Social Choice — Spatial Models

1 Individual Preference R^i on Space X

Def 1: Better/worse sets

- (1) Upper contour set: $P_i(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid {}_yP^i{}_x\}, R_i(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid {}_yR^i{}_x\}$
- (2) Lower contour set: $\tilde{P}_i(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid x P^i_y\}, \tilde{R}_i(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid x R^i_y\}$
- (3) Indifference set: $I_i(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid {}_y I^i{}_x\}$

Def 2 (Continuity) For individual preference R^i on domain X:

- (1) R^i is upper continuous (UC) iff $\forall x \in X, P_i(x)$ is open [or $\tilde{R}_i(x)$ is closed]
- (2) R^i is lower continuous (LC) iff $\forall x \in X, \tilde{P}_i(x)$ is open [or $R_i(x)$ is closed]
- (3) R^i is continuous iff it is both UC and LC.

Condition F: R^i such that, for any *finite* set $S \subseteq X$, $\exists x \in X$: ${}_xR^i{}_y$, $\forall y \in S$.

Thm (Fan) If R^i is LC, then: R^i satisfies condition F iff $M(R^i, S) \neq \emptyset, \forall S \subseteq X$. $\square \land M(R, S)$ is defined for any sets, including *infinite* sets!¹

Def 3: Convex combination:

$$z = \lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n, \quad \lambda_i \ge 0, \quad \sum \lambda_i = 1$$

- (1) Convex set: any convex combination of elements in S is also in S.
- (2) Convex hull: $\operatorname{Hull}(S) \equiv \operatorname{minimal convex set containing } S$.

Def 4 (Convexity) For individual preference R^i on convex set X:

(1) R^i is strictly convex iff:

$$_{x}R^{i}_{y} \implies _{(\lambda x+[1-\lambda]y)}P^{i}_{y}, \,\forall \,\lambda \in (0,1)$$

(2) R^i is semi-convex iff:

$$\forall x \in X, x \notin \operatorname{Hull}(P_i(x))$$

Lmm: If individual preference R^i is strictly convex, then:

(1) it is semi-convex. [Pf: $x \in \operatorname{Hull}(P_i(x)) \Rightarrow {}_xP^i{}_x \not\sim$]

- (2) both $R_i(x)$ and $P_i(x)$ are convex sets for any $x \in X$.
- (3) indifference set $I_i(x)$ cannot be a thick stripe.
- (4) if $M(R^i, S) \neq \emptyset$, then $|M(R^i, S)| = 1$. [ie, $|M(R^i, S)| = 0$ or 1]

¹For finite X, COMP and ACYC are enough for $M(R, S) \neq \emptyset$. But for infinite X, LC is required.

Def 5 (Compactness) Individual preference R^i is:

- (1) compact if contour set $R_i(x)$ is compact for all x.
- (2) CCC if it is continuous, convex, and compact.
- **Def 6:** Utility function: $u_i(\cdot)$ such that: $u_i(x) > u_i(y) \rightleftharpoons {}_xP^i{}_y$ $\triangleright u_i(\cdot)$ is strictly quasi-concave iff R^i is strictly convex.
- **Lmm (Fan)** If X is compact and convex, and R^i is LC and semi-convex, then R^i satisfies condition F on X. And hence $M(R^i, \cdot) \neq \emptyset$ [by Fan's Thm].

Lmm (McKelvey 1979:Econ) For relation R^i that is CCC:

- (1) $P_i(x)$ is open.
- (2) $I_i(x)$ is closed without interior (ie: thin indifference sets).

2 Collective Preference on *K*-dim $X^{(K)} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^K$

Def 7 (Core) $C_f(\rho, X) \equiv M(f(\rho), X)$

 \triangleright If x is in core, then: $\not\exists y \in X, _yP_x$.

 \triangleright Each $x \in C_f(\rho, X)$ is a Condorcet winner.

