

# Cooperation increases robustness to ecological disturbance in microbial cross-feeding networks

## Generating Random Networks

## Functions to calculate Entropy and Assortativity

Entropy

Assortativity

## 1. Colimitation model

Solving the system of ODE

The function “fNewSaitoKIC” solves the ODE system and gives the population at steady state of the system, starting with arbitrary initial conditions.

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In[7420]:= fNewSaitoKIC[Net_] := (
  dB1 =
    B1[t] \left( -B1[t] \kappa_1 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{1,1} + c_{1,2} + c_{1,3} + c_{1,4} + c_{1,5}) B1[t];
  dB2 = B2[t] \left( -B2[t] \kappa_2 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{2,1} + c_{2,2} + c_{2,3} + c_{2,4} + c_{2,5}) B2[t];
  dB3 = B3[t] \left( -B3[t] \kappa_3 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} \right) - (c_{3,1} + c_{3,2} + c_{3,3} + c_{3,4} + c_{3,5}) B3[t];
  {B1[t], B2[t], B3[t]} /. First@NDSolve[{dB1 == 0, dB2 == 0, dB3 == 0, B1[0] == 1, B2[0] == 0, B3[0] == 0}, {B1, B2, B3}, {t, 0, 1000}], "ValuesOnGrid"
)
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$$\frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \Big) - (c_{3,1} + c_{3,2} + c_{3,3} + c_{3,4} + c_{3,5}) B_3[t];$$

$$dB_4 = B_4[t] \left( -B_4[t] \times c_4 + \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) - (c_{4,1} + c_{4,2} + c_{4,3} + c_{4,4} + c_{4,5}) B_4[t];$$

$$dB_5 = B_5[t] \left( -B_5[t] \times c_5 + \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) - (c_{5,1} + c_{5,2} + c_{5,3} + c_{5,4} + c_{5,5}) B_5[t];$$

$$dM_1 = -M_1[t] q_1 +$$

$$\left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right)$$

$$(-B_1[t] d_{1,1} - B_2[t] d_{1,2} - B_3[t] d_{1,3} - B_4[t] d_{1,4} - B_5[t] d_{1,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{1,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{1,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{1,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{1,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{1,5};$$

$$dM_2 = -M_2[t] q_2 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{2,1} - B_2[t] d_{2,2} - B_3[t] d_{2,3} - B_4[t] d_{2,4} - B_5[t] d_{2,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{2,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{2,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{2,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{2,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{2,5};$$

$$dM_3 = -M_3[t] q_3 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{3,1} - B_2[t] d_{3,2} - B_3[t] d_{3,3} - B_4[t] d_{3,4} - B_5[t] d_{3,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{3,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{3,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{3,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{3,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{3,5};$$

$$dM_4 = -M_4[t] q_4 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{4,1} - B_2[t] d_{4,2} - B_3[t] d_{4,3} - B_4[t] d_{4,4} - B_5[t] d_{4,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{4,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{4,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{4,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{4,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{4,5};$$

$$dM_5 = -M_5[t] q_5 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{5,1} - B_2[t] d_{5,2} - B_3[t] d_{5,3} - B_4[t] d_{5,4} - B_5[t] d_{5,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{5,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{5,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{5,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{5,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{5,5};$$

KK = 0.2;  
 cc = 0.05;  
 qq = 0.3;  
 dd = 0.00015;  
 OM = 1;  
 nu = 1500;  
 den = 2;

