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  - Statistics, management science, operations research, decision aid, ...
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  - Project management
5. Inventory management
6. Simulation models
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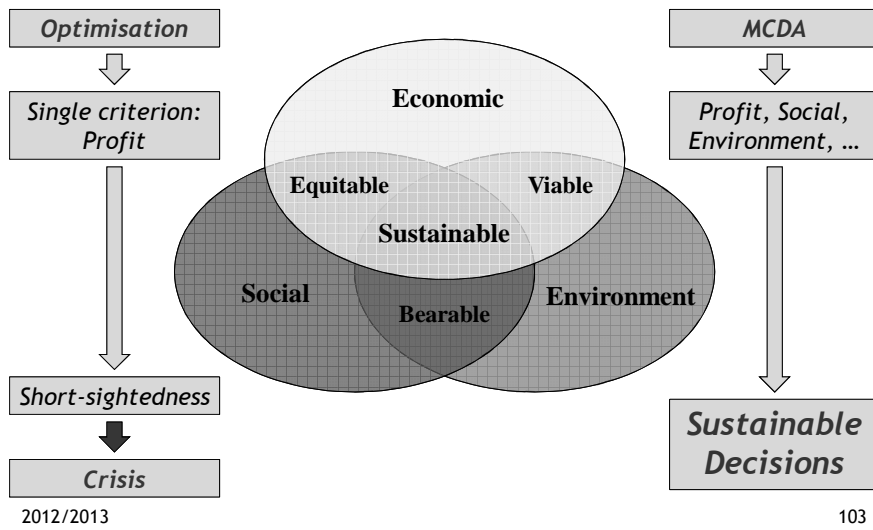
## Some Evaluation or Decision Problems

- Location problems: plant, store, warehouse...
- Human resources management.
- Purchase of equipment.
- Evaluation of suppliers (quality).
- Project evaluation.
- Investment selection.

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# MCDAs vs Optimisation



# Multicriteria vs Unicriterion Models

- Unicriterion model:

$$\text{Optimise} \{ g(a) \mid a \in A \}$$

- Mathematically well stated:
  - Notion of optimal solution,
  - Complete ranking of actions.
- Socio-economically ill stated:
  - Single criterion? Not so realistic.
  - Perception thresholds, ...

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## Multicriteria vs Unicriterion Models

- Multicriteria model:

$$\text{Optimise } \{g_1(a), g_2(a), \dots, g_k(a) \mid a \in A\}$$

- Mathematically ill stated:
  - No optimal solution,
  - No mathematical meaning.
- Socio-economically well stated:
  - Closer to actual decision problems,
  - Looking for a best compromise solution.

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## Multicriteria Table

- Actions:
  - possible decisions,
  - items to evaluate.
- Criteria:
  - quantitative,
  - qualitative.

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## Multicriteria Table

Action 1					
Action 2					
Action 3					
Action 4					
Action 5					
...					

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## Multicriteria Table

	Crit. 1 (unit)	Crit. 2 (unit)	Crit. 3 (unit)	Crit. 4 (unit)	...
Action 1					
Action 2					
Action 3					
Action 4					
Action 5					
...					

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## Multicriteria Table

	Crit. 1 (/20)	Crit. 2 (note)	Crit. 3 (apprec.)	Crit. 4 (Y/N)	...
Action 1	18	135	G	Yes	...
Action 2	9	147	B	Yes	...
Action 3	15	129	VG	No	...
Action 4	12	146	VB	?	...
Action 5	7	121	G	Yes	...
...	...	...	...	...	...

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## Plant Location

	Investment (BEF)	Costs (BEF)	Environn. (estimate)	...
Site 1	18	135	G	...
Site 2	9	147	B	...
Site 3	15	129	VG	...
Site 4	12	146	VB	...
Site 5	7	121	G	...
...	...	...	...	...

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## Purchase

	Price (BEF)	Reliability (days)	Maintenance (estimate)	...
Product A	18	135	G	...
Product B	9	147	B	...
Product C	15	129	VG	...
Product D	12	146	VB	...
Product E	7	121	G	...
...	...	...	...	...

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## An Example

### Purchase of an automobile

#### Objectives:

- Purchase (price),
- Use (fuel consumption),
- Performance (power),
- Comfort,
- Space.

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## Multicriteria Table

Car	Price	Power	Consumpt	Space	Comfort
Tourism A	360000	75	8,0	3	3
Sport	390000	110	9,0	1	2
Tourism B	355000	85	7,0	4	3
Luxury 1	480000	90	8,5	4	5
Economic	250000	50	7,5	2	1
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- What is the best buy?

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- What is the best buy?
- What is the best compromise?
- What are the priorities of the buyer?



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## Preference Modelling

- Problem:  
How to compare two actions  
 $a$  and  $b$  ?
- A first model: 3 possible situations:
  1. Preference:  $aPb$  or  $bPa$
  2. Indifference:  $aIb$
  3. Incomparability:  $aRb$

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## Preference structure

- Properties (logical):

$aPb \Rightarrow \text{not } bPa$	P is asymmetrical
$aIa$	I is reflexive
$aIb \Rightarrow bIa$	I is symmetrical
Not $aRa$	R is irreflexive
$aRb \Rightarrow bRa$	R is symmetrical

- These three relations define a preference structure (s.p.), if for all  $a, b$  in  $A$  we always have on of the following situations:  
 $aPb$  or  $bPa$  or  $aIb$  or  $aRb$

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## Traditional preference structure (unicriterion)

- Optimisation of a function  $g$  on  $A$

$$\forall a, b \in A: \begin{cases} aPb & \Leftrightarrow g(a) > g(b) \\ aIb & \Leftrightarrow g(a) = g(b) \end{cases}$$

- Consequences :

R is empty
P is transitive
I is transitive

- Complete ranking (weak order).

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## Introduction of an indifference threshold

- Problem: Intransitivity of indifference.  
Cf. Paradox of the coffee cup (Luce, 1956)
- Introduction of the indifference threshold:

$$\forall a, b \in A: \begin{cases} aPb & \Leftrightarrow g(a) > g(b) + q \\ aIb & \Leftrightarrow |g(a) - g(b)| \leq q \end{cases}$$

- Quasi-order: P is transitive, but I is not.