Def 8 (Coalition contour set) For any non-empty coalition $L \subseteq N$ and $x \in X^{(K)}$:

- (1) Common better set $P_L(x) \equiv \bigcap_{i \in L} P_i(x)$: $y \in P_L(x) \Rightarrow \forall i \in L, y P_x^i$
- (2) Common worse set $\tilde{P}_L(x) \equiv \bigcap_{i \in L} \tilde{P}_i(x)$: $y \in \tilde{P}_L(x) \Rightarrow \forall i \in L, x P^i_y$

Def 9 (Collective contour set) For a given simple rule f and $x \in X^{(K)}$:

- (1) Win set $P_f(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid yP_x\} = \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(f)} P_L(x)$
- (2) Lose set $\tilde{P}_f(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid x P_y\} = \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(f)} \tilde{P}_L(x)$
- (3) Tie set $I_f(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid yI_x\}$

Lmm (McKelvey 1979) For preference R^i ($\forall i$) that is CCC and plurality rule f:

- (1) P(x) and $\tilde{P}(x)$ is open.
- (2) I(x) is closed without interior (ie: thin tie sets).
- Lmm (Thin Tie Sets) (McKelvey 1979) Let R be st-convex and continuous. If $y \in I(x)$, then for every neighborhood δ_y around y:

$$\delta_y \cap P(x) \neq \emptyset$$
 and $\delta_y \cap P(x) \neq \emptyset$

 \triangleright If $_{y}I_{x}$, then $[\exists z \in \delta_{y} : _{z}P_{x} \text{ and } \exists w \in \delta_{y} : _{x}P_{w}]$

- **Lmm:** Let $\rho = (R^1, \ldots, R^n)$ and all R^i be LC, then any simple rule $f(\rho)$ is LC.
- **Lmm:** Let domain $X^{(K)}$ be compact and convex, and f be a simple rule with $K \leq v(f) 2$. Then if profile ρ is semi-convex, $f(\rho)$ is also semi-convex.
- Cor (Schofield) Let domain $X^{(K)}$ be compact and convex, and profile ρ be LC and semi-convex. Then for any simple rule f with $K \leq v(f) - 2$, core $C_f(\rho, X) \neq \emptyset$.
- Thm (Schofield) For any non-collegial simple rule f with $K \ge v(f) 1$, there exists a continuously differentiable st-convex profile ρ with $C_f(\rho, X) = \emptyset$.
 - \triangleright For majority rule f, v(f) = 3, so K = 1 is required for $C_f(\rho, X) \neq \emptyset$.
 - \triangleright For n = 3 with different ideal points x_i^* on $X^{(2)}$, majority rules have empty core.

3 Induced Preferences

- $\gamma(x,y) \equiv \{z \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid \exists t \in \mathcal{R}, z = tx + [1-t]y\}$: line through x and y in \mathcal{R}^K $\gamma_x \equiv$ a line through x in \mathcal{R}^K $\Gamma_x \equiv$ set of all lines through x in \mathcal{R}^K $h_y^+(\gamma_x), h_y^-(\gamma_x) \equiv open half lines of <math>\gamma_x$ divided by point y
- **Def 11:** Let R^i be continuous and st-convex, and X be compact and convex. Then for any $x \in X$, *i*'s induced ideal point on line γ_x is:

$$b^{i}(\gamma_{x}) \equiv \{ z \in (\gamma_{x} \cap X) \mid {}_{z}R^{i}{}_{y}, \forall y \in (\gamma_{x} \cap X) \}$$

Def 12: Half-line coalitions divided by y on γ_x :

$$L_{y}^{+}(\gamma_{x}) \equiv \{i \in N \mid b^{i}(\gamma_{x}) \in h_{y}^{+}(\gamma_{x})\}, \ L_{y}^{-}(\gamma_{x}) \equiv \{i \in N \mid b^{i}(\gamma_{x}) \in h_{y}^{-}(\gamma_{x})\}$$

Def 13: Induced f-median on γ_x : For simple rule f and $x \in X$,

$$\mu_f(\gamma_x) \equiv \{ y \in (\gamma_x \cap X) \mid L_y^+(\gamma_x) \notin \mathcal{L}(f) \text{ and } L_y^-(\gamma_x) \notin \mathcal{L}(f) \}$$

Thm (Cox 1987) Let f be simple and ρ be continuous and st-convex, then:

$$x \in C_f(\rho, X) \implies x \in \mu_f(\gamma_x), \ \forall \gamma_x \in \Gamma_x \blacksquare$$

▷ Core requires radial symmetry among voters: *median in all directions*.

