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A Preliminaries, Backgrounds, and Motivations

We begin by reviewing the preliminaries and background concepts that we refer to in the main paper. Next, we discuss the fundamental differences between our method and techniques from prior work.

A.1 Anonymous Random Walks

Micali and Zhu [44] studied Anonymous Walks (AWs), which replace a *node's identity* by the order of its appearance in each walk. Given a simple network, an AW starts from a node, performs random walks over the graph to collect a sequence of nodes $W : (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$ and then replaces the node identities by their order of appearance in each walk. That is:

$$\text{ID}_{\text{AW}}(w_0, W) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k^*}\} \text{ where } k^* \text{ is the smallest index such that } u_{k^*} = w_0. \quad (10)$$

While this method is a simple anonymization process, it misses the correlation between different walks and assigns new node identities based on only one single walk. The correlation between different walks is more important in temporal networks to assign new node identities, as a single walk cannot capture the frequency of a pattern over time [32]. To this end, Wang et al. [32] design a set-based anonymization process that assigns new node identities based on a set of sampled walks. Given a vertex u , they sample M walks with length m starting from u and store them in S_u . Next, for each node w_0 that appears on at least one walk in S_u , they assign a vector to each node as its hidden identity [32]:

$$g(w_0, S_u)[i] = |\{W | W \in S_u, W[i] = w_0\}| \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots, m\}, \quad (11)$$

where $W[i]$ shows the i -th node in the walk W . This anonymization process not only hides the identity of vertices but it also can establish such hidden identity based on different sampled walks, capturing the correlation between several walks starting from a vertex.

Both of these anonymization processes are designed for graphs with pair-wise interactions, and there are three main challenges in adopting them for hypergraphs: ① To capture higher-order patterns, we use SETWALKS, which are a sequence of hyperedges. Accordingly, we need an encoding for the position of hyperedges. A natural attempt to encode the position of hyperedges is to count the position of hyperedges across sampled SETWALKS, as CAW [32] does for nodes. However, this approach misses the similarity of hyperedges with many same nodes. That is, given two hyperedges $e_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ and $e_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}\}$. Although we want to encode the position of these two hyperedges, we also want these two hyperedges to have almost the same encoding as they share many vertices. Accordingly, we suggest seeing a hyperedge as a set of vertices. Next, we first encode the position of vertices, and then we aggregate the position encodings of nodes that are connected by a hyperedge to compute the positional encoding of the hyperedge. ② However, since we focus on undirected hypergraphs, the order of hyperedge's vertices in the aggregation process should not affect the hyperedge positional encodings. Therefore, we need a permutation invariant pooling strategy. ③ While several existing studies used simple pooling functions like MEAN(.) or SUM(.) [25], these pooling functions do not capture the higher-order dependencies between obtained nodes' position encodings, missing the advantage of higher-order interactions. That is, a pooling function like MEAN(.) is a non-parametric method that sees the positional encoding of each node in a hyperedge separately. Therefore, it is unable to aggregate them in a non-linear manner, which depending on the data can miss information. To address challenges ② and ③, we design SETMIXER, a permutation invariant pooling strategy that uses MLPs to learn how to aggregate positional encodings of vertices in a hyperedge to compute the hyperedge positional encoding.

A.2 Random Walk on Hypergraphs

Chung [93] starts one of the first research on hypergraph Laplacian and defines the Laplacian of k -uniform hypergraph. Following this direction, Zhou et al. [17] defined a two-step CE-based random walk-based Laplacian for general hypergraphs. Given a node u , in the first step, we uniformly sample a hyperedge e including node u and in the second step, we uniformly sample a node in e . Following this idea, several studies developed more sophisticated (weighted) CE-based random walks on hypergraphs [19]. However, Chitra and Raphael [39] shows that random walks on hypergraphs with edge-independent node weights are limited to capturing pair-wise interactions, making them limited to capturing higher-order information. To this end, they designed an edge-dependent sampling procedure of random walks on hypergraphs. Carletti et al. [36] and Carletti et al. [94] argued that

to sample more informative walks from a hypergraph, we are required to consider the degree of hyperedges in measuring the importance of vertices in the first step. Concurrently, some studies discuss the dependencies among hyperedges and define s -th Laplacian based on simple walks on the dual hypergraphs [40, 95]. Finally, more sophisticated random walks with non-linear Laplacian have been designed [22, 96–98].

There are three main drawbacks for existing methods that are addressed by SETWALKS: ① None of these methods are designed for temporal hypergraphs and cannot capture the temporal properties of the network. Also, natural attempts to extend them to temporal hypergraphs and let walker uniformly walk over time misses the fact that recent temporal hyperedges are more informative than old ones (see Table 2). To address this issue, SETWALK uses a temporal bias factor in its sampling procedure (Equation 1). ② Existing hypergraph random walks are unable to capture either higher-order interactions of vertices or higher-order dependencies of hyperedges. That is, random walks with edge-independent weights [36] are not able to capture higher-order interactions and are equivalent to simple random walks on the CE of the hypergraph [39]. The expressivity of random walks on hypergraphs with edge-dependent walks is also limited when we have a limited number of sampled walks (see Theorem 1). Finally, defining hypergraph random walk as a random walk on the dual hypergraph also cannot capture the higher-order dependencies of hyperedges (see Appendix C and Appendix D). SETWALK by its nature is able to walk over hyperedges (instead of vertices) and time and can capture higher-order interactions. Also, with a structural bias factor in its sampling procedure, which is based on hyperedge-dependent node weights, it is more informative than a simple random walk on the dual hypergraph, capturing higher-order dependencies of hyperedges. See Appendix C for more discussions.

A.3 MLP-Mixer

MLP-MIXER [43] is a family of models, based on multi-layer perceptions (MLPs), that are simple, amenable to efficient implementation, and robust to over-squashing and long-term dependencies (unlike RNNs, attention mechanisms, and Transformers [79]). The original architecture is designed for image data, where it takes image tokens as inputs. It then encodes them with a linear layer, which is equivalent to a convolutional layer over the image tokens, and updates their representations with a sequence of feed-forward layers applied to image tokens and features. Accordingly, we can divide the architecture of MLP-MIXER into two main parts: ① Token Mixer: The main intuition of the token mixer is to clearly separate the cross-location operations and learn the cross-feature (cross-location) dependencies. ② Channel Mixer: The intuition behind the channel mixer is to clearly separate the per-location operations and provide positional invariance, a prominent feature of convolutions. In both MIXER and SETMIXER we use the channel mixer as designed in MLP-MIXER. Next, we discuss the token mixer and its limitation in mixing features in a permutation variant manner:

Token Mixer. Let \mathbf{E} be the input of the MLP-MIXER, then the token mixer phase is defined as:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}} = \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{W}_{\text{token}}^{(2)} \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}_{\text{token}}^{(1)} \text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{E})^T \right)^T, \quad (12)$$

where $\sigma(\cdot)$ is nonlinear activation function (usually GeLU [76]). Since it feeds the input’s columns to an MLP, it mixes the cross-feature information, which results in the MLP-MIXER being a permutation variant method. Natural attempts to remove the token mixer or its linear layer, although can result in a permutation invariant method, it misses the cross-feature dependencies, which is the main motivation for using MLP-MIXER architecture. To address this issue, SETMIXER uses the Softmax(.) function over features. Using Softmax over features can be seen as a cross-feature normalization, which can capture their dependencies. While Softmax(.) is a non-parametric method that can bind token-wise information, it is also permutation equivariant and as we prove in Appendix E.3, makes the SETMIXER permutation invariant.

B Additional Related Work

B.1 Learning (Multi)Set Functions

(Multi)set functions are pooling architectures for (multi)sets with a wide array of applications in many real-world problems including few-shot image classification [99], conditional regression [100], and causality discovery [101]. Zaheer et al. [102] develop DEEPSets, a universal approach to parameterize

the (multi)set functions. Following this direction, some works design attention mechanisms to learn multiset functions [103], which also inspired Baek et al. [104] to adopt attention mechanisms designed for (multi)set functions in graph representation learning. Finally, Chien et al. [24] build the connection between learning (multi)set functions with propagations on hypergraphs. To the best of our knowledge, SETMIXER is the first adaptive permutation invariant pooling strategy for hypergraphs, which sees each hyperedge as a set of vertices and aggregate node encodings by considering their higher-order dependencies.

B.2 Simplicial Complexes Representation Learning

Simplicial complexes can be considered a special case of hypergraphs and are defined as a collection of polytopes such as triangles and tetrahedra, which are called simplices [105]. While these frameworks can be used to represent higher-order relations, simplicial complexes require the downward closure property [106]. That is, every substructure or face of a simplex contained in a complex \mathcal{K} is also in \mathcal{K} . Recently, to encode higher-order interactions, representation learning on simplicial complexes has attracted much attention [5, 107–113]. The first group of methods extend node2vec [63] to simplicial complexes with random walks on interactions through Hasse diagrams and simplex connections inside p -chains [107, 109]. With the recent advances in message-passing-based methods, several studies focus on designing neural networks on simplicial complexes [110–113]. Ebli et al. [110] introduced Simplicial neural networks (SNN), generalization of spectral graph convolution to simplicial complexes with higher-order Laplacian matrices. Following this direction, some works propose simplicial convolutional neural networks with different simplicial filters to exploit the relationships in upper- and lower-neighborhoods [111, 112]. Finally, the last group of studies use encoder-decoder architecture as well as message-passing to learn the representation of simplicial complexes [108, 114].

