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# **Аксиоматический и эмпирический анализ способов многокритериального ранжирования в контексте проблемы оценки научных журналов**

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- (a) How to construct a reasonably good representation of the set of rankings which are based on bibliometric indicators?
  
- (b) What happens to the aggregates if the Hirsch index is excluded from the set of aggregated bibliometric indicators?



# Selected indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Database</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Publication window, years</i>	<i>Weighted</i>	<i>Size-dependent</i>
impact factor	WoS/JCR	2011	2	No	No
5-year impact factor	WoS/JCR	2011	5	No	No
immediacy index	WoS/JCR	2011	1	No	No
article influence	WoS/JCR	2011	5	Yes	No
Hirsch index	WoS	2007–2011 (papers and citations)	5	No	Yes
SNIP	Scopus	2011	3	No	No
SJR	Scopus	2011	3	Yes	No

- Economics: 212 journals
- Management: 93
- Political Science: 99

## Share of inversions, % (economic journals)

	impact factor	5-year impact factor	immediacy index	article influence	Hirsch index	SNIP	SJR
impact factor		<b>8.46</b>	24.59	18.13	15.45	15.09	14.23
5-year impact factor	<b>8.46</b>		24.25	13.72	13.15	13.66	12.20
immediacy index	24.59	24.25		26.00	25.57	<b>27.01</b>	25.25
article influence	18.13	13.72	26.00		17.15	16.31	15.50
Hirsch index	15.45	13.15	25.57	17.15		18.47	15.05
SNIP	15.09	13.66	<b>27.01</b>	16.31	18.47		17.28
SJR	14.23	12.20	25.25	15.50	15.05	17.28	

$X$  – the *general set* of alternatives

$A$  – the *feasible set* of alternatives:  $A \subseteq X \wedge A \neq \emptyset$ . The feasible set is a variable.

$N$  – the *society* (a group of voters or a panel of experts)

$u_i(x)$  – the *utility* of alternative  $x \in X$  for voter  $i \in N$ ,  $u_i(x): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$u_i(y) > u_i(x) \Leftrightarrow$  voter  $i$  strictly prefers  $y$  to  $x$

$U = \{ u_i(x) \mid i \in N \}$  – the profile of utility functions

$R$  – (*weak*) *social preferences*,  $R \subseteq X \times X$

$R$  is presumed to be complete:  $\forall x \in X, \forall y \in X, (x, y) \in R \vee (y, x) \in R$

$P$  – *strict social preferences*,  $P \subseteq R: (x, y) \in P \Leftrightarrow ((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \notin R)$

It is presumed that

$$R = R(P) \text{ and } P = P(U).$$

## *Aggregation rule $R=R(U)$*

- **Completeness:** all alternatives are comparable,  $xR(U)y \vee yR(U)x$
- **Transitivity:**  $(xR(U)y \wedge yR(U)z) \Rightarrow xR(U)z$
- **Neutrality:** the rule treats all alternatives equally
- **Anonymity:** the rule treats all aggregated rankings equally
- **Strong Pareto principle:** if  $x$  Pareto-dominates  $y$ , then  $xPy$
- **Full domain:** the rule can be applied in all cases, i.e. to any utility profile  $U$
- **Independence of irrelevant utilities:**  $\forall A \subseteq X, P(U)|_A = P(U|_A)$
- **Ordinality:** if utility profiles  $U$  and  $U'$  are such that  $\forall x, y \in A \subseteq X, \forall i \in N, u_i(x) > u_i(y) \Leftrightarrow u'_i(x) > u'_i(y)$ , then  $R(U|_A) = R(U'|_A)$  for any such  $A \subseteq X$ .

# The majority rule and the majority relation $P$ (formal definitions and representations)

$N$  – the set of indicators;  $u_k(x)$  – the value of indicator  $k$  for journal  $x$

