

Epidemics on networks

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Outline of lecture

- **Vaccination** for SIR epidemics on configuration model networks
 - **uniform** vaccination,
 - **acquaintance** vaccination.
- **Network-households** model
 - **threshold behaviour**,
 - **final outcome**.
- **Vaccination** in **network-households** model
 - **household-based** vaccination schemes,
 - **acquaintance** vaccination.

Reminder on notation

- Configuration model network on population $\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.
- D = degree of typical individual; $p_k = \mathbb{P}(D = k)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$),

$$\mu_D = \mathbb{E}[D] \quad \text{and} \quad f_D(s) = \mathbb{E}[s^D].$$

- \tilde{D} = degree of typical neighbour of an individual,

$$\tilde{p}_k = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{D} = k) = \mu_D^{-1} k p_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

- SIR (susceptible \rightarrow infective \rightarrow recovered) epidemic.

- infectious period $\sim I$; $\phi_I(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[e^{-\theta I}]$.
- individual-to-individual contact rate λ ;

$$p_I = \mathbb{P}(\text{infective infects a given neighbour}) = 1 - \phi_I(\lambda).$$

- Basic reproduction number $R_0 = \mu_{\tilde{D}-1} p_I = (\mu_D + \mu_D^{-1} \sigma_D^2 - 1) p_I$.

Uniform vaccination

- Suppose that a proportion c , chosen uniformly at random, of the population is vaccinated with a **perfect** vaccine. Then R_0 is reduced to $R_v = (1 - c)R_0$, so, if $R_0 > 1$,

$$R_v \leq 1 \iff c \geq 1 - R_0^{-1} - \text{critical vaccination coverage } c_{\text{crit}}$$

- Recall that $R_0 = \left(\mu_D + \frac{\sigma_D^2}{\mu_D} - 1 \right) p_I$, so if $\sigma_D^2 = \infty$ then $c_{\text{crit}} = 1!$

Acquaintance vaccination

- Method of targetting **high-degree** individuals for vaccination.
- Each **individual** in the population is independently **sampled** a Poisson number of times with mean κ .
- Each time an individual is sampled it chooses a **neighbour uniformly at random** (with replacement), who is then **nominated for vaccination**.
- All individuals who are **nominated at least once** are **vaccinated**.
- The probability that an individual is **not** named by a given neighbour is

$$\alpha = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_d e^{-\kappa/d} \quad [\tilde{p}_d = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{D} = d)],$$

so the **vaccination coverage** is

$$c(\kappa) = 1 - \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} p_d \alpha^d = 1 - f_D(\alpha) \quad [p_d = \mathbb{P}(D = d)].$$

(Cohen, Havlin and ben-Avraham (2003), Britton, Janson and Martin-Löf (2007))

Perfect vaccine threshold parameter R_v

- Approximating **forward** branching process (BP) involves only **unvaccinated** (i.e. unnamed) individuals.
- Consider typical individual i^* in **non-initial** generation of this BP; denote its degree by \tilde{D}_U . Unconditionally, i^* 's degree is distributed as \tilde{D} , but we know that (i) i^* is **unvaccinated** (U) and (ii) i^* did **not** name its infector for vaccination (N^c). Hence, for $d = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$P(\tilde{D}_U = d) = P(\tilde{D} = d | U, N^c) = \frac{P(\tilde{D} = d, U, N^c)}{P(U, N^c)} = \frac{\tilde{p}_d \alpha^{d-1} e^{-\kappa/d}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k \alpha^{k-1} e^{-\kappa/k}}$$

and

$$P(U | N^c) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k \alpha^{k-1} e^{-\kappa/k}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k e^{-\kappa/k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k \alpha^{k-2} e^{-\kappa/k}.$$

- $R_v = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} P(\tilde{D}_U = d)(d-1)e^{-\kappa/d} P(U | N^c) p_I = p_I \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_d \alpha^{d-2} e^{-2\kappa/d} (d-1).$
- **Critical vaccination coverage** is < 1 even if $\sigma_D^2 = \infty$.

Vaccine response model

- Response of vaccinated individual described by a random vector (A, B)

A = relative **susceptibility** compared to an unvaccinated individual
[all **infection rates to** that individual are multiplied by A]

B = relative **infectivity** should vaccinee become infected
[all **infection rates from** that individual are multiplied by B]

- All-or-nothing $P(A = 0, B = 0) = 1 - P(A = 1, B = 1) = \varepsilon$

Non-random $P(A = a, B = b) = 1$

Leaky $a = 1 - \varepsilon, b = 1$

- Vaccine efficacy: $VE_{SI} = 1 - E[AB]$ ($= \varepsilon$)

(Becker and Starczak (1998))

Marginal transmission probabilities

- Let p_{UV} be the probability that a given **unvaccinated** infective infects a given **vaccinated** susceptible neighbour and define p_{UU} , p_{VU} and p_{VV} similarly.
- **All-or-nothing** vaccine

$$P^{AoN} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{UU}^{AoN} & p_{UV}^{AoN} \\ p_{VU}^{AoN} & p_{VV}^{AoN} \end{bmatrix} = p_I \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - \varepsilon \\ 1 & 1 - \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Non-random** vaccine

$$P^{NR} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{UU}^{NR} & p_{UV}^{NR} \\ p_{VU}^{NR} & p_{VV}^{NR} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \phi_I(\lambda) & 1 - \phi_I(a\lambda) \\ 1 - \phi_I(b\lambda) & 1 - \phi_I(ab\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

Acquaintance vaccination

- Suppose that the vaccine is **imperfect**, so some vaccinated individuals become infected. **Forward** and **backward** BPs may include **vaccinated** individuals, which can lead to **sibling dependence**.
- In **forward** BP, individuals need to be **typed** by their **vaccination status** (N , V or U) and by their **degree** d , leading to the **type space** $\mathcal{T} = \{N_d, V_d, U_d : d = 1, 2, \dots\}$, where
 - N means an individual was **named** by its infector and hence is **vaccinated**
 - V means it was **not** named by its infector but is **still** vaccinated (i.e. it was named by **another** neighbour)
 - U means it is **unvaccinated** (i.e. **not** named by **any** neighbour)
- A similar **typing** is required in the **backward** BP.

Forward process mean matrix

- Mean matrix $M = (m_{t,t'}, t, t' \in \mathcal{T})$, where $\mathcal{T} = \{N_d, V_d, U_d : d = 1, 2, \dots\}$.
- Type N_d individual
 - The degrees of its $d - 1$ forward neighbours are independent copies of \tilde{D} .
 - Each such neighbour is named with probability $1 - e^{-\kappa/d}$. If the neighbour is of degree d' and not named then it is unvaccinated with probability $\alpha^{d'-1}$, otherwise it is vaccinated.
 - For $d, d' = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$m_{N_d, N_{d'}} = (d - 1)(1 - e^{-\kappa/d})\tilde{p}_{d'}p_{VV},$$

$$m_{N_d, V_{d'}} = (d - 1)e^{-\kappa/d}\tilde{p}_{d'}(1 - \alpha^{d'-1})p_{VV},$$

$$m_{N_d, U_{d'}} = (d - 1)e^{-\kappa/d}\tilde{p}_{d'}\alpha^{d'-1}p_{VU}.$$

Forward process mean matrix

- Type U_d individual, i^* .
 - Each of i^* 's $d - 1$ forward neighbours failed to name i^* , so the degrees of these $d - 1$ neighbours are independent copies of the random variable \tilde{D}^U having distribution

$$P(\tilde{D}^U = d') = \alpha^{-1} \tilde{p}_{d'} e^{-\kappa/d'} \quad (d' = 1, 2, \dots).$$
 - Each such neighbour is named with probability $1 - e^{-\kappa/d}$. If the neighbour is of degree d' and not named then it is unvaccinated with probability $\alpha^{d'-1}$, otherwise it is vaccinated.
 - For $d, d' = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$m_{U_d, N_{d'}} = (d - 1)(1 - e^{-\kappa/d}) \tilde{p}_{d'} e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{-1} p_{UV},$$

$$m_{U_d, V_{d'}} = (d - 1) e^{-\kappa/d} \tilde{p}_{d'} e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{-1} (1 - \alpha^{d'-1}) p_{UV},$$

$$m_{U_d, U_{d'}} = (d - 1) e^{-\kappa/d} \tilde{p}_{d'} e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{-1} \alpha^{d'-1} p_{UU}.$$

Forward process mean matrix

- Type V_d individual, i^* . Note d must be ≥ 2 .
- Let $D_1^V, D_2^V, \dots, D_{d-1}^V$ denote the degrees of i^* 's $d-1$ forward neighbours. At least one of these neighbours named i^* , so

$$P(D_1^V = d'_1, \dots, D_{d-1}^V = d'_{d-1}) = \frac{\tilde{p}_{d'_1} \tilde{p}_{d'_2} \cdots \tilde{p}_{d'_{d-1}} (1 - e^{-\kappa/d'_1} e^{-\kappa/d'_2} \cdots e^{-\kappa/d'_{d-1}})}{1 - \alpha^{d-1}}.$$

- Thus, $D_1^V, D_2^V, \dots, D_{d-1}^V$ are dependent, though exchangeable, with

$$P(D_1^V = d'_1) = \frac{\tilde{p}_{d'_1}}{1 - \alpha^{d-1}} (1 - e^{-\kappa/d'_1} \alpha^{d-2}) \quad (d'_1 = 1, 2, \dots).$$

- For $d = 2, 3, \dots$ and $d' = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$m_{V_d, N_{d'}} = (d-1)(1 - e^{-\kappa/d}) \tilde{p}_{d'} (1 - e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{d-2}) (1 - \alpha^{d-1})^{-1} p_{VV},$$

$$m_{V_d, V_{d'}} = (d-1) e^{-\kappa/d} \tilde{p}_{d'} (1 - e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{d-2}) (1 - \alpha^{d-1})^{-1} (1 - \alpha^{d'-1}) p_{VV},$$

$$m_{V_d, U_{d'}} = (d-1) e^{-\kappa/d} \tilde{p}_{d'} (1 - e^{-\kappa/d'} \alpha^{d-2}) (1 - \alpha^{d-1})^{-1} \alpha^{d'-1} p_{VU}.$$

Threshold behaviour

- If D has **finite** support then standard **multitype branching process** theory applies, so assume that D has **countable** support and for simplicity that $p_d > 0$ ($d = 1, 2, \dots$).
- Except for the **initial** generation, individuals with degree **1** have no offspring in the **forward** branching process.
- Let $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ be the BP process with **type space** $\tilde{\mathcal{T}} = \{N_d, V_d, U_d : d = 2, 3, \dots\}$ and **offspring distributions** defined implicitly above.
- For $d^* = 2, 3, \dots$, let $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F^{(d^*)}$ be the BP derived from $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ by **ignoring** all individuals with degree $> d^*$ (and their progeny).
- For $t \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, let $\tilde{\pi}_t$ be the probability that $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ goes **extinct** given that initially there is **one** individual whose type is t . Define $\tilde{\pi}_t^{(d^*)}$ similarly for $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F^{(d^*)}$.

Threshold parameter R_A

- Let \tilde{M} and $\tilde{M}^{(d^*)}$ be the mean offspring matrices for $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F^{(d^*)}$.
- Every element of \tilde{M} is **strictly positive**, so

$$\tilde{\pi}_t < 1 \iff \tilde{\pi}_{t'} < 1 \quad (t, t' \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}).$$

- Let $R_A^{(d^*)}$ be the **dominant eigenvalue** of $\tilde{M}^{(d^*)}$. Then $\left(R_A^{(d^*)}\right)$ is **strictly increasing**, so let $R_A = \lim_{d^* \rightarrow \infty} R_A^{(d^*)}$.
- Let t_0 be the **type U_2** . There exists $p_0 > 0$ such that, for any $t \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, the probability a type- t individual has **at least one** type- t_0 child is at least p_0 . Exploiting natural **single-type** (t_0) Galton–Watson processes **embedded** in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F^{(d^*)}$ ($d^* \geq 2$) then yields, for $t \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, that

$$\tilde{\pi}_t = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\pi}_t^{(d^*)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\pi}_t < 1 \iff R_A > 1.$$

New acquaintance vaccination model

- The **original** model for acquaintance vaccination is generally **numerically infeasible** for **imperfect** vaccines as the type space required for analysis is **too large**.
- Problem caused by degrees of neighbours of **vaccinated** individuals being **dependent** which gives rise to **sibling dependence** in approximating branching processes.
- Ball and Sirl (2013) proposed a **new** model for acquaintance vaccination which **circumvents** these difficulties.

New acquaintance vaccination model

- Each individual in the population is **sampled** independently with probability p_S .
- Each **sampled** individual nominates **each** of its neighbours **independently** with probability p_N .
- All individuals who are **nominated at least once** are **vaccinated**.
- The probability that an individual is **not** named by a given neighbour is $\alpha = 1 - p_N p_S$, so the **vaccination coverage** is

$$c(p_S, p_N) = 1 - \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} p_d \alpha^d = 1 - f_D(\alpha).$$

- The probability that a given individual, i^* say, nominates a given neighbour is now **independent** of i^* 's degree, so the **sibling dependence** problems are alleviated.

Perfect vaccine threshold parameter R_v

- Approximating **forward** branching process (BP) involves only **unvaccinated** (i.e. unnamed) individuals.
- Consider typical individual i^* in **non-initial** generation of this BP; denote its degree by \tilde{D}_U .

$$P(\tilde{D}_U = d) = P(\tilde{D} = d|U) = \frac{P(\tilde{D} = d, U)}{P(U)} = \frac{\tilde{p}_d \alpha^{d-1}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k \alpha^{k-1}} = \frac{\tilde{p}_d \alpha^{d-1}}{f_{\tilde{D}-1}(\alpha)}.$$

and, since i^* did **not** name its infector for vaccination (N^c),

$$\tilde{p}_{SU} = P(i^* \text{ sampled} | N^c) = \frac{p_S(1 - p_N)}{1 - p_S p_N} = \frac{p_S(1 - p_N)}{\alpha}.$$

- $R_v = \mu_{\tilde{D}_U-1} [1 - \tilde{p}_{SU} + \tilde{p}_{SU}(1 - p_N)] f_{\tilde{D}-1}(\alpha) p_I$.
- **Critical vaccination coverage** is < 1 even if $\sigma_D^2 = \infty$.

