

# Preference Trees over Combinatorial Domains

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# Preferences Are Ubiquitous

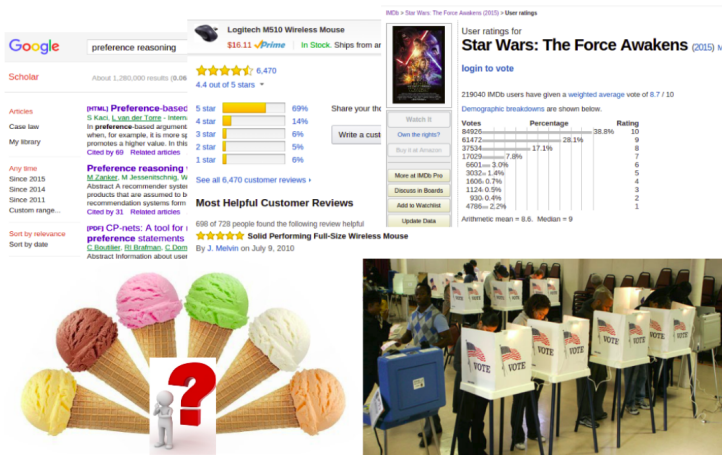


Figure : Preferences of different forms

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## Binary Relations

Let  $O$  be a set of elements. A *binary relation*  $\preceq$  over  $O$  is a collection of ordered pairs of elements in  $O$ ; that is,

$$\preceq \subseteq O \times O.$$

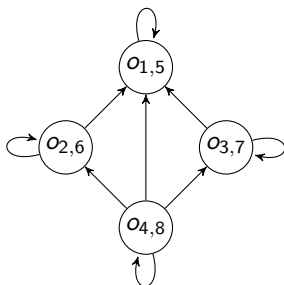
Properties of binary relations:

- ① Reflexivity:  $\forall o \in O, o \preceq o$ .
- ② Irreflexivity:  $\forall o \in O, o \not\preceq o$ .
- ③ Totality:  $\forall o_1, o_2, o_1 \preceq o_2$  or  $o_2 \preceq o_1$ .
- ④ Transitivity:  $\forall o_1, o_2, o_3$ , if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$  and  $o_2 \preceq o_3$ , then  $o_1 \preceq o_3$ .
- ⑤ Symmetricity:  $\forall o_1, o_2$ , if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$ , then  $o_2 \preceq o_1$ .
- ⑥ Antisymmetricity:  $\forall o_1, o_2$ , if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$  and  $o_2 \preceq o_1$ , then  $o_1 = o_2$ .

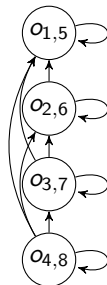
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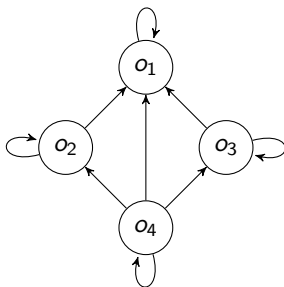


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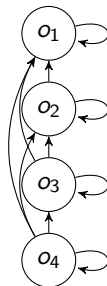
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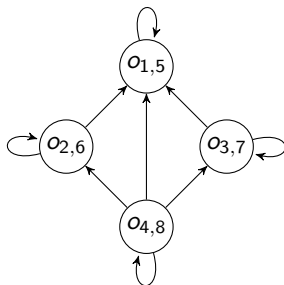


(b) total order

# Relations and Orderings

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Let  $\preceq$  be a preference relation that is a partial preorder over  $O$ . We say that  $o_2$  is *weakly preferred* to  $o_1$  if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$ , that  $o_2$  is *strictly preferred* ( $\prec$ ) to  $o_1$  if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$  and  $o_2 \not\preceq o_1$ , that  $o_1$  is *indifferent* ( $\approx$ ) from  $o_2$  if  $o_1 \preceq o_2$  and  $o_2 \preceq o_1$ , and that  $o_1$  is *incomparable* ( $\sim$ ) with  $o_2$  if  $o_1 \not\preceq o_2$  and  $o_2 \not\preceq o_1$ .