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tmax = 10 000;
par = {
  κ1 → KK, κ2 → KK, κ3 → KK, κ4 → KK, κ5 → KK,
  c1,1 → cc Net[[1]][[1]], c1,2 → cc Net[[1]][[2]],
  c1,3 → cc Net[[1]][[3]], c1,4 → cc Net[[1]][[4]], c1,5 → cc Net[[1]][[5]],
  c2,1 → cc Net[[2]][[1]], c2,2 → cc Net[[2]][[2]], c2,3 → cc Net[[2]][[3]],
  c2,4 → cc Net[[2]][[4]], c2,5 → cc Net[[2]][[5]],
  c3,1 → cc Net[[3]][[1]], c3,2 → cc Net[[3]][[2]], c3,3 → cc Net[[3]][[3]],
  c3,4 → cc Net[[3]][[4]], c3,5 → cc Net[[3]][[5]],
  c4,1 → cc Net[[4]][[1]], c4,2 → cc Net[[4]][[2]], c4,3 → cc Net[[4]][[3]],
  c4,4 → cc Net[[4]][[4]], c4,5 → cc Net[[4]][[5]],
  c5,1 → cc Net[[5]][[1]], c5,2 → cc Net[[5]][[2]], c5,3 → cc Net[[5]][[3]],
  c5,4 → cc Net[[5]][[4]], c5,5 → cc Net[[5]][[5]],
  q1 → qq, q2 → qq, q3 → qq, q4 → qq, q5 → qq,
  d1,1 → dd, d1,2 → dd, d1,3 → dd, d1,4 → dd, d1,5 → dd,
  d2,1 → dd, d2,2 → dd, d2,3 → dd, d2,4 → dd, d2,5 → dd,
  d3,1 → dd, d3,2 → dd, d3,3 → dd, d3,4 → dd, d3,5 → dd,
  d4,1 → dd, d4,2 → dd, d4,3 → dd, d4,4 → dd, d4,5 → dd,
  d5,1 → dd, d5,2 → dd, d5,3 → dd, d5,4 → dd, d5,5 → dd,
  Ω1,1 → OM Net[[1]][[1]], Ω1,2 → OM Net[[1]][[2]],
  Ω1,3 → OM Net[[1]][[3]], Ω1,4 → OM Net[[1]][[4]], Ω1,5 → OM Net[[1]][[5]],
  Ω2,1 → OM Net[[2]][[1]], Ω2,2 → OM Net[[2]][[2]], Ω2,3 → OM Net[[2]][[3]],
  Ω2,4 → OM Net[[2]][[4]], Ω2,5 → OM Net[[2]][[5]],
  Ω3,1 → OM Net[[3]][[1]], Ω3,2 → OM Net[[3]][[2]], Ω3,3 → OM Net[[3]][[3]],
  Ω3,4 → OM Net[[3]][[4]], Ω3,5 → OM Net[[3]][[5]],
  Ω4,1 → OM Net[[4]][[1]], Ω4,2 → OM Net[[4]][[2]], Ω4,3 → OM Net[[4]][[3]],
  Ω4,4 → OM Net[[4]][[4]], Ω4,5 → OM Net[[4]][[5]],
  Ω5,1 → OM Net[[5]][[1]], Ω5,2 → OM Net[[5]][[2]], Ω5,3 → OM Net[[5]][[3]],
  Ω5,4 → OM Net[[5]][[4]], Ω5,5 → OM Net[[5]][[5]],
  nuK → nu,
  denK → den
};

B10 = 1500;
B20 = 1500;
B30 = 1500;

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B40 = 1500;
B50 = 1500;
M10 = 10;
M20 = 10;
M30 = 10;
M40 = 10;
M50 = 10;

sol =
NDSolve[
{
  B1'[t] == dB1,
  B2'[t] == dB2,
  B3'[t] == dB3,
  B4'[t] == dB4,
  B5'[t] == dB5,

  M1'[t] == dM1,
  M2'[t] == dM2,
  M3'[t] == dM3,
  M4'[t] == dM4,
  M5'[t] == dM5,

  B1[0] == B10,
  B2[0] == B20,
  B3[0] == B30,
  B4[0] == B40,
  B5[0] == B50,
  M1[0] == M10,
  M2[0] == M20,
  M3[0] == M30,
  M4[0] == M40,
  M5[0] == M50

} /. par,
{B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5},
{t, 0, tmax}];

Flatten[{B1[tmax], B2[tmax], B3[tmax], B4[tmax], B5[tmax],
M1[tmax], M2[tmax], M3[tmax], M4[tmax], M5[tmax]} /. sol /. par]

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As an example let's take the following Network

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In[7379]:= NetK = {
    {0, 1, 0, 1, 0},
    {1, 0, 1, 1, 0},
    {1, 0, 1, 0, 1},
    {0, 1, 0, 1, 0},
    {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}
};

In[7421]:= fNewSaitoKIC[NetK]
Out[7421]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68,
6661.93, 22219.9, 44425.5, 44426.3, 22219.9, 15.9422}
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The function “fNewSaitoIC” solves the ODE system and receives a network and a initial conditions values as arguments.

