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Genetic algorithm (GA) is a very important method used to solve difficult combinatorial optimization problems. Multichoice programming (MCP) class of combinatorial optimization problems where the decision maker (DM) has to choose a value from a number of choices, and to nd a combination which optimizes an objective function subject to a given set of constraints. If some parameters present in the MCP problem follow some probabilistic distributions, then it is known as multi-choice stochastic programming (MCSP) problems. In this paper, a MCSP problem has been considered. First we apply chance constrained programming technique to nd a deterministic MCP problem. Generally, some transformation techniques are applied to transform the MCP problem to a mixed-integer programming (MIP) problem, then a standard mathematical programming is used to solve the transformed MIP problem which involves extra variables and extra constraints. But here we have proposed a GA to solve the MCP problem directly (without using any transformation technique). Finally, a numerical example is presented to illustrate the solution procedure. (Received August 21, 2018)