

Algorithms for Dynamic Right-Sizing in Data Centers

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Dynamically adjust the number of active servers and efficiently distribute the varying workloads

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Notation:

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Goal: Minimize total costs

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{t=1}^T \underbrace{\left(c_{op}(x_t, \lambda_t) + \beta \max\{0, x_t - x_{t-1}\} \right)}_{c(x_{t-1}, x_t, \lambda_t)}$$

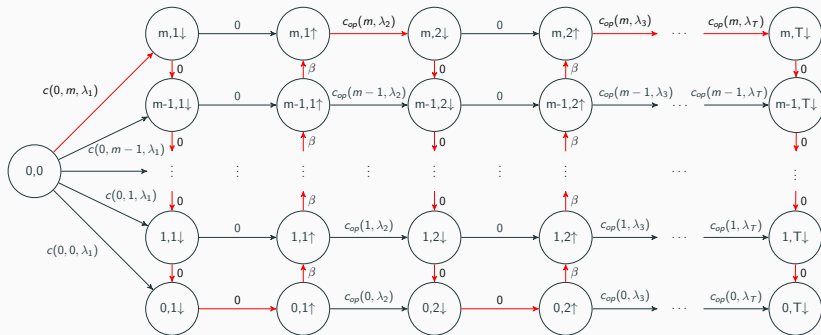
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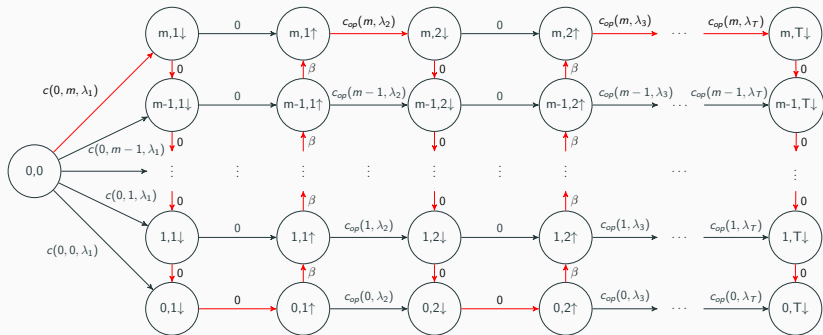
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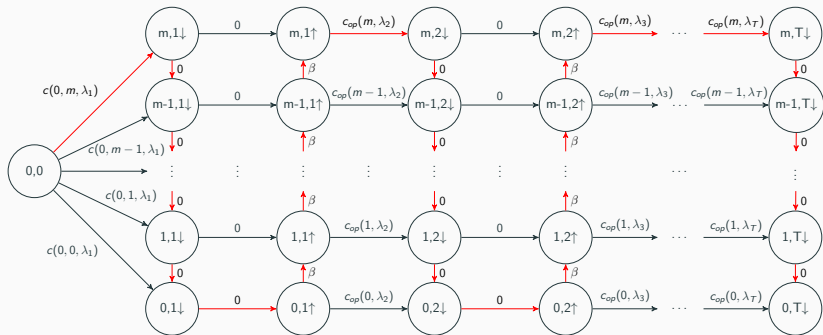
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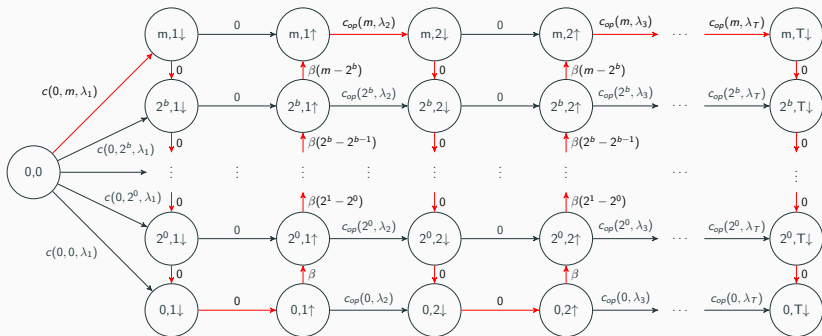
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with time complexity $\Theta(T \log_{1+\varepsilon}(m)) = \Theta\left(T \frac{\log(m)}{\log(1+\varepsilon)}\right)$

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Open question: Is there a polynomial optimal algorithm or is it an **NP** problem?

