

# DISEASE TRANSMISSION AND EPIDEMIC THRESHOLDS ON GENERALIZED RANDOM HYPERGRAPH MODELS

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## 1. Introduction

Random graphs models are models that arise when removing edges randomly with a certain probability distribution, or choosing each possible graph with a probability distribution. The earliest and most well-known random graph model is the Erdos-Renyi model. This model, commonly referred to as  $G_{n,p}$ , chooses a particular “possible” edge between two vertices (where the vertex set has size of  $n$ ) to be present within the resulting graph with fixed probability  $p$ . Many results have been found regarding the threshold values of  $p$  such that certain properties appear within  $G_{n,p}$  with almost absolute certainty.

A hypergraph is a generalization of a graph. In normal graphs, an edge will connect only two vertices. However, in a hypergraph, an edge (denoted as *hyperedge*) can connect any subset of the vertex set. For example, a hyperedge can connect 3 vertices, all the vertices, or simply just 1 vertex. There are relatively few works that have explored the notion of a “random hypergraph”, and what the possible models for a random hypergraph would look like.

## 2. Literature Review

Random graphs has been a relatively new field of interest, and was first introduced by the collection of papers by Erdos and Renyi: [Erdos \*et al.\* \[1960\]](#), [Erdős & Rényi \[1961\]](#), and [Erdős & Rényi \[1966\]](#), as well as the relatively simple Erdos-Renyi random graph model. Most research that is done on random graphs examines specific or general properties that occur in the random graph. More specifically, they examine which values of  $p$  could nearly guarantee the existence of a property and which values of  $p$  could nearly guarantee the absence of a property. A very recent example of this is the Kahn-Kalai conjecture, [Kahn & Kalai \[2007\]](#), and the proof of the conjecture, [Park & Pham \[2024\]](#).

As said in the introduction, hypergraphs are generalizations of normal graphs. [Ouvrard \[2020\]](#) gives an introduction and review to hypergraphs if more background knowledge is

needed. What makes a hypergraph useful is its ability to model more complex connections that are more often seen in the real world. Instead of one edge simply connecting two vertices, a hyperedge can group many vertices together, adding further detail. This increase in detail makes hypergraphs an especially attractive topic to apply to real-world studies such as epidemiology, or genetics.

Now, combining these two concepts gives birth to the notion of a random hypergraph. Because of the complexity of a hypergraph, a random hypergraph can be of many forms. There are relatively few works that deeply explore possible ideas of random hypergraph, but a few of them are: Barthelemy [2022], Bergman & Leskelä [2024], and Ghoshal *et al.* [2009]. The first paper listed focuses mainly on the types of random hypergraphs, giving more of an overview rather than focusing on specific properties of each random hypergraph model. The third paper focuses on the real-world applications of generalizing random graphs to random hypergraphs. On the other hand, the second paper focuses on a topic that is nearly identical to this paper, as they focus on the one of the models shown here and same notion of connectivity. However, they do not go into depth about strength between hyperedges or vertices, and they don't develop concrete bounds for  $p$ , the probability.

### 3. Motivation for Models

The models shown throughout the paper are motivated by simply taking how random graph models are constructed and forcing them to fit into a hypergraph setting. In normal graphs, we see that a possible edge will *exist* in the resulting graph by random chance. In order to replicate this in a hypergraph setting, we want a possible subset of the vertex set to appear by random chance. Of course, we also need the sum of the probabilities of each particular hyperedge occurring to be equal to 1, so we have a valid probability distribution. Led by this, we have a couple of options: Either have each of the  $2^{|V|}$  possible edges appear with a fixed probability  $p$  (which would result in a simple hypergraph); have each of the  $2^{|V|}$  possible edges appear with a more complex probability distribution  $\mathcal{P}$  where the probability is not constant (again, this would result in a simple hypergraph); or fix the number of hyperedges, then one by one for each hyperedge, add a vertex with a fixed probability  $p$  (resulting in a not necessarily simple hypergraph). Of course, these aren't the only possible random hypergraph models, but they are the most natural and easy to work with. Future work can most likely be done on more generalized probability distributions rather than just having a fixed probability.

### 4. Connection Between Vertices

Build a (not necessarily simple) hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $L$  edges and  $N$  vertices as follows: For each edge  $E_i$ , add a vertex  $v$  to  $E_i$  with probability  $p$ , where  $p$  is fixed. If  $X$  is the

event that  $E_i = E$  for at least one  $i$ , where  $E$  is a possible edge in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then clearly we have

$$\mathbb{P}[X] = 1 - \mathbb{P}[E_i \neq E] = 1 - \left(1 - p^{|E|}(1-p)^{k-|E|}\right)^n$$

Define *strength* to be the number of edges that contain two fixed vertices  $u, v$ . The expected value of strength of any two vertices  $u, v$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\text{strength}] &= \sum_{E \subset V/\{u,v\}} \left(1 - \left(1 - p^{|E|+2}(1-p)^{k-|E|-2}\right)^n\right) \\ &= 2^{|V|-2} - \sum_{E \subset V/\{u,v\}} \left(1 - p^{|E|+2}(1-p)^{k-|E|-2}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Redefine  $X$  to be  $1 - p^{|E|+2}(1-p)^{k-|E|-2}$  and note that

$$1 - \frac{1}{2^{N-2}} \cdot \mathbb{E}[\text{strength}] = \mathbb{E}[X^n] \geq a^N \cdot \Pr[X \geq a]$$

For large  $k$ ,  $\Pr[X \geq a] = 1$  for all possible values of  $p$ . Therefore we have that  $\mathbb{E}[\text{strength}] \leq 2^{N-2} \cdot (1 - a^L)$  implying that if  $L$  is small and  $N$  is large then the expected strength is extremely small. We can get an exact bound which is as follows: If

$$2 \log_{p-p^2}(1-a) \leq N \leq \log_2 \left( \frac{4\delta}{1-a^L} \right)$$

then  $\mathbb{E}[\text{strength}] \leq \delta$

Branching out from this crude bash, we can actually get a very nice expression for  $\mathbb{E}[\text{strength}]$ . We use the indicator variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_L$ , where  $x_i$  denotes if the edge  $E_i$  contains both selected vertices. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\text{strength}] &= \mathbb{E}[x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_L] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[x_1] + \mathbb{E}[x_2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[x_L] = L \cdot \mathbb{E}[x_1] = p^2 \cdot L \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 4.1.** Two vertices are *connected* if they share at least one edge

**Definition 4.2.** The strength of the connection between two vertices is the number of edges they share. Two vertices are *j-connected* if the strength is at least  $j$ .

