

# Alternating Men Women Proposing Algorithms and Necessary Condition for Stable and Strategy-proof Matching rules

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- Finding all stable matchings at all preference profiles.
- Finding maximal domains for stable and strategy proof matching rules.

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- For a finite set  $A$ , we denote by  $\mathbb{L}(A)$  the set of all possible linear orders (i.e. complete, asymmetric and transitive binary relation) over the elements in  $A$ . An element  $P$  of  $\mathbb{L}(A)$  is called a preference over  $A$ .
- For a preference  $P \in \mathbb{L}(A)$ , by  $R$  we denote the weak part of  $P$ , i.e., for all  $a, b \in A$ ,  $aRb$  if and only if  $aPb$  or  $a = b$ .
- For  $P \in \mathbb{L}(A)$ ,  $B \subseteq A$ , and  $1 \leq k \leq |A|$ , we define  $r_k(P, B) = x$  if and only if  $|\{y \in B \mid yPx\}| = k - 1$ . For ease of notation we write  $r_1(P, B)$  as  $\tau(P, B)$ , and  $r_k(P, A)$  as  $r_k(P)$ . For  $P \in \mathbb{L}(A)$ , let  $T_k(P) = \cup_{j \leq k} r_j(P)$  denote the first  $k$  ranked alternatives in  $P$ .

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- We consider "marriage problem" problem, which consists of two sets of agents  $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$  and  $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  ("men" and "women").
- Each  $m_i \in M$  has a preference  $P_{m_i} \in \mathbb{L}(W)$  over  $W$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{m_i} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(W)$  the set of all admissible preferences of  $m_i$  over  $W$ . Each  $w_i \in W$  has a similar preference  $P_{w_i} \in \mathbb{L}(M)$  over  $M$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_{w_j} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(M)$  denote the set of all admissible preferences of  $w_j$  over  $M$ .
- $P = (P_{m_1}, \dots, P_{m_n}, P_{w_1}, \dots, P_{w_n})$  a  $2n$ -vector of all the agents' preferences, which will be referred to as a *preference profile*.
- $\mathcal{P} = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{P}_{m_i} \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{P}_{w_j}$  the set of all admissible preference profiles.

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- A **matching** between  $M$  and  $W$  is a one-to-one function  $\mu : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W$  such that  $\mu(m_i) \in W$  for all  $m_i \in M$  and  $\mu(m_i) = w_j$  if and only if  $\mu(w_j) = m_i$ .
- We denote by  $\mathcal{M}$ , the set of all possible matchings between  $M$  and  $W$ .
- A matching  $\mu$  is **pairwise unstable** at preference profile  $P$  if there exist  $m \in M, w \in W$  such that  $wP_m\mu(m)$  and  $mP_w\mu(w)$ . The pair  $(m, w)$  is called a **blocking pair** of  $\mu$  at  $P$ . If a matching  $\mu$  has no blocking pairs at a preference profile  $P$ , then it is called a **pairwise stable** matching at  $P$ .
- An **incomplete matching** between  $M$  and  $W$  is a function  $\hat{\mu} : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  such that  $\hat{\mu}(m_i) = w_j$  if and only if  $\hat{\mu}(w_j) = m_i, \hat{\mu}(m_i) \notin M$  for all  $m_i \in M$  and  $\hat{\mu}(w_j) \notin W$  for all  $w_j \in W$ .
- A matching rule on a set of preference profiles  $\mathcal{P}$  is function  $\varphi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ .
- A matching rule  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{P}$  is **stable** if  $\varphi(P)$  is stable for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

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- A finite sequence of numbers  $(n_{ij})_{i=1\dots n, j=1\dots k_i}$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{k_i} n_{ij} = n$  for all  $i$  and  $n_{ij} > 0$  for all  $i, j$  is called a *n-fold partition* of  $n$ . By  $\underline{n}$ , we denote a *n-fold partition* of  $n$ .

Alternating men women proposing algorithm with respect to an *n-fold partition*,  $\underline{n}$ , of  $n$  consists of a sequence of stages and a sequence of steps in each stage as described below.