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## Some other preference structures

- Variable indifference threshold  
⇒ Interval order.
- Indifference threshold + preference threshold  
⇒ Pseudo-order.
- Models with incomparability  
⇒ Partial orders.
- Valued preference structures.

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## Social choice theory

- Problem:
  - A group of voters have to select a candidate among a group of candidates (election).
  - Each voter has a personal ranking of the candidates according to his/her preferences.
  - Which candidate should be elected?
- What is the « best » voting procedure?
- Analogy with multicriteria models:
  - Candidates  $\leftrightarrow$  actions,
  - Voters  $\leftrightarrow$  criteria.

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## 5 procedures... ... among many others...

1. Relative majority.
2. Condorcet.
3. Second ballot (French presidential).
4. Borda.
5. Successive eliminations.

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## Procedure 1 : Relative majority

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire  
30 voters:

11 voters	10 voters	9 voters
A	B	C
B	C	B
C	A	A

A	11
B	10
C	9

**Albert is elected**

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C	9

Problem: B and C preferred to A by a majority of voters!

Albert is elected  
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## Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas de Caritat Marquis de Condorcet 1743 - 1794



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## Procedure 2 : Condorcet

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire

30 voters:

11 voters	10 voters	9 voters
A	B	C
B	C	B
C	A	A

B preferred to A	19 votes
B preferred to C	21 votes
C preferred to A	19 votes

Bruno is elected

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## Procedure 2 : Condorcet paradox

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire

9 voters:

4 voters	3 voters	2 voters
A	B	C
B	C	A
C	A	B

A preferred to B	6 votes
B preferred to C	7 votes
C preferred to A	5 votes

Nobody is elected!

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## Procedure 3 : second ballot (French presidential election)

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, Diane

63 voters:

22 voters	21 voters	20 voters
B	C	D
A	A	A
C	D	C
D	B	B

**1<sup>st</sup> tour:** B and C

**2<sup>nd</sup> tour:** C beats B  
(41 vs 22)

**Claire is elected**

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## Procedure 3 : second ballot (French presidential election)

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire,

**Diane** 63 voters:

22 voters	21 voters	20 voters
B	C	D
A	A	A
C	D	C
D	B	B

**Claire is elected !!!**

...but

A preferred to C	42 votes
A preferred to B	41 votes
A preferred to D	43 votes

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## Procedure 3 : second ballot (French presidential election)

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire

17 voters:

5 voters	6 voters	4 voters	2 voters
C	A	B	B
A	B	C	A
B	C	A	C

1<sup>st</sup> tour: A and B

2<sup>nd</sup> tour: A beats B  
(11 vs 6)

Albert is elected

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17 voters:

5 voters	6 voters	4 voters	2 voters
C	A	B	<del>A</del> B
A	B	C	<del>B</del> A
B	C	A	C

Albert was elected

1<sup>st</sup> tour: A and C

2<sup>nd</sup> tour: C beats A  
(9 to 8)

Claire is elected !

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Problem: non-monotonicity!

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## Jean Charles de Borda 1733 - 1799



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### Procedure 4 : Borda

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire  
81 voters:

30 voters	29 voters	10 voters	10 voters	1 voter	1 voter	Points	Score
A	C	C	B	A	B	2	A 101
C	A	B	A	B	C	1	B 33
B	B	A	C	C	A	0	C 109

**Claire is elected!**

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$$31 \times 2 + 39 \times 1$$

$$11 \times 2 + 11 \times 1$$

$$39 \times 2 + 31 \times 1$$

## Procedure 4 : Borda

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A	C	C	B	A	B		2	A
C	A	B	A	B	C	1	B	33
B	B	A	C	C	A	0	C	109

A preferred to C : 41 on 81

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## Procedure 4 : Borda

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, Diane

7 voters:

3 voters	2 voters	2 voters	Points	Scores		Ranking
C	B	A		3	A	
B	A	D	2	B	12	
A	D	C	1	C	11	
D	C	B	0	D	6	

Albert is elected

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## Procedure 4 : Borda

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, Diane

7 voters:

3 voters	2 voters	2 voters	Points
C	B	A	2
B	A	C	1
A	C	B	0

Scores		Ranking
A	6	C
B	7	B
C	8	A

Claire is elected

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## Borda (manipulation)

3 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire

34 voters:

*Bruno's partisans generate the candidacy of x (« fake candidate »)*

Scores		Ranking
A	46	A
B	36	B
C	20	C

Albert is elected

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## Borda (manipulation)

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, x

34 voters:

12 voters	12 voters	10 voters	Points
A	B	C	3
B	x	A	2
C	A	B	1
x	C	x	0

Scores		Ranking
A	68	<b>B</b>
B	70	A
C	42	C
x	24	x

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**Bruno is elected!**

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## Borda (manipulation)

4 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, x

34 voters:

12 voters	12 voters	10 voters	Points
A	B	C	3
x	x	x	2
B	A	A	1
C	C	B	0

Scores		Ranking
A	58	<b>x</b>
B	48	A
C	30	B
x	68	C

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**The fake candidate is elected!**

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## Procedure 5 : Successive eliminations

- Tour-wise procedure.
- Principle:  
Eliminate progressively the worst candidates, one by one, until only one is left.

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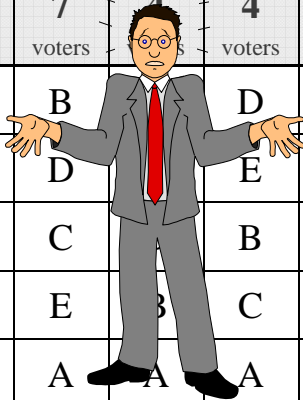
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## Conclusion?

5 candidates: Albert, Bruno, Claire, Diane, Eric

25 voters:

8 voters	7 voters	4 voters	4 voters	2 voters
A	B	D	C	
C	D	E	E	
D	C	B	D	
B	E	C	B	
E	A	A	A	A



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Relative majority

↳ **Albert** elected

Second ballot:

↳ **Bruno** elected

Condorcet:

↳ **Claire** elected

Borda:

↳ **Diane** elected

Successive eliminations:

↳ **Eric** elected

## Kenneth Arrow (Nobel prize in economy, 1972)

- **Impossibility theorem (1952):**  
 With at least 2 voters and 3 candidates, it is **impossible** to build a voting procedure that simultaneously satisfies the 5 following properties:
  - Non-dictatorship.
  - Universality.
  - Independence with respect to third parties.
  - Monotonicity.
  - Non-imposition.

