Social Networks & Recommendation Systems

XI. Agent-based models.

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Lecture

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- Classically we assume that every agent is in contact with each other, and then the variables describe the system in which $\beta, \gamma > 0$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{dt} &= -\beta SI, \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta SI - \gamma I, \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= \gamma I. \end{cases}$$

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