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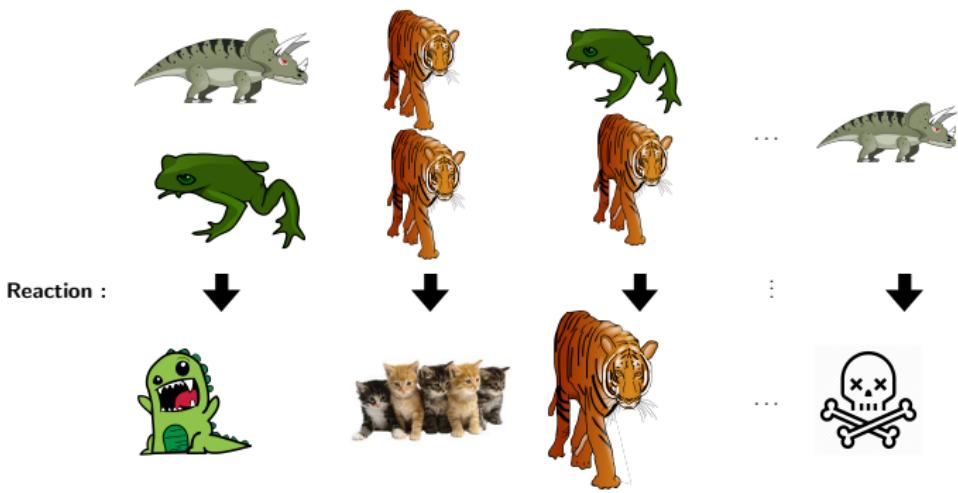


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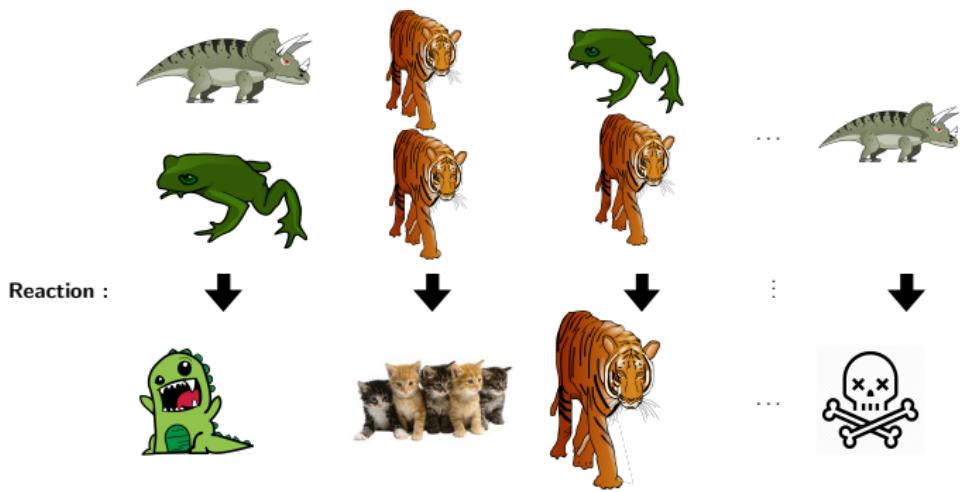
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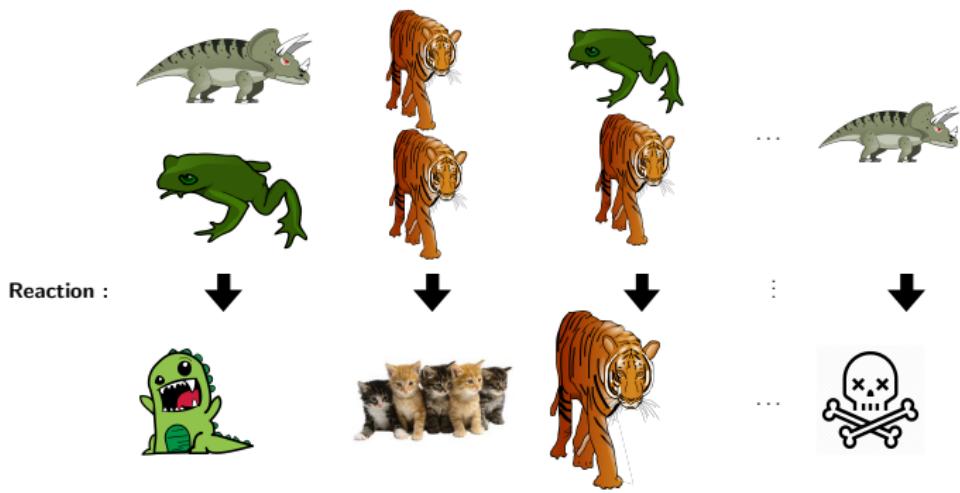
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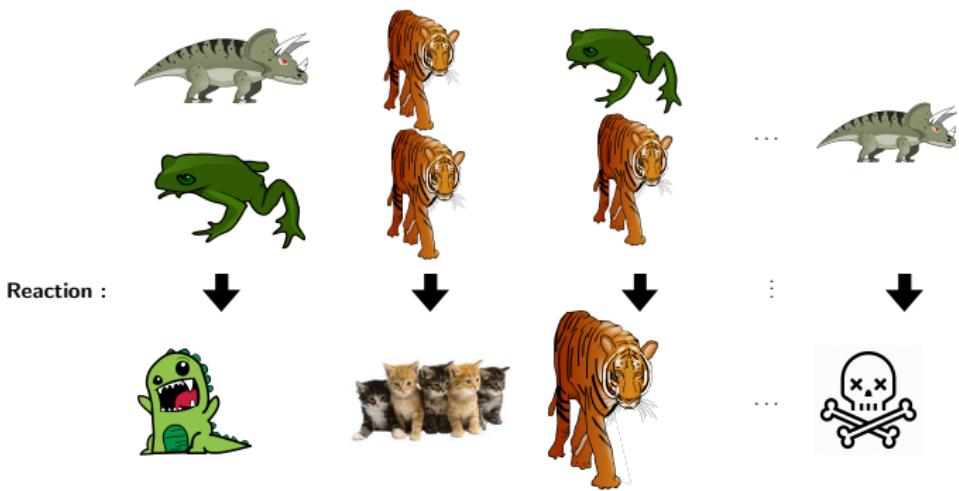