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## A common approach: The weighted sum

		Criteria			
		$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	...
Actions or Decisions	$a$	$g_1(a)$	$g_2(a)$	$g_3(a)$	...
	$b$	$g_1(b)$	$g_2(b)$	$g_3(b)$	...
	$c$	...			
	...	...			
		$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	...

Weights of the criteria

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## A common approach: The weighted sum

- Global value for  $a$  :

$$V(a) = w_1 g_1(a) + w_2 g_2(a) + \dots$$

- $a$  is preferred to  $b$  if:

$$V(a) > V(b)$$

(if all criteria are to maximise)

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## Weighted sum: Example 1

	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	$g_4$	$g_5$
$a$	100	100	100	100	55
$b$	85	85	85	85	100
	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5

- $V(a) = 91$        $V(b) = 88$
- Total and uncontrolled compensation of weaknesses by strengths.

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## Weighted sum: Example 2

	$g_1$	$g_2$
$a$	100	0
$b$	0	100
$c$	50	50
$d$	50	50
	1/2	1/2

- $V(a) = V(b) = V(c) = V(d) = 50$
- Elimination of conflicts - Loss of information.

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## Weighted sum: Example 3

*"Profit is approximately 2 times more important  
than time savings;  
0.7 for profit and 0.3 for time savings."*

	$g_1$ (BF)	$g_2$ (min)
$a$	60	60
$b$	48	70
	0.7	0.3

$$V(a) = 60$$

$$V(b) = 54.6$$

$a$  is ranked 1<sup>st</sup>.

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<i>b</i>	8	70
	0.7	0.3

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$$V(b) = 26.6$$

*b* is ranked 1<sup>st</sup>!

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→ Significance of "weights" ! ←

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## Multicriteria decision aid

- Multiattribute utility theory.
- Outranking methods.
- Interactive methods.
- Multiobjective programming.
- ...

Since 1970, numerous developments:  
conferences, papers, books, applications,  
software...

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## Decision aid methods

- Supplementary information:

Perception of scales

Weighing of criteria

- Analysis Procedure:

Prescriptive approach: **PROMETHEE**

Descriptive approach: **GAIA**

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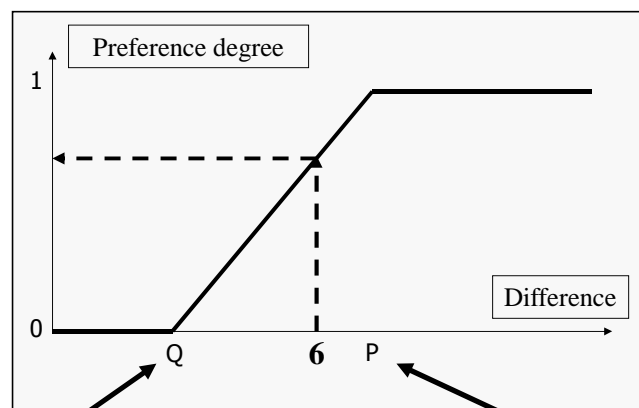
## Comparison of 2 actions

	Crit. 1 (/20)	Crit. 2 (rating)	Crit. 3 (qual.)	Crit. 4 (Y/N)	...
Action 1	18	135	B	Oui	...
Action 2	9	147	Difference = 6		...
Action 3	15	129	TB	Non	...
Action 4	12	146	TM	?	...
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## Preference function



Indifference threshold

Linear

Preference threshold

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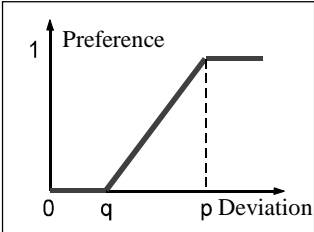
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# PROMETHEE

	Economic		Lux. 1	
<u>-230000</u>	<b>250000</b>	Price	480000	
	50	Power	<b>90</b>	<u>+40</u>
<u>-1,0</u>	<b>7,5</b>	Consumpt.	8,5	
	B	Space	<b>G</b>	<u>+2</u>
	VB	Comfort	<b>VG</b>	<u>+4</u>

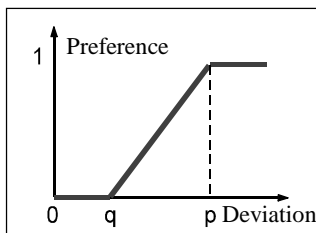
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		B	Space	<b>G</b>
		VB	Comfort	<b>VG</b>



# PROMETHEE

Pref (Eco.,Lux.)	Economic		Lux. 1	Pref (Lux.,Eco.)
1,0	-230000	250000	Price	480000
0,0		50	Power	90
0,5	-1,0	7,5	Consumpt.	8,5
0,0		B	Space	G
0,0		VB	Comfort	VG
				+40
				+2
				+4

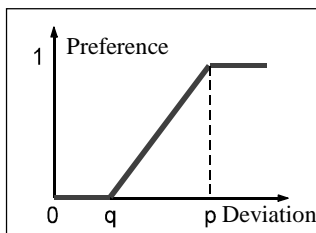


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# PROMETHEE

Pref (Eco.,Lux.)	Economic		Lux. 1	Pref (Lux.,Eco.)	Wght
1,0	-230000	250000	Price	480000	1
0,0		50	Power	90	1
0,5	-1,0	7,5	Consumpt.	8,5	1
0,0		B	Space	G	1
0,0		VB	Comfort	VG	1
				+40	
				+2	
				+4	



$$\square \text{ Pref (Eco.,Lux.)} = 0,3$$

$$= (1 + 0 + 0,5 + 0 + 0) / 5$$

$$\square \text{ Pref (Lux.,Eco.)} = 0,5$$

$$= (0 + 1 + 0 + 0,5 + 1) / 5$$

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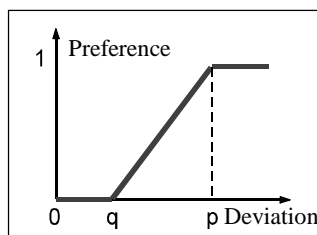
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# PROMETHEE

Pref (Eco.,Lux.)

Pref (Lux.,Eco.)

