

In Last Lecture we'd seen following Voting Rules:

1. Plurality

2. Borda's rule

3. STV

4. Condorcet consistency (If a candidate beats all other candidates in pairwise election, that candidate should win)

5. Copeland voting.

Q: What are the other desirable properties? Unanimity!

Defn: A voting rule  $f$  is unanimous if for every profile  $P$  such that  $P_1(1) = P_2(1) = \dots = P_n(1) = a$  (say) it holds that  $f(P) = a$ .

Observe that all voting discussed above are all unanimous.

### Manipulable

If  $f(P_i, P_{-i}) = b$  and  $i$ th player want  $a$  to win,

it adopts some  $P'_i$  such that  $f(P'_i, P_{-i}) = a$

This is called "manipulation".

$P_i$	$P'_i$	$P_{-i}$
:	:	:
$a$	$b$	:
:	$a$	:
$b$	:	:
:	:	:

Defn: A voting rule  $f$  is manipulable if  $\exists i \in N$ , profile  $P = (P_i, P_{-i})$  such that  $f(P'_i, P_{-i})$  is more preferred by  $i$  under  $P'_i$  than  $f(P_i, P_{-i})$  for some  $P'_i$ .

A voting rule,  $f$  is non-manipulable if  $f$  does not satisfy the above

We desire our voting rule to be non-manipulable

Are the above rules manipulable?

1. Plurality :

Ex:    1    2    3    4    5    6                       $P'_5$   
       a    a    b    b    c    d                      b

Initially tie. But if 5 chooses  $P_5'$ , it can manipulate b to win.

	b	a	c
	a	b	a
	d	c	o

2. Borda's rule:

Ex:	1	2	3	4	5	6	$P_5'$	Borda's score:
	a	a	b	b	c	d	b	$a \rightarrow 13$
	b	b	a	a	b	a	c	$b \rightarrow 13$
	c	d	c	c	a	b	o	$c \rightarrow 6$
	d	c	d	d	d	c	a	$d \rightarrow 4$

Here again we've a tie and 5 adopt  $P_5'$  to manipulate b to win

3. STV is also manipulable HW

4. Copeland:

a	b	c	$P_2'$	Copeland Score:
a	b	c	c	$a \rightarrow 1$
b	c	a	b	$b \rightarrow 1$
c	a	b	a	$c \rightarrow 1$

WLOG say a is copeland winner. If 2 adopts  $P_2'$ , copeland winner becomes 'c'.

So all voting rules we considered are manipulable

Dictatorial:  $\exists d \in N$  such that  $f(P_d, P_{-d}) = P_d(1)$

This mechanism is unanimous and non-manipulable.

Gibbard - Satterthwaite:

If voters can have all possible strict preferences over the candidates

and  $|A| \geq 3$ , then every unanimous and non-manipulable voting rule is a dictatorship

## Stable Matchings

Refer slides in course webpage.

How to find a stable matching algorithmically?

Gale-Shapley Deferred acceptance.



Men-proposing Version:

Round 1: Each unmatched man proposes to the most preferred woman who hasn't rejected him

In given ex:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &\rightarrow w_1 \\ m_2 &\rightarrow w_3 \\ m_3 &\rightarrow w_1 \\ m_4 &\rightarrow w_2 \end{aligned}$$

Round 2: Each woman tentatively accepts the most preferred man from existing proposals.

Tentative match after Round 2:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &\rightarrow w_1 \\ m_2 &\rightarrow w_3 \\ m_3 &\rightarrow \text{rejected :C} \\ m_4 &\rightarrow w_2 \end{aligned}$$

This keeps on repeating. After next round:

$$m_3 \rightarrow w_2 .$$

After this,  $w_2$  accepts  $m_3$  and rejects  $m_4$ .

So:  $m_3 - m_2$ ,  $m_4 - \text{empty}$

After next round:

$$m_4 \rightarrow w_1 .$$

$w_1$  keeps  $m_1$  itself.  $m_4 - \text{empty}$

In next round :  $m_4 \rightarrow w_4$

$w_4$  hasn't got any match till now so accepts.

Hence, at the end of this round, everyone gets matched.

function mpStable Matching:

$M$ : set of men     $W$ : set of women  
such that  $|M| = |W| = n$

- Initialize all  $m \in M$ ,  $w \in W$  as free
- while  $\exists m$  who is free:
  - o  $m$  proposes  $w$  who is most preferred by  $m$  and has not rejected  $m$
  - o If  $w$  is free:  
 $(m, w)$  is a tentative match
  - o If some  $(m', w)$  already exists:
    - \* If  $w$  prefers  $m$  over  $m'$ :  
 $(m, w)$  tentative match  
 $m'$  free
    - else:  $m$  free.
- all tentative matchings are made final.

Claim: DA algorithm converges in polynomial time.

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- There are  $n$  men, so there could be at most  $n^2$  proposals

$\therefore O(n^2)$  algorithm.

Claim: DA algorithms always return a perfect matching  
(i.e., all vertices are matched)

- No woman is matched to more than one man
- Every woman is either tentatively matched (OR) gets multiple proposals and keeps one
- Once a woman is tentatively matched, never unmatched again
- DA runs till all the men are matched

Claim: DA gives a pairwise stable matching :

Let  $\mu_p : M \rightarrow W$  be matching fn such that

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_p(m) &= \text{woman to which } m \text{ is matched to} \\ \mu_p(w) &= \text{man to which } w \text{ is matched to}\end{aligned}$$

A matching is pairwise unstable if

$\exists P, m, w, m', w'$  such that:

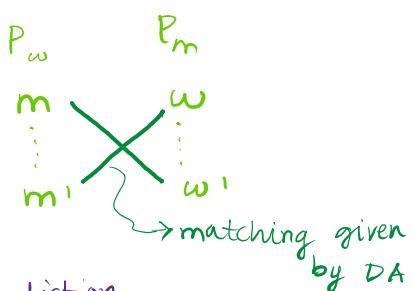
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_p(m) = w \\ \mu_p(m') = w' \end{array} \right\} \text{and } \begin{array}{l} w' P_m w \\ m P_w m' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} w' \text{ is more preferred by } m \\ \nearrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} P_{w'} : m > m' \\ P_m : w' > w \end{array}$$

We call  $(m, w)$  a blocking pair.

Proof: Suppose DA gives a pairwise unstable matching.

$\therefore \exists P$ , blocking pair  $(m, w)$

This happens because  $m$  would've been rejected by  $w'$ , which happens only when  $w'$  was tentatively matched with someone above  $m$ . This leads to contradiction



as  $w$  ends up getting  $m^1$  by DA