



Relational Models of Complex Systems: Hierarchy and Topology of High Order Interactions

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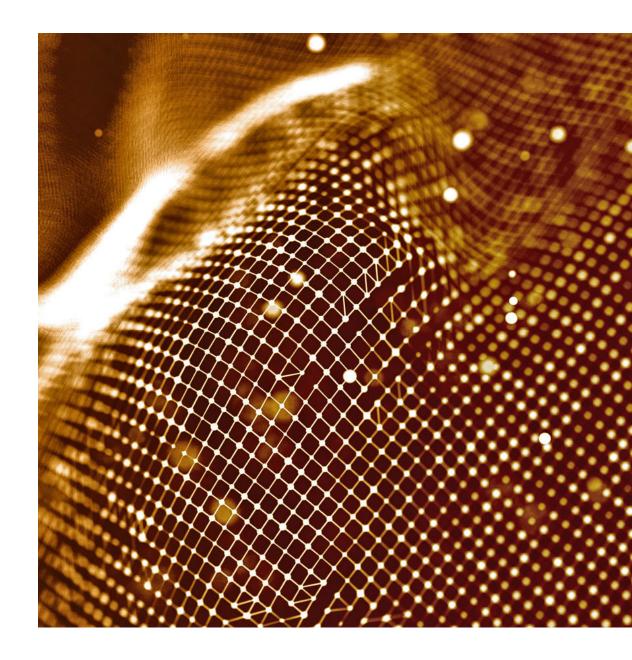
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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory: Pacific Northwest Topology and High Order Networks

- Mathematics and Methodology:
 - Hypergraphs for hypernetwork science: Hypergraph walks, centrality, connectivity, Láplacians, clustering
 - Computational topology and multidimensional data analysis: Homological hypergraph analysis, topological data analysis, topological sheaves for data integration
- Software
 - HyperNetX (HNX, Python): Human scale
 - ✓ Proving ground for methods
 - ✓ User interfaces: Visualization

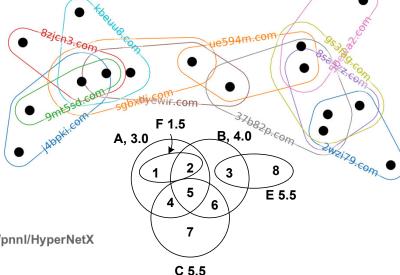
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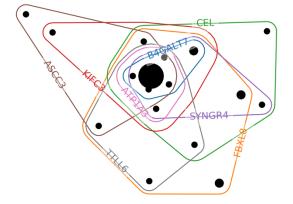
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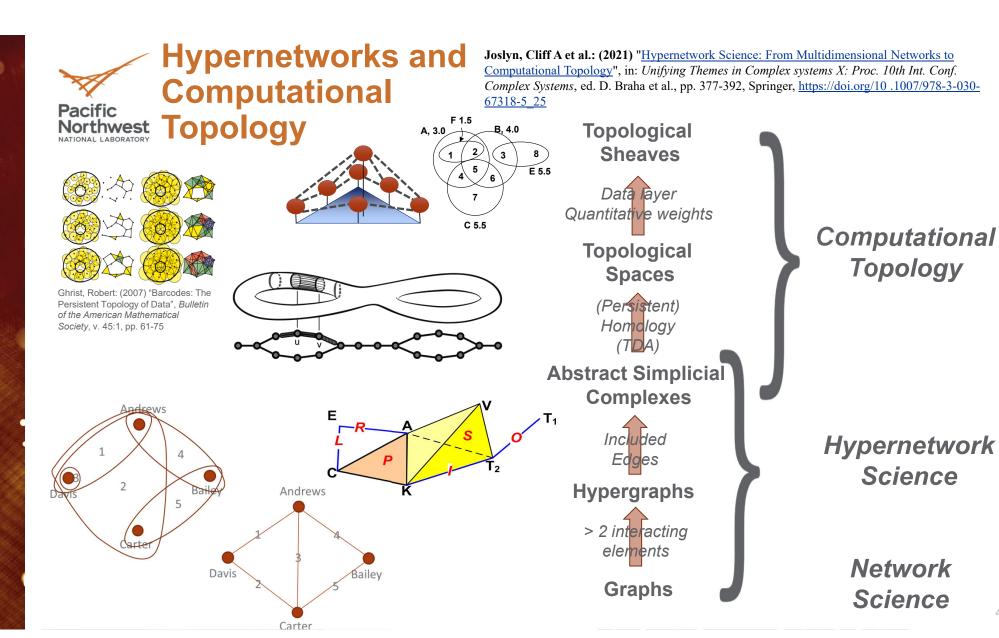
- Chapel Hypergraph Library (CHGL): HPC scale
 - ✓ Data parallel language

Applications

- Cyber: DNS, Netflow
- OSINT
- Computational virology
- Combinatorial chemistry
- Scientometrics, open source analysis
- Multi-criteria decision analysis







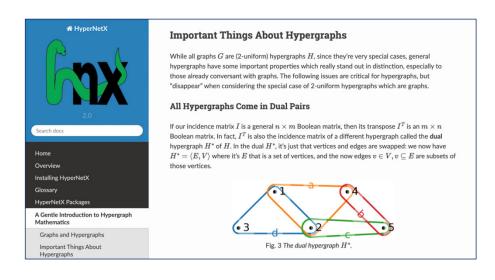


HyperNetX (HNX) 2.0 (May 2023)!

https://github.com/pnnl/HyperNetX

Python package for modeling complex data as hypergraphs

- Latest release 2.0 is now available!!!
- First release 2018, 24 releases
- Sponsor/Project driven
- Multiple contributors

