Non irreducible infinite-dimensional SIS model

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Examples:

- $\Omega = \{M, W\}$ (for STIs).
- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ (position).
- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ (age).
- Any cartesian product of the above examples.



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For an initial condition $h \in L^{\infty}$ with $0 \le h \le 1$, the ODE has a unique global solution on \mathbb{R}_+ , it satisfies $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall x \in \Omega, 0 \le u(t, x) \le 1$.

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- g = 0: disease-free equilibrium.
- $g \neq 0$: endemic equilibrium.



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 - g = 0 is the only equilibrium.
 - $u(t,x) \rightarrow g = 0$.
- If $R_0 > 1$, there exists (at least) an endemic equilibrium.
- If $R_0 > 1$ and k is irreducible:
 - There exists a unique endemic equilibrium g*.
 - Unless u(0) = 0, $u(t,x) \rightarrow g^*$.

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Some questions

- What is an irreducible kernel?
- What if k is not irreducible ? Uniqueness ? Convergence ?

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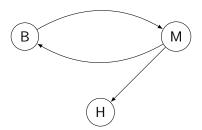


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Irreducibility

We say that k is *irreducible* if, for every two different vertices, there is a path from one of them to the other (= strongly connected graph).

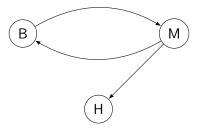


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Atom

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$$A \subset \Omega$$
, let $k_A = (k(x, y))_{x,y \in A}$.

The atoms of k are the maximal subsets A of Ω such the graph of k_A is irreducible (= strongly connected components).

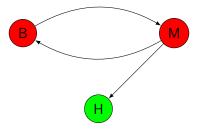


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Solution: We use the density of edges leaving a set.

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The *atoms* of k are its maximal irreducible sets. Intuitively, the atoms are the maximal sets such that "anyone may infect anyone".



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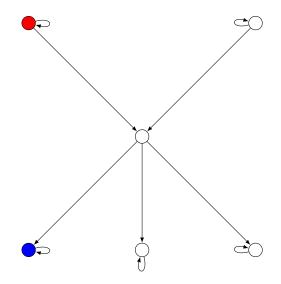
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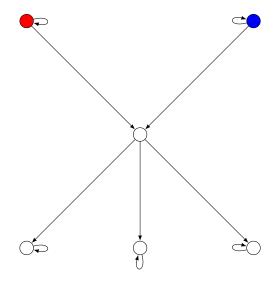


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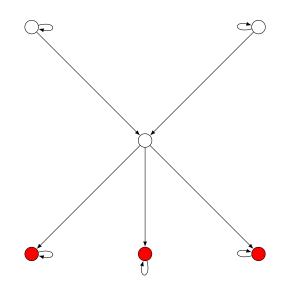
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Antichains of atoms

 $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$ antichain of atoms when atoms are not comparable for \leq .



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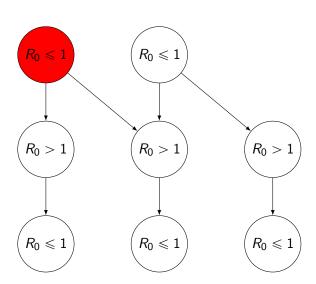
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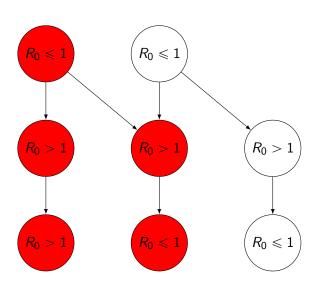
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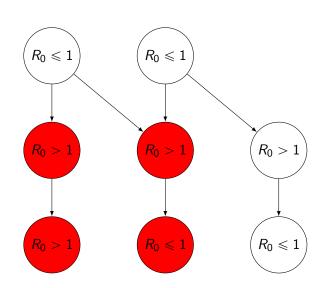
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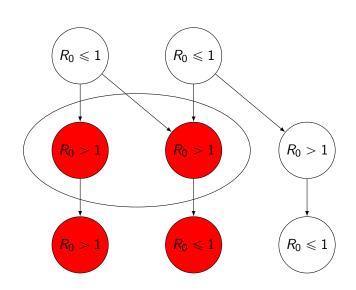
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