		Economic		Lux. 1			Wght
1,0	-230000	250000	Price	480000		0,0	2
0,0		50	Power	90	+40	1,0	1
0,5	-1,0	7,5	Consumpt.	8,5		0,0	2
0,0		B	Space	G	+2	0,5	1
0,0		VB	Comfort	VG	+4	1,0	1



$$\square \text{ Pref (Eco.,Lux.)} = 0,43$$

$$= (2 \times 1 + 0 + 2 \times 0,5 + 0 + 0) / 7$$

$$\square \text{ Pref (Lux.,Eco.)} = 0,36$$

$$= (0 + 1 + 0 + 0,5 + 1) / 7$$

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## Pairwise comparisons

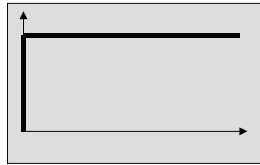
- For each criterion  $g_j$  :
  - Preference function  $P_j$
  - Weight  $w_j$
- Multicriteria preference degree of  $a$  over  $b$  :

$$\pi(a,b) = \sum_{j=1}^k w_j P_j(a,b)$$

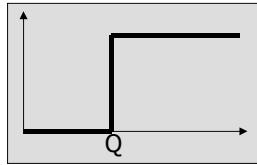
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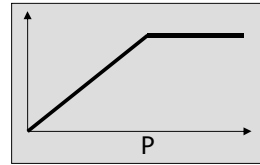
## Preference functions (as in Decision Lab software)



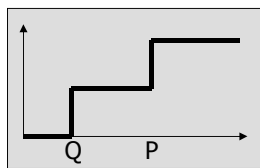
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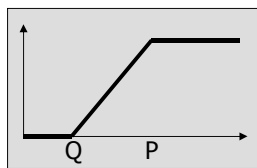
« U » shape



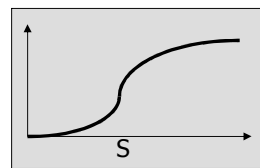
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Level



Linear



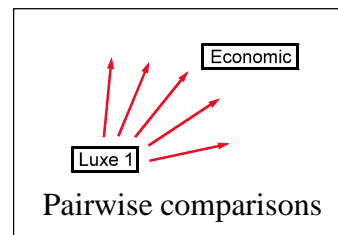
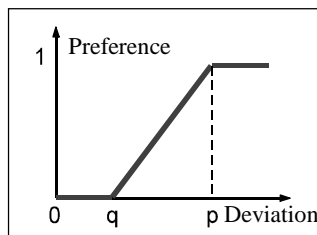
Gaussian

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## PROMETHEE

Pref (Eco.,Lux.)	Economic		Lux. 1	Pref (Lux.,Eco.)	
1,0	-230000	250000	Price	480000	0,0
0,0		50	Power	90	+40
0,5	-1,0	7,5	Consumpt.	8,5	0,0
0,0		B	Space	G	+2
0,0		VB	Comfort	VG	+4



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## Pairwise preference matrix $\pi(a,b)$

$\pi(a,b)$	<i>Tour.A</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Tour.B</i>	<i>Lux.1</i>	<i>Econ.</i>	<i>Lux.2</i>	$\phi^+(a)$
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<i>Sport</i>		0,00					
<i>Tour.B</i>			0,00				
<i>Lux.1</i>				0,00	0,50		
<i>Econ.</i>				0,30	0,00		
<i>Lux.2</i>						0,00	
$\phi^-(a)$							
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<i>Lux.1</i>	0,18	0,45	0,10	0,00	0,50	0,15	
<i>Econ.</i>	0,20	0,34	0,14	0,30	0,00	0,35	
<i>Lux.2</i>	0,24	0,30	0,10	0,04	0,60	0,00	
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$\phi(a)$							

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## Computation of $\phi^+(a)$

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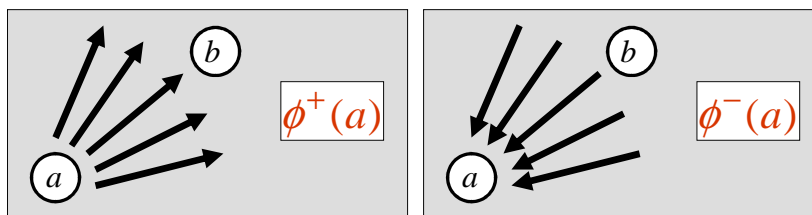
## Computation of preference flows

$\pi(a,b)$	<i>Tour.A</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Tour.B</i>	<i>Lux.1</i>	<i>Econ.</i>	<i>Lux.2</i>	$\phi^+(a)$
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## Preference flows



- Leaving flow:  
(strength)

$$\phi^+(a) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{b \in A} \pi(a,b)$$

- Entering flow:  
(weakness)

$$\phi^-(a) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{b \in A} \pi(b,a)$$

- Net flow:

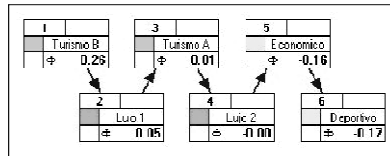
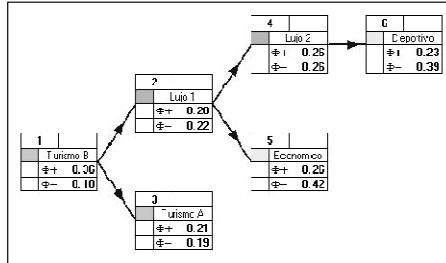
$$\phi(a) = \phi^+(a) - \phi^-(a)$$

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# PROMETHEE

- Rank decisions from the best to the worst ones.
- Identify best compromise solutions.