STAGE 1. Each  $m_i \in M$  proposes to his first  $n_{i1}$  ranked women, i.e., the women in  $T_{n_{i1}}(P_{m_i})$ .

*Step 1.* For  $w_j \in W$ , let  $O_1^1(w_j)$  be the set of men (possibly empty) who propose  $w_j$  at stage 1, i.e.,  $O_1^1(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in T_{n_{i1}}(P_{m_i})\}$ . Each  $w_j \in W$  with  $O_1^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in the set  $O_1^1(w_j)$ , i.e.,  $\tau(P_{w_j}, O_1^1(w_j))$ . For  $m_i \in M$ , let  $O_1^1(m_i)$  denote the set of women (possibly empty) who propose him at step 1 of stage 1, i.e.,  $O_1^1(m_i) = \{w_j \mid m_i \in \tau(P_{w_j}, O_1^1(w_j))\}$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}_1^1 : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}_1^1(m_i) = \tau(P_{m_i}, O_1^1(m_i))$  for all  $m_i \in M$ .



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For  $w_j \in W$ , the set of men who are not interested in  $w_j$  at step 1 of stage 1 is defined as  $NI_1^1(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in O_1^1(m_i) \setminus \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_i)\}$ . Note that, since each  $w \in W$  proposes to at most one man,  $O_1^1(m_i) \cap O_1^1(m_{i'}) = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq i'$ . This means for all  $w_j \in W$  the set  $NI_1^1(w_j)$  is either singleton or empty. If  $NI_1^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $w_j \in W$ , then we go to step 2.

*Step 2.* For each  $w_j \in W$ , let  $O_2^1(w_j) = O_1^1(w_j) \setminus NI_1^1(w_j)$ . Each woman  $w_j$  with  $O_2^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in  $O_2^1(w_j)$ , i.e.,  $\tau(P_{w_j}, O_2^1(w_j))$ . For  $m_i \in M$ , let  $O_2^1(m_i)$  denote the set of women (possibly empty) who propose him at step 2 of stage 1, i.e.,  $O_2^1(m_i) = \{w_j \mid m_i \in \tau(P_{w_j}, O_2^1(w_j))\}$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}_2^1 : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}_2^1(m_i) = \tau(P_{m_i}, O_2^1(m_i))$  for all  $m_i \in M$ .

For all  $w_j \in W$ , define  $NI_2^1(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in O_2^1(m_i) \setminus \hat{\mu}_2^1(m_i)\}$ . If  $NI_2^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $w_j \in W$ , then we go to step 3.

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We continue this till a step  $k^1$  such that  $NI_{k^1}^1(w_j) = \emptyset$  for all  $w_j \in W$ , and for all  $l < k^1$  there is  $w_j \in W$  such that  $NI_l^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$ . Note that such a step  $k^1$  must exist since  $NI_l^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $O_l^1(w_j) \supsetneq O_{l+1}^1(w_j)$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}^l : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}^1 \equiv \hat{\mu}_{k^1}^1$ . If  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) = \emptyset$  for some  $m_i \in M$  who has not proposed all the women, then we go to the next stage.

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STAGE 2. In stage 2, if  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $m_i$  proposes to the same set of women as in the previous stage, i.e. the women in  $T_{n_{i1}}(P_{m_i})$ , and if  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) = \emptyset$  then  $m_i$  proposes to the women in  $T_{n_{i1}+n_{i2}}(P_{m_i}) \setminus T_{n_{i1}}(P_{m_i})$ .

*Step 1.* For  $w_j \in W$ , let  $O_1^2(w_j)$  be the set of men (possibly empty) who propose  $w_j$  at stage 2. Each  $w_j \in W$  with  $O_1^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in the set  $O_1^2(w_j)$ , i.e.,  $\tau(P_{w_j}, O_1^2(w_j))$ . For  $m_i \in M$ , let  $O_1^2(m_i)$  denote the set of women (possibly empty) who propose him at step 1 of stage 2, i.e.,  $O_1^2(m_i) = \{w_j \mid m_i \in \tau(P_{w_j}, O_1^2(w_j))\}$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}_1^2 : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_i) = \tau(P_{m_i}, O_1^2(m_i))$  for all  $m_i \in M$ .

