

LOAD BALANCING ALGORITHM ON CLOUD COMPUTING FOR OPTIMIZE RESPONSE TIME

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ABSTRACT

To improve the performance of cloud computing, there are many parameters and issues that we should consider, including resource allocation, resource responsiveness, connectivity to resources, unused resources exploration, corresponding resource mapping and planning for resource. The planning for the use of resources can be based on many kinds of parameters, and the service response time is one of them. The users can easily figure out the response time of their requests, and it becomes one of the important QoSs. When we discover and explore more on this, response time can provide solutions for the distribution, the load balancing of resources with better efficiency. This is one of the most promising research directions for improving the cloud technology. Therefore, this paper proposes a load balancing algorithm based on response time of requests on cloud with the name APRA (ARIMA Prediction of Response Time Algorithm), the main idea is to use ARIMA algorithms to predict the coming response time, thus giving a better way of effectively resolving resource allocation with threshold value. The experiment result outcomes are potential and valuable for load balancing with predicted response time, it shows that prediction is a great direction for load balancing.

KEYWORDS

Load balancing, Response time, Cloud computing, Optimize, Threshold.

1. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing helps us share data and provide more resources for users. Users only need to pay for what they use. So cloud computing stores data and distributes resources in an open environment. The amount of data stored in the cloud is increasing rapidly on this open environment. Therefore, load balancing is the biggest challenge on cloud computing. Load balancing helps to distribute loads dynamically through network nodes to ensure that no nodes are overloaded. This optimizes the resources, improves system performance. Many algorithms have been proposed to load balancing and optimize resources. There are many types of load used on cloud computing such as: memory, CPU and load on the network. Load balancing is considered to be a process of finding out overloaded network nodes and hence switching over to other nodes that are loading little or no load. In the cloud environment [1], load balancing requires reallocating all active loads between all nodes, load balancing which enables the cloud to achieve the best allocation of resources, flexible, scalable to avoid bottlenecks to improve productivity and maximize cloud utilization.

The main factors that load balancing needs to resolving is [24]: poor infrastructure, poor network traffic management, low network reliability,...resulting imbalance in server clusters. This is essential for researchers to develop load balancing algorithms for complex network systems. The main purpose of load balancing is to distribute traffic between balanced nodes in the cluster to improve network quality, including: Enhance the reliability and satisfaction of services for users; Increased use of resources; Reduced execution time and waiting time to handle jobs coming from

many different positions.; Increase service performance; Maintain the stability of the server cluster; Build fault tolerance system, extensible and easy to modify.

The main result of load balancing is minimizing resource use (minimizing resource consumption), implementing fail-over, enabling enable scalability, avoid bottlenecks (eg bottlenecks), over-provisioning. In addition, improve the load balancing performance indispensable models of related parameters forecast based on data mining, hidden Markov models, probability methods, machine learning. In the works [25], [26], [27], [28], [29], [30] the authors have identified that predicting parameters directly affecting load balancing mechanism is very important. and introduced new algorithms and mechanisms to overcome the current disadvantages of existing models.

Methods is to reduce the response time of cloud services when users request access to services with aims to find strategies to save computing resources and increase user service, which directly affects the service provider's business to make a profit. It can be said that response time is a very important parameter on cloud computing. The main objective of this paper is to reduce response time on cloud computing. This is a parameter that directly affects the quality of service when users access computing resources. Improving response time means increasing cloud performance, increasing user satisfaction, thereby solving the problem of load balancing access to computing resources. This is the impetus for us to study and propose a method of load balancing to reduce response time presented in this paper.

The article includes the following sections: Section 1, Introduction; Section 2, Related Works; Section 3, Theoretical Basic; Section 4, Proposed Algorithm; Section 5, Simulation Results; VI, Conclusions.

2. RELATED WORKS

Syed Hamid Hussain Madni [2] has studied and evaluated the resource allocation techniques in the cloud environment. This article also outlines the importance of allocating resources in the cloud, requiring resource allocation policies, strategies, and algorithms to distribute and migrate resources to best support both both suppliers and users. According to the literature [3], the author has come up with a work load balancing approach based on QoS criteria. This article uses the Load Balanced Resource Scheduling (LBRS) algorithm to improve the quality of service on the Cloud. The response time (the time it takes to send requests and wait for replies in the queue until the first CPU is used is considered until the algorithm allocates the requests.

