MASON Retirement Age

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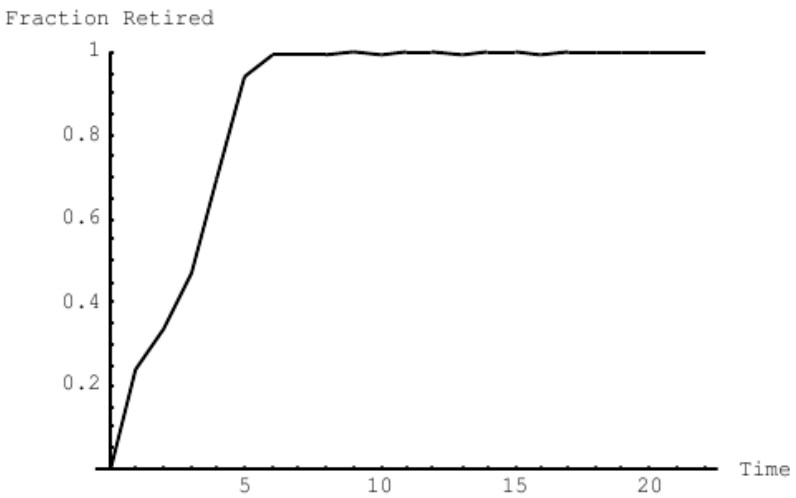

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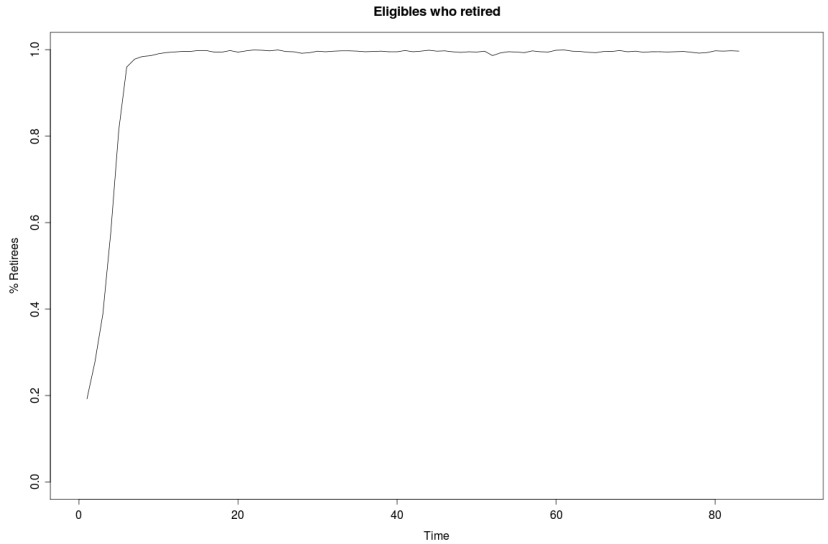

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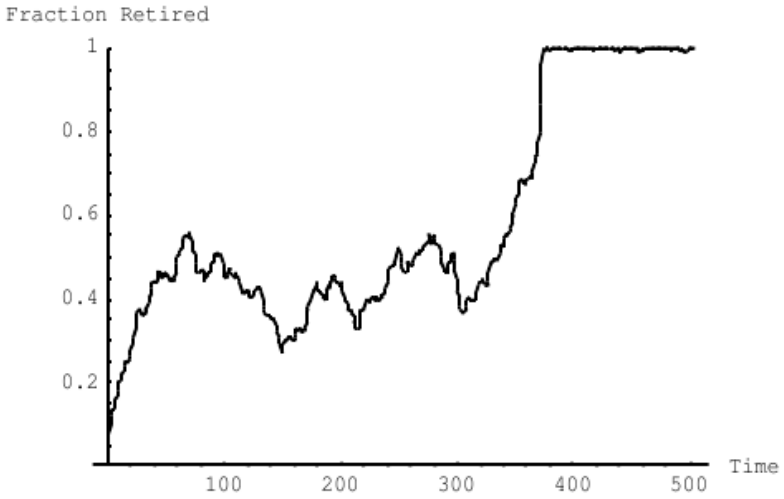

