

This file computes and generates Figure 3 in the paper.

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

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In[402]:= 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:

```
In[404]:= pdfa[x_] = D[cdfa[y], y] /. {y → x}
pdfb[x_] = D[cdfb[y], y] /. {y → x}
```

```
Out[404]= {
  0          x < 0
  2          0 < x < 1/4
  2/3        1/4 < x < 1
  0          x > 1
  Indeterminate True
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Out[405]= {
  0          x < 0
  2/3        0 < x < 3/4
  2          3/4 < x < 1
  0          x > 1
  Indeterminate True
```

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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Solve[y == cdfa[x], x, Reals]
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Solve[y == cdfb[x], x, Reals]
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Out[8]= {{x → ConditionalExpression[
  y/2, 0 < y < 1/2]},
  {x → ConditionalExpression[
  1/2 (-1 + 3 y), 1/2 < y < 1]}}
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Out[9]= {{x → ConditionalExpression[
  3 y/2, 0 < y < 1/2]},
  {x → ConditionalExpression[
  1 + y/2, 1/2 < y < 1]}}
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In[407]:= 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[407]= {
  y/2          0 ≤ y ≤ 1/2
  1/2 (-1 + 3 y)  1/2 ≤ y ≤ 1
  Indeterminate True
```

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Out[408]= {
  3 y/2          0 ≤ y ≤ 1/2
  1 + y/2        1/2 ≤ y ≤ 1
  Indeterminate True
```

Verify that the quantile functions and CDFs match:

```
In[426]:= 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]]
```

Out[426]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

Out[427]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

Out[428]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

Out[429]=  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

Draw the utilities of 5000 random items:

```
In[434]:= SeedRandom[0]
random = Table[{icdfa[RandomReal[]], icdfb[RandomReal[]]}, {n, 5000}]
itemutils = ListPlot[random, PlotStyle → Black]
```

Out[435]=

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{ {0.478702, 0.816535}, {0.52422, 0.783176},
  {0.902803, 0.988094}, {0.119226, 0.818781}, {0.0505492, 0.822762},
  ... 4991 ... , {0.594562, 0.906537}, {0.588643, 0.847131},
  {0.0843717, 0.828307}, {0.441578, 0.861337} }
```

large output

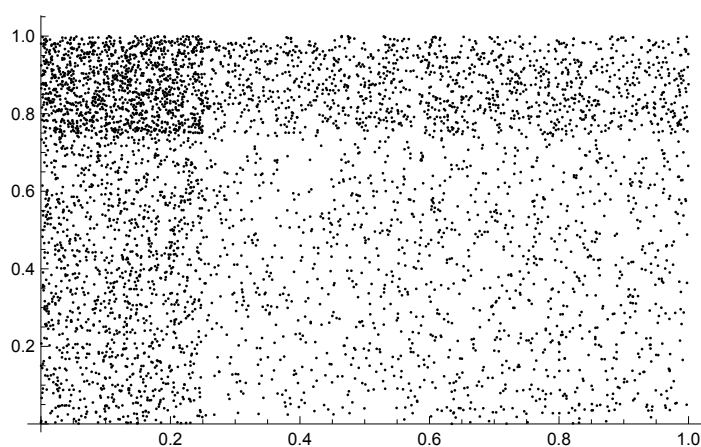
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Out[436]=

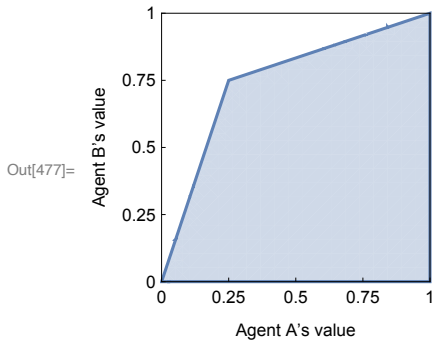


Plot the region in which the maximum-percentile algorithm allocates to agent a: whenever  $CDF\_A(u\_utility\_A)$  is larger than  $CDF\_B(utility\_B)$ :

```

In[477]:= 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}]

```



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[473]:= pra[m_] = Integrate[pdfa[x] * cdfb[m * x], {x, 0, 1}]

```

Out[473]=

$$\begin{cases} \frac{m}{4} & 0 \leq m \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{-5+4m}{4m} & m > \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1+4m+m^2}{12m} & 3 < m < 4 \\ \frac{-13+16m+m^2}{24m} & m = 3 \\ \frac{-15+24m+m^2}{36m} & 1 < m < 3 \\ \frac{2+4m+3m^2}{24m} & m = 4 \\ \frac{9-24m+25m^2}{36m} & \frac{3}{4} < m \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{True} \end{cases}$$

