

# One a class of non-local aggregation rules

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# Basic model

- ▶ A set  $A$  of alternatives,  $3 \leq A < \infty$ .
- ▶ *Preference functions*, i.e. functions  $c : [A]^r \rightarrow A$  satisfying  $c(p) \in p$  for all  $p \in [A]^r$ , where  $[A]^r = \{p \subseteq A : |p| = r\}$ .
- ▶ The set of all preference functions  $\mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ .
- ▶ *Aggregation rules*, i.e. functions  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ .
- ▶ A set of all aggregation rules  $\mathcal{F}(A)$

For  $r = 2$ , each preference function  $c \in \mathfrak{C}_2(A)$  is associated with the binary *preference relation*

$$P_c = \{(a, b) \in A^2 : a \neq b \wedge c(\{a, b\}) = b\}.$$

The set  $\{P_c : c \in \mathfrak{C}_2(A)\}$  is the set of all connex asymmetric binary relations on  $A$ .

A function  $c \in \mathfrak{C}_2(A)$  is called *rational* if  $P_c$  is transitive (consequently,  $P_c$  is a strict linear order on  $A$ ). The set of all rational preference functions is denoted  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ .

- An aggregation rule  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  preserves a set  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  if

$$f(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n) \in \mathfrak{D}$$

for all  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n \in \mathfrak{D}$ .

- An aggregation rule  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  is *local* if

1. for all  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n \in \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ ,  $p \in [A]^r$  and  $a \in p$

$$\mathbf{c}_1(p) = \mathbf{c}_2(p) = \dots = \mathbf{c}_n(p) = a \Rightarrow f(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n)(p) = a;$$

2. for all  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n, \mathbf{c}'_1, \mathbf{c}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}'_n \in \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  and  $p \in [A]^r$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{c}_1(p), \mathbf{c}_2(p), \dots, \mathbf{c}_n(p)) &= (\mathbf{c}'_1(p), \mathbf{c}'_2(p), \dots, \mathbf{c}'_n(p)) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n)(p) = f(\mathbf{c}'_1, \mathbf{c}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}'_n)(p). \end{aligned}$$

- An aggregation rule  $d : (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  is *dictatorship* if

$$d(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n) = \mathbf{c}_i$$

for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and all  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n \in \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ .

# Impossibility theorems

## Theorem (Arrow [1])

*There are no local non-dictatorship aggregation rules that preserve the set of rational preference functions (the condition  $3 \leq |A| < \infty$  is essential).*

## Theorem (Shelah [2])

*If  $7 \leq r \leq |A| - 7$  there are no local non-dictatorship aggregation rules that preserve an arbitrary symmetric non-empty proper subset  $\mathfrak{D}$  of  $\mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ .*

## Theorem (P., Shamolin [3])

*[Complete classification of symmetric sets of preference functions without the Arrow property.]*



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# Non-local aggregation rules

Some non-local aggregation rules partially overcome Arrow's paradox: Borda method, Kemeny–Young method [1], Copeland method [2], Schulze method [3] etc.

The paper [1] proposes a new class of non-local aggregation rules. Key ideas:

- ▶ Random factor.
- ▶ Simulating of a dynamic aggregation.



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# Definitions

## Definition

Let  $r$  be a natural number. A  $r$ -lot (on a set  $A$ ) is a sequence  $(A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k)$  of subsets of  $A$  such that  $A_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $|A_1| \geq r$ ,  $A_k = A$  and  $A_i \subseteq A_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ . An  $r$ -lot is *maximal* if  $|A_1| = r$ , and  $|A_{i+1} \setminus A_i| = 1$  for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ .

## Definition

Adaptation function is any function

$$\mathcal{A} : \mathfrak{C}_r(A) \times \left( \bigcup_{B \subseteq A} \mathfrak{C}_r(B) \right) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A),$$

satisfying: for all  $B \subseteq A$ ,  $c \in \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{d} \in \mathfrak{C}_r(B)$

1.  $\mathcal{A}(c, \mathfrak{d}) \upharpoonright_{[B]^r} = \mathfrak{d}$ ,
2. if  $c \upharpoonright_{[B]^r} = \mathfrak{d}$  then  $\mathcal{A}(c, \mathfrak{d}) = c$

Adaptation function  $\mathcal{A}$  *preserves* the set  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  if for all  $c \in \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ ,  $B \subseteq A$  and  $\mathfrak{d} \in \mathfrak{C}_r(B)$

$$(c \in \mathfrak{D} \wedge \mathfrak{d} \in \mathfrak{D} \upharpoonright_{[B]^r}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(c, \mathfrak{d}) \in \mathfrak{D}.$$

For any  $B \subseteq A$ , each local aggregation function  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  can be extended to the set  $(\mathfrak{C}_r(B))^n$ : for all  $c'_1, c'_2, \dots, c'_n \in \mathfrak{C}_r(B)$

$$f(c'_1, c'_2, \dots, c'_n) = f(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n),$$

where for any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $c_i$  is an arbitrary function such that  $c_i \upharpoonright_{[B]^r} = c'_i$ .

