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Parameterized Algorithms for Finding a Collective Set of Items

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Main definitions

- $N = [n]$ - set of agents
- $R = r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$ - set of items (resources)
- $u : R \rightarrow N$ - utility function
- $U = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ - preference profile
- bijection $u : R \rightarrow [m - 1] \cup 0$ - Borda preference function.
 $i : r_1 \succ r_2 \succ \dots \succ r_m$ - preference orders
- bijection $u : R \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ - approval preference function (weighted approval preference functions, when $0, q$)



Definitions. Ordered Weighted Average Operators.

- For a k-item set $S = s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k$ and preference function u , $\check{u}(S)$ - vector of utilities that u assigns to the items from S , sorted in nonincreasing order. $\dot{u}(S)$ - vector of items from S ordered nonincreasingly with respect to their utilities (ties are broken lexicographically).
- $\Lambda_k = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$ - vector of rational numbers
- $\sum_i \Lambda_k \cdot \check{u}_i(S)^T$ - OWA-score



Problem

Finding a k -item set with the highest possible OWA-score

OWA-WINNER problem. We are given a set $N = [n]$ of agents, a set R of m items, a preference profile U (consisting of n preference profiles), a positive integer $k < m$, an OWA-vector Λ_k , and an integer T . We ask whether there exists a k -item set $S \subseteq R$ such that $\Lambda_k - \text{score}_U(S) \geq T$.



Results

| OWA-vector | utilities | complexity | ref. |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ | any | FPT(n) | BSU |
| $(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ | any | FPT(n, π) XP(n) | Prop. 2 Prop. 8 |
| $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\pi, 0, \dots, 0)$, for $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_\pi$ | any | FPT(n, π) | Prop. 2 |
| $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$, for $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k$ | any | FPT(n, k) | Thm. 1 |
| $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$ | approval | FPT(n) | Prop. 4 |
| $(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ | approval | FPT(n) | Thm. 5 |
| OWA-vector has ρ different values | approval | FPT(n, ρ) | Thm. 5 |
| OWA is piecewise non-increasing with ρ pieces | approval | FPT(n, ρ) | Thm. 5 |
| $(1, 2, 3, \dots, k)$ | approval | FPT(n) | Thm. 6 |
| $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ $\lambda_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}, \forall i \in [k]$ | approval | W[1]-h.(n) | Thm. 7 |
| $(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ | Borda | W[1]-h.(n) FPT-AS(n) | Thm 3, Thm. 10 |
| $(1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots, 1/k)$ $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\pi, 0, \dots, 0)$, for $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_\pi$ | Borda | FPT-AS | Thm. 10 |

Table 1: Examples of the parametrized complexity of OWA-WINNER (it is NP-hard for all the listed settings; for vectors $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ this is due to Procaccia et al. (2008) and Lu and Boutilier (2011), for vectors $(1, 2, 3, \dots)$ this is due to Faliszewski et al. (2018b) and for other vectors this is due



Arbitrary Utilities

Theorem 1. There is an FPT algorithm for OWA-WINNER with nonincreasing OWA vectors, parameterized by the number of agents and the size of the item set.



Theorem 1. Proof

1. Let $S = s_1, \dots, s_k$ be a target k -item set.
2. Let for each agent i and each integer $j \in [k]$: $\psi_i(j) = l$ if $\dot{u}_i(S)[l] = s_j$.
Permutations, which describe orders $\dot{u}_i(S)$
3. Let $h : [k] \rightarrow R$ - the matching between S and items from R .
4. Then $\Lambda_k - score(S) = \sum_i \sum_j \lambda_{\psi_i(j)} u_i(h(j))$



Theorem 1. Proof

Algorithm

1. For all possible guesses of ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n we will find maximizing h . ($k! \cdot n$ variants)
2. Let $w(r, j) = \sum_i \lambda_{\psi_i(j)} u_i(h(j))$.
3. Form a complete bipartite graph with weights $w(r, j)$
4. Find a maximum-weight matching in this graph. Time: $O(k \cdot |R|)$
5. Return “yes” if the weight of h is at least T .

Time: $O(k! \cdot n \cdot k \cdot |R|) = O(|R| \cdot f(n, k))$



Theorem 1. Proof

Correctness

1. Let $W = h(1), \dots, h(k)$ be the set corresponding to h and let ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n be the permutations that lead to it
2. If $\forall i$ and $\forall j \neq j' \in [k]$ it holds that $\psi_i(j) < \psi_i(j') \rightarrow h(j)$ is ahead of $h(j')$ in $\dot{u}_i(W)$, then the weight of matching h in our bipartite graph equals the score of W .
3. Else $\exists i$ and $\exists j \neq j' \in [k]$ that $\psi_i(j) < \psi_i(j')$ but $h(j')$ is ahead of $h(j)$ in $\dot{u}_i(W)$
4. Swap the values of $\psi_i(j)$ and $\psi_i(j')$ (and update the weights of the edges in our bipartite graph).
5. Since $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k$, the new weight of h does not decrease and maximum does not increase. Repeat this process until we remove all inversions.



Borda utilities

$\beta(i)$ -WINNER

OWA-WINNER problem with Borda preferences and OWA-vector of the form $(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, where first $i - 1$ values are 0.

Theorem 3. $\beta(i)$ -WINNER is $W[1]$ -hard when parameterized by the number of agents.



Theorem 3. Proof

Main idea Reduce from the $W[1]$ -complete problem MULTICOLORED CLIQUE (parameterized by the solution size).