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In[482]:= Solve[pra[m] == 1/2, m, Reals]
N[%]

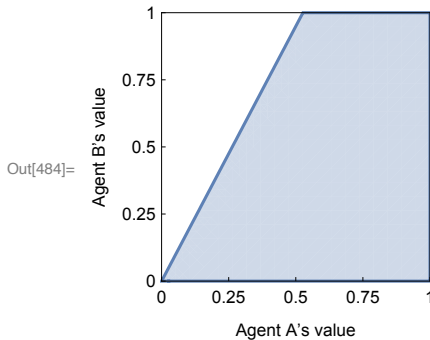
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Out[482]=  $\left\{ \left\{ m \rightarrow -3 + 2\sqrt{6} \right\} \right\}$

Out[483]=  $\left\{ \left\{ m \rightarrow 1.89898 \right\} \right\}$

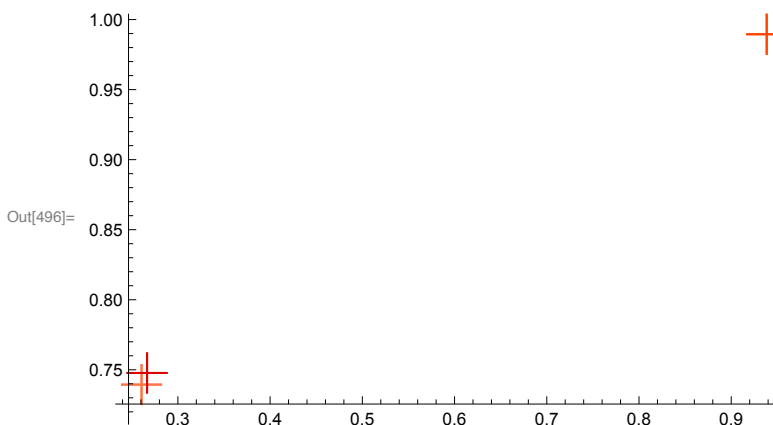
We can now plot the region in which the multiplier algorithm allocates items to agent A, that is, where  $m$  times agent A's utility is larger than agent B's utility:

```
In[484]:= multiplierregion = RegionPlot[ $(-3 + 2\sqrt{6}) * ua \geq ub$ , {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}]]
```



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:

```
In[491]:= randomto1 = Select[random, cdf1[#[[1]]] >= cdf2[#[[2]]] &];
randomto1s =
  SortBy[randomto1, (cdf1[#[[1]]] - 1/2)^2 + (cdf2[#[[2]]] - 1/2)^2 &];
randomto2 = Select[random, cdf1[#[[1]]] < cdf2[#[[2]]] &];
randomto2s = SortBy[randomto2, (cdf1[#[[1]]] - 1)^2 + (cdf2[#[[2]]] - 1)^2 &];
cross =
  Graphics[{Thickness[.05], Line[{{-1, 0}, {1, 0}}], Line[{{0, -1}, {0, 1}}]}];
markers = ListPlot[{#} & /@ Append[Take[randomto1s, 2], randomto2s[[1]]],
  PlotMarkers -> {cross, .1}, PlotStyle ->
  {ColorData[2][3], ColorData[2][1], ColorData[2][2]} (*ColorData[2]*)
```

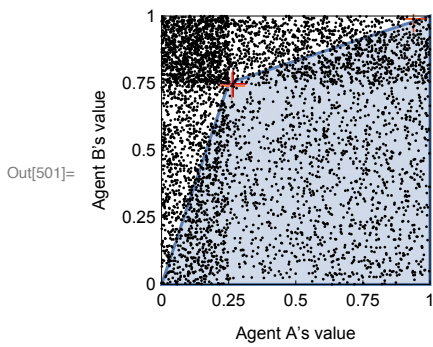


Export the maximum-percentile panel of the figure to the current directory:

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In[500]:= SetDirectory@NotebookDirectory[];
percentileplot = Show[{percentilerregion, markers, itemutils}]
Export["percentile_plot1.pdf", percentileplot];

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Export the multiplier panel of the figure:

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In[503]:= multiplierplot = Show[{multiplierregion, itemutils}]
Export["percentile_plot2.pdf", multiplierplot];

```

