

# Networks and hypernetworks 4

Hypernetworks

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*Hypernetwork = Complex system with interactions  
represented by an Hypergraph*

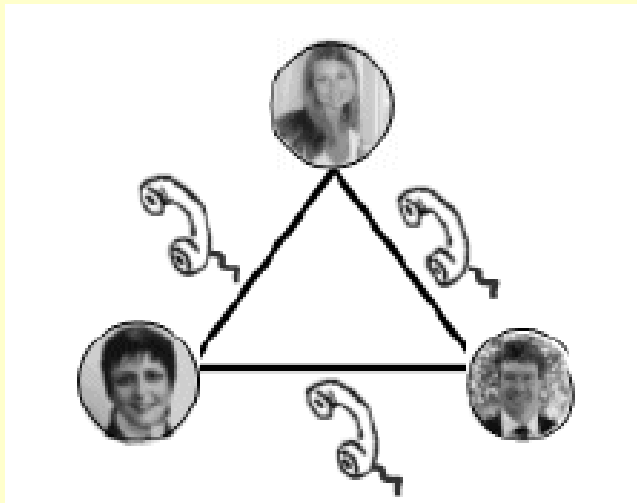
- Graphs, digraphs, competition networks and hypergraphs
- Degree, centrality,  $k$ -connection, path-length, clustering, etc.
- Homological notions
- Homology group calculations in hypergraphs
- Conclusion

# Graphs, digraphs, competition networks and hypergraphs

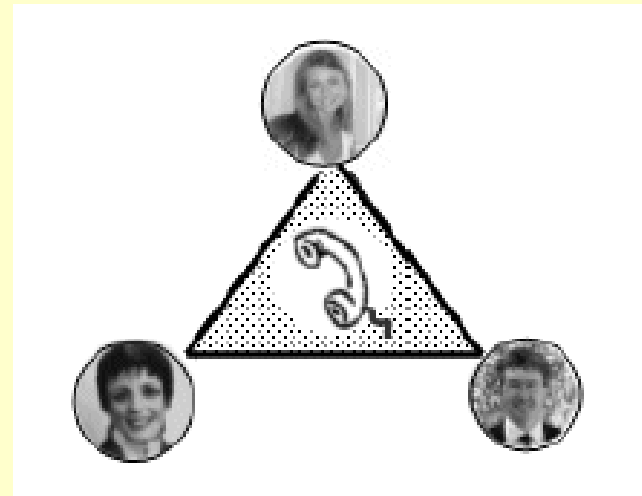
- Graph =  $(V, E)$  = (Vertices, Edges)
- Digraph = a directed graph
- Graphs and digraphs represent **binary** relations between objects
- In Nature n-ary ( $n > 2$ ) relations are common and binary relations cannot adequately represent the interactions
- Example: 3 binary relations versus a conference call

# Graphs, digraphs, competition networks and hypergraphs

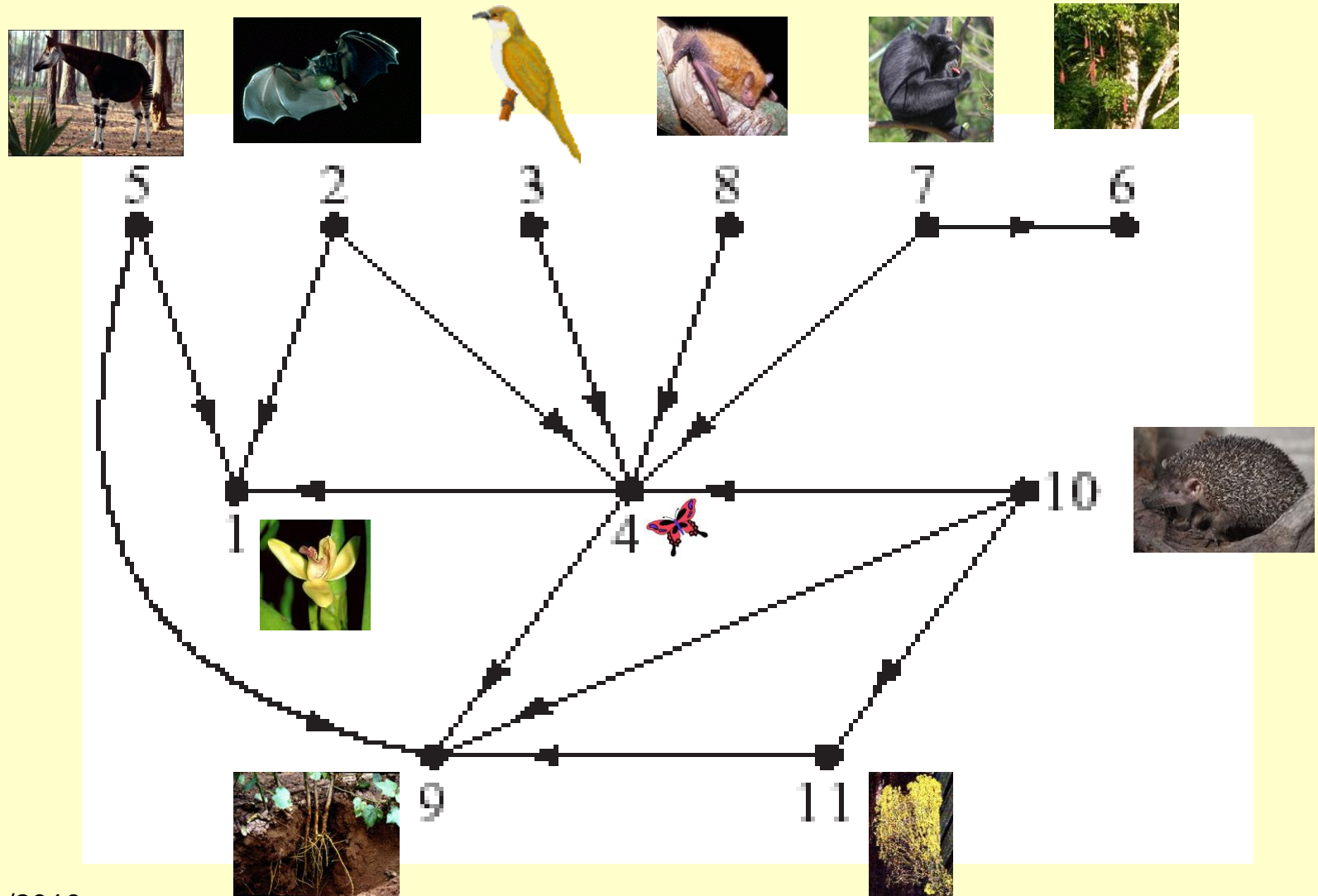
- (mother,daughter)+(daughter,father)  
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- Very different from (mother,daughter,father)



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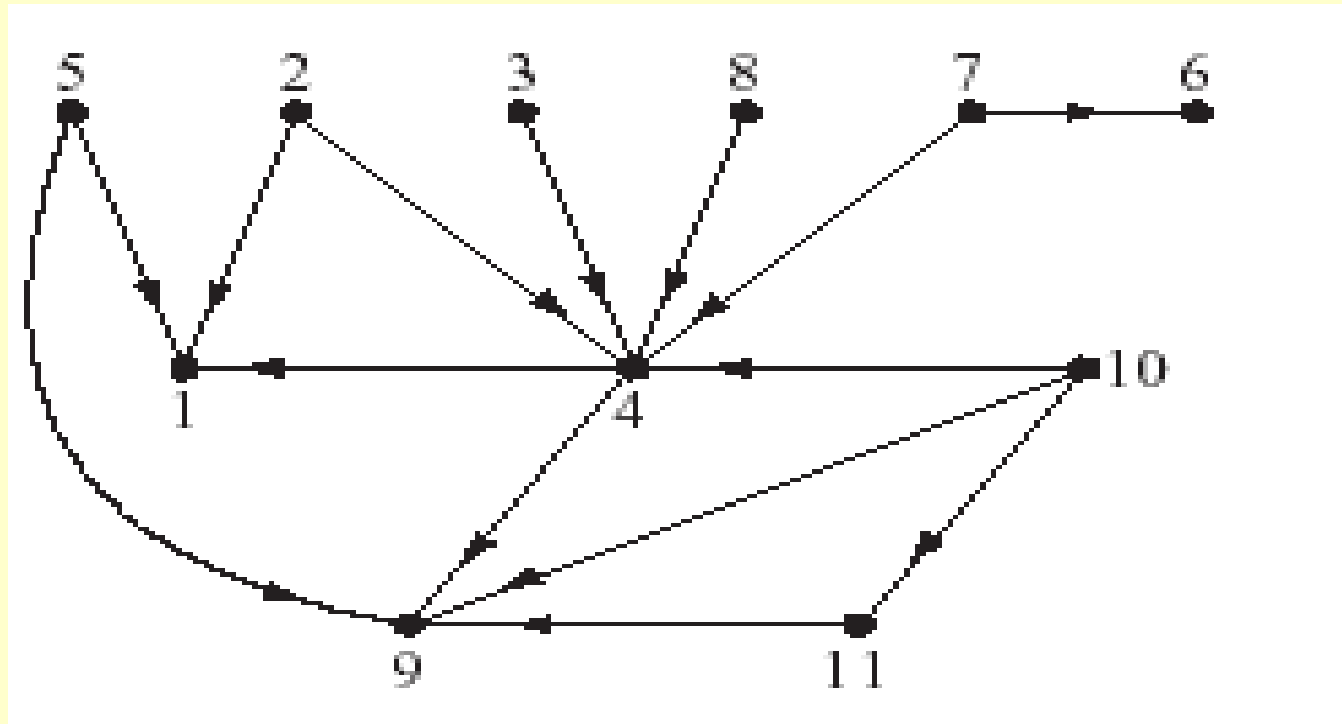
# Food webs



