

Performance Evaluation

Lecture 2: Epidemics

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There is more: Independence

□ Theorem 2

– Under the assumptions of Theorem 1, and that the collection of objects at time 0 is exchangeable

$$(X_1^N(0), X_2^N(0), \dots, X_N^N(0)),$$

then for any fixed n and t :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}(X_1^N(t) = i_1, X_2^N(t) = i_2, \dots, X_n^N(t) = i_n) = \\ = \mu_{i_1}(t) \mu_{i_2}(t) \dots \mu_{i_n}(t) \end{aligned}$$

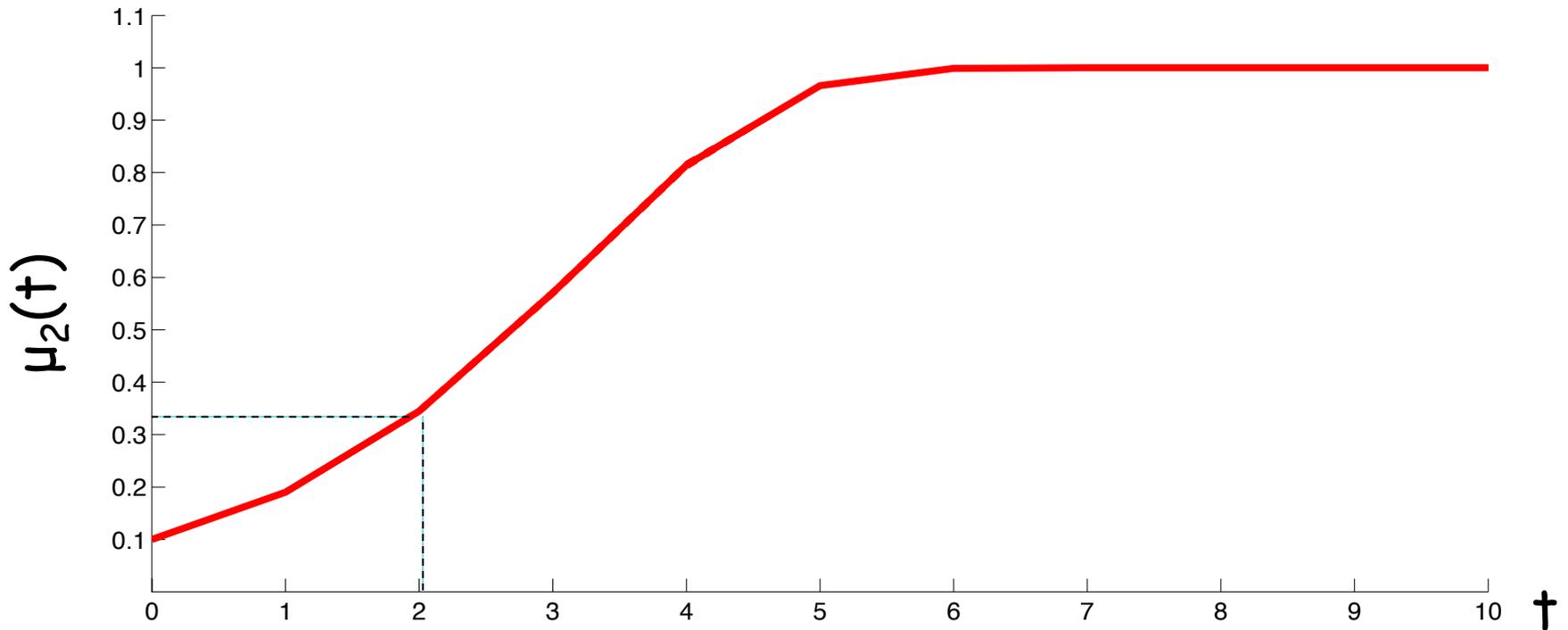
□ MF Independence Property, a.k.a.

Decoupling Property, Propagation of Chaos

Remarks

- $(X_1^N(0), X_2^N(0), \dots, X_N^N(0))$ exchangeable
 - Means that all the states that have the same occupancy measure m_0 have the same probability
- $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}(X_1^N(t) = i_1, X_2^N(t) = i_2, \dots, X_n^N(t) = i_n) =$
 $= \mu_{i_1}(t) \mu_{i_2}(t) \dots \mu_{i_n}(t)$
 - Application
 $\text{Prob}(X_1^N(k) = i_1, X_2^N(k) = i_2, \dots, X_k^N(k) = i_k) \approx$
 $\approx \mu_{i_1}(k\varepsilon(N)) \mu_{i_2}(k\varepsilon(N)) \dots \mu_{i_k}(k\varepsilon(N))$

Probabilistic interpretation of the occupancy measure (SI model with $p=10^{-4}$, $N=100$)