## Definition

For any local  $n$ -ary aggregation function  $f$ , adaptation function  $\mathcal{A}$ , lot  $J = \{A_0, A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  and profile  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in (\mathfrak{C}_r(A))^n$  define the preference function

$$f_{\mathcal{A}, J}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$$

as follow: for any  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m$ , define preference functions  $c_1^k, c_2^k, \dots, c_n^k$  on  $A$  and preference function  $\mathfrak{d}^k$  on  $A_k$ :

1.  $c_1^0 = c_1, c_2^0 = c_2, \dots, c_n^0 = c_n$  и  $\mathfrak{d}^0 = \emptyset$ ;
2. if  $k \geq 1$  then

$$c_1^k = \mathcal{A}(c_1, \mathfrak{d}^{k-1}), c_2^k = \mathcal{A}(c_2, \mathfrak{d}^{k-1}), \dots, c_n^k = \mathcal{A}(c_n, \mathfrak{d}^{k-1})$$

и

$$\mathfrak{d}^k = f(c_1^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^r}, c_2^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^r}, \dots, c_n^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^r}).$$

Now put

$$f_{\mathcal{A}, J}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = \mathfrak{d}^m.$$



## Additional facts

- ▶ A set of all aggregation rules preserving a set  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_r(A)$  is closed w.r.t. composition and contains all dictatorship rules (projections), i.e. it is a *clone* with domain  $\mathfrak{C}_r(A)$ .
- ▶ A clon of all (local) aggregation rules  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_2(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_2(A)$ ,  $1 \leq n < \infty$ , generated by *majority rule* is denoted  $\mathcal{M}(A)$ . Any  $n$ -ary function  $f \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  is *neutral*, i.e. for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$ ,  $a \neq b$ ,  $c \neq d$ , and  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathfrak{C}_2(A)$  if for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$c_i(\{a, b\}) = a \Leftrightarrow c_i(\{c, d\}) = c,$$

then

$$f(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)(\{a, b\}) = a \Leftrightarrow f(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)(\{c, d\}) = c.$$

- ▶ Any local and neutral aggregation rule can be defined by a set  $\mathcal{C}_f \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, \dots, n\})$  of *decisive coalitions*: for all  $a \neq b \in A$   
$$f(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)(\{a, b\}) = a \Leftrightarrow \{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} : c_i(\{a, b\}) = a\} \in \mathcal{C}_f.$$
- ▶ A local and neutral function  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  iff  $\mathcal{C}_f$  satisfies:
  1. if  $I \in \mathcal{C}_f$  and  $I \subseteq J \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $J \in \mathcal{C}_f$ ,
  2. for any  $I \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  exactly one of the two conditions holds:  
 $I \in \mathcal{C}_f$  and  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus I \in \mathcal{C}_f$ .

# Main results

Further we consider only the case  $r = 2$ .

## Theorem (P., Shamolin [1])

For any set  $A$ ,  $3 \leq |A| < \infty$ , local aggregation function  $f : (\mathfrak{C}_2(A))^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}_2(A)$ , lot  $J$  and adaptation function  $\mathcal{A}$  preserving  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ , the aggregation function  $f_{\mathcal{A}, J}$  preserves  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$  iff

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$$f(\mathbf{c})(\{x, a\}) = a$$

for any  $x \in A \setminus \{a\}$ .

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For any finite non-empty set  $A$  there is an adaptation function  $\mathcal{A}_0$  on  $A$  such that

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## Construction of the function $\mathcal{A}_0$

It suffices to determine the function

$$\mathcal{A}'_0 : L(A) \times \left( \bigcup_{B \subseteq A} L(B) \right) \rightarrow L(A),$$

satisfying

1.  $\prec_2 \subseteq \mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_1, \prec_2)$ ,
2. if  $\prec_2 \subseteq \prec_1$  then  $\mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_1, \prec_2) = \prec_1$

for all  $(\prec_1, \prec_2) \in \text{dom } \mathcal{A}'_0$ .

## Definition

For any set  $B \subseteq A$ , linear order  $\prec_B = b_1 b_2 \dots b_k$  on  $B$  and linear order  $\prec_A$  on  $A$  define linear order  $\mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_A, \prec_B)$ . Let  $\prec_{A \setminus B} = a_1 a_2 \dots a_l$  be the restriction of a linear order  $\prec_A$  on  $B \setminus A$ . Define the sequence  $\prec_0, \prec_1, \dots, \prec_l$  of linear orders on the sets  $B, B \cup \{a_1\}, B \cup \{a_1, a_2\}, \dots, A$  respectively:

1.  $\prec_0 = \prec_B$ ,
2. for all  $i, 1 \leq i \leq l$ , if  $\prec_{i-1} = c_1 c_2 \dots c_{k+i-1}$  then
  - 2.1 if  $a_i \prec_A c_r$  for all  $r, 1 \leq r \leq k+i-1$  then  $\prec_i = a_i c_1 c_2 \dots c_{k+i-1}$ ,
  - 2.2 if  $c_r \prec_A a_i$  for all  $r, 1 \leq r \leq k+i-1$  then  $\prec_i = c_1 c_2 \dots c_{k+i-1} a_i$ ,
  - 2.3 otherwise

$$\prec_i = c_1 c_2 \dots c_j a_i c_{j+1} \dots c_{k+i-1},$$

where  $j$  is the minimal number in  $\{1, \dots, k+i-1\}$  for which

$$a_i \prec_A c_{j+1}, a_i \prec_A c_{j+2}, \dots, a_i \prec_A c_{k+i-1}.$$

Now put  $\mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_A, \prec_B) = \prec_l$ .

