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Multidimensional electoral competition between differentiated candidates

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Highlights

- Multidimensional Downsian competition rarely admits an equilibrium in pure strategies (Plott, 1967).
- We revisit this problem considering that the two vote share maximizing candidates are differentiated.
- That is, candidates strategically decide positions only in some of the *n* dimensions while in the rest of them their positions are assumed to be fixed.
- We find that for any distribution of voters' bliss points, a unique Nash equilibrium in pure strategies is guaranteed to exist if candidates are sufficiently differentiated.
- This is true even if there exists a unique fixed dimension and candidates are flexible in all other n-1 dimensions.

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