

# COL 8184 : ALGORITHMS FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION

## LECTURE 11

### THE CAREFUL SLIDING METHOD

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7 responses (out of 15)

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- \* "Remind us to read instructions" 
- \* Format of mid-term presentation

# MID-TERM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

- \* March 12 (Thursday) , in person during class hours
- \* 7 mins per group : 5 mins presentation + 2 mins Q & A
- \* Update finalized project titles and references
- \* Project report due by March 10 (Tuesday)

# MID-TERM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

\* Clearly convey

- the main question(s) studied by the project
- why these questions are interesting / significant
- brief overview of related literature
- project milestones (for each group member)

# GRIMMETT'S METHOD

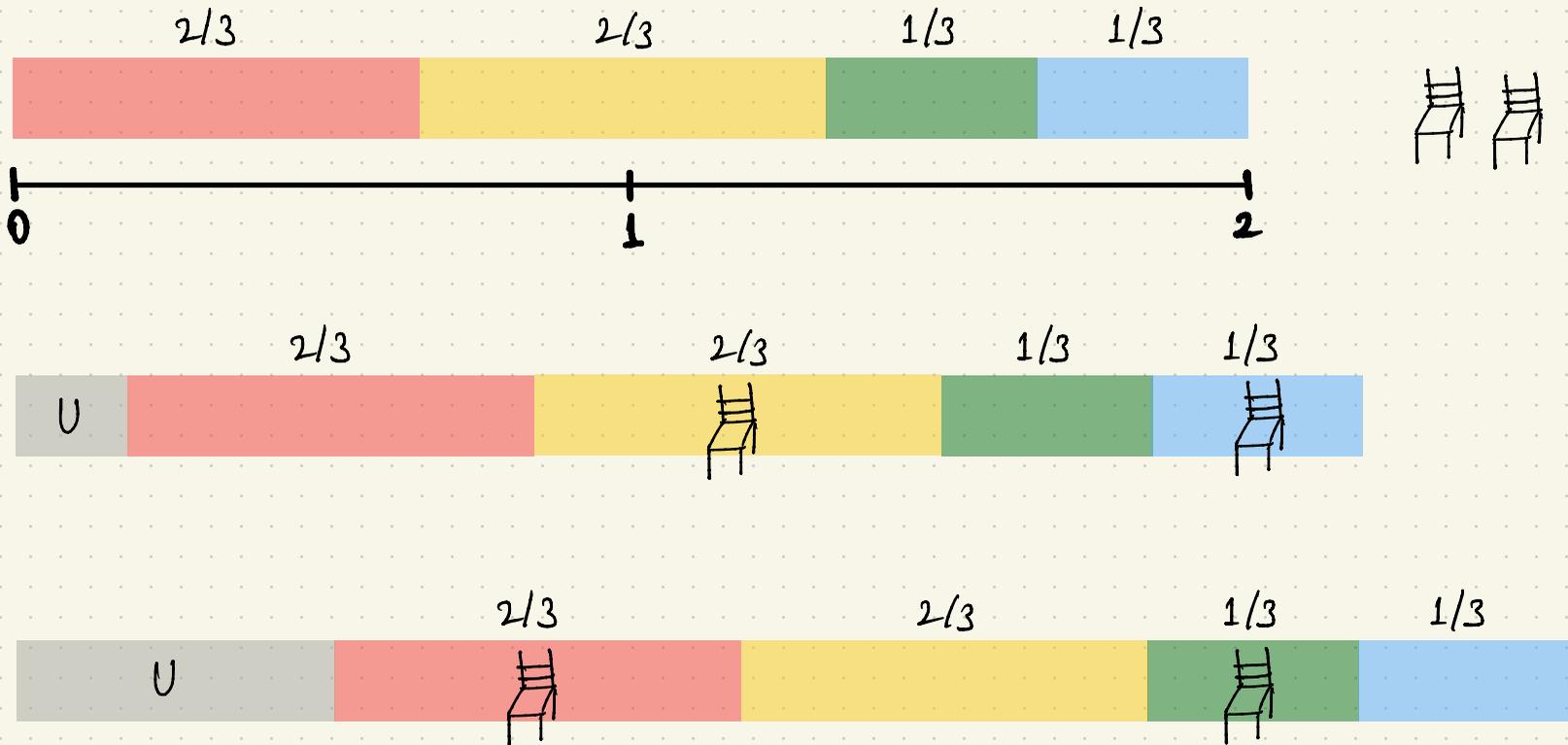
\* Consider a unif. random permutation of the states (wolog, identity).