# Food webs and competition networks

- A food web is a digraph. The example: a food web of the Malaysian rain forest

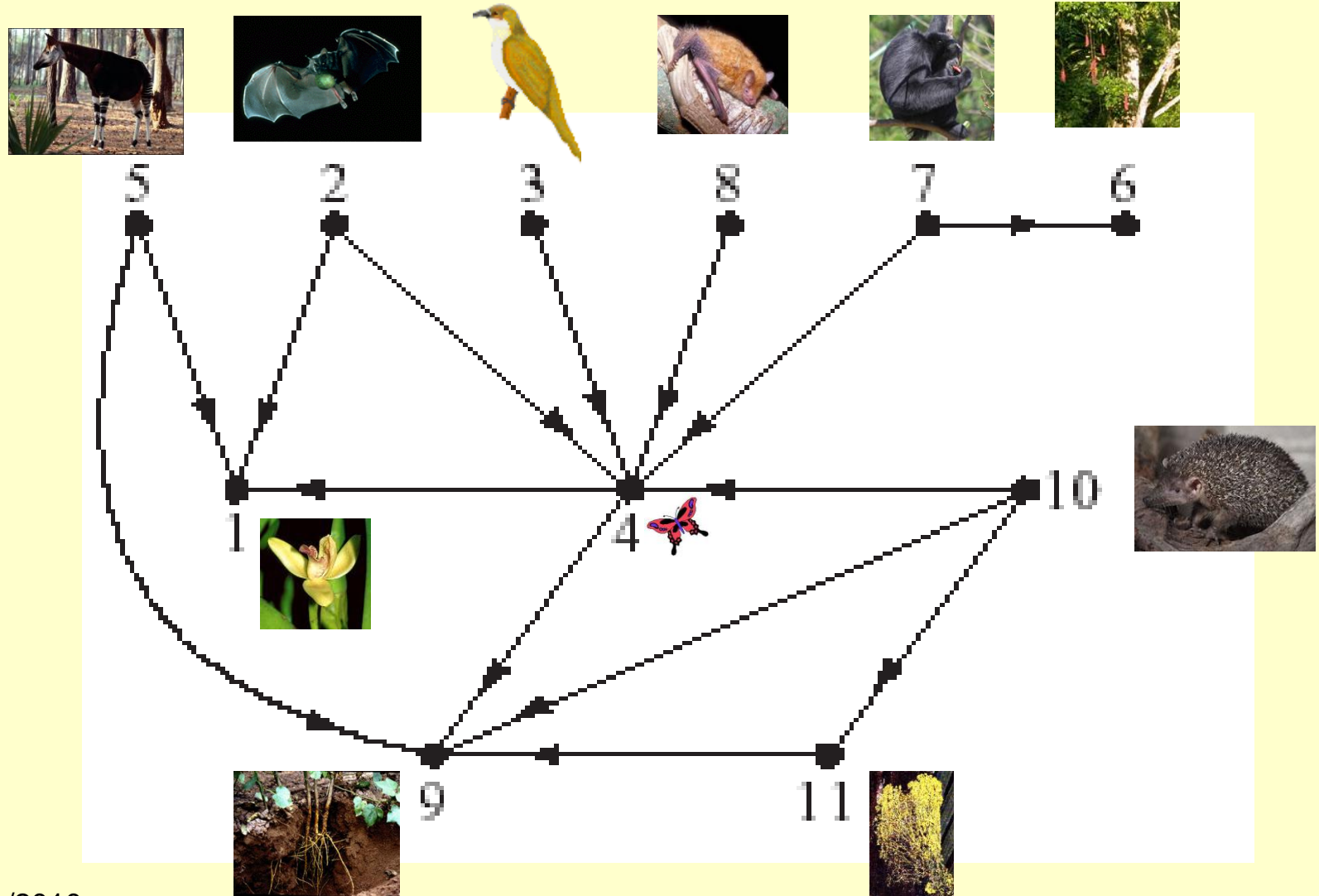
- D1



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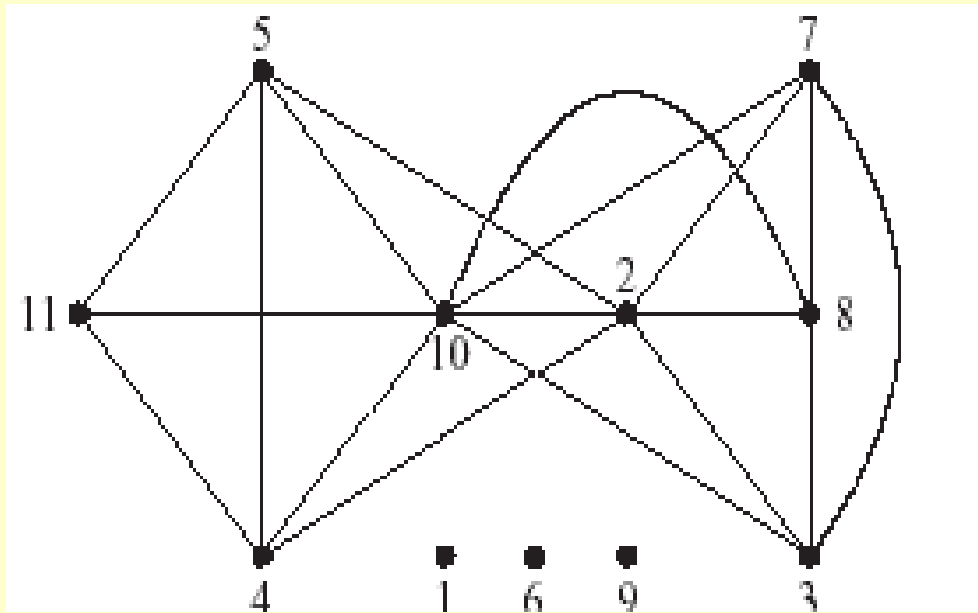
- 1. Canopy – leaves, fruits, flowers
- 2. Canopy animals – birds, fruit-bats ...
- 3. Upper air animals – birds, bats (insectivorous)
- 4. Insects
- 5. Large ground animals – mammals, birds
- 6. Trunk, fruit, flowers
- 7. Middle zone animals – mammals in canopy and ground
- 8. Middle zone flying – birds, insectivorous bats
- 9. Ground – roots, fallen fruit, leaves, trunks
- 10. Small ground animals
- 11. Fungi