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$$o_6 \sim o_7.$$

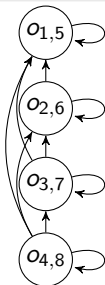
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## Combinatorial Domains

Let  $V$  be a finite set of variables  $\{X_1, \dots, X_p\}$ ,  $D$  a set of finite domains  $\{Dom(X_1), \dots, Dom(X_p)\}$  for each variable  $X_i$ . A *combinatorial domain*  $CD(V)$  is a set of *outcomes* described by combinations of values from  $Dom(X_i)$ :

$$CD(V) = \prod_{X_i \in V} Dom(X_i).$$

# Combinatorial Domains: Example

Domain of cars over set  $V$  of  $p$  binary variables:

① **BodyType**: {mvan, sedan}.

② **Capacity**: {5, 7m}.

③ **Color**: {blue, gray}.

⋮

$$CD(V) = \underbrace{\{\langle \text{sedan}, 4, \text{blue}, \dots \rangle, \langle \text{mvan}, 6\text{m}, \text{gray}, \dots \rangle, \dots \}}_{2^p \text{ outcomes, too many!}}.$$

# Computational Complexity

- ①  $P$  ( $NP$ ): decision problems solvable by a deterministic (nondeterministic, resp.) TM in poly time in the size of the input.
  - We typically believe that  $P \subset NP$ .
- ②  $coNP$ : problems whose complements are in  $NP$ .
- ③  $\Delta_2^P$ :  $P^{NP}$ .
- ④  $\Sigma_2^P$ :  $NP^{NP}$ .
- ⑤  $PSPACE$ : decision problems solvable by a TM in poly space in the size of the input.
- ⑥ A decision problem  $L$  is  $C$ -hard if  $L' \leq_p L$  for every  $L'$  in class  $C$ .
- ⑦ A decision problem  $L$  is  $C$ -complete if  $L$  is in class  $C$  and  $L$  is  $C$ -hard.

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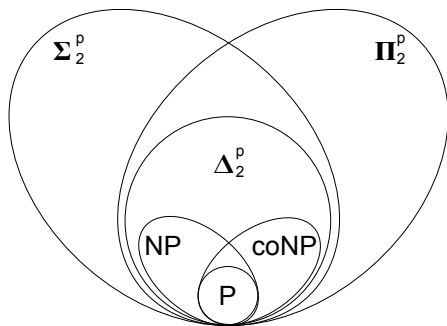


Figure : Computational complexity diagram

# Combinatorial Domains: Example

Domain of cars (cf. the Car Evaluation Dataset<sup>1</sup>)

- ① **BodyType**: {mvan, sedan, sport, suv}.
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- ⑦ **Safety**: {low, med, high}.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.cs.uky.edu/~liu/preflearnlib.php>, slightly adapted in the talk.

# Qualitative Preferences

Individual:

Car1



<mvan, 7m, gray, big, honda, med, med>



Car2



<sedan, 5, blue, med, vw, med, med>

Figure : Dominance Testing

# Qualitative Preferences

Collective:



Figure : Social Choice and Welfare



# Research Problems of Interest

- ① Preference representation formalisms to compactly model qualitative preferences over combinatorial domains.
- ② Preference elicitation and learning methods to cast preferences of agents in a formalism.
- ③ Preference reasoning tasks:
  - Dominance and optimization
  - Manipulation: better off by misreporting preferences untruthfully.

Q: How do we compactly represent qualitative preferences over combinatorial domains?

- ① Answer-Set Optimization Theories<sup>2</sup>
- ② Ceteris Paribus Networks (e.g., CP-nets<sup>3</sup>, TCP-nets<sup>4</sup>, CI-nets<sup>5</sup>)
- ③ Conditional Preference Theories<sup>6</sup>

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Q: How do we learn predictive qualitative preference models over combinatorial domains?

- 1 Ceteris Paribus Networks (e.g., CP-nets<sup>13,14,15</sup>)
- 2 Preference Trees (e.g., LP-trees<sup>16</sup>, CLP-trees<sup>17</sup>, **PLP-trees**<sup>18</sup>)
- 3 **Preference Forests**<sup>19</sup>

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Q: How do we reason about preferences over combinatorial domains?

## ① Preference Optimization<sup>20,21,22</sup>:

- Dominance testing:  $o_1 \succ_P o_2$ ?
- Optimality testing:  $o_1 \succ_P o_2$  for all  $o_2 \neq o_1$ ?
- Optimality computing: what is the optimal outcome wrt  $P$ ?
- Ranking: how are the outcomes ordered wrt  $P$ ?