Define the strength of two selected vertices to be  $S$ . We can apply Markov's Inequality to see that  $\mathbb{E}[S] \geq j \mathbb{P}[S \geq j]$ . We can create another (normal) graph  $G_j$ , where each vertex in  $G$  represents a vertex in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and two vertices in  $G_j$  are connected if and only if their strength in  $\mathcal{H}$  is at least  $j$ . Note that  $G_j$  can be modeled as the common Erdos-Renyi random graph model, where two vertices are connected with probability  $\mathbb{P}[S \geq j]$ . It is well-known that in a  $G_{n,p}$  model, if  $np > 1$ , then  $G$  will almost surely contain a giant

connected component, while if  $np < 1$ , then  $G$  will almost surely not contain a connected component. Applying this to  $G_j$ , we have that if  $\mathbb{P}[S \geq j] > \frac{1}{|V|}$  then  $\mathcal{H}$  will almost surely contain a giant  $j$ -connected component. On top of this, if we have  $\mathbb{E}[S] = p^2 \cdot L < \frac{j}{|V|}$  then  $\mathcal{H}$  will not contain a  $j$ -strong connected component of vertices with size more than  $O(\log |V|)$ . This is simply equivalent to

$$p < \sqrt{\frac{j}{|V| \cdot |E|}} \quad (1)$$

We can also generate results based on  $j$ -disconnectivity for  $\mathcal{H}$ . Note that if  $\mathbb{E}[S] = p^2 \cdot |V| < \frac{j \cdot \ln L}{L}$ , then  $G_j$  will almost certainly be disconnected, and as a result  $\mathcal{H}$  will be  $j$ -disconnected. This gives rise to the following theorem and lemma:

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $p < \sqrt{\frac{j \cdot \ln L}{L \cdot N}}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}$  will be  $j$ -disconnected.*

**Lemma 4.4.** *If  $p < \sqrt{\frac{\ln L}{L \cdot N}}$  then  $\mathcal{H}$  will be disconnected.*

Let  $\mathcal{E}_i$  be the edge set of  $G_i$ . Note that, trivially,  $\mathcal{E}_i \subset \mathcal{E}_j$  when  $i \leq j$ . We examine specifically the transition  $\mathcal{E}_i \mapsto \mathcal{E}_{i+1}$ , and see that this process simply removes edges in the normal graph  $G$  one step at a time. The probability the connection between a pair of vertices is lost in  $G$  when we go from  $\mathcal{E}_i$  to  $\mathcal{E}_{i+1}$  is the probability the strength of that pair of vertices is exactly equal to  $i$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[v_a \xleftrightarrow[S=i]{} v_b] &= \frac{\binom{n}{i} \cdot p^{2i} \cdot (1 - p^2)^{n-i}}{2^n} \\ &= P_i \end{aligned}$$

Note that the probability an edge has been lost when the graph undergoes the transition  $G_0 \mapsto G_j$  is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} P_i = \mathcal{P}_j(p)$$

where  $P_j$  is a  $n$ -degree polynomial in terms of  $p$ . If we fix  $p$ , and let  $\chi = \mathcal{P}_j(p)$ , we note that going from  $G_0 \mapsto G_j$  removes an edge from a complete  $K_{|V|}$  graph with probability  $\chi$ , meaning that any possible edge is included in the final graph  $G_j$  with probability  $1 - \chi$ . Therefore this transition can be represented as a classic Erdos-Renyi graph model  $G_{n,p}$  where  $n = |V|$  and  $p = 1 - \chi$ . Therefore, by classical Erdos-Renyi results, if

$$\chi = \mathcal{P}_j(p) > \frac{|V| - 1}{|V|}$$

then there is sure to not be a giant component in  $G_j$ . Because of this there will not be a  $j$ -strength component of size larger than  $O(\log |V|)$ . The converse is also true by classical

Erdos-Renyi results, making  $\frac{|V|-1}{|V|}$  the threshold value for  $\mathcal{P}_j(p)$ . In the previous section, we proved the upper bound of  $p < \sqrt{\frac{j}{|V| \cdot |E|}}$ . However, we never addressed what happens if  $p > \sqrt{\frac{j}{|V| \cdot |E|}}$ . Finding an exact solution to  $\mathcal{P}_j(p) = \frac{|V|-1}{|V|}$  is incredibly difficult for large values of  $j$ , but we can produce results if we focus on small values of  $j$ . Note that this idea of  $\mathcal{P}_j(p)$  is equivalent to the  $\mathbb{P}[S \geq j] \leq \frac{1}{|V|}$  notion that was discussed previously but not dissected in depth.

## 5. Connection Between Edges

Another method we can pursue is examining the connectivity of edges. We have the following definitions:

**Definition 5.1.** Two edges are *connected* if they share at least one vertex

**Definition 5.2.** The *strength* of the connection of two hyperedges is the number of vertices they share. If two hyperedges are not connected, then they have a strength of 0.

We say  $E_i \sim E_j$  if and only if those edges are connected. Note that

$$\mathbb{P}[E_i \sim E_j] = 1 - (1 - p^2)^{|V|}$$

If we focus only on the “connected” notion, then our random model can be simply defined as a graph where two vertices are connected with probability  $\mathcal{P} = 1 - (1 - p^2)^{|V|}$ , and are not connected with probability  $1 - \mathcal{P}$ . From here on out, we let  $1 - p^2 = \chi$ . Clearly, the vertices in the normal graph represent the edges in the hypergraph. This can be related to the Erdos-Renyi graph model to examine connected components. By properties of Erdos-Renyi, we have that the threshold value of  $\mathcal{P} = 1 - \chi^{|V|}$  for having a giant connected component is  $\frac{1}{|E|}$ . This means that if  $p$  is fixed, then the “threshold” value for the amount of vertices is  $\log_\chi \left( \frac{|E|-1}{|E|} \right)$ . Basically, this means that if  $|V| < \log_\chi \left( \frac{|E|-1}{|E|} \right)$ , then there is sure to not exist a connected component of size larger than  $O(\log |E|)$ . On the other hand, if  $|V|$  is larger than this value, then there is sure to be a giant connected component of hyperedges.

We now branch out into *strong connected components*, where we only focus on pairs of hyperedges with a certain strength.

**Definition 5.3.** Two edges are  $j$ -connected, if they have a strength of at least  $j$

**Definition 5.4.** A  $j$ -strong connected component is a connected component of hyperedges, where every hyperedge is  $j$ -connected to at least one other hyperedge in the component.

Let  $S$  denote the strength between two edges. Note that  $\mathbb{E}[S] \geq j\mathbb{P}[S \geq j]$  by Markov's Inequality. Define a normal graph  $G$  now where the vertices represent the edges in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and two vertices are connected in  $G$  if and only if their corresponding edges are  $j$ -connected. By well-known results from the Erdos-Renyi model, if  $\mathbb{P}[S \geq j] > \frac{1}{|E|}$  then,  $G$  will almost surely contain a giant component. Also we have if  $\mathbb{E}[S] < \frac{j}{|E|}$  then  $G$  will almost surely not contain a  $j$ -strong connected component of size more than  $O(\log |E|)$ .