\* Provisionally assign  $\lfloor q_i \rfloor$  seats to state  $i$ . Let  $r_i := q_i - \lfloor q_i \rfloor$ .  
i.e., the residue

\* Draw  $U \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$ . Let  $Q_i := U + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_j$ .

\* For each state  $i$ , allocate an extra seat to state  $i$  if  $[Q_i, Q_{i+1})$  contains an integer.

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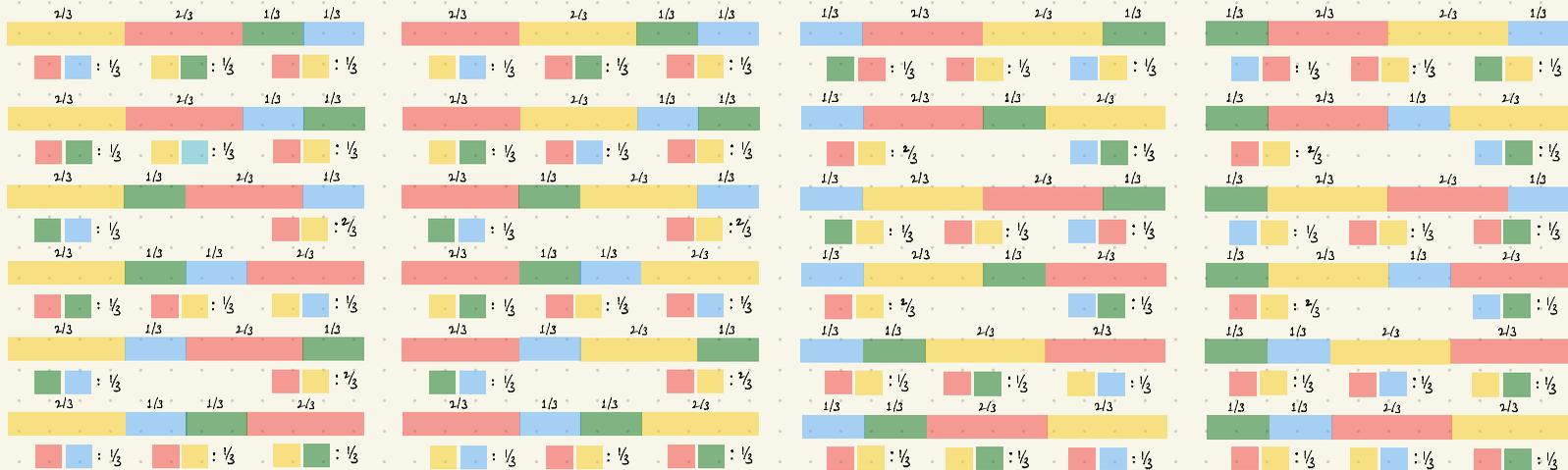


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4! permutations

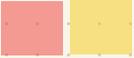
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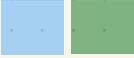
41 permutations and the resulting distributions

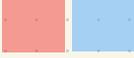
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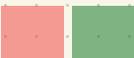
Overall distribution :


$$: 4/q$$


$$: 1/q$$


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# PROPERTIES OF GRIMMETT'S METHOD

Theorem : Grimmett's method satisfies :

- \* ex-ante proportionality
- \* ex-ante population monotonicity
- \* ex-post quota

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

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$h = 11$

State 1 110

State 2 270

State 3 210

State 4 160

State 5 70

State 6 280

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

$h = 11$

State 1 1.1

State 2 2.7

State 3 2.1

State 4 1.6

State 5 0.7

State 6 2.8

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

First assign lower quotas.

