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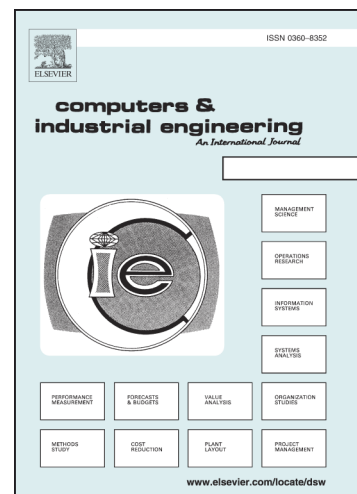
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Abstract: Under a global purchasing environment, more and more companies have realized that considerable cost savings can be achieved through a coordinated replenishment and delivery (CRD) strategy. A new and practical CRD model with quantity discount (D-CRD) and its extension with constraints (CD-CRD) are proposed. Several important properties of the proposed D-CRD and CD-CRD policies are presented. A heuristic based on these properties and a hybrid Tabu search algorithm are designed to obtain satisfactory solutions for D-CRD and CD-CRD. Computational results demonstrate the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithms. Although D-CRD is more efficient than CRD, resource constraints significantly weaken the effects of quantity discount strategy, especially for large-scale problems. Moreover, constraints in the coordinated stage are more sensitive than constraints in the delivery stage.

Keywords: Coordinated replenishment; Delivery; Quantity discount; Resource Restrictions; Heuristic; Tabu search

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