## ② Preference Misrepresentation<sup>23</sup>:

- Control
- **Manipulation**<sup>24</sup>
- Bribery

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Q: What fields can we apply preferences to?

- ① Game Theory:
  - **Hedonic games**<sup>25</sup>
- ② Automated Planning and Scheduling:
  - **Trip planning**<sup>26</sup>
- ③ Data-Driven Decision Making:
  - **Predictive decisions**<sup>27</sup>

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- 1 Let  $\mathcal{I} = \{X_1, \dots, X_p\}$  be a set of attributes, and  $D(\mathcal{I}) = \{Dom(X_1), \dots, Dom(X_p)\}$  a set of finite domains for  $\mathcal{I}$ .
- 2 A *literal* is an assignment to an attribute. We denote by  $X_i := x_{i,j}$  the literal that assigns value  $x_{i,j} \in Dom(X_i)$  to  $X_i$ . When no confusion, we write  $x_{i,j}$ , instead of  $X_i := x_{i,j}$ , as a literal. We then denote by  $\mathcal{L} = \{x_{i,j} \in Dom(X_i) : X_i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  the set of literals given  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $D(\mathcal{I})$ .
- 3 The combinatorial domain  $CD(\mathcal{I})$  is defined as earlier.

- 4 A **P-tree**  $T$  over  $CD(\mathcal{I})$  is a binary tree, where non-leaf nodes are labeled with propositional formulas over  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- 5 Given an outcome  $o \in CD(\mathcal{I})$ , the **leaf**  $l_T(o)$  is the leaf reached by traversing the tree  $T$  according to  $o$ . When at a node  $N$  labeled with  $\varphi$ , if  $o \models \varphi$ , we descend to the left child of  $N$ ; otherwise, to the right.
- 6 For  $o_1, o_2 \in CD(\mathcal{I})$ , we have  $o_1 \succ_T o_2$  if  $l_T(o_1) \succ_T l_T(o_2)$ , and  $o_1 \approx_T o_2$  if  $l_T(o_1) = l_T(o_2)$ . Outcome  $o_1$  is **optimal** if there exists no  $o_2$  such that  $o_2 \succ_T o_1$ .

# Example: The Cars Domain

- ① **BodyType**( $X_1$ ): {mvan( $x_{1,1}$ ), sedan( $x_{1,2}$ ), sport( $x_{1,3}$ ), suv( $x_{1,4}$ )}.
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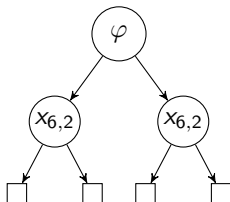


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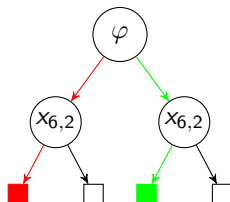
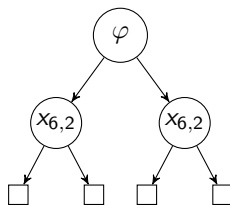


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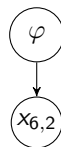
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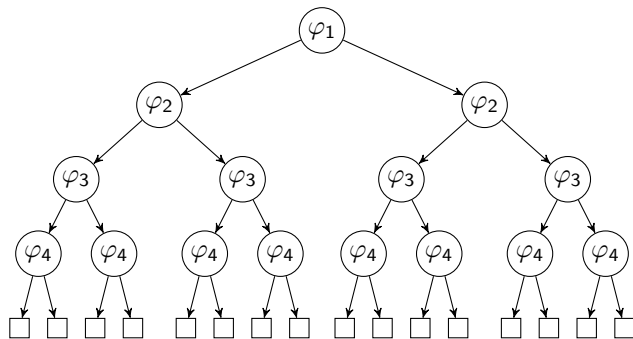
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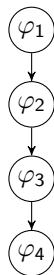
(b) Compact

Figure : Compact P-trees

# Compact Representation of P-trees



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(b) Compact

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# Compact Representation of P-trees

A *compact P-tree* over  $CD(\mathcal{I})$  is a binary tree where

- 1 every node is labeled with a Boolean formula over  $\mathcal{I}$ , and
- 2 every non-leaf node  $t$  labeled with  $\varphi$  has either two outgoing edges (Figure (a)), or one outgoing edge pointing left (Figure (b)), right (Figure (c)), or straight-down (Figure (d)).

