

Combining the observations from the previous slide and using double expectation,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(N_k(t+1) - N_k(t) \mid \mathcal{F}_t) &= \frac{(k-1)N_{k-1}(t)}{\sum_{j=1}^{t+1} D_j(t)} - \frac{kN_k(t)}{\sum_{j=1}^{t+1} D_j(t)} + \mathbb{1}_{\{k=1\}} \\ \implies \mathbb{E}(N_k(t+1)) - \mathbb{E}(N_k(t)) &= \frac{k [\mathbb{E}(N_{k-1}(t)) - \mathbb{E}(N_k(t))]}{2t} - \frac{\mathbb{E}(N_{k-1}(t))}{2t} + \mathbb{1}_{\{k=1\}}.\end{aligned}$$

We plan to further explore this recurrence relation in order to study the asymptotic behaviour of  $N_k(t)$  and  $P_k(t)$ .