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# 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #29: Graph mining -  
virus propagation & immunization  
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## Must-read material


- [[Graph-Textbook](#)], Ch.18: virus propagation

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## Main outline




- Introduction
- Indexing
- Mining
  - Graphs – patterns
  - ➔ – Graphs – generators and tools
  - Association rules
  - ...

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## Detailed outline




- Graphs – generators
- Graphs – tools
  - Community detection / graph partitioning
  - ‘Belief Propagation’ & fraud detection
  - ➔ – Influence/virus propagation & immunization
    - Will we have an epidemic?
    - Whom to immunize?
    - (two competing viruses – what will happen?)

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## Problem


- Q1: epidemic?
- Q2: whom to immunize
- (Q3: 2 competing viruses – end result?)



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## Short answers


- Q1: epidemic?
- A1: tipping point: eigenvalue
- Q2: whom to immunize
- A2: eigen-drop
- (Q3: 2 competing viruses – end result?)



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# Influence propagation in large graphs - theorems and algorithms

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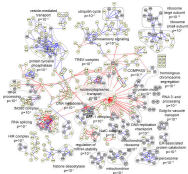
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## Networks are everywhere!



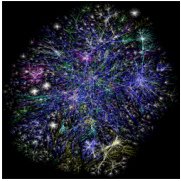
Facebook Network [2010]



Gene Regulatory Network [Decourty 2008]



Human Disease Network [Barabasi 2007]

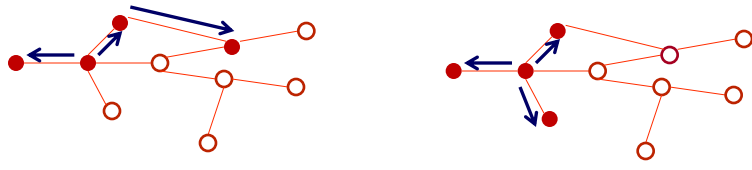


The Internet [2005]

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Dynamical Processes *over* networks are also everywhere!

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**Why do we care?**

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## Why do we care?

- Information Diffusion
- Viral Marketing
- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Cyber Security
- Human mobility
- Games and Virtual Worlds
- Ecology
- Social Collaboration









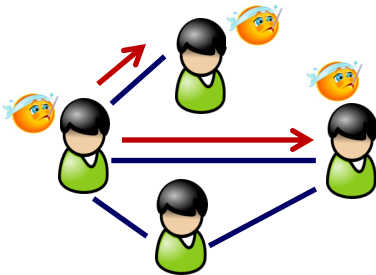
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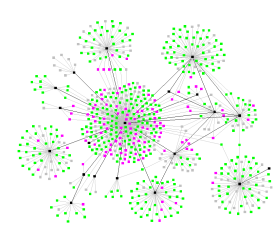
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## Why do we care? (1: Epidemiology)

- Dynamical Processes over networks [AJPH 2007]



Diseases over contact networks



CDC data: Visualization of the first 35 tuberculosis (TB) patients and their 1039 contacts

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## Why do we care? (2: Online Diffusion)



**facebook**

*> 800m users, ~\$1B revenue [WSJ 2010]*

**twitter**

*~100m active users*

**LinkedIn**

*> 50m users*

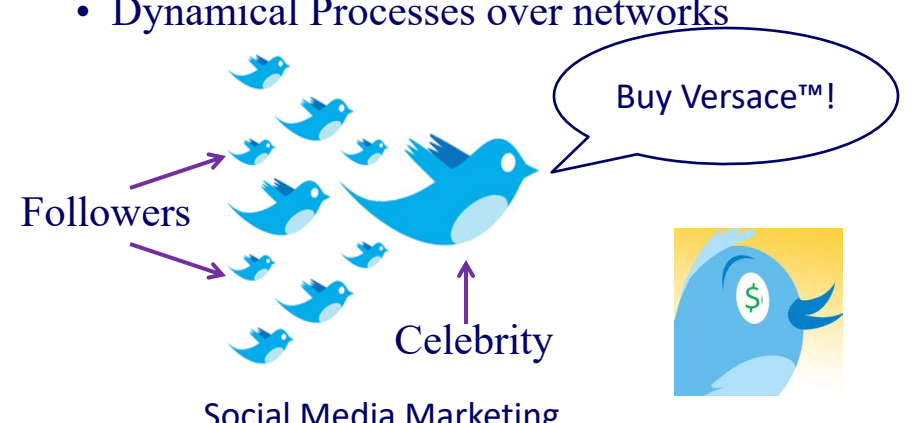
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## Why do we care? (2: Online Diffusion)

- Dynamical Processes over networks



**Social Media Marketing**

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- Motivation
- **Q1: Epidemics: what happens? (Theory)**
- **Q2: Action: Whom to immunize? (Algorithms)**

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## A fundamental question

**Strong Virus**

**Epidemic?**

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### example (static graph)

Weak Virus

Epidemic?

