

Logics for Social Choice Theory

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Social Choice Theory

Voters

Ballots

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Opinions/Judgements
about the
Alternatives/Candidates

Axiomatic
Characterization



Winner

Winning set

Defeat Relation

Lottery

Ranking

Committee

Judgement Set

Probability

Anonymous profiles

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Margin

Let P be a profile and $a, b \in X(P)$. Then the **margin of a over b** is:

$$\text{Margin}_P(a, b) = |\{i \in V(P) \mid aP_i b\}| - |\{i \in V(P) \mid bP_i a\}|.$$

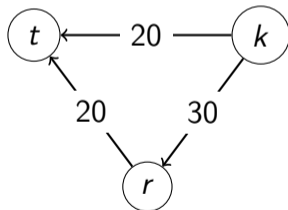
We say that a is **majority preferred** to b in P when $\text{Margin}_P(a, b) > 0$.

Margin Graph

The **margin graph** of P , $\mathcal{M}(P)$, is the weighted directed graph whose set of nodes is $X(P)$ with an edge from a to b weighted by $\text{Margin}(a, b)$ when $\text{Margin}(a, b) > 0$. We write

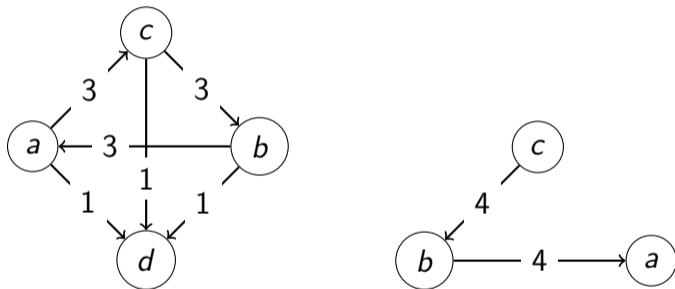
$a \xrightarrow{\alpha}_P b$ if $\alpha = \text{Margin}_P(a, b) > 0$.

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Margin Graph

A **margin graph** is a weighted directed graph \mathcal{M} where all the weights have the same parity.



Theorem (Debord, 1987)

For any margin graph \mathcal{M} , there is a profile P such that \mathcal{M} is the margin graph of P .

Social choice correspondence

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There are many examples of voting methods.

See https://pref_voting.readthedocs.io for a Python package that provides computational tools to study different voting methods.

Positional scoring rules

A *scoring vector* is a vector $\langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$ of numbers such that for each $m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$, $s_m \geq s_{m+1}$.

Given a profile P with $|X(P)| = n$, $x \in X(P)$, a scoring vector \vec{s} of length n , and $i \in V(P)$, define $score_{\vec{s}}(x, P_i) = s_r$ where $r = Rank(x, P_i)$.

Let $score_{\vec{s}}(x, P) = \sum_{i \in V(P)} score_{\vec{s}}(x, P_i)$. A voting method F is a **positional scoring rule** if there is a map \mathcal{S} assigning to each natural number n a scoring vector of length n such that for any profile P with $|X(P)| = n$,

$$F(P) = \operatorname{argmax}_{x \in X(P)} score_{\mathcal{S}(n)}(x, P).$$

Examples

Borda: $\mathcal{S}(n) = \langle n-1, n-2, \dots, 1, 0 \rangle$

Plurality: $\mathcal{S}(n) = \langle 1, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$

Anti-Plurality: $\mathcal{S}(n) = \langle 1, 1, \dots, 1, 0 \rangle$

1	3	2	4
<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>

Borda winner *c*

Plurality winner *b*

Anti-Plurality winner *a*

Iterative procedures: Instant Runoff

- ▶ If some alternative is ranked first by an absolute majority of voters, then it is declared the winner.
- ▶ Otherwise, the alternative ranked first by the fewest voters (the plurality loser) is eliminated.
- ▶ Votes for eliminated alternatives get transferred: delete the removed alternatives from the ballots and “shift” the rankings (e.g., if 1st place alternative is removed, then your 2nd place alternative becomes 1st).

