

# Learning MR-Sort rules with coalitional veto

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distance to the beach	600m	300m	50m	200m	...
distance to the center	500m	100m	600m	300m	...
price	150€	130€	90€	80€	...
size	45m <sup>2</sup>	35m <sup>2</sup>	30m <sup>2</sup>	25m <sup>2</sup>	...
rating	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★☆☆	★★☆☆☆	...

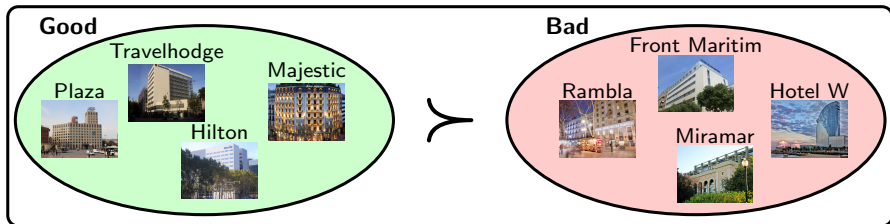
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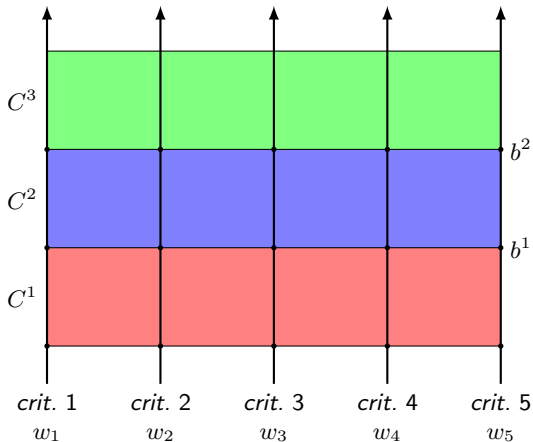
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# Majority rule sorting model

- ▶ Sorting model ( $p$  **ordered categories**, i.e.  $C^p \succ C^{p-1} \succ \dots \succ C^1$ )
- ▶ Axiomatized by Bouyssou and Marchant (2007a,b)



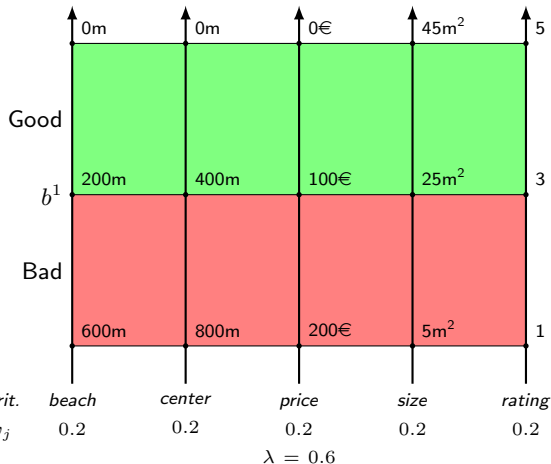
- ▶  $n$  **weights** ( $w_1, \dots, w_n$ )
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## Assignment rule

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 a \in C^h \\
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# MR-Sort applied to the introductory example

- **Sorting** accommodations in two categories : **Good** and **Bad**



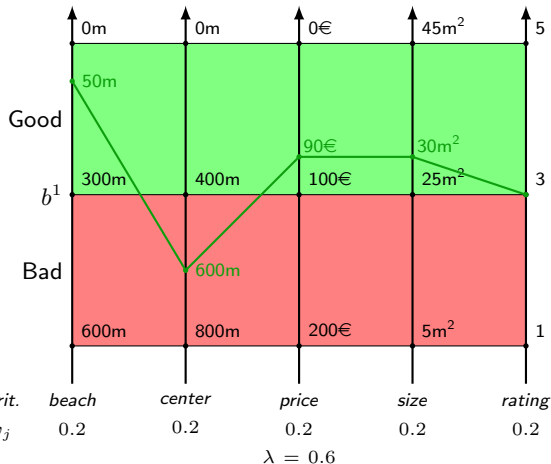
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Hilton