$$h = 11$$

(1) State 1 1.1

(2) State 2 2.7

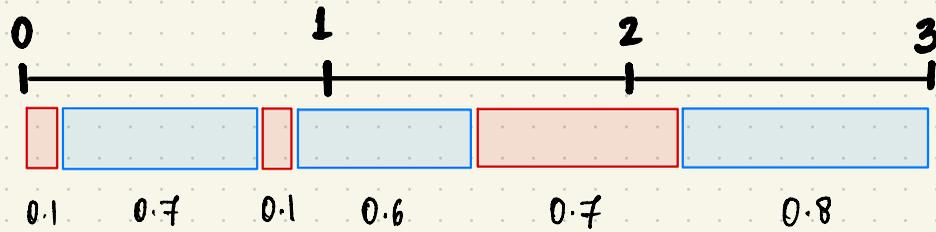
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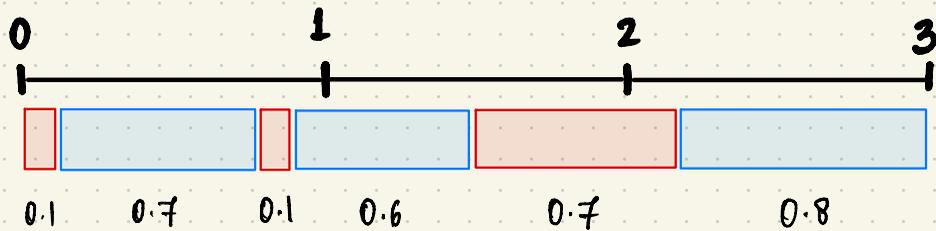
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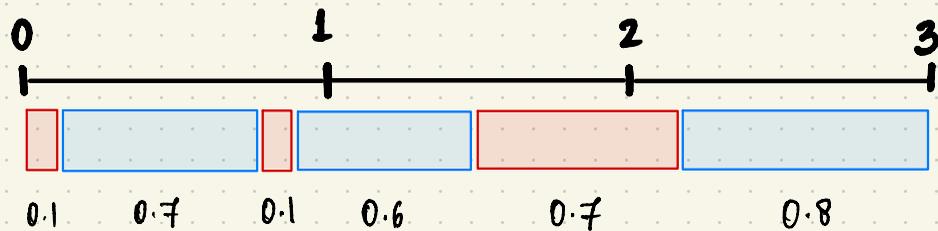
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	State 2	State 2	State 2	State 3	
State 4	State 4	State 4			State 4
State 5	State 5		State 5	State 5	State 5
		State 6	State 6	State 6	State 6

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(2) State 2	2.7
(2) State 3	2.1
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0.1                      0.1                      0.3                      0.3                      0.1                      0.1

$h=11$

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				State 3		(2) State 3	2.1
State 4	State 4	State 4			State 4	(1) State 4	1.6
State 5	State 5		State 5	State 5	State 5	(0) State 5	0.7
		State 6	State 6	State 6	State 6	(2) State 6	2.8

RED states never receive more than 5 states ex-post.

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

BLUE states gain population

RED states lose population

$h = 11$

State 1 1.1

State 2 2.7 ↑

State 3 2.1

State 4 1.6 ↑

State 5 0.7 ↓

State 6 2.8 ↑

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

$h = 11$

State 1 1.1

State 2 2.9

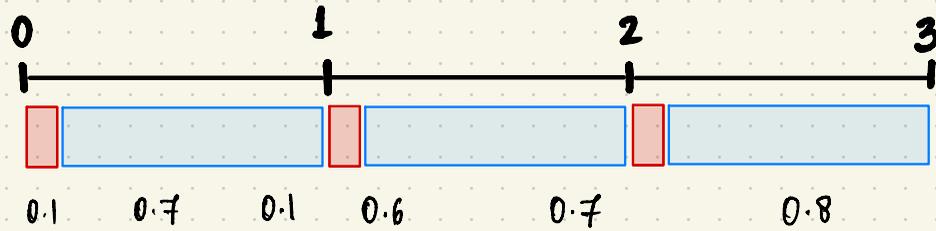
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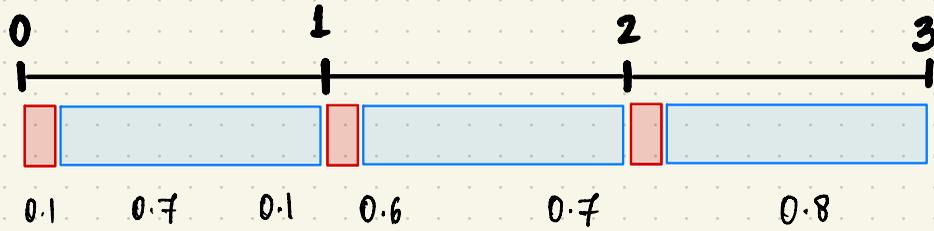
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# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS



