



Fig. 4. An example of *SLM-Vp*.

We can give an example to illustrate that how link prediction algorithm *SLM-Vp* works in a dynamic social network. To simplify the calculation, we use two classifiers (f_{CN} and f_{JC} respectively) for two structure properties (CN and JC respectively). In figure 4, two structure properties CN and JC are calculated at time $t = 1$, $t = 2$, $t = 3$ and $t = 4$, and variations of CN and JC can be calculated between two adjacent time slices. In detail, using the definition of features in table 1, we can get six values for an arbitrary pair of node v and w : $\Delta CN_1=1$, $\Delta CN_2=0$, $\Delta CN_3= -1$, $\Delta JC_1=0.2$, $\Delta JC_2=0.15$, $\Delta JC_3= -0.25$. Then we can intuitively obtain two vectors $\vec{a}=(1, 0, -1)$ and $\vec{b}=(0.2, 0.15, -0.25)$. To address this prediction problem, we need to know the label $L(v, w)$ of establishing link between v and w . As shown in figure 4, we set $L^1(v, w)=0$, $L^2(v, w)=0$, $L^3(v, w)=0$, $L^4(v, w)=0$ and $L^5(v, w)=0$, then the labels of the two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are 0. Moreover, in order to predict the link state of n arbitrary pairs of node, n vectors can be calculated for two structure properties CN and JC . Thus, two classifiers f_{CN} and f_{JC} are learned by training all instances in training set, and the weight of classifiers can be optimized. Finally, the probability of establishing link between v and w will be predicted at time $t = 5$.