Perfect vaccine

- Vaccination coverage is $c = 1 - f_D(\alpha)$, where $\alpha = 1 - p_S p_N$.
- Post-vaccination basic reproduction number

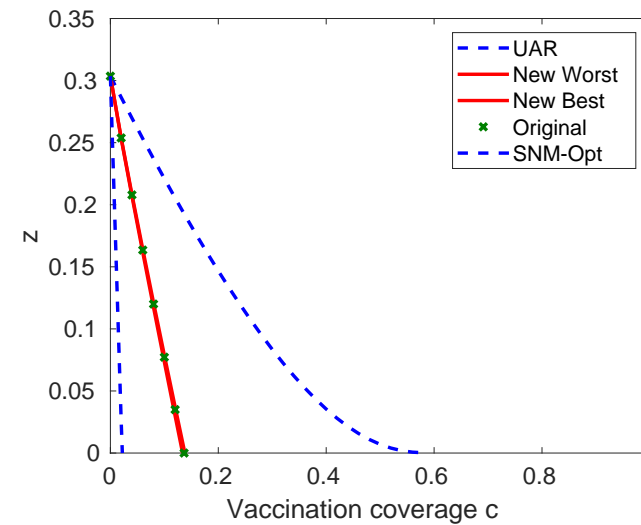
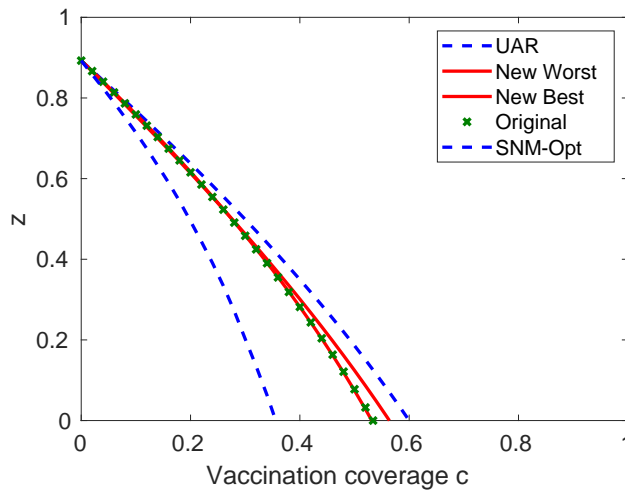
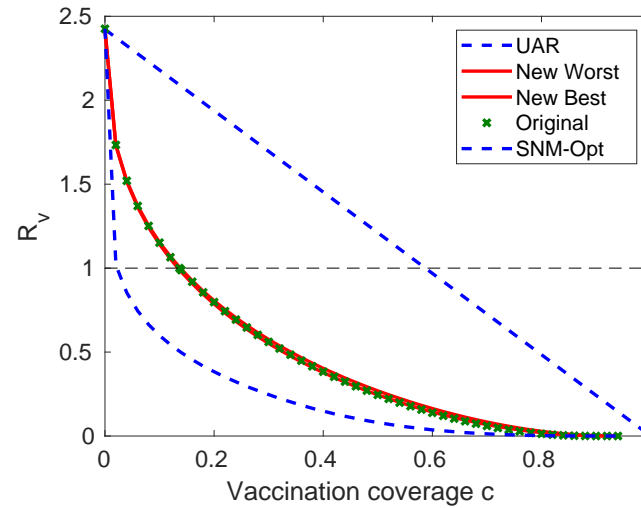
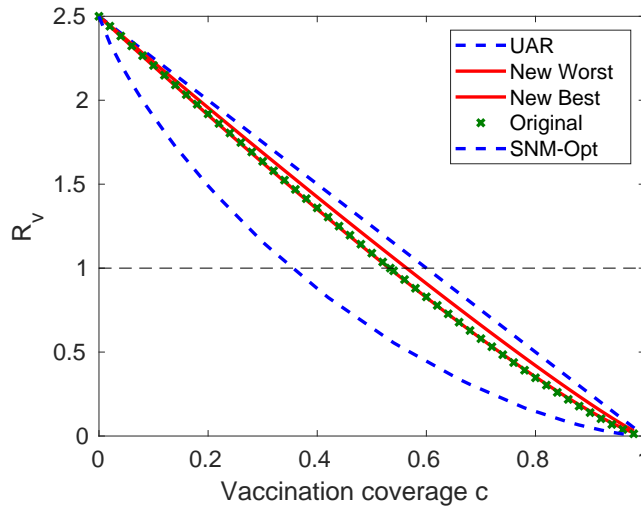
$$R_v = p_I [\alpha - (1 - \alpha)(1 - p_N)] f_{\tilde{D}-1}^{(1)}(\alpha).$$

- For fixed vaccination coverage (and hence fixed α), R_v is greatest when $p_N = 1$ (so $p_S = 1 - \alpha$) [WORST model] and R_v is least when $p_S = 1$ (so $p_N = 1 - \alpha$) [BEST model].

Imperfect vaccine

- In the **forward** and **backward** BPs individuals are **typed** by
 - whether they are **named** (N), **vaccinated** (V) or **unvaccinated** (U), as before, and
 - whether or not they are **sampled** and thus might name their neighbours for vaccination (S and S^c),so there are **6** types of individuals: (N, S) , (V, S) , (U, S) , (N, S^c) , (V, S^c) and (U, S^c) .
- **Post-vaccination** threshold parameter R_v , probability of a **major epidemic** ($p_{\text{maj}}^{(U)}$ and $p_{\text{maj}}^{(V)}$) and **large-population** proportions of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals **ultimately infected** by a **major epidemic** ($z^{(U)}$ and $z^{(V)}$) are derived using **multitype BPs** in the obvious fashion.

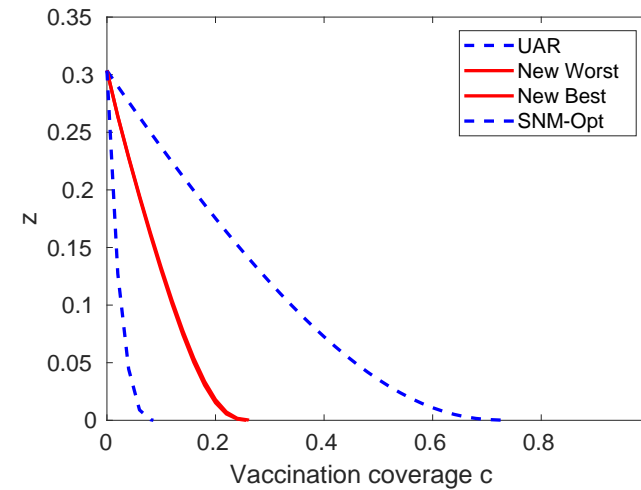
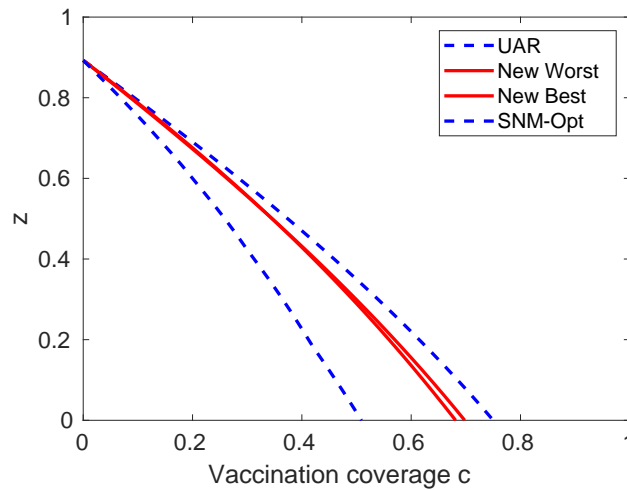
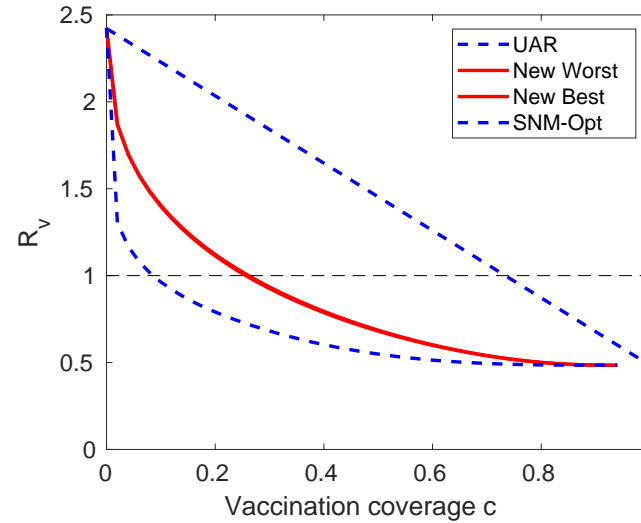
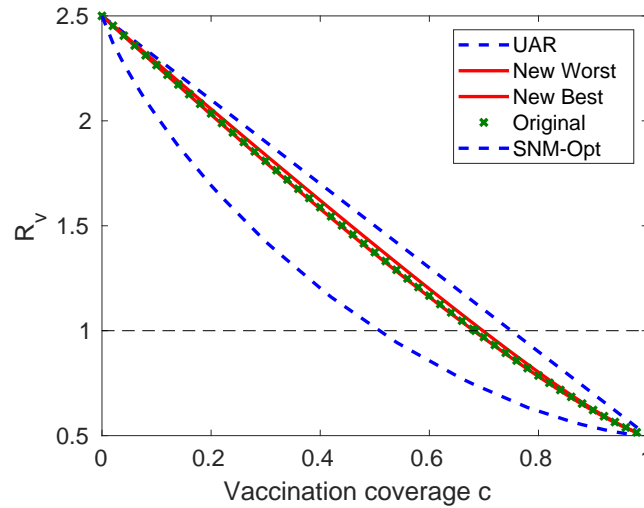
Perfect vaccine R_v and z



LEFT: $D \sim \text{Poisson}(10), I \sim \text{Exp}(3), \lambda = 1$

RIGHT: $P(D = k) \propto (\max(12, k))^{-3.4} (k = 1, 2, \dots), I \sim \text{Exp}(10), \lambda = 1.$

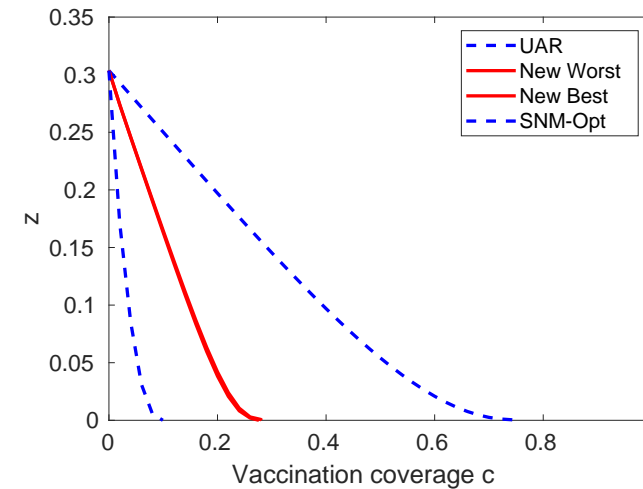
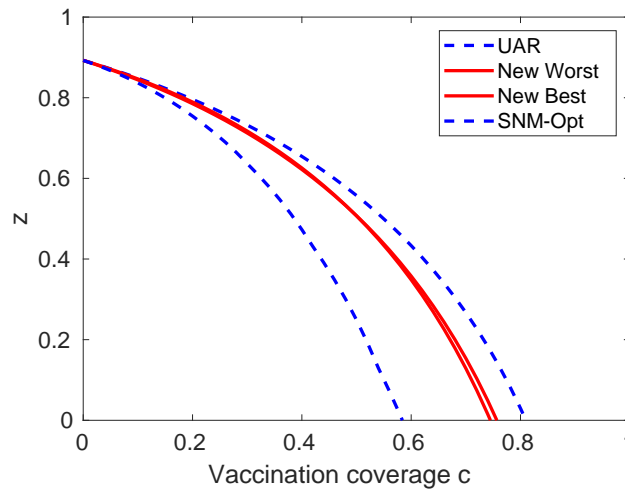
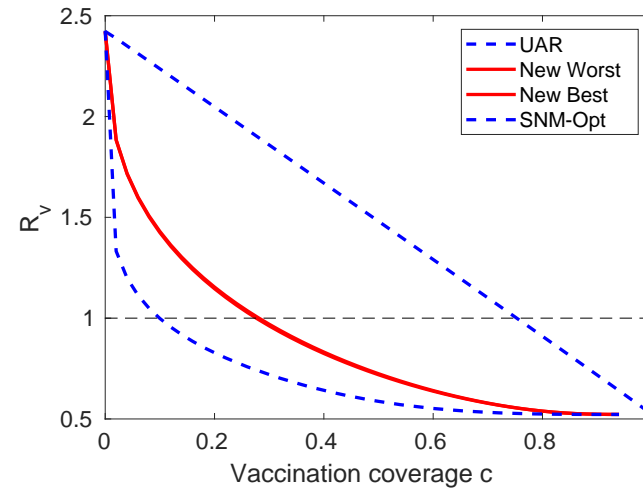
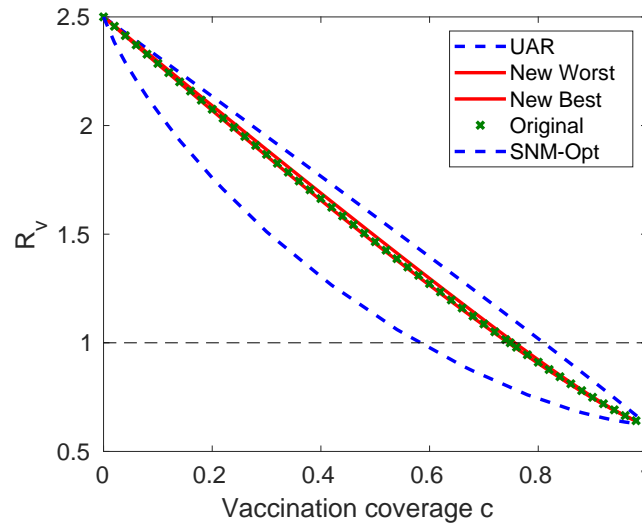
All-or-nothing vaccine, $\varepsilon = 0.8$



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Non-random vaccine, $a = b = \sqrt{0.2}$



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Network–households model

- Population structure

Population of N individuals partitioned into m households, of which m_n are of size n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).

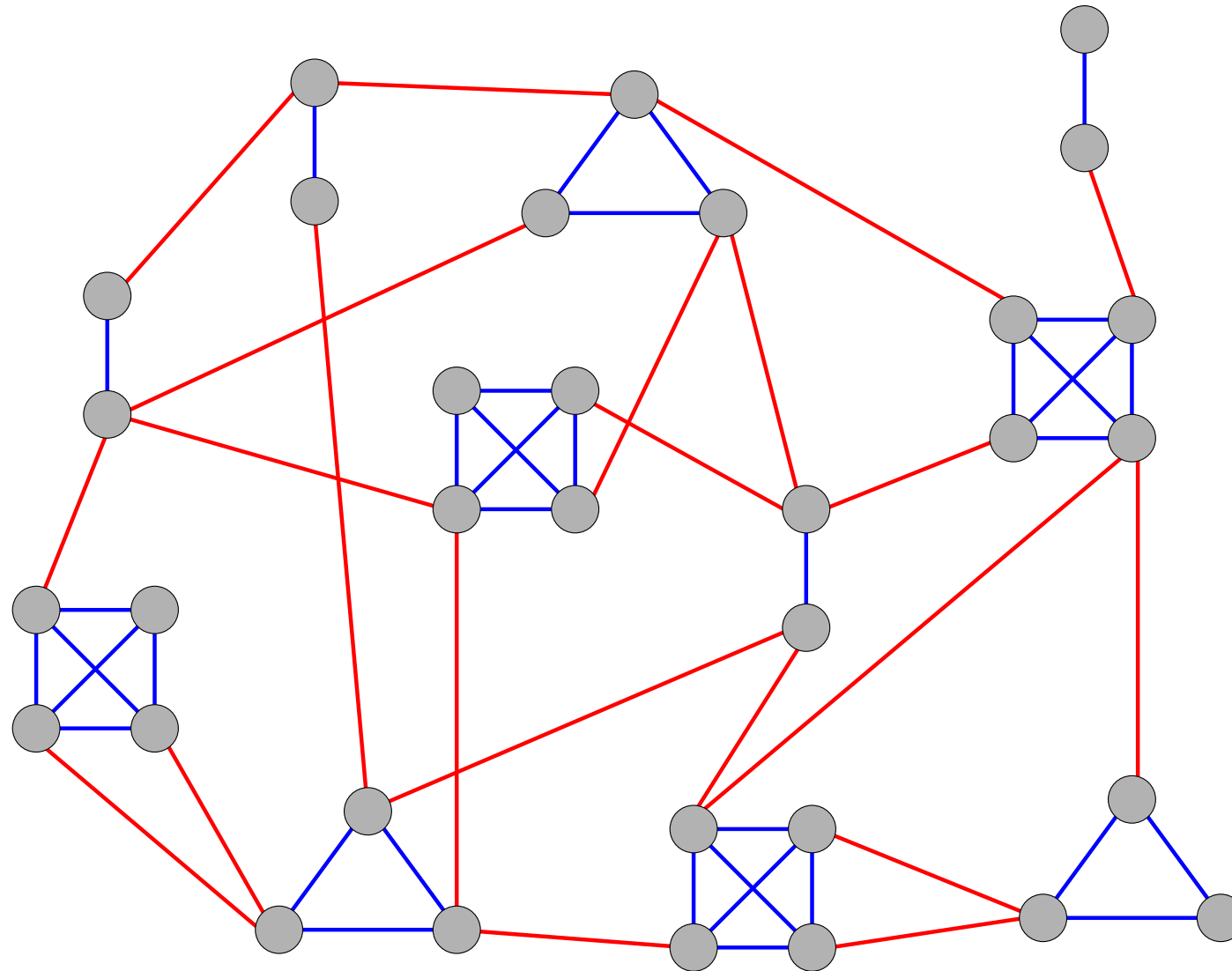
- Configuration model with degree random variable D for network of possible global contacts.