Also known as Ranked-Choice, STV, Hare

How should you deal with ties? (e.g., multiple alternatives are plurality losers)

Iterative procedures

Variants:

- ▶ Plurality with runoff: remove all candidates except top two plurality score;
- ▶ Coombs: remove candidates with most last place votes;
- ▶ Baldwin: remove candidate with smallest Borda score;
- ▶ Nanson: remove candidates with below average Borda score

Example

1	1	1	1	1
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<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
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<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>

Instant Runoff $\{b\}$

Plurality with Runoff $\{a, b\}$

Coombs $\{d\}$

Baldwin $\{a, b, d\}$

Strict Nanson $\{a\}$

Condorcet criteria

The **Condorcet winner** in a profile P is a candidate $x \in X(P)$ that is the maximum of the majority ordering, i.e., for all $y \in X(P)$, if $x \neq y$, then $\text{Margin}_P(x, y) > 0$.

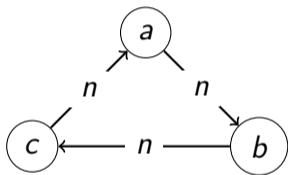
The **Condorcet loser** in a profile P is a candidate $x \in X(P)$ that is the minimum of the majority ordering, i.e., for all $y \in X(P)$, if $x \neq y$, then $\text{Margin}_P(y, x) < 0$.

A voting method F is **Condorcet consistent**, if for all P , if x is a Condorcet winner in P , then $F(P) = \{x\}$.

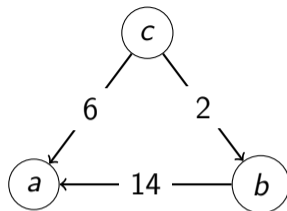
A voting method F is susceptible to the **Condorcet loser paradox** (also known as *Borda's paradox*) if there is some P such that x is a Condorcet loser in P and $x \in F(P)$.

Condorcet paradox

<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>



20	13	21	14	22	10
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>



- Condorcet winner: *c*
- Instant Runoff winner: *b*
- Plurality winner: *b*
- Borda winner: *b*

Theorem (Smith 1973, Young 1974)

A voting method satisfies Anonymity, Neutrality and **Reinforcement** if and only if F is a scoring rule.

Saari's argument, Balinski and Laraki (2010, pg. 77); Zwicker (2016, Proposition 2.5): Multiple districts paradox, f cancels properly.

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a	b	c		a	b
b	c	a		b	a
c	a	b		c	c

- ▶ no Condorcet winner in the left profile
- ▶ b is the Condorcet winner in the right profile
- ▶ a is the Condorcet winner in the combined profiles

Condorcet consistent voting methods

- ▶ Minimax
- ▶ Copeland
- ▶ Beat Path
- ▶ Ranked Pairs
- ▶ Split Cycle

Minimax: For a profile P , The Minimax winners in P are:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{x \in X(P)} \max\{\operatorname{Margin}_P(y, x) \mid y \in X(P)\}$$

Copeland/Llull: For $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, the $\operatorname{Copeland}_\alpha$ score of a in P is the number of $b \in X(P)$ such that $\operatorname{Margin}_P(a, b) > 0$ plus α times the number of $b \in X(P)$ such that $\operatorname{Margin}_P(a, b) = 0$. $\operatorname{Copeland}(P)$ (resp. $\operatorname{Llull}(P)$) is the set of candidates with maximal $\operatorname{Copeland}_{1/2}$ (resp. $\operatorname{Copeland}_1$) score in P .

Schulze Beat Path

For $a, b \in X(P)$, a *path from a to b in P* is a sequence $\rho = x_1, \dots, x_n$ of distinct candidates in $X(P)$ with $x_1 = a$ and $x_n = b$ such that for $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$, $\text{Margin}_P(x_k, x_{k+1}) > 0$.

The *strength of ρ* is $\min\{\text{Margin}_P(x_k, x_{k+1}) \mid 1 \leq k \leq n - 1\}$.

Then a defeats b in P according to Beat Path if the strength of the strongest path from a to b is greater than the strength of the strongest path from b to a .

$BP(P)$ is the set of undefeated candidates.

Tideman Ranked Pairs, I

For a profile P and $T \in \mathcal{L}(\{(x, y) \mid x \neq y \text{ and } \text{Margin}_P(x, y) \geq 0\})$, called the *tie-breaking ordering*

A pair (x, y) of candidates has a *higher priority* than a pair (x', y') of candidates according to T when either $\text{Margin}_P(x, y) > \text{Margin}_P(x', y')$ or $\text{Margin}_P(x, y) = \text{Margin}_P(x', y')$ and $(x, y) T (x', y')$.

