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# Social Choice Theory for Logicians

## Lecture 4

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# Plan

- ✓ Arrow, Sen, Muller-Satterthwaite
- ✓ Characterizing Voting Methods: Majority (May, Asan & Sanver), Scoring Rules (Young), Borda Count (Farkas and Nitzan, Saari), Approval Voting (Fishburn)
- ✓ Voting to get things “right” (Distance-based measures, Condorcet and extensions)
- ✓ Strategizing (Gibbard-Satterthwaite)
- 1. Generalizations
  - 1.1 Infinite Populations
  - 1.2 Judgement aggregation (List & Dietrich)
- 2. Logics
- 3. Applications

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**Condorcet Jury Theorem.** Suppose Independence and Competence. As the group size increases, the probability  $Pr(M_n)$  that a majority votes correctly (i) increases and (ii) converges to one.

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- ▶ The Pareto conditions (see forthcoming work by W. Rabinowicz, S. Hartmann and S. Rafiee Rad)

# Doctrinal Paradox

Suppose that three experts *independently* formed opinions about three propositions. For example,

1.  $p$ : “Carbon dioxide emissions are above the threshold  $x$ ”
2.  $p \rightarrow q$ : “If carbon dioxide emissions are above the threshold  $x$ , then there will be global warming”
3.  $q$ : “There will be global warming”



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$p$ : a valid contract was in place

$q$ : there was a breach of contract

$r$ : the court is required to find the defendant liable.

	$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow r$	$r$
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Should we accept  $r$ ? No, a simple majority votes no.

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Should we accept  $r$ ? Yes, a majority votes yes for  $p$  and  $q$  and  $(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow r$  is a legal doctrine.

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See

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*Aside:* We actually need

1.  $\{p, \neg p\}$  are inconsistent
2. all subsets of a consistent set are consistent
3.  $\emptyset$  is consistent and each  $S \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  has a consistent maximal extension (not needed in all cases)

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**Example:** In the discursive dilemma:  
 $X = \{a, \neg a, b, \neg b, a \rightarrow b, \neg(a \rightarrow b)\}$ .

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## Rationality Assumptions:

1.  $A_i$  is **consistent**
2.  $A_i$  is **complete**, if for each  $p \in X$ , either  $p \in A_i$  or  $\neg p \in A_i$

## The Judgement Aggregation Model: Aggregation Rules

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## Examples:

- ▶ **Propositionwise majority voting:** for each  $(A_1, \dots, A_n)$ ,

$$F(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \{p \in X \mid |\{i \mid p \in A_i\}| \geq |\{i \mid p \notin A_i\}|\}$$

- ▶ **Dictator of  $i$ :**  $F(A_1, \dots, A_n) = A_i$
- ▶ **Reverse Dictator of  $i$ :**  $F(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \{\neg p \mid p \in A_i\}$



# The Judgement Aggregation Model: Input Condition

**Universal Domain:** The domain of  $F$  is the set of all possible profiles of consistent and complete judgement sets.

# The Judgement Aggregation Model: Output Condition

**Collective Rationality:**  $F$  generates consistent and complete collective judgment sets.

# The Judgement Aggregation Model: Responsiveness Conditions

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 $(A_1, \dots, A_i^*, \dots, A_n)$  in the domain of  $F$ ,

if  $[p \notin A_i, p \in A_i^* \text{ and } p \in F(A_1, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_n)]$   
then  $[p \in F(A_1, \dots, A_i^*, \dots, A_n)]$ .

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**Non-dictatorship:** There exists no  $i \in N$  such that, for any profile  $(A_1, \dots, A_n)$ ,  $F(A_1, \dots, A_n) = A_i$



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**Definition** An agenda  $X$  is **minimally connected** if

1. (non-simple) it has a minimal inconsistent subset  $Y \subseteq X$  with  $|Y| \geq 3$
2. (*even-number-negatable*) it has a minimal inconsistent subset  $Y \subseteq X$  such that

$$Y - Z \cup \{\neg z \mid z \in Z\} \text{ is consistent}$$

for some subset  $Z \subseteq Y$  of even size.