For  $w_j \in W$ , define  $NI_1^2(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in O_1^2(m_i) \setminus \hat{\mu}_1^2(m_i)\}$ . Note that, for all  $w_j \in W$ ,  $NI_1^2(w_j)$  is either singleton or empty. If  $NI_1^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $w_j \in W$ , then we go to step 2.

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*Step 2.* For each  $w_j \in W$ , let  $O_2^2(w_j) = O_1^2(w_j) \setminus NI_1^2(w_j)$ . Each woman  $w_j$  with  $O_2^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in  $O_2^2(w_j)$ , i.e.,  $\tau(P_{w_j}, O_2^2(w_j))$ . For  $m_i \in M$ , let  $O_2^2(m_i)$  denote the set of women (possibly empty) who propose him at step 2 of stage 2, i.e.,  $O_2^2(m_i) = \{w_j \mid m_i \in \tau(P_{w_j}, O_2^2(w_j))\}$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}_2^2 : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}_2^2(m_i) = \tau(P_{m_i}, O_2^2(m_i))$  for all  $m_i \in M$ .

For all  $w_j \in W$ , define  $NI_2^2(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in O_2^2(m_i) \setminus \hat{\mu}_2^2(m_i)\}$ . If  $NI_2^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $w_j \in W$ , then we go to step 3.

We continue this till a step  $k^2$  such that  $NI_{k^2}^2(w_j) = \emptyset$  for all  $w_j \in W$ , and for all  $l < k^2$  there is  $w_j \in W$  such that  $NI_l^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$ . Note that such a step  $k^2$  must exist since  $NI_l^2(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $O_l^2(w_j) \supsetneq O_{l+1}^2(w_j)$ .

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Define the incomplete matching  $\hat{\mu}^2 : M \cup W \rightarrow M \cup W \cup \{\emptyset\}$  as  $\hat{\mu}^2 \equiv \hat{\mu}_{k^2}^2$ . If  $\hat{\mu}^2(m_i) = \emptyset$  for some  $m_i \in M$  who has not proposed all the women till stage 2, then we go to the next stage.

We continue this till we reach a stage  $t$  with the property that after all the steps in stage  $t$ , there is no  $m_i \in M$  such that  $\hat{\mu}^t(m_i) = \emptyset$  and  $m_i$  has not proposed all women till the stage  $t$ .

Define the incomplete matching  $\varphi(P) \equiv \hat{\mu}_{k^t}^t$  as the outcome of alternating men women proposing algorithm at the preference profile  $P$ .

**Remark 1.** *If  $n_{ij} = 1$  for all  $i, j$ , then alternating men women proposing algorithm boils down to a well known algorithm called men proposing deferred acceptance algorithm. Similarly, if  $n_{i1} = n$  for all  $i$ , then the algorithm boils down to women proposing deferred acceptance algorithm.*

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Let  $M = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ ,  $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\}$ , and  $P$  be the preference profile as given below:

$$P_{m_1} : w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5$$

$$P_{m_2} : w_1 w_3 w_2 w_4 w_5$$

$$P_{m_3} : w_2 w_1 w_3 w_4 w_5$$

$$P_{m_4} : w_1 w_2 w_5 w_4 w_3$$

$$P_{m_5} : w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5$$

$$P_{w_1} : m_2 m_5 m_1 m_3 m_4$$

$$P_{w_2} : m_4 m_5 m_2 m_1 m_3$$

$$P_{w_3} : m_5 m_2 m_4 m_3 m_1$$

$$P_{w_4} : m_2 m_3 m_1 m_5 m_4$$

$$P_{w_5} : m_3 m_1 m_5 m_2 m_4$$

Suppose,  $n_{i1} = 2, n_{i2} = 2, n_{i3} = 1$  for all  $i$ .

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STAGE 1. Each  $m_i \in M$  proposes to his first  $n_{i1}$  ranked women, i.e., the women in  $T_{n_{i1}}(P_{m_i})$ .