Agraj Sharma [4], presentation algorithm for load balancing is based on response times. The load balancing algorithm based on the response time of the server, which determines which subsequent requests will be processed by which server (VMs). Experimental results show that the proposed model is a natural dynamic load balancing method, taking into account current responses and its variables to determine the allocation of new requirements. Response time on cloud computing is very interested in [5 -14]. With such usability and performance, cloud computing has become an indispensable trend. In the future, the increase in the number of cloud users requires service providers to meet the needs of users with minimal response time. Therefore, load balancing methods in cloud computing are increasingly being developed, when number of servers or server configurations increasing is only temporary method. Effective use of resources on the "cloud" is a necessity. This is also a huge challenge in the field of cloud computing. In order to meet the above requirements, the establishment of an efficient load balancing algorithm and how to use resources in a reasonable manner is the goal that cloud computing wants to achieve.

Response time is a very important parameter, it affects the performance of the cloud as well as the QoS of the computing service providers. Therefore, there are many load balancing algorithms proposed with the goal of optimizing the response time on cloud computing [15 - 20]. Load balancing algorithm takes into account the response time of each request [15], this algorithm is not only flexible, but also reduces communication and additional calculations on each server. The scheduling algorithm [16], is designed to minimize response time by optimizing the workload weight on time slots of different C_i virtual clusters.

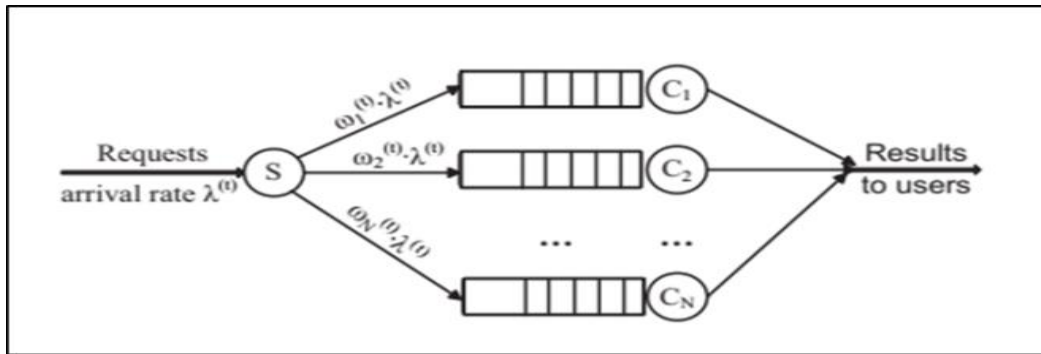


Fig 1. Cloud workload scheduling model [16].

With the ratio of requirements to the average of the time slot t modeled by distribution of Poisson $\lambda^{(t)}$ và $\omega_1^{(t)}$ are corresponding weights [16].

In the WMaxMin load balancing algorithm [18], the author combined two Max - Min and Weighted Round Robin Algorithm algorithms to balance load effectively by considering two parameters: response time and waiting time. The main idea of WMaxMin is to have no overloaded or under loaded virtual machines, the load is balanced between all virtual machines and they will be delivered to the specified machine or The machine intended to handle the task, if it had to wait for any task, it would be assigned to the scheduler again to schedule the task according to the availability of the virtual machine. Simulation through CloudSim shows that the algorithm has improved response time.

In this paper [32], the author propose a multi-tier-oriented job scheduling and allocation technique. The scheduling and allocation process is formulated as a problem of assigning jobs to the resource queues of the cloud computing environment, where each resource of the environment employs a queue to hold the jobs assigned to it. The scheduling problem is NP-hard, as such a biologically inspired genetic algorithm is proposed. The computing resources across all tiers of the environment are virtualized in one resource by means of a single queue virtualization.

Paper [33] presents an approach for service-level driven load scheduling and balancing in multi-tier environments. Joint scheduling and balancing operations are employed to distribute and schedule jobs among the resources, such that the total waiting time of client jobs is minimized, and thus the potential of a penalty to be incurred by the service provider is mitigated. A penalty model is used to quantify the penalty the service provider incurs as a function of the jobs' total waiting time. A Virtual-Queue abstraction is proposed to facilitate optimal job scheduling at the tier level.

3. THEORETICAL BASIS

3.1 Load balancing problem

- **Definitions**

Load balancing problems occur when multiple servers handle a set of jobs or requests. The assumption is that all servers are identical and can be used to serve any request [21].

- **Problem:**

- There are m machines $\{M\} = \{M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots, M_m\}$.
- There are n jobs $\{J\} = \{J_1, J_2, J_3, \dots, J_n\}$, for each job J_i has processing time $t_j > 0$.

- **Requirement:**

Assign each job J to an M machine so that the load on all M machines achieves the optimal level of balance possible.

Let $A(i)$ be the set of task J assigned to M_i . So M_i needs to work in total time [21]:

$$T_i = \sum_{j \in A(i)} t_j$$

And T_i is called the makespan (which is the time required to complete the implementation of all input tasks of the system) and we also consider it the load on M_i machines [21]. The goal of the problem is that minimizing the makespan quantity with the makespan is the maximum load on any machine, $T = \max_i T_i$. And the minimization of the makespan is a problem in the NP-hard class [21].