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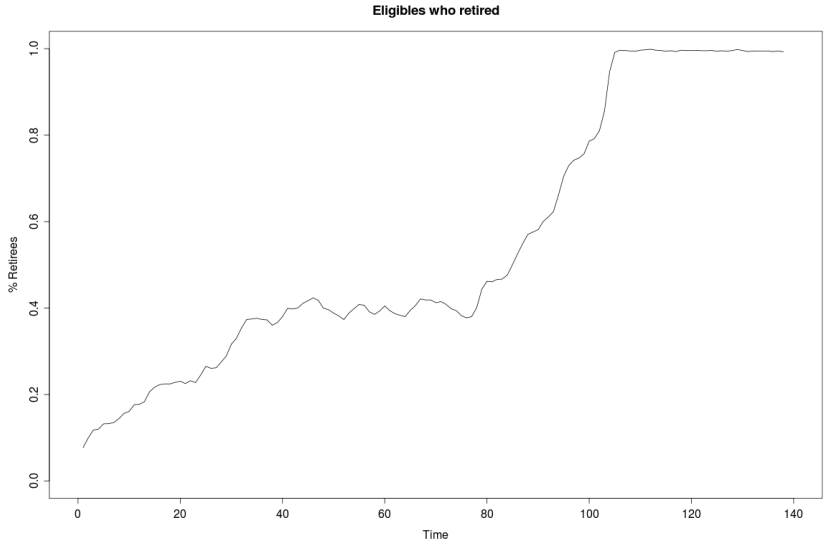

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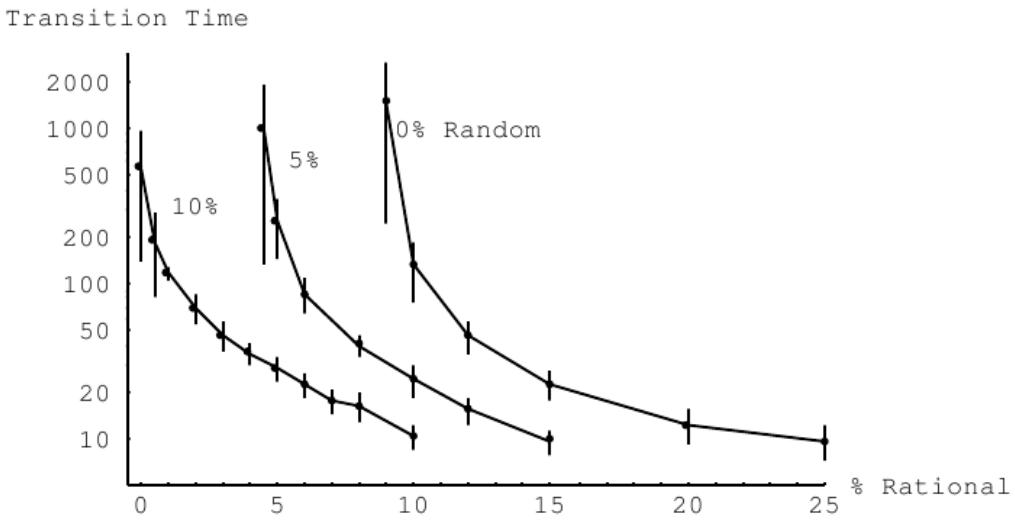

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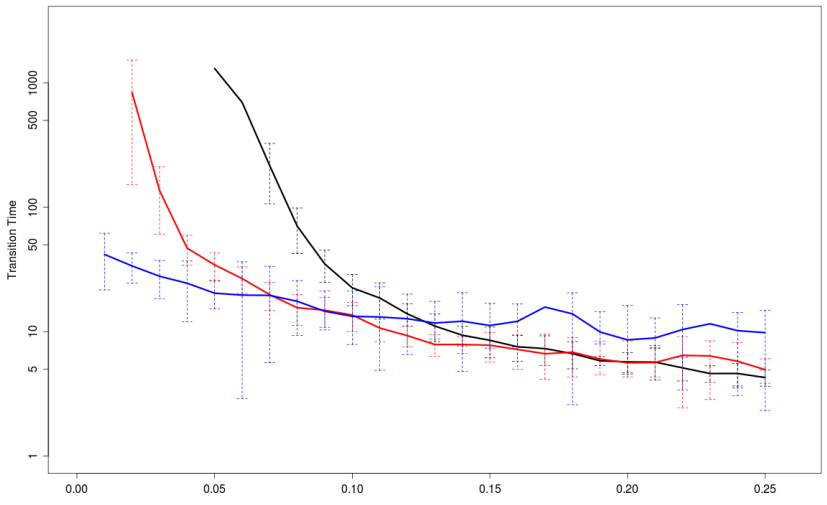

