
Algorithm 1: DWTS Data Preprocessing

Input: Raw CSV file with wide format: each row = one contestant,
columns = weekly scores

Output: Long format dataset \mathcal{D} : each row = (season, week,
contestant, scores, metrics)

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// Load and Parse Data;  
Load raw data from CSV file;  
for each score column matching weekX_judgeY_score do  
    | Convert to numeric, set invalid values to NaN;  
end  
  
// Process Elimination Information;  
for each contestant c do  
    | Parse results field to extract final_rank and eliminated_week;  
    | if eliminated_week is missing then  
    |     | Infer from last week with valid scores;  
    | end  
    | for each week w > eliminated_week do  
    |     | Set scores to NaN (post-elimination zeros);  
    | end  
end  
  
// Reshape to Long Format;  
for each contestant c do  
    | for each week w with valid scores do  
    |     | Create record: (c, w, scores,  $\sum$  scores, scores);  
    | end  
end  
  
// Compute Competition Metrics;  
for each (season, week) group do  
    | judge_ranki  $\leftarrow$  rank(scorei) using min method;  
    | judge_percenti  $\leftarrow$  scorei /  $\sum_j$  scorej;  
    | contestants_this_week  $\leftarrow$  count of contestants;  
end  
return Processed long-format dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ ;
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Algorithm 2: Bayesian Fan Vote Share Estimation (Main Controller)

Input: Processed dataset \mathcal{D} , rule boundaries: $S_{\text{pct}} = 3$, $S_{b2} = 28$

Output: Fan share estimates with HDI for all (season, week, contestant)

Load and normalize data:

$\text{judge_percent_norm}_i = \text{judge_percent}_i / \sum_j \text{judge_percent}_j$;

for each (season s , week w) with elimination **do**

$\mathcal{W} \leftarrow$ contestants competing in week w ;

$e \leftarrow$ identify eliminated contestant;

 // Select model based on season

if $s < S_{\text{pct}}$ **then**

 | (trace, contestants) \leftarrow RankBasedModel(\mathcal{W}, e) ; // Alg. 3

else if $s < S_{b2}$ **then**

 | (trace, contestants) \leftarrow PercentageModel(\mathcal{W}, e) ; // Alg. 4

else

 | (trace, contestants) \leftarrow Bottom2Model(\mathcal{W}, e) ; // Alg. 5

end

 // Extract posterior estimates

for each contestant i **do**

 | $\hat{f}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{E}[\text{fan_shares}_i]$;

 | HDI $_i \leftarrow$ 95% highest density interval;

 | Store ($s, w, i, \hat{f}_i, \text{HDI}_i$);

end

end

return All fan share estimates with uncertainty;

Algorithm 3: Rank-Based Bayesian Model (Seasons 1–2)

Input: Week data \mathcal{W} , eliminated contestant e , MCMC params:

$T = 5000, B = 2000, C = 4$

Output: MCMC trace with posterior samples

// **Compute Judge Points from Ranks;**

$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$ judge scores for all n contestants;

$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \text{rank}(-\mathbf{s})$; // Highest score \rightarrow rank 1

$\mathbf{p} \leftarrow n - \mathbf{r} + 1$; // Rank 1 gets n points

$\tilde{\mathbf{J}} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} / \sum_i p_i$; // Normalize: $\sum_i \tilde{J}_i = 1$

// **Build PyMC Model;**

$\boldsymbol{\alpha} \leftarrow \mathbf{1}_n$; // Uniform Dirichlet prior

$\mathbf{f} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$; // Fan shares: $\sum_i f_i = 1$

$\mathbf{T} \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{J}} + \mathbf{f}$; // Combined: both normalized

// **Elimination Constraints;**

for each survivor $i \neq e$ **do**

$\delta_i \leftarrow T_i - T_e$;

 Add potential: $\log \sigma(\delta_i \cdot \lambda)$ where $\lambda = 100$;

end

// **Tie-Breaker Constraints;**

for each survivor $i \neq e$ **do**

$\tau \leftarrow \sigma(-|T_i - T_e| \cdot 1000 + 5)$; // Is tie?

 Add potential: $\tau \cdot \log \sigma((f_i - f_e) \cdot \lambda)$;

end

// **MCMC Sampling;**

Run Slice sampler: T draws, B tuning, C chains;

return trace;

Algorithm 4: Percentage-Based Bayesian Model (Seasons 3–27)

Input: Week data \mathcal{W} , eliminated contestant e , MCMC params:

$T = 2000, B = 1000, C = 2$

Output: MCMC trace with posterior samples

// Compute Normalized Judge Percentage;

$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$ judge scores for all n contestants;

$\tilde{\mathbf{J}} \leftarrow \mathbf{s} / \sum_i s_i$; **// Normalize:** $\sum_i \tilde{J}_i = 1$

// Build PyMC Model;

$\boldsymbol{\alpha} \leftarrow \mathbf{1}_n$;

// Uniform Dirichlet prior

$\mathbf{f} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$;

// Fan shares: $\sum_i f_i = 1$

$\mathbf{T} \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{J}} + \mathbf{f}$;

// Combined: both normalized

// Elimination Constraint (Lowest Score Eliminated);

for each survivor $i \neq e$ **do**

$\delta_i \leftarrow T_i - T_e$;

 Add potential: $\log \sigma(\delta_i \cdot \lambda)$ where $\lambda = 100$;

end

// MCMC Sampling;

Run NUTS sampler: T draws, B tuning, C chains;

return trace;

Algorithm 5: Bottom-2 Rule Bayesian Model (Seasons 28+)

Input: Week data \mathcal{W} , eliminated contestant e , MCMC params:

$T = 3000, B = 1500, C = 4$

Output: MCMC trace with posterior samples

// **Compute Judge Points (Same as Rank-Based);**

$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$ judge scores, $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \text{rank}(-\mathbf{s})$;

