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## Palavras Chave

Colaborativo; Codificação; Conteúdo Multimídia; Comunicação;





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**Algorithm 1** Worker Assignment Algorithm

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**Require:** *nodes*, *predictions*, *base\_rc*, *SLA*, *MAX\_CLUSTERING*

```
1: assigned  $\leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ nodes are topologically sorted

2: for all  $n \in \text{nodes}$  do
3:   if  $n \in \text{assigned}$  then
4:     continue
5:   end if
6:   if  $n.\text{upstream} = \emptyset$  then ▷ root nodes
7:      $\text{roots} \leftarrow \{r \in \text{nodes} \mid r.\text{upstream} = \emptyset \wedge r \notin \text{assigned}\}$ 
8:      $\text{ASSIGNGROUP}(\text{null}, \text{roots})$ 
9:   else if  $|n.\text{upstream}| = 1$  then ▷  $1 \rightarrow 1$  or  $1 \rightarrow N$ 
10:     $u \leftarrow n.\text{upstream}[0]$ 
11:    if  $|u.\text{downstream}| = 1$  then
12:       $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}([n], u.\text{worker})$  ▷ reuse worker
13:    else ▷  $1 \rightarrow N$ 
14:       $\text{fanout} \leftarrow \{d \in u.\text{downstream} \mid d \notin \text{assigned}\}$ 
15:       $\text{ASSIGNGROUP}(u.\text{worker}, \text{fanout})$ 
16:    end if
17:  else ▷  $N \rightarrow 1$ 
18:     $\text{outputs} \leftarrow \{u.\text{worker} : \text{predictions.output\_size}(u) \mid u \in n.\text{upstream}\}$ 
19:     $\text{best} \leftarrow \arg \max_{w \in \text{outputs}} \text{outputs}[w]$ 
20:     $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}([n], \text{best})$ 
21:  end if
22: end for

23: function  $\text{ASSIGNGROUP}(\text{up\_worker}, \text{tasks})$ 
24:   if  $\text{tasks} = \emptyset$  then return
25:   end if
26:    $\text{exec\_t} \leftarrow \{t : \text{predictions.exec\_time}(t) \mid t \in \text{tasks}\}$ 
27:    $\text{out\_sz} \leftarrow \{t : \text{predictions.output\_size}(t) \mid t \in \text{tasks}\}$ 
28:    $\text{median} \leftarrow \text{MEDIAN}(\text{exec\_t.values}())$ 
29:    $\text{longs} \leftarrow \{t \in \text{tasks} \mid \text{exec\_t}[t] > \text{median}\}$ 
30:    $\text{shorts} \leftarrow \text{SORTLARGEROUTPUTFIRST}(\{t \in \text{tasks} \mid \text{exec\_t}[t] \leq \text{median}\})$ 
31:   ▷ 1) cluster short tasks with bigger outputs on upstream worker
32:   if  $\text{up\_worker} \neq \text{null} \wedge \text{shorts} \neq \emptyset$  then
33:      $\text{cluster} \leftarrow \text{shorts}[0 : \text{MAX\_CLUSTERING}]$ 
34:      $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}(\text{cluster}, \text{up\_worker})$ 
35:      $\text{shorts} \leftarrow \text{shorts}[\text{MAX\_CLUSTERING} : ]$ 
36:   end if
37:   ▷ 2) pair long tasks with remaining short tasks (1 long per group)
38:   while  $\text{longs} \neq \emptyset \wedge \text{shorts} \neq \emptyset$  do
39:      $\text{cluster} \leftarrow [\text{longs}[0]] + \text{shorts}[0 : \text{MAX\_CLUSTERING} - 1]$ 
40:      $\text{worker\_id} \leftarrow \text{NEWWORKERID}$ 
41:      $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}(\text{cluster}, \text{worker\_id})$ 
42:      $\text{longs} \leftarrow \text{longs}[1 : ]$ 
43:      $\text{shorts} \leftarrow \text{shorts}[\text{MAX\_CLUSTERING} - 1 : ]$ 
44:   end while
45:   ▷ 3) group remaining short tasks
46:   while  $\text{shorts} \neq \emptyset$  do
47:      $\text{worker\_id} \leftarrow \text{NEWWORKERID}$ 
48:      $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}(\text{shorts}[0 : \text{MAX\_CLUSTERING}], \text{worker\_id})$ 
49:      $\text{shorts} \leftarrow \text{shorts}[\text{MAX\_CLUSTERING} : ]$ 
50:   end while
51:   ▷ 4) group remaining longs (half-size)
52:    $\text{half} \leftarrow \max(1, \lfloor \text{MAX\_CLUSTERING}/2 \rfloor)$ 
53:   while  $\text{longs} \neq \emptyset$  do
54:      $\text{worker\_id} \leftarrow \text{NEWWORKERID}$ 
55:      $\text{ASSIGNWORKER}(\text{longs}[0 : \text{half}], \text{worker\_id})$ 
56:      $\text{longs} \leftarrow \text{longs}[\text{half} : ]$ 
57:   end while
58: end function
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**Algorithm 2** Resource Downgrading Algorithm

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**Require:** *dag, nodes, critical\_path\_ids, original\_cp\_time, configs, predictions*