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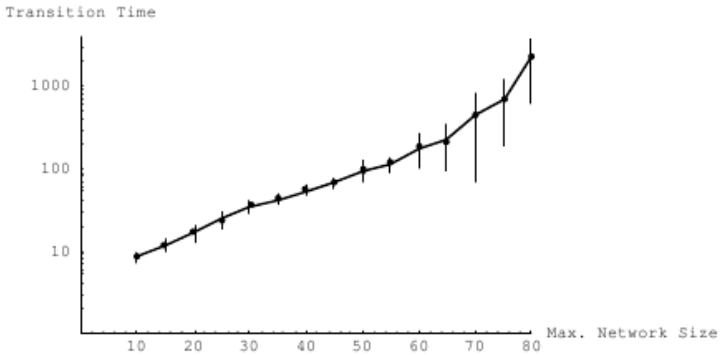

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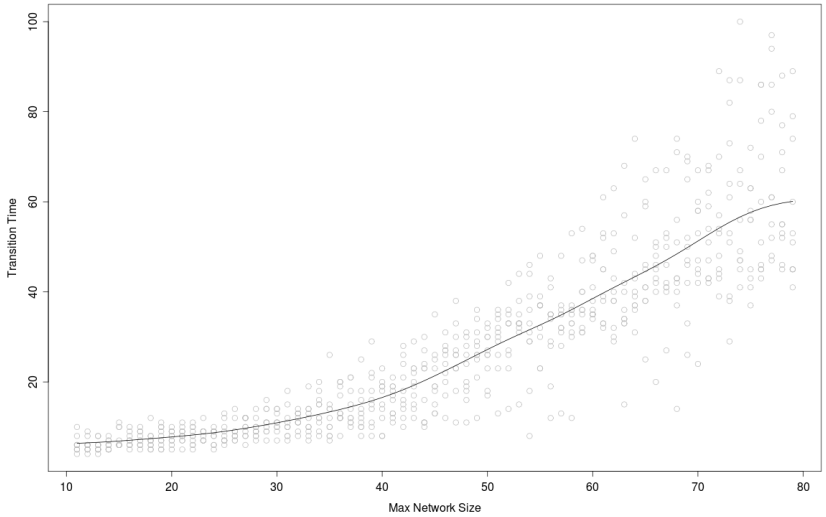

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Figure: Changes in time to get full-retirement equilibrium by changing maximum network size. Grey dots represent runs