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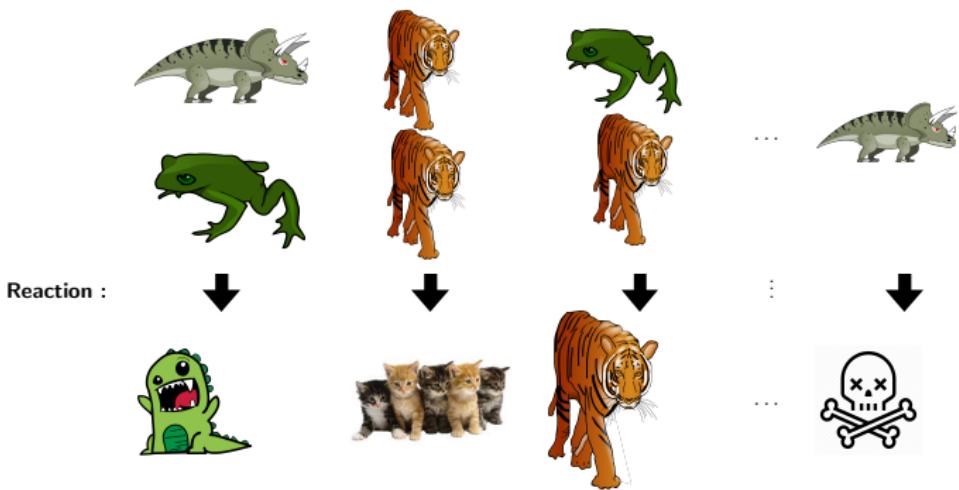
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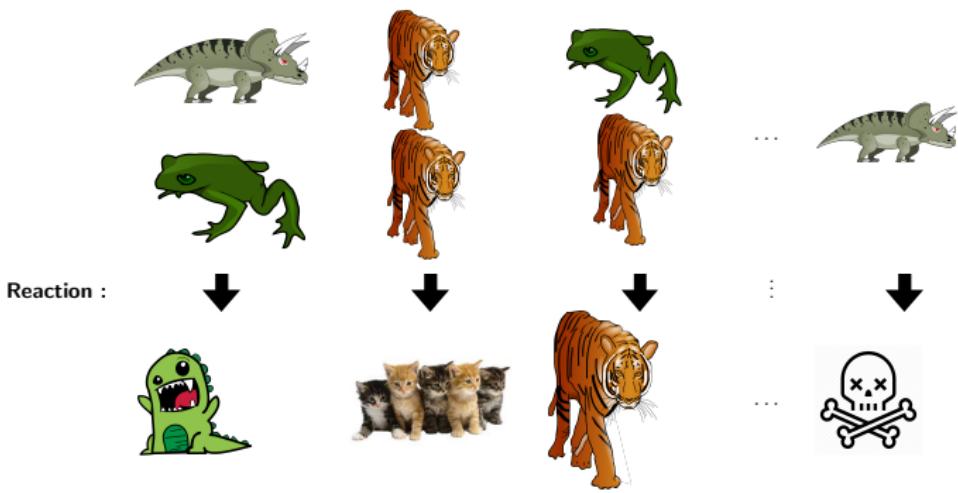


