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# *Exploration of Graph Classes and Concepts for SuperHypergraphs and n-th Power Mathematical Structures*

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## **Abstract**

A hypergraph extends this idea by allowing edges, referred to as hyperedges, to connect any number of vertices [30]. This paper explores superhypergraphs, an extension of hypergraphs incorporating superedges and supervertices. For example, Arboreal Superhypergraphs, Molecular superhypergraphs, and Probabilistic SuperHyperGraphs illustrate diverse structural types that can be modeled using superhypergraphs. We introduce the Generalized n-th Powerset, a formalized framework enabling broader mathematical applications while preserving the traditional n-th powerset structure. And we provide a brief exploration of *Natural Hyperlanguage Processing*, an extended framework of Natural Language Processing that leverages the concept of hyperlanguage for advanced applications. By extending hypergraph concepts to superhypergraphs, this work aims to advance their study and practical applicability.

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## **1 Short Introduction**

### **1.1 Hypergraph and Superhypergraph**

A graph is a mathematical structure used to represent relationships between entities through vertices and edges [85,87]. Numerous applications of graph theory have been extensively studied [25,41,83,142]. In graph theory, various graph classes have been extensively studied to suit the characteristics and structures of specific graphs [50].

A hypergraph extends this idea by allowing edges, referred to as hyperedges, to connect any number of vertices [30]. This structure can be seen as analogous to the power set in set theory. Hypergraphs are extensively studied and have found applications across a wide range of fields, including databases [171], neural networks [69, 100, 126], chemistry [230, 374], image representation [53, 179, 182], and VLSI design [60, 136, 193, 265, 300, 337]. Similar to general graphs, hypergraphs have been the subject of extensive research, with studies focusing on algorithms [124, 206, 276, 296], graph classes [7, 10, 13, 225, 226], and graph parameters [3, 4, 138, 140].

A superhypergraph extends the concept of a hypergraph by incorporating superedges and supervertices [114, 308, 309]. This structure can be likened to the n-th power set in set theory. Similarly, research has been conducted on algorithms [116], graph classes [112, 120, 151], and specific applications of superhypergraphs [118].

Due to their significance, superhyperstructures have been studied in contexts beyond graph theory as well [285, 311, 313, 315]. As a more abstracted graph concept compared to hypergraphs, the study of superhypergraphs is equally critical, and the author believes that further applications of superhypergraphs are highly promising.

### **1.2 Our Contribution in This Paper**

This paper outlines our contributions to the field. While superhypergraphs have been explored in various studies, detailed research into their specific structures remains in its early stages. To address this, we aim to extend well-established hypergraph concepts to superhypergraphs. The natural progression from graphs to hypergraphs, with their mathematical structures and applications already being studied, makes it intuitive to further extend these concepts to superhypergraphs.

Some of the graph concepts discussed in this paper are listed below. Please refer to each subsection of the paper for further details.

- Arboreal SuperHypergraph: An Arboreal SuperHypergraph is a superhypergraph with a tree-like structure, representing hierarchical relationships among supervertices and superedges.
- Superhypergraph Morphism and Superhypergraph Isomorphism: Superhypergraph Morphism maps supervertices and superedges between superhypergraphs, preserving structure. Superhypergraph Isomorphism ensures structural equivalence between two superhypergraphs.
- Molecular n-superhypergraph: A Molecular n-SuperHypergraph extends molecular hypergraphs, modeling hierarchical molecular structures with n-level supervertices and superedges.
- Signed n-SuperHypergraph: A Signed n-SuperHypergraph assigns a positive or negative sign to each superedge, representing complex relationships in n-level superhypergraphs.
- Probabilistic SuperHyperGraph: A Probabilistic SuperHyperGraph assigns probabilities to superedges, modeling uncertainty and stochastic relationships in superhypergraph structures.
- Independent Set in a Superhypergraph: An Independent Set in a Superhypergraph is a subset of supervertices with no superedges fully contained within the subset.
- SuperHypergraph Ramsey numbers: SuperHypergraph Ramsey numbers determine the minimum supervertex count in a superhypergraph ensuring specific monochromatic substructures under edge-colorings.
- Multipartite SuperHypergraph: A Multipartite SuperHypergraph partitions supervertices into disjoint sets, ensuring no superedges connect supervertices within the same partition.
- SuperHypergraphic Sequence: A SuperHypergraphic Sequence lists supervertex degrees in a superhypergraph, representing the distribution of connections across its structure.
- Query n-superhypergraph: A Query n-SuperHypergraph models hierarchical query relationships, with supervertices representing data queries and dependencies.
- Superhypergraph Energy Functions: Superhypergraph Energy Functions measure the energy of a superhypergraph, derived from eigenvalues of its adjacency or incidence matrices.
- Transversal SuperHypergraph: A Transversal SuperHypergraph represents sets intersecting all superedges, modeling coverage relationships among supervertices in a superhypergraph.
- SuperHypernetwork: A SuperHypernetwork generalizes superhypergraphs, integrating supervertices and superedges to model multi-layered, interconnected systems and relationships.

Furthermore, we introduce the concept of the Generalized n-th Powerset to facilitate its application in various areas of mathematics. While the Generalized n-th Powerset retains the core mathematical framework of the traditional n-th powerset, it distinguishes itself by explicitly defining its structure, thereby enhancing its clarity and adaptability to a broader range of mathematical contexts. Finally, we provide a brief exploration of *Natural Hyperlanguage Processing*, an extended framework of Natural Language Processing that leverages the concept of hyperlanguage for advanced applications.

We hope that these contributions will support the development and dissemination of superhypergraph research and provide a solid foundation for future advancements in this field.

### 1.3 The Structure of the Paper

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## 2 Preliminaries and Definitions

This section introduces the essential background and definitions required for the concepts discussed in this paper. Readers interested in a more comprehensive understanding of graph theory are encouraged to explore standard references such as [85–87, 346]. Additionally, fundamental notions from set theory, which are relevant to this work, can be found in sources like [103, 155, 161, 176, 208]. For specific details about the operations and topics presented here, the cited references provide further elaboration.

### 2.1 Basic Concepts: Graphs and Hypergraphs

Graph theory is a pivotal mathematical tool for analyzing relationships between entities, represented as nodes (vertices) and their pairwise connections (edges). Hypergraphs expand upon this by introducing hyperedges, which can connect any number of vertices, making them suitable for representing more complex relationships [21, 22, 30, 139–141]. Below, we outline the definitions of graphs, subgraphs, and hypergraphs.

**Definition 2.1** (Graph). [87] A *graph*  $G$  is a mathematical structure represented as  $G = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V(G)$ : The set of vertices (nodes).
- $E(G)$ : The set of edges, where each edge connects two vertices, representing a relationship or interaction.

**Definition 2.2** (Subgraph). [87] Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. A *subgraph*  $H = (V_H, E_H)$  of  $G$  is defined as follows:

- $V_H \subseteq V$ : The vertex set of  $H$  is a subset of the vertex set of  $G$ .
- $E_H \subseteq E$ : The edge set of  $H$  is a subset of the edge set of  $G$ .
- Every edge in  $E_H$  connects vertices within  $V_H$ .

**Definition 2.3** (Hypergraph). [30] A *hypergraph*  $H = (V, E)$  generalizes the concept of a graph and is defined as:

- 
- $V$ : A set of vertices.
  - $E$ : A set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $e \in E$  is a subset of  $V$ , i.e.,  $e \subseteq V$ .

*Properties:*

- The hyperedge set  $E$  is a subset of the power set of  $V$ , i.e.,  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V)$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(V)$  is the collection of all subsets of  $V$ .
- Unlike in traditional graphs, where edges connect exactly two vertices, hyperedges can connect any number of vertices, including a single vertex or the entire vertex set.

**Proposition 2.4.** *A hypergraph generalizes the concept of a graph by allowing edges, referred to as hyperedges, to connect more than two vertices.*

*Proof.* In a standard graph, each edge connects exactly two vertices. In contrast, a hypergraph extends this notion by permitting hyperedges to connect any subset of vertices, including sets with more than two elements. This broader structure encompasses traditional graphs as a special case where all hyperedges are limited to two vertices, thereby demonstrating the generalization.  $\square$

## 2.2 SuperHyperGraph

This subsection provides an overview of SuperHyperGraphs. A SuperHyperGraph is a class of graphs that achieves a higher level of generalization by utilizing superedges and supervertices. It serves as an extension of fundamental concepts such as graphs and hypergraphs (cf. [112, 112, 114, 117, 120, 131, 149, 151, 275, 308–310, 312, 315, 315, 316]). An n-SuperHyperGraph explicitly extends this concept, offering a more generalized framework for graph theory. The definitions and related concepts are detailed below.

**Definition 2.5** (Powerset). [279] The *powerset* of a set  $S$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ , is the set of all subsets of  $S$ , including the empty set and  $S$  itself. Formally,

$$\mathcal{P}(S) = \{A \mid A \subseteq S\}.$$

**Definition 2.6** ( $n$ -th powerset). (cf. [301, 316]) The  $n$ -th powerset of  $H$ , denoted  $P_n(H)$ , is defined recursively as:

$$P_1(H) = P(H), \quad P_{n+1}(H) = P(P_n(H)) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Similarly, the  $n$ -th non-empty powerset of  $H$ , denoted  $P_n^*(H)$ , is defined as:

$$P_1^*(H) = P^*(H), \quad P_{n+1}^*(H) = P^*(P_n^*(H)).$$

**Proposition 2.7.** *A  $n$ -th powerset is a generalized concept of a powerset.*

*Proof.* This is evident.  $\square$

**Definition 2.8** ( $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). (cf. [308, 309]) Let  $V_0$  be a finite set of base vertices. Define the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of set  $A$ .

An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is an ordered pair  $H = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*, which are elements of the  $n$ -th power set of  $V_0$ .
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *superedges*, also elements of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ .

Each supervertex  $v \in V$  can be:

- 
- A single vertex ( $v \in V_0$ ),
  - A subset of  $V_0$  ( $v \subseteq V_0$ ),
  - A subset of subsets of  $V_0$ , up to  $n$  levels ( $v \in \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ ),
  - An indeterminate or fuzzy set(cf. [360]),
  - The null set ( $v = \emptyset$ ).

Each superedge  $e \in E$  connects supervertices, potentially at different hierarchical levels up to  $n$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** *An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph extends the concept of a hypergraph, incorporating higher-order structures and hierarchical relationships.*

*Proof.* The  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes a hypergraph by replacing vertices and edges with elements from the  $n$ -th iterated PowerSet. This hierarchical structure allows for the representation of relationships at multiple levels of abstraction, which directly extends the definition of a hypergraph.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** *An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is a natural extension of a graph, enabling the representation of complex multi-level relationships.*

*Proof.* By definition, an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph encompasses the classical graph as a special case when  $n = 0$ . The vertices and edges in a graph correspond to base-level elements in the  $n$ -th PowerSet. This embedding of graphs within  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs demonstrates the generalization.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** *[114] The structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is built on the  $n$ -th iterated PowerSet, providing a robust framework for hierarchical modeling.*

*Proof.* This follows directly from the formal definition of the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, which recursively constructs its vertices and edges using the  $n$ -th PowerSet of a base set. For additional details, see [114].  $\square$

A Superhypergraph and an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph essentially share the same mathematical structure, with the primary difference being whether  $n$  is explicitly defined. Note that this distinction depends on the assumptions made in the paper.

We will now provide concrete examples of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

**Example 2.12** (Case  $n = 0$  of  $n$ -superhypergraph). Let  $V_0 = \{a, b, c\}$ . Then:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0 = \{a, b, c\}.$$

An 0-SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  has:

- $V \subseteq V_0$ .
- $E \subseteq V_0$ .

Let  $V = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{c\}$ .

Here, the supervertices are elements of  $V_0$ , and the superedges are also elements of  $V_0$ .

This case is basic, as both vertices and edges are simply elements of the base set  $V_0$ .

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**Example 2.13** (Case  $n = 1$  of  $n$ -superhypergraph). With the same  $V_0 = \{a, b, c\}$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{P}^1(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(V_0) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}.$$

An 1-SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  has:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .

Let

- $V = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .
- $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}\}$ .

In this case, the supervertices and supereges are subsets of  $V_0$ . This corresponds to a traditional hypergraph, where vertices are elements of  $\mathcal{P}(V_0)$  (i.e., subsets of  $V_0$ ).

**Example 2.14** (Case  $n = 2$  of  $n$ -superhypergraph). Again, with  $V_0 = \{a, b, c\}$ , we compute:

$$\mathcal{P}^2(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(V_0)).$$

First, list  $\mathcal{P}(V_0)$  as before.

Then,  $\mathcal{P}^2(V_0)$  is the set of all subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .

An 2-SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  has:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^2(V_0)$ .
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^2(V_0)$ .

Let

- $V = \{\{\{a\}, \{b\}\}, \{\{c\}, \{a, b\}\}\}$ .
- $E = \{\{\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}\}$ .

Here, the supervertices are subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(V_0)$ , i.e., sets whose elements are subsets of  $V_0$ .

For instance,  $\{\{a\}, \{b\}\}$  is a supervertex consisting of two subsets of  $V_0$ :  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$ .

**Example 2.15** (Case  $n = 3$  of  $n$ -superhypergraph). With  $V_0 = \{a, b, c\}$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{P}^3(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(V_0))).$$

Elements of  $\mathcal{P}^3(V_0)$  are subsets of  $\mathcal{P}^2(V_0)$ , which themselves are subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .

