

# Random Utility without Regularity

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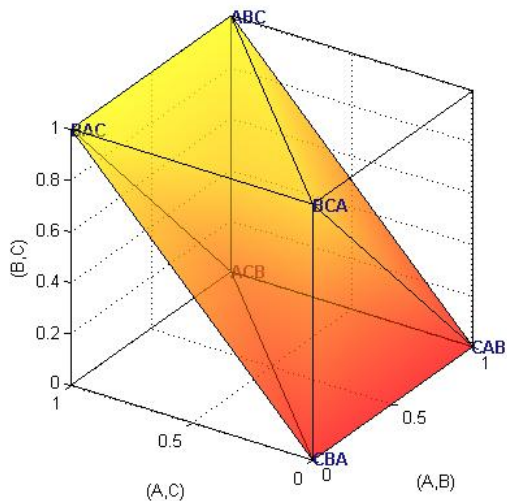
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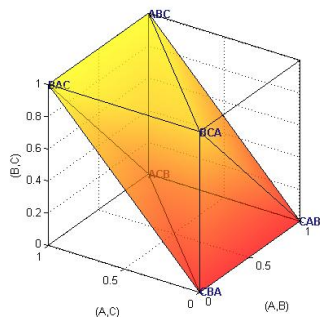
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$ \mathcal{A} $ :	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
# FDI's:	2	10	20	910	87,472	$> 4.8 \times 10^8$	unknown

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Test of *Rationality (Transitivity) of Preference*:



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How about “context:”    Description vs. Experience

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Let  $\mathcal{R}^{\{D,E\}}$  denote a finite collection of pairs of binary preference relations of the form  $(\succ^D, \succ^E)$ , where

$x \succ^D y$  denotes that  $x$  is preferred to  $y$  in description

$x \succ^E y$  denotes that  $x$  is preferred to  $y$  in experience

according to context-dependent preference pattern  $(\succ^D, \succ^E) \in \mathcal{R}^{\{D,E\}}$ .

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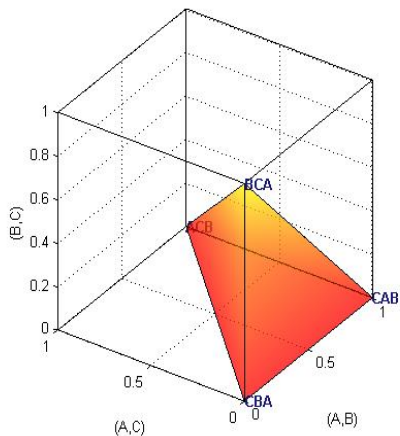
There is a probability distribution over  $\mathcal{R}^{\{D,E\}}$  such that

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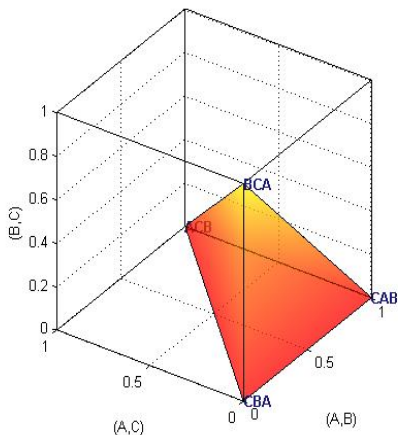
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Derived possible preferences from Cumulative Prospect Theory  
(Tversky & Kahneman, *J. of Risk & Uncertainty*, 1992)

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$OV_5$	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
$OV_6$	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
$OV_7$	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
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Inequality constraints

$$\sum_{Y: X \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathcal{A}} (-1)^{|Y \setminus X|} P_Y(x) \geq 0, \quad (\text{for all possible } x \in X \subseteq \mathcal{A}).$$

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*Block-Marschak Polynomials for  $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c\}$*

$$P_{\mathcal{A}}(x) \geq 0, \quad (\forall x \in \mathcal{A}),$$

$$P_X(x) \geq P_{\mathcal{A}}(x), \quad (\forall X \subset \mathcal{A}, |X| = 2),$$

$$1 - P_{\{x,y\}}(x) - P_{\{x,z\}}(x) + P_{\mathcal{A}}(x) \geq 0, \quad (\forall \{x, y, z\} = \{a, b, c\}),$$

