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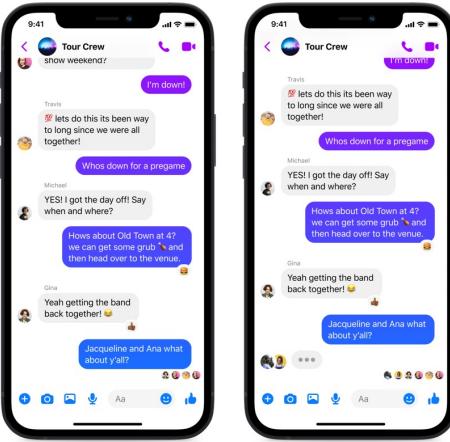
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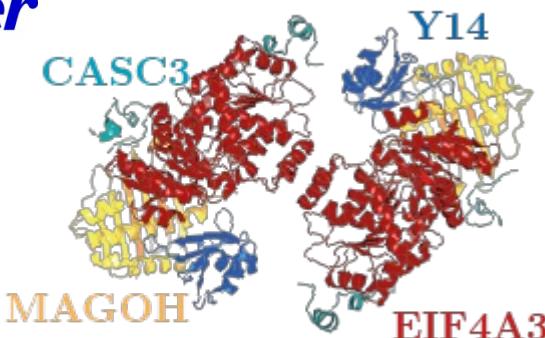
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Group Interactions are EVERYWHERE!



Group Chat



Protein Interaction



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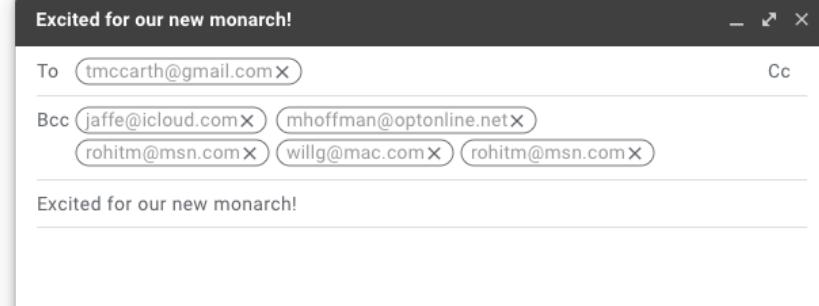
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Group Interactions → HYPERGRAPH!

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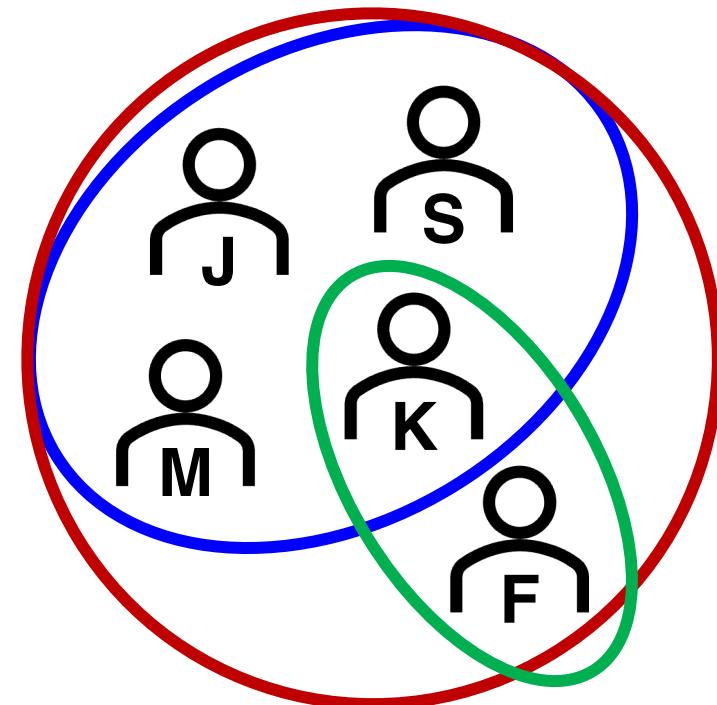
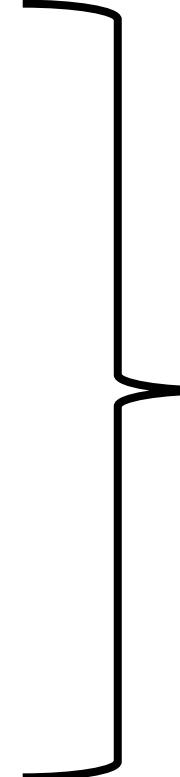
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On Improving the Cohesiveness of Graphs by Merging Nodes: Formulation, Analysis, and Algorithms

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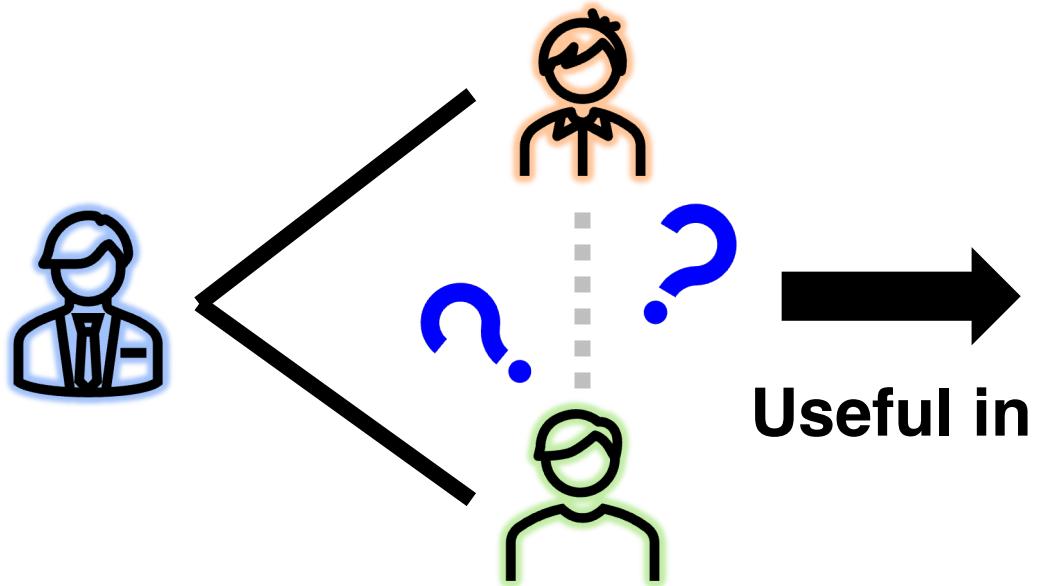
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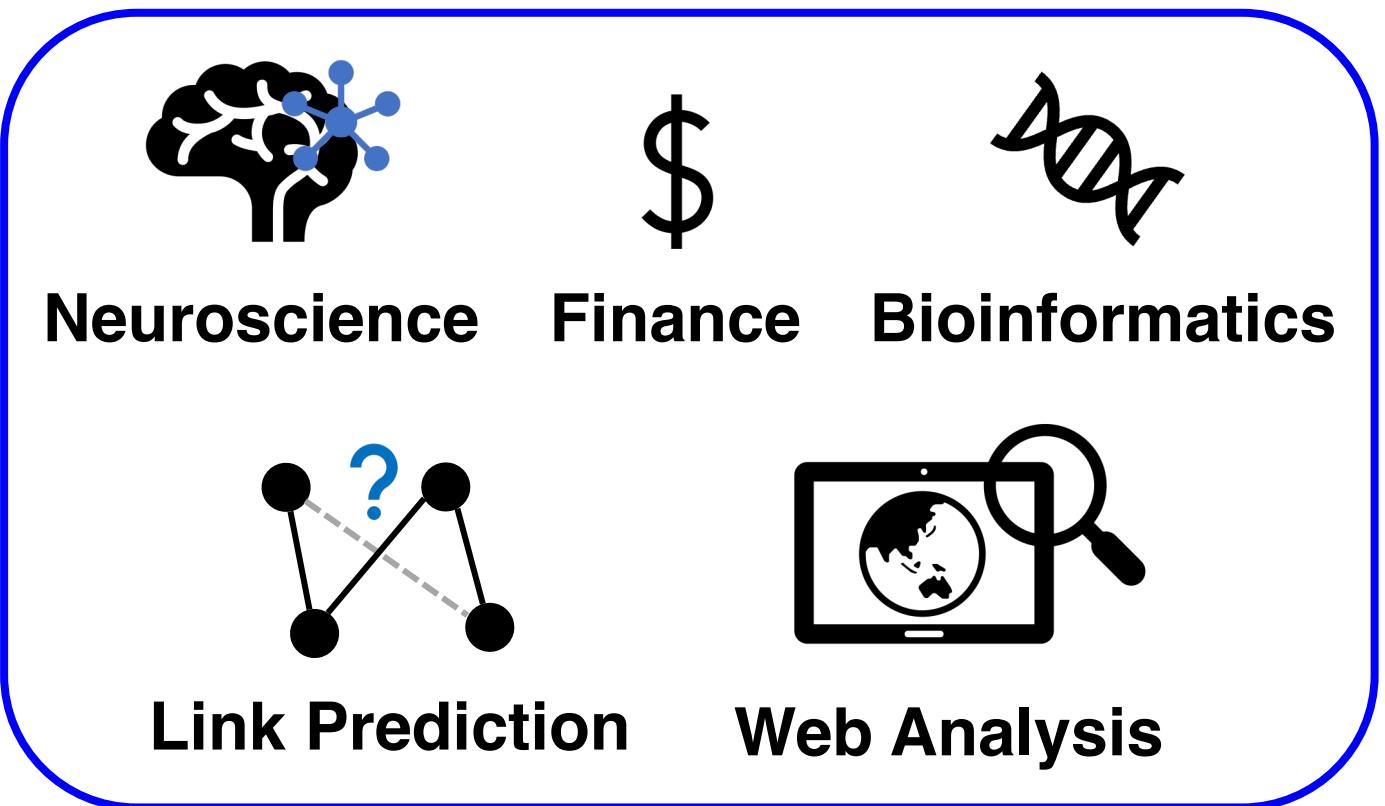
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Hypergraph

Transitivity in a GRAPH

- Probability of two neighbors of a node **being also adjacent**.