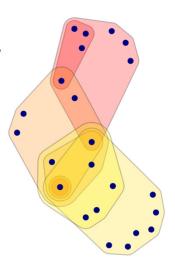


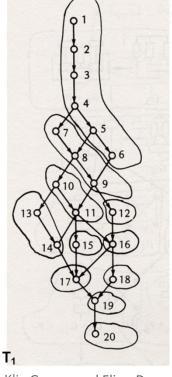
- Combinatorics Statistics
- S-metrics, S-linegraphs
- Topology Simplicial Homology
- Generative models
- Laplacian Clustering
- Clustering and Modularity
- Contagion
- Cell and Object Property support
- Internal Vis and HNXWidget package
- Multiple tutorials, demos
- Built on Pandas DataFrames
- Highly interoperable with Networkx, Matplotlib, and other hypergraph libraries
- ReadTheDocs page available https://pnnl.github.io/HyperNetX/index.html

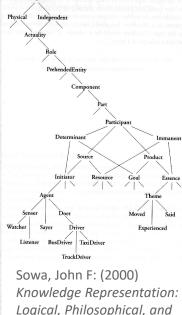


Today's Story

- How can we relate together mathematical models of complex systems involving:
 - 1. Complex Networks: (Multiway) connections of items
 - 2. Hierarchies: Arrangements of items in levels
 - 3. Topologies (finite): Gluing together structures of different dimensionalities
- 0. Rooted in mathematical systems theory







Computational Foundations,

Brooks/Cole, Pacific Grove

Klir, George and Elias, Doug: (2003) Architecture of Systems Problem Solving, Plenum, New York, 2nd edition



Systems Foundations

Some systems concepts

Order	Organization	Control	Complexity
Representation	Structure	Hierarchy	Growth
Information	Development	Adaptation	Evolution
Heterarchy	System	Network	Aggregate
Emergence	Constraint	Function	Goal
Purpose	Stability	Subsystem	Supersystem
Scale	Environment	Distinction	Relation
Input	Output	Throughput	State

- Grounded in rigorous modeling
- Mappings among mathematical formalisms (hint: category theory)
- Applied across disciplinary boundaries



A Binghamton Journey From 1985

Int. J. General Systems, 1985, Vol. 10, pp. 187-195 0308-1079/85/1003-0187 \$18.50/0 1985 Gordon and Breach, Science Publishers, Inc. and OPA Ltd.
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AN ALGORITHM FOR FINDING ALL FUNCTIONS EMBEDDED IN A RELATION

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The problem is posed: find an algorithm which for any given *n*-dimensional relation $R \subset A_1 \times A_2 \times ... \times A_n$, defined on a set family $A = \{A_1, A_2, ..., A_n\}$, n = 1, 2, ..., determines all functional dependences between disjoint subsets of A which are embedded in R. A solution algorithm is presented, a theorem is proved that allows a simplification in the algorithm, and an efficient computer implementation (available through the General Systems Depository) is demonstrated.

INDEX TERMS: Algorithm, computer algorithm, relation, function, embedded function.



0. Mathematical Systems Theory

System: Multivariate relation

$$S \subseteq X_1 \times X_2 \times \ldots \times X_N$$

Dimension: Each X_i can be "anything"

• Scalar quantity: Integer, float, etc.

■ Boolean: 0/1

Categorical variable: A,B,C

• Ordinal variable: $\alpha \le \beta \le \gamma$

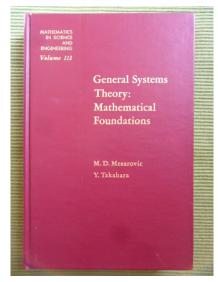
√ Time! Dynamics!

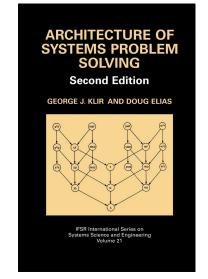
String: "abz"

Arbitrary structure: List, vector

• Etc.









Network Models of Complex Relational Data

House

- Many real-world data sets have complex relational structure
 - Cyber security: Domains x IP Addresses x MAC Addresses x Malware IDs x ...
 - Social networks: People x Groups
 - Bibliometrics: Authors x Papers x Keywords
 - Biology: Proteins x Pathways, Complexes
 - CBP: Airline Passengers x Border Crossings x Cargo Shipments
 - Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA): Products x Capabilities
- Modellable as e.g. pandas data frame:
 - Columns: Dimensions X_i
 - Rows: Points or vectors

$$\vec{x} \in S \subseteq X_1 \times X_2 \times \ldots \times X_N$$

- · Relational network structures:
 - Graph: Self-relation
 - **Hypergraph:** Binary relation
 - Tensor: Multi-way relation

	House	Blood status		Spe	ecies		На	ir cold	our		Ey	e colour
0	Gryffindor	Half-blood		Н	uman			Bla	ack		Brig	ght green
1	Gryffindor	Pure-blood		Н	uman			R	Red			Blue
2	Gryffindor	Muggle-born		Н	ıman			Bro	wn			Brown
3	Gryffindor	Half-blood		Н	uman	Silver	former	ly aubi	urn			Blue
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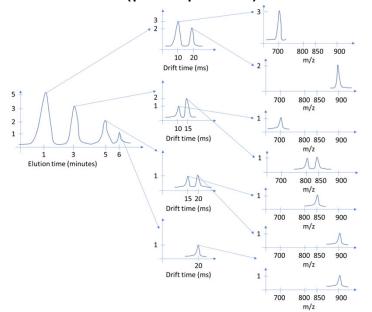
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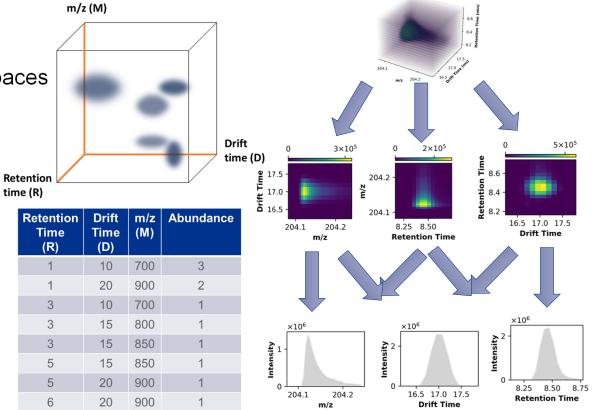
 Mass spectrometry features in an ndimensional space: MS-LC-IMS (ion mobility)

