

# Fairness In Need-Blind Admissions: A Problem of Averages

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Explain Problem, bring in anecdotes like Perez, hint at structure and results

Quotes from Books that may be useful:

- *Interesting Quote about Destabilization of Equilibria (Do robustness checks on solution?)*

Because of the pandemic, many colleges have fallen short of filling their freshman class in the fall of 2020. To make up for that shortfall, they'll need to admit and enroll more students from the Class of 2021 (and maybe even in the classes beyond)

(Selingo Preface)

- *Universities use statistical models to predict acceptances*

the high school seniors have been admitted, tentatively, but statistical models the university uses to predict who will actually enroll indicate that too many of the record thirty thousand applications for regular decision have been accepted so far.

(Selingo 1)

## Related Academic Literature

Discuss place in published literature, find articles related to either method or subject

## Model Fundamentals

Explain programming approach, identify key elements and their economic interpretations

## Theoretical Results

Indicate what should occur, outline preliminary theories

## Available Data

What data sources on admissions are available, what are their structures and size, do they have any costs or frictions associated to using them

## Empirical Testing Design

How can we combine the data available and our theory to develop some hypotheses to test against admissions data

## Implications

If empirics verify theory what are our prescriptions? If there is a disagreement, what alternatives should we suggest that explains the disconnect between the theory and data?