Tideman Ranked Pairs, II

We construct a *Ranked Pairs ranking* $\succ_{P,T} \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ as follows:

1. Initialize $\succ_{P,T}$ to \emptyset .
2. If all pairs (x, y) with $x \neq y$ and $\text{Margin}_P(x, y) \geq 0$ have been considered, then return $\succ_{P,T}$. Otherwise let (a, b) be the pair with the highest priority among those with $a \neq b$ and $\text{Margin}_P(a, b) \geq 0$ that have not been considered so far.
3. If $\succ_{P,T} \cup \{(a, b)\}$ is acyclic, then add (a, b) to $\succ_{P,T}$; otherwise, add (b, a) to $\succ_{P,T}$. Go to step 2.

When the procedure terminates, $\succ_{P,T}$ is a linear order.

The set $RP(P)$ of Ranked Pairs winners is the set of all $x \in X(P)$ such that x is the maximum of $\succ_{P,T}$ for some tie-breaking ordering T .

Split Cycle

Split Cycle defeat: a candidate a defeats a candidate b just in case

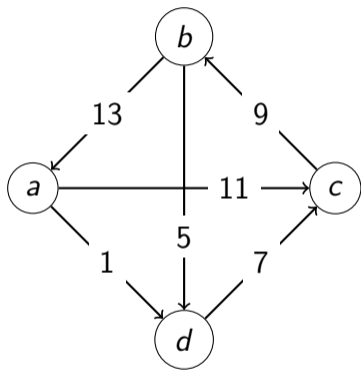
- ▶ the majority margin of a over b is greater than 0, and
- ▶ for every majority cycle containing a and b , the margin of a over b is greater than the smallest margin between consecutive candidates in the cycle.

The Split Cycle winners are the undefeated candidates.

An intuitive way defeat relation is as follows:

1. In each majority cycle, identify the wins with the smallest margin in that cycle.
2. After completing step 1 for all cycles, discard the identified wins. All remaining wins count as defeats.

Example



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Ranked Pairs: $\{b\}$
Split Cycle: $\{b, d\}$

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2. *positive involvement*: if a candidate x is a winner given P , and P^* is obtained from P by adding a new voter who ranks x in first place, then x should still be a winner given P^* .
(variable-electorate axiom)

More-is-Less Paradox: Instant Runoff

6	5	4	2
<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
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Any failure of monotonicity for a resolute voting rule F represents an opportunity for a voter to manipulate F in a particular way: via a simple drop or simple lift.

Manipulation

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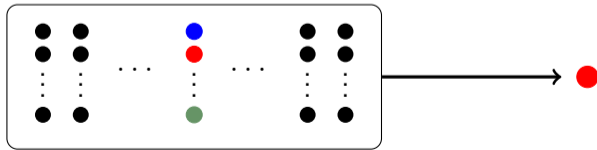
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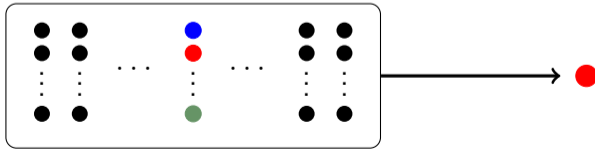
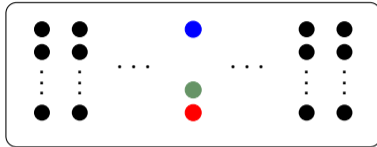
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Intuition: P_i is voter i 's "true preference".