An 3-SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  has:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^3(V_0)$ .
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^3(V_0)$ .

Let

- $V = \{\{\{\{a\}, \{b\}\}, \{\{c\}\}\}\}$ .
- $E = \{\{\{\{a, b\}\}, \{\{b, c\}\}\}\}$ .

In this case, the supervertices are sets of elements from  $\mathcal{P}^2(V_0)$ , which are themselves sets of subsets of  $V_0$ .

For example,  $\{\{\{a\}, \{b\}\}, \{\{c\}\}\}$  is a supervertex in  $V$ , where each element is a set of subsets of  $V_0$ .

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### 3 Results in This Paper: Some Concepts for SuperHyperGraphs

In this section, we describe the results presented in this paper. We examine whether several hypergraph concepts can be extended to superhypergraphs. It is our hope that experts in the field will further explore practical applications of these extensions in the future.

#### 3.1 Arboreal Superhypergraph

An Arboreal Hypergraph is a hypergraph with a tree-like structure, often used to model hierarchical relationships [30, 52, 78]. We extend this concept using superhypergraphs. The related definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 3.1** (Arboreal Hypergraph). [30, 52, 78] A hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is the set of vertices and  $E$  is the set of hyperedges, is called an *arboreal hypergraph* if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $H$  has the *Helly property*, meaning that for any collection of pairwise intersecting hyperedges, the entire collection has a non-empty intersection [88, 267].
2. For every cycle in  $H$  of length at least 3, there exist three hyperedges in the cycle that have a non-empty intersection.

**Definition 3.2** (Co-Arboreal Hypergraph). [52, 78] A hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is called a *co-arboreal hypergraph* if it is the dual of an arboreal hypergraph. Formally:

1.  $H$  is *conformal*, i.e., every clique of the line graph of  $H$  corresponds to a hyperedge of  $H$ .
2. For every cycle in  $H$  of length at least 3, there exist three vertices in the cycle that are contained in the same hyperedge of  $H$ .

**Definition 3.3** (Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is the set of supervertices and  $E$  is the set of superedges, is called an *Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $H$  has the *Helly property*, meaning that for any collection of pairwise intersecting superedges, the entire collection has a non-empty intersection.
2. For every cycle in  $H$  of length at least 3, there exist three superedges in the cycle that have a non-empty intersection.

**Definition 3.4** (Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  is called a *Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* if it is the dual of an Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph. Formally:

1.  $H$  is *conformal*, i.e., every clique of the line graph of  $H$  corresponds to a superedge of  $H$ .
2. For every cycle in  $H$  of length at least 3, there exist three supervertices in the cycle that are contained in the same superedge of  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *An Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the concept of an Arboreal Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* An Arboreal Hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  satisfies the Helly property and has the condition that every cycle of length at least 3 contains three hyperedges with a non-empty intersection. In the case of an Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph,  $V$  and  $E$  are extended to elements of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , which encompasses standard vertices and edges as a special case when  $n = 0$ . Therefore, the conditions for the Helly property and cycles of length at least 3 are directly extended to the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph structure, reducing to the original definition when  $n = 0$ . Thus, Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs generalize Arboreal Hypergraphs.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *A Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the concept of a Co-Arboreal Hypergraph.*

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*Proof.* A Co-Arboreal Hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is the dual of an Arboreal Hypergraph and satisfies the conditions of conformality and that every cycle of length at least 3 contains three vertices in the same hyperedge. In a Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, the vertices and edges are elements of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , thus extending the structural hierarchy. When  $n = 0$ , this structure naturally collapses to the definition of a Co-Arboreal Hypergraph. Therefore, Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs generalize Co-Arboreal Hypergraphs.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *An Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  has supervertices  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  and superedges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . The definition of an Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph imposes additional structural constraints on  $H$ , such as the Helly property and specific cycle intersection conditions. These properties do not alter the fundamental structure of  $H$  as an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph because the elements of  $V$  and  $E$  remain subsets of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . Thus, an Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *A Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph is an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* The dual of an Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, called a Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, retains the supervertex and superedge structure of the original  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph. The dual operation swaps supervertices and superedges but does not modify their membership in  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . Consequently, the structure of a Co-Arboreal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph aligns with that of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

### 3.2 Superhypergraph Morphism and Superhypergraph Isomorphism

A graph morphism is a mapping between graphs that preserves their structure and relationships [260, 262]. A graph isomorphism is a bijective mapping between graphs that preserves vertex adjacency [19, 20, 77, 101, 195, 235, 236, 274, 328]. These concepts have been extended to hypergraphs as hypergraph morphism [52] and hypergraph isomorphism [52, 99, 224, 249].

In this subsection, we investigate whether these notions can be further generalized to  $n$ -superhypergraphs. The related definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 3.9** (Hypergraph Morphism). [52] Let  $H = (V, E)$  and  $H' = (V', E')$  be two hypergraphs without repeated hyperedges. A *morphism* of hypergraphs is a map  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  such that for every hyperedge  $e \in E$ , the image  $f(e) \subseteq V'$  under  $f$  satisfies  $f(e) \in E'$ .

**Definition 3.10** (Bijection). (cf. [172]) A *bijection* is a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  between two sets  $A$  and  $B$  that satisfies the following conditions:

- *Injective (One-to-One)*: For all  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ , if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$ .
- *Surjective (Onto)*: For every  $y \in B$ , there exists at least one  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

**Definition 3.11** (Hypergraph Isomorphism). [52] Two hypergraphs  $H = (V, E)$  and  $H' = (V', E')$  are *isomorphic*, denoted  $H \cong H'$ , if there exists:

- A bijection  $f : V \rightarrow V'$ , and
- A bijection  $\pi : I \rightarrow J$  (where  $I$  and  $J$  are the index sets of  $E$  and  $E'$ , respectively),

such that the induced map  $g : E \rightarrow E'$  defined by  $g(e_i) = e'_{\pi(i)}$  satisfies:

$$g(e_i) = \{f(x) \mid x \in e_i\} \quad \text{for all } e_i \in E.$$

In this case, the pair  $(f, g)$  is called an *isomorphism of hypergraphs*.

**Definition 3.12** (Hypergraph Automorphism). [52] An *automorphism* of a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is an isomorphism  $(f, g)$  from  $H$  to itself. The set of all automorphisms of  $H$ , denoted  $\text{Aut}(H)$ , forms a group under composition.

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**Definition 3.13** ( $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Morphism). Let  $H = (V, E)$  and  $H' = (V', E')$  be two  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs. A morphism  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  between  $H$  and  $H'$  is a function such that for every superedge  $e \in E$ , the image  $f(e) = \{f(v) \mid v \in e\} \subseteq V'$  satisfies  $f(e) \in E'$ .

In other words,  $f$  maps supervertices to supervertices and superedges to superedges via the induced map on edges.

**Definition 3.14** ( $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Isomorphism). Two  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs  $H = (V, E)$  and  $H' = (V', E')$  are *isomorphic*, denoted  $H \cong H'$ , if there exists:

- A bijection  $f : V \rightarrow V'$ ,

such that:

- For every superedge  $e \in E$ , the image  $f(e) = \{f(v) \mid v \in e\} \in E'$ .
- For every superedge  $e' \in E'$ , there exists  $e \in E$  such that  $f(e) = e'$ .

In this case,  $f$  induces a bijection between  $E$  and  $E'$ , and  $f$  is called an *isomorphism* of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.

**Definition 3.15** ( $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Automorphism). An *automorphism* of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  is an isomorphism  $f : V \rightarrow V$  from  $H$  to itself. The set of all automorphisms of  $H$ , denoted  $\text{Aut}(H)$ , forms a group under composition.

**Theorem 3.16.** *An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Morphism generalizes the concept of a hypergraph morphism.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set is  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ , so the supervertices are simply the base vertices  $V_0$ , and the superedges are subsets of  $V_0$ .

In this case, an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  reduces to a standard hypergraph. The definition of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph morphism  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  requires that for every edge  $e \in E$ ,  $f(e) \in E'$ . This matches exactly the definition of a hypergraph morphism.

Therefore,  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph morphisms generalize hypergraph morphisms.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** *An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Isomorphism generalizes the concept of a hypergraph isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Again, when  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  becomes a standard hypergraph with vertices  $V_0$  and edges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .

An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph isomorphism  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  is a bijection such that  $f(e) \in E'$  for all  $e \in E$ , and every edge in  $E'$  is the image of an edge in  $E$ . This coincides with the definition of a hypergraph isomorphism, where there is a bijection between the vertex sets that induces a bijection between the edge sets.

Therefore,  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph isomorphisms generalize hypergraph isomorphisms.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.18.** *An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph Automorphism generalizes the concept of a hypergraph automorphism.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph automorphism  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is a bijection from the vertex set to itself such that  $f(e) \in E$  for all  $e \in E$ , meaning  $f$  maps edges to edges within the same hypergraph.

This matches the definition of a hypergraph automorphism, which is an isomorphism from a hypergraph to itself.

Therefore,  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph automorphisms generalize hypergraph automorphisms.  $\square$

### 3.3 Molecular n-superhypergraph

A Molecular Graph represents the structural formula of a molecule, modeling atoms as labeled nodes and bonds as labeled edges [128, 180, 194, 233, 263, 358, 367]. Molecular Graphs are closely related to Chemical Graphs [40, 127, 270, 329, 335]. A Molecular Hypergraph extends this concept, representing atoms as hyperedges and bonds as nodes connecting them [65, 185, 196, 198, 199, 253].

The formal definition is provided below.

**Definition 3.19** (Atom). (cf. [209, 336]) An *atom* is the basic unit of matter, consisting of a nucleus of protons and neutrons surrounded by electrons. In the context of molecular graphs, an atom is represented as a vertex labeled with its chemical symbol [343], such as  $H$  (hydrogen [177]) or  $C$  (carbon [327]).

**Definition 3.20** (Bond). (cf. [261, 287]) A *bond* is a connection between two atoms, representing the chemical interaction that holds them together. In molecular graphs, bonds are represented as edges labeled with their type, such as single, double, or triple bonds.

**Definition 3.21.** (cf. [194, 233, 263, 367]) A *Molecular Graph* is a graph  $G = (V, E)$  that represents the structural formula of a molecule. In this representation:

- $V$ : The vertex set represents the atoms in the molecule.
- $E$ : The edge set represents the chemical bonds between pairs of atoms.

Each vertex  $v \in V$  may have additional labels to denote the chemical element it represents (e.g., hydrogen, carbon, oxygen), and each edge  $e \in E$  may have labels indicating the type of bond (e.g., single, double, or triple bonds).

**Definition 3.22** (molecular hypergraph). (cf. [65, 185, 196, 198, 199, 253]) A *molecular hypergraph* is a node and hyperedge-labeled hypergraph that models a molecule's atomic and bonding structure. Formally, a molecular hypergraph  $H$  is defined as an ordered quadruple  $H = (V_H, E_H, \ell_H^{(V)}, \ell_H^{(E)})$ , where:

- $V_H$  is a finite set of nodes, representing bonds between atoms.
- $E_H$  is a finite set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $e \in E_H$  is a subset of  $V_H$  that represents an atom and its associated bonds.
- $\ell_H^{(V)} : V_H \rightarrow L_H^{(V)}$  is a node-labeling function, assigning a label to each node from a set  $L_H^{(V)}$  of bond types.
- $\ell_H^{(E)} : E_H \rightarrow L_H^{(E)}$  is a hyperedge-labeling function, assigning a label to each hyperedge from a set  $L_H^{(E)}$  of atomic properties.

**Definition 3.23** (Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). Let  $V_0$  be a finite set of base vertices representing bonds in a molecule. We define the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of set  $A$ .

An *Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as an ordered quadruple  $H = (V_H, E_H, \ell_H^{(V)}, \ell_H^{(E)})$ , where:

- $V_H \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a finite set of *supernodes*, representing bonds or collections of bonds.
- $E_H \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a finite set of *superhyperedges*, where each superhyperedge  $e \in E_H$  connects elements of  $V_H$  at various hierarchical levels.
- $\ell_H^{(V)} : V_H \rightarrow L_H^{(V)}$  is a node-labeling function, assigning labels from a set  $L_H^{(V)}$  of bond types or properties.

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- $\ell_H^{(E)} : E_H \rightarrow L_H^{(E)}$  is a superedge-labeling function, assigning labels from a set  $L_H^{(E)}$  of atomic or molecular properties.

Each supernode  $v \in V_H$  can be:

- A single bond ( $v \in V_0$ ),
- A subset of bonds ( $v \subseteq V_0$ ),
- A higher-level collection up to  $n$  levels ( $v \in \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ ),
- An indeterminate or fuzzy set (cf. [360]),
- The null set ( $v = \emptyset$ ).

**Theorem 3.24.** *A Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the concept of a Molecular Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set reduces to  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ . Thus, the supernodes  $V_H \subseteq V_0$  are simply the base nodes representing bonds, and the superhyperedges  $E_H \subseteq V_0$  represent connections between these bonds.

In this case, the Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V_H, E_H, \ell_H^{(V)}, \ell_H^{(E)})$  reduces to a standard Molecular Hypergraph, where:

- Nodes  $V_H$  represent bonds between atoms.
- Hyperedges  $E_H$  represent atoms connected via these bonds.
- Labeling functions  $\ell_H^{(V)}$  and  $\ell_H^{(E)}$  assign appropriate bond and atomic properties.

