

# Brief Announcement: Tight Bounds for Repeated Balls-into-Bins

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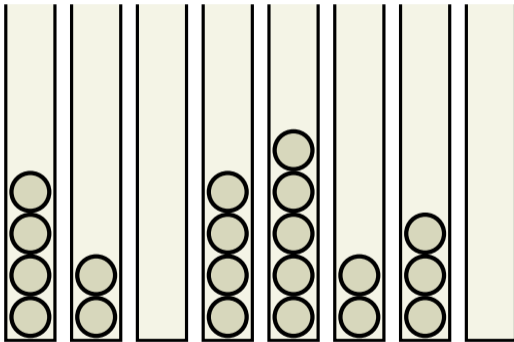
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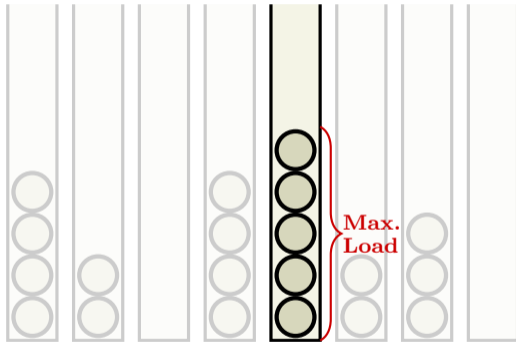
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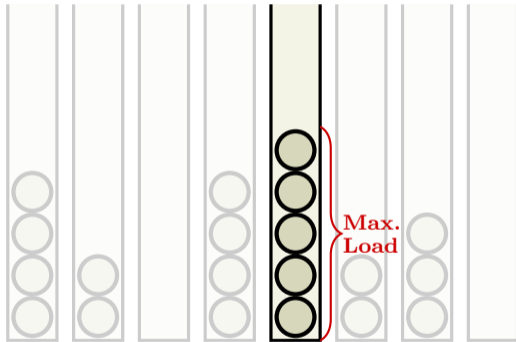
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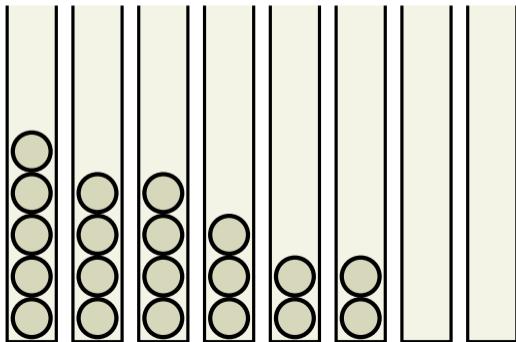


