

Message #2 : *backward* contact tracing

- following links in the network in their opposite direction oversamples individuals that will cause a larger number of secondary cases

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The effectiveness of backward contact tracing in networks

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Message #3 : connection with structured differential equation models

- mass-action assumes the risk for individuals to become infected is uniformly distributed (i.e. in-degree in the network is distributed according to a Poisson distribution) and is independent of spread
- the final epidemic size can be mapped to a mixture of Poisson in-degree distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}_i(t) &= -\beta\sigma_i \sum_j M_{ij} \frac{I_j}{N} S_i, \\ \dot{I}_i(t) &= \beta\sigma_i \sum_j M_{ij} \frac{I_j}{N} S_i - \gamma I_i, \\ \dot{R}_i(t) &= \gamma I_i,\end{aligned}$$

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