

The Strong Consistency of Neutral and Monotonic Binary Social Decision Rules

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the strong consistency of neutral and monotonic binary social decision rules. Individuals are assumed to satisfy von Neumann - Morgenstern axioms of individual rationality. The main result of the paper shows that there does not exist any neutral and monotonic non-null non-dictatorial binary social decision rule which is strongly consistent. The relationship between restricted preferences and the existence of strong equilibria is also investigated. It is shown that for every non-dictatorial social decision function satisfying the conditions of independence of irrelevant alternatives, neutrality, monotonicity and weak Pareto-criterion there exists a profile of individual orderings satisfying value-restriction corresponding to which there is no strong equilibrium.

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