

# Weighted voting and Banghaf's paradox. (2.1, 2.2).

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Now we study a different part of voters in voting problems, you will be interested in the outcome of an election if not all voters are considered equal.

Surprisingly, there are many examples:

- In companies, the number of votes of a shareholder depends on his share of the company's capital.
- In a party, different people have the same weight but movements don't have the same number of adherent.

Let me explain how a weighted voting systems.

- The voters are called players,  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ .
- Each player has a weight  $w_1$  for  $P_1$  (number of votes for  $P_1$ )  
 $w_2$  for  $P_2$   
 $\vdots$   
 $w_n$  for  $P_n$ .
- Quota. To pass a motion, need to have more than a minimum required  $q$ .

To simplify our discussion, we introduce a notation.



If we have 5 players whose weights are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and the quota is  $q=14$ , then the situation is denoted:

$[14, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$   
↑            ↑  
quota      weight for player 1

$N$  players,  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  quota  $q$   
 $[q, w_1, \dots, w_n]$

Rule

Usually we want  $V > q > \frac{V}{2}$  where  $V = w_1 + \dots + w_n$  is the total number of voters.

Compared to the usual situation, what can happen?  
There are special situations:

③ Dictator: When a player has a weight  $\geq q$ .  
(he has a majority of votes)  
⇒ He decides if a motion passes or not.

• Example  $[3, 3, 1, 1]$ .

♡ Veto power. A player has a veto power if a motion cannot pass unless this player votes in favor of it.

Player with weight  $w$  has veto power

$$w < q \text{ and } V - w < q.$$

Remark when  $w > \frac{V}{2}$  (majority).

then  $\forall$  the player has veto power.

IR In fact, the veto player is an extreme situation where his vote is critical in all situation.

♡ Winning coalition: a situation where the motion passes.

Ex:  $[3, 2, 1, 1]$ .  $\{P_1, P_2\}$   $\{P_1, P_3\}$   
 $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  winning coalition  
 $\{P_1\}$ ,  $\{P_2\}$ ,  $\{P_3\}$ ,  $\{P_2, P_3\}$  losing.

♡ A player in a coalition is critical if without him the motion does not pass.

In  $[3, 2, 1, 1]$   $P_1$  is critical in  $\{P_1, P_2\}$   
 $\{P_1, P_3\}$  and  $\{P_2, P_3\}$   
 $\Rightarrow P_1$  has veto.

$P_2$  is critical in  $\{P_1, P_2\}$ ,  $P_3$  is critical in  $\{P_2, P_3\}$ .

③ critical count: the number of times a player is critical.

In  $[3, 2, 1, 1]$ .

Critical count of  $P_1$  :  $B_1 = 3$ .  
" "  $P_2$  :  $B_2 = 1$   
 $B_3 = 1$ .

Total critical count:

$$T = B_1 + B_2 + B_3 + \dots + B_N.$$

In  $[3, 2, 1, 1]$

$$T = B_1 + B_2 + B_3 = 5.$$

Banzhaf power index (measures the power of a player).

$$\text{BPI of } P_1 : \beta_1 = \frac{B_1}{T}$$

$$\text{" " } P_2 : \beta_2 = \frac{B_2}{T}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$P_N : \beta_N = \frac{B_N}{T}$$

Remark : The sum  $\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_N = 1$ . (Always)

In  $[3, 2, 1, 1]$   $\beta_1 = \frac{3}{5}$   $\beta_2 = \frac{1}{5}$   $\beta_3 = \frac{1}{5}$ .

# How to compute the BPI.

Step 1 List all winning coalitions.

Step 2 In each of them, find the critical players (underline them).

Step 3 Compute each player's critical count - ( $B_i$ )

Step 4 Compute the total critical count ( $T = B_1 + \dots + B_n$ )

Step 5 Compute each BPI  $\beta_i = \frac{B_i}{T}$

Example: 2.1 Ex 5 (a)

[7, 4, 3, 3, 2]

Step 1  $\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_2 \}$ ,  $\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_3 \}$ ,  ~~$\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_4 \}$~~

$\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_2, \underline{P}_3 \}$ ,  $\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_3, \underline{P}_4 \}$ ,  $\{ \underline{P}_2, \underline{P}_3, \underline{P}_4 \}$

$\{ \underline{P}_1, \underline{P}_2, \underline{P}_3, \underline{P}_4 \}$

Step 2 Underline critical players.