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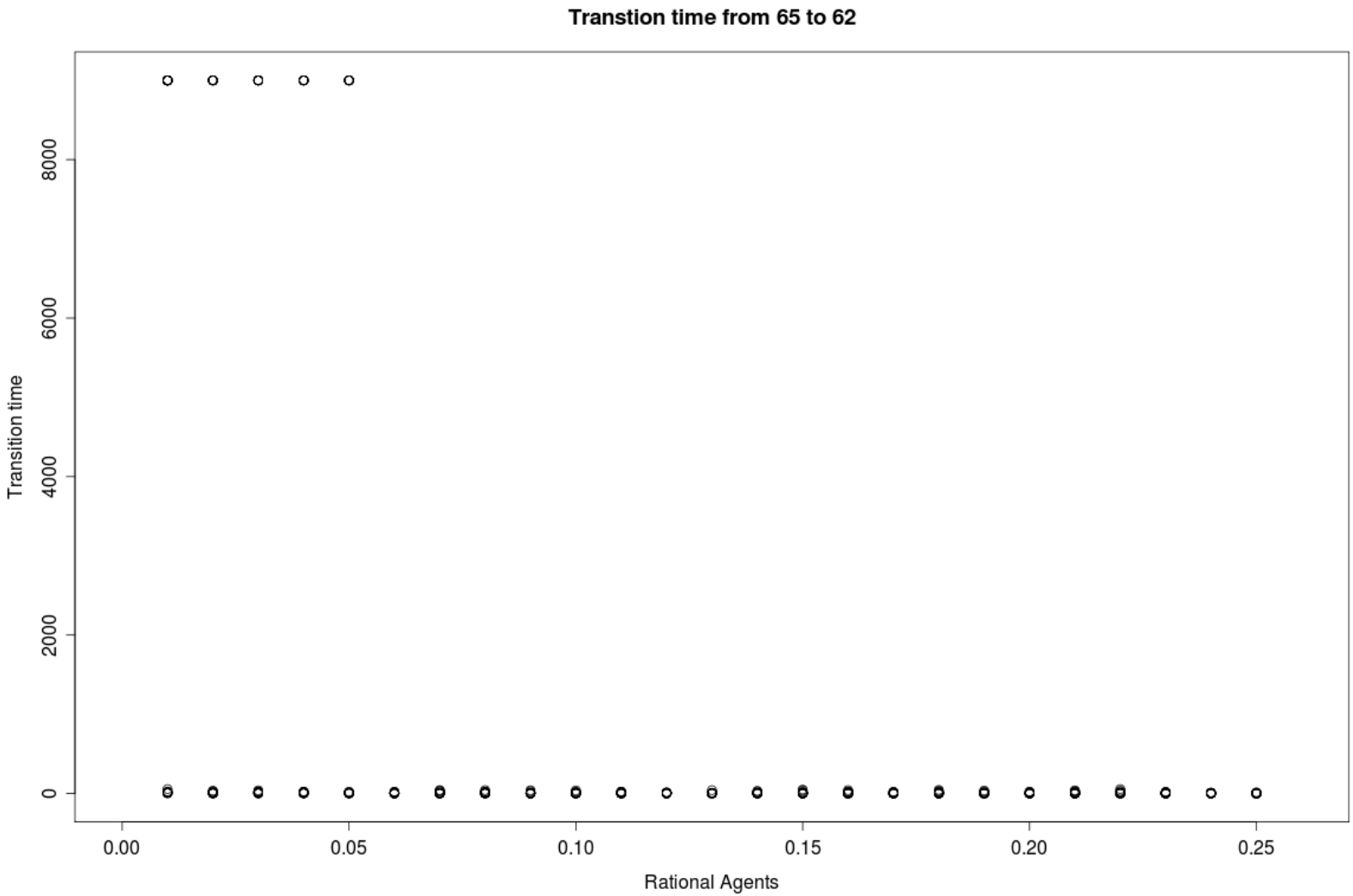

Figure: Weird dynamics

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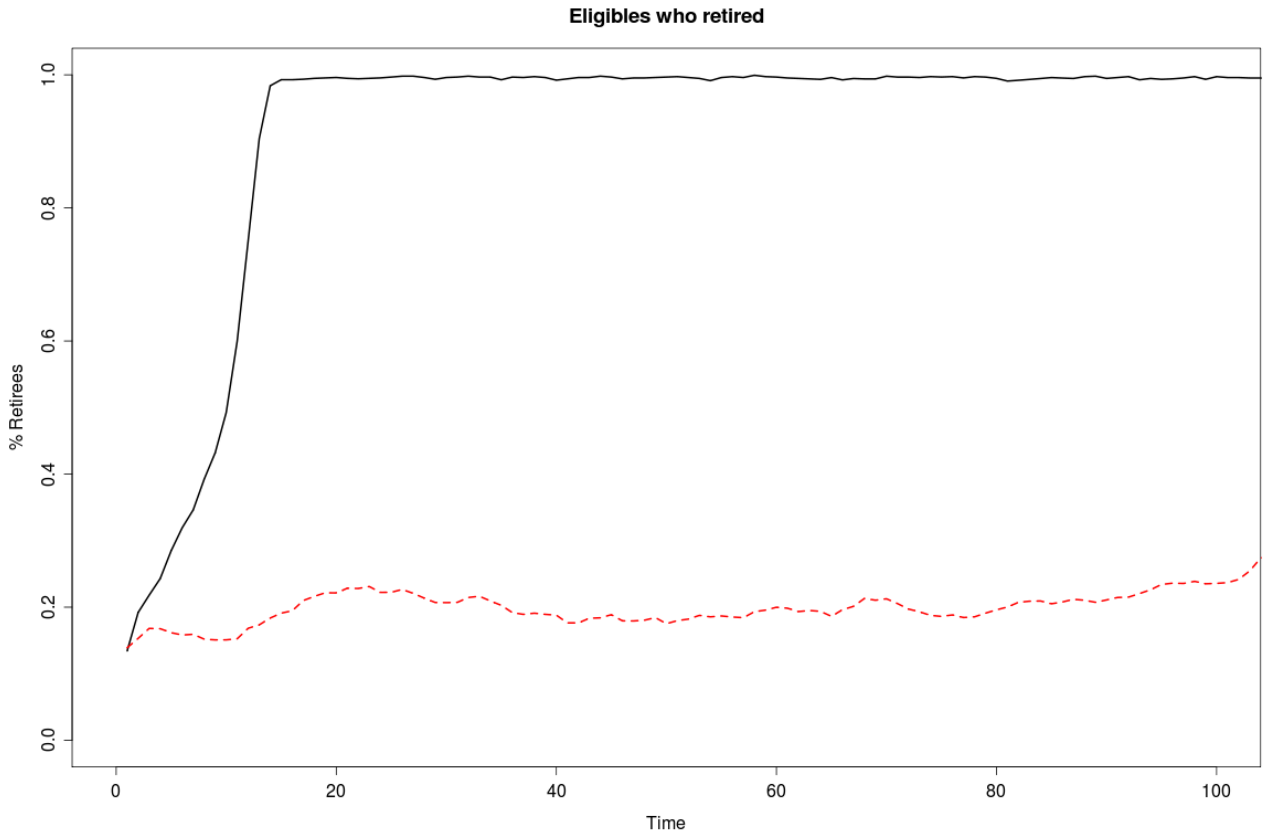