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## Characterization Result

$p \in X$  conditionally entails  $q \in X$ , written  $p \vdash^* q$  provided there is a subset  $Y \subseteq X$  consistent with each of  $p$  and  $\neg q$  such that  $\{p\} \cup Y \vdash q$ .

**Totally Blocked:**  $X$  is totally blocked if for any  $p, q \in X$  there exists  $p_1, \dots, p_k \in X$  such that

$$p = p_1 \vdash^* p_2 \vdash^* \dots \vdash^* p_k = q$$



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# Many Variants!

Christian List. *The Theory of Judgement Aggregation: A Survey*. Synthese, forthcoming.

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- ▶ Premiss-based aggregation
- ▶ Distance-based

## What is a premiss?

An employee-owned bakery must decide whether to buy a pizza oven ( $P$ ) or a fridge to freeze their outstanding Tiramisu ( $F$ ). The pizza oven and the fridge cannot be in the same room. So they also need to decide whether to rent an extra room in the back ( $R$ ). They all agree that they will rent the room if they decide to buy both the pizza oven and the fridge:  $((P \wedge F) \rightarrow R)$ , but they are contemplating renting the room regardless of the outcome of the vote on the appliances.

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# Distance-Based Aggregation

G. Pigozzi. *Belief merging and the discursive dilemma: an argument-based account of paradoxes in judgement aggregation*. Synthese 152, pgs. 285 - 298, 2006.

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C. Duddy and A. Piggins. *A measure of distance between judgement sets*. Manuscript, 2011.

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Duddy and Piggins: shouldn't

$$d(\{p, q, p \wedge q\}, \{p, \neg q, \neg(p \wedge q)\}) = 1?$$

## Duddy and Piggins Measure

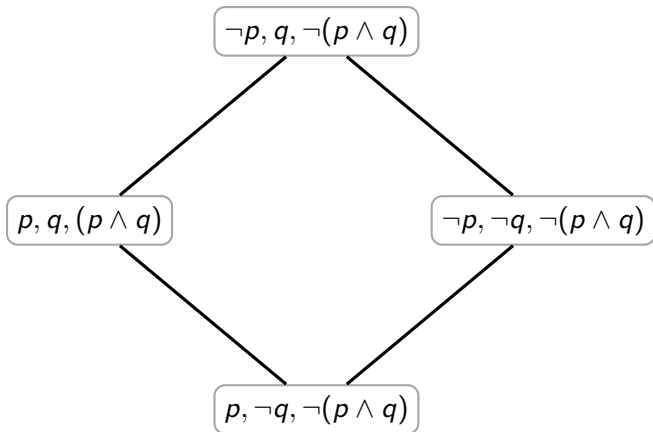
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Draw a graph where the nodes are possible judgement sets and there is an edge between  $A$  and  $B$  provided there is no judgement set between them.

The distance between  $A$  and  $B$  is the length of the shortest path from  $A$  to  $B$ .



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**Axiom 5** If there is no judgement set between  $A$  and  $B$  with  $A \neq B$  then  $d(A, B) = 1$



**Theorem** (Duddy & Piggins) The previously defined metric is the unique metric satisfying Axioms 1 - 5.

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$$d : \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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**Axiom 2**  $d(A, B) = d(B, A)$

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For  $J, K$  let  $Ham(J, K)$  denote the Hamming distance (the number of items on which  $J$  and  $K$  disagree)

$$d(J, K) = \begin{cases} 0.9 & \text{if } J \text{ and } K \text{ disagree only on } a \wedge b \\ \sqrt{Ham(p, q)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$
1	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
3	T	F	F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
4	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F	F
5	F	T	F	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	F	T	F
M	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T	T

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1	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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3	T	F	F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
4	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F	F
5	F	T	F	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	F	T	F
M	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T	T

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	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$	$a$	$b$	$a \wedge b$
1	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
3	T	F	F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
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1	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
3	T	F	F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
4	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F	F
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1	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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 $\sum_i d(J_i, TFF) = 3\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sum_i d(J_i, FTF) = 4\sqrt{2}$ ,  
 $\sum_i d(J_i, FFF) = 2\sqrt{3} + 3$ )

Tomorrow: Logic!