Boolean Combinations of Weighted Voting Games

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Basic Notions

- Based on Boolean Combinations of Weighted Voting Games paper BWVG¹
- It is a natural Generalization over Weighted Voting Games
- Intuitively is a decision making process via multiple committees
- Each committee has the authority to decide the outcome "yes" or "no" about an issue.
- And each committee is a WVG
- Individuals can appear in multiple committees
- Different committees can have different Threshold values

¹Piotr Faliszewski, Edith Elkind, and Michael Wooldridge. 2009. Boolean combinations of weighted voting games. In Proceedings of The 8th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems - Volume 1 (AAMAS '09). International Foundation for Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, Richland, SC, 185–192.

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Questions to be answered?

- Which coalitions might be able to bring the goal about?
- How important is a particular individual with respect to the achievement of the goal?

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Goals of the Paper

- Formal Definition of BWVG
- Investigate Computational Properties of BWVG

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Simple Games

- A coalitional game is Simple if $v(C) \in \{0,1\} \forall C \subseteq N$
- C wins if v(C) = 1 and C losses otherwise.
- A Simple Game is **monotone** if $v(C) = 1 \implies v(C') = 1$ for any $C \subseteq C'$.
- In this paper authors consider both monotone and non-monotone Simple Games.
- They assume games with finite numbers of players |N| = n, $N = \{1, ..., n\}$

Weighted Voting Games

- Given $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ players
- A list of n weights $w = (w_1, \ldots, w_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- A threshold $T \in \mathbb{R}$
- When N is clear from the context $q = (T; w_1, \ldots, w_n)$ to denote a WVG g
- w(C) total weight of coalition C, $w(C) = \sum_{i \in C} w_i$
- Characteristic function given by v(C) = 1 if $w(C) \ge T$ and v(C) = 0 otherwise.
- If all Weights are non-negative the game is monotone.

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Definition

A **BWVG** is a tuple $G = \langle N, \mathcal{G}, \Phi, \varphi \rangle$, where:

- $N = \{1, ..., n\}$ is a set of players;
- $\mathcal{G} = \{g^1, \dots, g^m\}$ is a Set of **WVG** over N, where jth game, g^j , is given by a vector of weights $w^j = (w_1^j, \dots, w_n^j)$ and a Threshold T^j . \mathcal{G} is called the **component games** of G;
- $\Phi = \{p^1, \dots, p^m\}$ Set of Propositional Variables, in which each p^j correspond with the **component** g^j ;
- φ is a propositional formula over Φ .

Shorthand Definition

Example:

 $\bullet \ g^1 \wedge g^2 \equiv \langle \textit{N}, \{g^1, g^2\}, \{p^1, p^2\}, p^1 \wedge p^2 \rangle$

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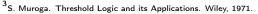
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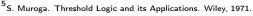


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- Each component has to lose in at least one game h^1, \ldots, h^m . By **pigeonhole principle**, there must be at least 1 component game (w.l.g.) that is lost by at least 2k distinct MLC.

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- Also, $C_{i,j}\setminus\{2y-1\}\cup\{2i\}$ and $C_{x,y}\setminus\{2y-1\}\cup\{2i\}$ are wining in G and hence in h^1

$$w(N) - w_{2j-1} - w_{2y-1} \ge T; w(N) - w_{2i} - w_{2x} \ge T$$
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Equation 5 and 6 give a contradiction Therefore $m \ge k/2$.

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- For the probe it is use a reduction of X3C (Exact Cover by 3-Sets), where an instance of this problem is giving and a BWVG is constructed based on this.
- Given that there is a q which is a swing player for exactly N_k combinations, where N_k is the number of exact covers of \mathcal{E} , and the size of each such coalition is exactly K.
- Hence the Shapley Value for the q player is exactly $N_k \frac{K!(\ell+1-K)!}{(\ell+1)!}$
- N_K can be compute given sh_q^G , ℓ , and K
- As computing N_K is #P-complete, it follows the statement.

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