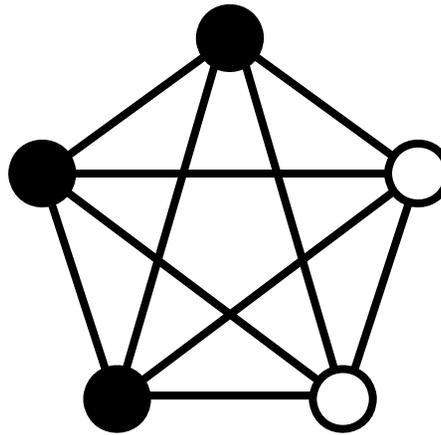


# Simulation II: Dynamics on Networks



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# Dynamics *on* networks

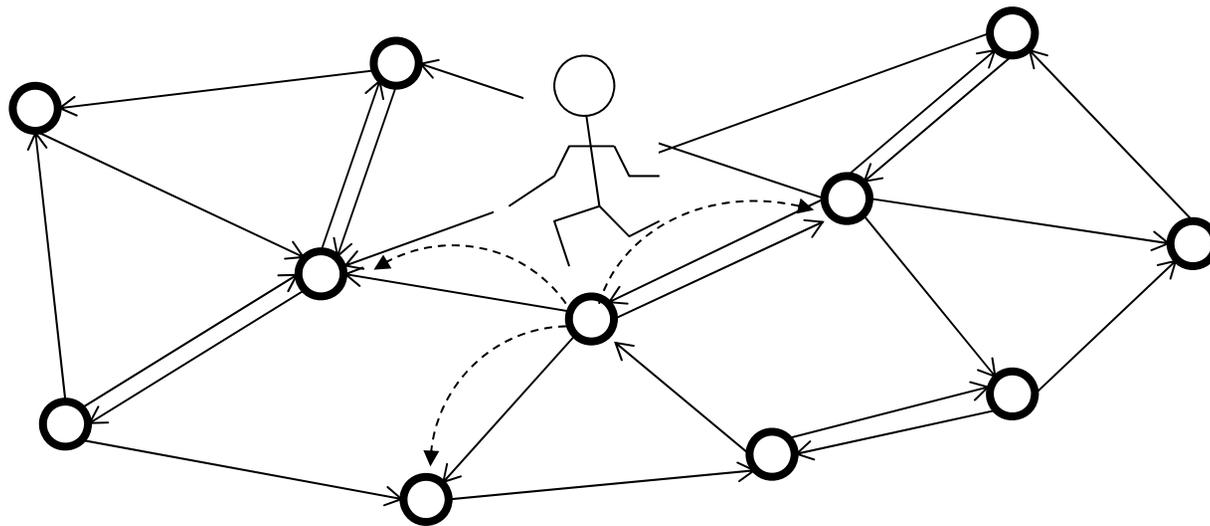
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- Dynamic state changes taking place on a static network topology
  - Regulatory dynamics on gene/protein networks
  - Population dynamics on ecological networks
  - Disease infection on social networks
  - Information/culture propagation on organizational/social networks

# Simple example:

## Random walk on a network

- An agent (or a set of agents) moving on a network
- An agent jumps randomly to one of the neighbor nodes at each time step



# Exercise

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- Simulate random walk of an agent on a directed random network made of 50 nodes
- Count how many times each node was visited by the agent over time

# TPM and asymptotic probability distribution (review)

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- $|\lambda| \leq 1$  for all eigenvalues
- If the original network is **strongly connected** (with some additional conditions), the TPM has **one and only one eigenvalue 1** (no degeneration)
  - This is a **unique dominant eigenvalue**; the probability vector will converge to its corresponding eigenvector

