

This file computes and generates Figure 4 in the paper.

Define the CDF and PDF of utility distributions of agents A and B:

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In[1]:= cdfa[x_] := Piecewise[
  {{x * 2, 0 ≤ x ≤ 1 / 4}, {1 / 2 + 2 / 3 * (x - 1 / 4), 1 / 4 ≤ x ≤ 1}, {1, x ≥ 1}}, 0];
cdfb[x_] := Piecewise[
  {{2 / 3 * x, 0 ≤ x ≤ 3 / 4}, {1 / 2 + 2 * (x - 3 / 4), 3 / 4 ≤ x ≤ 1}, {1, x ≥ 1}}, 0];
```

Define their PDFs:

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In[3]:= pdfa[x_] = D[cdfa[y], y] /. {y → x}
pdfb[x_] = D[cdfb[y], y] /. {y → x}
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Out[3]= {
  0          x < 0
  2          0 < x < 1/4
  2/3        1/4 < x < 1
  0          x > 1
  Indeterminate True
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Out[4]= {
  0          x < 0
  2/3        0 < x < 3/4
  2          3/4 < x < 1
  0          x > 1
  Indeterminate True
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Next, we solve for the quantile functions (i.e., inverses of the CDFs), which will allow us to sample from the distributions using inverse transform sampling

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In[5]:= Solve[y == cdfa[x], x, Reals]
Solve[y == cdfb[x], x, Reals]
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Out[5]= {{x → y/2 if 0 < y < 1/2}, {x → 1/2 (-1 + 3 y) if 1/2 < y < 1}}
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Out[6]= {{x → 3 y / 2 if 0 < y < 1/2}, {x → (1 + y) / 2 if 1/2 < y < 1}}
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In[7]:= icdfa[y_] =
  Piecewise[{{y / 2, 0 ≤ y ≤ 1 / 2}, {1 / 2 * (3 y - 1), 1 / 2 ≤ y ≤ 1}}, Indeterminate]
icdfb[y_] =
  Piecewise[{{(3 y) / 2, 0 ≤ y ≤ 1 / 2}, {1 / 2 * (1 + y), 1 / 2 ≤ y ≤ 1}}, Indeterminate]
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Out[7]= {
  y/2          0 ≤ y ≤ 1/2
  1/2 (-1 + 3 y) 1/2 ≤ y ≤ 1
  Indeterminate True
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Out[8]= {
  3 y / 2      0 ≤ y ≤ 1/2
  (1 + y) / 2  1/2 ≤ y ≤ 1
  Indeterminate True
```

Verify that the quantile functions and CDFs match:

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In[9]:= Reduce[icdfa[cdfa[x]] == x && 0 ≤ x ≤ 1, x]
Simplify[Reduce[cdfa[icdfa[x]] == x && 0 ≤ x ≤ 1, x]]
Reduce[icdfb[cdfb[x]] == x && 0 ≤ x ≤ 1, x]
Simplify[Reduce[cdfb[icdfb[x]] == x && 0 ≤ x ≤ 1, x]]

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Out[9]=  $x == \frac{1}{4} \mid \mid 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4} \mid \mid \frac{1}{4} < x \leq 1$ 

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Out[10]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ 

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Out[11]=  $x == \frac{3}{4} \mid \mid 0 \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4} \mid \mid \frac{3}{4} < x \leq 1$ 

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Out[12]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ 

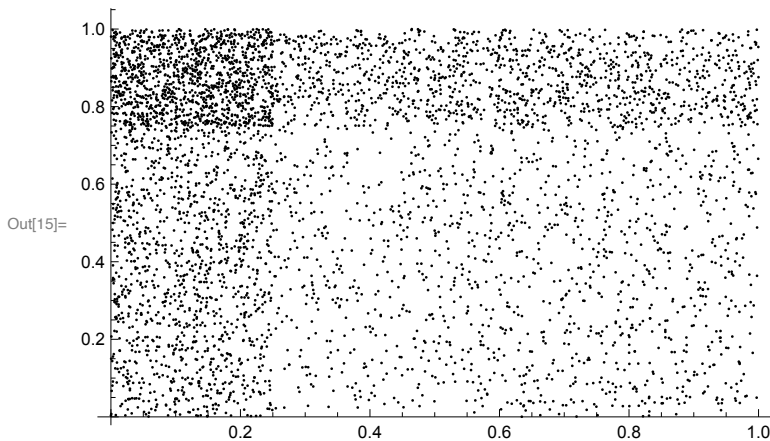
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Draw the utilities of 5000 random items:

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In[13]:= SeedRandom[0];
random = Table[{icdfa[RandomReal[]], icdfb[RandomReal[]]}, {n, 5000}];
itemutils = ListPlot[random, PlotStyle → Black]

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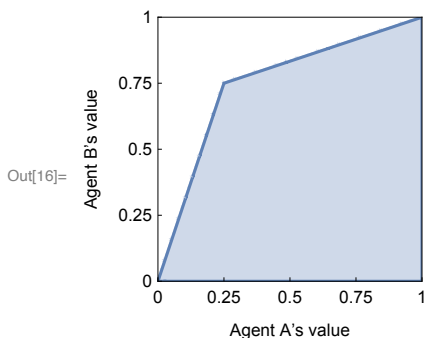


Plot the region in which the maximum-percentile algorithm allocates to agent a: whenever CDF\_A(utility\_A) is larger than CDF\_B(utility\_B):

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In[16]:= percentileregion = RegionPlot[cdfa[ua] ≥ cdfb[ub], {ua, 0, 1},
{ub, 0, 1}, Frame → True, PlotRangePadding → 0, ImageSize → Small,
FrameLabel → {"Agent A's value", "Agent B's value"},
FrameTicks → {{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1}, None}, {{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1}, None}},
PlotStyle → RGBColor[{0.8105251, 0.8520337, 0.9129394}]]