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State 1
State 3
State 5

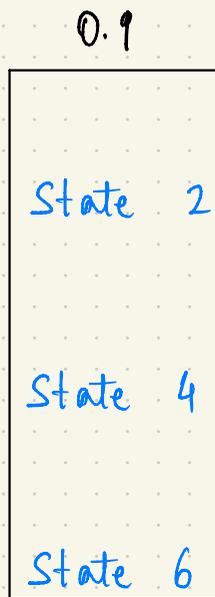
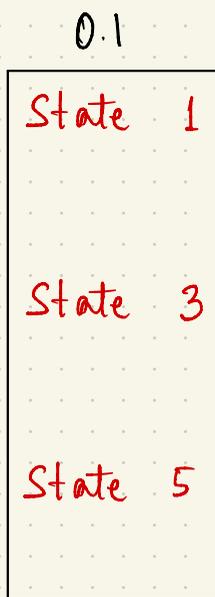
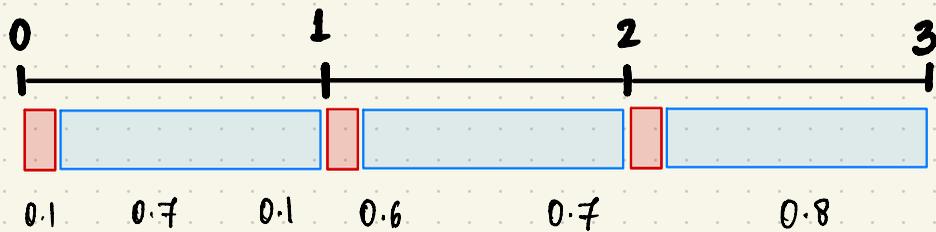
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RED states achieve majority with probability 0.1

# BIZARRE CORRELATIONS

RED states gain ex-post majority  
by losing population to BLUE states!

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Let  $\vec{\kappa}, \vec{\kappa}' \in [0, 1]^n$  be two residue vectors summing up to the same integer  $k$ . Let  $T$  be a set of  $k$  states such that

$$\kappa'_i \geq \kappa_i \quad \forall i \in T \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa'_i \leq \kappa_i \quad \forall i \notin T.$$

A randomized apportionment method  $f$  satisfies **selection monotonicity** if

$$\Pr_{s \sim f(\vec{\kappa}')} [S = T] \geq \Pr_{s \sim f(\vec{\kappa})} [S = T].$$