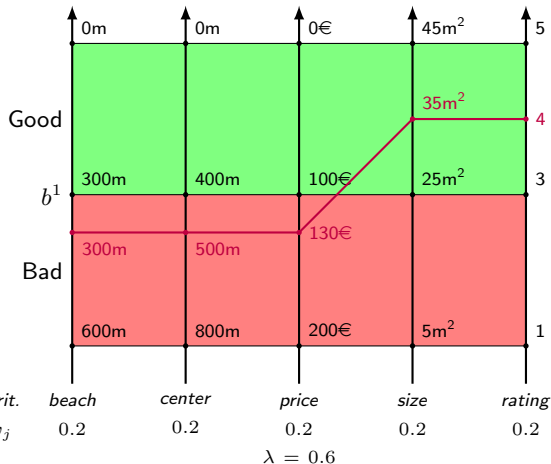


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Plaza

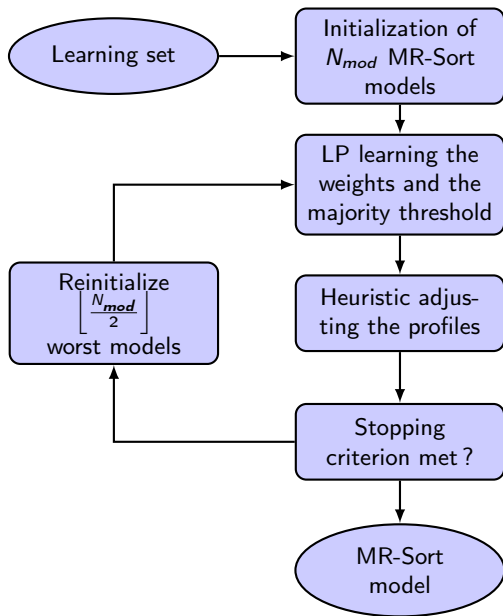


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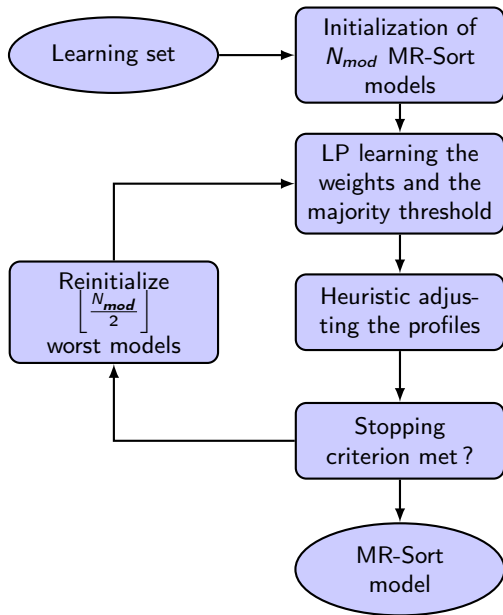
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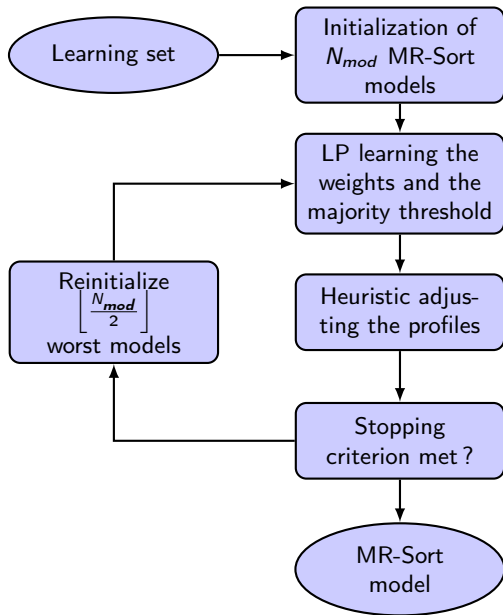