Therefore, the Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph encompasses the Molecular Hypergraph as a special case when  $n = 0$ , thereby generalizing it.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.25.** *Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs are  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.*

*Proof.* A Molecular  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V_H, E_H, \ell_H^{(V)}, \ell_H^{(E)})$  satisfies the structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph as follows:

1. By definition,  $V_H \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , where  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the  $n$ -th iterated power set of the base vertex set  $V_0$ . Hence,  $V_H$  comprises supervertices that adhere to the hierarchical structure up to  $n$  levels.
2. Similarly,  $E_H \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , meaning that  $E_H$  contains superedges that align with the structure of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.
3. The labeling functions  $\ell_H^{(V)}$  and  $\ell_H^{(E)}$  assign additional properties to vertices and edges but do not alter the structural definition of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.

Thus,  $H$  meets all structural requirements of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

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### 3.4 Signed n-superhypergraph

A signed graph is a graph where each edge is assigned a positive or negative sign, modeling relationships with polarity [84, 164, 184, 227, 368]. The hypergraph counterpart is known as a signed hypergraph [152, 292, 293, 347, 359]. We extend these concepts using superhypergraphs. The related definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 3.26.** [292] The *incidence matrix* of  $H$ , denoted by  $\Phi(H)$ , is a matrix of dimensions  $|V(H)| \times |E(H)|$ , where the entry  $\Phi(H)_{i,j} = \varphi(v_i, e_j)$  indicates the incidence relationship between the  $i$ -th vertex and the  $j$ -th edge.

**Definition 3.27.** [292] A *signed hypergraph*  $H$  is formally defined as an ordered triple  $H = (V(H), E(H), \varphi)$ , where:

- $V(H)$  is a nonempty finite set of vertices.
- $E(H)$  is a nonempty finite set of edges, where each edge  $e \in E(H)$  is a subset of  $V(H)$ , i.e.,  $e \subseteq V(H)$ .
- $\varphi : V(H) \times E(H) \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is an *incidence function*, which assigns a value to each pair  $(v, e)$ , where:
  - $\varphi(v, e) = 1$ :  $v$  is positively incident with  $e$ .
  - $\varphi(v, e) = -1$ :  $v$  is negatively incident with  $e$ .
  - $\varphi(v, e) = 0$ :  $v$  is not incident with  $e$ .

**Example 3.28.** (cf. [292]) In the context of signed hypergraphs, the following special cases are well-known:

- A *signed graph* is a specific instance of a signed hypergraph where all edges have exactly two incident vertices, i.e.,  $\delta(e) = 2$  for all  $e \in E(H)$ .
- A *hypergraph* is a particular case of a signed hypergraph where the incidence function satisfies  $\varphi(v, e) \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $(v, e)$ , meaning all incidences are positive.

**Definition 3.29.** Let  $V_0$  be a finite set of base vertices. Define the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  recursively as before.

A *Signed n-SuperHyperGraph* is defined as an ordered triple  $H = (V(H), E(H), \varphi)$ , where:

- $V(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a nonempty finite set of *supervertices*.
- $E(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a nonempty finite set of *superedges*.
- $\varphi : V(H) \times E(H) \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is an *incidence function*, assigning a value to each pair  $(v, e)$ , where:
  - $\varphi(v, e) = 1$ :  $v$  is positively incident with  $e$ .
  - $\varphi(v, e) = -1$ :  $v$  is negatively incident with  $e$ .
  - $\varphi(v, e) = 0$ :  $v$  is not incident with  $e$ .

**Theorem 3.30.** A *Signed n-SuperHyperGraph* generalizes the concept of a *Signed Hypergraph*.

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ ,  $V(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$  and  $E(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ . In this scenario, the supervertices and superedges are elements of the base set  $V_0$ .

The incidence function  $\varphi : V_0 \times V_0 \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  defines the relationships between vertices and edges as in a standard Signed Hypergraph.

Thus, the Signed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph reduces to a Signed Hypergraph when  $n = 0$ , and therefore generalizes it.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.31.** *Signed n-SuperHyperGraphs are n-SuperHyperGraphs.*

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*Proof.* A Signed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V(H), E(H), \varphi)$  satisfies the structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph as follows:

1. By definition,  $V(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , where  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the  $n$ -th iterated power set of the base vertex set  $V_0$ . Hence,  $V(H)$  comprises supervertices that satisfy the hierarchical structure up to  $n$  levels.
2. Similarly,  $E(H) \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , meaning that  $E(H)$  contains superedges that conform to the structure of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.
3. The incidence function  $\varphi : V(H) \times E(H) \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  introduces signed relationships between supervertices and superedges but does not alter their structural definitions.

Thus,  $H$  meets all structural requirements of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

### 3.5 Probabilistic $n$ -SuperHyperGraph

A Probabilistic Graph is a graph where edges are assigned probabilities, capturing uncertainty in connections (cf. [96, 105, 154, 197, 203, 290]). The Probabilistic Hypergraph is an extension of this concept to hypergraphs, where hyperedges are associated with probabilities [166, 202, 217, 222, 248]. Various studies have explored its applications and properties. This concept is further generalized to  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs. The related definitions and theorems are outlined below.

**Definition 3.32.** (cf. [178, 281]) Probability is a measure quantifying the likelihood of an event occurring, ranging from 0 (impossible) to 1 (certain).

**Definition 3.33** (Probabilistic Graph). [105, 197] A *Probabilistic Graph* is defined as a triplet  $G = (V, E, A)$ , where:

- $V$  is a finite set of vertices.
- $E \subseteq \binom{V}{2}$  is a set of edges, where each  $e \in E$  is an unordered pair of vertices from  $V$ .
- $A : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is an *affinity matrix* or *probability matrix*, where  $A(i, j)$  represents the probability or weight of connection between vertices  $v_i, v_j \in V$ .

*Edge Weight:* For each edge  $e = \{v_i, v_j\} \in E$ , the weight  $w(e)$  is defined as:

$$w(e) = A(v_i, v_j).$$

*Vertex Degree:* The degree of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined as:

$$d(v) = \sum_{u \in V, \{v, u\} \in E} w(\{v, u\}).$$

*Adjacency Matrix:* The adjacency matrix  $M$  of the probabilistic graph is given by:

$$M(i, j) = \begin{cases} A(v_i, v_j), & \text{if } \{v_i, v_j\} \in E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.34** (Centroid in Hypergraphs). [166] Let  $V$  be a finite set of vertices, and  $A : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a similarity matrix, where  $A(i, j)$  quantifies the similarity between vertices  $v_i, v_j \in V$ .

A vertex  $v_j \in V$  is called the *centroid* of a hyperedge  $e \subseteq V$  if:

1.  $v_j$  is chosen based on a predefined criterion, such as:

- Maximum similarity to other vertices:

$$v_j = \arg \max_{v \in V} \sum_{v_i \in e} A(v, v_i).$$

- Predefined property, such as an initial label or domain-specific ranking.

2. The hyperedge  $e$  is formed as:

$$e = \{v_j\} \cup \{v_i \mid v_i \in \text{neighbors of } v_j \text{ based on a similarity threshold or } k\text{-nearest neighbors}\}.$$

**Definition 3.35** (Probabilistic Hypergraph). [166] A *Probabilistic Hypergraph* is defined as a triplet  $G = (V, E, A)$ , where:

- $V$  is a finite set of vertices.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V)$  is a set of hyperedges, where each  $e \in E$  is a subset of  $V$ .
- $A : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is an *affinity matrix* that quantifies the similarity or probability of connection between vertices. Specifically,  $A(i, j)$  represents the similarity between vertices  $v_i, v_j \in V$ .

The *incidence matrix*  $H$  of the probabilistic hypergraph is a  $|V| \times |E|$  matrix defined as:

$$H(i, j) = \begin{cases} A(v_j, v_i), & \text{if } v_i \in e_j \text{ and } v_j \text{ is the centroid of } e_j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Hyperedge Weight:* For each hyperedge  $e \in E$ , the weight  $w(e)$  is computed as:

$$w(e) = \sum_{v_i \in e} A(v_j, v_i),$$

where  $v_j$  is the centroid vertex of the hyperedge  $e$ .

*Vertex Degree:* The degree of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined as:

$$d(v) = \sum_{e \in E} w(e) \cdot H(v, e).$$

*Hyperedge Degree:* The degree of a hyperedge  $e \in E$  is given by:

$$\delta(e) = \sum_{v \in e} H(v, e).$$

**Definition 3.36** (Probabilistic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). Let  $V_0$  be a finite set of base vertices. Define the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of the set  $A$ .

An  $n$ -*SuperHyperGraph* is an ordered pair  $H = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *superedges*.

A *Probabilistic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a triplet  $G = (V, E, A)$ , where:

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- $V$  and  $E$  are as defined above.
  - $A : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is an *affinity function* assigning a probability or similarity measure between pairs of supervertices.

The *incidence matrix*  $H$  is a  $|V| \times |E|$  matrix defined by:

$$H(i, j) = \begin{cases} A(v_j, v_i), & \text{if } v_i \in e_j \text{ and } v_j \text{ is the centroid of } e_j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*superedge Weight:* For each superedge  $e \in E$ , the weight  $w(e)$  is calculated as:

$$w(e) = \sum_{v_i \in e} A(v_j, v_i),$$

where  $v_j$  is the centroid supervertex of the superedge  $e$ .

*Vertex Degree:* The degree of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined as:

$$d(v) = \sum_{e \in E} w(e) \cdot H(v, e).$$

*superedge Degree:* The degree of a superedge  $e \in E$  is given by:

$$\delta(e) = \sum_{v \in e} H(v, e).$$

**Theorem 3.37.** *A Probabilistic n-SuperHyperGraph is an n-SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* By definition, a Probabilistic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $G = (V, E, A)$  possesses supervertices  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  and superedges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , fulfilling the criteria of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ . The introduction of the affinity function  $A$  and the probabilistic incidence matrix  $H$  adds probabilistic characteristics but does not alter the fundamental structure of supervertices and superedges. Therefore,  $G$  retains the structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.38.** *A Probabilistic n-SuperHyperGraph generalizes the Probabilistic HyperGraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set simplifies to  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ , so the supervertices and superedges reduce to elements and subsets of the base vertex set  $V_0$ . In this scenario, the Probabilistic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $G = (V, E, A)$  becomes a Probabilistic HyperGraph with vertex set  $V_0$ , hyperedge set  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$ , and affinity function  $A : V_0 \times V_0 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . The definitions of the incidence matrix  $H$ , hyperedge weights  $w(e)$ , and degrees  $d(v)$  and  $\delta(e)$  coincide with those in the Probabilistic HyperGraph. Thus, the Probabilistic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the Probabilistic HyperGraph.  $\square$

**Question 3.39.** Is it possible to define a Bayesian  $n$ -superhypergraph as an extension of Bayesian hypergraphs [174, 175, 342]? Additionally, can the concept of a Markov chain in hypergraphs [49, 220] be extended to  $n$ -superhypergraphs? What are the potential mathematical structures and applications of such an extension?

### 3.6 Independent Set in a Superhypergraph

An independent set in a graph is a set of vertices such that no two vertices in the set are connected by an edge [144, 223]. Similarly, an independent set in a hypergraph is a subset of vertices that does not contain any hyperedge as a subset, extending the concept of independence to higher-dimensional relationships [23, 42, 153, 181, 201]. This concept can be further defined in the context of a superhypergraph. The relevant definitions and theorem are presented below.

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**Definition 3.40** (Independent Set in a Hypergraph). [23] Let  $H = (V(H), E(H))$  be a hypergraph, where  $V(H)$  is the set of vertices and  $E(H) \subseteq 2^{V(H)}$  is the set of hyperedges. A subset  $I \subseteq V(H)$  is called an *independent set* in  $H$  if  $I$  does not contain any hyperedge of  $H$  as a subset. Formally,

$$I \text{ is independent} \iff \forall e \in E(H), e \not\subseteq I.$$

**Definition 3.41** (Independent Set in an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). Let  $H = (V, E)$  be an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph. A subset  $I \subseteq V$  is called an *independent set* in  $H$  if  $I$  does not contain any superedge  $e \in E$  as a subset. Formally,

$$I \text{ is independent} \iff \forall e \in E, e \not\subseteq I.$$

**Theorem 3.42.** *The concept of an independent set in an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the notion of an independent set in a hypergraph. In particular, a hypergraph is equivalent to a 1-SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a hypergraph. By definition,  $V \subseteq V_0$  and  $E \subseteq 2^{V_0}$ , where  $V_0$  is the base set of vertices. A hypergraph can be interpreted as a 1-SuperHyperGraph, since:

$$\mathcal{P}^1(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(V_0).$$

For a 1-SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , the vertices and edges satisfy  $V, E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^1(V_0)$ , and the independence condition  $I \subseteq V$  with  $e \not\subseteq I$  for all  $e \in E$  is exactly the same as the definition of independence in a hypergraph.

For  $n > 1$ , the vertices and edges  $V, E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  involve higher levels of hierarchical relationships. However, the independence condition  $e \not\subseteq I$  remains consistent across all levels of  $n$ . Thus, the definition of independence in  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs generalizes the concept from hypergraphs.