- SIR epidemic model

- Infectious periods $\stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} I$.
- Whilst infectious, individuals contact each of their local (global) neighbours independently at rate λ_L (λ_G).
- Single initial infective chosen uniformly at random from entire population.

(Ball, Sirl and Trapman (2009,2010); cf. Stegehuis, van der Hofstad and van Leeuwaarden (2016))

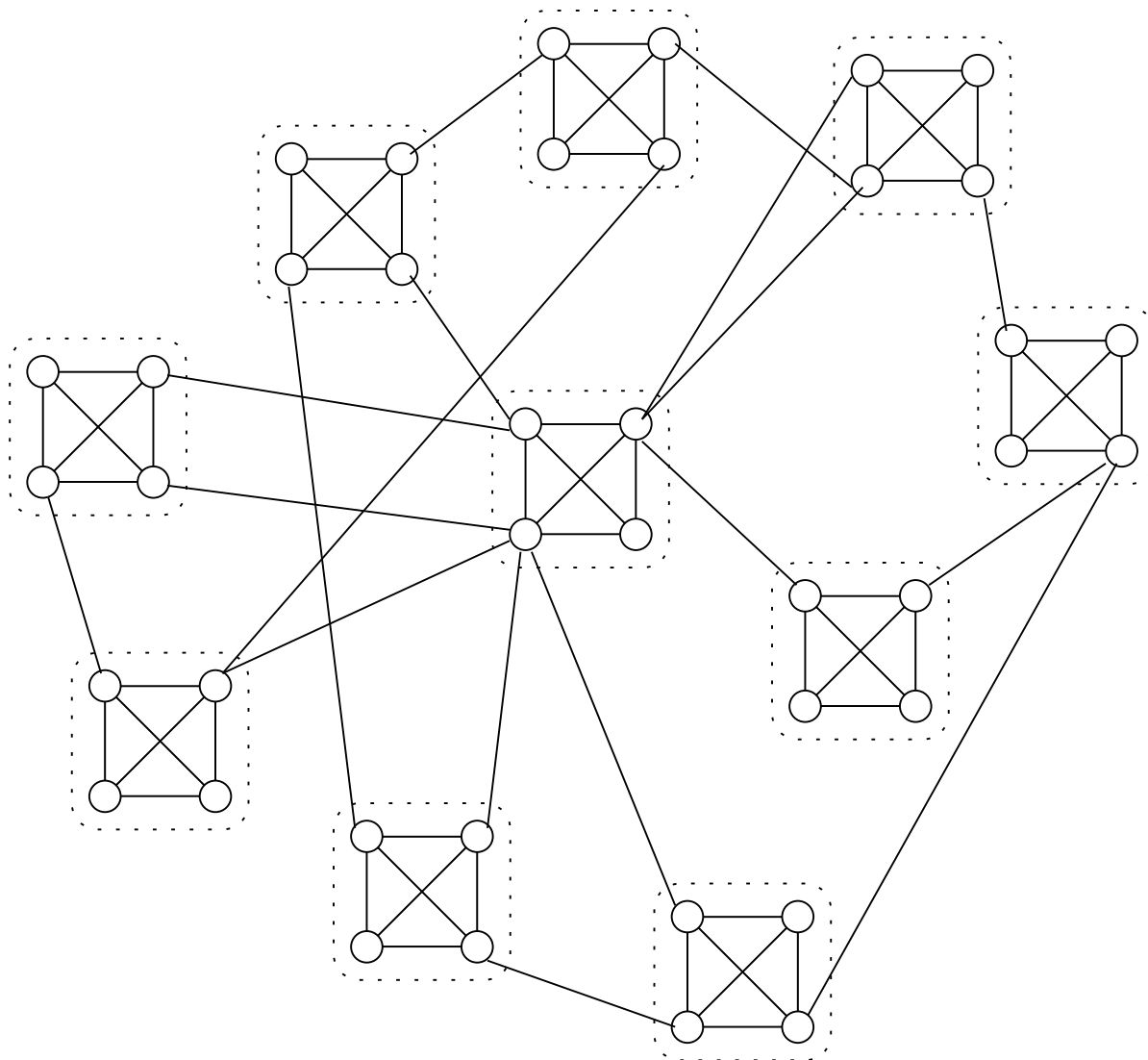
Example of (very small) population



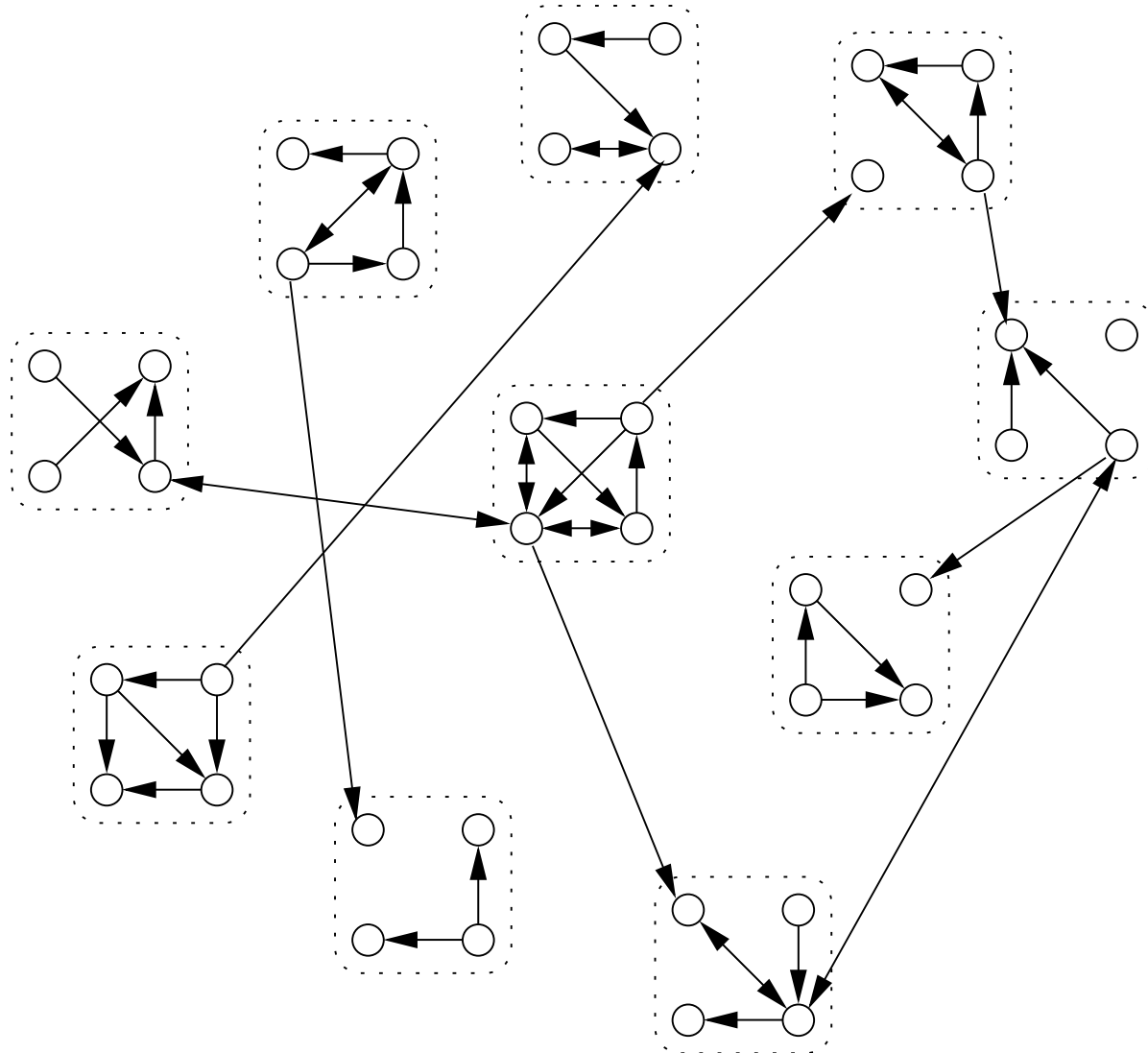
Why households?

- Household structure is a key component of human populations which can have significant impact on **disease dynamics**.
- There are **outbreak control** measures associated with households and similar structures (e.g. **schools** and **workplaces**)
- Epidemic **data** are often collected at the **household** level
- Households models are mathematically reasonably **tractable** and consequently are generally easier to interpret than **complex simulation** models
- A tool for incorporating **clustering** into a network ($\lambda_L = \lambda_G$); cf. Trapman (2007) and Coupechoux and Lelarge (2014).

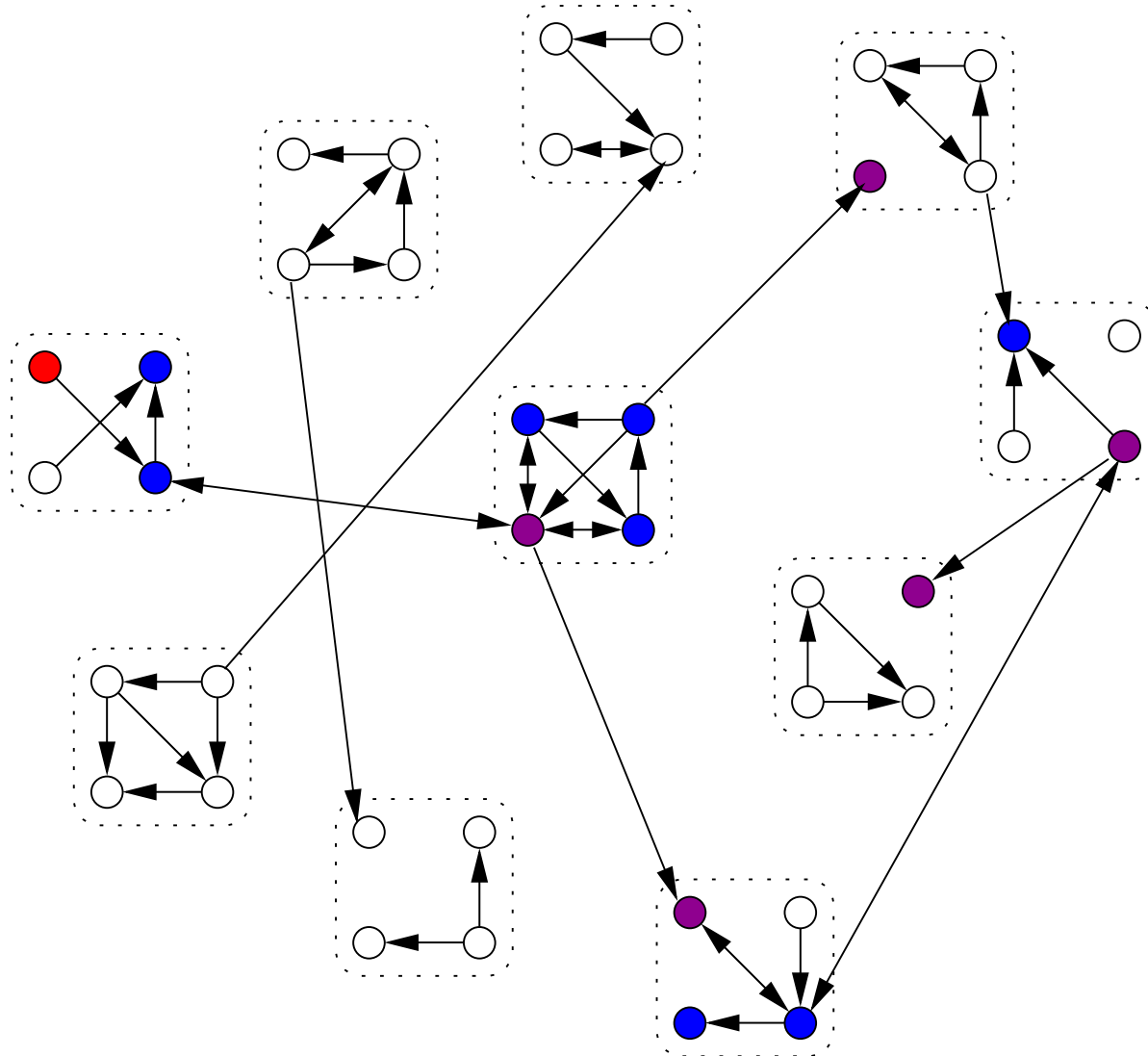
Example network



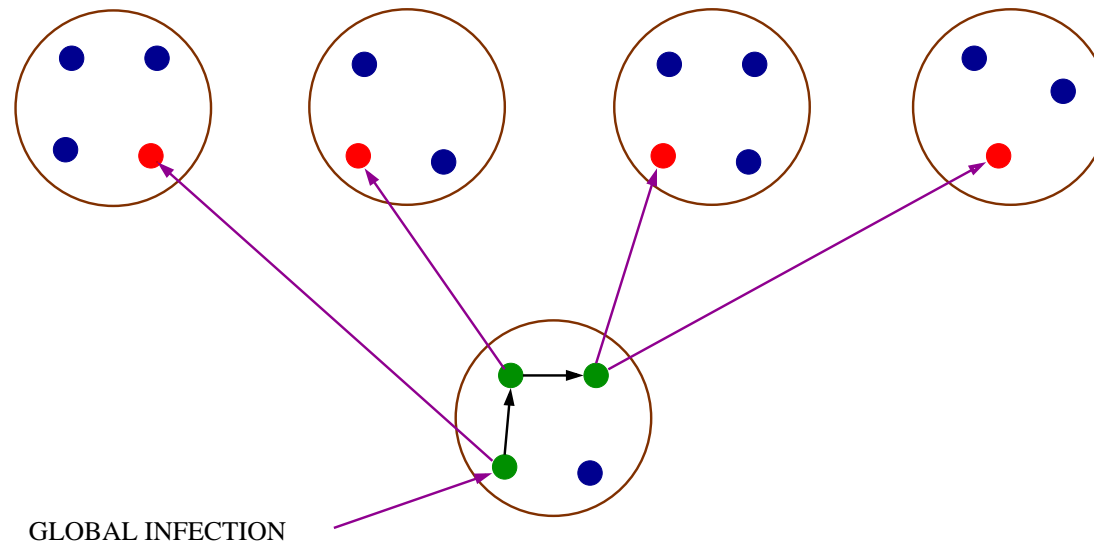
Digraph of potential infections



Realisation of epidemic



Threshold parameter R_*



- R_* = mean number of **global neighbours** infected by a typical **single-household** epidemic

$$R_* = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n E[\tilde{C}^{(n)}],$$

where

$$\tilde{\rho}_n = \frac{nm_n}{N} = \text{P}(\text{randomly chosen person lives in a household of size } n),$$

$$\tilde{C}^{(n)} = \text{number of global neighbours infected by a typical [size-}n\text{] single-household epidemic with one initial infective.}$$

- $\text{P}(\text{major outbreak}) > 0 \iff R_* > 1.$

Calculation of $E[\tilde{C}^{(n)}]$

- $E[\tilde{C}^{(n)}] = E[C_0] + E[T^{(n)}]E[C_1]$,
 - $T^{(n)}$ = final size of single-household epidemic (excluding initial case),
 - C_0 and C_1 are the numbers of global neighbours infected by the primary and typical secondary infective in the household.
- $C_i \sim \text{Bin}(K_i, 1 - \exp(-\lambda_G I_i)) \implies E[C_i] = E[K_i]p_G$,
 - K_0 and K_1 are the numbers of global neighbours of primary and typical secondary case,
 - $p_G = 1 - E[\exp(-\lambda_G I)]$ is the probability an infective infects a given global neighbour.
- For initial generation, $K_0, K_1 \sim D$. For all subsequent generations, $K_0 \sim \tilde{D} - 1$ and $K_1 \sim D$.