Step 3  $B_1 = 5$   $B_2 = 2$   $B_3 = 2$   $B_4 = 0$

Step 4  $T = 9$  Step 5  $\beta_1 = \frac{5}{9}$   $\beta_2 = \frac{2}{9}$   $\beta_3 = \frac{2}{9}$   $\beta_4 = 0$

$$(b) [9, 4, 3, 3, 2]$$

$$\text{Step 1 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1, p_2, p_3 \\ \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1, p_2, p_4 \\ \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1, p_3, p_4 \\ \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \\ \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Step 3 } \quad B_1 = 4 \quad B_3 = 2$$
$$B_2 = 2 \quad B_4 = 2$$

$$\text{Step 4: } \beta_1 = \bar{T} = 10$$

$$\text{Step 5: } \beta_1 = \frac{4}{10}, \beta_2 = \frac{2}{10}, \beta_3 = \frac{2}{10}, \beta_4 = \frac{2}{10}$$

# Shapley-Shubik power.

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Last time, we talked about a way to quantify power of certain group of voters.

We will complicate things further.

Suppose now that each player joins a coalition one after another.

Say  $P_1$  then  $P_2$ , then  $P_3$  (called sequential coalition).

We denote by  $\langle P_1, P_2, P_3 \rangle$ .

Example  $[16: 9, 8, 7]$ .

Q: How can we determine the importance of each player in this setting?

A possible answer was given by Shapley-Shubik:

Take  $\langle P_1, P_2, P_3 \rangle$  in  $[16, 9, 8, 7]$ .

First comes  $P_1$  with 9 votes, not enough to win.

Then  $P_2 \Rightarrow$  so  $P_2$  is a pivotal for the sequential coalition.

Idea: Shapley Shubik's power: how much often  
count the number of times  
a player is pivotal.

Description

Step 1: list all the sequential coalitions  
for  $N$  players there will be

$$N! = N \times (N-1) \times (N-2) \times \dots \times 1 \text{ coalitions.}$$

Step 2: For each coalition, find the pivotal  
player.

Step 3: For each player  $P_i$  count the number of times  
he is pivotal.

$$SS_i = \text{number of times } P_i \text{ is pivotal.}$$

Step 4: Compute

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{SS_1}{N!}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{SS_2}{N!}$$

$\vdots$

$$\sigma_N = \frac{SS_N}{N!}$$



On example [16, 9, 8, 7]