Therefore, a hypergraph is specifically a 1-SuperHyperGraph, and the concept of independence is naturally extended to  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs for  $n \geq 1$ .  $\square$

### 3.7 $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey numbers

The *Graph Ramsey Number* is the smallest  $N$  such that any red-blue edge coloring of  $K_N$  contains a red  $K_s$  or a blue  $K_t$  [28, 64, 97, 143, 268]. The *Hypergraph Ramsey Number* is the smallest  $N$  such that any red-blue coloring of  $k$ -element subsets of  $[N]$  contains a monochromatic  $k$ -uniform hypergraph of size  $s$  or  $t$  [75, 76, 89, 200, 244, 245]. These concepts are extended to superhypergraphs. The relevant definitions and theorems are presented below.

**Definition 3.43** (Complete Graph). (cf. [2, 68]) A *complete graph*, denoted  $K_n$ , is a graph where:

- The vertex set  $V(K_n)$  consists of  $n$  vertices:  $V(K_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .
- The edge set  $E(K_n)$  contains all possible  $\binom{n}{2}$  edges, where each edge connects two distinct vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ).

In  $K_n$ , every vertex has a degree of  $n - 1$ , and the graph is maximally connected.

**Definition 3.44** (Graph edge coloring). [58, 160, 371] In general, graph edge coloring is the assignment of colors to the edges of a graph such that no two edges sharing the same vertex have the same color.

**Definition 3.45** (Graph Ramsey Number). [28, 64, 97, 143, 268] The *Graph Ramsey Number*, denoted  $R(s, t)$ , is the smallest positive integer  $N$  such that any red-blue coloring of the edges of a complete graph  $K_N$  on  $N$  vertices contains:

- A red  $K_s$  (a complete subgraph of  $s$  vertices with all edges colored red), or
- A blue  $K_t$  (a complete subgraph of  $t$  vertices with all edges colored blue).

Formally,

$$R(s, t) = \min \{N \mid \forall \text{ red-blue edge colorings of } K_N, \exists \text{ a red } K_s \text{ or a blue } K_t\}.$$

**Definition 3.46** ( $k$ -Uniform Hypergraph). [76, 159, 247, 278] A  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is a hypergraph where:

- $V$  is the set of vertices.
- $E \subseteq \binom{V}{k}$ , the set of all  $k$ -element subsets of  $V$ . Each  $e \in E$  is called a  $k$ -uniform hyperedge.

**Definition 3.47** (Monochromatic  $k$ -Uniform Hypergraph). [76] A  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is said to be *monochromatic* under a coloring if all hyperedges  $e \in E$  are assigned the same color.

More formally, let  $\chi : \binom{V}{k} \rightarrow \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$  be a coloring function assigning one of  $m$  colors to each  $k$ -tuple of  $V$ . The  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is monochromatic if there exists a color  $c \in \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$  such that:

$$\forall e \in E, \chi(e) = c.$$

**Definition 3.48** (Monochromatic Subset in a  $k$ -Uniform Hypergraph). [76] Given a  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  with a coloring  $\chi : \binom{V}{k} \rightarrow \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$ , a subset  $S \subseteq V$  is called a *monochromatic subset* if:

$$\forall e \in \binom{S}{k}, \chi(e) = c,$$

for some fixed color  $c \in \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$ .

**Definition 3.49** (Hypergraph Ramsey Numbers). [76] Let  $k$ ,  $s$ , and  $n$  be positive integers. The  $k$ -uniform hypergraph Ramsey number, denoted  $r_k(s, n)$ , is the smallest positive integer  $N$  such that, for every red-blue coloring of the  $k$ -element subsets of an  $N$ -element set  $[N]$ , one of the following holds:

1. There exists a subset  $S \subseteq [N]$  with  $|S| = s$  such that every  $k$ -tuple of  $S$  is red.
2. There exists a subset  $T \subseteq [N]$  with  $|T| = n$  such that every  $k$ -tuple of  $T$  is blue.

Formally,

$$r_k(s, n) = \min \left\{ N \mid \forall \text{ red-blue coloring of } \binom{[N]}{k}, \exists \text{ monochromatic } k\text{-uniform hypergraph with size } s \text{ or } n \right\}.$$

**Definition 3.50** ( $k$ -Uniform  $n$ -SuperHypergraph). Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 1$  be integers, and let  $V_0$  be a finite set. Let  $V = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_0)$  be the set of vertices.

A  $k$ -uniform  $n$ -SuperHypergraph is a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_0)$  is the vertex set.
- $E \subseteq \binom{V}{k}$ , the set of all  $k$ -element subsets of  $V$ .

**Definition 3.51** (Monochromatic  $k$ -Uniform  $n$ -SuperHypergraph). Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a  $k$ -uniform  $n$ -SuperHypergraph, and let  $\chi : \binom{V}{k} \rightarrow \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$  be a coloring function assigning one of  $m$  colors to each edge  $e \in E$ . We say that  $H$  is *monochromatic* if there exists a color  $c \in \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$  such that:

$$\forall e \in E, \chi(e) = c.$$

**Definition 3.52** ( $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey Numbers). Let  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and  $s, t$  be positive integers. The  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey number, denoted  $r_n^{(k)}(s, t)$ , is the smallest positive integer  $N$  such that, for every red-blue coloring  $\chi$  of the edges in  $\binom{V}{k}$  with  $V = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_0)$  and  $|V_0| = N$ , one of the following holds:

1. There exists a subset  $S \subseteq V$  with  $|S| = s$  such that all  $k$ -element subsets of  $S$  are colored red.

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2. There exists a subset  $T \subseteq V$  with  $|T| = t$  such that all  $k$ -element subsets of  $T$  are colored blue.

Formally,

$$r_n^{(k)}(s, t) = \min \left\{ N \mid \forall \text{ red-blue coloring } \chi \text{ of } \binom{V}{k}, \exists \text{ monochromatic } k\text{-uniform } n\text{-SuperHypergraph of size } s \text{ or } t \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.53.** *The concept of  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey numbers generalizes hypergraph Ramsey numbers. In particular, when  $n = 1$ , the  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey number  $r_1^{(k)}(s, t)$  coincides with the classical hypergraph Ramsey number  $r_k(s, t)$ .*

*Proof.* When  $n = 1$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0.$$

Thus, the vertex set is  $V = V_0$ .

The edge set is  $E \subseteq \binom{V}{k} = \binom{V_0}{k}$ .

This corresponds exactly to a classical  $k$ -uniform hypergraph on the vertex set  $V_0$ .

In the classical hypergraph Ramsey problem, we consider the smallest integer  $N$  such that any red-blue coloring of the edges of the complete  $k$ -uniform hypergraph on  $N$  vertices contains a monochromatic complete  $k$ -uniform hypergraph of size  $s$  in red or  $t$  in blue.

Therefore,  $r_1^{(k)}(s, t) = r_k(s, t)$ .

This shows that the  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Ramsey numbers generalize the classical hypergraph Ramsey numbers.  $\square$

**Question 3.54.** Is it possible to propose Anti-Ramsey theorems [95] in the context of  $n$ -SuperHypergraphs?

### 3.8 Tripartite $n$ -SuperHypergraph and Multipartite $n$ -SuperHypergraph

In general, a *tripartite graph* is a graph in which the vertex set is divided into three disjoint subsets, with no edges connecting vertices within the same subset [251, 291, 373, 380]. Tripartite graphs have been extensively studied for practical applications in fields such as personalized recommendation systems [221, 373]. A tripartite graph can also be viewed as an extended version of a bipartite graph [17, 90, 145]. A *multipartite graph* is a graph where the vertex set is partitioned into  $k$  disjoint subsets, ensuring that no two vertices within the same subset are adjacent [46, 81, 98]. These concepts, when extended to hypergraphs, lead to the notions of *Tripartite Hypergraphs* [133, 134, 170, 216, 372] and *Multipartite Hypergraphs* [1, 47]. A more structured version, the  *$k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph*, has also been widely studied in this context [47]. This subsection introduces a further generalization of these concepts to *superhypergraphs*, as described below. It is worth noting that in this paper, the definition of a tripartite hypergraph follows the user–item–tag tripartite hypergraph model proposed in [372].

**Definition 3.55** (Tripartite Hypergraph). [372] A *tripartite hypergraph* is a hypergraph  $G = (V, H)$  where:

- $V = U \cup R \cup T$ , where  $U$ ,  $R$ , and  $T$  are disjoint vertex sets representing users, resources, and tags, respectively.
- $H \subseteq U \times R \times T$ , the set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $h = (u, r, t)$  consists of one user  $u \in U$ , one resource  $r \in R$ , and one tag  $t \in T$ .

**Definition 3.56** (Properties of a Tripartite Hypergraph). [372] Given a tripartite hypergraph  $G = (V, H)$ :

- The *hyperdegree* of a node  $v \in V$  is the number of hyperedges in  $H$  that contain  $v$ .

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- The *clustering coefficient* of a node  $v \in V$  is the ratio of the actual number of hyperedges involving  $v$  to the maximum possible number of such hyperedges, based on the degrees of its neighbors [36, 289].
  - The *average distance* is the average shortest path length between two random nodes in  $G$ , considering paths that traverse hyperedges [71, 72].

**Definition 3.57** ( $k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph). (cf. [47]) A  $k$ -uniform multipartite hypergraph is a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_k$  is the vertex set, partitioned into  $k$  disjoint subsets  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k$ , called the *vertex classes*.
- $E \subseteq V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_k$ , the set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $e \in E$  is a  $k$ -tuple such that  $|e \cap V_i| = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**Definition 3.58** (Tripartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph). Let  $V_0$  be a finite set. The  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$ , denoted  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , is defined recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)), \quad \text{for } k \geq 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of the set  $A$ .

And let  $n \geq 1$ , and let  $U_0$ ,  $R_0$ , and  $T_0$  be finite, disjoint base sets representing users, resources, and tags, respectively.

Define the vertex classes:

$$U = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(U_0), \quad R = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(R_0), \quad T = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(T_0).$$

A *Tripartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph* is a hypergraph  $G = (V, H)$ , where:

- $V = U \cup R \cup T$  is the vertex set, partitioned into three disjoint classes.
- $H \subseteq U \times R \times T$  is the set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $h = (u, r, t)$  consists of one supervertex  $u \in U$ , one supervertex  $r \in R$ , and one supervertex  $t \in T$ .

**Definition 3.59** ( $k$ -Uniform Multipartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph). Let  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and let  $V_{0,1}, V_{0,2}, \dots, V_{0,k}$  be finite, disjoint base sets.

Define the vertex classes:

$$V_i = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_{0,i}), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

A  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph is a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$ , where:

- $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_k$  is the vertex set, partitioned into  $k$  disjoint classes.
- $E \subseteq V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_k$  is the set of hyperedges, where each hyperedge  $e = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  consists of one supervertex  $v_i \in V_i$  from each vertex class.

**Theorem 3.60.** *The concept of a Tripartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph generalizes that of a Tripartite Hypergraph. Specifically, when  $n = 1$ , a Tripartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph reduces to a Tripartite Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 1$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{P}^{n-1}(U_0) = \mathcal{P}^0(U_0) = U_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(R_0) = R_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(T_0) = T_0.$$

Therefore, the vertex classes are:

$$U = U_0, \quad R = R_0, \quad T = T_0.$$

The hyperedges are subsets of  $U \times R \times T$ , where each hyperedge  $h = (u, r, t)$  consists of one element from each of  $U_0$ ,  $R_0$ , and  $T_0$ .

This matches the definition of a Tripartite Hypergraph, where  $V = U_0 \cup R_0 \cup T_0$ , and  $H \subseteq U_0 \times R_0 \times T_0$ .

Therefore, the Tripartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph with  $n = 1$  is equivalent to a Tripartite Hypergraph.  $\square$

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**Theorem 3.61.** *The concept of a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph generalizes that of a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph. Specifically, when  $n = 1$ , a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph reduces to a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 1$ , we have:

$$V_i = \mathcal{P}^{n-1}(V_{0,i}) = \mathcal{P}^0(V_{0,i}) = V_{0,i}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

Therefore, the vertex classes are  $V_i = V_{0,i}$ , and the vertex set is  $V = V_{0,1} \cup V_{0,2} \cup \dots \cup V_{0,k}$ .

The hyperedges are subsets of  $V_1 \times V_2 \times \dots \times V_k$ , where each hyperedge  $e = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  consists of one element from each  $V_{0,i}$ .

This matches the definition of a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph, where the vertex set is partitioned into  $k$  classes, and each hyperedge consists of one vertex from each class.

Therefore, the  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite  $n$ -SuperHypergraph with  $n = 1$  is equivalent to a  $k$ -Uniform Multipartite Hypergraph.  $\square$

### 3.9 SuperHypergraphic Sequence

In this subsection, we explore the concept of a SuperHypergraphic Sequence. In mathematics, a sequence is an ordered list of elements, typically numbers, following a specific rule [129, 205]. The *degree sequence* of a graph or hypergraph is defined as the list of vertex degrees, where each degree represents the number of edges incident to the corresponding vertex [37, 63, 237, 238, 241]. A *hypergraphic sequence* is a sequence of non-negative integers that satisfies specific combinatorial conditions, ensuring the existence of a corresponding hypergraph [218, 218, 239, 283]. We extend these notions to n-SuperHyperGraphs. The related definitions and theorems are presented below.