3.2 Response Time Definition

Response time is the total time required to respond to a service request. Within the framework of the thesis, without losing the generality, we can skip the transmission time, the response time is the sum of service time and waiting time. Service time is the time required to perform the requested job. Research suggests that response time is a key factor that has a significant impact on cloud performance. To improve the performance of cloud services, resource management faces fundamental issues including resource allocation, resource response, resource connectivity, resource discovery, unused resources, map corresponding resources, model resources, provide resources, and plan resource usage. In particular, planning for resource use based on service response time is very important. From there we can study response time to give solutions for the distribution, load balancing of resources. This is one of the promising research directions that make cloud technology more and more complete and advanced.

3.3 Solve Load Balancing Problem By Approximation Method

Load balancing problem is a problem of NP-Complete [22], there is currently no optimal solution, but can be solved through approximation algorithms. The approximation method is to search for near optimal solutions, within a reasonable amount of time. To implement the stated load balancing problem, the assumption is that all servers are identical and can be used to serve any requirement.

Considering a simple load balancing algorithm Greedy-Balance [21] to illustration the problem of load balancing by approximation method. This algorithm assigns job j to the machine with the smallest load.

Greedy-Balance:

1. Start with no jobs assigned
2. Set $T_i = 0$ and $A(i) = \emptyset$ for all machines M_i
3. For $j = 1, \dots, n$
 - Let M_i be a machine that achieves the minimum mink T_k
 - Assign job j to machine M_i
 - Set $A(i) \leftarrow A(i) \cup \{j\}$
 - Set $T_i \leftarrow T_i + t_j$
4. EndFor

This Greedy-Balance procedure runs for 6 jobs with the corresponding size of each job: 2, 3, 4, 6, 2, 2 and 3 virtual machines M_1, M_2, M_3 . From Figure 2 we see that initially virtual machines have a makespan of 8,5,6 (makespan system = 8) and after running this makespan has reduced to 6, 7, 6. The algorithm has better load balancing and has optimized load system (makespan of system = 7).

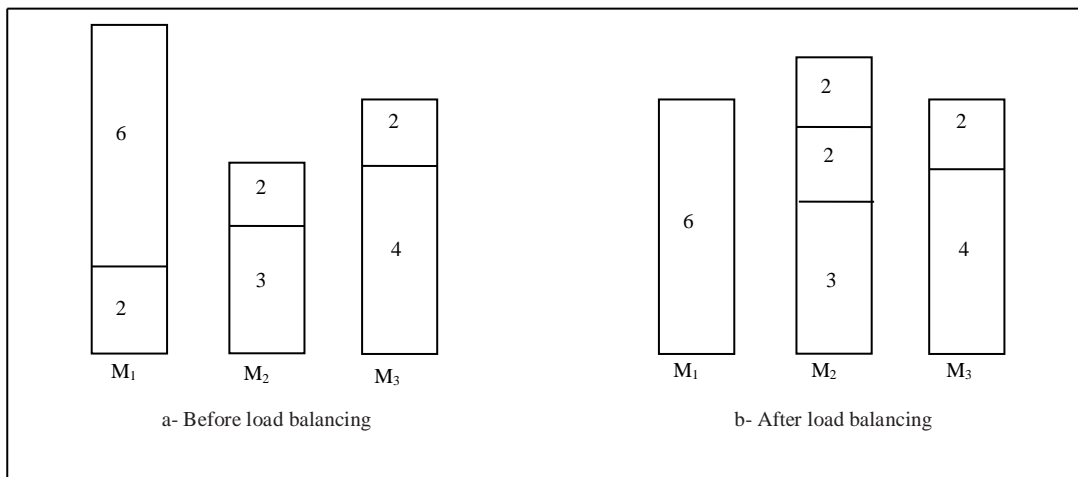


Fig 2. Results of running Greedy-Balance algorithm on three work-size machines 2, 3, 4, 6, 2, 2.

Assuming T^* is the optimal makespan value, then task of load balancing algorithms is to find T with expectation that T is not much greater than T^* . We cannot know value T^* but it always has the lower limit. There are many ways to define the lower limit, but one of them is based on the total processing time is $\sum_j t_j$.

Considering Sorted-Balance algorithm [21], this algorithm has increase the above rate.

Sorted-Balance:

1. Start with no jobs assigned
2. Set $T_i = 0$ and $A(i) = \emptyset$ for all machines M_i
3. Sort jobs in decreasing order of processing times t_j
4. Assume that $t_1 \geq t_2 \geq \dots \geq t_n$

5. *For* $j = 1, \dots, n$
 Let M_i *be the machine that achieves the minimum mink* T_k
 Assign job j *to machine* M_i
 Set $A(i) \leftarrow A(i) \cup \{j\}$
 Set $T_i \leftarrow T_i + t_j$
6. *EndFor*

4. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

We present a proposed algorithm for the load balancing to reduce response time on cloud computing using the ARIMA [23] predictive algorithm to forecast response time, which efficiently allocate requests.

