Preference Trees over Combinatorial Domains

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Preferences Are Ubiquitous

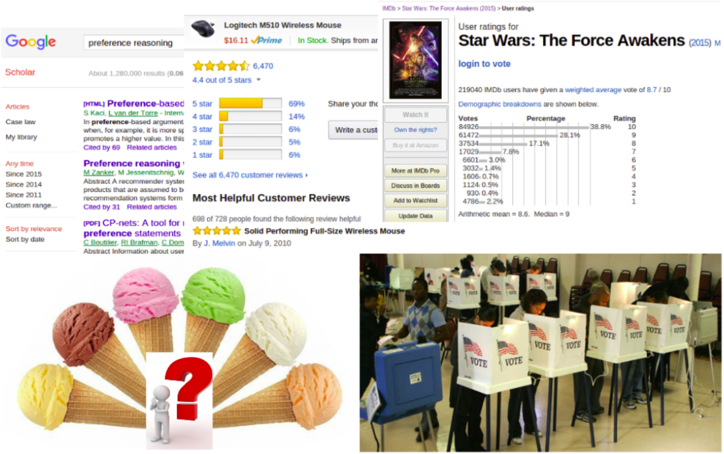

Figure : Preferences of different forms

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Relations and Orderings

Binary Relations

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

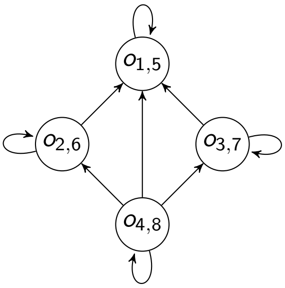
$$R \subseteq O \times O.$$

Properties of binary relations related to preferences:

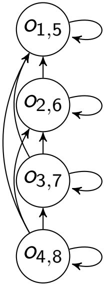
1. Reflexivity: $\forall o \in O$, $(o, o) \in R$.
2. Irreflexivity: $\forall o \in O$, $(o, o) \notin R$.
3. Totality: $\forall o_1, o_2$, $(o_1, o_2) \in R$ or $(o_2, o_1) \in R$.
4. Transitivity: $\forall o_1, o_2, o_3$, if $(o_1, o_2) \in R$ and $(o_2, o_3) \in R$, then $(o_1, o_3) \in R$.
5. Symmetry: $\forall o_1, o_2$, if $(o_1, o_2) \in R$, then $(o_2, o_1) \in R$.
6. Antisymmetry: $\forall o_1, o_2$, if $(o_1, o_2) \in R$ and $(o_2, o_1) \in R$, then $o_1 = o_2$.

Orderings

$\succeq$ is a *partial preorder* if it is reflexive and transitive, a *total preorder* if it is a partial preorder and total, a *partial order* if it is a partial preorder and antisymmetric, and a *total order* if it is a partial order and total.



(a) partial preorder



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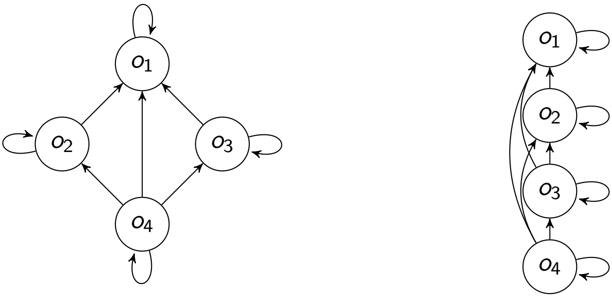

(a) partial order (b) total order

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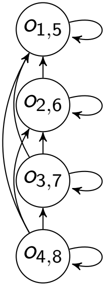
Preference Relations

Let $\succeq$ be a preference relation that is a total preorder over O. We say that o_1 is *weakly preferred* to o_2 if $o_1 \succeq o_2$, that o_1 is *strictly preferred* ($\succ$) to o_2 if $o_1 \succeq o_2$ and $o_2 \not\succeq o_1$, and that o_1 is *indifferent* ($\approx$) from o_2 if $o_1 \succeq o_2$ and $o_2 \succeq o_1$.



(a) total preorder

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\begin{aligned}
&o_1 \succeq o_5,\\
&o_4 \succ o_2,\\
&o_4 \approx o_8,
\end{aligned}
$$

(b) preferences

Combinatorial Domains

Combinatorial Domains

Let V be a finite set of variables $\{X_1, \ldots, X_p\}$, D a set of finite domains $\{Dom(X_1), \ldots, Dom(X_p)\}$ 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}.