**Definition 3.62** (Degree (Recall)). [283] The *degree* of a vertex  $v \in V$ , denoted as  $d(v)$ , is the number of hyperedges in  $E$  that contain  $v$ , formally defined as:

$$d(v) = |\{e \in E \mid v \in e\}|.$$

**Definition 3.63.** [283] A hypergraph  $H$  is called *simple* if it contains no repeated hyperedges. Moreover, if every hyperedge in  $E$  contains exactly  $r$  vertices, the hypergraph is called an  *$r$ -uniform hypergraph*.

**Definition 3.64.** [283] The *degree sequence* of a hypergraph  $H$  is the vector of degrees of all vertices, represented as:

$$d(H) = (d(v_1), d(v_2), \dots, d(v_n)).$$

Given an  $n$ -dimensional integer vector  $d = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ , it is said to be a *hypergraphic sequence* if there exists a simple hypergraph  $H$  with  $d(H) = d$ .

**Definition 3.65** (Degree of a Supervertex). In an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , the *degree* of a supervertex  $v \in V$ , denoted  $d(v)$ , is defined as the number of superedges in  $E$  that contain  $v$ :

$$d(v) = |\{e \in E \mid v \in e\}|.$$

**Definition 3.66** ( $n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence). Given a finite set  $V$  of supervertices, an  $m$ -tuple of non-negative integers  $d = (d(v_1), d(v_2), \dots, d(v_m))$  is called an  *$n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence* if there exists an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  such that for each supervertex  $v_i \in V$ , the degree  $d(v_i)$  equals the given degree in the sequence, i.e.,

$$d(v_i) = |\{e \in E \mid v_i \in e\}| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

**Theorem 3.67.** An  $n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence generalizes the concept of a hypergraphic sequence. Specifically, when  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence reduces to a hypergraphic sequence.

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*Proof. Case 1 ( $n = 0$ ):* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set is  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ . Thus, the supervertices are the base vertices  $V = V_0$ , and the superedges are subsets of  $V_0$ , i.e.,  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$ .

An  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  becomes a standard hypergraph in this case. The degree of each vertex  $v \in V$  is calculated as:

$$d(v) = |\{e \in E \mid v \in e\}|,$$

which matches the definition of vertex degrees in hypergraphs.

Therefore, the degree sequence  $d = (d(v_1), d(v_2), \dots, d(v_m))$  is a hypergraphic sequence.

*Case 2 ( $n > 0$ ):* For  $n > 0$ , the supervertices  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  include higher-order elements from the iterated power set. The degrees of supervertices are defined similarly:

$$d(v) = |\{e \in E \mid v \in e\}| \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$

This extends the concept of a degree sequence to  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs, capturing the degrees of supervertices at various hierarchical levels.

Since the definition of an  $n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence encompasses the standard hypergraphic sequence when  $n = 0$ , and generalizes it for  $n > 0$ , it follows that the  $n$ -SuperHypergraphic Sequence is a generalization of the hypergraphic sequence.  $\square$

### 3.10 Query n-superhypergraph

A *Query Hypergraph* is a mathematical structure utilized in information retrieval to represent relationships between query concepts [29, 322, 370]. This concept is extended to  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs, resulting in the definition of a *Query n-SuperHyperGraph*. The related definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 3.68.** [29] A Query Hypergraph  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$  is defined as follows:

- *Vertices (V):* The vertex set  $V = Q \cup \{D\}$ , where:
  - $Q$  is the set of query concepts, which may include terms, phrases, or other linguistic structures derived from a query  $Q$ .
  - $D$  represents a document in the retrieval corpus.
- *Hyperedges (E):* A hyperedge  $e \in E$  connects a subset of query concepts  $k \subseteq Q$  with the document  $D$ . Formally:
 
$$e = (k, D), \quad k \subseteq Q.$$
- *Weights ( $\varphi$ ):* Each hyperedge  $e = (k, D)$  is associated with a weight  $\varphi(e)$ , which represents the relevance or importance of the relationship between the query concept set  $k$  and the document  $D$ .

**Definition 3.69 (Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph).** Let  $V_0$  be the base set of query concepts derived from a query  $Q$ , and let  $D$  represent a document in the retrieval corpus. Define the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)\right).$$

The *Query n-SuperHyperGraph*  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$  is defined as follows:

- *Vertices (V):* The vertex set  $V$  consists of supervertices, which are elements of the  $n$ -th iterated power set of the base set  $V_0$  augmented with the document  $D$ :

$$V = \mathcal{P}^n(V_0) \cup \{D\}.$$

- *Superedges (E):* The superedge set  $E$  consists of subsets of  $V$ , connecting supervertices at various hierarchical levels. Each superedge  $e \in E$  is defined as:

$$e = (k, D), \quad k \in \mathcal{P}^n(V_0).$$

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- *Weights ( $\varphi$ ):* Each superedge  $e = (k, D)$  is associated with a weight  $\varphi(e)$ , representing the relevance or importance of the relationship between the supervertex set  $k$  and the document  $D$ .

**Theorem 3.70.** *The Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the Query Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set reduces to  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ , the base set of query concepts. In this case:

- The vertices  $V$  become  $V = V_0 \cup \{D\}$ , matching the vertex set in the Query Hypergraph.
- The superedges  $E$  are defined as  $e = (k, D)$  with  $k \in \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ , so  $k \subseteq V_0$ . This matches the hyperedges in the Query Hypergraph, which connect subsets of query concepts  $k \subseteq Q$  with the document  $D$ .
- The weights  $\varphi(e)$  remain unchanged.

Therefore, the Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph reduces to the Query Hypergraph when  $n = 0$ . For  $n > 0$ , it extends the structure to include higher-level supervertices and superedges, thus generalizing the Query Hypergraph.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.71.** *A Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph possesses the structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* By definition, an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  consists of:

- *Vertices (V):* Elements of the  $n$ -th iterated power set  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , where  $V_0$  is the base set.
- *Edges (E):* Subsets of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , connecting supervertices at different hierarchical levels.

For a Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$ , we have:

- *Vertices (V):* Defined as  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0) \cup \{D\}$ , where  $V_0$  is the set of query concepts and  $D$  is the document. The additional element  $D$  does not alter the hierarchical structure of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , as it can be treated as a singleton set  $\{D\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ .
- *Superedges (E):* Defined as  $e = (k, D)$  for  $k \in \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . These superedges are subsets of  $V$  and connect elements within  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0) \cup \{D\}$ , preserving the hierarchical structure of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ .

The weights  $\varphi(e)$  do not affect the structural composition of the vertices and superedges, as they are additional metadata associated with each superedge.

Thus, the Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$  satisfies the structural requirements of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H' = (V', E')$ , with:

$$V' = \mathcal{P}^n(V_0), \quad E' = \mathcal{P}^n(V_0).$$

Therefore, a Query  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph possesses the structure of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.  $\square$

### 3.11 Superhypergraph Energy Functions

Hypergraph Energy Functions are mathematical tools designed to quantify relationships in hypergraphs by optimizing node and edge embeddings for downstream tasks [61, 341]. This concept is extended to superhypergraphs, and the corresponding definitions are provided below.

**Definition 3.72** (Hyperedge Regularization). (cf. [338, 341]) Hyperedge Regularization is a technique that enforces similarity or consistency among nodes within the same hyperedge in a hypergraph. Mathematically, for a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$ , the regularization term for a hyperedge  $e \in E$  is often defined as:

$$R(e) = \sum_{i,j \in e} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2,$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_i$  and  $\mathbf{y}_j$  are embeddings of nodes  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the norm. This term penalizes differences in embeddings among nodes within the hyperedge  $e$ , promoting structural coherence.

**Definition 3.73** (Hypergraph Energy Function). [341] Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a hypergraph, where  $V$  is the set of nodes,  $E$  is the set of hyperedges, and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times |E|}$  is the binary incidence matrix such that  $B_{ik} = 1$  if node  $v_i \in e_k$ , and  $B_{ik} = 0$  otherwise. Define:

- $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times d}$ : Node embeddings where each row  $y_i$  represents the embedding of node  $v_i$ .
- $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{|E| \times d}$ : Hyperedge embeddings where each row  $z_k$  represents the embedding of hyperedge  $e_k$ .
- $g_1(Y)$ : A node regularization term ensuring smoothness or specific properties of  $Y$ .
- $g_2(Z)$ : A hyperedge regularization term ensuring smoothness or specific properties of  $Z$ .
- $g_3(Y, Z)$ : A structural term that encodes the relationships between nodes and hyperedges in the hypergraph.

The *hypergraph energy function* is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}(Y, Z) = g_1(Y) + g_2(Z) + g_3(Y, Z),$$

where  $g_3(Y, Z)$  can take the form:

$$g_3(Y, Z) = \lambda_0 \sum_{e_k \in E} \sum_{v_i, v_j \in e_k} \|y_i - y_j\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{e_k \in E} \sum_{v_i \in e_k} \|y_i - z_k\|^2.$$

Here,  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  are weighting factors that balance the contributions of the terms.

**Definition 3.74** (n-SuperHypergraph Energy Function). Let  $H = (V, E)$  be an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, where  $V$  is the set of supervertices and  $E$  is the set of superedges. Let  $d$  be the dimensionality of the embeddings.

- For each supervertex  $v \in V$ , let  $y_v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be its embedding.
- For each superedge  $e \in E$ , let  $z_e \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be its embedding.
- Let  $x_v \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v}$  be the feature vector associated with supervertex  $v$ .
- Let  $u_e \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e}$  be the feature vector associated with superedge  $e$ .
- Let  $f_v(\cdot; W_v)$  and  $f_e(\cdot; W_e)$  be learnable functions (e.g., neural networks) parameterized by weights  $W_v$  and  $W_e$ , mapping features to embeddings in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

The *n-SuperHypergraph Energy Function* is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}(Y, Z) = \sum_{v \in V} \|y_v - f_v(x_v; W_v)\|^2 + \sum_{e \in E} \|z_e - f_e(u_e; W_e)\|^2 + \lambda_0 \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{v, w \in e} \|y_v - y_w\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{v \in e} \|y_v - z_e\|^2,$$

where  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  are non-negative hyperparameters controlling the importance of each term.

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**Theorem 3.75.** *The  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Energy Function generalizes the hypergraph energy function. Specifically, when  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Energy Function reduces to the standard hypergraph energy function.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -th iterated power set reduces to  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ . Thus, the supervertices and superedges become elements and subsets of the base vertex set  $V_0$ , respectively.

In this case:

- The set of supervertices  $V \subseteq V_0$  is simply the set of vertices in the hypergraph.
- The set of superedges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$  is the set of hyperedges in the hypergraph.
- The embeddings  $y_v$  for  $v \in V$  correspond to the node embeddings in the hypergraph.
- The embeddings  $z_e$  for  $e \in E$  correspond to the hyperedge embeddings in the hypergraph.

The incidence matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times |E|}$  is defined as:

$$B_{v,e} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v \in e, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The energy function simplifies to:

$$\mathcal{L}(Y, Z) = \sum_{v \in V} \|y_v - f_v(x_v; W_v)\|^2 + \sum_{e \in E} \|z_e - f_e(u_e; W_e)\|^2 + \lambda_0 \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{v, w \in e} \|y_v - y_w\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{v \in e} \|y_v - z_e\|^2,$$

which is exactly the standard hypergraph energy function.

Therefore, the  $n$ -SuperHypergraph Energy Function generalizes the hypergraph energy function.  $\square$

### 3.12 Transversal $n$ -SuperHypergraph

A transversal graph is a type of graph where every edge intersects all subsets of edges, ensuring that no subset remains disjoint from the edge set [31, 67, 147, 240].

Similarly, a transversal hypergraph is defined as a hypergraph where every hyperedge represents a minimal hitting set that intersects all hyperedges of the original hypergraph [92, 93, 146, 148, 191, 323, 333].

This concept is extended to the domain of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs. The related definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 3.76** (Transversal). (cf. [92, 93, 148, 191, 323]) Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a hypergraph. A set  $T \subseteq V$  is called a *transversal* (or hitting set) of  $H$  if:

$$T \cap E_i \neq \emptyset, \quad \forall E_i \in E.$$

A transversal  $T$  is *minimal* if no proper subset  $T' \subset T$  is a transversal of  $H$ .

**Definition 3.77** (Transversal Hypergraph). (cf. [92, 93, 148, 191, 323]) Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a hypergraph. The *transversal hypergraph* of  $H$ , denoted  $\text{Tr}(H)$ , is defined as the hypergraph:

$$\text{Tr}(H) = (V, \mathcal{T}),$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the family of all minimal transversals of  $H$ .

**Definition 3.78** (Base Set). For any element  $x \in V \cup E$  of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , the *base set* of  $x$ , denoted  $\text{Base}(x)$ , is defined recursively as:

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- If  $x \in V_0$ , then  $\text{Base}(x) = \{x\}$ .
  - If  $x$  is a set, i.e.,  $x \in \mathcal{P}^k(V_0)$  for  $k \geq 1$ , then:

$$\text{Base}(x) = \bigcup_{y \in x} \text{Base}(y).$$

**Definition 3.79** (Incidence in  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). In an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , a supervertex  $v \in V$  and a superedge  $e \in E$  are said to be *incident* if:

$$\text{Base}(v) \cap \text{Base}(e) \neq \emptyset.$$

**Definition 3.80** (Transversal in  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). A set  $T \subseteq V$  is called a *transversal* (or *hitting set*) of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  if for every superedge  $e \in E$ , there exists a supervertex  $v \in T$  such that  $v$  is incident to  $e$ ; that is:

$$\text{Base}(v) \cap \text{Base}(e) \neq \emptyset.$$

A transversal  $T$  is *minimal* if no proper subset  $T' \subset T$  is a transversal of  $H$ .