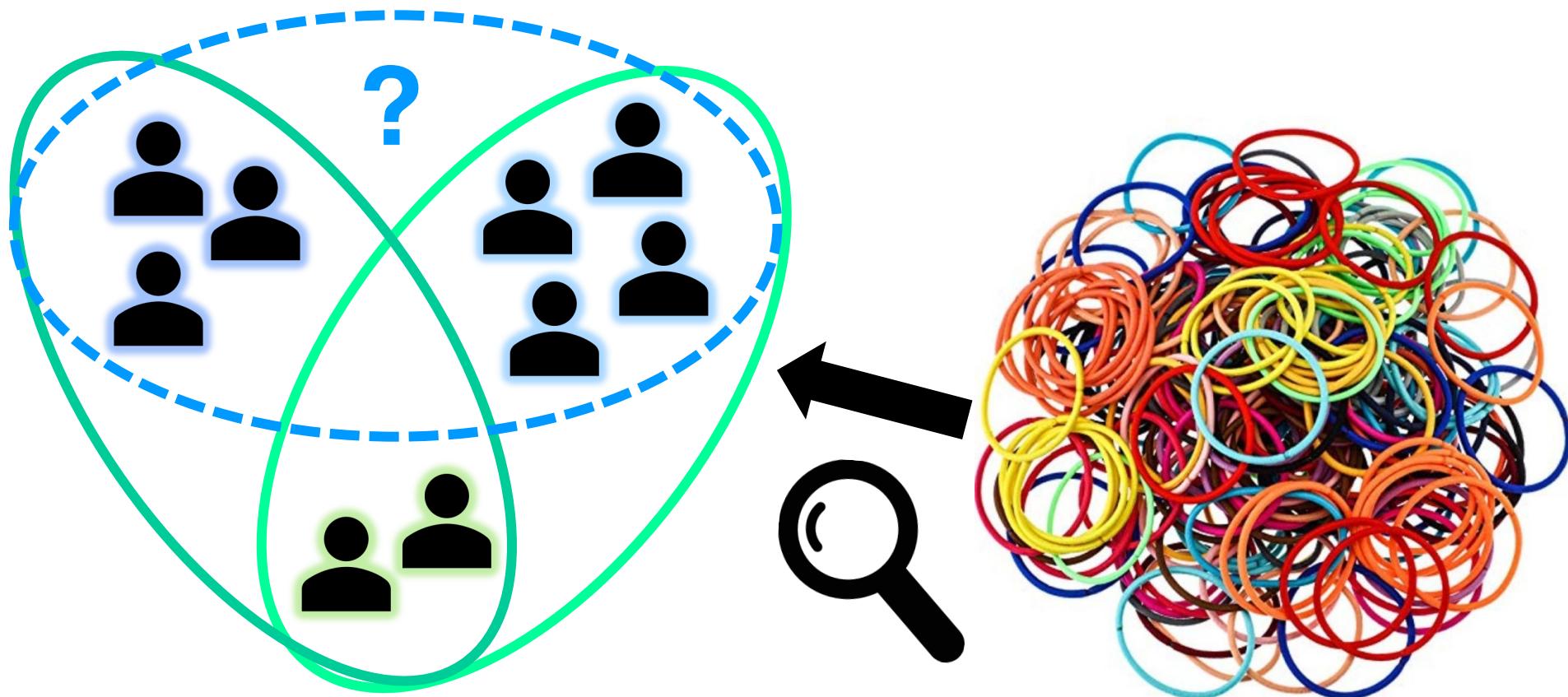


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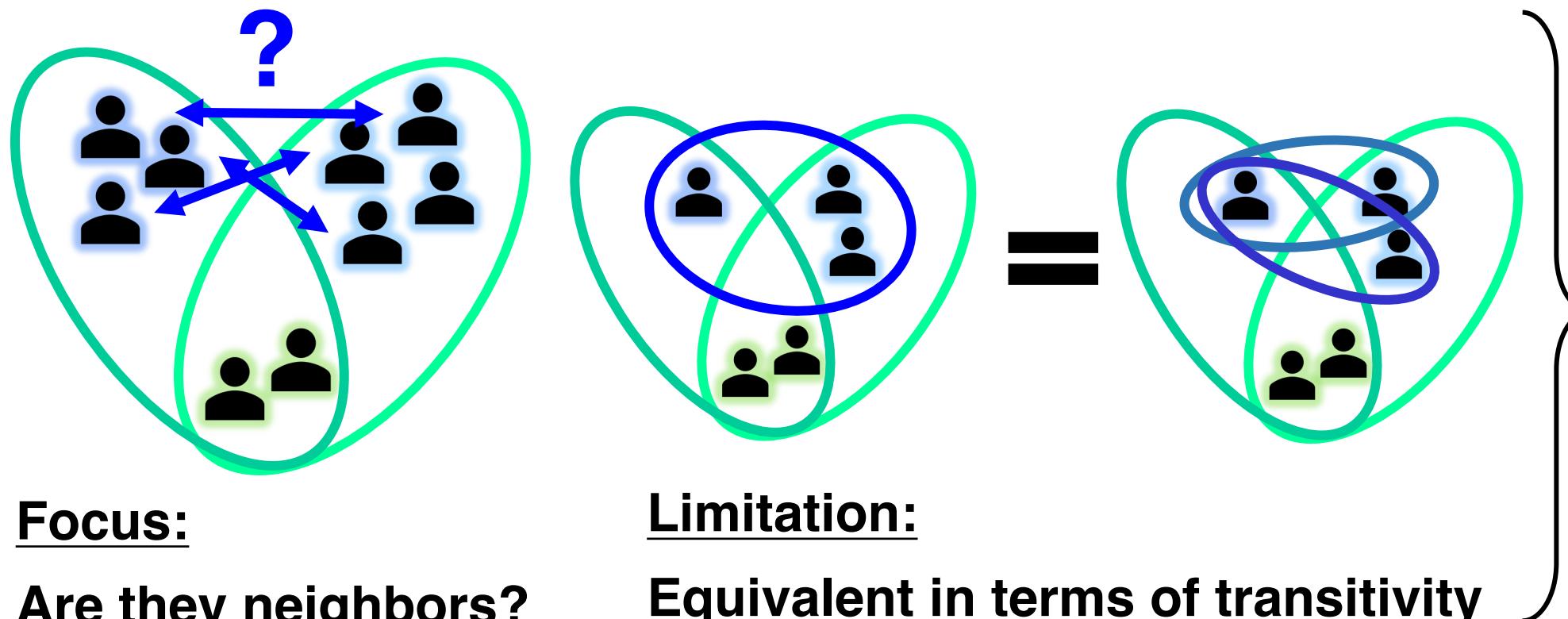
Transitivity of GROUP INTERACTIONS?

- How can we measure the **transitivity of group interactions?**



Transitivity of GROUP INTERACTIONS?

- Existing hypergraph transitivity measures **focus on pairwise interactions** rather than group interactions.



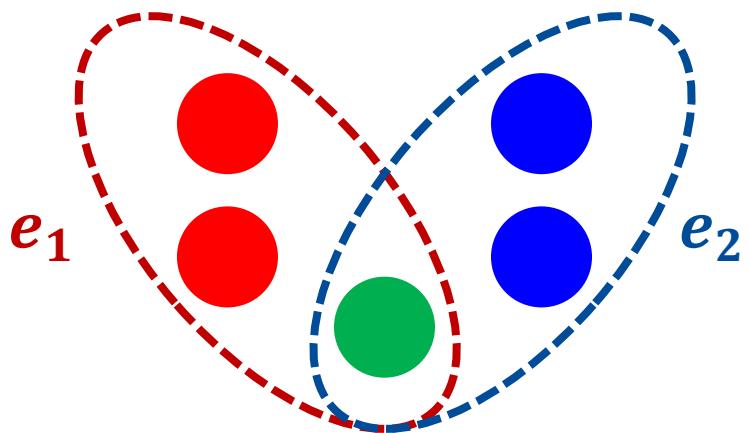
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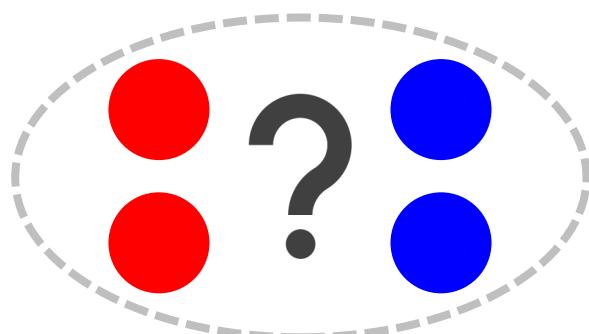
Basic Terminology & Concept

- We describe several basic terminologies.



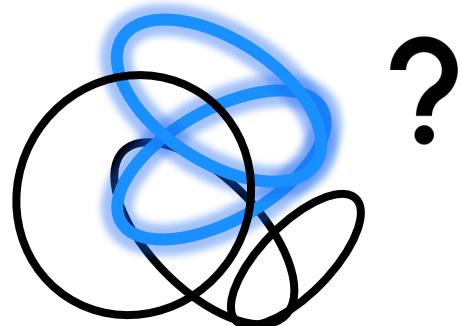
- **Hyperwedge w :** $\{e_1, e_2\}$
- **Left-wing $L(w)$:**
- **Right-wing $R(w)$:**
- **Body-group $B(w)$:**

- We aim to quantify the group interactions between the nodes in the two wings: $L(w)$ and $R(w)$.

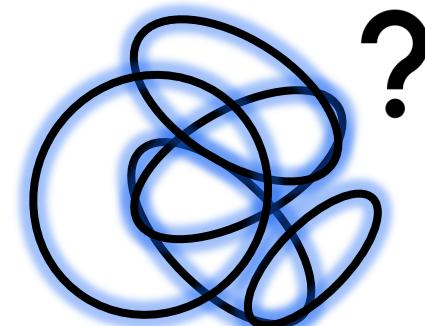


Basic Terminology & Concept

- We define transitivity measures on two different levels.
- **Hyperwedge-level (\mathcal{T})**: Transitivity of a given hyperwedge w .
- **Hypergraph-level (T)**: Transitivity of a given hypergraph G .



**Hyperwedge-level
Transitivity**



**Hypergraph-level
Transitivity**

Criteria of a principled measure

- How can we say a specific measure is principled (captures the transitivity of group interactions well)?
- We provide **7 AXIOMs** to formally describe such desirable properties of a principled transitivity measure.

Measures	Satisfies Axioms?
Measure A	O
Measure B	X

Measure A: Principled

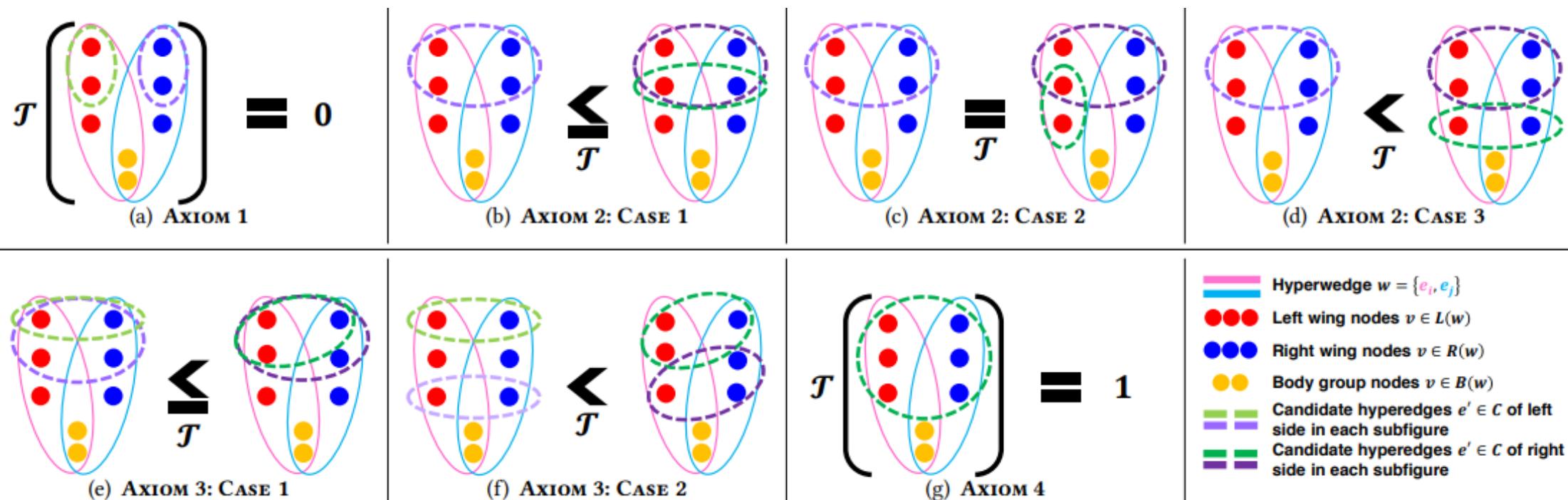


Measure B: Not principled



Criteria of a principled measure

- **Axiom 1 - 5** describe conditions of a hyperwedge-level measure \mathcal{T} :
 - **A1 & A4**: When the value of \mathcal{T} is minimized/maximized.
 - **A2 & A3**: How the value of \mathcal{T} varies under certain situations.
 - **A5**: The bound of \mathcal{T} .



Criteria of a principled measure

- **Axiom 6 & 7** describe conditions of a hypergraph-level measure T :
 - **A6**: How should the value of $T(G)$ be when G is an ordinary graph.
 - **A7**: The bound of T .

$$T \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a hypergraph with 5 nodes and many overlapping edges} \end{array} \right] = \frac{3 \times (\# \text{ of } \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a triangle} \end{array})}{(\# \text{ of } \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a triangle} \end{array})}$$

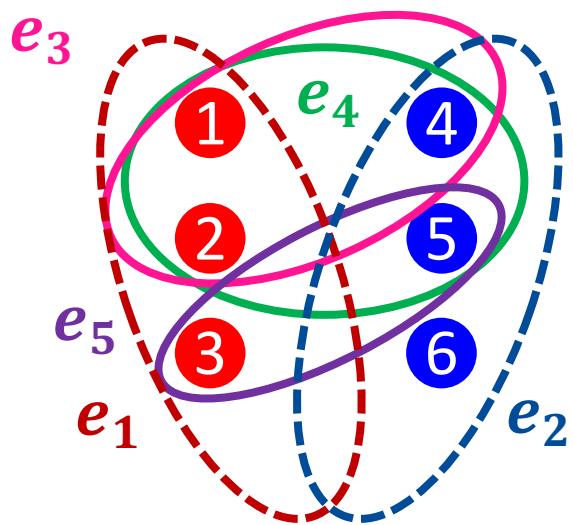
Proposed Measure

- We describe our proposed transitivity measure: **HyperTrans**.
- Most importantly, **HyperTrans** is a principled transitivity measure.