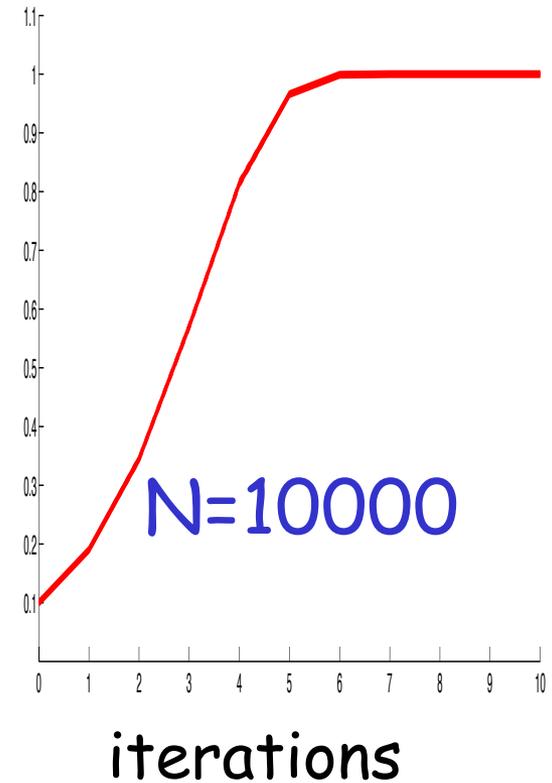
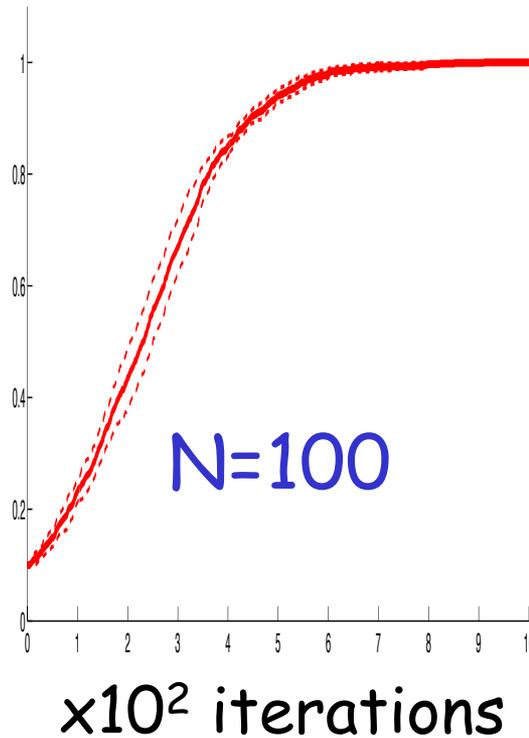
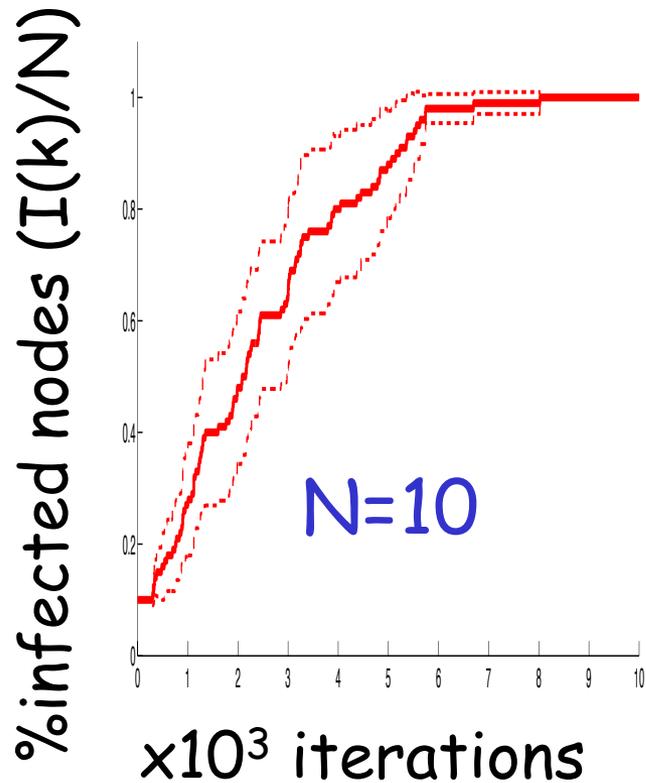


Prob(nodes 1,17,21 and 44 infected at $k=200$)=
 $=\mu_2(k p N)^4 = \mu_2(2)^4 \approx (1/3)^4$

