Generalized Contagion

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Outline

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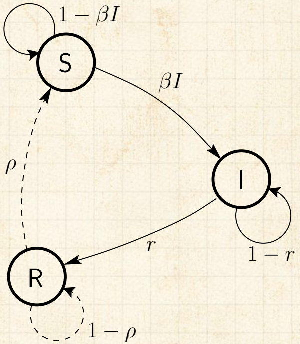

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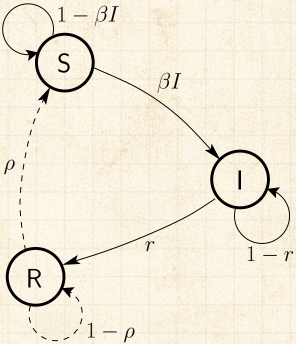

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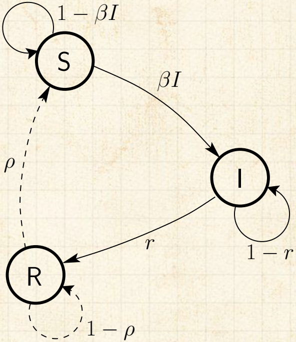

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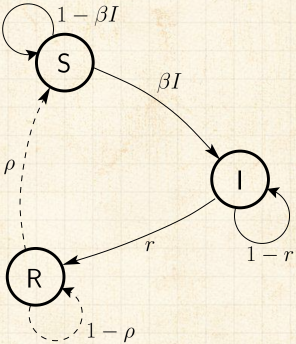

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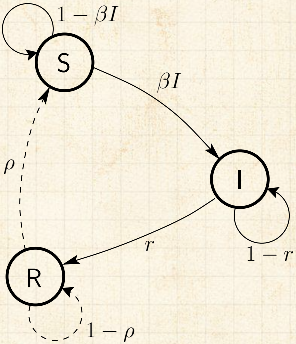

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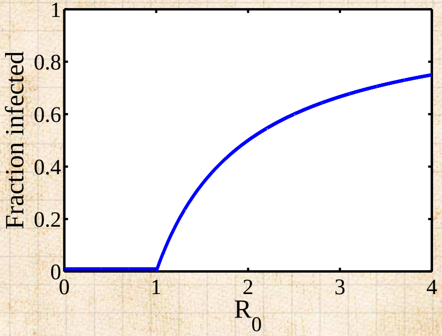

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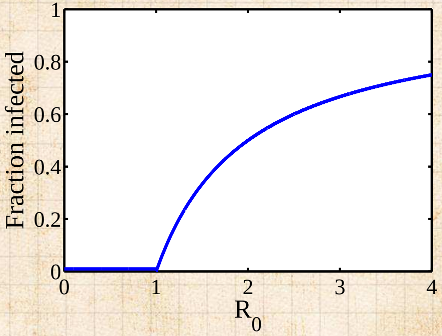

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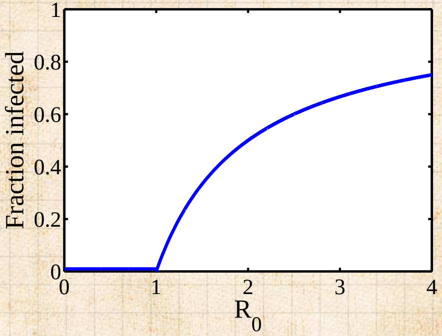

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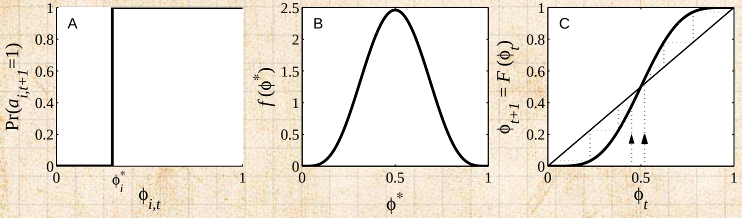
Granovetter's model (recap of recap)

- Action based on perceived behavior of others.



- Two states: S and I.
- Recovery now possible (SIS).
- ϕ = fraction of contacts 'on' (e.g., rioting).
- Discrete time, synchronous update.
- This is a Critical mass model.
- Interdependent interaction model.

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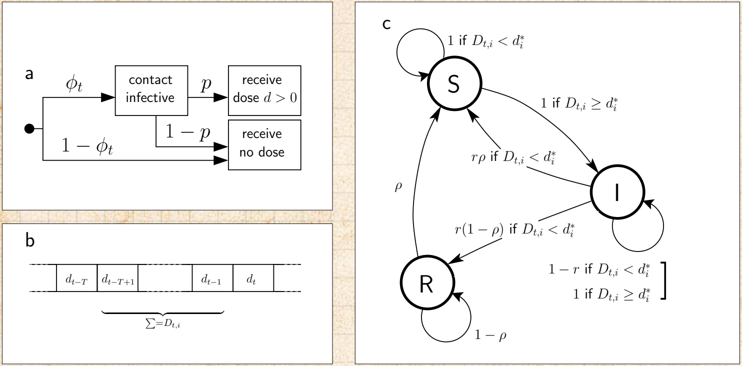