4.1 The Goal of the Proposed Algorithm:

- Minimize the process of transmitting information between load balancers and virtual machines with idle resources with servers.
- Reducing the response time of requests from users
- Minimize the load imbalance between virtual machines, prevent and warn before losing load balance.

4.2 Assumptions:

- The load balancer will know in advance which services are running on VMs at any time.
- Here focusing on Web Services (Web Service), web servers will anticipate the response time of each service running on the web and on each VM.
- If the two VMs have the same configuration of RAM, processor, and I / O, the execution time of the services will not be much different.

4.3 Introducing The ARIMA Algorithm

According to [23], ARIMA is an Auto Regression Integrated Moving Average, developed from the ARMA (Auto Regression Moving Average) regression model. This is a development model based on known time series data and forecasting data in the near future. Real-time data or time series is a sequence of values of a given quantity that is recorded as time. Any time series data is generated by a random process. The values of the time series of quantities X are denoted as $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_t, \dots, X_n$ where X is the value of X at time t .

Determining ARIMA model (also known as Box-Jenkin method) means determining p, d, q in ARIMA (p, d, q), because Box-Jenkins model only describes stop chains or chains Because of the variance, the ARIMA model (p, d, q) represents non-stop series of data, which have been differentiated (here, d indicates the degree of variance).

According to [31], the Box - Jenkins method includes general steps:

- Confirmation of testing model: First, we need to identify the testing model. In which: d is the integrated degree and p, q will be determined by a dedicated function, called Correlogram. Arima models can be presented in different formats. The method of determining models is often carried out by researchers through studying the changing direction of the whole or partial correlation function.

- **Parameter estimation:** Arima model has 2 types: ARMA (p, q) and Arima (p, d, q). For the ARMA form (p, q) there will be d = 0, so we can transform back to Arima (p, 0, q). In the parameter estimation process, we need to pay attention to how to determine p q in the Arima model. To determine these two figures, one will use the Correlogram graph. Specifically, p will be the order of the AR graphs. From the first lag, which bar is outside the limit line and after a significant reduction after a lag, the partial autocorrelation coefficient is p. Similarly, q will be the order of MA. In order to estimate the parameters, we need an initial estimate for the parameters a0, a1, ..., ap, b1, ..., bq of the original model. Then based on the estimated parameters, construct the final estimates through an iterative process.
- **Verification by diagnosis:** After the parameters of the general model have been built, the accuracy and relevance of the model with the established data will be checked. Consider whether the error is pure random? If so, that model is satisfactory, otherwise we will have to repeat the above steps.
- **Forecasting:** In this final step, when the model matches the found data, we will make the forecast at the next time. Therefore, the model of ARMA(p, q):

$$y(t+1) = a_0 + a_1y(t) + \dots + a_p y(t - p + 1) + e(t+1) + b_1e(t) + \dots + b_q e(t - q + 1)$$

We can see the advantage of ARIMA with a time series data in a near future prediction. And the response time in load balancing is also a time series data in discrete space. What we need to have a near future prediction, means forecasting in a next few seconds/ minutes only. ARIMA can adapt this better than other methods. Combining the 02 characteristics of ARIMA and response time, we are inspired to build this proposal to achieve a better forecast of response time. In a short time, if we can predict more exact so we can have a better load balancing

4.4 Research Models

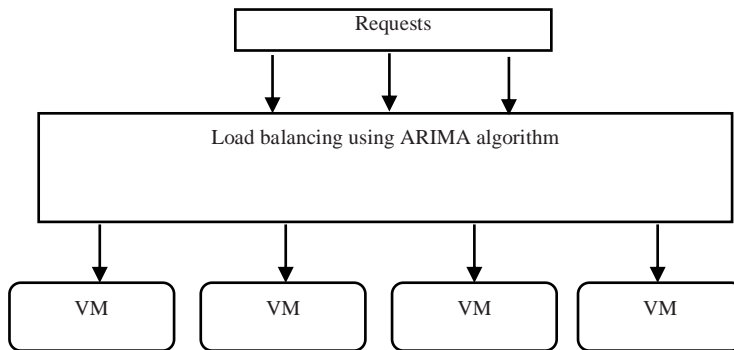


Fig.3. Load balancing model using ARIMA algorithm

In the research model, the load balancer will run the load balancing algorithm as shown in Figure 3, the load balancer with a list of virtual machines and services provided by the cloud. The load balancer knows which services are running on which virtual machines and can allocate new services on a new VM as required. In this model we use a parameter called the time threshold, based on this threshold, which anticipates the next response time. With VM has a predicted response time less than the threshold calculated from the ARIMA algorithm [23], and that the treatment with virtual machines is the same in the allocation of requests. If there are no virtual machines in the pool (a set of virtual machines) considering the threshold conditions, then the request will be allocated to the next virtual machine pool. Virtual machines with the lowest average response time and lowest predictor will be selected to process the next request.