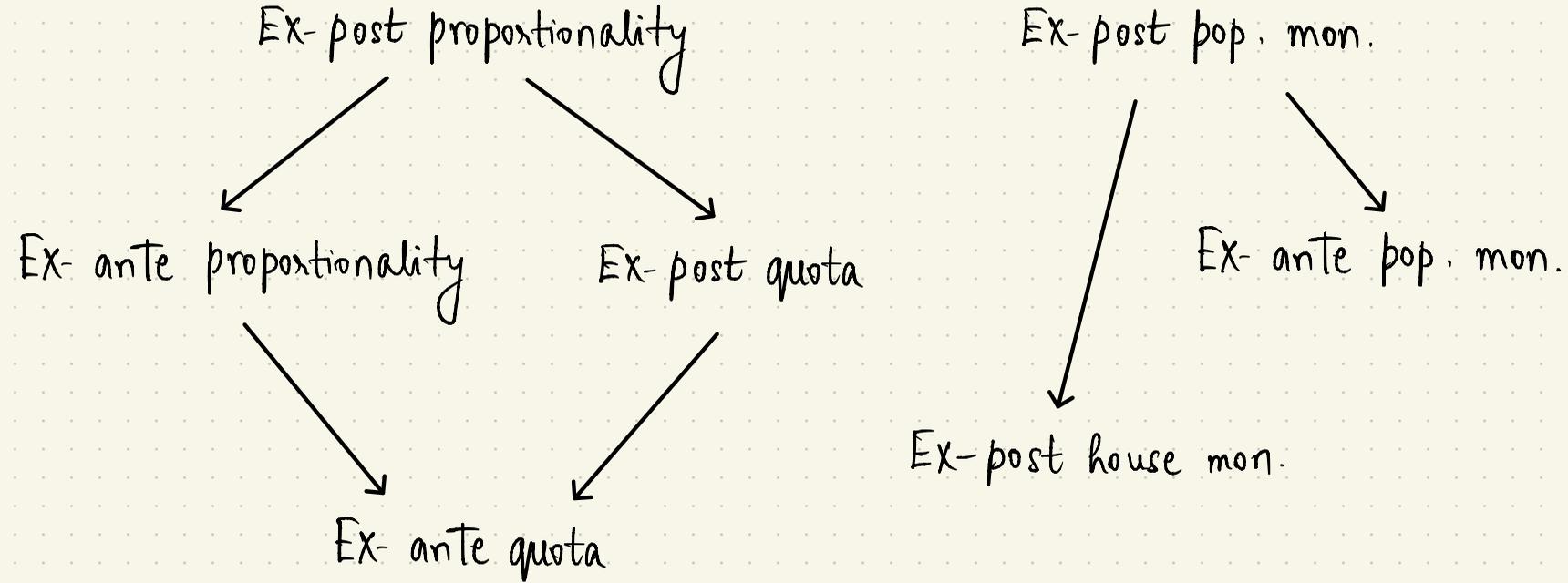
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Which randomized apportionment method satisfies  
selection monotonicity, ex-post quota, and ex-ante proportionality?



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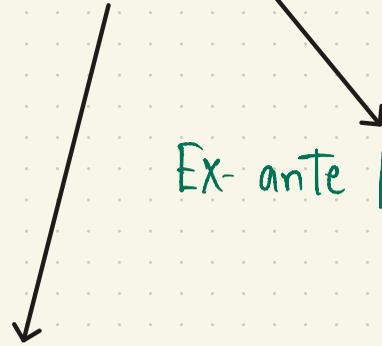


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Ex-post proportionality



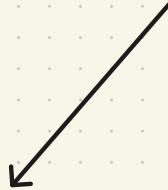
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Ex-ante proportionality