Projections into lower dimensional spaces

Nested spectra

Discretized (peak-picked) data





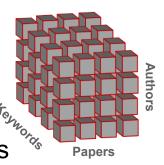
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A Discrete Relation

- Boolean tensor, incidence tensor
- 2D projections
- **Duals:** Matrix transposes

e.g. $P \times A$



Paper	Authors	Keywords
1	Andrews, Davis	Graphs
2	Andrews, Carter, Davis	Topology
3	Davis	Graphs, topology
4	Andrews, Bailey	Lattices
5	Bailey, Carter	Lattices, topology

$$A \times P \times K$$

	1	2	3	4	5
Andrews		X		X	
Bailey	X			X	X
Carter		X			X
Davis	X	X	X		

	1	2	3	4	5
Lattices				X	X
Graphs	Χ		X		
Topology		Χ	X		X

	Lattices	Topology	Graphs
Andrews	X	X	X
Bailey	Χ	X	
Carter	X	X	
Davis		X	X

$$A \times P$$

$$K \times P$$

$$A \times K$$



Hypergraphs Instead of Graphs

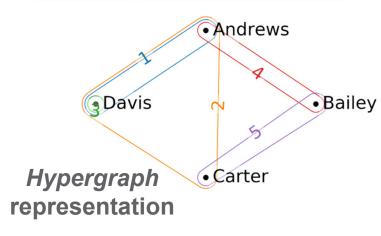
 $A \times P$

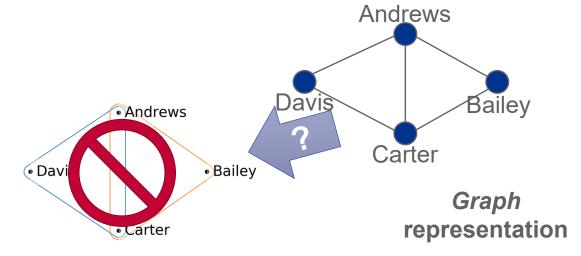
Coauthorship	Matrix	$A \times A$
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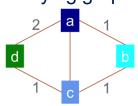
Graphs, Hypergraphs, and Relations

 $D^* = \text{edge size distribution}$ Line graph of primal =

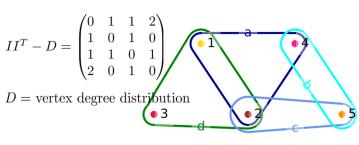


2-section of primal 3

Clique expansion = Underlying graph

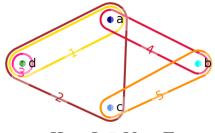


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17	b				Χ	Χ	
V	С		Χ			Χ	
	d	Х	Χ	Χ			

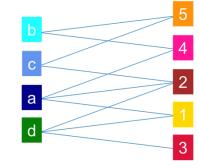


$$H^* = I^T \subseteq E \times V$$

- A binary relation: Incidence, not adjacency, information
- Bipartite network: Bijective
- **Graph** on rows: Pairwise relations
- **Graph** on columns: Pairwise relations







- Hypergraph on rows ("primal"): Multiway relations
- Hypergraph on columns ("dual"): Multiway relations



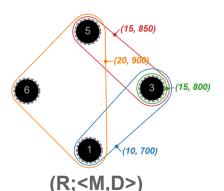
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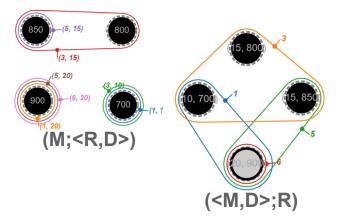
- Data tensor
- Projection: Two (combinations of) dimensions
 - Vertices: For each retention time
 - Hyperedges: What <m/z, drift> values are seen?

Projections

- View: (R;<M,D>) determines a hypergraph
- Isomers separated by chromatography: (R;<M,D>) Different RT; same m/z, drift
- Isotopic Peaks: (M;<R,D>)
 Different m/z, same drift, same RT
- Adducts, In-source-fragments, Dimers/trimers: (<M,D>;R)
 Different m/z, different drift, same RT
- Isomers separated by mobility: (D;<R,M>) Same m/z, different drift, same RT



Retention Time (R)	Drift Time (D)	m/z (M)	Abundance
1	10	700	3
1	20	900	2
3	10	700	1
3	15	800	1
3	15		1
5	15	850	1
5	20		1
6	20	900	1









 $(D; \langle R, M \rangle)$



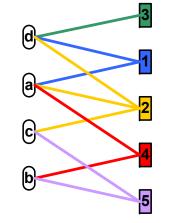
Basic Hypergraphs (undirected, unordered)

$$H = \langle V, \mathcal{E} \rangle$$
, Family $\mathcal{E} = \{e\}, e \subseteq V$
 $H = \{\{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}\}$
 $= \{ad, acd, d, ab, bc\}$
 $= \{1:ad, 2:acd, 3:d, 4:ab, 5:bc\}$
(Multi)Set System

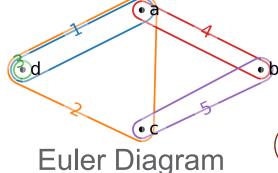


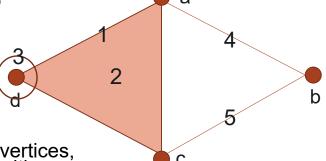
 $S = V \times \mathcal{E}$





Bipartite Graph

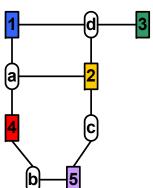




Axioms matter!