## The majority rule

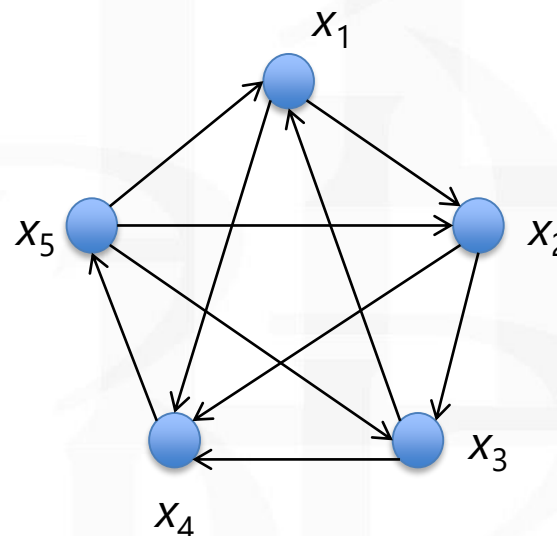
$x$  is better than  $y \Leftrightarrow \# \{ k \in N \mid u_k(x) > u_k(y) \} > \# \{ k \in N \mid u_k(y) > u_k(x) \}$

$P$  – **the majority relation**:  $(x, y) \in P \Leftrightarrow x$  is majority-preferred to  $y$

$\mathbf{M} = [m_{ij}]$  – matrix representing  $P$ :  $m_{xy} = 1 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in P$ ,  $m_{xy} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \notin P$

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
$x_1$	0	1	0	1	0
$x_2$	0	0	1	1	0
$x_3$	1	0	0	1	0
$x_4$	0	0	0	0	1
$x_5$	1	1	1	0	0

**Tournament matrix  $\mathbf{M}$**



**Majority digraph**

# Why the Majority rule? An axiomatic argument

- **Completeness**
- ~~**Transitivity**~~
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- **Positive responsiveness**
- **Computational Simplicity**



# Why the majority rule? An axiomatic argument

- **Strict Cardinal Monotonicity**: if utility profiles  $U$  and  $U'$  are such that  $\forall i \in N, u'_i(x) \geq u_i(x) \wedge u'_i(y) = u_i(y)$ , then  $xP(U)y \Rightarrow xP(U')y$  and  $xR(U)y \Rightarrow xR(U')y$
- **Positive responsiveness**: if utility profiles  $U$  and  $U'$  are such that  $\exists j \in N: (u_j(x) < u_j(y) \wedge u'_j(x) \geq u'_j(y)) \vee (u_j(x) = u_j(y) \wedge u'_j(x) > u'_j(y))$  and  $\forall i \in N \setminus \{j\}, u'_i(x) = u_i(x) \wedge u'_i(y) = u_i(y)$  and  $xR(U)y$  and  $yR(U)x$  then  $xP(U')y$
- **Computational simplicity**: there exists a polynomial algorithm for computing  $R(U)$ .

## The majority rule (example)

№	Journal	IF	5-IF	Immediacy index	Article influence	Hirsch	SNIP	SJR
1	Explorations in Economic History	<b>0.935</b>	0.898	<b>0.541</b>	0.772	7	<b>1.768</b>	<b>0.036</b>
2	Review of Income and Wealth	0.805	<b>1.103</b>	0.205	<b>0.850</b>	<b>9</b>	1.712	0.034

$4 > 3$

$J_1$  is better than  $J_2$

# The Condorcet paradox

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Review of Income and Wealth	<b>0.805</b>	<b>1.103</b>	<b>0.205</b>	0.850	<b>9</b>	<b>1.712</b>	0.034
Scandinavian Journal of Economics	0.514	<b>1.070</b>	0.150	<b>1.310</b>	<b>8</b>	1.426	<b>0.043</b>

$J_1$  is better than  $J_2$  ( $4 > 3$ )

$J_2$  is better than  $J_3$  ( $5 > 2$ )

$J_3$  is better than  $J_1$  ( $4 > 3$ )

# Numbers of 3-, 4- and 5-step $P$ -cycles and ties

## All seven rankings are aggregated

	<i>3-step cycles</i>	<i>4-step cycles</i>	<i>5-step cycles</i>	<i>Tied pairs</i>	<i>All pairs</i>
Economics	2446	22427	226103	197	22366
Management	203	787	3254	33	4278
Political Science	149	430	1344	73	4851

## Six rankings are aggregated (without $h$ -index)

	<i>3-step cycles</i>	<i>4-step cycles</i>	<i>5-step cycles</i>	<i>Tied pairs</i>	<i>All pairs</i>
Economics	167	822	3140	1248	22366
Management	19	36	57	212	4278
Political Science	21	58	142	261	4851