Now, we claim that  $\mathbb{E}[S] = p^2 \cdot |V|$ . Note that each vertex has a  $p^2$  probability of being in both edges. We can employ linearity of expectation and indicator variables. Let  $x_i$  be the indicator variable for if the  $i$ th vertex is in both edges. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[S] &= \mathbb{E}[x_1 + x_2 \cdots + x_{|V|}] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}[x_1] + \mathbb{E}[x_2] \cdots + \mathbb{E}[x_{|V|}] = p^2 \cdot |V|\end{aligned}$$

Because of the previous claim, we have that, in fact, if

$$p < \sqrt{\frac{j}{|E| \cdot |V|}}$$

there will almost surely not contain a  $j$ -connected component of hyperedges of size more than  $O(\log |E|)$ . Note that this is the exact same upper bound seen in the previous section: Eq. (1), which gives us the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.5.** *If  $p < \sqrt{\frac{j}{|E| \cdot |V|}}$ , then there will not exist a  $j$ -connected component of either vertices or edges of size more than  $\max(O(\log |E|), O(\log |V|))$*

We also have that if  $\mathbb{E}[S] = p^2 \cdot N < \frac{j \cdot \ln L}{L}$  then  $\mathcal{H}$  will almost certainly be  $j$ -disconnected. In fact, letting  $j = 1$  gives the previous situation discussed with connectivity, and gives another bound for  $p$ .

