

The Dynamics of Persuasion

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Modeling Consensus:

- introduction to the voter model
- voter model on complex networks
- voting with some confidence
- majority rule

lecture 1

Modeling Discord & Diversity:

- 3-state voter models
- strategic voting
- bounded compromise
- dynamics of social balance
- Axelrod model

lecture 2

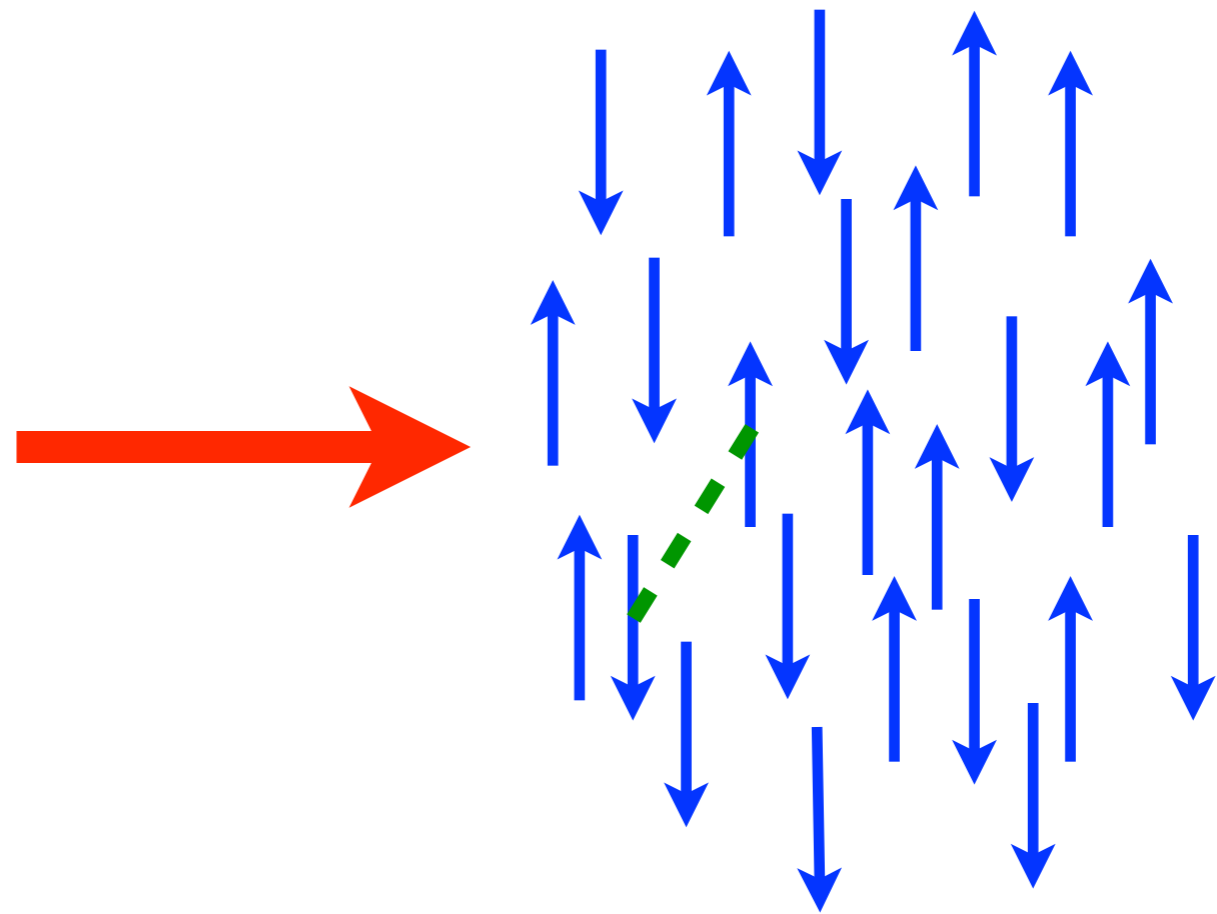
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Persuasion Dynamics

Real People

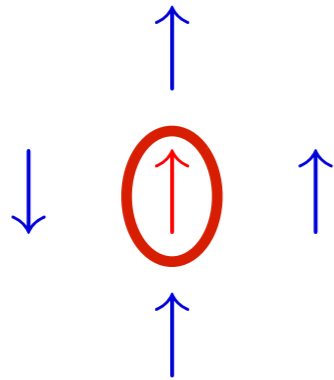


People as
interacting “atoms”



Voter Model

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Holley & Liggett (1975)

