

## Math 1001 Quiz 5 Solutions

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1. (4 points, 1 point each) True or false.

TRUE In a vote with four players, there are  $4! = 24$  different sequential coalitions.

FALSE The quota in a weighted voting system can be less than 50% of the total votes.

TRUE In the weighted voting system  $[9; 10, 3, 3, 2]$ , player 1 ( $P_1$ ) is a dictator.

FALSE In the weighted voting system  $[100; 30, 30, 20, 20, 10]$ , the coalition  $\{P_1, P_3, P_4, P_5\}$  is a winning coalition.

2. (3 points) List all the winning coalitions in the voting system  $[5; 3, 3, 2]$ .

**The winning coalitions are  $\{P_1, P_2\}$ ,  $\{P_1, P_3\}$ ,  $\{P_2, P_3\}$ , and  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ .**

3. (3 points) Suppose that we have a voting system with 3 players, and we know that the winning coalitions in our voting system are  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ ,  $\{P_1, P_2\}$ , and  $\{P_1, P_3\}$ . Find the Banzhaf power indices of these three players.

**In the first coalition,  $P_1$  is critical because, when removed, it is no longer one of these three winning coalitions. However,  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  are not critical because, when removed, they leave winning coalitions.**

**All players are critical in the second two coalitions, because there are no winning coalitions with only 1 player.**

**Therefore,  $P_1$  is critical 3 times, while  $P_2$  is critical once and  $P_3$  is critical once. Therefore,  $P_1$  has power index  $3/5 = 60\%$  and  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  both have power index  $1/5 = 20\%$ .**

4. (3 points) Suppose our voting system is  $[11; 5, 4, 3, 3, 2]$ . In the sequential coalition  $\langle P_1, P_3, P_5, P_2, P_4 \rangle$ , who is the pivotal player?

**$P_1$  has 5 votes, which is not enough.  $P_1$  and  $P_3$  have 8 votes, which is not enough.  $P_1, P_3$ , and  $P_5$  have 10 votes, which is not enough.  $P_1, P_3, P_5$ , and  $P_2$  have 14 votes, which is enough, so  $P_2$  is the critical player.**

5. (3 points) Suppose we have a voting system with 4 players, and we found that  $P_1$  is pivotal in 12 sequential coalitions,  $P_2$  is pivotal in 8 sequential coalitions, and  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  are pivotal in the same number of coalitions each. Find the Shapley-Shubik power indices of all 4 players. (You can leave your answer as a fraction if you prefer.)

**There are  $4! = 24$  sequential coalitions. If  $P_1$  is pivotal in 12 and  $P_2$  is pivotal in 8, then  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  are pivotal equally in the remaining  $24 - 12 - 8 = 4$  sequential coalitions. Therefore,  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  are pivotal in 2 sequential coalitions each.**

**As a result,  $P_1$  has power index  $12/24 = 1/2$ ,  $P_2$  has power index  $8/24 = 1/3$ , and  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  have power indices  $2/24 = 1/12$ .**