CAT-WALK is different from all these methods in three main aspects: ① Contrary to these methods, CAT-WALK is designed for temporal hypergraphs and is capable of capturing higher-order temporal properties in a streaming manner, avoiding the drawbacks of snapshot-based methods. ② CAT-WALK works in the inductive setting by extracting underlying dynamic laws of the hypergraph, making it generalizable to unseen patterns and nodes. ③ All these methods are designed for simplicial complexes, which are special cases of hypergraphs, while CAT-WALK is designed for general hypergraphs and does not require any assumption of the downward closure property.

B.3 How Does CAT-WALK Differ from Existing Works? (Contributions)

As we discussed in Appendix A.2, existing random walks on hypergraphs are unable to capture either ① higher-order interactions between nodes, or ② higher-order dependencies of hyperedges. Moreover, all these walks are for static hypergraphs and are not able to capture temporal properties. To this end, we design SETWALK a higher-order temporal walk on hypergraphs. Naturally, SETWALKS are capable of capturing higher-order patterns as a SETWALK is defined as a sequence of hyperedges. We further design a new sampling procedure with temporal and structural biases, making SETWALKS capable of capturing higher-order dependencies of hyperedges. To take advantage of complex information provided by SETWALKS as well as training the model in an inductive manner, we design a two-step anonymization process with a novel pooling strategy, called SETMIXER. The anonymization process starts with encoding the position of vertices with respect to a set of sampled SETWALKS and then aggregates node positional encodings via a non-linear permutation invariant pooling function, SETMIXER, to compute their corresponding hyperedge positional encodings. This two-step process lets us capture structural properties while we also care about the similarity of hyperedges. Finally, to take advantage of continuous-time dynamics in data and avoid the limitations of sequential encoding, we design a neural network for temporal walk encoding that leverages a time encoding module to encode time as well as a MIXER module to encode the structure of the walk.

C SETWALK and Random Walk on Hypergraphs

We reviewed existing random walks in Appendix A.2. Here, we discuss how these concepts are different from SETWALKS and investigate whether SETWALKS are more expressive than these methods.

As we discussed in Sections 1 and 3.2, there are two main challenges for designing random walks on hypergraphs: ① Random walks are a sequence of *pair-wise* interconnected vertices, even though edges in a hypergraph connect *sets* of vertices. ② A sampling probability of a walk on a hypergraph must be different from its sampling probability on the CE of the hypergraph [36–42]. To address these challenges, most existing works on random walks on hypergraphs ignore ① and focus on ② to distinguish the walks on simple graphs and hypergraphs, and ① is relatively unexplored. To this end, we answer the following questions:

Q1: Can ② alone be sufficient to take advantage of higher-order interactions? First, semantically, decomposing hyperedges into sequences of simple pair-wise interactions (CE) loses the semantic meaning of the hyperedges. Consider the collaboration network in Figure 1. When decomposing the hyperedges into pair-wise interactions, both (A, B, C) and (H, G, E) have the same structure (a triangle), while the semantics of these two structures in the data are completely different. That is, (A, B, C) have *all* published a paper together, while each pair of (H, G, E) separately have published a paper. One might argue that although the output of hypergraph random walks and simple random walks on the CE might be the same, the sampling probability of each walk is different and with a large number of samples, our model can distinguish these two structures. In Theorem 1 (proof in Appendix E) we theoretically show that when we have a finite number of hypergraph walk samples, M , there is a hypergraph \mathcal{G} such that with M hypergraph walks, the \mathcal{G} and its CE are not distinguishable. Note that in reality, the bottleneck for the number of sampled walks in machine learning-based methods is memory. Accordingly, even with tuning the number of samples for each dataset, the size of samples is bounded by a small number. This theorem shows that with a limited budget for walk sampling, ② alone is not enough to capture higher-order patterns.

Q2: Can addressing ① alone be sufficient to take advantage of higher-order interactions? To answer this question, we use the extended version of the edge-to-vertex dual graph concept for hypergraphs:

Definition 3 (Dual Hypergraph). *Given a hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$, the dual hypergraph of \mathcal{G} is defined as $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{V}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}})$, where $\tilde{\mathcal{V}} = \mathcal{E}$ and a hyperedge $\tilde{e} = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ shows that $\bigcap_{i=1}^k e_i \neq \emptyset$.*

To address ①, we need to see walks on hypergraphs as a sequence of hyperedges (instead of a sequence of pair-wise connected nodes). One can interpret this as a hypergraph walk on the dual hypergraph. That is, each hypergraph walk on the dual graph is a sequence of \mathcal{G} ’s hyperedges: $e_1 \rightarrow e_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow e_k$. However, as shown by Chitra and Raphael [39], each walk on hypergraphs with edge-independent weights for sampling vertices is equivalent to a simple walk on the (weighted) CE graph. To this end, addressing ② alone can be equivalent to sample walks on the CE of the dual hypergraph, which misses the higher-order interdependencies of hyperedges and their intersections.

Based on the above discussion, both ① and ② are required to capture higher-order interaction between nodes as well as higher-order interdependencies of hyperedges. The definition of SETWALKS (Definition 2) with *structural bias*, introduced in Equation 1, satisfies both ① and ②. In the next section, we discuss how a simple extension of SETWALKS can not only be more expressive than all existing walks on hypergraphs and their CEs, but its definition also is universal and all these methods are special cases of extended SETWALK.

C.1 Extension of SETWALKS

Random walks on hypergraphs are simple but less expressive methods for extracting network motifs while SETWALKS are more complex patterns that provide more expressive motif extraction approaches. One can model the trade-off of simplicity and expressivity to connect all these concepts in a single notion of walks. To establish a connection between SETWALKS and existing walks on hypergraphs, as well as a universal random walk model on hypergraphs, we extend SETWALKS to r -SETWALKS, where parameter r controls the size of hyperedges appear in the walk:

Definition 4 (r -SETWALK). *Given a temporal hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, X)$, and a threshold $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, a r -SETWALK with length ℓ on temporal hypergraph \mathcal{G} is a randomly generated sequence of hyperedges (sets):*

$$\text{Sw} : (e_1, t_{e_1}) \rightarrow (e_2, t_{e_2}) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (e_\ell, t_{e_\ell}),$$

where $e_i \in \mathcal{E}$, $|e_i| \leq r$, $t_{e_{i+1}} < t_{e_i}$, and the intersection of e_i and e_{i+1} is not empty, $e_i \cap e_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$. In other words, for each $1 \leq i \leq \ell - 1$: $e_{i+1} \in \mathcal{E}^{t_i}(e_i)$. We use $\text{Sw}[i]$ to denote the i -th hyperedge-time pair in the SETWALK. That is, $\text{Sw}[i][0] = e_i$ and $\text{Sw}[i][1] = t_{e_i}$.

The only difference between this definition and **Definition 2** is that r -SETWALK limits hyperedges in the walk to hyperedges with size at most r . The sampling process of r -SETWALKS is the same as the SETWALK's (introduced in **Section 3.2** and **Appendix D**) while we only sample hyperedges with size at most r . Now to establish the connection of r -SETWALKS and existing walks on hypergraphs, we define the extended version of the clique expansion technique:

Definition 5 (r -Projected Hypergraph). *Given a hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ and an integer $r \geq 2$, we construct the (weighted) r -projected hypergraph of \mathcal{G} as a hypergraph $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_r = (\mathcal{V}, \hat{\mathcal{E}}_r)$, where for each $e = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\} \in \mathcal{E}$:*

1. if $k \leq r$: add e to the $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_r$,
2. if $k \geq r + 1$: add $e_i = \{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_r}\}$ to $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_r$, for every possible $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.

Each of steps 1 or 2 can be done in a weighted manner. In other words, we approximate each hyperedge with a size of more than r with $\binom{k}{r}$ (weighted) hyperedges with size r . For example, when $r = 2$, the 2-projected graph of \mathcal{G} is equivalent to its clique expansion, and $r = \infty$ is the hypergraph itself. Furthermore, we define Union Projected Hypergraph (UP hypergraph) as the union of all r -projected hypergraphs, i.e., $\mathcal{G}^* = (\mathcal{V}, \bigcup_{r=2}^{\infty} \hat{\mathcal{E}}_r)$. Note that the UP hypergraph has downward closure property and is equivalent to the simplicial complex representation of the hypergraph \mathcal{G} . The next proposition establishes the universality of the r -SETWALK concept.

Proposition 2. *Edge-independent random walks on hypergraphs [36], edge-dependent random walks on hypergraphs [39], and simple random walks on the CE of hypergraphs are all special cases of r -SETWALK, when applied to the 2-projected graph, UP hypergraph, and 2-projected graph, respectively. Furthermore, all the above methods are less expressive than r -SETWALKS.*

The proof of this proposition is in **Appendix E.5**.

D Efficient Hyperedge Sampling

For sampling SETWALKS, inspired by Wang et al. [32], we use two steps: ① Online score computation: we assign a set of scores to each incoming hyperedge. ② Iterative sampling: we use assigned scores in the previous step to sample hyperedges in a SETWALK.