$\vdots$

$$CD(V) = \underbrace{\{\langle \text{sedan, 5, blue, } \ldots \rangle, \langle \text{mvan, 7m, gray, } \ldots \rangle, \ldots\}}_{2^p \text{ outcomes, too many!}}.$$

Combinatorial Domains: Example

Domain of cars (cf. the Car Evaluation Dataset[1])

1. **BodyType**: {mvan, sedan, sport, suv}.
2. **Capacity**: {2, 5, 7m}.
3. **Color**: {black, blue, gray, red, white}.
4. **LuggageSize**: {big, med, small}.
5. **Make**: {bmw, ford, honda, vw}.
6. **Price**: {low, med, high, vhigh}.
7. **Safety**: {low, med, high}.

[1] `http://www.cs.uky.edu/~liu/preflearnlib.php`, slightly adapted in the talk.

Individual:

Figure : Dominance and Optimization

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.

Preference Modeling

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

1. Preference Trees (P-trees)[2,14]
2. Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees (PLP-trees)[9]
3. Lexicographic Preference Trees (LP-trees)[5,13]

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Preference Learning

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

1. Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees (PLP-trees)[7,8,9]
    - Active and passive learning
    - Compute a (possibly small) PLP-tree consistent with all the data
    - Compute a PLP-tree that agrees with the data as much as possible
2. Preference Forests[10]
3. Preference Approximation[11]

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Preference Reasoning

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

1. Preference Optimization[12,13,14,15]:
   - 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?
   - Preference aggregation: which candidate wins the election?
2. Preference Misrepresentation[16,17]:
   - Manipulation

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Preference Applications

Q: What fields can we apply preferences to?

1. Game Theory:
   - Hedonic games[18]
2. Automated Planning and Scheduling:
   - Trip planning[19]
3. Data-Driven Decision Making:
   - Predictive models[20]

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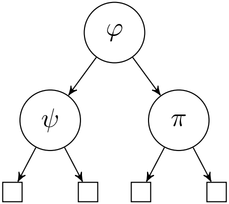

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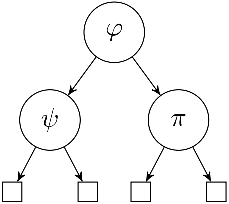

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Total preorder

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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6. **Price**(X_6): {low, med, high, vhigh}.
7. **Safety**(X_7): {low, med, high}.

Example: Preference Trees over Cars

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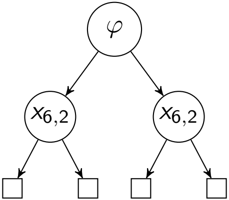

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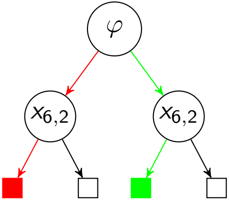

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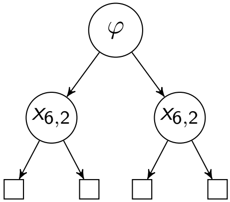

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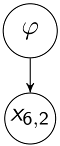

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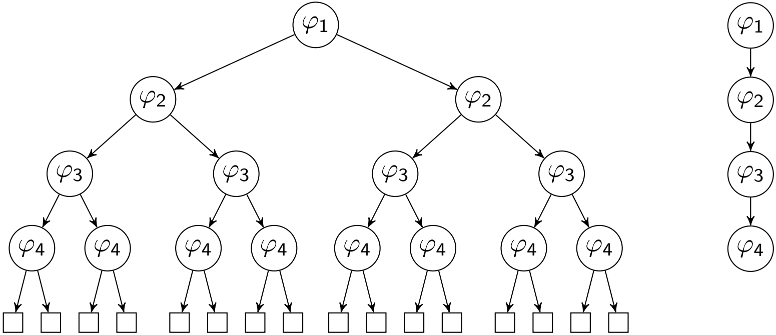

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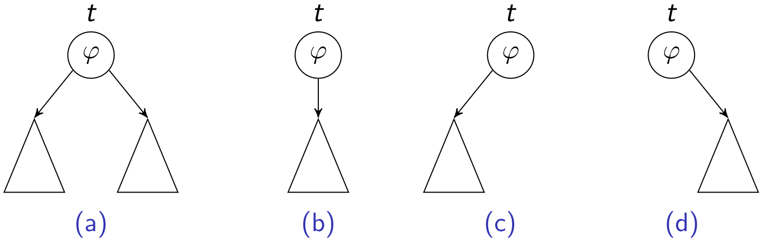
Compact Representation of P-trees

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 φ has either two outgoing edges (Figure 15a), or one outgoing edge pointing straight-down (Figure 15d), left (Figure 15c), or right (Figure 15b).



