
Human-AI Cooperation for Fairness Elicitation

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What is the Justifiable Fairness Concept?

What's the best way to allocate the funds?



| Options\Groups | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----|----|
| New Campus Bike Path | 8 | 3 | 10 |
| Residential Hall Renovation | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| More Solar Panels | 5 | 10 | 5 |



Utilitarian






Nash



Egalitarian

Power Mean (Generalized Mean)

Justifiable Fairness Concepts can be represented by Power Mean (p) !

| Groups (G) |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Utility (s) | 8 | 3 | 10 |
| Weights (w) ($\ w\ _1 = 1$) | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{3}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ |




$$M_p(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^g w_i s_i^p}$$

Special Cases:




- $M_0(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^g s_i^{w_i}$
- $M_\infty(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \max_{1 < i < g} s_i$
- $M_{-\infty}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \min_{1 < i < g} s_i$

| Power Mean Welfare (Unweighted) (P = 1) | Power Mean Welfare (Weighted) (P = 1) |
|--|---|
| $M_1(\langle 8, 3, 10 \rangle; \langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \rangle) =$ $\sqrt[1]{\frac{1}{3}(81 + 31 + 101)} = 7$ | $M_1(\langle 8, 3, 10 \rangle; \langle \frac{1}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \rangle) =$ $\sqrt[1]{\frac{1}{5}8^1 + \frac{3}{5}3^1 + \frac{1}{5}10^1} = 5.4$ |

Power Mean - Fairness Concept

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For the simplicity, assume uniform weights for groups.

| Options\Type | Utilitarian (P = 1) | Nash (P = 0) | Egalitarian (P = $-\infty$) |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| New Campus Bike Path | $\sqrt[1]{\frac{1}{3}(8^1 + 3^1 + 10^1)} = 7$  | $(8 * 3 * 10)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 6.2145$ | $\min(8, 3, 10) = 3$ |
| Residential Hall Renovation | $\sqrt[1]{\frac{1}{3}(4^1 + 8^1 + 8^1)} \approx 6.7$ | $(4 * 8 * 8)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 6.3496$  | $\min(4, 8, 8) = 4$ |
| More Solar Panels | $\sqrt[1]{\frac{1}{3}(5^1 + 10^1 + 5^1)} \approx 6.7$ | $(5 * 10 * 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 6.2996$ | $\min(5, 10, 5) = 5$  |

Why Power Mean

Previous work: An Axiomatic Theory of Provably-Fair Welfare-Centric Machine Learning

Distance Between Power Mean Fairness Concepts

What does it even mean to measure distance between fairness concepts?




Intuitive Solution:

Difference between welfare given same sentiment value and probability measure!

$$|M_{p_{\uparrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})|$$

Distance Between Power Mean Fairness Concepts

$$|M_1(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{-\infty}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})|$$

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Distance Between Power Mean Fairness Concepts

$$\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \sup_{\mathbf{s} \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\uparrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})|$$

Properties:

- Triangle Inequality
- Symmetric
- Positive-Definiteness
 - $F(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$
 - $F(x, y) \geq 0$