Step 1.  $O_1^1(w_1) = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ ,  $O_1^1(w_2) = \{m_1, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ ,  
 $O_1^1(w_3) = \{m_2\}$ ,  $O_1^1(w_4) = O_1^1(w_5) = \emptyset$ . Each  $w_j \in W$  with

$O_1^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in the set  $O_1^1(w_j)$ , i.e.,  
 $w_1$  proposes  $m_2$ ,  $w_2$  proposes  $m_4$ ,  $w_3$  proposes  $m_2$ .

$O_1^1(m_2) = \{w_1, w_3\}$ ,  $O_1^1(m_4) = \{w_2\}$ ,

$O_1^1(m_1) = O_1^1(m_3) = O_1^1(m_5) = \emptyset$ .

$\hat{\mu}_1^1(m_2) = w_1$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^1(m_4) = w_2$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^1(m_1) = \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_3) = \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_5) = \emptyset$ .

$NI_1^1(w_j) = \{m_i \mid w_j \in O_1^1(m_i) \setminus \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_i)\}$ . So,  $NI_1^1(w_3) = \{m_1\}$ ,

$NI_1^1(w_1) = NI_1^1(w_2) = NI_1^1(w_4) = NI_1^1(w_5) = \emptyset$ . If  $NI_1^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $w_j \in W$ , then we go to step 2.

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Step 2.  $O_2^1(w_j) = O_1^1(w_j) \setminus NI_1^1(w_j)$ .  $O_2^1(w_1) = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ ,  
 $O_2^1(w_2) = \{m_1, m_3, m_4, m_5\}$ ,  $O_2^1(w_3) = O_2^1(w_4) = O_2^1(w_5) = \emptyset$ . Each  
 $w_j \in W$  with  $O_2^1(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  proposes her most preferred man in the set  
 $O_2^1(w_j)$ , i.e.,  $w_1$  proposes  $m_2$ ,  $w_2$  proposes  $m_4$ .

$O_2^1(m_2) = \{w_1\}$ ,  $O_2^1(m_4) = \{w_2\}$ ,  $O_1^1(m_1) = O_1^1(m_3) = O_1^1(m_5) = \emptyset$ .

$\hat{\mu}_2^1(m_2) = w_1$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_2^1(m_4) = w_2$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_2^1(m_1) = \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_3) = \hat{\mu}_1^1(m_5) = \emptyset$ ,

$NI_2^1(w_j) = \emptyset$  for all  $w_j$ .

$\hat{\mu}_2^1 \equiv \hat{\mu}^1$ .



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STAGE 2. In stage 2, if  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $m_i$  proposes to the same set of women as in the previous stage. If  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) = \emptyset$  then  $m_i$  proposes to the women in next set.

Step 1.  $O_1^2(w_1) = \{m_2, m_4\}$ ,  $O_1^2(w_2) = \{m_4\}$ ,  
 $O_1^2(w_3) = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_5\}$ ,  $O_1^2(w_4) = \{m_1, m_3, m_5\}$ ,  $O_1^2(w_5) = \emptyset$ .

Similarly  $w_1$  proposes  $m_2$ ,  $w_2$  proposes  $m_4$ ,  $w_3$  proposes  $m_5$ ,  $w_4$  proposes  $m_3$ .

$O_1^2(m_2) = \{w_1\}$ ,  $O_1^2(m_4) = \{w_2\}$ ,  $O_1^2(m_5) = \{w_3\}$ ,  $O_1^2(m_3) = \{w_4\}$ ,  
 $O_1^2(m_1) = \emptyset$ .

$\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_2) = w_1$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_4) = w_2$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_5) = w_3$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_3) = w_4$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^2(m_1) = \emptyset$ .

$NI_1^2(w_j) = \emptyset$  for all  $w_j$ .

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STAGE 3. In stage 3, if  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $m_i$  proposes to the same set of women as in the previous stage. If  $\hat{\mu}^1(m_i) = \emptyset$  then  $m_i$  proposes to the women in next set.