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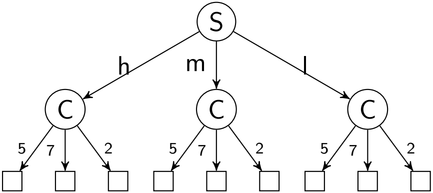

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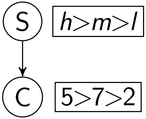

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Figure : Unconditional Importance & Unconditional Preference (UIUP)

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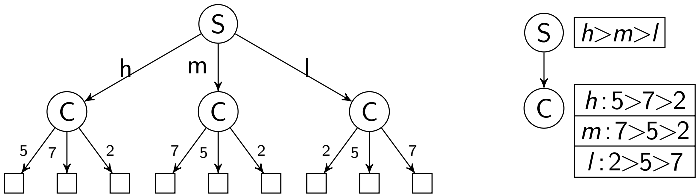

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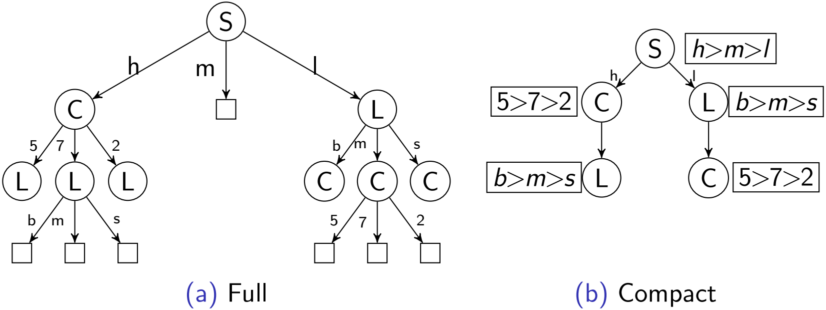

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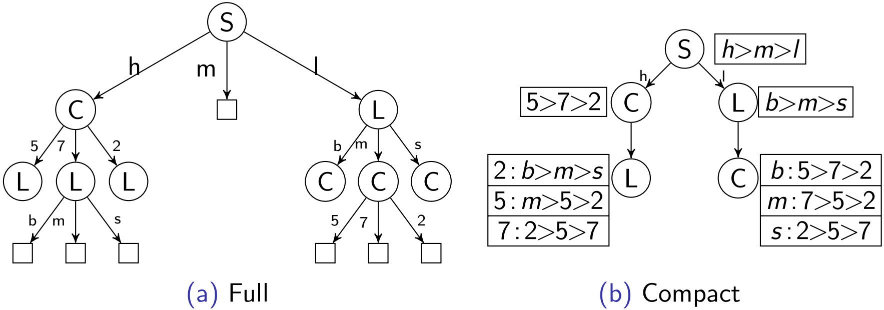

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Lexicographic Preference Trees (LP-Trees)

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.
   - Unlike P-trees and PLP-trees, an LP-tree induces a total order.

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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 $|T| \leq l$.

Maixmal 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 $\mathcal{E}$.

Computational Complexity

1. P, NP, $coNP$: We typically believe that $P \subset NP$ and $P \subset coNP$.
2. Δ_2^P: P^{NP}, Σ_2^P: NP^{NP}, and Π_2^P: $coNP^{NP}$.
3. C-complete: hardest decision problems in class C.