Notation

1. Let G be our input graph and let h be the number of colors ($h \geq 7$).
2. $V^{(i)} = \{v_1^i, \dots, v_q^i\}$ - the set of vertices of colour i
3. $E(i, j)$ - the set of edges between colour j, i
4. $E_j(v)$ - the set of edges between v and vertices of colour j . We assume $|E_j(v)| \leq q - 1$
5. $H = C_h^2$



Theorem 3. Proof

Form an instance of $\beta(2)$ -WINNER

1. $R = V(G) \cup E(G) \cup D$, where D - set of dummy items ($|D|$ - polynomial)
2. $L = 4hq + 4Hq^2 + 2(h - 1)^2q^2$
3. $D(l)$ listing l new dummy items that do not appear among the top L items in the other preference orders
4. *others* listing the remaining items in some arbitrary order
5. \vec{Y} - inverse order of that for Y
6. $k = h + H$ - item set size

Intention is that if there is a multicolored clique, then each highest-scoring item set consists of h vertex items and H edge items that form a clique.



Theorem 3. Proof

Form an instance of $\beta(2)$ -WINNER

Vertex selection group

1. $\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq h$ vertex selection group contains agents $v_{i,j}$ and $v'_{i,j}$ with preference orders:

$$v_{i,j} : V_{(i)} \succ V_{(j)} \succ D(L - 2q) \succ \text{others}$$

$$v'_{i,j} : \vec{V}_{(i)} \succ \vec{V}_{(j)} \succ D(L - 2q) \succ \text{others}$$



Theorem 3. Proof

Form an instance of $\beta(2)$ -WINNER

Edge selection group

1. $\epsilon = E(1, 2), E(1, 3), \dots, E(1, h), E(2, 1), \dots$
2. ϵ has H elements
3. $\epsilon'(l)$ the partial preference order of the form $\epsilon(l) \succ D(q^2 - |\epsilon(l)|)$. Use always fresh set of dummy items
4. $\forall 1 \leq l < l' \leq H$ edge selection group contains agents $e_{l,l'}$ and $e'_{l,l'}$ with preference orders:

$$e_{l,l'} : \epsilon'(l) \succ \epsilon'(l') \succ D(L - 2q^2) \succ \text{others}$$

$$e'_{l,l'} : \epsilon'(\vec{l}) \succ \epsilon'(\vec{l}') \succ D(L - 2q^2) \succ \text{others}$$



Theorem 3. Proof

Form an instance of $\beta(2)$ -WINNER

Consistency group

1. $S_j(v) = E_j(v) \succ D(q - 1 - |E_j(v)|) \succ v$
2. $\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq h$ consistency group contains agents $c_{i,j}$ and $c'_{i,j}$ with preference orders:

$$c_{i,j} : S_j(v_1^{(i)}) \succ \dots \succ S_j(v_q^{(i)}) \succ D(L - q^2) \succ \text{others}$$

$$c'_{i,j} : S_j(v_q^{(i)}) \succ \dots \succ S_j(v_1^{(i)}) \succ D(L - q^2) \succ \text{others}$$

3. $m = |R|$
4. $T = 2H(m - \frac{3}{2q} - \frac{1}{2}) + 2C_H^2(m - \frac{3}{2q^2} - \frac{1}{2}) + 2(h - 1)^2(m - \frac{q}{2} - \frac{q^2}{2})$.

Proposition there is an item set with score at least T if and only if G contains a multicolored clique of size h .

Theorem 3. Proof

1. **Proper item set** - if for each color $i \in [h]$ it contains a single vertex from $V^{(i)}$, and for each pair of colors $1 \leq i < j \leq h$, it contains a single edge from $E^{(i,j)}$.
2. Calculate the score of proper item set X
3. **Proposition.** If X corresponds to a multicolored clique, then it has score T ; otherwise its score is lower. Non-proper item sets have even lower scores.



Theorem 3. Proof

The score of proper item set X

1. $\forall v_{i,j}, v'_{i,j}$ - the second highest-ranked member of X is a vertex $v \in V^{(j)}$.
Vertex selection agents assign exactly
 $m - q - t + m - q - (q - t + 1) = 2m - 3q - 1$ points to X
2. Similarly each pair of edge selection agents assigns utility $2m - 3q^2 - 1$ to X
3. $H(2m - 3q - 1) + C_H^2(2m - 3q^2 - 1) = 2H(m - \frac{3}{2q} - \frac{1}{2}) + 2C_H^2(m - \frac{3}{2q^2} - \frac{1}{2})$.



Theorem 3. Proof

1. Let u and e be the respective unique members of $V^{(i)}$ and $E^{(i,j)}$ included in X .
2. If u is incident to e , then both agents $c_{i,j}$ and $c'_{i,j}$ rank e ahead of u . u the second highest-ranked member of X , then they assign $m - q + m - q^2 = 2m - q - q^2$ to X
3. If u is not incident to e , then u is the second highest-ranked member of X according to exactly one of $c_{i,j}$ and $c'_{i,j}$, and e is the second highest-ranked member of X according to the other one. Then these agents assign score strictly lower than $2m - q - q^2$.
4. If X contains vertices and edges that form a multicolored clique, then its score is T , else its score is below T



Approval Utilities

Theorem 4. There is an FPT algorithm, parameterized by the number of agents, for α -weighted-WINNER with OWAs of the form $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$.