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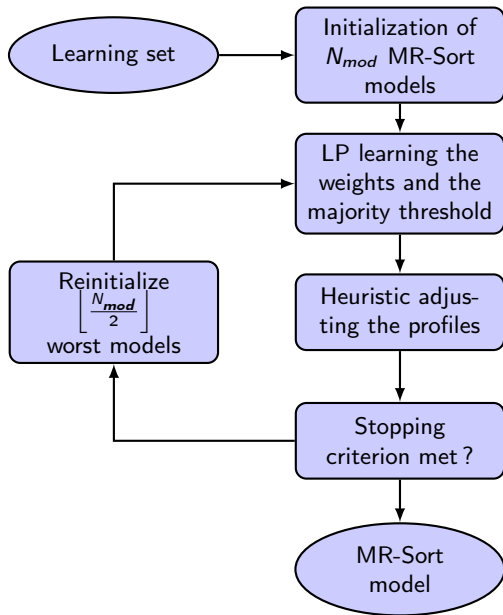
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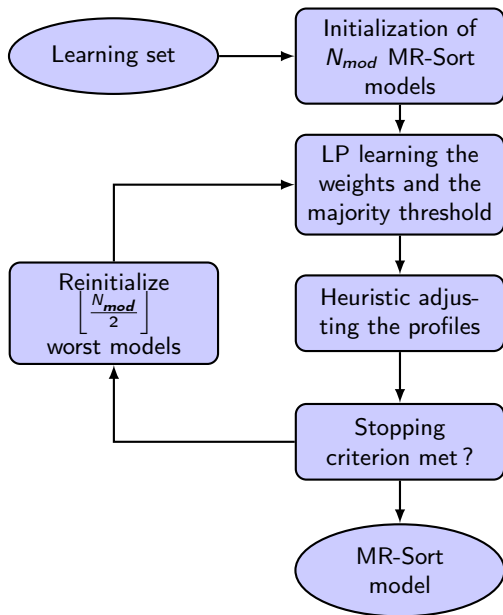


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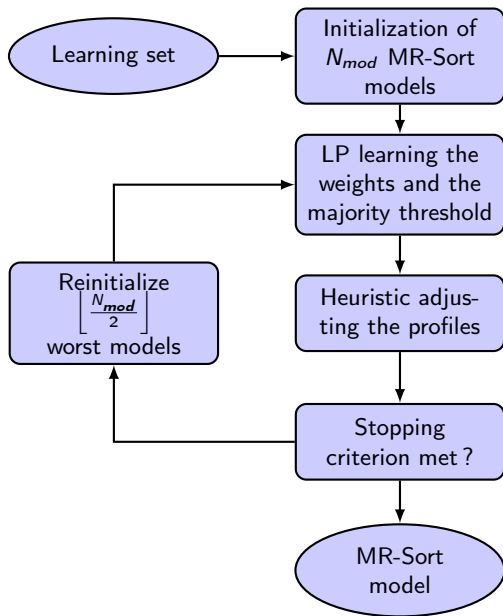
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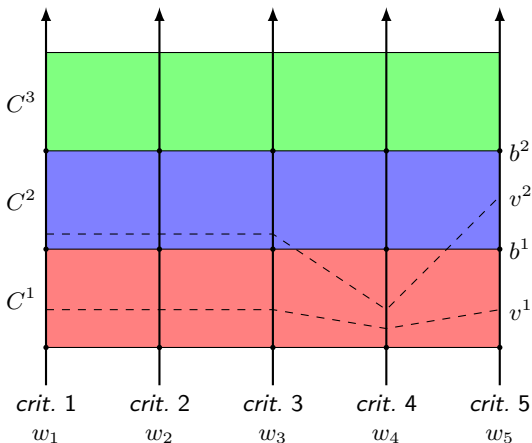
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**The best model regarding CA or AUC is returned**