 Singletons v vs. {v}, isolated vertices, empty edges, multi-edges, multivertices, self-loops

Simplicial Diagram





Categorical Hypergraph Foundations

• Sets: X, |X| = n; Y, |Y| = m

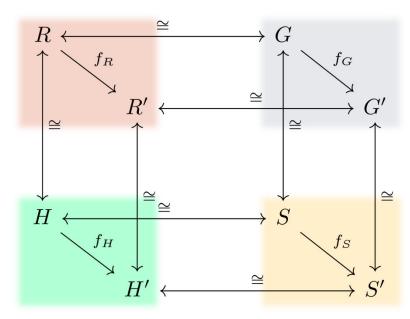
• Axioms: $X \cap Y = \emptyset$

Theorem 1. The following are categorically equivalent:

$$R \subseteq X \times Y$$

Binary Relations

$$H = (V, E, I)$$
 $I: V \times E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
Hypergraphs:
Incidence function



$$G = \langle X \sqcup Y, F \rangle,$$

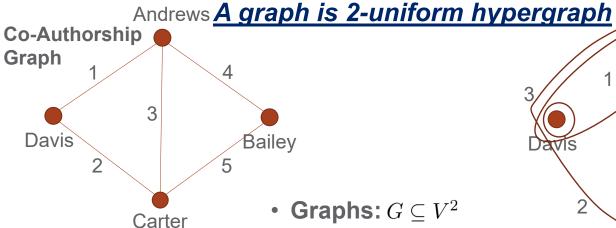
$$F \subseteq {X \sqcup Y \choose 2} - {X \choose 2} \cup {Y \choose 2}$$

Bipartite Graphs

$$S = \langle V, E \rangle$$
 , $E \subseteq 2^V$
Hypergraphs:
Set system
E must be a multiset, or an indexed family of subsets



Graphs vs. Hypergraphs: Precis



	1	2	3	4	5
a	X		Χ	X	
b				Χ	Χ
С		Χ	Χ		Χ
d	X	X			

• Graphs: $G \subseteq V^2$

Connections have length

- Simple
- Lossy for multi-way interactions
- Small (quadratic)

	1	2	3	4	5
а	X	X		X	
b				Χ	Χ
С		Χ			Χ
d	Χ	Χ	Χ		

Collaboration Hypergraph

- Hypergraphs: $H \subseteq 2^V$ Connections have
 - length and width Complex

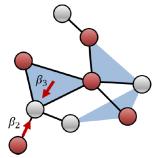
 - Lossless

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- Large (possibly exponential)
- Advanced mathematical properties (topology)



Burgeoning Movement in Network Science



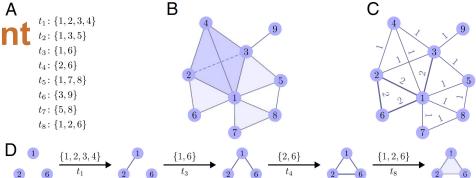
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FIG. 1. Illustration of a hypergraph. Infected nodes (red) infect a healthy node (grey) via hyperedges of sizes 2 and 3 with rates β_2 and β_3 respectively.

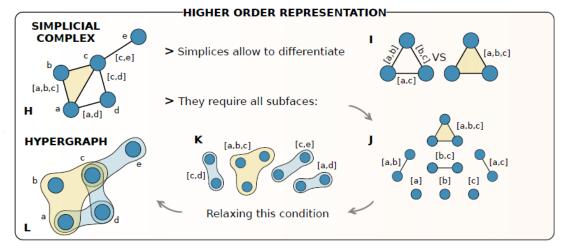
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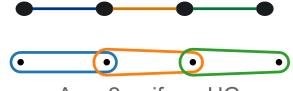
1. Hypergraph Walks Have Length and Width

- Hypergraph Paths Have Width: Minimum edge intersection
- s-walk: Sequence $\langle e_i \rangle_{i=1}^n$ when $s \leq \min_{e_i,e_{i+1}} |e_i \cap e_{i+1}|, i=1\dots n-1$

A Graph Path:

(Edgewise) length = 2

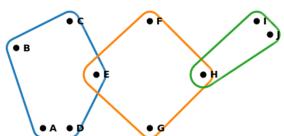
Width (necessarily) 1



As a 2-uniform HG

Two Hypergraph Paths:

Same (edgewise) length = 2



Weak interactions:
Width=s=1



Extend generally:

- **s-distance:** $d_s(e,f) = \begin{cases} \min |s\text{-walk}(e,f)| & \text{if exists} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- s-components, s-centrality, s-diameter s-motifs, s-clustering coefficient

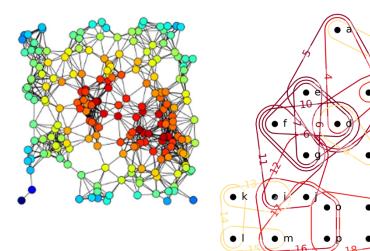
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Graphs

s-Closeness centrality

Question: Which nodes or edges are "close" to everything?



Closeness Centrality

$$C(v) = \frac{|V| - 1}{\sum_{u \in V} d(v, u)}$$

$$\sum_{u \in V} a(v, u)$$

$$C_s(e) = \frac{|E_s| - 1}{\sum_{f \in E_s} d_s(e, f)}$$

Harmonic Closeness Centrality

$$C(v) = \frac{|V| - 1}{\sum_{u \in V} d(v, u)} \qquad HC(v) = \frac{1}{|V| - 1} \sum_{u \in V} \frac{1}{d(v, u)}$$

Hypergraphs
$$E_s = \{e \in E : |e| \ge s\}$$
 $C_s(e) = \frac{|E_s| - 1}{\sum_{f \in E_s} d_s(e, f)}$ $HC_s(e) = \frac{1}{|E_s| - 1} \sum_{f \in E_s} \frac{1}{d_s(e, f)}$

s=2



s-Betweenness centrality

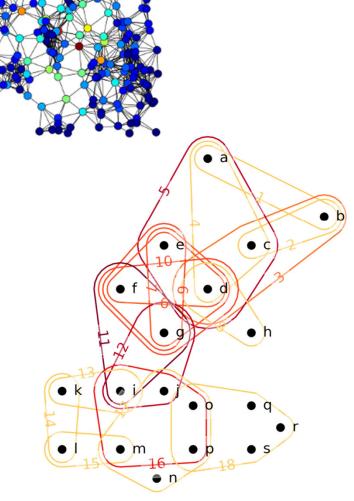
 Question: Which nodes or edges are on many shortest paths?