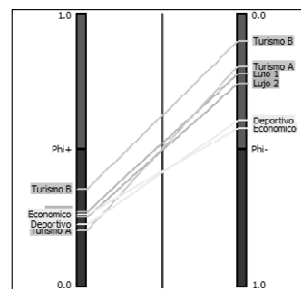
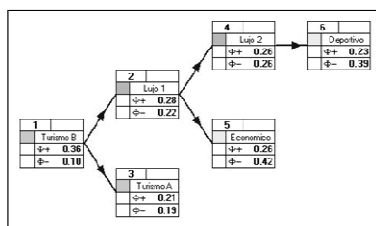


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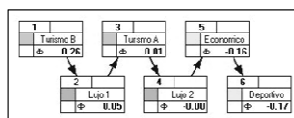
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# PROMETHEE I & II

- PROMETHEE I : partial ranking -  $\phi^+, \phi^-$



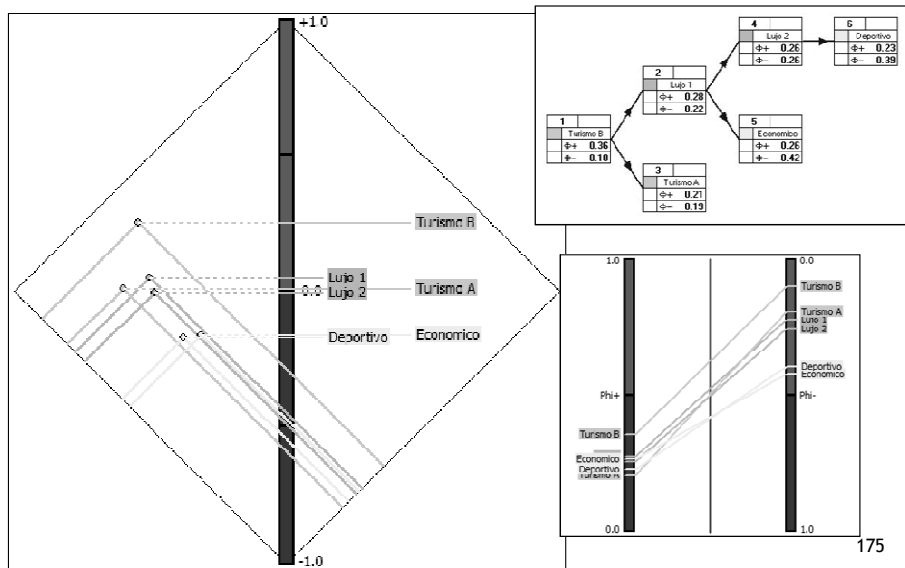
- PROMETHEE II : complete ranking -  $\phi$



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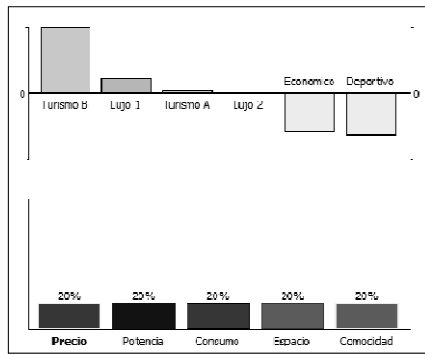
## PROMETHEE I Diamond



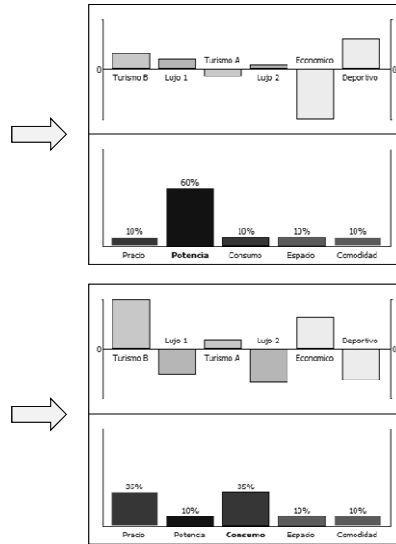
## Sensitivity Analysis with PROMETHEE

- Criteria weights  $\leftrightarrow$  PROMETHEE ranking.
- Interactive weight sensitivity analysis: « Walking Weights ».
- Robustness with respect to weight values?
  - Weight stability intervals.
  - Visual weight stability intervals.

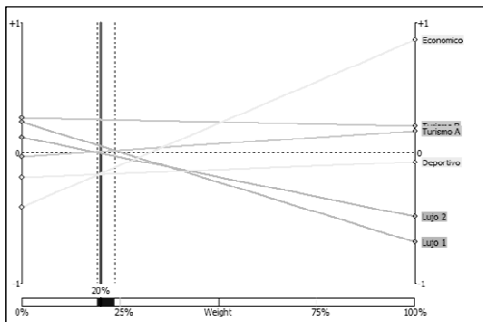
# Walking Weights



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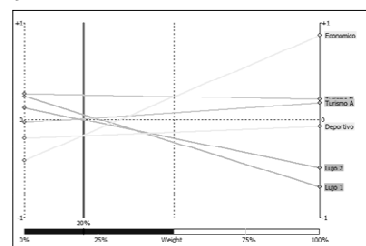


# Visual Stability Intervals

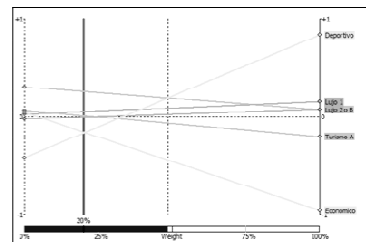


VSI for « Precio » (level 6):  
[ 19.20% , 23.70% ]

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VSI for « Precio » (level 1): [ 0.00% , 50.68% ]



VSI for « Potencia » (level 1): [ 0.00% , 48.65% ]  
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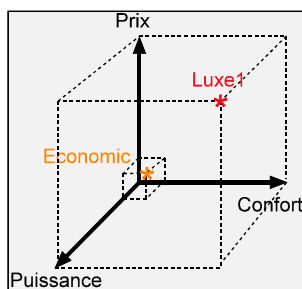
# GAIA

- Visual descriptive analysis.
- Better understanding:
  - Conflicting criteria.
  - Action profiles.
  - Possible compromise solutions.
- Reducing the multicriteria dimension:
  - Principal components analysis.

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# GAIA



- Graphical representation.
- 5 dimensions!

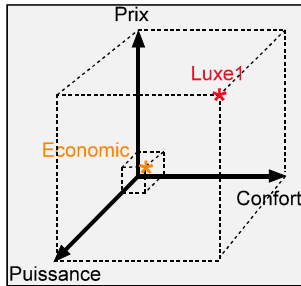
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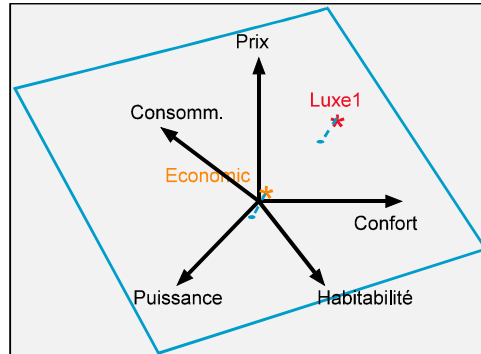
# GAIA

1. Computation of unicriterion net flows (normalization)
2. Projection on a plane:



- Graphical representation.
- 5 dimensions!