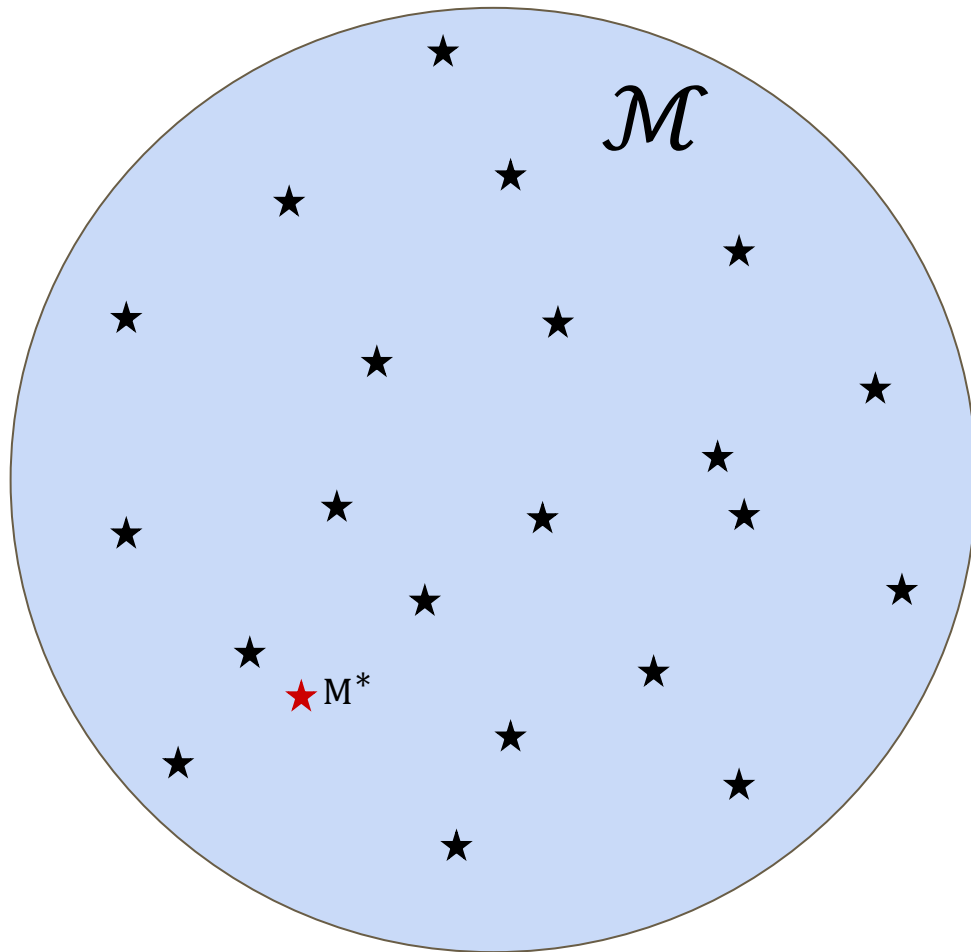


Problem Setup

\mathcal{M} : Justifiable Fairness Concept Set

M^* : Human Cardinal Fairness Concept

Query: $M^*(s; w) > M^*(s'; w')$?