²<u>Proof</u>: $\tilde{P}_L(x)$ is finite intersection of open sets $\{\tilde{P}_i(x)\}$ over *i*, so $\tilde{P}_L(x)$ is open. Then $\tilde{P}_f(x)$, which is union of $\tilde{P}_L(x)$ over *L*, is open.

Remark 1: When the core does not exist for sure, it *rarely* exists.

- Voters' ideal points must line up symmetrically.
- Plott [1967:AER]: extension to non-Euclidean preferences.
- McKelvey/Schofield [1987:Econ]: no coalition can agree on where to move together.

Remark 2: When the core does not exist for sure, it is *fragile* even if it exits.³

EX: Non-empty cores: 4 voters at corners of a square.

4 Median Voter Theorem (for 1-dim Choices)

Def 14 (Single-peakedness) Let $X \subset \mathcal{R}$. A profile $\rho \in \Psi^n$ is single-peaked (SP) iff: There exists an *order* of X on \mathcal{R} such that $\forall i \in N, \exists x_i^* \in X$:

(1) $x_i^* P^i_y, \forall y \in X$

- (2) $y < z < x_i^* \Rightarrow {}_z P^i{}_y$
- (3) $x_i^* < z < y \Rightarrow {}_z P^i{}_y$

Lmm: Let $X \subset \mathcal{R}$ be convex and $R^i \in \Psi$, then:

- (1) if individual preference R^i is SP, then R^i is strictly convex.
- (2) if R^i is strictly convex and $M(R^i, X) \neq \emptyset$, then R is SP.
- **Thm (Median Voter)** (Black 1958) Let f be simple and $X \subset \mathcal{R}$. Then if ρ is SP and continuous on X, then $C_f(\rho, X) = \mu_f(\rho, X) \neq \emptyset$.

5 Sincere/Myopic Voting (under Centralized Agenda Setting)

Def 15a: Hyperplanes and half-spaces:

- (1) Hyperplane: $H_{y,c} \equiv \{x \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid x \cdot y = c\}$ for vector $y \in \mathcal{R}^K$ and scalar $c \in \mathcal{R}$.⁴
- (2) Open half space: $H_{y,c}^+ \equiv \{x \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid x \cdot y > c\}, \quad H_{y,c}^- \equiv \{x \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid x \cdot y < c\}$ (3) Closed half space: $\bar{H}_{y,c}^+ \equiv \{x \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid x \cdot y \ge c\}, \quad \bar{H}_{y,c}^- \equiv \{x \in \mathcal{R}^K \mid x \cdot y \le c\}$
- **Def 15b (Median hyperplane)** $H_{y,c}$ with $|\{i \mid x_i^* \in H_{y,c}^+\}| \le \frac{n}{2}$ and $|\{i \mid x_i^* \in H_{y,c}^-\}| \le \frac{n}{2}$ \triangleright Convention: denoted H_y with ||y|| = 1 and minimal c.
- **Def 15c (Total median)** x^* is a TM if $\forall y, \exists$ median hyperplane $H_{y,c}$ with $x^* \in H_{y,c}$

Def 15d: A total median x^* is strong if $H_{y,c}$ is unique for all y.

³That is, it will be gone with just a little perturbation.

⁴It is a plane perpendicular to vector y.

Thm (Davis/Degroot/Hinich 1972:Econ) For any majority rule *f*:

(1) There exists a total median iff:

$$\bigcap_{y} \bar{H}_{y}^{+} \neq \emptyset$$

(2) x^* is a total median iff $x \in C_f(\rho, X)$.

(3) If x^* is strong, then social order R is transitive on X:

$$_{x}R_{y} \rightleftharpoons ||x - x^{*}|| \leq ||y - x^{*}||$$

Remark: For majority rules and Euclidean individual preferences:

- n odd: TM is unique and strong, and hence R is transitive.
- n even: TM not strong, and R not transitive

(Eg) x_i^* on 4 corners of a square: $\operatorname{TM} x^* = \frac{\sum x_i^*}{4}$ is not strong, and R not transitive.

