



Attributed Hypergraph Generation with Realistic Interplay Between Structure and Attributes



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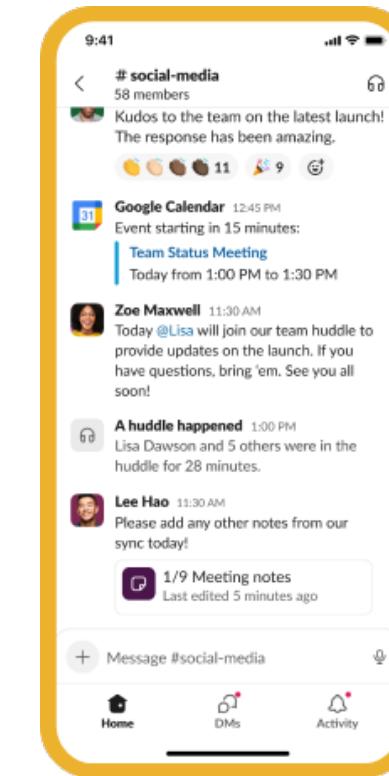
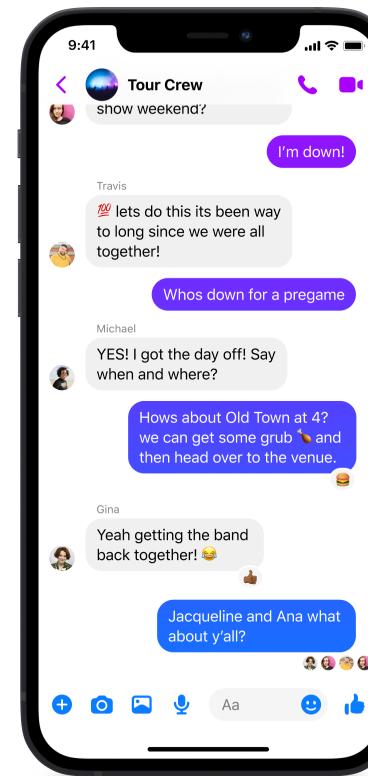
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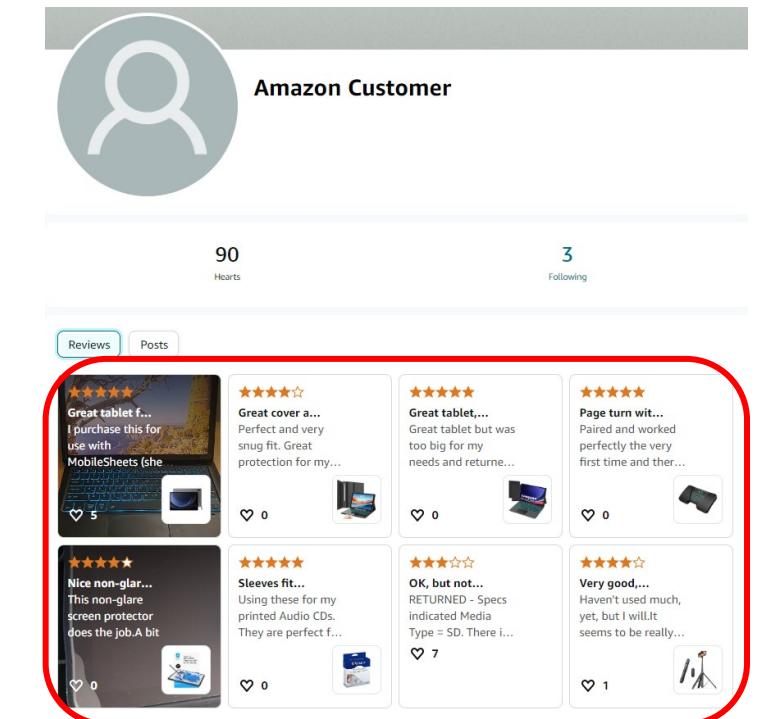
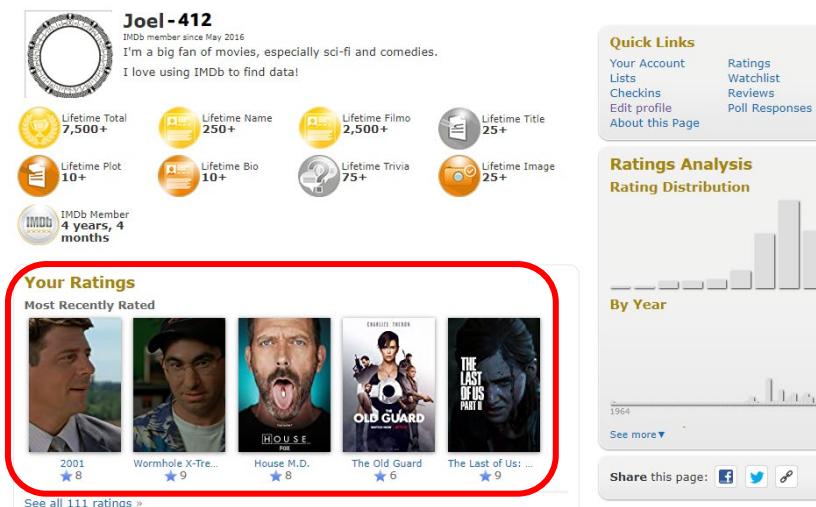
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Hypergraphs: Model for Group Interactions

- Hypergraphs model group interactions among individuals or objects using hyperedges.

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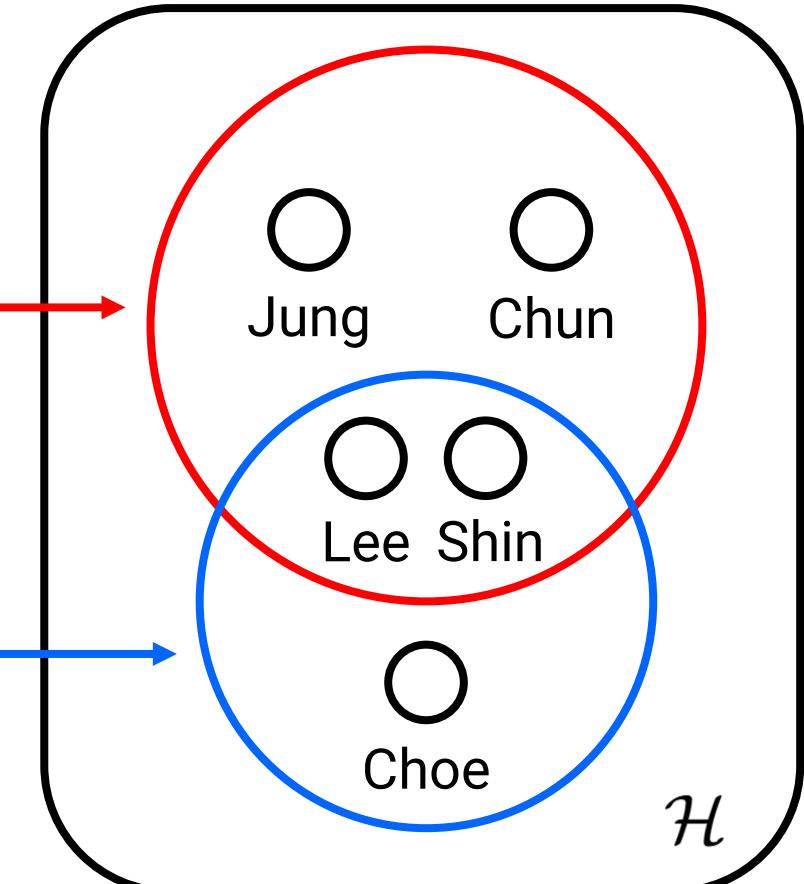
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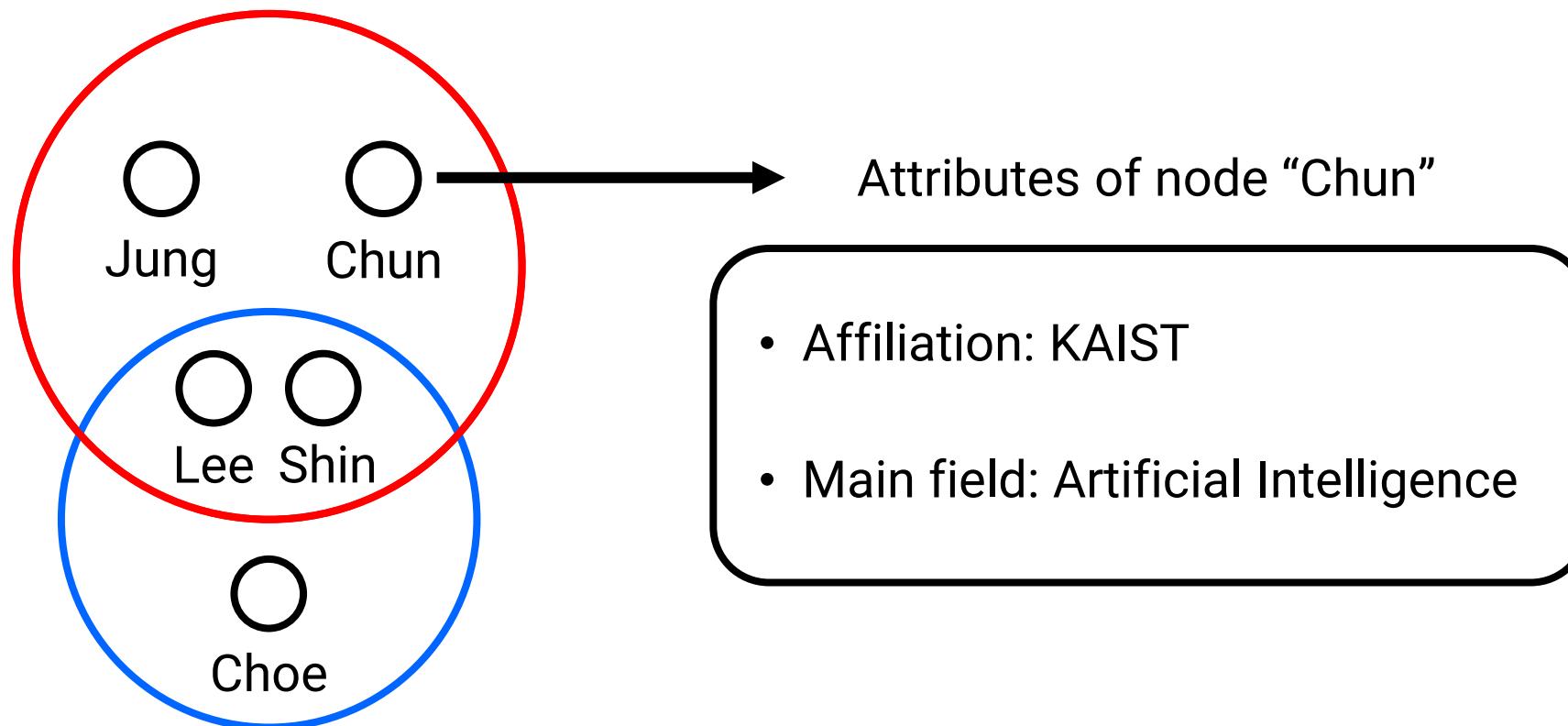
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- Hypergraph generative models are tools to generate realistic synthetic hypergraphs.
- They explicitly incorporate mechanisms underlying hyperedge formation:
 - HyperPA [3] generalizes the preferential attachment model from graphs to hypergraphs.
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 - Hyperedge prediction [19]
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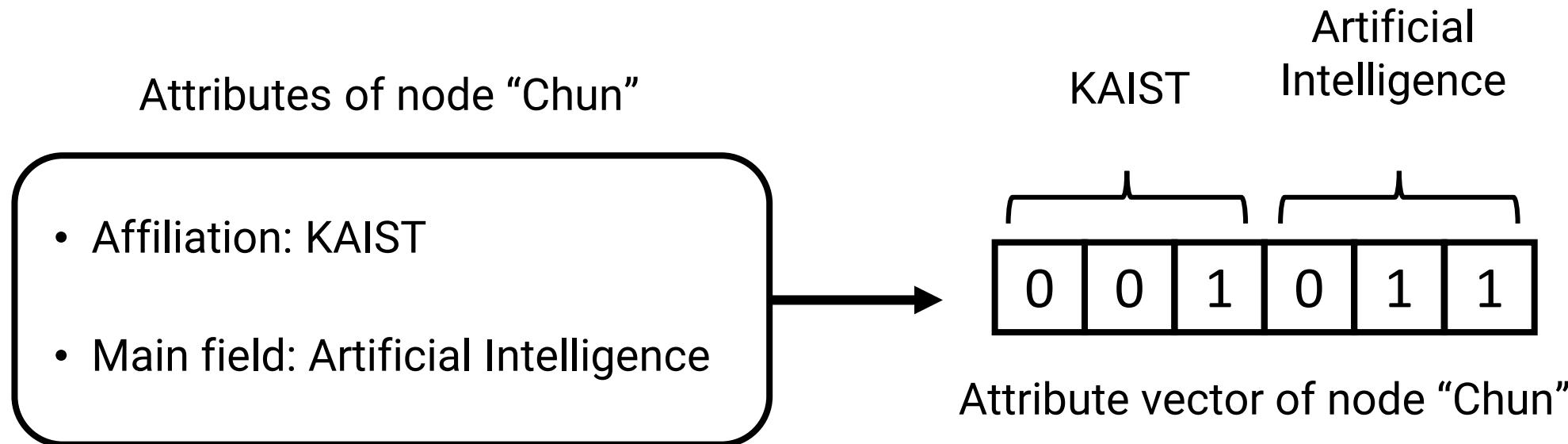
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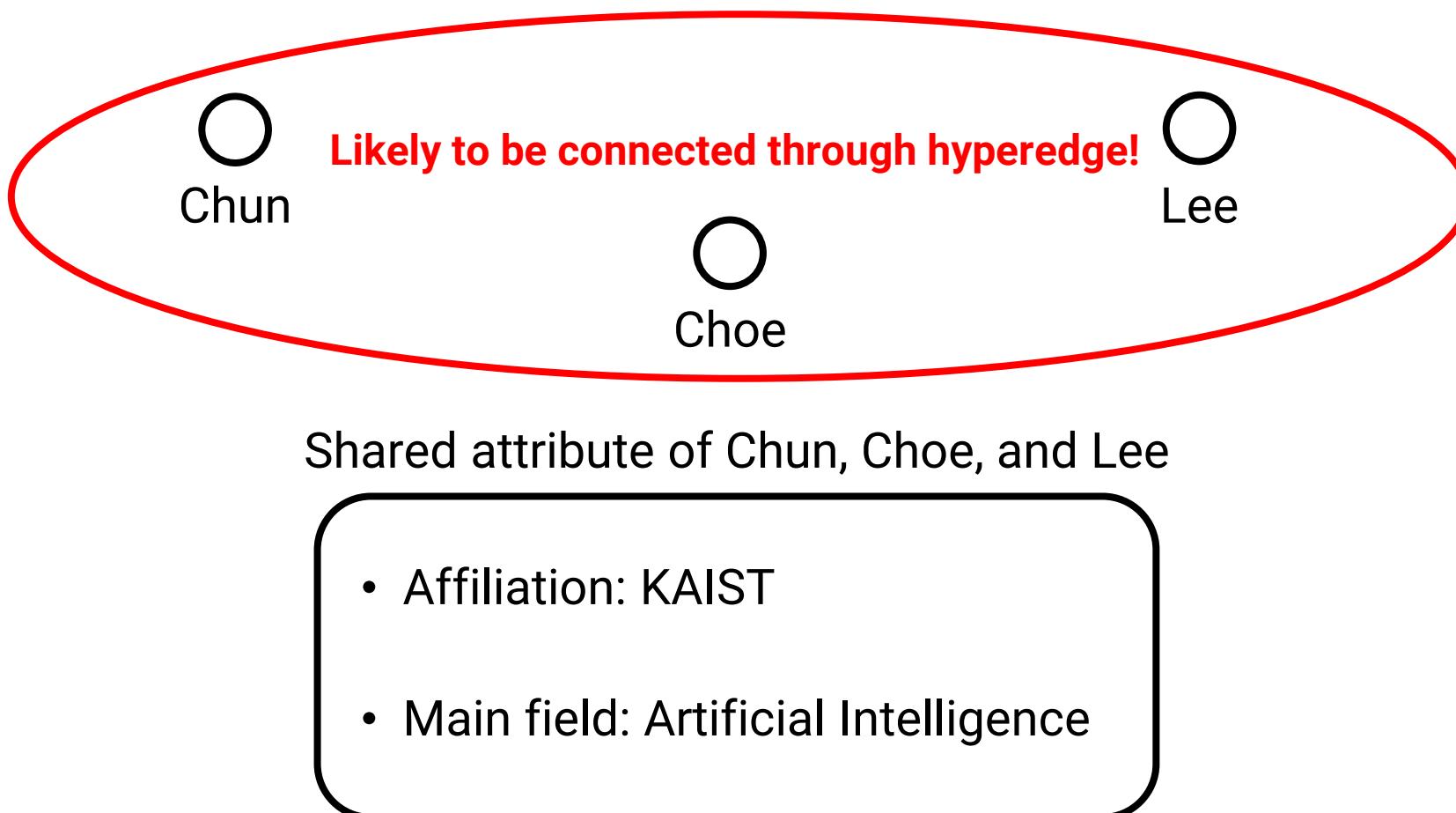
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- In this work, we use **binary attribute vector**, since we can convert other types to binary:
 - Continuous → thresholding
 - Categorical → one-hot encoding

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 - NoAH (fitted by NoAHFit) experimentally show:
 - Superior modeling of **structure-attribute interplay** compared to existing generators.
 - **Scalability** with the number of hyperedges and attributes.

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Preliminary Model: Multiplicative Attributed Graph (MAG) Model

- There exist attributed-based models for pairwise graphs.
- Particularly, the **Multiplicative Attributed Graph (MAG) model** [6] aims to capture how node attributes affect edge formation in pairwise graphs.