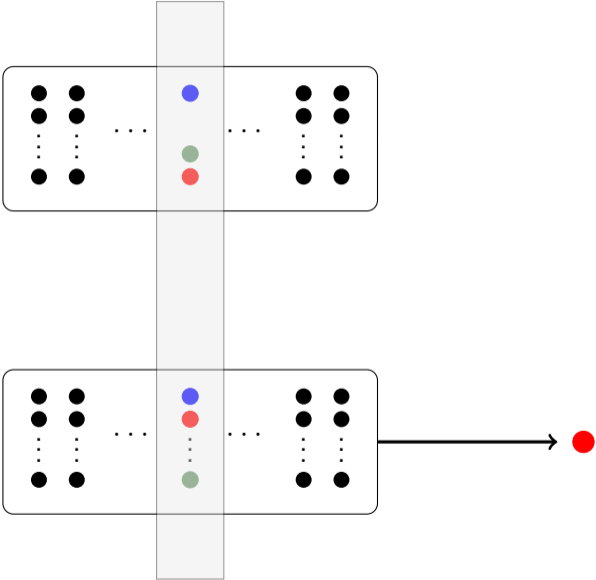
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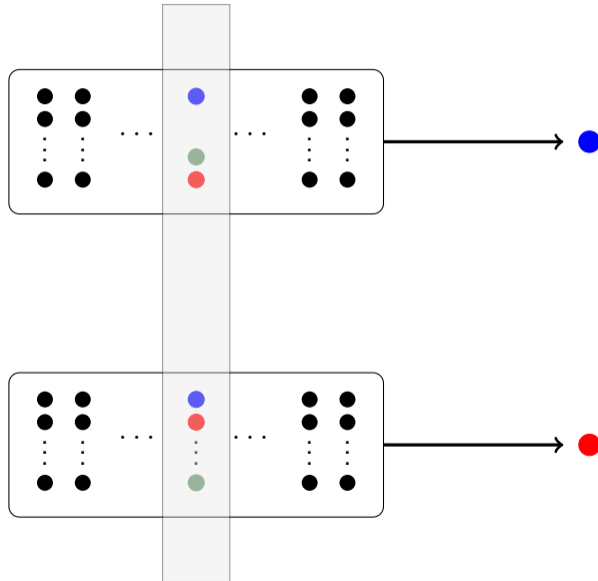
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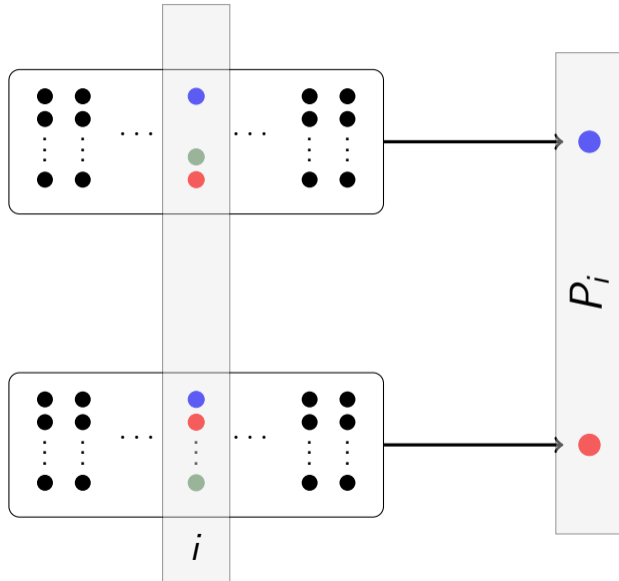
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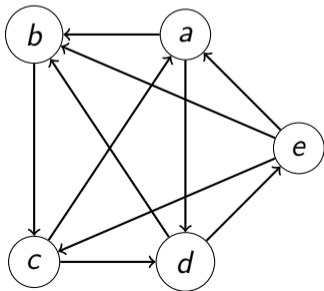


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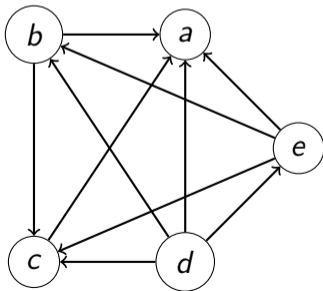
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Copeland winning set: $\{e\}$



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Borda winning set: $\{e\}$

Borda scores:

a: 12

b: 12

c: 13

d: 16

e: 17

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The Gibbard-Satterthwaite Theorem

Gibbard-Satterthwaite Theorem. Consider a resolute voting rule F that is defined for some number m of alternatives with $m \geq 3$, with no restrictions on the preference domain. Then, this rule must be at least one of the following:

1. dictatorial: there exists a single fixed voter whose most-preferred alternative is chosen for every profile;
2. imposing: there is at least one alternative that does not win under any profile;
3. manipulable (i.e., not strategy-proof).

M. A. Satterthwaite. *Strategy-proofness and Arrow's conditions: Existence and correspondence theorems for voting procedures and social welfare functions.* Journal of Economic Theory, 10(2):187-217, 1975.

A. Gibbard. *Manipulation of voting schemes: A general result.* Econometrica, 41(4):587-601, 1973.

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Lemma 1. Let $m = 3$ and $n = 3$. There is no resolute voting rule F satisfying strategyproofness and the majority criterion

Lemma 2. Let $m \geq 3$ and $n = 3$. If F is a resolute voting rule satisfying strategyproofness and the majority criterion for $m + 1$ alternatives, then there exists a voting rule F' for m alternatives with the same properties.