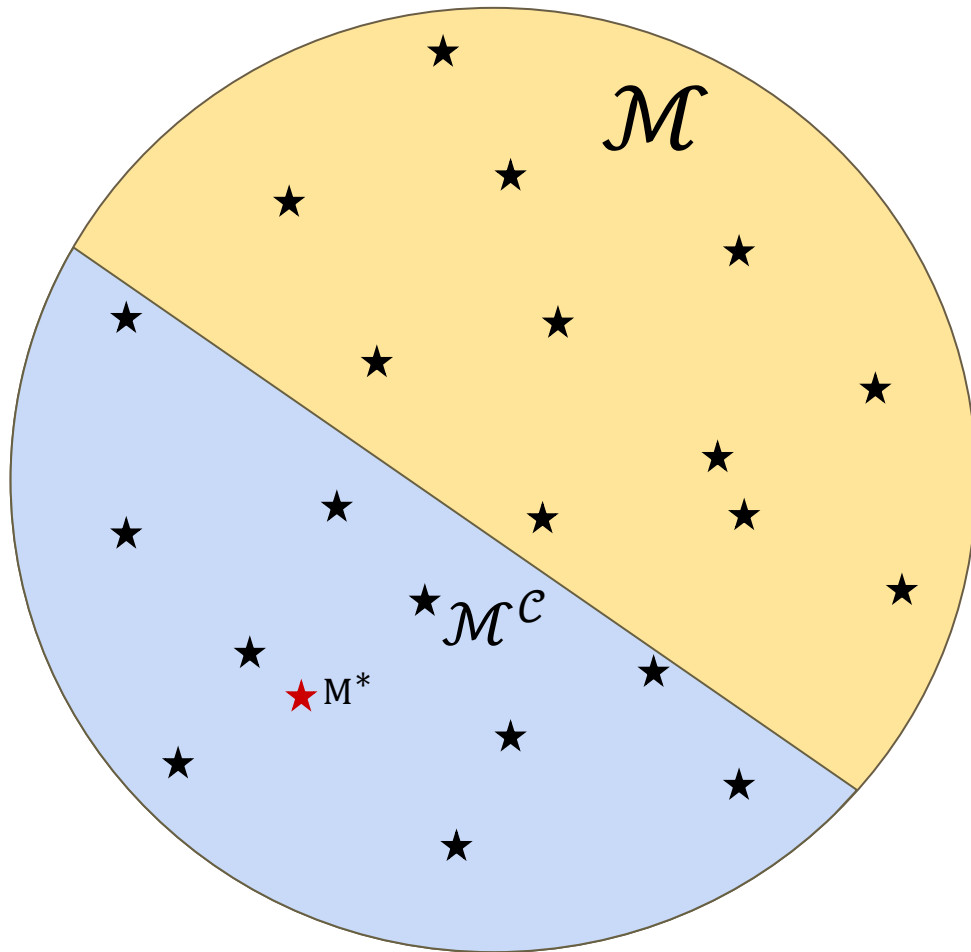
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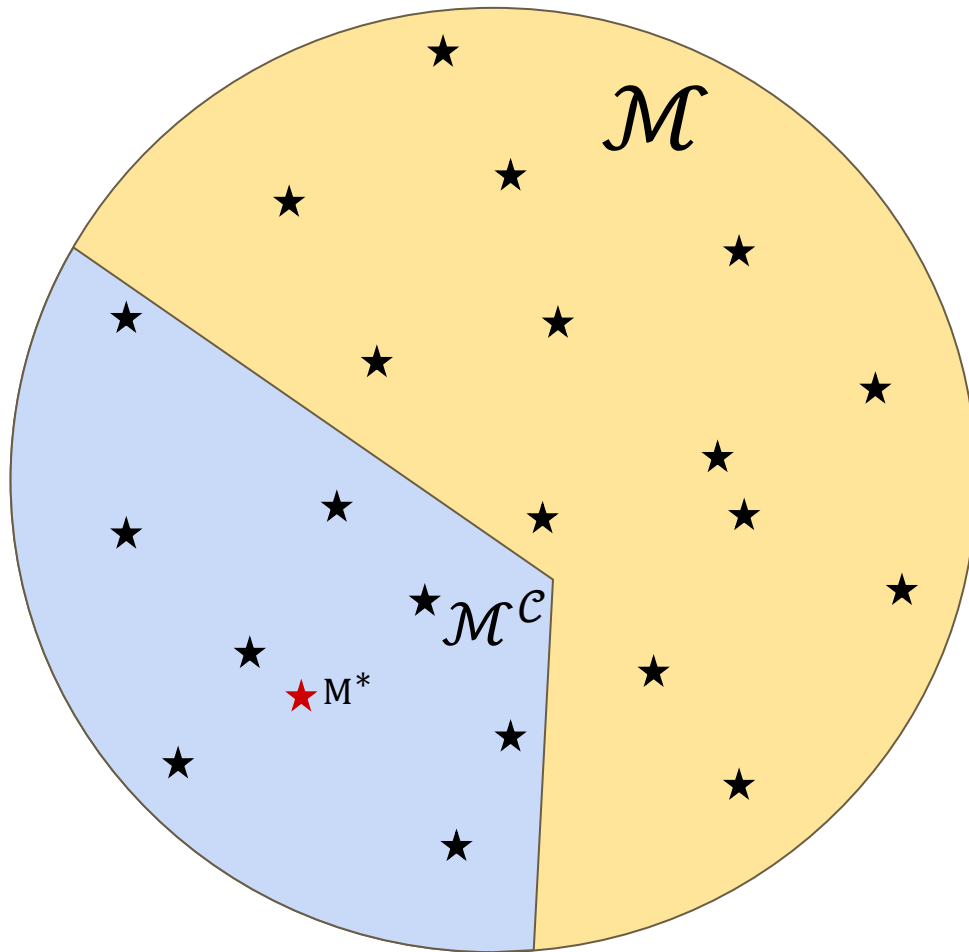
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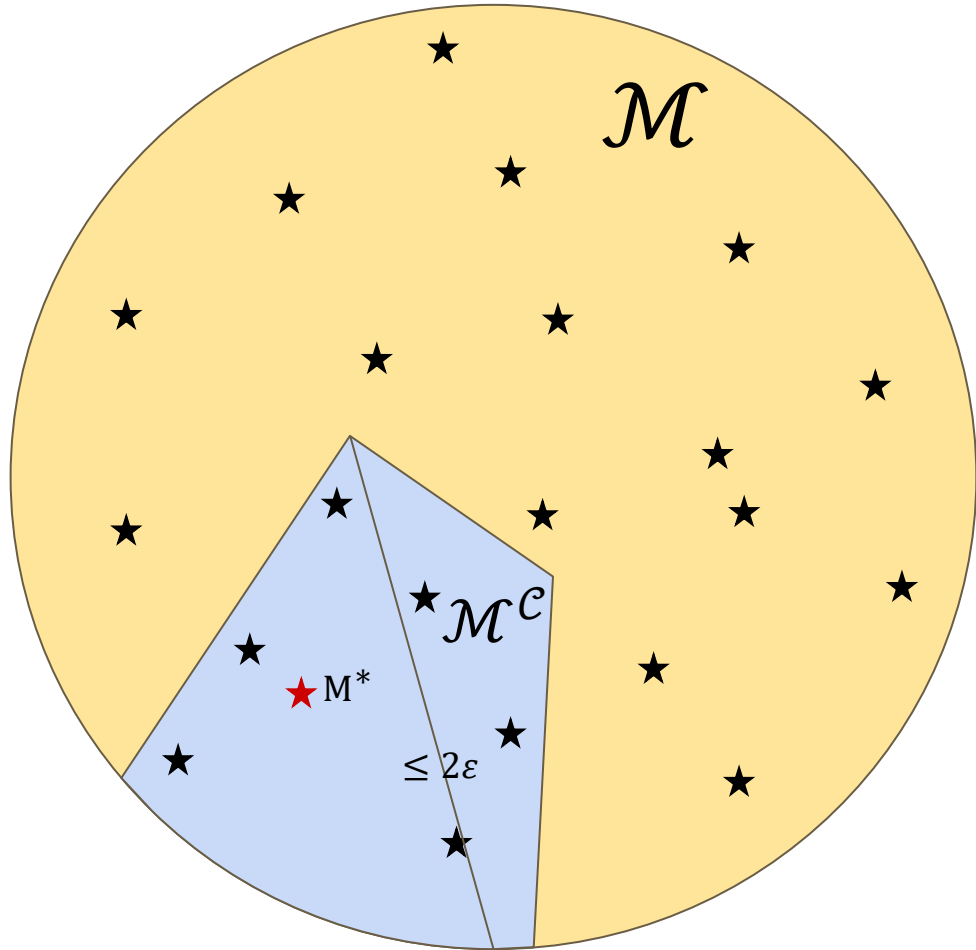
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ε : Error Tolerance