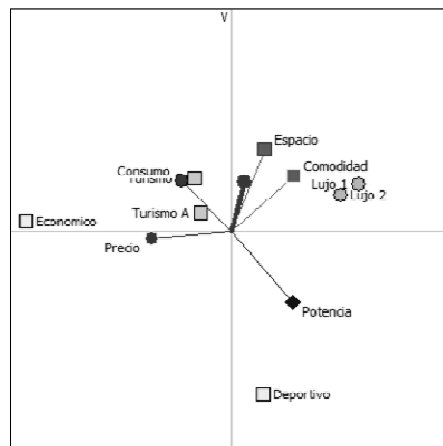
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# GAIA

- Discover conflicts among criteria.
- Identify potential compromises.
- Help to fix priorities.

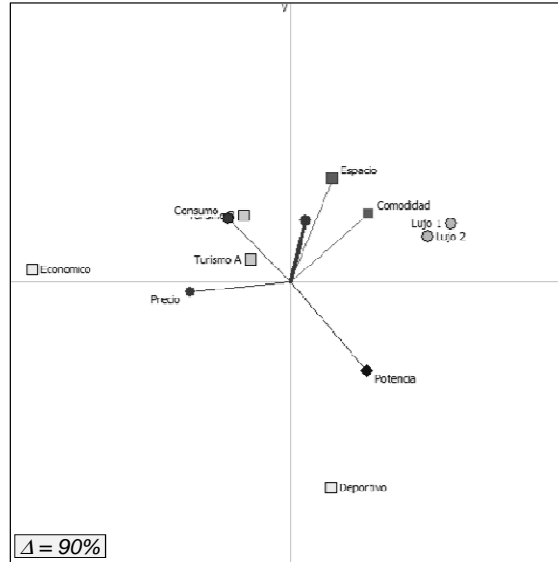


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# GAIA

- *Actions:*  
points
- *Criteria:*  
axes

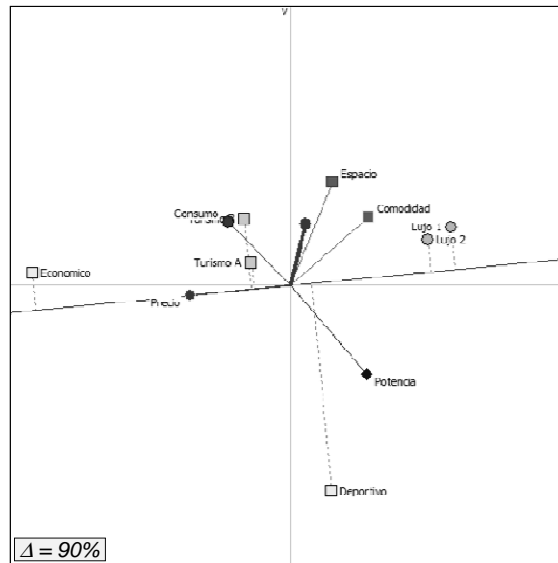


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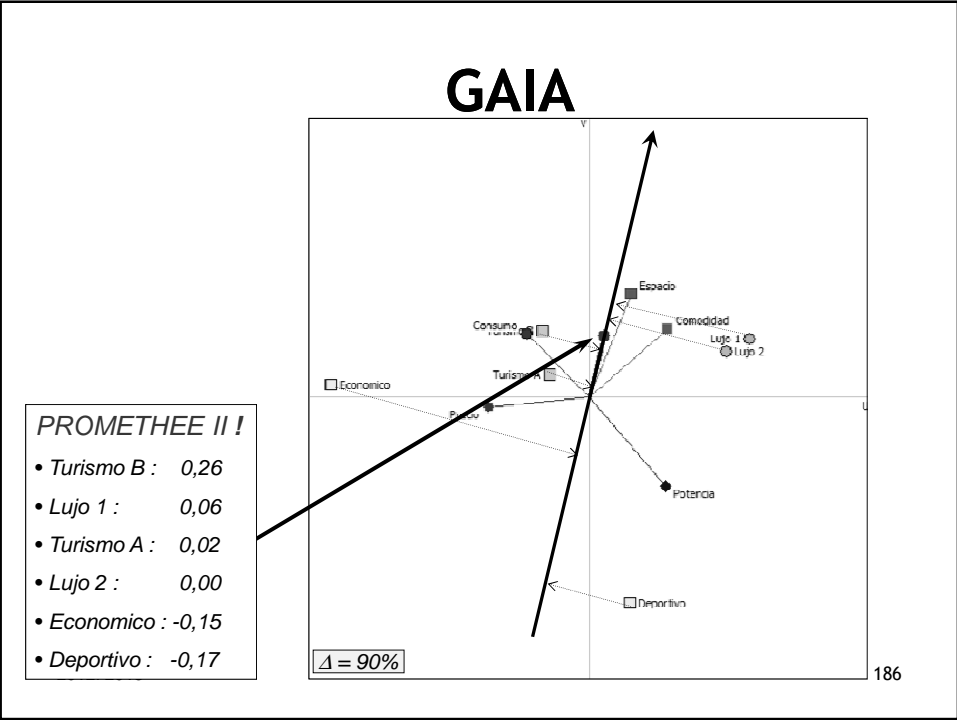
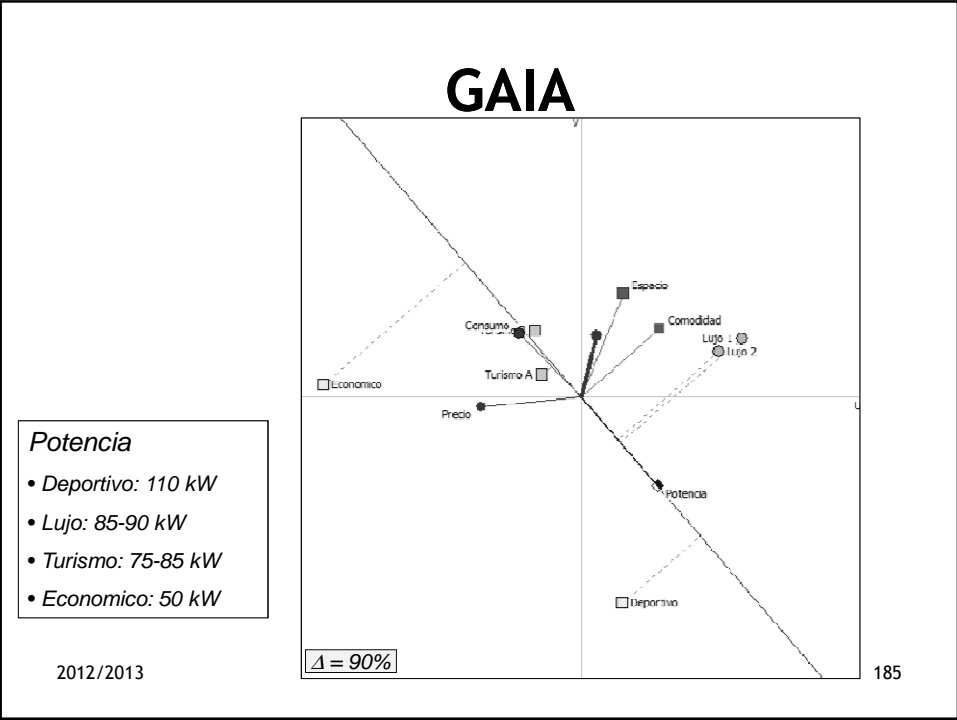
# GAIA

