

C R Package seatdist

This paper is accompanied by seatdist, an R package which implements a variety of apportionment algorithms and disproportionality measures. The seatdist package is developed from the SciencesPo (Marcelino 2016) package, but offers more apportionment algorithms and disproportionality measures and corrects some errors.

C.1 Seat Apportionment Methods in seatdist

Apportionment algorithms are accessible through a unified interface provided by `seatdist::giveseats()` which takes the following arguments

<code>v</code>	a numeric vector of vote counts;
<code>ns</code>	numeric, the number of seats to allocate;
<code>method</code>	character, name of the method, see Table C.5 for divisor methods and Table C.6 for largest remainder quotas;
<code>thresh</code>	numeric, threshold of exclusion; if in $[0,1]$, treated as a fraction; if in $(1, 100)$, treated as a percent; if larger than 100, treated as a vote count;
<code>quota</code>	character, quota for <code>method="largest remainders"</code> ; see Table C.6, defaults to NA;
<code>divs</code>	numeric, divisors for <code>method="custom"</code> , must be non-negative.

For the Largest Remainders method (`method="lr"` or `"largest remainders"`) the Imperiali quota (`quota="im"`) or Reinforced Imperiali (`quota="rei"`) can assign in the first round more seats than available, in which case the function terminates its execution with an error message.

The `seatdist::giveseats()` function returns a named list with items

<code>method</code>	character, name of the apportionment method used;
<code>seats</code>	numeric, vector with seats.

For illustration, 10 seats can be apportioned to parties with 60,000, 28,000, and 12,000 votes under a system with a 5% threshold with the Largest Remainders method and the Hagenbach-Bischoff quota in the following way

```
> seatdist::giveseats(v=c(A=60, B=28, C=12)*1e3, ns=1e1,  
                      method="lr", quota="hb", thresh=5e-2)
```

```
thresh treated as a fraction
```

```
$method
```

```
"Largest Remainders with Hagenbach-Bischoff quota"
```

```
$seats
```

```
A B C
```

```
6 3 1
```

Table C.5: Divisor method implemented in `seatdist::giveseats()`. For background on the methods see e.g. Grilli di Cortona et al. (1999), Agnew (2008), Ichimori (2010), and Wada (2016).

Method	method	x^{th} Divisor	Sequence
Plurality	"pl"	1	1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...
D'Hondt	"dh"	x	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...
Jefferson	"je"	"	"
Hagenbach-Bischoff	"hb"	"	"
Adams	"ad"	$x - 1$	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...
Smallest Divisors	"sd"	"	"
Nohlen	"no"	$x + 1$	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ...
Imperiali	"im"	$(x + 1)/2$	1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, ...
Sainte-Laguë	"sl"	$2x - 1$	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...
Webster	"we"	"	"
Swedish Sainte-Laguë	"sw"	$2x - 1; x > 1$	1.2, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...
Nepalese Sainte-Laguë	"ne"	$2x - 1; x > 1$	1.4, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...
Norwegian Sainte-Laguë	"nor"	"	"
Hungarian Sainte-Laguë	"hu"	$2x - 1; x > 1$	1.5, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...
Modified Sainte-Laguë	"msl"	$(2x - 1)5/7; x > 1$	1, 2.14, 3.57, 5, 6.43, ...
Danish	"da"	$3x - 2$	1, 4, 7, 10, 13, ...
Huntington-Hill	"hh"	$\sqrt{x(x - 1)}$	0, 1.41, 2.45, 3.46, 4.47, ...
Equal Proportions	"ep"	"	"
Dean	"de"	$x(x - 1)/(x - 0.5)$	0, 1.33, 2.4, 3.43, 4.44 ...
Theil-Schrage	"ts"	$\frac{1}{\ln x - \ln(x-1)}$	0, 1.44, 2.47, 3.48, 4.48, ...
Agnew	"ag"	$\frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{x^x}{(x-1)^{(x-1)}} \right)$	0.37, 1.47, 2.48, 3.49, 4.49, ...
Ichimori 1/3	"ich"	$\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1/3}$	1.73, 2.65, 3.61, 4.58, 5.57, ...
Custom	"custom"		user-supplied in argument <code>divs</code>

Table C.6: Quotas implemented for the Largest Remainders method (method="lr") in `seatdist::giveseats()`.
For background on the methods see e.g. Grilli di Cortona et al. (1999).

Quota	quota	Formula
Hare	"ha"	$\frac{e}{l}$
Droop	"dr"	$\left\lceil 1 + \frac{e}{l+1} \right\rceil$
Hagenbach-Bischoff	"hb"	$\frac{e}{l+1}$
Imperiali	"im"	$\frac{e}{l+2}$
Reinforced Imperiali	"rei"	$\frac{e}{l+3}$

C.2 Measures of Disproportionality in seatdist

The seatdist package computes 24 disproportionality measures (Table C.7) accessible through a unified interface provided by the function `seatdist::disproportionality()`.

The function takes the following arguments:

s	a numeric vector of seat counts or fractions;
v	a numeric vector of vote counts or fractions; for <code>measure = "ortona"</code> this can alternatively be a vector with seats under the highest possible proportionality
measure	character, see Table C.7;
ignore_zeros	logical: should parties with 0 votes and 0 seats be ignored?
k	numeric, k for the Generalized Gallagher index, defaults to 2;
eta	η for the Atkinson index, defaults to 2;
alpha	α for the Generalized Entropy index, defaults to 2;
thresh	numeric, threshold for the Fragnelli and the Gambarelli & Biella indexes, defaults to "NULL";
powind	character, power index for the Fragnelli and the Gambarelli & Biella indexes, defaults to the Shapley-Shubik index, "shapley shubik". no other power indexes implemented yet.