Recap & Our Contribution

We have introduced:

- Power Mean Fairness Concept p
- Distance Metric on Power Mean Fairness Concept.

$$\left(M_p(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^g w_i s_i^p} \right)$$

$$(\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; w))$$

Our Contribution for this work are:

- Upper bound on the distance between Power Mean Fairness Concept.
- Search Algorithms on the Justifiable Fairness Concepts set.

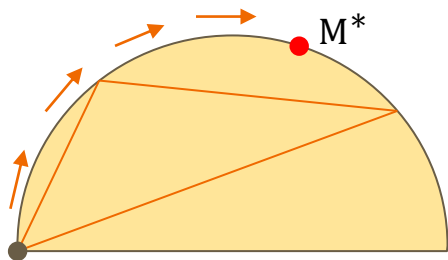
$$(\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; w))$$

Intuition of Upper Bounds

$$\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; w) \doteq \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\uparrow}}(s; w) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(s; w)|$$

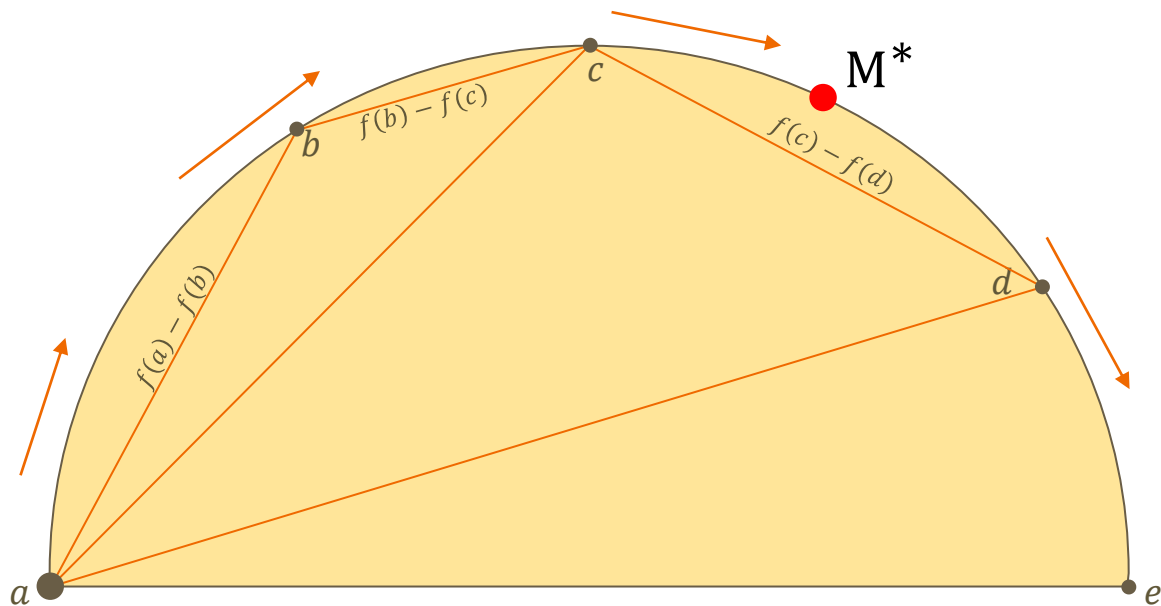
$$\left(M_p(s; w) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^g w_i s_i^p} \right)$$

How to compute supremum?



$\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; w)$ obeys Triangle Inequality
(Unable to upper bound time/query complexity)

Optimal Continuous Anti-Triangular Symmetric Bound



$$\sup|f(a) - f(b)| + \sup|f(b) - f(c)| \geq \sup|f(a) - f(c)|$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\downarrow}+h}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})| + \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\downarrow}+2h}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}+h}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})| + \dots$$

Optimal Continuous Anti-Triangular Symmetric Bound

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$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{p_{\uparrow}-p_{\downarrow}}{h}} \frac{\sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\downarrow}+ih}(s; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}+(i-1)h}(s; \mathbf{w})|}{h} * h$$

$$\left| \int_{p_{\downarrow}}^{p_{\uparrow}} \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} \frac{d}{dp} [M_p(s; \mathbf{w})] dp \right|$$

