Comparison of the Efficiency of Majority Election Results

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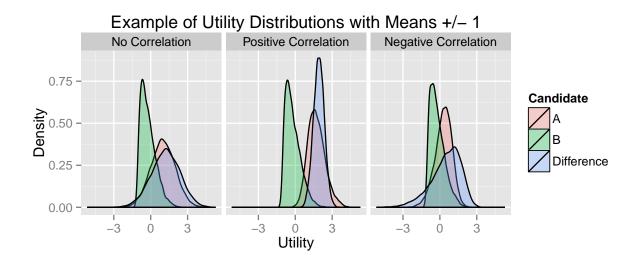
Overview of Simulation Parameters

- Number of simulations for each scenario: 1000
- Numbers of voters: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000
- Utility distributions for each voter (candidates A and B):

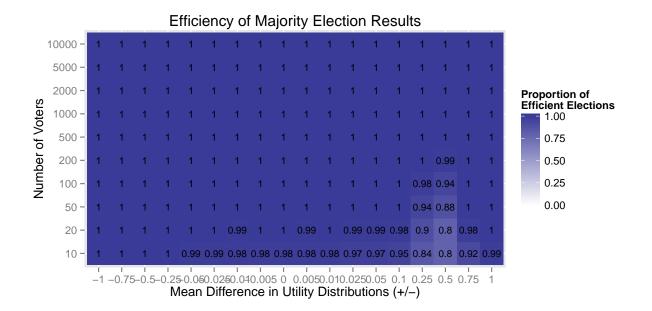
$$\begin{pmatrix} U_A \\ U_B \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 + \epsilon \\ 0 - \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- Differences in distribution means (ϵ) : -1, -0.75, -0.5, -0.25, -0.05, -0.025, -0.01, -0.005, 0, 0.005, 0.01, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1
- Correlations between utilities (σ^2): 0, 0.9, -0.9
- Skewness of distribution (α): 0, 10, -10

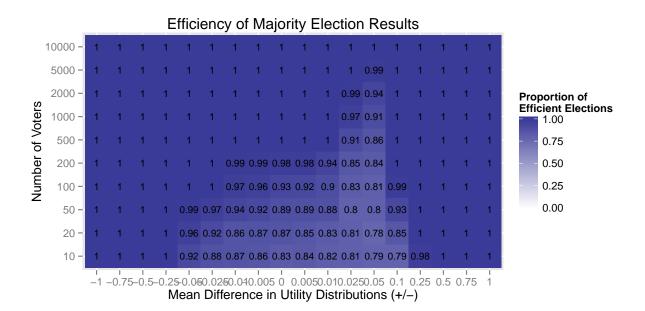
1 Normal + Positively Skewed Utilities



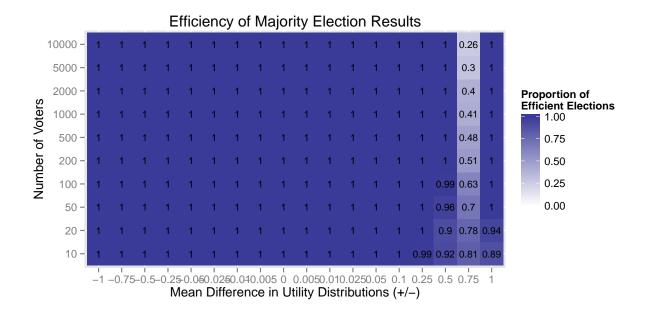
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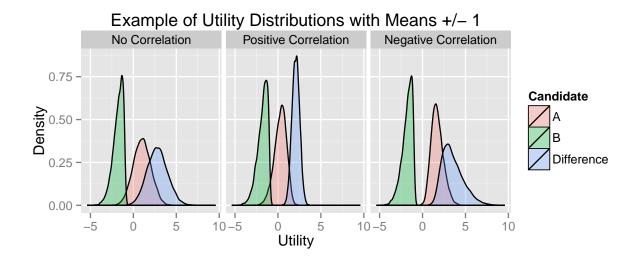
1.2 Positive Correlation Between Utilities



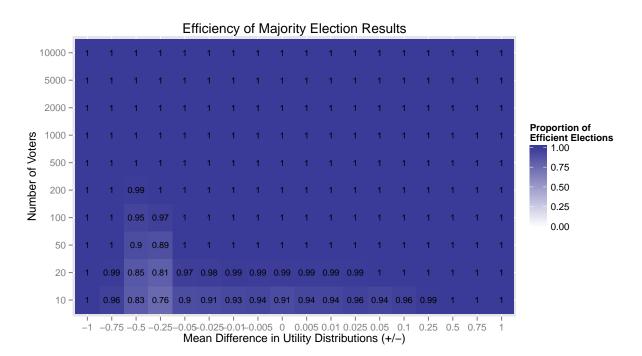
1.3 Negative Correlation Between Utilities



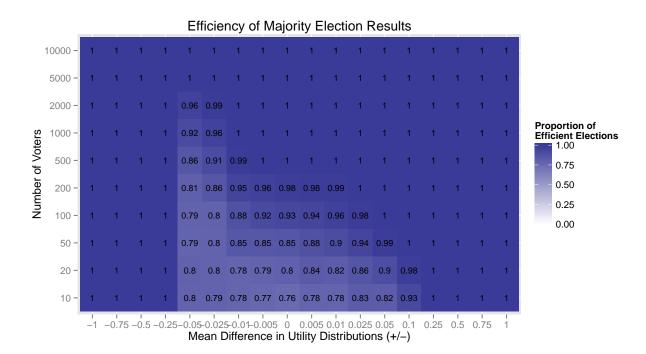
2 Normal + Negatively Skewed Utilities



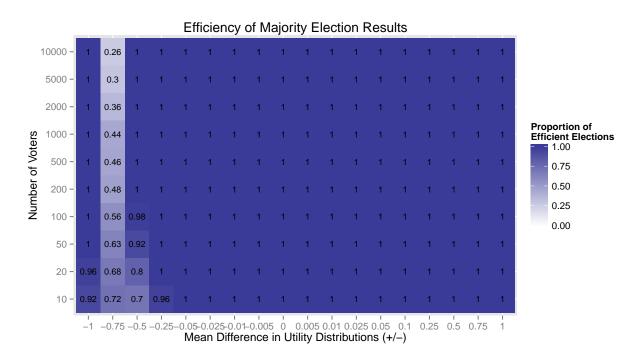
2.1 No Correlation Between Utilities



2.2 Positive Correlation Between Utilities



2.3 Negative Correlation Between Utilities



3 Closer Look at Inefficient Distributions

- No correlation b/w utilities
- $\bullet\,$ Opposing skewness, negative Skew for favored candidate