Algorithm 1 Online Score Computation

Input: Given a hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

Output: A probability score for each vertex

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1:  $P \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2: for  $(e, t) \in \mathcal{E}$  with an increasing order of  $t$  do
3:    $P_{e,t}[0] \leftarrow \exp(\alpha t)$ ;
4:    $P_{e,t}[1] \leftarrow 0, P_{e,t}[2] \leftarrow 0, P_{e,t}[3] \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
5:   for  $u \in e$  do
6:     for  $e_n \in \mathcal{E}^t(u)$  do
7:       if  $e_n$  is not visited then
8:          $P_{e,t}[2] \leftarrow P_{e,t}[2] + \exp(\varphi(e_n, e))$ ;
9:          $P_{e,t}[3] \leftarrow P_{e,t}[3] \cup \{\exp(\varphi(e_n, e))\}$ ;
10:         $P_{e,t}[1] \leftarrow P_{e,t}[1] + \exp(\alpha \times t_n)$ ;
return  $P$ ;
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Online Score Computation. The first part essentially works in an online manner and assigns each new incoming hyperedge e a four-tuple of scores:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{e,t}[0] &= \exp(\alpha \times t), & P_{e,t}[1] &= \sum_{(e', t') \in \mathcal{E}^t(e)} \exp(\alpha \times t') \\
P_{e,t}[2] &= \sum_{(e', t') \in \mathcal{E}^t(e)} \exp(\varphi(e, e')), & P_{e,t}[3] &= \{\exp(\varphi(e, e'))\}_{(e', t') \in \mathcal{E}^t(e)}
\end{aligned}$$

Iterative Sampling. In the iterative sampling algorithm, we use pre-computed scores by **Algorithm 1** and sample a hyperedge (e, t) given a previously sampled hyperedge (e_p, t_p) . In the next proposition,

Algorithm 2 Iterative SETWALK Sampling

Input: Given a hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, and previously sampled hyperedge (e_p, t_p)

Output: Next sampled hyperedge (e, t)

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1: for  $(e, t) \in \mathcal{E}^t(e_p)$  with an decreasing order of  $t$  do
2:   Sample  $b \sim \text{UNIFORM}(0, 1)$ ;
3:   Get  $P_{e,t}[0], P_{e_p,t_p}[1], P_{e_p,t_p}[2]$  and  $\varphi(e, e_p)$  from the output of Algorithm 1;
4:    $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \text{Normalize } \frac{P_{e,t}[0]}{P_{e_p,t_p}[1]} \times \frac{\exp(\varphi(e, e_p))}{P_{e_p,t_p}[2]}$ ;
5:   if  $b < \mathcal{P}$  then return  $(e, t)$ ;
   return  $(e_X, t_X)$ ; ▷  $(e_X, t_X)$  is a dummy empty hyperedge signaling the end of algorithm.

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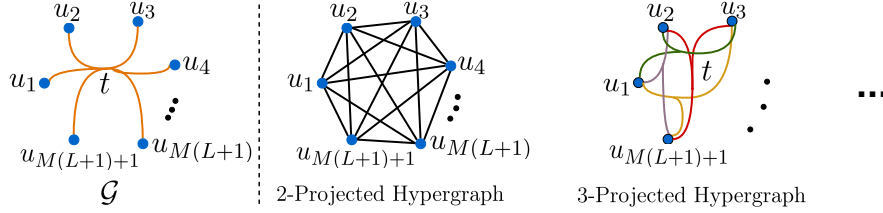


Figure 5: The example of a hypergraph \mathcal{G} and its 2- and 3-projected hypergraphs.

we show that this sampling algorithm samples each hyperedge with the probability mentioned in **Section 3.2**.

Proposition 3. *Algorithm 2 sample a hyperedge (e, t) after (e_p, t_p) with a probability proportional to $\mathbb{P}[(e, t)|(e_p, t_p)]$ (Equation 1).*

How can this sampling procedure capture higher-order patterns? As discussed in **Appendix C**,

SETWALKS on \mathcal{G} can be interpreted as a random walk on the dual hypergraph of \mathcal{G} , $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$. However, a simple (or hyperedge-independent) random walk on the dual hypergraph is equivalent to the walk on the CE of the dual hypergraph [39, 40], missing the higher-order dependencies of hyperedges. Inspired by Chitra and Raphael [39], we use hyperedge-dependent weights $\Gamma : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ and sample hyperedges with a probability proportional to $\exp\left(\sum_{u \in e \cap e_p} \Gamma(u, e) \Gamma(u, e')\right)$, where e_p is the previously sampled hyperedge. In the dual hypergraph $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V})$, we assign a score $\tilde{\Gamma} : \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ to each pair of (e, u) as $\tilde{\Gamma}(e, u) = \Gamma(u, e)$. Now, a SETWALK with this sampling procedure is equivalent to the edge-dependent hypergraph walk on the dual hypergraph of \mathcal{G} with edge-dependent weight $\tilde{\Gamma}(\cdot)$. Chitra and Raphael [39] show that an edge-dependent hypergraph random walk can capture some information about higher-order interactions and is not equivalent to a simple walk on the weighted CE of the hypergraph. Accordingly, even on the dual hypergraph, SETWALK with this sampling procedure can capture higher-order dependencies of hyperedges and is not equivalent to a simple walk on the CE of the dual hypergraph $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$. We conclude that, unlike existing random walks on hypergraphs [36, 37, 40, 75], SETWALK can capture both higher-order interactions of nodes, and, based on its sampling procedure, higher-order dependencies of hyperedges.

E Theoretical Results

E.1 Proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 1. *A random SETWALK is equivalent to neither the hypergraph random walk, the random walk on the CE graph, nor the random walk on the SE graph. Also, for a finite number of samples of each, SETWALK is more expressive than existing walks.*

Proof. In this proof, we focus on the hypergraph random walk and simple random walk on the CE. The proof for the SE graph is the same and also it has been proven that the SE graph and the CE of a hypergraph have close (or equal in uniform hypergraphs) Laplacian and have the same expressiveness power in the representation of hypergraphs [115–117].

First, note that each SETWALK can be approximately decomposed to a set of either hypergraph walks, simple random walks, or walk on the SE. Moreover, each of these walks can be mapped to

a corresponding SETWALK (but not a bijective mapping), by sampling hyperedges corresponding to each consecutive pair of nodes in these walks. Accordingly, SETWALKS includes the information provided by these walks and so its expressiveness is not less than these methods. To this end, next, we discuss two examples in two different tasks that SETWALKS are successful while other walks fail.

① In the first task, we want to see if there is any pair of hypergraphs with different semantics that SETWALKS can distinguish them while other walks fail to do so. We construct such hypergraphs. Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be a hypergraph with $\mathcal{V} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\}$ and $\mathcal{E} = \{(e, t_i)\}_{i=1}^T$, where $e = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\}$ and $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_T$. Also, let \mathcal{A} be an edge-independent hypergraph random walk (or random walk on the CE) sampling algorithm. Chitra and Raphael [39] show that each of these walks is equivalent to a random walk on the weighted CE. Assume that $\xi(\cdot)$ is a function that assigns weights to edges in $\mathcal{G}^* = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}^*)$, the weighted CE of the \mathcal{G} , such that a hypergraph random walk on \mathcal{G} is equivalent to a walk on this weighted CE graph. Next, we construct a weighted hypergraph $\mathcal{G}' = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}')$ with the same set of vertices but with $\mathcal{E}' = \bigcup_{k=1}^T \{(u_i, u_j), t_k\}_{u_i, u_j \in \mathcal{V}}$, such that each edge $e_{i,j} = (u_i, u_j)$ is associated with a weight $\xi(e_{i,j})$. Clearly, sampling procedure \mathcal{A} on \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}' are the same, while they have different semantics. For example, assume that both are collaboration networks. While in \mathcal{G} all vertices have published a single paper together, in the \mathcal{G}' each pair of vertices have published a separate paper together. The proof for the hypergraph random walk with hyperedge-dependent weights is the same, while we construct weights of the hypergraph \mathcal{G}' based on the sampling probability of hyperedges in the hypergraph random walk procedure.

② Next, in the second task, we investigate the expressiveness of these walks for reconstructing hyperedges. That is, we want to see given a perfect classifier, whether these walks can provide enough information to detect higher-order patterns in the network. To this end, we show that for a finite number of samples of each walk, SETWALK is more expressive than all these walks in detecting higher-order patterns. To this end, let M be the maximum number of samples and L be the maximum length of walks, we show that for any $M \geq 2$ and $L \geq 2$ there exists a pair of hypergraphs \mathcal{G} , with higher-order interactions, and \mathcal{G}' , with pairwise interactions, such that SETWALKS can distinguish them, while they are indistinguishable by any of these walks. We construct a temporal hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ as a hypergraph with $\mathcal{V} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{M(L+1)+1}\}$ and $\mathcal{E} = \{(e, t_i)\}_{i=1}^L$, where $e = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{M(L+1)+1}\}$ and $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_L$. We further construct $\mathcal{G}' = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}')$ with the same set of vertices but with $\mathcal{E}' = \bigcup_{k=1}^L \{(u_i, u_j), t_k\}_{u_i, u_j \in \mathcal{V}}$. Figure 5 illustrates \mathcal{G} and its projected graphs at a given timestamp $t \in \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_L\}$.

SETWALK with only one sample, Sw, can distinguish interactions in these two hypergraphs. That is, let $\text{Sw} : (e, t_L) \rightarrow (e, t_{L-1}) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (e, t_1)$ be the sample SETWALK from \mathcal{G} (note that masking the time, this is the only SETWALK on \mathcal{G} so in any case the sampled SETWALK is Sw). Since all interactions in \mathcal{G}' are pairwise, any sampled SETWALK on \mathcal{G}' , Sw', only includes pairwise interactions and so $\text{Sw} \neq \text{Sw}'$, in any case. Accordingly, in any case, SETWALK can distinguish interactions in these two hypergraphs.