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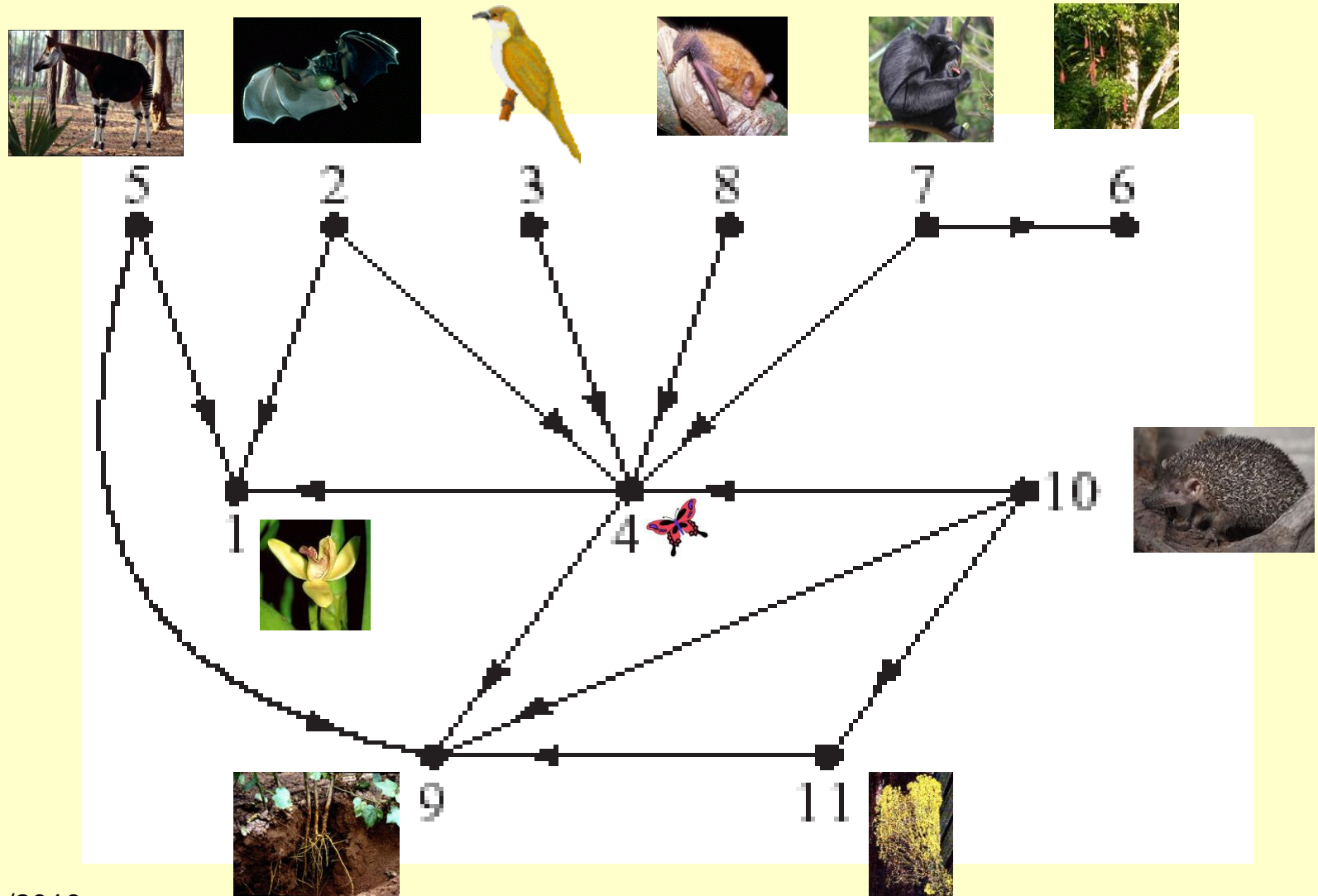
- The competition network C
- $(v,w) \in E(C)$  iff  $\exists u : (v,u), (w,u) \in E(D1)$



- $C(D1)$

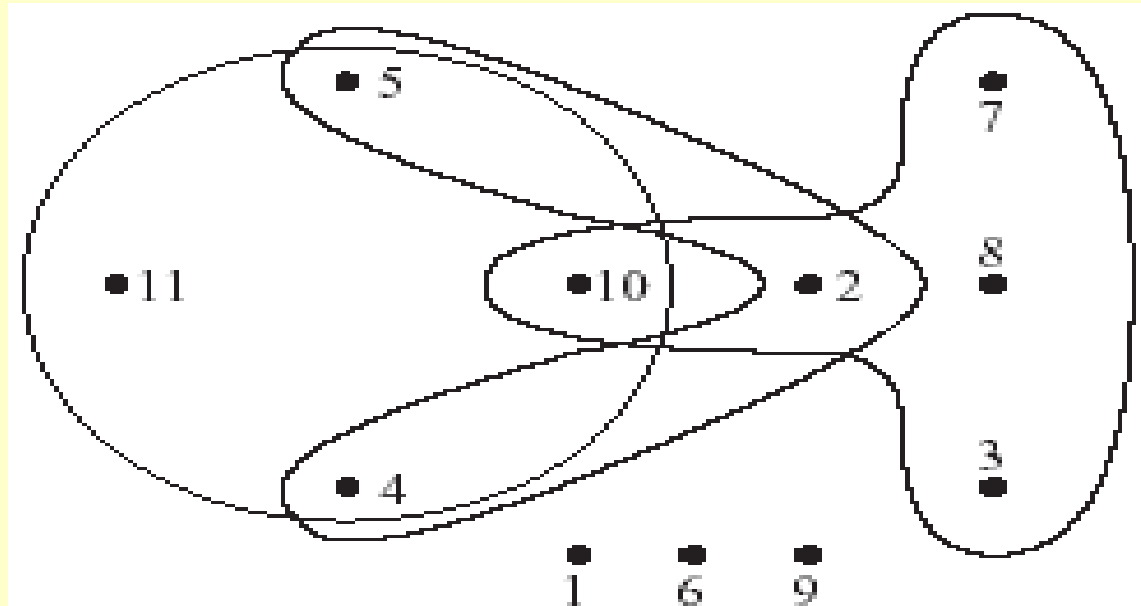
- Competition network=Competition graph=Niche overlap graph

# Food webs and hypergraphs



# Competition networks as hypergraphs

- (Sonntag-Teichert, 2004)

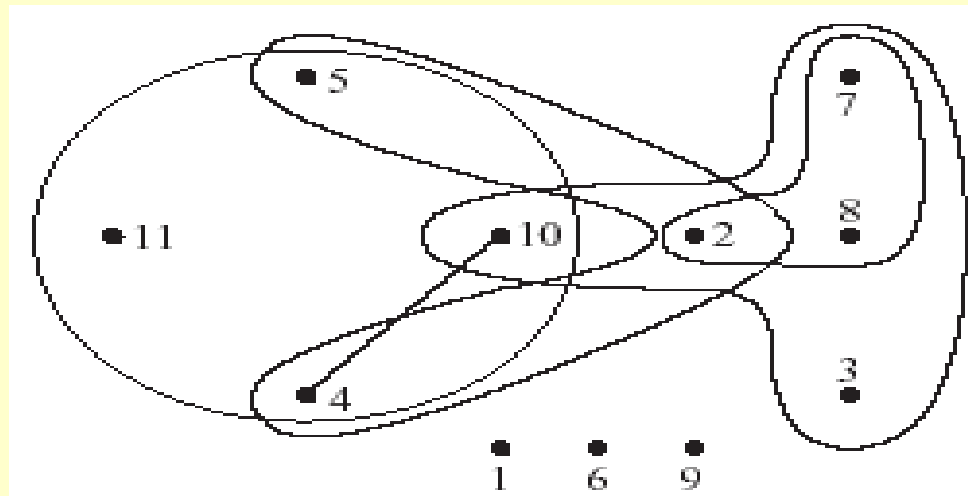


- $H(D1)$

- Hypergraph  $(V, E)$   $E$  (hyper-edges) = family of subsets  $E_i$  of  $V$  such that  $\bigcup_i E_i = V$

# Competition networks as hypergraphs

- Hypergraphs may contain more information than competition networks
- $D2 = D1 + (2,6) + (8,6) + (4,11)$
- The same competition network, but

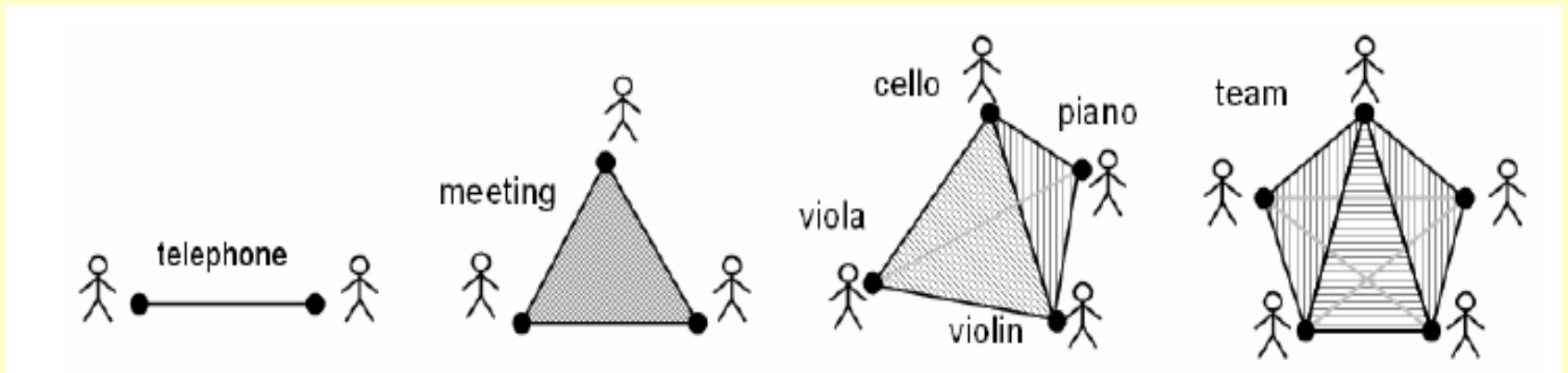


- $H(D2)$

- However  $H(D2)$  is not a **simple** hypergraph

# Hypergraphs

- Hypergraph  $(V, E)$
- $\{E_i\}$  = hyper-edges
- Edges as simplexes



# Hypergraphs, dual hypergraphs and incidence matrices

## Hypergraph $H = (X, E)$

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$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_7\}$

