

Algorithm for Cluster Overload:

Start:

$primary_NF_count \leftarrow x$
 $MAX_NF_count \leftarrow MAX_NFS$

NF_y gets overloaded (usage ≥ 80%) [2 ≤ y ≤ x]

Step-1:

if $primary_NF_count = MAX_NF_count$
 then return YES
else
 Go to Step-2.
end if

Step-2:

$target_flow_id \leftarrow NULL$

loop [for each flow in NF_y]
 Determine the flow with the highest packet rate.
 Set $target_flow_id \leftarrow flow_id$
end loop

Step-3:

loop [for each NF in the cluster except y]
 Find the NF with the lowest usage
 Set $target_NF \leftarrow NF_ID$
end loop

Redirect flow with $target_flow_id$ of NF_y to $target_NF$

Step-4:

Calculate the expected usage of target NF if the target flow is redirected. Set the expected usage in a variable named ***expected_target_NF_usage***.

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if expected_target_NF_usage<80%  
    then Redirect the target flow to the target_NF  
        Return NO  
else  
    Create a new NF in the cluster.  
    Redirect target flow to the new NF.  
    primary_NF_count ← primary_NF_count + 1  
    Return NO  
end if
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