# Exercise

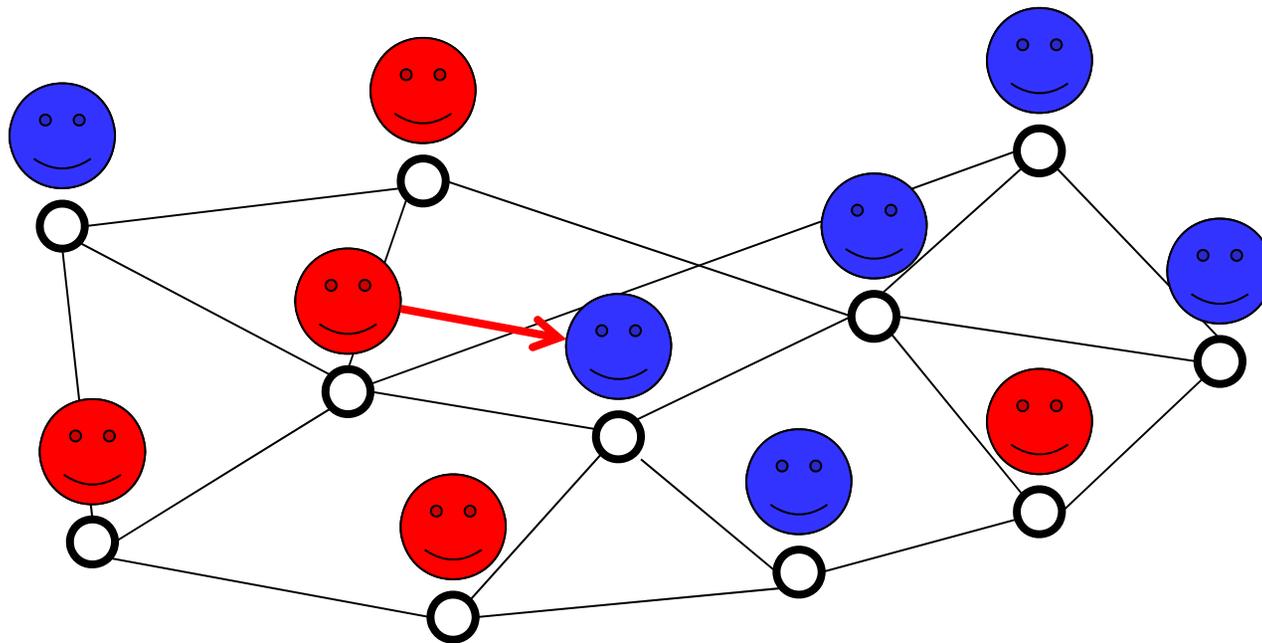
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- Construct the transition probability matrix of the random network used in the previous exercise
- Find its dominant eigenvector with  $\lambda = 1$
- Compare the results with the previous "counting" results

# Dynamics on Networks with Discrete Node States

# Opinion formation (Voter model)

- A simple model of opinion formation in society
  - Opinions = discrete states



# Three versions of voter models

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- **Original voter model**
  - A randomly selected node copies the opinion of one of its neighbors
- **Reverse voter model**
  - A randomly selected node “pushes” its opinion into one of its neighbors
- **Link-based voter model**
  - An opinion is copied through a randomly selected link

# Exercise

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- Simulate the three different versions of the voter model (original, reverse and link-based) on a Barabasi-Albert scale-free network
- Compare the speed of opinion homogenization between the three models
  - Why different?

# Epidemics (SIS/SIR model)

- Initially, a small fraction of nodes are infected by a disease
- If a susceptible node has an infected neighbor, it will be infected with probability  $p_i$  (per infected neighbor)
- An infected node will recover and become susceptible (SIS) or recovered (SIR) with probability  $p_r$

# Exercise

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- Study the effects of infection/recovery probabilities on the fixation of a disease on a random social network
  - In what condition will the disease remain within society?
  - In what condition will it go away?
  - Is the transition smooth, or sharp?

# Exercise

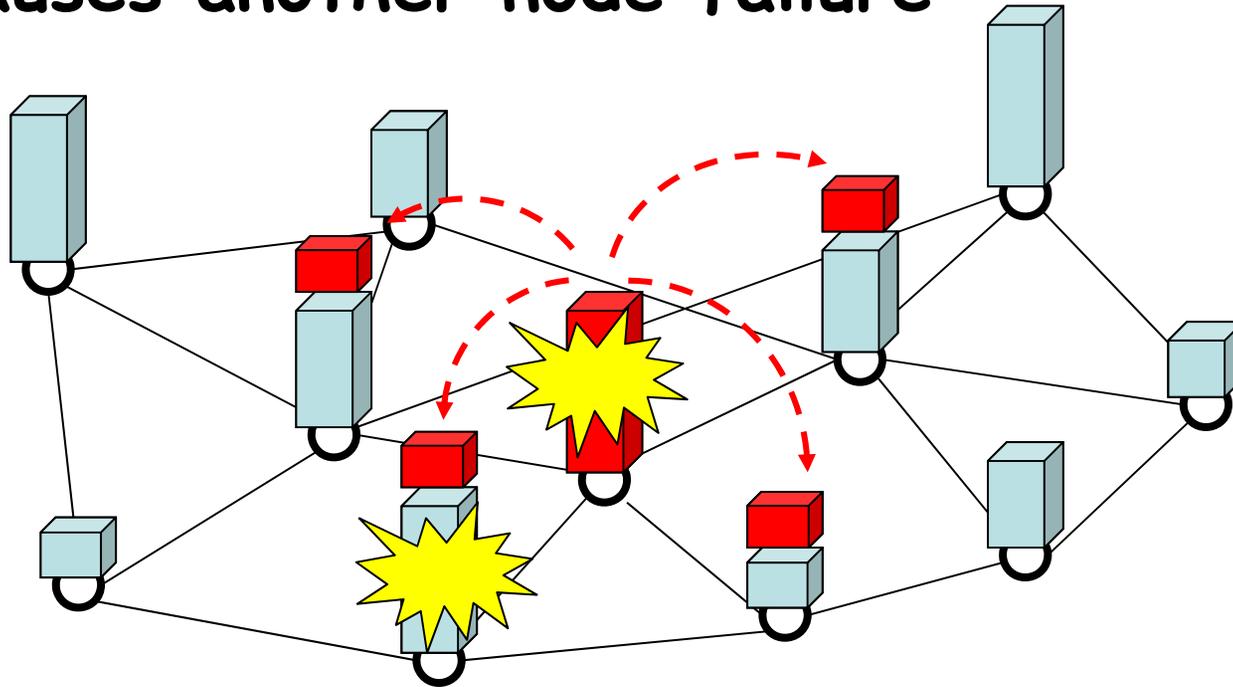
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- Do the same experiments with WS small-world networks and BA scale-free networks
- Compare their properties