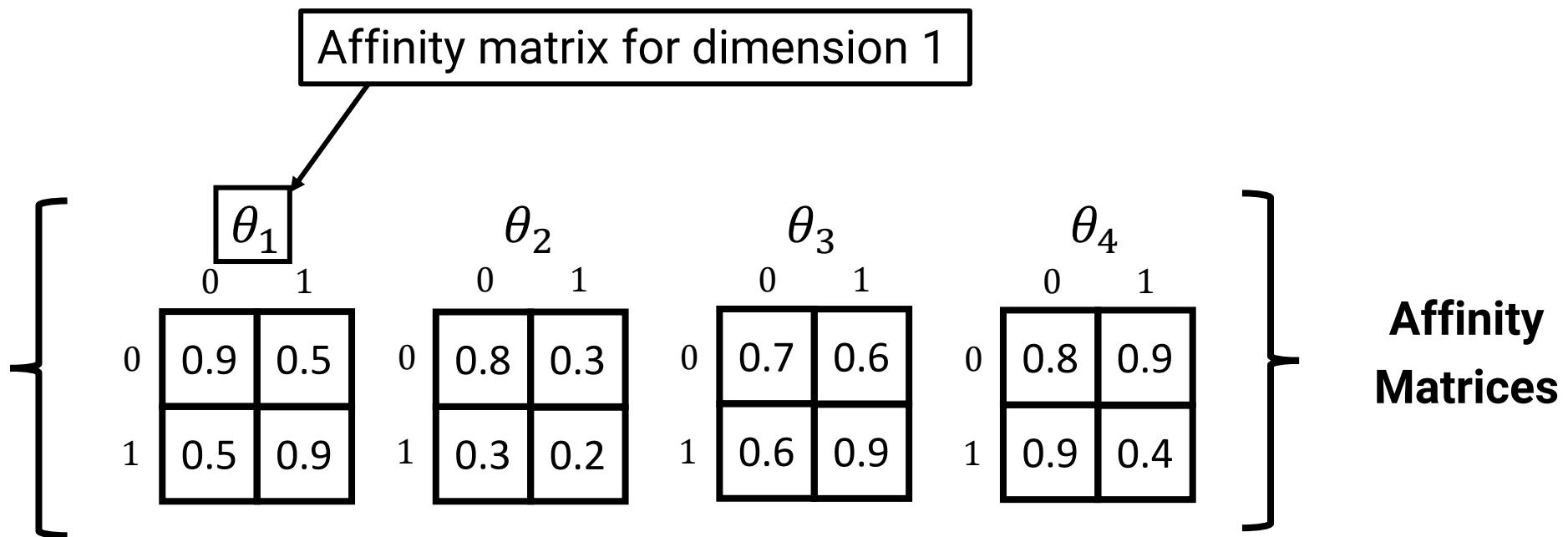
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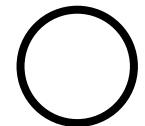
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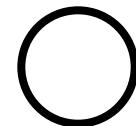


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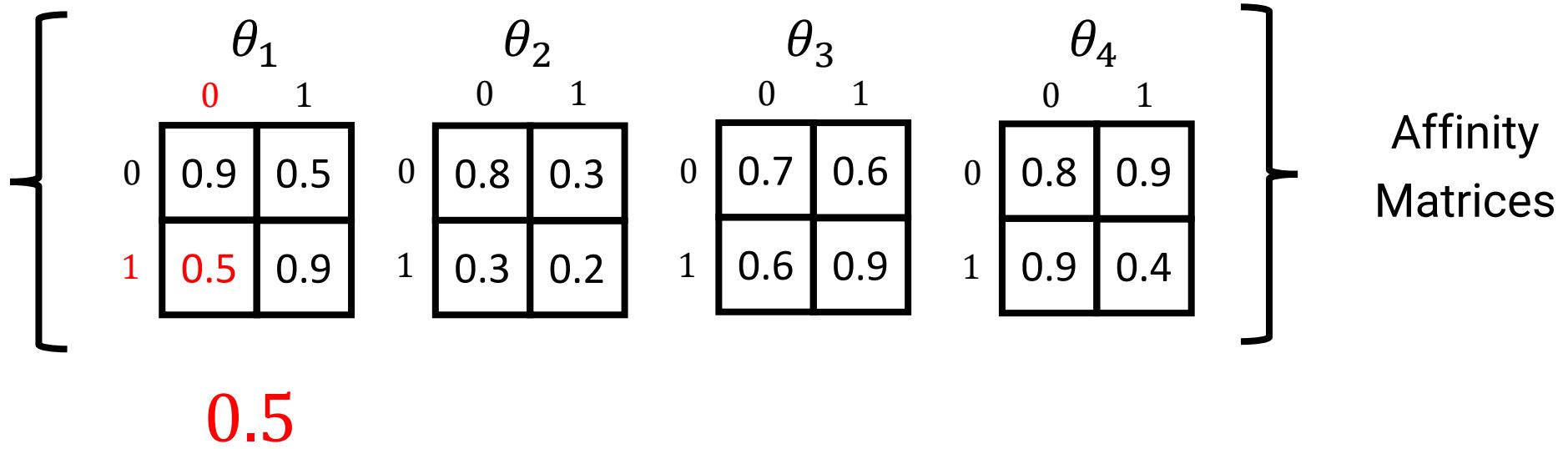
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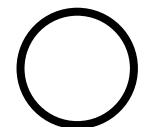
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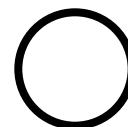
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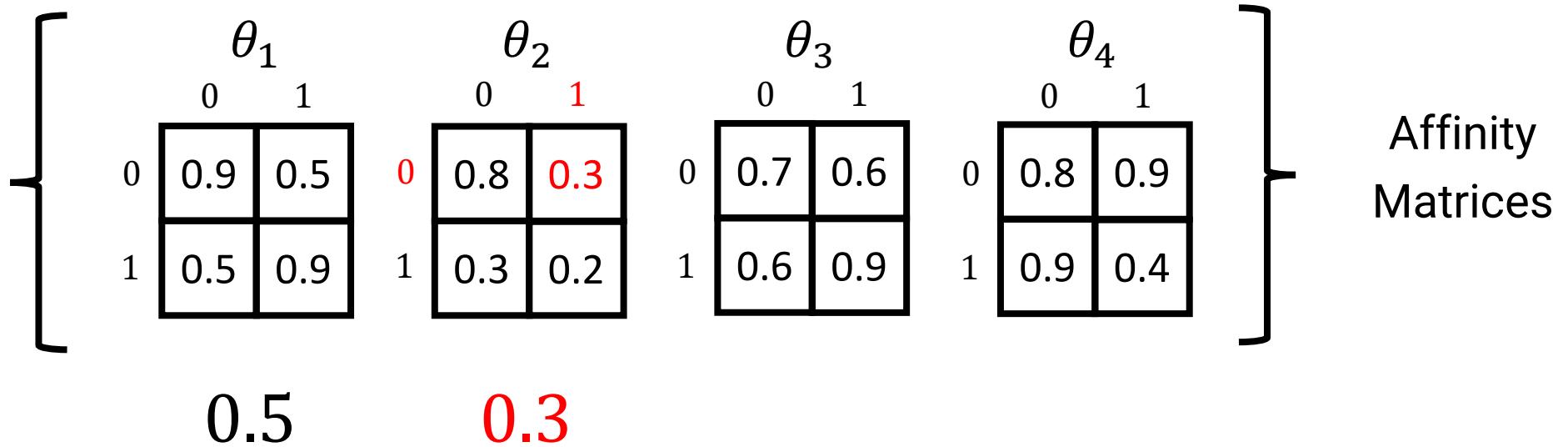
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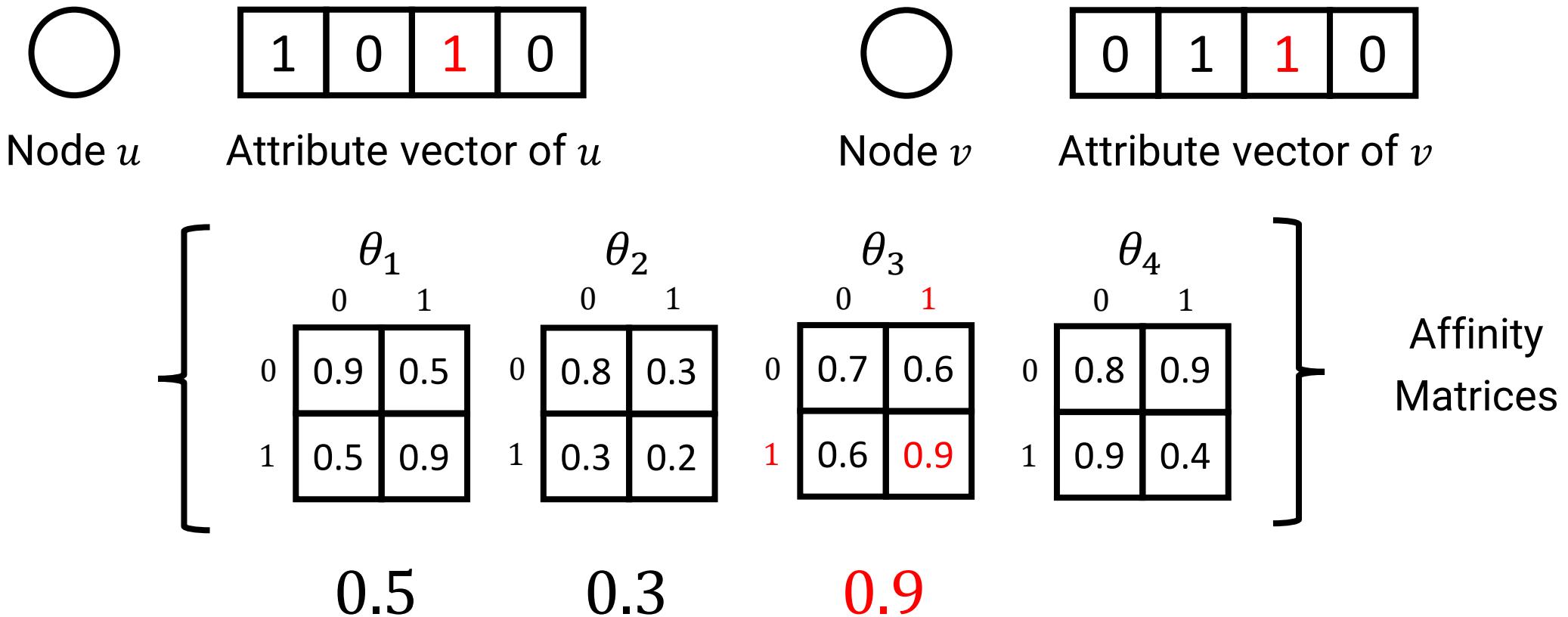
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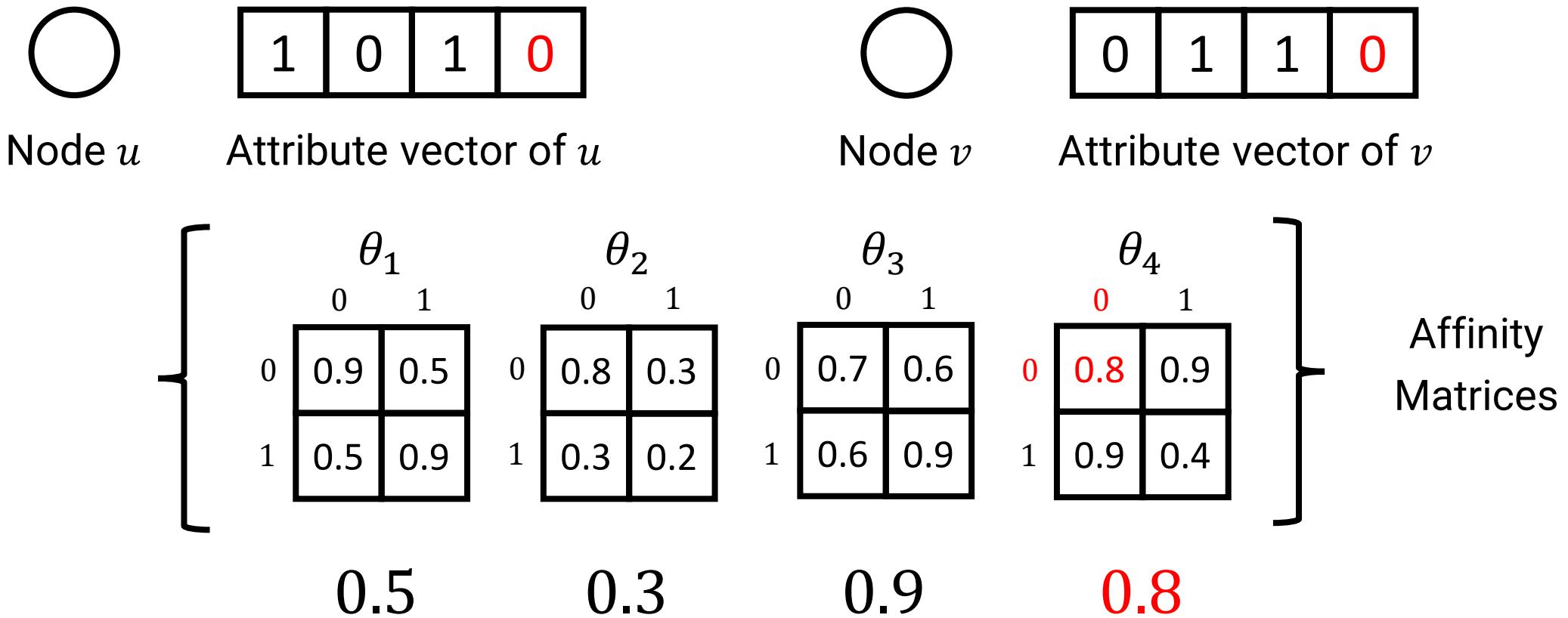
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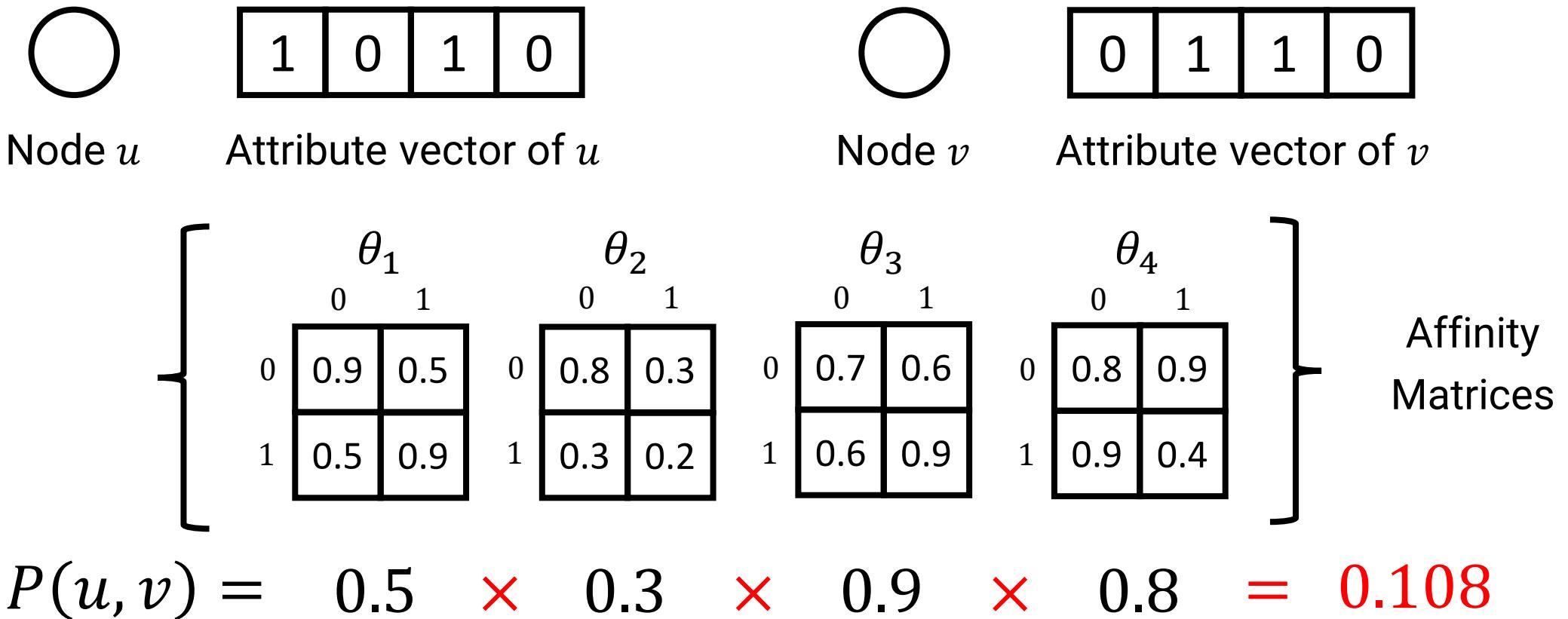
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- k : the dimension of node attributes
- \mathbf{x}_u : attribute of node u

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- A. We utilize three measures, which can be categorized into:
 1. **Hyperedge-level** measures (affinity ratio scores and hyperedge entropy)
 - Measure how node attributes are distributed within hyperedge.
 2. **Node-level** measure (node homophily score)
 - Measure the tendency of nodes to form hyperedges with others of similar attributes.

Measure 1. Type- s Affinity Ratio Scores

- *Type- (s, t) affinity ratio score* [7] quantifies the significance of a particular attribute value appearing exactly t **times** in **size s** hyperedges.
- For attribute value v in dimension d , we compute type- (s, t) affinity ratio score as:

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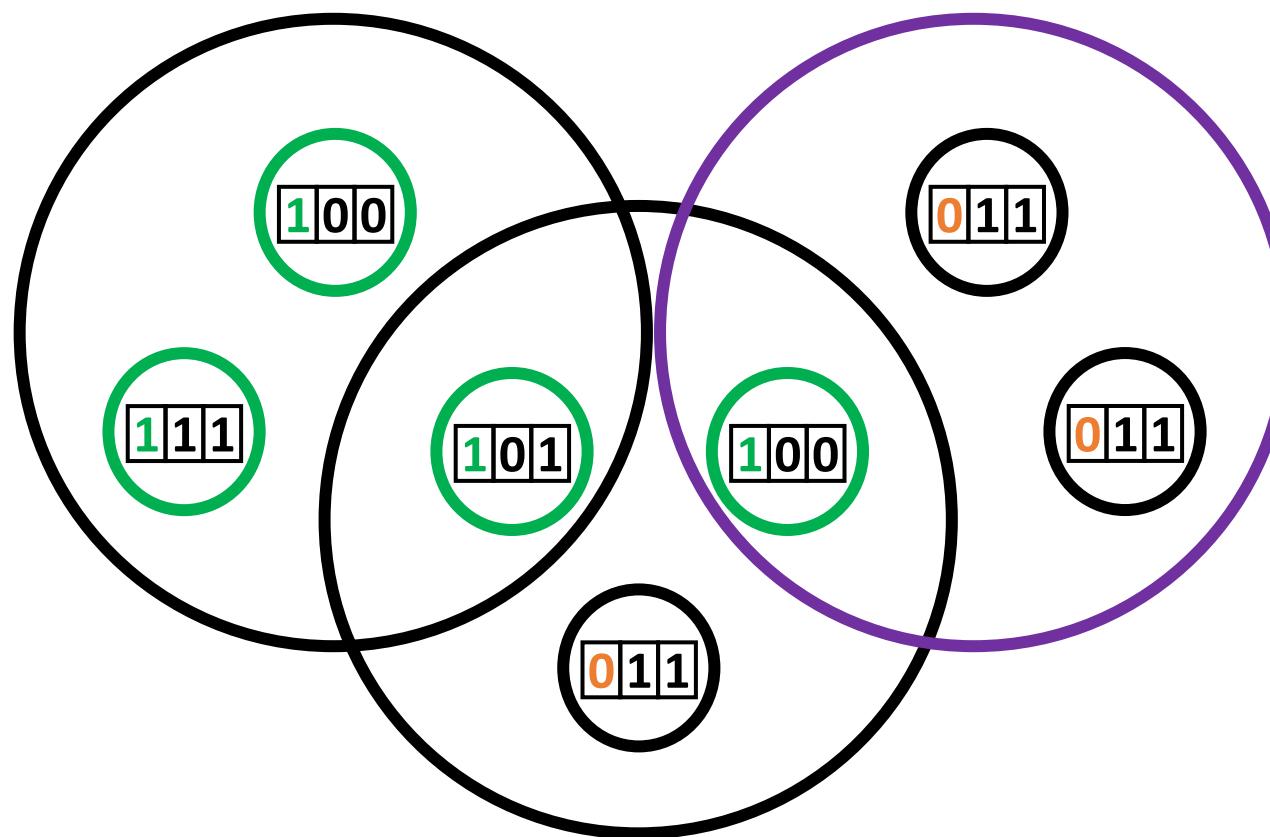
$$= \frac{\text{Observed frequency of } (d, v) \text{ nodes in } (s, t) \text{ hyperedges}}{\text{Expected frequency of } (d, v) \text{ nodes in } (s, t) \text{ hyperedges}}$$

where

- (d, v) nodes are nodes with attribute value v in dimension d .
- (s, t) hyperedges are hyperedges of size s with t nodes of value v .