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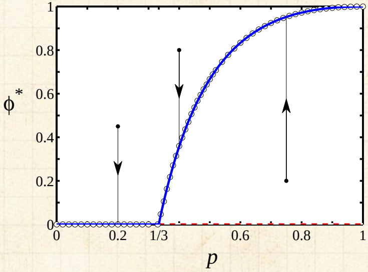

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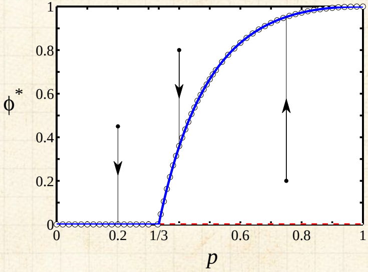

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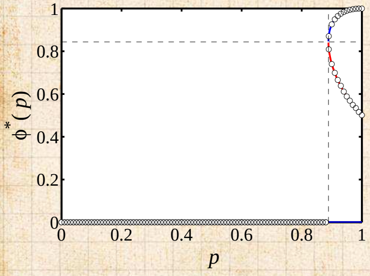

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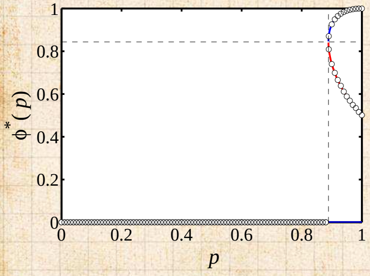

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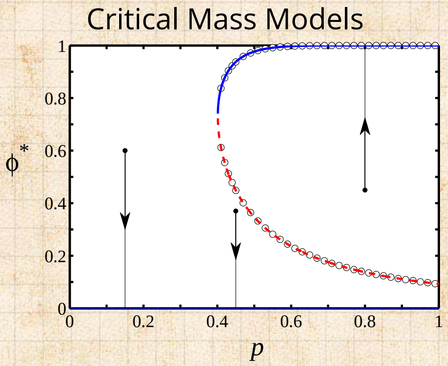

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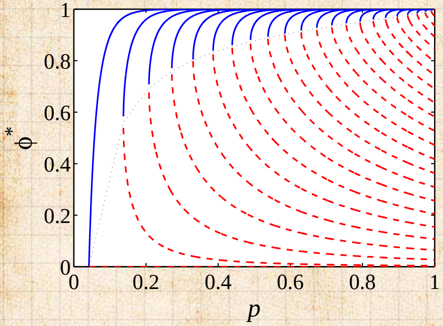

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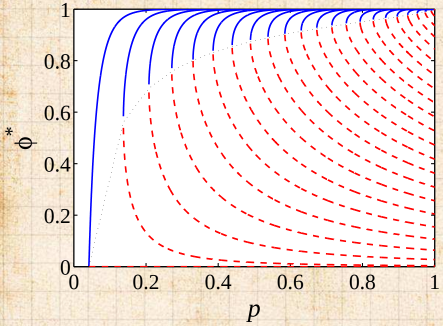

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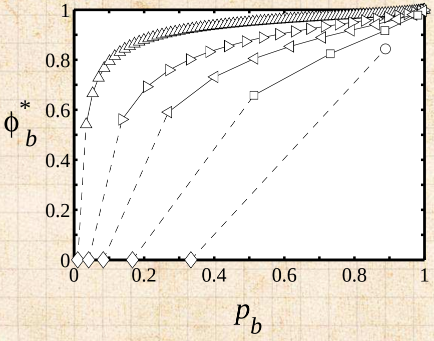

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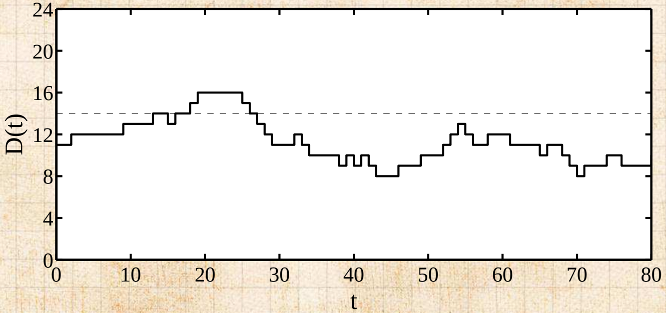

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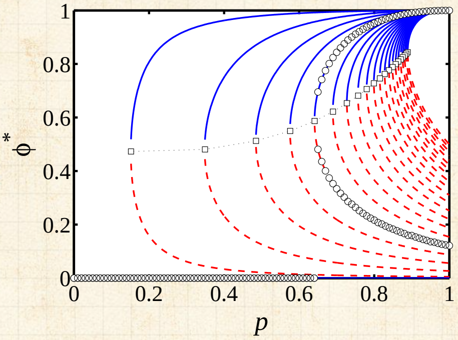