3 players

3! coalitions  
 $3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$

Step 1

$\langle \underbrace{P_1, P_2}_{15}, P_3 \rangle$       $\langle \underbrace{P_2, P_3}_{15}, P_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle \underbrace{P_1, P_3}_{16}, P_2 \rangle$       $\langle \underbrace{P_2, P_1}_{19}, P_3 \rangle$   
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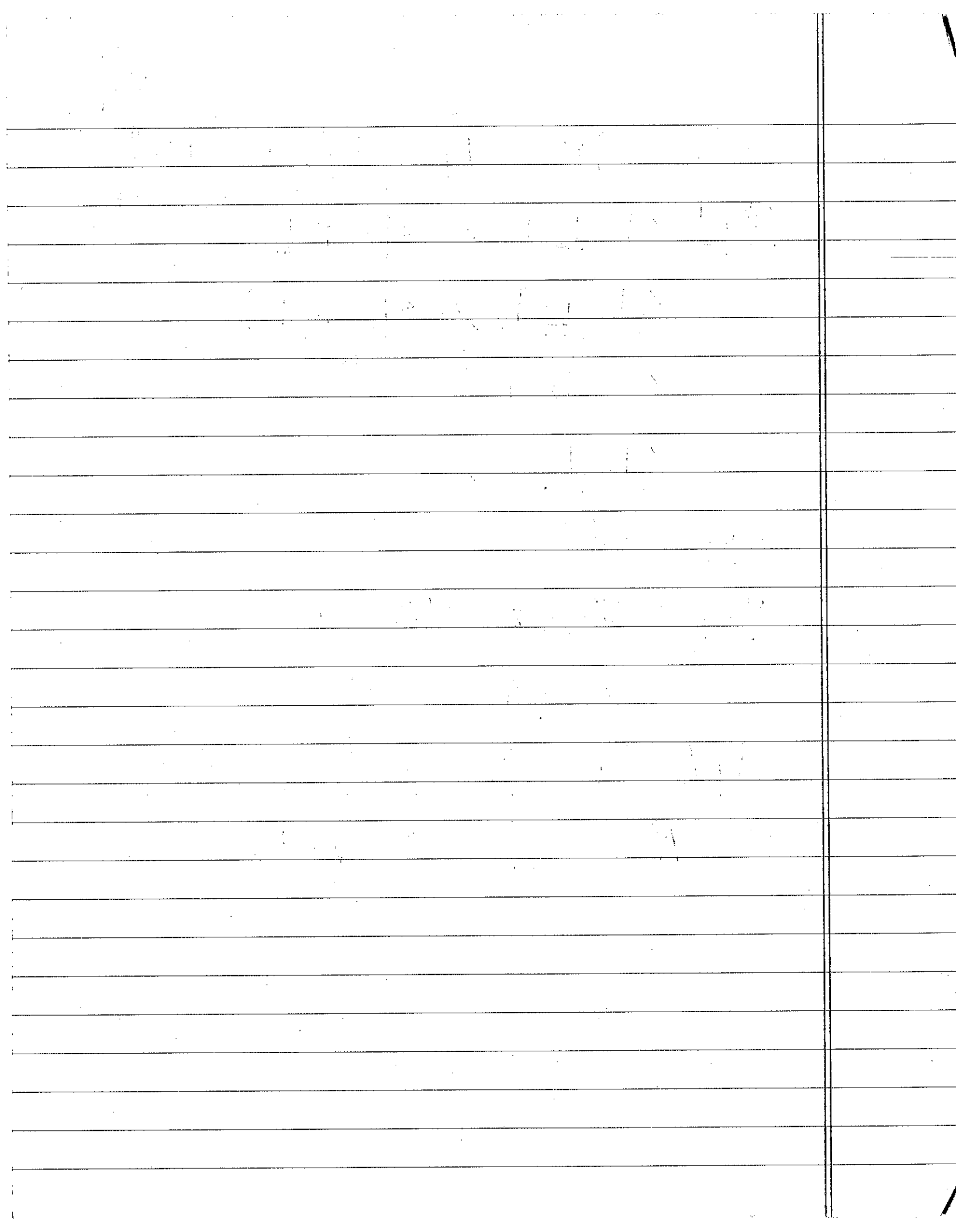
Step 2 ~~SS~~

Step 3      $SS_1 = 4$       $SS_2 = 1$

$SS_3 = 1$

Step 4      $\sigma_1 = \frac{4}{6}$       $\sigma_2 = \frac{1}{6}$       $\sigma_3 = \frac{1}{6}$

Rule: Always check that  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 = 1$ .



Example 2:

[40: 10, 10, 10]

4 players  $\Rightarrow$  4! coalitions  $4 \times 3 \times 2 = 24$

Step 1

$\langle P_1$

Coalitions starting with  $P_1$  (6)

- 2-2! |  $\langle P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 \rangle$   $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_1, P_2, P_4, P_3 \rangle$   $\langle P_1, P_4, P_2, P_3 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_1, P_3, P_2, P_4 \rangle$   $\langle P_1, P_4, P_3, P_2 \rangle$

Coalitions starting with  $P_2$

- $\langle P_2, P_1, P_3, P_4 \rangle$   $\langle P_2, P_3, P_4, P_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_2, P_1, P_4, P_3 \rangle$   $\langle P_2, P_4, P_1, P_3 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_2, P_3, P_1, P_4 \rangle$   $\langle P_2, P_4, P_3, P_1 \rangle$