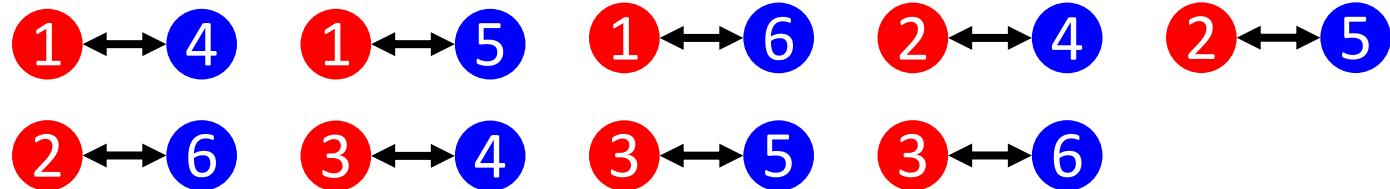
Measure	Axioms						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B1 (Jaccard index)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
B2 (Ratio of covered interacations)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
B3 (Klamt et al. [29])	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
B4 (Torres et al. [47])	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
B5 (Gallager et al. [20] A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
B6 (Gallager et al. [20] B)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
B7 (HYPERTRANS-mean)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B8 (HYPERTRANS-non- $P(w)$)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B9 (HYPERTRANS-unnormalized)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Proposed: HYPERTRANS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Proposed Measure

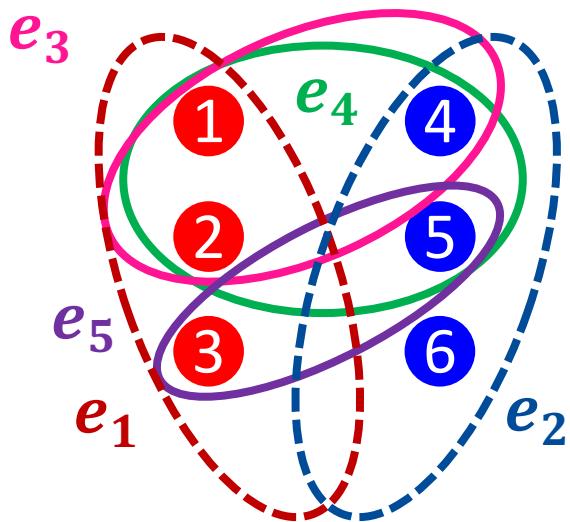
- We describe further details of **HyperTrans**.
- First, **hyperwedge-level HyperTrans** is an average of scores of pair interactions between the nodes in $L(w)$ and those in $R(w)$.



- Assume a hyperwedge $w = \{e_1, e_2\}$.
- There are 3 overlapping hyperedges: e_3 , e_4 , and e_5 .
- 9 pair interactions between $L(w)$ and $R(w)$ are



Proposed Measure



Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score									

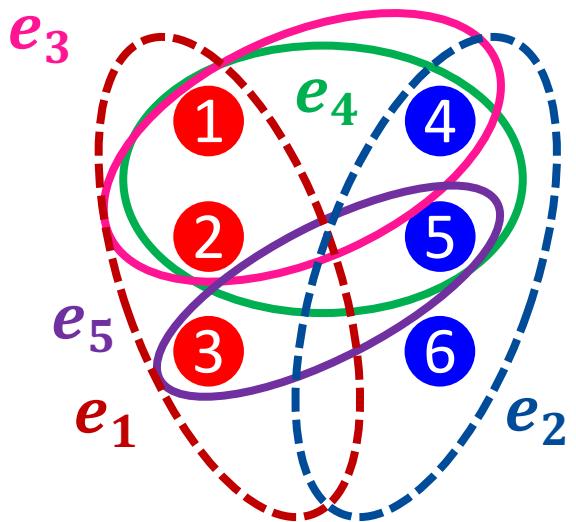
Computing score of a pair interaction $\{v_i, v_j\}$:

Step 1) Find hyperedges that contain $\{v_i, v_j\}$.

Step 2) Compute scores of the found hyperedges.

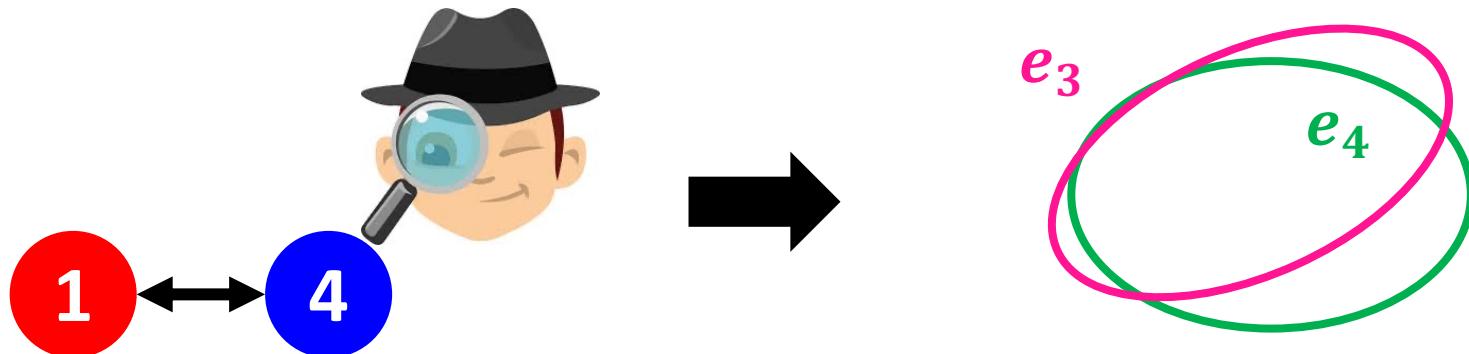
Step 3) Find the maximum score among them \rightarrow score of $\{v_i, v_j\}$.

Proposed Measure

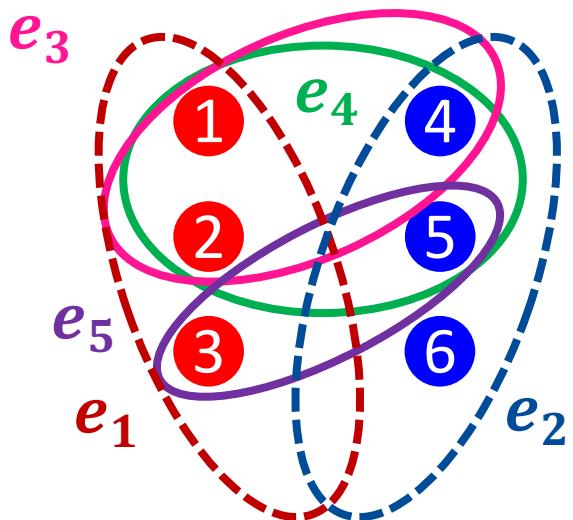


Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	1								

Step 1) Find hyperedges that contain $\{v_i, v_j\}$.



Proposed Measure



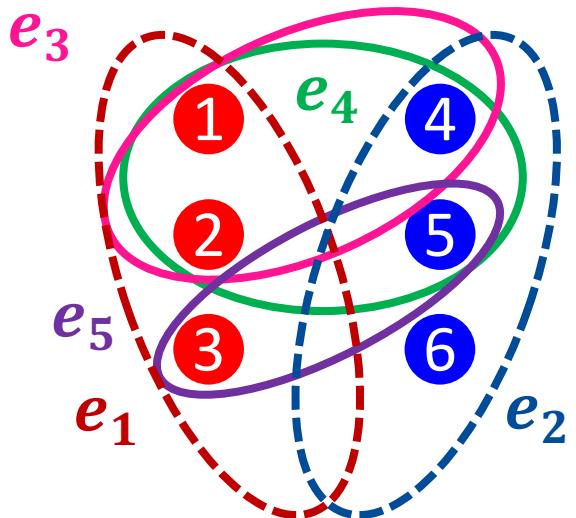
Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score									

Step 2) Compute scores of the found hyperedges.

- **Score of e in w** is the quantified contribution of e to the interaction between $L(w)$ and $R(w)$.

E.g.
$$\frac{|L(w) \cap e| \times |R(w) \cap e|}{|(L(w) \cup e) \setminus R(w)| \times |(R(w) \cup e) \setminus L(w)|}$$

Proposed Measure

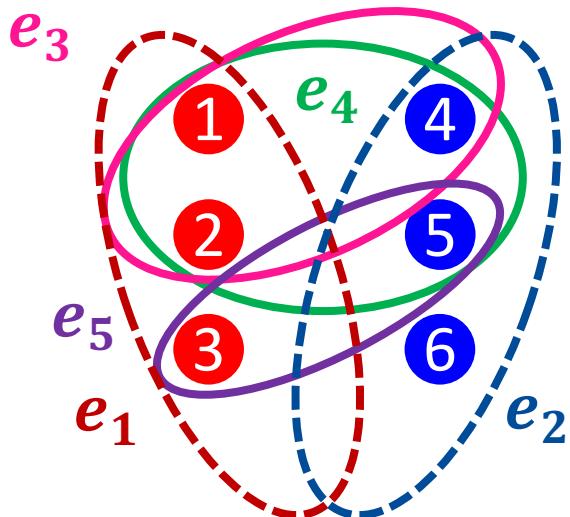


Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score									

Step 2) Compute scores of the found hyperedges.

Hyperedges	e_3	e_4
Score	$\frac{2 \times 1}{3 \times 3} = \frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{2 \times 2}{3 \times 3} = \frac{4}{9}$

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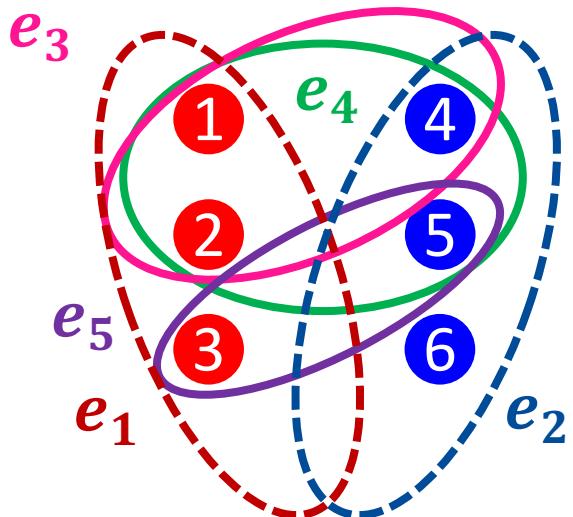


Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	4/9								

Step 3) Find the maximum score among them → score of $\{v_i, v_j\}$.

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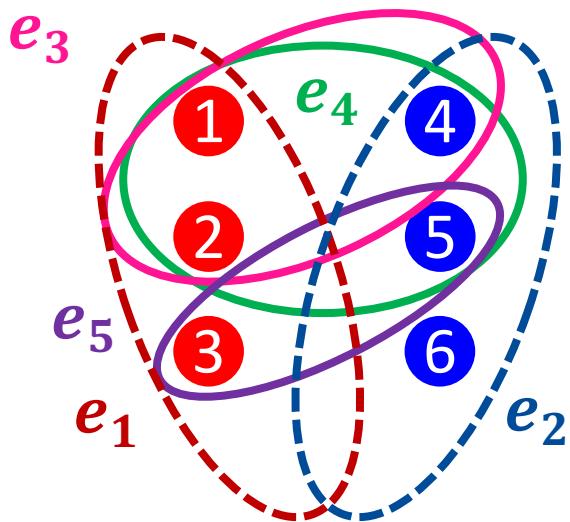


Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	4/9	4/9							

Do the same process on a pair {1, 5}.

Hyperedges	e_4
Score	$\frac{2 \times 2}{3 \times 3} = \frac{4}{9}$

Proposed Measure



Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	4/9	4/9	0						

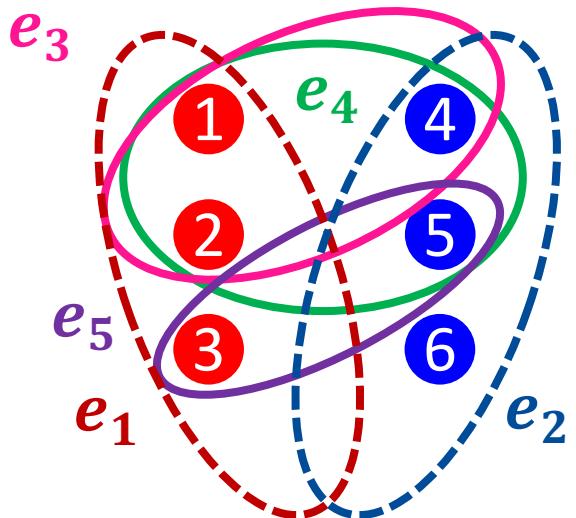
Issue: When finding hyperedges that contain $\{v_1, v_6\}$,

Hyperedges
Score



None of $\{e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ contains $\{1, 6\}$!
Score = 0

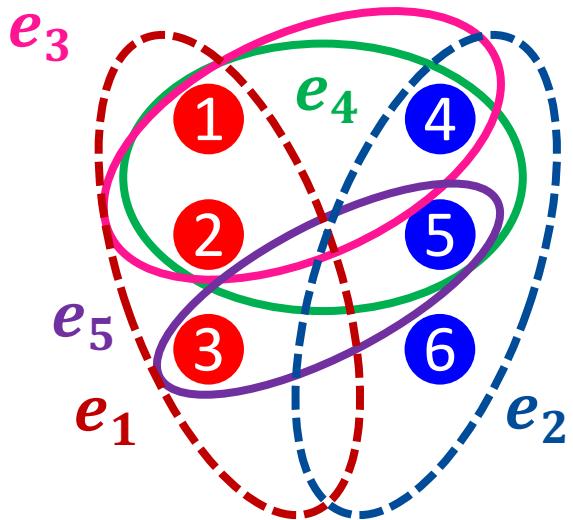
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Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	4/9	4/9	0	4/9	4/9	0	0	1/9	0

Perform this process on the entire pairs.

