Epidemics on random intersection graphs

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Drawbacks of existing models and analysis

- Analysis of epidemics on those networks with random infectious periods is not done yet
- Models are mainly studied as tools to create networks with clustering, not as models for real-life networks in itself
The graph

We use a bipartite random intersection-like graph:

- Two types of vertices: persons and cliques
- The number of persons is $n$ and the number of cliques is $m$, where $m = \lfloor \alpha n \rfloor$
- Persons get weights distributed as $A$ and cliques get weights distributed as $B$, with

$$\mu := \alpha \mathbb{E}(B) = \mathbb{E}(A) < \infty$$

- Create an intermediate graph $\mathcal{A}$ by independently connecting persons with cliques. A person with weight $a_i$ shares a Poisson number of edges with a clique of weight $b_j$ with mean $a_i b_j / (\mu n)$
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Some straightforward computations give that

\[\mathbb{E}\left(\prod_{i \in S} f(I_i) \mid I_0 = x\right) = \mathbb{E}_{\bar{B}} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-xk} \bar{B}^k e^{-\bar{B}(1-u_k)} G_k(1\mid u)\right)\]

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- Fill in \( h(x) = \rho(x) \), where \( \rho(x) \) is the probability that the offspring of a vertex with infectious period \( x \), infected in the early stages of an epidemic survives
- \( \rho_1(x) := \Phi(\rho)(x) \), is the probability of survival of an epidemic started by a vertex with infectious period \( x \), which is part of one clique
\[ \rho(x) = 1 - \mathbb{E}(e^{-\tilde{A}(\rho_1(x))}), \]  
So we know that \( \rho_1 \) satisfies:

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If \( R_* > 1 \), (An ugly prove gives that) \( \rho_1(x) \) is the unique positive solution, satisfying this functional equation.
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