Coalitions "

"  $P_3$

- $\langle P_3, P_1, P_2, P_4 \rangle$   $\langle P_3, P_2, P_4, P_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_3, P_1, P_4, P_2 \rangle$   $\langle P_3, P_4, P_1, P_2 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_3, P_4, P_1, P_2 \rangle$   $\langle P_3, P_4, P_2, P_1 \rangle$

"  $P_4$

- $\langle P_4, P_1, P_2, P_3 \rangle$   $\langle P_4, P_2, P_3, P_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_4, P_1, P_3, P_2 \rangle$   $\langle P_4, P_3, P_1, P_2 \rangle$   
 $\langle P_4, P_2, P_1, P_3 \rangle$   $\langle P_4, P_3, P_2, P_1 \rangle$

Step 2

Step 3:

$$S_1 = 18 \quad S_2 = 2 \quad S_3 = 2 \quad S_4 = 2$$

Step 4

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{18}{24} \quad \sigma_2 = \frac{2}{24} \quad \sigma_3 = \frac{2}{24} \quad \sigma_4 = \frac{2}{24}$$

Second method (Dangerous but quick).

If a coalition starts with  $P_1$  automatically  
the <sup>most</sup> second player is pivotal, each player gets to be  
after  $P_1$  only twice (order the last two).

In any other situation,  $P_1$  is pivotal.  
There are 24 coalitions not starting with  $P_1$ .

$$24 = (3 \times 3!) \quad \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \text{choose the first player (not } P_1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \text{order the other 3} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_1 = 24 \quad S_2 = 2 \quad S_3 = 2 \quad S_4 = 2$$

$$\bullet [50, 40, 10, 10, 10]$$

$$[7, 4, 3, 3, 2]$$

4 player 4! sequence coalitions = 24

$$\begin{array}{ll} \langle P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2 \rangle \\ \langle P_1, P_2, P_4, P_3 \rangle & \langle P_1, P_3, P_2, P_4 \rangle \\ \langle P_1, P_3, P_2, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_1, P_4, P_3, P_2 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \langle P_2, P_1, P_3, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_2, P_3, P_4, P_1 \rangle \\ \langle P_2, P_1, P_4, P_3 \rangle & \langle P_2, P_3, P_1, P_4 \rangle \\ \langle P_2, P_3, P_1, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_2, P_4, P_3, P_1 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \langle P_3, P_1, P_2, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_3, P_2, P_4, P_1 \rangle \\ \langle P_3, P_1, P_4, P_2 \rangle & \langle P_3, P_4, P_1, P_2 \rangle \\ \langle P_3, P_2, P_1, P_4 \rangle & \langle P_3, P_4, P_2, P_1 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \langle P_4, P_1, P_2, P_3 \rangle & \langle P_4, P_2, P_3, P_1 \rangle \\ \langle P_4, P_1, P_3, P_2 \rangle & \langle P_4, P_3, P_1, P_2 \rangle \\ \langle P_4, P_2, P_1, P_3 \rangle & \langle P_4, P_3, P_2, P_1 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} S_1 = 11 & S_2 = 6 & S_3 = 6 & S_4 = 1 \\ \sigma_1 = \frac{10}{24} & \sigma_2 = \frac{6}{24} & \sigma_3 = \frac{6}{24} & \sigma_4 = \frac{1}{24} \end{array}$$

# Lazy method

$P_1$  is pivotal when he is second after  $P_2$  or  $P_3$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle P, \underline{P_1}, *, * \rangle \\ \begin{array}{c} P_2 \text{ or } P_3 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} \times 2! \end{array}$$

$$2 \times 2 = 4.$$

$P_1$  is pivotal when he is third after anyone.

