

# Virus Dynamics on Star Graphs

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## Introduction

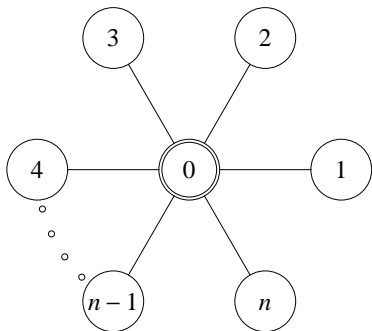
## Motivation and Questions

- Epidemiology, networking, and other fields have questions concerning the spread of viruses.
- Using a model for infection and cure rates, look for a steady state or critical threshold relating two rates.
- If there is a steady state, what are the characteristics?
- What other information can we get from this steady state, provided it exists?
- Generalizations?

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Study special graphs: star graphs:

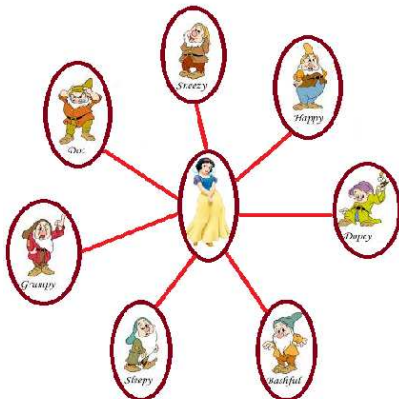


**Figure:** Star graph with 1 central hub and  $n$  spokes.

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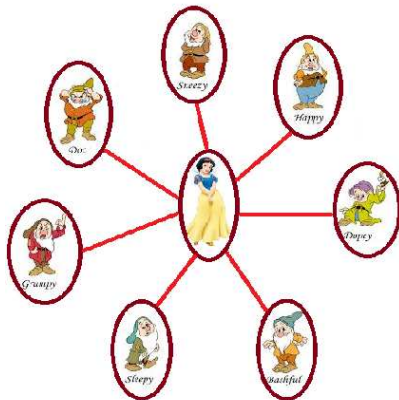
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### Parameters

- $\beta$ : probability at any time step that an infected node infects its neighbors.
- $\delta$ : probability at any time step that an infected node is cured.
- $1 - p_{i,t} = (1 - p_{i,t-1}) \zeta_{i,t} + \delta p_{i,t} \zeta_{i,t}$ , where  $\zeta_{i,t}$  is the probability node  $i$  not infected by neighbors at time  $t$ .
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## System of Interest

- In limit all spokes behave the same.
- Label hub behavior at time  $t$  by  $x_t$ , spokes by  $y_t$ . Evolve by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{t+1} \\ y_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = F \begin{pmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x, y) \\ f_2(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1-x)(1-\beta y)^n - \delta x(1-\beta y)^n \\ 1 - (1-y)(1-\beta x) - \delta y(1-\beta x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1-ax)(1-by)^n \\ 1 - (1-ay)(1-bx) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

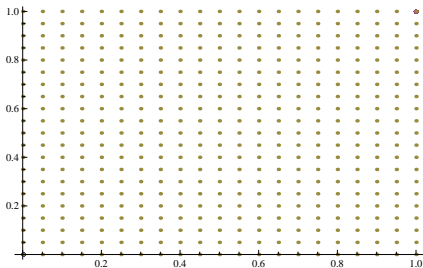


## Simulation and New Results

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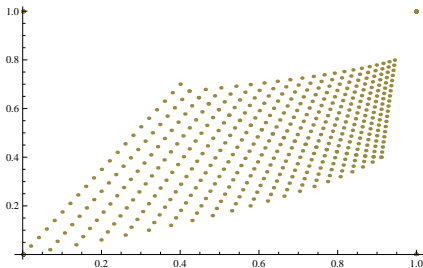


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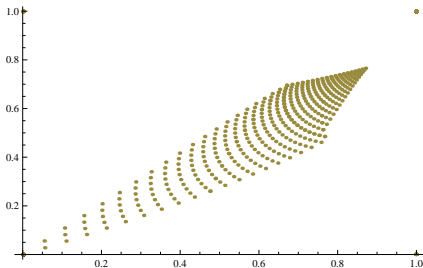


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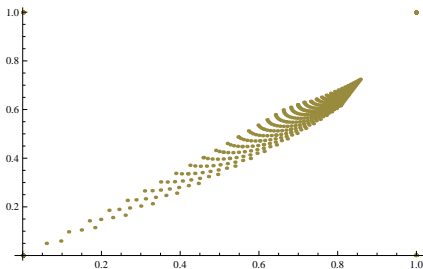