**Definition 3.81** (Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). Given an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$ , the *Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* of  $H$ , denoted  $\text{Tr}(H)$ , is defined as:

$$\text{Tr}(H) = (V, \mathcal{T}),$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of all minimal transversals of  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.82.** *The Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the Transversal Hypergraph. Specifically, when  $n = 0$ , the Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph reduces to the classical Transversal Hypergraph.*

*Proof.* When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H = (V, E)$  becomes a standard hypergraph:

- The 0-th iterated power set is  $\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$ .
- The supervertices  $V \subseteq V_0$  are simply the vertices of the hypergraph.
- The superedges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0$  become subsets of  $V_0$ , i.e., hyperedges.

The base set of any vertex  $v \in V$  is:

$$\text{Base}(v) = \{v\}, \quad \text{since } v \in V_0.$$

The base set of any edge  $e \in E$  is:

$$\text{Base}(e) = \bigcup_{u \in e} \text{Base}(u) = e.$$

The incidence relation simplifies to:

$$\text{Base}(v) \cap \text{Base}(e) = \{v\} \cap e \neq \emptyset \iff v \in e.$$

Therefore, a transversal  $T \subseteq V$  satisfies:

$$T \cap e \neq \emptyset, \quad \forall e \in E,$$

which is the classical definition of a transversal (hitting set) in a hypergraph.

The minimal transversals in  $H$  correspond to the minimal hitting sets in the hypergraph. Consequently, the Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $\text{Tr}(H) = (V, \mathcal{T})$  reduces to the classical Transversal Hypergraph, where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of all minimal transversals.

Thus, the Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph generalizes the Transversal Hypergraph. □

**Theorem 3.83.** *A Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph possesses the structural properties of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.*

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*Proof.* Let  $H = (V, E)$  be an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, where  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of  $n$ -level supervertices, and  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of  $n$ -level superedges.

By definition, the Transversal  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $\text{Tr}(H) = (V, \mathcal{T})$  is formed by computing the family  $\mathcal{T}$ , which consists of all minimal transversals of  $H$ .

The vertices  $V$  of  $\text{Tr}(H)$  are identical to those of the original  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph  $H$ , and thus  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ .

Each edge  $T \in \mathcal{T}$  is a minimal transversal of  $H$ . A transversal  $T \subseteq V$  ensures that  $T \cap e \neq \emptyset$  for every  $e \in E$ . Since  $T \subseteq V$  and  $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , we have  $T \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ .

The set  $\mathcal{T}$  is a subset of the  $n$ -th iterated power set  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ , which aligns with the edge definition of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph. Therefore,  $\text{Tr}(H)$  adheres to the structural constraints of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph.

Thus,  $\text{Tr}(H)$  satisfies the vertex and edge definitions of an  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph, confirming that it retains the structural properties of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs.  $\square$

### 3.13 n-SuperHypernetwork

A hypernetwork is a related concept to hypergraphs, employing similar principles to represent relationships in networks [14, 16, 163, 264]. Extensive research has been conducted in this area. This concept is extended to  $n$ -SuperHypernetworks, which provide a more general and hierarchical framework. Relevant definitions and theorems are detailed below.

**Definition 3.84** (Hypernetwork). [14, 16, 163] A *hypernetwork* is defined as a hypergraph  $G = (V, E)$  equipped with a node type mapping function  $\varphi : V \rightarrow A$ , where:

- $V$  is the set of nodes,
- $E$  is the set of hyperedges, where each  $e \in E$  is a non-empty subset of  $V$ ,
- $A$  is the set of node types,
- $\varphi(v) \in A$  specifies the type of each node  $v \in V$ .

A hyperedge  $e \in E$  represents a *tuplewise relationship* among the nodes in  $e$ . The following additional properties can be used to classify hypernetworks:

1. *Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Hypernetwork*:

- The hypernetwork is *homogeneous* if  $|A| = 1$ , i.e., all nodes are of the same type.
- The hypernetwork is *heterogeneous* if  $|A| > 1$ , i.e., nodes can belong to multiple types [162, 339, 369].

2. *Uniformity*:

- The hypernetwork is *k-uniform* if every hyperedge  $e \in E$  satisfies  $|e| = k$ , i.e., all hyperedges contain exactly  $k$  nodes.

The *neighbors* of a node  $v \in V$  are defined as:

$$N_G(v) = \{u \in V \mid \exists e \in E \text{ such that } v \in e \text{ and } u \in e\}.$$

**Definition 3.85** (Hypernetwork Representation). [14, 16, 163] Given a hypernetwork  $G = (V, E)$ , the goal of *hypernetwork representation learning* is to learn:

1. A *node embedding function*  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , which maps each node  $v \in V$  to a low-dimensional vector  $f(v) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (cf. [59, 297]),

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2. A *tuplewise similarity function*  $s_{\text{tuple}} : T \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , where  $T$  is the set of possible tuples of nodes in  $V$ , to measure the relationships among nodes in tuples (cf. [330, 381]).

The representation  $f(v)$  should preserve both global and local structural information of the hypernetwork, including:

- *Pairwise relationships*, reflecting the similarity between two nodes (cf. [66, 350]),
- *Tuplewise relationships*, capturing the interactions among more than two nodes within a hyperedge.

**Definition 3.86** ( $n$ -SuperHypernetwork). Let  $V_0$  be a finite set of base nodes. The  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$  is defined recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)\right),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of set  $A$ .

An  $n$ -*SuperHypernetwork* is an ordered triple  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$ , where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supernodes*.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *superedges*.
- $\varphi : V \rightarrow A$  is a *node type mapping function*, with  $A$  being the set of node types.

Each supernode  $v \in V$  can be:

- A single node ( $v \in V_0$ ),
- A subset of  $V_0$  ( $v \subseteq V_0$ ),
- A subset of subsets of  $V_0$ , up to  $n$  levels ( $v \in \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ ).

Similarly, each superedge  $e \in E$  connects supernodes, potentially at different hierarchical levels up to  $n$ .

**Definition 3.87** ( $n$ -SuperHypernetwork Representation). Given an  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$ , the goal of  $n$ -*SuperHypernetwork representation learning* is to learn:

1. A *node embedding function*  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , which maps each supernode  $v \in V$  to a low-dimensional vector  $f(v) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
2. A *tuplewise similarity function*  $s_{\text{tuple}} : T \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , where  $T$  is the set of possible tuples (e.g., superedges) in  $V$ , to measure the relationships among nodes in tuples.

The representations aim to preserve both global and local structural information of the  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork, including:

- *Pairwise relationships*, reflecting similarities between supernodes.
- *Tuplewise relationships*, capturing interactions among multiple supernodes within superedges.

**Theorem 3.88.** When  $n = 0$ , the  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork reduces to a hypernetwork, and the  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork representation reduces to the hypernetwork representation. Therefore, the definitions of  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork and its representation generalize those of hypergraphs and hypernetworks.

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*Proof.* Consider  $n = 0$ . Then, the 0-th iterated power set is:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0.$$

Thus, the set of supernodes and superedges become:

$$V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0.$$

This means:

- The supernodes  $V$  are simply elements of  $V_0$ , i.e., the base nodes themselves.
- The superedges  $E$  are subsets of  $V_0$ . Since  $E \subseteq V_0$ , each edge  $e \in E$  is a node in  $V_0$ , which does not align with the standard hyperedge definition. This suggests that we should consider  $n = 1$  for a meaningful hyperedge structure.

Now, consider  $n = 1$ :

$$\mathcal{P}^1(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(V_0),$$

the standard power set of  $V_0$ .

Then:

$$V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^1(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(V_0), \quad E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^1(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(V_0).$$

In this case:

- The supernodes  $V$  are subsets of  $V_0$ , i.e., sets of nodes.
- The superedges  $E$  are subsets of  $V_0$ , i.e., hyperedges in the classical sense.

If we restrict  $V = V_0$ , then the supernodes are the base nodes themselves, and the superedges  $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$  are standard hyperedges connecting nodes in  $V_0$ .

Thus, the  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork  $H = (V, E, \varphi)$  with  $n = 1$  reduces to a traditional hypernetwork, where:

- $V \subseteq V_0$  is the set of nodes.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V_0)$  is the set of hyperedges.
- $\varphi : V \rightarrow A$  maps nodes to their types.

Regarding the representation, the  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork representation learning aims to learn embeddings  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and a tuplewise similarity function  $s_{\text{tuple}}$ . When  $n = 1$ , this reduces to learning node embeddings and similarity functions for hypernetworks, as commonly done in hypernetwork representation learning.

Therefore, the definitions of  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork and  $n$ -SuperHypernetwork representation generalize the classical definitions of hypergraphs and hypernetworks.  $\square$

**Question 3.89.** Can the relationships between the aforementioned network concepts and Graph Neural Networks [156–158, 288, 294, 351, 352, 369, 377, 378], Hypergraph Neural Networks [188, 210, 212, 214, 219, 341, 349, 357, 379], and Superhypergraph Neural Networks [118] be formalized into theorems and proven? Additionally, is it possible to combine them to develop some form of practical applications?

### 3.14 Introduction to Other Known Superhypergraph Classes

Several other classes of superhypergraphs are already known. To facilitate the future development of research in superhypergraphs, we present the definitions of these classes below for reference. These can be seen as extensions of analogous concepts in hypergraphs.

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### 3.14.1 Directed Superhypergraph and Bidirected Superhypergraph

A Directed Graph is a graph in which orientations are assigned to edges in a standard graph [5, 130]. Similarly, in the context of hypergraphs, Directed Hypergraphs are well-studied structures [123]. A Directed Superhypergraph is an extension of this concept, assigning orientations to the edges of a Superhypergraph. The formal definition is provided below [120].

**Definition 3.90** (Directed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [120] A *Directed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a tuple:

$$H = (V, E),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*, where  $V_0$  is a finite set of base vertices and  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  represents the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$ .
- $E \subseteq \{(T, H) \mid T, H \subseteq V\}$  is the set of *directed superhyperedges*, where each  $e = (T, H)$  satisfies:
  - $T \subseteq V$ : the *tail set*, representing source supervertices.
  - $H \subseteq V$ : the *head set*, representing target supervertices.

A directed superhyperedge  $e = (T, H)$  generalizes the concept of edges in directed graphs and hypergraphs, allowing connections between multiple source and target supervertices.

**Question 3.91.** Can the superhypergraph classes introduced in this paper be extended to Directed Superhypergraphs? Furthermore, what potential mathematical structures and applications could arise from such an extension?

A mixed graph combines undirected and directed edges, enabling both two-way and one-way connections between vertices [108, 282]. This framework has been further generalized to mixed hypergraphs [326], which adapt the concept to hypergraphs, with their mathematical characteristics studied extensively.

**Definition 3.92** (Mixed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [120] A *Mixed  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a tuple:

$$H = (V, S, E, A),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*.
- $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of subsets of supervertices, called *supervertex sets*.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(S)$  is the set of undirected *superedges*.
- $A \subseteq \{(Z, z) \mid Z \subseteq S, z \in S, Z \cap \{z\} = \emptyset\}$  is the set of directed *superedges*, where each directed superedge  $a = (Z, z)$  consists of:
  - $Z$ : the *tail set*, a non-empty subset of supervertex sets.
  - $z$ : the *head*, a supervertex set.

Mixed superhypergraphs combine undirected and directed edges, allowing flexible representation of both directional and non-directional relationships.

The idea of a bidirected graph [15, 91, 130] has gained attention in recent years. To expand on this, we outline the definitions of bidirected hypergraphs and bidirected superhypergraphs, which extend the principles of bidirected graphs.

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**Definition 3.93** (Bidirected  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [120] A *Bidirected  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a triple:

$$H = (V, E, \tau),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*.
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V)$  is the set of *superedges*.
- $\tau : V \times E \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$  is the *bidirection function*, assigning orientations to the incidence of supervertices and superedges:
  - $\tau(v, e) = 1$ : Superedge  $e$  is directed *toward* supervertex  $v$ .
  - $\tau(v, e) = -1$ : Superedge  $e$  is directed *away from* supervertex  $v$ .
  - $\tau(v, e) = 0$ : Supervertex  $v$  is not incident to superedge  $e$ .

This structure allows independent orientations for each supervertex with respect to each incident superedge, generalizing the concept of bidirectionality in graphs.

### 3.14.2 Multi-Superhypergraph and Pseudo-Superhypergraph

A notable type of graph is the multigraph, characterized by its allowance for multiple edges (often called parallel edges) connecting the same pair of vertices [62, 102, 204, 234]. This concept is further extended to hypergraphs, resulting in the multi-hypergraph, which permits the existence of parallel hyperedges. Both multigraphs and multi-hypergraphs are widely utilized across various fields, including the study of neural networks [32, 207, 213, 259, 321, 345]. This idea has been extended to superhypergraphs, leading to the concept of the *multi-superhypergraph*, which was defined in [120]. The formal definition is provided below.