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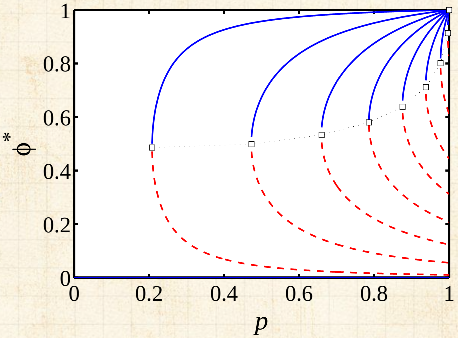

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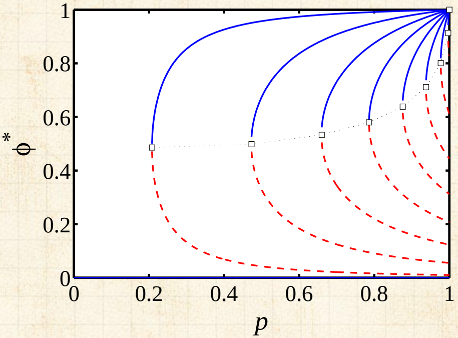

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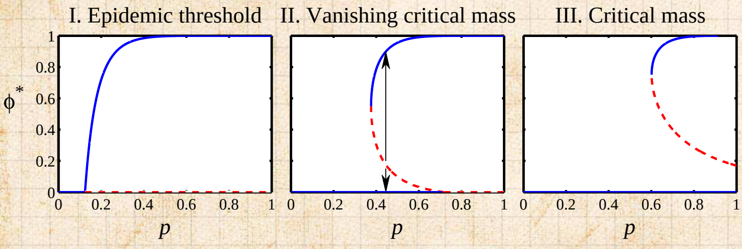

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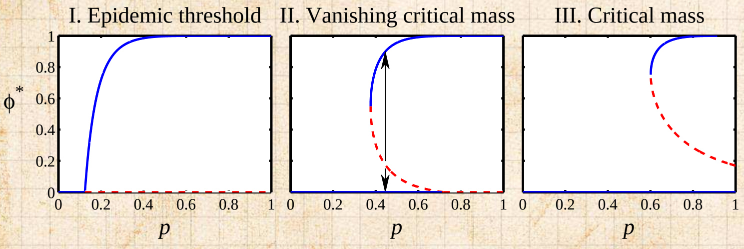

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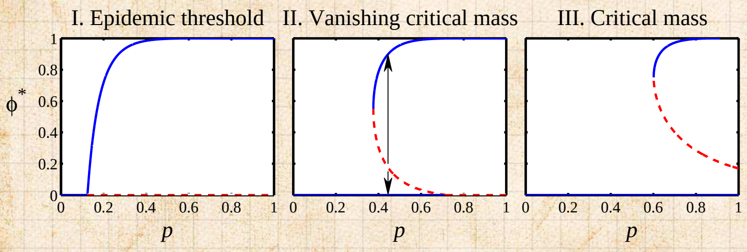

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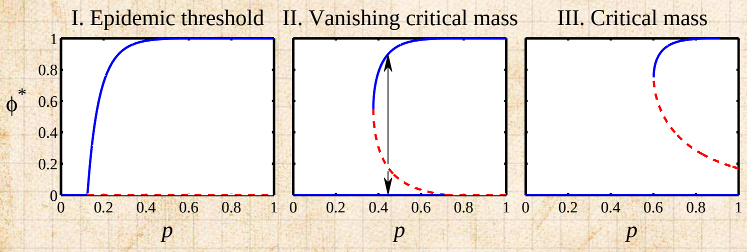

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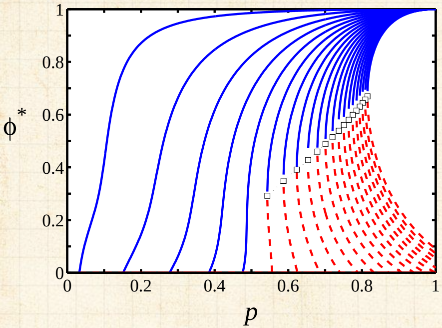

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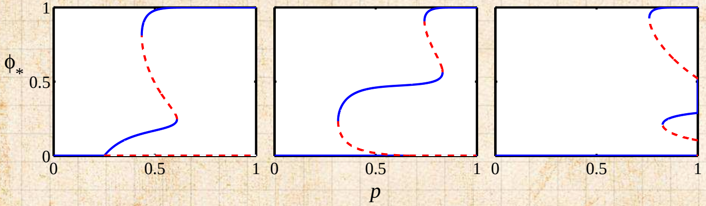

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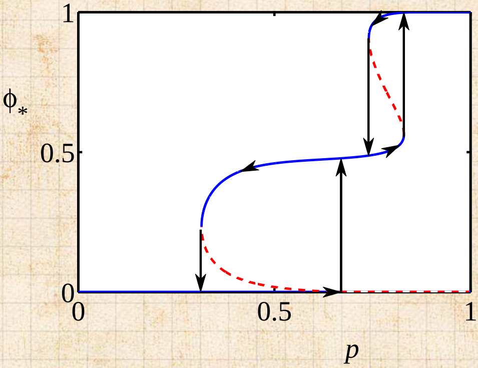

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