- The **Copeland rule**  
(ranking by the number of victories won in a tournament  $P$ )  
*Version 2* (a tie is counted as a loss)  
*Version 3* (a tie is counted as a victory)
- A sorting based on a **tournament solution**,  
which determines the winners of a tournament  $P$   
The best alternatives (the “winners”) are determined by  
the **uncovered set**  $UC$   
the **minimal externally stable** set  $MES$
- Ranking the nodes of a digraph representing  $P$  by  
**Markovian** random walk method

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- **Computational Simplicity**
- **Weak Arrowian Independence**  
**irrelevant alternatives**

- **Arrowian Independence of irrelevant alternatives**

**$AIIA \Leftrightarrow$  Independence of irrelevant utilities  $\wedge$  Ordinality**

$$\begin{aligned} \forall A \subseteq X, \forall x, y \in A, \forall i \in N, xR_i y \Leftrightarrow xR'_i y \wedge xP_i y \Leftrightarrow xP'_i y \\ \Rightarrow \\ xR(U|_A)y \Leftrightarrow xR(U'|_A)y \wedge xP(U|_A)y \Leftrightarrow xP(U'|_A)y. \end{aligned}$$

- **Weak Arrowian Independence of irrelevant alternatives**

Suppose the feasible set  $A$  is fixed. Then  $\forall x, y \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall i \in N, \forall z \in A, xR_i z \Leftrightarrow xR'_i z \wedge xP_i z \Leftrightarrow xP'_i z \wedge yR_i z \Leftrightarrow yR'_i z \wedge yP_i z \Leftrightarrow yP'_i z \\ \Rightarrow \\ xR(U|_A)y \Leftrightarrow xR(U'|_A)y \wedge xP(U|_A)y \Leftrightarrow xP(U'|_A)y. \end{aligned}$$

- **Completeness**
- **Transitivity**
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- **Computational Simplicity**
- **Weak Pareto principle**  
if  $x$  Pareto-dominates  $y$ , then  $xRy$
- **Independence of classes of irrelevant alternatives**
- **Cardinal Monotonicity**: if profiles  $U, U'$  are s.t.  $\forall i \in N, u'_i(x) \geq u_i(x) \wedge u'_i(y) = u_i(y)$ , then  $xR(U)y \Rightarrow xR(U')y$



## The sorting by *MES*. Axiomatic analysis (continued)

- **Idempotency:**  $\forall A, S(S(A))=S(A)$ .
- **The Aizerman-Aleskerov condition:**  $\forall A, \forall B, S(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A \Rightarrow S(B) \subseteq S(A)$ .
- **Nash Independence of irrelevant alternatives (I. of outcasts):**  
 $\forall A, \forall B, S(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A \Rightarrow S(B)=S(A)$ .

***NIIA  $\Leftrightarrow$  Idempotency  $\wedge$  the Aizerman-Aleskerov condition***

If a ranking rule  $R$  is a sorting based on a tournament solution  $S$  then  $R$  satisfies *Independence of classes of irrelevant alternatives* and (Cardinal/Ordinal) *Monotonicity* if  $S$  satisfies the *Nash IIA*.

*MES* satisfies the *Nash IIA*.

# The sorting by *UC*. Axiomatic analysis

- ***Completeness***
- ***Transitivity***
- ***Neutrality***
- ***Anonymity***
- ***Strong Pareto principle***
- ***Full domain***
- ~~***Independence of irrelevant utilities***~~
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# Rank correlations (continued)

## Kendall $\tau_b$ (economic journals)

	impact factor	5-year impact factor	immediacy index	article influence	Hirsch index	SNIP	SJR	Copeland (2)	Copeland (3)	UC	MES	Marcovian
impact factor	1.000	0.830	0.503	0.637	0.654	0.698	0.700	0.834	0.831	0.834	0.835	0.819
5-year IF	0.830	1.000	0.510	0.725	0.702	0.726	0.741	0.903	0.904	0.906	0.896	0.891
immediacy index	0.503	0.510	1.000	0.475	0.442	0.454	0.472	0.550	0.551	0.556	0.578	0.560
article influence	0.637	0.725	0.475	1.000	0.620	0.673	0.674	0.766	0.769	0.777	0.785	0.769
Hirsch index	0.654	0.702	0.442	0.620	1.000	0.592	0.650	0.738	0.737	0.737	0.747	0.729
SNIP	0.698	0.726	0.454	0.673	0.592	1.000	0.638	0.759	0.759	0.767	0.775	0.750
SJR	0.700	0.741	0.472	0.674	0.650	0.638	1.000	0.792	0.790	0.800	0.797	0.775
Copeland (2)	0.834	0.903	0.550	0.766	0.738	0.759	0.792	1.000	0.990	0.970	0.950	0.956
Copeland (3)	0.831	0.904	0.551	0.769	0.737	0.759	0.790	0.990	1.000	0.969	0.950	0.959