**Definition 3.94** (Multi- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [120] A *Multi- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a triple:

$$H = (V, S, E),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a finite set of *supervertices*, where  $V_0$  is a finite set of base vertices and  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  represents the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$ .
- $S$  is a multiset of non-empty subsets of  $V$ , called *multi-supervertices*. Each multi-supervertex  $s \in S$  satisfies  $s \subseteq V$ , and multiple occurrences of the same subset  $s$  are permitted in  $S$ .
- $E$  is a multiset of non-empty subsets of  $S$ , called *multi-superedges*. Each multi-superedge  $e \in E$  satisfies  $e \subseteq S$ , and multiple occurrences of the same subset  $e$  are permitted in  $E$ .

This structure extends the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph by allowing repeated subsets within the sets of supervertices and superedges, enabling richer modeling of relationships and connections.

A pseudograph is a graph variant that permits both parallel edges and self-loops, where an edge connects a vertex to itself [24, 48, 204]. This flexibility allows for the depiction of more intricate relationships and complex network structures compared to traditional graph models [334, 353]. By extending this concept to hypergraphs, a pseudo-hypergraph is introduced, enabling the representation of even more sophisticated connections and interactions [18, 51, 211]. Building on these advancements, the notion of a pseudo-superhypergraph, which generalizes the pseudo-hypergraph to superhypergraphs, has been defined in [120]. The formal definition is provided below.

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**Definition 3.95** (Pseudo- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [120] A *Pseudo- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is defined as a triple:

$$H = (V, S, E),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a finite set of *supervertices*, where  $V_0$  is a finite set of base vertices and  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  represents the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$ .
- $S$  is a multiset of elements from  $V$ , called *pseudo-supervertices*. Each pseudo-supervertex  $s \in S$  is a multiset of supervertices from  $V$ , allowing:
  - Repetition of the same supervertex within a pseudo-supervertex  $s$ .
  - Repetition of the same pseudo-supervertex across  $S$ .
- $E$  is a multiset of elements from  $S$ , called *pseudo-superedges*. Each pseudo-superedge  $e \in E$  is a multiset of pseudo-supervertices from  $S$ , allowing:
  - Repetition of the same pseudo-supervertex within a pseudo-superedge  $e$ .
  - Repetition of the same pseudo-superedge across  $E$ .

This structure generalizes the  $n$ -SuperHyperGraph by incorporating multisets, enabling repeated elements at multiple levels of the hierarchy.

### 3.14.3 Dynamic Superhypergraph

In fields such as Neural Networks, dynamic graph concepts like Dynamic Graphs [26, 27, 192, 340] and Dynamic Hypergraphs [189, 332, 356, 375] are well-known. Extending these concepts to superhypergraphs, the Dynamic Superhypergraph has also been introduced [118]. The definition is presented below.

**Definition 3.96.** [118] A *Dynamic SuperHypergraph* is a sequence of  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs  $\{H^{(l)} = (V^{(l)}, E^{(l)})\}_{l=0}^L$ , where each layer  $l$  represents a SuperHyperGraph at a specific time or iteration, and:

- $V^{(l)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of supervertices at layer  $l$ , where  $V_0$  is the base set of vertices, and  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the  $n$ -th iterated power set of  $V_0$ .
- $E^{(l)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of superedges at layer  $l$ .

The evolution of the SuperHyperGraph from layer  $l$  to  $l + 1$  may depend on the features or embeddings of the supervertices at layer  $l$ .

**Question 3.97.** Inspired by the concept of HyperStorylines in Dynamic Hypergraphs, is it possible to explore the application of SuperHyperStorylines within Dynamic Superhypergraphs?

### 3.14.4 Quasi superhypergraph

A Quasi-SuperHyperGraph is a graph that is almost a Quasi-SuperHyperGraph [150]. The formal definition is provided below.

**Definition 3.98** (Quasi- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph). [150] A *Quasi- $n$ -SuperHyperGraph* is a triple:

$$H = (V, S, \Phi),$$

where:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is a set of *supervertices*, where  $V_0$  is a finite base set, and  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  represents its  $n$ -th iterated power set.
- $S = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^k \subseteq \mathcal{P}(V)$  is a family of subsets of  $V$ , called *super-supervertices*.
- $\Phi = \{\varphi_{i,j} \mid i \neq j\}$  is a set of mappings  $\varphi_{i,j} : S_i \rightarrow S_j$ , called *quasi-superedges*, representing directed connections between super-supervertices.

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### 3.14.5 Superhypertree

A Superhypertree is the tree version of a Superhypergraph. In recent years, the graph width parameter known as Superhypertree-width has also been defined and studied. The formal definition is provided below [112].

**Definition 3.99** (*n*-SuperHyperTree). [112, 131] An *n*-*SuperHyperTree* is an *n*-SuperHyperGraph SHT = (V, E) satisfying the following conditions:

1. *Host Tree Condition*: There exists a tree T = (V<sub>T</sub>, E<sub>T</sub>), called the *host tree*, such that:
  - The vertex set of T is V<sub>T</sub> = V.
  - Each superedge e ∈ E corresponds to a connected subtree of T.
2. *Acyclicity Condition*: The host tree T is acyclic, ensuring that SHT does not contain cycles.
3. *Connectedness Condition*: For any v, w ∈ V, there exists a sequence of superedges e<sub>1</sub>, e<sub>2</sub>, …, e<sub>k</sub> ∈ E such that:

$$v \in e_1, \quad w \in e_k, \quad \text{and} \quad e_i \cap e_{i+1} \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i < k.$$

### 3.15 General Plithogenic *n*-SuperHyperGraph

The concept of a Plithogenic Graph [106, 108, 187, 298, 299, 306, 325] serves as a generalization of various types of graphs, including Fuzzy Graphs [33, 125, 135, 190, 243, 252, 277, 280, 324, 344], Neutrosophic Graphs [11, 12, 57, 111, 113, 165, 186, 284], Vague Graphs [8, 9, 43–45, 271, 272, 286], Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graphs [6, 173, 331, 376], and Pentapartitioned Neutrosophic Graphs [79, 167, 168, 266]. It is particularly known for its flexibility in handling uncertainty by allowing a customizable number of parameters to represent various degrees of vagueness and ambiguity. The General Plithogenic Graph is an extended framework that relaxes the constraints of a Plithogenic Graph, thereby offering a more versatile graph structure [111, 250]. The General Plithogenic *n*-SuperHyperGraph is a further extension, applying the principles of the General Plithogenic Graph to the domain of SuperHyperGraphs, thus combining the hierarchical structure of *n*-SuperHyperGraphs with the flexibility of Plithogenic Graphs [107, 309].

**Definition 3.100** (General Plithogenic *n*-SuperHyperGraph). [107] Let V<sub>0</sub> be a finite set of base vertices. Define the *n*-th iterated power set of V<sub>0</sub> recursively as:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(V_0) = V_0, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(V_0) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(V_0)),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the power set of the set A.

A General Plithogenic *n*-SuperHyperGraph is an octuple:

$$H^{(n)GP} = (V, E, A_V, A_E, DAF_V, DAF_E, DCF_V, DCF_E),$$

with the following conditions:

- $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *supervertices*, where each supervertex is an element of the *n*-th iterated power set of V<sub>0</sub>. Thus, a supervertex can be:
  - A single vertex v ∈ V<sub>0</sub>,
  - A subset of V<sub>0</sub>,
  - A subset of subsets of V<sub>0</sub>, up to *n* levels, i.e., v ∈  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ ,
  - An indeterminate or fuzzy set (cf. [360]),
  - The null set  $\emptyset$ .
- $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$  is the set of *superedges*, where each superedge is also an element of  $\mathcal{P}^n(V_0)$ . Each superedge connects supervertices potentially at multiple hierarchical levels up to *n*.
- $A_V$  is a finite set of attributes associated with the supervertices.

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- $A_E$  is a finite set of attributes associated with the superedges.
  - $\text{DAF}_V : V \times A_V \rightarrow [0, 1]^s$  is the *Degree of Appurtenance Function* for supervertices, assigning to each pair  $(v, a_V)$ , with  $v \in V$  and  $a_V \in A_V$ , a membership degree in  $[0, 1]^s$ .
  - $\text{DAF}_E : E \times A_E \rightarrow [0, 1]^s$  is the *Degree of Appurtenance Function* for superedges, assigning to each pair  $(e, a_E)$ , with  $e \in E$  and  $a_E \in A_E$ , a membership degree in  $[0, 1]^s$ .
  - $\text{DCF}_V : A_V \times A_V \rightarrow [0, 1]^t$  is the *Degree of Contradiction Function* for vertex attributes, satisfying:

$$\text{DCF}_V(a, a) = 0, \quad \text{DCF}_V(a, b) = \text{DCF}_V(b, a), \quad \forall a, b \in A_V.$$

- $\text{DCF}_E : A_E \times A_E \rightarrow [0, 1]^t$  is the *Degree of Contradiction Function* for edge attributes, satisfying:

$$\text{DCF}_E(a, a) = 0, \quad \text{DCF}_E(a, b) = \text{DCF}_E(b, a), \quad \forall a, b \in A_E.$$

The degrees of appurtenance assigned by  $\text{DAF}_V$  and  $\text{DAF}_E$  may be adjusted or interpreted through the  $\text{DCF}_V$  and  $\text{DCF}_E$  functions, reflecting plithogenic synthesis of attributes, where multiple conditions (attributes) combine, potentially with contradictory influences, to determine the final membership degrees of supervertices and superedges.

**Example 3.101.** (cf. [111]) The following examples illustrate specific cases of General Plithogenic  $n$ -SuperHyperGraphs:

- When  $s = t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Fuzzy n-SuperHyperGraph*.
- When  $s = 2, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Intuitionistic Fuzzy n-SuperHyperGraph*. Also the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Vague n-SuperHyperGraph*.
- When  $s = 3, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph*.
- When  $s = 4, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Quadripartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph* (cf. [169, 269, 295]).
- When  $s = 5, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Pentapartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph* (cf. [35, 80, 229]).
- When  $s = 6, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Hexapartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph* (cf. [254]).
- When  $s = 7, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Heptapartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph* (cf. [56, 246]).
- When  $s = 8, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Octapartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph*.
- When  $s = 9, t = 1$ , the  $G^{PGSH}$  is called a *Plithogenic Nonapartitioned Neutrosophic n-SuperHyperGraph*.

## 4 Discussion: Generalized n-th Powerset (Power Mathematical structure)

This section briefly introduces the concept of the Generalized n-th Powerset. We believe that this structure can be applied not only in graph theory and set theory but also in other fields. It is our hope that further studies will explore its applications and implications. Relevant definitions and theorems are provided below.

**Definition 4.1** (Generalized n-th Powerset). Let  $H$  be a set or a mathematical structure, and let  $P(H)$  denote the classical powerset of  $H$ . Define the  $n$ -th generalized powerset of  $H$ , denoted  $G_n(H)$ , recursively as:

$$G_1(H) = G(H),$$

$$G_{n+1}(H) = G(G_n(H)) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

where  $G(H)$  is a generalized powerset operator that incorporates additional constraints, properties, or structures. Examples of  $G(H)$  include:

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- *Labeled subsets*:  $G(H) = \{(A, \ell_A) \mid A \subseteq H, \ell_A \in L\}$ , where  $L$  is a set of labels.
  - *Weighted subsets* [354]:  $G(H) = \{(A, w_A) \mid A \subseteq H, w_A \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , where weights  $w_A$  are assigned to subsets.
  - *Soft subsets* [242]: Let  $U$  be a universe and  $E$  a set of parameters. A soft subset over  $U$  is a pair  $(F, A)$ , where  $A \subseteq E$  and  $F : A \rightarrow P(U)$ . For each  $e \in A$ ,  $F(e) \subseteq U$  represents the set of elements satisfying parameter  $e$ .
  - *Graph subsets*:  $G(H) = \{(G, V_G, E_G) \mid V_G \subseteq V(H), E_G \subseteq E(H)\}$ , where  $G = (V_G, E_G)$  is a subgraph of  $H$ .
  - *Structured subsets*: Subsets with internal structures, such as orderings, multisets, or graph-like properties.
  - *Filtered subsets*: Subsets satisfying a predicate  $P(A)$ , such that  $G(H) = \{A \subseteq H \mid P(A)\}$ .
  - *Fuzzy subsets* [360]:  $G(H) = \{(A, \mu_A) \mid A \subseteq H, \mu_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ , where  $\mu_A$  defines the degree of membership for each element in  $A$ .
  - *Rough subsets* [255]: Defined in terms of lower and upper approximations,  $G(H) = \{(A, \underline{A}, \bar{A}) \mid A \subseteq H\}$ , where:

$$\underline{A} = \{x \in H \mid P(x) \text{ is definitely true}\}, \quad \bar{A} = \{x \in H \mid P(x) \text{ is possibly true}\}.$$

- *Neutrosophic subsets* [302]:  $G(H) = \{(A, T_A, I_A, F_A) \mid A \subseteq H, T_A, I_A, F_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ , where:

$$0 \leq T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \leq 3 \quad \text{for all } x \in A,$$

and  $T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(x)$ , and  $F_A(x)$  represent the degrees of truth, indeterminacy, and falsity, respectively.