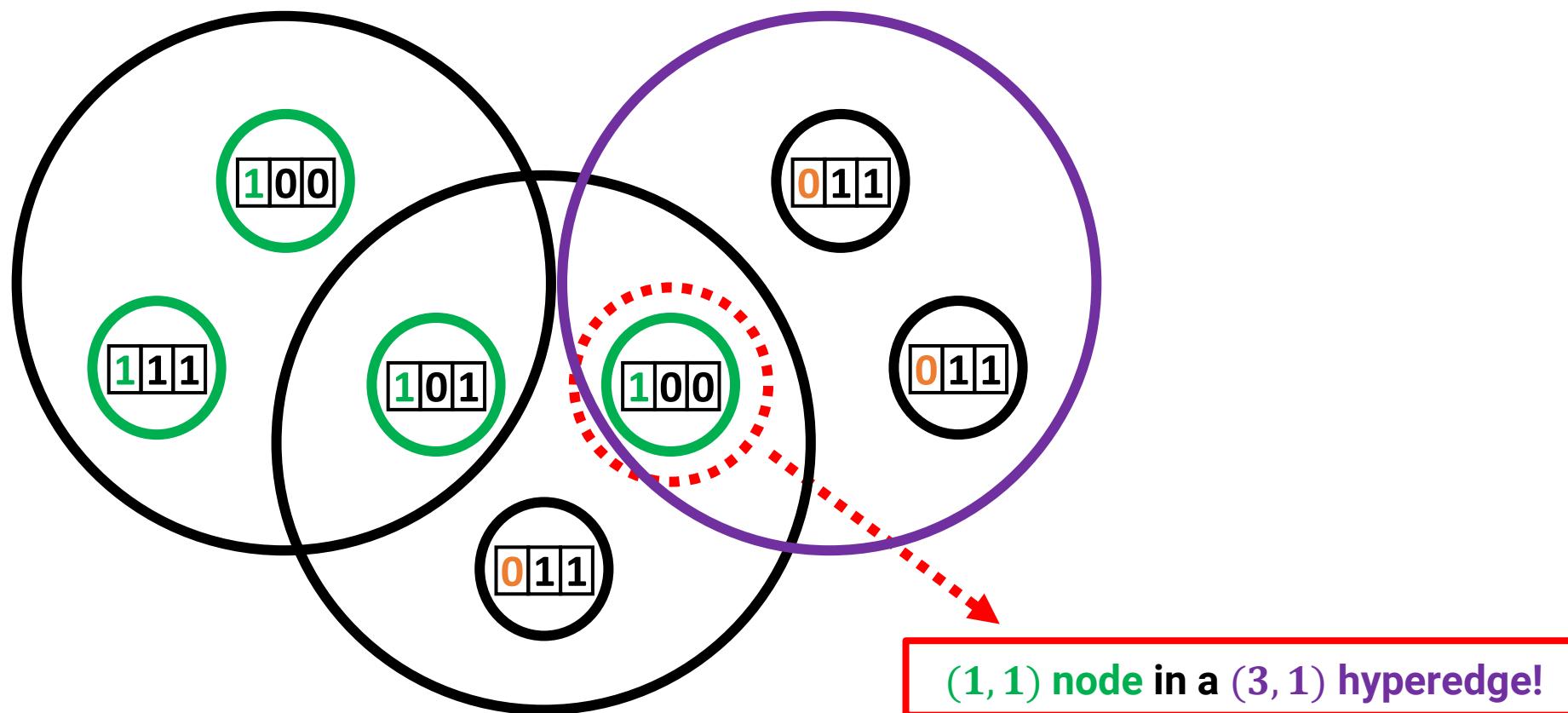
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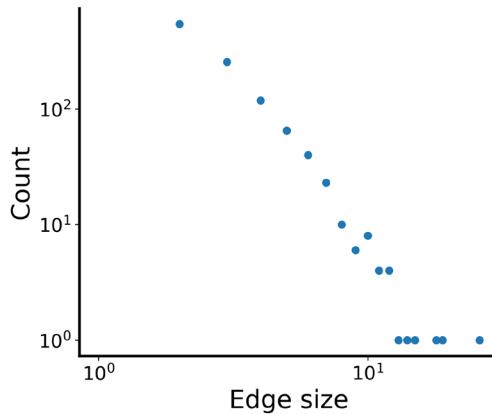


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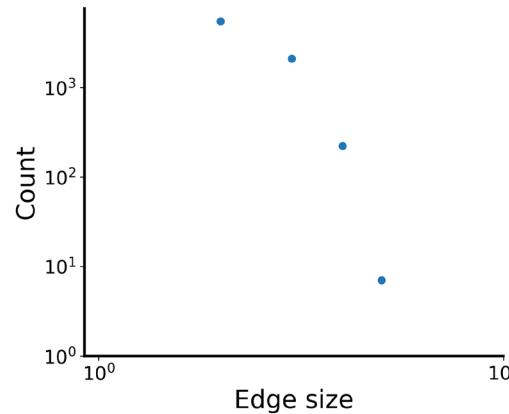
- E.g. type- (s, t) affinity ratio score for **value 1** in any attribute dimension
 - **High** ratio score
 - If $t \approx s \rightarrow$ Homophily w.r.t. **value 1**
 - If $t \ll s \rightarrow$ Homophily w.r.t. **value 0**
 - **Low** ratio score
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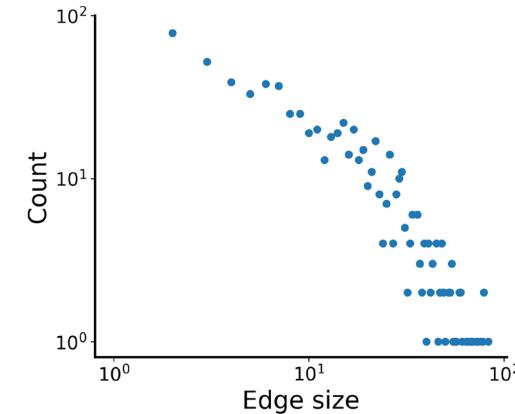
- We denote type- (s, t) affinity ratio scores from $t = 1$ to $t = s$ as *type- s affinity ratio scores*.
- We consider hyperedge size $s \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ (each denoted as **T2**, **T3**, and **T4**).
 - Most hyperedges in real world are small sized.



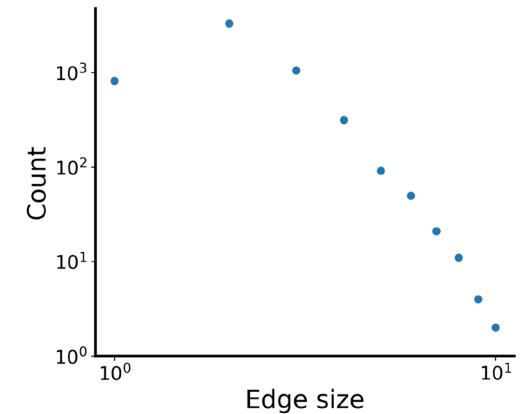
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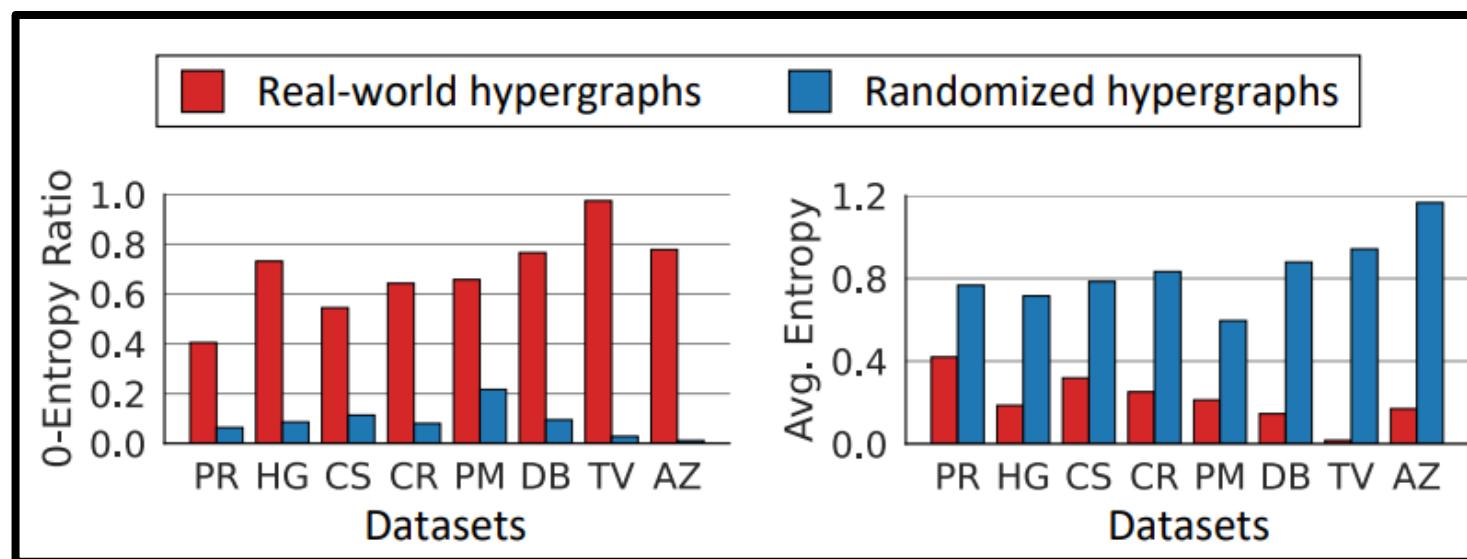
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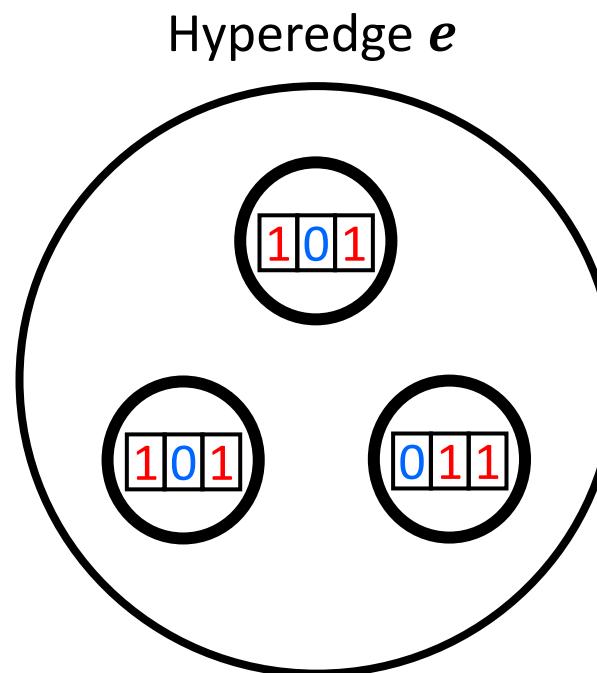
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 - Note) labels are also node attributes.



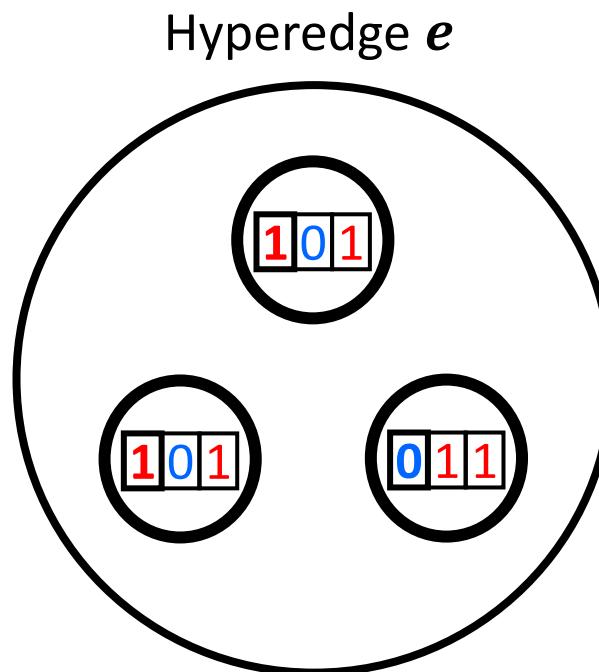
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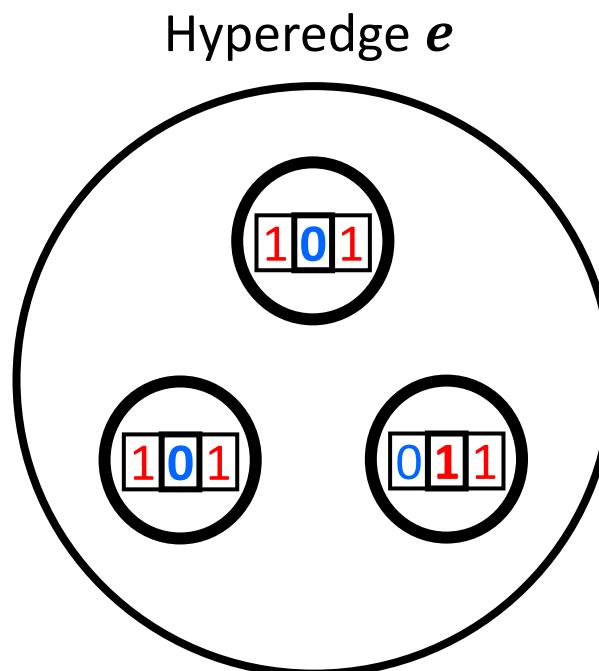
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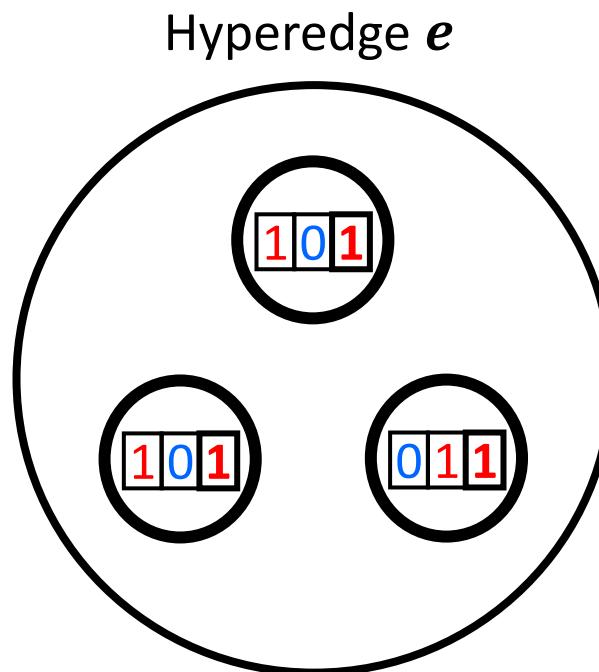


