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A typical ordering of lists of candidates (for comparing lists relative to a voter's preferred list) is lexicographic; if  $ABCD$  is the voter's list, then for that voter  $ADCB > BACD$ . Yet  $BACD$  is obtained via only one pairwise change (versus three for  $ADCB$ ), so perhaps this is not the only natural (partial) order. This perspective arises naturally in Dodgson's rule, as well as in the geometric view of possible lists as chambers in a hyperplane arrangement complement, such as in Terao's recent proof of Arrow's Theorem. In this talk, we begin examining some point-allocating social welfare functions which observe the natural symmetry of this order. Among other interesting behavior is a violation of Intensity of Binary Independence in an unusual way. (Received September 18, 2007)