# Cascade of failure

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- Load on a failing node is divided and distributed to its neighbors
- If the load exceeds capacity of each node, it causes another node failure



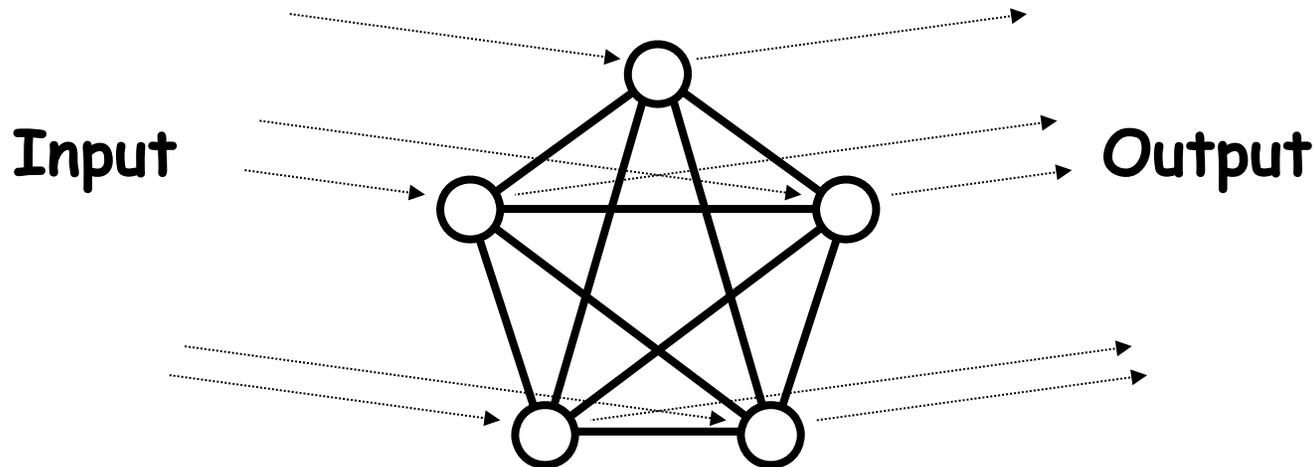
# Exercise

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- **Simulate a cascade of failure on a scale-free network made of 100 nodes with random node capacities and load assignments**
- **Investigate which node has the most significant impact when it fails**

# Hopfield network

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- A.k.a. “**attractor network**”
- Neurons connected in a shape of an undirected weighted complete graph
- Each neuron takes either 1 or -1, and updates its state in discrete time

# State-transition rule

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$$s_i(t+1) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_j w_{ij} s_j(t) \right)$$

- $w_{ij}$  : connection weight between neuron  $i$  and neuron  $j$
- $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$  (symmetric interaction)
- $w_{ii} = 0$  (no feedback to itself)

# Setting weights by "imprinting"

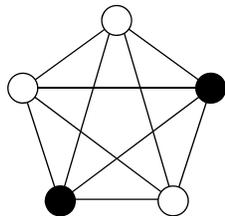
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$$w_{ij} = \sum_k s_i^k s_j^k$$

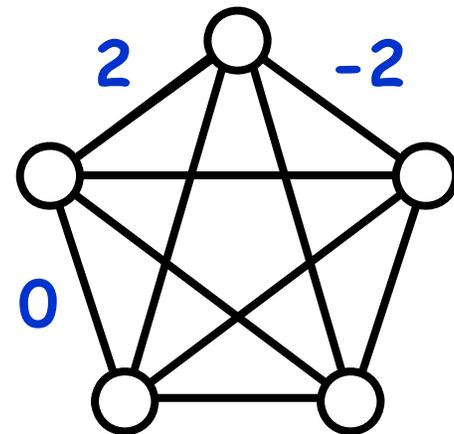
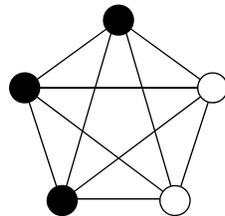
- $k$  : index of patterns memorized
- $s_i^k$  : state of neuron  $i$  in pattern  $k$

- e.g.

