Toward Resource-Efficient Cloud Systems: Avoiding Over-Provisioning in Demand-Prediction Based Resource Provisioning

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Outline

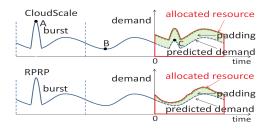
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Introduction

- In cloud systems, cloud providers abstract resources in physical machines into virtual machines and sell them to the tenants.
- To ensure resource provisioning for guaranteeing SLOs¹, clouds can use demand-prediction based resource provisioning schemes.
- Achieving the tradeoff between the penalties associated with SLO violations and high resource utilization requires an accurate demand prediction methodology.

Previous Work - CloudScale



- CloudScale predicts the demand at a time period based on a historical record.
- Padding: using the high-frequency spectrum or the average of the latest prediction error.
- Online Adaptive: to handle underestimation, raising the resource allocation by $\alpha>1$ until an error is corrected.

RPRP1

- RPRP excludes bursts in demand prediction and specifically handles bursts to avoid resource over-provisioning.
- Algorithm
 - burst-exclusive prediction algorithm
 - load-dependent padding algorithm
 - responsive padding algorithm
- Algorithm 1 and 2 aim to exclude bursts, and algorithm 3 aims to handle bursts.

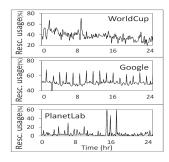
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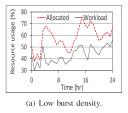
Objective

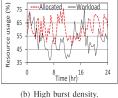
- Denote a VM's records:
 - workload demand: $D = \{d_{t_1}, ..., d_{t_i}, ..., d_{t_N}\}$
 - allocated resource: $A = \{a_{t_1}, ..., a_{t_i}, ..., a_{t_N}\}$
 - utilized resource: $U = \{u_{t_1}, ..., u_{t_i}, ..., u_{t_N}\}$
 - resource capacity: C
- And from the historical records, we have:
 - predict demand: $P = \{p_{t_{N+1}}, p_{t_{N+2}}, ..., p_{t_{N+T}}\}$
 - allocated resource: $A = \{a_{t_{N+1}}, a_{t_{N+2}}, ..., a_{t_{N+T}}\}$
- Goal: determine allocated resource A such that
 - $d_{t_i} \leq a_{t_i} \leq C$
 - and meanwhile to minimize $a_{t_i} d_{t_i}, \forall t_i > t_N$

Algo.1: Burst-exclusive Prediction

• Trace analysis and CloudScale prediction + padding.

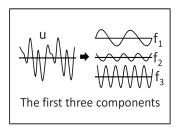






Algo.1: Burst-exclusive Prediction

- RPRP relies on FFT to exclude the burst.
- FFT is applicable for predicting workload demand in repeated periodic patterns P based on the historical utilization series U.



Algo.2: Load-dependent Padding

- Formulate the problem of padding determination to achieve both *resource efficient* and *SLO guarantee*.
- The variation of prediction errors is dependent on load levels in cloud.
- Use $\mathscr{P} = \{\hat{p_1}, \hat{p_2}, ..., \hat{p_M}\}$ $(\hat{p_1} < \hat{p_2} < ... < \hat{p_M})$ to represent the M different predicted demand levels.
- Use $\mathscr{D}_{\hat{P}_i} = \{d_1, d_2, ..., d_{n_{\hat{p}_i}}\}$ $(d_1 < d_2 < ... < d_{n_{\hat{p}_i}}, n_{\hat{p}_i} = | \mathscr{D}_{\hat{p}_i} |)$ to indicate the demands that were predicted to be \hat{p}_i .
- And $N = \sum_{j=1}^{M} n_{\hat{p}_j}$ is the total number of workload demands in the demand series.



Algo.2: Load-dependent Padding

• The probability that the allocated resource $(a_{t_i} = \hat{p}_i + \delta(\hat{p}_i))$ is sufficient to meet the demand is

$$Pr(\hat{p}_i) = \frac{|\{d_j \leq \hat{p}_i + \delta(\hat{p}_i) \mid d_j \in \mathscr{D}_{\hat{p}_i}\}|}{n_{\hat{p}_i}}$$
(1)

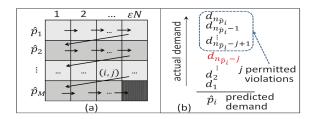
$$\bar{Pr} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} Pr(\hat{p}_i) \frac{n_{\hat{p}_i}}{N} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{|\{d_j \leq \hat{p}_i + \delta(\hat{p}_i) \mid d_j \in \mathscr{D}_{\hat{p}_i}\} \mid}{n_{\hat{p}_i}} \frac{n_{\hat{p}_i}}{N} \geq 1 - \epsilon$$
(2)