- **Lmm (Helley)** Let H_1, \ldots, H_{K+m} (m > 0) be compact and convex sets in \mathcal{R}^K , If intersection of every sub-family of (K+1) sets is non-empty, then $H_1 \cap \cdots \cap H_{K+m} \neq \emptyset$.
- **Thm (Chaos)** (McKelvey 1976:JET) Let $n \geq 3$ be finite and $X \subset \mathcal{R}^K$ be compact and convex. Individual preference $u_i : X \mapsto \mathcal{R}$ is Euclidean:

$$u_i(x) = \phi_i(||x - x^*||)$$
 where $\phi'_i(\cdot) < 0$

For any majority rule f, if $C_f(\rho, X) = \emptyset$, then for any $x, y \in X$, there exists a finite sequence $z_0, \ldots, z_T \in X$ such that (i) $z_0 = x$, $z_T = y$; and (ii) $z_{t+1}P_{z_t}, 0 \le t < T$.

- \triangleright Global cycling: majority rule may wander anywhere with a naive voting body!
- \triangleright For open decentralized agenda formation, no equilibrium exists!

 \triangleright Generalization of core: uncovered set (McKelvey 1986)

6 Sophisticated Voting (under Centralized Agenda Setting)

- **EX:** Committee chair with tie-breaking power. [Farguharson 1969] Congress voting on pay raise.
- **Def 16:** Binary agenda under amendment process: $\mathcal{B} = (x_1, \ldots, x_t)$ with $x_1 \equiv$ status quo
 - (1) Forward agenda: $(x_1, \ldots, x_t) = (((((x_1, x_2), x_3), \cdots), x_t))$
 - (2) Backward agenda: $(x_1, \ldots, x_t) = (x_1, \cdots, (x_4, (x_5, x_6)))))$
- Def 17: Sophisticated voting [Farguharson 1969]: iterated elimination of dominated strategies Multi-stage sophisticated voting [McKelvey/Niemi 1978:JET]

Def 18: For a forward binary agenda $\mathcal{B} = (x_1 \dots, x_t)$, its sophisticated equivalent (SEQ) $\mathcal{Z} = (z_1 \dots, z_t)$ is constructed as:

(i)
$$z_t = x_t$$
; (ii) for $i < t$, $z_i = \begin{cases} x_i, & \text{if } x_i P_{z_j}, \forall j > i \\ z_{t+1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Thm (Equivalence) (Shepsle/Weingast 1984:AJPS) For a forward binary agenda \mathcal{B} , the first element z_1 of its SEQ \mathcal{Z} identifies the sophisticated outcome. And z_1 is called the sophisticated voting equilibrium (SVE).
- Thm (Intersecting Win-sets) (S/W 1984:AJPS Thm 2) For agenda \mathcal{B} of length t, its SVE z_1 satisfies:

$$z_1 \in \bigcap_{j=2}^t P(z_j) \blacksquare$$

Def 19: x dominates $y [_xD_y]$ iff $P(x) \subseteq P(y)$ and $R(x) \subseteq R(y)$ Undominated set $UD(X) \equiv \{x \in X \mid \not \exists y \in X : {}_yD_x\} = \{x \mid \forall y \in X : \sim {}_yD_x\}$ $D(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid {}_yD_x\}$ $\tilde{D}(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid {}_xD_y\}$

Def 20: $x \text{ covers } y [_xC_y] \text{ iff } _xP_y \text{ and } P(x) \subset P(y) [S/W 1984]$ Uncovered set $UC(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid \sim_x C_y\}$ Uncovered set $UC(X) \equiv \{x \in X \mid \not\exists y \in X : {}_yC_x\} = \{x \mid \forall y \in X : \sim_y C_x\}$ $\triangleright {}_xC_y \rightleftharpoons {}_xP_y \text{ and } {}_xD_y [S/W 1984 \text{ footnote } 8]$ $\triangleright {}_Cf(\rho, X) \subseteq UC(X) [\because {}_xR_y \Rightarrow \sim_y C_x]$ $\triangleright UD(X) \subseteq UC(X) [\because {}_yD_x \Rightarrow \sim_y C_x]$ $\triangleright C_f(\rho, X) \not\subseteq UD(X), UD(X) \not\subseteq C_f(\rho, X)$

Lmm (McKelvey 1986:AJPS Prop 3) For continuous and convex R^i :

- (1) Relation C and D are SYM, IRR, TRAN, and ACYC.
- (2) Set D(x) is closed for any $x \in X$.