Pattern 1



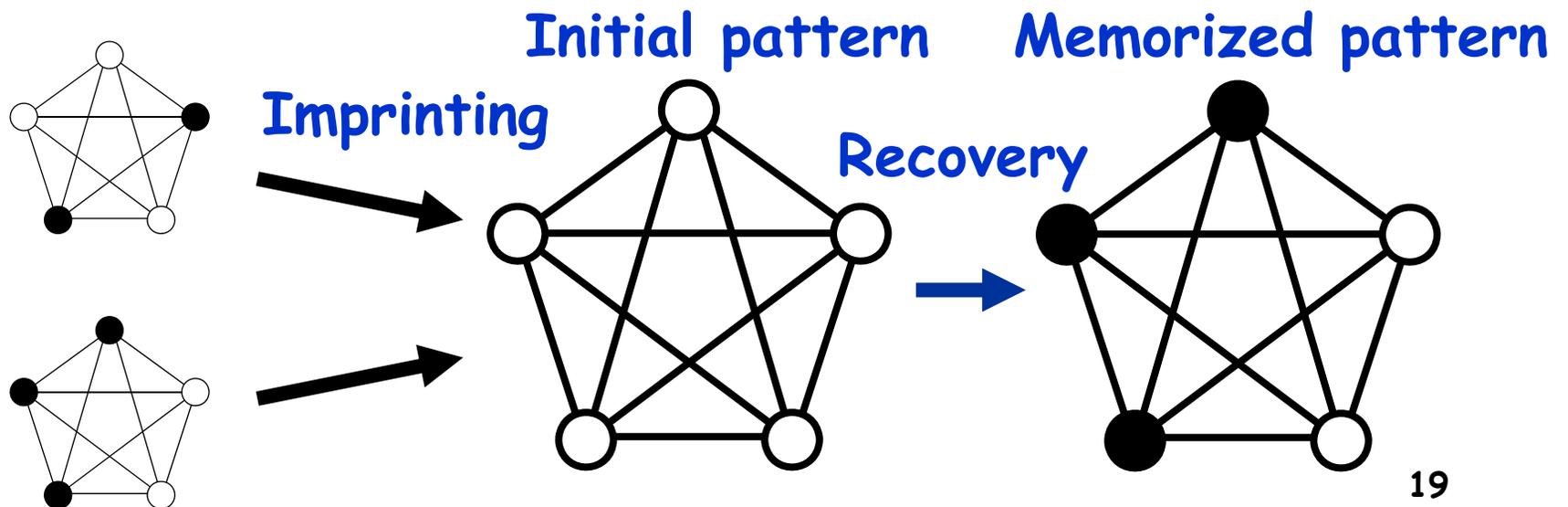
Pattern 2



# Recovering patterns

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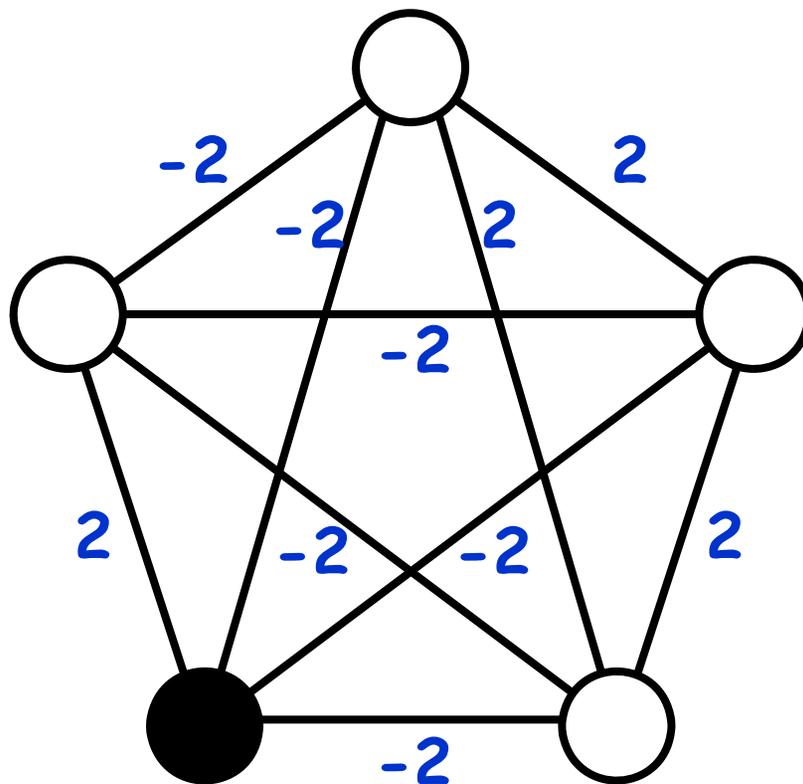
- When started with some initial pattern, the network “remembers” the closest pattern in its memory (or its reversal)
  - Can be applied to content addressable memory, pattern recognition, etc.