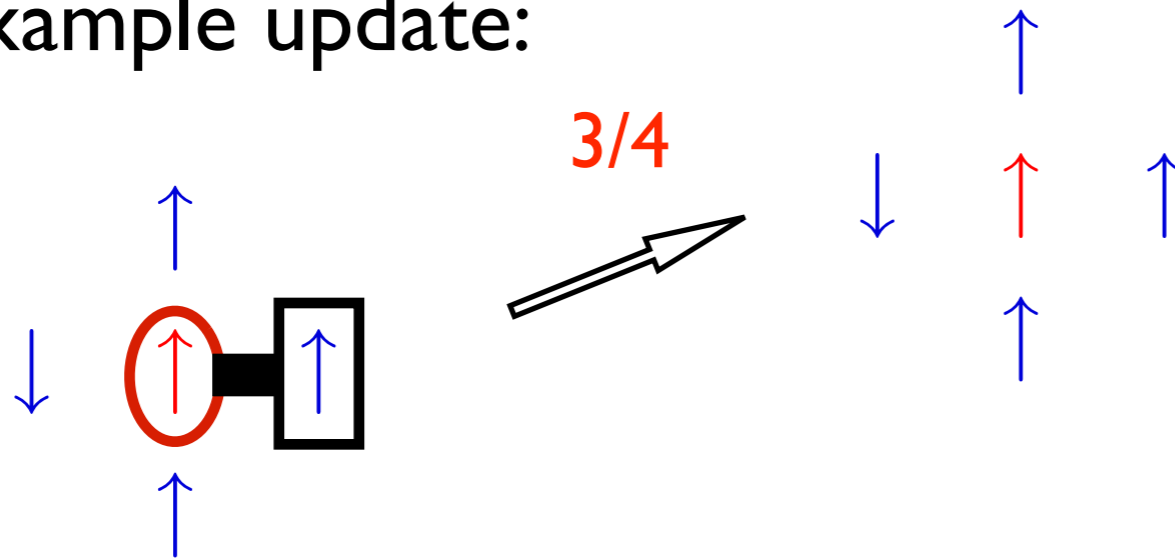


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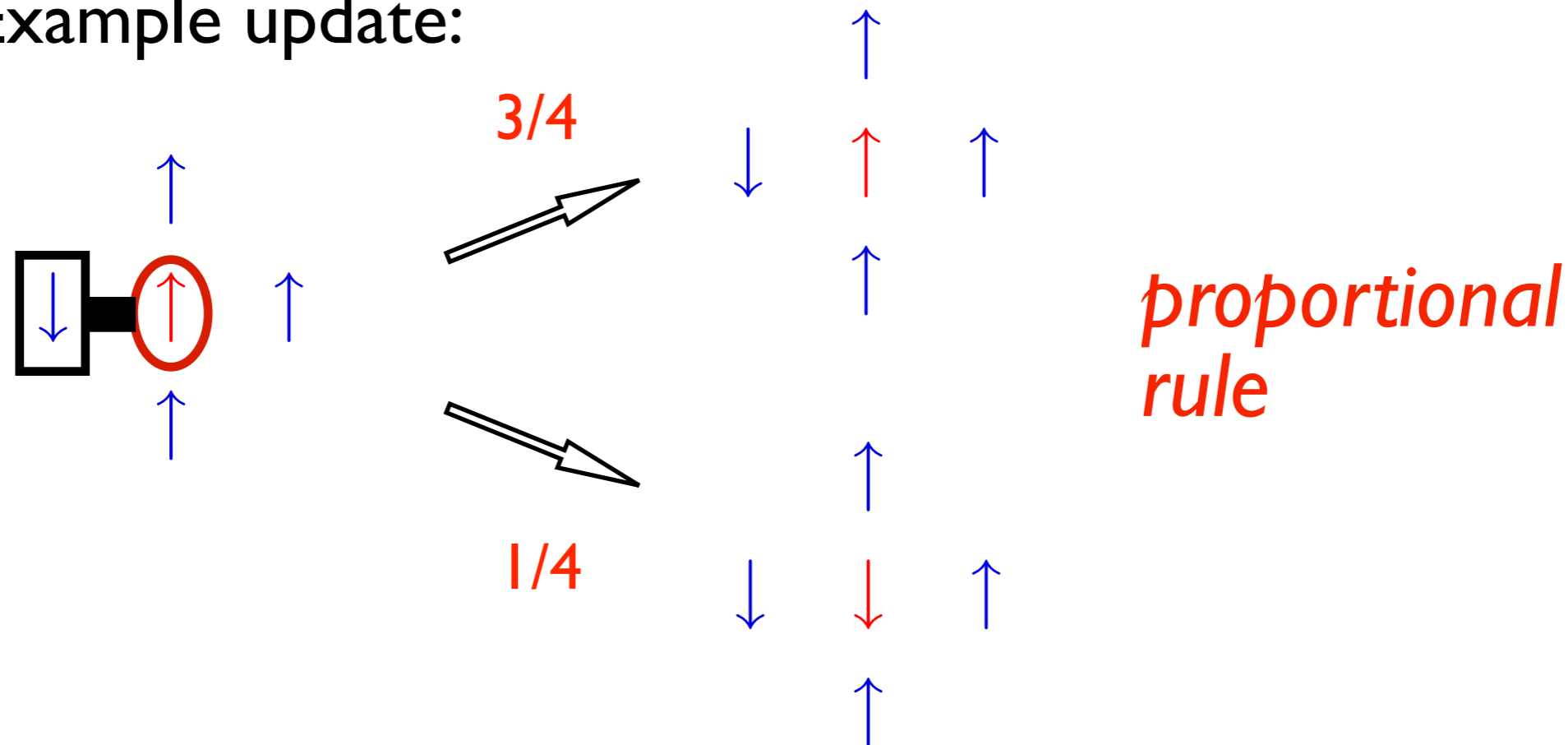
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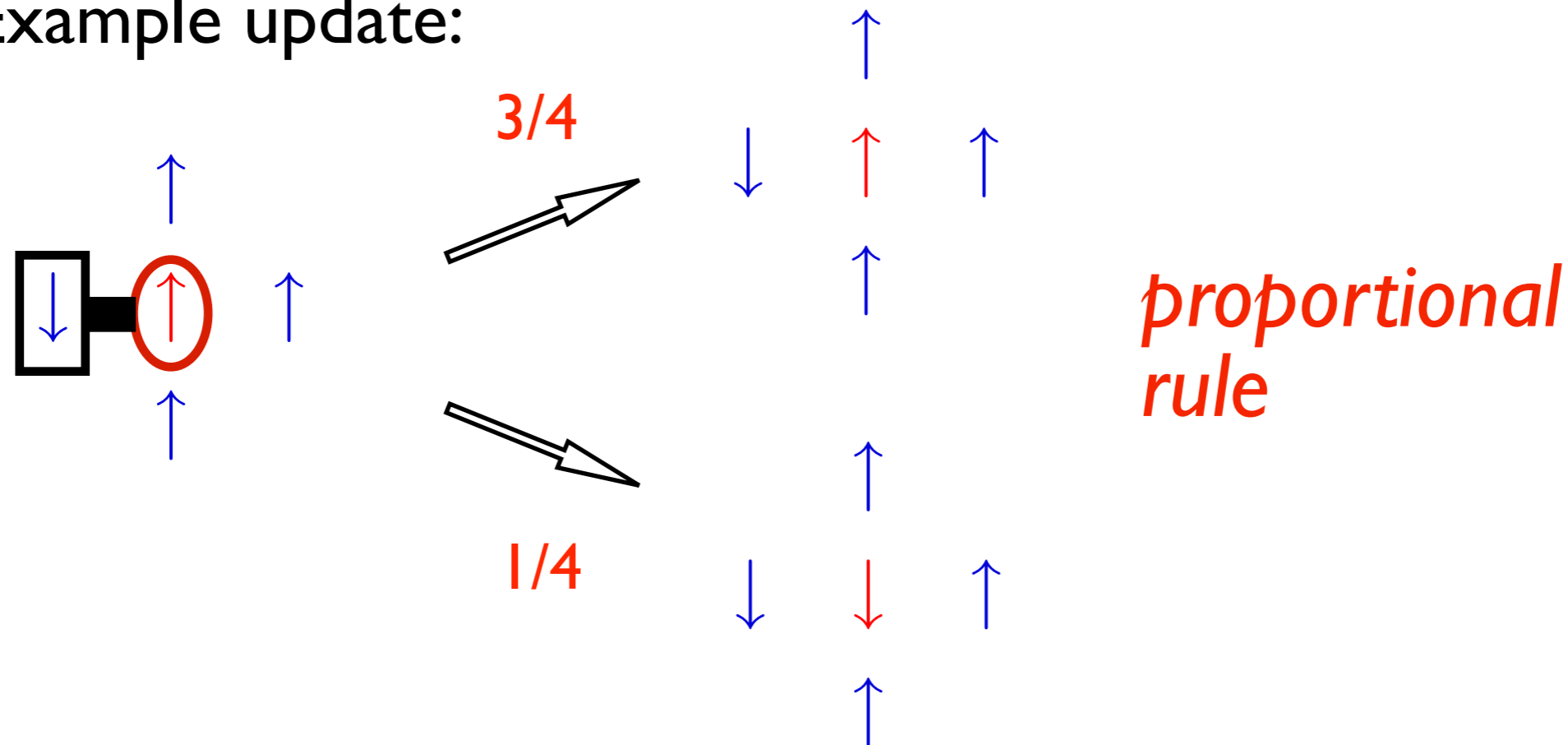
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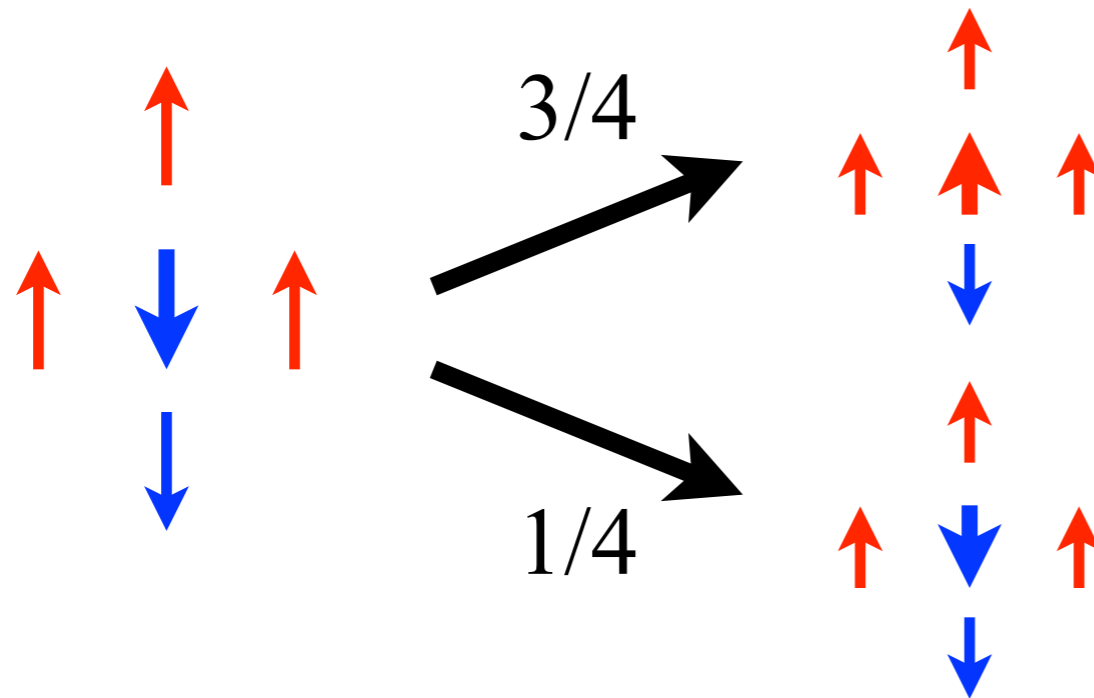


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Voter vs. Ising Models

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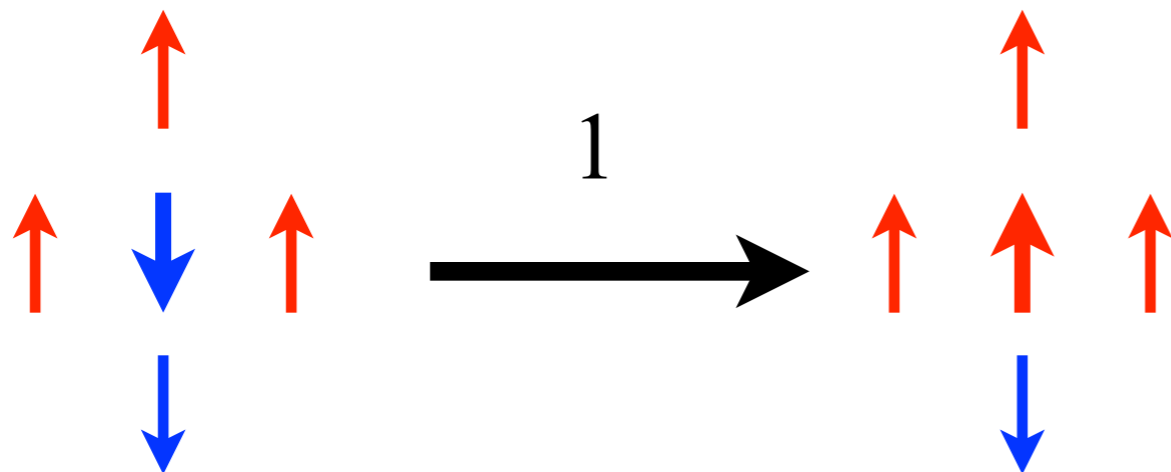
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Kinetic Ising model: *majority rule at $T=0$*

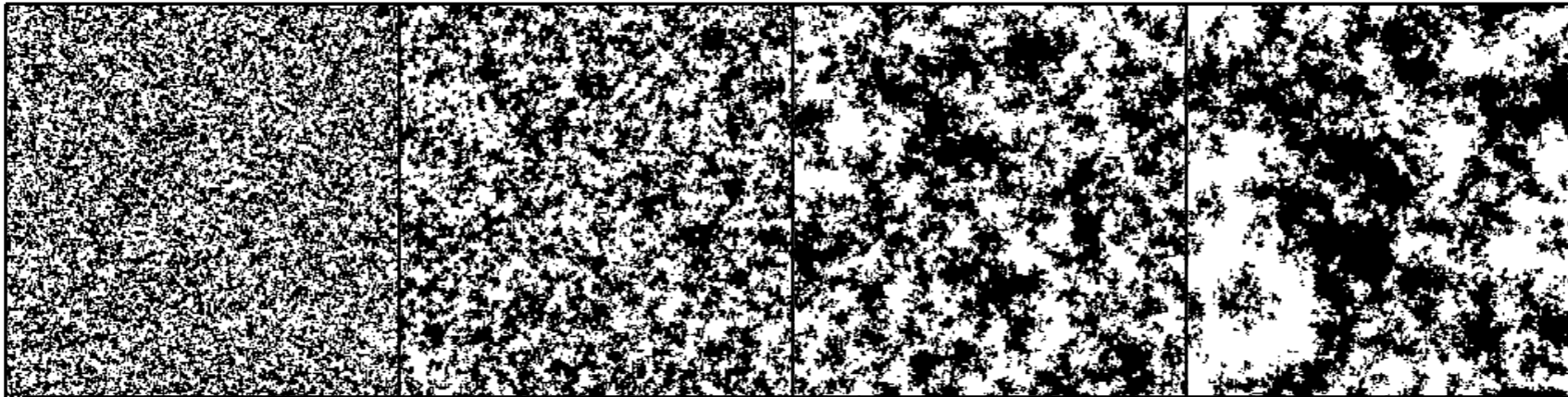
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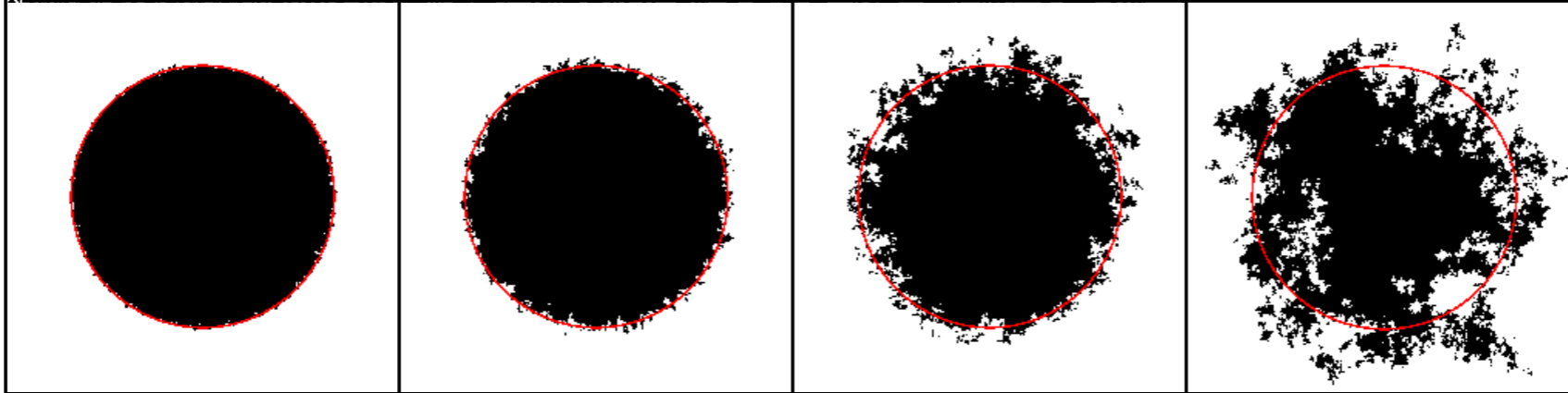
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Voter Evolution vs. Ising Evolution

