MODELING PROPAGATION PROCESSES ON NETWORKS BY USING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Known models:

- Master equation
- Mean-field equation
- Pairwise model
- Compact pairwise model
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Probability of a transition from state a_i to state a_j in a time interval of length Δt is:

$$1 - \exp(-\lambda_{ij}\Delta t).$$

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- $Y \rightarrow Z$, $\lambda = \gamma + jp$, *j* is the number of Y and Z neighbours.

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- $E_- \rightarrow E_+$, $\lambda = \tanh(iw_E jw_I + h_E)$, *i*, *j* is the number of E_+ and I_+ neighbours.
- $I_+ \to I_-, \lambda = \alpha$.
- *I*_− → *I*₊, λ = tanh(*iw_E* − *jw_l* + *h_l*), *i*, *j* is the number of *E*₊ and *I*₊ neighbours.

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Examples for network processes:

- Epidemic propagation
- Rumour spreading
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- Infection: $S/S \rightarrow S/I$, I/S
- Recovery: S/S \rightarrow SSS

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The size of the system can be reduced by using the automorphisms of the graph:

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