The expected allocated resource amount can be calculated by

$$\sum_{\hat{\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}} \in \mathcal{P}} [\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_i + \delta(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_i)] \frac{n_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_i}}{N} \tag{3}$$



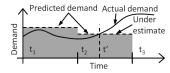
Algo.2: Load-dependent Padding



- Solved by an $M \times \epsilon N$ dynamics programming.
- In the matrix, $\mathbb{M}(i,j)$ represents the minimum total allocated resource when distributing j violations to the first i predicted demand levels.
- $\bullet \ \mathbb{M}(i,j) = \min_{0 < x < j} \{ \mathbb{M}(i-1,j-1) + d_{n_{\hat{p}_i}-x} \times n_{\hat{p}_i} \}$



Algo.3: Responsive Padding



• If the resource utilization is upper than T_u at time t', then

$$a_{t'+\Delta} = a_{t'} + \frac{1}{2}(u_{max} - a_{t'}) \tag{4}$$

ullet If the resource utilization is lower than T_I after raising, then

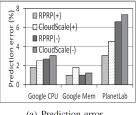
$$a_{t''+\Delta} = a_{t''} - \frac{1}{2}(a_{t''} - u_{t''}) \tag{5}$$

- T_I , T_u are lower and upper bound threshold.
- u_{max} is the maximum recorded utilization.
- ullet Δ is a monitoring interval.

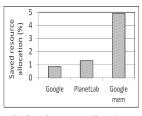


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Performance of Burst-exclusive Prediction



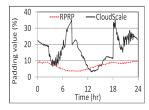
(a) Prediction error.



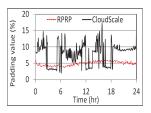
(b) Saved resource allocation.

- Average prediction error is calculated by $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\hat{p}_i d_i|$
- Saved resource allocation is calculated by CloudScale RPRP CloudScale

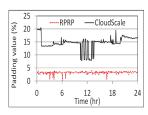
Perfornmance of Load-dependent Padding



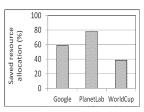
(a) Google Cluster trace



(c) WorldCup trace



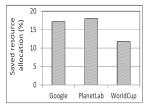
(b) PlanetLab trace



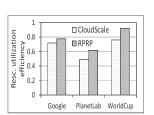
(d) Saved resource allocation



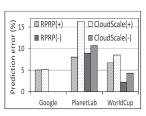
Perfornmance of Resource Provisioning



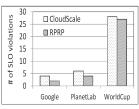
(a) Saved resource allocation



(c) Resource utilization efficiency



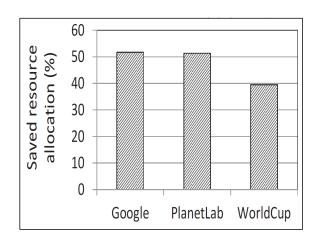
(b) Prediction error



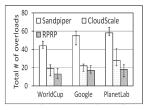
(d) The number of SLO violations

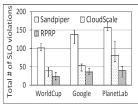


Perfornmance of Responsive Padding

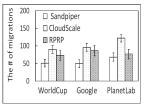


Trace-driven Simulation

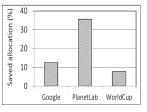




- (a) Total number of overload PMs
- (b) Total number of SLO violations

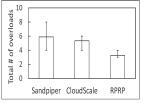


(c) The number of migrations

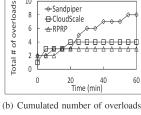


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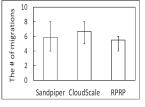
Real-World Testbed Experiments



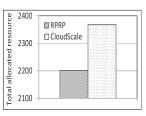
(a) The number of overloads



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(c) The number of migrations



(d) Total allocated resource



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Conclusion

- Experimental results show that by using algo. 1 and 2, RPRP reduces 18% of the allocated resource while reducing 30% of the total number of SLO violations compared to CloudScale.
- These reduced padding values are substantial in improving the resource utilization of a PM that hosts multiple VMs.
- RPRP achives higher resource utilization, more accurate demand prediction, and fewer SLO violations than previous schemes.

Future Work

- Use the technic mentioned in the paper and the position prediction to make a more accurate prediction in social VR.
- Read the referenced paper to research more about the resource scaling method in cloud system.