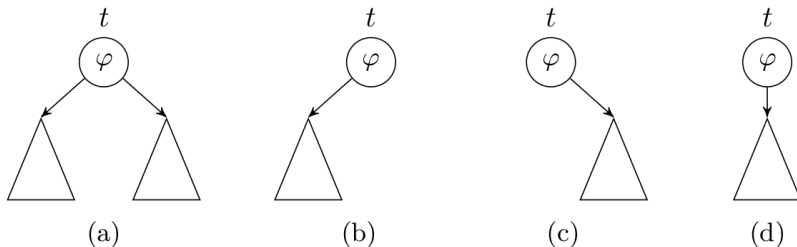
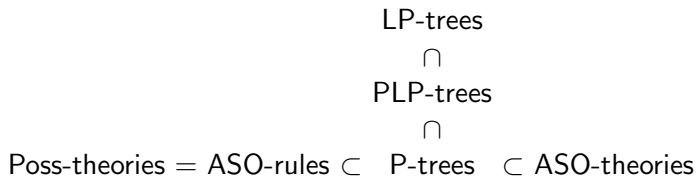


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# Relative Expressivity of Preference Languages



# Computational Complexity Results

DOMTEST: is it that  $o \succeq_T o'$  in P-tree  $T$ ?

OPTTEST: is outcome  $o$  optimal w.r.t  $T$ ?

OPTPROP: is there an optimal outcome  $o$  w.r.t  $T$  st  $o \models \alpha$ ?

	DOMTEST	OPTTEST	OPTPROP
LP-tree	P	P	P
ASO-rule/ Poss-theory	P	coNP-c	$\Delta_2^P(P^{NP})$
<b>P-tree</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>coNP-c</b> <sup>29</sup>	$\Delta_2^P(P^{NP})$ -c <sup>30</sup>
ASO-theory	P	coNP-c	$\Sigma_2^P(NP^{NP})$ -c

Figure : Computational complexity results

<sup>29</sup>The complement problem is reduced from the SAT problem.

<sup>30</sup>The problem is reduced from the Maximum Satisfying Assignment (MSA) problem.

# Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees (PLP-Tree)

A *PLP-tree* over  $CD(\mathcal{I})$  is a tree, where

- 1 every node  $t$  is labeled with an attribute  $Attr(t)$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and a conditional preference table  $CPT(t)$ ,
- 2 every non-leaf node  $t$  has either one unlabeled outgoing edge or multiple outgoing edges labeled, each labeled by some value in  $Dom(Attr(t))$ , and
- 3 every attribute appears *at most* once on every branch.

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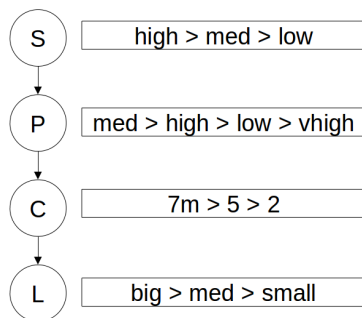


Figure : Unconditional Importance & Unconditional Preference (UIUP) PLP-tree

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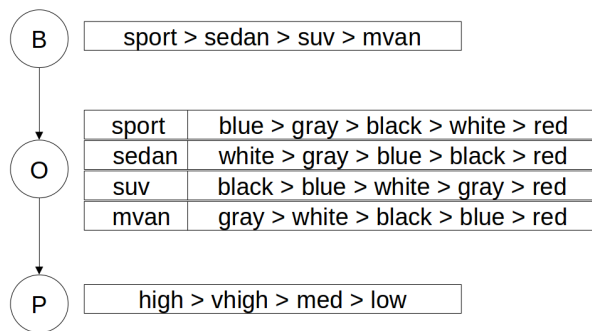


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According to this UICP PLP-tree, *Car2* is preferred to *Car1*.