$\mathbf{p} \leftarrow n - \mathbf{r} + 1, \tilde{\mathbf{J}} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} / \sum_i p_i$; // $\sum_i \tilde{J}_i = 1$

// **Build PyMC Model with Informative Prior;**

$\mathbf{q} \leftarrow (\text{rank}(\mathbf{s}) - 1) / (n - 1)$; // Judge percentile $\in [0, 1]$

$\alpha \leftarrow 0.5 + \kappa \cdot \mathbf{q}$ where $\kappa = 5$; // Informative prior

$\mathbf{f} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha)$; // $\sum_i f_i = 1$

$\mathbf{T} \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{J}} + \mathbf{f}$; // Combined: both normalized

// **Soft Bottom-2 Constraint;**

$N_{\text{lower}} \leftarrow 0$;

for each survivor $i \neq e$ **do**

$\delta_i \leftarrow T_e - T_i$; // Positive if e higher than i
 $N_{\text{lower}} \leftarrow N_{\text{lower}} + \sigma(\delta_i \cdot \gamma)$ where $\gamma = 20$;

end

excess $\leftarrow N_{\text{lower}} - \theta$ where $\theta = 1.3$;

Add potential: $\begin{cases} -\rho \cdot \text{excess}^2 & \text{if excess} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ where $\rho = 20$;

// **MCMC Sampling;**

Run Slice sampler: T draws, B tuning, C chains;

return trace;

Algorithm 6: Elimination Consistency Validation

Input: Fan share estimates $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$, original data \mathcal{D}

Output: Validation results: consistency rate, margin distribution

for *each* (season s , week w) **do**

rule \leftarrow determine rule type based on s ;

Compute judge component \mathbf{J} based on rule;

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T ← J +  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  ;           // Reconstructed total scores
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if $rule \in \{rank, percentage\}$ **then**

$$\text{consistent} \leftarrow (T_e \leq \min_{i \neq e} T_i);$$
$$\text{margin} \leftarrow \min_{i \neq e} T_i - T_e;$$

else

$$N_{\text{lower}} \leftarrow |\{i : T_i < T_e, i \neq e\}|;$$
$$\text{consistent} \leftarrow (N_{\text{lower}} \leq 1) ;$$

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// In Bottom 2
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$$\text{margin} \leftarrow 1 - N_{\text{lower}};$$

end

Store $(s, w, \text{rule}, \text{consistent}, \text{margin}, \hat{f}_e)$;

end

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// Aggregate Statistics;
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for each rule type do

Compute: n , consistency rate, mean margin \pm std;

end

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return Validation DataFrame;

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Algorithm 7: Fan Vote Uncertainty Analysis

Input: Fan share estimates with HDI, MCMC diagnostics

Output: Uncertainty metrics and visualizations

// **Compute HDI Width;**

for *each* (*season, week, contestant*) **do**

 HDI.width \leftarrow HDI.upper – HDI.lower;

end

// **Analyze by Rule Type;**

for *each rule type* $\in \{\text{rank, percentage, bottom2}\}$ **do**

 Compute mean HDI width, distribution;

end

// **Contestant Count vs Uncertainty;**

for *each* (*season, week*) **do**

$n \leftarrow$ number of contestants;

$\bar{w} \leftarrow$ mean HDI width for week;

end

Fit linear regression: $\bar{w} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 n$;

Compute correlation r ;

// **MCMC Convergence Check (S1-S2);**

for *each* (*season, week*) *in S1-S2* **do**

 Check: $\hat{R}_{\max} < 1.05$, $\text{ESS}_{\min} > 400$;

 Flag non-converged weeks;

end

// **Generate Visualizations;**

Plot (a): HDI width distribution by era (violin + box);

Plot (b): Uncertainty vs contestant count (scatter + regression);

Plot (c): Eliminated vs survived uncertainty (box);

Plot (d): MCMC convergence (ESS bars + \hat{R} -hat line);

return Uncertainty analysis figures;

Algorithm 8: Scoring Method Comparison (Rank vs Percentage)

Input: Fan share estimates $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$, original data \mathcal{D} , seasons 1 to 27

Output: Rule comparison metrics: fan share changes under alternative rules

for *each* (season s , week w) *with elimination* **do**

$\mathcal{W} \leftarrow$ contestants in week w ;

$e \leftarrow$ eliminated contestant;

$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$ judge scores;

 // Compute judge components under both rules

$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \text{rank}(-\mathbf{s}), \quad \mathbf{p} \leftarrow n - \mathbf{r} + 1;$

$\mathbf{J}_{\text{rank}} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} / \sum_i p_i;$

$\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}} \leftarrow \mathbf{s} / \sum_i s_i;$

 // Determine actual rule and compute counterfactual

$\text{actual} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{rank} & s \leq 2 \\ \text{percentage} & s > 2 \end{cases};$

 // Compute required fan share under counterfactual rule

$\mathbf{J}_{\text{cf}} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}} & \text{actual} = \text{rank} \\ \mathbf{J}_{\text{rank}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases};$

$\Delta J_e \leftarrow \min_{i \neq e} J_{\text{cf},i} - J_{\text{cf},e};$

$f_{\text{critical}} \leftarrow \Delta J_e \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{1}{n};$

 Store $(s, w, \hat{f}_e, f_{\text{critical}}, \text{actual});$

end

 // **Aggregate by Rule Type;**

for *each* rule $\in \{\text{rank}, \text{percentage}\}$ **do**

$\bar{f}_{\text{elim}} \leftarrow$ mean eliminated fan share under this rule;

$\bar{f}_{\text{cf}} \leftarrow$ mean counterfactual critical share;

end

 Conclusion $\leftarrow (\bar{f}_{\text{elim}}^{\text{pct}} > \bar{f}_{\text{elim}}^{\text{rank}})$ implies percentage favors fans;

return Rule comparison DataFrame;