Betweenness Centrality

Graphs

$$B(v) = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\sigma_{st}(v)}{\sigma_{st}}$$

$$B_s(e) = \sum_{g \neq e \neq f \in E_s} \frac{\sigma_{gf}^s(e)}{\sigma_{gf}^s}$$





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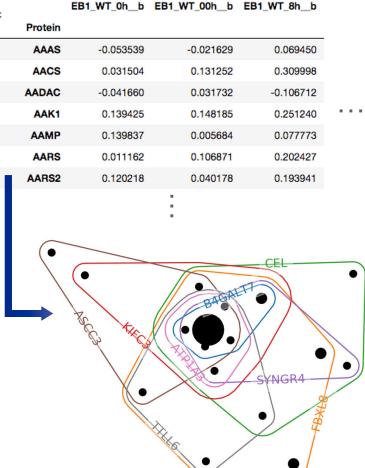
Example: Biological Data

Mouse and human cells infected with viral strains:

- Ebola, Influenza, MERS, SARS, West Nile Virus
- Samples analyzed at various time points postinfection
- Transcriptomics data: measuring expression of gene transcripts
 - √ Log2(sample / control) for each [sample, gene] pair

Hypergraph:

- Nodes = conditions (virus, strain, cell type, time point, ...)
- Edges = genes
- Node/edge containment = genes with log2(fold change) z-score ≥ 2 and p-value < 0.05 for a given condition

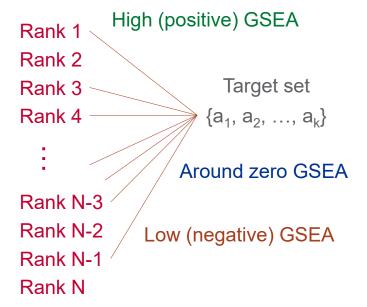




Hypergraphs for identifying important genes

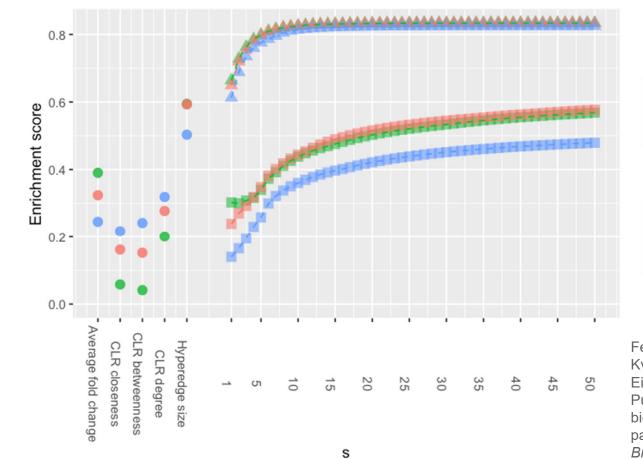
- Goal: Find genes which are central in host response to viral infection
- Hypothesis: Hypernetwork science measures will rank known central genes (e.g., immune response) higher than network science in context likelihood of relatedness (CLR) graph, and higher than simple measures
- Enrichment score (GSEA):
 Determine whether members of a known gene set tend to occur toward the top (or bottom) of a ranked list

Subramanian, Aravind, et al. "Gene set enrichment analysis: a knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 102.43 (2005): 15545-15550.





Gene Enrichment Scores



Graph metrics

Others

s-betweenness

s-closeness

Gene sets

ISG

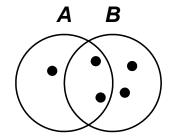
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2. Hypergraphs Have Hierarchy

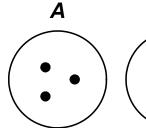
Hypergraph

$$|A| = 3, |B| = 4$$



$$A \cap B \qquad |A \cap B|$$

$$= \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \ge 1 \quad \stackrel{\blacktriangleright}{\bullet} \quad \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$$





В

$$=\emptyset$$

A B

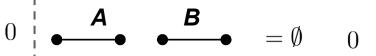
|A|

Graph

$$|A| = |B| \equiv 2$$

$$A \cap B \quad |A \cap B|$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \hline & \bullet & \bullet \end{array} = \{v\} \quad \equiv 1$$



N/A

Incident Edges

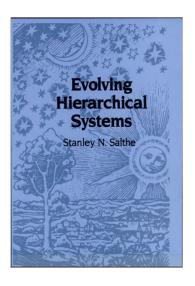
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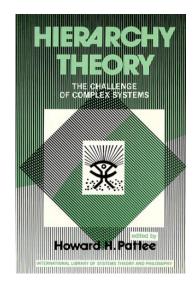
Included Edges

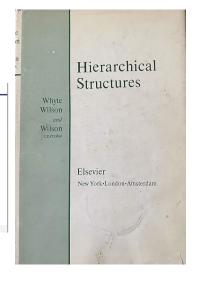


Hierarchy Theory

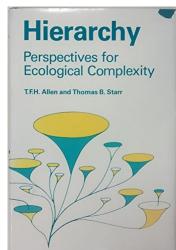
- Systems admitting to descriptions in terms of levels: Height, depth
 - Necessary for viable organization of large complex systems
 - Natural scale dependencies and interactions
- The Systems community has attended less to *mathematical* formalism
 - Way more than trees
 - Avoiding ethical implications of authoritarian social hierarchies
- Partial order on set P: $\leq \subseteq P^2$ Reflexive, symmetric, anti-transitive
- Poset: $\mathcal{P} = \langle P, \leq \rangle$
- Lattice: Unique pairwise common parent/child





