



# HashNWalk: Hash and Random Walk Based Anomaly Detection in Hyperedge Streams



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#### **Overview**

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Conclusion

### Hypergraphs are Everywhere

- Hypergraphs consist of nodes and hyperedges.
- Each hyperedge is a subset of any number of nodes.







Collaborations of Researchers

Co-purchases of Items

Joint Interactions of Proteins

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## Hypergraphs Evolve Over Time

- In many real-world scenarios, hypergraphs evolve over time.
- A hyperedge stream  $\{(e_i, t_i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of hyperedges.



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## **Anomalies in Hypergraphs**

- We focus on two intuitive aspects: **unexpectedness** and **burstiness**.
  - Unexpected hyperedges consist of unnatural combinations of nodes.
  - Bursty hyperedges repeat in a short period of time.



#### **Problem Definition**

• We formalize the **hyperedge anomaly detection** problem as follow:

Given a stream  $\mathcal{E} = \{(e_i, t_i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of hyperedges, detect anomalous hyperedges,

whose structural or temporal properties deviate from general patterns, in

near real-time using constant space.

## Hypergraph Random Walk

• Typically, a **random walk on a hypergraph** *G* is formulated as:

If the current node is *u*,

- ① Select a hyperedge e that contains node u (i.e.,  $u \in e$ ) with probability proportional to the weight  $\omega(e)$ .
- ② Select a node  $v \in e$  with probability **uniformly at random**.
- 3 Walk to node v.



## Hypergraph Random Walk (cont.)

- However, this is equivalent to the random walks on clique expansion.
- Clique expansion suffers from the loss of information on high-order interactions.



Random walk on a hypergraph

Random walk on a **clique expansion** 

## Hypergraph Random Walk (cont.)

• Edge-dependent vertex weight-based random walk is designed as:

If the current node is *u*,

- ① Select a hyperedge e that contains node u (i.e.,  $u \in e$ ) with probability proportional to the weight  $\omega(e)$ .
- ② Select a node  $v \in e$  with probability uniformly at random.
- (3) Walk to node v. Proportional to the **edge-dependent vertex weight**  $\gamma_e(v)$





#### HashNWalk

- We propose HashNWalk, a fast and space-efficient algorithm for detecting anomalies in a hyperedge stream.
- We maintain a hypergraph summary matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$  where  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{A,B}$  is the random walk transition probability from supernode A to supernode B.



## HashNWalk (cont.)

- Once the hypergraph summary  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$  is updated at time t, it is compared with the previous summary (< t).
- We define scoring functions score<sub>U</sub> and score<sub>B</sub> to detect unexpected and bursty hyperedges, respectively.



### **Experimental Settings**

• We use various real-world and semi-real hypergraphs to evaluate HashNWalk.





#### **Experimental Results**

- HashNWalk is accurate and fast.
  - 3 datasets: Transaction (real-world), SemiU (semi-real), and SemiB (semi-real)
  - 4 competitors: SedanSpot, MIDAS, F-FADE, and LSH



## **Experimental Results (cont.)**

- Case study in **DBLP hypergraph** 
  - HashNWalk captures different co-working styles of researchers.



Some authors deviate from the general pattern.



Dr. Fu and Dr. Sakamoto differ in their co-working patterns.

## **Experimental Results (cont.)**

- Case study in **cite-patent hypergraph** 
  - HashNWalk captures anomalous patents.



Unexpected & bursty hyperedges have different properties.

Patent 1 cited multiple patents that have not been cited together before. Patents 5 – 7 cited almost the same set of patents.

#### Conclusion

• We propose HashNWalk an online anomaly detector for hyperedge streams.

HashNWalk is:

- ✓ Fast: It takes near real-time to process each new hyperedge.
- ✓ Space Efficient: The size of the hypergraph summary is a predefined constant.
- ✓ Accurate: It successfully detects anomalous hyperedges in real-world hypergraphs.

Code & datasets: <u>https://github.com/geonlee0325/HashNWalk</u>





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