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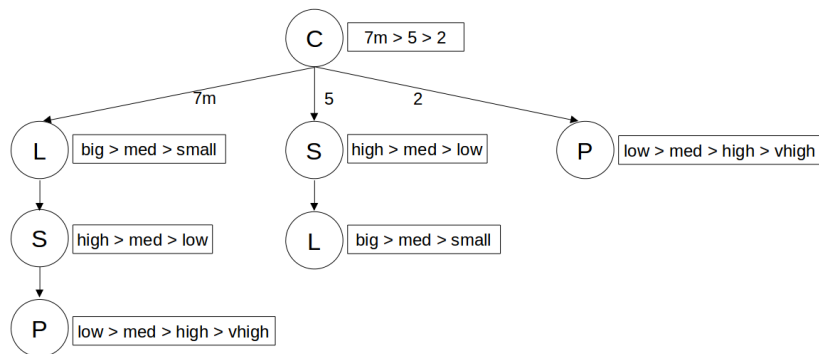


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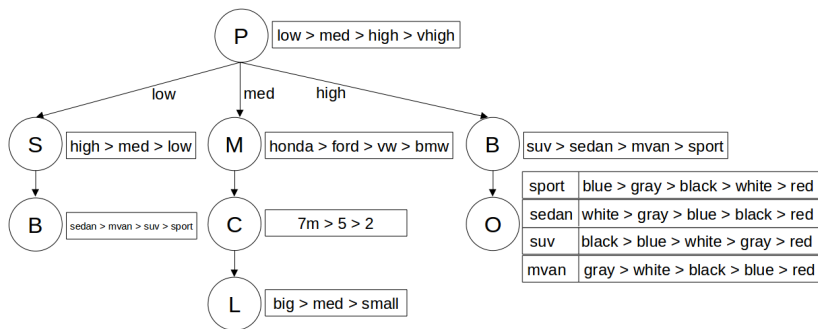


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# Lexicographic Preference Trees (LP-Trees)

- ① An *LP-tree*  $\mathcal{L}$  over  $CD(\mathcal{I})$  is a PLP-tree, where
  - each attribute appears **exactly once** on every path from the root to a leaf.



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# Learning Problems on PLP-trees

## Consistent Learning (CONSLearn)

Given an example set  $\mathcal{E}$ , decide whether there exists a PLP-tree  $T$  (of a particular type) such that  $T$  is consistent with  $\mathcal{E}$ .

## Small Learning (SMALLLearn)

Given an example set  $\mathcal{E}$  and a positive integer  $l$  ( $l \leq |\mathcal{E}|$ ), decide whether there exists a PLP-tree  $T$  (of a particular type) such that  $T$  is consistent with  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $|T| \leq l$ .

## Maximal Learning (MAXLearn)

Given an example set  $\mathcal{E}$  and a positive integer  $k$  ( $k \leq m$ ), decide whether there exists a PLP-tree  $T$  (of a particular type) such that  $T$  satisfies at least  $k$  examples in  $\mathcal{E}$ .

# Complexity Results on PLP-trees

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	NPC <sup>31</sup>	P

(a) CONSLearn

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) SMALLLearn

	UP	CP
UI	NPC <sup>32</sup>	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(c) MAXLearn

Figure : Complexity results for passive learning problems

<sup>31</sup>Booth et al., *Learning Conditionally Lexicographic Preference Relations*, 2010.

<sup>32</sup>Schmitt and Martignon, *On the Complexity of Learning Lexicographic Strategies*, 2006.

# Experimental Results on PLP-trees

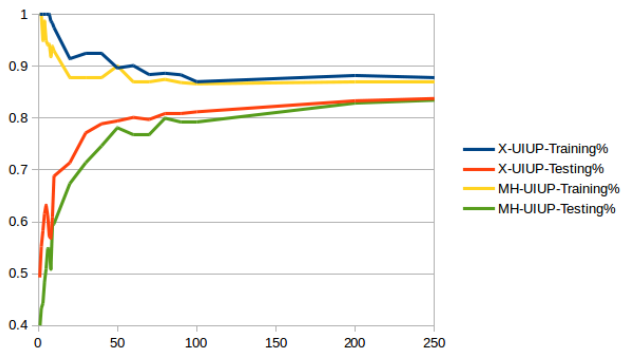


Figure : Learning curve for UIUP using ASP and greedy heuristic

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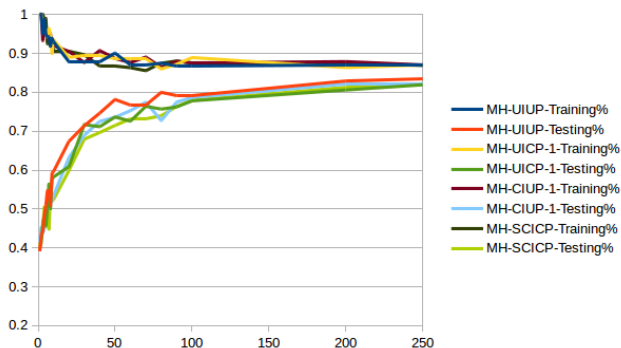