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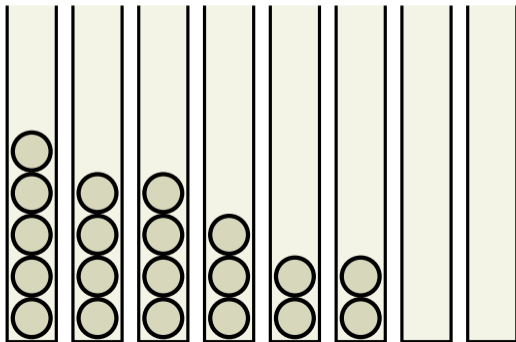
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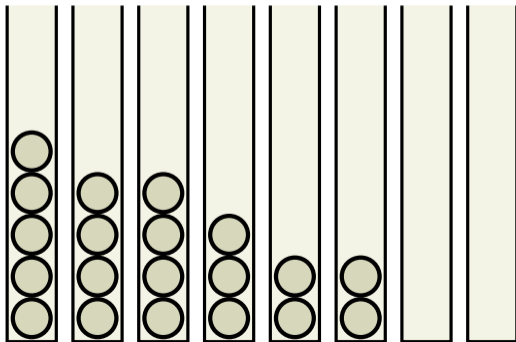
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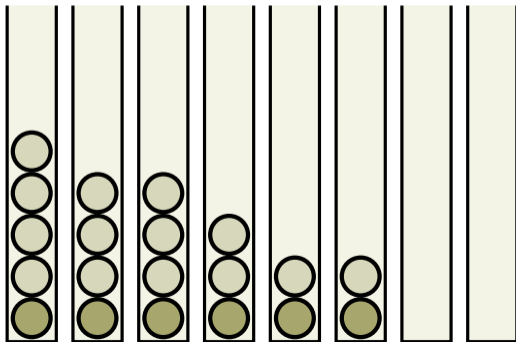
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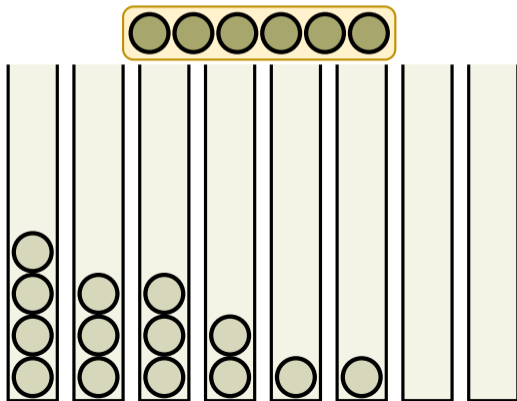
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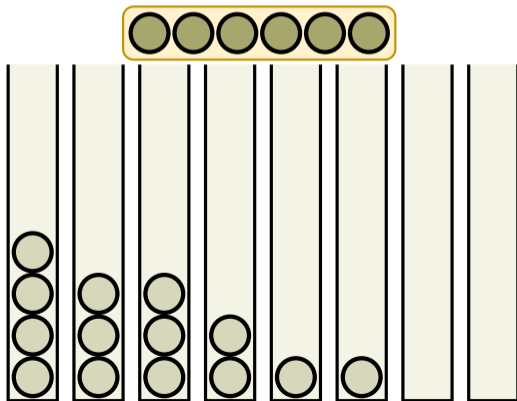
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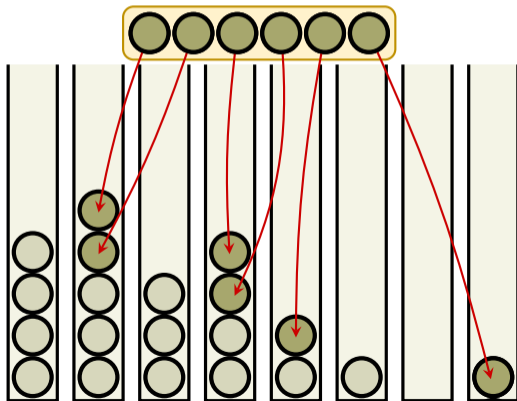
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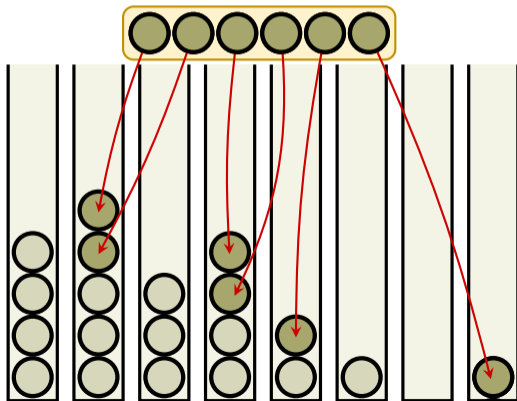
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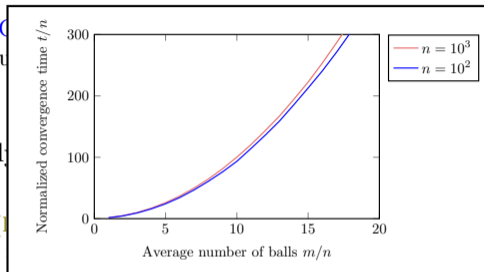
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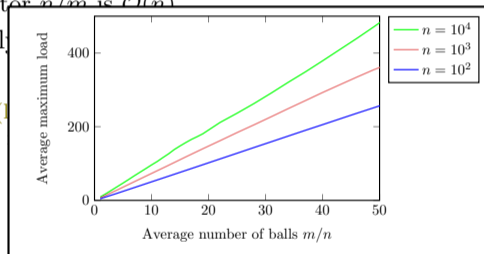
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