Figure: The black line is the simulation with strict threshold, the red line is without

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The Advantages of Java

- Can use premade data structures
- Can use premade modelling structures
- Object-oriented programming!

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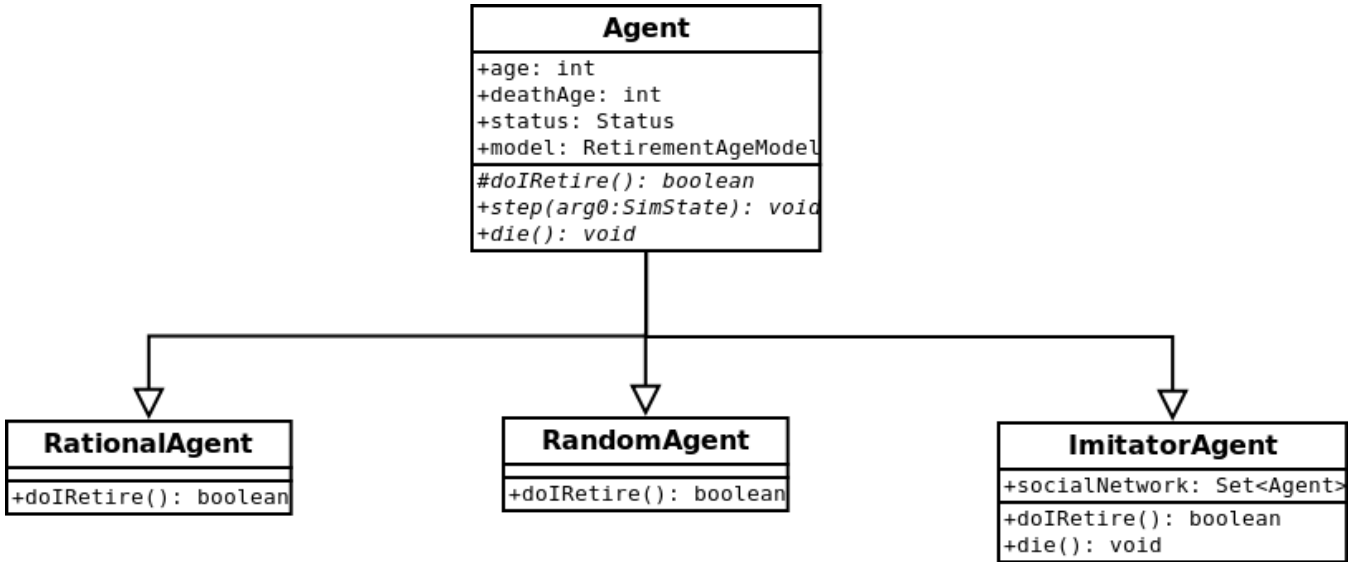
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+deathAge: int
+status: Status
+model: RetirementAgeModel
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+step(arg0:SimState): void
+die(): void
RationalAgent
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ImitatorAgent
+socialNetwork: Set<Agent>
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public void step(SimState arg0) {