4.5 If No Vms Meet the Threshold Conditions, We Can Handle the Following:

+ If a VM does not load, or the pool does not load, these VM can be used to handle the requests, but must meet the threshold.

+ If no VM have not load, or the pool have not load, or all of them do not meet the threshold, then we will allocate that running service to the virtual machine with the expected response time closest to the threshold.

The model apply for scheduling new requests to avoid load imbalances. This algorithm reduces the communication load between the VM and the available resources, thus reducing unnecessary bandwidth and throughput for the user.

4.6 Proposed Algorithm Based on Response Time

Based on existing time series data of response time, we use the ARIMA algorithm to predict the next response time, so we know how to allocate resources for the next request. according to the.

The proposed algorithm consists of 3 modules as follows:

- **Module 1:** Calculation of threshold by ARIMA algorithm:

In this module, the threshold is the cloud expected response time, will be calculate by expected response time with ARIMA algorithm, and will increase or decrease depending on the response time according to the time series data. The new threshold is a expected time response in the file of VM expected in most 100 request.

$$\text{New Thereshold} = T_{\text{New}} = \text{ARIMA}(\text{RT}_1, \text{RT}_2, \dots, \text{RT}_{100})$$

Where R_{ti} is the recordable response time sequence of the cloud (only within the last 100 requests).

- **Module 2:** Predict next response time for each VM:

In this module, use the ARIMA algorithm to predict the next response time of the virtual machine. The next response time prediction is based on the response time data of the last 50 requests of the virtual machine considered through the `getPredictedRT ()` function. This module also provides a function that calculates the nearest predicted value of VMs against the input threshold through the `AllocateRequestToVM (VM, Request)` function;

$$PRT_i = \text{Prediected Response Time} = \text{Expected response time of VM}_i$$

- **Module 3:** Select Virtual Machine

This module is allocating requests to VMs that meet the time threshold condition.

If a request is sent to the VM being considered and the VM does not load, then this request will be forwarded to the VM directly, and we get the response time value. If the VM's estimated response time (calculated from module 2) is smaller than the next response time of the cloud (calculated from module 1), the request will be processed on the VM.

This module is responsible for allocating requests to VM that meet the time threshold requirement. If a request is sent to the VM under consideration and the VM does not load, then this request is forwarded directly to the VM, and we have response time value. If the VM's estimated response time (calculated from Module 2) is less than the next response time of the cloud (calculated from module 1), the request will be processed on the VM. In contrast, no VM meets the threshold condition (the VM's predicted response time is not less than the predicted response time of the cloud), the request will be allocated to the virtual machine with the forecast closest to the threshold.

In which, the threshold calculated is the maximum response time in a set of VMs, but there will be some changes, or put into some parameters, depending on the experimental results.

5 SIMULATION RESULTS

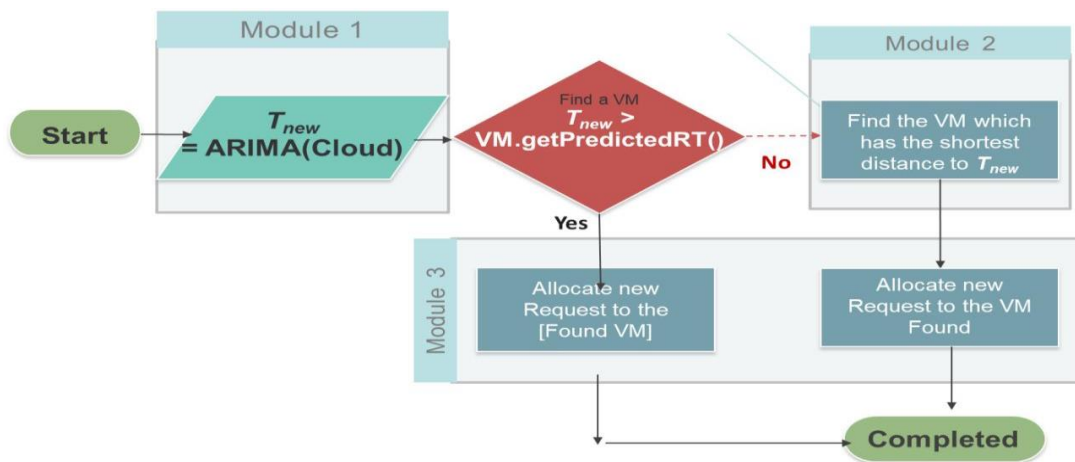


Figure 4. The process flow of proposed algorithm using ARIMA

5.1 Simulation Setup

The cloud simulation environment uses the CloudSim library and programming in JAVA language, has between 3 and 10 VMs, and creates a random request environment for these cloud services. This includes virtual machine provisioning, cloud service provisioning, and user response provisioning for simulation environment.