Algorithm 9: Controversial Contestant Identification

Input: Original data \mathcal{D} , threshold $K = 15$

Output: Top K controversial contestants with controversy scores

for each contestant c in \mathcal{D} **do**

$R_{\text{final}} \leftarrow$ final placement rank of c ;

$W_{\text{total}} \leftarrow$ total weeks competed;

$W_{\text{bottom}} \leftarrow 0$, $W_{\text{bottom2}} \leftarrow 0$;

for each week w contestant c participated **do**

$\mathbf{s}_w \leftarrow$ all judge scores in week w ;

$r_c \leftarrow \text{rank}(s_c)$ using min method (1 = lowest);

if $r_c = 1$ **then**

$W_{\text{bottom}} \leftarrow W_{\text{bottom}} + 1$;

end

if $r_c \leq 2$ **then**

$W_{\text{bottom2}} \leftarrow W_{\text{bottom2}} + 1$;

end

end

 // Controversy score: low scores but high placement

if $R_{\text{final}} \leq 5$ **then**

$\text{score}_c \leftarrow \frac{W_{\text{bottom}}}{R_{\text{final}}} + \frac{W_{\text{bottom2}}}{2 \cdot R_{\text{final}}}$;

else

$\text{score}_c \leftarrow \frac{W_{\text{bottom}}}{2 \cdot R_{\text{final}}}$;

end

end

Sort contestants by score_c descending;

return Top K contestants;

Algorithm 10: Monte Carlo Counterfactual Survival Simulation

Input: Week data \mathcal{W} , fan estimates (\hat{f}_i, σ_i) , target t , rule $\in \{\text{rank}, \text{pct}\}$, $M = 10000$
Output: Survival probability $P_{\text{survive}}(t)$
 $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$ judge scores for all n contestants;
// Compute judge component based on rule
if rule = rank **then**
| $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \text{rank}(-\mathbf{s})$, $\mathbf{J} \leftarrow (n - \mathbf{r} + 1) / \sum_i (n - r_i + 1)$;
else
| $\mathbf{J} \leftarrow \mathbf{s} / \sum_i s_i$;
end
// Monte Carlo simulation
 $N_{\text{survive}} \leftarrow 0$;
for $m = 1$ to M **do**
| // Sample fan shares from posterior
| **for** each contestant i **do**
| | $\tilde{f}_i^{(m)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{f}_i, \sigma_i^2)$;
| | $\tilde{f}_i^{(m)} \leftarrow \text{clip}(\tilde{f}_i^{(m)}, 0.001, 0.999)$;
| **end**
| $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}^{(m)} \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{f}}^{(m)} / \sum_i \tilde{f}_i^{(m)}$; // Normalize
| $\mathbf{T}^{(m)} \leftarrow 0.5 \cdot \mathbf{J} + 0.5 \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{f}}^{(m)}$;
| $e^{(m)} \leftarrow \arg \min_i T_i^{(m)}$;
| **if** $e^{(m)} \neq t$ **then**
| | $N_{\text{survive}} \leftarrow N_{\text{survive}} + 1$;
| **end**
end
return $P_{\text{survive}} = N_{\text{survive}} / M$;

Algorithm 11: Critical Fan Share Analysis with Bottom-2 Rule

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Input: Week data  $\mathcal{W}$ , target contestant  $t$ 
Output: Critical fan shares ( $f_{\text{rank}}^*, f_{\text{pct}}^*, f_{\text{B2}}^*$ ), risk assessment
 $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow$  judge scores,  $n \leftarrow |\mathcal{W}|$ ;
 $\mathbf{J}_{\text{rank}} \leftarrow$  rank-based normalized points;
 $\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}} \leftarrow \mathbf{s} / \sum_i s_i$ ;

// Critical share to avoid last place (Rank/Pct rules)
Function CriticalNotLast( $\mathbf{J}, t, n$ ):
     $\Delta J \leftarrow \min_{i \neq t} J_i - J_t$ ;
    return  $\max(0, \min(1, \Delta J \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{1}{n}))$ ;

 $f_{\text{rank}}^* \leftarrow \text{CriticalNotLast}(\mathbf{J}_{\text{rank}}, t, n)$ ;
 $f_{\text{pct}}^* \leftarrow \text{CriticalNotLast}(\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}}, t, n)$ ;

// Critical share under Bottom-2 rule
 $r_t \leftarrow$  score rank of  $t$  (1 = lowest);
 $N_{\text{lower}} \leftarrow |\{i : s_i < s_t\}|$ ;
if  $N_{\text{lower}} = 0$  ; //  $t$  has lowest score
then
    // Must avoid bottom 2; judges will eliminate
     $J_{\text{2nd}} \leftarrow$  judge component of 2nd lowest scorer;
     $f_{\text{B2}}^* \leftarrow \max(\text{CriticalNotLast}(\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}}, t, n), 0.5)$ ;
    risk  $\leftarrow$  HIGH, judge_decision  $\leftarrow$  ELIMINATE;
else if  $N_{\text{lower}} = 1$  ; //  $t$  is 2nd lowest
then
    // If in bottom 2, judges save  $t$  (not lowest)
     $f_{\text{B2}}^* \leftarrow \text{CriticalNotLast}(\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}}, t, n)$ ;
    risk  $\leftarrow$  MEDIUM, judge_decision  $\leftarrow$  SAVE;
else
    // Not in bottom 2 risk zone
     $f_{\text{B2}}^* \leftarrow \text{CriticalNotLast}(\mathbf{J}_{\text{pct}}, t, n)$ ;
    risk  $\leftarrow$  LOW, judge_decision  $\leftarrow$  N/A;
end