Optimal Continuous Anti-Triangular Symmetric Bound

$$\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} \left| \int_{p_{\downarrow}}^{p_{\uparrow}} \frac{d}{dp} [M_p(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})] dp \right|$$
$$\Delta_{\uparrow}^*(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \left| \int_{p_{\downarrow}}^{p_{\uparrow}} \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} \frac{d}{dp} [M_p(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})] dp \right|$$

Properties:

- Additive (Most Important !!)
- Symmetric
- Positive-Definiteness
 - $F(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$
 - $F(x, y) \geq 0$

Upper Bounds on Power Mean

Upper bounds on Power Mean Fairness Concepts:

- $\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \frac{1}{e} \ln \frac{p_{\uparrow}}{p_{\downarrow}}$, for any $p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow} > 0$ (log ratio)
- $\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \left(\frac{p_{\uparrow} - p_{\downarrow}}{p_{\uparrow} p_{\downarrow}} \right) \ln \frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}}$, for any $p_{\uparrow} p_{\downarrow} > 0$ (harmonic difference)

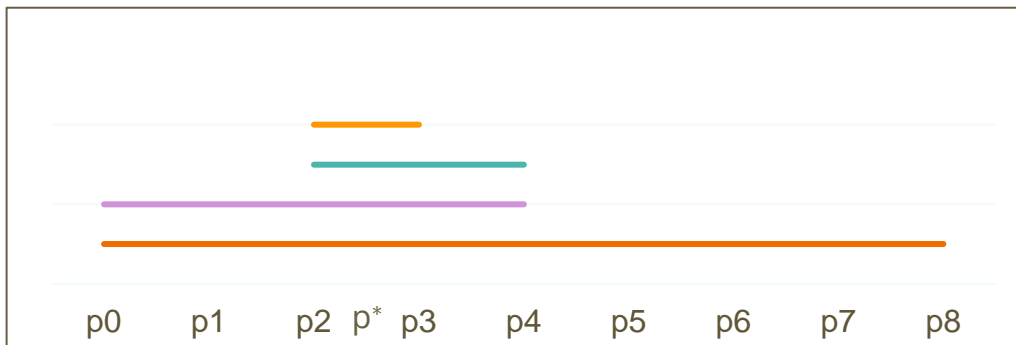
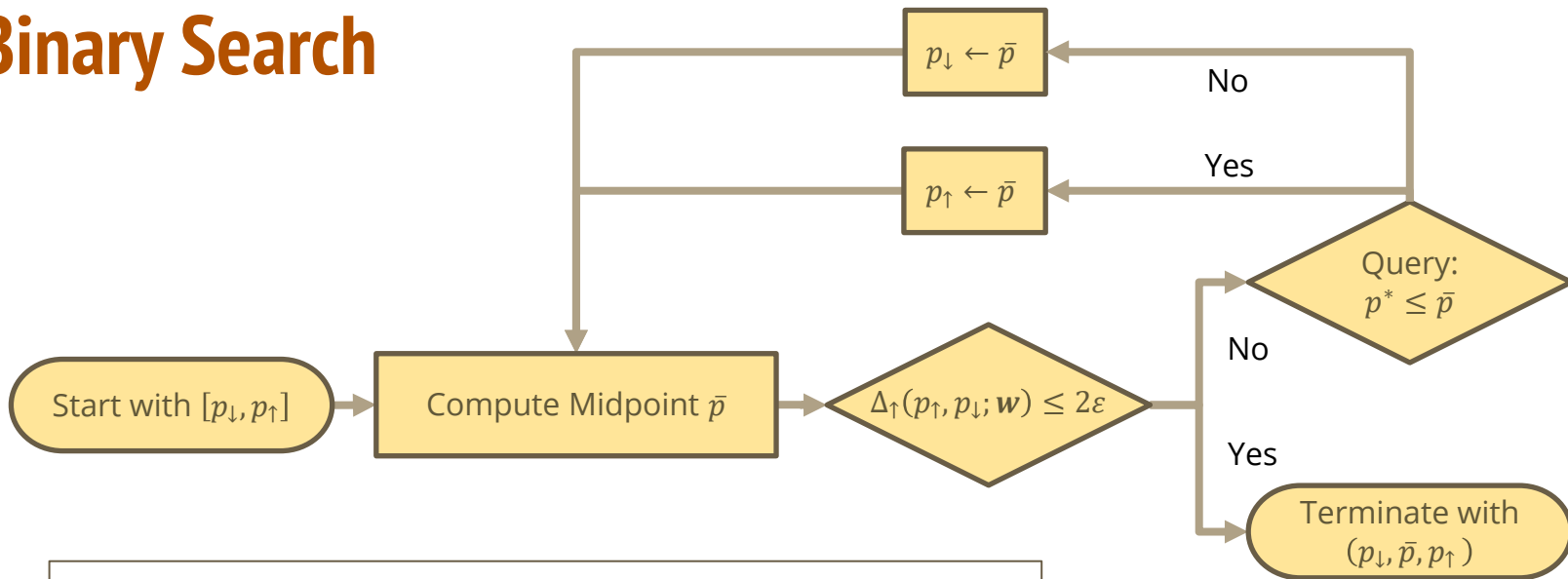
$$(\mathbf{w}_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq g} w_i)$$