# Exercise

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- Simulate the behavior of the following Hopfield network



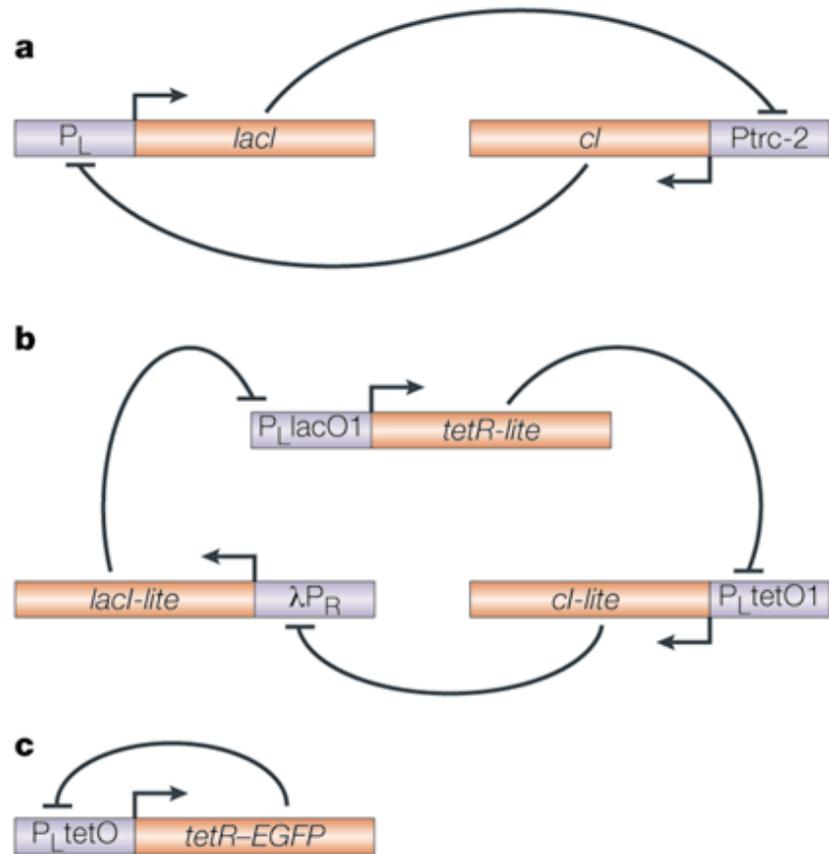
○ : +1

● : -1

2, -2 : weights

# Gene regulatory network

- Each gene is activated or inhibited by other genes
  - Forming a network of “logic gates”
  - Each gene takes binary state (on/off)



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(from Hasty et al., Nature Reviews Genetics 2, 268-279, 2001)

# Boolean network

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- **Mathematical abstraction of gene regulatory networks**
  - Binary node states
  - Each node determines next state using its own Boolean state transition function (referring to neighbors' states)
- **Random Boolean network:**
  - Network topology and state transition functions are both randomly generated

# Example of transition functions

- 2-input functions ( $2^{2^2}=16$  possibilities)

		AND										OR						
X	Y	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	
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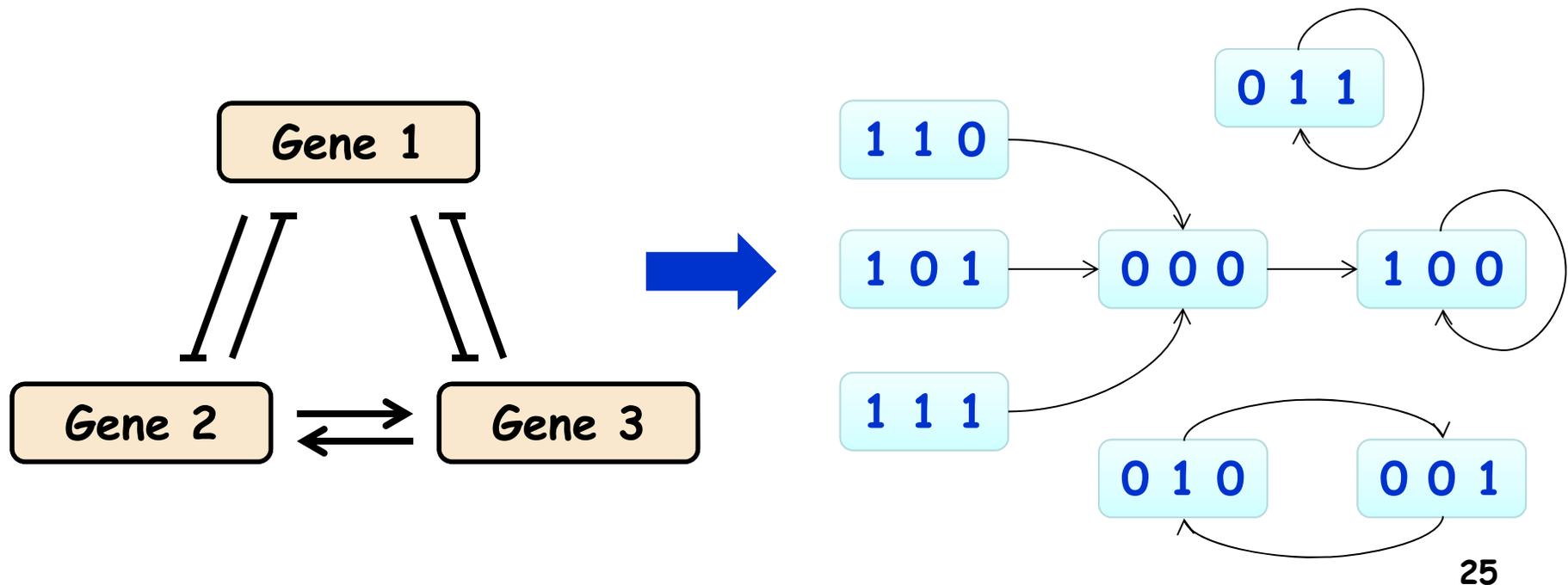
# Kauffman's NK networks

