

# Efficient Caching with Reserves via Marking

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**Abstract:** Online caching is among the most fundamental and well-studied problems in the area of online algorithms. Innovative algorithmic ideas and analysis – including potential functions and primal-dual techniques – give insight into this still-growing area.

Here, we introduce a novel potential function to upper bound the cost of an online algorithm paired with a new dual-fitting technique to lower bound the cost of an offline optimal algorithm. We apply these techniques to the Caching with Reserves problem recently introduced by Ibrahimpur et al.~\cite{ibrahimpur2022caching} and give an  $O(\log k)$ -competitive fractional online algorithm via a marking strategy. We also design a new online rounding algorithm that runs in polynomial time to obtain an  $O(\log k)$ -competitive randomized integral algorithm. Additionally, we provide a new, simple proof for randomized marking for the classical unweighted paging problem.

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