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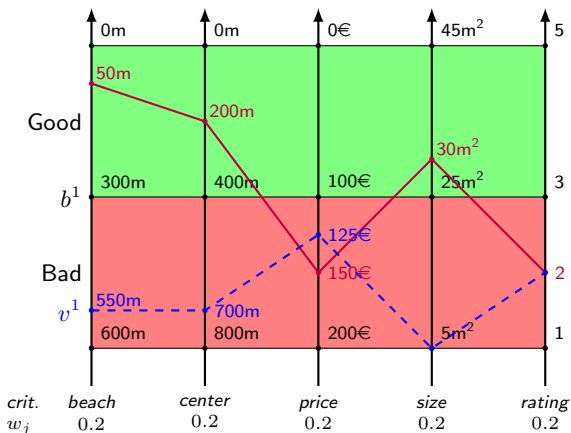
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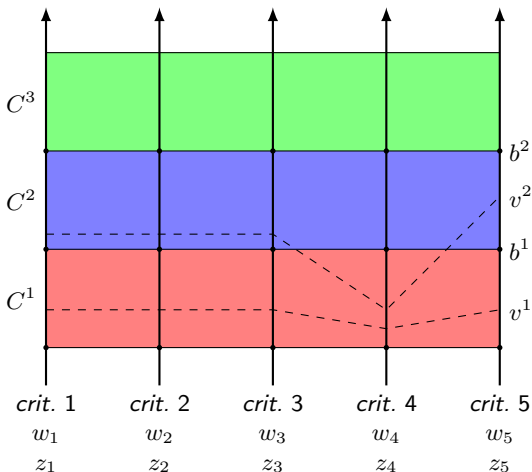
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# MR-Sort with coalitional veto rule

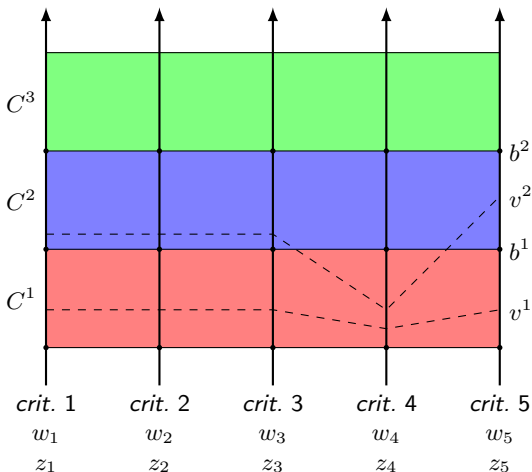
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- ▶  $n$  weights ( $w_1, \dots, w_n$ )
- ▶  $n$  veto weights ( $z_1, \dots, z_n$ )
- ▶ 1 majority threshold ( $\lambda$ )
- ▶ 1 veto threshold ( $\Lambda$ )
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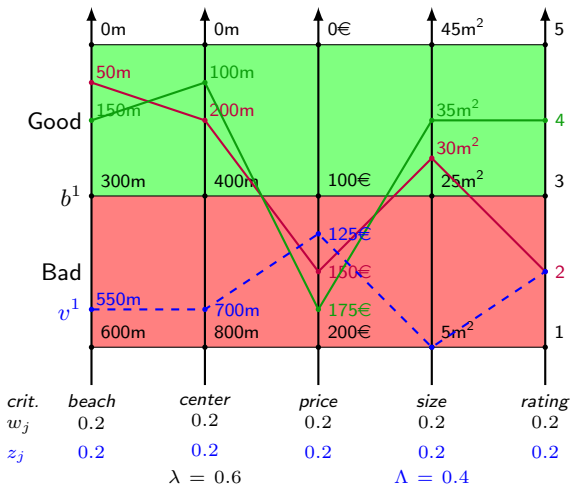