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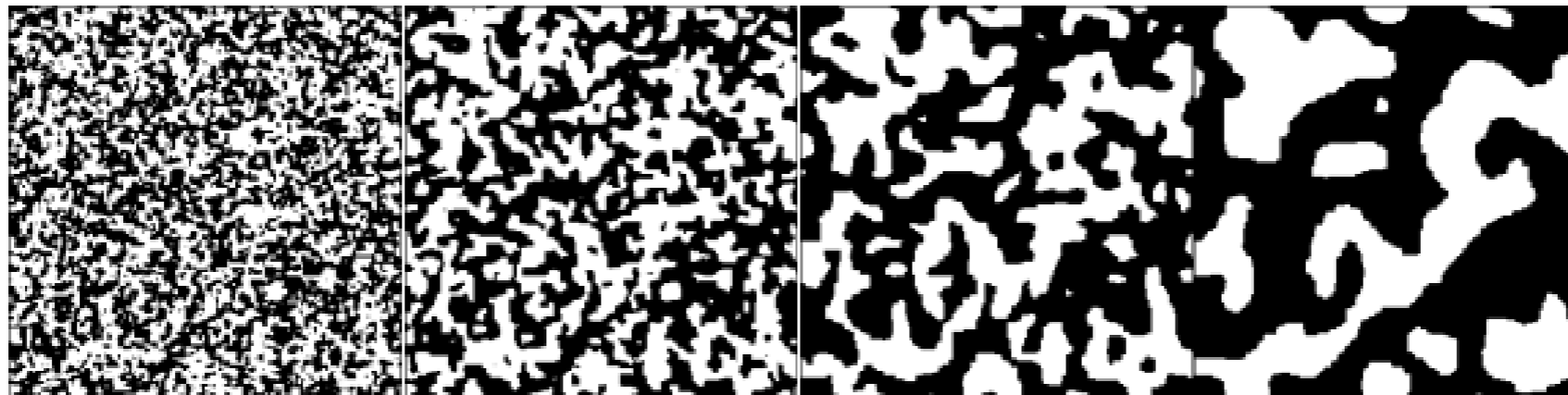
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Voter

Dornic et al. (2001)

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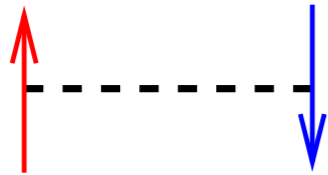


Ising

Lattice Voter Model: 3 Basic Properties

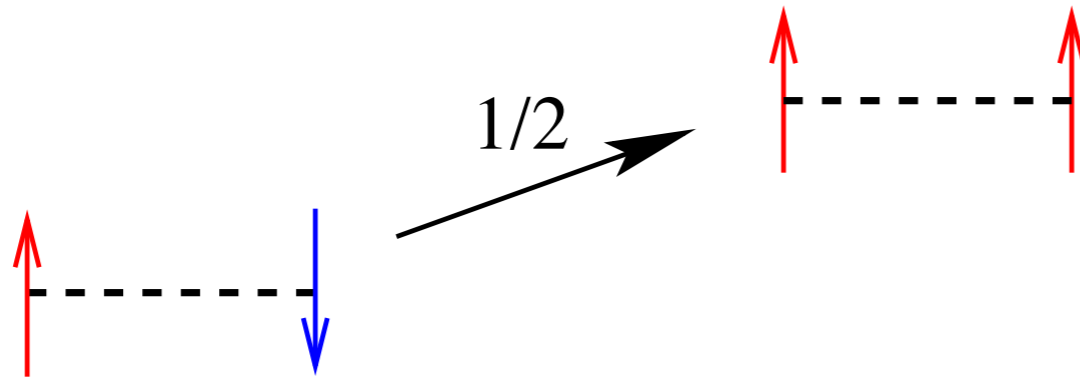
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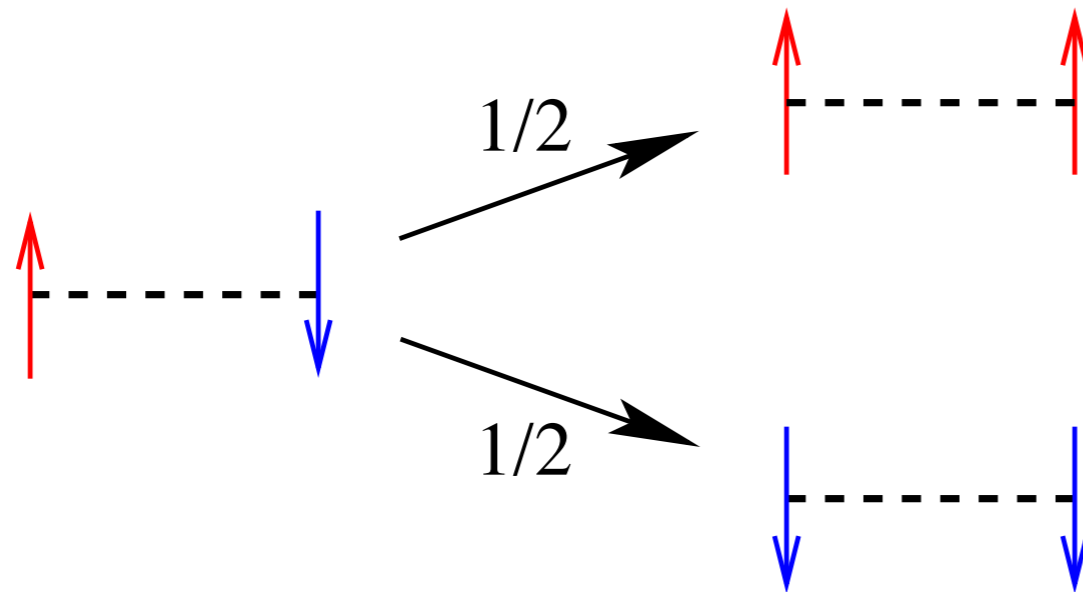
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$$\langle \sigma_i(t) \rangle = I_i(t) e^{-t}$$