Figure : Learning curve for all four classes using greedy heuristic

# Preference Forests (P-Forests)

- ① A *preference forest*  $F$  is a collection of PLP-trees  $F = \{T_1, \dots, T_n\}$ .
- ② Denote by  $N_F(o_1, o_2) = |\{T \in F : o_1 \succ_T o_2\}|$ .
- ③ Given a preference forest  $F$ , and two outcomes  $o_1$  and  $o_2$ , we say that  $o_1 \succ_F^{Maj} o_2$  iff  $N_F(o_1, o_2) > N_F(o_2, o_1)$ , and that  $o_1 \approx_F^{Maj} o_2$  iff  $N_F(o_1, o_2) = N_F(o_2, o_1)$ .
  - Pro: intuitive, decided in polynomial time.
  - Con: Condorcet paradox.
  - Other aggregating rules: positional scoring rules, Copeland's method, etc.

# Experimental Results on P-Forests

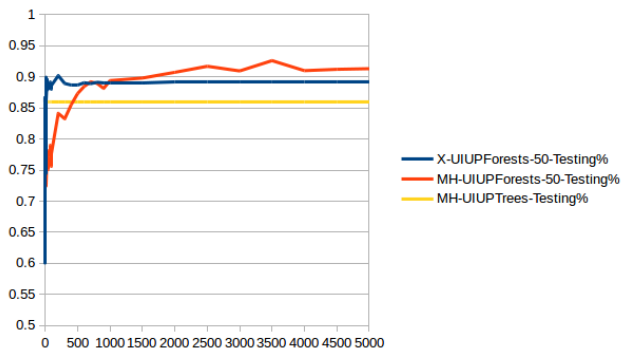


Figure : Learning UIUP using ASP and greedy heuristic

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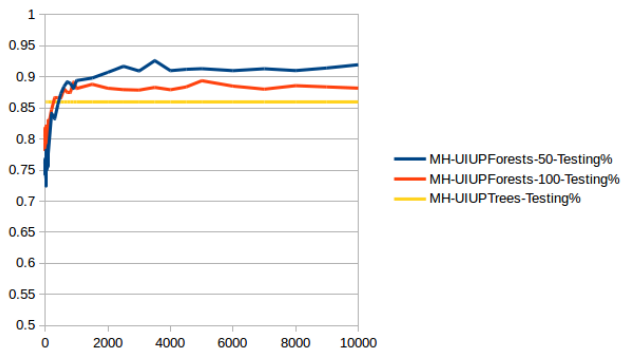


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# Positional Scoring Rules

- $k$ -approval:  $(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $k$  being the number of 1's and  $m - k$  the number of 0's where  $m = 2^p$ .
- $(k, l)$ -approval:  $(a, \dots, a, b, \dots, b, 0, \dots, 0)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants ( $a > b$ ) and the numbers of  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's equal to  $k$  and  $l$ , respectively.
- $b$ -Borda:  $(b, b - 1, \dots, 0)$ , where if  $b > m - 1$ ,  $b$ -Borda is reduced to the regular Borda rule with  $(m - 1, m - 2, \dots, 1, 0)$ .

# The Evaluation and Winner Problems

## The Evaluation Problem

Let  $r$  be a positional scoring rule with a scoring vector  $w$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  a class of LP-trees. Given a  $\mathcal{C}$ -profile  $P$  of  $n$  LP-trees over  $p$  attributes and a positive integer  $R$ , the *evaluation* problem is to decide whether there exists an alternative  $o \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $s_w(o, P) \geq R$ .

## The Winner Problem

Let  $r$  be a positional scoring rule with a scoring vector  $w$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  a class of LP-trees. Given a  $\mathcal{C}$ -profile  $P$  of  $n$  LP-trees over  $p$  attributes, the *winner* problem is to compute an alternative  $o \in \mathcal{X}$  with the maximum score  $s_w(o, P)$ .