Setup the ARIMA algorithm on the simulation environment, and verifies the result. Similarly, set up the author's algorithm [4], and compare the results between the two algorithms. The proposed algorithm is installed on the JAVA language and uses the NETBEAN IDE to test and render the results using the STS IDE with the SPRING BOOT framework. Simulation environment with the CloudSim 4.0 open source library (provided by <http://www.cloudbus.org/>). The simulation environment consists of a data center with the following parameters:

Table 1. Data Center Configuration

Datacenter	Host
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of host in datacenter: 5 - OS architecture: x86 - OS: Linux - VMM: Xen - TimeZone: +7 GMT - Cost: 3.0 - Cost per Memory: 0.05 - Cost per Storage: 0.1 - Cost per Bandwidth: 0.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPU: 4 cores, each core with processing speed is 1000 (mips) - Ram: 16384 (MB) - Storage: 1000000 - Bandwidth: 10000

Requests are represented by the cloudlet in cloudSim and the size of the Cloudlet is initialized randomly using the JAVA random function. Number of Cloudlet is 100 → 1000.

Table 2. Parameters of Request

Length of Request	File Size	Output File Size	Number of CPU (PEs)
3000 ~ 1700	5000 ~ 45000	450 ~ 750	1

The proposed algorithm was built by creating the ArimaDatacenterBroker class, inheriting from the DatacenterBroker object, updating some methods and properties related to Predicted Response Time, and adjusting the built in functions to match the algorithm proposed:

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processResourceCharacteristics(SimEvent ev)
createVmsInDatacenter(int datacenterId)
processVmCreate(SimEvent ev)
processCloudletReturn(SimEvent ev)

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Experiment the cloud with the above parameters, and run the CloudSim load balancing algorithm available, and run the proposed algorithm, the same input, output comparison, especially the response time parameter. The predicted response time of VM as well as the predicted response time of the cloud with the lower error is the better the algorithm's performance.

In this paper, we temporarily name the proposed algorithm as APRA (*ARIMA Prediction of Response Time Algorithm*).

5.2 Simulation results

The results simulation on the CloudSim correspond to case 3, 4, and 5 VMs are built to meet requests, requests are initialized with random length and size, requests are 100, 200, ... to 900. The predicted response time is shown in figure 5, figure 6, and figure 7. With the three cases, we can see the threshold (predicted response time of cloud) is always stable and moving around the response time of all VMs. The predicted response time is quite smooth, it is not the maximum but not also a minimum value. This shows the reasonability of ARIMA in prediction time series data with the near future.