for $\langle \sigma_i(t=0) \rangle = \delta_{i,0}$

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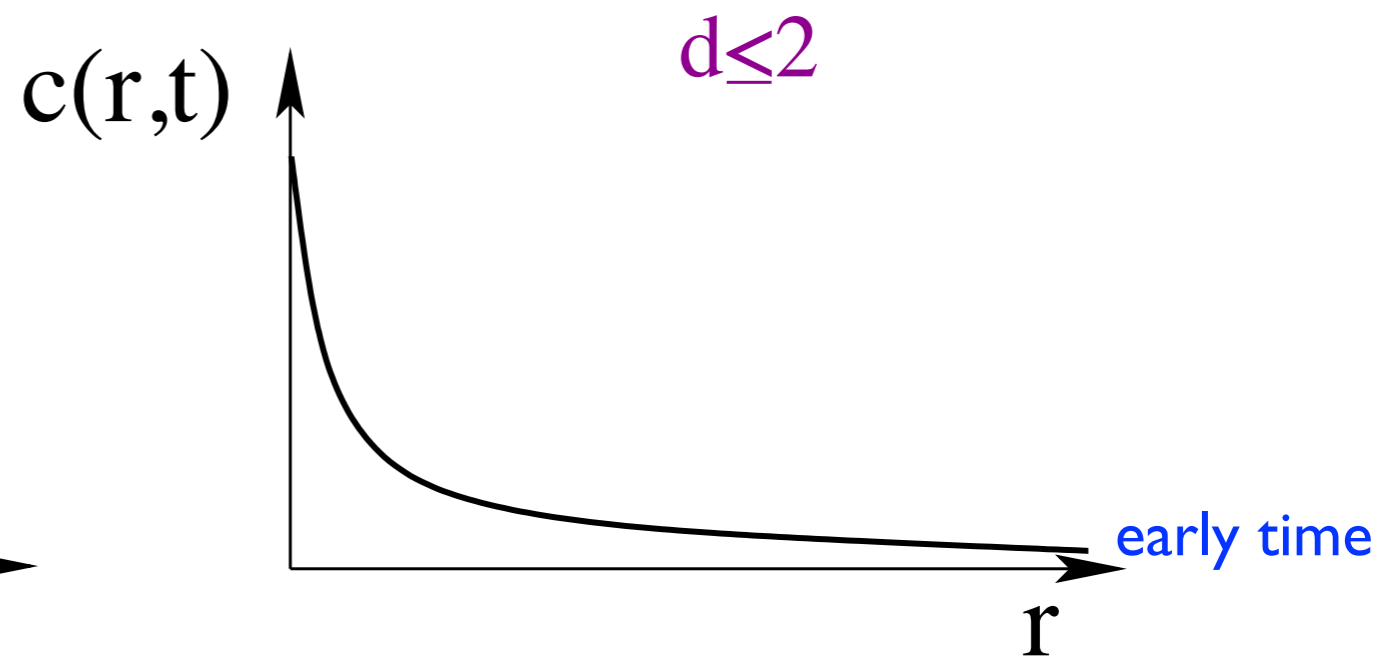
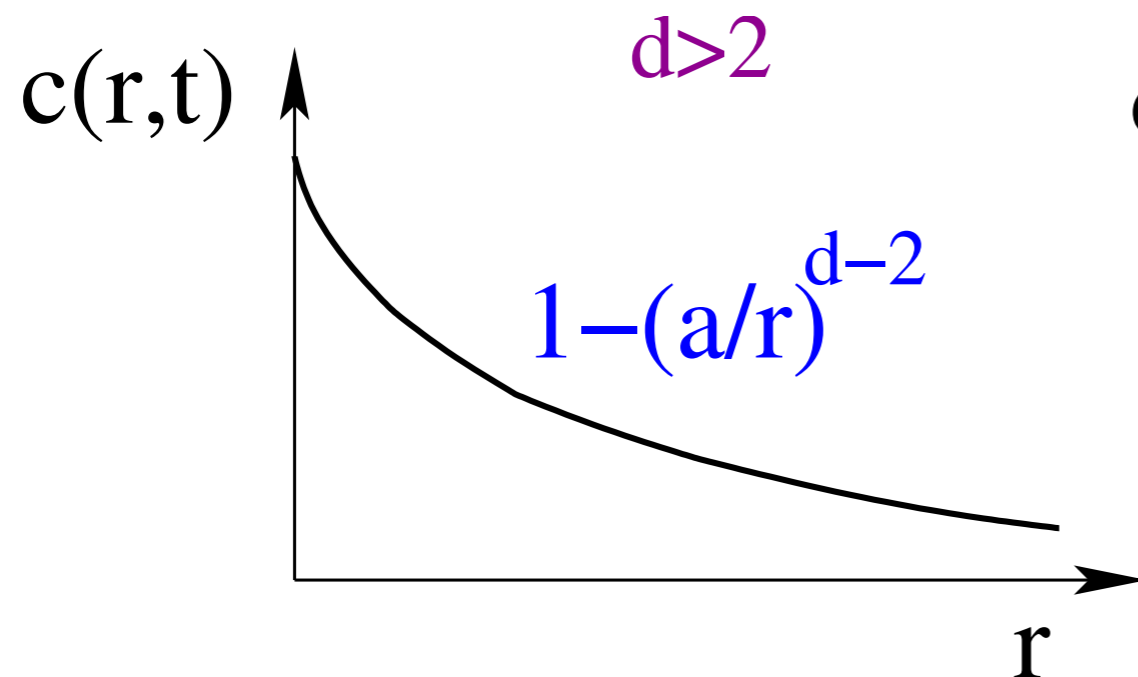
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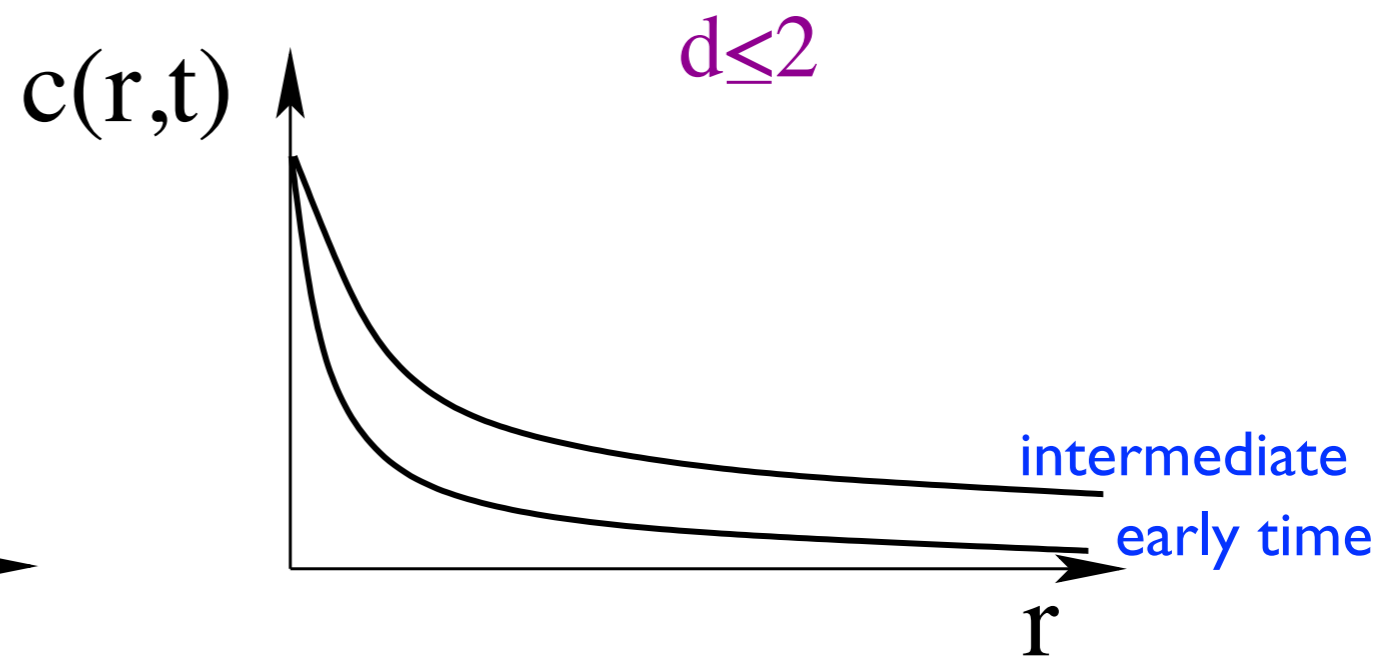
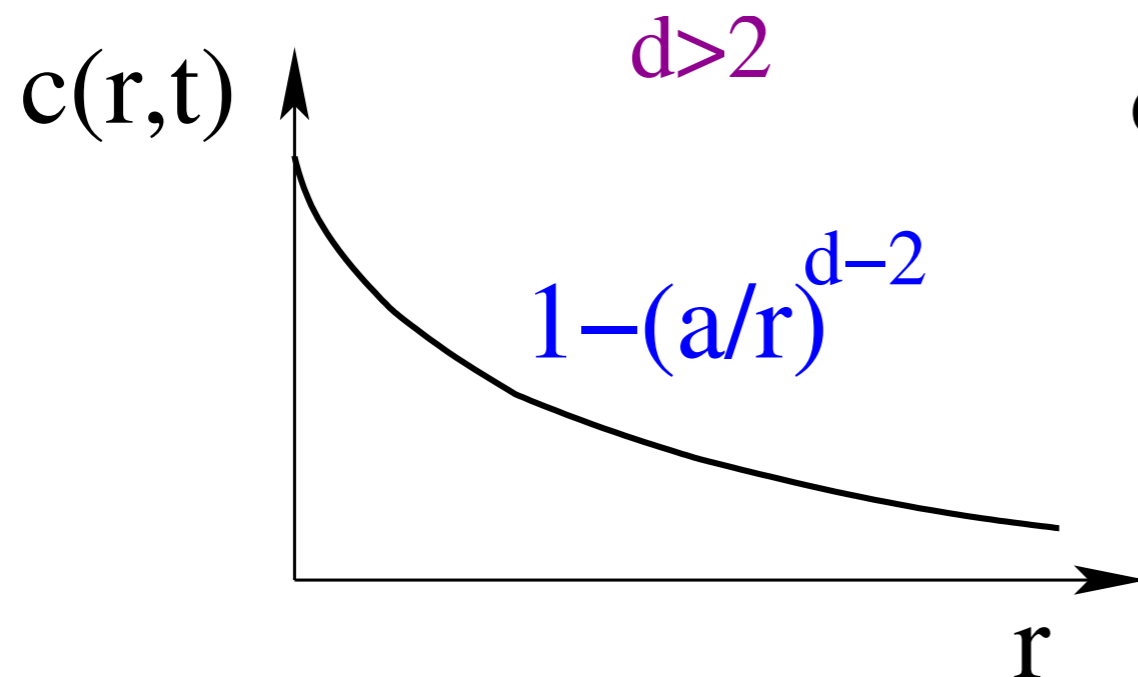
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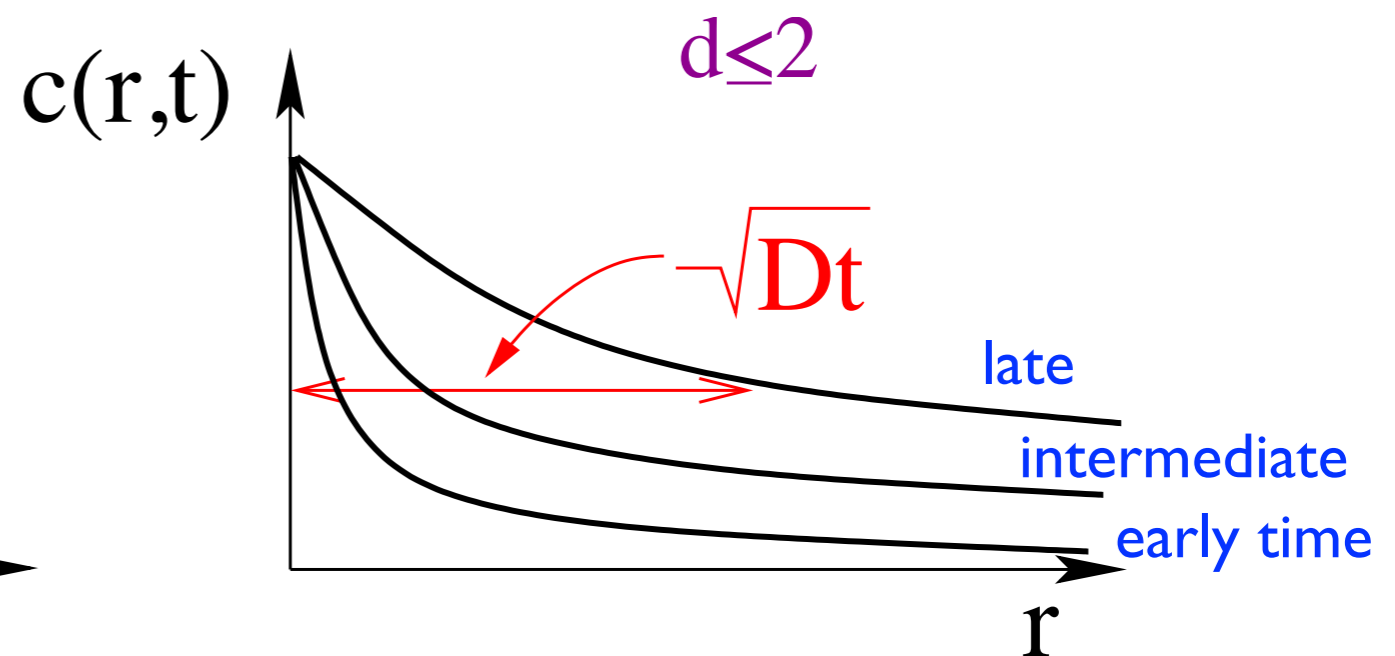
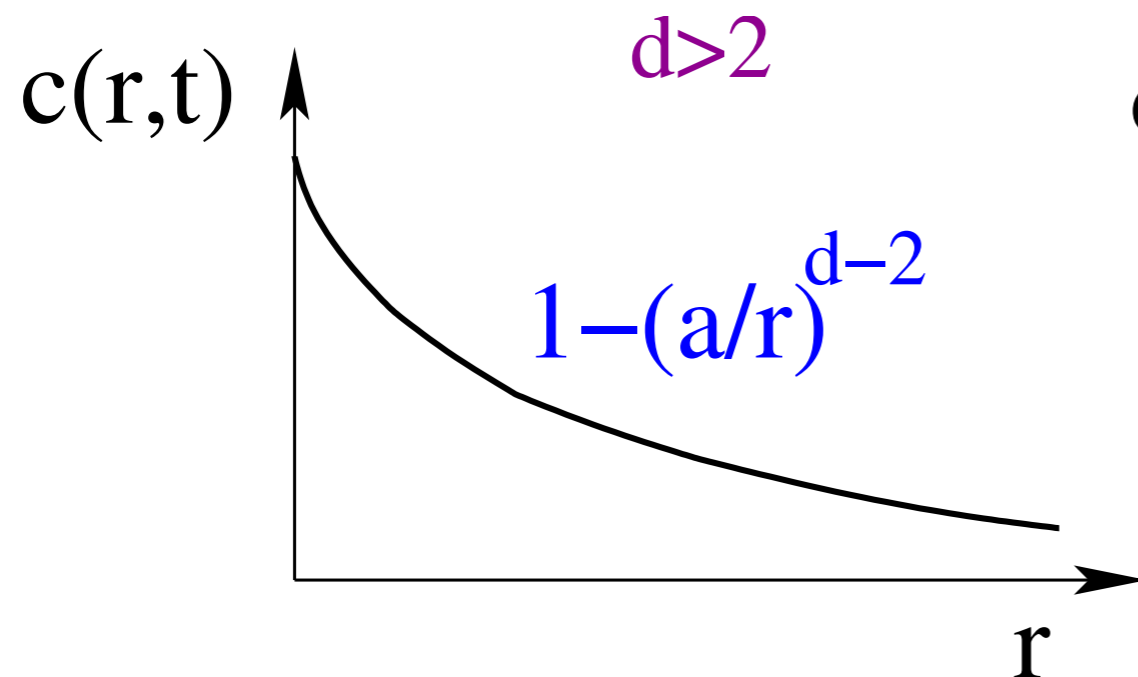
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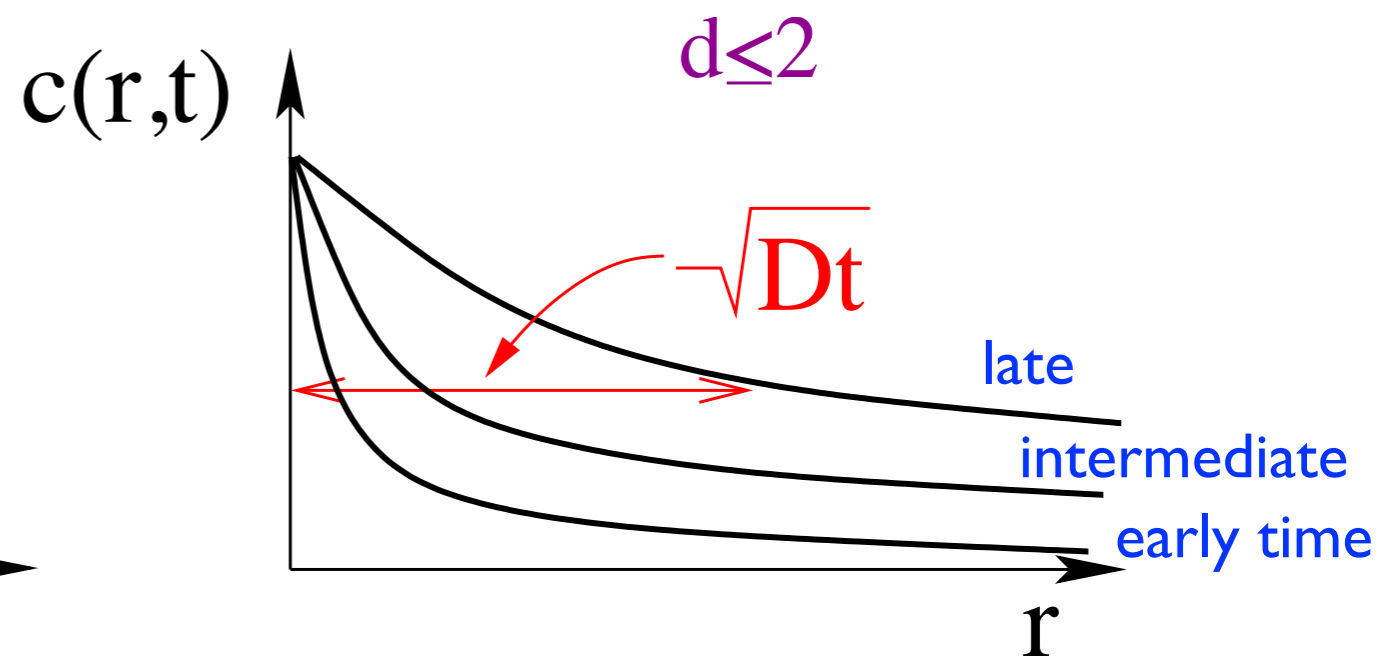
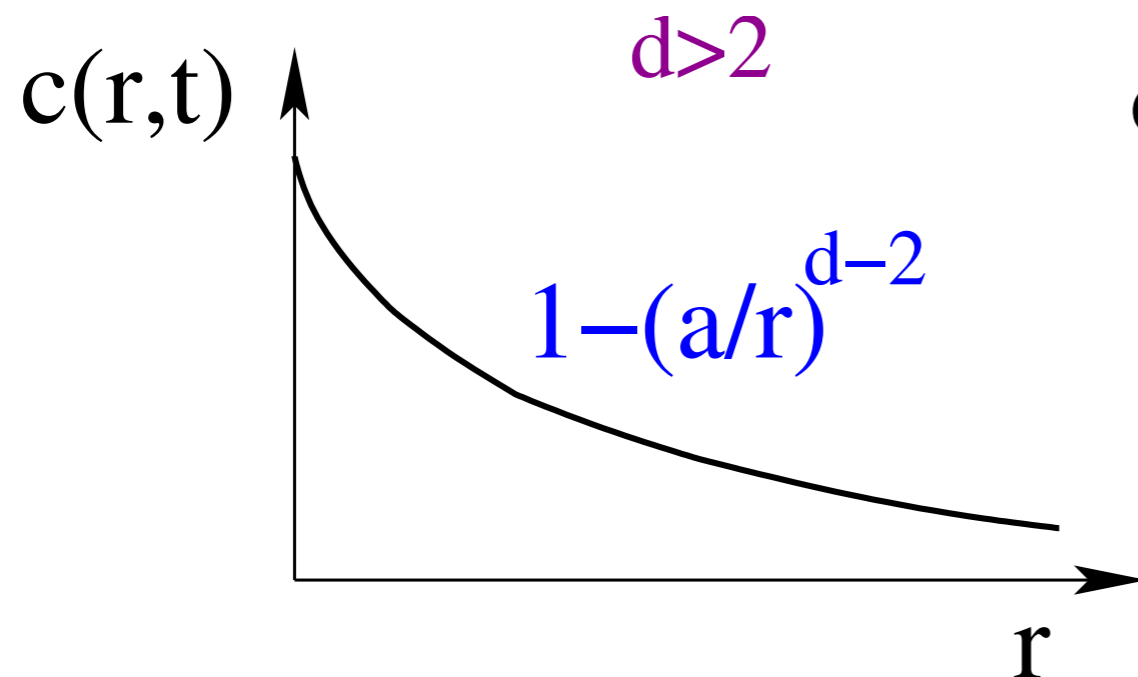
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Asymptotic solution:

$$c(r, t) \sim \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1 - (\frac{a}{r})^{d-2}}{1 - (\frac{a}{\sqrt{Dt}})^{d-2}} & d \neq 2 \\ \frac{1 - \frac{\ln r}{\ln a}}{1 - \frac{\ln \sqrt{Dt}}{\ln a}} & d = 2 \end{cases}$$



3. System Size Dependence of Consensus Time

Liggett (1985), Krapivsky (1992)

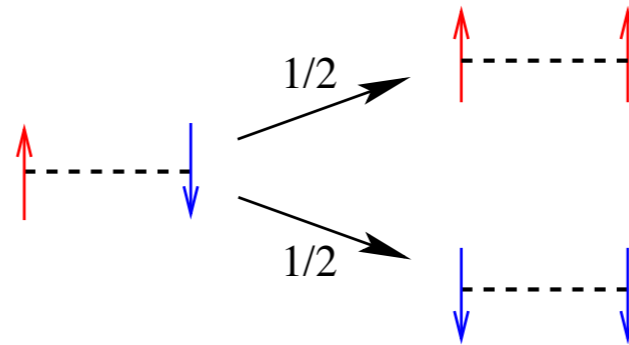
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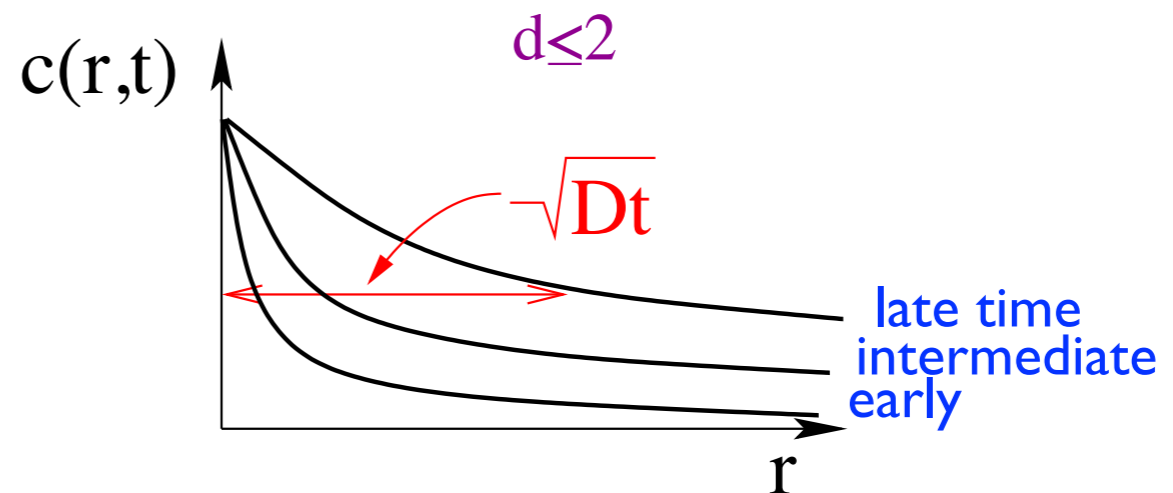
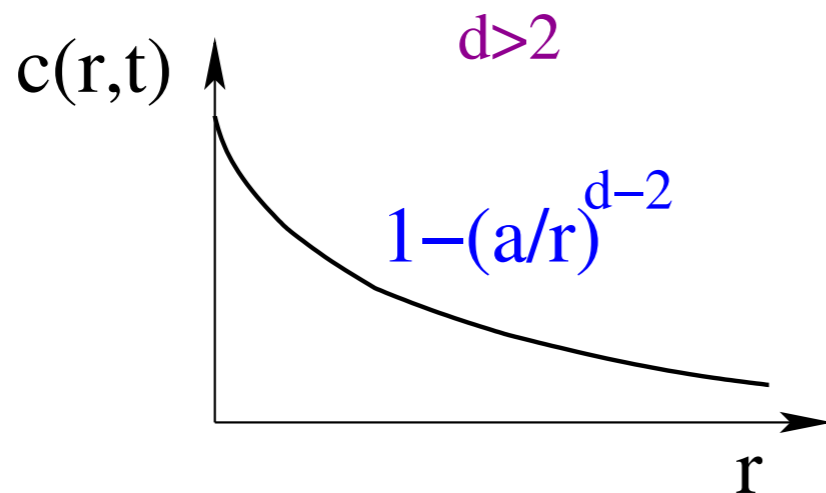
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2. Two-Spin Correlations