Since the output of hypergraph random walks, simple walks on the CE, and walks on the SE include pairwise interaction, it seems that they are unable to detect higher-order patterns, so are unable to distinguish these two hypergraphs. However, one might argue that by having a large number of sampled walks and using a perfect classifier, which learned the distribution of sampled random walks and can detect whether a set of sampled walks is from a higher-order interaction, we might be able to detect higher-order interactions. To this end, we next assume that we have a perfect classifier $C(\cdot)$ that can detect whether a set of sampled hypergraph walks, simple walks on the CE, or walks on the SE are sampled from a higher-order structure or pair-wise patterns. Next, we show that hypergraph random walks cannot provide enough information about every vertex for $C(\cdot)$ to detect whether all vertices in \mathcal{V} shape a hyperedge. To this end, assume that we sample $S = \{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_M\}$ walks from hypergraph \mathcal{G} and $S' = \{W'_1, W'_2, \dots, W'_M\}$ walks from hypergraph \mathcal{G}' . In the best case scenario, since $C(\cdot)$ is a perfect classifier, it can detect \mathcal{G}' only includes pair-wise interactions based on sampled walk S' . To distinguish these two hypergraphs, we need $C(\cdot)$ to detect sampled walks from \mathcal{G} (i.e., S) that come from a higher-order pattern. For any M sampled walks with length L from \mathcal{G} , we observe at most $M \times (L + 1)$ vertices, so we have information about at most $M \times (L + 1)$ vertices, unable to capture any information about the neighborhood of at least one vertex. Due to the symmetry of vertices, without loss of generality, we can assume that this vertex is u_1 . This means that with these M sampled hypergraph random walks with length L , we are not able to provide any information about node u_1 at any timestamp for $C(\cdot)$. Therefore, even a perfect classifier $C(\cdot)$ cannot verify whether u_1

is a part of higher-order interaction or pair-wise interaction, which completes the proof. Note that the proof for the simple random walk is completely the same.

□

Remark 1. Note that while the first task investigates the expressiveness of these methods with respect to their sampling procedure, the second tasks discuss the limitation and difference in their outputs.

Remark 2. Note that in reality, we can have neither an unlimited number of samples nor an unlimited walk length. Also, the upper bound for the number of samples or walk length depends on the RAM of the machine on which the model is being trained. In our experiments, we observe that usually, we cannot sample more than 125 walks with a batch size of 32.

E.2 Proof of Theorem 2

Theorem 2. Given an arbitrary positive integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, let $\Psi(\cdot)$ be a pooling function such that for any set $S = \{w_1, \dots, w_d\}$:

$$\Psi(S) = \sum_{\substack{S' \subseteq S \\ |S'|=k}} f(S'), \quad (13)$$

where f is some function. Then the pooling function can cause missing information, limiting the expressiveness of the method to applying to the CE of the hypergraph.

Proof. The main intuition of this theorem is that a pooling function needs to capture higher-order dependencies of its input's elements and if it can be decomposed to a summation of functions that capture lower-order dependencies, it misses information. We show that, in the general case for a given $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the pooling function $\Psi(\cdot)$ when applied to a hypergraph \mathcal{G} is at most as expressive as $\Psi(\cdot)$ when applied to the k -projected hypergraph of \mathcal{G} (Definition 5). Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be a hypergraph with $\mathcal{V} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k+1}\}$ and $\mathcal{E} = \{(\mathcal{V}, t)\} = \{(\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k+1}\}, t)\}$ for a given time t , and $\hat{\mathcal{G}} = (\mathcal{V}, \hat{\mathcal{E}})$ be its k -projected graph, i.e., $\hat{\mathcal{E}} = \{(e_1, t), \dots, (e_{\binom{k+1}{k}}, t)\}$, where $e_i \subset \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k+1}\}$ such that $|e_i| = k$. Applying pooling function $\Psi(\cdot)$ on the hypergraph \mathcal{G} is equivalent to applying $\Psi(\cdot)$ to the hyperedge $(\mathcal{V}, t) \in \mathcal{E}$, which provides $\Psi(\mathcal{V}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} f(e_i)$. On the other hand, applying $\Psi(\cdot)$ on projected graph $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$ means applying it on each hyperedge $e_i \in \hat{\mathcal{E}}$. Accordingly, since for each hyperedge $e_i \in \hat{\mathcal{E}}$ we have $\Psi(e_i) = f(e_i)$, all captured information by pooling function $\Psi(\cdot)$ on $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$ is the set of $S = \{f(e_i)\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$. It is clear that $\Psi(\mathcal{V}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} f(e_i)$ is less informative than $S = \{f(e_i)\}_{i=1}^{k+1}$ as it is the summation of elements in S (in fact, $\Psi(\mathcal{V})$ cannot capture the non-linear combinations of positional encodings of vertices, while S can). Accordingly, the provided information by applying $\Psi(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{G} cannot be more informative than applying $\Psi(\cdot)$ on the \mathcal{G} 's k -projected hypergraph. □

Remark 3. Note that the pooling function $\Psi(\cdot)$ is defined on a (hyper)graph and gets only (hyper)edges as input.

Remark 4. Although $\Psi(\cdot) = \text{MEAN}(\cdot)$ cannot be written as Equation 13, we can simply see that the above proof works for this pooling function as well.

E.3 Proof of Theorem 3

Theorem 3. SETMIXER is permutation invariant.

Proof. Let $\pi(S)$ be a given permutation of set S , we aim to show that $\Psi(S) = \Psi(\pi(S))$. We first recall the SETMIXER and its two phases: Let $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_d\}$, where $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$, be the input set and $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d_1}$ be its matrix representation:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{V}) = \text{MEAN}(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}} + \sigma(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) \mathbf{W}_s^{(1)} \mathbf{W}_s^{(2)}), \quad (\text{Channel Mixer})$$

where

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}} = \mathbf{V} + \sigma(\text{Softmax}(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{V})^T))^T. \quad (\text{Token Mixer})$$

Let $\pi(\mathbf{V}) = [\mathbf{v}_{\pi(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{\pi(d)}]^T$ be a permutation of the input matrix \mathbf{V} . In the token mixer phase, None of LayerNorm, Softmax, and activation function $\sigma(\cdot)$ can affect the order of elements (note that

1161 Softmax is applied row-wise). Accordingly, we can see the output of the token mixer is permuted by
 1162 $\pi(\cdot)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}(\pi(\mathbf{V})) &= \pi(\mathbf{V}) + \sigma\left(\text{Softmax}\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\pi(\mathbf{V}))^T\right)\right)^T \\
 &= \pi(\mathbf{V}) + \pi\left(\sigma\left(\text{Softmax}\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{V})^T\right)\right)^T\right) \\
 &= \pi\left(\mathbf{V} + \sigma\left(\text{Softmax}\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{V})^T\right)\right)^T\right) \\
 &= \pi(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}(\mathbf{V})).
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

1163 Next, in the channel mixer, by using Equation 14 we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\pi(\mathbf{V})) &= \text{MEAN}\left(\pi(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) + \sigma\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\pi(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}})) \mathbf{W}_s^{(1)}\right) \mathbf{W}_s^{(2)}\right) \\
 &= \text{MEAN}\left(\pi(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) + \pi\left(\sigma\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) \mathbf{W}_s^{(1)}\right) \mathbf{W}_s^{(2)}\right)\right) \\
 &= \text{MEAN}\left(\pi(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) + \pi\left(\sigma\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) \mathbf{W}_s^{(1)}\right) \mathbf{W}_s^{(2)}\right)\right) \\
 &= \text{MEAN}\left(\pi\left(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}} + \mathbf{W}_s^{(2)} \sigma\left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}}) \mathbf{W}_s^{(1)}\right)\right)\right) \\
 &= \Psi(\mathbf{V}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

1164 In the last step, we use the fact that $\text{MEAN}(\cdot)$ is permutation invariant. Based on Equation 15 we can
 1165 see that SETMIXER is permutation invariant. \square

1166 E.4 Proof of Theorem 4

1167 **Theorem 4.** *The set-based anonymization method is more expressive than any existing anonymization*
 1168 *strategies on the CE of the hypergraph. More precisely, there exists a pair of hypergraphs $\mathcal{G}_1 =$*
 1169 *$(\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{E}_1)$ and $\mathcal{G}_2 = (\mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{E}_2)$ with different structures (i.e., $\mathcal{G}_1 \not\equiv \mathcal{G}_2$) that are distinguishable by our*
 1170 *anonymization process and are not distinguishable by the CE-based methods.*

1171 *Proof.* To the best of our knowledge, there exist two anonymization processes for random walks
 1172 by Wang et al. [32] and Micali and Zhu [44]. Both of these methods are designed for graphs and
 1173 to adapt them to hypergraphs we need to apply them to the (weighted) CE. Here, we focus on the
 1174 process designed by Wang et al. [32], which is more informative than the other. The proof for the
 1175 Micali and Zhu [44] process is the same. Note that the goal of this theorem is to investigate whether
 1176 a method can distinguish a hypergraph from its CE. Accordingly, this theorem does not provide any
 1177 information about the expressivity of these methods in terms of the isomorphism test.

1178 The proposed 2-step anonymization process can be seen as a positional encoding for both vertices
 1179 and hyperedges. Accordingly, it is expected to assign different positional encodings to vertices and
 1180 hyperedges of two non-isomorphism hypergraphs. To this end, we construct the same hypergraphs as
 1181 in the proof of Theorem 1. Let M be the number of sampled SETWALKS with length L . We construct a
 1182 temporal hypergraph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ as a hypergraph with $\mathcal{V} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{M(L+1)+1}\}$ and $\mathcal{E} = \{(e, t_i)\}_{i=1}^L$,
 1183 where $e = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{M(L+1)+1}\}$ and $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_L$. We further construct $\mathcal{G}' = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}')$ with the
 1184 same set of vertices but with $\mathcal{E}' = \bigcup_{k=1}^L \{(u_i, u_j), t_k\}_{u_i, u_j \in \mathcal{V}}$. As we have seen in Theorem 1, random
 1185 walks on the CE of the hypergraph cannot distinguish these two hypergraphs. Since CAW [32]
 1186 also uses simple random walks, it cannot distinguish these two hypergraphs. Accordingly, after its
 1187 anonymization process, it again cannot distinguish these two hypergraphs.