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Rambla



∈ **Bad**

Majestic

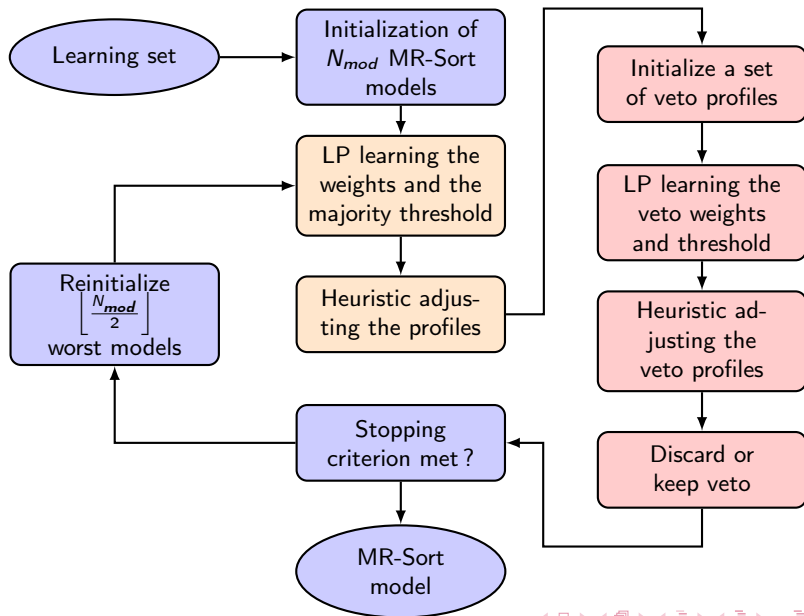


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# Experimental results I

- ▶ Datasets used in Tehrani et al. (2012); Sobrie et al. (2015)
- ▶ 120 to 1728 instances
- ▶ 4 to 8 attributes
- ▶ 2 to 36 categories

Data set	#instances	#attributes	#categories
DBS	120	8	2
CPU	209	6	4
BCC	286	7	2
MPG	392	7	36
ESL	488	4	9
MMG	961	5	2
ERA	1000	4	4
LEV	1000	4	5
CEV	1728	6	4

# Experimental results II

- ▶ Categories have been **binarized**
- ▶ Datasets split in **twofold 50/50 partition** : a learning and a test set (operation repeated 100 times)
- ▶ Average classification accuracy of the **test set** :

Data set	MR-Sort	MR-SortCV
DBS	0.8377 ± 0.0469	0.8390 ± 0.0476
CPU	0.9325 ± 0.0237	0.9429 ± 0.0244
BCC	0.7250 ± 0.0379	0.7044 ± 0.0299
MPG	0.8219 ± 0.0237	0.8240 ± 0.0391
ESL	0.8996 ± 0.0185	0.9024 ± 0.0179
MMG	0.8268 ± 0.0151	0.8267 ± 0.0119
ERA	0.7944 ± 0.0173	0.7959 ± 0.0270
LEV	0.8408 ± 0.0122	0.8551 ± 0.0171
CEV	0.8516 ± 0.0091	0.8516 ± 0.0665

- ▶ **MR-SortCV doesn't improve** the performances

## Experimental results III

- ▶ Results obtained with the **original datasets**
- ▶ Datasets split in **twofold 50/50 partition** : a learning and a test set (operation repeated 100 times)
- ▶ Average classification accuracy of the **test set** :

Dataset	# cat.	MR-Sort	MR-SortCV
CPU	4	$0.8039 \pm 0.0354$	$0.8469 \pm 0.0426$
ERA	4	$0.5123 \pm 0.0233$	$0.5230 \pm 0.0198$
LEV	5	$0.5662 \pm 0.0258$	$0.5734 \pm 0.0213$
CEV	4	$0.7664 \pm 0.0193$	$0.7832 \pm 0.0130$

- ▶ **MR-SortCV performs better** with more than 2 categories

## Experimental results IV

- ▶ Tests with **artificial datasets**
- ▶ **Learning set** composed of **1000 alternatives** assigned to **2 categories** by a **random generated MR-SortCV model** composed of **4 to 7** criteria
- ▶ **Test set** composed of **10000 alternatives**
- ▶ The learning set is used as input of the heuristic algorithm learning a MR-SortCV model

# criteria	Learning set	Test set
4	$0.9908 \pm 0.01562$	$0.98517 \pm 0.01869$
5	$0.9904 \pm 0.01447$	$0.98328 \pm 0.01677$
6	$0.9860 \pm 0.01560$	$0.97547 \pm 0.02001$
7	$0.9827 \pm 0.01766$	$0.96958 \pm 0.02116$

- ▶ The learned models restore on average  $\sim 99\%$  of the examples
- ▶ **Good performances in generalization**

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# Conclusion

- ▶ New and **general form** of veto condition
- ▶ **“Reversed”** MR-Sort (concordance) rule
- ▶ **No significant improvements**
- ▶ Veto adds **limited descriptive ability** to the MR-Sort model
- ▶ It confirms the results obtained by **Olteanu and Meyer (2014)**



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