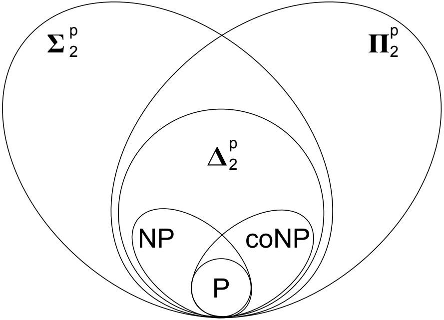

Figure : Computational complexity diagram

Complexity Results on PLP-trees

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	NPC[22]	P

(a) ConsLearn

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) SmallLearn

	UP	CP
UI	NPC[23]	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(c) MaxLearn

Figure : Complexity results for learning PLP-trees

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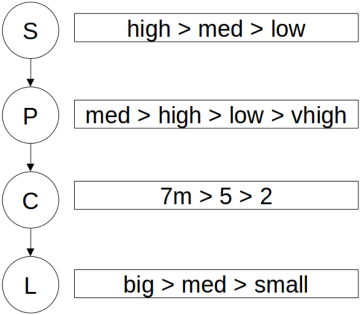

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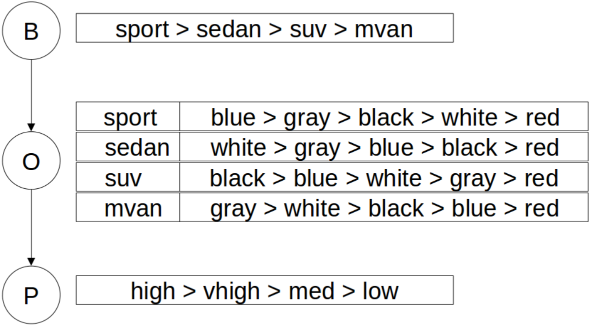

Figure : UICP with at most 1 parent (UICP-1)

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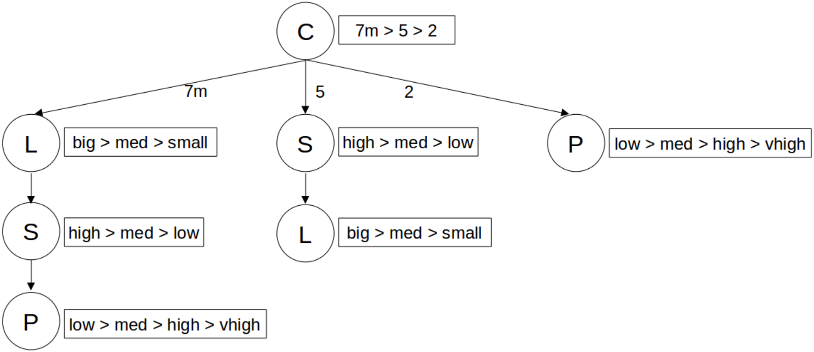

Figure : CIUP with 1 split at the root (CIUP-1)

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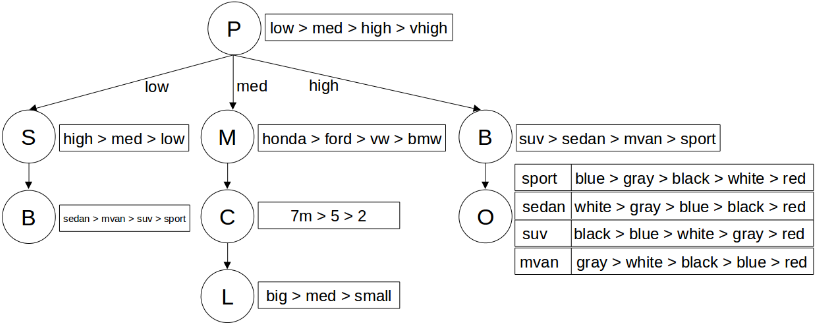
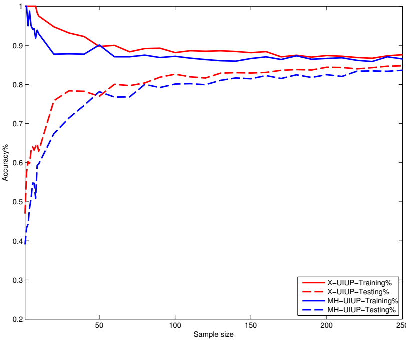


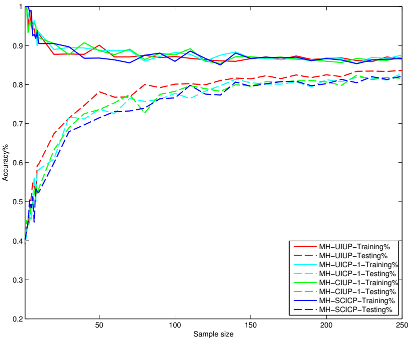
Figure : Simple CICP (SCICP)

Experimental Results: CarEvaluation

#attributes:6, #outcomes:1728, #examples:682721



(a) Compare exact & greedy heuristic



(b) Greedy heuristic

Figure : Learning curves solving MaxLearn

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Computational Complexity Results for P-trees

Dominance-testing ($\textsc{DomTest}$): $o_1 \succ_T o_2$?
Optimality-testing ($\textsc{OptTest}$): o optimal w.r.t T?
Optimality-with-property ($\textsc{OptProp}$): is there optimal o with property α?