1188 The main part of the proof is to show that in our method, the assigned positional encodings are
 1189 different in these hypergraphs. The first step is to assign each node a positional encoding. Masking
 1190 the timestamps, there is only one SETWALK in the \mathcal{G} . Accordingly, the positional encodings of nodes in
 1191 \mathcal{G} are the same and non-zero. Given a SETWALK with length L we might see at most $L \times (d_{\max} - 1) + 1$
 1192 nodes, where d_{\max} is the maximum size of hyperedges in the hypergraph. Accordingly, with M
 1193 samples on \mathcal{G}' , which $d_{\max} = 2$, we can see at most $M \times (L + 1)$ vertices. Therefore, in any case, we
 1194 assign a zero vector to at least one vertex. This proves that the positional encodings by SETWALKS
 1195 are different in these two hypergraphs, and if the assigned hidden identities to counterpart nodes are
 1196 different, clearly, feeding them to the SETMIXER results in different hyperedge encodings.

1197 Note that each SETWALK can be decomposed into a set of causal anonymous walks [32]. Accordingly,
 1198 it includes the information provided by these walks, so its expressiveness is not less than the CAW
 1199 method on hypergraphs, which completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Although the above statement completes the proof, next we discuss that even given the same positional encodings for vertices in these two hypergraphs, SETMIXER can capture higher-order interactions by capturing the size of the hyperedge. Recall token mixer phase in SETMIXER:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}} = \mathbf{V} + \sigma \left(\text{Softmax} \left(\text{LayerNorm}(\mathbf{V})^T \right) \right)^T,$$

where $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{M(L+1)+1}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(M(L+1)+1) \times d_1}$ and $\mathbf{v}_i \neq \mathbf{0}_{1 \times d_1}$ represents the positional encoding of u_i in \mathcal{G} . We assumed that the positional encoding of u_i in \mathcal{G}' is the same. The input of the token mixer phase on \mathcal{G} is \mathcal{V} as all of them are connected by a hyperedge. Then we have:

$$(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}})_{i,j} = \mathbf{v}_{i,j} + \sigma \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{v}_{i,j})}{\sum_{k=1}^{M(L+1)+1} \exp(\mathbf{v}_{k,j})} \right). \quad (16)$$

On the other hand, when applied to hypergraph \mathcal{G}' and (u_{k_1}, u_{k_2}) . We have:

$$(\mathbf{H}'_{\text{token}})_{i,j} = \mathbf{v}_{i,j} + \sigma \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{v}_{i,j})}{\exp(\mathbf{v}_{k_1,j}) + \exp(\mathbf{v}_{k_2,j})} \right), \quad i \in \{k_1, k_2\}. \quad (17)$$

Since we use zero padding, for any $i \geq 3$, $(\mathbf{H}_{\text{token}})_{i,j} \neq 0$ and $(\mathbf{H}'_{\text{token}})_{i,j} = 0$. These zero rows, which capture the size of the hyperedge, result in different encodings for each connection.

Remark 5. To the best of our knowledge, the only anonymization process that is used on hypergraphs is by Liu et al. [74], which uses simple walks on the CE and is the same as Wang et al. [32]. Accordingly, it also suffers from the above limitation. Also, note that this theorem shows the limitation of these anonymization procedures when simply adopted to hypergraphs.

E.5 Proof of Proposition 2

Proposition 2. Edge-independent random walks on hypergraphs [36], edge-dependent random walks on hypergraphs [39], and simple random walks on the CE of hypergraphs are all special cases of r -SETWALK, when applied to the 2-projected graph, UP graph, and 2-projected graph, respectively. Furthermore, all the above methods are less expressive than r -SETWALKS.

Proof. For the first part, we discuss each walk separately:

① Simple random walks on the CE of the hypergraphs: We perform 2-SETWALKS on the (weighted) 2-projected hypergraph with $\Gamma(\cdot) = 1$. Accordingly, for every two adjacent edges in the 2-Projected graph like e and e' , we have $\varphi(e, e') = 1$. Therefore, it is equivalent to a simple random walk on the CE (2-projected graph).

② Edge-independent random walks on hypergraphs: As is shown by Chitra and Raphael [39], each edge-independent random walk on hypergraphs is equivalent to a simple random walk on the (weighted) CE of the hypergraph. Therefore, as discussed in ①, these walks are a special case of r -SETWALKS, when $r = 2$ and applied to (weighted) 2-Projected hypergraph.

③ Edge-dependent random walks on hypergraphs: Let $\Gamma'(e, u)$ be an edge-dependent weight function used in the hypergraph random walk sampling. For each node u in the UP hypergraph, we store the set of $\Gamma'(e, u)$ that e is a maximal hyperedge that u belongs to. Note that there might be several maximal hyperedges that u belongs to. Now, we perform 2-SETWALK sampling on the UP hypergraph with these weights and in each step, we sample each hyperedge with weight $\Gamma(u, e) = \Gamma'(e, u)$. It is straightforward to show that given this procedure, the sampling probability of a hyperedge is the same in both cases. Therefore, edge-dependent random walks on hypergraphs are equivalent to 2-SETWALKS when applied to the UP hypergraph.

As discussed above, all these walks are special cases of r -SETWALKS and cannot be more expressive than r -SETWALKS. Also, as discussed in Theorem 1, all these walks are less expressive than SETWALKS, which are also special cases of r -SETWALKS, when $r = \infty$. Accordingly, all these methods are less expressive than r -SETWALKS. \square

F Experimental Setup Details

F.1 Datasets

We use 10 publicly available¹ benchmark datasets, whose descriptions are as follows:

- **NDC Class** [5]: The NDC Class dataset is a temporal higher-order network, in which each hyperedge corresponds to an individual drug, and the nodes contained within the hyperedges represent class labels assigned to these drugs. The timestamps, measured in days, indicate the initial market entry of each drug. Here, hyperedge prediction aims to predict future drugs.
- **NDC Substances** [5]: The NDC Substances is a temporal higher-order network, where each hyperedge represents an NDC code associated with a specific drug, while the nodes represent the constituent substances of the drug. The timestamps, measured in days, indicate the initial market entry of each drug. The hyperedge prediction task is the same as NDC Classes dataset.
- **High School** [5, 88]: The High School is a temporal higher-order network dataset constructed from interactions recorded by wearable sensors in a high school setting. The dataset captures a high school contact network, where each student/teacher is represented as a node and each hyperedge shows Face-to-face contact among individuals. Interactions were recorded at a resolution of 20 seconds, capturing all interactions that occurred within the previous 20 seconds. Node labels in this data are the class of students, and we focus on the node class "PSI" in our classification tasks.
- **Primary School** [5, 89]: The primary school dataset resembles the high school dataset, differing only in terms of the school level from which the data is collected. Node labels in this data are the class of students, and we focus on the node class "Teachers" in our classification tasks.
- **Congress Bill** [5, 90, 91]: Each node in this dataset represents a US Congressperson. Each hyperedge is a legislative bill in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, connecting the sponsors and co-sponsors of each respective bill. The timestamps, measured in days, indicate the date when each bill was introduced.
- **Email Enron** [5]: In this dataset nodes are email addresses at Enron and hyperedges are formed by emails, connecting the sender and recipients of each email. The timestamps have a resolution of milliseconds.
- **Email Eu** [5, 92]: In this dataset, the nodes represent email addresses associated with a European research institution. Each hyperedge consists of the sender and all recipients of the email. The timestamps in this dataset are measured with a resolution of 1 second.
- **Question Tags M (Math sx)** [5]: This dataset consists of nodes representing tags and hyperedges representing sets of tags applied to questions on math.stackexchange.com. The timestamps in the dataset are recorded at millisecond resolution and have been normalized to start at 0.
- **Question Tags U (Ask Ubuntu)** [5]: In this dataset, the nodes represent tags, and the hyperedges represent sets of tags applied to questions on askubuntu.com. The timestamps in the dataset are recorded with millisecond resolution and have been normalized to start at 0.
- **Users-Threads** [5]: In this dataset, the nodes represent users on askubuntu.com, and a hyperedge is formed by users participating in a thread that lasts for a maximum duration of 24 hours. The timestamps in the dataset denote the time of each post, measured in milliseconds but normalized such that the earliest post begins at 0.

The statistics of these datasets can be found in Table 3.

F.2 Baselines

We compare our method to eight previous state-of-the-art methods and baselines on the hyperedge prediction task:

¹<https://www.cs.cornell.edu/~arb/data/>

Table 3: Dataset statistics. HeP: **H**yperedge **P**rediction, NC: **N**ode **C**lassification

Dataset	NDC Class	High School	Primary School	Congress Bill	Email Enron	Email Eu	Question Tags M	Users-Threads	NDC Substances	Question Tags U
V	1,161	327	242	1,718	143	998	1,629	125,602	5,311	3,029
E	49,724	172,035	106,879	260,851	10,883	234,760	822,059	192,947	112,405	271,233
#Timestamps	5,891	7,375	3,100	5,936	10,788	232,816	822,054	189,917	7,734	271,233
Task	HeP	HeP & NC	HeP & NC	HeP	HeP	HeP	HeP	HeP	HeP	HeP