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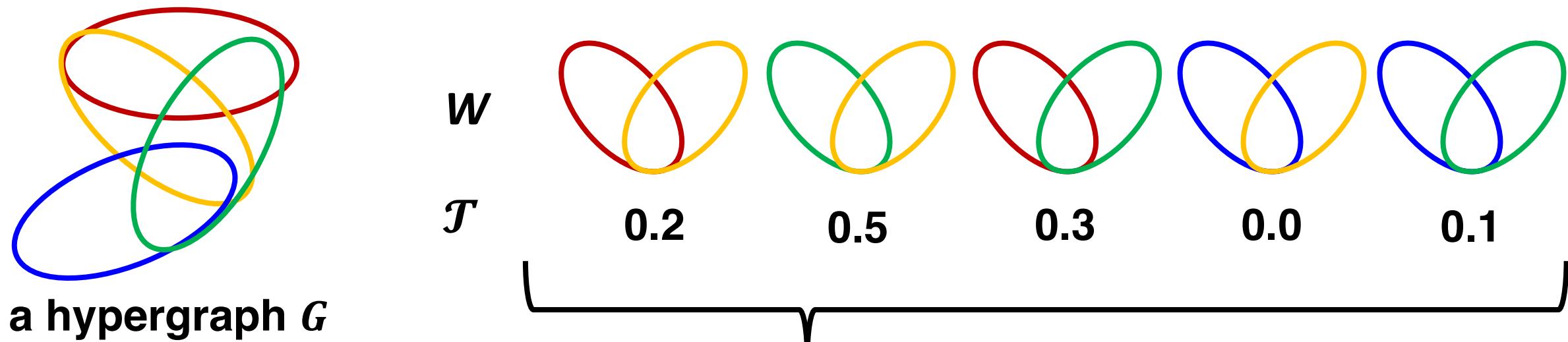
Pairs	1 - 4	1 - 5	1 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 4	3 - 5	3 - 6
Score	4/9	4/9	0	4/9	4/9	0	0	1/9	0

Compute an average of all scores = Hyperwedge-level HyperTrans

$$\frac{1}{9} \times \left(\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + 0 + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{9} + 0 \right) = \frac{17}{81}$$

Proposed Measure

- **Hypergraph-level HyperTrans** is an average of all hyperwedge-level HyperTrans of a given hypergraph.



$$T(G) = \frac{1}{5} (0.2 + 0.5 + 0.3 + 0.0 + 0.1) = \frac{11}{50}$$

Proposed Measure

- Formal expression of HyperTrans:

Details

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{v \in L(\mathbf{w})} \sum_{v' \in R(\mathbf{w})} \frac{\max_{e \in E} \{ f(\mathbf{w}, e) \times \mathbb{I}[v, v' \in e] \}}{|L(\mathbf{w})| \times |R(\mathbf{w})|}$$

Hyperwedge-Level

$$\mathcal{T}(G) = \frac{1}{|W_G|} \sum_{\mathbf{w} \in W_G} \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{w})$$

Hypergraph-Level

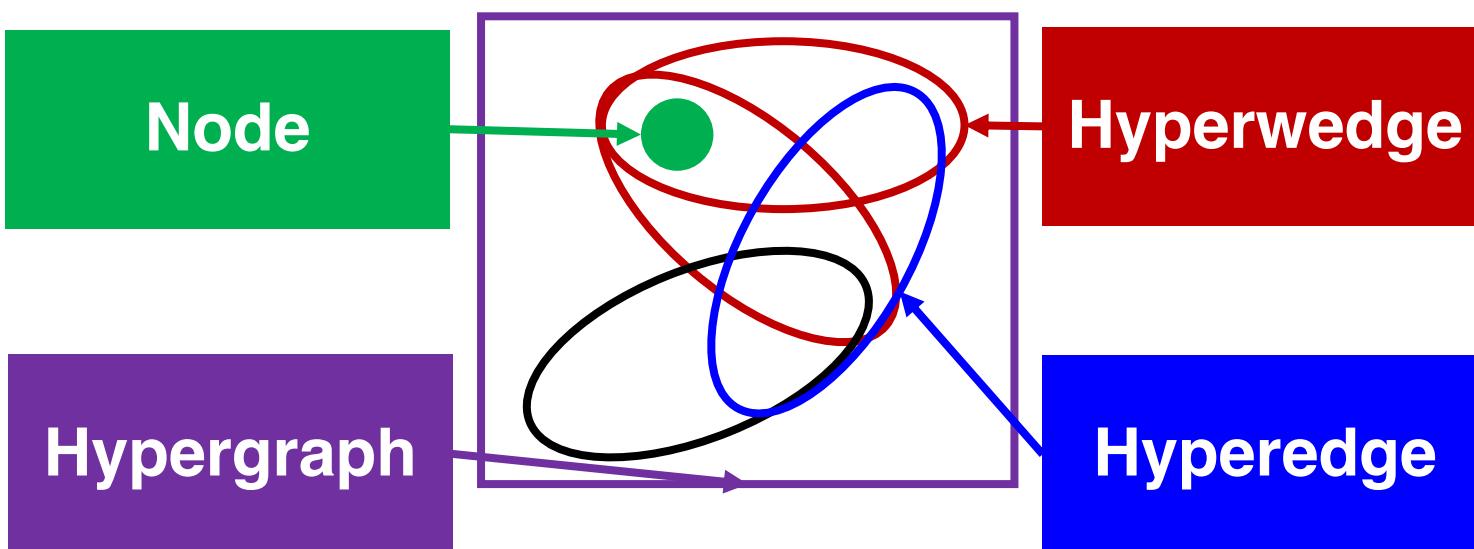
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Level of Observations

- We analyze the **transitivity patterns** in real-world hypergraphs.
- To show that the observed patterns are not random, we use HyperCL [1] to generate random counterparts of real-world hypergraphs.



Pattern A	Pattern B
Real HG O	Real HG O
Random HG X	Random HG O



[1]: Lee, Choe, and Shin. How Do Hyperedges Overlap in Real-World Hypergraphs? – Patterns, Measures, and Generators. The Web Conference. 2021.

** HyperCL generates random hypergraphs where the expected node degree distribution is preserved.

Observations

- Observation 1 (Hypergraph-level): Real-world hypergraphs are **more transitive** than randomized hypergraphs.

Hypergraph Transitivity

Data	Real	HyperCL	Z-stat	P-value
email-enron	0.195	0.078	378.3	0.00**
email-eu	0.125	0.053	240.1	0.00**
ndc-classes	0.052	0.008	146.7	0.00**
ndc-substances	0.019	0.005	47.3	0.00**
contact-high	0.345	0.119	764.7	0.00**
contact-primary	0.336	0.223	380.7	0.00**
coauth-dblp	0.007	0.000*	23.2	0.00**
coauth-geology	0.005	0.000*	16.6	0.00**
coauth-history	0.002	0.000*	6.6	0.00**
qna-ubuntu	0.005	0.014	32.0	0.00**
qna-server	0.005	0.017	38.3	0.00**
qna-math	0.025	0.040	46.6	0.00**

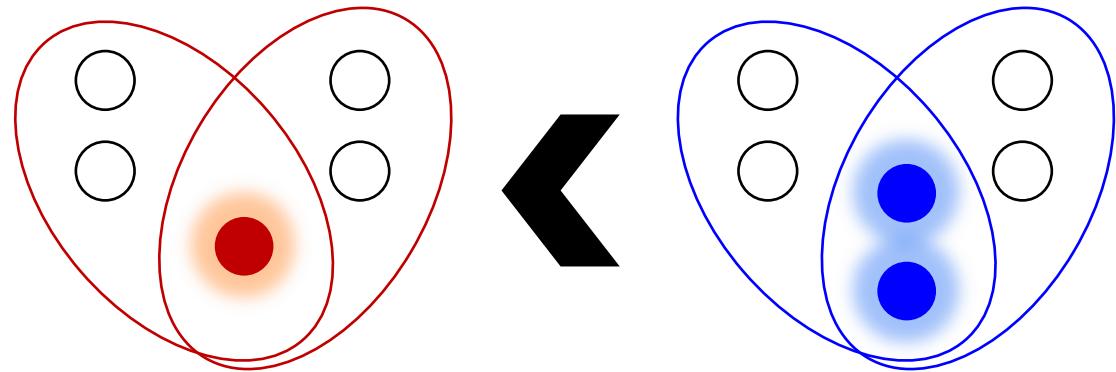
Differences are all **statistically significant** (at $\alpha = 0.05$).

Observations

- Observation 2 (Hyperwedge-level): There exist **positive correlations** between body-group sizes and hyperwedge transitivities in real-world hypergraphs.

Rank Correlation

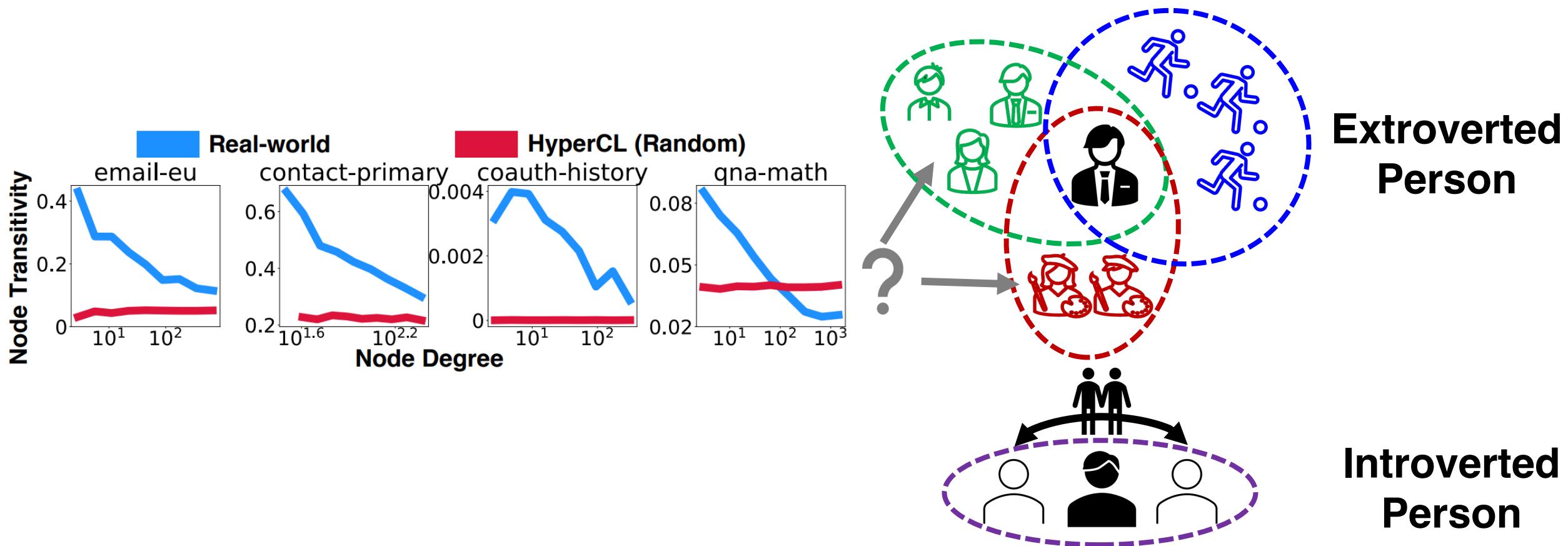
Data	Real	HyperCL
email-enron	0.09	-0.09
email-eu	0.12	-0.14
ndc-classes	0.32	-0.10
ndc-substances	0.14	-0.10
contact-high	0.13	0.00*
contact-primary	0.13	0.00*
coauth-dblp	0.12	0.00*
coauth-geology	0.14	0.00*
coauth-history	0.12	0.05
qna-ubuntu	0.04	0.00*
qna-server	0.04	0.00*
qna-math	0.04	0.01



More
Transitive!