Extreme case ($p = \pm\infty$):

- $\Delta_{\uparrow}(\infty, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{p_{\downarrow}} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}} \right)$
- $\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, -\infty; \mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{p_{\uparrow}} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}} \right)$



Binary Search

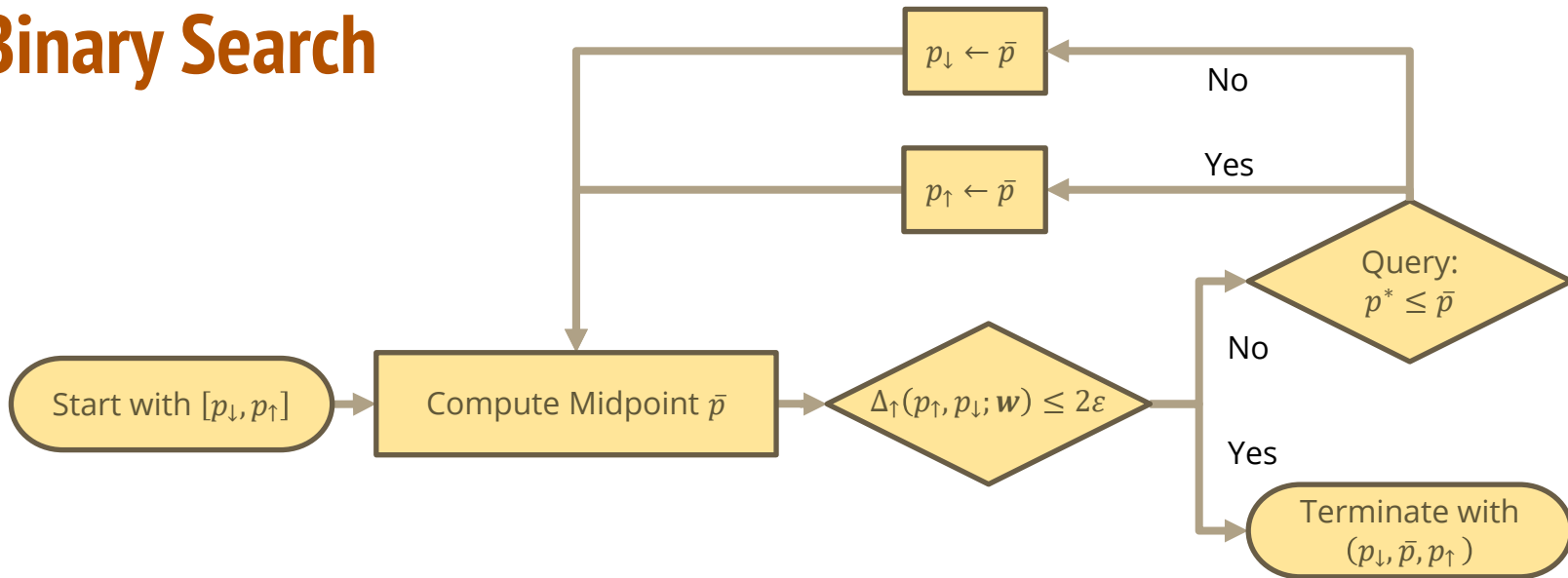


Query Complexity (N_E):

$$\log \frac{\Delta(p_r, p_l; \mathbf{w})}{2\epsilon} \leq N_E \leq \log \frac{\Delta(p_r, p_l; \mathbf{w})}{2\epsilon}$$

Suppose $p^* \in [p_2, p_3]$ and $\Delta_f(p_i, p_{i+1}; \mathbf{w}) \leq 2\epsilon$