- CHESHIRE [10]: Chebyshev spectral hyperlink predictor (CHESHIRE), is a hyperedge prediction methods that initializes node embeddings by directly passing the incidence matrix through a one-layer neural network. CHESHIRE treats a hyperedge as a fully connected graph (clique) and uses a Chebyshev spectral GCN to refine the embeddings of the nodes within the hyperedge. The Chebyshev spectral GCN leverages Chebyshev polynomial expansion and spectral graph theory to learn localized spectral filters. These filters enable the extraction of local and composite features from graphs that capture complex geometric structures. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- HYPER-SAGCN [25]: Self-attention-based graph convolutional network for hypergraphs (HyperSAGCN) utilizes a Spectral Aggregated Graph Convolutional Network (SAGCN) to refine the embeddings of nodes within each hyperedge. HyperSAGCN generates initial node embeddings by hypergraph random walks and combines node embeddings by MEAN (.) pooling to compute the embedding of hyperedge. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- NHP [83]: Neural Hyperlink Predictor (NHP), is an enhanced version of HyperSAGCN. NHP initializes node embeddings using Node2Vec on the CE graph and then uses a novel maximum minimum-based pooling function that enables adaptive weight learning in a task-specific manner, incorporating additional prior knowledge about the nodes. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- HPLSF [85]: Hyperlink Prediction using Latent Social Features (HPLSF) is a probabilistic method. It leverages the homophily property of the networks and introduces a latent feature learning approach, incorporating the use of entropy in computing hyperedge embedding. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- HPRA [84]: Hyperlink Prediction Using Resource Allocation (HPRA) is a hyperedge prediction method based on the resource allocation process. HPRA calculates a hypergraph resource allocation (HRA) index between two nodes, taking into account direct connections and shared neighbors. The HRA index of a candidate hyperedge is determined by averaging all pairwise HRA indices between the nodes within the hyperedge. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- CE-CAW: This model is a baseline that we apply CAW [32] on the CE of the hypergraph. CAW is a temporal edge prediction method that uses causal anonymous random walks to capture the dynamic laws of the network in an inductive manner. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- CE-EVOLVEGCN: This is a snapshot-based temporal graph learning method that we apply EVOLVEGCN [86], which uses RNNs to estimate the GCN parameters for the future snapshots, on the CE of the hypergraph. The model with code provided is [here](#).
- CE-GCN: We apply Graph Convolutional Networks [87] to the CE of the hypergraph to obtain node embeddings. Next, we use MLP to predict edges. The implementation is provided in the Pytorch Geometric library.

For node classification, we use four state-of-the-art deep hypergraph learning methods and a CE-based baseline:

- HYPERGCN [18]: This is a generalization of GCNs to hypergraphs, where it uses hypergraph Laplacian to define convolution.
- ALLDEEPSets and ALLSETTRANSFORMER [24]: These two methods are two variants of the general message passing framework, Allset, on hypergraphs, which are based on the aggregation of messages from nodes to hyperedges and from hyperedges to nodes.
- UNIGCNII [27]: Is an advanced variant of UNIGNN, a general framework for message passing on hypergraphs.

Table 4: Hyperparameters used in the grid search.

Datasets	Sampling Number M	Sampling Time Bias α	SETWALK Length m	Hidden dimensions
NDC Class	4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4, 5	32, 64, 128
High School	4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4, 5	32, 64, 128
Primary School	4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4, 5	32, 64, 128
Congress Bill	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4, 5	32, 64, 128
Email Enron	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4, 5	32, 64, 128
Email Eu	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4	32, 64, 128
Question Tags M	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4	32, 64, 128
Users-Threads	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4	32, 64, 128
NDC Substances	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4	32, 64, 128
Question Tags U	8, 16, 32, 64	$\{0.5, 2.0, 20, 200\} \times 10^{-7}$	2, 3, 4	32, 64, 128

- CE-GCN: We apply Graph Convolutional Networks [87] to the CE of the hypergraph to obtain node embeddings. Next, we use MLP to predict the labels of nodes. The implementation is provided in the Pytorch Geometric library. [87]

For all the baselines, we set all sensitive hyperparameters (e.g., learning rate, dropout rate, batch size, etc.) to the values given in the paper that describes the technique. Following [57], for deep learning methods, we tune their hidden dimensions via grid search to be consistent with what we did for CAT-WALK. We exclude HPLSF [85] and HPRA [84] from inductive hyperedge prediction as it does not apply to them.

F.3 Implementation and Training Details

In addition to hyperparameters and modules (activation functions) mentioned in the main paper, here, we report the training hyperparameters of CAT-WALK: On all datasets, we use a batch size of 64 and set learning rate = 10^{-4} . We also use an early stopping strategy to stop training if the validation performance does not increase for more than 5 epochs. We use the maximum training epoch number of 30 and dropout layers with rate = 0.1. Other hyperparameters used in the implementation can be found in the README file in the supplement.

Also, for tuning the model’s hyperparameters, we systematically tune them using grid search. The search domains of each hyperparameter are reported in Table 4. Note that, the last column in Table 4 reports the search domain for hidden dimensions of modules in CAT-WALK, including SETMIXER, MLP-MIXER, and MLPs. Also, we tune the last layer pooling strategy with two options: SETMIXER or MEAN(.) whichever leads to a better performance.

We implemented our method in Python 3.7 with *PyTorch* and run the experiments on a Linux machine with *nvidia RTX A4000* GPU with 16GB of RAM.

G Additional Experimental Results

G.1 Results on More Datasets

Due to the space limit, we report the AUC results on only eight datasets in Section 4. Table 6 reports both AUC and average precision (AP) results on all 10 datasets in both inductive and transductive hyperedge prediction tasks.

G.2 Node Classification

In the main text, we focus on the hyperedge prediction task. Here we describe how CAT-WALK can be used for node classification tasks.

For each node u_0 in the training set, we sample $\max\{\deg(u_0), 10\}$ hyperedges such as $e_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_k\}$. Next, for each sampled hyperedge we sample M SETWALKS with length m starting from each $u_i \in e_0$ to construct $\mathcal{S}(u_i)$. Next, we anonymize each hyperedge that appears in at least one SETWALK in $\bigcup_{i=0}^k \mathcal{S}(u_i)$ by Equation 3 and then use the MLP-MIXER module to encode each $\text{Sw} \in \bigcup_{i=0}^k \mathcal{S}(u_i)$. To encode each node $u_i \in e_0$, we use MEAN(.) pooling over SETWALKS in $\mathcal{S}(u_i)$.

Table 5: Performance on node classification: Mean ACC (%) \pm standard deviation. Boldfaced letters shaded blue indicate the best result, while gray shaded boxes indicate results within one standard deviation of the best result.

	Methods	High School	Primary School	Average Performance
Inductive	CE-GCN	76.24 \pm 2.99	79.03 \pm 3.16	77.63 \pm 3.07
	HYPERGCN	83.91 \pm 3.05	86.17 \pm 3.40	85.04 \pm 3.23
	ALLDEEPSets	85.67 \pm 4.17	81.43 \pm 6.77	83.55 \pm 5.47
	UNIGCNII	88.36 \pm 3.78	88.27 \pm 3.52	88.31 \pm 3.63
	ALLSETTRANSFORMER	91.19 \pm 2.85	90.00 \pm 4.35	90.59 \pm 3.6
	CAT-WALK	88.99 \pm 4.76	93.28 \pm 2.41	91.13 \pm 3.58
Transductive	CE-GCN	78.93 \pm 3.11	77.46 \pm 2.97	78.20 \pm 3.04
	HYPERGCN	84.90 \pm 3.59	85.23 \pm 3.06	85.07 \pm 3.33
	ALLDEEPSets	85.97 \pm 4.05	80.20 \pm 10.18	83.09 \pm 7.12
	UNIGCNII	89.16 \pm 4.37	90.29 \pm 4.01	89.73 \pm 4.19
	ALLSETTRANSFORMER	90.75 \pm 3.13	89.80 \pm 2.55	90.27 \pm 2.84
	CAT-WALK	90.66 \pm 4.96	93.20 \pm 2.45	91.93 \pm 3.71

Finally, for node classification task, we use a 2-layer perceptron over the node encodings to make the final prediction.

Table 5 reports the results of dynamic node classification tasks on High School and Primary School datasets. CAT-WALK achieves the best or on-par performance on dynamic node classification tasks. While all baselines are specifically designed for node classification tasks, CAT-WALK achieves superior results due to ① its ability to incorporate temporal properties (both from SETWALKS and our time encoding module), which helps to learn underlying dynamic laws of the network, and ② its two-step set-based anonymization process that hides node identities from the model. Accordingly, CAT-WALK can learn underlying patterns needed for the node classification task, instead of using node identities, which might cause memorizing vertices.

G.3 Performance in Average Precision

In addition to the AUC, we also compare our model with baselines with respect to Average Precision (AP). Table 6 reports both AUC and AP results on all 10 datasets in inductive and transductive hyperedge prediction tasks. As discussed in Section 4, CAT-WALK due to its ability to capture both temporal and higher-order properties of the hypergraphs, achieves superior performance and outperforms all baselines in both transductive and inductive settings with a significant margin.

G.4 Scalability Analysis

In this part, we investigate the scalability of CAT-WALK. To this end, we use different versions of the High School dataset with different numbers of hyperedges from 10^4 to 1.6×10^5 . Figure 6 (left) reports the runtimes of SETWALK sampling and Figure 6 (right) reports the runtimes of CAT-WALK for training one epoch using $M = 8$, $m = 3$ with batch-size = 64. Interestingly, our method scales linearly with the number of hyperedges, which enables it to be used on long hyperedge streams and large hypergraphs.

G.5 More Results on RNN v.s. MLP-MIXER in Walk Encoding

Most existing methods on (temporal) random walk encoding see a walk as a sequence of vertices and uses sequence encoders like RNNs or TRANSFORMERS to encode each walk. The main drawback of these methods is that they fail to directly process temporal walks with irregular gaps between timestamps. That is, sequential encoders can be seen as discrete approximations of dynamic systems; however, this discretization often fails if we have irregularly observed data [118]. This is the main motivation of recent studies to develop methods on continuous-time temporal networks [33, 119]. Most of these methods are too complicated and sometimes fail to generalize [120]. In CAT-WALK, we suggest a simple architecture to encode temporal walks by a time-encoding module along with a MIXER module (see Section 3.4 for the details). In this part, we evaluate the power of our MIXER module

Table 6: Performance on hyperedge prediction: AUC and Average Precision (%) \pm standard deviation. Boldfaced letters shaded blue indicate the best result, while gray shaded boxes indicate results within one standard deviation of the best result. N/A: the method has computational issues.