What if 1,17,21 and 44 are surely infected at $k=0$

On approximation quality

$p=10^{-4}$, $I(0)=N/10$, 10 runs

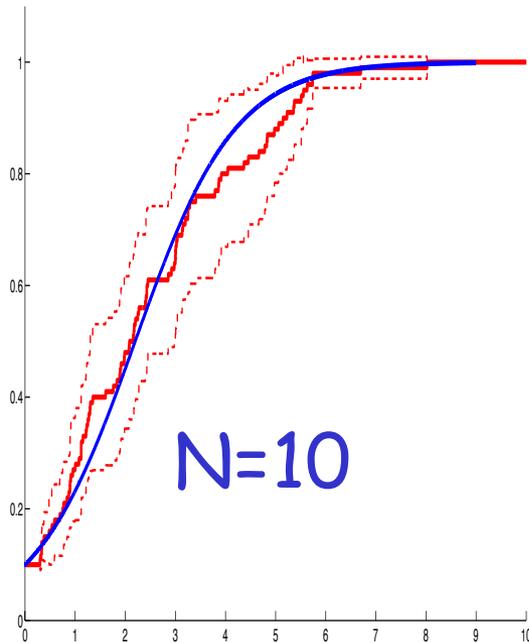


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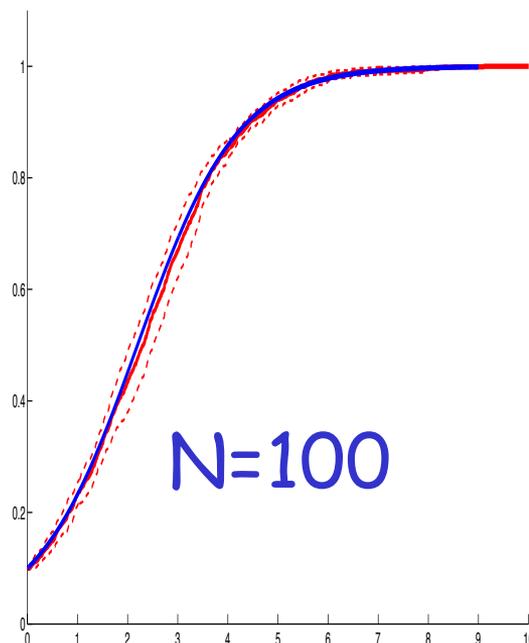
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Model vs Simulations

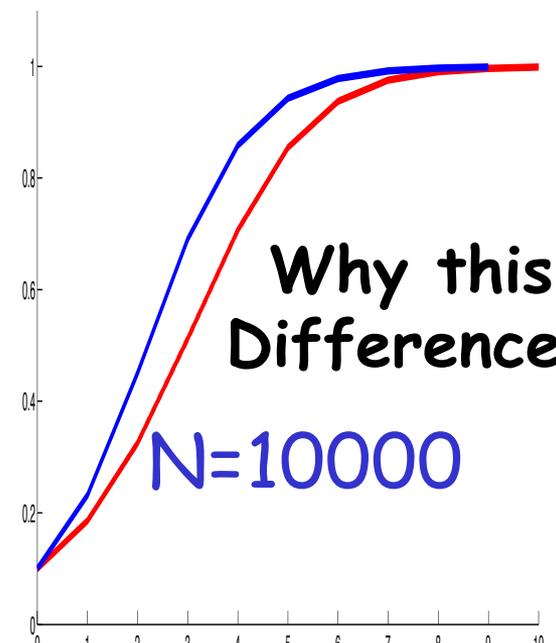
%infected nodes ($I(k)/N$)