Threshold parameter R_*

$$\begin{aligned} R_* &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \mathbb{E}[\tilde{C}^{(n)}] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \left(\mathbb{E}[C_0] + \mathbb{E}[C_1] \mathbb{E}[T^{(n)}] \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \left(\mu_{\tilde{D}-1} + \mu_D \mu_{T^{(n)}} \right) p_G \\ &= \left(\mu_D (\mu_T + 1) + \frac{\sigma_D^2}{\mu_D} - 1 \right) p_G, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu_T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \mu_{T^{(n)}}$ is the **size-biased** mean **within-household** final size.

Early stages of epidemic

- Approximate process of **infected households** by a (**forward**) branching process $\mathcal{B}_F = \text{BP}(1, C, \tilde{C})$ having **one initial ancestor**, and offspring distribution C for the **initial** generation and \tilde{C} in **subsequent** generations. (**Exact** as $m \rightarrow \infty$).
- $R_* = E[\tilde{C}]$.
- The probability of a **major outbreak**, p_{maj} , is approximated by the probability \mathcal{B}_F **avoids extinction**.
- $p_{\text{maj}} = 1 - f_C(\sigma)$, where σ is the **smallest** solution of $f_{\tilde{C}}(s) = s$ in $[0, 1]$ and e.g. $f_{\tilde{C}}(s) = E[s^{\tilde{C}}]$.

$$f_C(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n f_{C^{(n)}}(s) \quad \text{and} \quad f_{\tilde{C}}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n f_{\tilde{C}^{(n)}}(s).$$

- Calculation of $f_C(s)$ and $f_{\tilde{C}}(s)$ **complicated** unless I is constant.

Standard SIR epidemic model

- Homogeneously mixing population with initially n susceptibles and a infectives.
- Infectious periods $\stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} I$.
- Individual to individual infection rate λ .
- i.e. SIR epidemic on complete graph with $n + a$ vertices.
- Denote model by $E_{n,a}(\lambda, I)$.
- Let S denote the final number of susceptibles.

Final state random variables

- Let $\mathbf{R} = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_p)$ be a random vector associated with a typical **infective**.
 - E.g. $p = 2$,
 - R_1 = infectious period
 - R_2 = number of **global neighbours** infected in **network-households model**
- Let $T_{\mathbf{R}}$ be the sum of the **R -vectors** over **all** infectives in $E_{n,a}(\lambda, I)$.
- $C^{(n)}$ is given by the R_2 component of $T_{\mathbf{R}}$ for $E_{n-1,1}(\lambda, I)$.

Gontcharoff polynomials

- **Definition** Given a sequence of real numbers $\mathcal{U} = u_0, u_1, \dots$, define a family of polynomials $G_k(x | \mathcal{U})$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$) by

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{u_i^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} G_i(x | \mathcal{U}) = \frac{x^k}{k!} \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots).$$

- **Note**

- $G_k(x | \mathcal{U})$ is a polynomial of degree k in x .
- For fixed x , it is “easy” to compute $G_0(x | \mathcal{U}), G_1(x | \mathcal{U}), \dots$ recursively.

- **Differentiation**

$$G_k^{(i)}(x | \mathcal{U}) = G_{k-i}(x | E^i \mathcal{U}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq k),$$

where $E^i \mathcal{U}$ is the sequence u_i, u_{i+1}, \dots .

(Gontcharoff (1937), Lefèvre and Picard (1990))

Final state random variables

- Consider a typical **infective**, i_* , with infectious period I and associated random vector \mathbf{R} . For $k = 1, 2, \dots$, let A_k be the event that i_* **fails** to infect anyone in a given set of k **susceptibles**.
- For $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, let $q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E} \left[e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta} \mathbf{R}^\top} \right]$ and, for $k = 1, 2, \dots$, let

$$q_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E} \left[e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta} \mathbf{R}^\top} 1_{A_k} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[e^{-(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mathbf{R}^\top + \lambda k I)} \right].$$

Theorem 1 For $n, a = 0, 1, \dots$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[x^S e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta} T_{\mathbf{R}}^\top} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{(n-i)!} q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{n+a-i} G_i(x | \mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})),$$

where $\mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is given by $u_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_k(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$).

(Ball and O'Neill (1999))

Application to network-households model

- Let $T^{(n)}$ be the size of **single-household** epidemic (excluding **initial** infective). Then

$$C^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^{T^{(n)}} C_i \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{C}^{(n)} = \tilde{C}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{T^{(n)}} C_i,$$

where $C_i \sim \text{Bin}(D, 1 - e^{-\lambda_G I})$ and $\tilde{C}_0 \sim \text{Bin}(\tilde{D} - 1, 1 - e^{-\lambda_G I})$.

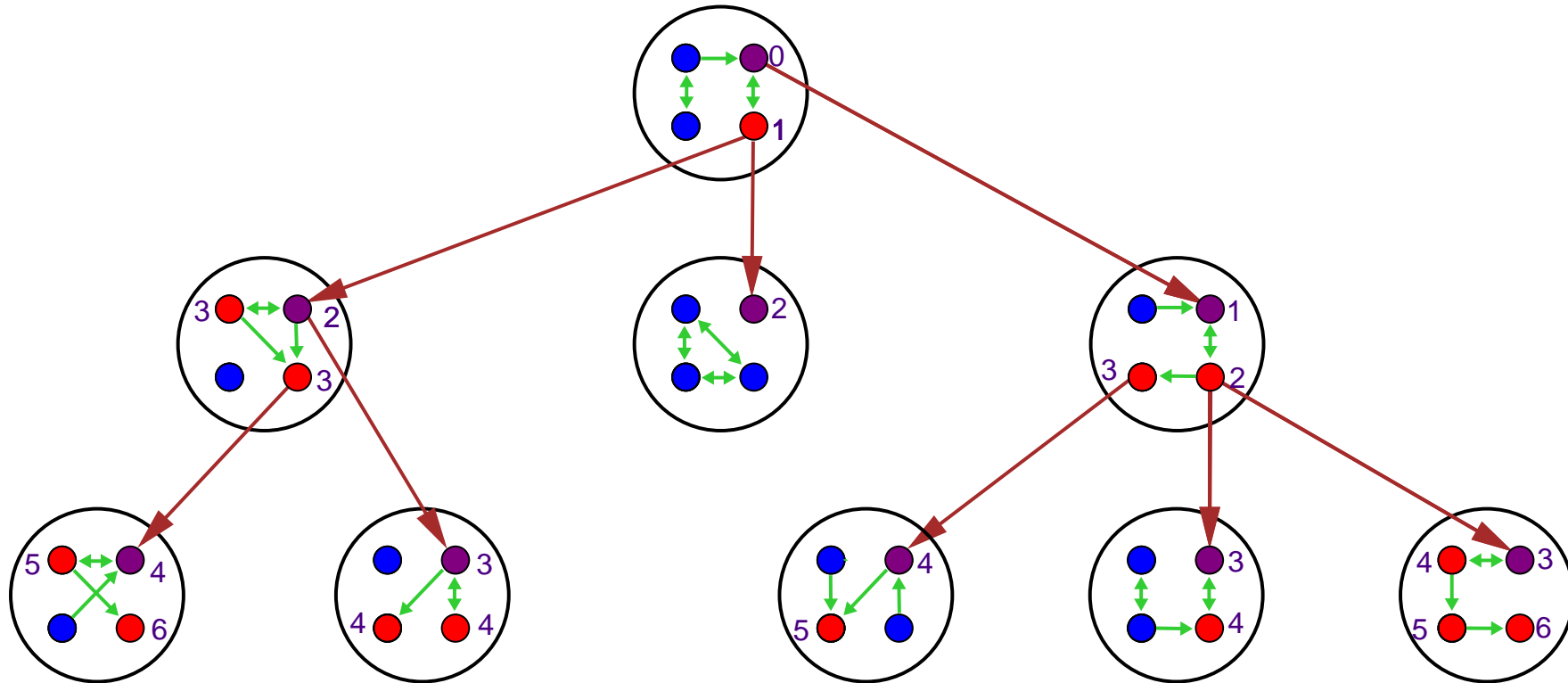
- Need version of Theorem 1 in which for the **initial** infectives, $q_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \hat{q}_k(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$).

Theorem 2 (Ball (2018)) For $n, a = 0, 1, \dots$,

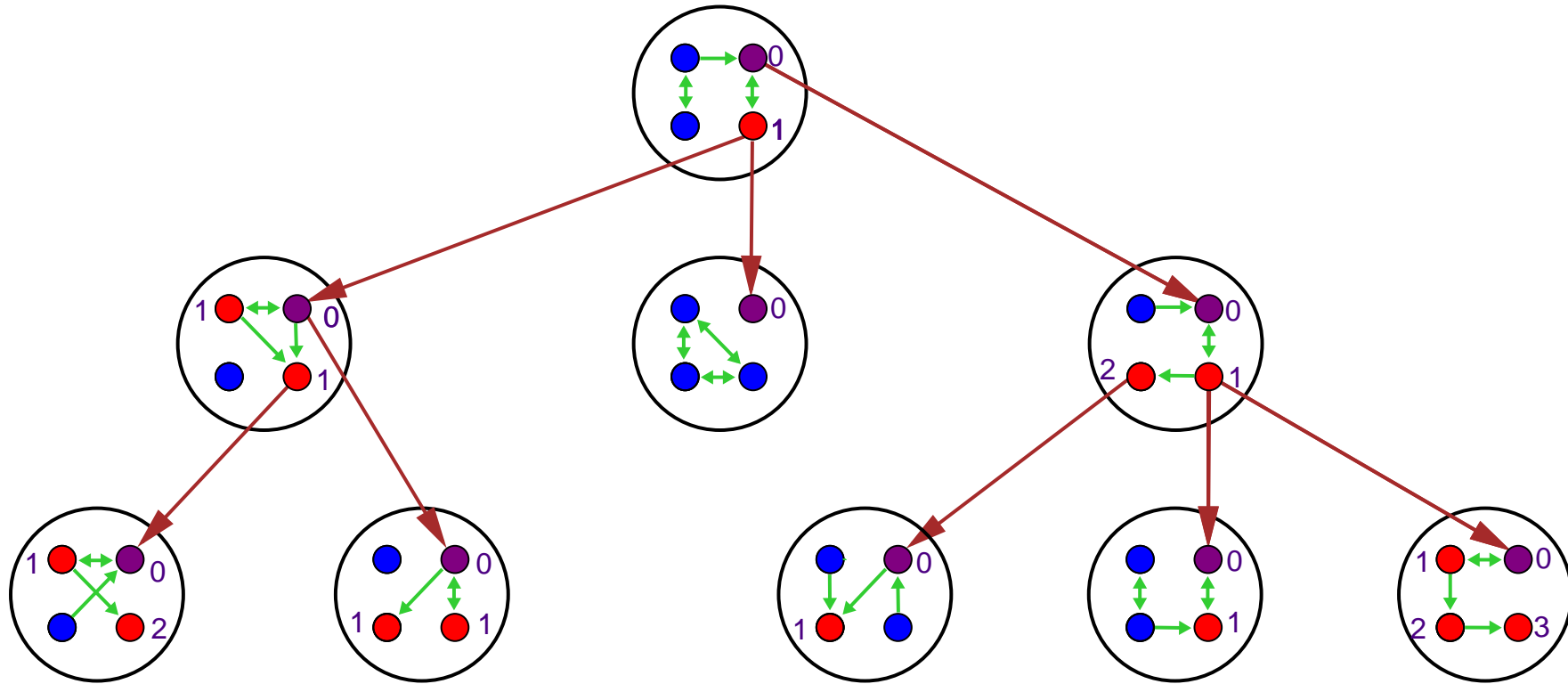
$$\mathbb{E} \left[x^S e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta} T_R^\top} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{(n-i)!} q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{n-i} \hat{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})^a G_i(x | \mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})),$$

where $\mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is given by $u_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_k(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$).

Forward BP \mathcal{B}_F – global generations

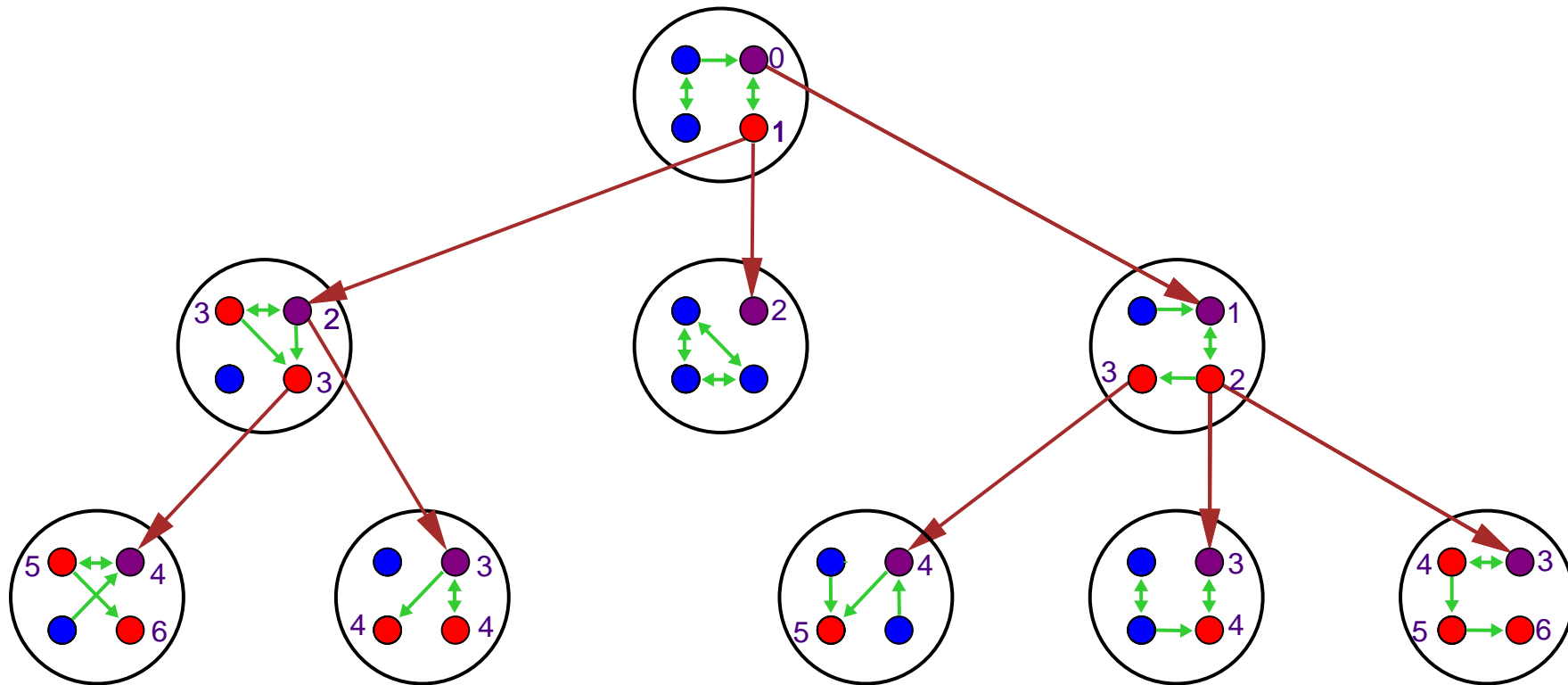


Household generations



Forward branching process \mathcal{B}_F .