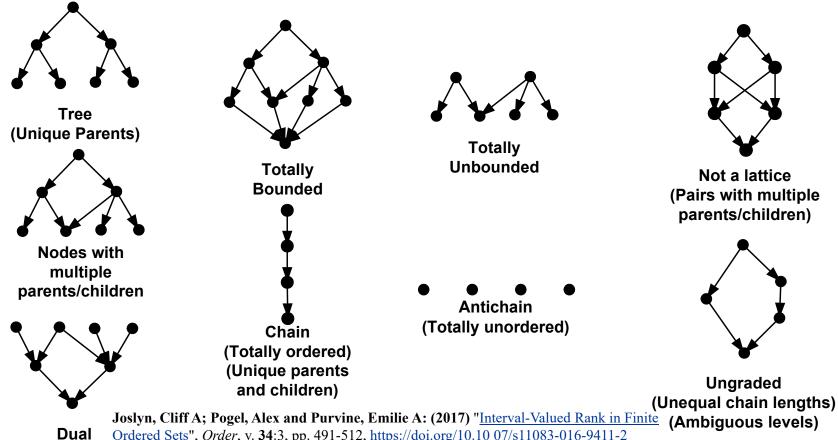


Lattice Theory





Some Aspects of Hierarchies = Partial Orders



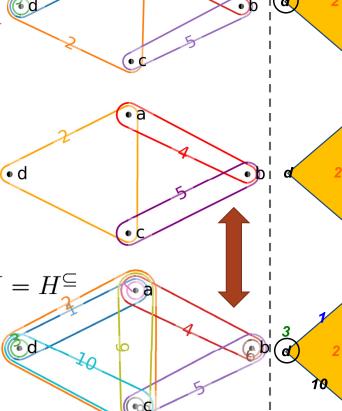
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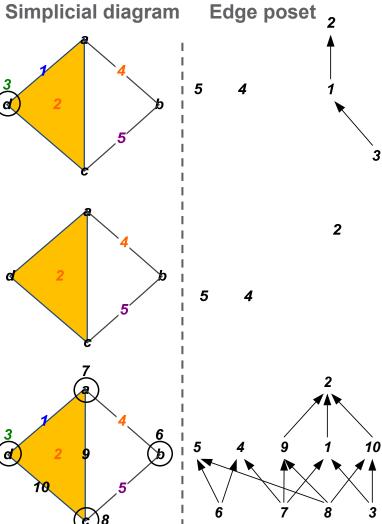
Hypergraph Inclusivity



- lacksquare 2 included edges: 1, 3 H
- **3** "toplexes": Maximal hyperedges: 2, 4, 5
- Inclusivity = 2/5
- Simple hypergraph: Remove all inclusions
 - All toplexes
 - "Reduction"
 - Inclusivity = 0
- Abstract simplicial complex (ASC): Add all inclusions
 - Toplexes and all below $\hat{H}=H^{\subseteq}$
 - "Closure"
 - Inclusivity = 7/10
- All share the same topological structure: Determined by toplexes
- \check{H} and \hat{H} are one-to-one



Hypergraph





Hypergraphs Are Inherently Ordered

Hyperedges have an inclusion order

 But more completely an intersection structure: intersection complex

 Theorem: Intersection complex is bijective to the concept lattice

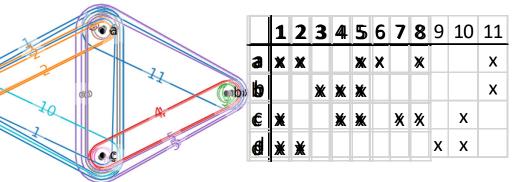
 "Galois notation" shows joint relationships of unions, intersections of vertices, edges

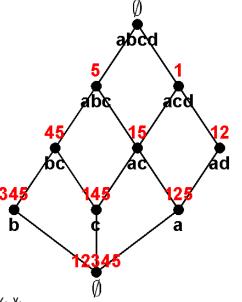
 Questions: How are hypergraph operations mirrored in the concept lattice?

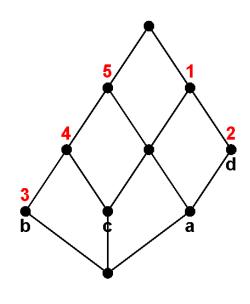
 Theorem: Closing by subset yields the ASC in the HG, and the "Dowker cosheaf" in the lattice structure

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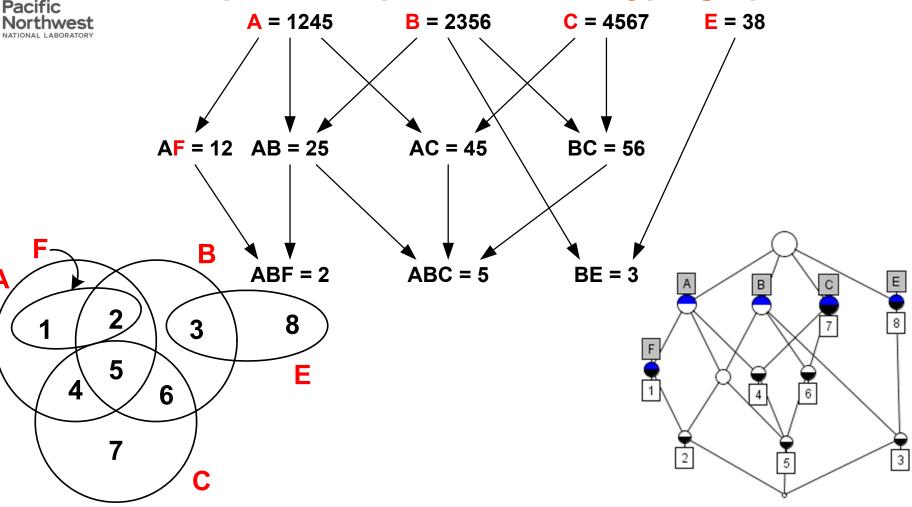








Example Concept Lattice of a Hypergraph





Ukraine 2014 (UKR14) Knowledge Base

OrganizationAffiliation. EmploymentMembership. Employment. Employee OrganizationAffiliation. EmploymentMembership. Employment.