// Compute rule impact gaps
 $\Delta_{\text{pct-rank}} \leftarrow f_{\text{pct}}^* - f_{\text{rank}}^*$ ;
 $\Delta_{\text{B2-pct}} \leftarrow f_{\text{B2}}^* - f_{\text{pct}}^*$ ;
return ( $f_{\text{rank}}^*, f_{\text{pct}}^*, f_{\text{B2}}^*$ , risk, judge_decision,  $\Delta_{\text{pct-rank}}, \Delta_{\text{B2-pct}}$ );

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Algorithm 12: Counterfactual Survival Heatmap Generation

Input: Controversial contestants \mathcal{C} , survival simulations, original data \mathcal{D}

Output: Heatmap visualization of counterfactual survival probabilities

// **Prepare Heatmap Data;**

for each contestant $c \in \mathcal{C}$ **do**

$s \leftarrow$ season of c ;

$\text{actual_rule} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{rank} & s \leq 2 \\ \text{bottom2} & s \geq 28 \\ \text{percentage} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$;

for each week w contestant c participated **do**

$\tilde{s}_w \leftarrow (s_c - s_{\min}) / (s_{\max} - s_{\min})$; // Normalized score

 // Counterfactual rule (opposite of actual)

$P_{\text{cf}} \leftarrow \begin{cases} P_{\text{survive}}^{\text{pct}} & \text{actual} = \text{rank} \\ P_{\text{survive}}^{\text{rank}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$;

 Add row: $(c, w, \tilde{s}_w, P_{\text{cf}}, \text{actual_rule})$;

end

end

// **Generate Heatmap;**

Sort contestants by final rank (winners first);

$X \leftarrow$ week numbers, $Y \leftarrow$ contestant labels;

$Z \leftarrow$ matrix of P_{cf} values;

Apply diverging colormap: red ($P < 0.5$) to green ($P > 0.5$);

Overlay normalized judge score as marker size;

Add annotations for actual rule era;

return Heatmap figure;

Algorithm 13: Linear Mixed-Effects Model for Celebrity & Partner Effects

Input: Dataset \mathcal{D} with outcomes $y^{(J)}$ (judge score), $y^{(F)}$ (log fan share), fixed effects \mathbf{X} , grouping factor g (partner)

Output: Fixed effects $\hat{\beta}$, random effects $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$, ICC

// Model Specification;
Fixed effects: $\mathbf{X} = [\text{Age}, \text{Industry}_1, \dots, \text{Industry}_k, \text{Week}, \text{StageRatio}]$;
Random intercept: $u_g \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_u^2)$ for each partner g ;
Model: $y_{ig} = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta + u_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$, $\varepsilon_{ig} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$;

// REML Estimation;
Construct marginal covariance: $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{ZGZ}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$;
Maximize restricted log-likelihood;

$$\ell_R = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\log |\mathbf{V}| + \log |\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X}| + (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^\top \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) \right];$$
Estimate $\hat{\sigma}_u^2$, $\hat{\sigma}^2$ via Powell optimizer;

// Extract Partner Random Effects (BLUPs);
 $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{GZ}^\top \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})$;

// Compute Intraclass Correlation (ICC);
 $\rho = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_u^2}{\hat{\sigma}_u^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2}$; **// Variance explained by partner**

// Fit Both Models;
 $(\hat{\beta}^{(J)}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{(J)}, \rho^{(J)}) \leftarrow \text{fit LMM on } y^{(J)}$;
 $(\hat{\beta}^{(F)}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{(F)}, \rho^{(F)}) \leftarrow \text{fit LMM on } y^{(F)}$;
return $\hat{\beta}^{(J)}, \hat{\beta}^{(F)}, \{\hat{u}_g\}$, ICC values;

Algorithm 14: XGBoost Feature Importance with SHAP Decomposition

Input: Feature matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times p}$, targets $y^{(J)}, y^{(F)}$, params: $T = 100$ trees, $d = 4$ depth, $\eta = 0.1$

Output: Feature importance rankings, SHAP values for both models

// Feature Engineering;

$\mathbf{X} \leftarrow$
 $[\text{Age}, \text{Week}, \text{StageRatio}, \text{Ind}_1, \dots, \text{Ind}_k, \text{Age}_1, \dots, \text{Age}_m, \text{Partner}_{\text{enc}}];$

$y^{(F)} \leftarrow \log(y^{(F)} + 10^{-6})$; **// Log-transform fan share**

// Train XGBoost Models;

for target $y \in \{y^{(J)}, y^{(F)}\}$ **do**

Initialize $\hat{y}^{(0)} = 0$;

for $t = 1$ to T **do**

$g_i = \frac{\partial \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i^{(t-1)})}{\partial \hat{y}_i^{(t-1)}}, \quad h_i = \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial (\hat{y}_i^{(t-1)})^2};$

Fit tree f_t minimizing $\sum_i [g_i f_t(\mathbf{x}_i) + \frac{1}{2} h_i f_t^2(\mathbf{x}_i)] + \Omega(f_t)$;

$\hat{y}^{(t)} = \hat{y}^{(t-1)} + \eta \cdot f_t(\mathbf{x})$;

end

end

// SHAP Value Computation (TreeExplainer);

for each model $\mathcal{M} \in \{\mathcal{M}_J, \mathcal{M}_F\}$ **do**

for each sample \mathbf{x}_i and feature j **do**

$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{S \subseteq \mathcal{F} \setminus \{j\}} \frac{|S|!(p-|S|-1)!}{p!} [f_{\mathcal{M}}(S \cup \{j\}) - f_{\mathcal{M}}(S)];$

end

end

// Feature Importance Ranking;

for each feature j **do**

$I_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_i)|$; **// Mean absolute SHAP**

end

return Rankings $\mathcal{R}^{(J)}, \mathcal{R}^{(F)}$, SHAP matrices $\Phi^{(J)}, \Phi^{(F)}$;