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In[7422]:= fNewSaitoIC[Net_, IC_] := (
    dB1 =
        B1[t] \left( -B1[t] \kappa_1 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{1,1} + c_{1,2} + c_{1,3} + c_{1,4} + c_{1,5}) B1[t];
    dB2 =
        B2[t] \left( -B2[t] \kappa_2 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{2,1} + c_{2,2} + c_{2,3} + c_{2,4} + c_{2,5}) B2[t];
    dB3 =
        B3[t] \left( -B3[t] \kappa_3 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{3,1} + c_{3,2} + c_{3,3} + c_{3,4} + c_{3,5}) B3[t];
    dB4 =
        B4[t] \left( -B4[t] \kappa_4 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{4,1} + c_{4,2} + c_{4,3} + c_{4,4} + c_{4,5}) B4[t];
    dB5 =
        B5[t] \left( -B5[t] \kappa_5 + nuK * \frac{M1[t]}{denK + M1[t]} * \frac{M2[t]}{denK + M2[t]} * \frac{M3[t]}{denK + M3[t]} * \frac{M4[t]}{denK + M4[t]} * \frac{M5[t]}{denK + M5[t]} \right) - (c_{5,1} + c_{5,2} + c_{5,3} + c_{5,4} + c_{5,5}) B5[t];
    {B1, B2, B3, B4, B5}
)
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$$\frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \Big) - (c_{5,1} + c_{5,2} + c_{5,3} + c_{5,4} + c_{5,5}) B_5[t];$$

$$dM_1 = -M_1[t] q_1 +$$

$$\left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} * \frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right)$$

$$(-B_1[t] d_{1,1} - B_2[t] d_{1,2} - B_3[t] d_{1,3} - B_4[t] d_{1,4} - B_5[t] d_{1,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{1,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{1,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{1,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{1,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{1,5};$$

$$dM_2 = -M_2[t] q_2 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} *$$

$$\frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{2,1} - B_2[t] d_{2,2} - B_3[t] d_{2,3} - B_4[t] d_{2,4} - B_5[t] d_{2,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{2,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{2,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{2,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{2,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{2,5};$$

$$dM_3 = -M_3[t] q_3 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} *$$

$$\frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{3,1} - B_2[t] d_{3,2} - B_3[t] d_{3,3} - B_4[t] d_{3,4} - B_5[t] d_{3,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{3,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{3,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{3,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{3,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{3,5};$$

$$dM_4 = -M_4[t] q_4 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} *$$

$$\frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{4,1} - B_2[t] d_{4,2} - B_3[t] d_{4,3} - B_4[t] d_{4,4} - B_5[t] d_{4,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{4,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{4,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{4,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{4,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{4,5};$$

$$dM_5 = -M_5[t] q_5 + \left( \text{nuK} * \frac{M_1[t]}{\text{denK} + M_1[t]} * \frac{M_2[t]}{\text{denK} + M_2[t]} * \frac{M_3[t]}{\text{denK} + M_3[t]} * \frac{M_4[t]}{\text{denK} + M_4[t]} *$$

$$\frac{M_5[t]}{\text{denK} + M_5[t]} \right) (-B_1[t] d_{5,1} - B_2[t] d_{5,2} - B_3[t] d_{5,3} - B_4[t] d_{5,4} - B_5[t] d_{5,5}) +$$

$$B_1[t] \Omega_{5,1} + B_2[t] \Omega_{5,2} + B_3[t] \Omega_{5,3} + B_4[t] \Omega_{5,4} + B_5[t] \Omega_{5,5};$$

