

Binary MNW Paper

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1 Introduction

2 Model

3 Properties of binary Maximum Nash Welfare

Theorem 1. *When valuations are binary, for a fixed allocation \mathbf{A} , the following are equivalent:*

1. \mathbf{A} is a Maximum Nash Welfare allocation.
2. \mathbf{A} is a Leximin allocation.
3. \mathbf{A} is a possible allocation for a welfare function that satisfies the Pigou-Dalton principle in the strong sense.

(Alternatively, we can define something like a Pigou-Dalton improvement and say no other allocation dominates \mathbf{A})

Theorem 2. *For two Maximum Nash Welfare allocations \mathbf{A}^1 , \mathbf{A}^2 , the values for an agent i in each differ by at most 1. That is, $|v_i(A_i^1) - v_i(A_i^2)| \leq 1$*

4 Deterministic Setting

Theorem 3. *For an allocation problem with at least 2 agents and 6 goods, there is no deterministic, strategyproof mechanism that always outputs a Maximum Nash Welfare allocation.*

Theorem 4. *MNW^{tie} is deterministic, group-strategyproof, always outputs a Maximum Nash Welfare allocation (but doesn't allocate non-valued goods), and can be computed in polynomial time.*

5 Randomized Setting

Theorem 5. *There is a randomized mechanism that is group strategyproof, ex-ante envy-free, whose support contains only Maximum Nash Welfare allocations (which implies it is ex-post Pareto Efficient and ex-post EF1) that can be computed in polynomial time.*

6 Conclusion