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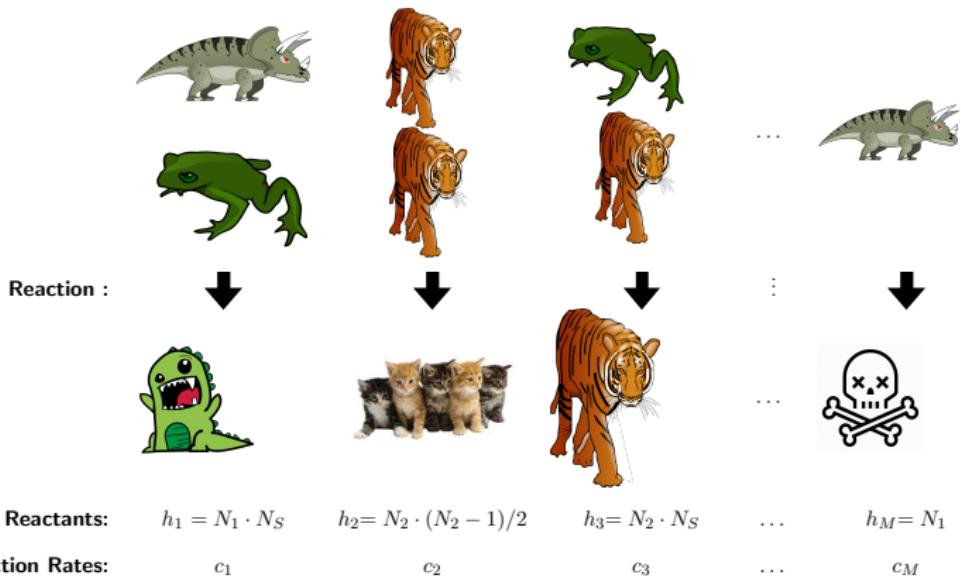
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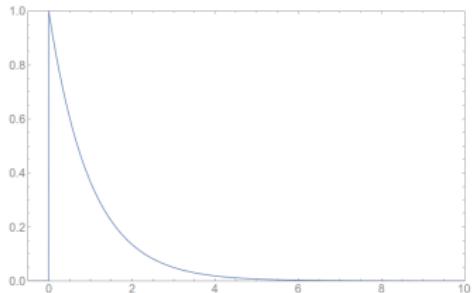
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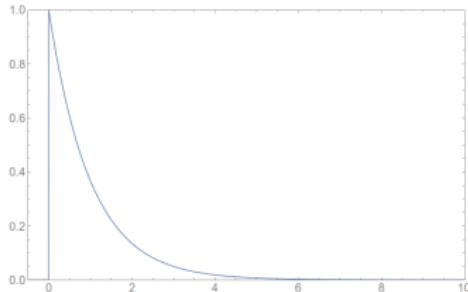
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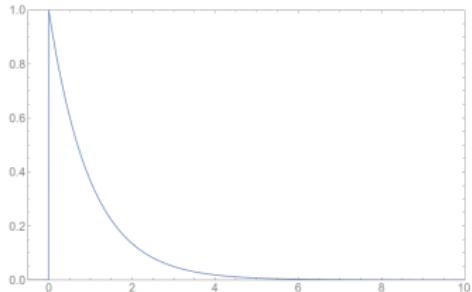
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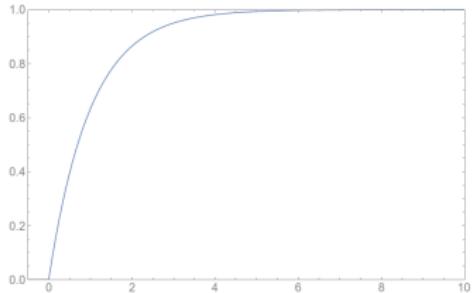
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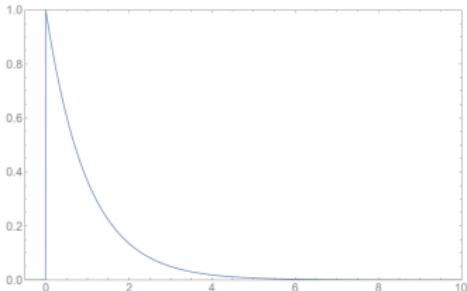


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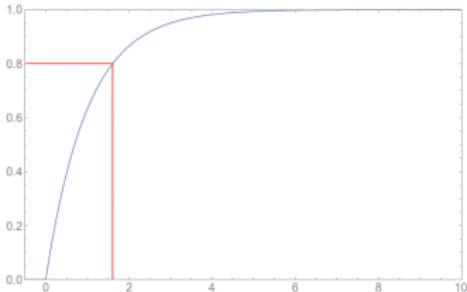


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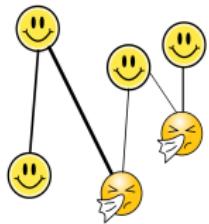
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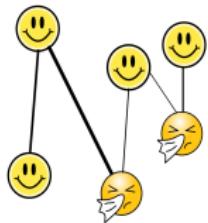
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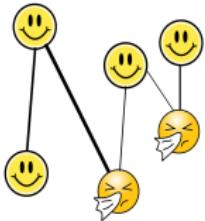
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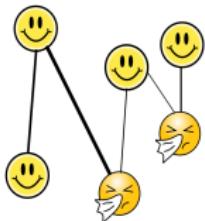
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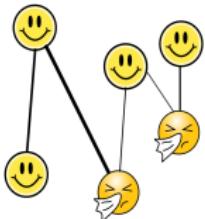
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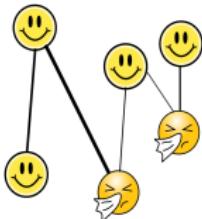
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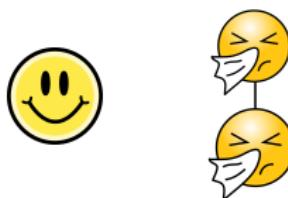
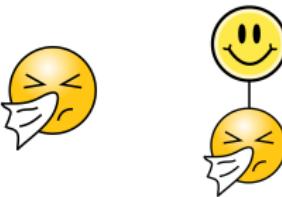


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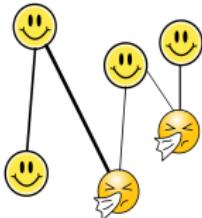