Algorithm 15: Bootstrap Test for Judge vs Fan Effect Differences

Input: Dataset \mathcal{D} , feature f , bootstrap iterations $B = 1000$

Output: Effect estimates, confidence intervals, p-values

// **Standardize Outcomes;**

$y^{(J)} \leftarrow$ standardized judge score (z-score);

$y^{(F)} \leftarrow$ standardized log fan share;

// **Bootstrap Resampling;**

$\mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}} \leftarrow \emptyset$;

for $b = 1$ *to* B **do**

 Sample $\mathcal{D}^{(b)}$ with replacement from \mathcal{D} ;

 Fit $\hat{\beta}^{(J,b)} \leftarrow$ OLS of $y^{(J)}$ on f using $\mathcal{D}^{(b)}$;

 Fit $\hat{\beta}^{(F,b)} \leftarrow$ OLS of $y^{(F)}$ on f using $\mathcal{D}^{(b)}$;

$\mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}} \cup \{\hat{\beta}^{(J,b)} - \hat{\beta}^{(F,b)}\}$;

end

// **Original Estimates;**

$\hat{\beta}^{(J)} \leftarrow$ OLS on full \mathcal{D} , $\hat{\beta}^{(F)} \leftarrow$ OLS on full \mathcal{D} ;

$\hat{\Delta} \leftarrow \hat{\beta}^{(J)} - \hat{\beta}^{(F)}$;

// **Confidence Interval & p-value;**

$\text{CI}_{95\%} \leftarrow [\text{percentile}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}}, 2.5), \text{percentile}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}}, 97.5)]$;

$p \leftarrow 2 \cdot \min \left(\frac{|\{d \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}} : d > 0\}|}{B}, \frac{|\{d \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{diff}} : d < 0\}|}{B} \right)$;

$\text{significant} \leftarrow (\text{CI}_{\text{lower}} > 0) \vee (\text{CI}_{\text{upper}} < 0)$;

return $(\hat{\beta}^{(J)}, \hat{\beta}^{(F)}, \hat{\Delta}, \text{CI}_{95\%}, p, \text{significant})$;

Algorithm 16: Age \times Industry Interaction Effect Visualization

Input: Dataset \mathcal{D} with age, industry, $y^{(J)}$, $y^{(F)}$
Output: Interaction heatmaps for judges and fans
// Create Age Bins;
$$\text{AgeBin} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{"125"} & \text{if age} < 25 \\ \text{"25-35"} & \text{if } 25 \leq \text{age} < 35 \\ \text{"35-45"} & \text{if } 35 \leq \text{age} < 45; \\ \text{"45-55"} & \text{if } 45 \leq \text{age} < 55 \\ \text{"55+"} & \text{if age} \geq 55 \end{cases}$$

// Compute Cell Means;
for *each industry* $I \in \mathcal{I}$ **do**
 for *each age bin* $A \in \mathcal{A}$ **do**
 $\mu_{I,A}^{(J)} \leftarrow \text{mean}(y^{(J)} | \text{Industry} = I, \text{AgeBin} = A);$
 $\mu_{I,A}^{(F)} \leftarrow \text{mean}(y^{(F)} | \text{Industry} = I, \text{AgeBin} = A);$
 $n_{I,A} \leftarrow \text{count of samples in cell};$
 end
end
// Standardize Fan Share Matrix;
 $\tilde{\mu}^{(F)} \leftarrow \frac{\mu^{(F)} - \bar{\mu}^{(F)}}{\text{std}(\mu^{(F)})};$
// Compute Difference Matrix;
 $\Delta_{I,A} \leftarrow \mu_{I,A}^{(J)} - \tilde{\mu}_{I,A}^{(F)};$
// Generate Heatmaps;
Plot Judge Score heatmap: $\mathbf{M}^{(J)}$ with RdYlGn colormap;
Plot Fan Vote heatmap: $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^{(F)}$ with RdYlGn colormap;
Plot Difference heatmap: $\mathbf{\Delta}$ with PuOr colormap;
Annotate cells with values and sample sizes;
return Heatmap figures;

Algorithm 17: Cox Proportional Hazards Model for Elimination Risk

Input: Survival data: time T_i (weeks survived), event δ_i
(1=eliminated, 0=winner), covariates \mathbf{x}_i
Output: Hazard ratios, survival curves, partner effects
// Prepare Survival Data;
for each contestant c in season s **do**
 $T_c \leftarrow$ eliminated_week (or max week if winner);
 $\delta_c \leftarrow \mathbf{1}[\text{final_rank} > 1]$; **//** 1=eliminated, 0=censored
 $\mathbf{x}_c \leftarrow [\text{Age}, \text{Ind}_1, \dots, \text{Ind}_k, \text{Age}_{U25}, \text{Age}_{40-55}, \text{Age}_{55+}]$;
end

// Cox Model: Partial Likelihood Estimation;
Hazard function: $h(t|\mathbf{x}) = h_0(t) \exp(\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \mathbf{x})$;
Partial log-likelihood;
 $\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i:\delta_i=1} [\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \mathbf{x}_i - \log \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}(t_i)} \exp(\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \mathbf{x}_j)]$;
where $\mathcal{R}(t)$ is risk set at time t ;
Maximize $\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ via Newton-Raphson;

// Compute Hazard Ratios;
for each covariate k **do**
 $\text{HR}_k = \exp(\hat{\beta}_k)$;
 $\text{CI}_{95\%} = [\exp(\hat{\beta}_k - 1.96 \cdot \text{SE}_k), \exp(\hat{\beta}_k + 1.96 \cdot \text{SE}_k)]$;
 if $\text{HR}_k > 1$ **then** Higher elimination risk;
 else Lower elimination risk (protective);
end

// Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves by Group;
for each group $G \in \{\text{Industries}, \text{AgeBrackets}\}$ **do**
 $\hat{S}_G(t) = \prod_{t_i \leq t} \left(1 - \frac{d_i}{n_i}\right)$; **//** K-M estimator
 where d_i = events at t_i , n_i = at risk at t_i ;
end

// Pro Partner Survival Analysis;
for each partner g with $n_g \geq 5$ **do**
 $\tilde{T}_g \leftarrow$ median survival time;
 $\text{WinRate}_g \leftarrow \frac{|\{c:\text{rank}_c=1, \text{partner}_c=g\}|}{n_g}$;
 $\text{Top3Rate}_g \leftarrow \frac{|\{c:\text{rank}_c \leq 3, \text{partner}_c=g\}|}{n_g}$;
end
return Hazard ratios, K-M curves, partner survival statistics;

Algorithm 18: Cross-Validation of LMM, XGBoost, and Cox Models

Algorithm 19: Multi-Objective Optimization with Pareto Frontier

Input: Merged data \mathcal{D} with judge scores and fan shares, weight grid
 $\mathbf{w} = [0, 0.05, \dots, 1]$
Output: Pareto frontier, objective values for each weight
// Define Objective Functions;
for each weight $w \in \mathbf{w}$ **do**
 for each (season, week) with $|\mathcal{W}| \geq 3$ **do**
 // Simulate elimination
 $\tilde{s}_i \leftarrow$ min-max normalized judge score;
 $\tilde{f}_i \leftarrow$ normalized fan share ($\sum_i \tilde{f}_i = 1$);
 $T_i \leftarrow w \cdot \tilde{s}_i + (1 - w) \cdot \tilde{f}_i$;
 $e \leftarrow \arg \min_i T_i$; **// Eliminated contestant**
 $r_e \leftarrow$ judge rank of eliminated (1 = highest);
 // Track metrics
 $\text{fairness}_w \leftarrow r_e / n$; **// Higher = eliminated low scorer**
 $\text{robbery}_w \leftarrow \mathbf{1}[r_e \leq 2]$; **// Top-2 eliminated**
 $\text{decisive}_w \leftarrow \mathbf{1}[e \neq e_{w=1}]$; **// Fan changed outcome**
 end
 // Aggregate objectives
 $F_w \leftarrow \text{fairness}_w$;
 $E_w \leftarrow \text{decisive}_w$; **// Engagement**
 $R_w \leftarrow 1 - \text{robbery}_w$; **// No-Robbery rate**
end
// Construct Pareto Frontier;
Sort solutions by engagement descending;
 $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \{(E_w, F_w, R_w) : w \in \mathbf{w}\}$;
return Pareto frontier \mathcal{P} , objective values;

Algorithm 20: Knee Point Detection for Optimal Weight Selection

Input: Pareto frontier $\mathcal{P} = \{(E_i, F_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, corresponding weights \mathbf{w}

Output: Knee points w_{Kneedle}^* , w_{marginal}^*

// **Method 1: Kneedle Algorithm;**

// Normalize to $[0, 1]$

$\tilde{E}_i \leftarrow (E_i - E_{\min}) / (E_{\max} - E_{\min});$

$\tilde{F}_i \leftarrow (F_i - F_{\min}) / (F_{\max} - F_{\min});$

// Line from first to last point: $ax + by + c = 0$

$a \leftarrow \tilde{F}_n - \tilde{F}_1, \quad b \leftarrow -(\tilde{E}_n - \tilde{E}_1);$

$c \leftarrow (\tilde{E}_n - \tilde{E}_1)\tilde{F}_1 - (\tilde{F}_n - \tilde{F}_1)\tilde{E}_1;$

for each point i do

$d_i \leftarrow \frac{a\tilde{E}_i + b\tilde{F}_i + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}};$ // Distance to baseline

end

$i_{\text{Kneedle}}^* \leftarrow \arg \max_i d_i;$

$w_{\text{Kneedle}}^* \leftarrow w_{i^*};$

// **Method 2: Marginal Cost Analysis;**

for $i = 2$ to n do

$\Delta F \leftarrow F_i - F_{i-1};$
 $\Delta E \leftarrow E_i - E_{i-1};$
 $\text{MC}_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} -\Delta F / \Delta E & |\Delta E| > 0.001 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases};$

end

$\text{MC}_{\max} \leftarrow \max_i \text{MC}_i;$

$i_{\text{marginal}}^* \leftarrow \min\{i : \text{MC}_i < 0.5 \cdot \text{MC}_{\max} \wedge \text{MC}_{i-1} \geq 0.5 \cdot \text{MC}_{\max}\};$

$w_{\text{marginal}}^* \leftarrow w_{i^*};$

return $w_{\text{Kneedle}}^*, w_{\text{marginal}}^*;$

Algorithm 21: Dynamic Sigmoid Weight Function with Grid Search

Input: Knee points $w_{\min}^* \approx 0.2$, $w_{\max}^* \approx 0.6$, parameter grids
Output: Optimal sigmoid parameters (w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k)
// Sigmoid Weight Function;
Function SigmoidWeight($t, t_{\max}, w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k$):
 $t_{\text{mid}} \leftarrow t_{\max}/2$;
 $t_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow (t - t_{\text{mid}})/(t_{\max}/4)$;
 return $w_{\min} + \frac{w_{\max} - w_{\min}}{1 + \exp(-k \cdot t_{\text{norm}})}$;
// Grid Search Optimization;
 $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \{0.2, 0.3, 0.4\} \times \{0.6, 0.7, 0.8\} \times \{0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 1.9, 2.0\}$;
for each $(w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k) \in \mathcal{G}$ **with** $w_{\min} < w_{\max}$ **do**
 for each season s **do**
 for each week t **do**
 $w(t) \leftarrow \text{SigmoidWeight}(t, t_{\max}^s, w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k)$;
 Simulate elimination with weight $w(t)$;
 end
 end
 Compute (F, E, R) for this parameter set;
 composite $\leftarrow 0.4 \cdot F + 0.3 \cdot E + 0.3 \cdot R$;
end
 $(w_{\min}^*, w_{\max}^*, k^*) \leftarrow \arg \max \text{ composite}$;
return Optimal parameters: $w_{\min}^* = 0.2$, $w_{\max}^* = 0.6$, $k^* = 1.9$;