## 6. Code Implementation And Pictures

The following pictures depict the resulting normal graph that arises when we represent each hyperedge in Model 2 as a vertex, and connect two vertices in the normal graph if the two edges that correspond with the vertices have at least a specific amount of strength. The vertices that are clustering towards the outer boundary are not part of a connected component, and the vertices that are clustered towards the middle are part of a connected component.

```
1 import networkx as nx
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import random
4 from networkx.generators.random_graphs import erdos_renyi_graph
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5 e = 400
6 v = 400
7 p = 0.006
8 #Sets the parameters for the graph: e is the number of edges, v is the
   number of vertices, and p is the probability
9 k = 1
10 #The strength threshold for determining if two vertices will be connected
    or not
11 g = nx.Graph()
12 arr = [ [0 for _ in range(v)] for _ in range(e)]
13 for i in range(e):
14     g.add_node(i)
15 counter = 0
16 for i in range(e):
17     for j in range(v):
18         x = random.uniform(0,1)
19         if (x <= p):
20             arr[i][j] = 1
21         else:
22             arr[i][j] = 0
23 #Sets up the array by randomly assigning arr[i][j] to 1 or 0 if the jth
    vertex is included in the ith edge or not
24 for i in range(e):
25     for j in range(i):
26         strength = 0
27         for l in range(v):
28             if ((arr[i][l] == 1) and (arr[j][l] == 1)):
29                 strength = strength + 1
30         if strength > k:
31             g.add_edge(i, j)
32 #Checks each edge to see if their strength is above the threshold given at
    the beginning. The program will connect the two corresponding vertices
    in the final normal graph if it is.
33 largest_cc = max(nx.connected_components(g), key=len)
34 print(len(largest_cc))
35 print(g.nodes)
36 print(g.edges)
37 nx.draw(g)
38 plt.show()
39 #Prints the graph and certain values

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Listing 1: Code representing the Model 2 graph where each hyperedge is represented by a vertex

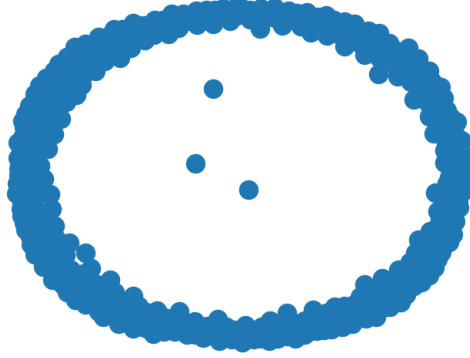


Figure 1:  $V = 400$ ,  $E = 400$ ,  $p = 0.0025 = \sqrt{\frac{j}{|V||E|}}$ ,  $j = 1$ , The largest connected component is of size 2, which is slightly lower than  $O(\log |E|)$

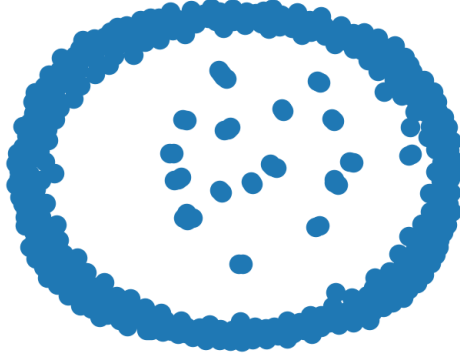


Figure 2:  $V = 400$ ,  $E = 400$ ,  $p = 0.008$ ,  $j = 1$ , The largest connected component is of size 5, which is approximately higher than  $O(\log |E|)$ . There is also a significantly higher number of connected components (vertices clustered in the middle)

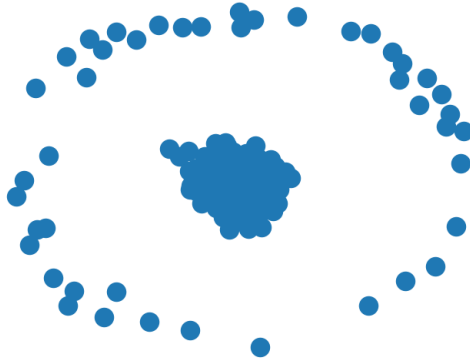


Figure 3:  $V = 400$ ,  $E = 400$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ,  $j = 1$ , The largest connected component is of size 356, which is approximately  $O(|E|)$ . Nearly all of the vertices are apart of the very giant connected component in the middle.



## 7. Disease Transmission On Networks

In this section, we will discuss the transmission of diseases in a population, by modeling this process with a random hypergraph model. In previous papers, such as [Newman \[2002\]](#) and [Zhao & Magpantay \[2024\]](#), epidemics and disease spread are modeled using a random graph and percolation model. This section aims to improve the accuracy of these papers by using hypergraphs to increase the complexity and better model what happens in the real world. We examine three models in this section, ordered by simplicity.

Define a hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ , with  $N = |V|$  vertices, and  $L = |E|$  hyperedges. We assume both  $L$  and  $N$  are extremely large. Each hyperedge represents a group of people that are in close contact with each other, such as families or workspaces.

Each node in the hypergraph is apart of one of the following 3 groups at once: Susceptible, Infected, and Removed. Susceptible nodes are nodes that have not yet been infected and are capable of being infected; infected nodes are nodes that are currently infected; while removed nodes are nodes that have either recovered from the infection and cannot transmit the disease to others, or they have died. An infected node can only transmit the disease to a node that is in the same hyperedge as the infected node.

**Definition 7.1.** The transmissibility  $T$  of a disease, is the average probability that an edge carries the disease (or is "occupied") from an infected node  $i$  to susceptible node  $j$ .

**Theorem 7.2** ([Zhao & Magpantay \[2024\]](#)).

$$T = \frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma}$$

where  $\beta$  is the probability, per unit time, that the disease is transmitted from an infected node  $i$  to susceptible node  $j$ , while  $\gamma$  is the probability, per unit time, that an infected node recovers.

*Proof.* First, we examine the transmissibility between a fixed pair of infected and susceptible nodes  $i$  and  $j$ . Denote this value as  $T_{ij}$ . Now, denote the recovery time of node  $i$  to be  $\tau_i$ , where  $\mathbb{E}[\tau] = \frac{1}{\gamma}$ . We have that

$$1 - T_{ij} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} (1 - \beta \Delta t)^{\frac{\tau_i}{\Delta t}} = e^{-\beta \tau_i}$$

where both sides represent the probability that the disease is NOT transmitted over a continuous interval.

Now, we wish to find  $T = \mathbb{E}[T_{ij}]$ . In order to do this, we make the assumption that the probability distribution of  $\tau$  is  $f_\tau(t) = \gamma e^{-\gamma t}$ . Note that

$$\int_0^\infty f_\tau(t) dt = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty t f_\tau(t) dt = \frac{1}{\gamma} = \mathbb{E}[\tau]$$

so this probability distribution is valid. Now we can directly calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \mathbb{E}[T_{ij}] = 1 - \mathbb{E}[e^{-\beta\tau_i}] \\
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} \cdot f_\gamma(t) dt \\
&= 1 - \gamma \int_0^\infty e^{-(\beta+\gamma)t} dt \\
&= \frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now, we create a normal graph  $G$ , with the same vertex set  $V$ . We define this to be the *projection* graph of  $\mathcal{H}$ . We connect two nodes  $i$  and  $j$  if and only if there exists a hyperedge  $e$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $i, j \in e$ . Otherwise, we leave these two nodes disconnected. Recall the following theorem:

**Theorem 7.3** (Newman [2002]). *The critical transmission threshold,  $T_c$ , for the emergence of a occupied giant component (e.g. the disease has spread to the majority of the population) for a regular random graph and percolation model is given by*

$$T_c = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle} \quad (2)$$

where  $\langle k^n \rangle$  represents the  $n$ th moment of the degree distribution.

This threshold also generally holds true for extremely large, but finite, graphs so we assume this is applicable to our graph  $G$ .

**Theorem 7.4.** *The expected number of vertices in multiple hyperedges is bounded above by  $L^2 Z^2 N^{-1}$  where  $Z$  represents the expected size of a hyperedge.*

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon_{ij}$  represent how many vertices are in both edges  $e_i$  and  $e_j$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\text{vertices in } \geq 2 \text{ hyperedges}] &< \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_i \sum_j \epsilon_{ij} \right] \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{ij}] = \binom{L}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{ij}] = \binom{L}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}[S]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $S$  represents the strength between two hyperedges. Assume  $\mathfrak{L}$  represents the size distribution of the hyperedges. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[S] &= N \cdot \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N [\mathfrak{L}(i)\mathfrak{L}(j) \cdot \mathbb{P}[v \in E_a \text{ if } |E_a| = i] \cdot \mathbb{P}[v \in E_b \text{ if } |E_b| = j]] \\
&= N \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \left[ \mathfrak{L}(i)\mathfrak{L}(j) \cdot \frac{ij}{N^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \mathfrak{L}(i)\mathfrak{L}(j) \cdot ij \\
&= \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathfrak{L}(i) \cdot i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \mathfrak{L}(j) \cdot j \right) \\
&= \frac{(\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Z}])^2}{N}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Z}]$  represents the expected size of a hyperedge. □