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### Problem Statement

# Infected

time

above (epidemic)

below (extinction)

Separate the regimes?

*Find, a condition under which*

- virus will die out exponentially quickly*
- regardless of initial infection condition*

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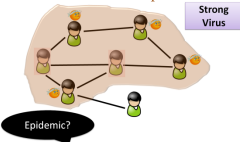
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## Threshold (static version)

Problem Statement

- Given:
  - Graph  $G$ , and
  - Virus specs (attack prob. etc.)
- Find:
  - A condition for virus extinction/invasion



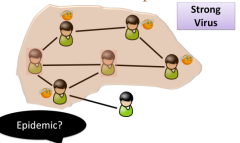
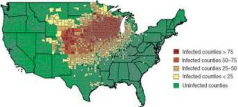
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## Threshold: Why important?

- Accelerating simulations
- Forecasting (“What-if” scenarios)
- Design of contagion and/or topology
- A great handle to manipulate the spreading
  - Immunization
  - Maximize collaboration
- .....

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- Motivation
- **Epidemics: what happens? (Theory)**
  - Background
  - Result (Static Graphs)
  - Bonus : Competing Viruses
- Action: Who to immunize? (Algorithms)

# Infected vs time graph. A red curve labeled 'above (epidemic)' rises and plateaus. A green curve labeled 'below (extinction)' rises and then falls to zero. A vertical line separates the two regimes, with the text 'Separate the regimes?' next to it.

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## “SIR” model: life immunity (mumps)

- Each node in the graph is in one of three states
  - – **Susceptible** (i.e. healthy)
  - – **Infected**
  - ☒ – **Removed** (i.e. can't get infected again)

S  $\xrightarrow{\beta}$  I  
I  $\xrightarrow{\delta}$  R

Prob.  $\beta$

$t = 1$

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Prob.  $\delta$

$t = 2$

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$t = 3$

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## Terminology: continued

- Other virus propagation models (“VPM”)
  - SIS : susceptible-infected-susceptible, flu-like
  - SIRS : **temporary** immunity, like pertussis
  - SEIR : mumps-like, with virus **incubation**  
(E = Exposed)
- .....
- Underlying contact-network – ‘who-can-infect-whom’

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- .....
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All are about *either*:

- **Structured topologies** (cliques, block-diagonals, hierarchies, random)
- **Specific virus propagation models**
- **Static graphs**

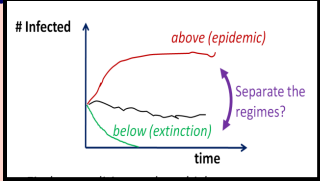
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The graph plots the number of infected individuals over time. A red curve rises and plateaus, labeled 'above (epidemic)'. A green curve rises and then falls to zero, labeled 'below (extinction)'. A vertical double-headed arrow between the curves is labeled 'Separate the regimes?'.

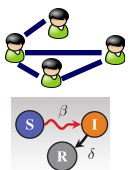
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## How should the answer look like?

- Answer should depend on:
  - Graph
  - Virus Propagation Model (VPM)
- But how??
  - Graph – average degree? max. degree? diameter?
  - VPM – which parameters?
  - How to combine – linear? quadratic? exponential?



The diagram shows a network of five nodes connected by edges. Below it is a VPM diagram with three nodes: S (Susceptible), I (Infected), and R (Recovered). A red arrow from S to I is labeled with the parameter beta, and a grey arrow from I to R is labeled with the parameter delta.


$$\beta d_{avg} + \delta \sqrt{diameter} ? \quad (\beta^2 d_{avg}^2 - \delta d_{avg}) / d_{max} ? \quad \dots$$

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## Static Graphs: Our Main Result



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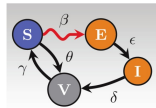
For,	
➤ any arbitrary topology (adjacency matrix A)	$\lambda$
➤ any virus propagation model (VPM) in standard literature	$C_{VPM}$
the epidemic threshold depends only 1. on the $\lambda$ , first eigenvalue of A, and 2. some constant $C_{VPM}$ determined by the virus propagation model	<b>No epidemic if</b> $\lambda * C_{VPM} < 1$

In Prakash+ ICDM 2011 (Selected among best papers).