(using  $P_{\{x\}}(x) = 1$ )

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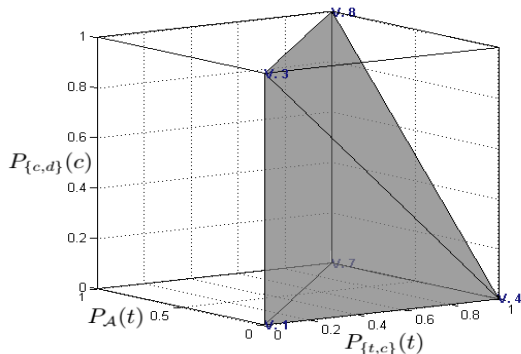
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# Linear Ordering Polytope & Regularity

Fiorini (*JMP*, 2004) gave FDI's of Linear Ordering Polytope.



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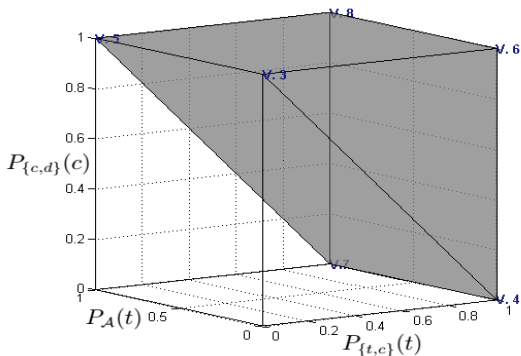
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$$V_4 : t \succ d \succ c, c \triangleright t \triangleright d; \quad V_5 : c \succ t \succ d, t \triangleright d \wedge t \triangleright c$$

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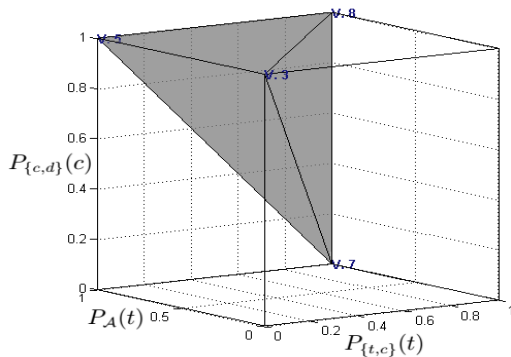
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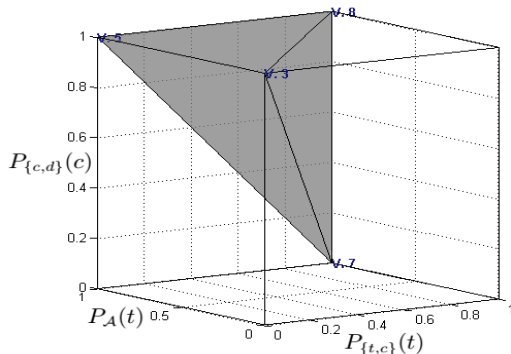
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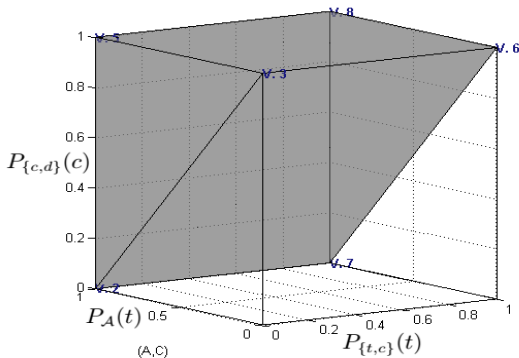


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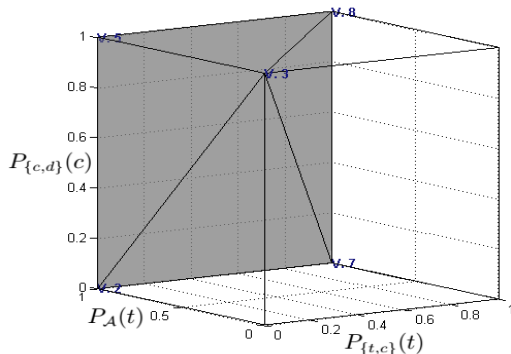
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