MASON Retirement Age

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- The Joy of Garbage Collection

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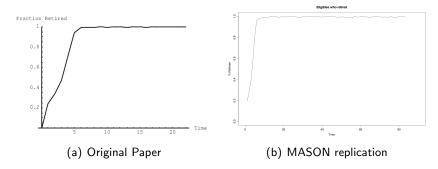


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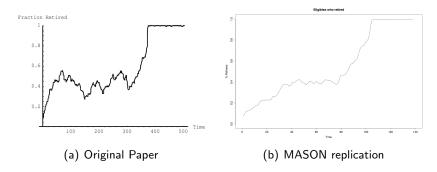
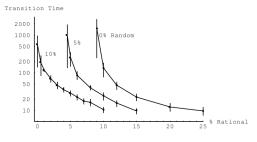
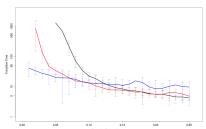


Figure: 5% rational agents case comparison

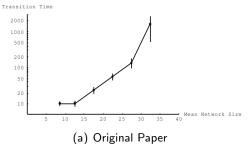
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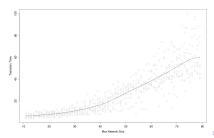


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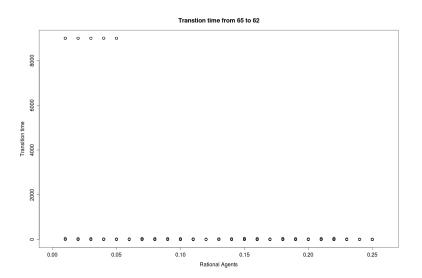


Figure: Weird dynamics

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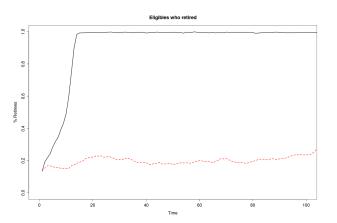


Figure: The black line is the simulation with strict threshold, the red line is without

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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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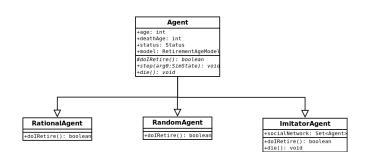
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It's UML Time!



Agent

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```
public void step(SimState arg0) {
  age++;
  if(age >= deathAge)
  this.die();
  else if (status == Status.WORKING)
  status = dolRetire();
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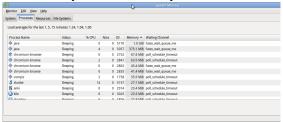
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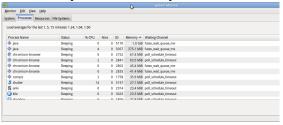
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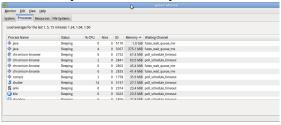
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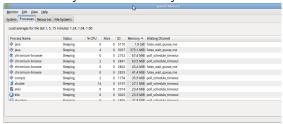
• Do we really need to destroy them?



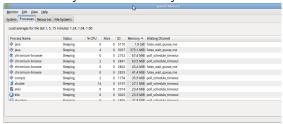
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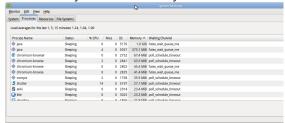
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- public Stoppable scheduleRepeating(Steppable agent)



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- Morale: Garbage collector thinks you are smarter than you are