

# Synchronized SIS process and a possibly largest non-Markovian threshold

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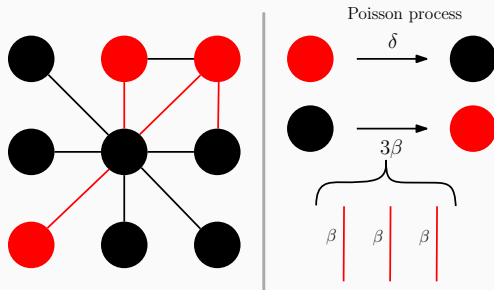
# The (Markovian) SIS process on networks

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# The Markovian SIS model on networks

The Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible (SIS) process on networks:  
Each node is either **Infected** or **Susceptible** (healthy);  
The infection and curing process are **Poisson processes**  
(the time length between two adjacent infections is **exponentially distributed**)

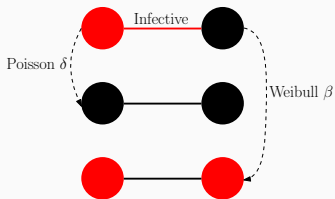
Mean-field thresholds — HMF:  $\frac{\langle D \rangle}{\langle D^2 \rangle}$  NIMFA:  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}$



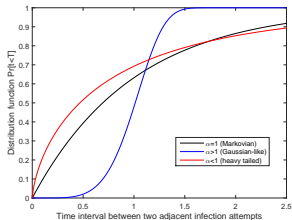
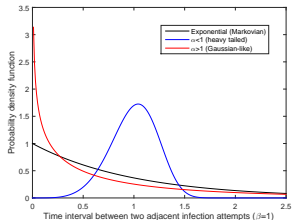
# The Weibullian SIS process

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# SIS model with a Weibull renewal process

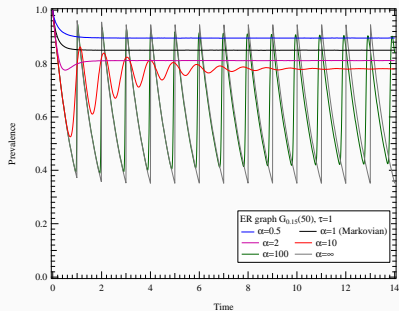


The Poisson infection process is a special case.  
The infected nodes can be cured with rate  $\delta$  (Poisson).



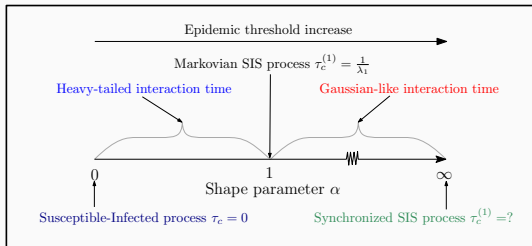
**The Weibull infection process can represent very different infections: from long-tailed to Gaussian-like.**

# Time-dependent prevalence

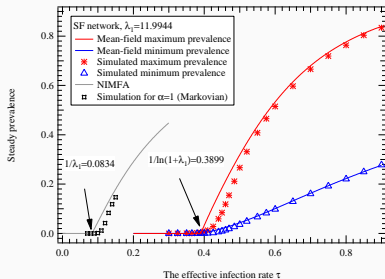
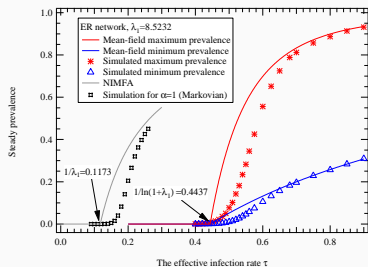


The epidemic threshold varies with  $\alpha$  (No longer  $1/\lambda_1$ ).

What is the range of the epidemic threshold for any infection process?