DARPA/I2O/AIDA Performers, 2018:

- Entity, relation, event extraction
- · Graph integration

PER. ProfessionalPosition. Minister OrganizationAffiliation. EmploymentMembership. Employment GPE. Country. Country

Node and edge types associated with a small graph sample. Center node is a "relationship node" connecting two entities together.

Open source information about 2014 Russian invasion of Eastern Ukraine

- · Multi-value attributes exist such as 'name' and 'type'
- Temporal information exist for a subset of nodes
- Richly Attributed: Graph Ontology:
 - Nodes: Entity, event, relation types
 - Edges: Relationships (roles) of entities within events/relations
- Real-world Data
 - Noisy / many inaccuracies
 - Most noise seems to come from incorrect relationships between nodes
- Original data represented as RDF triples
- Converted to property graph by PNNL: Neo4J

Node Types: 307

Node Instances: 406K

Edge Types: 367

Edge Instances: 302K

Connected Components: 314K



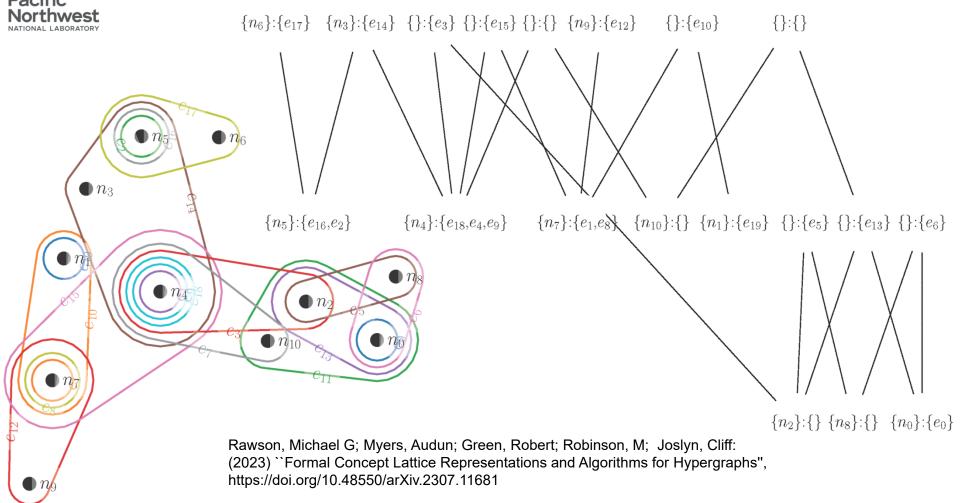
Event Hypergraph Model

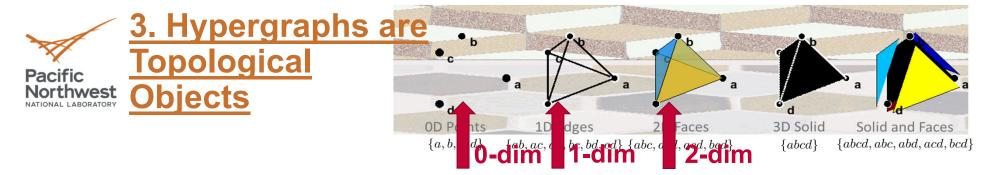
- UKR14 is broadly bipartite: Events/relations valued on entities
- Generally supports hypergraph representation:
 - Event/relation node: Hyperedge



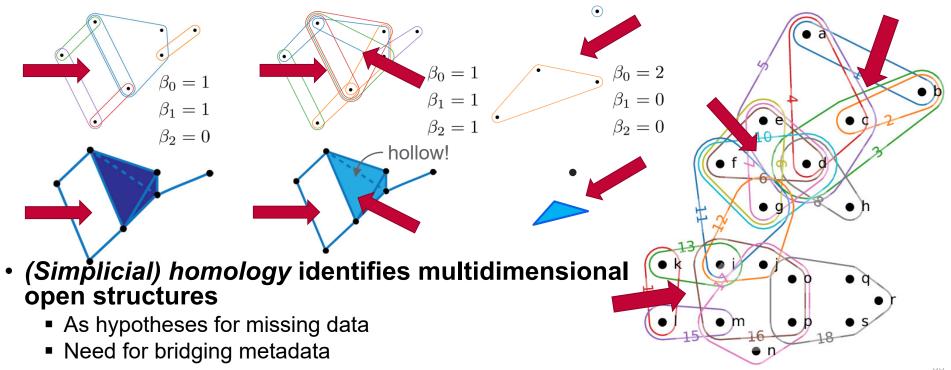


UKR14 Example Concept Lattice





Hypergraphs have topological properties

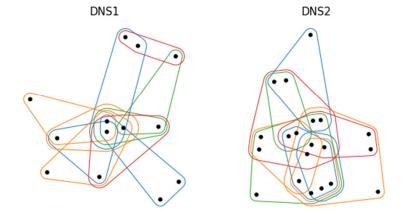




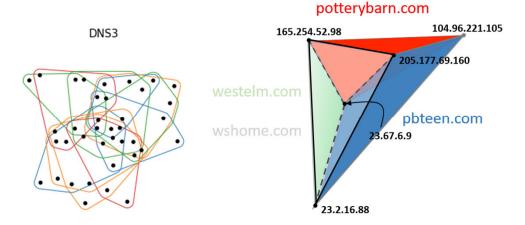
Homologies Show Multidimensional Open Structures