Basic reproduction number R_0



- Consider BP $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$, in which for each infected household the time of its birth is given by the **global generation** of the corresponding household **primary** case.

Basic reproduction number R_0

- R_0 is defined to be the asymptotic (Malthusian) geometric growth rate of $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$.
- R_0 is given by the unique positive root of the discrete-time Lotka-Euler equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_i}{\lambda^i} = 1,$$

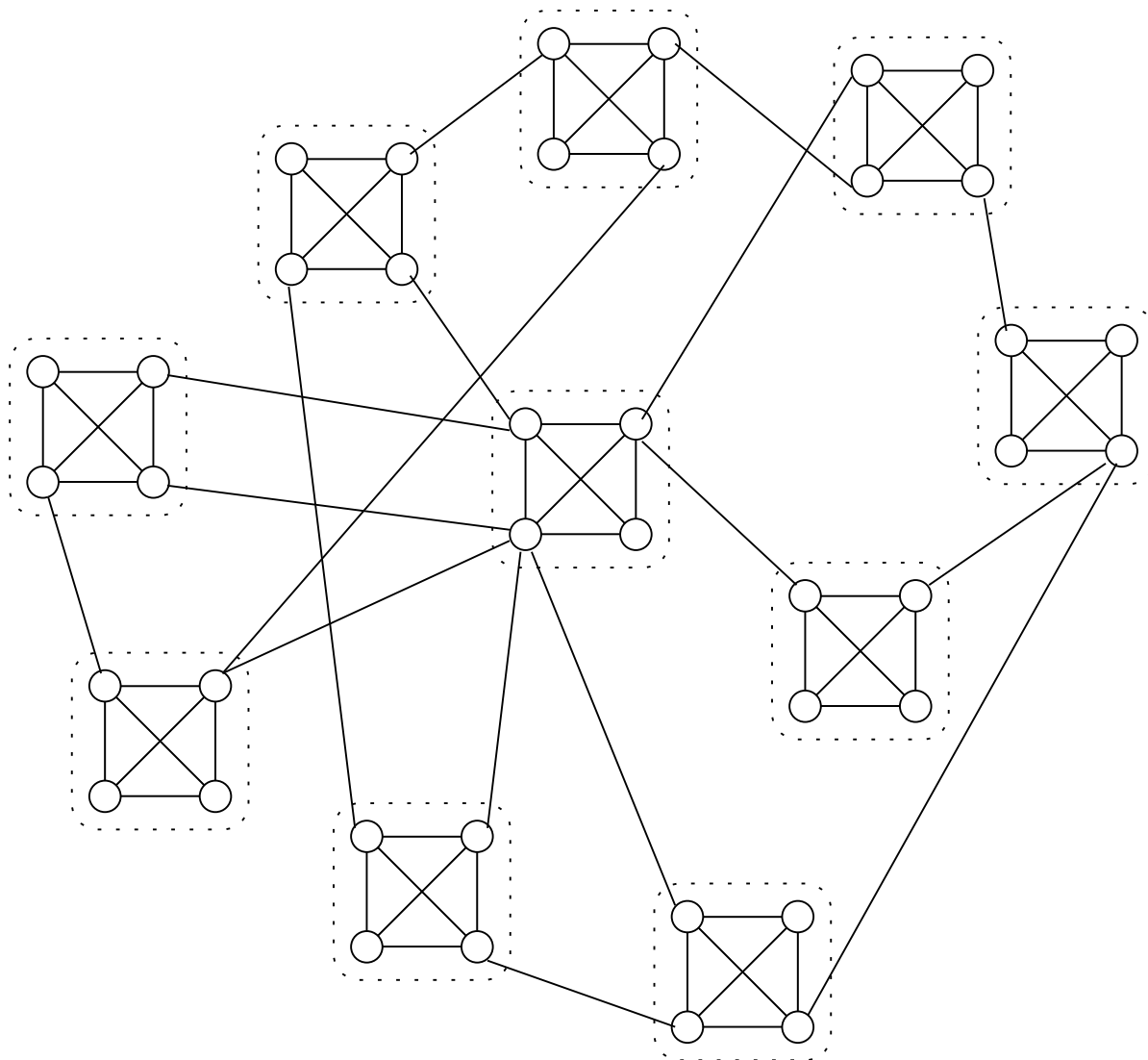
where

$$\nu_i = \begin{cases} \mu_{\tilde{D}-1} p_G & \text{if } i = 1, \\ (\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \mu_{n,i-1}) \mu_D p_G & \text{if } i = 2, 3, \dots, \end{cases}$$

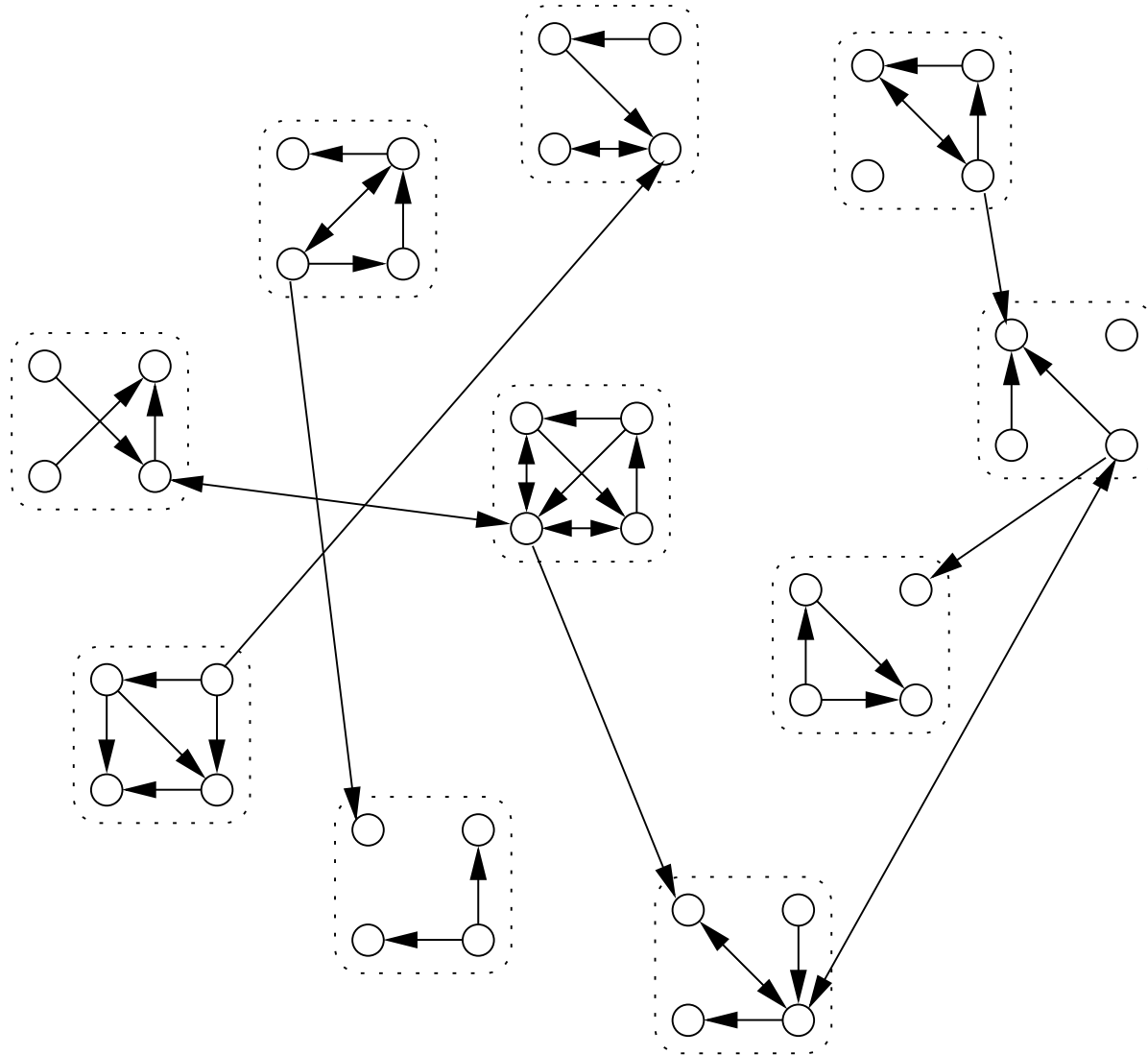
is the mean number of offspring that a typical individual (i.e. **infectious household**) in $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_F$ has at age i and $\mu_{n,i}$ is the mean size of the i th generation in a typical size- n **single-household** epidemic.

(Pellis, Ball and Trapman (2012), Ball, Pellis and Trapman (2016))

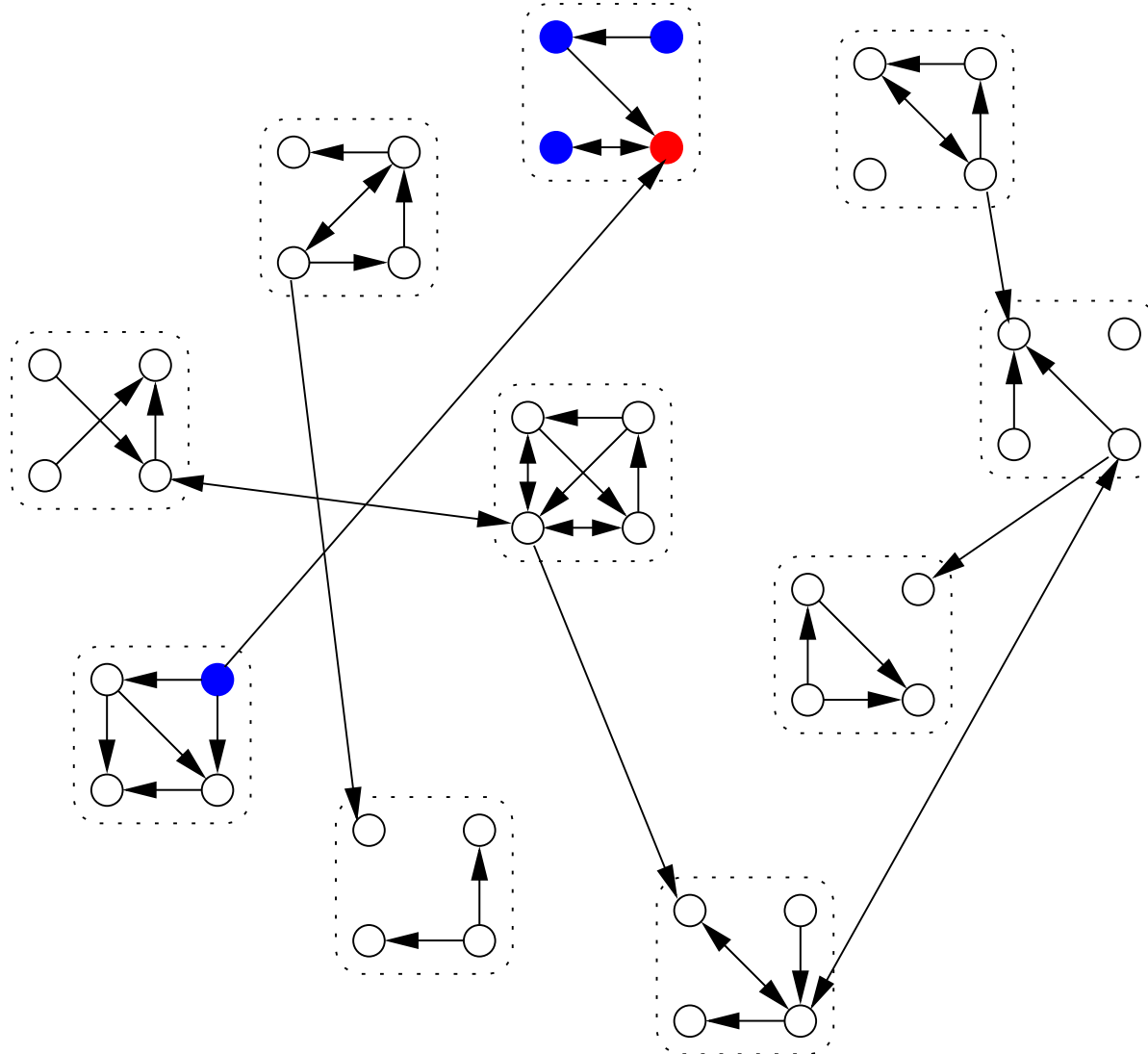
Example network



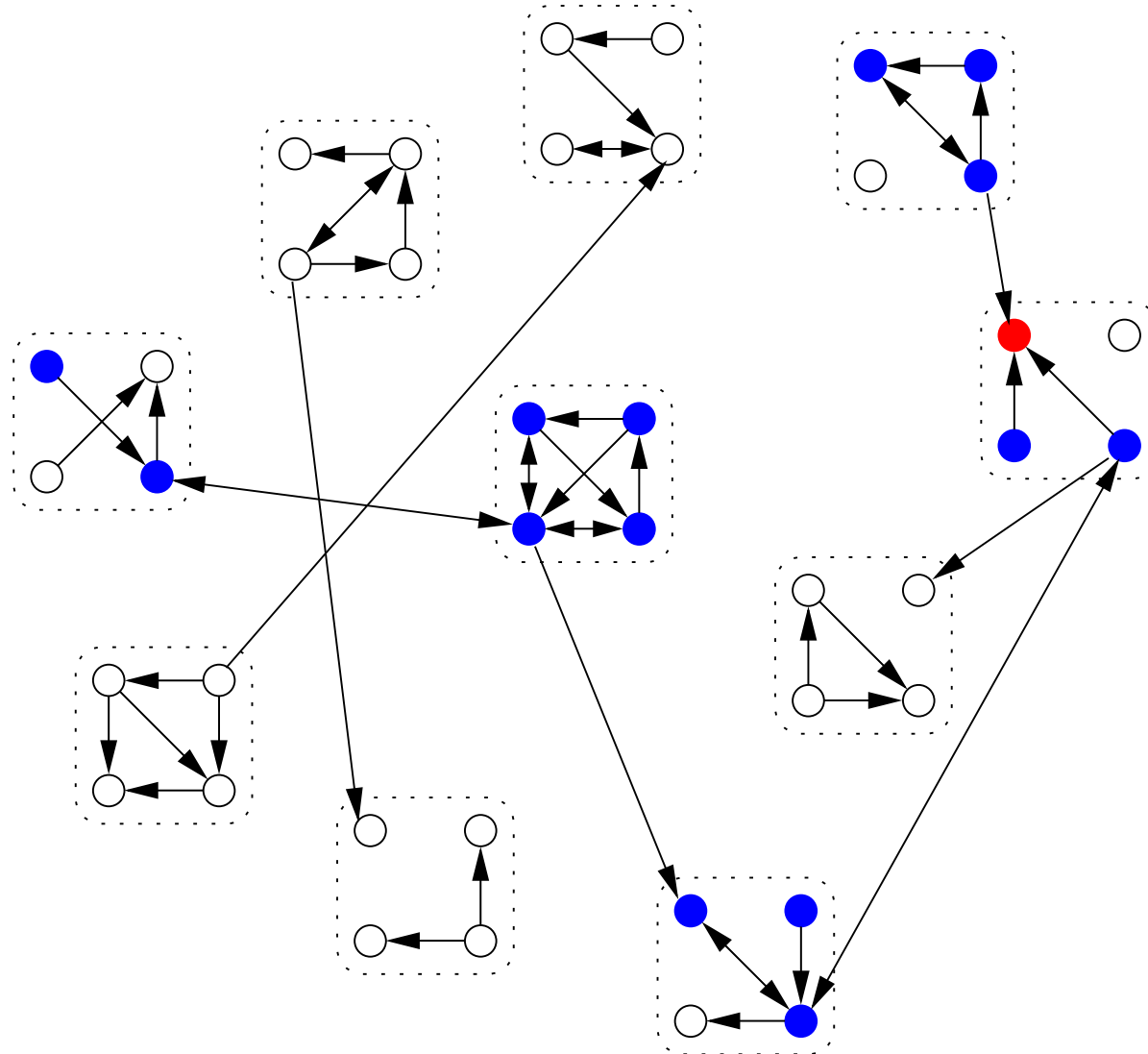
Digraph of potential infections



Susceptibility set, Example 1



Susceptibility set, Example 2



Final size of major outbreak

- Expected proportion of population ultimately infected by a major outbreak, z say, is given by the probability that a typical susceptible, i_* say, is ultimately infected.
- Approximate i_* 's susceptibility set, S_{i_*} , by a households based (backward) branching process $\mathcal{B}_B = \text{BP}(1, B, \tilde{B})$.
- $P(i_* \text{ ultimately infected}) = P(\mathcal{B}_B \text{ avoids extinction})$
- $z = 1 - f_B(\xi)$, where ξ is the smallest solution of $f_{\tilde{B}}(s) = s$ in $[0, 1]$.
- Distribution of within-household final size (WHFS) in the event of a major outbreak is available. If (z, λ_L) and the distribution of I are fixed, then the distribution of WHFS is invariant to the degree distribution D .