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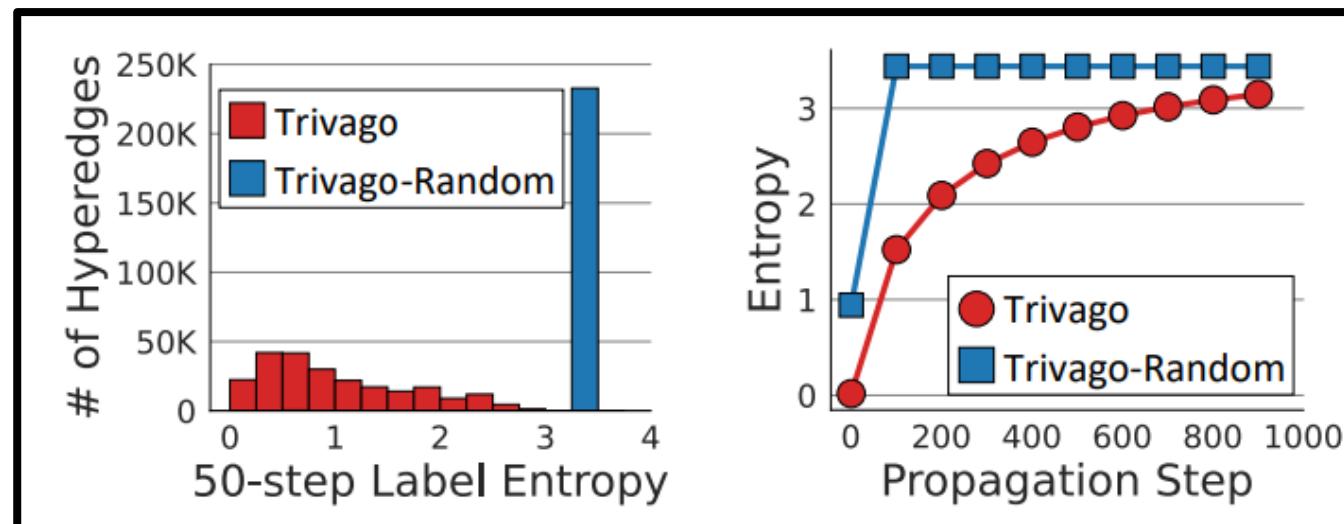
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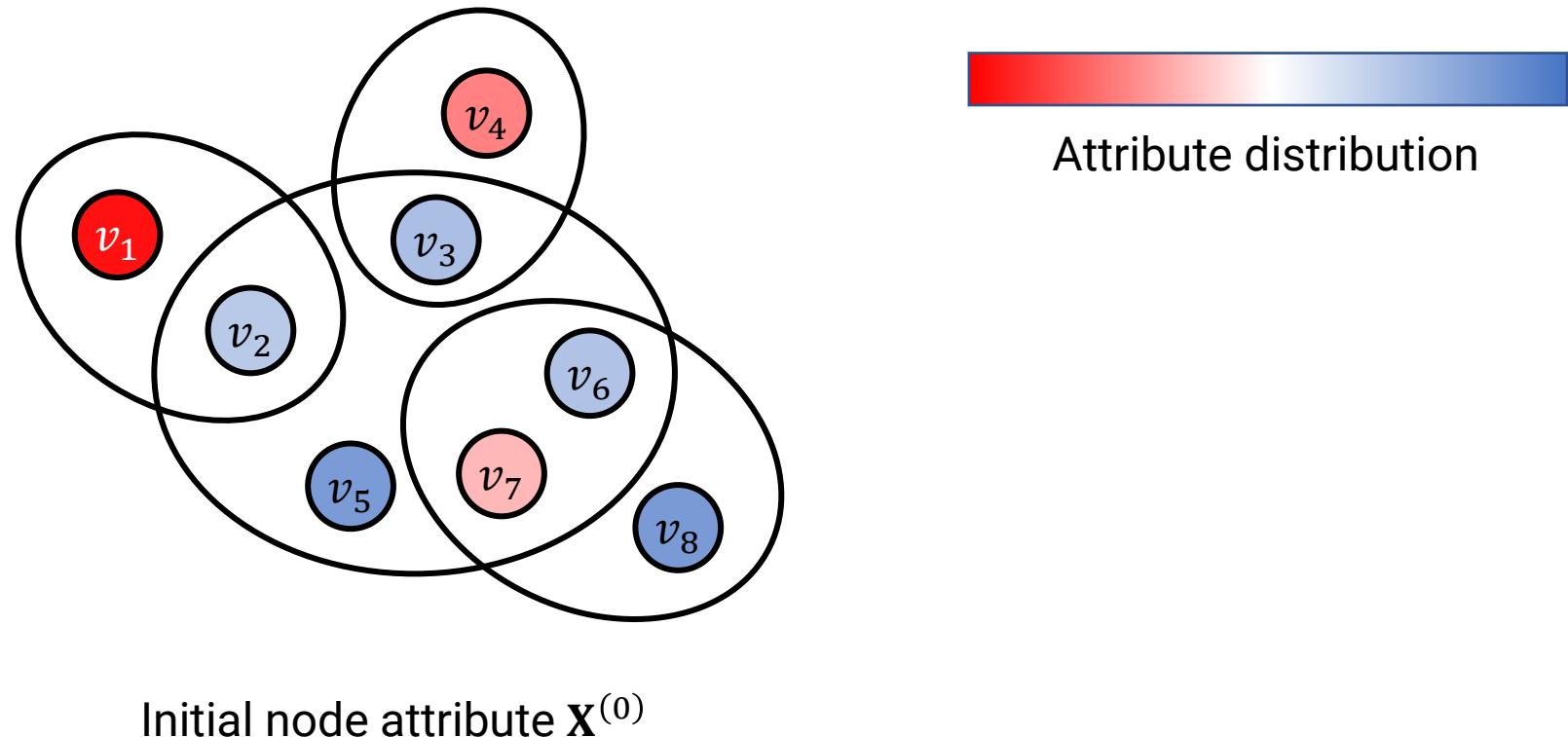
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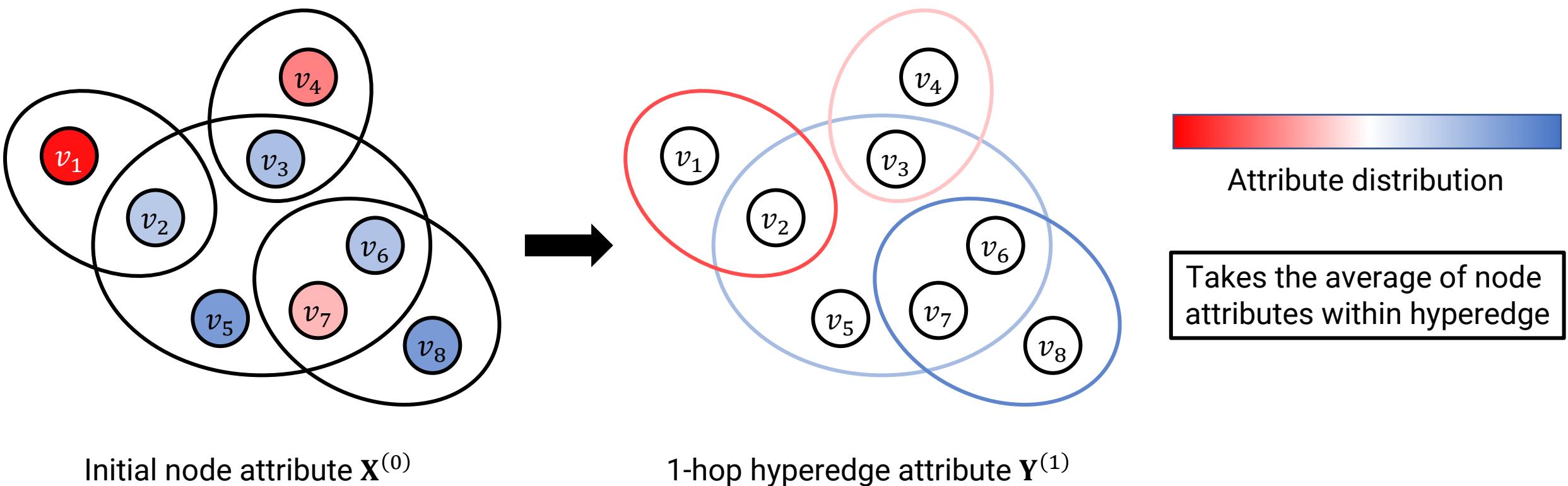
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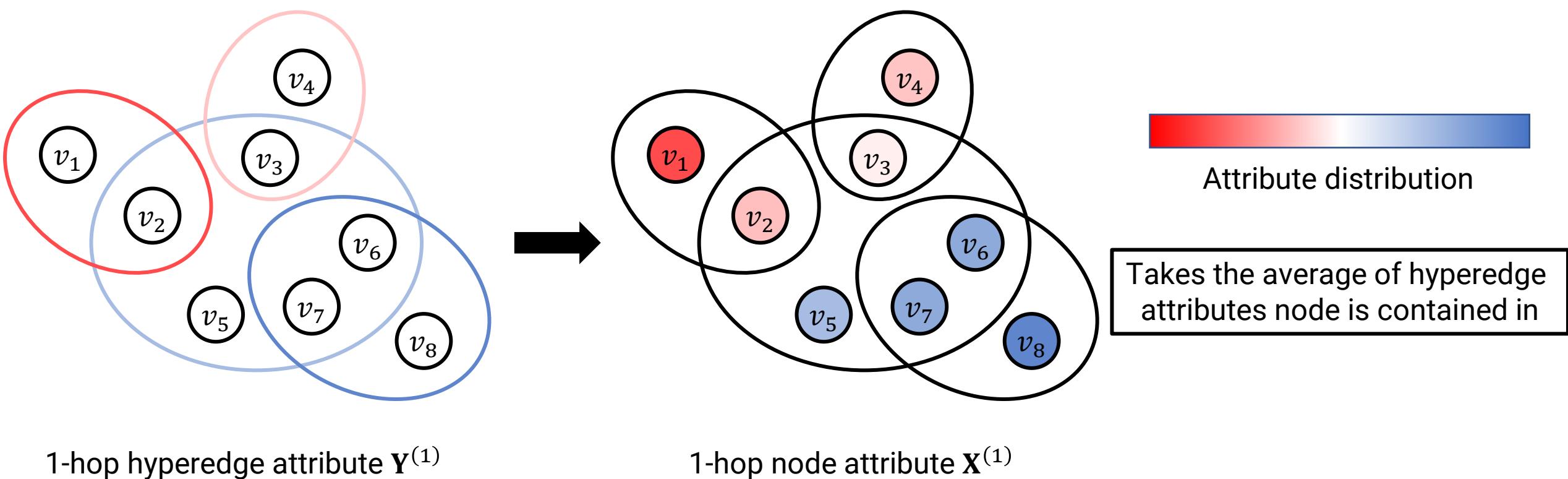
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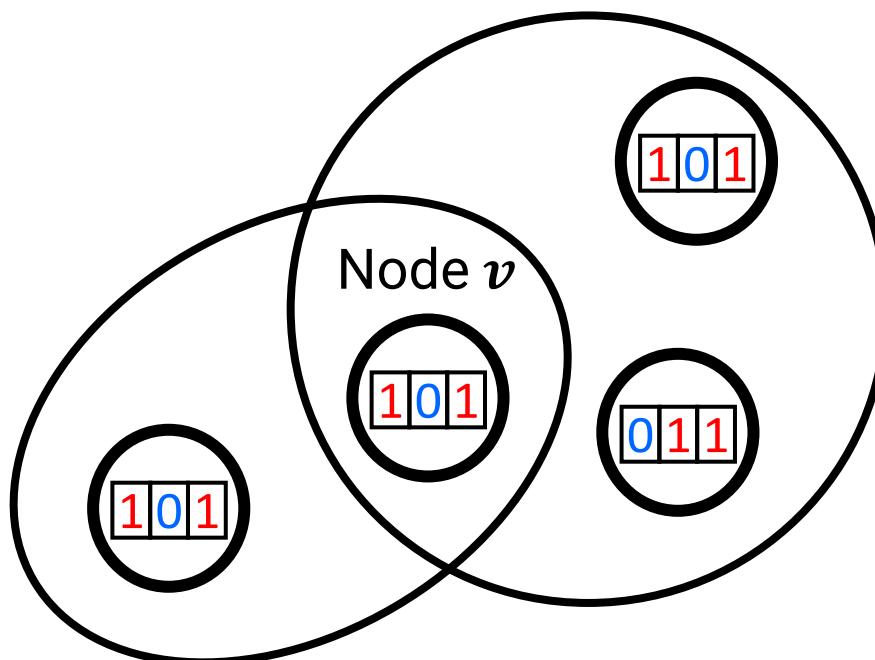


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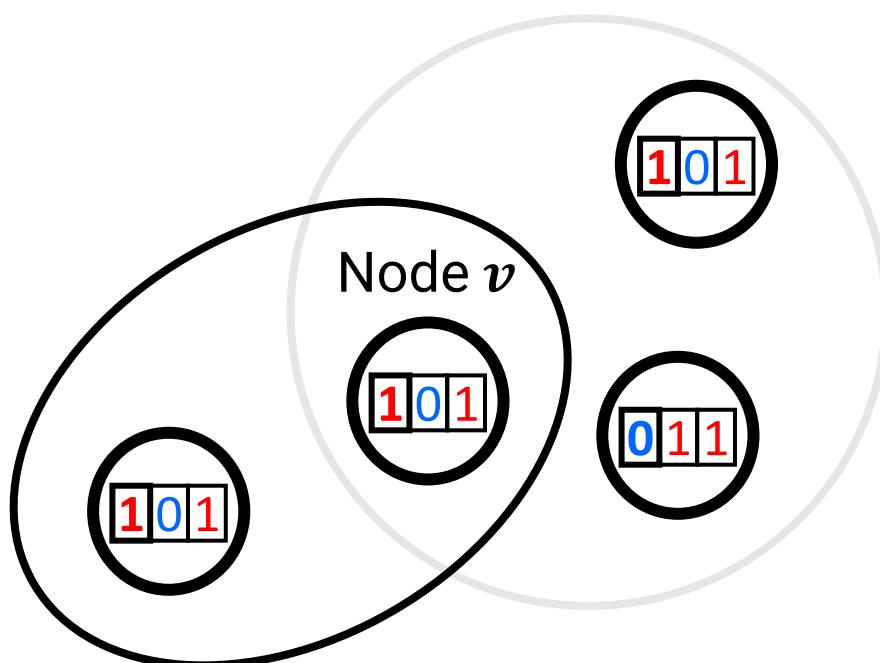
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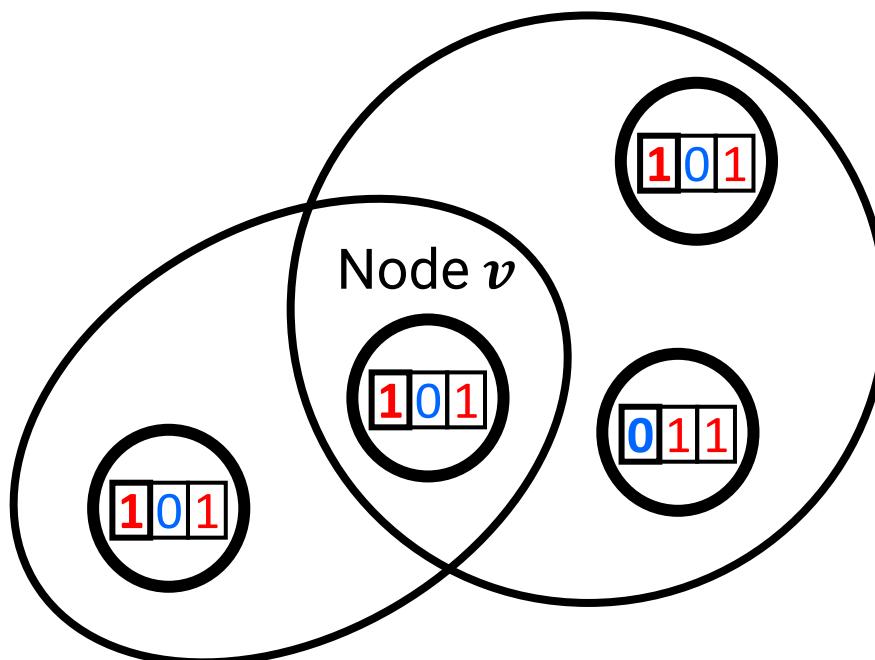
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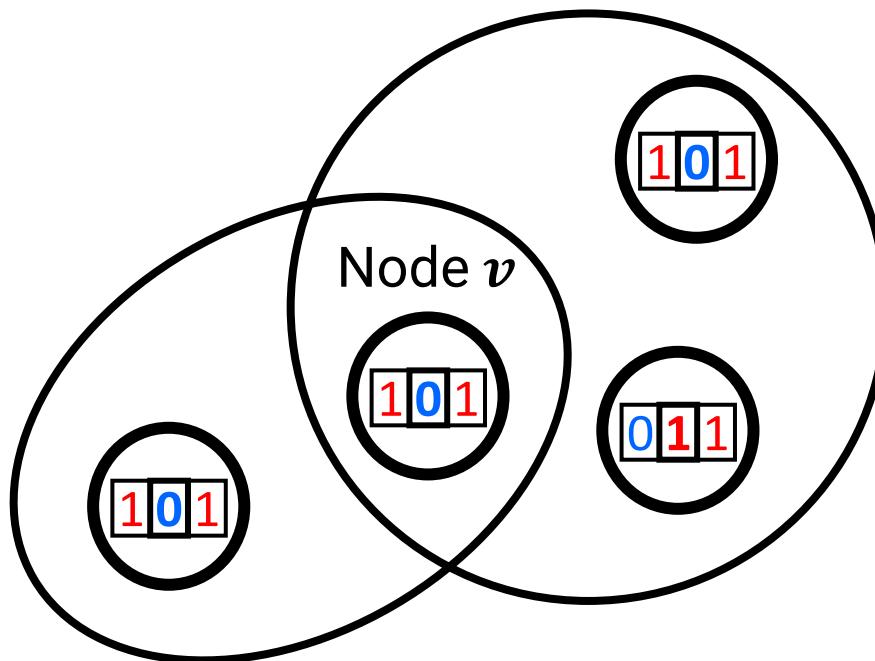


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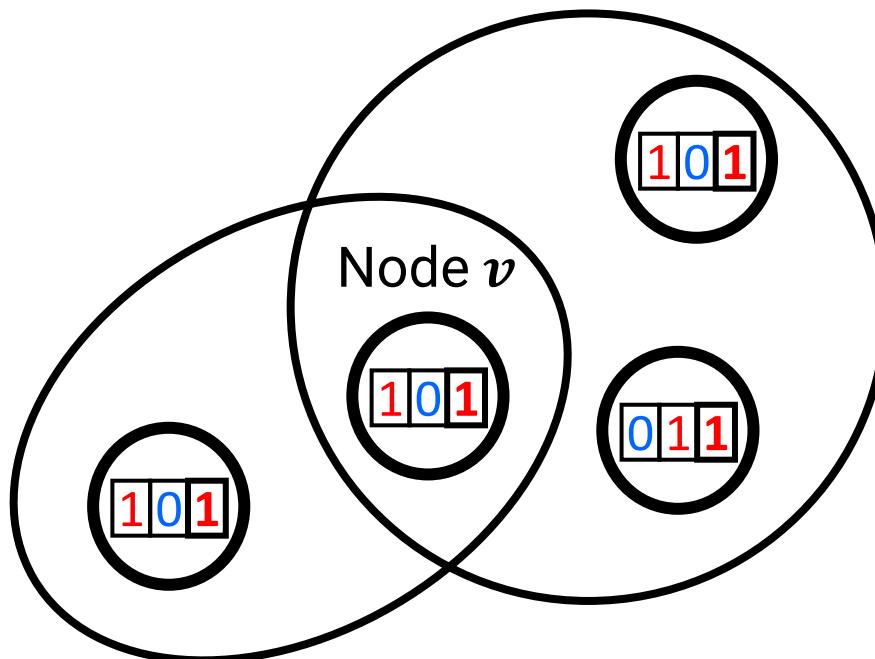


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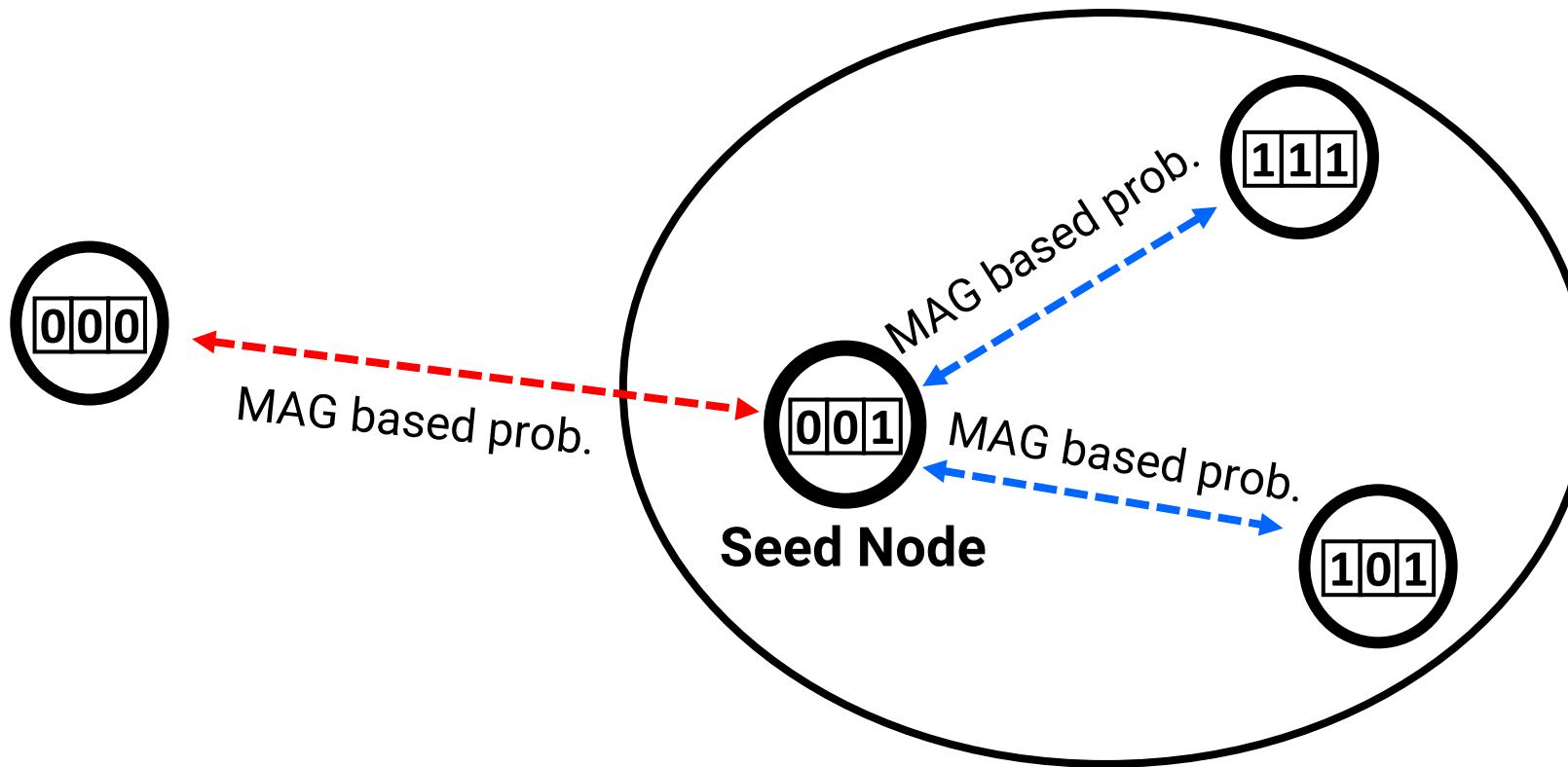


NoAH: Node Attribute based Hypergraph Generator

- In this work, we propose **NoAH: Node Attribute based Hypergraph Generator**.
- NoAH aims to generate realistic hypergraphs that capture the **interplay between structure and attribute** observed in real-world hypergraphs.
- NoAH is built on three key ideas.

