the schedul able optional tasks on T_i arrival.

First. spared readv time interval. a Length, after **MandatoryScheduling** $(T_i, leng)$ in step 15, and the sum of all processing times of the optional tasks in L, Hap Oi, are compared in step 25. Whenever Length is less than Hap Oi, the EDF sched uling for the optional tasks in L is performe d. In this EDF scheduling, each task in L i s removed in turn. Whenever the EDF sche duling except each task in L is performed, d ifferent total error may be produced. Hence, in each EDF scheduling except some optional task, the least total error can be produced. I f any EDF scheduling except any optional ta sk can produce the least total error, we say, this optional task is "burden task". So, in st ep 26, the burden task, BT, can be determin ed. Then, Hap Oi is decreased by the optio nal processing time of the burden task in ste p 27. Next, in step 28, the contents of the 1 ist L and BTL are adjusted. This process from step 25 to step 29 is repeated until Length is greater than or equal to Hap Oi from step 25 to step 29. Even though, the a bove condition is satisfied, all optional tasks in L may not be scheduled.

Therefore, the schedulability check using E DF strategy is performed in step 30. If only one task in L turned to be not schedulable, SelectBurdenTask(L, NST) procedure is performed to select a burden task and by removing this burden task, the least total error am ong the all possible EDF scheduling of L c an be produced. This process which is described from step 31 to step 35 is repeated unt

il all optional tasks in L are schedulable. Fi nally, when all optional tasks in L turned to be schedulable, the list OL in step 36 is adjusted, the least total error on T_i arrival becomes to be the sum of processing times of optional tasks in BTL.

As a result, the minimum total error can be determined as $MinErr_{Tid}$ in step 37 when an online task Tid is arrived.

On the other hand, in the proposed imprecise online scheduling algorithm which is depicted in Fig. 1, the number of iterations that a "For loop" which is described from step 7 to step 19 is executed is bounded by O(N), where N is the total number of tasks in an imprecise task system. Next, the number of schedulable tasks which "DetermineSchedulableTasks (T_i)" procedure determines on

 T_i arrival can be bounded by $\log N$ for the average case. The reason is explained in section 5.3.

Theorem 4.1.

The number of schedulable tasks which D etermineSchedulableTasks (T_i) procedure of IOS algorithm determines on T_i arrival can be bounded by $\log N$ for the average case.

Proof.

The schedulable tasks on T_i arrival can be defined as those tasks of which deadlines are greater than T_i 's ready time, r_i , and of which processing times of mandatory parts, m_i s, are not finished.

But, in the online scheduling, the number of those schedulable tasks can not be predict able theoretically. Thus, the number of schedulable tasks on T_i arrival can not help investigating by simulation in section 5.3.

Eventually, the number of schedulable task s on T_i arrival turned to be $\log N$ for the average case.

Theorem 4.2.

In the OptionalScheduling (Tid, Length) procedure, the number of iteration of two "D o While" loop can be bounded by log^2N respectively.

Proof.

The first "Do While" loop can be terminat ed when Length is greater than or equal to HapOi. If HapOi has zero value, i.e., the content of L is empty, this loop must be fini shed. So, the complexity of first "Do While" loop may be dependent on the number of ele ments in L. As the number of schedulable optional tasks in L on T_i arrival can be bounded by $\log N$ in theorem 4.1 and the c omplexity of SelectBurdenTask(L, NST) in s tep 26 can be bounded by $O(\log N)$, the c omplexity of first "Do While" loop become t o be $O(log^2N)$. The second "Do While" l oop can be terminated when EDFOK value becomes to be "True". The number of itera tion of second "Do While" loop may be depe ndent on the number of elements in L as EDFOK value of step 34 becomes to be " True'' for the worst case of L's being empt у.

Then, in the second "Do While" loop, the complexity of SelectBurdenTask(L, NST) and d EDF_Schedulability(L) can be bounded by $O(\log N)$ respectively. Therefore, the complexity of second "Do While" loop becomes to be $O(\log^2 N)$.