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- **N: # of nodes**
- **K: # of inputs to each node**
  - Topologies and state-transition functions are both random
  - Similar to, but not the same as, the NK fitness landscape (NK model) often used in mathematical biology and management sciences

# NK network's attractors

- Total # of macro-states:  $2^N$
- The network eventually falls into one of its "attractors"



# Exercise

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- Create a Python code that generates the NK network's state-transition diagram (i.e., a directed network whose nodes are the network's macro-states)
- Count how many attractors exist
- Study how # of attractors change when you vary N and K

# Dynamics on Networks with Continuous Node States

# Simple diffusion

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- Individually:

$$\frac{ds_i}{dt} = D \sum_{j \text{ in } N_i} (s_j - s_i)$$

- Collectively (with Laplacian L):

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = - D L s$$

# Exercise

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- Simulate a diffusion process of continuous node states on a Barabasi-Albert scale-free networks with  $n = 100$  and  $m = 1$

# Exercise

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- Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Laplacian matrices of several different network topologies
- Interpret their meanings in the context of diffusion
- Confirm your interpretation by numerical simulation of the diffusion processes

# Synchronization

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- Linear coupling model:

$$\frac{ds_i}{dt} = F(s_i) + \sum_j (c_{ij} H(s_j))$$

- $F(s)$ : internal dynamics
- $C = (c_{ij})$ : coupling matrix
- $H(s)$ : output function

- If  $s_i(t) = s(t)$  for all  $i$ , then the network is synchronized

# Synchronization and Laplacian

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- If coupling depends only on the difference of outputs across a link:

$$\frac{ds_i}{dt} = F(s_i) + \sigma \sum_{j \text{ in } N_i} (H(s_j) - H(s_i))$$

- I.e.,  $C = -\sigma L$
- Laplacian's "spectral gap" (first non-zero eigenvalue) is critical in determining synchronizability of the network

# Exercise

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- Simulate the following nonlinear Kuramoto model:

$$\frac{ds_i}{dt} = w_i + K/|N_i| \sum_{j \text{ in } N_i} \sin(s_j - s_i)$$

- $w_i$ : inherent angular velocity
  - $N_i$ : neighbors of node  $i$
- What kind of networks synchronize most easily?

# Exercise

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- Measure and plot the following “phase coherence” in the simulation of the Kuramoto model:

$$r = \left| \sum_j e^{i\theta_j} / n \right|$$

# Synchronizability

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- Synchronizability of a simple coupled dynamical network can be studied by conducting stability analysis

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = R(x_i) + \alpha \sum_{j \in N_i} ( H(x_j) - H(x_i) )$$

$R(x)$ : Local reaction term (homogeneous)

$H(x)$ : Output function

# Exercise

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- Consider adding a small perturbation to the general solution of the dynamical equation (w/o interactions)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = R(x) \quad \rightarrow \quad x_s(t)$$

- Conduct stability analysis by assuming:

$$x_i(t) = x_s(t) + \Delta x_i(t)$$

# Condition for synchronizability

- Solution  $x_s(t)$  is stable (i.e., the network is synchronized) if

$$\alpha \lambda_i H'(x_s(t)) > R'(x_s(t))$$

for all  $i$  and  $t$

(you need to consider only  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_n$ )

# Exercise

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- Analyze the synchronizability condition of the following coupled oscillator model:

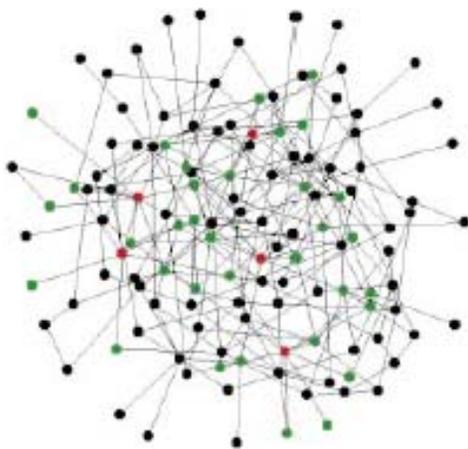
$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \beta\theta_i + \alpha \sum_{j \in N_i} (\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