1. $\textsc{DomTest} \in P$
2. $\textsc{OptTest} \in coNP$-complete:
   - The complement problem is reduced from the SAT problem.
3. $\textsc{OptProp} \in \Delta_2^P$-complete:
   - The problem is reduced from the Maximum Satisfying Assignment (MSA) problem.

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Positional Scoring Rules

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

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
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(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
CI	NPC	NPC

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

Figure : (k, l)-Approval [24]

[24] 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

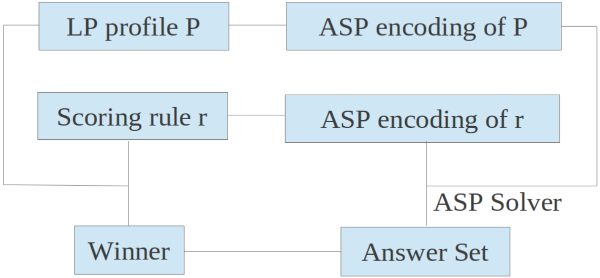

Figure : The winner problem

- Solvers: *clingo*[25], *clingcon*[26]

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Modeling the Problems in W-MAXSAT

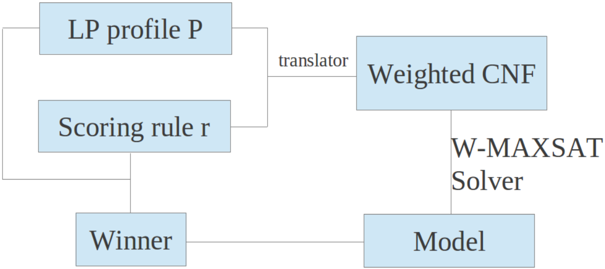

Figure : The winner problem

- Solver: *toulbar*[27]

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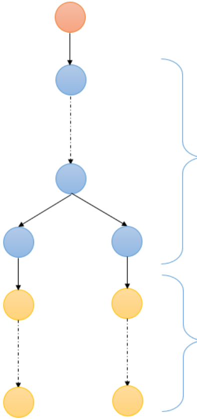
Random LP Profiles

- 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

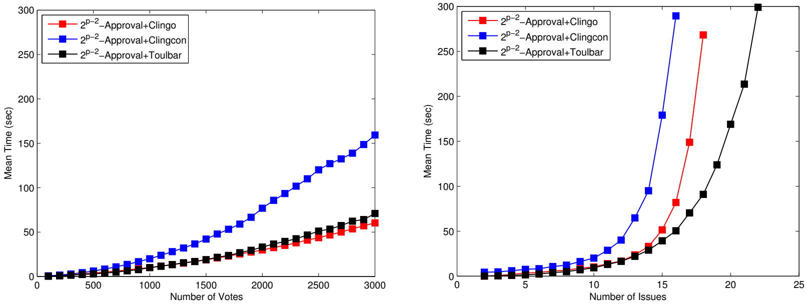


0_i	$0_r > 1_r$
1_i	$1_r > 0_r$

$0_j 0_k$	$0_s > 1_s$
$0_j 1_k$	$1_s > 0_s$
$1_j 0_k$	$0_s > 1_s$
$1_j 1_k$	$1_s > 0_s$

Figure : Random LP-tree

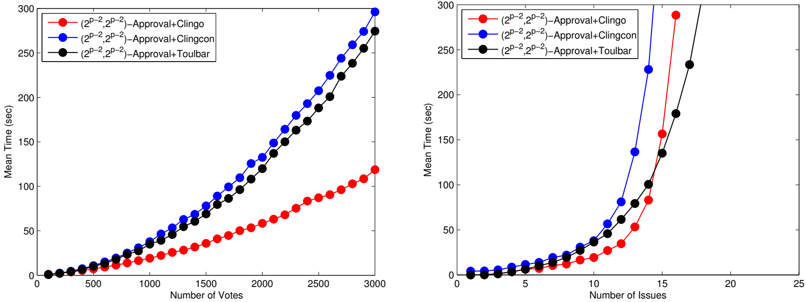
Varying p and n: 2^{p-2}-approval



(a) Fixed #attributes (10) (b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