Ex-post quota

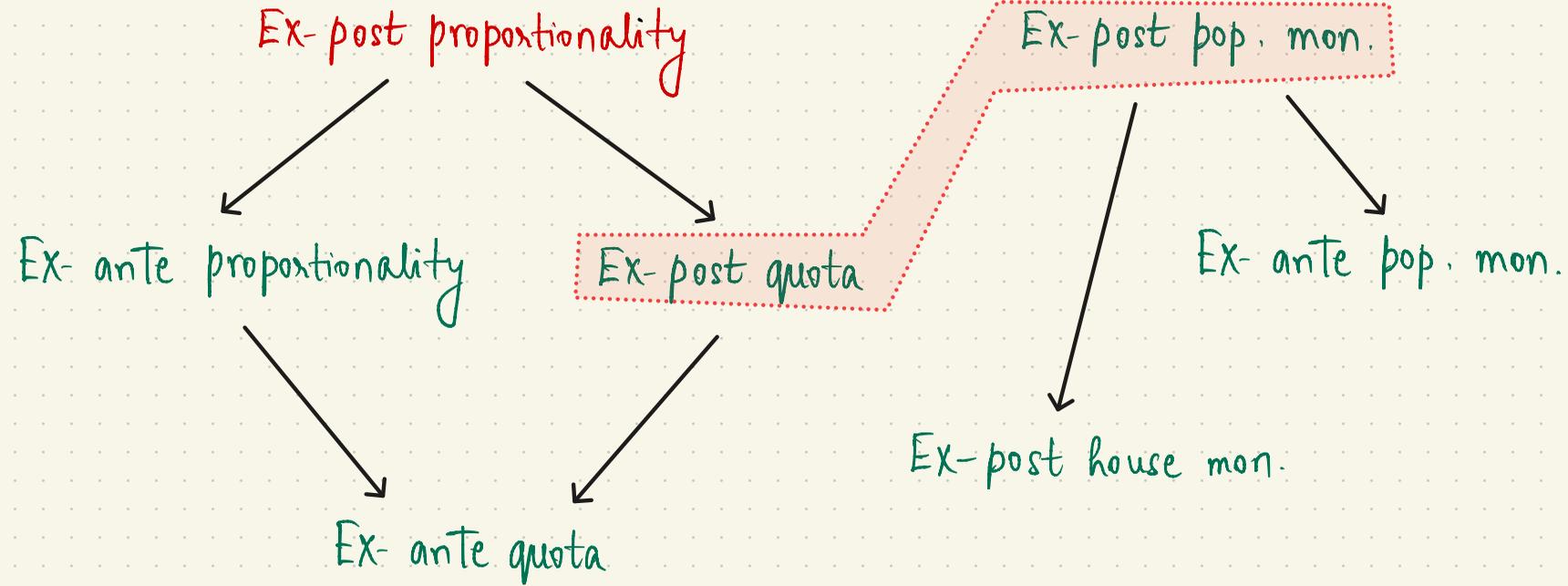
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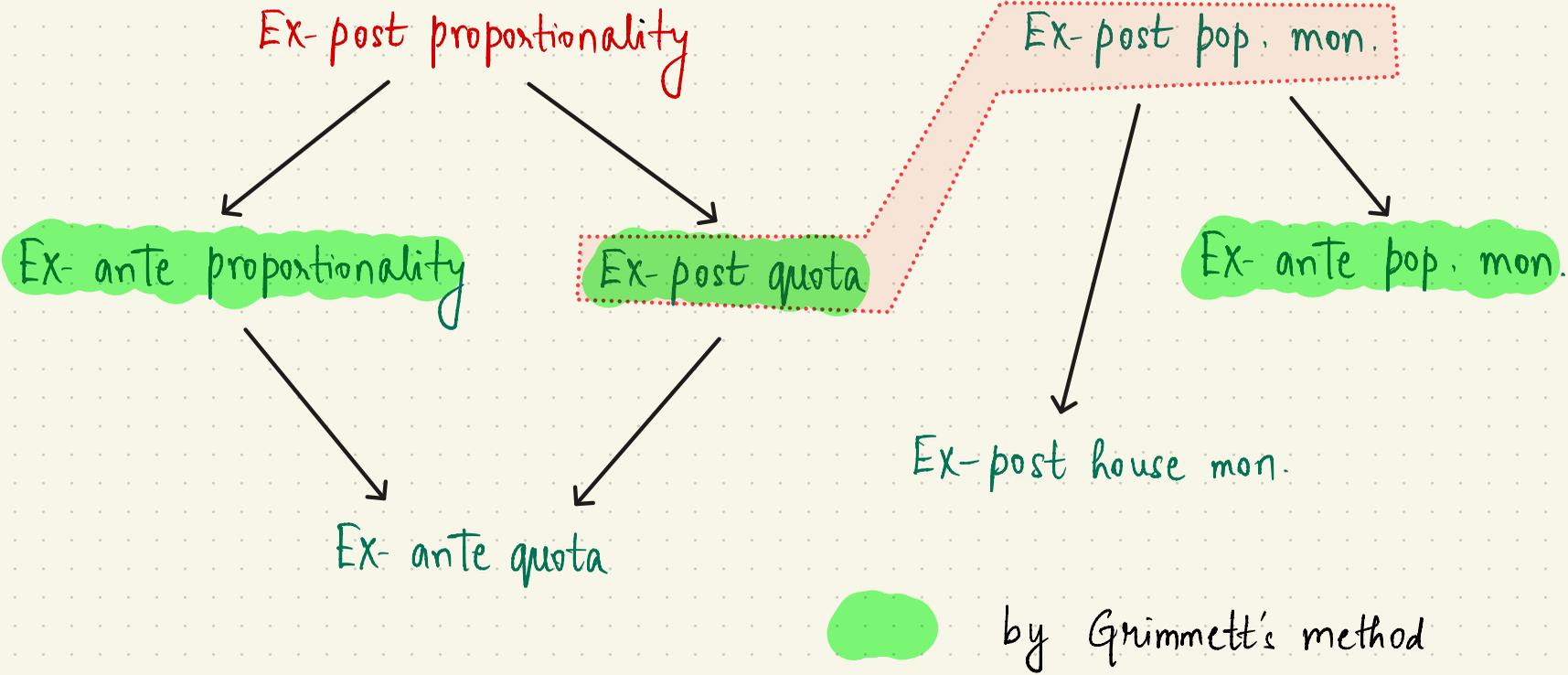
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Ex-ante quota