Backward branching process \mathcal{B}_B

- Conditioning on household size n of initial member of a local susceptibility set,

$$f_B(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n f_{B^{(n)}}(s) \quad \text{and} \quad f_{\tilde{B}}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n f_{\tilde{B}^{(n)}}(s).$$

- Let $M^{(n)}$ be the size of a local susceptibility set in a household of size n . Then

$$B^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^{M^{(n)}} B_i \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{B}^{(n)} = \tilde{B}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{M^{(n)}} B_i,$$

where $M^{(n)}, \tilde{B}_0, B_0, B_1, \dots$ are independent with $\tilde{B}_0 \sim \text{Bin}(\tilde{D} - 1, p_G)$ and $B_i \sim \text{Bin}(D, p_G)$.

Backward branching process \mathcal{B}_B

- Recall

$$B^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^{M^{(n)}} B_i \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{B}^{(n)} = \tilde{B}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{M^{(n)}} B_i,$$

where $\tilde{B}_0, B_0, B_1, \dots$ are independent with $\tilde{B}_0 \sim \text{Bin}(\tilde{D} - 1, p_G)$ and $B_i \sim \text{Bin}(D, p_G)$.

- Thus,

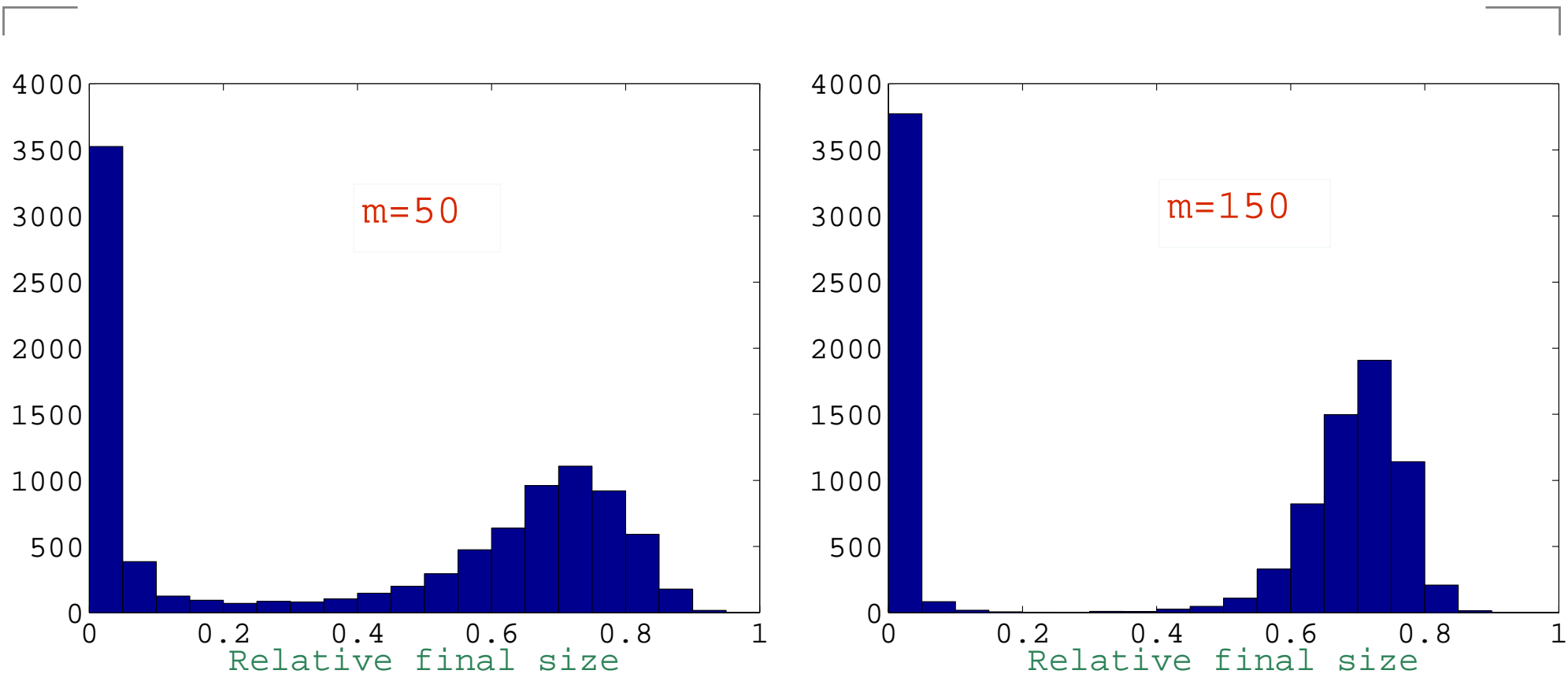
$$f_{B^{(n)}}(s) = f_D(1 - p_G + p_G s) f_{M^{(n)}}(f_D((1 - p_G + p_G s))),$$
$$f_{\tilde{B}^{(n)}}(s) = f_{\tilde{D}-1}(1 - p_G + p_G s) f_{M^{(n)}}(f_D((1 - p_G + p_G s))).$$

- Let $q_k = \phi_I(k\lambda_L)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$). Then

$$\mathbb{P}(M^{(n)} = k) = \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-k)!} q_{k+1}^{n-1-k} G_{k+1}(1 | \mathcal{U}) \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1),$$

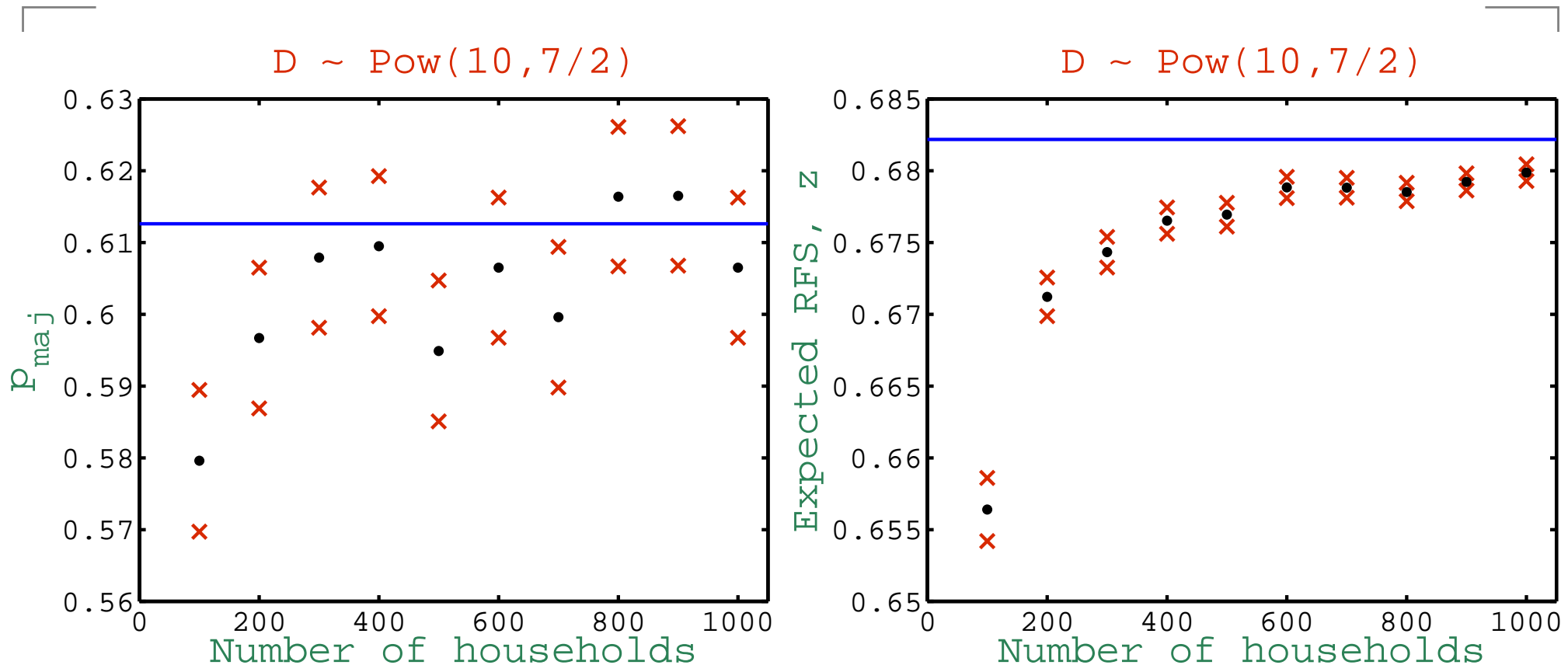
where \mathcal{U} is given by $u_k = q_{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$).

Simulations of final size



Histograms of **relative final sizes** from **10,000** simulations of the model with $H \sim (0.2, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.04, 0.01)$, $\lambda_L = 1$, $\lambda_G = 1/10$, $D \sim \text{Poi}(8)$ and $I \sim \text{Gamma}(3, 1/3)$ on networks of **50** and **150** households.

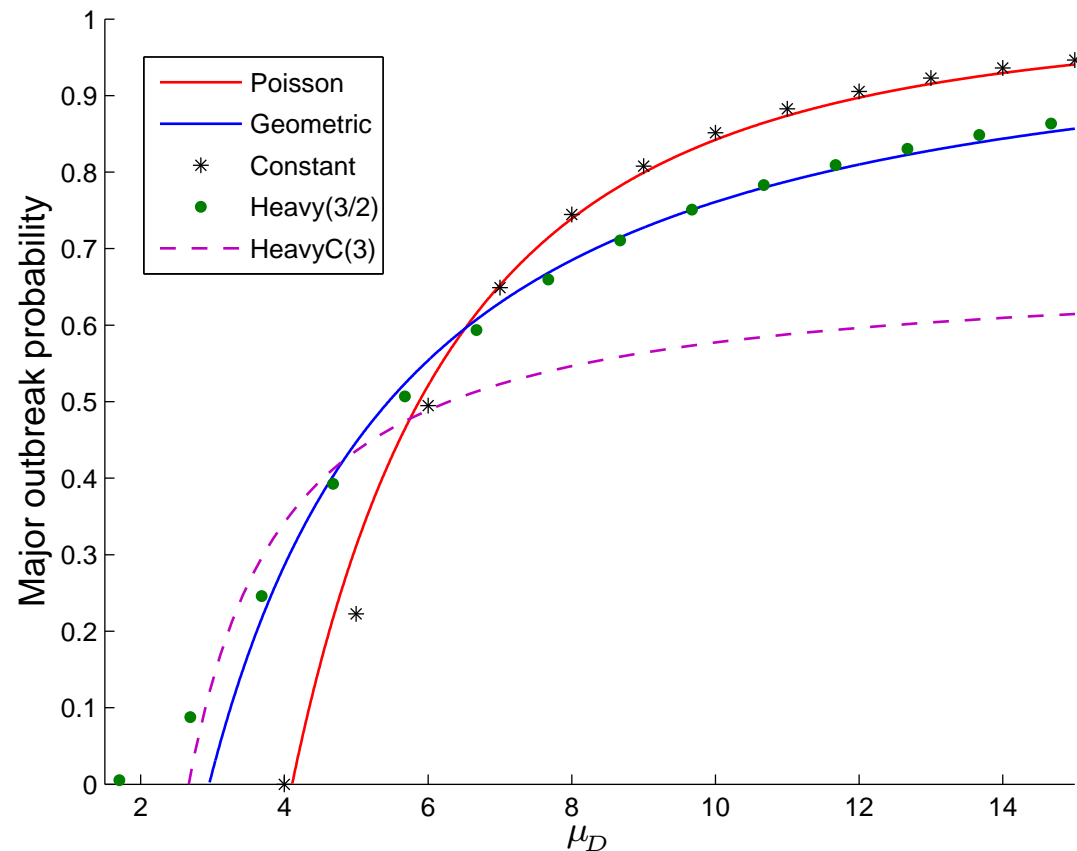
Simulation results for p_{maj} and z



Comparison of simulation-based estimates of probability p_{maj} and expected relative final size z of a major outbreak for finite populations with asymptotic results (horizontal lines), based on 10,000 simulations for each m .

[$D \sim \text{Pow}(k_*, a)$ means $P(D = k) \propto (\max(k_*, k))^{-a}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$).]

Effect of degree distribution, D



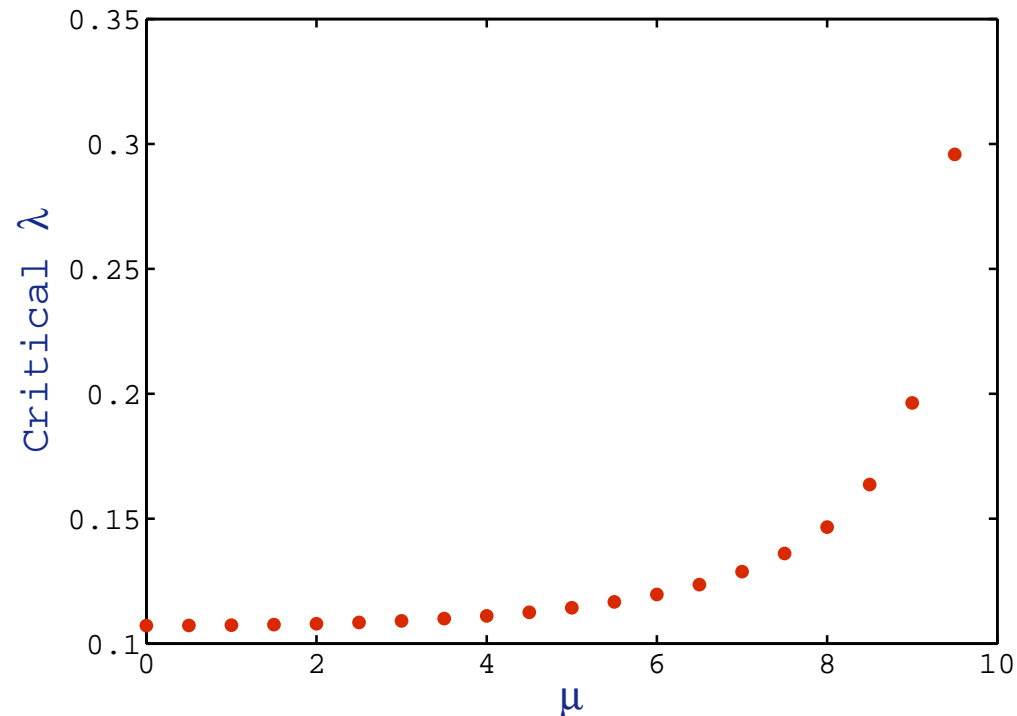
Dependence of probability of a major outbreak p_{maj} on degree distribution D . Other parameters are $H \equiv 3$, $I \equiv 1$, $\lambda_L = 1$, $\lambda_G = 1/10$.