# Mean-Field Approximation

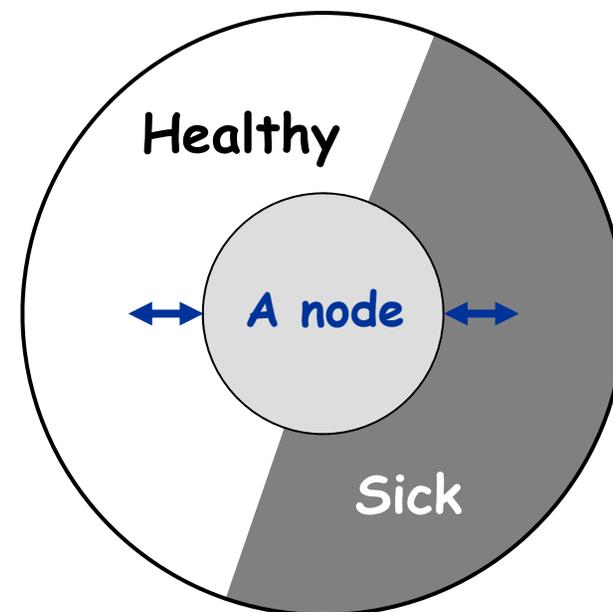
# Mean-field approximation

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- An approximation to **drastically reduce the dimensions of the system** by reformulating the dynamics in terms of “**a state of one node**” and “**the average of all the rest (= mean field)**”

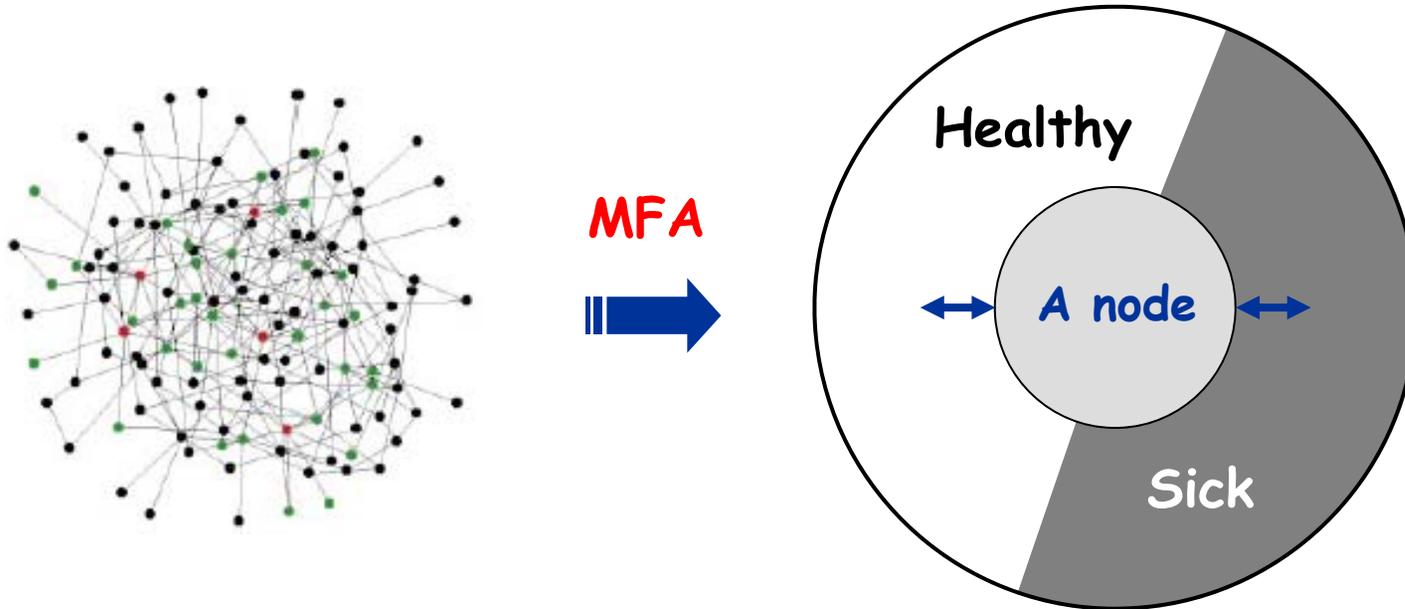


MFA



# How MFA works

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1. Make an approximated description about how one node changes its state through the interaction with **the average of all the rest** (= mean field)
2. Assume that 1. uniformly applies to all the nodes, and analyze **how the mean field itself behaves**

# Mathematical description of MFA (difference equations)

- Original equations:

$$x_t^i = F^i(\{x_{t-1}^i\})$$

- Approximate equations with MFA:

$$x_t^i = F^i(x_{t-1}^i, \langle x \rangle_{t-1})$$

$$\langle x \rangle_t = \sum_i x_{t-1}^i / n$$

Each state-transition function  
takes only two arguments:  
its own state and the "mean field"

## Example: SIS on a random network

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- Infection probability  $p_i$
- Recovery probability  $p_r$
- Edge probability  $p_e$
  
- Write down a difference equation that describes how the probability of infected nodes,  $q_t$  (mean field), changes over time

# Example: SIS on a random network

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Current state	Next state	Probability of this transition
0 (susceptible)	0 (susceptible)	$(1 - q)(1 - p_e q p_i)^{n-1}$
0 (susceptible)	1 (infected)	$(1 - q)(1 - (1 - p_e q p_i)^{n-1})$
1 (infected)	0 (susceptible)	$q p_r$
1 (infected)	1 (infected)	$q(1 - p_r)$

- Find equilibrium states
- Study the stability of those equilibrium points
  - When does the equilibrium  $q = 0$  become unstable (i.e., epidemic occurs)?