### 7.1. Uniform Random Hypergraph Model

In this subsection, we look at one of the simplest random hypergraph model: uniform hypergraphs. In a  $d$ -uniform random hypergraph, all hyperedges have a fixed size of  $d$ , and each hyperedge is formed by randomly selecting  $d$  vertices.

We denote the events  $\langle k \rangle$  and  $\langle k^2 \rangle$  as  $X, Y$  respectively, as well as assume  $N$  outgrows  $d$  significantly as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

**Lemma 7.5.** *We have the following approximations:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[X] &= (N-1) \cdot \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{d(d-1)}{N(N-1)} \right)^L \right) \approx \frac{Ld^2}{N} \\
\mathbb{E}[Y] &\approx \frac{Ld^2}{N} + \frac{Ld^3}{N} + \frac{L^2d^4}{N^2}
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[X] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[\deg(v_i)] = \mathbb{E}[\deg(v)] \\
&= (N-1) \cdot \mathbb{P}[\text{Two vertices are connected}] \\
&= (N-1) \cdot (1 - \mathbb{P}[\text{Two vertices are not connected}]) = (N-1) \cdot \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{N-2}{d-2}}{\binom{N}{d}}\right)^L\right) \\
&= \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{d(d-1)}{N(N-1)}\right)^L\right) \approx \frac{Ld^2}{N}
\end{aligned}$$

where the last approximation is valid as we assume  $d, N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\frac{d}{N} \ll 1$  for large  $d, N$ .

By similar logic, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[\deg(v_i)^2] = \mathbb{E}[\deg(v)^2]$$

The key here is to fix a vertex  $\ell$  and then use indicator variables  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_{N-1}$  where

$$\epsilon_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j, \ell \text{ connected} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So now we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\deg(v)^2] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \epsilon_i\right)^2\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_i^2] + \mathbb{E}\left[2 \sum_{i \neq j} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j\right] \\
&= (N-1) \cdot \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1^2] + 2 \binom{N-1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2] = \mathbb{E}[X] + 2 \binom{N-1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2]
\end{aligned}$$

For simplicity and brevity, we let  $\alpha = \frac{\binom{N-3}{d-3}}{\binom{N}{d}} = \frac{\binom{d}{3}}{\binom{N}{d}}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{\binom{N-2}{d-2}}{\binom{N}{d}} - \frac{\binom{N-3}{d-3}}{\binom{N}{d}} = \frac{\binom{d}{2}}{\binom{N}{d}} - \frac{\binom{d}{3}}{\binom{N}{d}}$ .

Observe that  $\alpha$  is the probability that a hyperedge contains 3 fixed vertices, and  $\lambda$  is the probability that a hyperedge contains 2 of the fixed vertices, but not the 3rd. Note that

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2] = \mathbb{P}[\epsilon_1 = 1 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = 1]$$

so we aim to find the complement of this probability, which we will denote as  $C$ . Observe

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[C] &= \mathbb{P}[\epsilon_1 = 0 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = 0] + 2\mathbb{P}[\epsilon_1 = 0 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = 1] \\
&= (1 - \alpha)^L (1 - \lambda)^{2L} + 2(1 - \alpha)^L (1 - \lambda)^L (1 - (1 - \lambda)^L)
\end{aligned}$$

Making the approximation  $\left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{d}{i}}{\binom{N}{i}}\right)^L\right) \approx \frac{Ld^i}{N^i}$  for  $i = 2, 3$  simplifies our expression down to  $1 - \frac{Ld^3}{N^3} - \frac{L^2d^4}{N^4}$  as we expand and ignore higher order terms as they will vanish as  $N, d, L \rightarrow \infty$ . Finally, taking the complement of this, we get

$$2\binom{N-1}{2}\mathbb{P}[\epsilon_1 = 1 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = 1] \approx N^2 \cdot \left(\frac{Ld^3}{N^3} + \frac{L^2d^4}{N^4}\right) = \frac{Ld^3}{N} + \frac{L^2d^4}{N^2}$$

as we can make the approximation  $2\binom{N-1}{2} \approx N^2$  as  $N$  is large. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 7.6.** Define  $f(X, Y) = \frac{X}{Y-X}$ . We can approximate  $\mathbb{E}[f(X, Y)]$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(X, Y)] \approx f(\mu_X, \mu_Y) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Var}[X] + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Var}[Y] \\ + \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X \partial Y} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Cov}[X, Y] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_X$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu_Y$

*Proof.* Let  $f(X, Y) = \frac{X}{Y-X}$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E}[T_c] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{X}{Y-X} \right] = \mathbb{E}[f(X, Y)]$$

so we utilize a Taylor Series approximation at the point  $(\mathbb{E}[X], \mathbb{E}[Y])$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(X, Y) \approx f(\mu_X, \mu_Y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} (X - \mu_X) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} (Y - \mu_Y) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} (X - \mu_X)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} (Y - \mu_Y)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X \partial Y} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} (X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the expectation of both sides, the first degree terms are annihilated.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(X, Y)] \approx f(\mu_X, \mu_Y) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Var}[X] + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y^2} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Var}[Y] \\ + \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X \partial Y} \Big|_{(\mu_X, \mu_Y)} \right) \text{Cov}[X, Y] \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

Lemma 7.5 and 7.6 can be used to create an accurate approximation for the expected epidemic threshold for  $\mathcal{H}$ . However, if we assume  $d \propto \sqrt{N}$  and  $L \propto N$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , then we can create sharper results as follows. We assume  $d = C_d \sqrt{N}$  where  $C_d$  remains constant and  $L = C_L N$  where  $C_L$  remains constant.

**Lemma 7.7.** *Let  $Z$  be the event that any two fixed vertices are connected. We have*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}[Z] = 1 - \exp\{-C_d^2 \cdot C_L\}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}[Z] &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{d(d-1)}{N(N-1)} \right)^L \right) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{d^2}{N^2} \right)^L \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{C_d^2}{N} \right)^{C_L N} \right) = 1 - \exp\{-C_d^2 \cdot C_L\} \end{aligned}$$

□

Therefore, any two vertices in  $G$  are connected to probability  $1 - \exp\{C_d^2 \cdot C_L\}$  and when the percolation process is applied, the edges are kept with probability  $T = \frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma}$ , so the edges are kept in the final "transmission graph"  $G_T$  with probability  $\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - \exp\{C_d^2 \cdot C_L\})$ . Note that this process is essentially equivalent to applying a percolation process on a complete  $K_N$  graph with the same vertex set as  $G$ , except that the "transmissibility" is  $\mathcal{T} = \frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - \exp\{-C_d^2 \cdot C_L\})$ , instead. Therefore by Eq. (2), the critical transmissibility value is

$$T_c = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle} = \frac{N-1}{(N-1)^2 - (N-1)} = \frac{1}{N-2}$$

so we have the following results:

**Theorem 7.8.** *Assuming that  $d \propto \sqrt{N}$ ,  $L \propto N$  with constants of proportionality of  $C_d$  and  $C_L$ , the disease will die out and there will be no epidemic if and only if*

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - \exp\{-C_d^2 \cdot C_L\}) < \frac{1}{N-2} \approx \frac{1}{N}$$

*Otherwise, an epidemic will occur.*

**Theorem 7.9.** *Assuming that  $d \propto N^\alpha$ ,  $L \propto N^{2-2\alpha}$  with constants of proportionality of  $C_d$  and  $C_L$ , the disease will die out and there will be no epidemic if and only if*

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - \exp\{C_d^2 \cdot C_L\}) < \frac{1}{N-2} \approx \frac{1}{N}$$

*Otherwise, an epidemic will occur.*

If  $d$  and  $L$  do not satisfy such proportionalities with  $N$ , then we could always use the exact formula (albeit uglier) for the probability that two edges are connected, which is  $1 - \left(1 - \frac{d(d-1)}{N(N-1)}\right)^L$ .