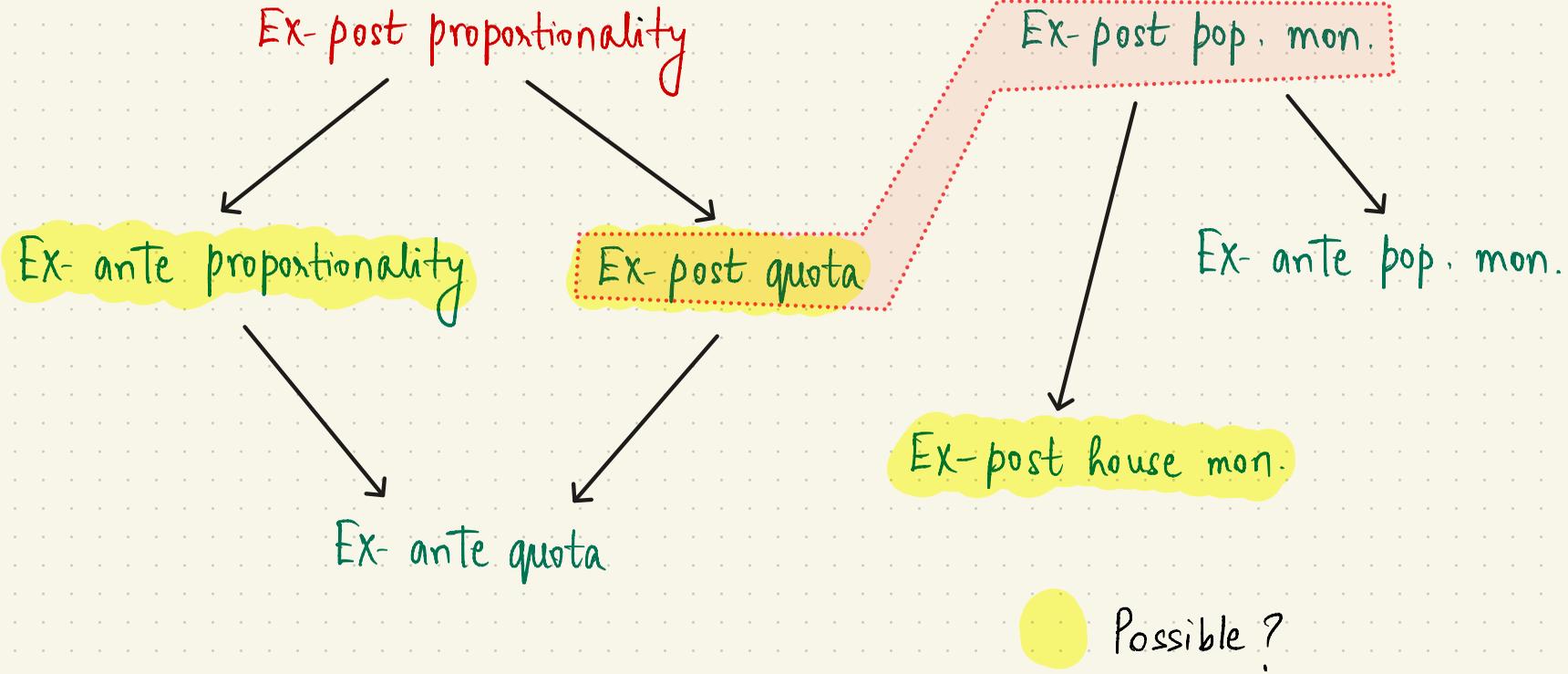
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$h=2$  Four states with populations  $(1, 2, 1, 2)$ .