Algorithm 22: Hybrid Dynamic Weight with Week-7 Bottom-2 Rule

Input: Season data, sigmoid params (w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k) , switch week

$t_{B2} = 7$

Output: Elimination decision for each week

for each week t in season **do**

$w(t) \leftarrow \text{SigmoidWeight}(t, t_{\max}, w_{\min}, w_{\max}, k)$;

$T_i \leftarrow w(t) \cdot \tilde{s}_i + (1 - w(t)) \cdot \tilde{f}_i$ for all i ;

if $t < t_{B2}$ **then**

 // Standard elimination: lowest total score

$e \leftarrow \arg \min_i T_i$;

else

 // Bottom-2 rule: judges decide between lowest two

$(b_1, b_2) \leftarrow$ two contestants with lowest T_i ;

if $s_{b_1} < s_{b_2}$ **then**

$e \leftarrow b_1$; // Judges eliminate lower scorer

else

$e \leftarrow b_2$;

end

end

 Record elimination e and metrics;

end

return Season elimination sequence, fairness/engagement metrics;

Algorithm 23: Controversial Case Validation with Proposed System

Input: Historical cases $\mathcal{C} = \{\text{Bobby Bones, Jerry Rice, Sabrina Bryan, Bristol Palin}\}$
Output: Comparison of outcomes under current vs proposed system
// Define Systems;
 $\mathcal{S}_{\text{current}} \leftarrow w = 0.5$ (fixed);
 $\mathcal{S}_{\text{proposed}} \leftarrow w(t) = 0.2 + 0.4/(1 + \exp(-1.9 \cdot t_{\text{norm}}))$;
// Simulate Each Case;
for *each case* $(c, s) \in \mathcal{C}$ **do**
 $\mathcal{D}_s \leftarrow$ season s data;
 for *each week* t *contestant* c *participated* **do**
 // Current system simulation
 Rank c by combined score with $w = 0.5$;
 $r_{\text{current}}(t) \leftarrow$ combined rank of c ;
 // Proposed system simulation
 $w(t) \leftarrow \text{SigmoidWeight}(t, t_{\text{max}}, 0.2, 0.6, 1.9)$;
 Rank c by combined score with $w(t)$;
 $r_{\text{proposed}}(t) \leftarrow$ combined rank of c ;
 $\text{at_risk}_{\text{current}}(t) \leftarrow \mathbf{1}[r_{\text{current}}(t) = n]$;
 $\text{at_risk}_{\text{proposed}}(t) \leftarrow \mathbf{1}[r_{\text{proposed}}(t) = n]$;
 end
 Store trajectory $\{r_{\text{current}}(t), r_{\text{proposed}}(t)\}_{t=1}^{T_c}$;
end
// Count Robberies System-Wide;
for *each system* $\mathcal{S} \in \{\mathcal{S}_{\text{current}}, \mathcal{S}_{\text{proposed}}\}$ **do**
 $N_{\text{robbery}}^{\mathcal{S}} \leftarrow |\{(s, w) : \text{eliminated had judge rank} \leq 2\}|$;
end
 $\Delta_{\text{robbery}} \leftarrow N_{\text{robbery}}^{\text{current}} - N_{\text{robbery}}^{\text{proposed}}$;
return Case trajectories, robbery reduction Δ_{robbery} ;

Algorithm 24: Composite Benefit Function Optimization

Input: Objective values (F, E, R) for each system configuration

Output: Optimal configuration maximizing total benefit

// **Define Composite Benefit;**

$B(F, E, R) = \alpha_F \cdot F + \alpha_E \cdot E + \alpha_R \cdot R;$

where $\alpha_F = 0.4, \alpha_E = 0.3, \alpha_R = 0.3;$

// **Compare Configurations;**

$B_{\text{current}} \leftarrow B(F_{w=0.5}, E_{w=0.5}, R_{w=0.5});$

$B_{\text{sigmoid}} \leftarrow B(F_{\text{sigmoid}}, E_{\text{sigmoid}}, R_{\text{sigmoid}});$

$B_{\text{hybrid}} \leftarrow B(F_{\text{hybrid}}, E_{\text{hybrid}}, R_{\text{hybrid}});$

// **Select Best System;**

$\mathcal{S}^* \leftarrow \arg \max_{\mathcal{S}} B(\mathcal{S});$

// **Quantify Improvements;**

$\Delta_{\text{fairness}} \leftarrow F^* - F_{\text{current}};$

$\Delta_{\text{engagement}} \leftarrow E^* - E_{\text{current}};$

$\Delta_{\text{robbery}} \leftarrow R^* - R_{\text{current}};$

return Optimal system \mathcal{S}^* , improvements $(\Delta_F, \Delta_E, \Delta_R);$

Algorithm 25: Temporal Sensitivity Analysis: Era Comparison

Input: Feature data \mathcal{D} , era split point $s_{\text{split}} = 15$
Output: Era-specific coefficients and stability assessment

// Split Data by Era;
 $\mathcal{D}_{\text{early}} \leftarrow \{d \in \mathcal{D} : s_d \leq s_{\text{split}}\}$; // S1-S15
 $\mathcal{D}_{\text{late}} \leftarrow \{d \in \mathcal{D} : s_d > s_{\text{split}}\}$; // S16-S31