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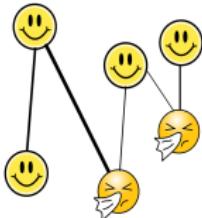
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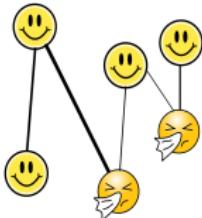
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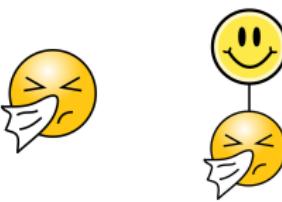
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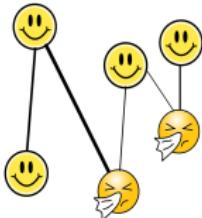
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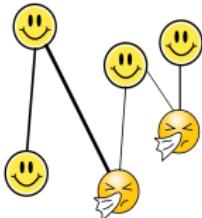
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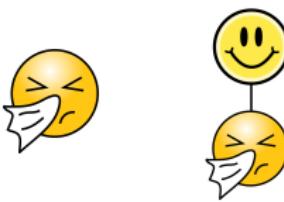
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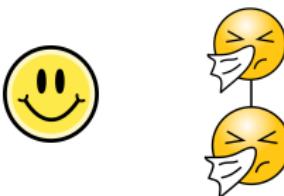


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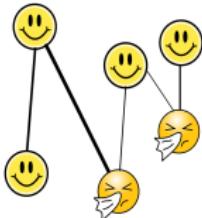
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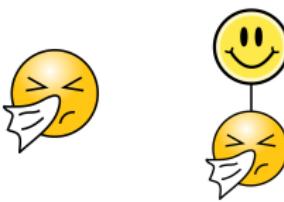


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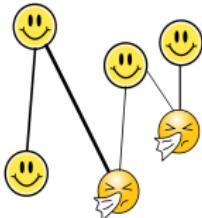
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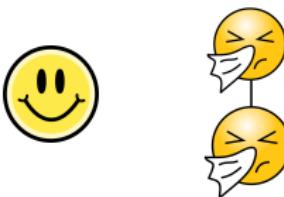
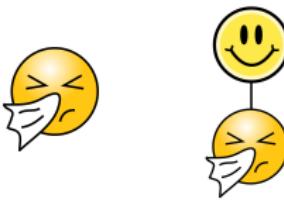
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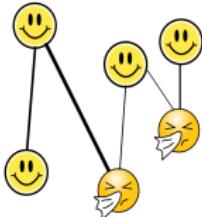
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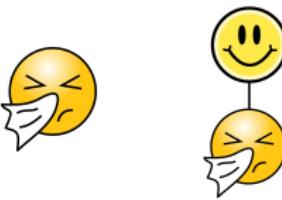
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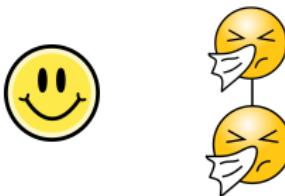


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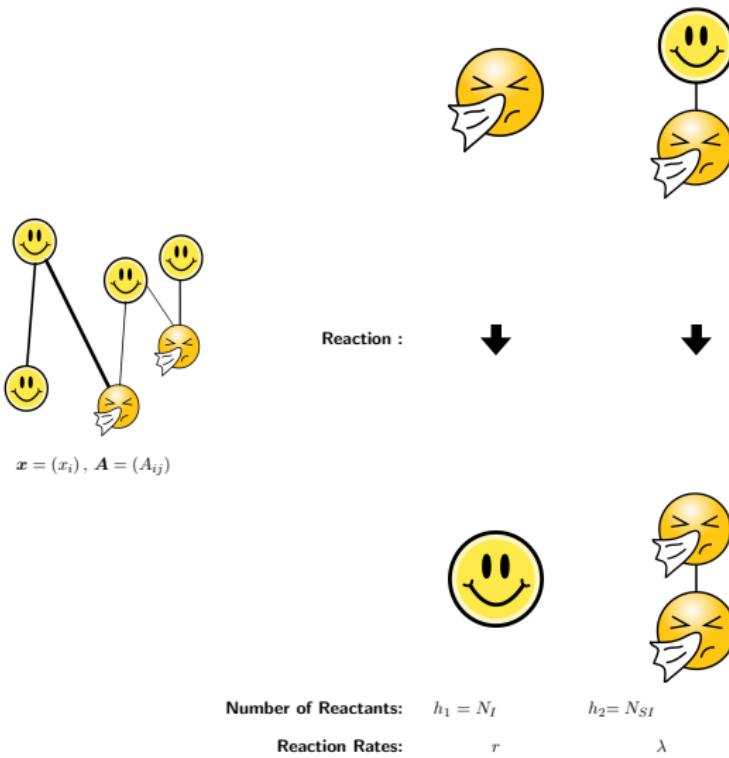


