# The Effects of Higher-Order Structures in Social Systems

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What is the role of structural correlations in Directed Hypergraphs?

#### Directed Hypergraphs



Multiset of directed hyperedges

Directed hyperedges have heads and tails

One-to-one mapping with directed bipartite graphs

Left nodes are h-vertices Right nodes are h-edges





# What is a Null Model?

P "some" properties of the observed structure



structures satisfying those properties but otw random (ensemble)



null model

 $\pi$  is a probability distribution over Z

Canonical Ensemble: constraints are satisfied on expectation

Micro-canonical Ensemble: constraints are enforced exactly

## **Directed Hypergraph Configuration Model**



## **Directed JOINT Hypergraph Model**



# Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



Markov Graph (MG) strongly connected and aperiodic  $\mathbb{Q}$ Markov Chain (MC) is ergodic  $\mathbb{Q}$ MC eventually samples from Z with dist.  $\pi$ 

#### Parity Swap Operation: NuDHy-Degs



The PSO is a DES where edges have the same direction

#### Changes in the Node Neighborhood



#### **Restricted Parity Swap Operation: NuDHy-JOINT**



The RPSO is a PSO where sources and/or destinations have the same in/out degrees

Changes in the Node Neighborhood



## **Group Affinity for Higher-Order Relations**

Previous results on hypergraphs

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Combinatorial characterizations and impossibilities for higher-order homophily

Nate Veldt<sup>1</sup>\*, Austin R. Benson<sup>2</sup>, Jon Kleinberg<sup>2</sup>

num of groups with t nodes from class X

$$\mathbf{h}_t(X) = \frac{D_t(X)}{D(X)} = \frac{\sum_{v \in X} d_t(v)}{\sum_{v \in X} d(v)}$$
  
Affinity

extent to which entities in a certain class participate in groups with a certain number of entities from that class

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}}_t(X) = \frac{\binom{|X|-1}{t-1}\binom{n-|X|}{k-t}}{\binom{n-1}{k-1}}$$
  
Baseline

null probability of participating in groups with a certain number of entities of the same class

#### Partisanship in US Congress Bills



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When one party holds the majority of the seats the opposing party exhibits higher group affinity

"Republicans have consistently valued doctrinal purity over pragmatic deal-making"

1995: Democrats display a more unified front (they sponsor fewer bills, co-sponsor intensively)

### Partisanship in US Congress Bills

1995: Republicans engage in a higher rate of co-sponsorship... but also propose 2x bills!

2001: Democrats engage in a higher rate of co-sponsorship... but also propose more bills!

Baseline fails to consider each party's relative prevalence and each legislator's individual co-sponsoring opportunities

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#### **Effects on (non)-linear Dynamics**

#### Previous results on hypergraphs

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#### Simplicial models of social contagion

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Influential groups for seeding and sustaining nonlinear contagion in heterogeneous hypergraphs

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#### **Results on Contact Networks**

Linear Contagions: absorbing and endemic state



Structural correlations lead to reductions in the stationary prevalence compared to AMEs.

#### **Results on Contact Networks**

Linear Contagions: absorbing and endemic state

Super-linear Contagions: three solutions; one is unstable



## Resources

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