```
1: workers_outside  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 

2:                                     ▷ 1) Identify workers outside the critical path
3: for all n  $\in$  nodes do                                     ▷ nodes are topologically sorted
4:   wid  $\leftarrow$  n.worker_id
5:   if n.id  $\notin$  critical_path_ids  $\wedge \forall cp \in dag.critical\_path\_nodes : wid \neq cp.worker\_id$  then
6:     workers_outside  $\leftarrow$  workers_outside  $\cup \{wid\}$ 
7:   end if
8: end for
9: nodes_outside_cp  $\leftarrow \{n \in nodes \mid n.id \notin critical\_path\_ids\}$ 

10:                                     ▷ 2) Attempt downgrade for each worker outside critical path
11: for all wid  $\in$  workers_outside do
12:   last_good_rc  $\leftarrow \{n.id : n.config \mid n \in nodes\_outside\_cp \wedge n.worker\_id = wid\}$ 

13:                                     ▷ Iterate through weaker configurations (skip strongest at index 0)
14:   for i  $\leftarrow 1$  to  $|configs| - 1$  do
15:     trial  $\leftarrow configs[i].CLONE(wid)$ 

16:                                     ▷ Apply trial configuration to all nodes of this worker
17:     for all n  $\in$  nodes_outside_cp do
18:       if n.worker_id = wid then
19:         n.config  $\leftarrow$  trial
20:       end if
21:     end for

22:                                     ▷ Recompute workflow timing with predictions
23:   cp_time  $\leftarrow$  SIMULATECRITICALPATHTIME(dag)

24:   if cp_time = original_cp_time then
25:                                     ▷ Downgrade acceptable, record as last good state
26:     for all n  $\in$  nodes_outside_cp do
27:       if n.worker_id = wid then
28:         last_good_rc[n.id]  $\leftarrow$  n.config
29:       end if
30:     end for
31:   else
32:                                     ▷ Downgrade increases critical path, revert and move on to the next worker
33:     for all n  $\in$  nodes_outside_cp do
34:       if n.worker_id = wid then
35:         n.config  $\leftarrow$  last_good_rc[n.id]
36:       end if
37:     end for
38:   break                                     ▷ move to next worker
39: end if
40: end for
41: end for
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## Evaluation

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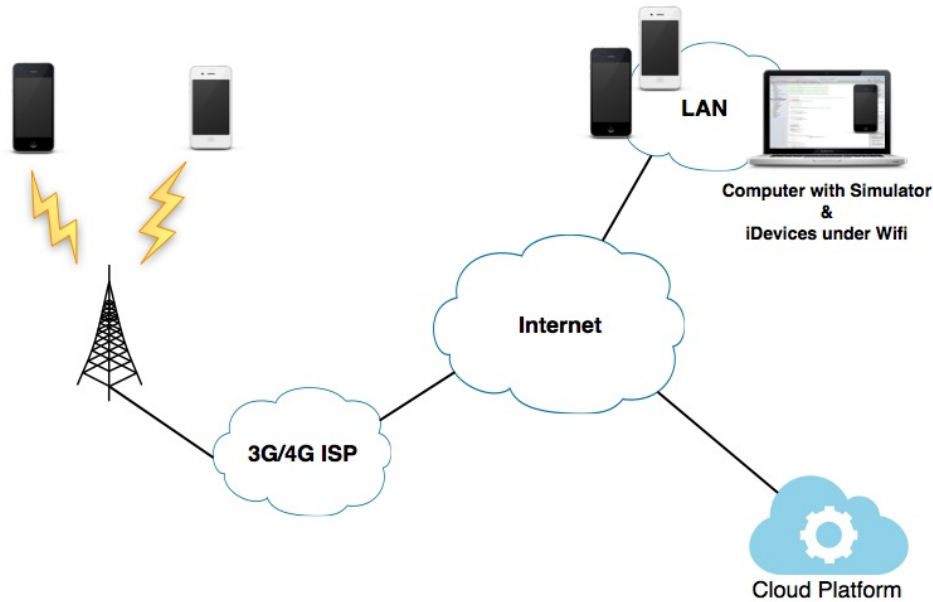
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**Figure 4.1:** Test Environment

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**Table 4.1:** Network Link Conditioner Profiles

Network Profile	Bandwidth	Packets Dropped	Delay
Wifi	40 mbps	0%	1 ms
3G	780 kbps	0%	100 ms
Edge	240 kbps	0%	400 ms

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$n_j$  Among the  $N_j$  unchokes, the number of times that peer  $j$  responded with unchoke or supplied segments to peer  $p$ .