Lmm (S/W 1984 Lmm1) $P(y) \subseteq P(x) \implies \tilde{P}(x) \subseteq \tilde{P}(y) \blacksquare$

- Lmm (S/W 1984 Lmm2) $y \in P(x)$ but $\sim {}_{y}C_{x} \implies P(y) \cap \tilde{P}(x) \neq \emptyset \blacksquare$ $\triangleright P(y) \not\subset P(x) \implies P(y) \cap \tilde{P}(x) \neq \emptyset$ $\triangleright P(y) \not\subset P(x) \implies \exists z : {}_{x}P_{z}P_{y}$
- **Thm** (S/W 1984:AJPS Thm 3) For any $x, y \in X$, there exists a finite agenda \mathcal{B} with y being the first element and x being its SVE, iff $\sim {}_{y}C_{x}$.
 - \triangleright Can reach any point uncovered by y through a binary agenda.
 - \triangleright Any point in UC(y) can be reached as an SVE.
 - \triangleright For open agenda processes, the core is UC(X).

- Thm (2-step Principle) (S/W 1984:AJPS Cor 3.1) Starting with y, for any point x that is the SVE of some finite agenda, there is an agenda that can produce x in at most two steps.
- **Def 21:** Relation Q is a chain (or total order) on X iff Q is COMP, IRR, and TRAN. $\triangleright x$ is a maximal element with regards to relation Q iff $\forall y \in X, \sim {}_{y}Q_{x}$. \triangleright Set $S (\subseteq X)$ has an *upper bound* iff $\exists y \in X, \forall x \in S, {}_{y}Q_{x}$.
- **Lmm (Zorn)** For any relation Q on X, if all chains on X are upper-bounded, then X has a maximal element with regards to Q.
- **Thm** (McKelvey 1986:AJPS Thm 1) If X is compact, and individual preferences are continuous and convex, then $UD(X) \neq \emptyset$ and $UC(X) \neq \emptyset$.

Remark: S/W results not applicable to non-binary agendas.

<u>EX:</u> 3 voters, 7 alternatives, majority rule: $R^1: a \succ c \succ z \succ b \succ y \succ x \succ q$

 $R^{2}: b \succ y \succ c \succ x \succ a \succ z \succ q$ $R^{3}: x \succ z \succ a \succ y \succ c \succ b \succ q$ $\implies z \text{ is SVE, but covered by } a.^{5}$

Remark: For two-candidate Downsian competition, candidates are located in core.⁶

7 Structure-induced Equilibrium (SIE)

- Assumptions: Policy space $X (\subseteq \mathcal{R}^K)$ is compact and strictly convex. Individual preferences are continuous and strictly convex.
- **Def 22:** $V_j(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid y = x + \lambda e_j, \lambda \in \mathcal{R}\}$, where $e_j \ (\in \mathcal{R}^K)$ is the dim-*j* basis vector. $S_j(x) \equiv \{y \in V_j(x) \mid \ \exists z \in V_j(x), \ _zP_y\}$: collective choice on $V_j(x)$.
 - \triangleright (Kramer 1972:JMS Lmm 3) $S_j(x)$ is non-empty, compact and convex for simple f.

Def 23 (Issue-by-issue core) $C_f^I(\rho, X) \equiv \{x \in X \mid x \in S_j(x), \forall j = 1, \dots, K\}$

Thm (Kramer 1972:JMS Thm 1') For issue-by-issue voting, $C_f^I(\rho, X) \neq \emptyset$. That is,

$$\exists x^* \in X : x^* \in \bigcap_{j=1,\dots,K} S_j(x^*) \blacksquare$$

- $\triangleright C_f^I(\rho, X)$ may not be SVE. (Order of issues matters.)
- \triangleright [EX] Congress is a committee system: a decisive coalition for each issue.

⁵Since $_aP_z$ and $\{x\} = P(a) \subset P(z) = \{x, a, c\}$, we have $_aC_z$.

⁶Both candidates will choose the median voter's ideal point x^* as their platform, so outcome is in core.

