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The search for the optimal number of kanbans in unstable assembly-tree layout systems under intensive loading conditions

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mechanism. Literature proposes various kanban systems; in all cases the determination of the number of kanbans depends both on the management method chosen at each stage of the process as well as on the fluctuation of operative variables. This study deals with the problem of choosing the optimal number of kanbans in a multi-stage productive environment organised in an assembly-tree layout. In particular, this paper proposes a heuristic procedure to determine the number of kanbans and compares it with the traditional methods applied in manufacturing contexts.

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