$E = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6\}$

$E_1 = \{x_1, x_3, x_4\}$

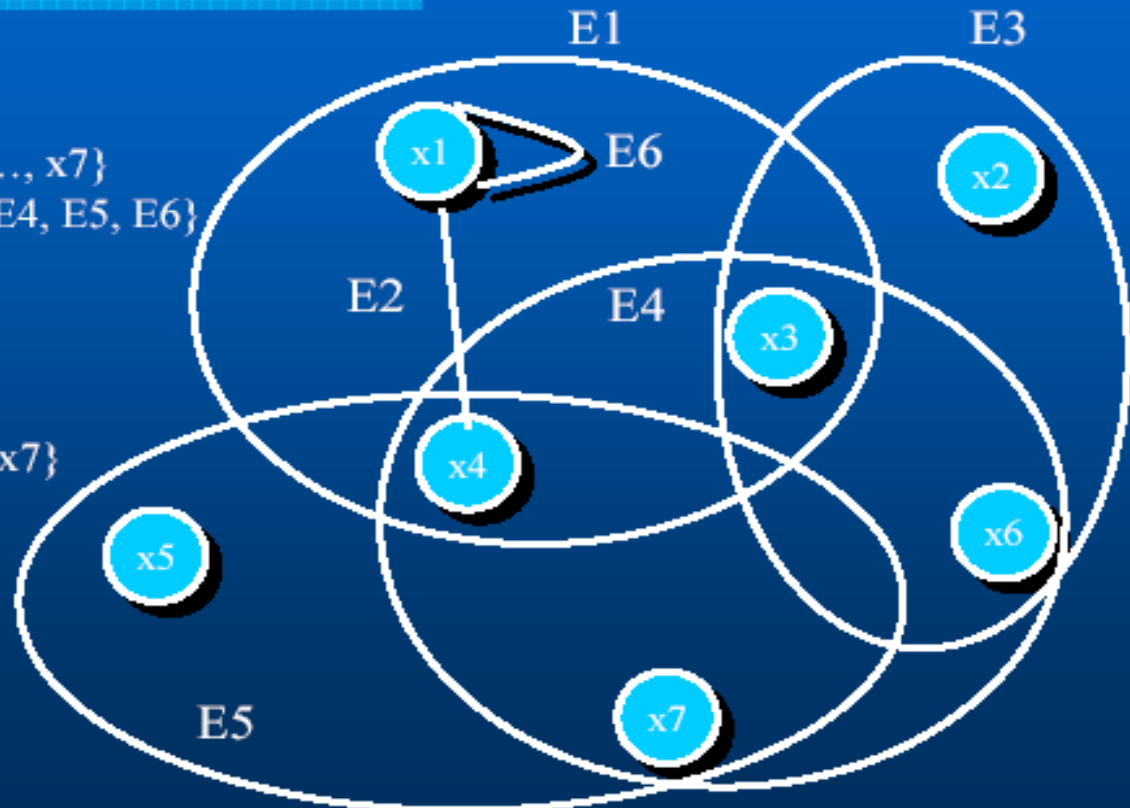
$E_2 = \{x_1, x_4\}$

$E_3 = \{x_2, x_3, x_6\}$

$E_4 = \{x_3, x_4, x_6, x_7\}$

$E_5 = \{x_4, x_5, x_7\}$

$E_6 = \{x_1\}$



# Hypergraphs, dual hypergraphs and incidence matrices

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$	$x_7$
$E_1$	1		1	1			
$E_2$	1			1			
$E_3$		1	1			1	
$E_4$			1	1		1	1
$E_5$				1	1		1
$E_6$	1						