Christian Geist and Dominik Peters. *Computer-aided Methods for Social Choice Theory*. Trends in Computational Social Choice, chapter 13, pages 249–267. AI Access, 2017.

Theorem (Muller-Satterthwaite) Assume that there are more than 3 candidates. Any resolute voting method satisfying surjectivity and Maskin monotonicity is dictatorial.

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2. *positive involvement*: if a candidate x is a winner given P , and P^* is obtained from P by adding a new voter who ranks x in first place, then x should still be a winner given P^* .
(variable-electorate axiom)

Violating Positive Involvement: Coombs

2	2	1	1	2	1	1
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>

Coombs winner: $\{b\}$

(the order of elimination is d, c)

2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>

Coombs winner: $\{c\}$

(a and d are tied for the most last place votes)

Breaking Ties

There are many tiebreaking rules: non-anonymous, non-neutral, random

Parallel universe tiebreaking: x is a winner if x wins according to some tiebreaking rule.

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Violating Positive Involvement: Coombs PUT

1	1	1	1	1
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<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>

Coombs winner: $\{a, b\}$

1	1	1	1	1	1
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<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>

Coombs winner: $\{b, d\}$

No Show Paradox

The term “No Show Paradox” was introduced by Fishburn and Brams for violations of what is now called *negative involvement*: Adding a new voter who ranks a candidate last should not result in the candidate going from being a loser to a winner.

P. Fishburn and S. Brams. *Paradoxes of Preferential Voting*. Mathematics Magazine, 56(4), pp. 207 - 214, 1983.

D. Saari. *Basic Geometry of Voting*. Springer, 1995.

No Show Paradox

Moulin changed the meaning of “No Show Paradox” to refer to violations of participation: A resolute voting method satisfies participation if adding a new voter who ranks x above y cannot result in a change from x being the unique winner to y being the unique winner.

H. Moulin. *Condorcet's Principle Implies the No Show Paradox*. *Journal of Economic Theory* 45(1), pp. 53 - 64, 1988.

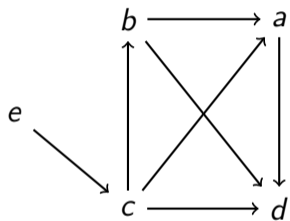
No Show Paradox

Peréz concludes that the Strong No Show Paradox is a common flaw of many *Condorcet consistent* voting methods, which are methods that always pick a Condorcet winner—a candidate who is majority preferred to every other candidate—if one exists.

J. Pérez. *The Strong No Show Paradoxes are a common flaw in Condorcet voting correspondences*. *Social Choice and Welfare* 18(3), pp. 601 - 616, 2001.

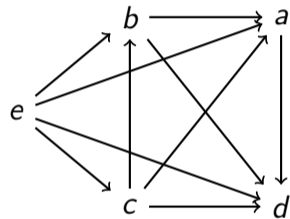
Violating Positive Involvement: Copeland

2	1	1
<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>



Copeland winners: {*c*}

2	1	1	
<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>
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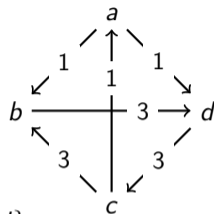


Copeland winners: {*e*}

Violating Positive Involvement: Beat Path

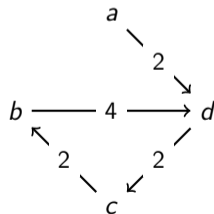
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<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>

Beat Path winners: $\{a, b, c, d\}$



1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>

Beat Path winners: $\{a\}$



A logic for resolute social choice correspondences

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Language

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$$p \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \diamond_C \varphi$$

Model

A **model** is a triple $M = \langle N, X, F \rangle$, consisting of a finite set of agents N (with $n = |N|$), a finite set of alternatives X , and a resolute SCC $F : \mathcal{L}(X)^V \rightarrow X$.