$\times 10^3$ iterations



$\times 10^2$ iterations



iterations

Why the difference?

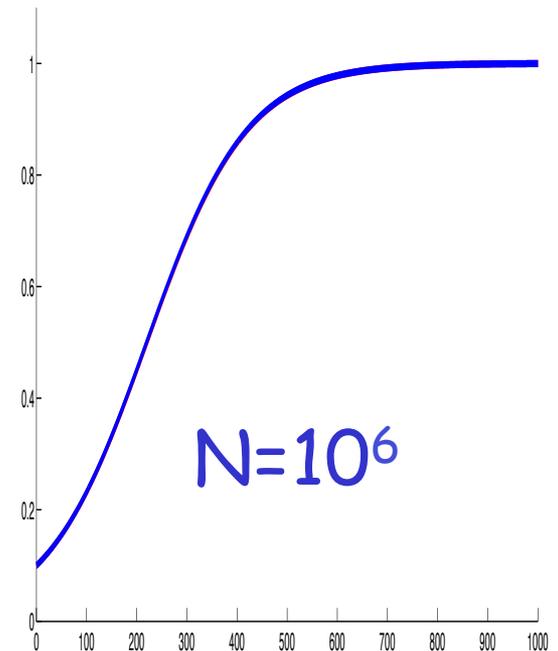
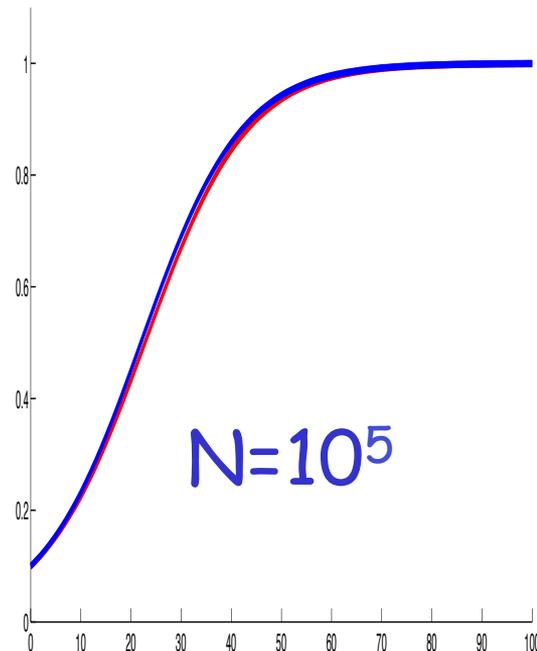
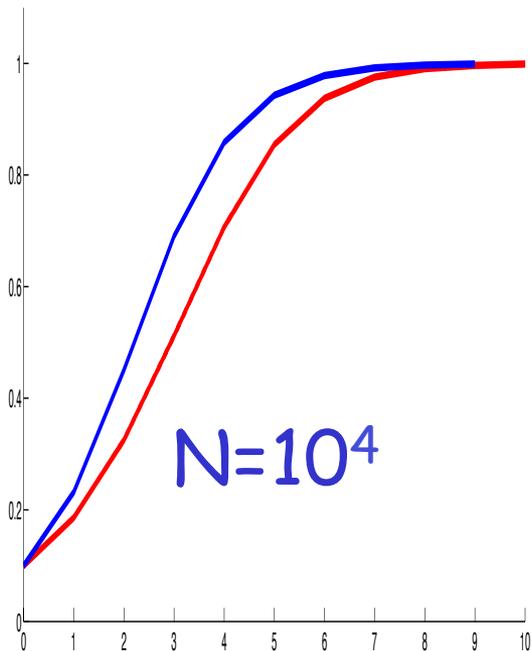
- N should be large (the larger the better)
- p should be small
 - $p^{(N)} = p_0 / N^2$
- For $N = 10^4$ $p = 10^{-4}$ is not small enough!
- What if we do the correct scaling?