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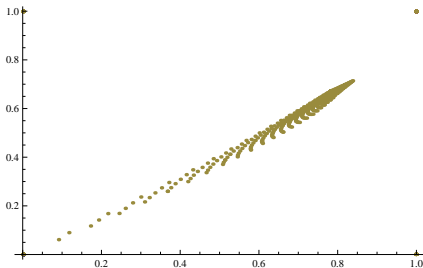


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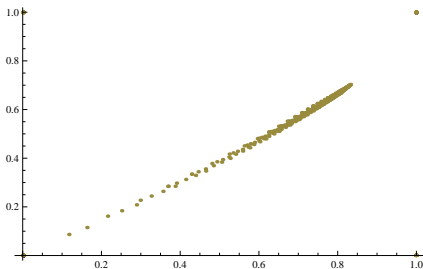


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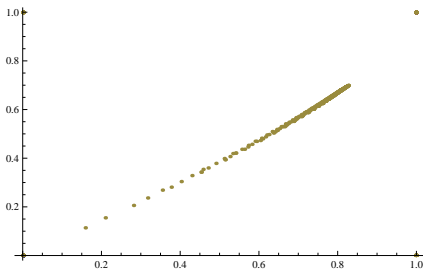


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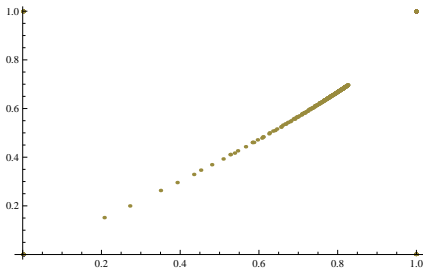
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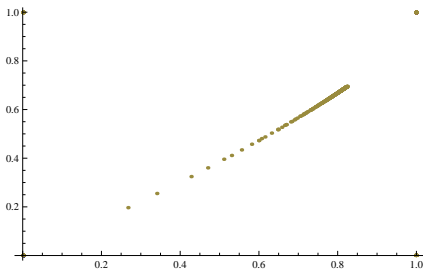


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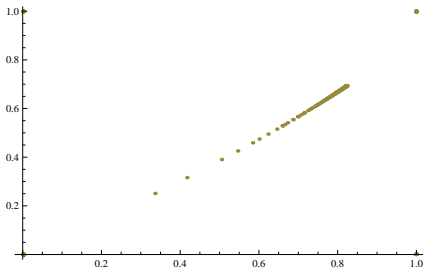


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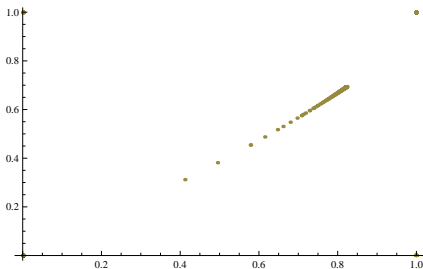


**Figure:**  $t = 9$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

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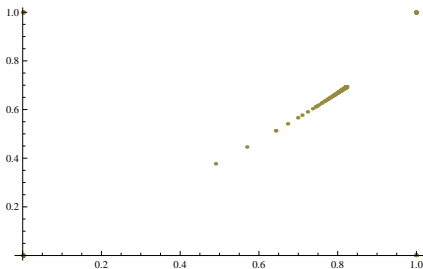


**Figure:**  $t = 10$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

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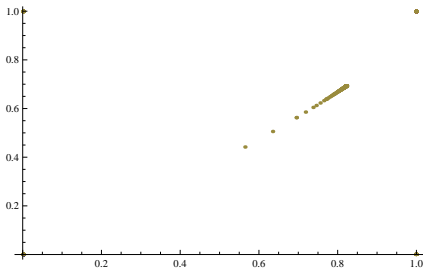


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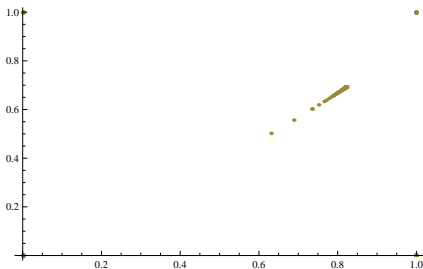