[Heavy(3/2) is $\text{Pow}(k_*, 3/2)$ with varying k_* . The mass function of HeavyC(3) is $P(D = k) \propto k^{-3} \exp(-k/\kappa)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$) with varying κ .]

Comparison to standard network model

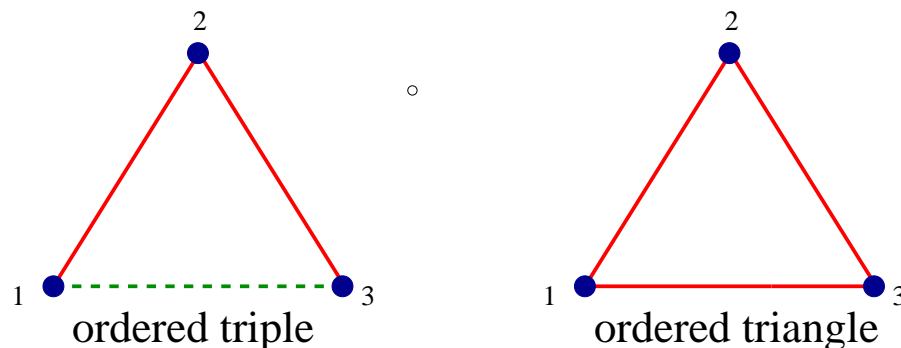
- **Standard network model** (see e.g. Newman(2002)) is obtained when all households have size **1**.
- In **network household model (NHM)** let H denote the household size distribution and \tilde{H} denote the **size-biased** household size distribution.
[$P(\tilde{H} = n) = \mu_H^{-1} n P(H = n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).]
- **Total degree (local + global)** of individual in **NHM**
 $\sim Q \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \tilde{H} - 1 + D$.
- Assume $\lambda_L = \lambda_G = \lambda$ and compare **critical** value of λ with that of **standard network model (SNM)** with degree distribution Q .

Comparison to standard network model



Plot of critical infection rate $\lambda_L = \lambda_G = \lambda$ for models with $H \sim \text{Poi}^+(\mu)$ and $D \sim \text{Poi}(10 - \mu)$ (so Q is always $\text{Poi}(10)$ and $\mu = 0$ gives SNM) when $I \sim \text{Gamma}(3, 1/3)$.

Clustering



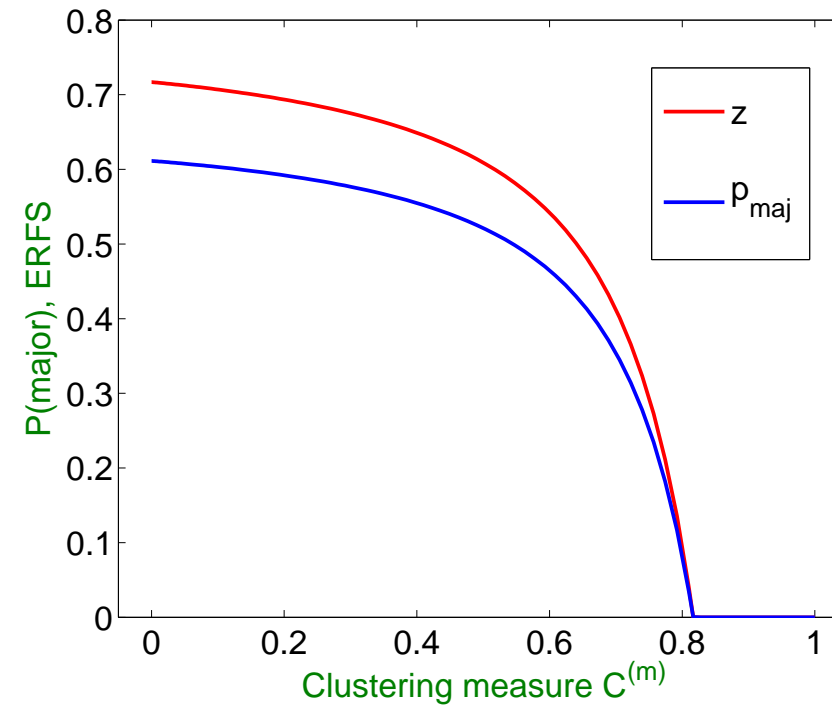
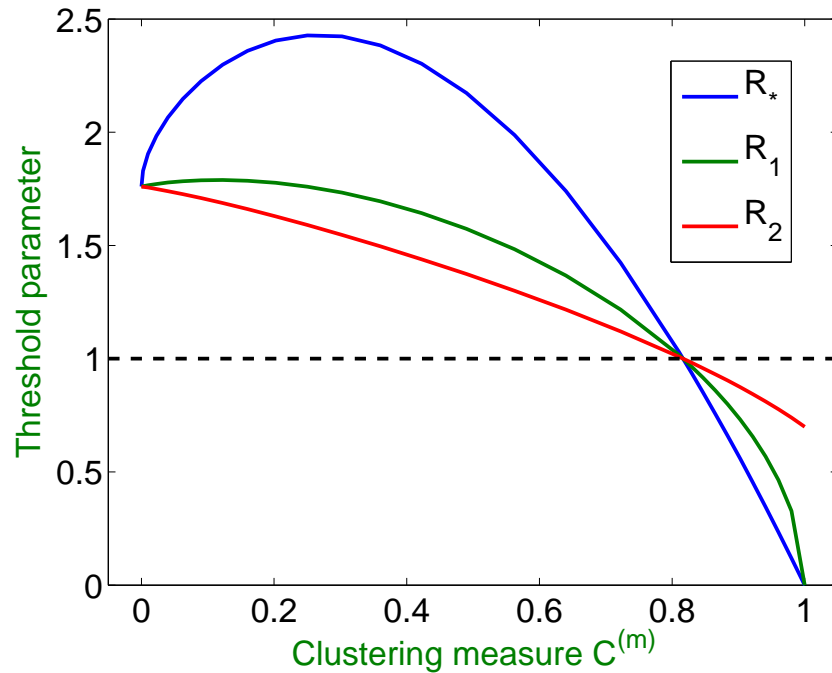
- Clustering measure

$$c^{(m)} = \frac{\text{total number of ordered triangles in network}}{\text{total number of ordered triples in network}}$$

- As $m \rightarrow \infty$, number of triangles not entirely in the same household per individual $\xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$, so

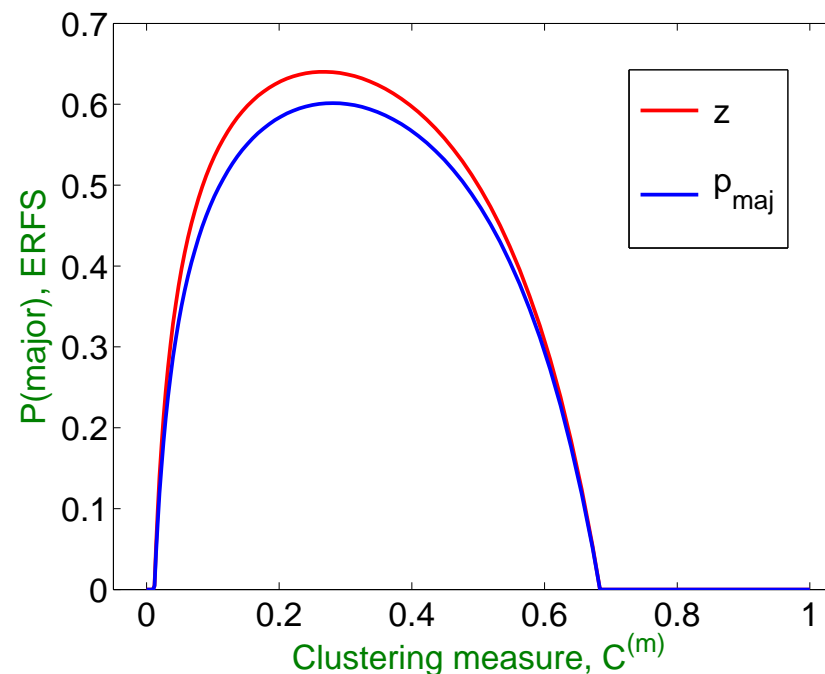
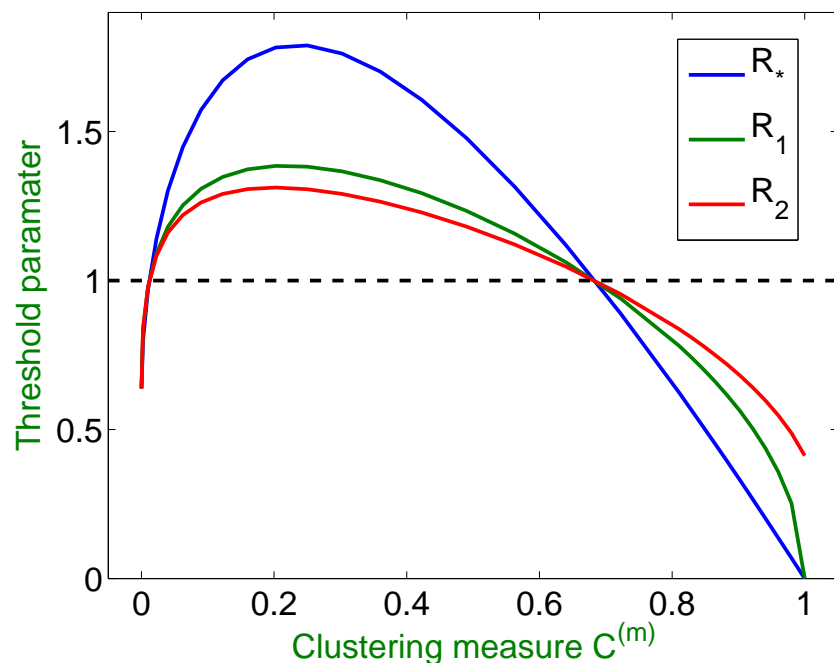
$$c^{(m)} \xrightarrow{a.s.} c = 1 - \frac{E[H\{2D(H-1) + D(D-1)\}]}{E[H(D+H-1)(D+H-2)]}$$

Effect of clustering when $\lambda_L = \lambda_G$



Plots of threshold parameters and the probability p_{maj} and expected relative final size z of a major outbreak for networks with $H \sim \text{Poi}^+(\mu)$ and $D \sim \text{Poi}(10 - \mu)$, so Q is always $\text{Poi}(10)$ and $C^{(m)} \approx (\mu/10)^2$. Other parameters are $I \sim \text{Gamma}(3, 1/3)$ and $\lambda_L = \lambda_G = 1/5$.

Effect of clustering when $\lambda_L > \lambda_G$



Plots of threshold parameters and the probability p_{maj} and expected relative final size z of a major epidemic for networks with $H \sim \text{Poi}^+(\mu)$ and $D \sim \text{Poi}(10 - \mu)$, so Q is always $\text{Poi}(10)$ and $C^{(m)} \approx (\mu/10)^2$. Other parameters are $I \sim \text{Gamma}(3, 1/3)$, $\lambda_L = 1$ and $\lambda_G = 1/15$.

Households-based vaccination

- Consider **all-or-nothing** vaccine – vaccinees are rendered **fully immune** with probability ε , otherwise the vaccine has no effect.
- **Potential infectious global contact**. Consider an infective i and a given **global** neighbour j of i .
 - j is a **potential** infectious global contact of i iff i contacts j .
 - j becomes an **actual** infectious global contact of i if **either** j is **susceptible** or j is **vaccinated** and the vaccine **fails**.
- Approximate process of **potentially infected households** by a (**forward**) branching process \mathcal{B}'_F .

All-or-nothing vaccination

● For $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $v = 0, 1, \dots, n$, let

x_{nv} = proportion of size- n households that have v members vaccinated

μ_{nv} = mean number of **potential global** contacts that emanate from a typical **single-household** epidemic in a household in state (n, v) , initiated by a **potential global** contact with an individual chosen **uniformly at randomly** from that household.

● Post-vaccination

$$R_v = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \sum_{v=0}^n x_{nv} \mu_{nv}$$

● Vaccination coverage

$$c = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \sum_{v=0}^n \frac{v}{n} x_{nv}$$

● Determination of **optimal vaccination scheme** (e.g. to reduce R_v to 1 with minimum vaccination coverage) is a **linear programming problem**, whose solution can be constructed explicitly.

(Becker and Starczak (1997), Ball and Lyne (2002, 2006), Ball and Sirl (2018))

Calculation of μ_{nv}

- x_{nv} = proportion of size- n households that have v members vaccinated
- μ_{nv} = mean number of **potential global** contacts that emanate from a typical **single-household** epidemic in a household in state (n, v) , initiated by a **potential global** contact with an individual chosen **uniformly at random** from that household.

$$\mu_{nv} = \sum_{k=0}^v \underbrace{\binom{v}{k} \varepsilon^k (1 - \varepsilon)^{v-k}}_{(1)} \underbrace{\frac{n-k}{n}}_{(2)} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{C}^{(n-k)}]}_{(3)}$$

- (1) P(k vaccinations are **successful**)
- (2) P(**potential** contact leads to **infection**)
- (3) Mean number of **potential global** contacts emanating from **single-household** epidemic

Optimal vaccination schemes

- Let

$h_{nv} = m_n x_{nv}$ = number of households of size n with v members vaccinated.

- Recalling $\tilde{\rho}_n = nm_n/N$,

$$R_v = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\rho}_n \sum_{v=0}^n x_{nv} \mu_{nv}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=0}^n h_{nv} M_{n,v}, \quad \text{SUM OVER HOUSEHOLDS}$$

where $M_{n,v} = n\mu_{nv}/N$.

- Consider **vaccine gain**

$G_{n,v} = M_{n,v} - M_{n,v+1}$ — reduction in R_v obtained by vaccinating **one further** member of a household in state (n, v)

Vaccine gain matrix

n	$v =$	0	1	2	3
1		0.5625 ¹⁰			
2		1.5000 ⁶	0.7969 ⁹		
3		2.6506 ³	1.7876 ⁵	1.0446 ⁸	
4		3.8165 ¹	2.9420 ²	2.0762 ⁴	1.3025 ⁷

Vaccine gain matrix $G_{n,v}$ for a population consisting of 100 households of each size 1, 2, 3 and 4, when $T_I \sim \text{Exp}(1)$, $\lambda_L = 5$ and $\lambda_G = 0.75$, for an all-or-nothing vaccine with $\varepsilon = 0.75$.