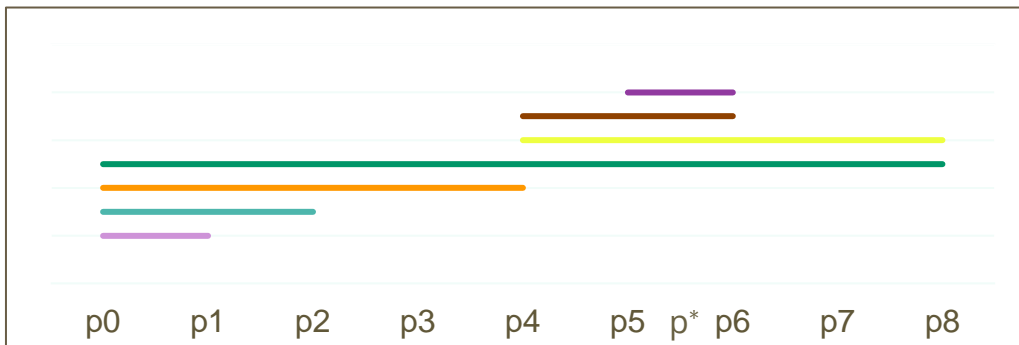
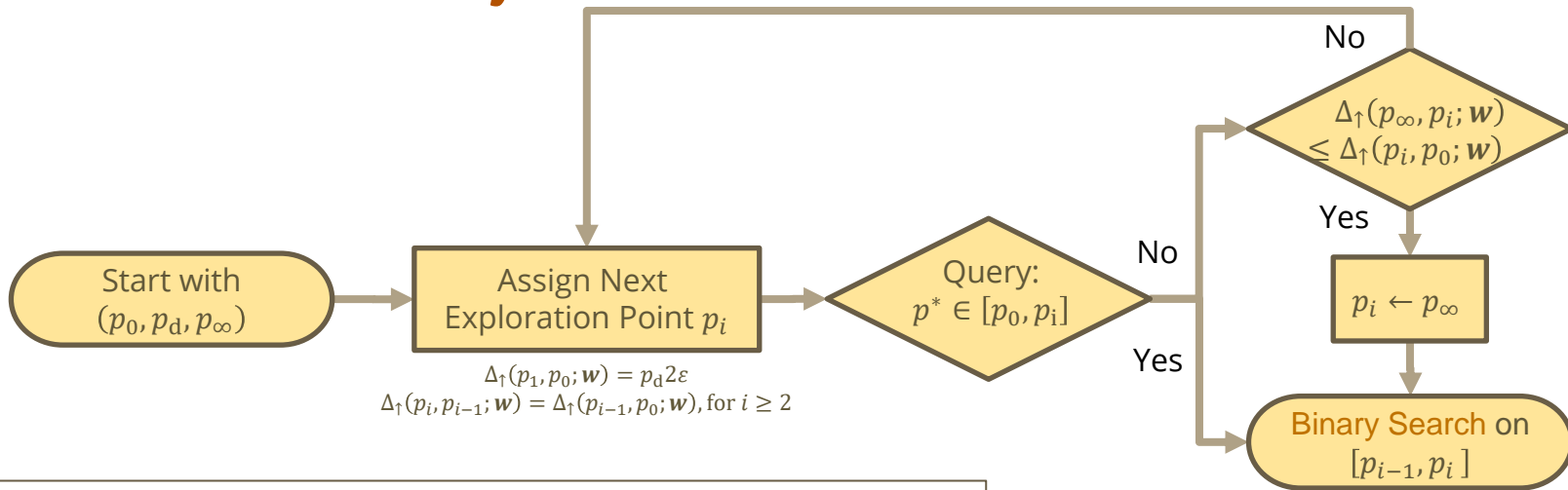
Binary Search