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle *, *, \underline{P_1}, * \rangle \\ \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 3 \text{ choices} & 2 \text{ choices} \end{array} \end{array} \quad 6.$$

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$S_1 = 6 + 4$$

$P_2$  is pivotal:

when he is second after  $P_1$

$$\langle P_1, P_2, *, * \rangle$$

when he is third and the first two are not  $P_1$

$$\langle *, *, P_2, P_1 \rangle$$

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$$\langle \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ P_1 \text{ or } P_3 \end{array}, P_2, * \rangle \rightarrow 2 \text{ choices.}$$

are  $\{P_1, P_3\}$ .

$$S_2 = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6 = S_3 \text{ (symmetry)}. \quad S_4 = 26 - S_1 - S_2 - S_3$$

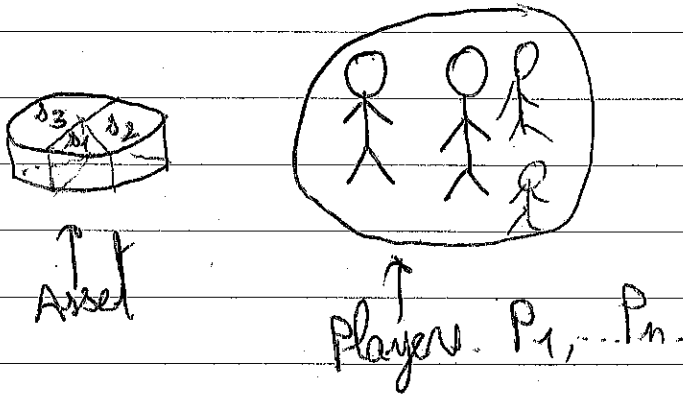
# Fair division games.

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Previously we were interested in voting methods and quantifying one's power in a vote.

Now we are interested in different type of games problems. Namely the mathematics behind sharing and division.

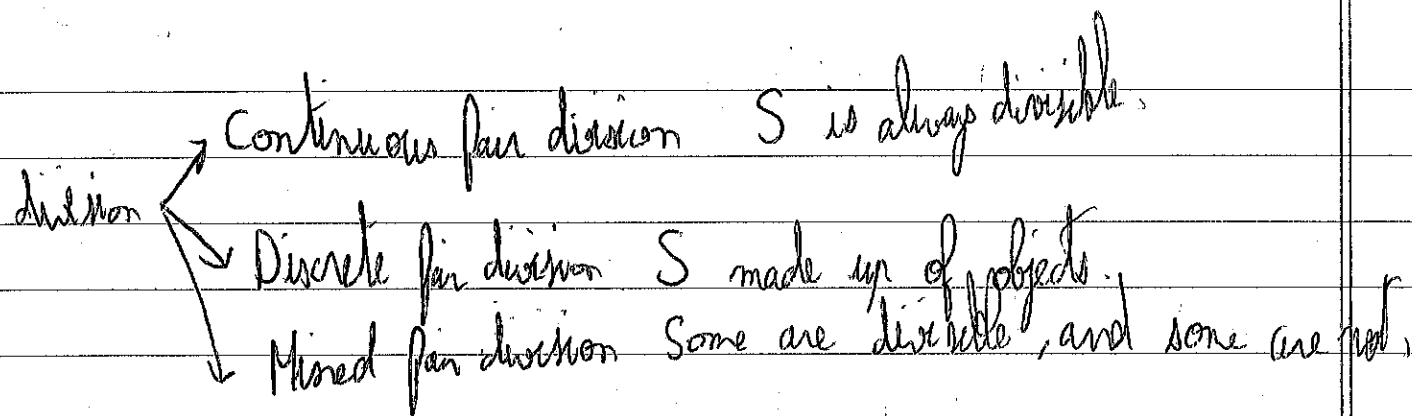
How this works:



Value system:  $v_1, v_2, v_3$   
 $P_1: v_1: 10\% \quad v_2: 33\% \quad v_3: 57\%$

Objective Find a method so that each player gets what he thinks is a fair share  $\frac{1}{N}$ th the asset.

The division method decides who gets what and how



The first method I present:

Divider chooses method.

"You cut, I choose".

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• The reasoning: If we have the same value,  
If I cut unequally, the chooser will  
choose the advantageous part.  
Otherwise I cut equally.

• If the chooser thinks one of the two  
part is more advantageous, he will take it.  
The chooser gets more.