Observations

- Observation 3 (Node-level): In real-world hypergraphs, the transitivity of a node is **negatively correlated** to its degree.

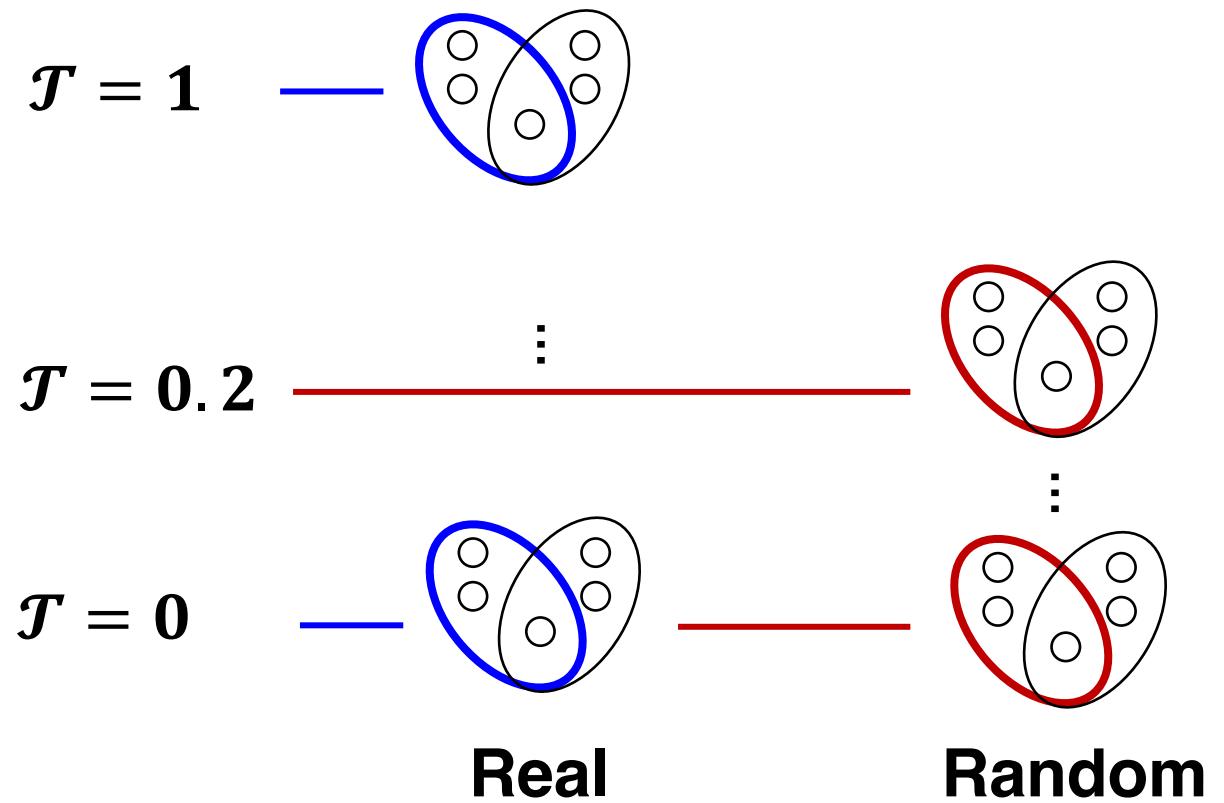


Observations

- Observation 4 (Hyperedge-level): Real-world hypergraphs have **wider ranges** of hyperedge transitivity than their random counterparts.

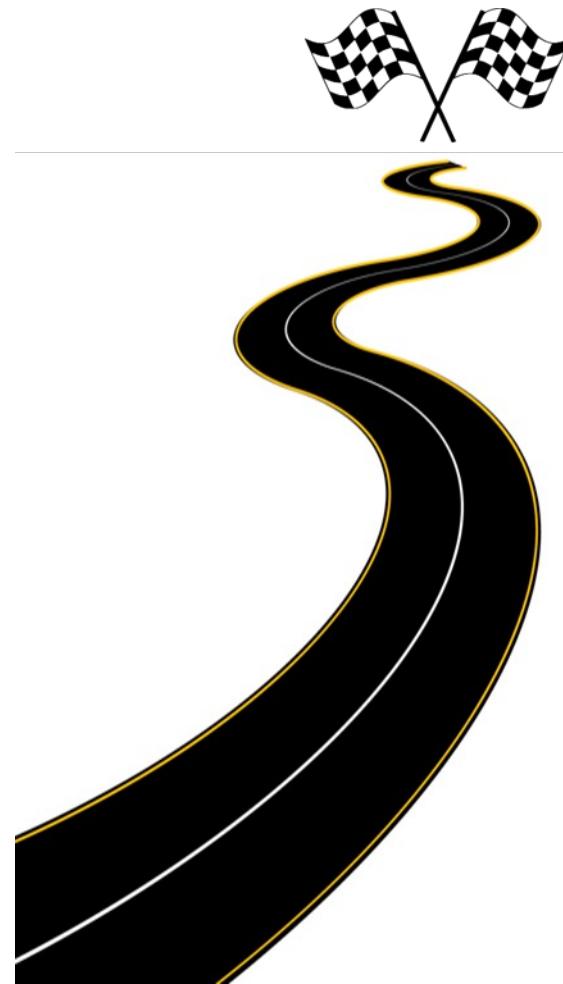
Transitivity Range

Data	Real	HyperCL	THERA
email-enron	0.725	0.279	0.732
email-eu	0.809	0.248	0.792
ndc-classes	0.600	0.075	0.410
ndc-substances	1.0	0.032	0.411
contact-high	0.794	0.316	0.768
contact-primary	0.693	0.395	0.839
coauth-dblp	1.0	0.105	1.0
coauth-geology	1.0	0.069	1.0
coauth-history	1.0	0.333	1.0
qna-ubuntu	0.667	0.5	1.0
qna-server	0.667	0.333	1.0
qna-math	0.667	1.00	1.0



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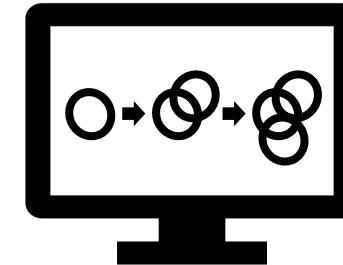


THera: Transitivity-preserving Generator

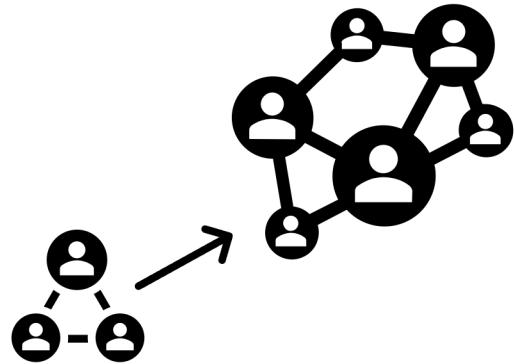
- A **realistic synthetic (hyper)graph** is useful in...



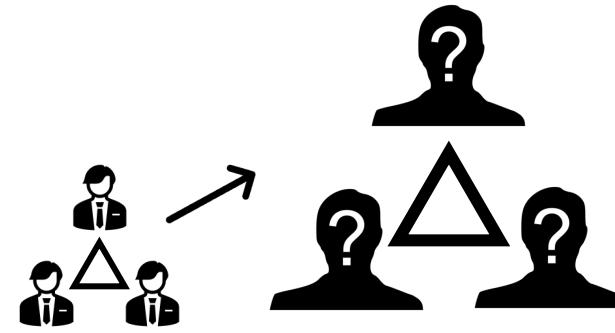
Finding causes of patterns



Simulation



Upscaling



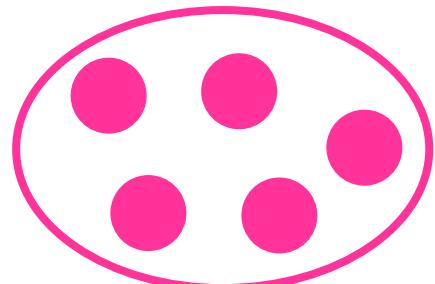
Anonymization

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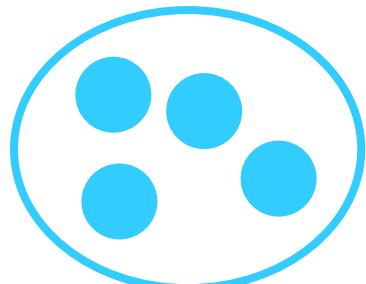
- We propose a transitivity-preserving hypergraph generator, namely

THera: Transitive Hypergraph genERAtor.

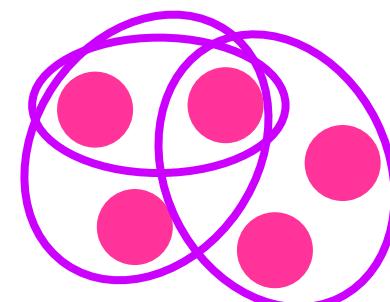
- **THera** is based on a community structure of nodes:



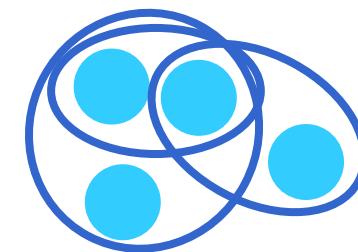
Community 1



Community 2



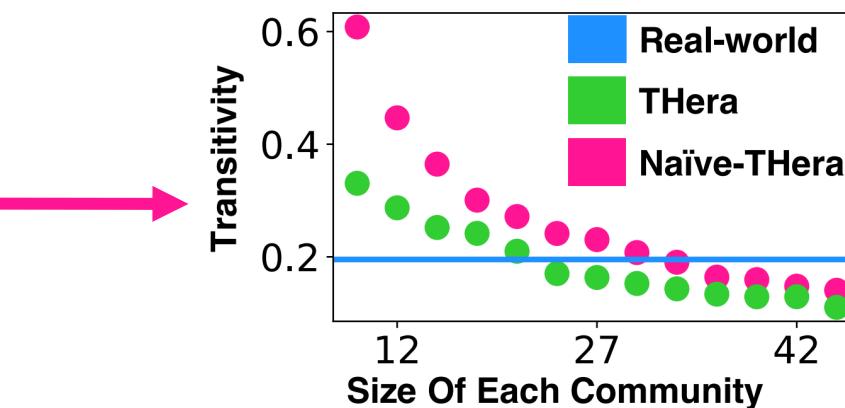
**Creating hyperedges
within communities**



