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Summary

The research provides an evaluation of the effect of adaptive facades on both natural lighting and glare for administrative buildings, where administrative buildings are one of the largest energy consumers in Egypt, and industrial lighting represents a large proportion of the total annual energy consumed and with the aggravation of the energy crisis, this places great importance to rationalize energy consumption .

The use of the optimization method proposed in this study succeeded in providing a wide range of design variations. This allowed for showing the effectiveness of using the proposed parametric approach in identifying a large number of unconventional designs that maintain maximum daylighting performance. The genetic algorithm adopted in this study enhanced daylighting performance during the optimization process gradually through 50 Generations, by which the objective was set to maximize daylit area percentage and to minimize the over-lit and partially daylit area percentages. In the last generation, by the end of the optimization process, optimum solutions were defined. These all met the targeted criteria.

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