# $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ under mean-field approximation

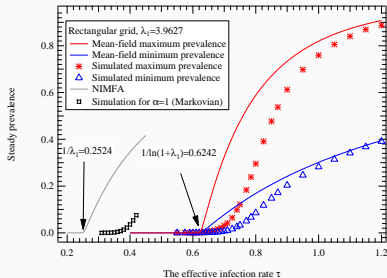


Mean-field approximation:

$$E[X_i(t)X_j(t)] = E[X_i(t)]E[X_j(t)].$$

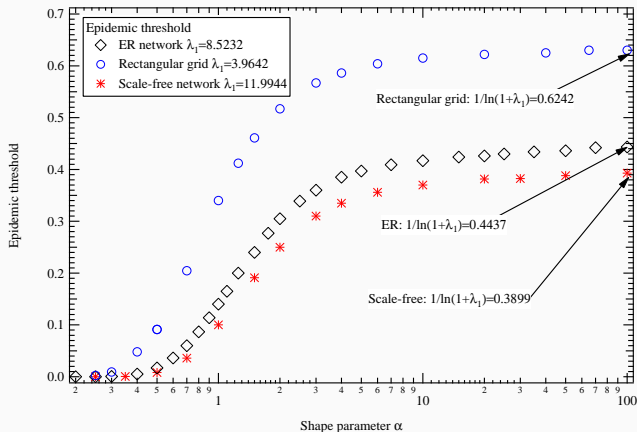
The same assumption made as in NIMFA for Markovian process leads to the epidemic threshold,

$$\frac{1}{\ln(1 + \lambda_1)}$$





# Epidemic threshold for $\alpha \in [0, \infty]$

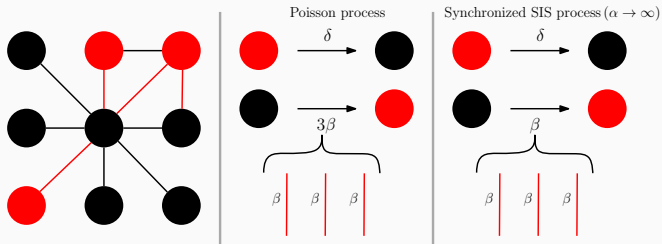


The epidemic threshold changes approximately from 0 to  $\frac{1}{\ln(1+\lambda_1)}$ .

**Further discussions about the  
limiting case  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ : the  
synchronized SIS process**

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# Comparing with Markovian SIS process



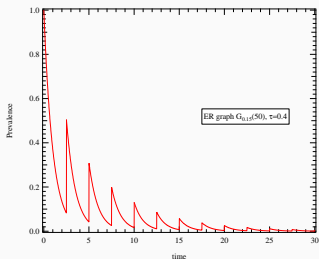
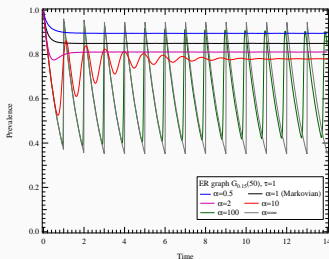
The synchronized infection ( $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ ) seems to be the hardest situation for the infection persist on the network among all possible infection processes.

Multiple infected neighbors is equivalent to one.

# Properties when $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$

When  $\tau > \frac{1}{\ln(\lambda_1+1)}$ ,  $\frac{\text{Maximum prevalence}}{\text{Minimum prevalence}} < 1 + \lambda_1$ .

When  $\tau < \frac{1}{\ln(\lambda_1+1)}$ , the prevalence is upper bounded by an exponentially decreasing function of time  $(e^{-\delta}(\lambda_1 + 1)^\beta)^t c$ .



# An example: the spreading of computer virus

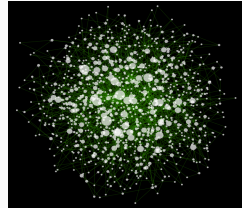
Improving the virus



Each development iteration takes  $1/\beta$  time units



Burst on the network



Curing with rate  $\delta$

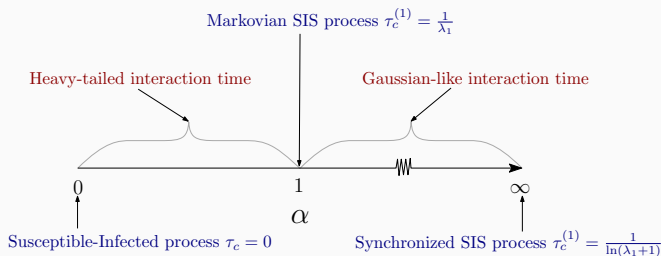
The development cycle of the virus and the topology of the network collectively determines whether the infection can persist or not.

# Conclusion

We show that non-Markovian infection process can lead to a non-constant infection probability in the steady state.

We provide a possible largest epidemic threshold for the SIS process on a network for any infection process  $\frac{1}{\ln(\lambda_1+1)}$ .

We discussed the properties of the synchronized SIS process (the limiting case  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ ).



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