On approximation quality

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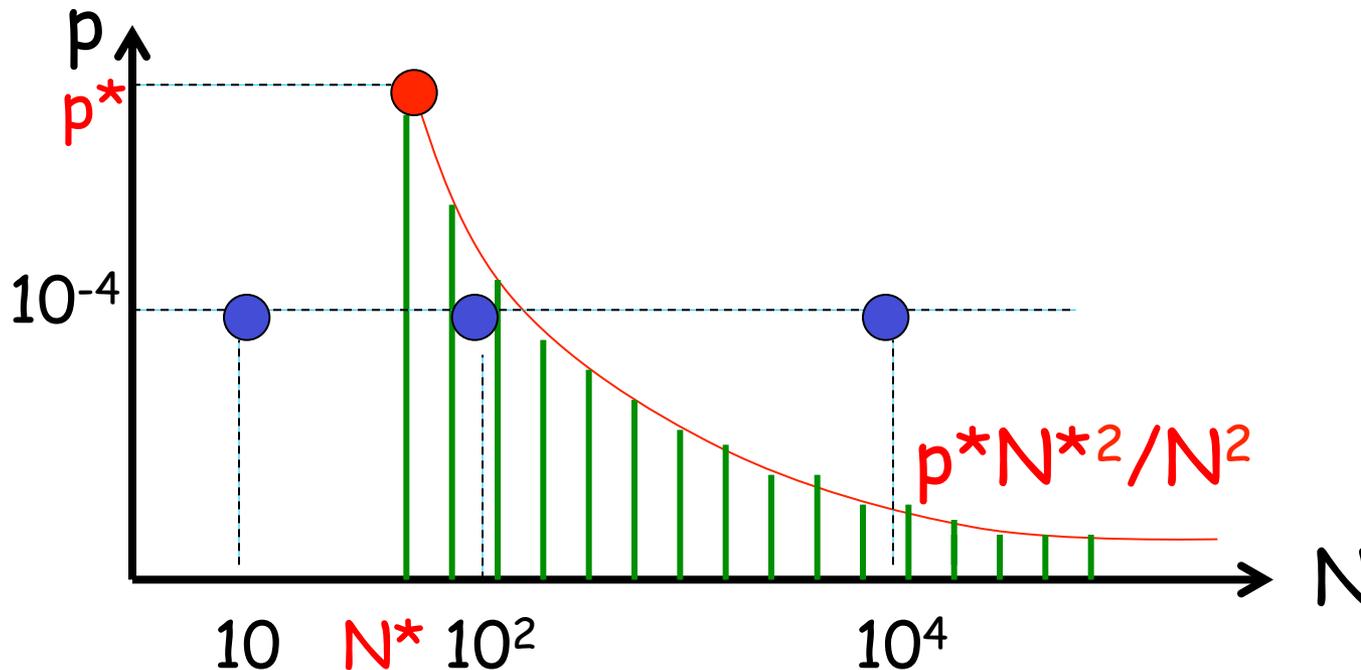
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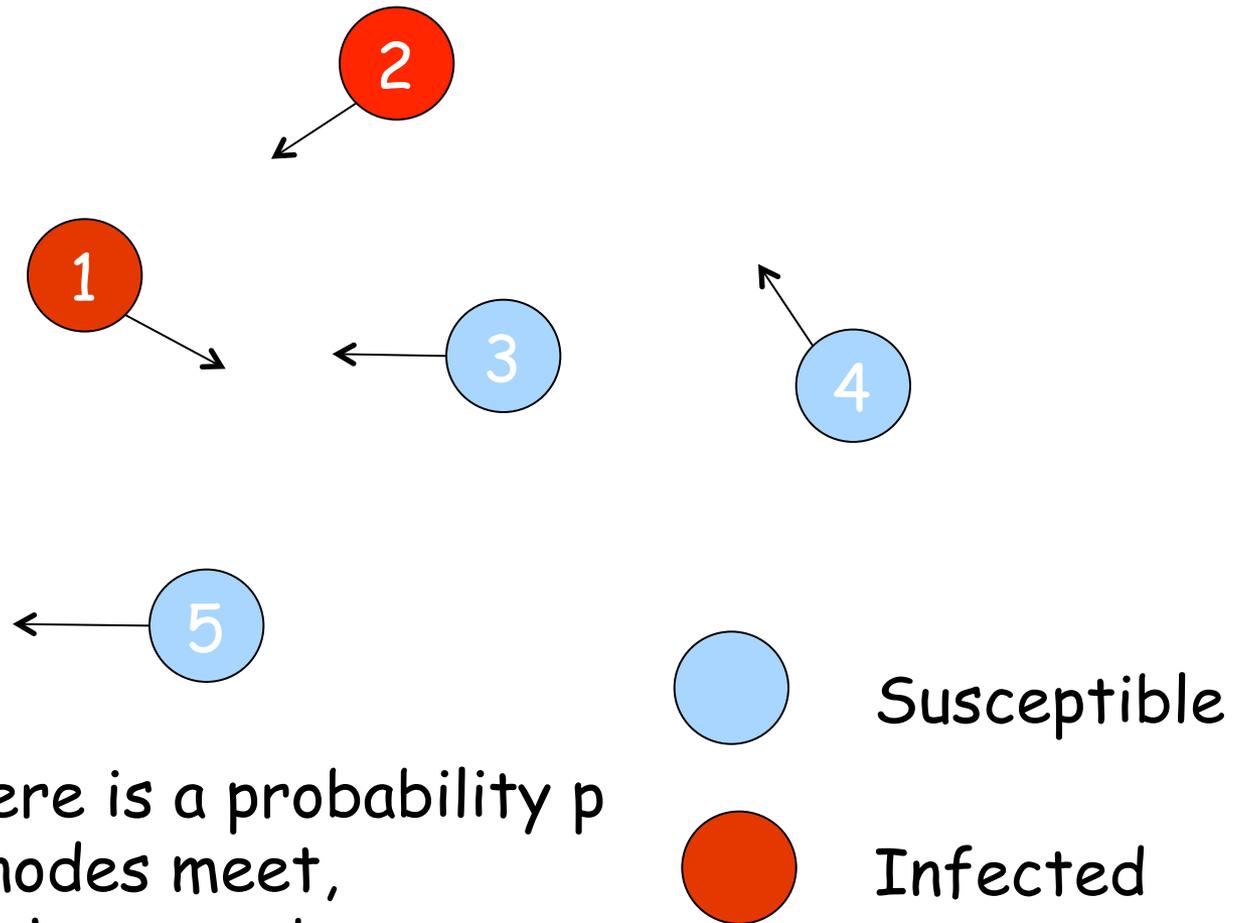
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Lesson