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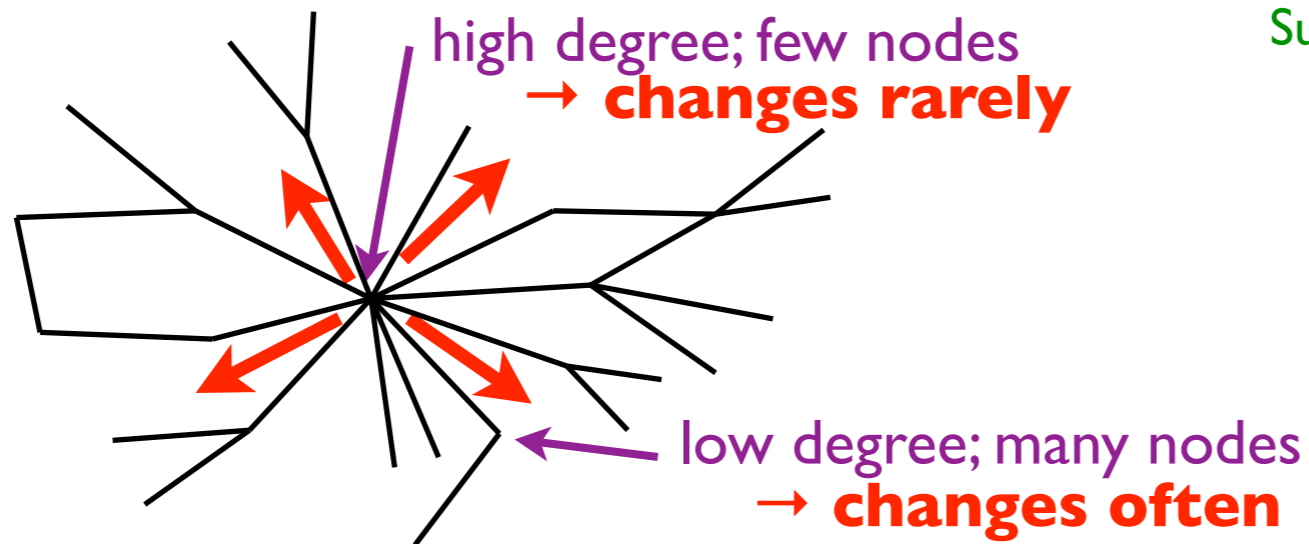
Voter Model on Complex Networks

magnetization on regular networks



magnetization *not conserved* on complex networks

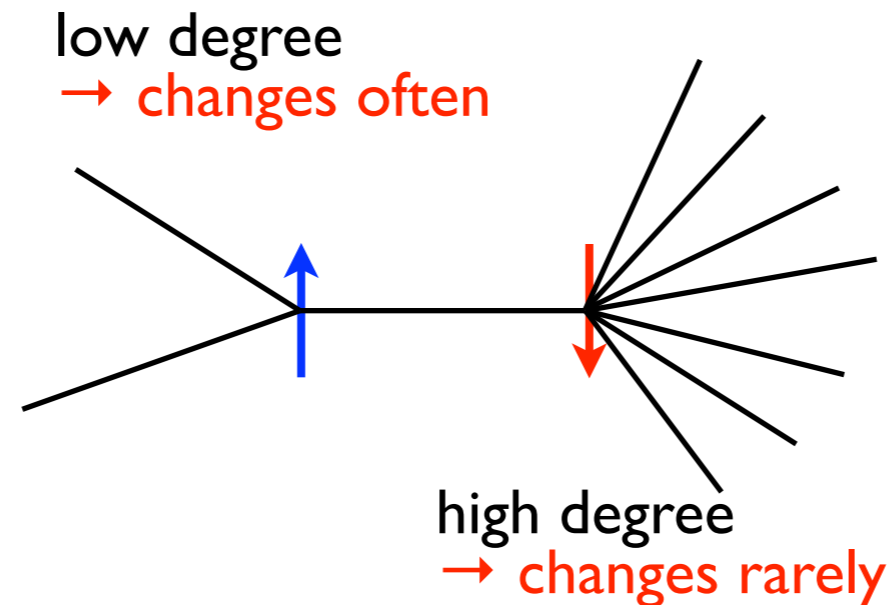
Suchecki, Eguiluz & San Miguel (2005)



“flow” from **high** degree to **low** degree

New Conservation Law

Sood & SR (2005)



to compensate the different rates:

degree-weighted
1st moment:

$$\omega \equiv \frac{\sum_k k n_k \rho_k}{\sum_k k n_k} = \frac{\sum_k k n_k \rho_k}{\mu_1} \quad \text{conserved!}$$

μ_1 = av. degree

n_k = frac. nodes of degree k

ρ_k = frac. \uparrow on nodes of degree k

Conservation Law for Voter Model

Transition probability

$$\mathbf{P}[\eta \rightarrow \eta_x] = \sum_y \frac{A_{xy}}{N k_x} [\Phi(x, y) + \Phi(y, x)]$$

η \equiv state of system
 η_x \equiv state after flip at x
 $\eta(x)$ \equiv state at x (0,1)

adjacency matrix \rightarrow A_{xy}
 $\uparrow_x \downarrow_y$ \rightarrow $\Phi(x, y)$
 $\downarrow_x \uparrow_y$ \rightarrow $\Phi(y, x)$
 $\Phi(x, y) \equiv \eta(x)[1 - \eta(y)] = \uparrow_x \downarrow_y$
 \uparrow voter at x \leftarrow k_x neighbor at y

Density change: $\langle \Delta \eta(x) \rangle = [1 - 2\eta(x)] \mathbf{P}[\eta \rightarrow \eta_x]$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\pm 1 \text{ at } x}$

degree-weighted moments: $\omega_n = \frac{1}{N \mu_n} \sum_x k_x^n \eta(x)$

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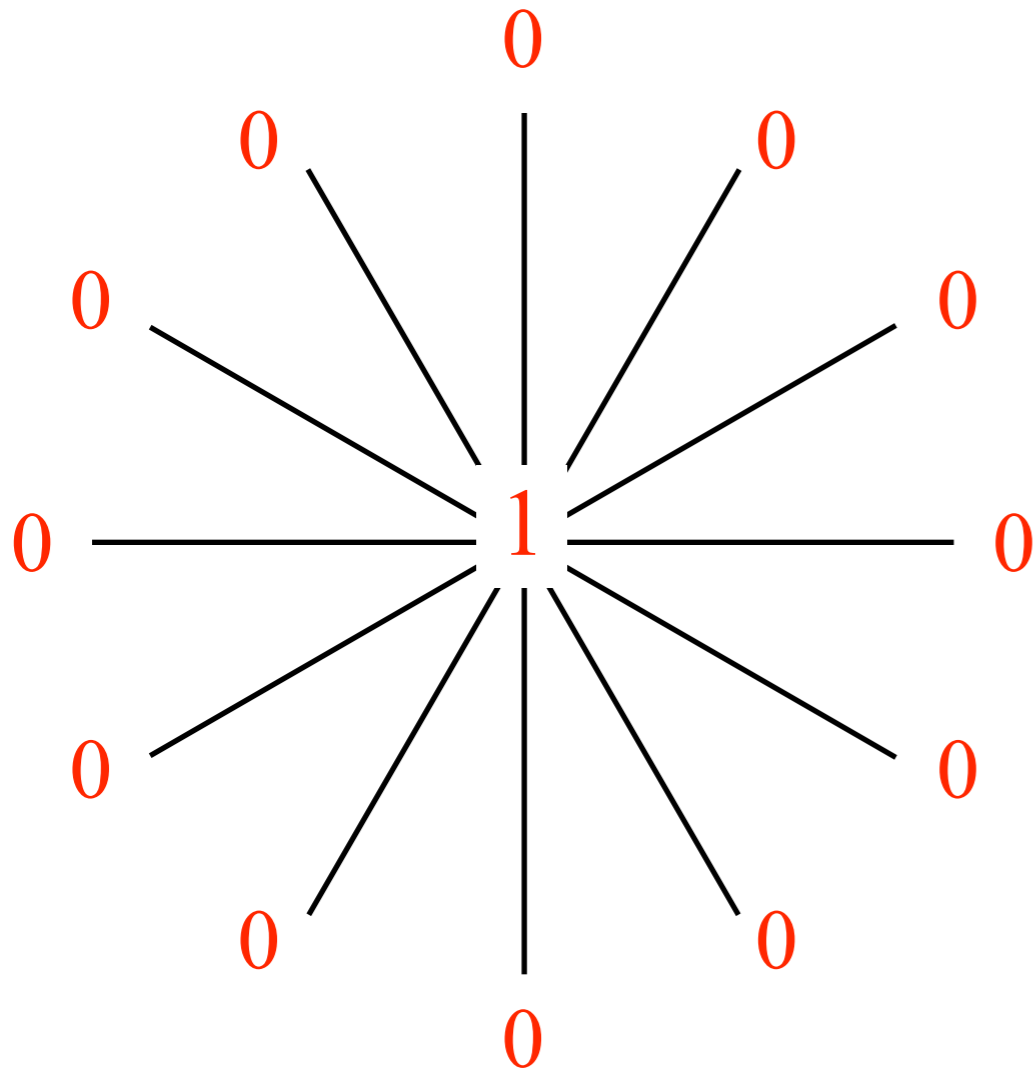
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Exit Probability on Complex Graphs

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega) = \omega$$

Extreme case: star graph

N nodes: degree 1
1 node: degree N



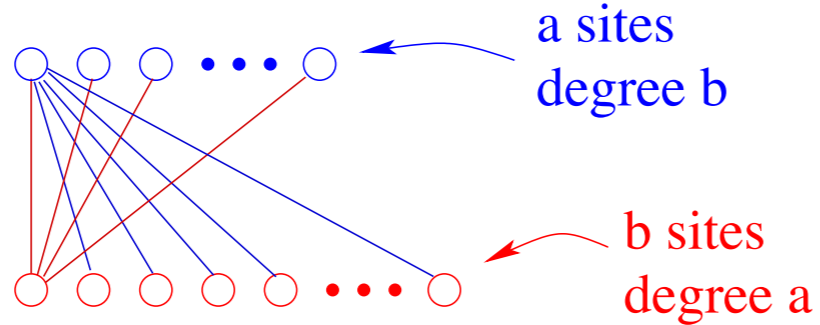
$$\omega = \frac{1}{\mu_1} \sum_k k n_k \rho_k = \frac{1}{2}$$

Final state: all 1 with prob. 1/2!