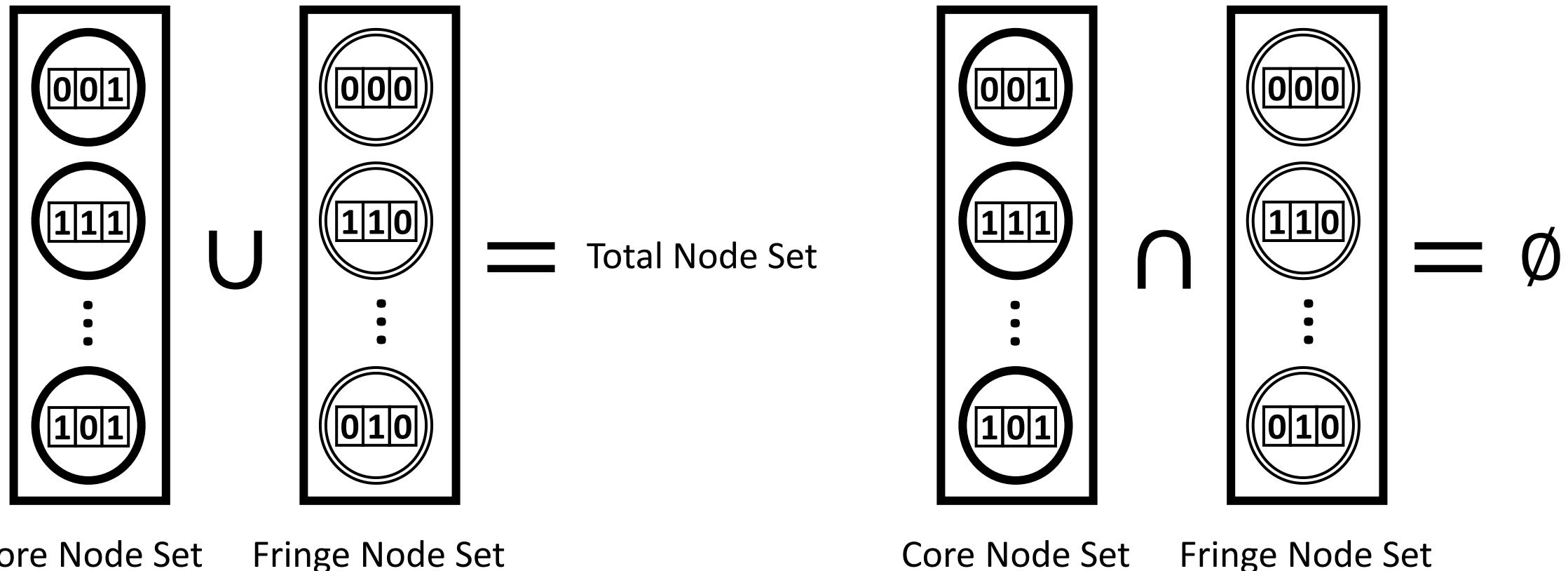
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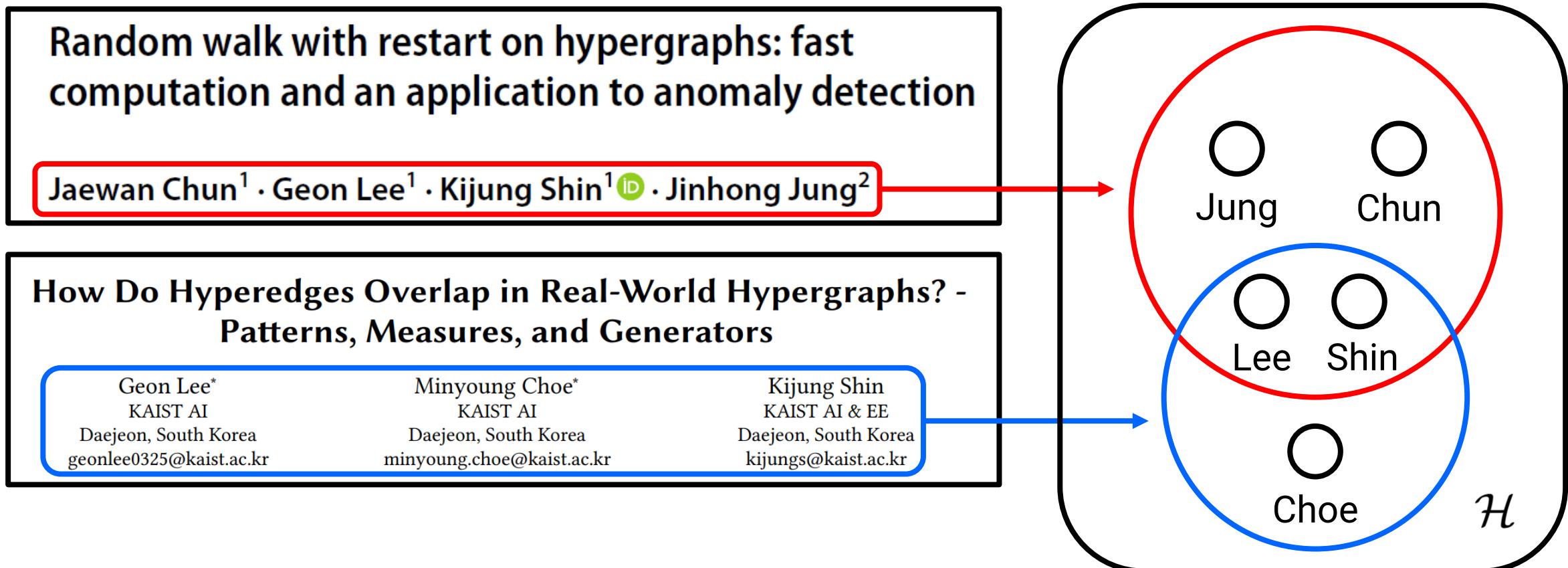
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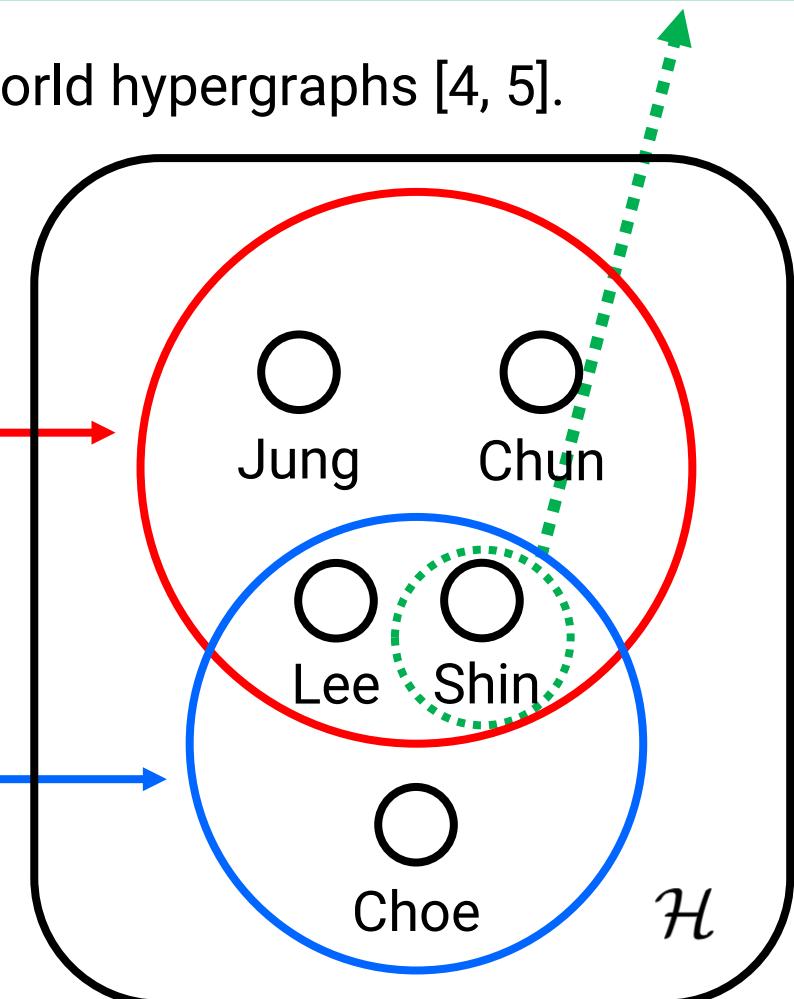
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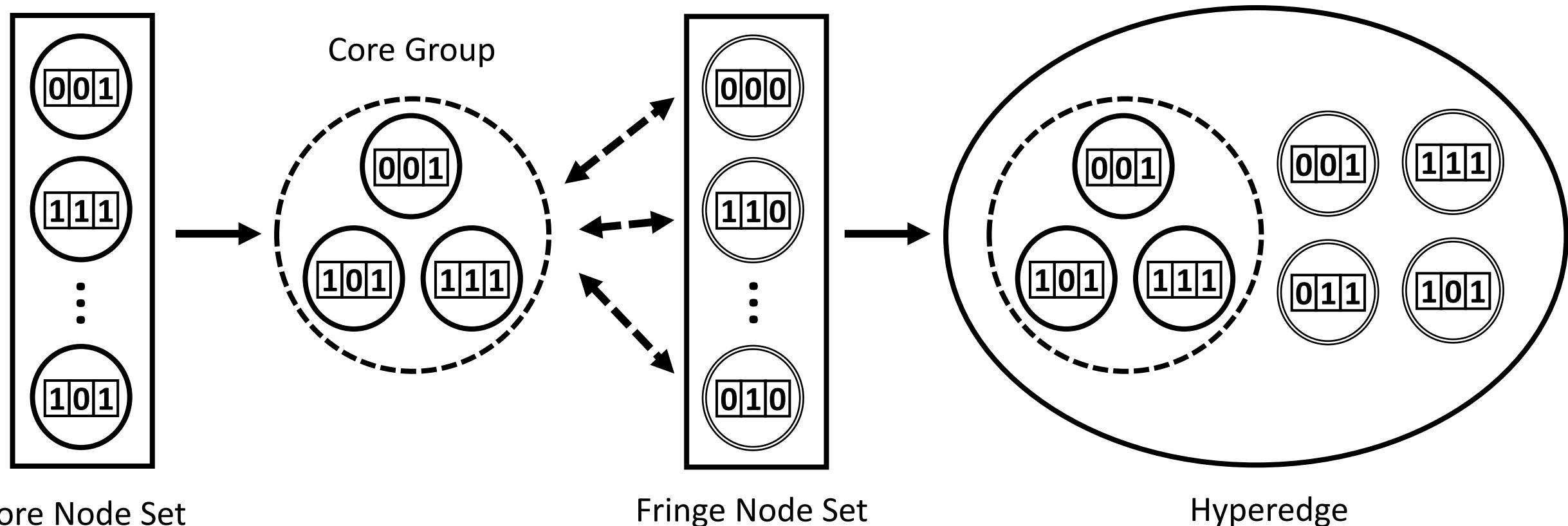
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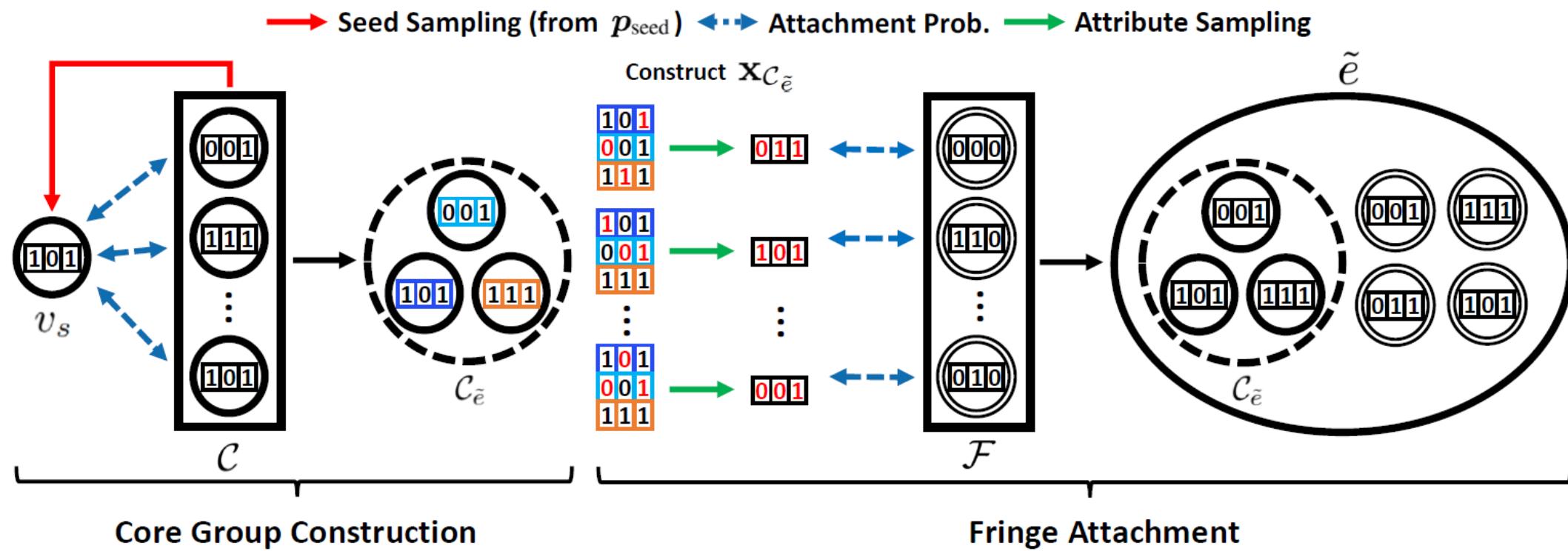
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- **Idea 3.** We model the formation of each hyperedge as a series of attachments.
 - NoAH reduces computational complexity via incremental construction.



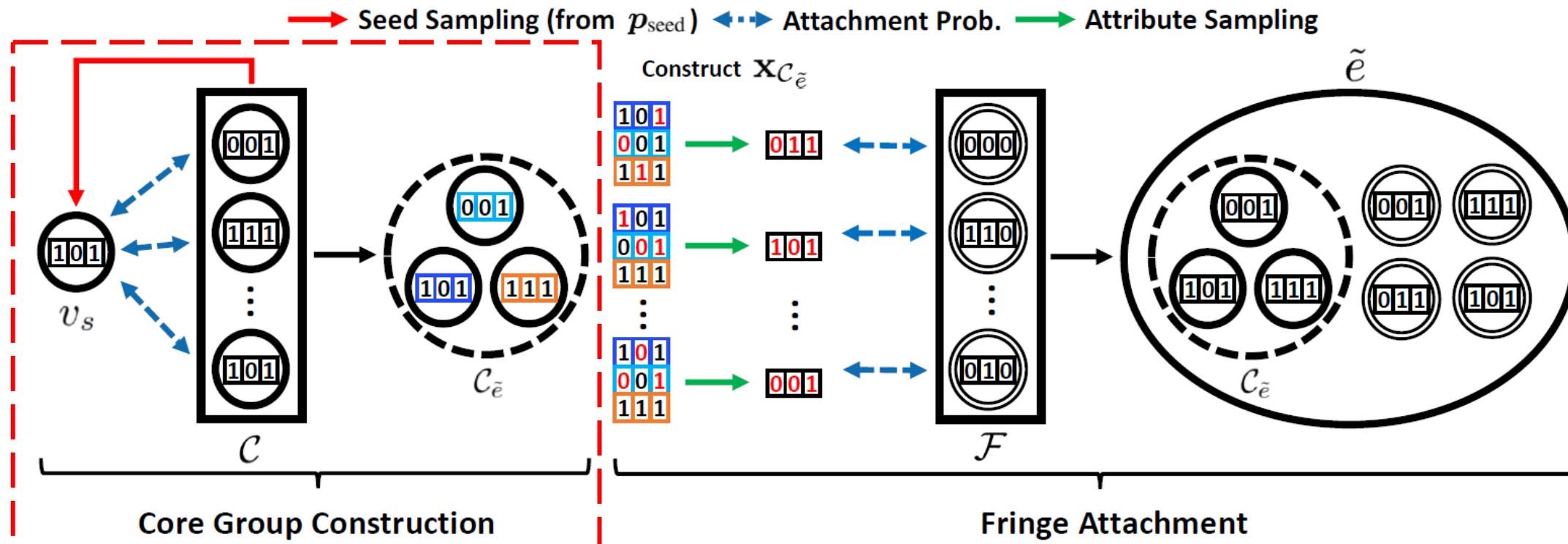
Details of NoAH

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 1. Core group construction
 2. Fringe attachment



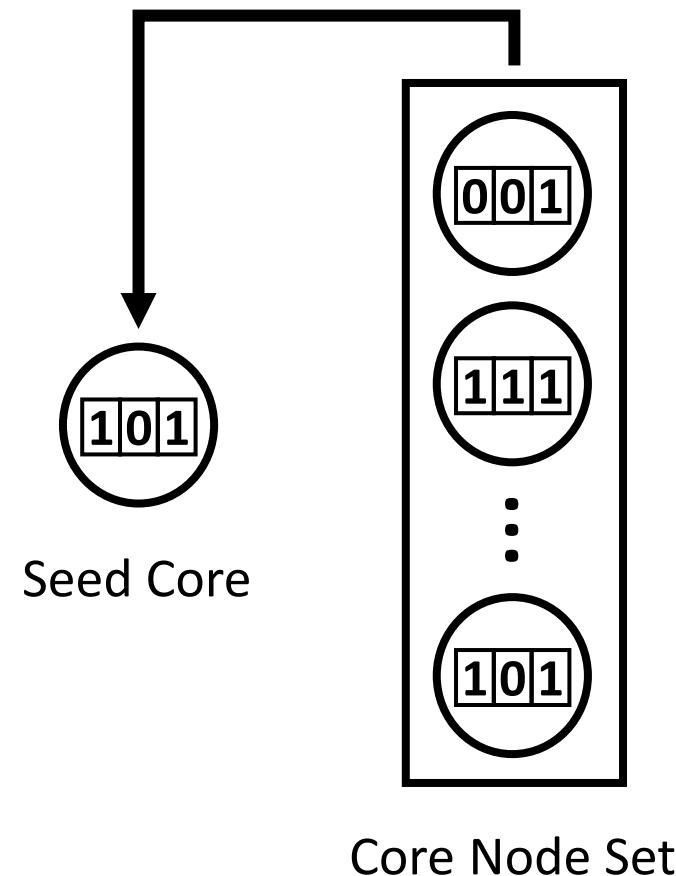
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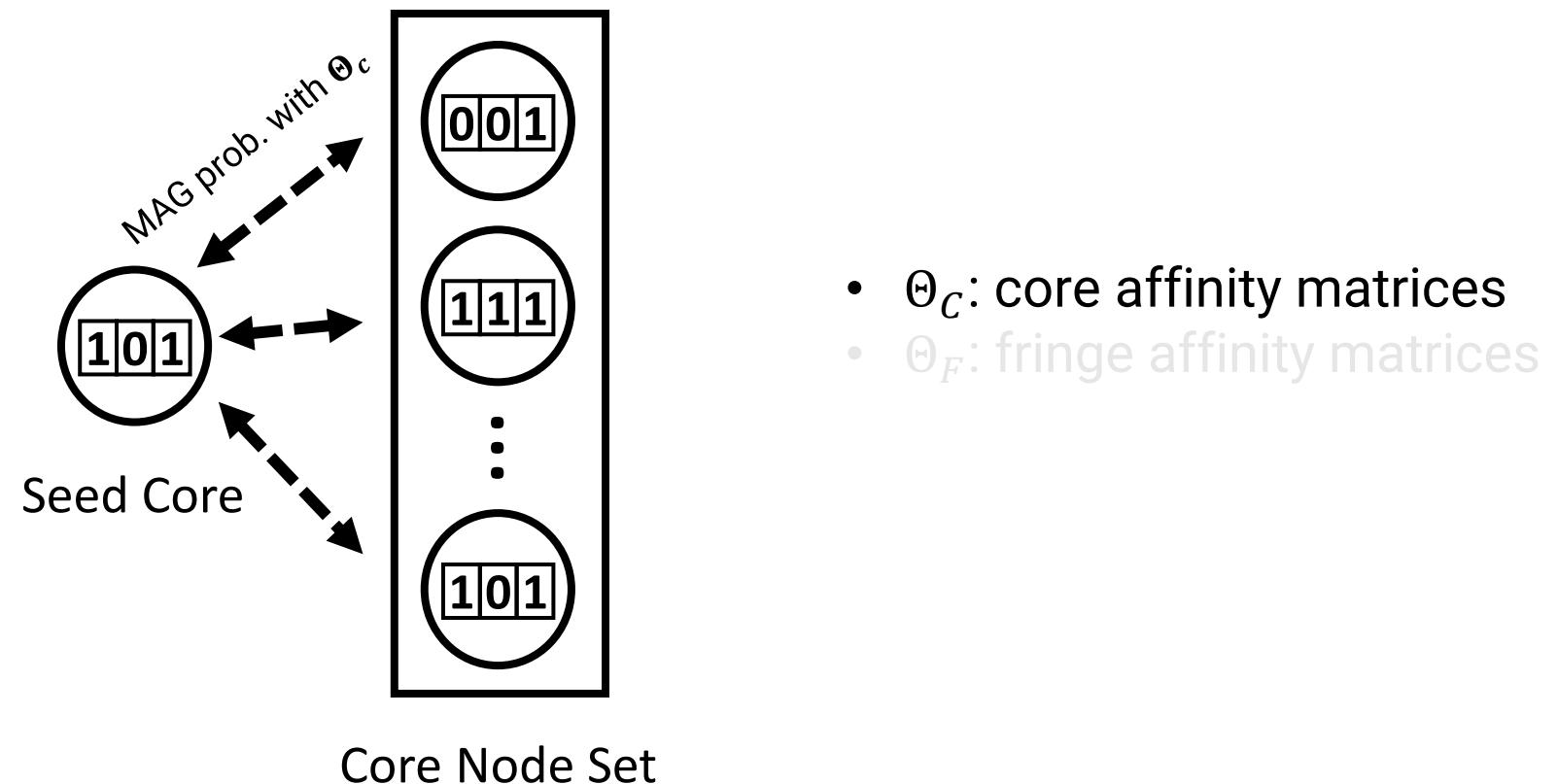
Details of NoAH: 1. Core Group Construction (cont.)

