Percolation approaches to disease spread

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SIR and percolation

SIS disease

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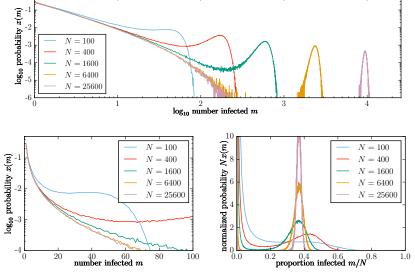
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We are going to explore a relationship between SIR disease and percolation.

This will lead to methods to

- predict epidemic probability from a single infection.
- predict final size of an epidemic.
- predict the dynamics of an epidemic.

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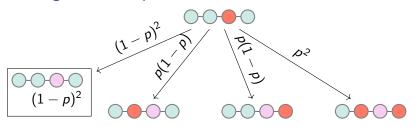
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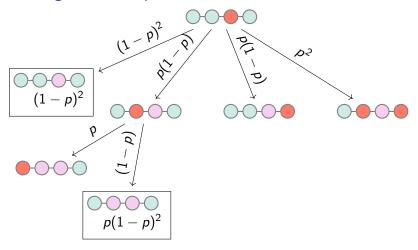
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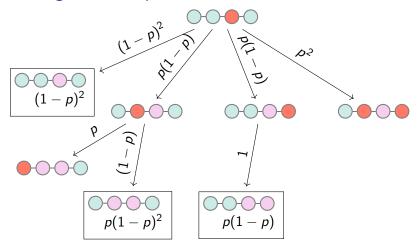
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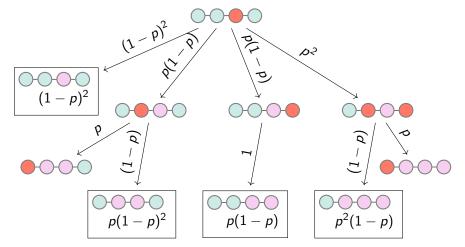
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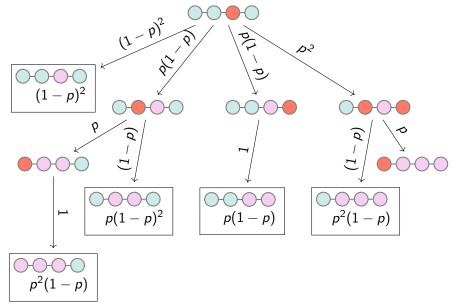


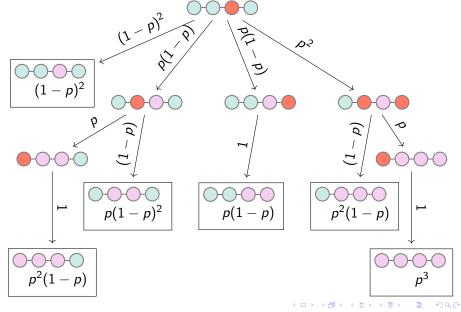


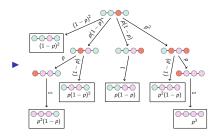




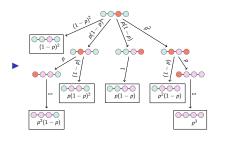






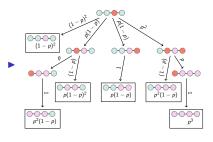


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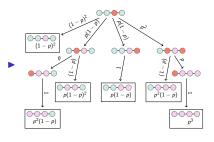
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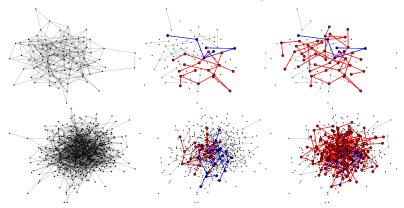
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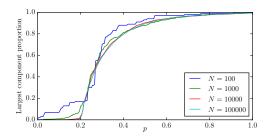
Percolation in different size networks

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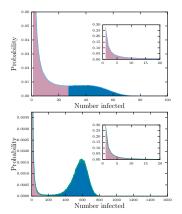


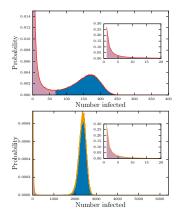
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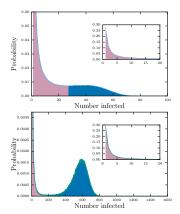
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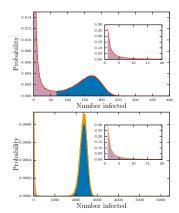


- ▶ Above the threshold, an epidemic occurs if the initial node is in the giant component.
- ▶ The entire component containing the index is infected.
- ► For a large network with given *p*, the giant component's size is remarkably consistent. So the probability of an epidemic equals the proportion infected.