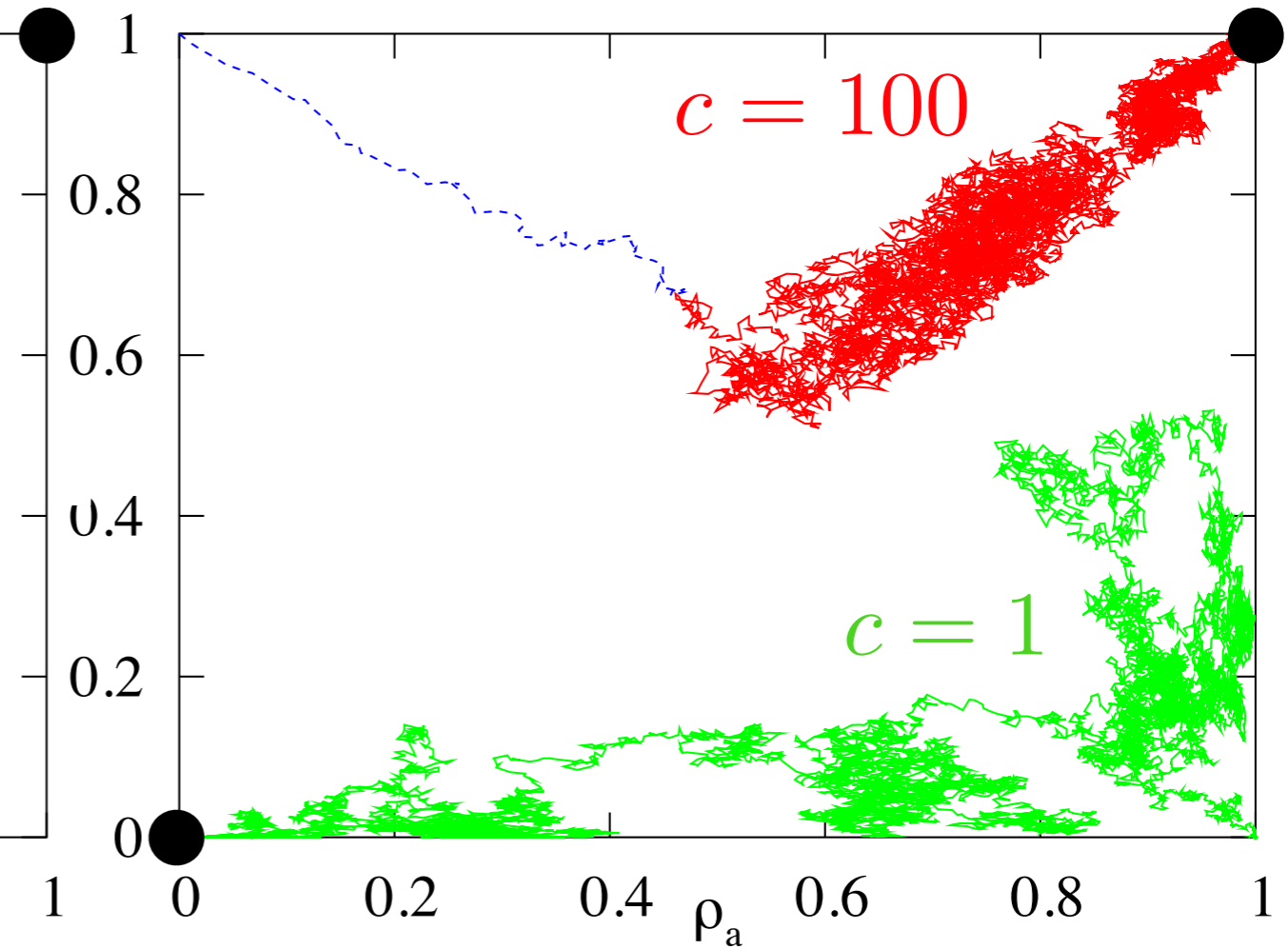
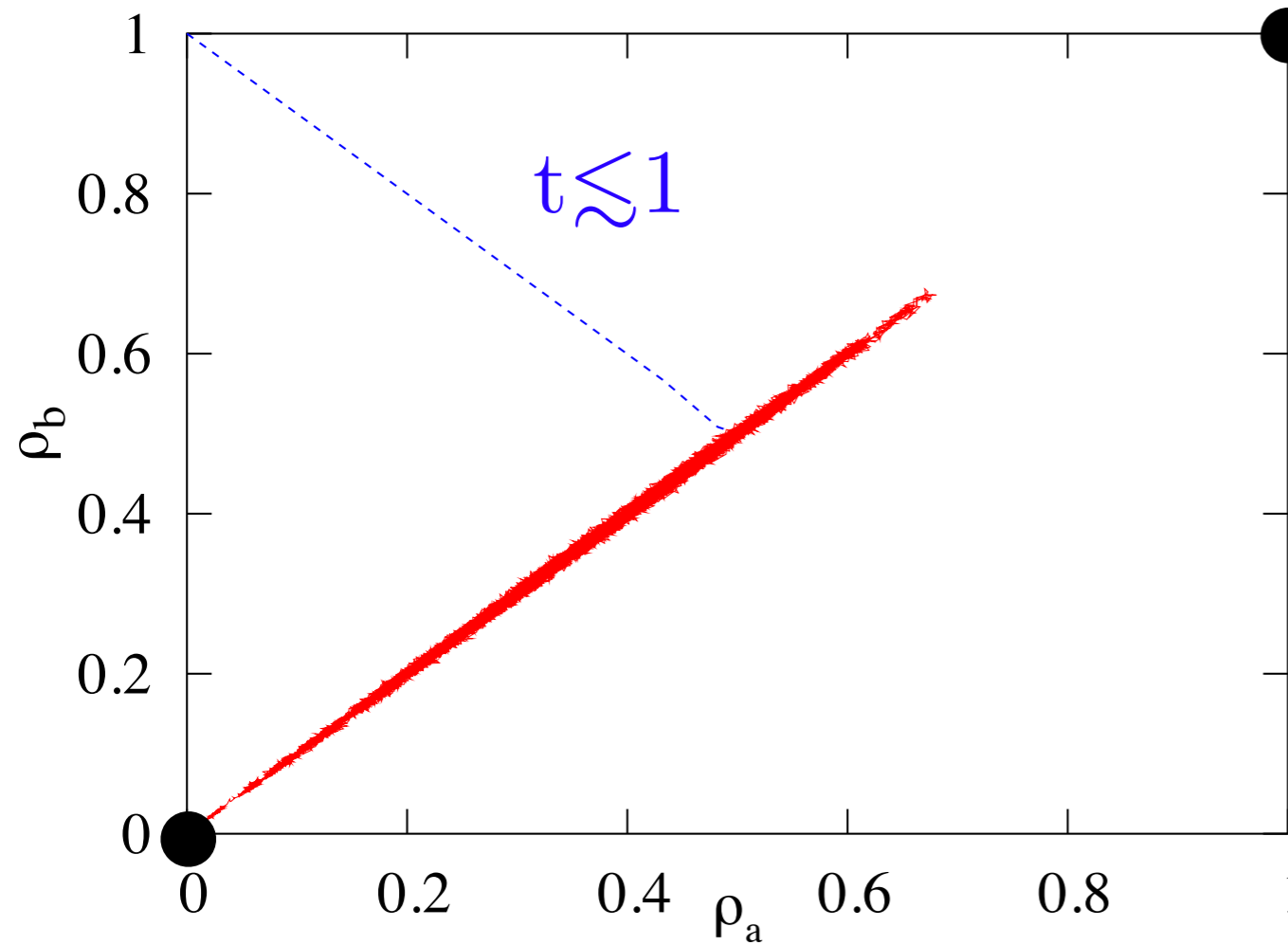
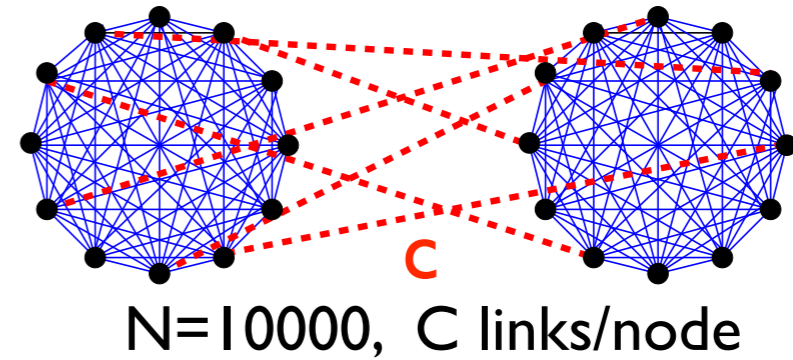
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complete bipartite graph