- 1) Select a seed core from p_{seed} .



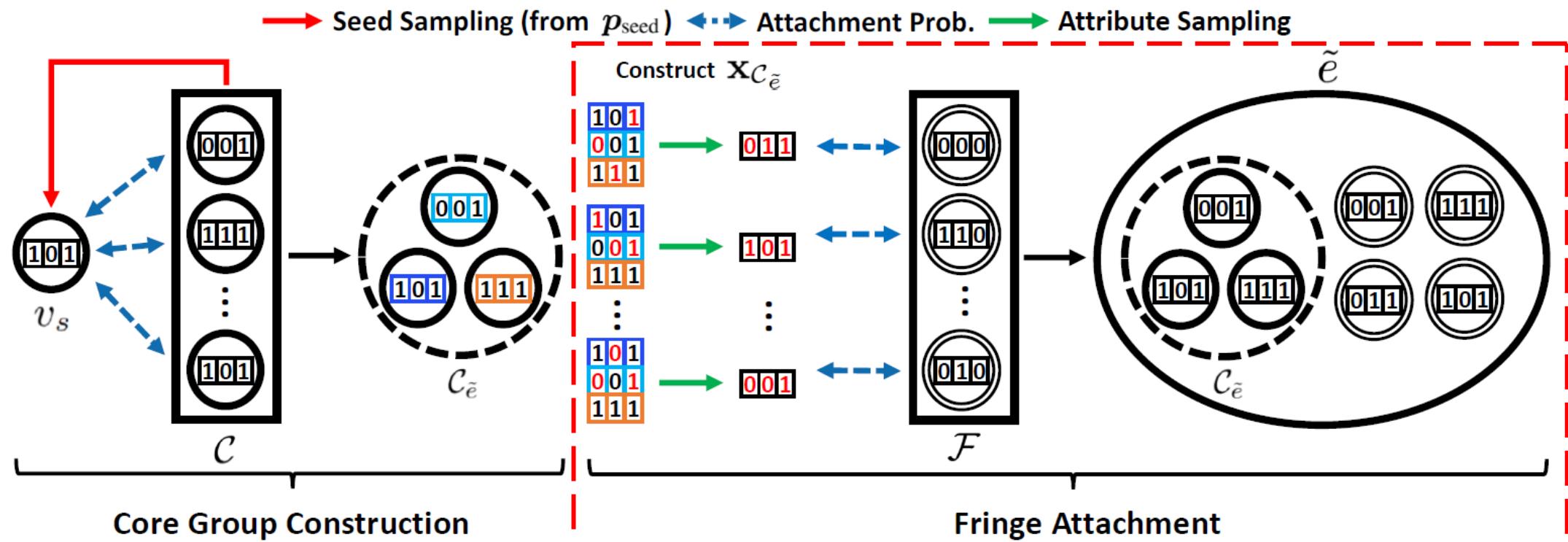
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- 2) Compute attaching probability between seed core and other core nodes.



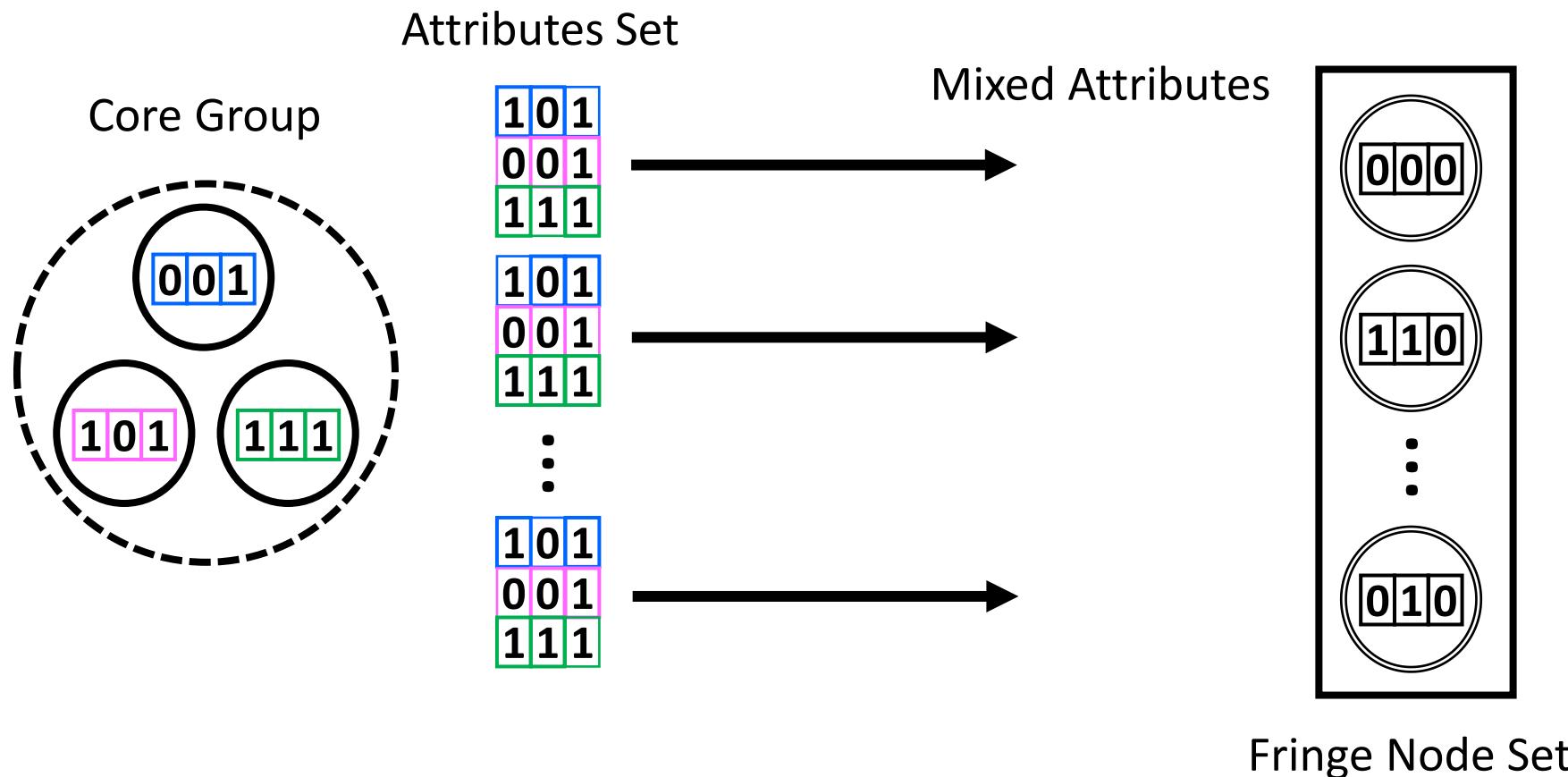
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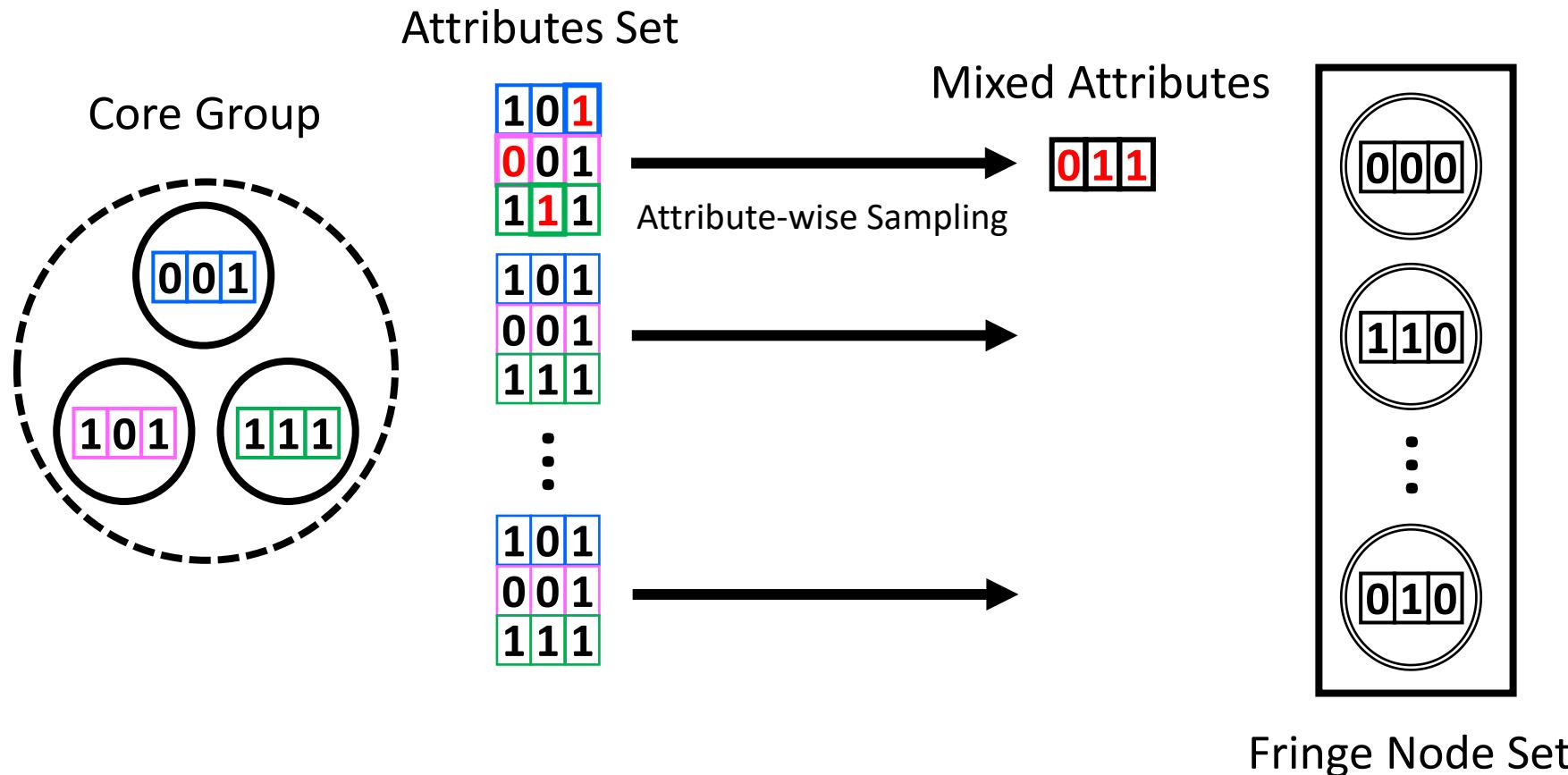
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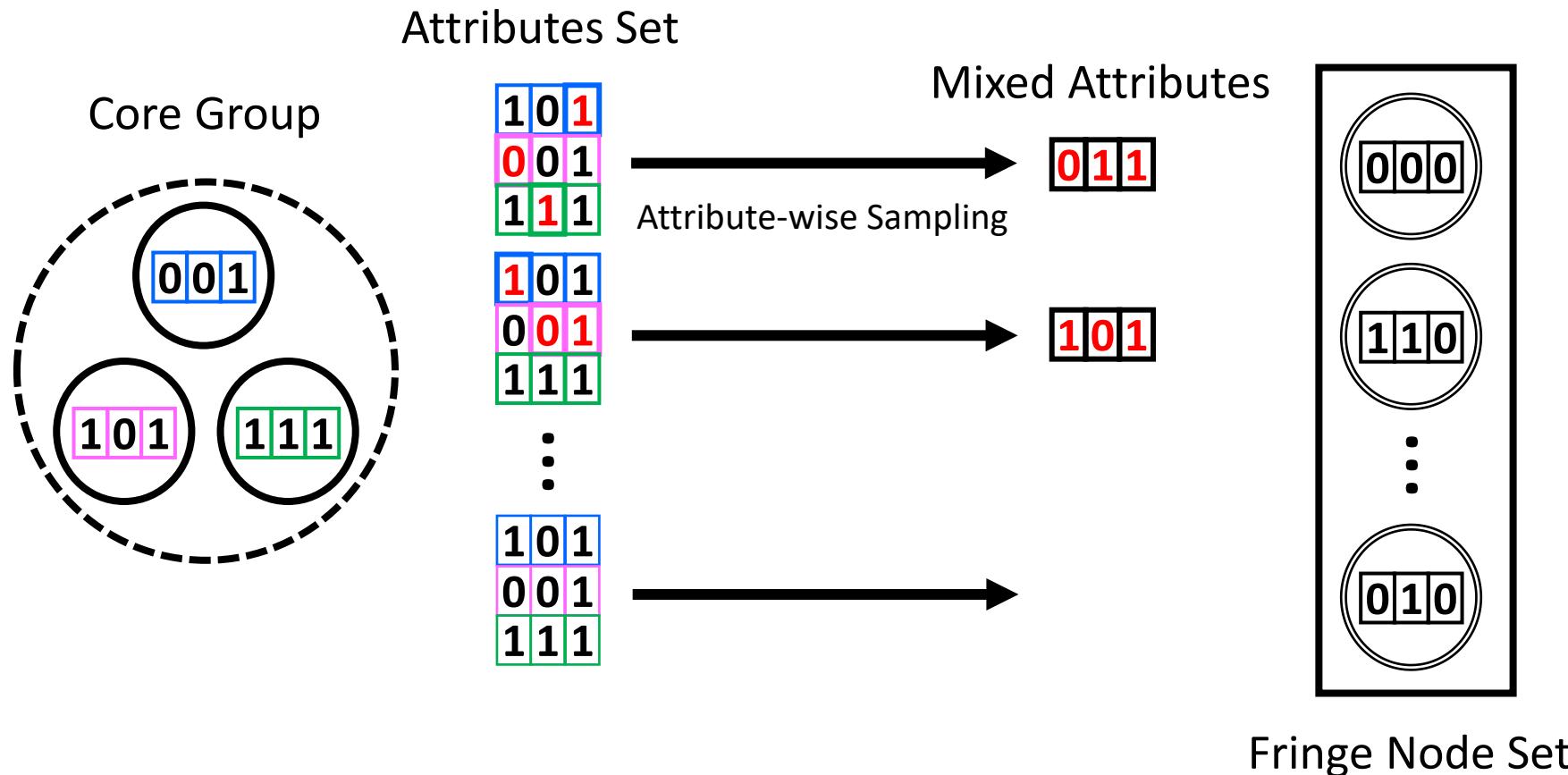
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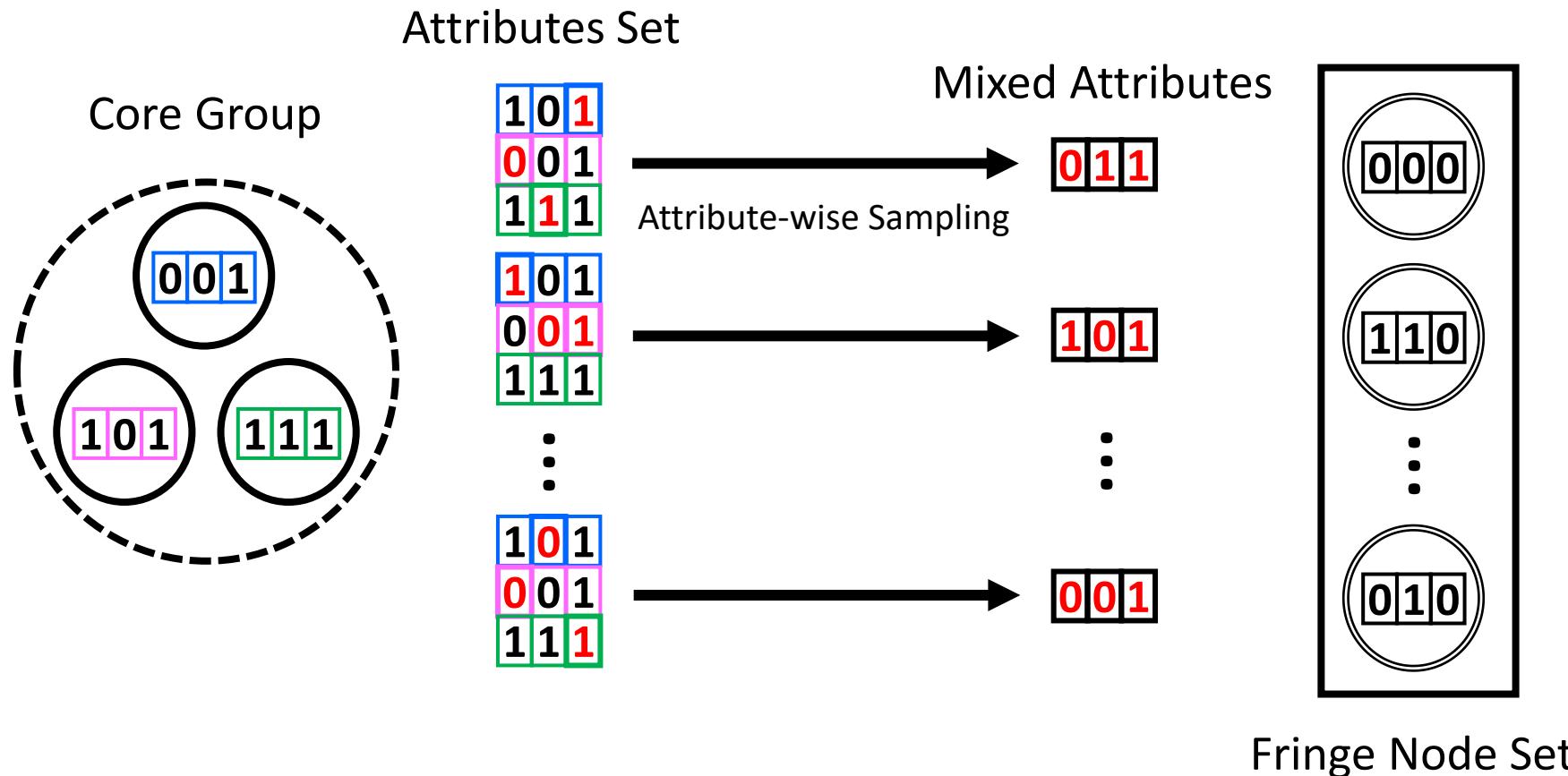
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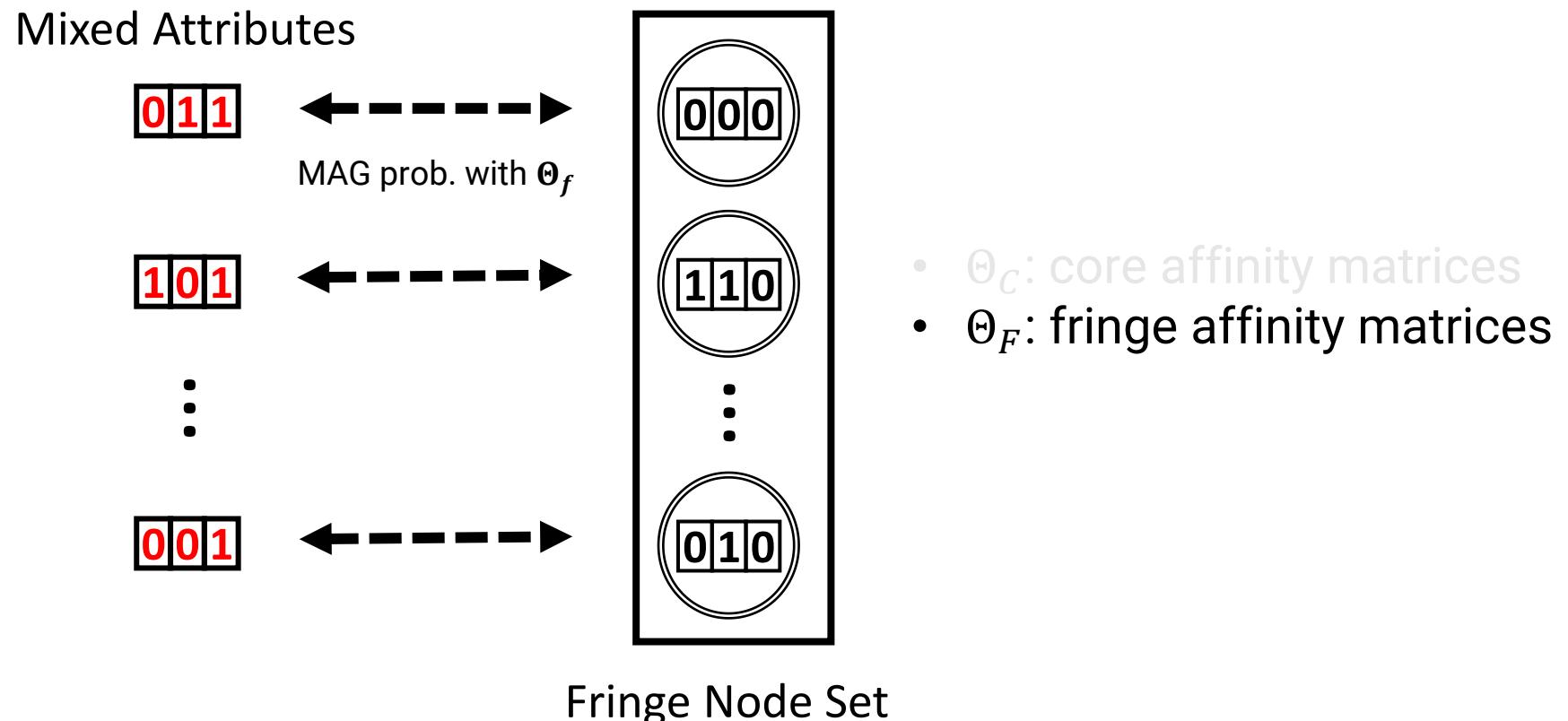
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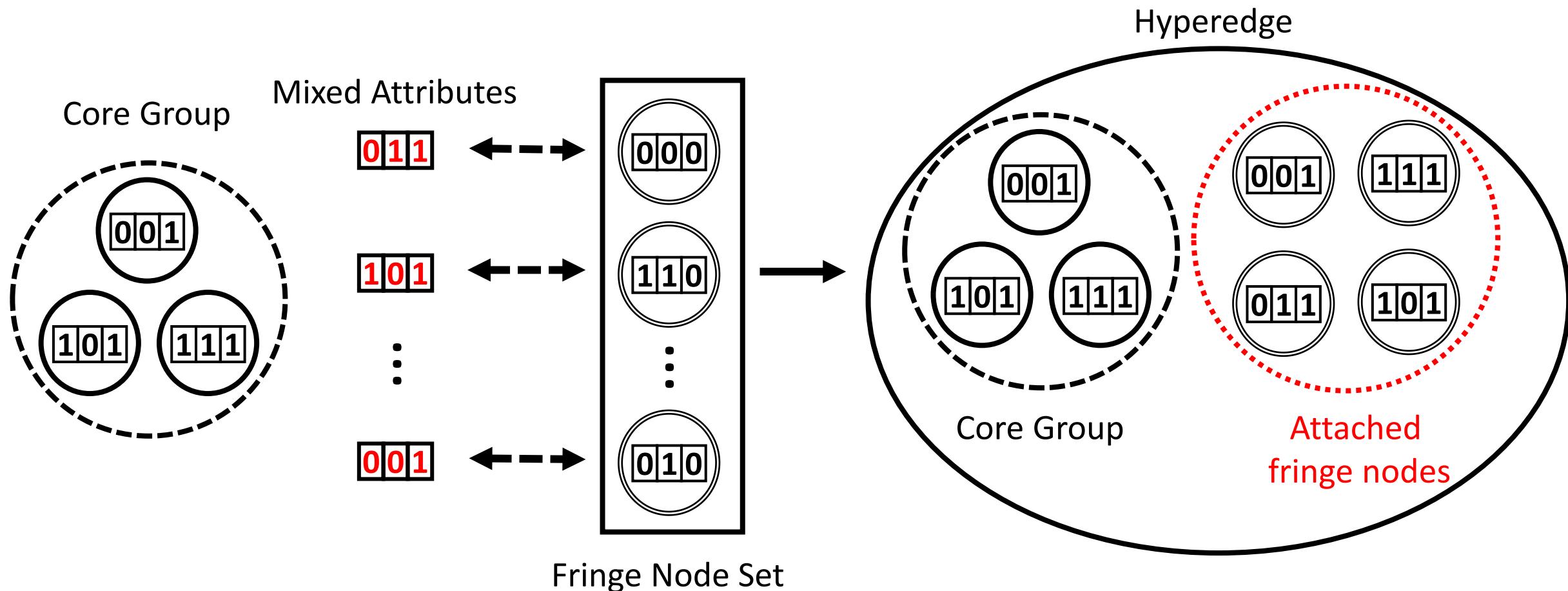
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- 2) Compute attaching probability between core group and fringe nodes.