$C_{r[j]}$  The cooperation ratio of peer  $j$ . If peer  $j$  never supplied peer  $p$ , the information of  $C_{r[j]}$  may not be available.

$C_{r(max)}$  The maximum cooperation ratio of peer  $p$ 's neighbors, i.e.,  $C_{r(max)} = \max(C_r)$ .

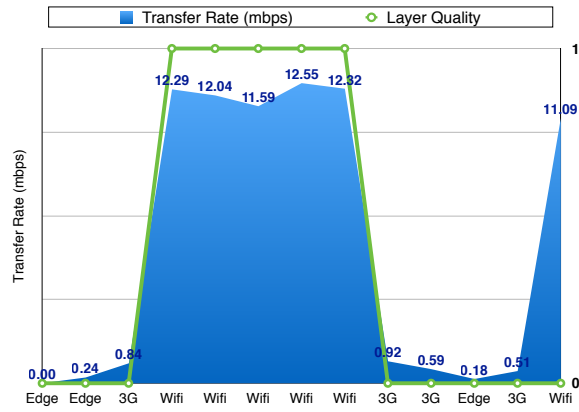
$$G_j = \begin{cases} \frac{n_j C_{r[j]}}{N_j} & \text{if } n_j > 0 \\ \frac{C_{r(max)}}{N_j + 1} & \text{if } n_j = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

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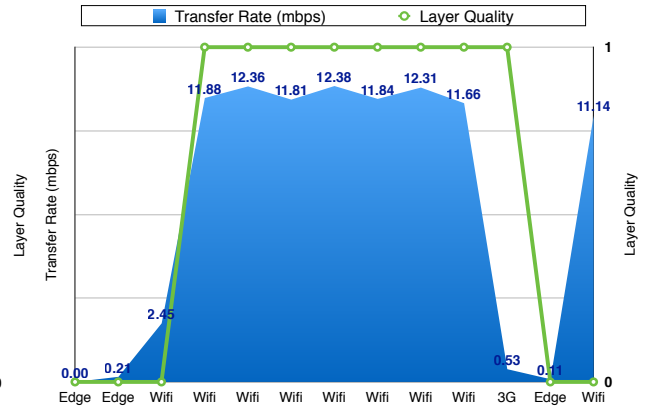
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(a) Adaptation System Test 4



(b) Adaptation System Test 5

**Figure 4.2:** Adaptation System Behavior Test

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## 5.2 System Limitations and Future Work

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## Code of Project

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**Listing A.1:** Example of a XML file.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <StreamInfo version="2.0">
3   <Clip duration="PT01M0.00S">
4     <BaseURL>videos/</BaseURL>
5     <Description>svc_1</Description>
6     <Representation mimeType="video/SVC" codecs="svc" frameRate="30.00" bandwidth="401.90"
7       width="176" height="144" id="L0">
8       <BaseURL>svc_1/</BaseURL>
9       <SegmentInfo from="0" to="11" duration="PT5.00S">
10        <BaseURL>svc_1-L0-</BaseURL>
11      </SegmentInfo>
12    </Representation>
```

```

13     <Representation mimeType="video/SVC" codecs="svc" frameRate="30.00" bandwidth="1322.60"
14         width="352" height="288" id="L1">
15         <BaseURL>svc_1/</BaseURL>
16         <SegmentInfo from="0" to="11" duration="PT5.00S">
17             <BaseURL>svc_1-L1-</BaseURL>
18         </SegmentInfo>
19     </Representation>
20 </Clip>
21 </StreamInfo>

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This inline MATLAB code `for i=1:3, disp('cool'); end;` uses the `\mcode{}` command.<sup>1</sup>

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#### Listing A.2: Matlab Function

```

1  for i = 1:3
2      if i >= 5 && a ~= b          % literate programming replacement
3          disp('cool');           % comment with some  $\pi x^2$ 
4      end
5      [:,ind] = max(vec);
6      x_last = x(1,end) - 1;
7      v(end);
8      ylabel('Voltage ( $\mu V$ )');
9  end

```

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<sup>1</sup>MATLAB Works also in footnotes: `for i=1:3, disp('cool'); end;`



**Listing A.3:** function.m

```
1 % Copyright 2010 The MathWorks, Inc.
2 function ObjTrack(position)
3 % #codegen
4 % First, setup the figure
5 numPts = 300;           % Process and plot 300 samples
6 figure;hold;grid;       % Prepare plot window
7 % Main loop
8 for idx = 1: numPts
9     z = position(:,idx); % Get the input data
10    y = kalmanfilter(z);  % Call Kalman filter to estimate the position
11    plot_trajectory(z,y); % Plot the results
12 end
13 hold;
14 end % of the function
```