Varying p and n: $(2^{p-2}, 2^{p-2})$-approval [28]



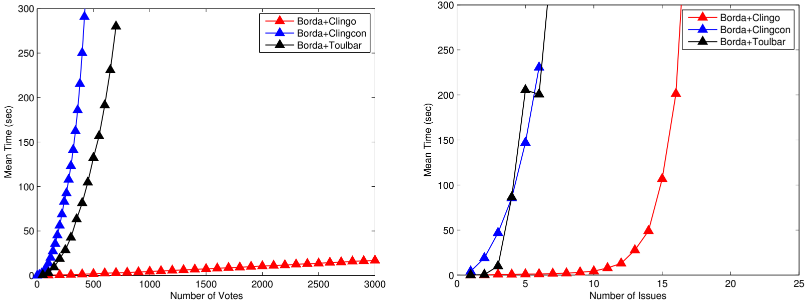
(a) Fixed #attributes (10)

(b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

[28] scoring vector: $(2, \ldots, 2, 1, \ldots, 1, 0, \ldots, 0)$ with the numbers of 2's and 1's equal to 2^{p-2}

Varying p and n: Borda



(a) Fixed #attributes (10) (b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

Outline

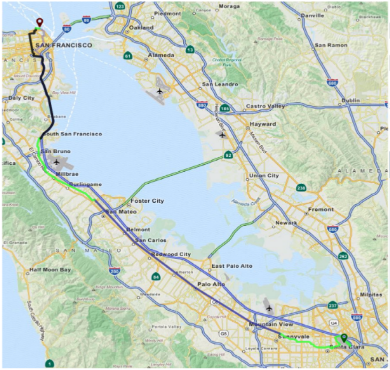
1. The languages of P-trees, PLP-trees, and LP-trees
2. Learning of preference models (PLP-trees and P-forests)
3. Reasoning with preferences:
   - Preference optimization in case of P-tree
   - Computing winners and "strong" outcomes when votes are LP-trees
   - Application in trip planning
4. Future research directions

Personalization in Trip Planning

1. Important to incorporate user constraints and preferences into trip planning systems.
2. Collaboration with experts (in AI, planning, optimization, multi-agent systems) at PARC.
3. 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*[29].
4. Available later for trip planning in the Bay Area, LA, and Denver.

[29] Xudong Liu et al. "On Personalizability and Extensibility of Multi-Modal Trip Planning". In: PARC Symposium. 2015

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.



From:

San Jose Airport, San Jose, CA

To:

Pier 39, San Francisco, CA

Get directions

Route Summary
Start point: Terminal Drive
End point:
Driving time: 58 minutes
Distance: 48.6 miles

Segment	Mode	Time	Cost
1	bike	1 h 0 min 46 sec	$0
2	transit	42 min	$5.25
3	bike	56 min	$0
4	uberx	15 min	$23.92
5	bike	2 min	$0
	Total:	2 h 57 min	$29.17

Outline

Data-Driven Preference Engineering

1. Recommender Systems[30]:
    1. Collaborative
    2. Content-based
    3. Hybrid
2. Machine Learning:
    1. Supervised learning (e.g., decision trees, random forests)
    2. Label ranking[31]
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[32], TOPSIS-like models[33])

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Preference Reasoning and Applications

1. Social Choice and Welfare[34]:
    1. Voting
    2. Fair devision
    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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3. Xudong Liu and Miroslaw Truszczynski. "Learning Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees over Combinatorial Domains". AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2015.
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Related Work

1. Quantitative:
   - Utility/Cost Functions
   - Possibilistic Logic[35]
   - Fuzzy Preference Relations[36]
   - Penalty Logic[37]
2. Qualitative:
   - Answer-Set Optimization Theories[38]
   - Ceteris Paribus Networks (e.g., CP-nets[39], TCP-nets[40], CI-nets[41])
   - Conditional Preference Theories[42]

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Questions?

Thank you!