- Precio**
- *Economico:* 15 k€
  - *Turismo:* 25,5-26 k€
  - *Deportivo:* 29 k€
  - *Lujo:* 35-38 k€



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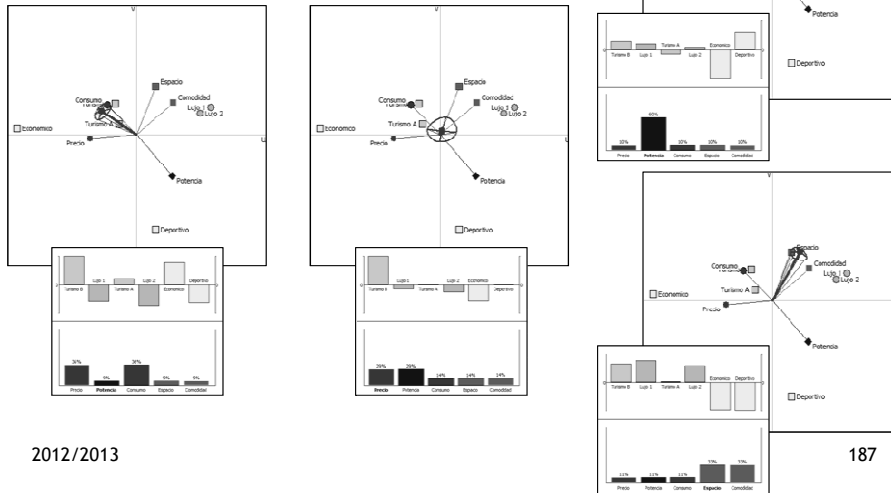
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# GAIA-Brain

20 years old

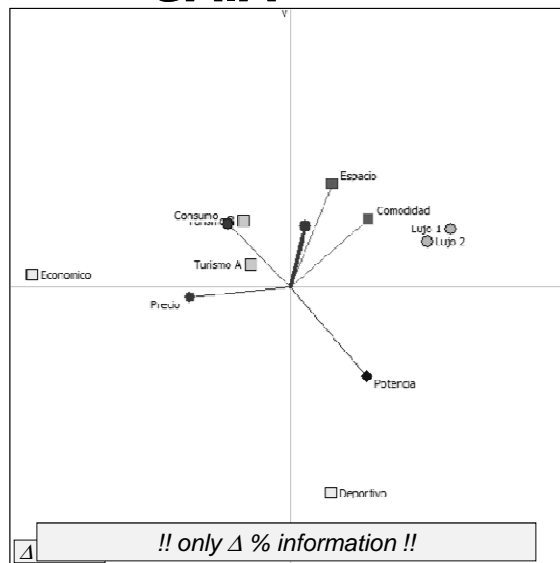
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# GAIA

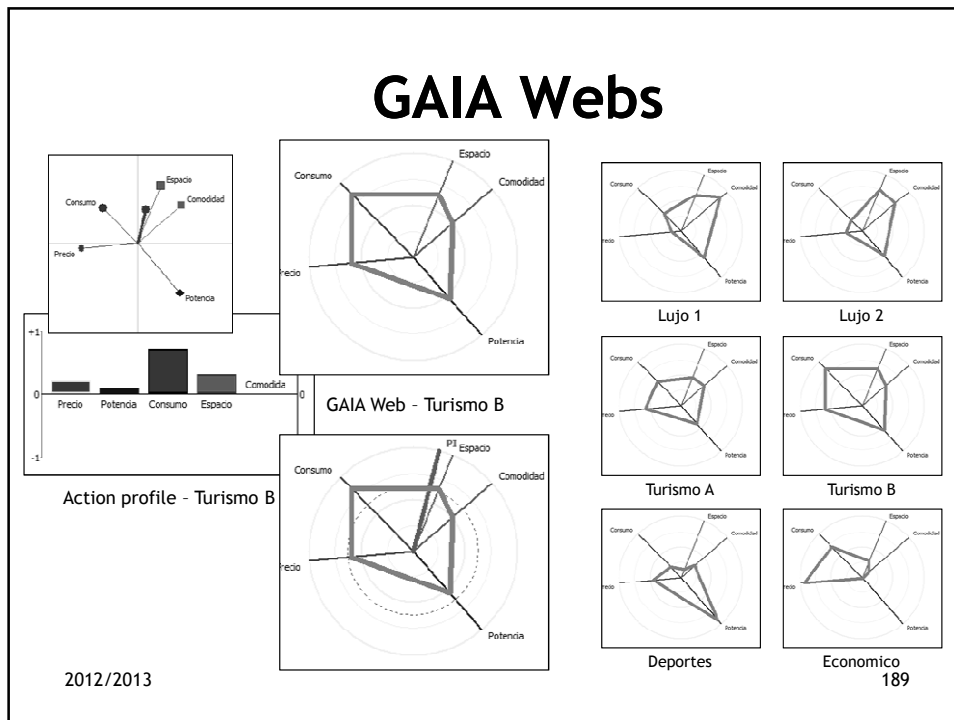


- *Actions:*  
*points*
- *Criteria:*  
*axes*
- *Decision axis*

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## GAIA Webs



## Example 2 : Plant location

- Actions: 5 potential sites
- Criteria:
  - $g_1$  : Cost (investment)
  - $g_2$  : Cost (operations)
  - $g_3$  : Employment
  - $g_4$  : Transportation
  - $g_5$  : Environmental impact
  - $g_6$  : Social impact

