

# comparing the plurality representation system & the proportional representation system in political election

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#### Background - Korean assembly election results







**Democratic Party** 

People Power Party

**Justice Party** 

2016	Ratio of votes	25.5%	33.5%	7.2%
	Seats	123	122	6
2020	Ratio of votes	33.4	33.8%	9.7%
	Seats	180	103	6



#### the plurality representation system

: The candidate with the most votes in each constituency is elected.

=> It is known that there is a large discrepancy between the percentage of votes and the number of seats won.

#### VS

#### the proportional representation system

: The number of votes in all constituencies is combined, and seats are allocated to political parties according to the proportion.

=> It is known that small parties can win seats more easily.

## Input file



#### Program code: Constituency.hpp & .cpp

```
1 ∨ #ifndef CONSTITUENCY HPP
     #define CONSTITUENCY HPP
4 ∨ #include<string>
     #include<vector>
     #include<iostream>
     #include<sstream> //for stringstream
9 ∨ class Constituency
     public:
         Constituency(std::string ConstituencyInfo);
13
        std::string get_constituency() const;
        std::string get_plur_winner() const;
    private:
        std::string party[3] = {"A", "B", "C"};
        std::string _constituency;
        unsigned int _num_voter;
        std::vector<std::string> results;
        std::vector<unsigned int> party scores;
        std::string plur winner;
23
        std::vector<unsigned int> comp_party_scores();
         std::string comp plur winner();
        friend class File_Stream;
    };
     #endif
```

```
#include "Constituency.hpp"
 3 ∨ Constituency::Constituency(std::string ConstituencyInfo)
         std::stringstream this_consti(ConstituencyInfo);
         this_consti >> _constituency;
         this_consti >> _num_voter;
         results.resize( num voter);
10 🗸
         for (unsigned int i=0; i< num_voter; ++i)
11
12
             this consti >> results[i];
13
         comp party scores();
         comp plur winner();
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20 v std::string Constituency::get constituency() const
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22
         return _constituency;
23
25 v std::string Constituency::get plur winner() const
         return plur winner;
```



#### Program code: Constituency.hpp & .cpp

```
30 ∨ std::vector<unsigned int> Constituency::comp_party_scores( )
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         for(auto e: party){
             unsigned int num = 0;
             for (unsigned int i=0; i< num voter; ++i)</pre>
                 if (_results[i] == e) {num += 1;}
             _party_scores.push_back(num);
         return _party_scores;
42
44 v std::string Constituency::comp_plur_winner()
         unsigned int max_index = 0;
46
         unsigned int max = party scores[0];
47
         for (unsigned i=1; i<_party_scores.size(); ++i){</pre>
48 🗸
             if (max<_party_scores[i]) {max=_party_scores[i]; max_index =i;}</pre>
51
52
         _plur_winner = party[max_index];
         return _plur_winner;
54
```



```
#ifndef FILE_STREAM_PROG_H
#define FILE STREAM PROG H
#include<fstream>
#include<string>
#include<vector>
#include<iostream>
//This class is to run the program
class File_Stream
    void run(const std::string& infilePath,
           const std::string& outfilePath);
class In File Stream
    void read_info(const std::string& infilePath,
                             std::vector<Constituency> &Constituency_list);
class Out_File_Stream
    void write results(const std::string& outfilePath, std::vector<Constituency>* Constituency list, unsigned int arr1[], unsigned int arr2[]);
#endif
```



```
1 ∨ #include "File Stream Prog.hpp"
     #include "test.hpp" // for test the calculation results
     #include <cmath> // for calculation
     void File Stream::run(const std::string& infilePath,
                           const std::string& outfilePath)
         //We need a vector of Constituencies' information to store all the data
         std::vector<Constituency> list;
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11
         //Now read the data from the input file
12
13
         In_File_Stream infile;
         infile.read info(infilePath, list);
15
         // compute plurality representation result
17
         unsigned int plur_results[3] = {0,0,0}; // without '={0,0,0}', get error
         std::string a, b, c;
18
         a ="A"; b ="B"; c ="C";
19
         for (Constituency e: list){
20 🗸
             if (e. plur winner == a) {plur results[0] += 1;}
21
             else if (e._plur_winner == b) {plur_results[1]+=1;}
22
23
             else if (e._plur_winner == c) {plur_results[2]+=1;}
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```
// compute proportional representation result
26
         unsigned int total_votes[3] = {0,0,0};
27
         unsigned int total = 0;
28
         for (Constituency e: list) {
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             for (unsigned int i=0; i<3; ++i){
                 total votes[i] += e. party scores[i];
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32
33
             total += e._num_voter;
34
35
         unsigned int prop results[3] = {0,0,0};
37 ×
         for (unsigned int i=0; i<3; ++i){
38
             prop_results[i] += (total_votes[i]*6)/total;
39
             // '/' operator results 'quotient', so if we apply it first, the calculation become 0
40
41
42
         unsigned int remained_seat = 6 -(prop_results[0]+prop_results[1]+prop_results[2]); // If there is a remained seat,
         we will give each of it in order of the received votes.
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         while (remained seat != 0){
             unsigned int x = std::max(total_votes[0], std::max(total_votes[1], total_votes[2]));
44
             if (x == total_votes[0]) {prop_results[0]+=1; total_votes[0]=0;}
             else if (x == total votes[1]) {prop results[1]+=1; total votes[1]=0;}
47
             else if (x == total votes[2]) {prop results[2]+=1; total votes[2]=0;}
             remained seat -= 1;
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50
         run test(plur results, prop results);
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53
         //Finally, we write the post-processing data to the output file
54
         Out File Stream outfile;
55
         outfile.write_results(outfilePath, &list, plur_results, prop_results);
```