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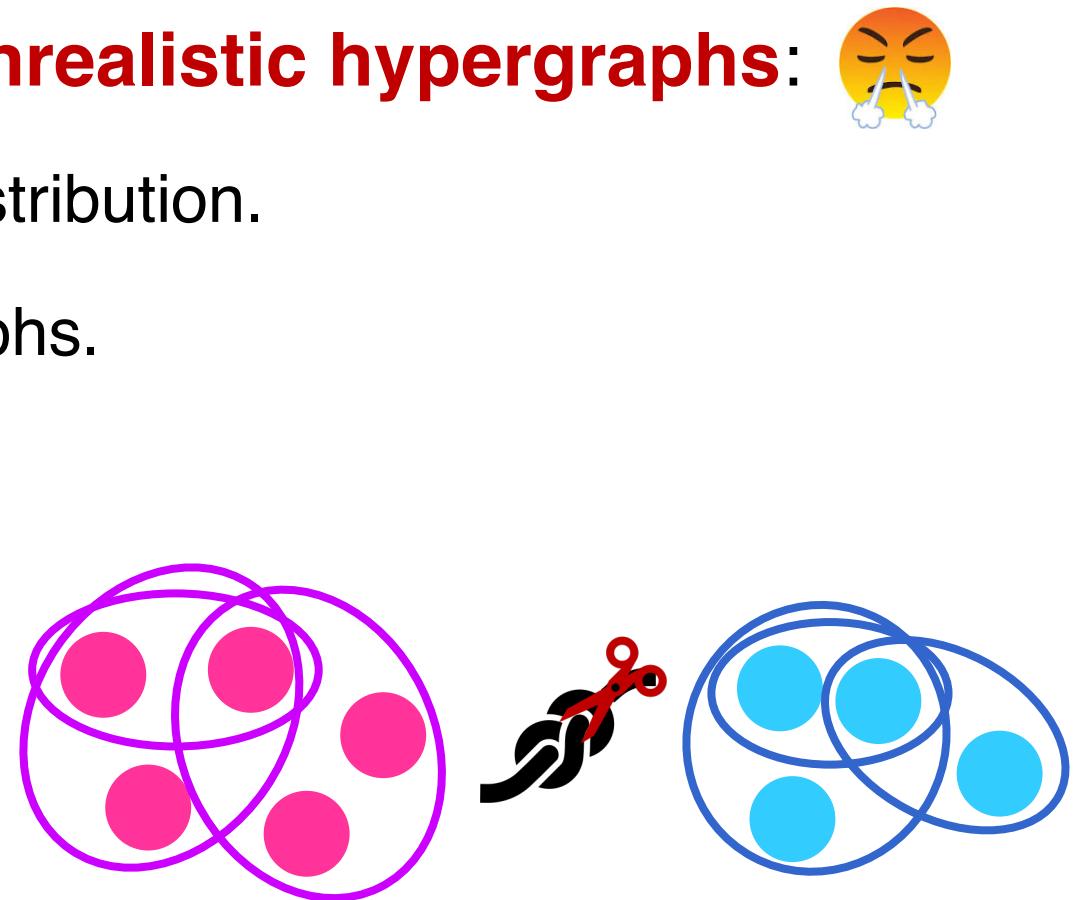
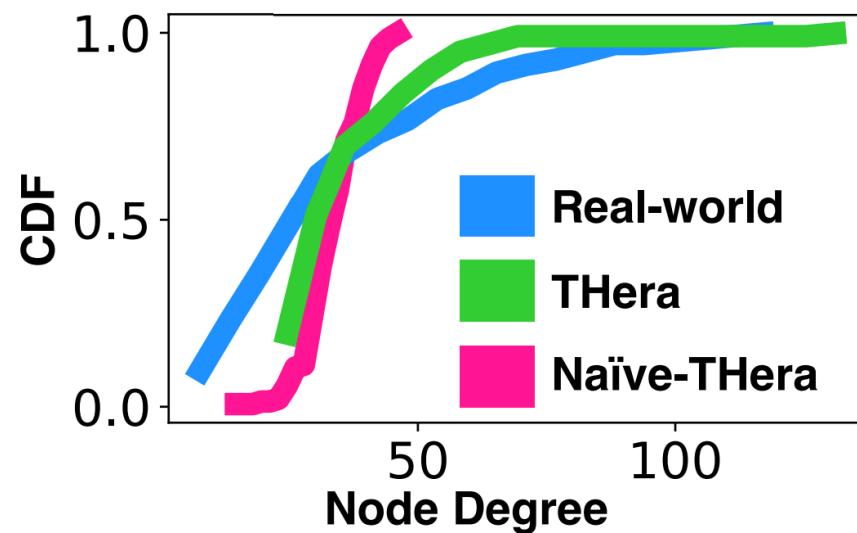
- We first introduce our preliminary approach: **Naïve-THera**.
- Naïve-THera assigns each node to a community and creates intra-community hyperedges only.
- By adjusting the community sizes, we can control the transitivity of generated hypergraphs.

See the pink dotted line!



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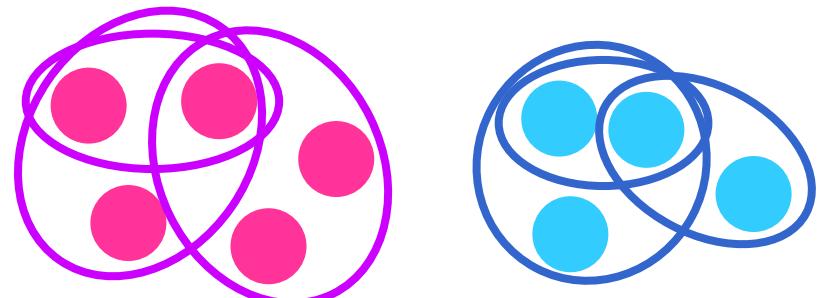
- However, Naïve-THera makes **unrealistic hypergraphs**: 😢
 - It creates near-uniform degree distribution.
 - It creates disconnected hypergraphs.



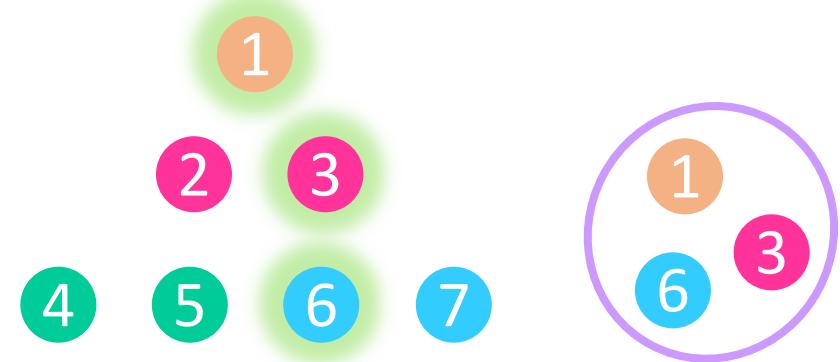
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- **THera (Our proposal)** has two types of hyperedge generation, and the second type of hyperedge mitigates such issues:

#1) IntraCommunity: Assigns each node to a community and creates hyperedges within each community.



#2) Hierarchical: Assigns each node a level in the tree and creates hyperedges by sampling nodes proportional to the level of each node.



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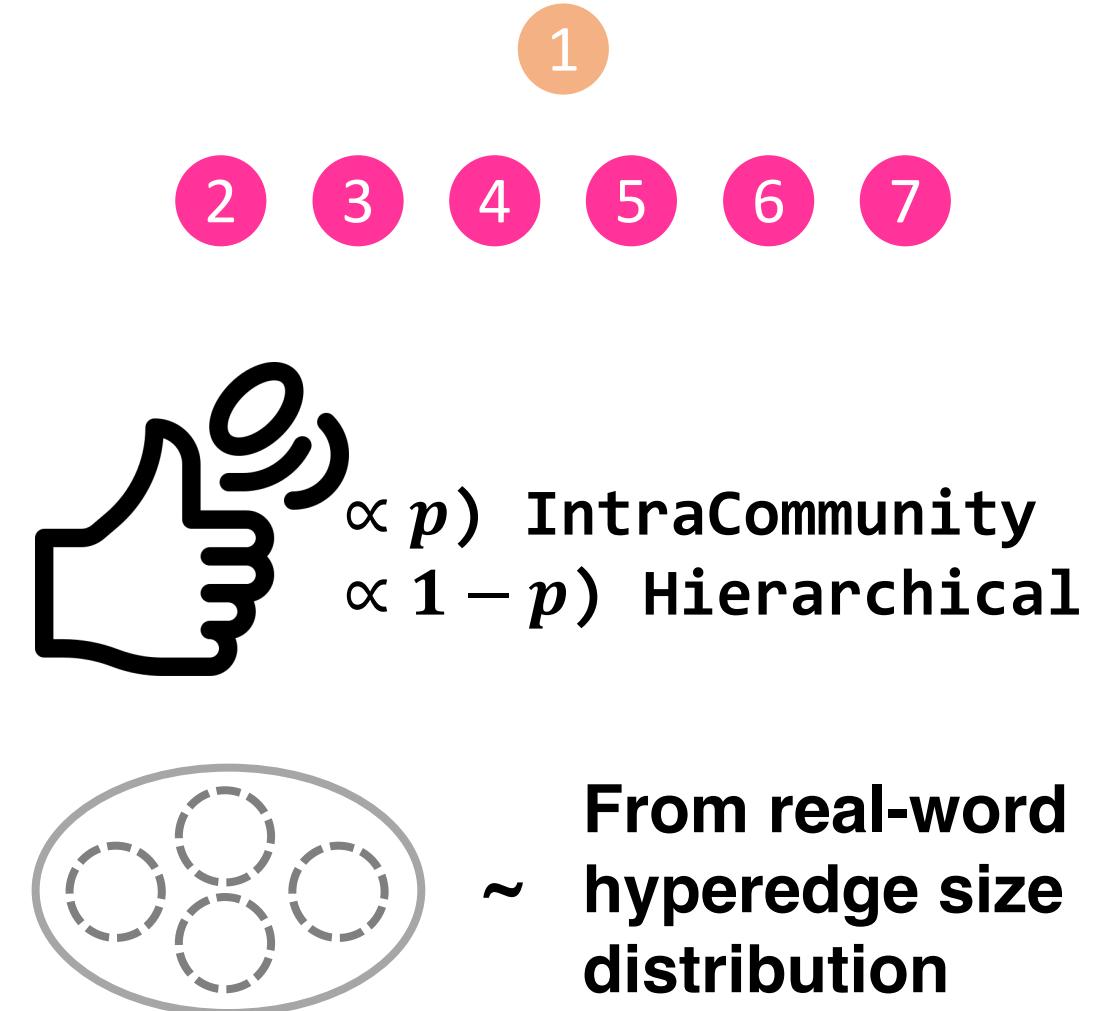
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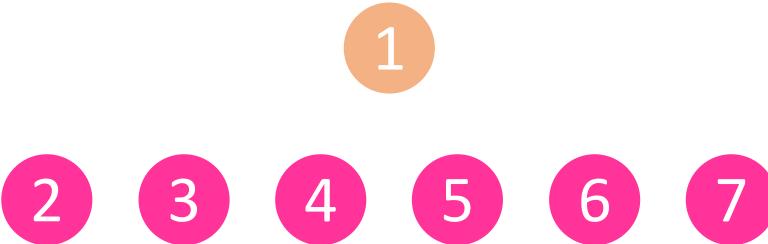
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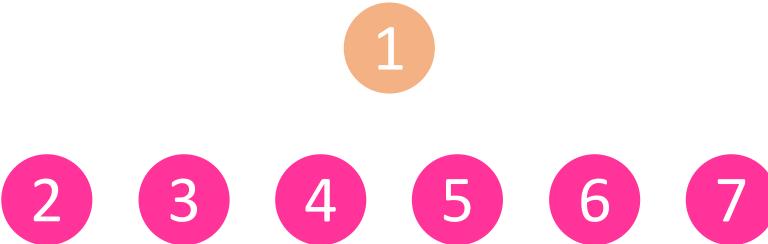
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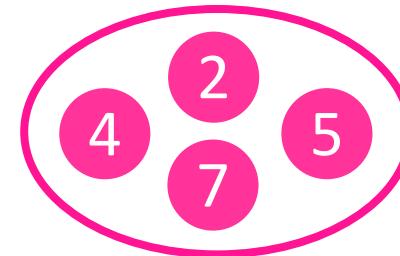
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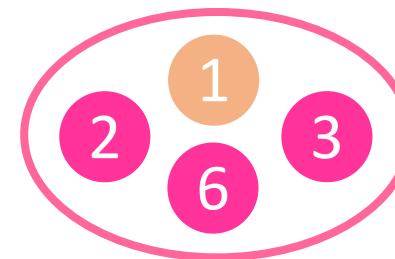
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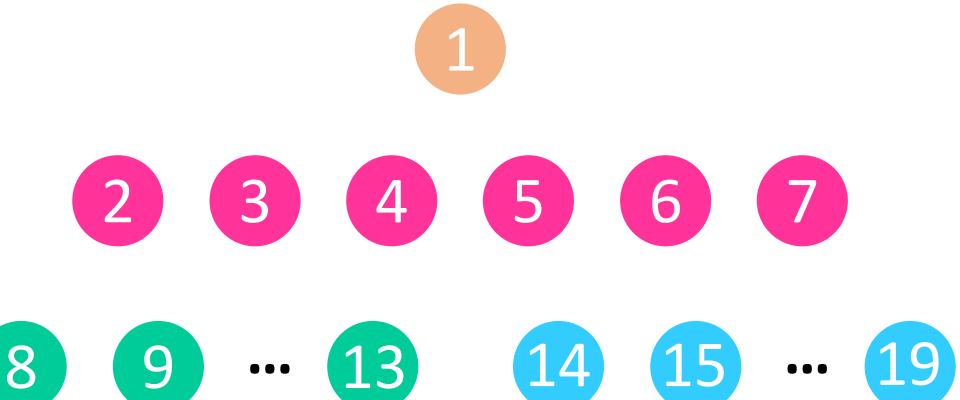
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7. Now, introduce 2×6 nodes.