Non-random vaccine response

- Need to use **2-type forward** and **backward** branching processes.
- **Individuals** in the **forward BP** \mathcal{B}'_F correspond to **infected households** in the epidemic process and are typed by the **vaccine status**, V or U , of the **initial infective** in the corresponding **single-household** epidemic.
- R_v is the **maximum eigenvalue** of the **offspring mean** matrix \tilde{M} of \mathcal{B}'_F .
- Marginal **global** transmission probabilities

$$P_G^{NR} = \begin{bmatrix} p_G^{NR}(U, U) & p_G^{NR}(U, V) \\ p_G^{NR}(V, U) & p_G^{NR}(V, V) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \phi_I(\lambda_G) & 1 - \phi_I(a\lambda_G) \\ 1 - \phi_I(b\lambda_G) & 1 - \phi_I(ab\lambda_G) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $\text{rank}(P_G^{NR}) = 1 \implies \text{rank}(\tilde{M}) = 1 \implies R_v = \text{trace}(\tilde{M})$
and determination of **optimal vaccination scheme** is a **linear programming** problem as before.
- $\text{rank}(P_G^{NR}) = 1$ if $a = 1$ or $b = 1$ (**leaky** vaccine).

Vaccine gain matrices

All-or-nothing, $\varepsilon = 0.75$

n	$v =$	0	1	2	3
1		0.5625 ¹⁰			
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Non-random, $a = b = 0.5$

n	$v =$	0	1	2	3
1		0.5625 ¹⁰			
2		1.2768 ⁷	0.8899 ⁹		
3		2.0582 ⁴	1.6686 ⁶	1.2706 ⁸	
4		2.8224 ¹	2.4464 ²	2.0640 ³	1.6714 ⁵

Leaky, $a = 0.25$

n	$v =$	0	1	2	3
1		0.5625 ¹⁰			
2		1.2396 ⁸	0.9271 ⁹		
3		1.8857 ⁵	1.7141 ⁶	1.3976 ⁷	
4		2.4365 ¹	2.3821 ²	2.2418 ³	1.9437 ⁴

Acquaintance vaccination

- Analysis of **new** model for **acquaintance vaccination** may be extended to the **network-households** model, using **multitype branching processes** to approximate the **early stages** of the epidemic and the **susceptibility set** of an individual.
- **Individuals** in the **forward** branching process correspond to **infected households** in the epidemic process, with the type of an individual $((N, S), (V, S), (U, S), (N, S^c), (V, S^c) \text{ or } (U, S^c))$ being given by the type of the **initial infective** in the corresponding **single-household** epidemic.
- Individuals in the **backward** branching process correspond to **local (within-household) susceptibility sets**, with the type of an individual being given by the type of the **initial member** of the corresponding **local susceptibility set**.
- $R_v, (p_{\text{maj}}^{(U)}, p_{\text{maj}}^{(V)})$ and $(z^{(U)}, z^{(V)})$ follow.

Numerical illustrations

● Household size distributions

$\rho_n = P(H = n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots, n_{\max}$).

● UK $\rho_{\text{UK}} = (0.31, 0.32, 0.16, 0.14, 0.05, 0.02)$
mean 2.4, $n_{\max} = 6$.

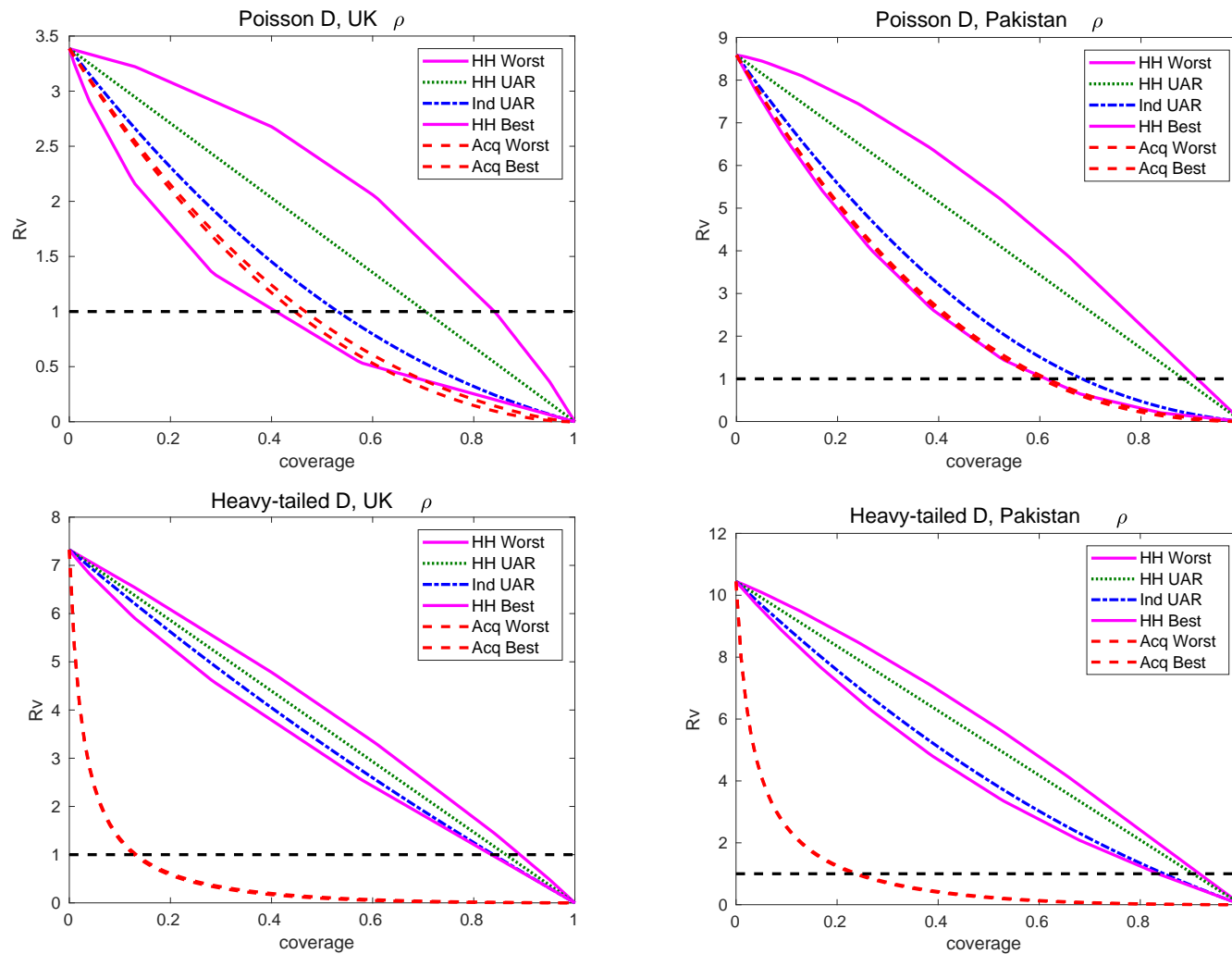
● Pakistan $\rho_{\text{Pak}} =$
(0.009, 0.045, 0.077, 0.118, 0.141, 0.146, 0.123, 0.237)
mean 6.8, $n_{\max} = 9$.

● Degree distributions

● $D \sim \text{Poisson}(5)$.

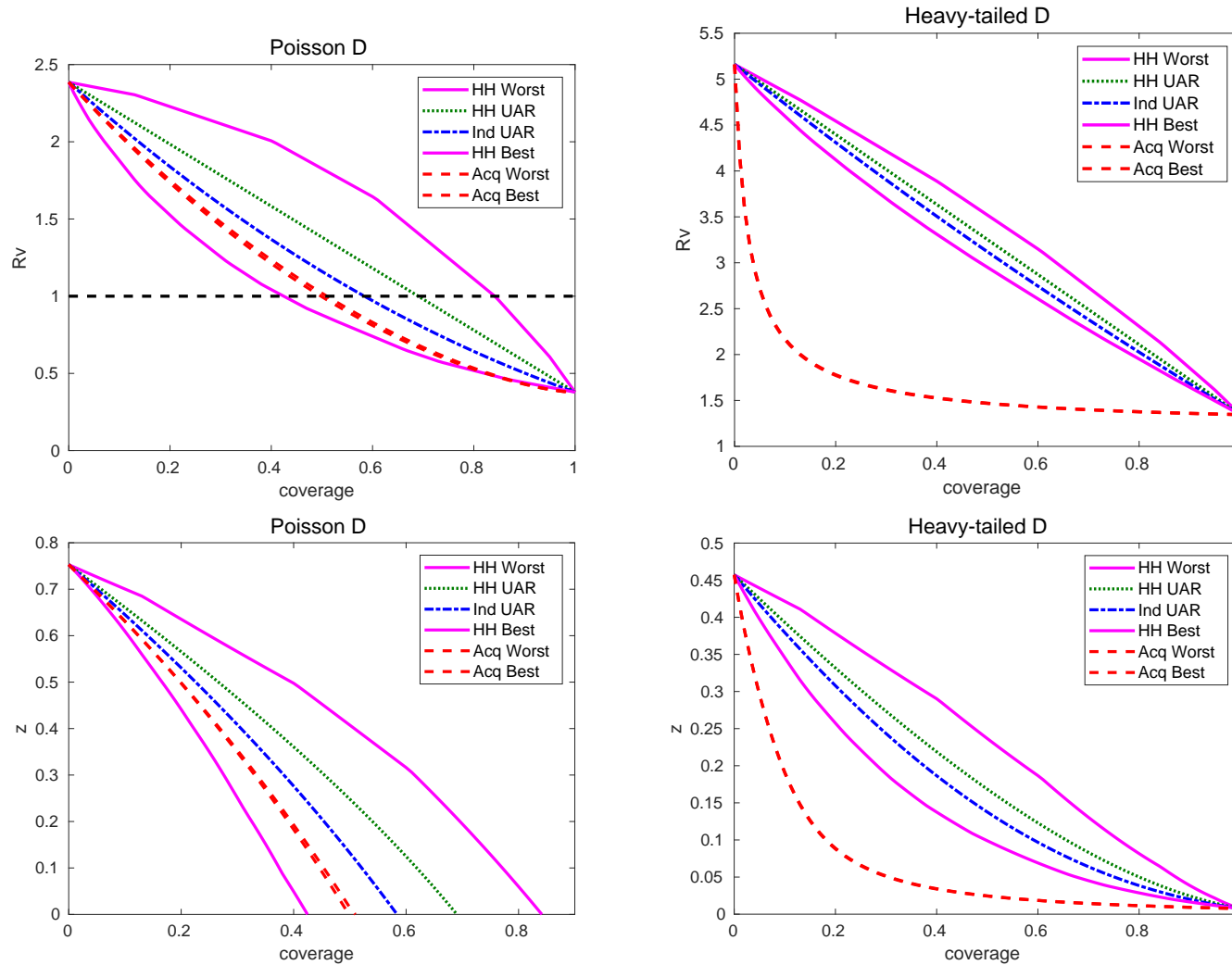
● $D \sim \text{Power}(2, 120)$: $p_k \propto k^{-2} e^{-k/120}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$).
 $E[D] \approx 3.001$, $\sigma_D^2 \approx 66$.

Perfect vaccine R_v



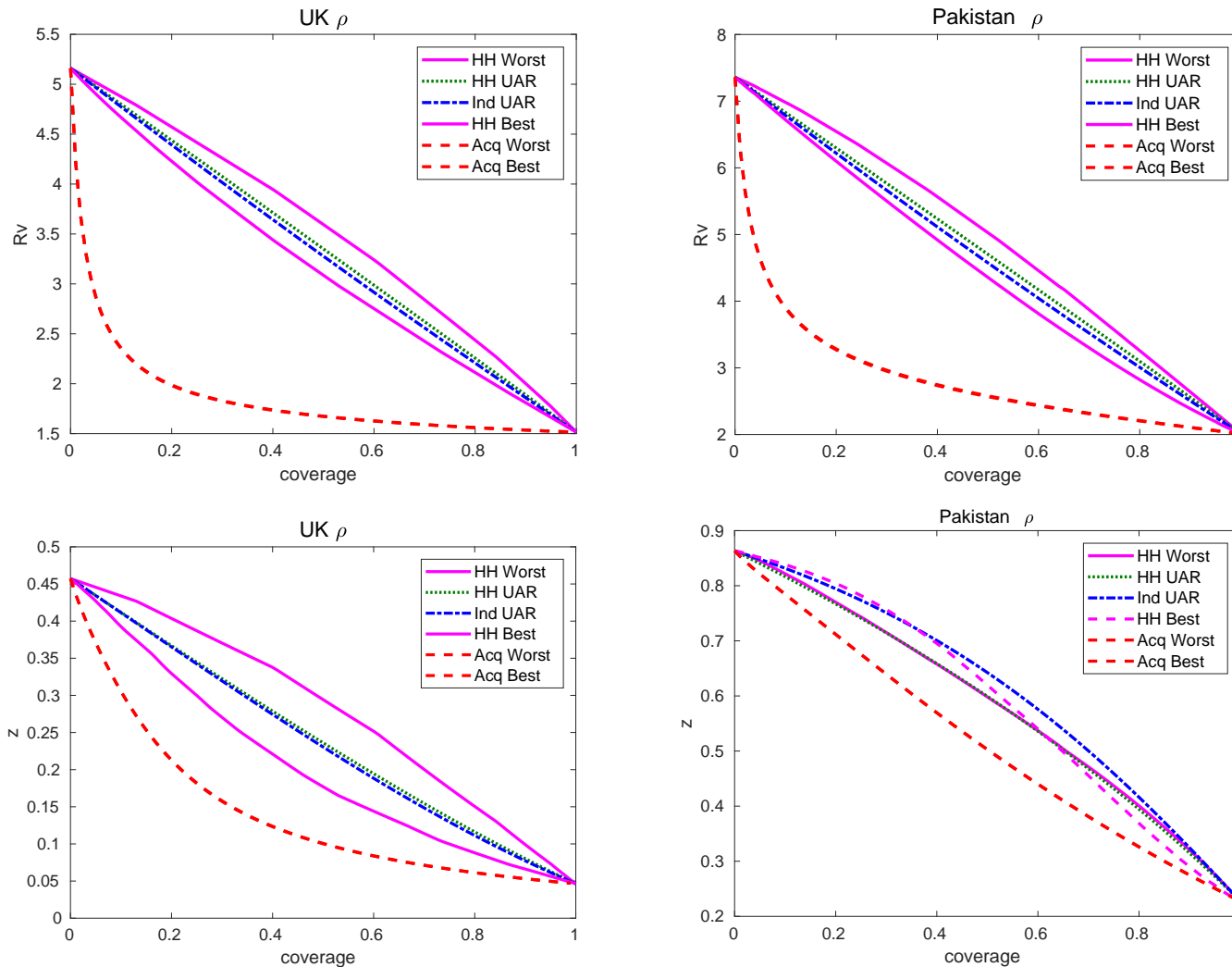
Plots of R_v for epidemics with $\lambda_L = 1$, $\lambda_G = 0.3$ and $I \sim \text{Gamma}(5, 1/5)$.

All-or-nothing vaccine R_v



Plots of R_v and z for epidemics with UK household size distribution, $\lambda_L = 1$, $\lambda_G = 0.2$ and $I \sim \text{Gamma}(5, 1/5)$. Vaccination success probability $\varepsilon = 0.7$.

Non-random R_v



Plots of R_v and z for epidemics with $D \sim \text{Power}(2, 120)$, $\lambda_L = 1$, $\lambda_G = 0.2$ and $I \sim \text{Gamma}(5, 1/5)$. Vaccine relative susceptibility and infectivity $a = 0.5$ and $b = 0.6$.

Concluding comments

- Described a number of methods for analysing **SIR** epidemics on **configuration model** and related networks.
- **CLTs** for **final outcome** of epidemic and size of **largest connected component** in **bond** and **site** percolation extend in principle to **network-households** model.
- **Household structure**, **degree distribution** and **clustering** each have a significant impact on **disease dynamics** and performance of **vaccination schemes**.
- **Acquaintance vaccination** can outperform appreciably **households-based** vaccination.

Concluding comments

- Extensions
 - multitype epidemics (e.g. adults and children).
 - Include tunable degree correlation.
 - Include casual contacts.
- Challenges include
 - Models with dynamic networks.
 - Models with adaptive dynamics.

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