#### Program code: test.hpp

```
11 v bool run_test(unsigned int arr1[], unsigned int arr2[]){
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13
         bool all_passed = true;
14
15
         // initialize input array
         unsigned int correct_pulr[3] = {4, 2, 0};
16
         unsigned int correct_prop[3] = {2, 3, 1};
17
18
19
         // test each election system
         for (unsigned int i=0; i<3; ++i){</pre>
20 ~
              if (arr1[i] != correct_pulr[i]) {
21 🗸
22
                  all passed = false;
23
                  std::cout<<"test is failed for plurality system\n";</pre>
24
25 ~
              if (arr2[i] != correct_prop[i]) {
                  all passed = false;
                  std::cout<<"test is failed for proportional system\n";</pre>
27
28
29
30
         if (all passed==true) {std::cout<<"all test is passed\n";}</pre>
31
32
         return all_passed;
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```



```
void In_File_Stream::read_info(const std::string& infilePath,
                                                 std::vector<Constituency> &list)
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62
         std::cout << "Reading from the input file ..." << std::endl;</pre>
63
64
         //Open file for reading
         std::fstream infile(infilePath, std::ios::in);
         if (infile.is open())
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68
             std::string line;
             while (std::getline(infile,line))
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70
                  //Load the information in each line
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                 //the user-defined constructor will read and parse the information.
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73
                 Constituency s(line);
74
75
                 //We then store this piece of information to a list for later use
                 list.push_back(s);
76
77
             infile.close();
78
79
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81
         std::cout << "Finish Reading ..." << std::endl;</pre>
82
```



```
84 void Out File Stream::write results(const std::string& outfilePath, std::vector<Constituency>* list, unsigned int arr1
      [], unsigned int arr2[])
 85
 86
          std::cout << "Writing to a new file ..." << std::endl;</pre>
 87
           //Open file for writing - overwrite the previous data
 88
           std::fstream outfile(outfilePath, std::ios::out);
 89
          if (outfile.is open())
 90 ~
 91
               for (auto s : *list)
 92 ~
 93
                   outfile << "In "<< s.get_constituency() << ", ";</pre>
 94
                   outfile << s.get plur winner() << " is won!\n";</pre>
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 96
               outfile << "\n";
 97
 98
               outfile << "the result of election in plurality representation system is\n";</pre>
               outfile << "A: " << arr1[0] << ", B: " << arr1[1] << ", C: " << arr1[2] <<"\n";
 99
               outfile << "If it was proportional representation system, the results would be\n";
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101
               outfile << "A: " << arr2[0] << ", B: " << arr2[1] << ", C: " << arr2[2] <<"\n";
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103
               outfile.close();
104
105
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```



#### Program code: main.cpp

```
#include"File_Stream_Prog.hpp"
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13 v int main(int argc, const char* argv[])
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15
         if (argc != 3)
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17
              std::cout << "The command to run this program should be:\n";</pre>
18
19
              std::cout << "./[executable_file_name] [input_file] [output_file]\n";</pre>
20
              std::cout << "For eg., ./a.out Input.txt Output.txt\n";</pre>
21
              return -1; //-1 means we got an error
22
23
          std::string input_path(argv[1]);
24
          std::string output_path(argv[2]);
25
26
27
         File_Stream stream_eg;
28
          stream_eg.run(input_path,output_path);
29
30
         return 0;
31
```

#### Output file

```
In Alpha, A is won!
     In Beta, A is won!
     In Gamma, B is won!
     In Delta, A is won!
     In Epsilon, B is won!
     In Zeta, A is won!
     the result of election in plurality representation system is
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     A: 4, B: 2, C: 0
     If it was proportional representation system, the results would be
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     A: 2, B: 3, C: 1
12
```



### My failures

At first, I tried to create two classes and put election information into the Election class.

However, the calculation between the two classes was so complicated that I quit.

```
class Election
     public:
         Election(std::string Electioninfo);
         std::string get_plur_result() const;
         std::string get_prop_result() const;
15
     private:
         unsigned int num constituencies;
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         unsigned int num parties;
         std::vector<std::string> parties;
         std::vector<unsigned int> comp plur result();
20
         std::vector<unsigned int> comp prop result();
         std::vector<int> plur result;
         std::vector<unsigned int> prop result;
         friend class Constituency;
     };
     class Constituency
     public:
         Constituency(std::string ConstituencyInfo, Election election);
         std::string get_constituency() const;
     private:
         std::string constituency;
         unsigned int _num_voter;
         std::vector<std::string> results;
         std::vector<unsigned int> comp party scores(Election election);
         std::vector<unsigned int> party scores;
         std::string comp_plur_winner(Election election, std::vector<unsigned int>_party_scores);
         std::string _plur_winner;
     };
```



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