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**Listing A.4:** HTML with CSS Code

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>Listings Style Test</title>
5     <meta charset="UTF-8">
6     <style>
7       /* CSS Test */
8       * {
9         padding: 0;
10        border: 0;
11        margin: 0;
12      }
13    </style>
14    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css" />
15  </head>
```

```

16 <header> hey </header>
17 <article> this is a article </article>
18 <body>
19     <!-- Paragraphs are fine -->
20     <div id="box">
21         <p>
22             Hello World
23         </p>
24         <p>Hello World</p>
25         <p id="test">Hello World</p>
26         <p></p>
27     </div>
28     <div>Test</div>
29     <!-- HTML script is not consistent -->
30     <script src="js/benchmark.js"></script>
31     <script>
32         function createSquare(x, y) {
33             // This is a comment.
34             var square = document.createElement('div');
35             square.style.width = square.style.height = '50px';
36             square.style.backgroundColor = 'blue';
37
38             /*
39              * This is another comment.
40              */
41             square.style.position = 'absolute';
42             square.style.left = x + 'px';
43             square.style.top = y + 'px';
44
45             var body = document.getElementsByTagName('body')[0];
46             body.appendChild(square);
47         };
48
49         // Please take a look at +=
50         window.addEventListener('mousedown', function(event) {
51             // German umlaut test: Berührungspunkt ermitteln
52             var x = event.touches[0].pageX;
53             var y = event.touches[0].pageY;

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54         var lookAtThis += 1;
55     });
56     </script>
57 </body>
58 </html>

```

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#### Listing A.5: HTML CSS Javascript Code

```

1
2 @media only screen and (min-width: 768px) and (max-width: 991px) {
3
4     #main {
5         width: 712px;
6         padding: 100px 28px 120px;
7     }
8
9     /* .mono {
10         font-size: 90%;
11     } */
12
13     .cssbtn a {
14         margin-top: 10px;
15         margin-bottom: 10px;
16         width: 60px;
17         height: 60px;
18         font-size: 28px;
19         line-height: 62px;
20     }

```

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**Listing A.6: PYTHON Code**

```
1 class TelegramRequestHandler(object):
2     def handle(self):
3         addr = self.client_address[0]           # Client IP-address
4         telegram = self.request.recv(1024)      # Recieve telegram
5         print "From: %s, Received: %s" % (addr, telegram)
6         return
```



## A Large Table

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As B.1 shows, the data can be inserted from a file, in the case of a somehow complex structure. Notice the Table footnotes.

**Table B.1:** Example table

Benchmark: ANN	#Layers (1)	#Nets (2)	#Nodes* (3) = 8 · (1) · (2)	Critical path (4) = 4 · (1)	Latency ( $T_{iter}$ ) (5)
A1	<b>3–1501</b>	1	<b>24–12008</b>	<b>12–6004</b>	4
A2	501	1	4008	2004	<b>2–2000</b>
A3	10	<b>2–1024</b>	<b>160–81920</b>	40	60 <sup>†</sup>
A4	10	50	4000	40	<b>80–1200</b>
Benchmark: FFT	FFT size <sup>‡</sup> (1)	#Inputs (2) = 2 <sup>(1)</sup>	#Nodes* (3) = 10 · (1) · (2)	Critical path (4) = 4 · (1)	Latency ( $T_{iter}$ ) (5)
F1	<b>1–10</b>	2–1024	<b>20–102400</b>	4–40	6–60 <sup>†</sup>
F2	<b>5</b>	32	1600	20	<b>40 – 1500</b>
Benchmark: Random networks	#Types (1)	#Nodes (2)	#Networks (3)	Critical path (4)	Latency ( $T_{iter}$ ) (5)
R1	3	10–2000	500	variable	(4)
R2	3	50	500	variable	(4) × [1; ··· ; 20]

\* Excluding constant nodes.

<sup>†</sup> Value kept proportional to the critical path: (5) = (4) · 1.5.

<sup>‡</sup> A size of  $x$  corresponds to a  $2^x$  point FFT.

Values in bold indicate the parameter being varied.

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An example of a large Table that autofits the size to the page margins is illustrated in B.2. Please notice the text size that is shrunken in order for the table to adjust to the page:

**Table B.2:** Sample Table.

URL	First Time Visit	Last Time Visit	URL Counts	Value	Reference
https://web.facebook.com/	1521241972	1522351859	177	56640	[facebook-2021]
http://localhost/phpmyadmin/	1518413861	1522075694	24	39312	database-management
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/	1516596003	1522352010	36	33264	Google-Gmail-2021
https://github.com/shawon100	1517215489	1522352266	37	27528	Code-Repository
https://www.youtube.com/	1517229227	1521978502	24	14792	Youtube-video-2021