Remark: (Shepsle 1979:AJPS Ex 3.1)

- TM may not be in core $C_f^I(\rho, X)$.
- The core may be outside the Pareto set.

Def 24: Individual preferences are additively separable on $X^{(K)}$ if:

$$u(x_1,\cdots,x_K) \equiv u_1(x_1) + \cdots + u_K(x_K)$$

- \triangleright Optimal x_i is independent of $x_j, \forall j \neq i$.
- **Thm** (Kramer 1972:JMS Thm 2) For separable preferences, if $x^* \in C_f^I(\rho, X)$, then x^* is an issue-by-issue SVE.
 - \triangleright Order of issues does not matter.
 - \triangleright Reconsideration of issues does not matter.
 - \triangleright Simultaneous or sequential consideration does not matter.

8 Constitutional Design

Def 25: $C_f(\rho, X, \Upsilon, \beta)$: core of the constitutional design game State-dependent preference ρ over outcomes Outcome function Υ : $s_1 \times \cdots \times s_n \mapsto X$, with $s_i \equiv$ strategy set of iBehavioral model β : DSE, Nash, admissible Nash, Baysian Nash, SPE, etc. Game design $\varphi(\rho): \Psi^n \mapsto X$ \triangleright Assume $|C_f(\rho, X, \Upsilon, \beta)| = 1$.

Ex (Solomon Game) (Moore 1992) 2 women A, B fighting for a baby:

- Possible outcomes:
 - a: A gets the baby
 - b: B gets the baby
 - c: Baby cut in halves
 - d: A and B both cut in halves
- Preferences:
 - State 0 (A is mother): A: $a \succ b \succ c \succ d$; B: $b \succ c \succ a \succ d$
 - State 1 (B is mother): A: $a \succ c \succ b \succ d$; B: $b \succ a \succ c \succ d$
- Game design of Solomon: $\varphi(0) = a, \, \varphi(1) = b$
- \implies Game not implementable in Nash!
- Thm (Gibbard/Satterthwaite) Let X be finite with $|X| \ge 3$. Then φ is implementable in dominant strategy (DS) iff φ is dictatorial.

Thm (Zhou) Let $X \subseteq \mathcal{R}^K$ $(K \ge 2)$ be compact and convex, and preferences ρ be continuous and st-convex. Then φ is implementable in DS only if φ is dictatorial.

Condition NV (NoVeto) $\forall x, y \in X, \forall \rho \in \mathbb{R}^n: |R(x, y; \rho)| = n - 1 \Rightarrow x \in \varphi(\rho).$

Condition MM (Maskin Monotonicity) $\forall x, y \in X, \forall \rho, \rho' \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

 $x \in \varphi(\rho)$ and $R(x, y; \rho) \subseteq R(x, y; \rho') \implies x \in \varphi(\rho')$

Def 26: φ is constant if $\forall \rho, \rho' \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \varphi(\rho) = \varphi(\rho')$

Lmm: φ is constant iff it is MM.

Thm (Maskin) Suppose φ satisfies NV, and $n \geq 3$. Then φ is Nash-implementable iff it satisfies MM.

 \triangleright The Solomon game violates condition MM.

Thm (Palfrey/Srivastava) Let $|X| \ge 3$, and no player is completely indifferent over all alternatives. Then any φ that satisfies NV is implementable in *admissible Nash*.

Remark: The Solomon game is implementable in admissible Nash. <Strategy> A and B simultaneously announce state and an integer. <Rule> If announced states disagree, outcome is d. Otherwise, ... <Equilibrium> Both announce true state and say 1.

9 Related Research

- Shepsle (1979 AJPS): Simple institutional arrangement (SIA)
 - gate-keeping committee
 - floor amendment via majority under germaneness rule
- Laver/Shepsle, Austin-Smith/Banks (1990 APSR): Portfolio allocation
- Romer/Rothenthal (1979): Propose-pivot paradigm
 - Proposer has proposal power: will propose own ideal point
 - Outcome distorted in favor of proposer
 - Maybe somewhat balanced by veto power of other members
- Baron/Ferejohn (1989): Pork barrel
- Groseclose/Snyder (1995), Diermeier/Myerson (1995): Vote-buying