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100	0.237	0.423
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Now return back to transmitting with rate β and recovering with rate $\gamma.$

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Given a network G, I want to simulate the spread of an SIR disease with given β and γ

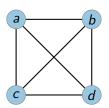
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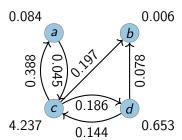
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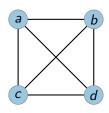
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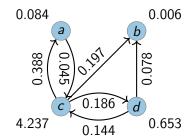
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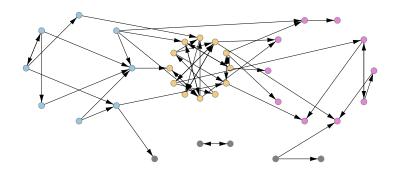






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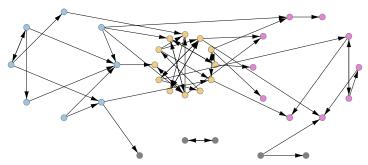
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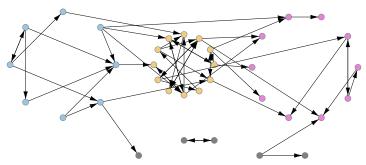
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Comments on directed percolation

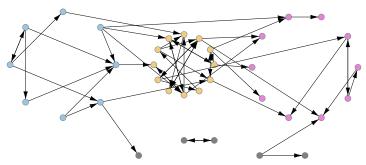
- Directed percolation can be used more generally when there are other sources of heterogeneity in infectiousness and/or susceptibility.
- ▶ The eventually infected nodes are exactly those nodes in the out-component of the index case.
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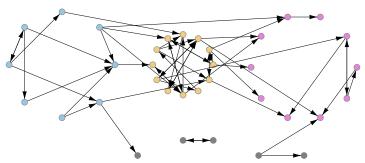
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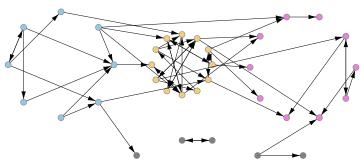
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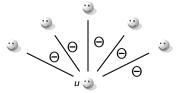
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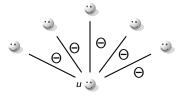
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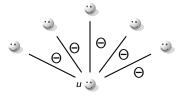
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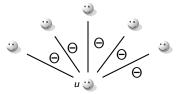
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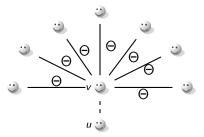
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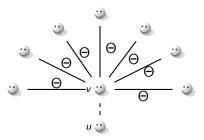
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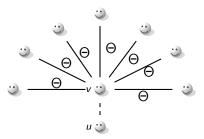
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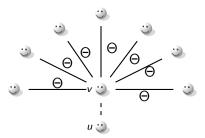
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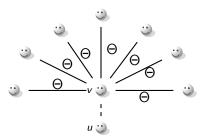
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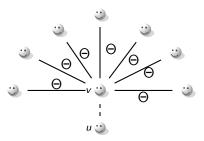
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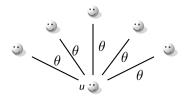
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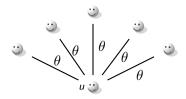
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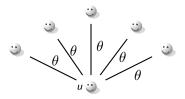
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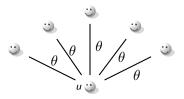
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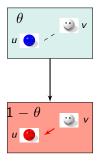
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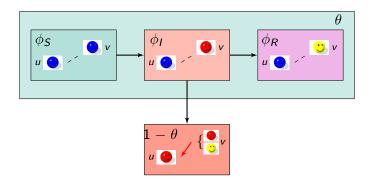
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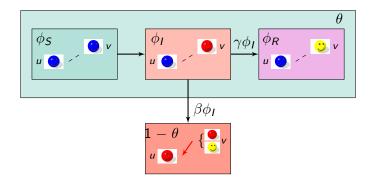
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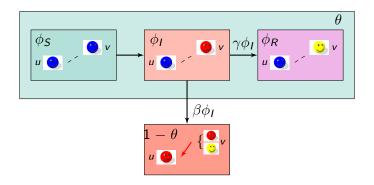




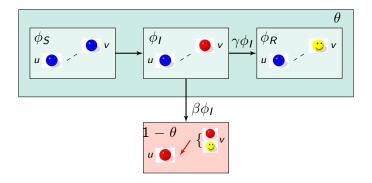
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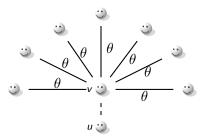
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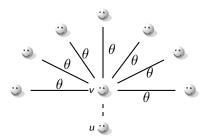


Because derivatives are proportional (swimming pool analogy), $\phi_R = \frac{\gamma}{\beta}(1-\theta)$