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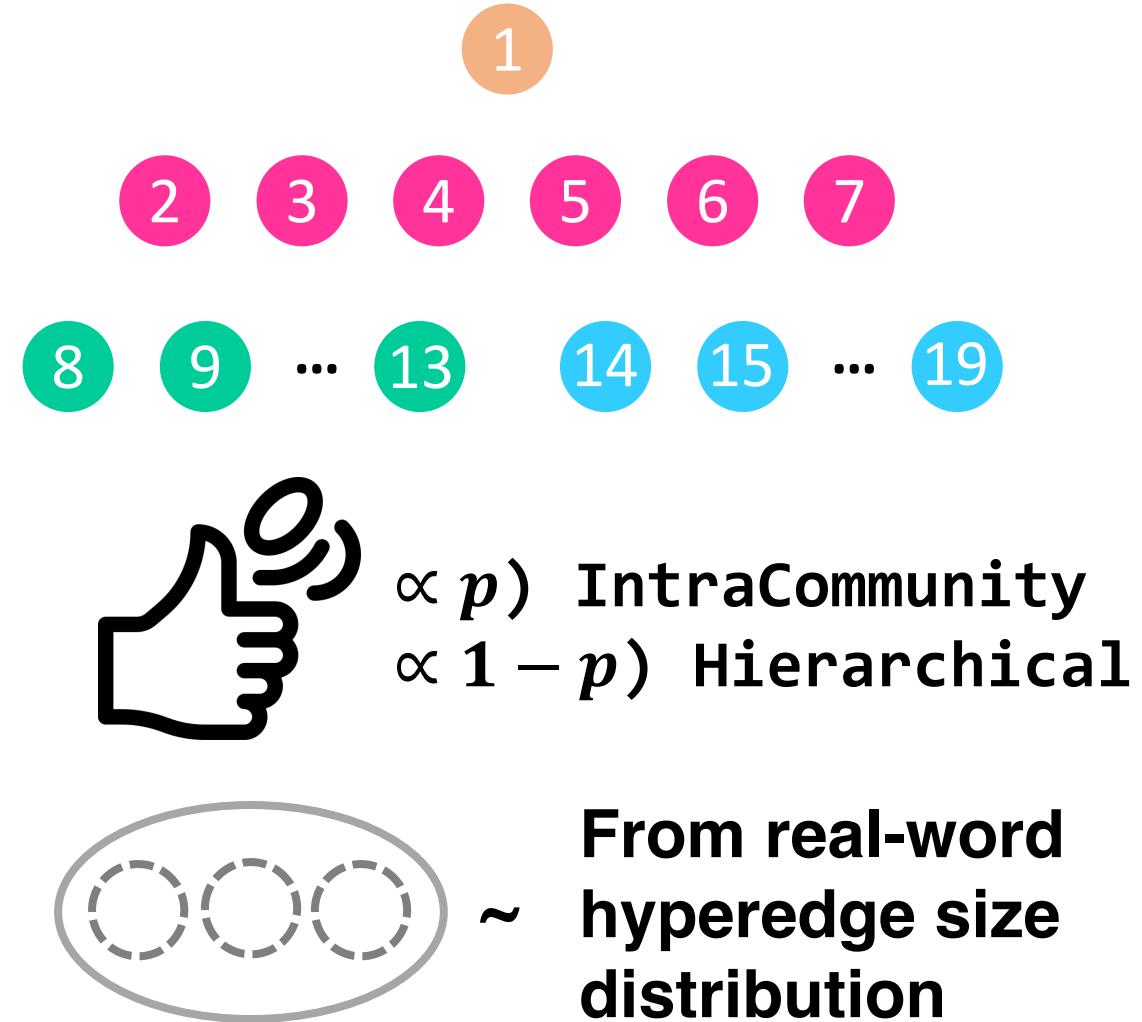
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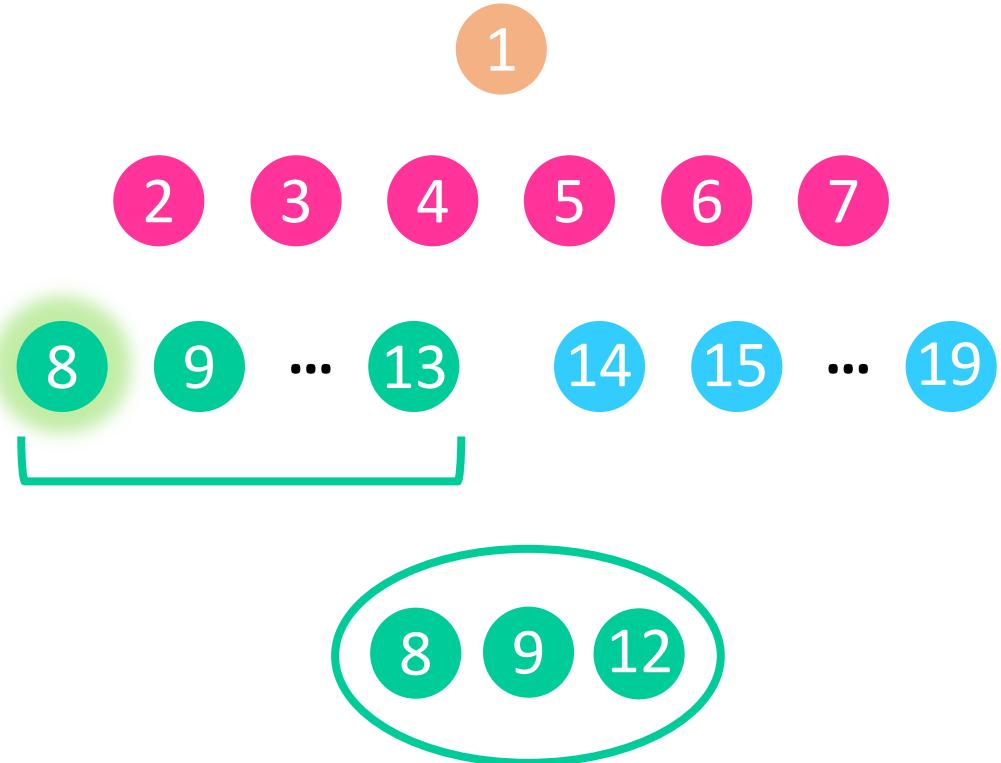
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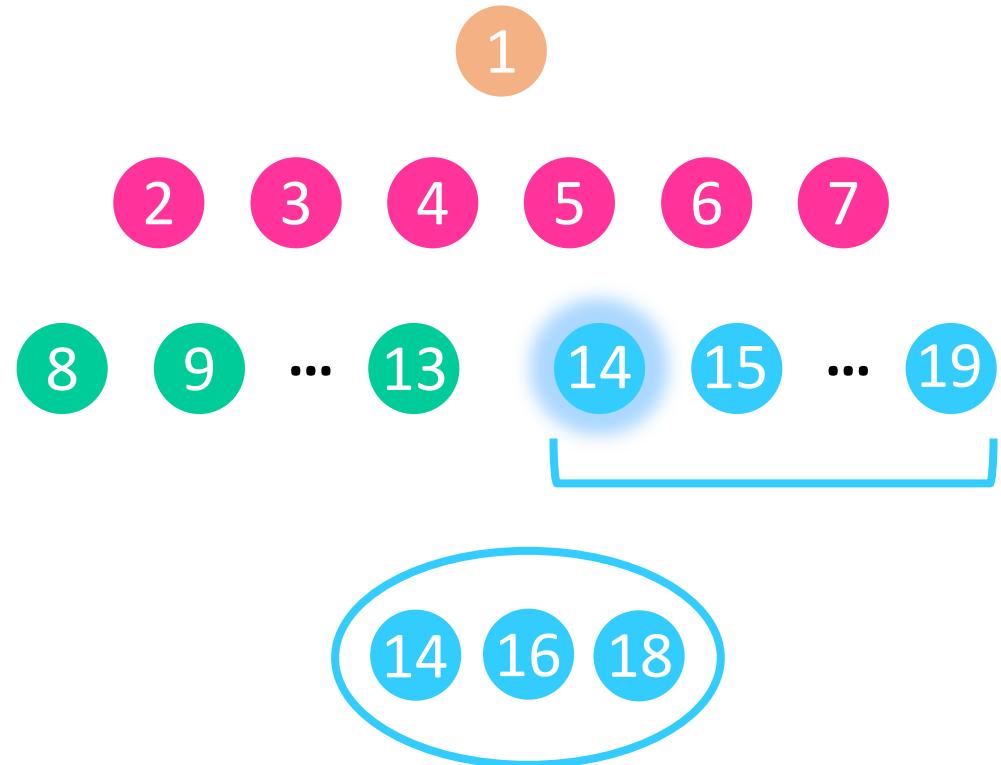
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$\ell = 2$

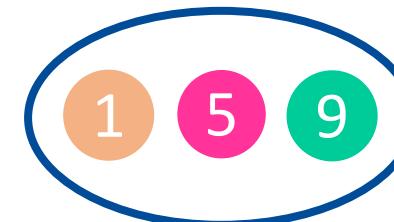
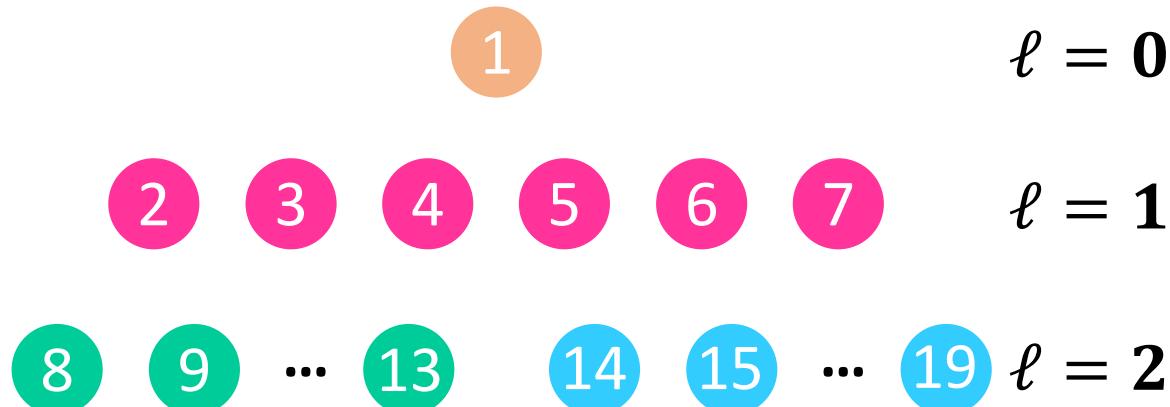
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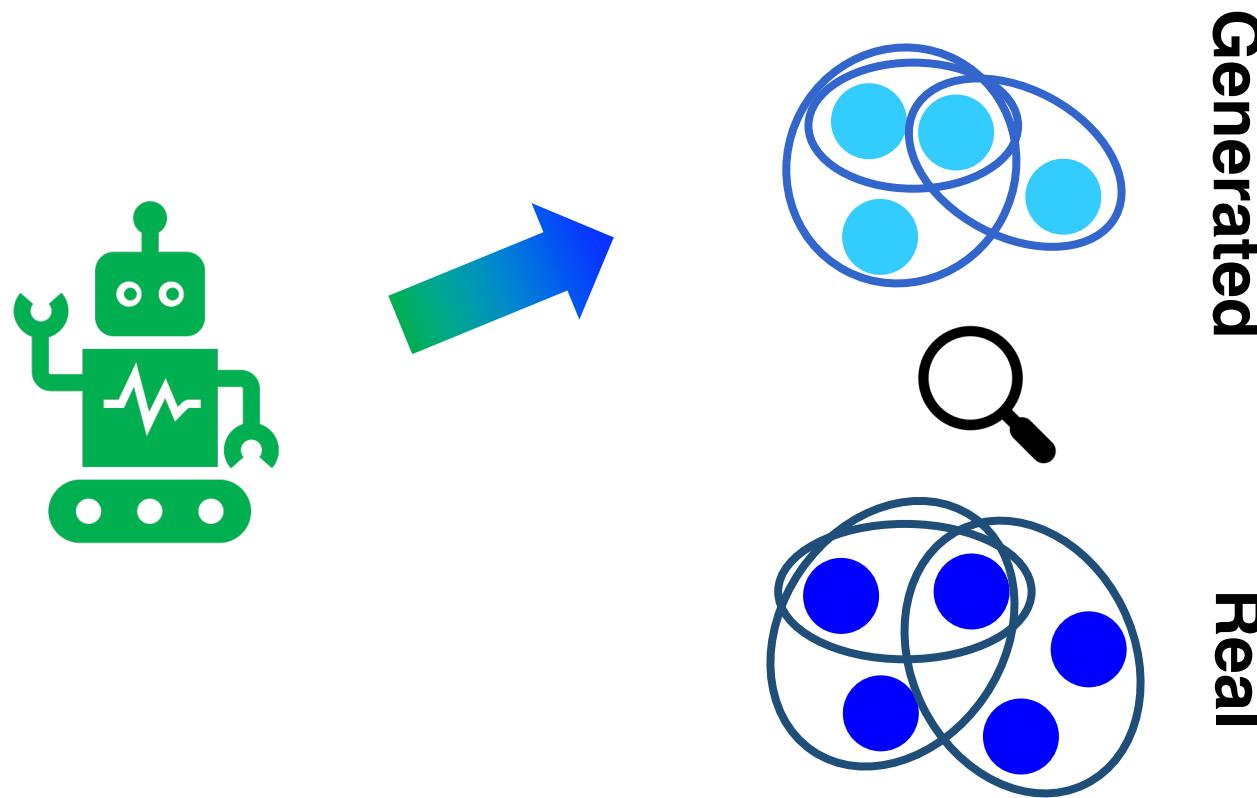
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Reproducibility of THera

- Verify how well **THera** reproduces the transitivity patterns of real-world hypergraphs.
- We investigate whether **THera** reproduces Observation 1 – 4 well.