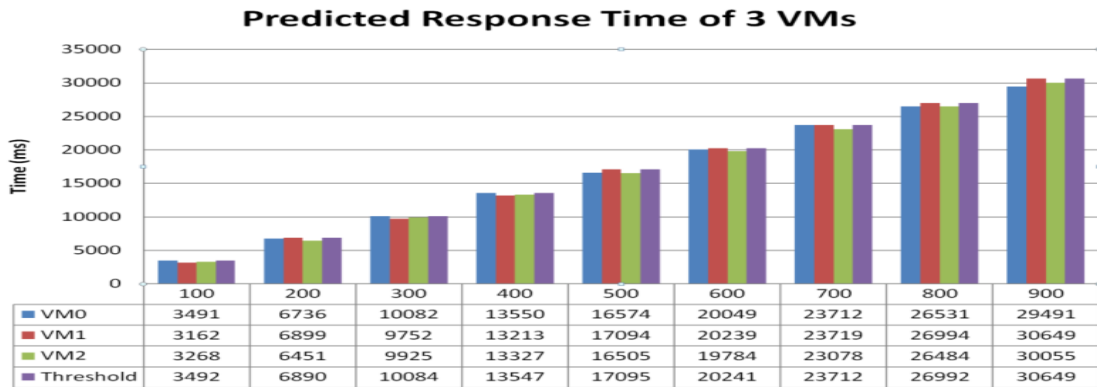


Fig 5. Predicted Response Time of 3 VMs

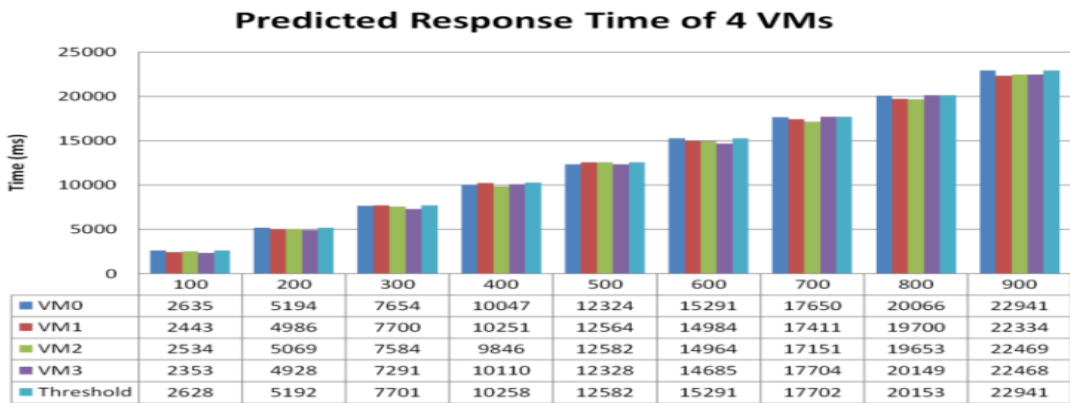


Fig 6. Predicted Response Time of 4 VMs

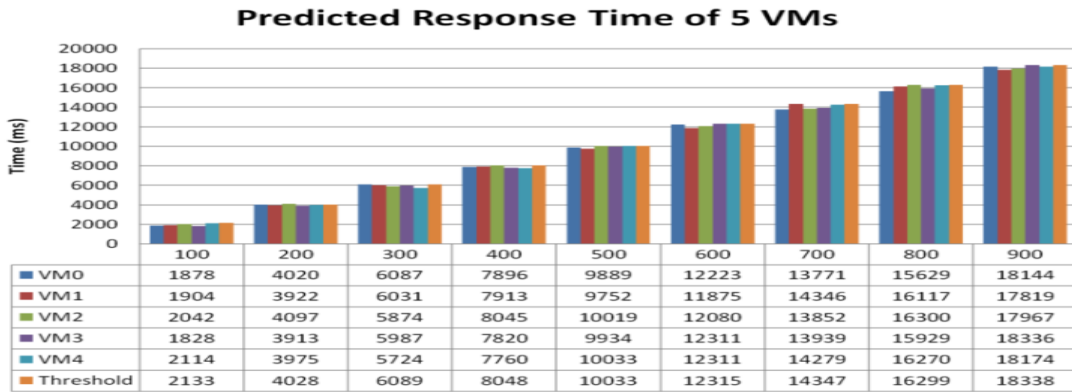


Figure 7. Predicted Response Time of 5 VMs

After testing the proposed algorithm (APRA) and observing the predicted response time of the system, we would like to compare the results with the 3 well-known algorithms which represented for the Greedy-balance (Max-Min) and sorted balance (Round-Robin). We test with 5 VMs and the same request input, the results are shown in Figure 8, Figure 9 and Figure 10 with respect to case of 24 requests, 100 requests and 997 requests.