Datasets		NDC Class		High School		Primary School		Congress Bill		Email Enron	
Metric	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	
Inductive	Strongly Inductive										
	CE-GCN	52.31 ± 2.99	54.33 ± 2.48	60.54 ± 2.06	59.92 ± 2.25	52.34 ± 2.75	56.41 ± 2.06	49.18 ± 3.61	53.85 ± 3.92	63.04 ± 1.80	57.70 ± 2.27
	CE-EvolveGCN	49.78 ± 3.13	55.24 ± 3.56	46.12 ± 3.83	52.87 ± 3.48	58.01 ± 2.56	55.68 ± 2.41	54.00 ± 1.84	50.27 ± 1.76	57.31 ± 4.19	54.52 ± 3.79
	CE-CAW	76.45 ± 0.29	78.58 ± 1.32	83.73 ± 1.42	82.96 ± 1.04	80.31 ± 1.46	82.84 ± 1.71	75.38 ± 1.25	77.19 ± 1.38	70.81 ± 1.13	72.07 ± 1.52
	NHP	70.53 ± 4.95	68.18 ± 4.31	65.29 ± 3.80	62.86 ± 3.74	70.86 ± 3.42	71.31 ± 3.51	69.82 ± 2.19	64.09 ± 2.87	49.71 ± 6.09	50.01 ± 4.87
	HYPER-SAGCN	79.05 ± 2.48	77.24 ± 2.05	88.12 ± 3.01	82.72 ± 2.93	80.13 ± 1.38	76.32 ± 2.96	79.51 ± 1.27	80.58 ± 2.61	73.09 ± 2.60	72.29 ± 3.69
	CHESHIRE	72.24 ± 2.63	70.31 ± 2.26	82.54 ± 0.88	80.34 ± 1.19	77.26 ± 1.01	77.72 ± 0.76	79.43 ± 1.58	78.63 ± 1.25	70.03 ± 2.55	72.97 ± 1.81
	CAT-WALK	98.89 ± 1.82	98.97 ± 1.69	96.03 ± 1.50	96.41 ± 0.70	95.32 ± 0.89	96.03 ± 0.84	93.54 ± 0.56	93.93 ± 0.36	73.45 ± 2.92	74.66 ± 3.87
	Weakly Inductive										
	CE-GCN	51.80 ± 3.29	50.94 ± 3.77	50.33 ± 3.40	48.54 ± 3.92	52.19 ± 2.54	53.21 ± 3.59	52.38 ± 2.75	50.81 ± 2.68	50.81 ± 2.87	55.38 ± 2.79
CE-EvolveGCN	55.39 ± 5.16	57.24 ± 4.98	57.85 ± 3.51	63.26 ± 4.01	51.50 ± 4.07	52.59 ± 4.53	55.63 ± 3.41	5.19 ± 3.56	45.66 ± 2.10	50.93 ± 2.57	
CE-CAW	77.61 ± 1.05	80.03 ± 1.65	83.77 ± 1.41	83.41 ± 1.19	82.98 ± 1.06	80.84 ± 1.57	79.51 ± 0.94	80.39 ± 1.07	80.54 ± 1.02	77.41 ± 1.28	
NHP	75.17 ± 2.02	77.23 ± 3.11	67.25 ± 5.19	66.73 ± 4.94	71.92 ± 1.83	72.30 ± 1.89	69.58 ± 4.07	72.48 ± 4.83	60.38 ± 4.45	55.62 ± 4.67	
HYPER-SAGCN	79.45 ± 2.18	80.32 ± 2.23	88.53 ± 1.26	87.26 ± 1.49	85.08 ± 1.45	86.84 ± 1.60	80.12 ± 2.00	73.48 ± 2.77	78.86 ± 0.63	79.14 ± 1.51	
CHESHIRE	79.03 ± 1.24	78.98 ± 1.17	88.40 ± 1.06	86.53 ± 1.82	83.55 ± 1.27	79.42 ± 2.03	79.67 ± 0.83	80.03 ± 1.38	74.53 ± 0.91	75.88 ± 1.14	
CAT-WALK	99.16 ± 1.08	99.33 ± 0.89	94.68 ± 2.37	96.54 ± 0.82	96.53 ± 1.39	96.83 ± 1.16	98.38 ± 0.21	98.48 ± 0.18	64.11 ± 7.96	67.68 ± 6.93	
Transductive	HPRA	70.83 ± 0.01	67.40 ± 0.00	94.91 ± 0.00	89.17 ± 0.00	89.86 ± 0.06	88.11 ± 0.02	79.48 ± 0.03	77.16 ± 0.03	78.62 ± 0.00	76.74 ± 0.00
	HPLSF	76.19 ± 0.82	77.62 ± 1.42	92.14 ± 0.29	92.79 ± 0.15	88.57 ± 1.09	87.69 ± 1.61	79.31 ± 0.52	75.88 ± 0.43	75.73 ± 0.05	75.32 ± 0.08
	CE-GCN	66.83 ± 3.74	65.83 ± 3.61	62.99 ± 3.02	59.76 ± 3.78	59.14 ± 3.87	55.59 ± 3.46	64.42 ± 3.11	63.19 ± 3.34	58.06 ± 3.80	55.27 ± 3.12
	CE-EvolveGCN	67.08 ± 3.51	66.51 ± 3.80	65.19 ± 2.26	59.27 ± 2.19	63.15 ± 1.32	65.18 ± 1.89	69.30 ± 2.27	64.38 ± 2.66	69.98 ± 5.38	67.76 ± 5.16
	CE-CAW	76.30 ± 0.84	77.73 ± 1.42	81.63 ± 0.97	79.37 ± 0.53	86.53 ± 0.84	87.03 ± 1.15	76.99 ± 1.02	77.05 ± 1.14	79.57 ± 0.14	78.37 ± 1.15
	NHP	82.39 ± 2.81	80.72 ± 2.04	76.85 ± 3.08	75.37 ± 3.12	80.04 ± 3.42	80.24 ± 3.49	80.27 ± 2.53	77.82 ± 1.91	63.17 ± 3.79	66.87 ± 3.19
	HYPER-SAGCN	80.76 ± 2.64	80.50 ± 2.73	94.98 ± 1.30	89.73 ± 1.21	90.77 ± 2.05	88.64 ± 2.09	82.84 ± 1.61	81.12 ± 1.79	83.59 ± 0.98	80.54 ± 1.66
	CHESHIRE	84.91 ± 1.05	82.24 ± 1.49	95.11 ± 0.94	94.29 ± 1.23	91.62 ± 1.18	92.72 ± 1.07	86.81 ± 1.24	83.66 ± 1.90	82.27 ± 0.86	81.39 ± 0.81
	CAT-WALK	98.72 ± 1.38	98.71 ± 1.36	95.30 ± 0.43	95.90 ± 0.44	97.91 ± 3.30	97.92 ± 2.95	88.15 ± 1.46	88.66 ± 1.57	80.47 ± 5.30	82.87 ± 3.50
	Strongly Inductive										
CE-GCN	52.76 ± 2.41	50.37 ± 2.59	56.10 ± 1.88	54.15 ± 1.94	57.91 ± 1.56	59.45 ± 1.21	55.70 ± 2.91	54.29 ± 2.78	51.97 ± 2.91	55.03 ± 2.72	
CE-EvolveGCN	44.16 ± 1.27	49.15 ± 1.23	64.08 ± 2.75	60.64 ± 2.78	52.00 ± 2.32	52.69 ± 2.15	58.17 ± 2.24	57.35 ± 2.13	54.57 ± 2.25	57.16 ± 2.55	
CE-CAW	72.99 ± 0.20	73.45 ± 0.68	70.14 ± 1.89	70.26 ± 1.77	73.12 ± 1.06	72.64 ± 1.18	75.87 ± 0.77	73.19 ± 0.86	74.21 ± 2.04	76.52 ± 2.06	
NHP	65.35 ± 2.07	64.24 ± 1.61	68.23 ± 3.34	69.82 ± 3.41	71.83 ± 2.64	71.09 ± 2.83	70.43 ± 3.64	73.22 ± 3.03	72.52 ± 2.90	71.56 ± 2.26	
HYPER-SAGCN	78.01 ± 1.24	80.04 ± 1.87	73.66 ± 1.95	73.98 ± 1.35	73.94 ± 2.57	72.97 ± 2.45	75.85 ± 2.21	73.24 ± 2.75	78.88 ± 2.69	77.53 ± 2.28	
CHESHIRE	69.98 ± 2.71	70.10 ± 3.05	N/A	N/A	76.99 ± 2.82	74.03 ± 2.78	76.60 ± 2.19	74.91 ± 2.71	75.04 ± 3.39	75.46 ± 2.90	
CAT-WALK	91.68 ± 2.78	91.75 ± 2.82	88.03 ± 3.38	88.46 ± 3.09	89.84 ± 6.02	91.58 ± 4.37	93.29 ± 1.55	94.26 ± 1.21	97.59 ± 2.21	97.71 ± 2.07	
Inductive	Weakly Inductive										
	CE-GCN	49.60 ± 3.96	55.01 ± 3.25	55.13 ± 2.76	51.48 ± 2.66	57.06 ± 3.16	58.37 ± 2.86	60.92 ± 2.81	55.93 ± 2.03	56.85 ± 2.73	57.19 ± 2.52
	CE-EvolveGCN	52.44 ± 2.38	50.61 ± 2.32	61.79 ± 1.63	59.61 ± 1.12	55.81 ± 2.54	50.63 ± 2.46	58.48 ± 2.49	55.90 ± 2.51	54.10 ± 1.21	56.13 ± 2.32
	CE-CAW	73.54 ± 1.19	74.10 ± 1.41	77.29 ± 0.86	77.67 ± 1.94	80.79 ± 0.82	81.88 ± 0.63	77.28 ± 1.30	79.24 ± 1.19	76.51 ± 1.26	77.17 ± 1.39
	NHP	67.19 ± 4.33	66.53 ± 4.21	70.46 ± 3.52	65.66 ± 3.94	76.44 ± 1.90	75.23 ± 3.96	73.37 ± 3.51	70.62 ± 3.71	78.15 ± 4.41	79.64 ± 4.32
	HYPER-SAGCN	77.26 ± 2.09	74.05 ± 2.12	78.15 ± 1.41	76.19 ± 1.53	75.38 ± 1.43	70.35 ± 1.63	80.82 ± 2.18	76.67 ± 2.06	74.22 ± 1.91	70.57 ± 1.02
	CHESHIRE	77.31 ± 0.95	76.01 ± 0.98	N/A	N/A	81.27 ± 0.85	82.96 ± 1.41	80.68 ± 1.31	80.78 ± 1.13	77.60 ± 1.57	79.48 ± 1.79
	CAT-WALK	91.98 ± 2.41	92.22 ± 2.40	90.28 ± 2.81	90.56 ± 2.62	97.15 ± 1.81	97.55 ± 1.49	95.65 ± 1.82	96.18 ± 1.52	98.11 ± 1.31	98.25 ± 1.13
	Strongly Inductive										
	CE-GCN	52.76 ± 2.41	50.37 ± 2.59	56.10 ± 1.88	54.15 ± 1.94	57.91 ± 1.56	59.45 ± 1.21	55.70 ± 2.91	54.29 ± 2.78	51.97 ± 2.91	55.03 ± 2.72
CE-EvolveGCN	44.16 ± 1.27	49.15 ± 1.23	64.08 ± 2.75	60.64 ± 2.78	52.00 ± 2.32	52.69 ± 2.15	58.17 ± 2.24	57.35 ± 2.13	54.57 ± 2.25	57.16 ± 2.55	
CE-CAW	72.99 ± 0.20	73.45 ± 0.68	70.14 ± 1.89	70.26 ± 1.77	73.12 ± 1.06	72.64 ± 1.18	75.87 ± 0.77	73.19 ± 0.86	74.21 ± 2.04	76.52 ± 2.06	
NHP	65.35 ± 2.07	64.24 ± 1.61	68.23 ± 3.34	69.82 ± 3.41	71.83 ± 2.64	71.09 ± 2.83	70.43 ± 3.64	73.22 ± 3.03	72.52 ± 2.90	71.56 ± 2.26	
HYPER-SAGCN	78.01 ± 1.24	80.04 ± 1.87	73.66 ± 1.95	73.98 ± 1.35	73.94 ± 2.57	72.97 ± 2.45	75.85 ± 2.21	73.24 ± 2.75	78.88 ± 2.69	77.53 ± 2.28	
CHESHIRE	69.98 ± 2.71	70.10 ± 3.05	N/A	N/A	76.99 ± 2.82	74.03 ± 2.78	76.60 ± 2.19	74.91 ± 2.71	75.04 ± 3.39	75.46 ± 2.90	
CAT-WALK	91.68 ± 2.78	91.75 ± 2.82	88.03 ± 3.38	88.46 ± 3.09	89.84 ± 6.02	91.58 ± 4.37	93.29 ± 1.55	94.26 ± 1.21	97.59 ± 2.21	97.71 ± 2.07	
Transductive	HPRA	72.51 ± 0.00	71.08 ± 0.00	83.18 ± 0.00	80.12 ± 0.00	70.49 ± 0.02	72.83 ± 0.00	77.94 ± 0.01	75.78 ± 0.01	81.05 ± 0.00	81.71 ± 0.00
	HPLSF	75.27 ± 0.31	77.95 ± 0.14	83.45 ± 0.93	82.29 ± 1.06	74.38 ± 1.11	73.81 ± 1.45	82.12 ± 0.71	84.51 ± 0.62	80.89 ± 1.51	75.62 ± 1.38
	CE-GCN	64.19 ± 2.79	65.93 ± 2.52	55.18 ± 5.12	55.84 ± 4.53	62.78 ± 2.69	59.71 ± 2.25	63.08 ± 2.19	65.37 ± 2.48	66.79 ± 2.88	60.51 ± 2.26
	CE-EvolveGCN	64.36 ± 4.17	66.98 ± 3.72	72.56 ± 1.72	69.38 ± 1.51	68.55 ± 2.26	67.86 ± 2.61	70.09 ± 3.42	66.37 ± 3.17	71.31 ± 2.92	70.36 ± 2.72
	CE-CAW	78.19 ± 1.10	77.95 ± 0.98	81.73 ± 2.48	83.27 ± 2.34	80.86 ± 0.45	80.57 ± 1.08	84.72 ± 1.65	84.93 ± 1.26	80.37 ± 1.77	83.14 ± 0.97
	NHP	78.90 ± 4.39	76.95 ± 5.08	79.14 ± 3.36	78.79 ± 3.15	82.33 ± 1.02	81.44 ± 1.53	81.38 ± 1.42	82.17 ± 1.38	78.99 ± 4.16	80.06 ± 4.33
	HYPER-SAGCN	79.61 ± 2.35	75.99 ± 2.23	84.07 ± 2.50	84.22 ± 2.43	79.62 ± 2.04	79.38 ± 2.55	85.07 ± 2.46	85.32 ± 2.20	85.18 ± 2.64	80.99 ± 3.04
	CHESHIRE	86.38 ± 1.23	87.39 ± 1.07	N/A	N/A	82.75 ± 1.99	81.96 ± 1.75	86.30 ± 1.57	83.18 ± 1.92	87.83 ± 2.15	88.62 ± 1.76
	CAT-WALK	96.74 ± 1.28	97.08 ± 1.20	91.63 ± 1.41	92.28 ± 1.26	93.51 ± 1.27	94.98 ± 0.98	90.64 ± 0.44	91.96 ± 0.41	96.59 ± 4.39	97.06 ± 3.72

