

Assumptions:

- The number of bins and the number of balls are the same (n)

Input parameters:

- n : number of bins and balls
- d : number of bins selected each time to do load balancing (is given, $d=2$, $d=4$)
- $nRuns$: number of runs of the simulation (each with a different random seed)

Output metrics:

- Occupancy for algorithm (1), (2), (3)
- Confidence interval

Main data structures:

- 3 dictionaries for the empirical results (1 for each algorithm) then aggregated in a dataframe
- $nRuns$ dataframe with the results for each value of n and for each algorithm

Main algorithms:

- Random dropping (1):
 1. Select a random bin
 2. Increment the number of balls in the selected bin
- Random Load Balancing $d=2$ (2):
 1. Select d random bins
 2. Select the least occupied one of the d random bins
 3. Increment the number of balls in the selected bin
- Random Load Balancing $d=4$ (3) -> same as above
- SIMULATOR:
 1. For $nRuns$ random seed do:
 - a. Compute `max_occupancy` for each of the 3 algorithms
 - b. Aggregate the results
 - c. Append to the list of dataframe the results
 2. Compute mean and std deviation of all dataframes (obtaining a value for every n)
 3. Compute the confidence interval for every n
 4. Plot

Extension:

- Computing and plotting the confidence interval

RESULTS:

Below the results obtained with 10 runs, showing the 95% confidence interval