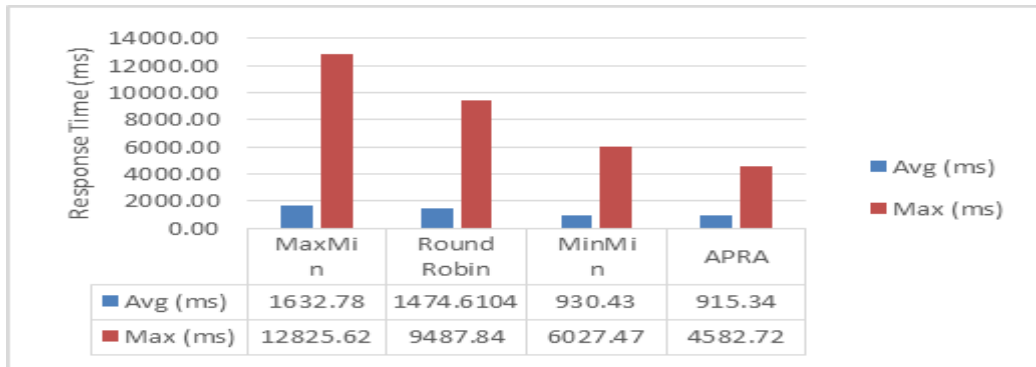


Figure 8. Response Time Comparison with 24 requests

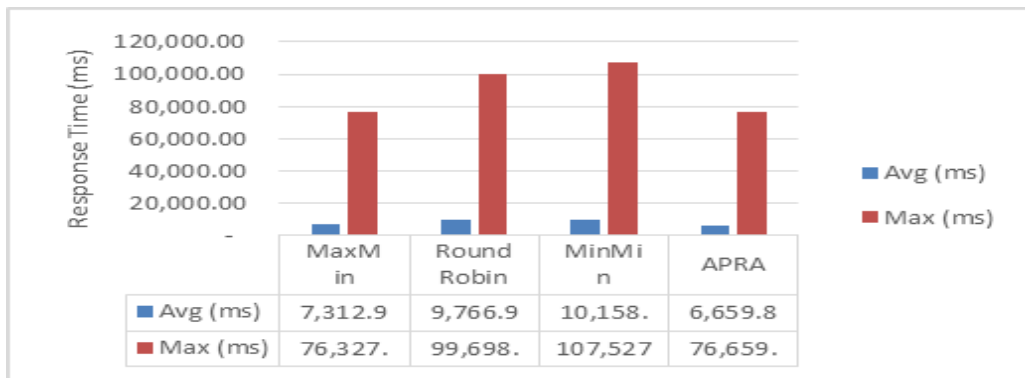


Figure 9. Response Time Comparison with 100 requests

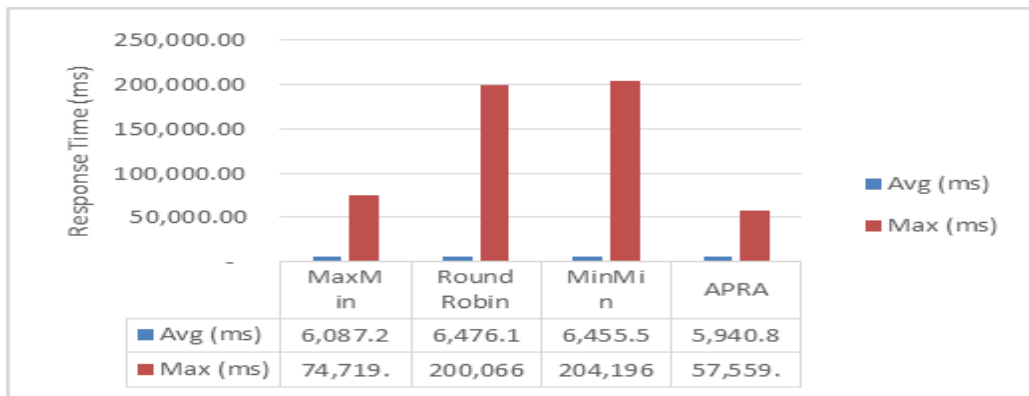


Figure 10. Response Time Comparison with 997 requests

According to the comparison charts above, we can see our proposal APRA is quite stable and potential. Despite we did not take the experiment with many other cases, but we can see the potential and we can develop more.

5.3 Algorithm evaluation

By comparing the predicted response times of virtual machines with the threshold of computation (for the case of 3 VMs, 4 VMs and 5 VMs), we can see that the distribution is quite stable algorithm's, response time is not too different from the cloud's forecast time (ie, threshold).

We can see the low prediction error of the ARIMA algorithm, which makes it to allocate the corresponding requests to VMs in the most effectively. This experiment is just a simulation of a group of virtual machines, not to mention the expansion of the VM pool to reduce the load in case of necessity, assuming the maximum number of virtual hosts request, if it exceeds the newly expanded pool. However, simulation experiments with large requests over 1000 requests require more powerful computers and better processors, so this is a limitation of this simulation experiment.

• **Contributions of the proposed algorithm:**

The ARIMA algorithm predicts the response time of VMs (model 2) not to exceed the threshold (module 1) of the cloud. Therefore, the required distribution capacity of the algorithm is quite stable, the response time is not too different from the forecast of the time cloud (that is, the threshold). We can see the low predictive error of the ARIMA algorithm, making it most efficiently allocate requests to virtual machines.

6. CONCLUSIONS

A new algorithm (APRA) for cloud load balancing using the next response time prediction model has been proposed and experimentally simulated with a small model. The proposed algorithm (APRA) uses an ARIMA algorithm for load balancing based on response times. In particular, the more accurate the predicted response time, the higher the algorithmic efficiency. This algorithm generally approaches and develops the idea of forecasting and time series processing, typically the ARIMA algorithm. Thus, the proposed algorithm has a fairly new approach in load balancing in the cloud environment, while achieving some pretty positive simulation results, showing the good development direction of the algorithm.

The development of the proposed algorithm is a more accurate measurement and calibration of the forecasting time by combining ARIMA with machine learning, unattended or supervised learning by setting peak periods or low point of cloud. The development of better algorithms and deeper, more experimental simulation on the computer is more powerful, large-scale simulation. In addition, setting up algorithms on the actual cloud environment will allow us to research in more depth and detail, since the actual cloud environment will generate issues related to response times, which thus correcting more reasonably and effectively.

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