Theorem 4.3.

The complexity of the proposed IOS algorithm is $O(N \log^2 N)$.

Proof.

In the proposed IOS algorithm which is depicted in Fig. 1, the number of iterations that a "For loop" which is described from step 7 to step 19 is executed is bounded by O(N), where N is the total number of tasks in an imprecise task system.

Next, by theorem 4.2, the complexity of O ptionalScheduling (Tid, Length) procedure which is main focus of the proposed IOS alg orithm can be bounded by log^2N .

Therefore, the complexity of the proposed IOS algorithm becomes to be $O(N \log^2 N)$.

- 1: Sub Imprecise-OnLine-Algorithm()
- 3: OL = {a list of the optional tasks which have been scheduled}
- $|4: ML = OL = \emptyset$
- 5: Call SetSystemParameter 'Determine task system parameter

(ARo, Amu, Alamda, PiDistribution)

- 6: Call GenerateSystem Generate task system.
- For i=1 To NumberTasks 'Whenever a task T.a arrived
- Call DetermineSchedulableTasks (T_i)
 'Determine the schedulable tasks in [r_i, r_{i+1}].
- 9: Call SortTaskByDeadline()

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'Sort the schedulable tasks by
 deadline.
10: OnLineCheck = CheckOnLineSchedulability()
'Check online schedulability of the tasks
       If (OnLineCheck= False) Then
online tasks are not schedulable
12:
       Exit Sub 'Terminate this algorithm.
13:
       End If
14:
      leng = r_{i+1} - r_i
15: Call MandatoryScheduling (Ti, leng)
16: ML = ML \cup \{M_k, k = 1, 2, 3, ..., n\}
M_{k} has
scheduled in the MandatoryScheduling (Ti, leng)
17: leng = leng - \sum_{k=1}^{n} m_k, m_k \in ML
18: Call OptionalScheduling (Ti, leng)
19:
      Next i
20: End Sub
21: Sub OptionalScheduling(Tid, Length)
      BTL = \{a \text{ list of the burden tasks on }
task T_{Tid} arrival\} = \emptyset
23: L = \{a \mid \text{ist of the schedulable optional} \}
 tasks on task T_{{\scriptscriptstyle Thd}} arrival}
       {\it HapOi} = \sum_{i=1}^{\it NST} o_i , O_i \in \it L: \it NST denotes
the number of elements \, in \, \, \,
 25: Do While Length < HapOi
 26: BT = SelectBurdenTask(L, NST)
 27: HapOi = HapOi - o_{BT}
 28: L = L - \{O_{RT}\}, NST = NST - 1,
    BTL = BTL \cup \{O_{BT}\}
 29:
       Loop
 30: EDFOK = EDF_Schedulability(L)
 31: Do While EDFOK = False
 32: BT = SelectBurdenTask(L, NST)
 33: L = L - \{O_{BT}\}, NST = NST - 1,
    BTL = BTL \cup \{O_{BT}\}
        EDFOK = EDF\_Schedulability(L)
 35:
        Loop
      OL = OL \cup L
 37: \mathit{MinErr}_{\mathit{Tid}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\mathit{NBT}} o_j, \ O_j \in \mathit{BTL} ;
 NBT
 denotes the number of elements in BTL
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38: End Sub

[Fig. 1] Imprecise online scheduling algorithm

5. Simulation Study

In this chapter, the results of simulation ar e analized and presented. An aim of simulat ion is to compare performance between the p roposed IOS algorithm and the performance of NORA algorithm. In order to compare the performance between the two algorithms, a series of experiments are performed.