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if(age >= deathAge)
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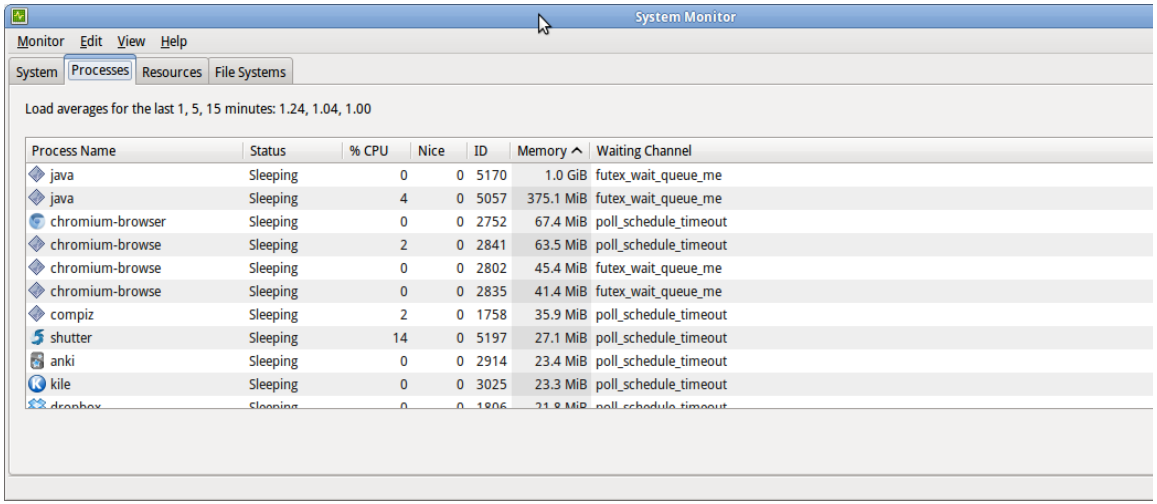

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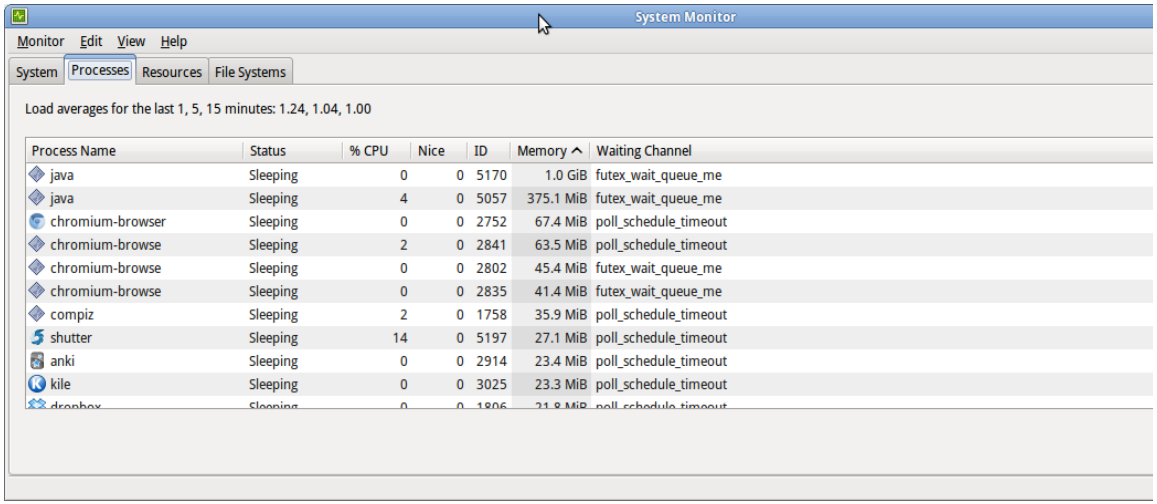