# Hypergraphs, dual hypergraphs and incidence matrices

## Dual Hypergraph $H^* = (E; X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$

$H = (X, E)$

$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_7\}$

$E = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6\}$

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$H^* = (E, X)$

$E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$

$X = \{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_7\}$

$X_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_6\}$

$X_2 = \{e_3\}$

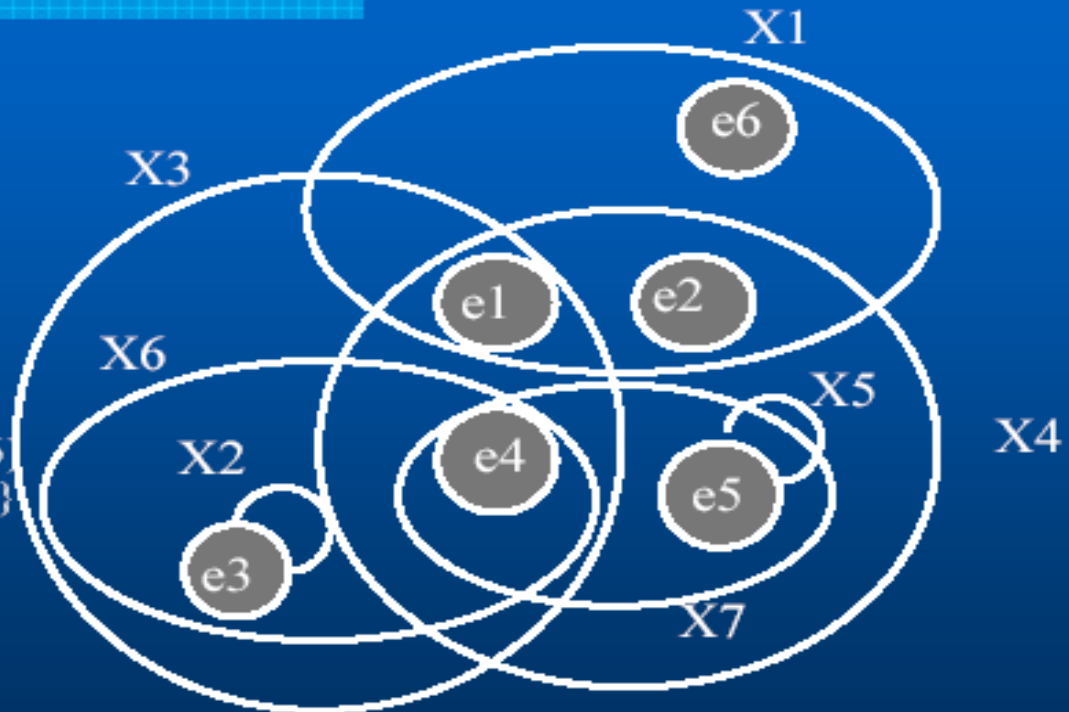
$X_3 = \{e_1, e_3, e_4\}$

$X_4 = \{e_1, e_2, e_4, e_5\}$

$X_5 = \{e_5\}$

$X_6 = \{e_3, e_4\}$

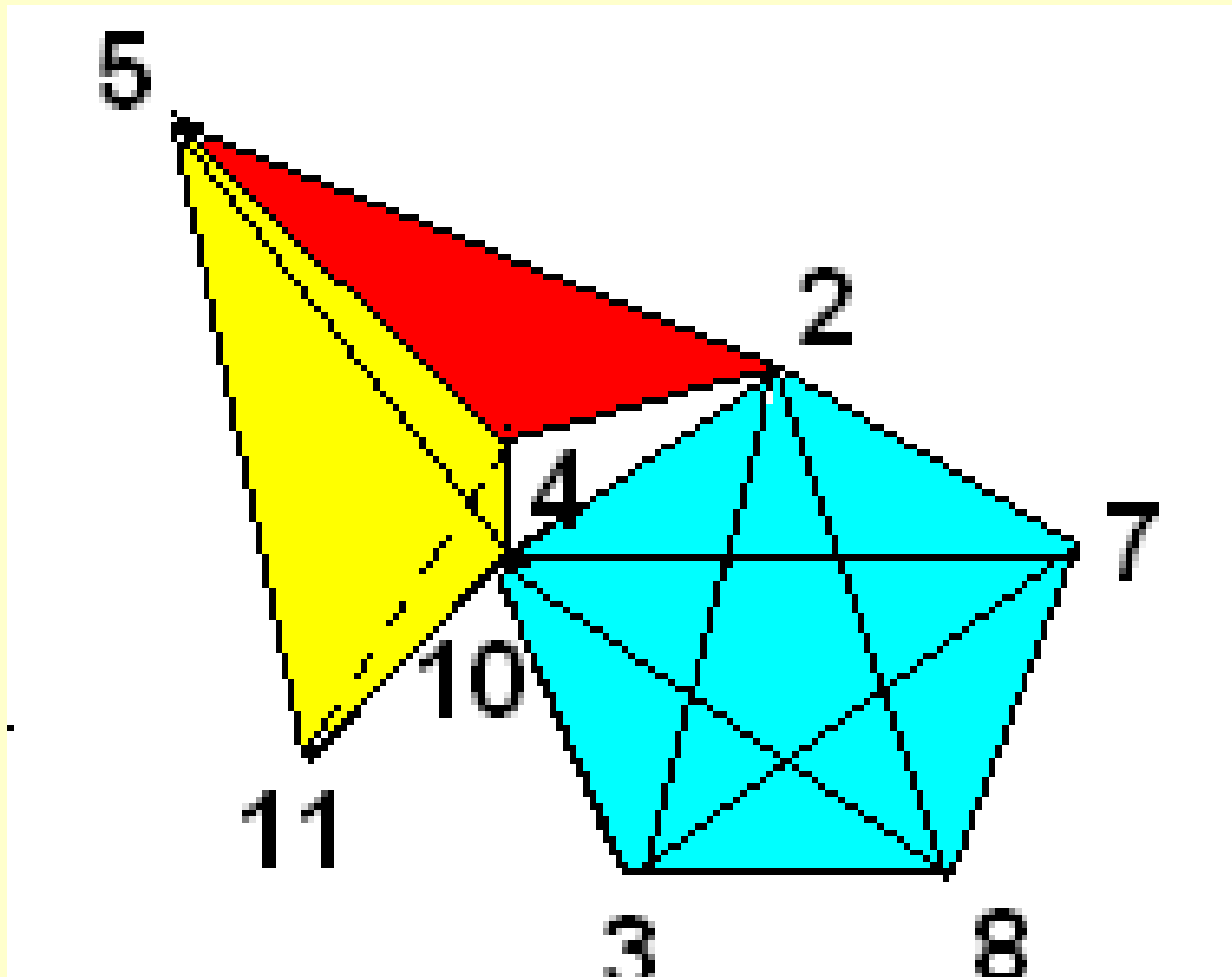
$X_7 = \{e_4, e_5\}$



# Hypergraphs, dual hypergraphs and incidence matrices

	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_4$	$e_5$	$e_6$
$X_1$	1	1				1
$X_2$			1			
$X_3$	1		1	1		
$X_4$	1	1		1	1	
$X_5$					1	
$X_6$			1	1		
$X_7$				1	1	

# The food web hypergraph as a simplicial complex



# Topological parameters for hypergraphs

- **Degree** ( $D$ ) of a vertex = no. of hyper-edges it belongs to
- **Adjacency matrix** ( $A(H)$ ) ( $a_{ij}$  = no. of hyper-edges that contain both vertices  $i$  and  $j$ )
- $A(H) = E E^T - D$  ( $E$  = **incidence** matrix)
- **Associated graph of  $H$**  = graph with multiple links and the same  $A$
- **Walks** ( $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ ), **paths** and **cycles**
- The no. of walks of length  $k$  is the  $(i,j)$  entry of  $A^k$
- **Centrality** of a vertex  $i$ ,  $C(i) = \sum_k (A^k_{ii})/k!$
- **Centrality of the hypergraph**  $C(H) = (\sum_i C(i))/N$

# Topological parameters for hypergraphs

- **Transitivity:** In graphs

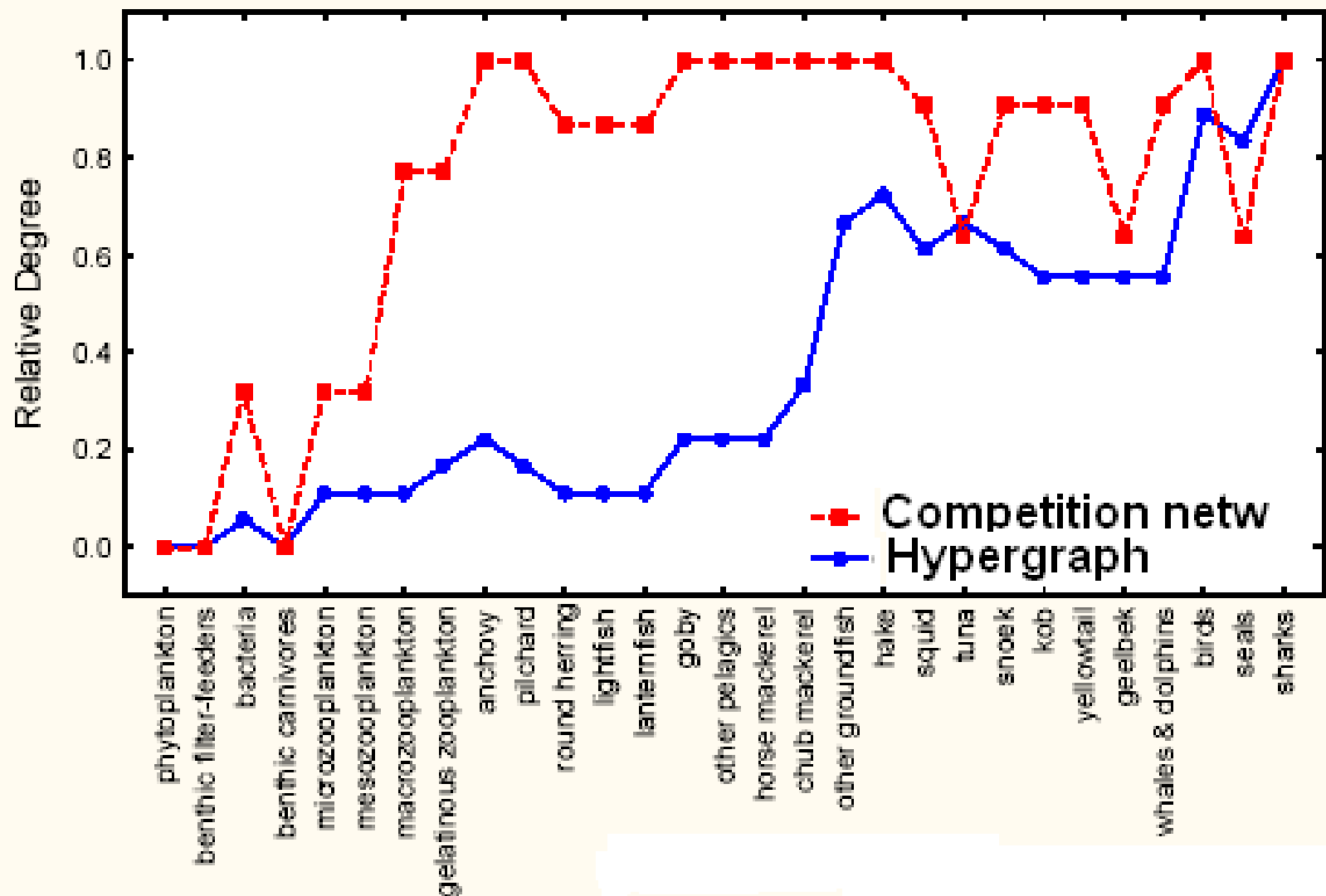
$$C(G) = \frac{6 \times \text{number of triangles}}{\text{number of 2-paths}}$$