Identity permutation and  $U > \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow$  "toxic" assignment  
Grimmett returns the seat allocation  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$ .

Ex-post house monotonicity requires that for  $h=3$ ,  
at least one out of state 2 or state 4 still receives 0 seats.

But quota compliance requires both states to receive exactly  
one seat when  $h=3$ .

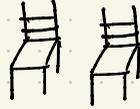
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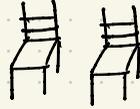
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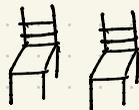


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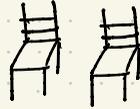
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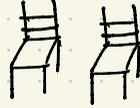
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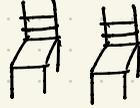
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with the **lowest** quotas.

$\Rightarrow$  selecting the seat assignment  $(1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$  with prob. 0.1  
meets ex-ante proportionality for state 1.

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Proposed seat assignment

Probability  
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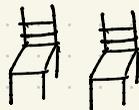
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Decision

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Probability  
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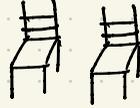
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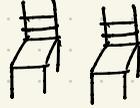
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Probability needed

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Probability available

0.2

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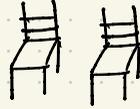
Total probability of all seat assignments where state 5

is rounded down =  $1 - 0.8 = 0.2$

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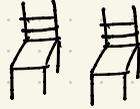
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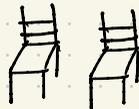
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saturated!

Proposed seat assignment

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Probability needed

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Probability available

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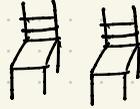
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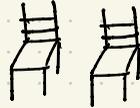
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Resume from the next lowest-residue **unsaturated** state.

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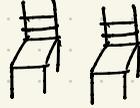
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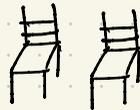
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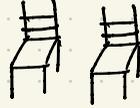
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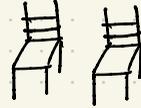
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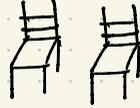


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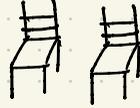


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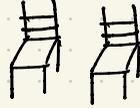
Total probability of all seat assignments where state 5

is rounded down =  $1 - 0.8 = 0.2$

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NOT saturated

Proposed seat assignment

Probability needed

Probability available

Decision

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0.1

0.2

0.1

0   1   1   0   0

0

0

0   0   1   1   0

0.3

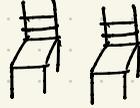
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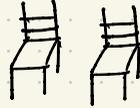
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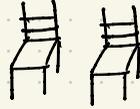
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⇒ Reduced problem with one less seat.

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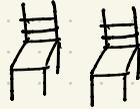


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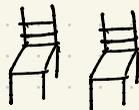


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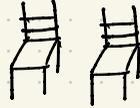


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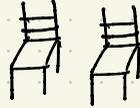


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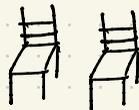


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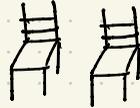


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0	0	0	1	1	0.6	0.6	0.6

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Resulting distribution is :

1	1	0	0	0	with probability	0.1
0	0	1	1	0	with probability	0.1
0	0	1	0	1	with probability	0.2
0	0	0	1	1	with probability	0.6

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denote the number of unassigned seats.

// WOLOG,  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ .

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Initialize all states as **unsaturated**.

Set unallocated probability  $\alpha = 1$ .

Set support size  $l = 0$ . // Initially, support is empty.

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Return the prob. distribution  $(\vec{s}_0, \alpha_0)$ ,  $(\vec{s}_1, \alpha_1)$ ,  $(\vec{s}_2, \alpha_2)$ , ...

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Under the Careful Sliding Method, can the RED states improve their chances of ex-post majority by losing population to BLUE states?

$h=11$

	BEFORE	AFTER
State 1	110	110
State 2	270	270 (+20)
State 3	210	210
State 4	160	160 (+30)
State 5	70	70 (-60)
State 6	280	280 (+10)

# NEXT LECTURE

Randomized apportionment via network flows