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## Our thresholds for some models



- $s = \text{effective strength}$
- $s < 1$  : below threshold

Models	Effective Strength (s)	Threshold (tipping point)
SIS, SIR, SIRS, SEIR	$s = \lambda \cdot \left( \frac{\beta}{\delta} \right)$	$s = 1$
SIV, SEIV	$s = \lambda \cdot \left( \frac{\beta\gamma}{\delta(\gamma + \theta)} \right)$	
SI <sub>1</sub> I <sub>2</sub> V <sub>1</sub> V <sub>2</sub> (H.I.V.)	$s = \lambda \cdot \left( \frac{\beta_1\nu_2 + \beta_2\varepsilon}{\nu_1(\varepsilon + \gamma)} \right)$	

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## Our result: Intuition for $\lambda$

**“Official” definition:**

- Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix. Then  $\lambda$  is the root with the largest magnitude of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  [ $\det(A - xI)$ ].
- Doesn't give much intuition!

**“Un-official” Intuition**

☺

- $\lambda \sim \# \text{ paths in the graph}$

$$A^k \approx \lambda^k \cdot u$$

$A^k(i, j) = \# \text{ of paths } i \rightarrow j \text{ of length } k$

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## Largest Eigenvalue ( $\lambda$ )

better connectivity  $\rightarrow$  higher  $\lambda$

$\lambda \approx 2$

(a)Chain

$\lambda = \sqrt{N}$

(b)Star

$\lambda = N-1$

(c)Clique

$\lambda \approx 2$

$N = 1000$

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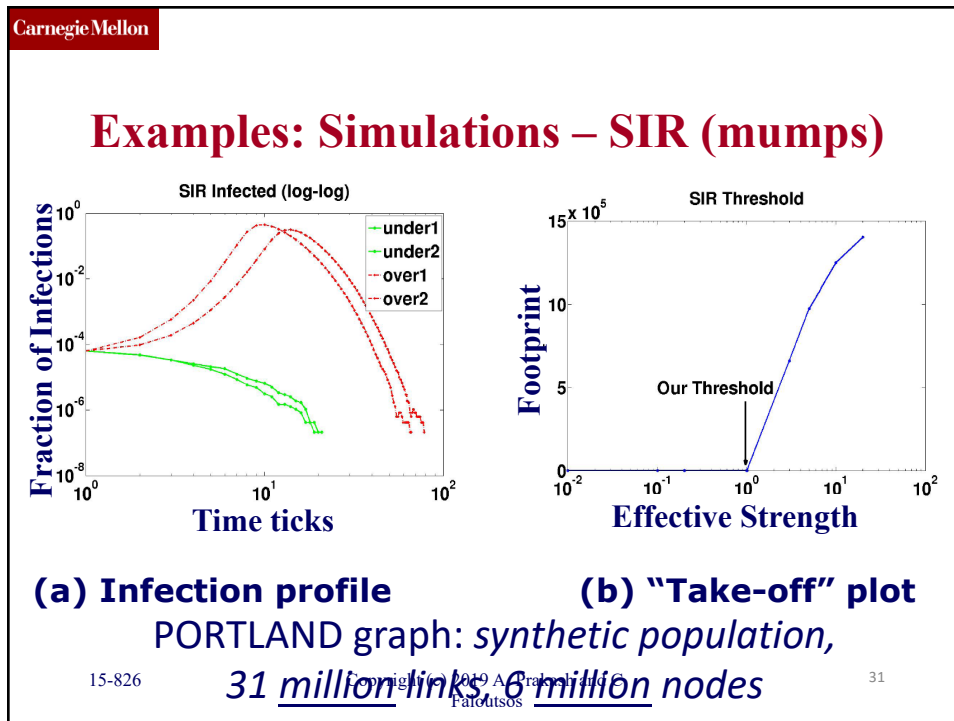
$\lambda = 31.67$