KK = 0.2;  
 cc = 0.05;  
 qq = 0.3;  
 dd = 0.00015;  
 OM = 1;  
 nu = 1500;  
 den = 2;

tmax = 10 000;  
 par = {  
 $\kappa_1 \rightarrow \text{KK}, \kappa_2 \rightarrow \text{KK}, \kappa_3 \rightarrow \text{KK}, \kappa_4 \rightarrow \text{KK}, \kappa_5 \rightarrow \text{KK},$   
 $c_{1,1} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[1]][[1]], c_{1,2} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[1]][[2]],$   
 $c_{1,3} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[1]][[3]], c_{1,4} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[1]][[4]], c_{1,5} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[1]][[5]],$   
 $c_{2,1} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[2]][[1]], c_{2,2} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[2]][[2]], c_{2,3} \rightarrow \text{cc Net}[[2]][[3]],$

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c2,4 → cc Net[[2]][[4]], c2,5 → cc Net[[2]][[5]],
c3,1 → cc Net[[3]][[1]], c3,2 → cc Net[[3]][[2]], c3,3 → cc Net[[3]][[3]],
c3,4 → cc Net[[3]][[4]], c3,5 → cc Net[[3]][[5]],
c4,1 → cc Net[[4]][[1]], c4,2 → cc Net[[4]][[2]], c4,3 → cc Net[[4]][[3]],
c4,4 → cc Net[[4]][[4]], c4,5 → cc Net[[4]][[5]],
c5,1 → cc Net[[5]][[1]], c5,2 → cc Net[[5]][[2]], c5,3 → cc Net[[5]][[3]],
c5,4 → cc Net[[5]][[4]], c5,5 → cc Net[[5]][[5]],

q1 → qq, q2 → qq, q3 → qq, q4 → qq, q5 → qq,

d1,1 → dd, d1,2 → dd, d1,3 → dd, d1,4 → dd, d1,5 → dd,
d2,1 → dd, d2,2 → dd, d2,3 → dd, d2,4 → dd, d2,5 → dd,
d3,1 → dd, d3,2 → dd, d3,3 → dd, d3,4 → dd, d3,5 → dd,
d4,1 → dd, d4,2 → dd, d4,3 → dd, d4,4 → dd, d4,5 → dd,
d5,1 → dd, d5,2 → dd, d5,3 → dd, d5,4 → dd, d5,5 → dd,

Ω1,1 → OM Net[[1]][[1]], Ω1,2 → OM Net[[1]][[2]],
Ω1,3 → OM Net[[1]][[3]], Ω1,4 → OM Net[[1]][[4]], Ω1,5 → OM Net[[1]][[5]],
Ω2,1 → OM Net[[2]][[1]], Ω2,2 → OM Net[[2]][[2]], Ω2,3 → OM Net[[2]][[3]],
Ω2,4 → OM Net[[2]][[4]], Ω2,5 → OM Net[[2]][[5]],
Ω3,1 → OM Net[[3]][[1]], Ω3,2 → OM Net[[3]][[2]], Ω3,3 → OM Net[[3]][[3]],
Ω3,4 → OM Net[[3]][[4]], Ω3,5 → OM Net[[3]][[5]],
Ω4,1 → OM Net[[4]][[1]], Ω4,2 → OM Net[[4]][[2]], Ω4,3 → OM Net[[4]][[3]],
Ω4,4 → OM Net[[4]][[4]], Ω4,5 → OM Net[[4]][[5]],
Ω5,1 → OM Net[[5]][[1]], Ω5,2 → OM Net[[5]][[2]], Ω5,3 → OM Net[[5]][[3]],
Ω5,4 → OM Net[[5]][[4]], Ω5,5 → OM Net[[5]][[5]],

nuK → nu,
denK → den

};

B10 = IC[[1]];
B20 = IC[[2]];
B30 = IC[[3]];
B40 = IC[[4]];
B50 = IC[[5]];
M10 = IC[[6]];
M20 = IC[[7]];
M30 = IC[[8]];
M40 = IC[[9]];
M50 = IC[[10]];

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sol =
NDSolve[
{
B1'[t] == dB1,
B2'[t] == dB2,
B3'[t] == dB3,
B4'[t] == dB4,
B5'[t] == dB5,