- You need to check (usually by simulation) in which parameter region the fluid model is a good approximation.
 - e.g. $N > N^*$ $p < p^*/N^2$

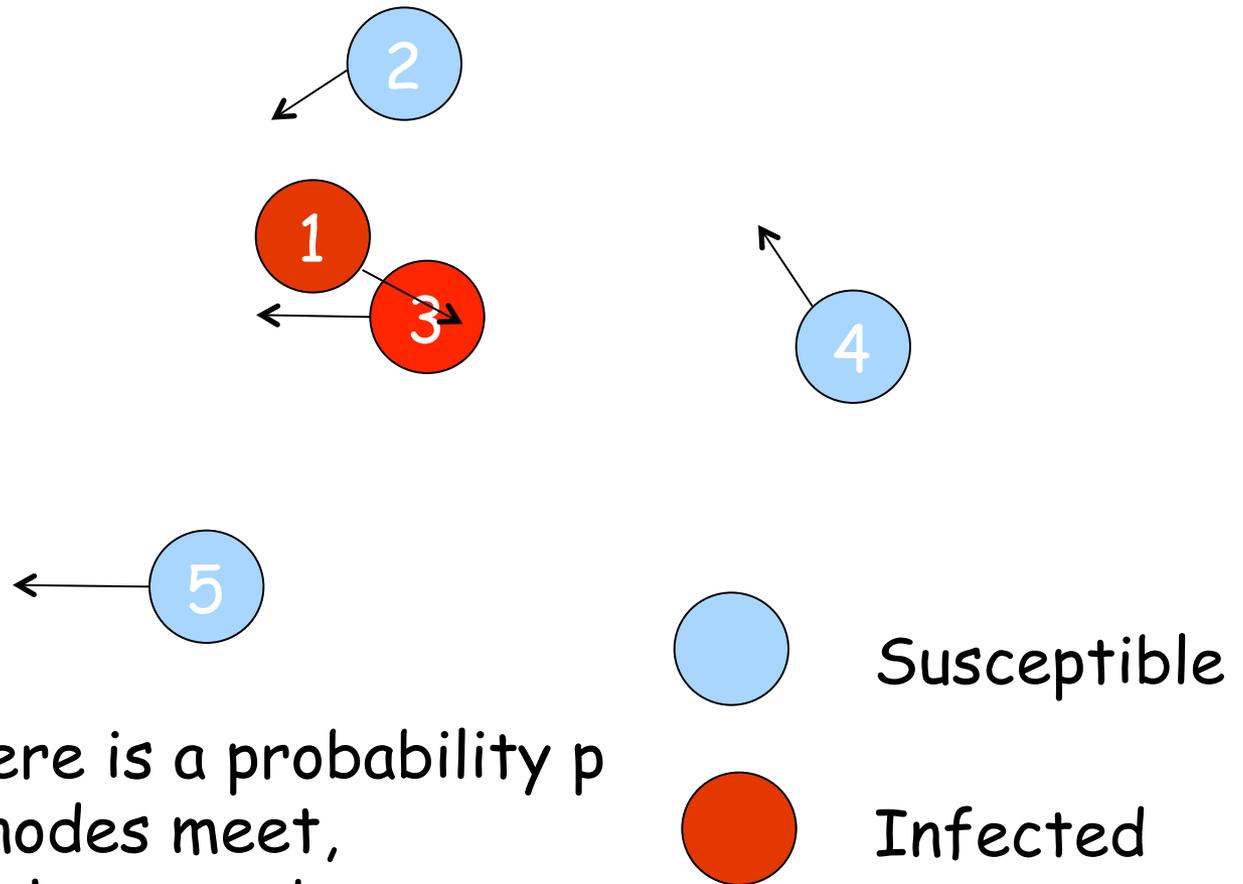


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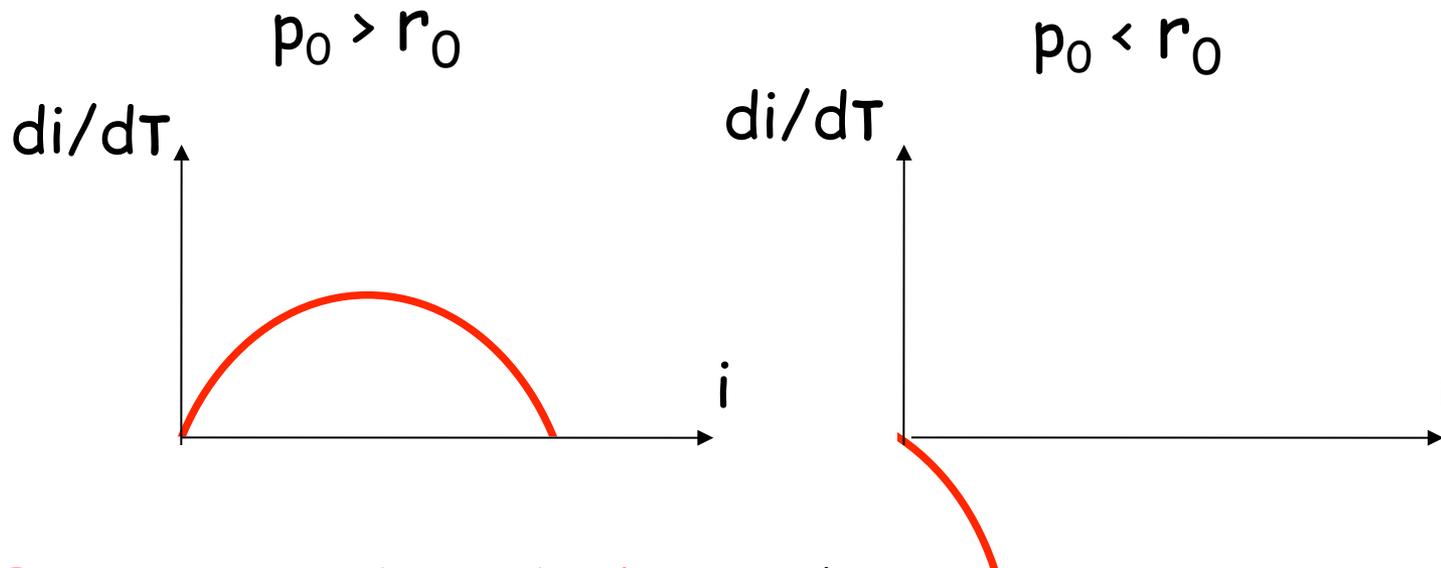
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Let's practise

- Can we propose a Markov Model for SIS?
 - No need to calculate the transition matrix
- If it is possible, derive a Mean Field model for SIS
 - Do we need some scaling?