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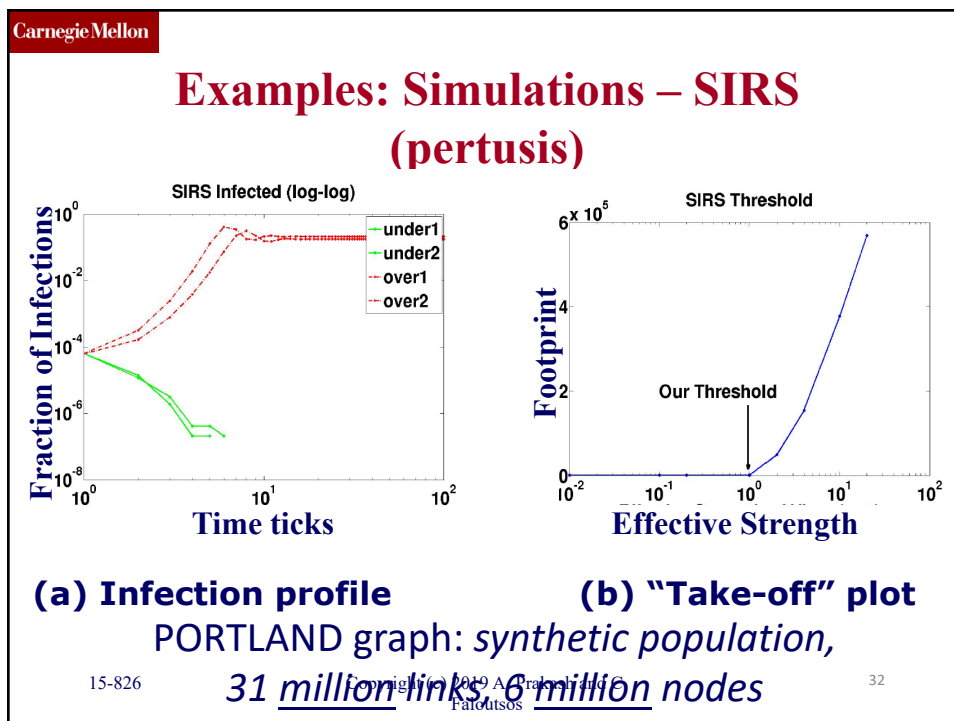
$\lambda = 999$

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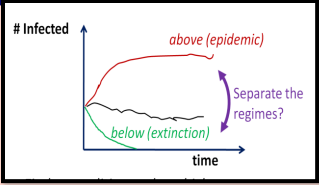
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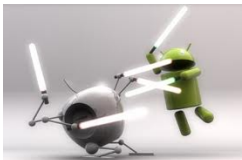


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## Competing Contagions



**iPhone v Android**



**Blu-ray v HD-DVD**

**Biological** common flu/avian flu, pneumococcal inf etc

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Details

## A simple model

- Modified flu-like
- Mutual Immunity (“pick one of the two”)
- Susc

$I_1$  ←  $\beta_1$   $S$  →  $\beta_2$   $I_2$   
 $\delta_1$  ←  $\delta_2$

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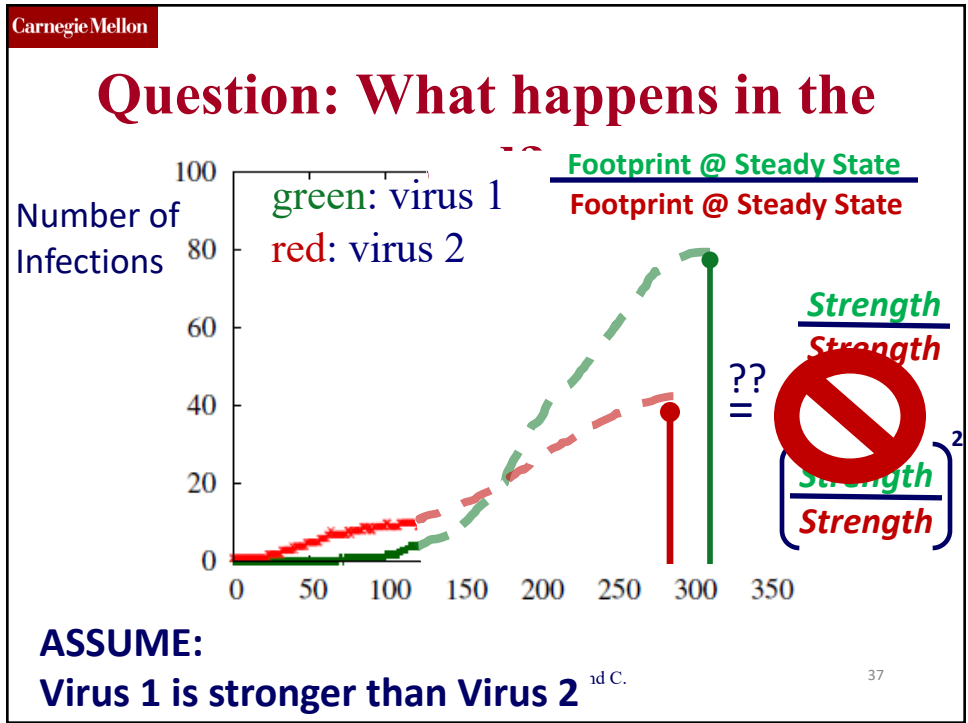
## Question: What happens in the