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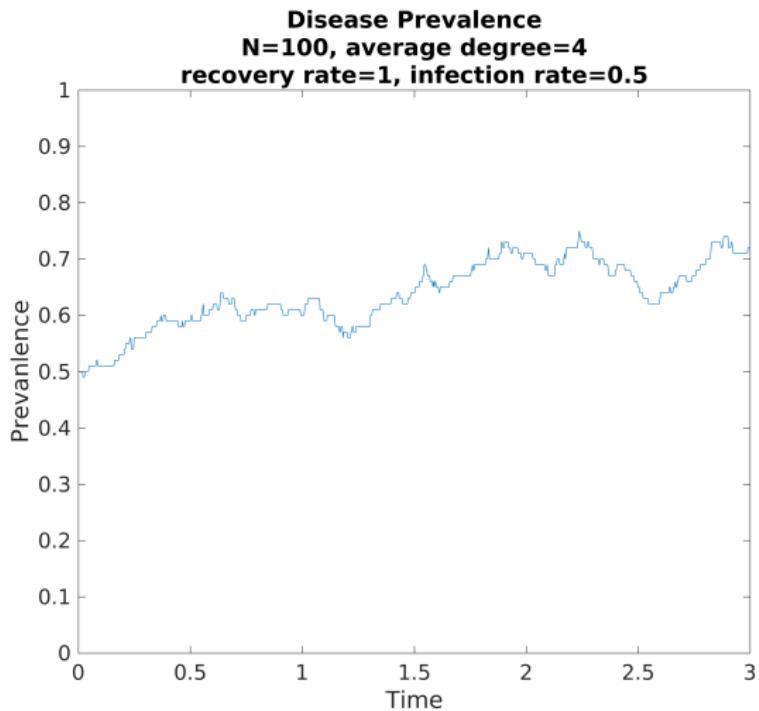
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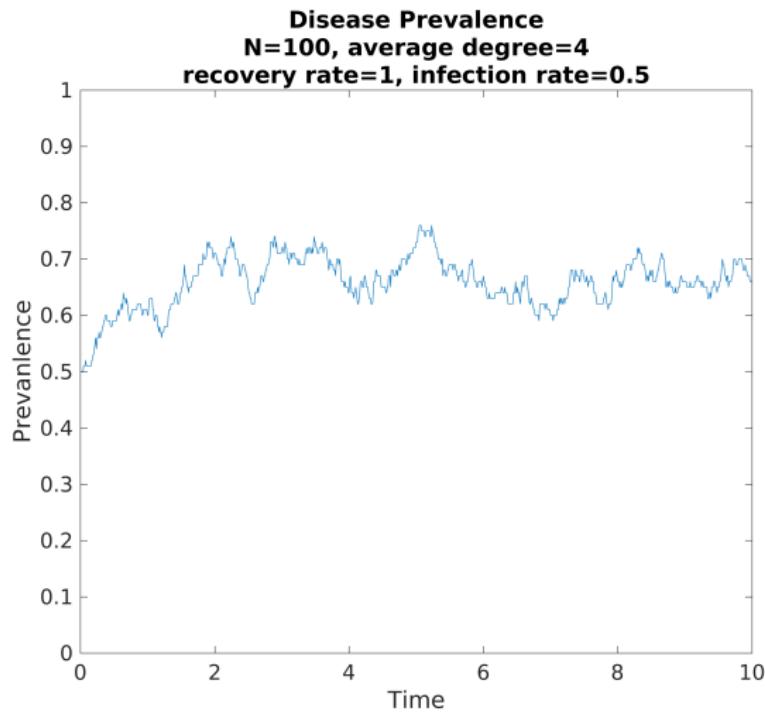
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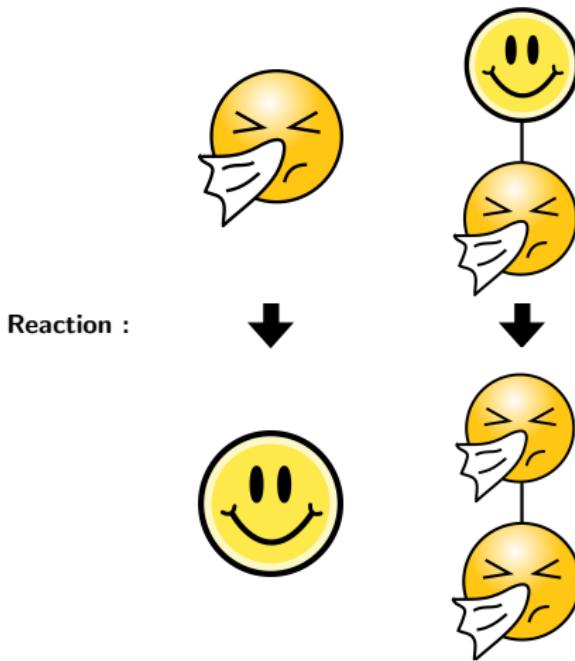
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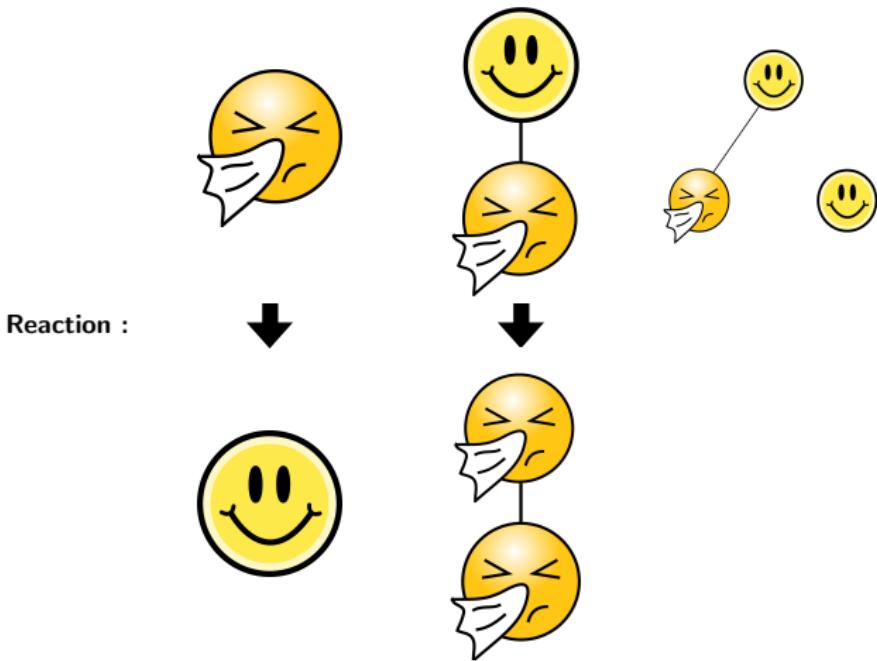