and compare its performance when we replace it with RNNs [78]. Figure 7 reports the results on all datasets. We observe that using MLP-MIXER with the time-encoding module in CAT-WALK can always outperform CAT-WALK when we replace MLP-MIXER with a RNN, and mostly this improvement is more on datasets with high variance in their timestamps. We relate this superiority to the importance of using continuous-time encoding instead of sequential encoders.

H Broader Impacts

Temporal hypergraph learning methods, such as CAT-WALK, benefit a wide array of real-world applications, including but not limited to social network analysis, recommender systems, brain network analysis, drug discovery, stock price prediction, and anomaly detection (e.g. bot detection in social media or abnormal human brain activity). However, there might be some potentially negative impacts, which we list

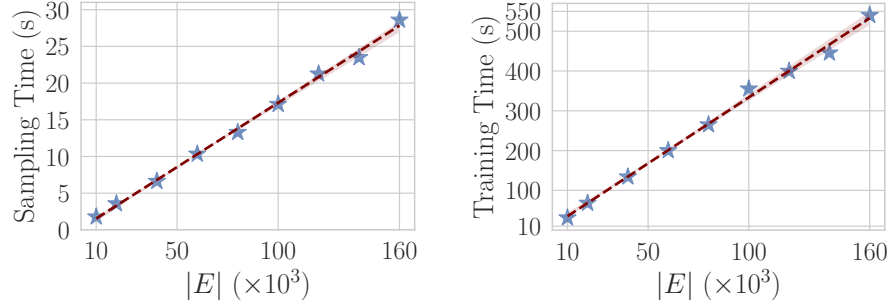


Figure 6: Scalability evaluation: The runtime of (left) SETWALK extraction and (right) the training time of CAT-WALK over one epoch on High School (using different $|E|$ for training).

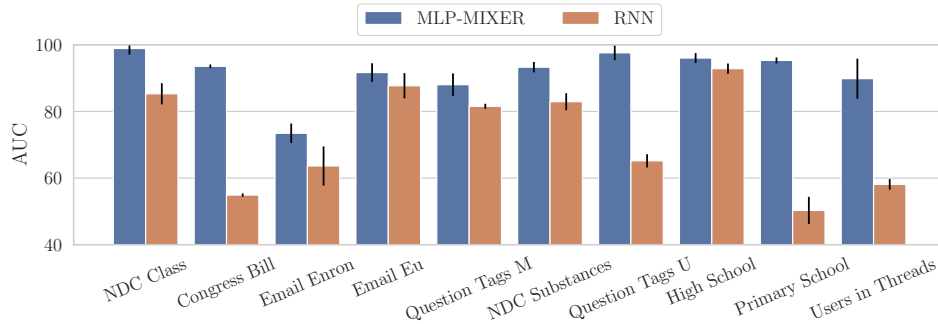


Figure 7: The importance of using MLP-MIXER in CAT-WALK. Using an RNN instead of MLP-MIXER can damage the performance in *all* datasets. RNNs are sequential encoders and are not able to encode continuous time in the data.

manipulation). Accordingly, to prevent the potential risks in sensitive tasks, e.g., decision-making from graph-structured data in health care, interpretability and explainability of machine learning models on hypergraphs is a critical area for future work.

Furthermore, this work does not perform research on human subjects as part of the study and all used datasets are anonymized and publicly available.

I Reproducibility

All codes and implementations are available in the supplement.

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