- **In hypergraphs**

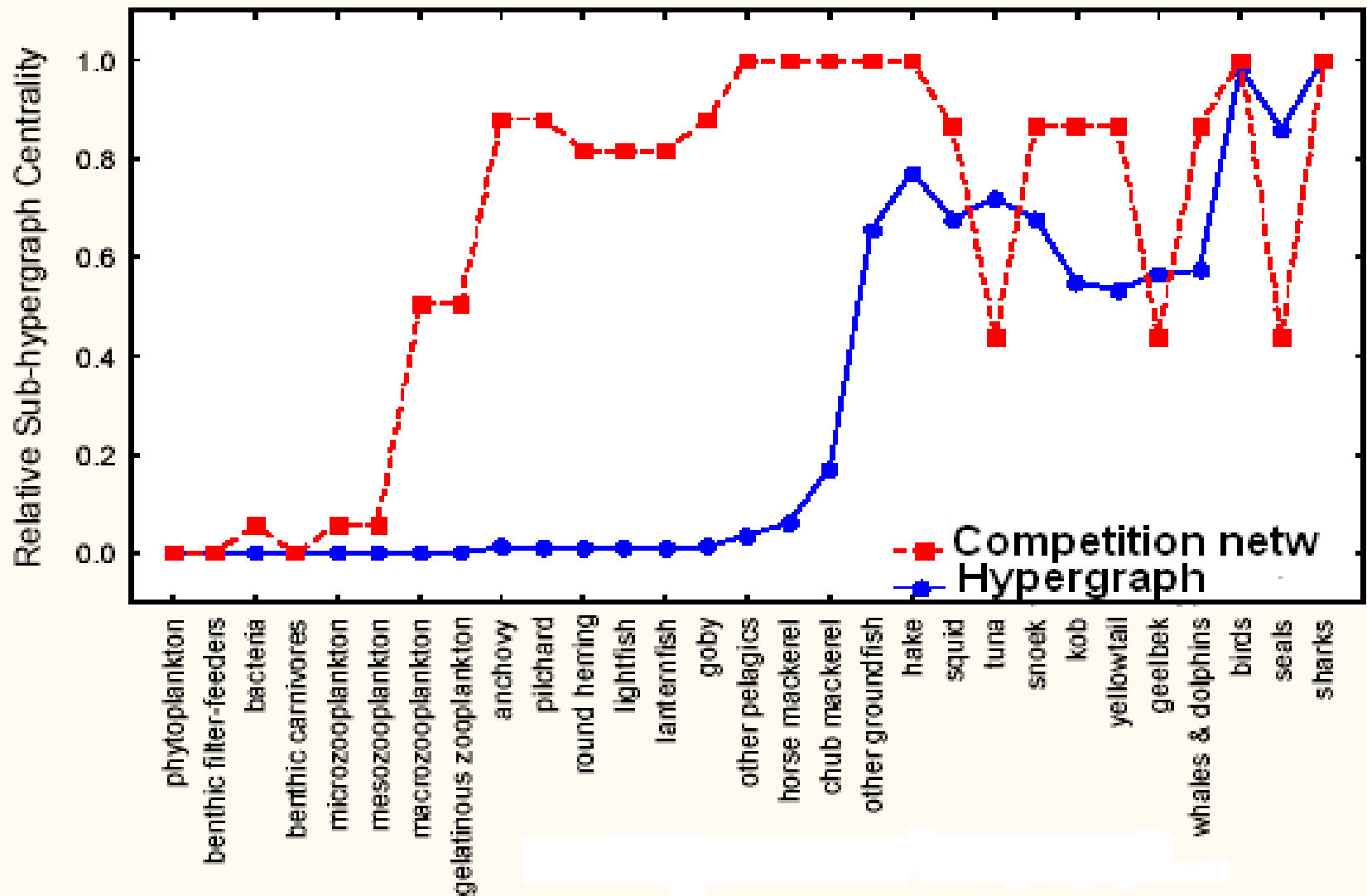
$$C(G) = \frac{6 \times \text{number of hypertriangles}}{\text{number of 2-paths}}$$

- **Hypertriangle** =  $(v_i, E_p, v_j, E_q, v_k, E_r, v_i)$
- **2-path** =  $(v_i, E_p, v_j, E_q, v_k)$

# Competition network versus hypergraph for a marine food web



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# Competition network versus hypergraph for a marine food web

- Interpretation:
- In the competition network there are 10 species (anchovy, mackerel, sharks, birds, ...) with degree 22, meaning that they compete for prey with 22 other species.
- However this does not tell us much about the competition groups each species participates in. It becomes clearer in the hypergraph parameters.
- Sharks in 18, birds in 16, whereas mackerel only in 4

# Topological parameters for hypergraphs

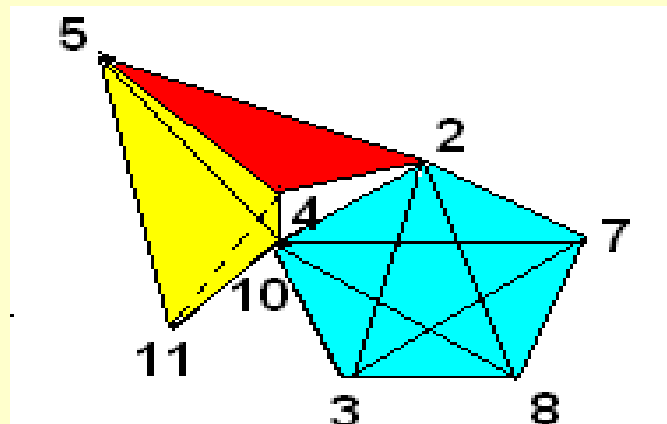
- Two hyper-edges are *k-connected* if they share  $k$  vertices
- Construct a graph (hyper-edge graph) where the nodes are the hyper-edges and the links are weighed by the  $k$ -connections
- The weighted path length  $L_{ij}$

# Topological parameters for hypergraphs

- Many other parameters:
- Metric  
Radius, diameter, eccentricity, unipolarity, centralization, dispersion, compactness
- Topological  
Wiener index, polarity, adjacency
- Informational  
Informational Wiener, autometricity

# Topological parameters for hypergraphs

- **Homology approach:**
  1. Consider a (simple) hypergraph as the triangulation of an underlying manifold
  2. Use the tools of algebraic topology to characterize the structure of the hypergraph
- **Recall**



# Homological notions

- n-dimensional oriented simplicial complex  $K$  = set of oriented simplexes up to dim.  $n$

$$\sigma^p = [v_1, \dots, v_{1p}] (-1)^P$$

- $C_p(K)$  = p-chains of  $K$  = Free abelian group generated by the oriented p-simplexes of  $K$

$$c_p = \sum_i f_i \sigma_i^p \quad f_i \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}$$

- Boundary operator  $\partial_p : C_p(K) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(K)$

$$\partial[v_0, \dots, v_p] = \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^j \left[ v_0, \dots, \overset{\wedge}{v_j}, \dots, v_p \right]$$

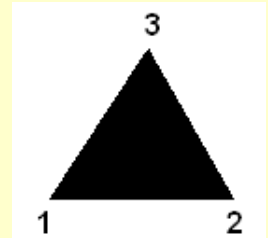
$$\partial \partial = 0$$

# Homological notions

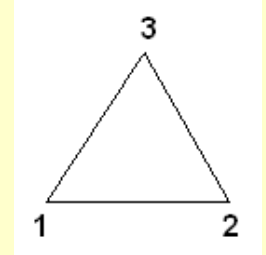
- p-cycle group  $z_p \in Z_p(K) : \partial z_p = 0$
- p-boundary group  $b_p \in B_p(K) : \exists c_{p+1} \in C_{p+1}(K) \quad b_p = \partial c_{p+1}$
- p-homology group  $H_p(K) = \frac{Z_p(K)}{B_p(K)}$
- $H_p(K)$  is sensitive to the number of (p+1)-dimensional holes in the manifold
- If K is contractible  $H_p(K) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & p \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{Z} & p = 0 \end{cases}$
- $H_p(K) = G_p \oplus T_p$   
 $G_p = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} + \dots$  The rank of  $G_p$  is the number of p+1 dimensional holes (Betti number,  $\beta_p$ )  
 $T_p = \mathbb{Z}_{i1} + \mathbb{Z}_{i2} + \dots$  (the torsion group)

# Homological notions

- A simple example: Three binary interactions versus a conference call
- $\{1,2,3\} + \{1,2\} + \{2,3\} + \{3,1\} + \{1\} + \{2\} + \{3\}$   
 $Z_0 = \mathbb{Z}^3$   
 $\partial (a\{1,2\} + b\{2,3\} + c\{3,1\}) = (c-a)\{1\} + (a-b)\{2\} + (b-c)\{3\}$   
 $B_0 = \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow H_0 = \mathbb{Z}$
- $\partial (a\{1,2\} + b\{2,3\} + c\{3,1\}) = 0 \rightarrow a=b=c \rightarrow Z_1 = \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\partial \{1,2,3\} = \{2,3\} - \{1,3\} + \{1,2\} \rightarrow B_1 = \mathbb{Z}$   
 $H_1 = \{0\}$
- $Z_2 = \{0\}, B_2 = \{0\} \rightarrow H_2 = \{0\}$



# Homological notions



- $\{1,2\} + \{2,3\} + \{3,1\} + \{1\} + \{2\} + \{3\}$

$$Z_0 = \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$$\partial (a\{1,2\} + b\{2,3\} + c\{3,1\}) = (c-a)\{1\} + (a-b)\{2\} + (b-c)\{3\}$$

$$B_0 = \mathbb{Z}^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad H_0 = \mathbb{Z}$$

- $\partial (a\{1,2\} + b\{2,3\} + c\{3,1\}) = 0 \rightarrow a=b=c \rightarrow Z_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