5.1 Task Set Generation

For each experiment, a task set with three hundred tasks, modeled as an M/M/Infinity q ueuing system, in which the distribution char acteristic of task arrival time is Poisson; the service time is exponentially distributed is ge nerated. The processing time of mandatory part of each task is taken uniformly from ze ro to (its deadline - its ready time) * PiDistribution, where PiDistribution(p) i s fixed arbitrary from 0.2 to 0.9 for each ex periment. The arrival rate over the service rate, (defined as ARo(p)) is the average nu mber of tasks which can be scheduled in so me time interval of the system, where ARo(p) is fixed arbitrary from 1 to 4 for each e xperiment. As ARo(p) or PiDistribution (p) becomes larger, the load of processor al so becomes higher. If the generated task se t is not schedulable by the CheckOnLineSc function of Fig. 1, it is reject hedulability() ed and regenerated until all mandatory tasks of the imprecise online task system are guar anteed. After the mandatory scheduling for the generated task set, the optional schedulin g is performed. When the optional schedulin g is performed, the 0/1 constraint is adopted.

In there, two different selection strategies are considered. The first one is EDF strate gy and which strategy selects one task with the earliest deadline among the schedulable o ptional tasks. The famous NORA algorithm adopts this strategy. The second strategy is the selecting and removing the burden task and so incurring the least total error among the schedulable optional tasks. In the propos ed IOS algorithm in Fig. 1, this strategy is adopted.

To compare performance between two selection strategies, the following metrice is use d.

5.2 Total Errors of Generated Task Sets

The proposed IOS algorithm can be compared with NORA algorithm on the aspect of total error incurred from the generated task set. To compare total errors derived from the IOS algorithm and NORA algorithm, an experiment is performed. In this experiment, 100 task sets are generated and each task set is composed of 300 tasks. From each task set, total errors are incurred by IOS algorithm and NORA algorithm respectively.

The following Table 1 and Table 2 showe s the number of task sets producing less tot al error than that of another algorithm for $p = 1 \sim 4$, $p = 0.2 \sim 0.9$. Table 1 and Table 2 represent a performance comparison when the processing times of optional parts is distributed on ascending order or random order respectively.

As we can see in Table 1, IOS algorithm has better performance than NORA algorith m except for the case of ρ = 3, p = 0.3 and ρ = 4, p = 0.8. Even in this case, the numb er of task sets producing less total error are

similar between two algorithms.

On the other hand, when the processing ti mes of optional parts are distributed on rand om order, we can see in Table 2 that IOS al gorithm produce less total error than that of NORA algorithm when ARo(p) and PiDistrib ution(p) value become large.

In Table 1 and Table 2, the black cells de note that IOS algorithm has better performan ce than NORA algorithm.

Therefore, we can conclude that the proposed IOS algorithm has better performance than NORA algorithm when the processing times of optional parts are distributed on ascending order. Furthermore, when the processing times of optional parts are distributed on random order, IOS algorithm has better perform ance than NORA algorithm as $ARo(\rho)$ and PiDistribution(p) value are increase.

<Table 1> A performance comparison betw een IOS and NORA algorithm (ascending ord

ا م	A 1	PiDistribution								
ARo	Algorithm	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	8.0	0.9	
1	IOS	0	2	10	56	74	85	83	84	
	NORA	0	0	10	31	25	12	12	7	
	Equal	100	98	80	13	1	3	5	9	
2	IOS	0	2	21	77	81	56	36	29	
	NORA	0	2	16	13	2	5	1	1	
	Equal	100	96	63	10	17	39	63	70	
3	IOS	0	1	30	54	41	24	10	13	
	NORA	0	2	12	4	4	1	0	3	
	Equal	100	97	58	42	55	75	90	84	
	IOS	0	5	26	25	14	5	2	5	
	IOS NORA Equal	0 0 100	1 2 97	30 12 58	54 4 42	41 4 55	24 1 75	0 90		

NORA

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0 2 11

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er of o_i)