*Step 1.*  $O_1^3(w_1) = \{m_2, m_4\}$ ,  $O_1^3(w_2) = \{m_4\}$ ,  $O_1^3(w_3) = \{m_2, m_3, m_5\}$ ,  
 $O_1^3(w_4) = \{m_3, m_5\}$ ,  $O_1^3(w_5) = \{m_1\}$ .  $w_1$  proposes  $m_2$ ,  $w_2$  proposes  
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 $O_1^3(m_1) = \{w_5\}$ .

$\hat{\mu}_1^3(m_2) = w_1$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^3(m_4) = w_2$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^3(m_5) = w_3$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_1^3(m_3) = w_4$ ,  
 $\hat{\mu}_1^3(m_1) = w_5$ .

$NI_1^3(w_j) = \emptyset$  for all  $w_j$ .

$\hat{\mu}_1^3 \equiv \hat{\mu}^3$ . We get a stable matching.

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**Lemma 1.** *Suppose alternating men women proposing algorithm terminates at stage  $t$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}^t(m_i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $m_i \in M$ .*

To prove this we prove the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $s$  be a stage and  $l, l + 1$  be two steps in stage  $s$  in an alternating men women proposing algorithm. Then for all  $m_i \in M$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_l^s(m_i) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $\hat{\mu}_{l+1}^s(m_i) R_{m_i} \hat{\mu}_l^s(m_i)$ .*

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $s$  be a stage and  $\hat{\mu}^s(m_i) = \emptyset$  for some  $m_i \in M$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}^s(w_j) P_{w_j} m_i$  for all  $w_j \in W$  whom  $m_i$  proposes in  $s$ -th stage.*

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $s$  be a stage in an alternating men women proposing algorithm. Then for all  $w_j \in W$ ,  $\hat{\mu}^s(w_j) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $\hat{\mu}^{s+1}(w_j) R_{w_j} \hat{\mu}^s(w_j)$  if stage  $s + 1$  exists.*

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**Remark 2.** *If a woman is matched in some stage of alternating men women proposing algorithm at some profile, then she is matched in all subsequent stages of that algorithm at that profile.*

**Theorem 1.** *Alternating Men Women Proposing Algorithm produces a stable matching at every preference profile.*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mu$  be a stable matching at preference profile  $P$ . Then there is an alternating men women proposing algorithm at  $P$  that produces  $\mu$ .*

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In the following example we present a preference profile where the alternating men women proposing algorithm with respect to some parameters produces a stable matching which treats men and women equally.

Let  $M = \{m_1, m_2, m_3\}$ ,  $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ , and  $P$  be the preference profile as given below:

$$w_1 P_{m_1} w_2 P_{m_1} w_3, \quad w_2 P_{m_2} w_3 P_{m_2} w_1, \quad w_3 P_{m_3} w_1 P_{m_3} w_2, \\ m_2 P_{w_1} m_3 P_{w_1} m_1, \quad m_3 P_{w_2} m_1 P_{w_2} m_2, \quad m_1 P_{w_3} m_2 P_{w_3} m_3.$$

The outcome of men proposing deferred acceptance algorithm at  $P$  is  $[(m_1, w_1), (m_2, w_2), (m_3, w_3)]$ , and the outcome of women proposing deferred acceptance algorithm is  $[(m_1, w_3), (m_2, w_1), (m_3, w_2)]$ .

Moreover, the outcome of the alternating men women proposing algorithm with parameters  $n_{i1} = 2$  and  $n_{i2} = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$  is  $[(m_1, w_2), (m_2, w_3), (m_3, w_1)]$ .

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- A preference  $P \in \mathbb{L}(A)$  is called **single peaked** with respect to an ordering  $\prec$  over  $A$  if there exists an alternative  $a_i \in A$ , called the **peak**, such that

- for all  $a_j, a_k \in A$  with  $a_j \prec a_k \prec a_i$ , we have  $a_i P a_k P a_j$  and
- for all  $a_j, a_k \in A$  with  $a_i \prec a_j \prec a_k$ , we have  $a_i P a_j P a_k$ .

A domain of preferences is called **single peaked** with respect to an ordering  $\prec$  over  $A$ , denoted by  $SP(\prec)$ , if it contains all single peaked preferences with respect to  $\prec$ .