M1'[t] == dM1,
M2'[t] == dM2,
M3'[t] == dM3,
M4'[t] == dM4,
M5'[t] == dM5,

B1[0] == B10,
B2[0] == B20,
B3[0] == B30,
B4[0] == B40,
B5[0] == B50,
M1[0] == M10,
M2[0] == M20,
M3[0] == M30,
M4[0] == M40,
M5[0] == M50

} /. par,
{B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5},
{t, 0, tmax}];

Flatten[{B1[tmax], B2[tmax], B3[tmax], B4[tmax], B5[tmax],
M1[tmax], M2[tmax], M3[tmax], M4[tmax], M5[tmax]} /. sol /. par]
]

```

```
In[7423]:= NetK = {
  {0, 1, 0, 1, 0},
  {1, 0, 1, 1, 0},
  {1, 0, 1, 0, 1},
  {0, 1, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}
};
```

The function “fNewSaitoKIC” solves the ODE system and gives the population at steady state of the system, starting with arbitrary initial conditions.

```
In[7424]:= IC1 = fNewSaitoKIC[NetK]
Out[7424]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68,
 6661.93, 22219.9, 44425.5, 44426.3, 22219.9, 15.9422}
```

We create now two vectors that increase 50 fold one (“OneMetHigh”) or all (“AllMetHigh”) metabolites

```
In[7425]:= OneMetHigh = {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 50, 1, 1, 1, 1};
In[7426]:= AllMetHigh = {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 50, 50, 50, 50};
```

This results in the following initial conditions when one metabolite is increased:

```
In[7427]:= fNewSaitoKIC[NetK] OneMetHigh
Out[7427]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68, 6661.93,
 1.11099 × 106, 44425.5, 44426.3, 22219.9, 15.9422}
```

We provide the new initial condition as an argument in the function “fNewSaitoIC”:

```
In[7428]:= IC2 = fNewSaitoIC[NetK, fNewSaitoKIC[NetK] OneMetHigh]
Out[7428]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68,
 6661.93, 22219.9, 44425.5, 44426.3, 22219.9, 15.9422}
```

We see that the system converges to the initial state:

```
In[7429]:= IC1 == IC2
Out[7429]= True
```

This results in the following initial conditions when all metabolites are increased:

```
In[7430]:= fNewSaitoKIC[NetK] AllMetHigh
Out[7430]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68, 6661.93,
            $1.11099 \times 10^6$ ,  $2.22127 \times 10^6$ ,  $2.22132 \times 10^6$ ,  $1.11099 \times 10^6$ , 797.108}
```

We provide the new initial condition as an argument in the function “fNewSaitoIC”:

```
In[7431]:= IC3 = fNewSaitoIC[NetK, fNewSaitoKIC[NetK] AllMetHigh]
Out[7431]= {6661.68, 6661.43, 6661.43, 6661.68,
            6661.93, 22219.9, 44425.5, 44426.3, 22219.9, 15.9422}
```

We see that the system converges to the initial state:

```
In[7432]:= IC1 == IC3
Out[7432]= True
```

We now systematically analyse all networks with 8 auxotrophies, as an example:

```
In[7395]:= hk8
In[7433]:= ICList1 = Parallelize[fNewSaitoKIC /@ hk8]
In[7434]:= ICList1[[1]]
Out[7434]= {7497.06, 7497.31, 7497.56, 7497.81,
            7497.56, 96848.5, 71857.5, 46865.6, 21872.1, 46864.8}
```

```
In[7435]:= ICList2 = Parallelize[
  fNewSaitoIC[hk8[[#]], fNewSaitoKIC[hk8[[#]]] OneMetHigh] & /@ Range[100]]
```

```
In[7438]:= ICList1 == ICList2
```

```
Out[7438]= True
```

```
In[7439]:= ICList3 = Parallelize[
  fNewSaitoIC[hk8[[#]], fNewSaitoKIC[hk8[[#]]] AllMetHigh] & /@ Range[100]]
```

```
In[7441]:= ICList1 == ICList3
```

```
Out[7441]= True
```

We can then conclude that the system is stable for changes in the initial conditions of one or all metabolites.