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## Evaluation table

	Investment	Operativs	Employment	Transportation	Environment	Social
Min/Max	Minimize	Minimize	Minimize	Maximize	Minimize	Minimize
Weight	25.0000	15.0000	20.0000	20.0000	13.0000	10.0000
Preference Functi	Linear	Linear	Linear	Level	Level	Level
Indifference Thres	5.00 %	5.00 %	5.00 %	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000
Preference Thres	25.00 %	25.00 %	10.00 %	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
Gaussian Thresh						
Threshold Unit	Percent	Percent	Percent	Absolute	Absolute	Absolute
Unit	M\$	M\$	workers	5-point	Impact	Impact
Site 1	74.0000	12.0000	175.0000	Average	High	Low
Site 2	86.0000	9.0000	170.0000	Good	Low	Very Low
Site 3	89.0000	7.0000	145.0000	Very Good	Very Low	Moderate
Site 4	115.0000	8.0000	95.0000	Bad	Low	High
Site 5	128.0000	10.0000	110.0000	Good	Moderate	Very Low

- Criteria to minimize or maximize.
- Different scales.
- Quantitative or qualitative criteria.

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## Single- and Multi-decision maker decision problems

- Single-decision maker :
  - Single stakeholder (decision maker).
  - Single evaluation table and preference structure.
- Multi-decision maker:
  - Multiple stakeholders (including decision maker(s)).
  - Multiple evaluation tables and preference structures.
  - Looking for a consensus solution.

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## Example 2

- Four stakeholders (“decision makers”):
  - Industrial (actual decision maker),
  - Political authorities (regional),
  - Environmental protection groups,
  - Workers unions (social).
- Four multicriteria tables.

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## Multi-scenarios model

- Scenarios:
  - Points of view,
  - Hypotheses, ...
- Evaluations:
  - ‘Objective’ criteria: common evaluations.
  - ‘Subjective’ criteria: specific evaluations for each scenario.
- Specific preference structures :
  - Weights, preference thresholds.

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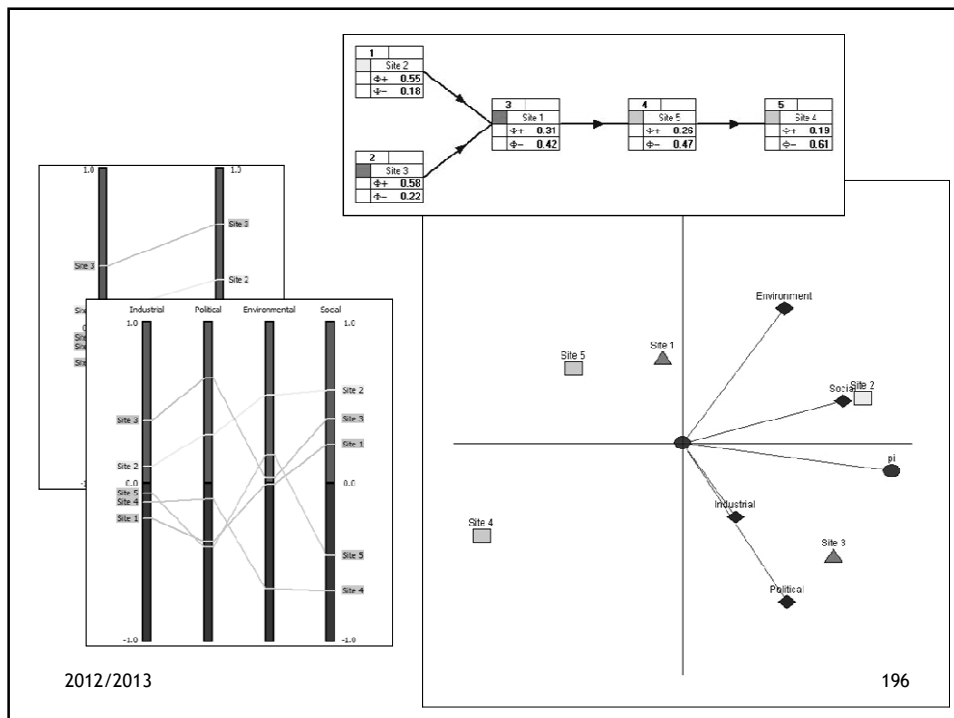
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# Multi-scenarios model

- Adaptation of PROMETHEE:
  - Individual rankings.
  - Global (group) rankings taking into account a possible weighing of the scenarios.
- Adaptation of GAIA:
  - Two distinct analyses.

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# Visual PROMETHEE



## WWW.PROMETHEE-GAIA.NET

- 3-level simple hierarchical criteria structure.
- New visual tools:
  - PROMETHEE rankings and Diamond,
  - Visual Weight Stability Intervals,
  - Decision-maker's Brain (PROMETHEE VI),
  - GAIA-3D,
  - GAIA-Webs and PROMap GIS integration,
  - Performance (input-output) analysis, ...

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# PROMap

- *Google Maps* integration:



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## Group decision making

- Up to 80% of upper management and executives working time spent in meetings.
  - Time consuming (meetings, travel),
  - High cost.
- Limited efficiency of classical meetings:
  - Limited time allocated to each participant,
  - Psychological restraints,
  - Limited memory, ...
- Important stakes for organisations.

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## GDSS Rooms



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## Group Decision Support System

- Use IT to improve the efficiency of meetings.
  - Electronic brainstorming.
    - Working in parallel.
    - Possible anonymity.
    - Automated report generation.
  - Decision Aid.
  - Voting procedures.
- GDSS rooms or Internet.
- Time savings and costs reduction.

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## Some applications at ULB

- Financial evaluation of companies.
- Quality assesment of suppliers.
- Electricity production planning at Electrabel.
- Regional planning.
- Evaluation of urban waste management systems.
- Environmental applications.
- Therapeutical choice.
- ...

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