Preserving Observation 1

- THera preserves the hypergraph transitivity value of real-world hypergraphs most well among the 6 generators.

Statistic	Generator	email enron	email eu	NDC classes	NDC substances	contact high	contact primary	dblp	coauthorship geology	coauthorship history	ubuntu	q&a server	math	Average ranking
Hypergraph transitivity $T(G)$	Real World	0.195	0.125	0.052	0.019	0.345	0.336	0.007	0.005	0.002	0.005	0.005	0.025	Real
	THERA	0.192	0.124	0.052	0.019	0.344	0.334	0.007	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.025	1.08
	HyperCL [33]	0.078	0.053	0.008	0.005	0.119	0.223	0.000*	0.000*	0.000*	0.014	0.017	0.040	4.08
	HyperPA [16]	0.090	0.110	0.070	-	0.121	0.153	-	-	-	0.003	-	-	4.75
	HyperFF [30]	0.176	0.125	0.006	0.003	0.006	0.007	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.051	0.050	0.054	4.83
	HyperLap [33]	0.123	0.085	0.008	0.008	0.220	0.301	0.001	0.000*	0.000*	0.016	0.015	0.004	3.25
	HyperLap+ [33]	0.231	0.144	0.026	0.016	0.322	0.338	0.042	0.019	0.005	0.029	0.023	0.007	3.54

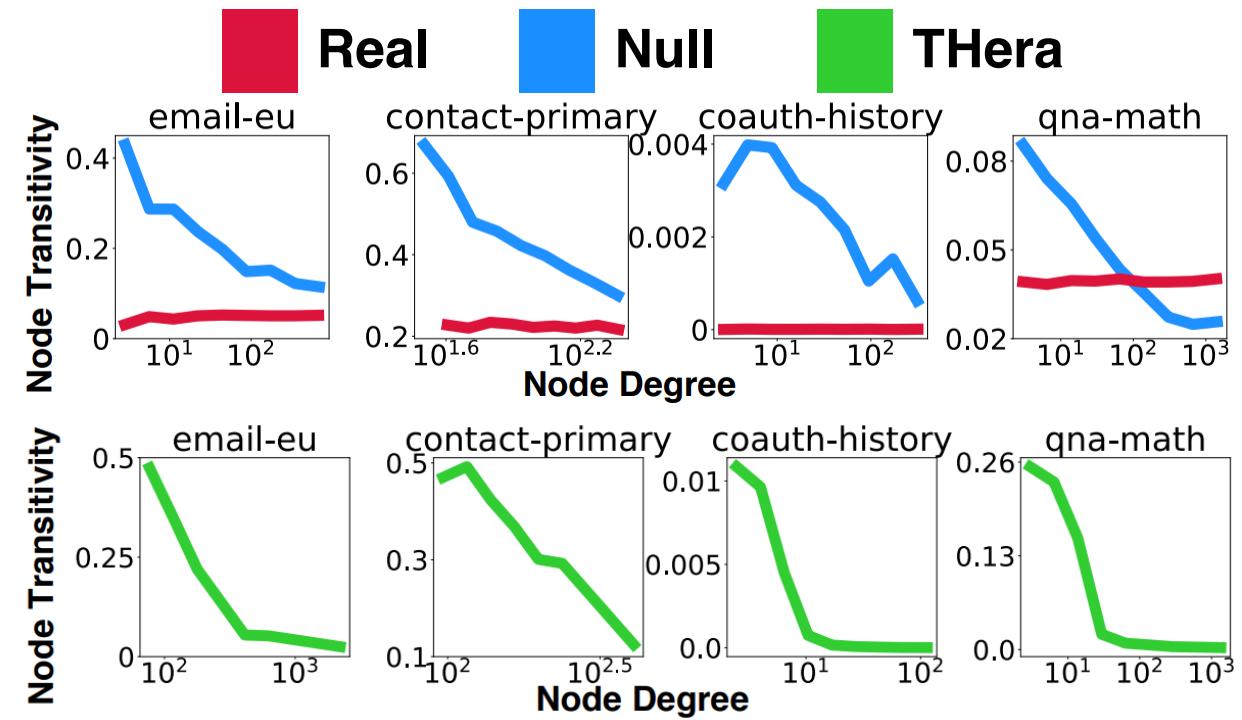
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Preserving Observation 2 & 3

- THera preserves the correlation between,
 - (Obs 2) Hyperwedge transitivities and body-group sizes.
 - (Obs 3) Node transitivities and node degrees.

Data	Real	HyperCL	THERA
email-enron	0.09	-0.09	0.23
email-eu	0.12	-0.14	0.22
ndc-classes	0.32	-0.10	0.40
ndc-substances	0.14	-0.10	0.24
contact-high	0.13	0.00*	0.29
contact-primary	0.13	0.00*	0.30
coauth-dblp	0.12	0.00*	0.20
coauth-geology	0.14	0.00*	0.26
coauth-history	0.12	0.05	0.19
qna-ubuntu	0.04	0.00*	0.03
qna-server	0.04	0.00*	0.04
qna-math	0.04	0.01	0.13

Observation 2



Observation 3

Preserving Observation 4

- THera preserves the range of hyperedge transitivity well.

Data	Real	HyperCL	THERA
email-enron	0.725	0.279	0.732
email-eu	0.809	0.248	0.792
ndc-classes	0.600	0.075	0.410
ndc-substances	1.0	0.032	0.411
contact-high	0.794	0.316	0.768
contact-primary	0.693	0.395	0.839
coauth-dblp	1.0	0.105	1.0
coauth-geology	1.0	0.069	1.0
coauth-history	1.0	0.333	1.0
qna-ubuntu	0.667	0.5	1.0
qna-server	0.667	0.333	1.0
qna-math	0.667	1.00	1.0

Scalability of THera

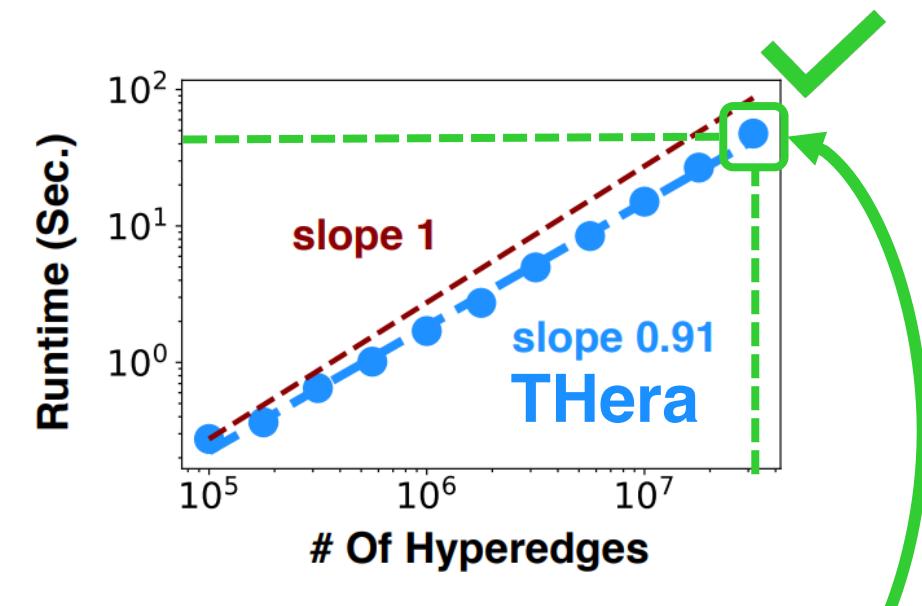
- THera achieves the fastest generation time and the least memory consumption among the 5 generators.

Statistic	Generator	dblp	coauthorship geology	history	ubuntu	q&a math	server	enron	email eu	classes	ndc substances	contact high	contact primary	Average ranking
Runtime (sec.)	THERA	4.07	2.39	1.86	0.39	0.33	0.63	0.04	0.18	0.04	0.09	0.10	0.18	1.7
	HyperPA [16]	-	-	-	374.51	-	-	5.02	5011.84	1155.00	-	2.29	4.56	5.0
	HyperFF [30]	226.79	114.24	53.48	12.78	17.23	3.15	0.05	0.09	0.32	0.10	0.02	0.02	2.7
	HyperLap [33]	19.07	9.57	2.24	0.57	0.45	1.14	0.01	0.14	0.01	0.10	0.06	0.04	1.8
Memory consumption (MB)	HyperLap+ [33]	1322.6	611.91	160.75	12.08	1.00	23.46	0.06	2.74	0.29	3.92	0.26	0.51	3.7
	THERA	1535	761	325	90	36	129	2	3	2	11	11	23	2.0
	HyperPA [16]	-	-	-	21	-	-	76	60169	21351	-	2	2	4.2
	HyperFF [30]	3307	1655	739	107	147	26	1	2	4	1	1	1	2.0
	HyperLap [33]	3197	1498	529	134	86	204	11	32	15	41	12	11	3.1
	HyperLap+ [33]	5042	3005	1901	591	110	321	9	39	14	412	10	18	3.8

Scalability of THera

- THera has the least time & memory complexity among the 3 incremental generators.

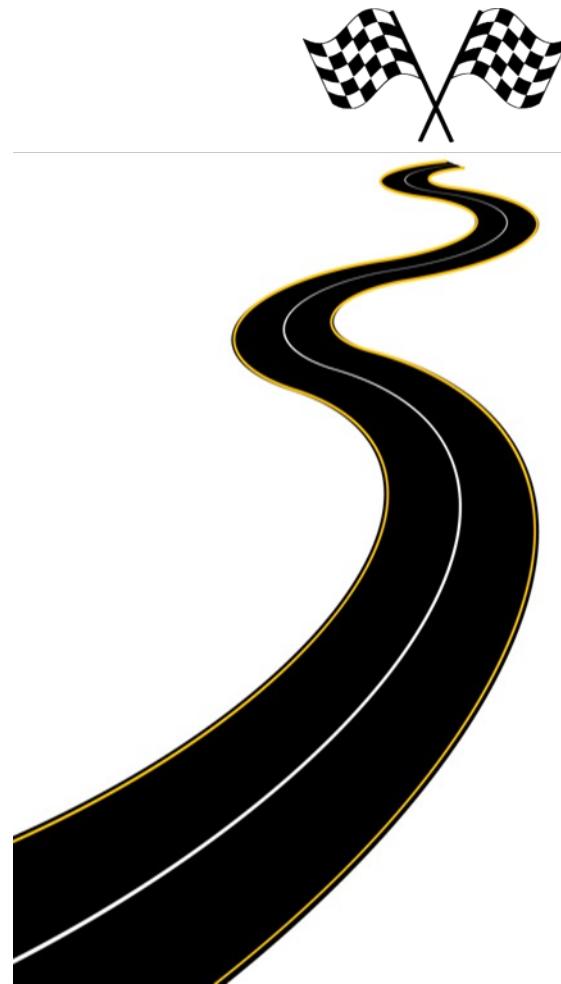
Generator	Time complexity	Memory complexity	Incremental
THera	$O(\log_2 V \times \sum_{e \in E} e)$	$O(V + \sum_{e \in E} e)$	✓
HyperPA [16]	$O(\sum_{e \in E} \log_2 (\frac{ V }{ e }))$	$O(\sum_{e \in E} 2^{ e })$	✓
HyperFF [30]	$O(V \times \sum_{e \in E} e)$	$O(V + \sum_{e \in E} e)$	✓
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Can generate $10^{7.5} \approx 3.5M$ hyperedges within a minute!

Roadmap

- Overview
- Transitivity Measure
- Observations
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Conclusions

In this work, we present...

- ✓ **Criteria:** **Axioms** that a principled transitivity measure should satisfy.
- ✓ **Measure:** **HyperTrans**, a principled transitivity measure.
- ✓ **Observations:** **Analysis** of the real-world hypergraphs.
- ✓ **Generator:** **THera**, a scalable and realistic hypergraph generator.



Paper: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3580305.3599382>



Github: <https://github.com/kswoo97/hypertrans>



Thank You For Listening!



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