	β_0	eta_1	eta_2	$\beta_{\geq 3}$
DNS1	1	1	0	0
DNS1	1	1	2	0
DNS1	1	3	1	0

• **DNS2**: One generator of a 2-hole, tetrahedral void



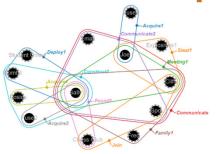
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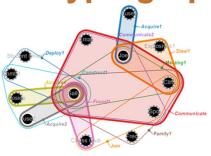


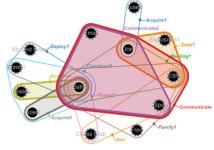
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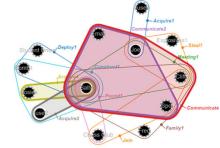


Temporal Hypergraph Analysis

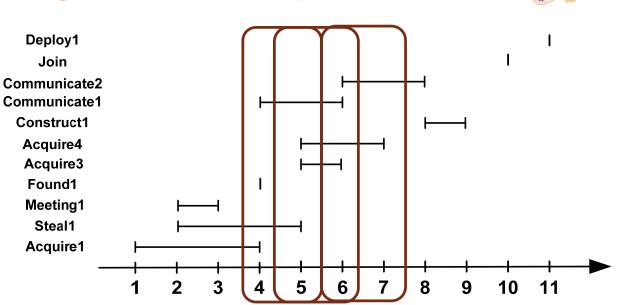








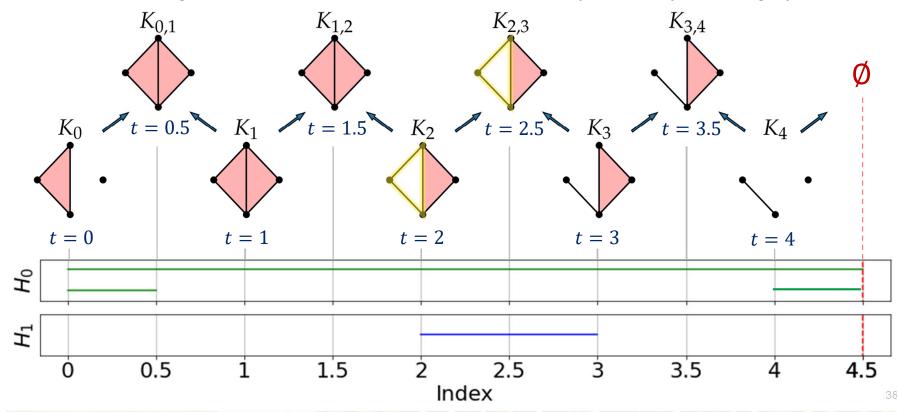
- Temporal hypergraph
- Trajectory of temporal subhypergraphs
- Measure change in structure, homology, distributions





Zigzag Persistence Example

- Temporal sequences
 - Are there topological features that persist over time in a dynamically evolving system?





Operationally Transparent Cyber (OpTC) data set

- Created by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) as part of a mission to test scaling of cyber attack detection
- Flow and host logs from both benign and malicious activity plus ground truth document describing the attack events
 - Downloading malicious PowerShell Empire, privilege escalation, credential theft, network scanning, and lateral movement
- Example subset of OpTC flow data:

Time	Action-Object	PID	Source IP	Destination IP	Dest. Port	Executable
9/23/2023 9:06	MESSAGE-FLOW	864	10.20.2.47	224.0.0.252	5355	svchost.exe
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9/23/2023 9:06	MESSAGE-FLOW	2236	10.20.2.66	225.0.0.1	5000	python.exe
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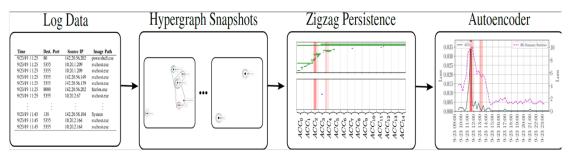
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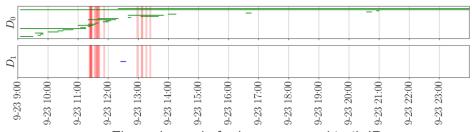


Zigzag ML Experiment on OpTC

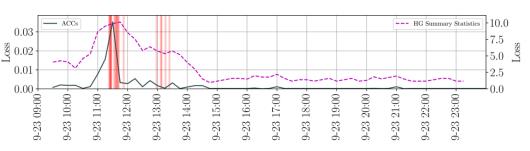
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 - Nodes: Executable files
 - Edges: Destination ports
 - 10 minute time windows per HG
 - Dimension 0, 1 zigzag on hour of HGs
 - Adcock-Carlsson barcode coordinates
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Zigzag barcode for known ground truth IP, time windows of red team activity highlighted



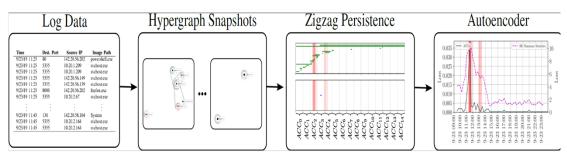
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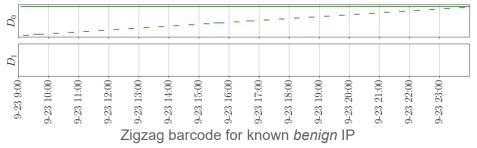


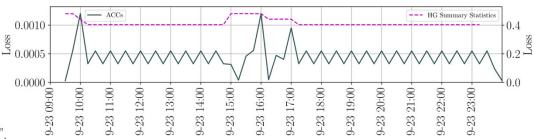
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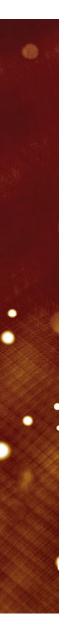


Closing Thoughts



- Delighted to be back in the SSIE department
 - Current work with Kevin Stoltz, Grant Generaux, Prof. Sayama
 - Next work with you?
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Thank you