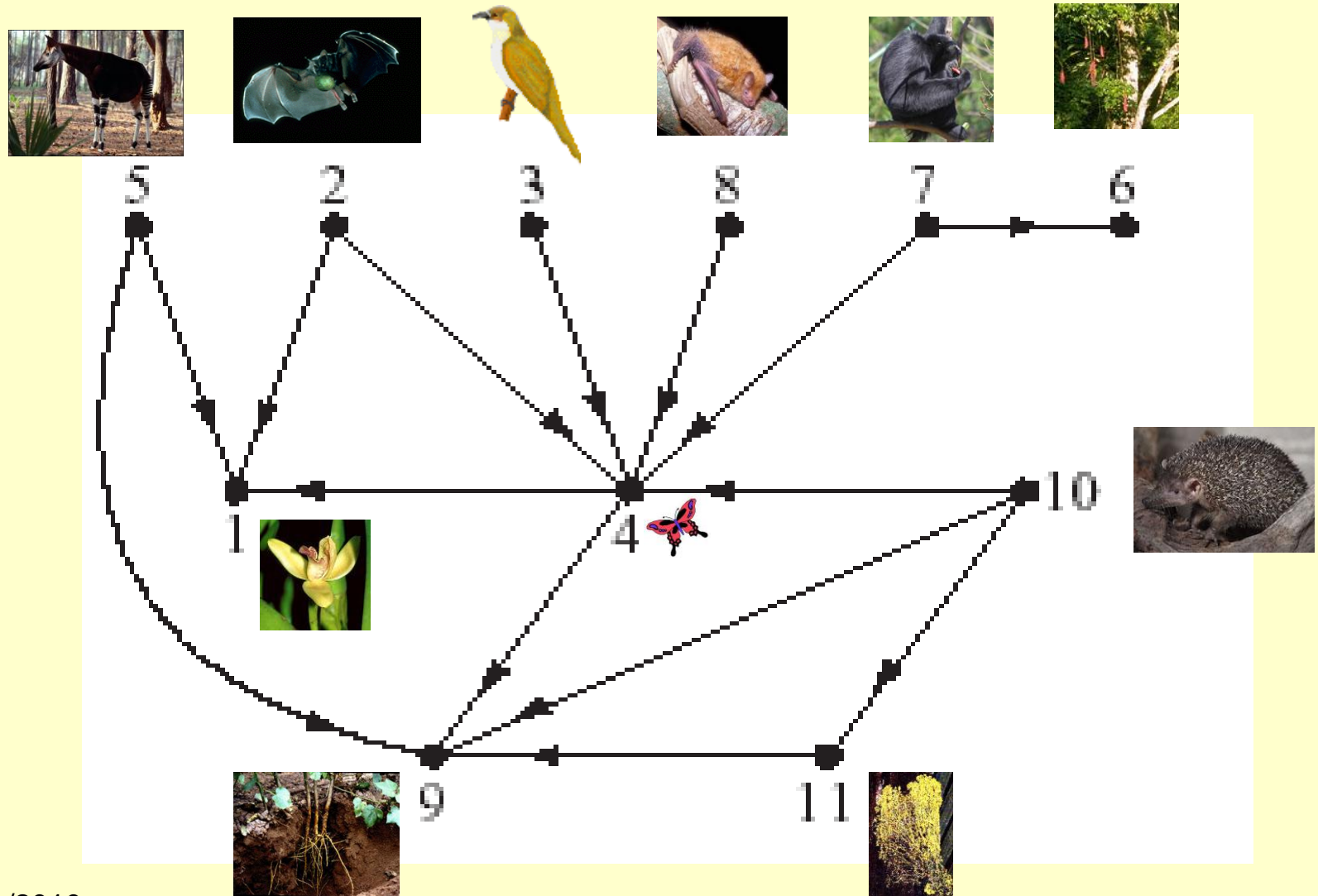
$$B_1 = \{0\} \quad H_1 = \mathbb{Z}$$

- $Z_2 = \{0\}, B_2 = \{0\} \rightarrow H_2 = \{0\}$

# Homological notions

- Direct manual calculation of the homology groups is a hard job. Fortunately:
- PLEX (Calculations of Betti numbers)  
<http://comptop.stanford.edu/programs/>
- CHomP (Calculation of Betti numbers, homology groups and generators)  
<http://chomp.rutgers.edu/>
- GAP  
<http://www.linalg.org/gap.html>

# The rain forest food web



# Homological notions

- The rain forest food web

$\{2,3,7,8,10\}$

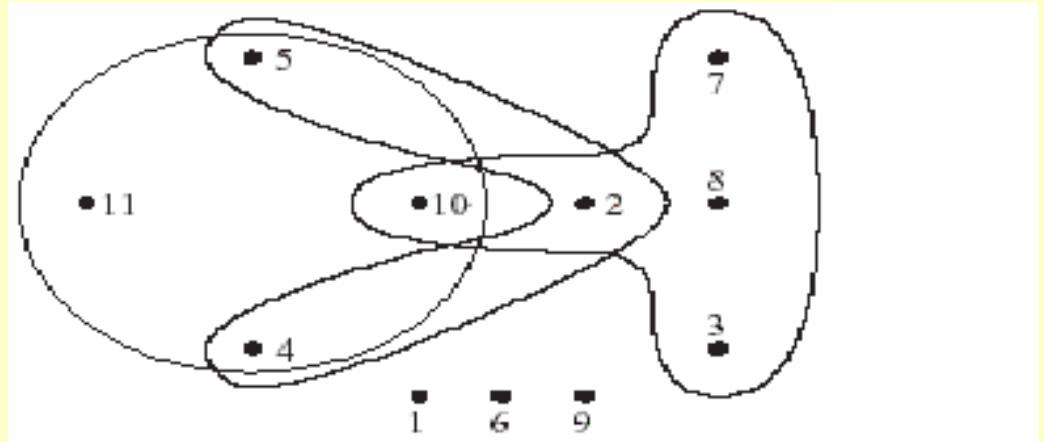
$\{4,5,10,11\}$

$\{2,4,5\}$

$\{1\}$

$\{6\}$

$\{9\}$



- $H_0 = \mathbb{Z}^4$

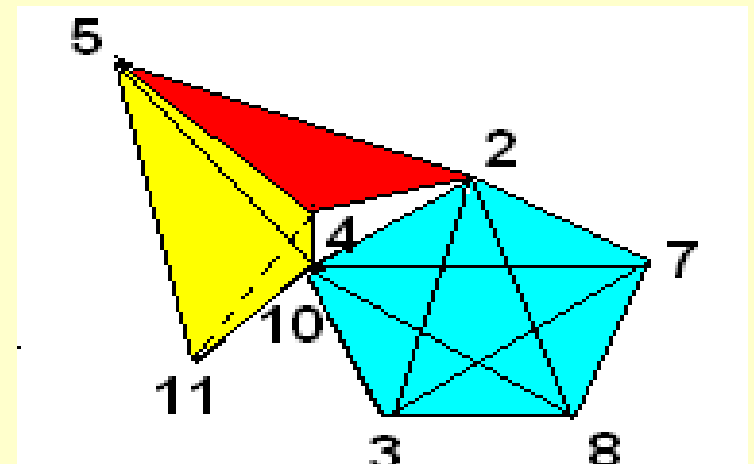
Generators =  $\{1\}$  ,  $\{6\}$  ,  $\{8\}$  ,  $\{9\}$