<Table 2> A performance comparison between IOS and NORA algorithm (random order

of o_{i}

ARo	Algorithm	PiDistribution								
ARO	Algonimi	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	
1	IOS	51	55	57	43	44	51	51	51	
	NORA	44	39	37	54	48	41	40	41	
	Equal	5	6	6	3	8	8	9	8	
2	IOS	38	36	30	32	44	48	48	45	
	NORA	46	46	57	54	48	37	30	16	
	Equal	16	18	13	14	8	15	22	39	
3	ios	26	31	25	50	33	40	39	16	
	NORA	45	45	39	39	17	19	5	0	
	Equal	29	24	36	11	50	41	56	84	
4	IOS	36	27	25	25	31	33	11	9	
	NORA	28	36	32	13	6	3	4	0	
	Equal	36	37	43	62	63	64	85	91	

5.3 Average Number of Schedulable Tasks

As we can see in theorem 4.1 of chapter 4, the number of schedulable tasks which De termineSchedulableTasks (T_i) procedure of IOS algorithm determines on T_i arrival can be bounded by $\log N$ for the average case. The reason is as follows:

In the online scheduling, the number of sc hedulable tasks on some task arrival can not be predictable theoretically. Therefore, in thi s section, an experiment is performed to inve stigate the number of schedulable tasks on

 T_i arrival.

In this experiment, each task set consisting of 300 tasks is generated as ARo(p) and P iDistribution(p) value. Whenever an online task T_i of some task set characterized by ARo(p) and PiDistribution(p) value is arrive

d, the number of schedulable tasks are determined by DetermineSchedulableTasks (T_i) procedure of IOS algorithm. Then, we can determine the average number of schedulable tasks by dividing the total number of schedulable tasks on every tasks, in the task set, a rrival by the number of tasks in a task set.

Each cell in Table 3 denotes the average number of schedulable tasks in a task set as ρ and ρ value. In Table 3, we can see that the average number of schedulable tasks are become large as ρ and ρ value increase. Ne xt, the average number of every cells in Table 3 becomes to be 8, this value approximates $\ln 300 \approx \log 300$; 300 denotes the number of tasks in a task set.

Finally, we can conclude that the number of schedulable tasks on T_i arrival can be bounded by $\log N$ for the average case.

Table 3 Average number of schedulable tas ks in a task set as ρ and p value

ARo	PiDistribution										
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9			
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			
2	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	4			
3	1	1	1	3	8	9	14	20			
4	1	2	2	5	19	42	46	57			

6. Conclusion

The general problems of scheduling to mee t the 0/1 constraint and timing constraints, a s well as to minimize the total error, are NP-complete when the optional tasks have arbitrary processing times.

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rocessors for minimizing the total error. So ng et al suggested a reasonable strategy of scheduling tasks with the 0/1 constraint on multiprocessors for minimizing the total erro r. But, these algorithms are all off-line algorithms.

In the online scheduling, NORA algorithm can find a schedule with the minimum total error for the imprecise online task system. In NORA algorithm, the EDF strategy is adopted in the optional scheduling.

On the other hand, for the task system wi th 0/1 constraint, the EDF_Scheduling may n ot be optimal in the sense that the total erro r is minimized. Furthermore, when the optio nal tasks are scheduled in the ascending ord er of their processing time, NORA algorithm which the EDF strategy is adopted may not produce minimum total error.

Therefore, in this paper, an imprecise onlin e scheduling algorithm is proposed to minimi ze total error when the optional tasks of the online real-time tasks with 0/1 constraint ar e scheduled in the ascending order of their p rocessing requirement time. This algorithm is designed to improve the defect of the prev ious NORA algorithm. To compare the performance between two algorithms, a series of experiments are performed.

As a consequence of the performance comp arison between two algorithms, it has been concluded that the proposed algorithm can produce similar total error to NORA algorithm when the optional tasks are scheduled in the random order of their processing time but, the proposed algorithm can produce less total error than NORA algorithm especially when the optional tasks are scheduled in the ascending order of their processing time like missi le control system.

The algorithm, proposed in this paper, can be applied to some applications efficiently su ch as radar tracking, image processing, missi le control and so on.

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