- *Plithogenic subsets* [307, 318]:  $G(H) = \{(A, v, Pv, pdf, pCF) \mid A \subseteq H\}$ , where:

- $v$  is an attribute.
- $Pv$  is the range of possible values for  $v$ .
- $pdf : A \times Pv \rightarrow [0, 1]^s$  is the *Degree of Appurtenance Function (DAF)*.
- $pCF : Pv \times Pv \rightarrow [0, 1]^t$  is the *Degree of Contradiction Function (DCF)* satisfying:

$$pCF(a, a) = 0, \quad pCF(a, b) = pCF(b, a) \quad \text{for all } a, b \in Pv.$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *The Generalized n-th Powerset can represent the structure of supervertices and superedges in an n-SuperHyperGraph.*

*Proof.* Let  $H = V_0$  be the base set of vertices in a graph or hypergraph. The  $n$ -th powerset  $P_n(H)$  recursively defines the  $n$ -level structure of subsets of  $V_0$ , where:

$$P_1(H) = P(V_0), \quad P_2(H) = P(P(V_0)), \quad \dots, \quad P_n(H) = P(P_{n-1}(H)).$$

Each level  $P_k(H)$  contains subsets that correspond to vertices, supervertices, or higher-level structures.

Similarly, consider the set  $E(H)$  of edges or hyperedges in  $H$ . The  $n$ -th powerset  $P_n(E(H))$  describes the hierarchical structure of edges, superedges, and their generalizations.

By including additional constraints, such as graph structures  $(V_G, E_G)$  for each subset, we can construct subsets that represent specific subgraphs or induced structures within the  $n$ -th powerset hierarchy.

For example:

- At  $n = 0$ , the vertices are elements of  $V_0$  and edges are subsets of  $V_0$ .
- At  $n = 1$ ,  $P(V_0)$  defines supervertices as subsets of  $V_0$ , and  $P(E(H))$  defines superedges as subsets of  $E(H)$ .

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- At  $n = 2$ ,  $P(P(V_0))$  includes higher-order structures, such as subsets of supervertices, which are themselves subsets of  $V_0$ .

Since the  $n$ -th generalized powerset incorporates additional structures like labels, weights, and fuzzy memberships, it can represent complex relationships within supervertices and superedges, generalizing their structure.

Thus, the Generalized  $n$ -th Powerset fully encapsulates the hierarchy of supervertices and superedges.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3** (Generalized Non-Empty  $n$ -th Powerset). Define the  $n$ -th generalized non-empty powerset of  $H$ , denoted  $G_n^*(H)$ , recursively as:

$$G_1^*(H) = G^*(H), \\ G_{n+1}^*(H) = G^*(G_n^*(H)),$$

where  $G^*(H)$  is the non-empty subset operator under the generalized powerset  $G(H)$ , satisfying  $G^*(H) \subseteq G(H) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .

**Definition 4.4** (Fuzzy, Neutrosophic, and Plithogenic  $n$ -th Powerset). (cf. [309]) Let  $H$  be a set or a mathematical structure. Define the  $n$ -th fuzzy, neutrosophic, and plithogenic powersets of  $H$ , denoted  $F_n(H)$ ,  $N_n(H)$ , and  $Pn_n(H)$ , respectively, as follows:

$$F_1(H) = F(H), \quad F_{n+1}(H) = F(F_n(H)), \\ N_1(H) = N(H), \quad N_{n+1}(H) = N(N_n(H)), \\ Pn_1(H) = Pn(H), \quad Pn_{n+1}(H) = Pn(Pn_n(H)).$$

Here:

- $F(H) = \{(A, \mu_A) \mid A \subseteq H, \mu_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ .
- $N(H) = \{(A, T_A, I_A, F_A) \mid A \subseteq H, T_A, I_A, F_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]\}$ .
- $Pn(H) = \{(A, v, Pv, pdf, pCF) \mid A \subseteq H\}$ , with attributes and functions as defined above.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $H = \{a, b, c\}$ . Define  $G(H)$  as the set of labeled subsets:

$$G(H) = \{(A, \ell) \mid A \subseteq H, \ell \in L\},$$

where  $L = \{"red", "blue"\}$ . The first generalized powerset  $G_1(H)$  is given by:

$$G_1(H) = \{(\emptyset, \ell), (\{a\}, \ell), (\{b\}, \ell), (\{a, b\}, \ell), \dots \mid \ell \in L\}.$$

For higher  $n$ , the elements of  $G_n(H)$  are labeled subsets of  $G_{n-1}(H)$ , creating hierarchical structures with additional labels.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $H = \{a, b, c\}$ . Define  $F(H)$  as the set of fuzzy subsets:

$$F(H) = \{(A, \mu_A) \mid A \subseteq H, \mu_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]\}.$$

For example:

$$(A, \mu_A) = (\{a, b\}, \mu_A), \quad \mu_A(a) = 0.8, \mu_A(b) = 0.5.$$

## 5 Future Tasks

This section outlines the future directions of this research. Building upon the various graph concepts introduced earlier, we aim to explore their applications and underlying mathematical structures in greater depth.

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## 5.1 Adding Conditions of Uncertain Sets to Superhyperconcepts

We plan to examine how these concepts evolve when incorporating the frameworks of Fuzzy Sets [280,360–366], Neutrosophic Sets [110,111,119,121,122,302–304,317], Soft Sets [228,242], Hypersoft Sets [109,115,305,314], superhypersoft sets [55,82,285,313,319], Hyperfuzzy sets [114,132,183,320], HyperNeutrosophic sets [114], and Rough Sets [255–257,257,258]. These extensions will provide valuable insights into the theoretical and practical implications of these graph structures.

## 5.2 $n$ -Superhyperword and $n$ -Superhyperlanguage

In this subsection, we define the notions of a hyperlanguage and an  $n$ -superhyperlanguage. Intuitively, a hyperlanguage [38,39,104] generalizes the concept of a language by allowing its elements to be sets of words rather than individual words. We then extend this idea hierarchically to  $n$ -superhyperlanguages, which are based on iterated power sets of the set of words. Although this definition is still in its conceptual stage, it is formally presented below. We anticipate that future research will explore the mathematical structures and applications of these concepts.

**Definition 5.1** (Hyperword and Hyperlanguage). [38,39,104,273] Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet, and let  $\Sigma^*$  denote the set of all finite words over  $\Sigma$ .

1. A *hyperword* over  $\Sigma$  is a nonempty subset of  $\Sigma^*$ . In other words, a hyperword is an element of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ .
2. A *hyperlanguage* over  $\Sigma$  is a set of hyperwords over  $\Sigma$ . Thus, a hyperlanguage  $H$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ . Formally:

$$H \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*).$$

A hyperlanguage can therefore be viewed as a *set of sets of words* over  $\Sigma$ .

**Definition 5.2** ( $n$ -Superhyperword and  $n$ -Superhyperlanguage). We now generalize this construction to multiple levels. Define the iterated power sets as follows:

$$\mathcal{P}^0(\Sigma^*) := \Sigma^*, \quad \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(\Sigma^*) := \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^k(\Sigma^*)), \text{ for all } k \geq 0.$$

1. An  $n$ -*superhyperword* over  $\Sigma$  is an element of  $\mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*)$ . In particular:

$$\mathcal{P}^1(\Sigma^*) = \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*) \text{ consists of hyperwords,}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^2(\Sigma^*) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)) \text{ consists of sets of hyperwords, and so forth.}$$

2. An  $n$ -*superhyperlanguage* over  $\Sigma$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*)$ . Formally:

$$L \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*).$$

Thus, an  $n$ -superhyperlanguage is a *set of  $(n-1)$ -superhyperwords*, generalizing the concept of a hyperlanguage to  $n$ -th level power sets of words.

**Theorem 5.3.** *The notion of an  $n$ -superhyperlanguage generalizes the notion of a hyperlanguage. In particular:*

$$\text{A hyperlanguage is precisely a 1-superhyperlanguage.}$$

*Proof.* By Definition 5.1, a hyperlanguage is a subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{P}^1(\Sigma^*) = \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ . Thus, a hyperlanguage  $H \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$  is exactly a 1-superhyperlanguage.

In other words, setting  $n = 1$  in Definition 5.2 recovers the definition of a hyperlanguage. Hence,  $n$ -superhyperlanguages form a hierarchy of increasingly complex structures, with hyperlanguages occupying the first level of this hierarchy.  $\square$

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### 5.3 Natural HyperLanguage Processing and n-superhyperlanguage Processing

Natural Language Processing (NLP) has been extensively studied in various contexts and applications [34, 54, 70, 73, 74, 94, 137, 215, 231, 232, 348, 355].

In this subsection, we introduce an extension of NLP utilizing the concepts of hyperlanguage and n-superhyperlanguage, leading to the frameworks of *Natural Hyperlanguage Processing* and *n-Superhyperlanguage Processing*. Since these definitions are currently at the conceptual stage, it is anticipated that future studies will explore more refined definitions, as well as research and development into methods of implementation and practical applications.

**Definition 5.4** (Natural Language Processing (NLP)). (cf. [34, 70, 231]) Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet representing the vocabulary of a natural language, and let  $\Sigma^*$  denote the set of all finite sequences (words) over  $\Sigma$ . A language  $\mathcal{L}$  is a subset  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \Sigma^*$ .

An NLP system is a tuple:

$$\mathcal{N} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T}),$$

where:

1.  $\Sigma$ : A finite alphabet of symbols.
2.  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \Sigma^*$ : The language, defined by some grammar  $\mathcal{G}$ .
3.  $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ : A probability model [281] assigning probabilities to each  $w \in \mathcal{L}$ :

$$\mathcal{P}(w) = P(w \mid \theta),$$

where  $\theta$  represents model parameters.

4.  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ : A mapping function that transforms each  $w \in \mathcal{L}$  into a structured output  $o \in \mathcal{O}$  (e.g., a parse tree, a translation).
5.  $\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : A similarity measure between pairs of words or sentences.

We now define Natural Hyperlanguage Processing, which extends NLP to operate on hyperlanguages rather than languages.

**Definition 5.5** (Natural Hyperlanguage Processing (NHP)). Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet, and let  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$  be a hyperlanguage (a set of sets of words).

A Natural Hyperlanguage Processing system is a tuple:

$$\mathcal{N}^{HL} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}^{HL}, \mathcal{M}^{HL}, \mathcal{T}^{HL}),$$

where:

1.  $\Sigma$ : A finite alphabet.
2.  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ : A hyperlanguage.
3.  $\mathcal{P}^{HL} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ : A probability model assigning probabilities to *hyperwords*  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ .
4.  $\mathcal{M}^{HL} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ : A mapping function transforming each hyperword  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  into a structured output  $o \in \mathcal{O}$ .
5.  $\mathcal{T}^{HL} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : A similarity measure defined between pairs of hyperwords.

We further generalize to *n*-superhyperlanguages.

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**Definition 5.6** (Natural  $n$ -Superhyperlanguage Processing (NnSHP)). Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet, and let  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*)$  be an  $n$ -superhyperlanguage.

A Natural  $n$ -Superhyperlanguage Processing system is a tuple:

$$\mathcal{N}^{(n)} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{H}^{(n)}, \mathcal{P}^{(n)}, \mathcal{M}^{(n)}, \mathcal{T}^{(n)}),$$

where:

1.  $\Sigma$ : A finite alphabet.
2.  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*)$ : An  $n$ -superhyperlanguage.
3.  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)} : \mathcal{H}^{(n)} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ : A probability model assigning probabilities to  $n$ -superhyperwords.
4.  $\mathcal{M}^{(n)} : \mathcal{H}^{(n)} \rightarrow O$ : A mapping function from  $n$ -superhyperwords to structured outputs.
5.  $\mathcal{T}^{(n)} : \mathcal{H}^{(n)} \times \mathcal{H}^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : A similarity measure on  $n$ -superhyperwords.

**Theorem 5.7.** *Natural Hyperlanguage Processing (NHP) generalizes Natural Language Processing (NLP).*

*Proof.* Consider an NHP system  $\mathcal{N}^{HL} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}^{HL}, \mathcal{M}^{HL}, \mathcal{T}^{HL})$  where  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ .

If we restrict  $\mathcal{H}$  so that every hyperword is a singleton set, i.e., for every  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $H = \{w\}$  for some  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , then there is a bijection between hyperwords in  $\mathcal{H}$  and words in a language  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \Sigma^*$ .

Under this restriction:

$$\mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{L}, \quad \text{with } H = \{w\} \leftrightarrow w.$$

In this case,  $\mathcal{N}^{HL}$  reduces to:

$$(\Sigma, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}^{HL}, \mathcal{M}^{HL}, \mathcal{T}^{HL}),$$

which is structurally identical to the NLP definition  $(\Sigma, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ .

Thus, NLP is a special case of NHP, proving that NHP generalizes NLP.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.8.** *Natural  $n$ -Superhyperlanguage Processing (NnSHP) generalizes both NLP and NHP.*

*Proof.* By definition, an  $n$ -superhyperlanguage  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^n(\Sigma^*)$ .

For  $n = 1$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}^{(1)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ , which is a hyperlanguage. Thus, an N1SHP system:

$$\mathcal{N}^{(1)} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{H}^{(1)}, \mathcal{P}^{(1)}, \mathcal{M}^{(1)}, \mathcal{T}^{(1)})$$

coincides with an NHP system:

$$\mathcal{N}^{HL} = (\Sigma, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}^{HL}, \mathcal{M}^{HL}, \mathcal{T}^{HL}).$$

Hence, NHP is a special case of NnSHP at  $n = 1$ .

From Theorem 5.7, we know NHP generalizes NLP. Since NnSHP generalizes NHP, it also generalizes NLP. Concretely, by setting  $n = 1$  and then restricting hyperwords to singletons, we recover the NLP scenario.

Thus, NnSHP includes both NHP and NLP as special cases, proving that NnSHP generalizes both NLP and NHP.  $\square$

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