

## Addendum to *Agenda Constrained Legislator Ideal Points and the Spatial Model*

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In this addendum we demonstrate how to reinterpret Lemma 1 of Clinton and Meirowitz (2001) in the space of unconstrained problems for a fixed  $d, L, T$ . Denote this space as  $\Phi$ . An element of this space (called a problem) is a pair  $(\mathbf{h}, f)$ , where  $\mathbf{h}$  is a dataset of roll call votes and  $f$  is a likelihood function  $f : \mathbf{H} \times X^{L+2T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ . For two problems  $\vartheta$  and  $\xi$ , we define the distance between the problems as  $dist(\vartheta, \xi) := \sup_{Ad(\vartheta, \xi)} \|(\mathbf{a}^u, \mathbf{x}^u, \mathbf{q}^u)(\vartheta) - (\mathbf{a}^u, \mathbf{x}^u, \mathbf{q}^u)(\xi)\|$ , where  $(\mathbf{a}^u, \mathbf{x}^u, \mathbf{q}^u)(\vartheta)$  is a solution to an unconstrained problem  $\vartheta$  and  $Ad(\vartheta, \xi)$  is the set of pairs of extrema to the unconstrained problems  $(\vartheta, \xi)$ . We need to introduce the complexity of taking the *sup* over  $Ad(\vartheta, \xi)$  because there is no guarantee that the problems elicit unique extrema. This distance is not a metric on the space  $\Phi$  because there exist multiple distinct problems which induce the same set of extrema. Thus, there are distinct  $\vartheta, \xi$  for which  $dist(\vartheta, \xi) = 0$ . To solve this problem we can consider a different space  $\Phi'$  which contains one element of each equivalence class of solutions. On this space the operator  $dist(\vartheta, \xi)$  is a metric. By  $\Psi$  we denote the topology on  $\Phi'$  induced by this metric. By  $F$  we denote the sigma algebra generated by  $\Psi$ . Let  $\mu$  be an arbitrary measure  $\mu : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^1$  satisfying the condition:  $\mu(A) = 0$  if there is no set  $B \subset A$  with  $B \in \Psi$ . So that the measure assigns measure 0 to any set with empty interior. Then the reinterpretation of Lemma 1 becomes.

**Lemma 2:** Fix  $d, L, T$ . Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the subset of  $\Phi'$  for which the constraint does not bind, then  $\mu(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .

**Proof:** We first construct the extrema correspondence  $\varkappa : \Phi' \rightarrow X^{L+2T}$  that identifies extrema in  $X^{L+2T}$  with problems in  $\Phi'$ . By Lemma 1, the subset  $A$  of  $X^{L+2T}$  for which the constraint does not bind has *Lebesgue* measure 0. This means that for any  $a \in A$ , any neighborhood of  $a$  contains a point which is not in  $A$ . It is sufficient given the condition imposed on the measure  $\mu$  to show that for any  $\vartheta \in \mathbf{A}$ , every set in  $\Psi$  containing  $\vartheta$  contains a point  $\xi \in \Phi' \setminus \mathbf{A}$ . So for arbitrary  $\vartheta \in \mathbf{A}$  we now construct such a point. Pick  $\vartheta \in \mathbf{A}$ . This implies that  $\varkappa(\vartheta) \subset A$ . Now pick any point  $x \in \varkappa(\vartheta)$ . By above we know that for any arbitrarily small neighborhood (in  $X^{L+2T}$ ) of  $x$ , there exists a point  $y$  in the neighborhood that is not in  $A$ . By the definition of  $dist(\cdot, \cdot)$  this means that there is a problem  $\xi$  for which  $y \in \varkappa(\xi)$  but  $\xi$  is the same distance from  $\vartheta$  as  $x$  is from  $y$ . Thus, the fact that every point in  $A$  is arbitrarily close to points that are not in  $A$  implies that every point in  $\mathbf{A}$  is arbitrarily close to points that are not in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Thus, the result is established. ■