# Complexity of the Evaluation Problem: $k$ -Approval

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	P	P

(a)  $k = 2^{p-1} \pm f(p)$ ,  $f(p)$  is a poly

	UP	CP
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(b)  $k = 2^{p-c}$ ,  $c > 1$  is a const

Figure :  $k$ -Approval

# Complexity of the Evaluation Problem: $(k, l)$ -Approval

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	P	P

(a)  $k = l = 2^{p-1}$

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
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(b)  $k = l = 2^{p-c}$ ,  $c > 1$  is a const

Figure :  $(k, l)$ -Approval <sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Liu and Truszczynski, *Aggregating Conditionally Lexicographic Preferences Using Answer Set Programming*, ADT, 2013.

# Complexity of the Evaluation Problem: $b$ -Borda

	UP	CP
UI	P	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(a)  $b = 2^p - 1$

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b)  $b = 2^{p-c} - 1$ ,  $c \geq 1$  is a const

Figure :  $b$ -Borda

# Modeling the Problems in ASP

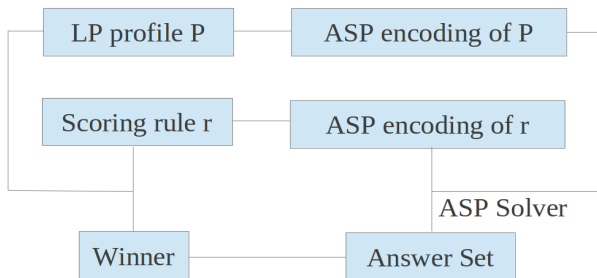


Figure : The winner problem

- Solvers: *clingo*<sup>34</sup>, *clingcon*<sup>35</sup>

<sup>34</sup>M. Gebser et al. "Potassco: The Potsdam Answer Set Solving Collection". In: AI Communications (2011)

<sup>35</sup>Max Ostrowski and Torsten Schaub. "ASP modulo CSP: The clingcon system". In: TPLP (2012)

# Modeling the Problems in W-MAXSAT

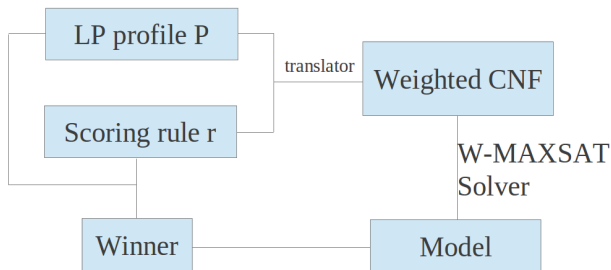


Figure : The winner problem

- Solver: *toulbar*<sup>36</sup>

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# Random LP Profiles

- To experiment with LP profiles, we developed methods to randomly generate *encodings* of a special type of CI-CP LP-tree of size linear in the number of attributes

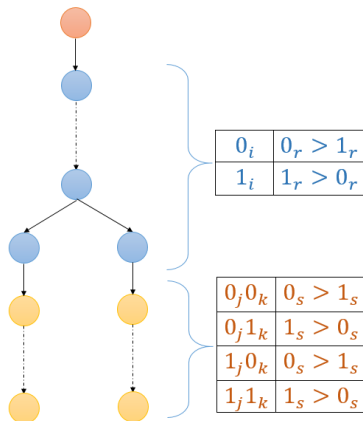
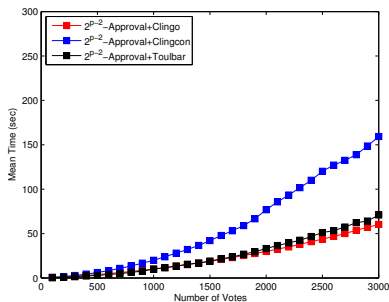
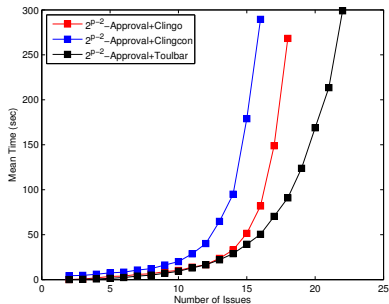