**Example.** Let  $|A| = 3, |B| = 2$  and  $\prec_A = xyz$ .

$\prec_B$	$\mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_A, \prec_B)$	$\prec_B$	$\mathcal{A}'_0(\prec_A, \prec_B)$
$xy$	$xyz$	$yx$	$yxz$
$yz$	$xyz$	$zy$	$xzy$
$xz$	$xyz$	$zx$	$zxy$

## Fact

In general case,

$$f(\mathbf{c}) \neq f_{A_0, J}(\mathbf{c})$$

even if  $f(\mathbf{c}) \in \mathfrak{R}(A)$ .

**Example.** Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $f = \text{maj}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, c_3) \in (\mathfrak{R}(A))^3$ ,  $\prec_{c_1} = cadb$ ,  $\prec_{c_2} = bdac$  и  $\prec_{c_3} = dabc$ . It is easy to check that the preference function  $\text{maj}(\mathbf{c})$  is rational, and

$$\prec_{\text{maj}(\mathbf{c})} = dabc.$$

Let  $J = \{A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3\}$  where  $A_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $A_1 = \{b, c\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Then we have:

$k$	$A_k$	$\mathbf{c}_1^k$	$\mathbf{c}_2^k$	$\mathbf{c}_3^k$	$\mathbf{c}_1^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^2}$	$\mathbf{c}_2^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^2}$	$\mathbf{c}_3^k \upharpoonright_{[A_k]^2}$	$\mathfrak{d}^k$
0	$\emptyset$	<i>cadb</i>	<i>bdac</i>	<i>dabc</i>	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
1	$\{b, c\}$	<i>cadb</i>	<i>bdac</i>	<i>dabc</i>	<i>cb</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>bc</i>
2	$\{a, b, c\}$	<i>bcad</i>	<i>bdac</i>	<i>dabc</i>	<i>bca</i>	<i>bac</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>bac</i>
3	$\{a, b, c, d\}$	<i>bacd</i>	<i>bdac</i>	<i>dbac</i>	<i>bacd</i>	<i>bdac</i>	<i>dbac</i>	<i>bdac</i>

$$\prec_{\text{maj}_{A_0, J}(\mathbf{c})} = bdac.$$

## Theorem (P., Shamolin)

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1. For any maximal lot  $J$ ,  $f(\mathbf{c}) = f_{\mathcal{A}_0, J}(\mathbf{c})$ ,
2. There is a sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{|A|})$  of pairwise distinct elements of  $A$  such that for any  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq |A| - 1$ , the set

$$\{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} : (a_j, a_{j+1}), (a_j, a_{j+2}), \dots, (a_j, a_{|A|}) \in \prec_{c_i}\}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_f$ .



## Discussion

- ▶ Give an axiomatic description of the class of non-local aggregation functions of the form  $f_{\mathcal{A},J}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(A)$ .
- ▶ Describe all relevant adaptation functions  $\mathcal{A}_0$ .
- ▶ For any  $n$ -ary  $f \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  and profile  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in (\mathfrak{R}(A))^n$ , an element  $a \in A$  is called  $(f, \mathbf{c})$ -loser if for any  $x \in A \setminus \{b\}$

$$f(\mathbf{c})(\{x, b\}) = x$$

Is there an adaptation function  $\mathcal{A}$  that preserves  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$  and satisfies simultaneously the following two conditions: for any  $n$ -ary  $f \in \mathcal{M}(A)$  and profile  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in (\mathfrak{R}(A))^n$

1. the  $(f, \mathbf{c})$ -winner  $a \in A$  (if it exists) is the maximal element of  $A$  w.r.t. linear order  $P_{f_{\mathcal{A},J}(\mathbf{c})}$  for any maximal lot  $J$ ;
  2. the  $(f, \mathbf{c})$ -loser  $a \in A$  (if it exists) is the minimal element of  $A$  w.r.t. linear order  $P_{f_{\mathcal{A},J}(\mathbf{c})}$  for any maximal lot  $J$ ?
- ▶ Provided  $f(\mathbf{c}) \in \mathfrak{R}(A)$ , what other characteristics (besides the maximum element) coincide for the rational preference functions  $f(\mathbf{c})$  and  $f_{\mathcal{A}_0,J}(\mathbf{c})$ ?
  - ▶ Does the maximum element of order  $\prec_{f_{\mathcal{A}_0,J}(\mathbf{c})}$  belong to the Smith set, to the Schwartz set?

THANK YOU!