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Now, we compute the equalizing multipliers. Since there are only two agents, we can assume that agent B's multiplier is one and only have to find a multiplier  $m$  for agent A such that agent A's

probability of receiving an item is  $1/2$  (which immediately implies that agent B's probability is also  $1/2$ ):

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In[17]:= pra[m_] = Integrate[pdfa[x] * cdfb[m * x], {x, 0, 1}]
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Out[17]= {
  {m/4, 0 ≤ m ≤ 3/4},
  {-5 + 4 m / (4 m), m > 4},
  {(1 + 4 m + m^2) / (12 m), 3 < m < 4},
  {(-13 + 16 m + m^2) / (24 m), m == 3},
  {(-15 + 24 m + m^2) / (36 m), 1 < m < 3},
  {(2 + 4 m + 3 m^2) / (24 m), m == 4},
  {(9 - 24 m + 25 m^2) / (36 m), 3/4 < m ≤ 1},
  {0, True}
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In[18]:= Solve[pra[m] == 1/2, m, Reals]
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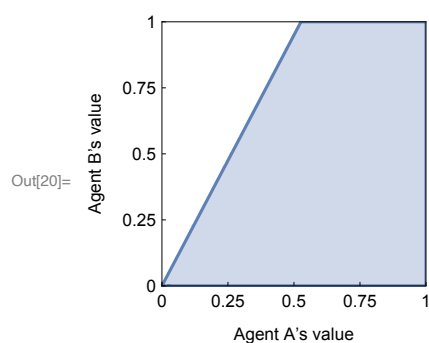
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N[%]
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Out[18]= {{m -> -3 + 2 Sqrt[6]}}
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Out[19]= {{m -> 1.89898}}
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We can now plot the region in which the multiplier algorithm allocates items to agent A, that is, where  $m$  times agent A's utility is larger than agent B's utility:

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In[20]:= multiplierregion = RegionPlot[(-3 + 2 Sqrt[6]) * ua ≥ ub, {ua, 0, 1},
  {ub, 0, 1}, Frame → True, PlotRangePadding → 0, ImageSize → Small,
  FrameLabel → {"Agent A's value", "Agent B's value"},
  FrameTicks → {{{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1}, None}, {{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1}, None}},
  PlotStyle → RGBColor[{0.8105251, 0.8520337, 0.9129394}]]
```

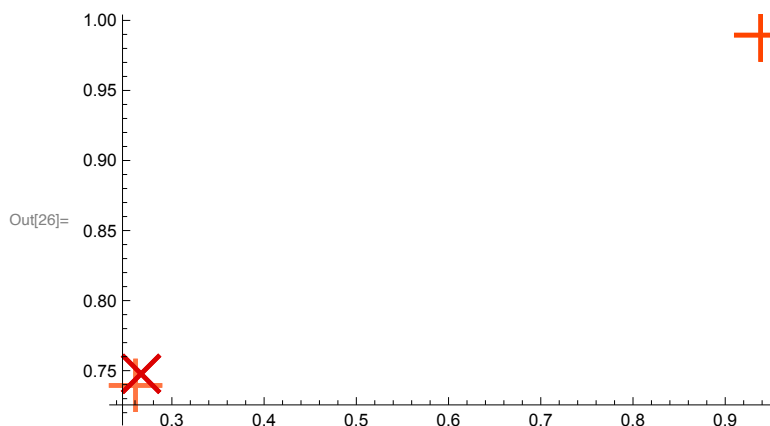


Finally, for the maximum-percentile figure, we want to highlight three items: two items given to agent A and with utilities as close to the median for both agents, and one item given to agent B with utilities at close to the top percentile for both agents:

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In[21]:= randomto1 = Select[random, cdfa[#[[1]]] ≥ cdfb[#[[2]]] &];
randomto1s = SortBy[randomto1, (cdfa[#[[1]]] - 1 / 2) ^ 2 + (cdfb[#[[2]]] - 1 / 2) ^ 2 &];
randomto2 = Select[random, cdfa[#[[1]]] < cdfb[#[[2]]] &];
randomto2s = SortBy[randomto2, (cdfa[#[[1]]] - 1) ^ 2 + (cdfb[#[[2]]] - 1) ^ 2 &];
cross =
  Graphics[{Thickness[.09], Line[{{-1, 0}, {1, 0}}], Line[{{0, -1}, {0, 1}}]};
markers = ListPlot[{-#} & /@ Append[Take[randomto1s, 2], randomto2s[[1]]],
  PlotMarkers → {{cross, .13}, {Rotate[cross, 45 Degree], .13}, {cross, .13}},
  PlotStyle → {ColorData[2][3], ColorData[2][1], ColorData[2][2]}]

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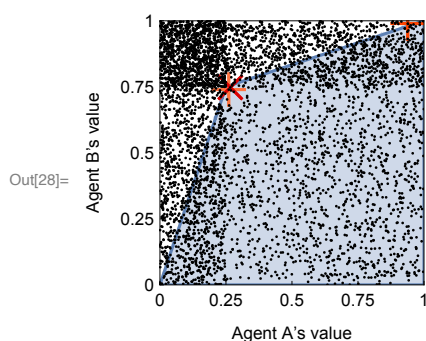


Export the maximum-percentile panel of the figure to the current directory:

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In[27]:= SetDirectory@NotebookDirectory[];
percentileplot = Show[{percentileregion, markers, itemutils}]
Export["percentile_plot1.pdf", percentileplot];

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Export the multiplier panel of the figure:

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In[30]:= multiplierplot = Show[{multiplierregion, itemutils}]  
Export["percentile_plot2.pdf", multiplierplot];
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