A **world** is a profile (P_1, \dots, P_n)

Truth

Let $w = (P_1, \dots, P_n)$

- ▶ $M, w \models p_{x \succeq y}^i$ iff $xP_i y$
- ▶ $M, w \models x$ if and only if $F(P_1, \dots, P_n) = x$
- ▶ $M, w \models \neg \varphi$ if and only if $M, w \not\models \varphi$
- ▶ $M, w \models \varphi \wedge \psi$ if and only if $M, w \models \varphi$ and $M, w \models \psi$
- ▶ $M, w \models \diamond_C \varphi$ if and only if $M, w' \models \varphi$ for some $w' = (P'_1, \dots, P'_n)$ with $P_j = P'_j$ for all $j \in N - C$.

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$$(2) p_{x \succeq y}^i \leftrightarrow \neg p_{y \succeq x}^i \text{ for } x \neq y$$

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$$ballot_i(w) = p_{x_1 \succeq x_2}^i \wedge \cdots \wedge p_{x_{m-1} \succeq x_m}^i$$

$$profile(w) = ballot_1(w) \wedge \cdots \wedge ballot_n(w)$$

- (4) all propositional tautologies
- (5) $\Box_i(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box_i\varphi \rightarrow \Box_i\psi)$ (K(i))
- (6) $\Box_i\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$ (T(i))
- (7) $\varphi \rightarrow \Box_i\Diamond_i\varphi$ (B(i))
- (8) $\Diamond_i\Box_j\varphi \leftrightarrow \Box_j\Diamond_i\varphi$ (confluence)
- (9) $\Box_{C_1}\Box_{C_2}\varphi \leftrightarrow \Box_{C_1\cup C_2}\varphi$ (union)
- (10) $\Box_{\emptyset}\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi$ (empty coalition)
- (11) $(\Diamond_i p \wedge \Diamond_i \neg p) \rightarrow (\Box_j p \vee \Box_j \neg p)$, where $i \neq j$ (exclusiveness)
- (12) $\Diamond_i \text{ballot}_i(w)$ (ballot)
- (13) $\Diamond_{C_1}\delta_1 \wedge \Diamond_{C_2}\delta_2 \rightarrow \Diamond_{C_1\cup C_2}(\delta_1 \wedge \delta_2)$ (cooperation)
- (14) $\bigvee_{x \in X}(x \wedge \bigwedge_{y \in X \setminus \{x\}} \neg y)$ (resoluteness)
- (15) $(\text{profile}(w) \wedge \varphi) \rightarrow \Box_N(\text{profile}(w) \rightarrow \varphi)$ (functionality)

Theorem (Ciná and Endriss) The logic $L[V, X]$ is sound and complete w.r.t. the class of models of resolute social choice correspondences.

Pareto

$$Par := \bigwedge_{x \in X} \bigwedge_{y \in X - \{x\}} \left[\left(\bigwedge_{i \in N} p_{x \succeq y}^i \right) \rightarrow \neg y \right]$$

IIA

$$\text{IIA} := \bigwedge_{w \in \mathcal{L}(X)^n} \bigwedge_{x \in X} \bigwedge_{y \in X - \{x\}} [\diamond_V(\text{profile}(w) \wedge x) \rightarrow (\text{profile}(w)(x, y) \rightarrow \neg y)]$$

- ▶ $N_{x \succeq y}^w = \bigwedge \{p_{x \succeq y}^i \mid x P_i y \text{ in } w\}$
- ▶ $\text{profile}(w)(x, y) := N_{x \succeq y}^w \wedge N_{y \succeq x}^w$

Dictatorship

$$Dic := \bigvee_{i \in N} \bigwedge_{x \in X} \bigwedge_{y \in X - \{x\}} (p_{x \succeq y}^i \rightarrow \neg y)$$

Arrow's Theorem

Theorem (Ciná and Endriss) Consider a logic $L[V, X]$ with a language parameterised by X such that $|X| > 3$. Then we have:

$$\vdash Par \wedge IIA \rightarrow Dic$$

Strong Monotonicity

$$SM := \bigwedge_{w \in \mathcal{L}(X)^n} \bigwedge_{x \in X} \left[\diamond_v(\text{profile}(w) \wedge x) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{y \in X \setminus \{x\}} N_{x \succeq y}^w \right) \rightarrow x \right]$$

Surjectivity

$$Sur := \bigwedge_{x \in X} \bigwedge_{w \in \mathcal{L}(X)^V} \diamond_V(\text{profile}(w) \wedge x)$$

Theorem (Ciná and Endriss) Consider a logic $L[V, X]$ with a language parameterised by X such that $|X| \geq 3$. Then we have:

$$\vdash SM \wedge Sur \rightarrow Dic$$