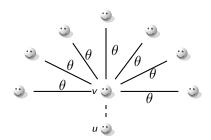
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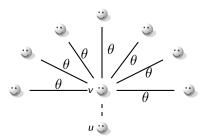
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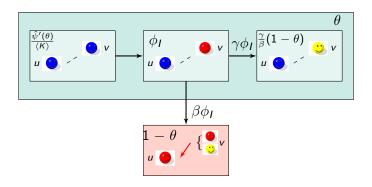
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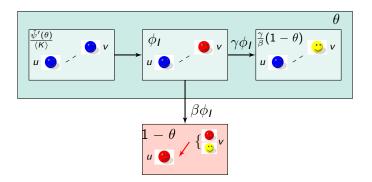
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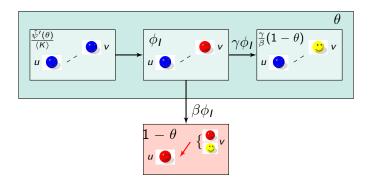
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Final System

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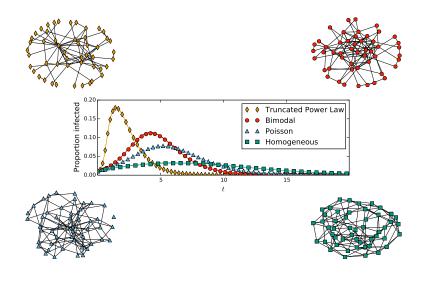
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Compare with

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More details in [1, 2]



A good exercise

Repeat this derivation for a model in which infections last for one time step and transmission occurs with probability p.

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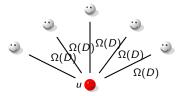
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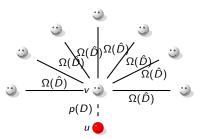
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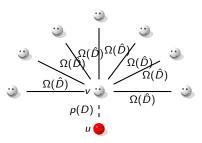
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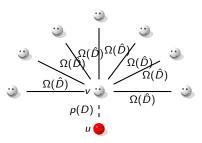
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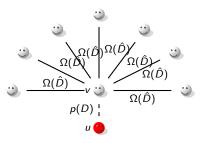


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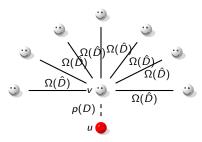


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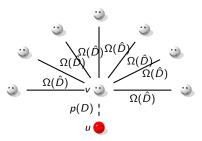


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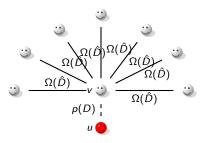


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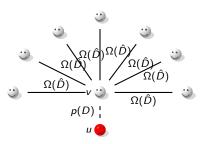


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Calculating epidemic probability

We arrive at

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In general we can only solve this numerically, but it is straightforward. We start with a guess that $\Omega(D)=1$, plug it in and iterate.

In fact the nth iteration will give the probability that the disease spreads at least n generations.

Discussion

- ► The number of equations is dramatically reduced by this model, and does not depend on the degrees in the network.
- ▶ The model does not appear applicable to SIS disease.
- Degree correlations can be introduced, but then the number of equations becomes proportional to the number of degrees.
- ▶ For an SIR disease in a Configuration Model network, these equations give the $N \to \infty$ limit.
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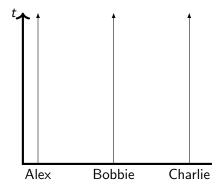
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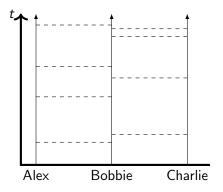
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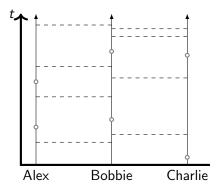
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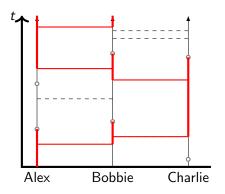




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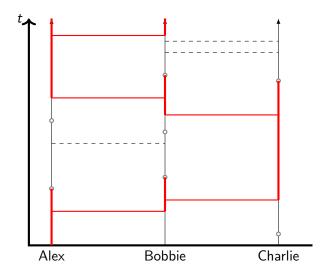


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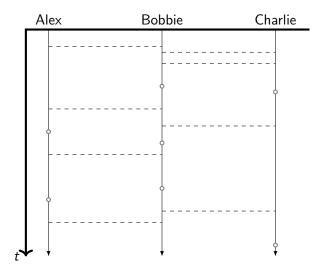


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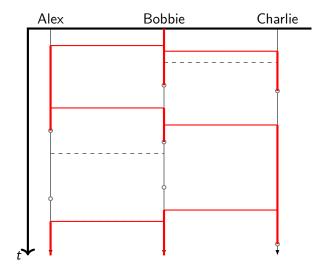
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