

The Hyperedge Event Model

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Motivations: Hyperedge Event Model

- ▶ **Hyperedge**
edges including one sender and multiple receivers or one receiver and multiple senders.
- ▶ **Event**
timestamped events
- ▶ **Model**
statistical framework to jointly

“who interacts with whom, and when?”

Generative Process: “Who Interacts with Whom”

For each edge or event $e = 1, \dots, E$,

- Receiver intensity for every sender-receiver pair $(i, j)_{i \neq j}$

$$\lambda_{iej} = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}_{iej},$$

where \mathbf{x}_{iej} is a set of receiver selection features or covariates.

- Every sender selects candidate receivers from non-empty multivariate Bernoulli distribution $\mathbf{u}_{ie} \sim \text{MB}_G(\lambda_{ie1}, \dots, \lambda_{ieA})$

$$P(\mathbf{u}_{ie} | \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x}_{iej}) \propto \exp \left(\log(I(\|\mathbf{u}_{ie}\|_1 > 0)) + \sum_{j \neq i} \lambda_{iej} u_{iej} \right)$$

Generative Process: “and When”

- Timing rate for each sender

$$\mu_{ie} = g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\eta}^T \mathbf{y}_{ie})$$

- Generalized linear model (GLM) such that time increment τ_{ie} satisfy

$$E(\tau_{ie}) = \mu_{ie} \text{ and } V(\tau_{ie}) = V(\mu_{ie})$$

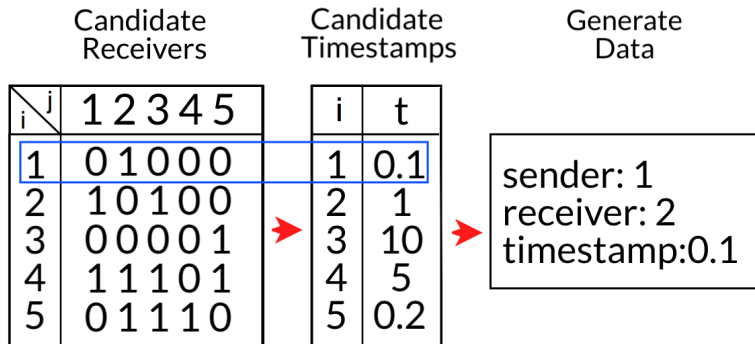
- Select the sender-receiver-set with the smallest time increment

$$s_e = \operatorname{argmin}_i(\tau_{ie}),$$

$$\mathbf{r}_e = \mathbf{u}_{s_e e},$$

$$t_e = t_{e-1} + \tau_{s_e e}.$$

Generative Process: Sender, Receivers, and Timestamps



Application: Montgomery County Government Email Data

- ▶ Coefficients for receiver selection features
- ▶ Coefficients for event timing features

Results: Exploratory Analysis

- ▶ Coefficients for receiver selection features
- ▶ Coefficients for event timing features

Comparison: Lognormal vs. Exponential

- Covariates

Conclusions

- ▶ Covariates