The function returns a named list with the following items

measure	character, the measure used;
value	numeric, value.

For illustration, the Gallagher index can be computed for parties with 60,000, 28,000, and 12,000 votes and 6, 3, and 1 seats in the following way:

```
> seatdist::disproportionality(v=c(60,28,12)*1e3,
                               s=c(6,3,1),
                               measure="gallagher")

$measure
[1] "Gallagher"

$value
[1] 0.02
```

Table C.7: Disproportionality measures in the seatdist package. Values for the measure= argument in seatdist::disproportionality() below index names. For indexes without citations in the table see also Karpov 2008 and Chessa and Fragnelli 2012.

Index	Formula
D'Hondt (Gallagher 1991) "dhondt"	$\delta = \max_i \frac{s_i}{v_i}$
Monroe (1994) "monroe"	$I_M = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{1 + \sum_i v_i^2}}$
Max. Abs. Dev. "maxdev"	$I_{MAD} = \max_i \{ s_i - v_i \}$
Rae (1967) "rae"	$I_{Rae} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_i s_i - v_i $
Loosemore & Hanby (1971) "loosemore hanby"	$I_{LH} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i s_i - v_i $
Grofman "grofman"	$I_{Grof} = \frac{1}{e} \sum_i s_i - v_i ; e = \frac{1}{\sum_i v_i^2}$
Lijphart "lijphart"	$I_L = \frac{ s_a - v_a + s_b - v_b }{2}; v_a > v_b > \dots$
Gallagher (1991) "gallagher"	$I_{Gal} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}$

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Index	Formula
Generalized Gallagher "kindex"	$I_K = \sqrt[k]{\frac{1}{k} \sum_i (s_i - v_i)^k}$
Gatev "gatev"	$I_{Gat} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_i (s_i^2 + v_i^2)}}$
Ryabtsev "ryabtsev"	$I_{Ryb} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_i (s_i + v_i)^2}}$
Szalai (Stewart 2006) "szalai"	$I_{Sz} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{p} \sum_i \left(\frac{s_i - v_i}{s_i + v_i} \right)^2}$
Weighted Szalai (Stewart 2006) "weighted szalai"	$I_{WSz} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{(s_i - v_i)^2}{s_i + v_i}}$
Aleskerov & Platonov "aleskerov"	$I_{AP} = \frac{\sum_i k_i \frac{s_i}{v_i}}{\sum_i k_i}; \quad k_i = \mathbb{1} \left(\frac{s_i}{v_i} > 1 \right)$
Gini "gini" Atkinson "atkinson"	<p>The Gini coefficient of inequality</p> $I_A = 1 - \left[\sum_i v_i \left(\frac{s_i}{v_i} \right)^{(1-\eta)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}}$

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Index	Formula
Generalized Entropy "gen entropy"	$I_{GE} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - \alpha} \left[\sum_i v_i \left(\frac{s_i}{v_i} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right]$
Sainte-Laguë (1910) "sainte lague"	$I_{SL} = \sum_i \frac{(s_i - v_i)^2}{v_i}$
Cox & Shugart "cox shugart"	$I_{CS} = \frac{\sum_i (s_i - \bar{s})(v_i - \bar{v})}{\sum_i (v_i - \bar{v})^2}$
Farina (Kestelman 2005) "farina"	$I_{Far} = \arccos \left[\frac{\sum_i s_i v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i s_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_i v_i^2}} \right] \frac{10}{9}$
Ortona "ortona"	$I_O = \frac{\sum_i s_i - v_i }{\sum_i u_i - v_i }; \quad u_i = \mathbb{1}(s_i = \max_i s_i)$
Fagnelli "fagnelli"	$I_{Frag} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \varphi_i(s) - \varphi_i(v) ;$
Gambarelli & Biella "gambarelli biella"	$I_{GB} = \max_i \{ s_i - v_i , \varphi_i(s) - \varphi_i(v) \}$
Cosine Dissimilarity "cosine"	$I_{CD} = 1 - \frac{\sum_i s_i v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i s_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_i v_i^2}}$
Mixture D'Hondt a.k.a. Lebeda's RR "mixture"	$\pi_{DH}^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\max_i s_i / v_i}$

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Index	Formula
Lebeda's ARR "arr"	$ARR = \frac{1}{p} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\max_i s_i / v_i} \right)$
Lebeda's SRR "arr"	$SRR = \sqrt{\sum_i \left(v_i - \frac{s_i}{\max_i s_i / v_i} \right)^2}$
Lebeda's WDRR "wdrr"	$WDRR = \frac{1}{3} \left(\left(\sum_i v_i - s_i \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\max_i s_i / v_i} \right) \right)$
Kullback-Leibler Surprise "surprise"	$KL = \sum_{s_i > 0} s_i \ln \frac{s_i}{v_i}$
Likelihood Ratio Statistic "lrstat"	$G = 2 \sum_i v_i \ln \frac{v_i}{s_i}$
Chi Squared "chisq"	$\chi^2 = \sum_{s_i > 0} \frac{(v_i - s_i)^2}{s_i}$
Hellinger Distance "hellinger"	$HD = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sum_i (\sqrt{s_i} - \sqrt{v_i})^2}$

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