Study of the SIS model

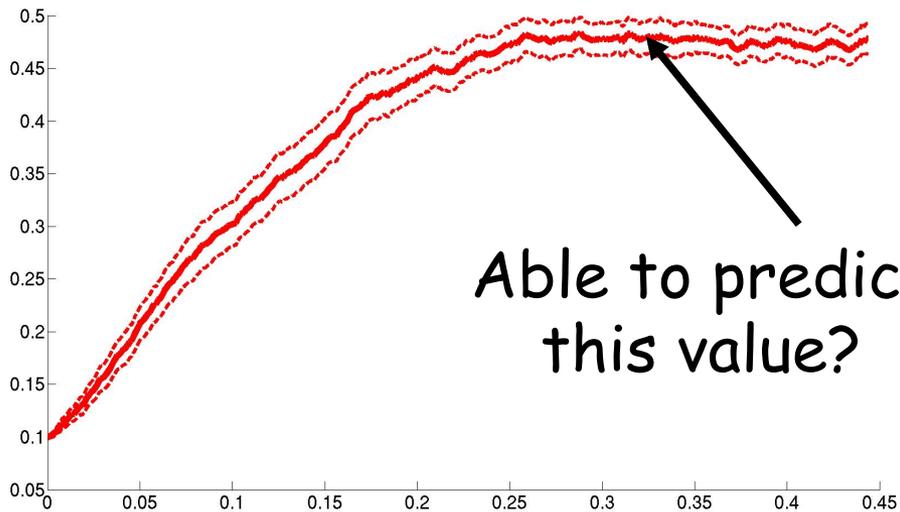
- We need $p^{(N)}=p_0/N^2$ and $r^{(N)}=r_0/N$
- If we choose $\varepsilon(N)=1/N$, we get
 - $di(t)/dt= p_0 i(t)(1-i(t)) - r_0 i(t)$



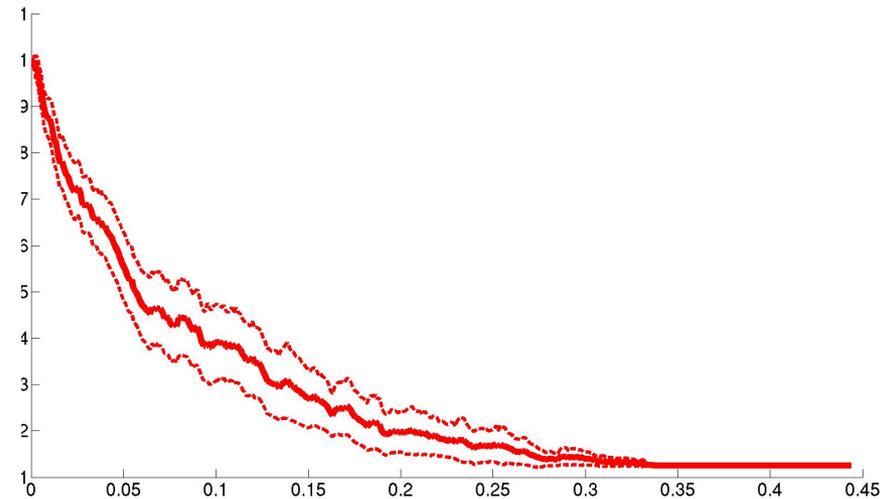
Epidemic Threshold: p_0/r_0

$N=80, p_0=0.1$

$r_0 = 0.05$



$r_0 = 0.125$



Study of the SIS model

- $\mu_2(t) = i(t)$
- $di(t)/dt = p_0 i(t)(1-i(t)) - r_0 i(t)$
- Equilibria, $di(t)/dt = 0$
 - $i(\infty) = 1 - r_0/p_0$ or $i(\infty) = 0$
 - If $i(0) > 0$ and $p_0 > r_0 \Rightarrow \mu_2(\infty) = 1 - r_0/p_0$