Footprint @ Steady State  
Footprint @ Steady State = ?

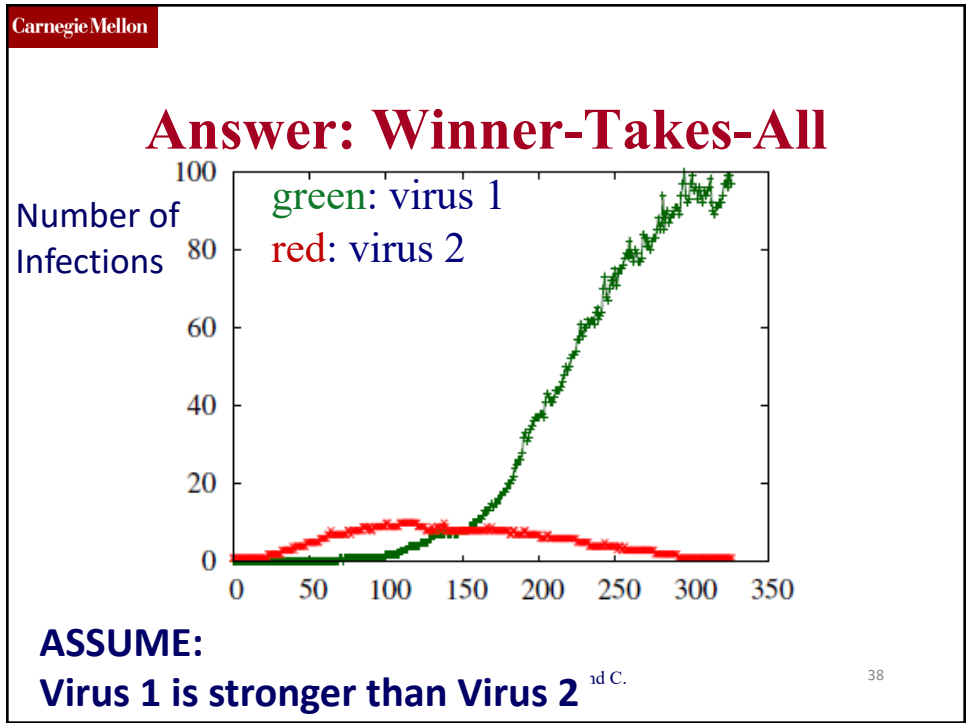
ASSUME:  
 Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2

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## Our Result: Winner-Takes-All

Given our model, and *any graph*, the weaker virus always **dies-out completely**

**Details**

1. The stronger survives only if it is above threshold
2. Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2, if:  
 $\text{strength}(\text{Virus 1}) > \text{strength}(\text{Virus 2})$
3.  $\text{Strength}(\text{Virus}) = \lambda \beta / \delta \rightarrow$  same as before!

In Prakash+ WWW 2012

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## Real Examples

[Google Search Trends data]

Search Percentage vs Time: Reddit (green), Digg (red)

Search Percentage vs Time: Blu-Ray (green), HD-DVD (red)