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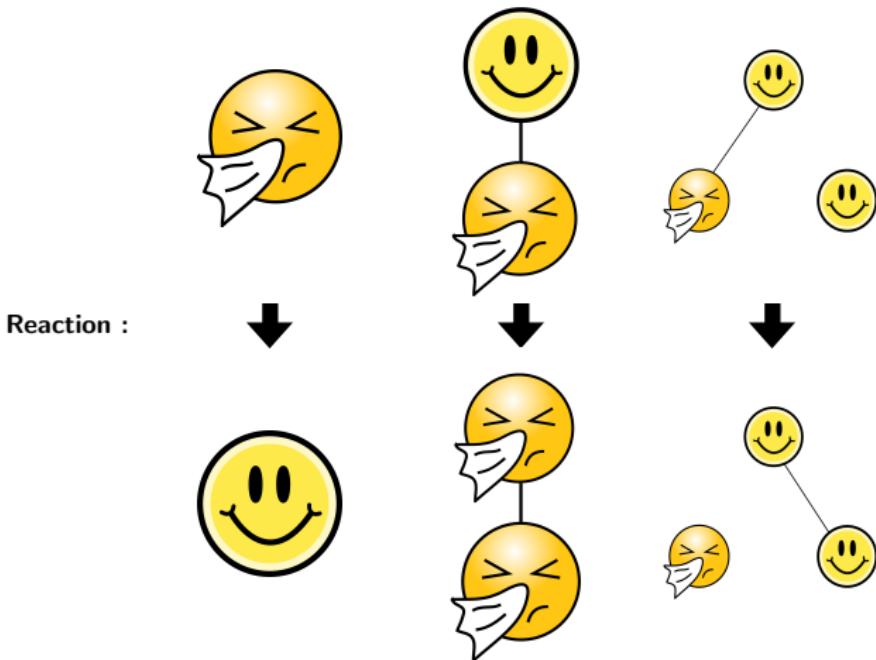
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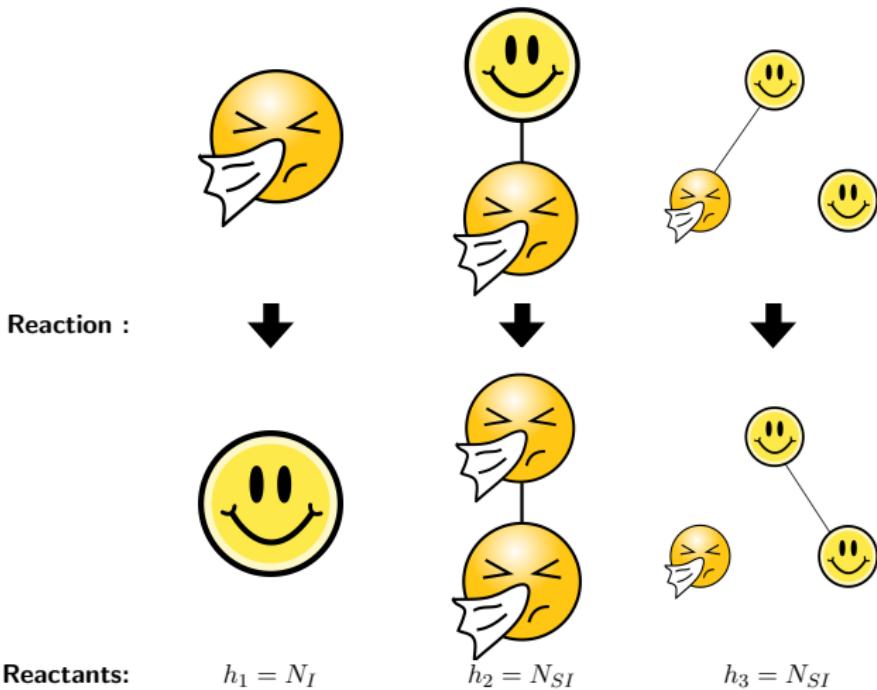
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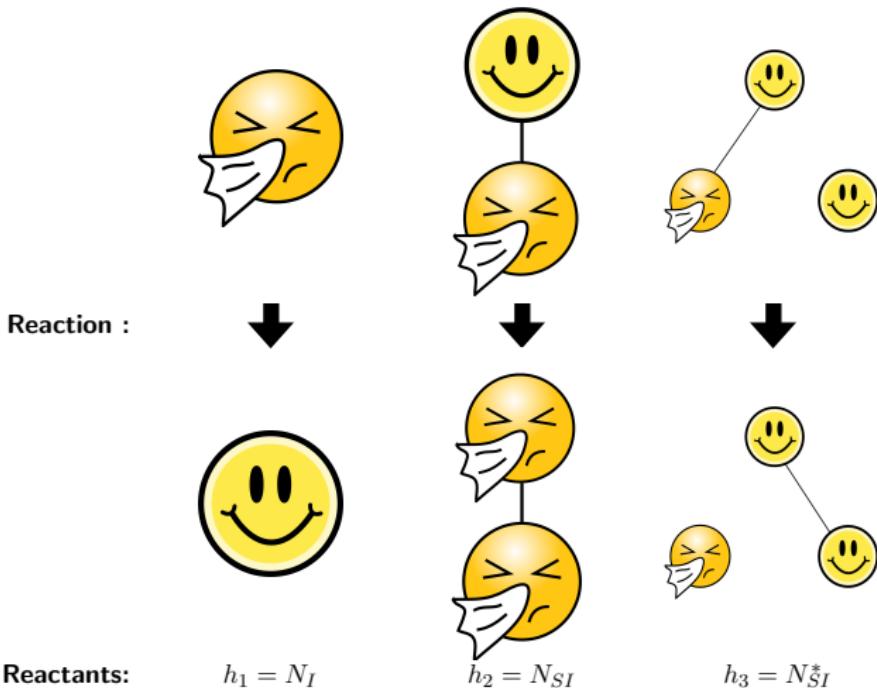
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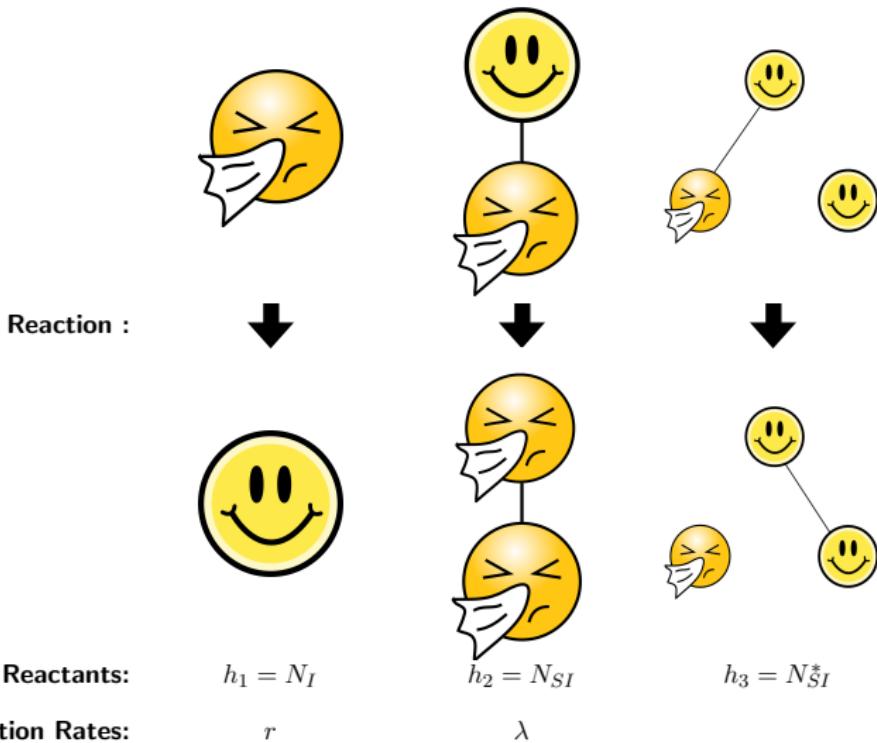