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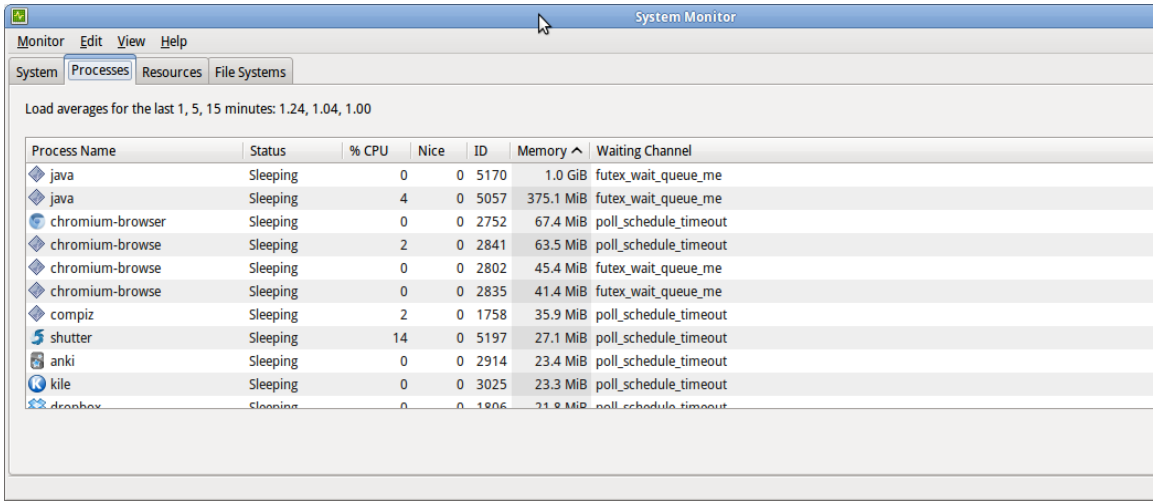

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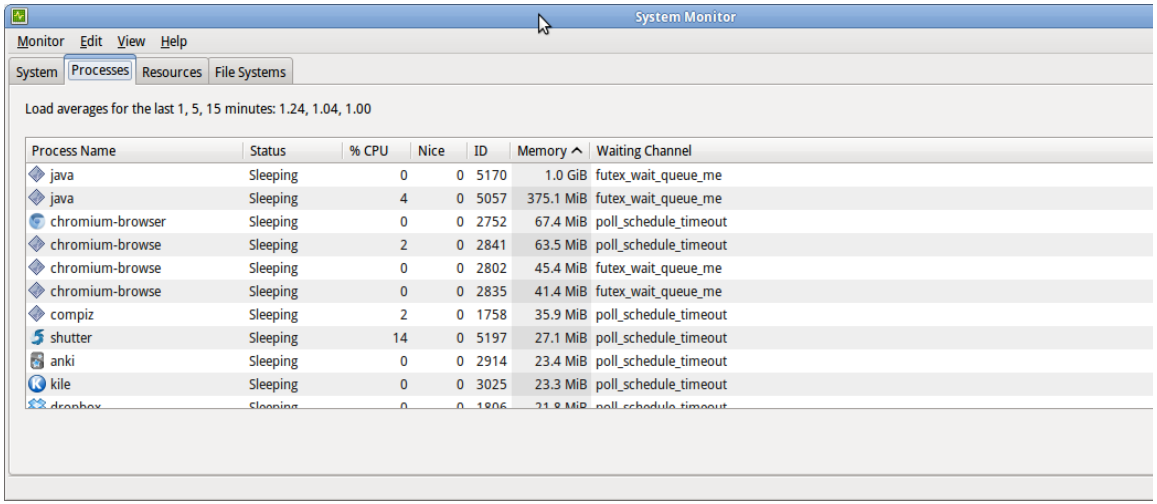

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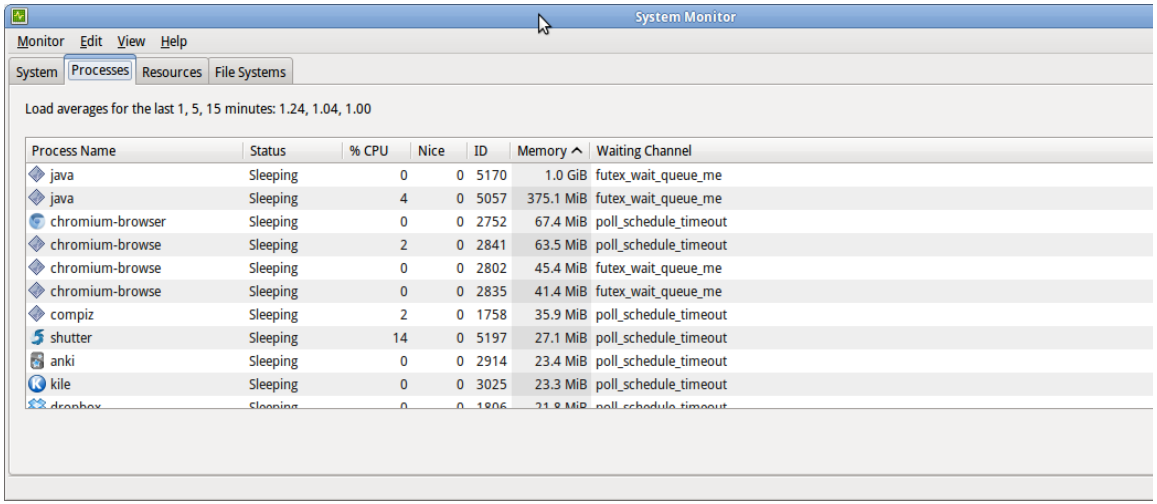

