

Homework 5

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1) The nodes that will have the largest cascade are node 8, 2 and 3. Node 8 will cascade into 6,7 on the first iteration and then into 5 in the second iteration. Node 2 will cascade into 1 on the first iteration, 3 on the second and then on 4 for the final iteration. Node 3 will first cascade into 1, then into 2, and finally into 4. All three of these starting nodes will have a cascade of 4.

2) There are two possible sets of initial adopters that will cause a complete cascade. The first set is node 8 and node 2. On the first iteration nodes 6,7 and 1 will change. The second iteration will have node 5 and 3 converted. And the final node 4 will be converted.

The second set will also have a complete cascade is node 3 and node 8. The first iteration node 6,7 and 1 will be converted. Then the second iteration node 5 and node 2 will convert. And node 4 will convert in the final iteration.

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For a cascade to occur, the fractional of neighbors must be higher than the value q . In this situation, all the q are the same value. To have a complete cascade, we have to find the node with the highest amount of neighbors. In this situation it is node 1. Node 1 has a total of 5 neighbors. The threshold should be at $\frac{1}{5}$. So the maximum threshold for a complete cascade should be $\frac{1}{5}$ or at 20%. When this is applied, the neighbors of 5 will convert (nodes 5,4,2 and 3). Then the next iteration nodes 6,8, and 9 will convert. Leading it to be a complete cascade.

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1) The influence of A is 4. This is because that in the first iteration node 2 is activated. Then in the next iteration, node 4 is activated. There are no more nodes that can be activated, so the influence of A is 4.

2) The set of node 6, 3 and 5 have an influence of 6. This is because in the first iteration node 2 is activated. Then the next node to be activated is 4. And then node 1 is finally activated. There will be no more nodes to be activated. So the total influence of this set A $\{3, 5, 6\}$ is 6.

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- 1) In this situation, the transmission rate is $0.01 * 10$ or 0.1 and the recovery rate is 0.4 . Since the transmission rate is lower than the recovery rate, the infection will shrink.
- 2) In this situation, the transmission rate is $0.03 * 10$ or 0.3 and the recovery rate is 0.1 . Since the transmission rate is higher than the recovery rate, the infection will spread.
- 3) In this situation, the transmission rate is $0.3 * 10$ or 3 and the recovery rate is 0.2 . Since the transmission rate is higher than the recovery rate, the infection will spread.

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- 1) In a week's time, an infected person would have seen a total of 70 possible contacts. From these contacts there is a 0.03 chance of a person becoming infected. So our Infection rate is $\beta = 0.03 * 70$ or 2.1 . Since our infection rate is above 1 , the infection in this situation will spread.
- 2) In this scenario, the infected person has the same total amount of contact in a week's time, 70 people. The odds of being infected is 0.02 . So our Infection rate is $\beta = 0.02 * 70$ or 1.4 . Here our infection rate is above 1 , so the infection will spread in this situation.
- 3) In this scenario, the same amount of people are contacted and the chance of being infected is 0.01 . So our Infection rate is $\beta = 0.01 * 70$ or 0.7 . Since the infection rate is below 1 , the infection will not spread but shrink.