Figure : Random LP-tree

# Varying $p$ and $n$ : $2^{p-2}$ -approval



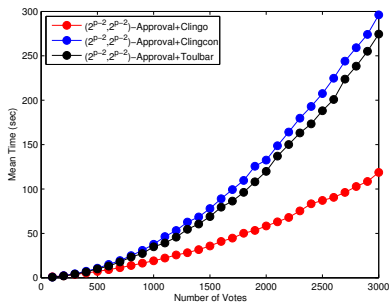
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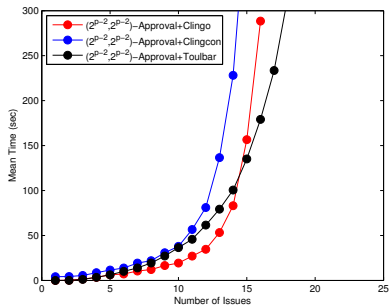
(b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

# Varying $p$ and $n$ : $(2^{p-2}, 2^{p-2})$ -approval <sup>37</sup>



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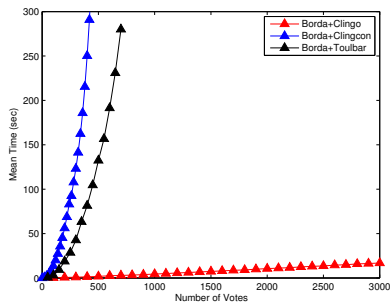


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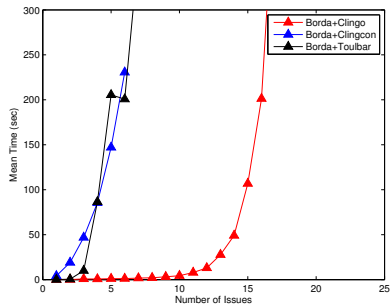
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<sup>37</sup> scoring vector:  $(2, \dots, 2, 1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with the numbers of 2's and 1's equal to  $2^{p-2}$

# Varying $p$ and $n$ : Borda



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(b) Fixed #votes (1000)

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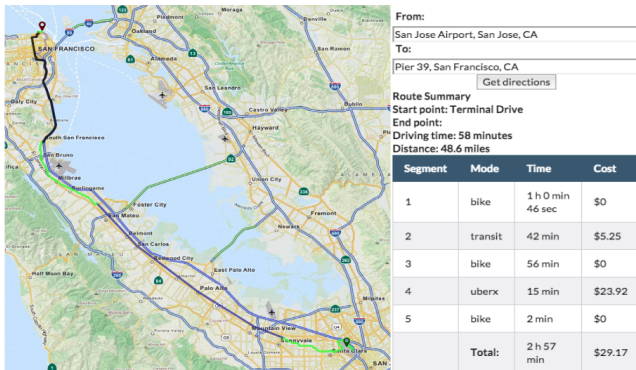
- ➊ Important to incorporate user constraints and preferences into trip planning systems.
- ➋ Collaboration with experts (in AI, planning, optimization, multi-agent systems) at PARC.
- ➌ Developed a hipergraph-based trip planner that accommodates constraints specified as *linear temporal logic* and preferences expressed as *preferential cost function* to compute optimal routes using  $A^*$ <sup>38</sup>.
- ➍ Available later for trip planning in the Bay Area, LA, and Denver.

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<sup>38</sup>Xudong Liu et al. "On Personalizability and Extensibility of Multi-Modal Trip Planning". In: PARC Symposium. 2015

# Personalization in Trip Planning

- 1 From SJC, to Pier 39, Monday, 9am.
- 2 Constraints: never drive a car, and bike for 1 to 2 hours.
- 3 Preferences: bike = public (0.25) > wait(2) > walk(3), and 30\$/hr.



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# Data-Driven Preference Engineering

## 1 Recommender Systems<sup>39</sup>:

- 1 Collaborative
- 2 Content-based
- 3 Hybrid

## 2 Machine Learning:

- 1 Supervised learning (e.g., decision trees, random forests)
- 2 Label ranking<sup>40</sup>

## 3 Preference Elicitation (Human-in-the-Loop):

- 1 Context-based

## 4 Preference Learning:

- 1 Conditional Preference Networks, Preference Trees
- 2 Stochastic Models (e.g., Choquet integral<sup>41</sup>, TOPSIS-like models<sup>42</sup>)

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# Preference Reasoning and Applications

- ① Social Choice and Welfare<sup>43</sup>:
  - ① Voting
  - ② Fair division
  - ③ Strategyproof Social Choice
- ② Automated Planning and Scheduling:
  - ① Travel scheduling
  - ② Manufacturing
  - ③ Traffic control
- ③ Computer Vision and Image Processing:
  - ① Image retrieval
  - ② Image and video understanding

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Thank you!