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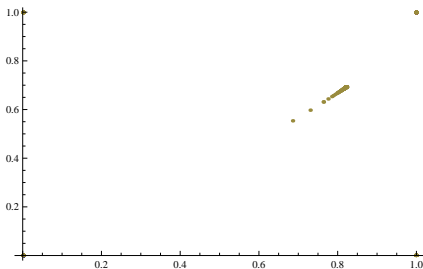


**Figure:**  $t = 13$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

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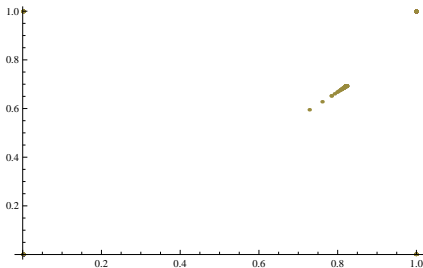
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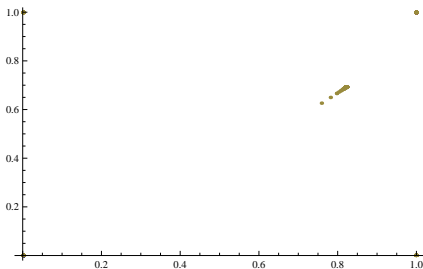


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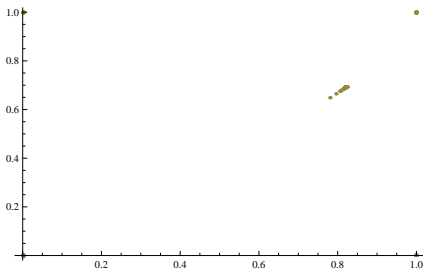


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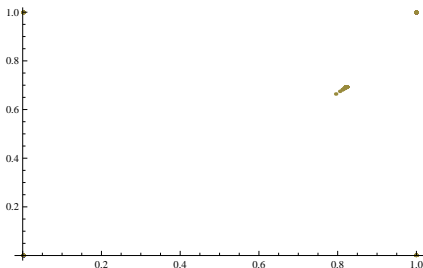


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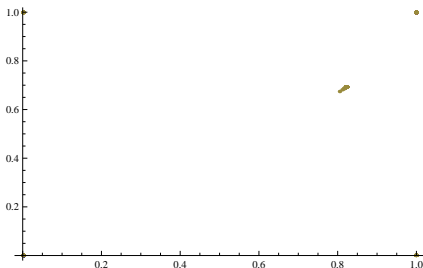


**Figure:**  $t = 18$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

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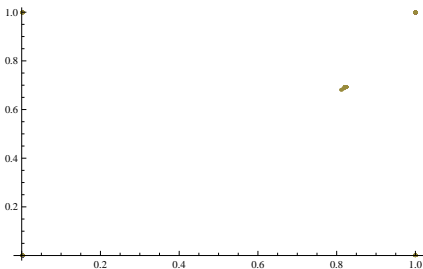


**Figure:**  $t = 19$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

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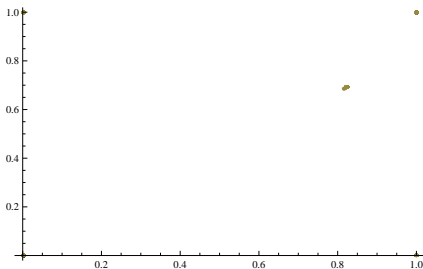


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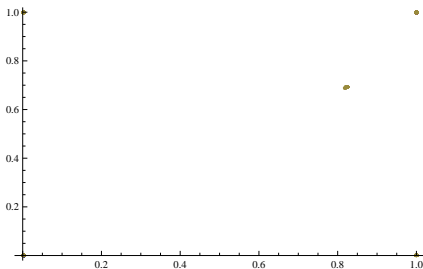


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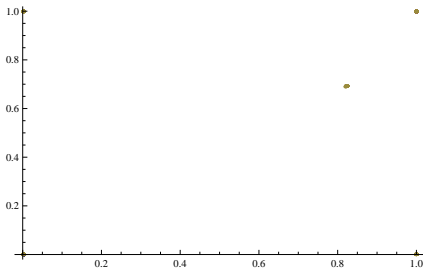
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**Figure:**  $t = 23$  (point in upper right needed for display purposes)

## Main Result

### Theorem (BG-TKMS '13)

Let  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  and  $F$  as above.

- For any initial configuration, as time evolves all the spokes converge to a common behavior.
- If  $b \leq (1 - a)/\sqrt{n}$  then the virus dies out.
- If  $b > (1 - a)/\sqrt{n}$  then all points except  $(0, 0)$  evolve to a unique, non-trivial fixed point  $(x_f, y_f)$ .