- We say a domain of preferences  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(A)$  is **minimally rich** if for each  $a \in A$  there is  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\tau(P) = a$ .

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- We say a set of preference profiles  $\mathcal{P}$  is **anonymous** for men (respectively women) if  $\mathcal{P}_{m_i} = \mathcal{P}_{m_j}$  for all  $m_i, m_j \in M$  (respectively  $\mathcal{P}_{w_i} = \mathcal{P}_{w_j}$  for all  $w_i, w_j \in W$ ).
  - We say a set of preference profiles  $\mathcal{P}$  is **minimally rich** for men (respectively women) if the domain of preferences  $\mathcal{P}_{m_i}$  (respectively  $\mathcal{P}_{w_j}$ ) is minimally rich for all  $m_i \in M$  (respectively  $w_j \in W$ ).
  - A matching rule  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{P}$  is **manipulable** by man  $m_i$  (respectively woman  $w_j$ ) at profile  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  via  $P'_{m_i} \in \mathcal{P}_{m_i}$  (respectively  $P'_{w_j} \in \mathcal{P}_{w_j}$ ) if  $\varphi_{m_i}(P'_{m_i}, P_{-m_i}) P_{m_i} \varphi_{m_i}(P_{m_i}, P_{-m_i})$  (respectively  $\varphi_{w_j}(P'_{w_j}, P_{-w_j}) P_{w_j} \varphi_{w_j}(P_{w_j}, P_{-w_j})$ ).
- A matching rule  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{P}$  is **strategy-proof** if it is not manipulable at any profile  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  by any man  $m_i \in M$  or any woman  $w_j \in W$ .



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We say a domain of preferences  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(A)$  satisfies **nowhere single peaked property** if for all  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$  and  $P, P' \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $a_2 P a_1 P a_3$  and  $a_2 P' a_3 P' a_1$  imply that there is no  $P'' \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $a_1 P'' a_2 P'' a_3$  or  $a_3 P'' a_2 P'' a_1$ .

**Remark 3.** *Let a domain of preferences  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(A)$  satisfies nowhere single peaked property. Then for all  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$  and  $P, P' \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $a_1 P a_3 P a_2$  and  $a_3 P' a_1 P' a_2$  imply there is no  $P'' \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $a_1 P'' a_2 P'' a_3$  or  $a_3 P'' a_2 P'' a_1$ .*

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- We say a set of preferences  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{L}(A)$  satisfies **top dominance property** if for any pair of preferences  $P, P' \in \mathcal{D}$  and any  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  with  $a_1 P a_2$  and  $a_2 P' a_1$ , there is no  $a_3 \in A$  such that  $a_3 P a_1$  and  $a_3 P' a_2$ .
- A domain of preferences which satisfies top dominance property can not have two different preferences with same maximal element, i.e., if  $\mathcal{D}$  satisfies top dominance property and  $P \neq P' \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\tau(P) \neq \tau(P')$ .
- Top dominance property implies nowhere single peaked property.

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**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be anonymous and minimally rich for both men and women, and  $\mathcal{P}_{m_i} = \mathcal{P}_m$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{w_j} = \mathcal{P}_w$  for all  $m_i, w_j$ . Then, if  $\mathcal{P}_m \subseteq SP(\prec_W)$  for some  $\prec_W \in \mathbb{L}(W)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_w \subseteq SP(\prec_M)$  for some  $\prec_M \in \mathbb{L}(M)$ , then there is a stable and strategy-proof matching rule on  $\mathcal{P}$  if and only if either  $\mathcal{P}_m$  or  $\mathcal{P}_w$  satisfies top dominance property.*

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**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be anonymous and minimally rich for both men and women, and  $\mathcal{P}_{m_i} = \mathcal{P}_m$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{w_j} = \mathcal{P}_w$  for all  $m_i, w_j$ . Then, if there is a stable and strategy-proof matching rule on  $\mathcal{P}$ , then either  $\mathcal{P}_m$  or  $\mathcal{P}_w$  must satisfy nowhere single peaked property.*

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