## 7.2. Non-Uniform Random Hypergraph Model

For this section, we adopt the model explored in sections 4 and 5. To recap, the model is defined as follows:

**Definition 7.10.** Create a hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $N$  vertices, given by  $\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\}$  and  $L$  edges, given by  $\mathcal{E} = \{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_L\}$ . We generate edge  $E_i$  by going through each vertex, and adding it to  $E_i$  with probability  $p$ . More formally,  $v_j \in E_i$  with probability  $p$  for all  $(i, j)$ .

We write  $v_i \sim v_j$  if vertices  $i$  and  $j$  are connected. Note that

$$\mathbb{P}[v_i \sim v_j] = 1 - (1 - p^2)^L$$

so utilizing the same strategy we used in the previous model, two vertices are connected in the final "transmission" graph  $G_T$  with probability  $T(1 - (1 - p^2)^L)$ , so applying Eq. (2) to a complete  $K_N$  graph, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 7.11.** *The disease will die out and there will be no epidemic if and only if*

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - (1 - p^2)^L) < \frac{1}{N - 2} \approx \frac{1}{N}$$

Now, we shift to a matrices point of view. Now, instead of having one or very few initial infected vertices, we infect each vertex right at the start with probability  $P_0$ . Let  $p_i$  denote the probability that  $v_i$  eventually gets infected, and let  $\zeta_i$  be the probability  $v_i$  gets infected by transmission from an adjacent vertex. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \zeta_i &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\deg(v_i)} T^m \cdot (1 - T)^{\deg(v_i) - m} \cdot [S_m] \right) \\ &= \prod_{j \sim i} (1 - T p_j) \approx 1 - T \sum_{j \sim i} p_j \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_m$  is an  $m$ th symmetric sum of the set  $\{1 - p_j \mid j \sim i\}$  and the last step stems from the approximation of  $(1 - a)(1 - b) \approx 1 - a - b$  where  $a, b \ll 1$ . Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - p_i &= (1 - P_0) \cdot (1 - \zeta_i) = 1 - P_0 - \zeta_i(1 - P_0) \\ &= 1 - P_0 - T(1 - P_0) \sum_{j \sim i} p_j \end{aligned}$$

Putting this in matrix form we have  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_0 + T(1 - P_0)\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$  where  $\mathbf{P}_0$  is a  $N$ -dimensional vector with every entry being  $P_0$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is the adjacency matrix of  $\mathcal{H}$  (where we use the same definition of connectivity between vertices as before), and  $\mathbf{P}$  is the infection probability vector for all nodes (where the  $i$ th entry is  $p_i$ ). Note that the above equality can be rearranged to  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_0$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  is the *system* matrix represented by

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I} - T(1 - P_0)\mathbf{A}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.

**Theorem 7.12.**

$$\|\mathbf{P}\| \leq \left| \frac{P_0 \cdot \sqrt{N}}{[1 - T(1 - P_0)] \lambda_{N,A}} \right|$$

*Proof.* First, we prove the following lemma (a similar lemma is seen in [Wang et al. \[2003\]](#)):

**Lemma 7.13.** *The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  are equivalent to the eigenvectors of the adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , and the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S}$  are given by  $\lambda_{i,S} = [1 - T(1 - P_0)] \lambda_{i,A}$ , where  $\lambda_{i,A}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

*Proof.* Take an eigenvector  $\mathbf{u}_{i,S}$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}_{i,S} &= (\mathbf{I} - T(1 - P_0)\mathbf{A})\mathbf{u}_{i,S} \\ (\lambda_{i,S} - 1)\mathbf{u}_{i,S} &= -T(1 - P_0)\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{i,S} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\mathbf{u}_{i,S}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Now, assume the eigenvalue of this eigenvector with respect to  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_{i,A}$ . We now have that

$$(\lambda_{i,S} - 1)\mathbf{u}_{i,S} = -T(1 - P_0)\lambda_{i,A}\mathbf{u}_{i,S}$$

so we require  $\lambda_{i,S} = [1 - T(1 - P_0)] \lambda_{i,A}$  □

Order the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S}$ , such that  $|\lambda_{1,S}| \geq |\lambda_{2,S}| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_{N,S}|$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{P}\| &= \|\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{P}_0\| \leq \|\mathbf{S}^{-1}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{P}_0\| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\lambda_{N,S}} \right| \cdot P_0\sqrt{N} = \left| \frac{P_0 \cdot \sqrt{N}}{[1 - T(1 - P_0)] \lambda_{N,A}} \right| \end{aligned}$$

so we are done. □

This system of equations can also easily be used for situations where only one node is infected initially. This setup would allow for the system of equations as follows (assume  $N$  is the infected node):



$$\begin{cases} 1 - p_i = \prod_{j \sim i} (1 - Tp_j), & i \neq N \\ p_N = 1 \end{cases}$$

However, in this situation we would not be able to express the system of equations in matrix form. From this we receive the following corollary

**Corollary 7.14.** *In a hyperedge with size  $N$  (or equivalently, a  $K_N$  graph), the probability a node gets infected  $p$  satisfies*

$$1 - p = (1 - T)(1 - Tp)^{N-2}$$

*Proof.* Note that, by symmetry, all nodes that are not initially infected have the same exact probability of eventually getting infected. Therefore  $p = p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_{N-1}$ , and substituting this, as well as  $p_N = 1$ , gives the desired result.  $\square$

Now using the approximation  $(1 - Tp)^{N-2} \approx 1 - (N - 2)Tp$ , we have that

$$p = \frac{T}{1 - (T - T^2)(N - 2)}$$

### 7.3. An Extra-Realistic Model

In this model the set of hyperedges,  $E$ , is split into three groups: small, medium, and large. Small groups represent groups like families, while medium groups represent groups like workspaces or friend groups, and large groups represent groups like concert crowds or event attendees. The distribution of the  $L$  hyperedges that go into these groups are represented by the variable weights  $w = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$ , respectively. The size distribution for each group is as follows: small hyperedges are Poisson with  $\lambda = 3$ , medium hyperedges are uniform on  $[5, 15]$ , and large hyperedges are power-law with bounds  $[20, 200]$  and  $\alpha = 2.5$ . The probability distribution of the size of any hyperedge can therefore be given by

$$\mathfrak{L}(|e|) = \omega_1 \mathcal{P}_1 + \omega_2 \mathcal{P}_2 + \omega_3 \mathcal{P}_3$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \mathcal{P}_3$  represent the small, medium, and large probability distributions respectively.

The same methods we used for the previous two models can also be used for this model. If we use the same projection graph method that we utilized in previous models, we have the following theorem for this particular model:

**Theorem 7.15.** *The disease will die out and there will be no epidemic if and only if*

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot \mathbb{P}[i \sim j] < \frac{1}{N - 2} \approx \frac{1}{N}$$

*Otherwise, an epidemic will occur.*

We can also characterize  $\mathbb{P}[i \sim j]$ , with the following. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}[i \sim j] &= 1 - \left(1 - \sum_{i=0}^N \mathfrak{L}(i) \cdot \frac{\binom{N-2}{i-2}}{\binom{N}{i}}\right)^L \\ &= 1 - \left(1 - \sum_{i=0}^N \mathfrak{L}(i) \cdot \frac{\binom{i}{2}}{\binom{N}{2}}\right)^L\end{aligned}$$

$\mathfrak{L}$  can be decomposed into the smaller size distributions,  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \mathcal{P}_3$  as necessary. It is also notable we can use an eigenvalue point of view through Theorem 7.12 as it also applies to this model (as well as any other random hypergraph model).

#### 7.4. Containment Strategies

In this section, we explore various containment strategies that could be implemented to control the spread of the epidemic. For all of these strategies, we assume that we work with the *Non-Uniform Random Hypergraph Model* for simplicity. First, we examine the most basic strategy: random vaccination. In this scenario, we vaccinate a node with probability  $q$ , where vaccination essentially moves the node to the "Removed" state immediately. A vaccinated node cannot transmit or receive the disease. Analyzing this situation is quite simple if we use similar methods that were utilized in previous sections. As usual, let  $G$  be the projection graph of hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$ . However, in this case, we slightly tweak the definition of a projection graph, as follows:

**Definition 7.16.** The vertex set of the projection graph  $G$  is all vertices  $v$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  that are not vaccinated, and two vertices in  $G$  are connected if and only if they share a hyperedge in  $\mathcal{H}$

Now, we have that

$$\mathbb{P}[i \sim j] = q^2 \cdot (1 - (1 - p^2)^L)$$

where  $i \sim j$  represents the event that vertices  $i, j$  exist and are connected in the projection graph  $G$ . From this, we have the following theorem

**Theorem 7.17.** *The disease will die out and there will be no epidemic if and only if*

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta + \gamma} \cdot (1 - (1 - p^2)^L) < \frac{1}{q^2(N-2)} \approx \frac{1}{q^2 N}$$

*Otherwise, an epidemic will occur.*

It follows that if we randomly vaccinated about  $qN$  people in a population of  $N$  people increases the epidemic threshold by a factor of  $q^{-2}$ .

Now, we focus on a more targeted vaccination approach. For this scenario, we initially infect each node with probability  $P_0$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a increasing function that determines the probability that a specific node gets vaccinated. More specifically, for nodes in a hyperedge of size  $x$ , they are vaccinated with probability  $f(x)$ , meaning that larger hyperedges will have larger vaccination probabilities. Note that these vaccination probabilities overlap for each node, so if a node is part of hyperedges with size  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  then they are vaccinated with probability  $1 - (1 - f(x_1))(1 - f(x_2))$ . More generally, we have that

$$q_i = 1 - \prod_{E_j, v_i \in E_j} (1 - f(|E_j|)) \approx \sum_{E_j, v_i \in E_j} f(|E_j|)$$

where  $q_i$  represents the probability that the  $i$ th node gets vaccinated. Like always, we use  $p_i$  to denote the probability that vertex  $i$  eventually gets infected. Adding onto this, define  $\omega_i$  to be the probability  $v_i$  gets infected by transmission from an adjacent vertex in this scenario. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \omega_i &= \prod_{j \sim i} (1 - Tp_j + Tp_j q_j) = 1 - T \sum_{j \sim i} p_j (1 - q_j) \\ &= 1 - T \sum_{j \sim i} p_j + T \sum_{j \sim i} \left( p_j \left[ \sum_{E_k, v_j \in E_k} f(|E_k|) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

so it follows that

$$\omega_i = T \sum_{j \sim i} p_j - T \sum_{j \sim i} \left( p_j \left[ \sum_{E_k, v_j \in E_k} f(|E_k|) \right] \right)$$

Now, we characterize  $p_i$  with the following:

$$p_i = 1 - (1 - q_i)(1 - P_0)(1 - \omega_i) \approx P_0 + \omega_i + q_i$$

Putting this in matrix form, we get that

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_0 + T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P})) + \mathbf{Q}$$

where  $\mathbf{H}$  is an  $N \times L$  matrix with entry  $(i, j)$  being  $f(|E_j|)$  if  $v_i \in E_j$  and 0 otherwise, and  $\mathbf{Q}$  is the vaccination vector with the  $i$ th entry being  $q_i$ . Comparing this matrix equation to the system matrix found before can yield the degree of containment.

## 8. Code for Disease Models

### 8.1. Model 1

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from itertools import combinations
4 import hypernetx as hnx
5 # --- Parameters ---
6 n = 20 # Number of vertices
7 d = 5 # Size of each hyperedge
8 m = 10 # Number of hyperedges
9 beta = 0.1 # Probability of infection per contact
10 gamma = 0.1 # Probability of recovery
11 time_steps = 100 # Number of simulation steps
12
13 # --- Generate d-uniform hypergraph ---
14 def generate_d_uniform_hypergraph(n, d, m):
15     """Generate a d-uniform hypergraph with n vertices and m hyperedges."""
16     hyperedges = [tuple(np.random.choice(n, d, replace=False)) for _ in range(m)]
17     return hyperedges
18
19 hyperedges = generate_d_uniform_hypergraph(n, d, m)
20
21 # --- Create adjacency list ---
22 def create_adjacency_list(hyperedges):
23     """Create an adjacency list from hyperedges."""
24     adjacency_list = {i: set() for i in range(n)}
25     for edge in hyperedges:
26         for u, v in combinations(edge, 2):
27             adjacency_list[u].add(v)
28             adjacency_list[v].add(u)
29     return adjacency_list
30
31 adjacency_list = create_adjacency_list(hyperedges)
32
33 # --- Initialize SIR states ---
34 S = np.ones(n, dtype=bool) # Susceptible
35 I = np.zeros(n, dtype=bool) # Infected
36 R = np.zeros(n, dtype=bool) # Removed
37
38 # Initial infection
39 initial_infected = np.random.choice(n, 1, replace=False)[0]
40 I[initial_infected] = True
41 S[initial_infected] = False
42 print(f"Initial infected vertex: {initial_infected}")
43 print(f"Number of neighbors of the initial infected vertex: {len(adjacency_list[initial_infected])}")
44 print(f"Neighbors of initial infected vertex: {list(adjacency_list[initial_infected])}")
45 def draw_hypergraph(hyperedges):
46
47     edge_dict = {f"e{i}": edge for i, edge in enumerate(hyperedges)}

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48     H = hnx.Hypergraph(edge_dict)
49     hnx.draw(H, with_node_labels=False, with_edge_labels=False)
50
51 # Draw the hypergraph
52 draw_hypergraph(hyperedges)
53 # --- Simulation ---
54 def simulate_sir(n, adjacency_list, beta, gamma, time_steps):
55     """Simulate the SIR model on a d-uniform hypergraph."""
56     S = np.ones(n, dtype=bool) # Susceptible
57     I = np.zeros(n, dtype=bool) # Infected
58     R = np.zeros(n, dtype=bool) # Removed
59
60     # Initial infection
61     initial_infected = np.random.choice(n, 1, replace=False)[0]
62     I[initial_infected] = True
63     S[initial_infected] = False
64
65     # Record fractions of S, I, R over time
66     S_frac, I_frac, R_frac = [], [], []
67
68     for t in range(time_steps):
69         new_infections = []
70
71         # Attempt infection
72         for u in range(n):
73             if S[u]: # If node u is susceptible
74                 # Calculate the probability of infection from all infected
75                 neighbors
76                 infected_neighbors = [v for v in adjacency_list[u] if I[v]]
77                 prob_infection = 1 - (1 - beta) ** len(infected_neighbors)
78                 if t==0:
79                     print(infected_neighbors)
80
81                 if np.random.rand() < prob_infection:
82                     new_infections.append(u)
83
84         if t==0:
85             print(f"Initial infected vertex: {initial_infected}")
86             print(f"Number of neighbors of the initial infected vertex: {len(
87 adjacency_list[initial_infected])}")
88             print(f"Neighbors of initial infected vertex: {list(
89 adjacency_list[initial_infected])}")
90
91         # Recover infected nodes
92         recoveries = np.random.rand(n) < gamma
93         R[I & recoveries] = True
94         I[I & recoveries] = False
95
96         # Update new infections
97         for v in new_infections:
98             I[v] = True

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```

95         S[v] = False
96
97         # Record fractions
98         S_frac.append(np.sum(S) / n)
99         I_frac.append(np.sum(I) / n)
100        R_frac.append(np.sum(R) / n)
101
102        # Print counts
103        print(f"Time Step {t}: Susceptible = {np.sum(S)}, Infected = {np.
sum(I)}, Removed = {np.sum(R)}")
104
105        return S_frac, I_frac, R_frac
106
107    # --- Run Simulation ---
108    S_frac, I_frac, R_frac = simulate_sir(n, adjacency_list, beta, gamma,
time_steps)
109    def probability_zero_neighbors(adjacency_list, n):
110        """Calculate the probability that a randomly selected vertex has 0
neighbors."""
111        zero_neighbor_count = sum(1 for neighbors in adjacency_list.values() if
len(neighbors) == 0)
112        return zero_neighbor_count / n
113
114    p_zero_neighbors = probability_zero_neighbors(adjacency_list, n)
115    print(f"Probability that a randomly selected vertex has 0 neighbors: {
p_zero_neighbors:.4f}")
116    # --- Plot Results ---
117    def plot_sir(S_frac, I_frac, R_frac, time_steps):
118        """Plot the SIR dynamics."""
119        plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
120        plt.plot(range(time_steps), S_frac, label="Susceptible", color="blue")
121        plt.plot(range(time_steps), I_frac, label="Infected", color="red")
122        plt.plot(range(time_steps), R_frac, label="Removed", color="green")
123
124        plt.xlabel("Time Steps")
125        plt.ylabel("Fraction of Population")
126        plt.legend()
127        plt.show()
128
129    plot_sir(S_frac, I_frac, R_frac, time_steps)

