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# Generates same rows as in .stoch row(N), but with randomly introduced sparsity
.stoch row zeros <- function(N){</pre>
  # Sample a vector of probabilities
 row \leftarrow runif(n = N, min = 0, max = 1)
  # Sample a vertex degree of at least one (as to ensure row is stochastic)
 degree vertex \leftarrow sample(x = 1:(N-1), size = 1)
  # Sever a random selection of edges to set the vertex degree
 row[sample(1:N, size = N - degree_vertex)] <- 0</pre>
  # Return normalized row
 row / sum(row)
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