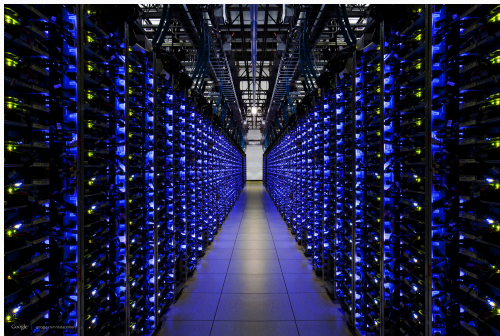
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Any questions?

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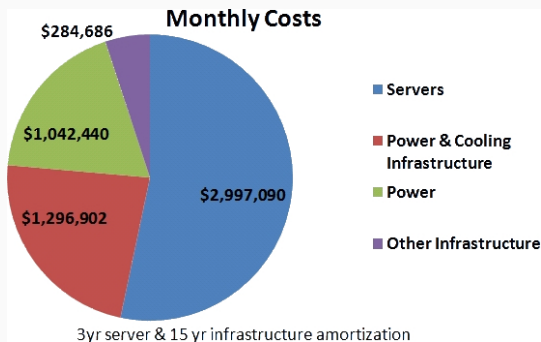
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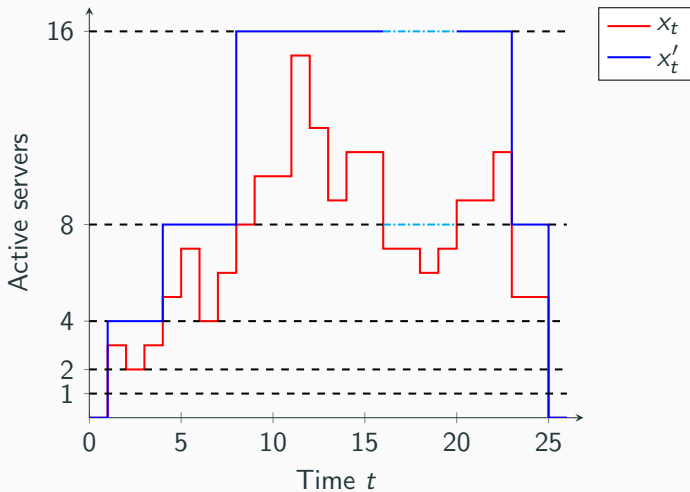


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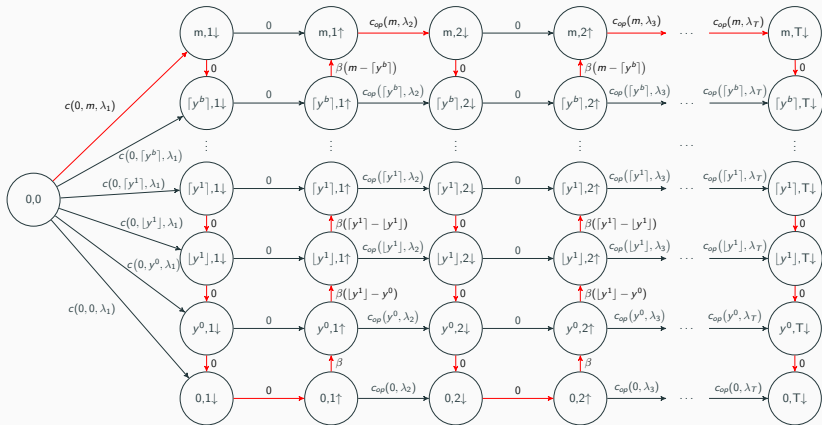
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