```

## 8.2. Model 2

```

1  import numpy as np
2  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3  from itertools import combinations
4
5  # --- Parameters ---
6  N = 100 # Number of vertices

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7 L = 200 # Number of hyperedges
8 p = 0.1 # Probability a vertex is part of a hyperedge
9 beta = 0.1 # Probability of infection per contact
10 gamma = 0.1 # Probability of recovery
11 time_steps = 100 # Number of simulation steps
12
13 # --- Generate Random Hypergraph ---
14 def generate_random_hypergraph(N, L, p):
15     """Generate a random hypergraph with N vertices and L hyperedges."""
16     hyperedges = []
17     for _ in range(L):
18         edge = [v for v in range(N) if np.random.rand() < p]
19         if edge: # Avoid empty edges
20             hyperedges.append(edge)
21     return hyperedges
22
23 hyperedges = generate_random_hypergraph(N, L, p)
24
25 # --- Create adjacency list ---
26 def create_adjacency_list(hyperedges, N):
27     """Create an adjacency list from hyperedges."""
28     adjacency_list = {i: set() for i in range(N)}
29     for edge in hyperedges:
30         for u, v in combinations(edge, 2):
31             adjacency_list[u].add(v)
32             adjacency_list[v].add(u)
33     return adjacency_list
34
35 adjacency_list = create_adjacency_list(hyperedges, N)
36
37 # --- Initialize SIR states ---
38 S = np.ones(N, dtype=bool) # Susceptible
39 I = np.zeros(N, dtype=bool) # Infected
40 R = np.zeros(N, dtype=bool) # Removed
41
42 # Initial infection
43 initial_infected = np.random.choice(N, 1, replace=False)[0]
44 I[initial_infected] = True
45 S[initial_infected] = False
46 print(f"Initial infected vertex: {initial_infected}")
47 print(f"Number of neighbors of the initial infected vertex: {len(
48     adjacency_list[initial_infected])}")
49 print(f"Neighbors of initial infected vertex: {list(adjacency_list[
50     initial_infected])}")
51
52 # --- Simulation ---
53 def simulate_sir(N, adjacency_list, beta, gamma, time_steps):
54     """Simulate the SIR model on a random hypergraph."""
55     S = np.ones(N, dtype=bool) # Susceptible
56     I = np.zeros(N, dtype=bool) # Infected

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55     R = np.zeros(N, dtype=bool) # Removed
56
57     # Initial infection
58     initial_infected = np.random.choice(N, 1, replace=False)[0]
59     I[initial_infected] = True
60     S[initial_infected] = False
61
62     # Record fractions of S, I, R over time
63     S_frac, I_frac, R_frac = [], [], []
64
65     for t in range(time_steps):
66         new_infections = []
67
68         # Attempt infection
69         for u in range(N):
70             if S[u]: # If node u is susceptible
71                 # Calculate the probability of infection from all infected
neighbors
72                 infected_neighbors = [v for v in adjacency_list[u] if I[v]]
73                 prob_infection = 1 - (1 - beta) ** len(infected_neighbors)
74                 if np.random.rand() < prob_infection:
75                     new_infections.append(u)
76
77         # Recover infected nodes
78         recoveries = np.random.rand(N) < gamma
79         R[I & recoveries] = True
80         I[I & recoveries] = False
81
82         # Update new infections
83         for v in new_infections:
84             I[v] = True
85             S[v] = False
86
87         # Record fractions
88         S_frac.append(np.sum(S) / N)
89         I_frac.append(np.sum(I) / N)
90         R_frac.append(np.sum(R) / N)
91
92         # Print counts
93         print(f"Time Step {t}: Susceptible = {np.sum(S)}, Infected = {np.
sum(I)}, Removed = {np.sum(R)}")
94
95     return S_frac, I_frac, R_frac
96
97 # --- Run Simulation ---
98 S_frac, I_frac, R_frac = simulate_sir(N, adjacency_list, beta, gamma,
time_steps)
99
100 # --- Plot Results ---
101 def plot_sir(S_frac, I_frac, R_frac, time_steps):

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102     """Plot the SIR dynamics."""
103     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
104     plt.plot(range(time_steps), S_frac, label="Susceptible", color="blue")
105     plt.plot(range(time_steps), I_frac, label="Infected", color="red")
106     plt.plot(range(time_steps), R_frac, label="Removed", color="green")
107
108     plt.xlabel("Time Steps")
109     plt.ylabel("Fraction of Population")
110     plt.legend()
111     plt.show()
112
113 plot_sir(S_frac, I_frac, R_frac, time_steps)

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### 8.3. Model 3

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1 import random
2 import numpy
3
4 def simulate(num_hyperedges, weights, num_nodes, initial_infected,
5             time_stamps, beta_value, recovery_rate):
6     hyperedge_sizes = []
7
8     num_small = int(weights[0]*num_hyperedges)
9     num_medium = int(weights[1]*num_hyperedges)
10    num_large = num_hyperedges - num_small - num_medium
11    params = {
12        'small': {'lambda': 3},
13        'medium': {'a': 6, 'b': 15},
14        'large': {'gamma': 2.5, 'min_size': 20, 'max_size': 200}
15    }
16    lambda_param = params['small']['lambda']
17    small_size = numpy.random.poisson(lam=lambda_param, size=num_small)
18    a,b = params['medium']['a'], params['medium']['b']
19    medium_size = numpy.random.randint(a, b, size=num_medium)
20    gamma = params['large']['gamma']
21    min_size, max_size = params['large']['min_size'], params['large']['max_size']
22    large_size = []
23    for _ in range(num_large):
24        size = int(numpy.random.zipf(gamma))
25        while size < min_size or size > max_size:
26            size = int(numpy.random.zipf(gamma))
27        large_size.append(size)
28
29    hyperedge_sizes.extend(small_size)
30    hyperedge_sizes.extend(medium_size)
31    hyperedge_sizes.extend(large_size)
32
33    hyperedges = []

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33 for size in hyperedge_sizes:
34     hyperedge = random.sample(range(num_nodes), size)
35     hyperedges.append(hyperedge)
36
37 node_states = {node: 'S' for node in range(num_nodes)}
38 history = []
39 for node in initial_infected:
40     node_states[node] = 'I'
41 for t in range(time_stamps):
42     new_states = node_states.copy()
43     for hyperedge in hyperedges:
44         infected = [node for node in hyperedge if node_states[node] == 'I']
45         susceptible = [node for node in hyperedge if node_states[node] == '
S']
46
47         for node in susceptible:
48             if random.random() < 1 - (1 - beta_value) ** len(infected):
49                 new_states[node] = 'I'
50
51         for node in infected:
52             if random.random() < recovery_rate:
53                 new_states[node] = 'R'
54
55
56
57 node_states = new_states
58 state_counts = {
59     'S': list(node_states.values()).count('S'),
60     'I': list(node_states.values()).count('I'),
61     'R': list(node_states.values()).count('R')
62 }
63 history.append(state_counts)
64 return history
65
66
67 simulate(50000, [0.5, 0.3, 0.2], 10000, [1,2], 1000, 0.001, 0.98)

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