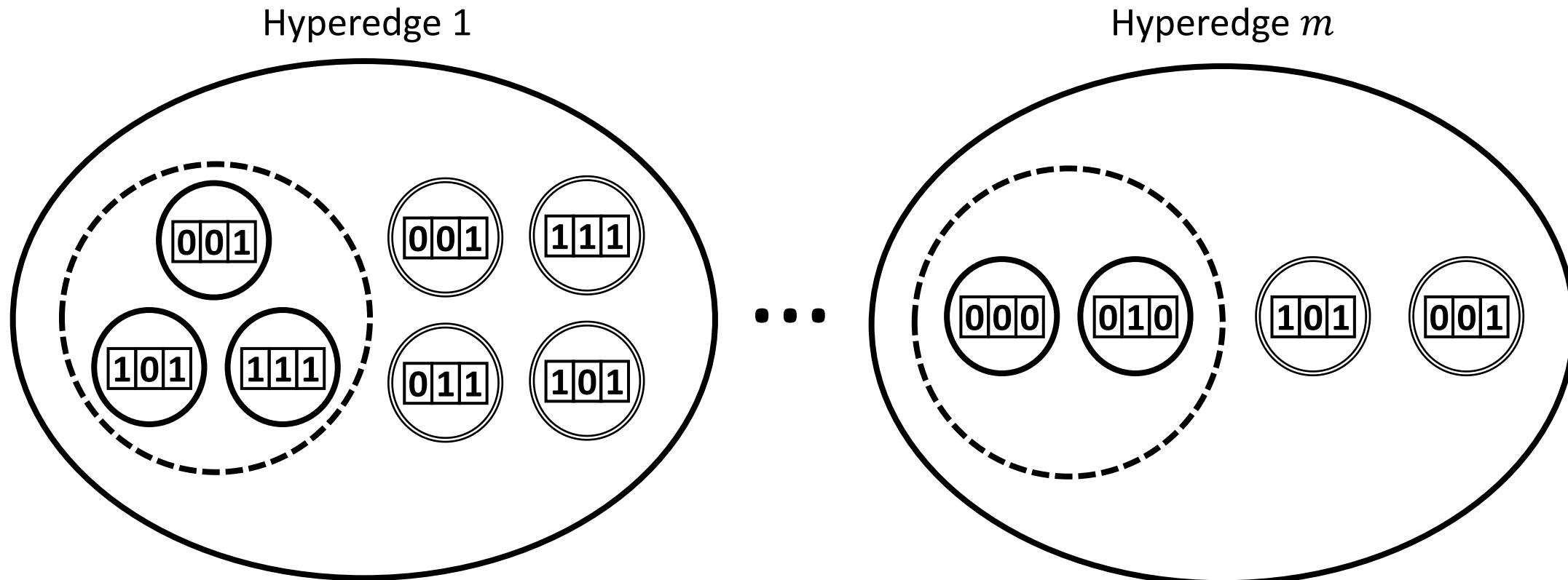
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- 3) Construct a hyperedge.



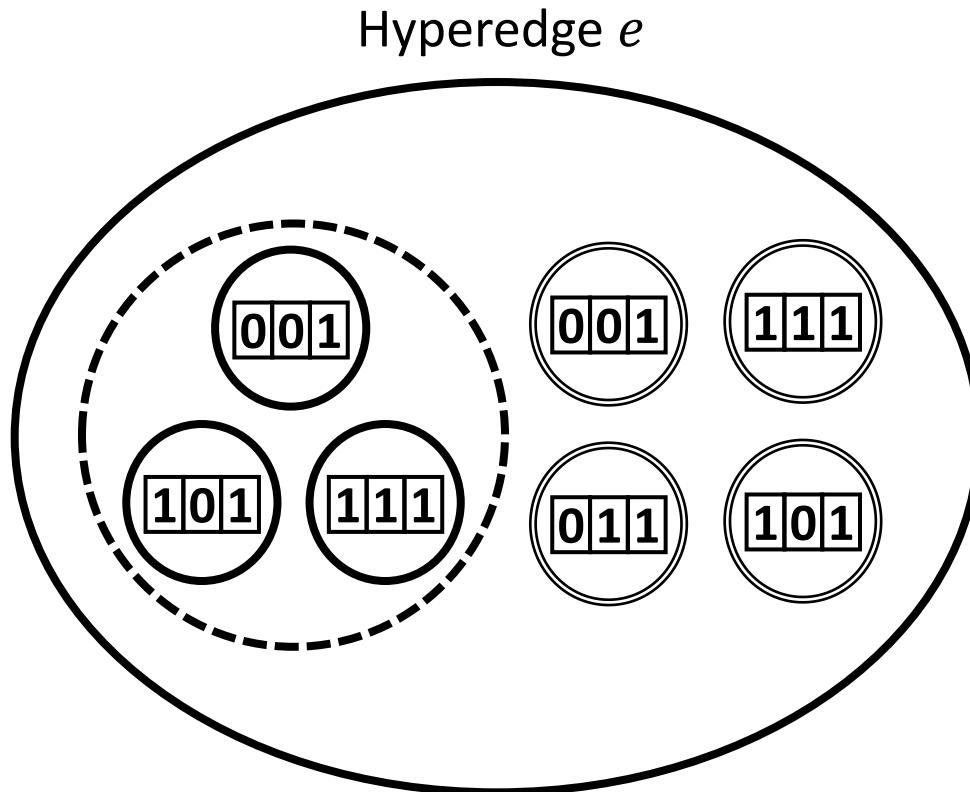
Details of NoAH (cont.)

- Iterate m times to generate a hypergraph.



NoAHFit

- The probability of each hyperedge being formed is parameterized through NoAH.



$$P(e) = f(p_{seed}, \Theta_C, \Theta_F)$$

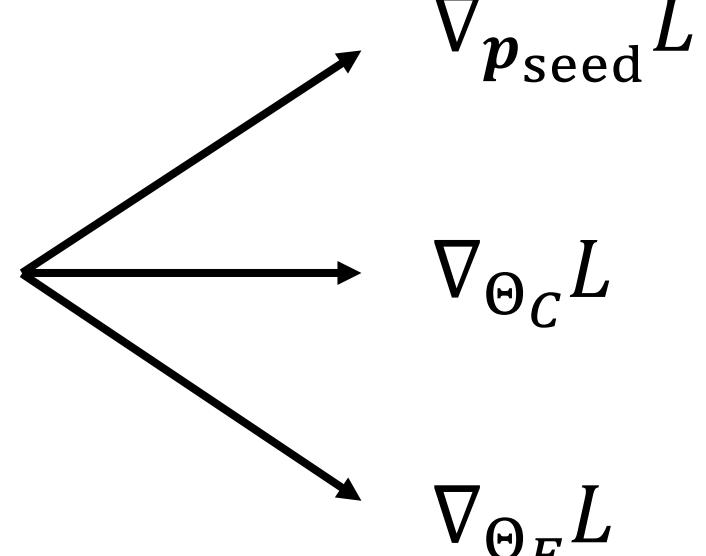
- p_{seed} : seed core probability
- Θ_C : core affinity matrices
- Θ_F : fringe affinity matrices

NoAHFit (cont.)

- The probability of each hyperedge being formed is parameterized through NoAH.
→ We propose **NoAHFit**, a method for tuning the parameters of NoAH.
- NoAHFit enables NoAH to generate hypergraphs that closely resemble the input hypergraph in both 1) structure and 2) attribute patterns.
 - Useful for downstream applications including community detection [11] and hyperedge prediction [19].

NoAHFit (cont.)

- NoAHFit updates each parameter to maximize the likelihood of a given hypergraph,
 - i.e., the product of the likelihood of each hyperedge, directly modeled by NoAH.
 - Each parameter is updated using gradient descent.

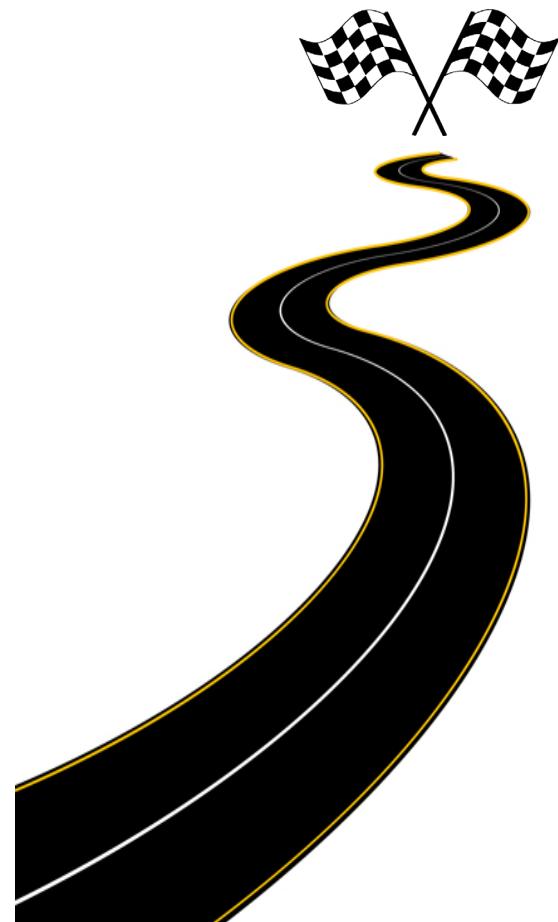
$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= -\log P(\mathcal{H} | p_{seed}, \Theta_C, \Theta_F) \\
 &= \sum_e -\log P(e | p_{seed}, \Theta_C, \Theta_F)
 \end{aligned}$$


Theoretical Analysis of NoAH and NoAHFit

- Additionally, we show theoretical properties of NoAH and NoAHFit, including:
 - Capability of generating hypergraph with power-law degree distribution.
 - Time and space complexity analysis.
- For details, please refer to the paper.

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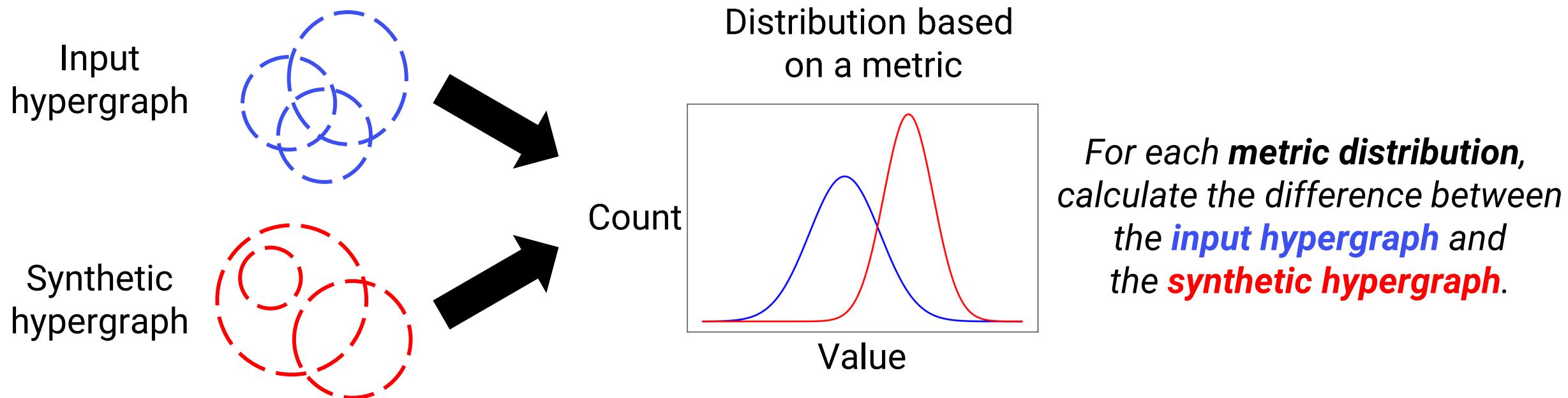


Experimental Settings

- **8 baselines**
 - 1 attribute-based model: HyCoSBM [11]
 - 3 node-identity preserved models: HyperCL, HyperLAP [1], hyper dK-series [10]
 - 4 randomized models: HyperPA [3], HyperFF [9], THera [2], HyRec [12]
 - **1 variant:** NoAH-CF: no core-fringe node hierarchy
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- **9 datasets:**
 - Citeseer, Cora [13] (academic paper domain)
 - High School [14], Workspace [15] (contact domain)
 - Amazon Music [16], Yelp Restaurant, Yelp Bar [17] (review domain)
 - Devops, Patents [18] (online Q&A domain)

Experimental Settings (cont.)

- **6 metrics:**
 - Type-s affinity ratio scores (**T2, T3, T4**): fine-grained patterns in hyperedge attribute dist.
 - Hyperedge entropy (**HE, HOHE**): coarse-grained patterns in hyperedge attribute dist.
 - Node homophily score (**NHS**): node-level patterns of attribute dist.

