

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.

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
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```
"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).

Method	method	Formula	Sequence
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"	"	"
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"	"	"

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:

<code>s</code>	a numeric vector of seat counts or fractions;
<code>v</code>	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
<code>measure</code>	character, see Table C.7;
<code>ignore_zeros</code>	logical: should parties with 0 votes and 0 seats be ignored?
<code>k</code>	numeric, k for the Generalized Gallagher index, defaults to 2;
<code>eta</code>	η for the Atkinson index, defaults to 2;
<code>alpha</code>	α for the Generalized Entropy index, defaults to 2;
<code>thresh</code>	numeric, threshold for the Fragnelli and the Gambarelli & Biella indexes, defaults to "NULL";
<code>powind</code>	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

<code>measure</code>	character, the measure used;
<code>distance</code>	numeric, distance from proportionality.

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"

$distance
[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"	$I_{Grof} = \frac{1}{e} \sum_i s_i - v_i ; \quad e = \frac{1}{\sum_i v_i^2}$
Lijphart "lijphart"	$I_L = \frac{ s_a - v_a + s_b - v_b }{2}; \quad v_a > v_b > \dots$
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> $I_A = 1 - \left[\sum_i v_i \left(\frac{s_i}{v_i} \right)^{(1-\eta)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}}$

Table C.9: Table C.7 continued from the previous page

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 "mixture"	$\pi_{DH}^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\max_i s_i / v_i}$

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