Require Starting Interval
Power Mean Fairness Concept

$[p_{\downarrow}, p_{\uparrow}]$
 $p \in [-\infty, \infty]$

Unbounded Binary Search

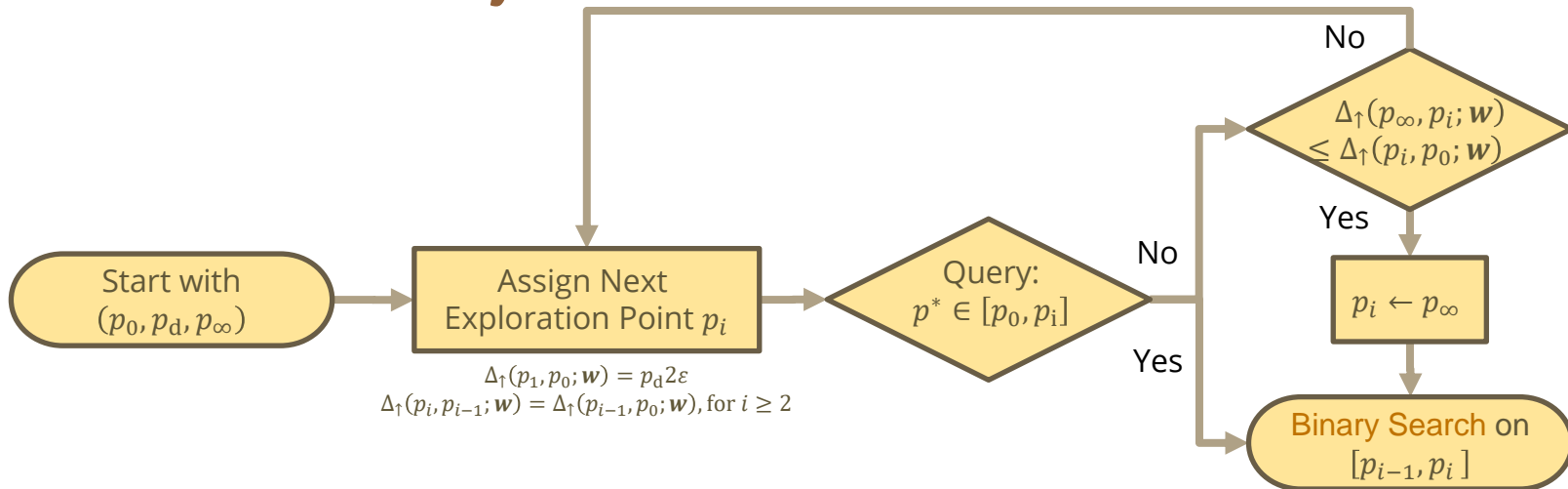


Suppose $p^* \in [p_5, p_6]$ and $\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_i, p_{i+1}; \mathbf{w}) \leq 2\epsilon$

Query Complexity (N_E):

$$2 \log \frac{\Delta(p_0, p^*; \mathbf{w})}{2\epsilon} \leq N_E \leq 2 \log \frac{\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_0, p^*; \mathbf{w})}{2\epsilon}$$

Unbounded Binary Search

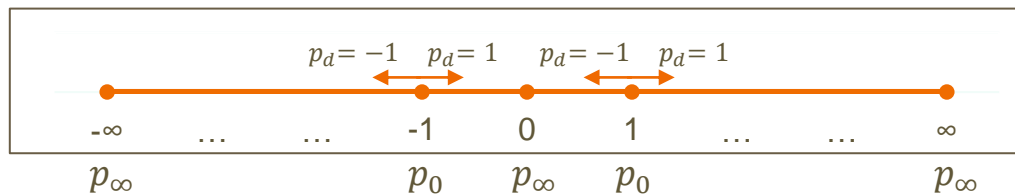


Power Mean Fairness Concept

Also Require Starting points

$$p \in [-\infty, \infty]$$

$$p_0 \in \pm 1, p_d \in \pm 1, p_\infty \in \{0, \pm\infty\}$$



Conclusion

We have presented:

- Upper bound on the distance between Power Mean Fairness Concept.
 - $\Delta_{\uparrow}^*(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \left| \int_{p_{\downarrow}}^{p_{\uparrow}} \sup_{s \in [0,1]^g} \frac{d}{dp} [Mp(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})] dp \right|$ (Optimal Continuous Anti-Triangular Symmetric Bound)
 - $\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \frac{1}{e} \ln \frac{p_{\uparrow}}{p_{\downarrow}}$, for any $p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow} > 0$ (log ratio)
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($\mathbf{w}_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq g} \mathbf{w}_i$)
- Search Algorithms on the Justifiable Fairness Concepts set.
 - Binary Search $\left(\log \frac{\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w})}{2\varepsilon} \leq \text{NE} \leq \log \frac{\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w})}{2\varepsilon} \right)$
 - Unbounded Binary Search $\left(2 \log \frac{\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w})}{2\varepsilon} \leq \text{NE} \leq 2 \log \frac{\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w})}{2\varepsilon} \right)$

Thank You

Constraint on Sentiment Value

$$\Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \sup_{\mathbf{s} \in [0,1]^g} |M_{p_{\uparrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})|$$
$$\Delta'(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \sup_{\mathbf{s} \in [0,\alpha]^g} |M_{p_{\uparrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) - M_{p_{\downarrow}}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w})|$$

$$M_p(\alpha \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) = \alpha M_p(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{w}) \rightarrow \Delta(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) = \alpha \Delta'(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w})$$



Composite Δ_{\uparrow} Function

Harmonic difference, $\left(\frac{p_{\uparrow}-p_{\downarrow}}{p_{\uparrow}p_{\downarrow}}\right) \ln \frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}}$, depends on weights

What happen if \mathbf{w}_{\min} too small? Super loose bound!!

Compositing log ratio and harmonic difference bound together:

($\mathbf{w}_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq g} \mathbf{w}_i$, $\tilde{p} = e \ln \frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}}$)

$$\Delta_{\uparrow}(p_{\uparrow}, p_{\downarrow}; \mathbf{w}) \doteq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{p_{\uparrow}-p_{\downarrow}}{p_{\uparrow}p_{\downarrow}}\right) \ln \frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}} & \tilde{p} \leq p_{\downarrow} \\ \frac{1}{e} \ln \frac{p_{\uparrow}}{p_{\downarrow}} & \tilde{p} \geq p_{\uparrow} \\ \left(\frac{p_{\uparrow}-\tilde{p}}{p_{\uparrow}p_{\downarrow}}\right) \ln \frac{1}{\mathbf{w}_{\min}} + \frac{1}{e} \ln \frac{\tilde{p}}{p_{\downarrow}} & \tilde{p} \in [p_{\downarrow}, p_{\uparrow}] \end{cases}$$