## Fixed Points and Proofs

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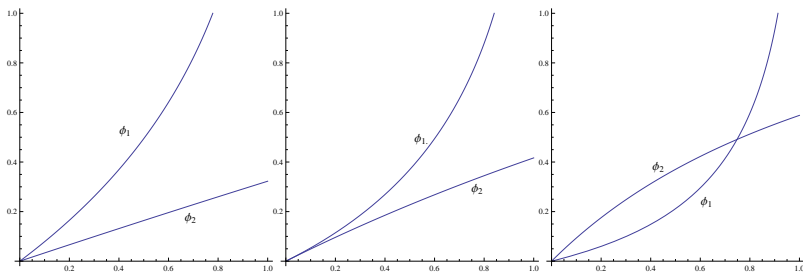
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Can explicitly solve for  $\phi_1, \phi_2$ .

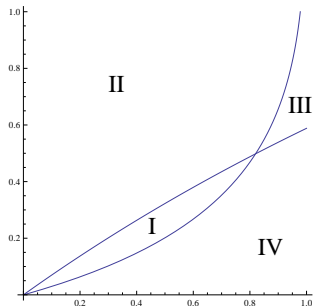
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Partial fixed points from  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  when (from left to right)  
 $b < \frac{1-a}{\sqrt{n}}$ ,  $b = \frac{1-a}{\sqrt{n}}$ ,  $b > \frac{1-a}{\sqrt{n}}$  ( $b = 3, n = 4, a = .1, .4, .7$ ).

$$\phi_1(y) = \frac{1 - (1 - by)^n}{1 - a(1 - by)^n} \quad \phi_2(x) = \frac{bx}{1 - a + abx}.$$

## Determining Fixed Points of $F$ : Regions: $b > (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$



**Figure:** The four regions determined by the partial fixed point functions when  $b > (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$ .

Analysis easy if  $b \leq (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$ ;  $(0,0)$  only fixed point.

Proof unique additional fixed point when  $b > (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$ : concavity of the partial fixed point curves and value of derivatives at origin.

Proofs:  $b \leq (1 - a)/\sqrt{n}$



## Convergence Case $b \leq \frac{(1-a)}{\sqrt{n}}$

### Theorem

*Assume  $b < (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$ . Then iterates of any point under  $F$  converge to the trivial fixed point  $(0, 0)$ .*

Proved with MVT and an eigenvalue analysis of the resulting matrix.

**Lemma:** Let  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  with  $b < (1-a)/\sqrt{n}$ , and let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$  denote the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a\alpha & nb\beta \\ b\gamma & a\delta \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $-1 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 1$ .

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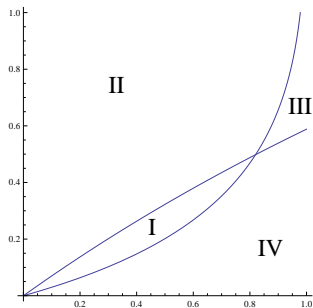
- We have a contraction map on a compact space, completing the proof.



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## Preliminary Results

### Recall



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Key lemmas (proofs by algebra):

- Points in Region I strictly increase in  $x$  and  $y$  on iteration by  $F$ , and points in Region III strictly decrease in  $x$  and  $y$  on iteration.
- Points in Region I iterate inside Region I under  $F$ , and points in Region III iterate inside Region III under  $F$ .
- All non-trivial points in Regions I and III converge to the non-trivial fixed point under  $F$ .

Armed with the above lemmas, we now complete the proof.

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- Image of rectangle under  $F$  is strictly contained in rectangle (image of the lower left (respectively, upper right) point has both coordinates smaller (respectively, larger) than any other iterate).
- As lower left and upper right vertices iterate to the non-trivial fixed points (in Regions I and III), so too do all the other points in rectangle.

## Behavior Conjectures

### Corollary

*The amount of time it takes for all points to converge is the maximum of the time it takes  $\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to converge, for  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ .*

### Conjecture

*Points in Region II and IV exhibit one of two behaviors, dependent on  $a, b, n$ . Either:*

- 1 All points in Region II iterate outside Region II and all points in Region IV iterate outside Region IV ("flipping behavior"), or*
- 2 All points in Region II iterate outside Region IV and all points in Region IV iterate outside Region II*



## Conclusions and References

- Can extend to Generalized Star Graphs.
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