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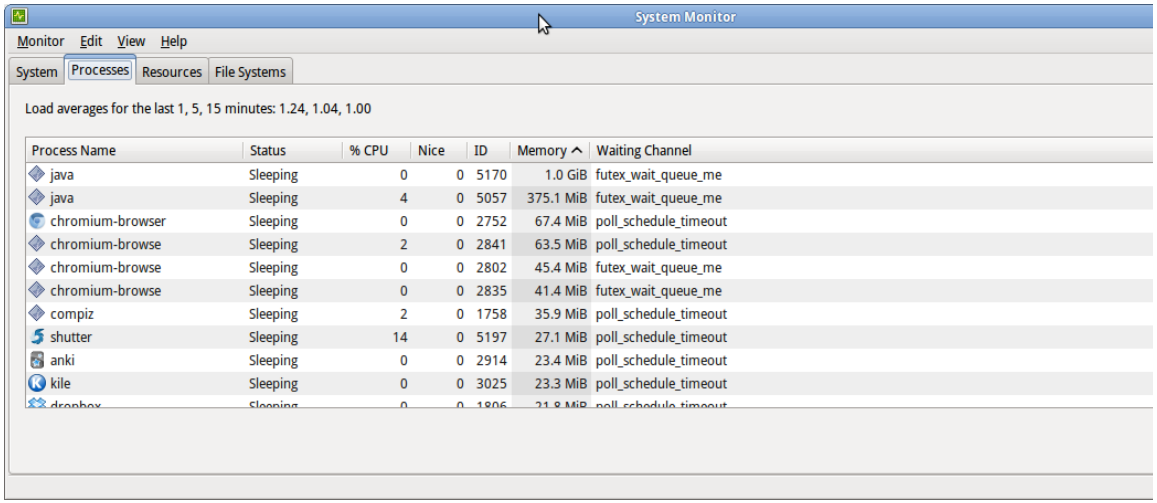

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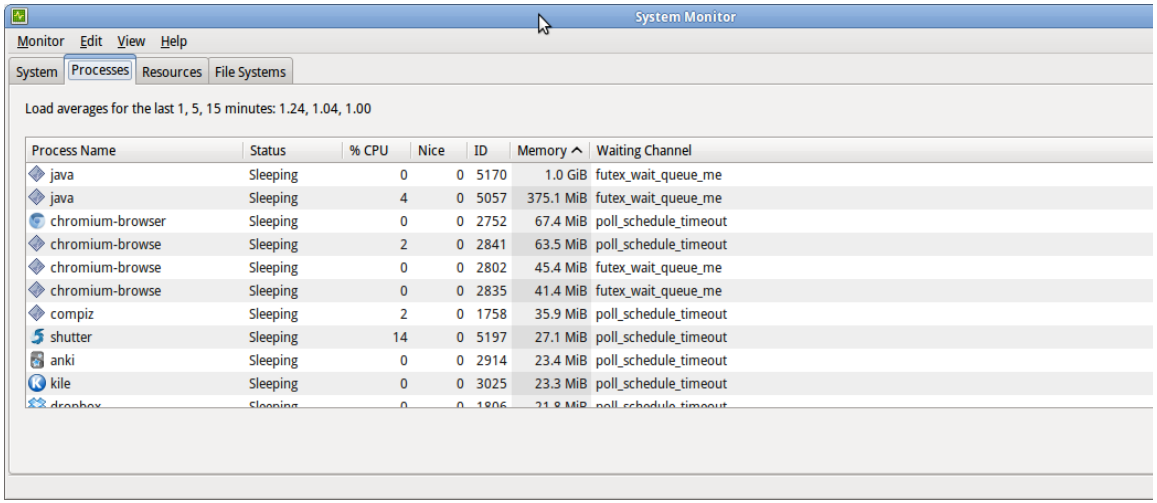

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