# Example: SIS on a SF network

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- Infection probability  $p_i$
- Recovery probability  $p_r$
- Degree distribution  $P(k)$
  
- Write down a difference equation that describes how the probability of infected nodes with degree  $k$ ,  $q_+(k)$  (many mean fields), changes over time

# Degree-dependent infection

- Probability for a node with degree  $k$  to get infected from its neighbor:

$$\sum_{k'} P_n(k'|k) q(k') p_i$$

$P_n$  : neighbor degree probability distribution

If the network is nonassortative:

$$P_n(k') = \frac{k'}{\langle k \rangle} P(k')$$

# FYI: Friendship paradox

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- “Your friends have more friends than you do, on average”

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k'} k' P_n(k') &= \sum_{k'} \frac{k'^2 P(k')}{\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle k \rangle^2 + \sigma(k)^2}{\langle k \rangle} = \langle k \rangle + \frac{\sigma(k)^2}{\langle k \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

# Calculation...

Current state	Next state	Probability of this transition
0 (susceptible)	0 (susceptible)	$(1 - q(k)) \left(1 - \sum_{k'} \frac{k'}{\langle k \rangle} P(k') q(k') p_i\right)^k$
0 (susceptible)	1 (infected)	$(1 - q(k)) \left(1 - \left(1 - \sum_{k'} \frac{k'}{\langle k \rangle} P(k') q(k') p_i\right)^k\right)$
1 (infected)	0 (susceptible)	$q(k) p_r$
1 (infected)	1 (infected)	$q(k) (1 - p_r)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{t+1}(k) &= (1 - q(k)) \left(1 - \left(1 - \sum_{k'} \frac{k'}{\langle k \rangle} P(k') q(k') p_i\right)^k\right) + q(k) (1 - p_r) \\
 &= (1 - q(k)) \left(1 - (1 - q_n p_i)^k\right) + q(k) (1 - p_r),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_n = \frac{\sum_{k'} k' P(k') q(k')}{\langle k \rangle}$$

# Calculation...

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$$\begin{aligned}q_{t+1}(k) &= (1 - q(k)) (1 - (1 - kq_n p_i)) + q(k)(1 - p_r) \\ &= (1 - q(k))kq_n p_i + q(k) - q(k)p_r = f(q(k))\end{aligned}$$

$$q_{\text{eq}}(k) = \frac{kq_n p_i}{kq_n p_i + p_r}$$

**With this:**

$$q_n = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_{k'} k' P(k') \frac{k' q_n p_i}{k' q_n p_i + p_r}$$

# Calculation...

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$$q_n = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_{k'} k' P(k') \frac{k' q_n p_i}{k' q_n p_i + p_r}$$

- For BA SF networks, this becomes:

$$q_n = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{k'=m}^{\infty} k' \cdot 2m^2 k'^{-3} \frac{k' q_n p_i}{k' q_n p_i + p_r},$$

$$1 = m p_i \sum_{k'=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k' (k' q_n p_i + p_r)}.$$

$$q_n \approx \frac{p_r}{(e^{\frac{p_r}{m p_i}} - 1) m p_i}$$

# Calculation...

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- Final stability analysis:

$$\left. \frac{df(q(k))}{dq(k)} \right|_{q(k)=\frac{kq_n p_i}{kq_n p_i + p_r}} = -kq_n p_i + \frac{p_r}{kq_n p_i + p_r} \frac{k^2 P(k) p_i}{\langle k \rangle} + 1 - p_r = r(k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r(k) &= -k \frac{p_r}{\left(e^{\frac{p_r}{m p_i}} - 1\right) m p_i} p_i + \frac{p_r}{k \frac{p_r}{\left(e^{\frac{p_r}{m p_i}} - 1\right) m p_i} p_i + p_r} \frac{k^2 \cdot 2m^2 k^{-3} p_i}{2m} + 1 - p_r \\ &= -\frac{k p_r}{\left(e^{\frac{p_r}{m p_i}} - 1\right) m} + \frac{m p_i}{\frac{k^2}{\left(e^{\frac{p_r}{m p_i}} - 1\right) m} + k} + 1 - p_r \end{aligned}$$

# Conclusion

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- **If  $p_i \rightarrow 0$ :**

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} r(k) &= -\frac{kp_r}{\left(\left[e^{\frac{pr}{mp_i}} \rightarrow \infty\right] - 1\right) m} + \frac{m [p_i \rightarrow 0]}{\frac{k^2}{\left(\left[e^{\frac{pr}{mp_i}} \rightarrow \infty\right] - 1\right) m} + k} + 1 - p_r \\ &= 1 - p_r\end{aligned}$$

- **Since  $0 < 1 - p_r < 1$ , the non-zero equilibrium state (i.e., epidemic) is still stable even if  $p_i \rightarrow 0$  on scale-free networks!!**

# Take-home lesson

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- Dynamics on networks can be influenced significantly by network topology