

1 We thank the reviewers for their thoughtful feedback. We are pleased that the reviewers found the multi-criteria
2 preference learning (MCPL) formulation interesting and the theoretical analysis insightful. We begin by clarifying
3 some common concerns, including how the the user study is more nuanced than it seems, eliciting target sets (and
4 how even pre-specified ones are useful, as our study shows), and why the passive sampling model is a natural first step
5 towards an understanding of our framework. We would also like to highlight to R4 that our game-theoretic approach to
6 the MCPL problem provides a systematic way to select amongst Pareto-optimal alternatives by using target sets.

7 **Scope of user study** [R1, R2, R3, R4]. While the reviewers appreciated the inclusion of a real-world user study, they
8 raised some valid concerns regarding its scope and design. While we agree that the study with 5 base policies, 5 criteria
9 and 50 participants is a small-scale study, we would like to highlight that it was already complex enough to capture a
10 wide variety of behaviors: for example, a strict preference ordering in the overall comparison, as well as circularity in
11 preferences along criterion C4 (conservativeness). Moreover, in spite of the limited sample size, our statistical tests
12 demonstrate that our hypotheses are indeed supported within a 95% confidence interval. Lines 912-917 further highlight
13 some of the challenges that we faced in designing such a user study along with our adopted solutions. As mentioned by
14 R2, we do not know of any existing benchmarks to evaluate MCPL methodologies. Our user study is a first step towards
15 establishing a systematic benchmark for this domain and we shall make our anonymized data publicly available.

16 **Choice of target sets S** [R1, R3]. Our framework currently puts the onus of the selection of the target set S on the
17 designer. This is applicable for a range of tasks like medical diagnosis wherein domain experts are required to assess
18 these multi-criteria trade-offs (as we did in our user study). However, we agree with R1, R3 that several applications
19 would benefit from a user-elicited target set. Classically, such elicitation have been studied in the economics literature
20 and as stated in our Discussions section, studying such mechanisms is an important future direction.

21 **Passive sampling model** [R1, R3]. Our statistical analysis focuses on the passive sampling framework wherein each
22 query is sampled uniformly at random. This framework captures several scenarios (including our self-driving case-study)
23 wherein each user completes a questionnaire comprising *all* the comparison queries. In contrast, an active framework is
24 useful for scenarios where some queries are easier to obtain, and understanding it from a theoretical perspective would
25 require techniques (e.g from the Bandits literature), which is an interesting direction for future work.

26 **Reviewer R1. – (Novelty)** Our work formalizes the MCPL framework, proposes a game-theoretic solution concept
27 (called the Blackwell winner) and provides a thorough theoretical analysis to understand the statistical and computational
28 properties of this winner; the framework and the analysis together comprise our novel contributions. We will take R1’s
29 advice and add more algorithmic content from the appendix into Section 3.3.

30 – **(Theoretical Results)** Note that our upper bounds in Theorem 1 are for general ℓ_q norms and general target sets.
31 While our lower bounds focus on the ℓ_∞ norm, Proposition 2 establishes an asymptotic lower bound for a wide class
32 of target sets. In addition, we believe that our lower bound constructions are quite informative and are likely to be of
33 independent interest, for instance, in understanding the stability of the Nash equilibrium to sampling errors.

34 – **(Details)** (i) We chose the horizon $H = 18$ to be three times the planning horizon $= 6$ for our MPC policies, allowing
35 them to exhibit a varied behaviour over the complete trajectory without affecting their planning capabilities. (ii) The std
36 dev for the weights were quite small (order $1e-3$). (iii) The Condorcet and Borda winners have been cited in Line 29.

37 **Reviewer R2.** We thank R2 for their encouraging remarks. We shall include the missing references in the updated draft.

38 **Reviewer R3. – (General learning distributions)** Our sampling framework, which considers uniform distribution
39 over the entries, can be extended to *any* distribution with complete support. The statistical guarantees will worsen by a
40 condition number factor $\kappa = \frac{\max. \text{prob}}{\min. \text{prob}}$ where \max (\min) prob is the largest (smallest) probability of sampling.

41 – **(Access to target set)** Our algorithmic framework requires access to a pre-specified target set. One way to accomplish
42 this is to write these target sets as an intersection of a finite number of half-spaces that in turn capture different trade-offs
43 between criteria. For general convex sets, the distance oracle may be computationally intensive.

44 – **(Details)** (i) The numbers in Figure 1 are not from an actual study but are illustrative of results from our MTurk
45 user-study; we shall clarify this. (ii) We used cvx optimization package in Matlab to compute the Blackwell winner.

46 **Reviewer R4. – (Comparison with Pareto-optimal solutions)** We agree that this is an important comparison. As a
47 solution concept for multi-criteria preference learning, the Pareto-optimal set is insufficient since it does not provide
48 a mechanism for selecting amongst those alternatives. Our framework with target sets provides a systematic way to
49 specify preferences amongst these various Pareto optimal solutions. Further, if such preferences are indifferent between
50 the Pareto-optimal solutions, the set of Blackwell winners will coincide with the Pareto-optimal set: in particular, one
51 can show that for any preference tensor \mathbf{P} , there exists a target set S such that the Blackwell winners for $(\mathbf{P}, S, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$
52 can recover the complete Pareto-optimal set. We will add a discussion comparing our approach with those for finding
53 Pareto-optimal sets. In addition, we would like to point that our idea of using target sets as a selection mechanism is not
54 arbitrary; it arises as a natural extension from real to vector-valued games, dating back to Blackwell’s work.

55 – **(Distance metrics)** Since our example focuses on the $k = 1$ setup, all ℓ_q norms are equivalent to the absolute distance
56 function $|\cdot|$. In comparison, our upper bounds in Theorem 1 concern general ℓ_q norms.

57 – **(User study parameters)** We tried to extensively cover different trade-offs through our choice of linearization weights
58 and target sets. We shall add an ablation study on the robustness of the solutions to variations in weights and target sets.