- $H_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

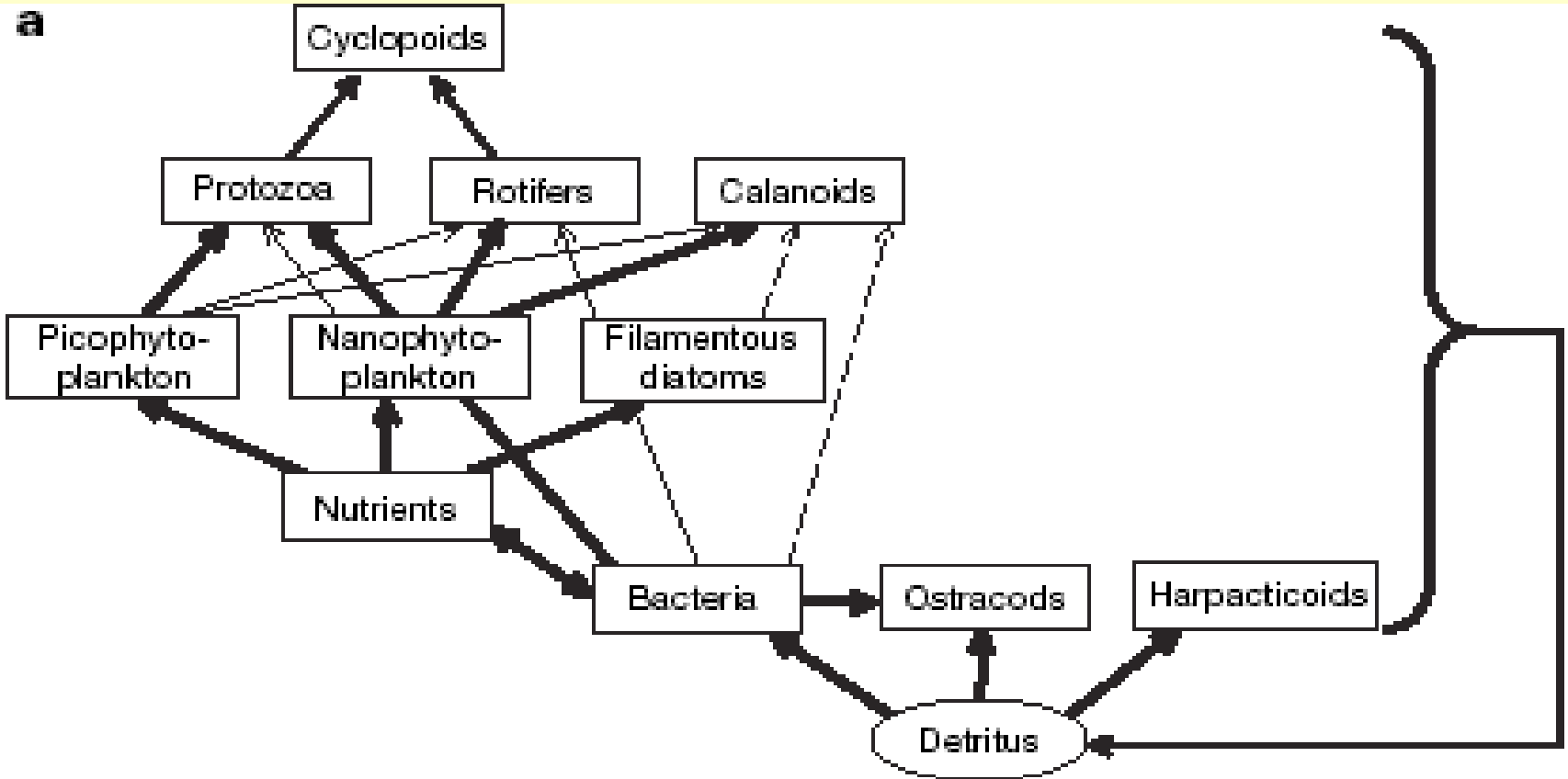
Generator =

$\{10,8\} + \{2,5\} + \{8,2\} + \{5,10\}$

- $H_p = 0$   $p \geq 2$



**(Nature 451 (2008) 822-825)**



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(For the arrows the opposite convention is used here)

# Homological notions

- The plankton food web

$\{2,3,4,8,10,12\}$

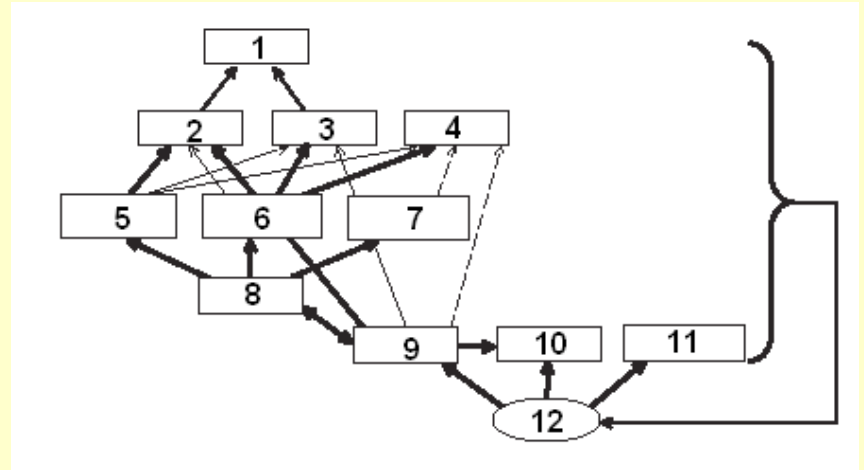
$\{5,6,7,9,12\}$

$\{2,3,4,12\}$

$\{9,10,11\}$

$\{3,4,12\}$

$\{1\}$



- $H_0 = \mathbb{Z}^2$

Generators =  $\{1\}$  ,  $\{9\}$

- $H_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

Generator =  $\{6,5\} + \{5,9\} + \{9,10\} + \{10,12\} + \{12,6\}$

- $H_p = 0$   $p \geq 2$

# Homological notions

- Projective plane

$\{1,4,5\}$

$\{1,2,5\}$

$\{1,2,6\}$

$\{1,3,6\}$

$\{5,2,3\}$

$\{3,2,4\}$

$\{2,4,6\}$

$\{4,5,6\}$

$\{3,5,6\}$

$\{1,3,4\}$

- $H_0 = \mathbb{Z}$

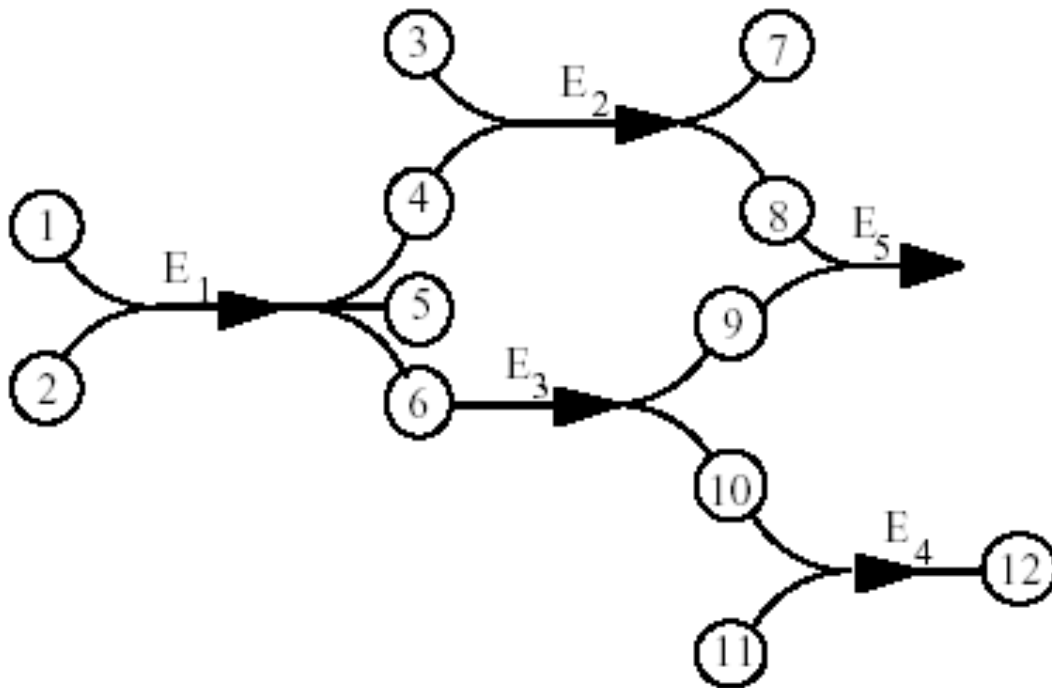
Generator =  $\{3\}$

- $H_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2$

Generator =  $\{3,5\} + \{5,6\} + \{6,4\} + \{4,3\}$

- $H_p = 0 \quad p \geq 2$

# Also directed hypergraphs



	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_3$	$E_4$	$E_5$
1	-1	0	0	0	0
2	-1	0	0	0	0
3	0	-1	0	0	0
4	1	-1	0	0	0
5	1	0	0	0	0
6	1	0	-1	0	0
7	0	1	0	0	0
8	0	1	0	0	-1
9	0	0	1	0	-1
10	0	0	1	-1	0
11	0	0	0	-1	0
12	0	0	0	1	0

- A one-to-one correspondence between directed hypergraphs and  $(-1,0,1)$  matrices

# Some real world applications of hypernetworks

- Food webs
- Collaboration networks  
(Estrada, Velazquez, arXiv:physics/0505137)  
different ranking for authors in networks and hypernetworks
- Linguistics  
(Zhang, Park, Proc. W. Acad. Sci. Eng. Tech. 27 (2008) 134)
- Economics: breeding environment, virtual enterprises  
(Volpentesta, Eur. J. Op. Res. 188 (2008) 390)

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- Proteomics  
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- Chemistry of molecules  
with polycentric bonds  
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