Christmas Sales

**Reddit v Digg**

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**Blu-Ray v HD-DVD**

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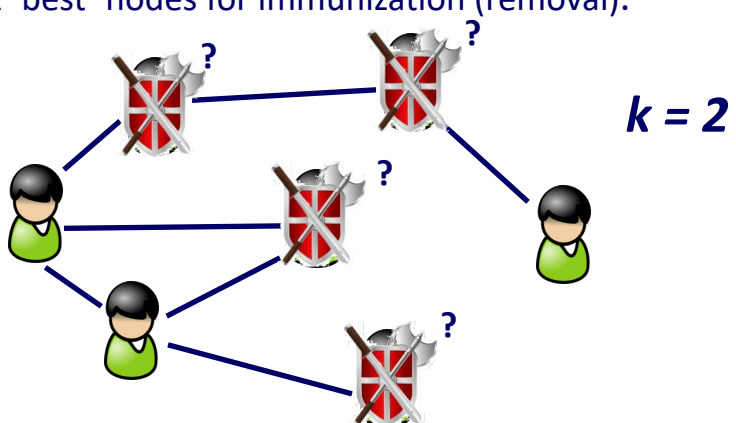
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## Immunization

**Given:** a graph  $A$ , virus prop. model and budget  $k$ ;  
**Find:**  $k$  'best' nodes for immunization (removal).



$k = 2$

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## Challenges

- Given a graph  $A$ , budget  $k$ ,

**Q1 (Metric)** How to measure the ‘shield-value’ for a set of nodes ( $S$ )?

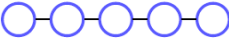
**Q2 (Algorithm)** How to find a set of  $k$  nodes with highest ‘shield-value’?

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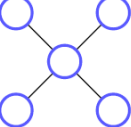
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## Proposed vulnerability measure: $\lambda$



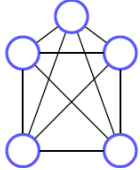
“Safe”

(a) Chain ( $\lambda = 1.73$ )




“Vulnerable”

(b) Star ( $\lambda = 2$ )




“Deadly”

(c) Clique ( $\lambda = 4$ )



*higher  $\lambda$ , higher vulnerability*



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## A1: “Eigen-Drop”: an ideal shield value

Eigen-Drop( $S$ )

$$\Delta \lambda = \lambda - \lambda_S$$

Original Graph

Without {2, 6}

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Details

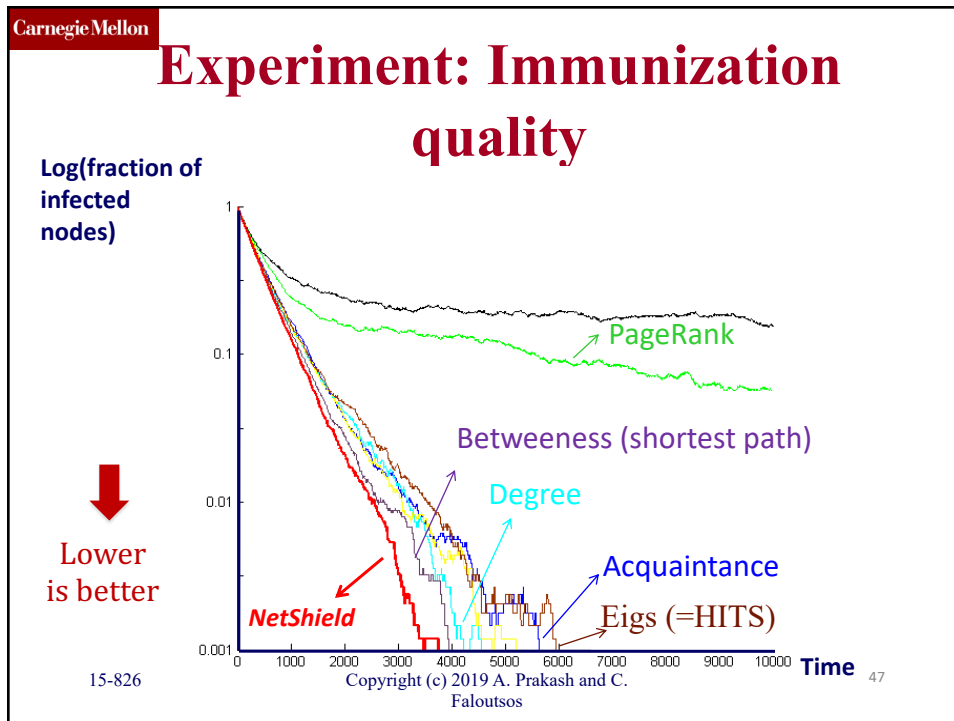
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A2: greedy

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## Short answers

- Q1: epidemic?
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- Q2: whom to immunize
- A2: eigen-drop
- (Q3: 2 competing viruses – end result?)
- A3: winner takes all!

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