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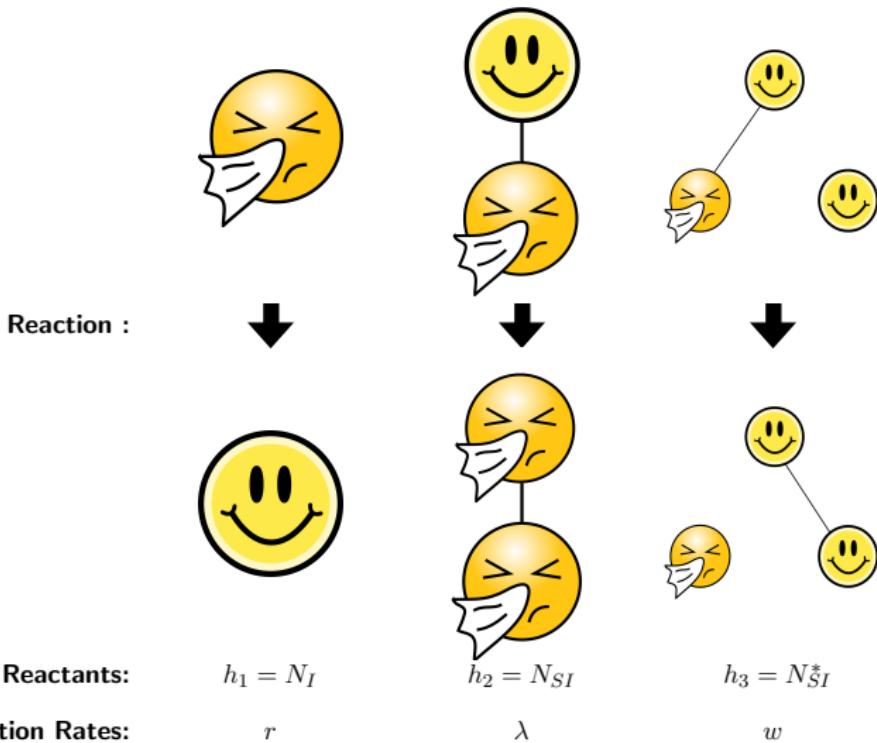
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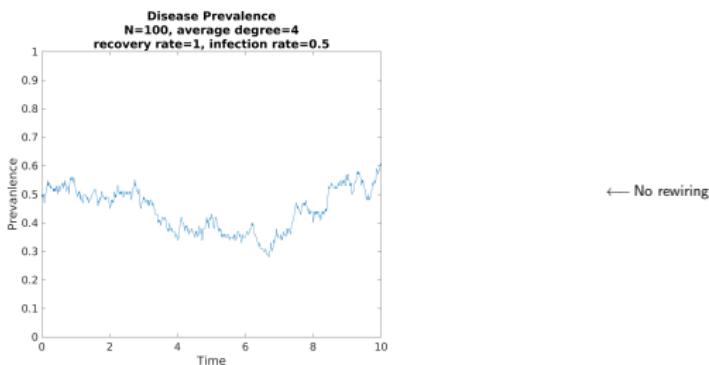
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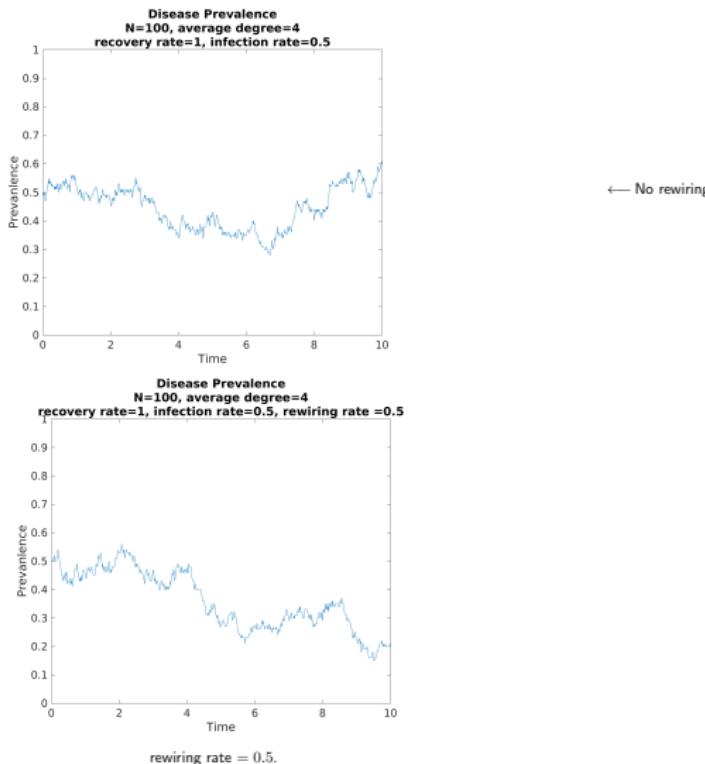
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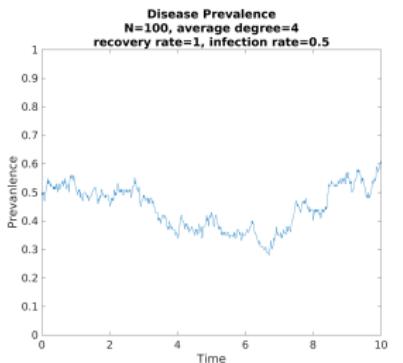
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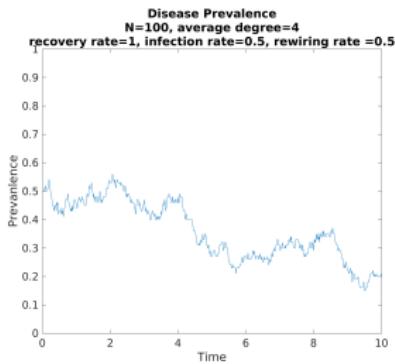
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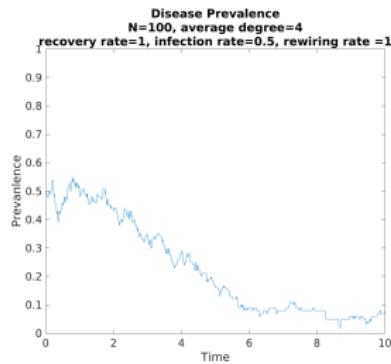
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← No rewiring



rewiring rate = 0.5.



rewiring rate = 1.

Thank you

Every thing can be found on github.

<https://github.com/leomarlo/TalkOnGillespieAlgorithm>