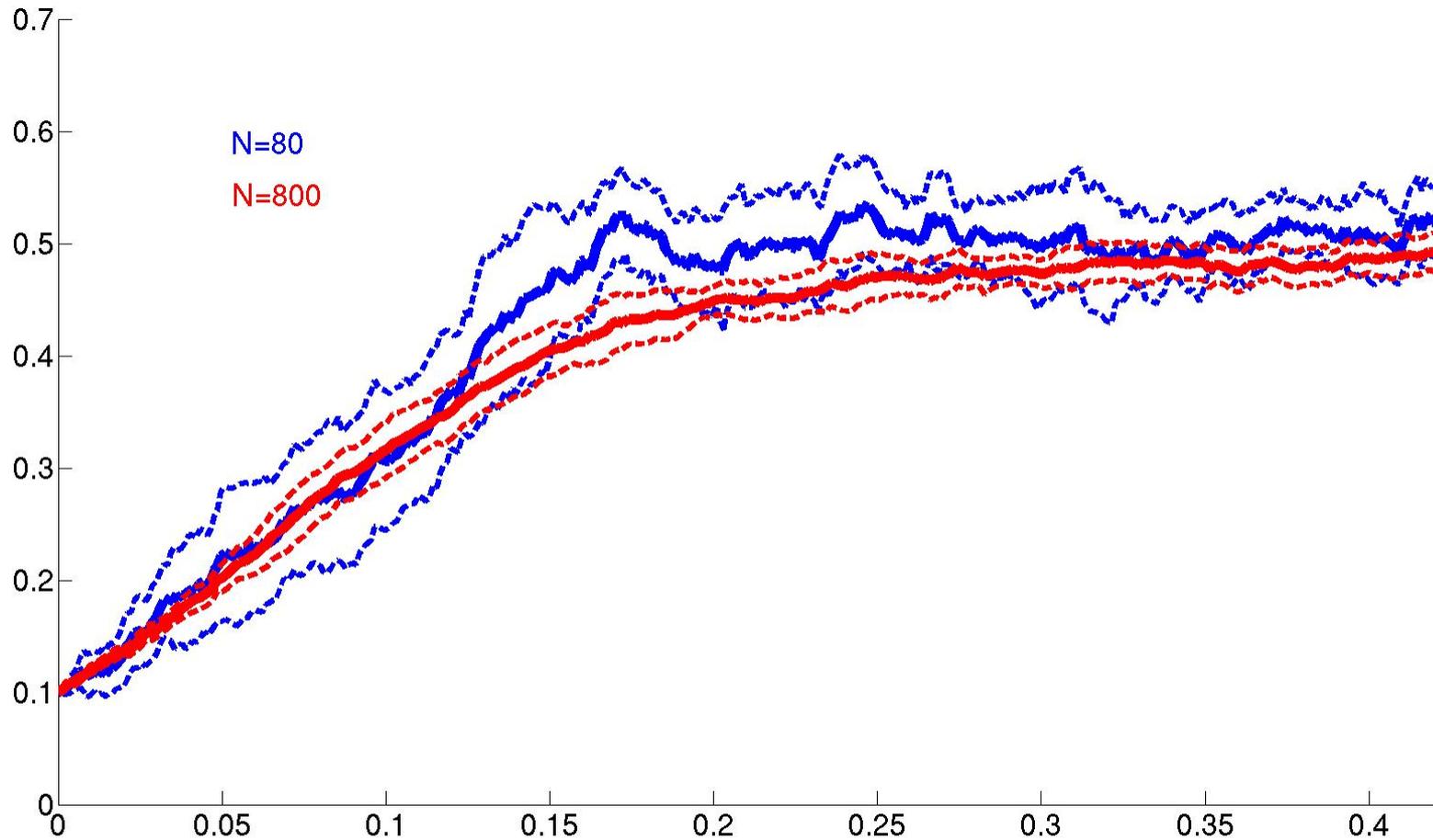
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- If $i(0) > 0$, $p_0 > r_0$, $\mu_2(\infty) = 1 - r_0/p_0$
- $\text{Prob}(X_1^{(N)}(k) = 1) \approx i(k\varepsilon(N))$
 - $\text{Prob}(X_1^{(N)}(\infty) = 1) \approx \mu_2(\infty) = i(\infty) = 1 - r_0/p_0$
- What is the steady state distribution of the MC?
 - $(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is the unique absorbing state and it is reachable from any other state
 - Who is lying here?

Back to the Convergence Result

- Define $\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{(N)}(t)$ with t real, such that
 - $\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{(N)}(k\varepsilon(N)) = \mathbf{M}^{(N)}(k)$ for k integer
 - $\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{(N)}(t)$ is affine on $[k\varepsilon(N), (k+1)\varepsilon(N)]$
- Consider the Differential Equation
 - $d\boldsymbol{\mu}(t)/dt = \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\mu})$, with $\boldsymbol{\mu}(0) = \mathbf{m}_0$
- Theorem
 - For all $T > 0$, if $\mathbf{M}^{(N)}(0) \rightarrow \mathbf{m}_0$ in probability (/mean square) as $N \rightarrow \infty$, then
$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{(N)}(t) - \boldsymbol{\mu}(t)\| \rightarrow 0$$
 in probability (/mean square)

Some examples



Nothing to do with $t=\infty$?

- Theorem 3: The limits when N diverges of the stationary distributions of $\mathbf{M}^{(N)}$ are included in the Birkhoff center of the ODE
 - Birkhoff center: the closure of all the recurrent points of the ODE (independently from the initial conditions)
 - What is the Birkhoff center of $di(t)/dt = p_0 i(t)(1-i(t)) - r_0 i(t)$?

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- Theorem 3: The limits when N diverges of the stationary distributions of $\mathbf{M}^{(N)}$ are included in the Birkhoff center of the ODE
- Corollary: If the ODE has a unique stationary point \mathbf{m}^* , the sequence of stationary distributions $\mathbf{M}^{(N)}$ converges to \mathbf{m}^*

Outline

- Limit of Markovian models
- Mean Field (or Fluid) models
 - exact results
 - Extensions
 - Epidemics on graphs
 - Reference: ch. 9 of Barrat, Barthélemy, Vespignani "Dynamical Processes on Complex Networks", Cambridge press
 - Applications to networks