// Define LMM Formula;
Formula: $\text{score_zscore} \sim \text{age} + \mathbf{C}(\text{Industry}) + \text{week}$;
Random effect: (ballroom_partner);

// Fit LMM for Each Era;
for each dataset $\mathcal{D}_e \in \{\mathcal{D}_{\text{full}}, \mathcal{D}_{\text{early}}, \mathcal{D}_{\text{late}}\}$ **do**
 Fit mixed model: $\text{score} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$;
 // Extract key coefficients
 $\beta_{\text{age}}^{(e)} \leftarrow$ coefficient for age;
 $\text{CI}_{\text{age}}^{(e)} \leftarrow$ 95% confidence interval;
 $\beta_{\text{Model}}^{(e)} \leftarrow$ coefficient for Industry = Model;
 $\text{CI}_{\text{Model}}^{(e)} \leftarrow$ 95% confidence interval;
 // Calculate Intraclass Correlation
 $\sigma_{\text{partner}}^2 \leftarrow \text{Var}(\mathbf{u})$;
 $\sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \leftarrow \text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$;
 $\text{ICC}^{(e)} \leftarrow \sigma_{\text{partner}}^2 / (\sigma_{\text{partner}}^2 + \sigma_{\epsilon}^2)$;
 Store $(\beta_{\text{age}}^{(e)}, \beta_{\text{Model}}^{(e)}, \text{ICC}^{(e)}, \text{CI})$;
end

// Assess Stability;
 $\Delta_{\text{age}} \leftarrow \beta_{\text{age}}^{\text{late}} - \beta_{\text{age}}^{\text{early}}$;
 $\Delta_{\text{Model}} \leftarrow \beta_{\text{Model}}^{\text{late}} - \beta_{\text{Model}}^{\text{early}}$;
 $\Delta_{\text{ICC}} \leftarrow \text{ICC}^{\text{late}} - \text{ICC}^{\text{early}}$;

// Robustness criteria
Stable $\leftarrow (\text{sign}(\beta_{\text{age}}^{\text{early}}) = \text{sign}(\beta_{\text{age}}^{\text{late}})) \wedge (\text{sign}(\beta_{\text{Model}}^{\text{early}}) = \text{sign}(\beta_{\text{Model}}^{\text{late}}))$;
return Era coefficients, confidence intervals, $(\Delta_{\text{age}}, \Delta_{\text{Model}}, \Delta_{\text{ICC}})$,
Stable;

Algorithm 26: Parameter Sensitivity Analysis

Input: Data \mathcal{D} , $w_{\max} \in [0.5, 0.7]$, $k \in [1.0, 3.0]$
Output: Sensitivity heatmap \mathbf{M} , optimal parameters
Initialize grid $\mathbf{M}_{21 \times 21}$, $w_{\min} \leftarrow 0.20$;
for each $w_{\max} \in \text{linspace}(0.50, 0.70, 21)$ **do**
 for each $k \in \text{linspace}(1.0, 3.0, 21)$ **do**
 for each $(s, t) \in \mathcal{D}$ **do**
 $w(t) \leftarrow w_{\min} + (w_{\max} - w_{\min}) / (1 + \exp(-k \cdot t_{\text{norm}}))$;
 $T_i \leftarrow w(t) \cdot \tilde{s}_i + (1 - w(t)) \cdot \tilde{f}_i$;
 end
 $F \leftarrow$ mean relative rank of eliminated;
 $R \leftarrow$ robbery rate (judge rank ≤ 2);
 $E \leftarrow 1 - \bar{w}$;
 $\mathbf{M}[w_{\max}, k] \leftarrow 0.4F + 0.3E + 0.3(1 - R)$;
 end
end
 $(w_{\max}^*, k^*) \leftarrow (0.60, 1.90)$ from optimal region;
return Heatmap \mathbf{M} , optimal (w_{\max}^*, k^*) ;

Algorithm 27: Monte Carlo Noise Robustness Analysis

Input: Season data, $N_{\text{sim}} = 50000$, $\sigma_{\text{noise}} = 0.15$, targets \mathcal{T}
Output: Rank trajectories with 95% CI, danger probabilities
for each target $(c, s) \in \mathcal{T}$ **do**
 $\mathcal{D}_s \leftarrow$ season s data, initialize \mathbf{R}_c ;
 for $i = 1$ to N_{sim} **do**
 $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\text{noise}}^2)$;
 $\tilde{f}_{\text{noisy}} \leftarrow \text{clip}(\tilde{f} \cdot (1 + \epsilon), 0.001, 0.999)$;
 $\tilde{f}_{\text{norm}} \leftarrow \tilde{f}_{\text{noisy}} / \sum_j \tilde{f}_{\text{noisy}, j}$;
 for each week t **do**
 $w(t) \leftarrow \text{SigmoidWeight}(t, t_{\max}, 0.20, 0.60, 1.90)$;
 $T_i \leftarrow w(t) \cdot \tilde{s}_i + (1 - w(t)) \cdot \tilde{f}_{\text{norm}, i}$;
 $r_c^{(i)}(t) \leftarrow$ rank of c ;
 end
 Append $\{r_c^{(i)}(t)\}_t$ to \mathbf{R}_c ;
 end
 for each week t **do**
 $\bar{r}_c(t) \leftarrow \text{mean}(\mathbf{R}_c[:, t])$;
 $\text{CI}_{95}(t) \leftarrow [\text{quantile}_{0.025}, \text{quantile}_{0.975}]$;
 $P_{\text{danger}}(t) \leftarrow \Pr(r_c(t) \leq 2)$;
 end
end
return Trajectories $\{\bar{r}_c(t), \text{CI}_{95}(t)\}$, P_{danger} ;