## Kendall $\tau_b$ (economic journals)

	IF	5-IF	Immediacy	AI	Hirsch	SNIP	SJR
5-year IF	<b>0.830</b>	<b>1.000</b>	0.510	0.725	0.702	0.726	0.741
Markovian	0.819	0.891	<b>0.560</b>	<b>0.769</b>	<b>0.729</b>	<b>0.750</b>	<b>0.775</b>

The Markovian ranking majority-dominates the ranking based on 5-IF

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The Markovian ranking represents the set of seven single-indicator-based rankings better than the ranking based of 5-year impact factor



# The rankings of rankings (all 7 aggregated)

<b>rank</b>	<b>Economics</b>	<b>Man. Sc.</b>	<b>Pol. Sc.</b>	<b>Previous results (2008)</b>
1	MES	MES	MES	UC
2	UC	UC	UC	MES
3	Copeland 3	Copeland 2	Copeland 3	Copeland 3
4	Copeland 2	Copeland 3	Copeland 2	Copeland 2
5	Markovian	Markovian	Markovian	Markovian
6	5-IF	5-IF	5-IF	IF
7	IF	SNIP	Hirsch	5-IF
8	SJR	Hirsch	AI / IF / SJR	SJR
9	AI	AI		AI / Hirsch / SNIP
10	SNIP	SJR		
11	Hirsch	IF	SNIP	
12	Immediacy	Immediacy	Immediacy	Immediacy



# The rankings of rankings (6 aggregated, *h* excluded)

rank	Economics	Management	Political Science
1	UC	UC / MES	UC
2	MES		MES
3	Copeland 2 / Copeland 3	Copeland 3	Copeland 2 / Copeland 3
4		Copeland 2	
5	Markovian	Markovian	Markovian
6	5-IF	5-IF	5-IF
7	IF	SNIP	IF
8	SJR	AI	SJR
9	AI / SNIP	IF / SJR	AI / SNIP
10			
11	Immediacy	Immediacy	Immediacy



# The rankings of rankings (Economics)

<b>rank</b>	<b>With <math>h</math>-index (7 aggregated)</b>	<b>Without <math>h</math>-index (6 aggregated)</b>
1	MES	UC
2	UC	MES
3	Copeland 3	Copeland 2 / Copeland 3
4	Copeland 2	
5	Markovian	Markovian
6	5-IF	5-IF
7	IF	IF
8	SJR	SJR
9	AI	AI / SNIP
10	SNIP	
11	Immediacy	Immediacy



# The rankings of rankings (Management Science)

<b>rank</b>	<b>With <math>h</math>-index (7 aggregated)</b>	<b>Without <math>h</math>-index (6 aggregated)</b>
1	MES	UC / MES
2	UC	
3	Copeland 2	Copeland 3
4	Copeland 3	Copeland 2
5	Markovian	Markovian
6	5-IF	5-IF
7	SNIP	SNIP
8	AI	AI
9	SJR	IF / SJR
10	IF	
11	Immediacy	Immediacy





# The rankings of rankings (Political Science)

<b>rank</b>	<b>With <math>h</math>-index (7 aggregated)</b>	<b>Without <math>h</math>-index (6 aggregated)</b>
1	MES	UC
2	UC	MES
3	Copeland 3	Copeland 2 / Copeland 3
4	Copeland 2	
5	Markovian	Markovian
6	5-IF	5-IF
7	AI / IF / SJR	IF
8		SJR
9		AI / SNIP
10	SNIP	
11	Immediacy	Immediacy

- (a) The rankings based on popular bibliometric indicator strongly and positively correlate with each other, but there always is a non-negligible percentage of contradictions.
- (b) To construct a good representation of the set of single-indicator-based rankings one may use a majority-rule-based rank aggregation procedure.
- (c) The exclusion of the Hirsch index from the set of indicators does not significantly change the results of such aggregation.

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