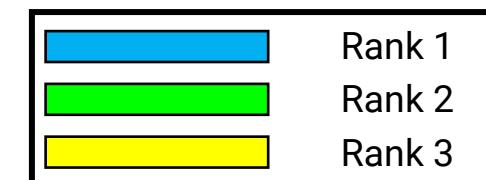


Performance Comparison

- NoAH reproduces most realistic structure-attribute interplay.
 - Column T2, T3, T4, HE, HOHE, NHS: difference with the original hypergraph
 - Column A.R.: average ranking over measures

	T2	T3	T4	HE	HOHE	NHS	A.R.
HYPERCL	27.3	53.0	63.6	1.016	0.382	1.053	6.8
HYPERPA	27.3	55.4	71.2	1.154	0.527	1.096	8.8
HYPERFF	24.1	54.3	60.5	0.449	0.299	1.055	5.2
HYPERLAP	27.3	52.4	68.3	1.026	0.361	1.042	6.3
hyper dK-series	31.4	52.4	61.6	1.249	0.450	1.026	7.3
THERA	26.0	50.6	67.0	0.976	0.394	1.003	5.0
HyCoSBM	11.8	57.9	72.1	0.306	0.371	0.900	4.7
HyREC	25.3	50.6	61.8	1.138	0.402	0.982	5.3
NoAH	21.0	47.8	55.1	0.275	0.394	0.229	1.8
NoAH-CF	21.8	49.7	58.0	0.363	1.188	0.402	3.7

Results on Amazon Music dataset



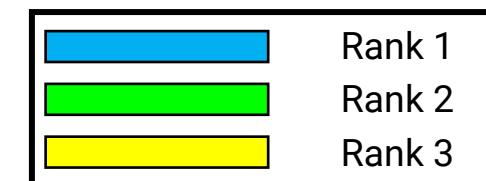
*NoAH-CF: NoAH without core-fringe hierarchy

Performance Comparison (cont.)

- NoAH reproduces most realistic structure-attribute interplay.
 - Each column indicates **average ranking** over 9 datasets

	T2	T3	T4	HE	HOHE	NHS	A.R.
HYPERCL	6.9	5.7	5.0	6.6	5.3	6.6	6.2
HYPERPA	7.8	8.6	7.4	7.7	8.0	7.2	9.7
HYPERFF	5.2	6.3	6.2	5.1	5.4	6.1	5.7
HYPERLAP	5.3	5.3	5.3	6.2	2.8	5.6	4.7
hyper dK-series	6.1	3.9	4.7	4.3	5.4	4.6	3.8
THERA	4.9	4.0	5.8	5.2	4.0	5.0	3.8
HyCoSBM	1.2	4.8	6.4	4.1	6.0	6.7	5.3
HYREC	7.7	7.1	3.9	5.6	5.1	4.0	5.0
NoAH	2.9	2.1	3.9	3.4	4.4	1.4	1.5
NoAH-CF	7.0	7.2	6.3	6.8	8.4	7.9	9.0

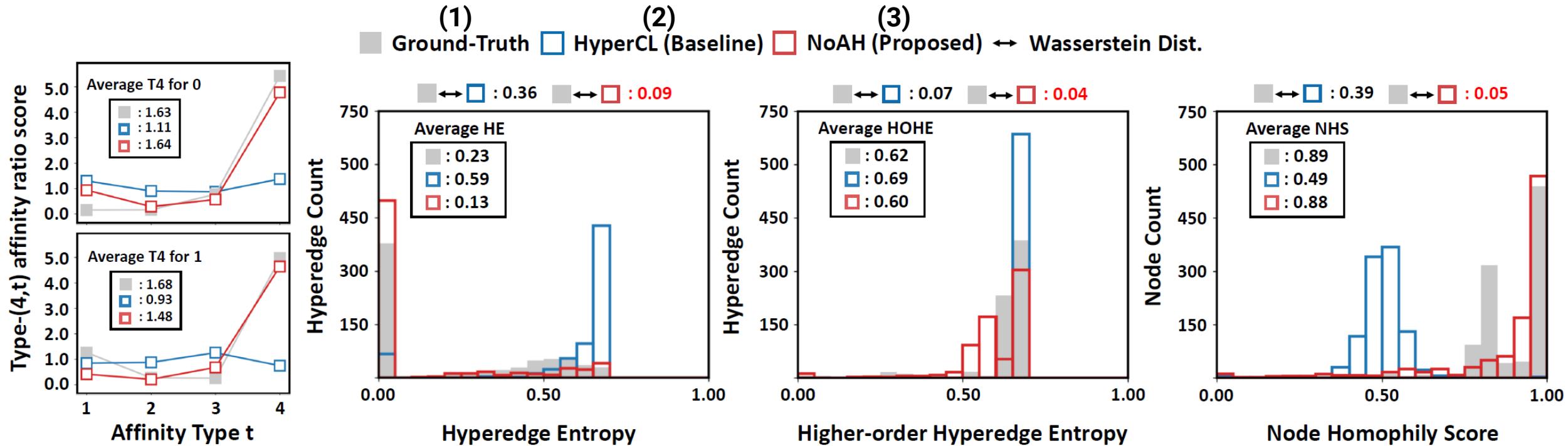
Overall results



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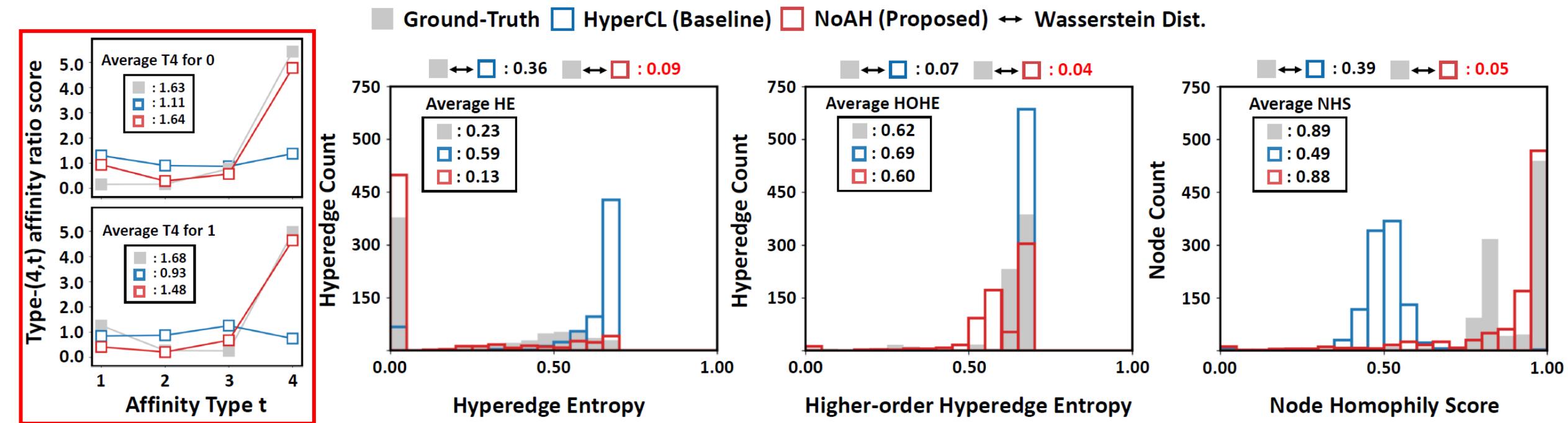
Case Study

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- An attribute in the Amazon Music: whether a reviewer has reviewed a particular genre.



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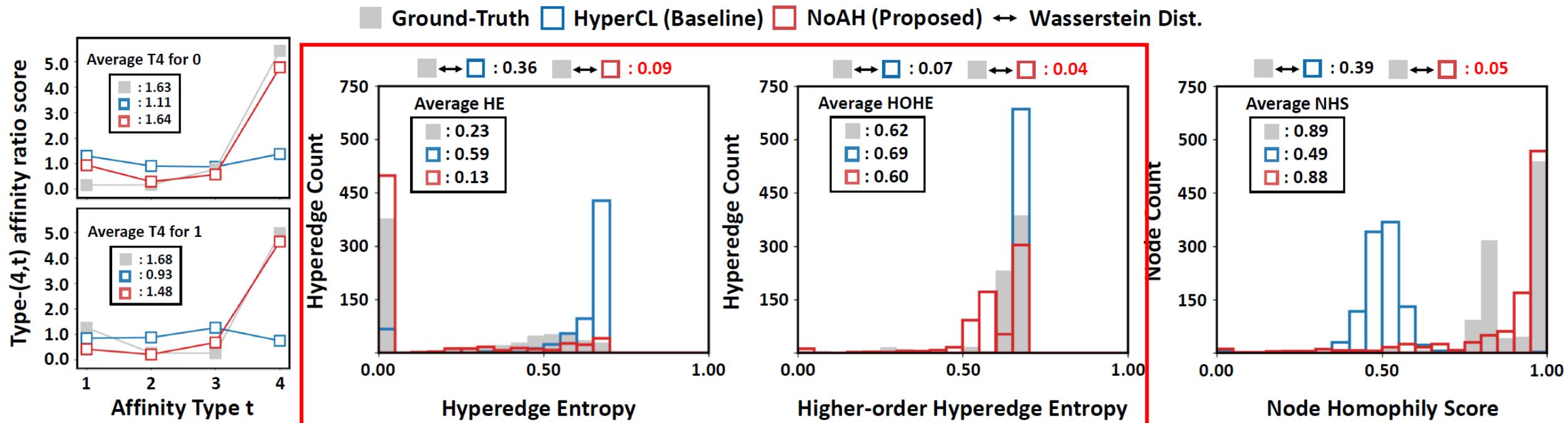
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NoAH produces similar trends for type-4 affinity ratio scores w.r.t. original hypergraph.
“How attribute is distributed among size-4 hyperedges”

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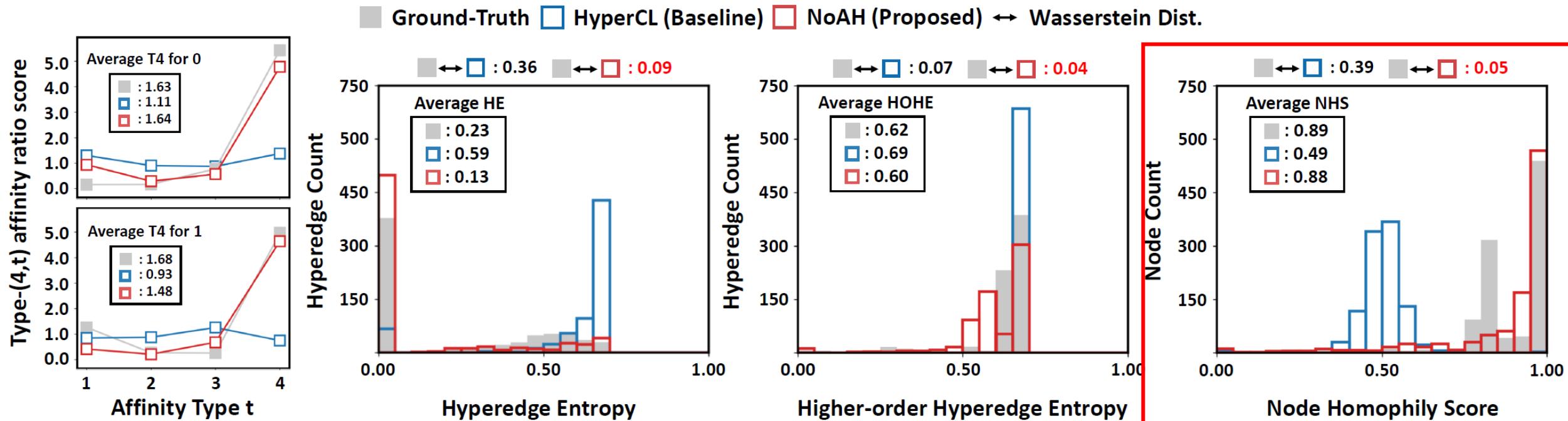
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NoAH produces similar distribution for hyperedge entropy w.r.t. original hypergraph.
 "Hyperedge-level attribute homogeneity"

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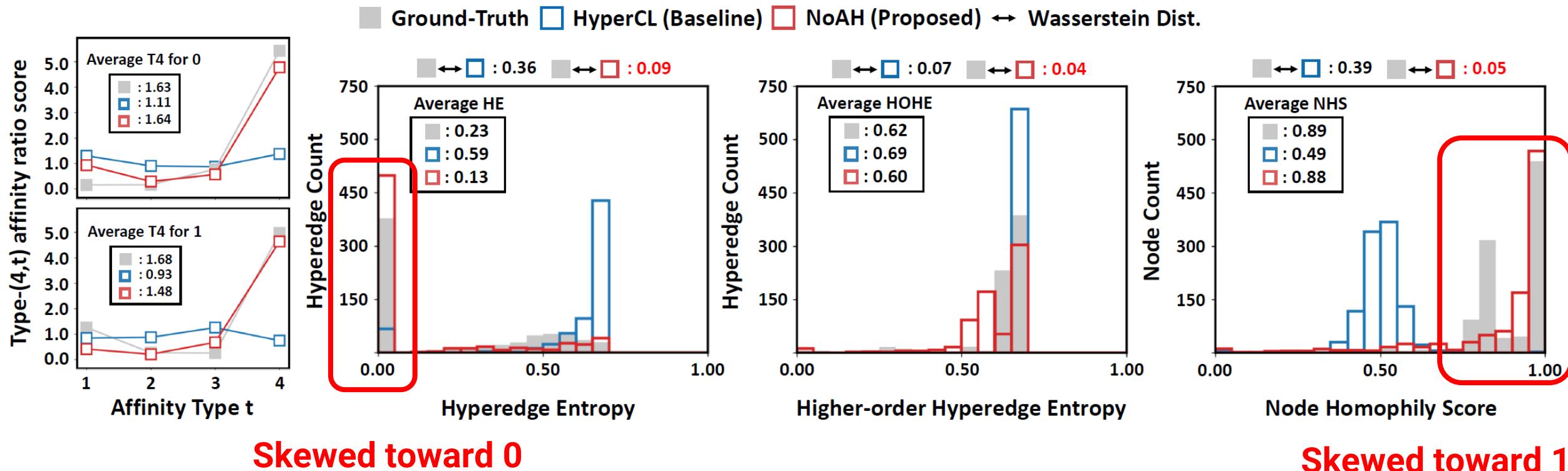
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NoAH produces similar distribution with original hypergraph for node homophily score.
“Node-level attribute homogeneity”

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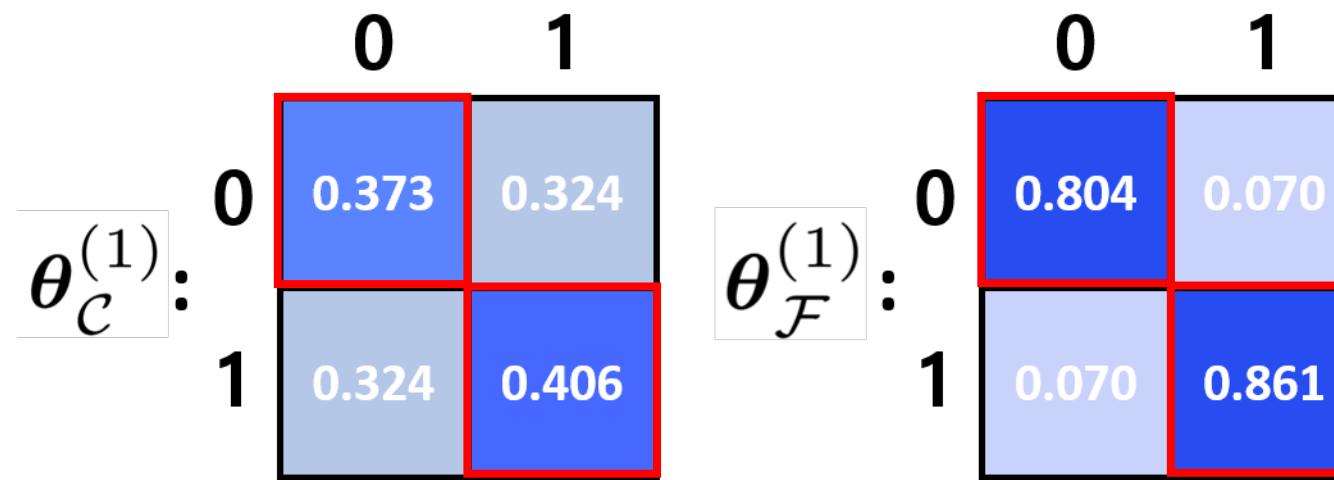
- First attribute of Amazon Music dataset exhibits strong **homophily**.
- NoAH reproduces this homophily accurately which HyperCL fails to capture.



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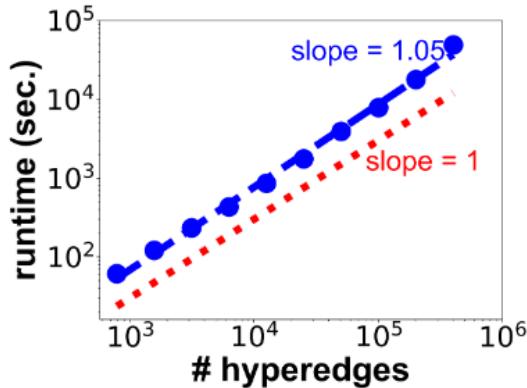
- This homophilic characteristic is reflected in the affinity matrices fitted by NoAHFit.
 - Diagonal entries are edge formation weights between nodes with the same attribute values.
 - Diagonal entries are larger than the entry for 0-1 pair.

Affinity matrices estimated by NoAHFit

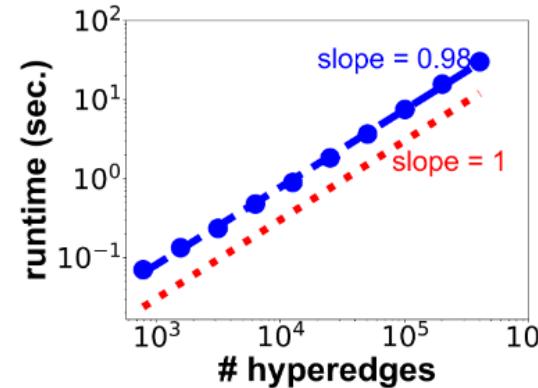


Scalability Analysis

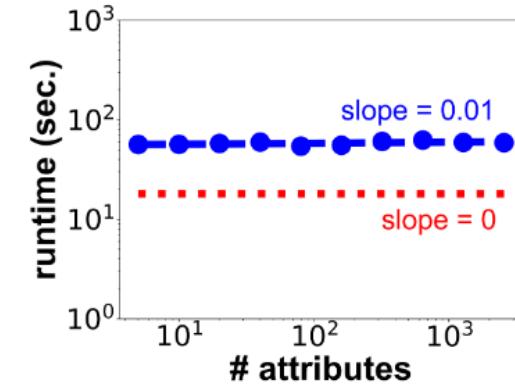
- Both NoAH and NoAHFit are scalable with respect to the number of hyperedges and attributes.



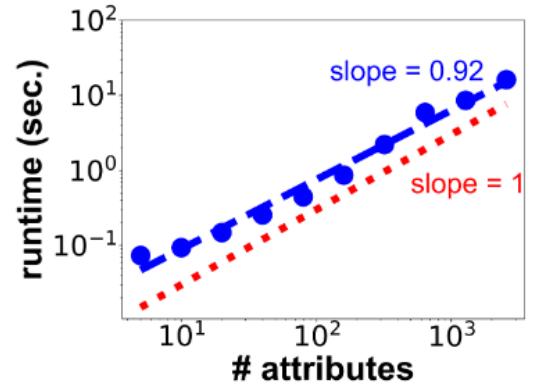
(a) NoAHFit (fitting) w.r.t. number of hyperedge



(b) NOAH (generation) w.r.t. number of hyperedge



(c) NoAHFit (fitting) w.r.t. number of attributes



(d) NOAH (generation) w.r.t. number of attributes

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Conclusions

- ✓ We propose NoAH, a stochastic model for attributed hypergraphs that produces a realistic interplay between structure and attributes.
- ✓ We develop NoAHFit, a parameter fitting algorithm for NoAH that captures the relationship between structure and node attributes in a given hypergraph.
- ✓ We empirically demonstrate that NoAH outperforms eight baseline hypergraph generative models.



Github: <https://github.com/jaewan01/NoAH>



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