two-clique graph



Consensus Time Evolution Equation

warmup: complete graph

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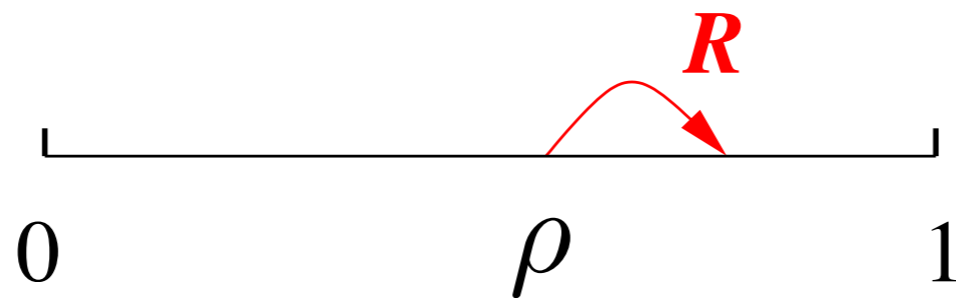
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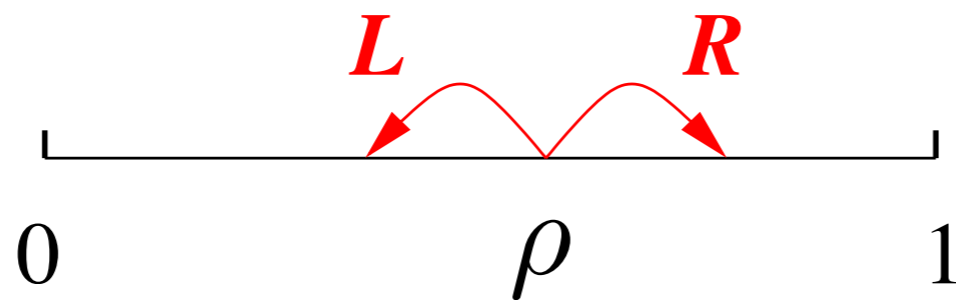
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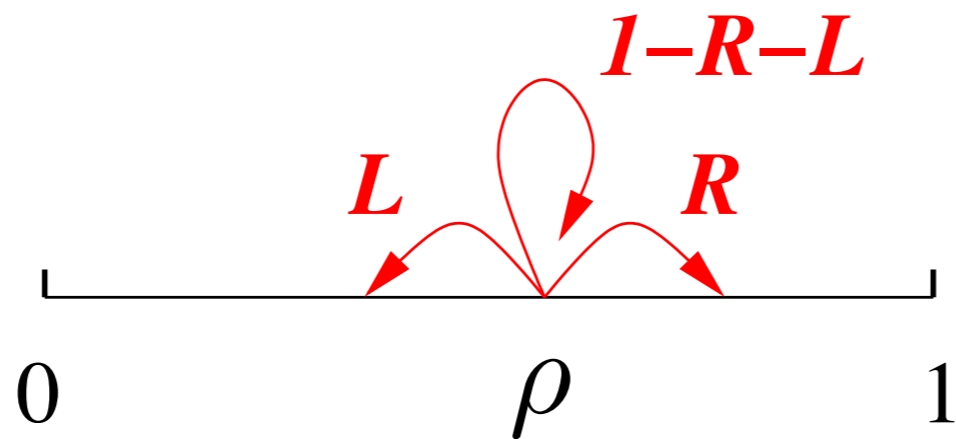
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continuum limit:

$$T'' = -\frac{N}{\rho(1 - \rho)}$$

solution:

$$T(\rho) = -N [\rho \ln \rho + (1 - \rho) \ln(1 - \rho)]$$

Consensus Time on Heterogeneous Networks

$T(\{\rho_k\}) \equiv$ av. consensus time starting with density ρ_k
on nodes of degree k

$$\begin{aligned} T(\{\rho_k\}) &= \sum_k \mathcal{R}_k(\{\rho_k\}) [T(\{\rho_k^+\}) + dt] \\ &+ \sum_k \mathcal{L}_k(\{\rho_k\}) [T(\{\rho_k^-\}) + dt] \\ &+ \left[1 - \sum_k [\mathcal{R}_k(\{\rho_k\}) + \mathcal{L}_k(\{\rho_k\})] \right] [T(\{\rho_k\}) + dt] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_k(\{\rho_k\}) &= \text{prob}(\rho_k \rightarrow \rho_k^+) & \mathcal{L}_k(\{\rho_k\}) &= n_k \rho_k (1 - \omega) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_x' \frac{1}{k_x} \sum_y P(\downarrow, \text{---}, \uparrow) \\ &= n_k \omega (1 - \rho_k) \end{aligned}$$

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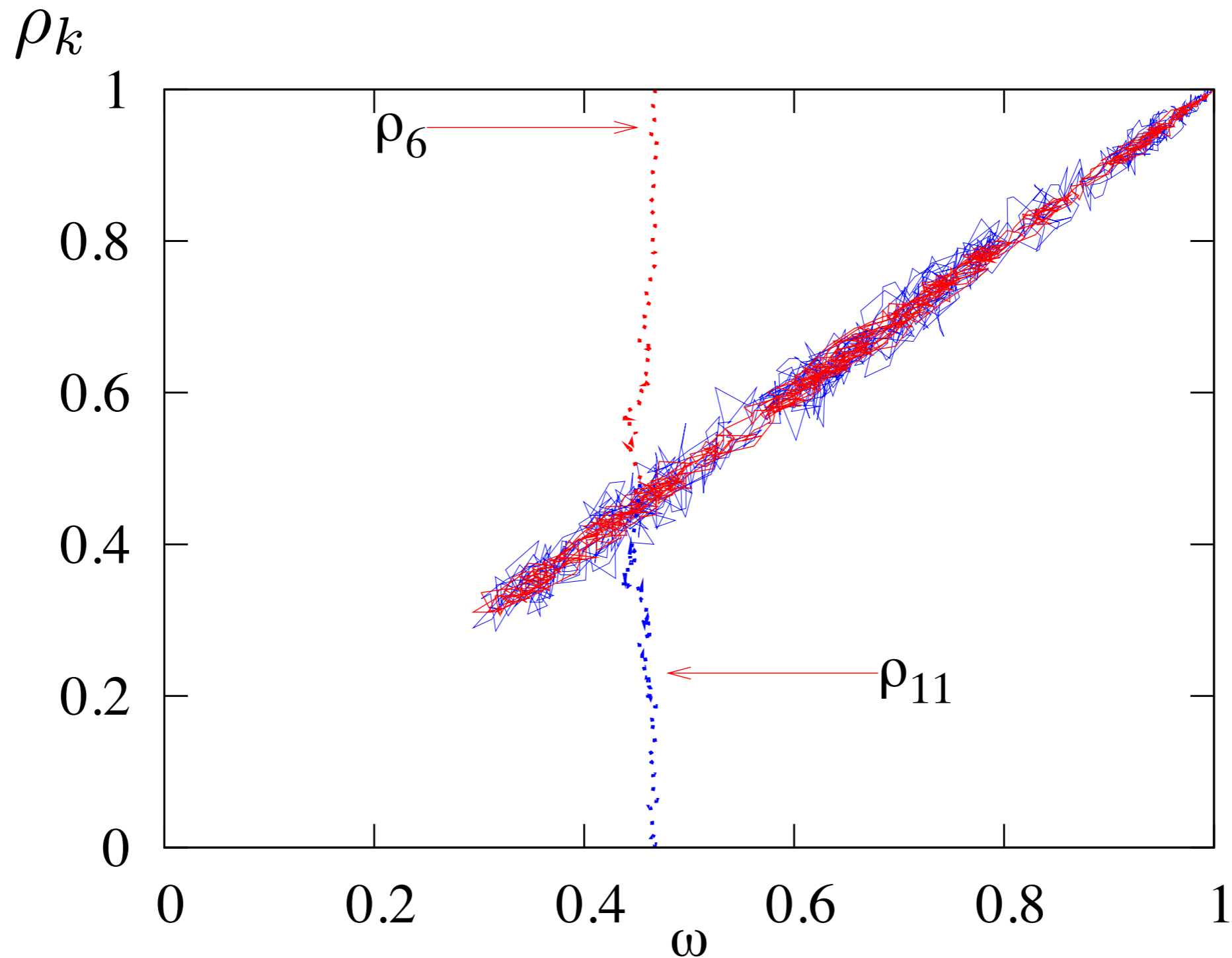
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configuration model

$$n_k \sim k^{-2.5}, \quad \mu_1 = 8$$



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now use $\rho_k \rightarrow \omega \quad \forall k$

and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho_k} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \rho_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} = \frac{kn_k}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega}$

to give $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \omega^2} = -\frac{N\mu_1^2/\mu_2}{\omega(1-\omega)}$ same as $T'' = -\frac{N}{\rho(1-\rho)}$

with effective size $N_{\text{eff}} = N\mu_1^2/\mu_2$

$$\mu_n = \sum_k k^n n_k$$

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fast consensus

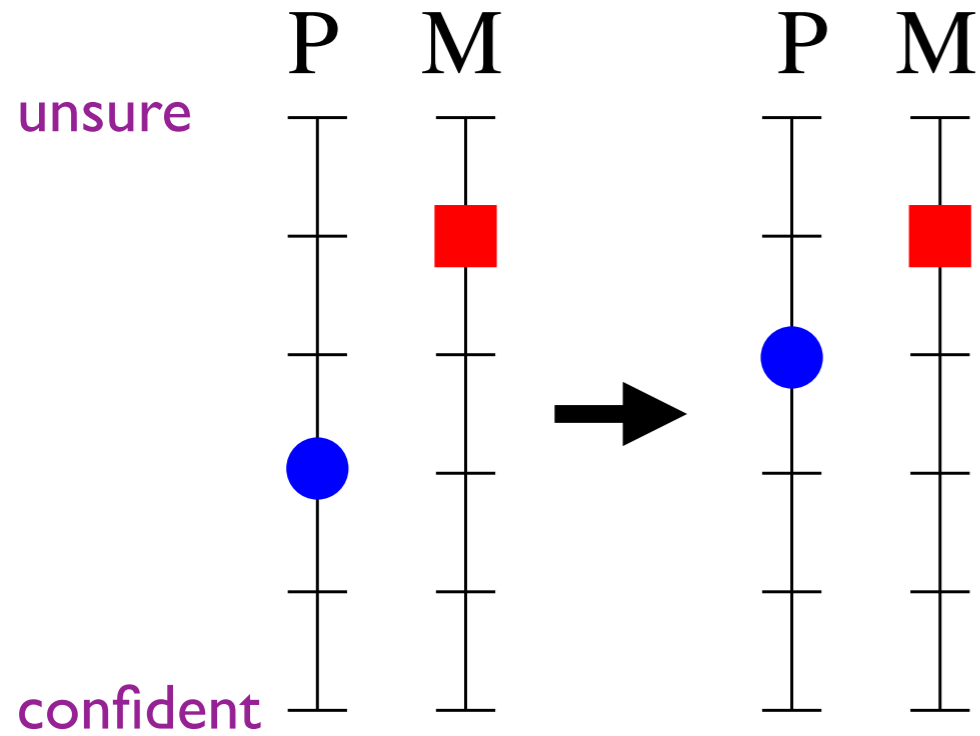
Invasion process:

$$T_N \sim \begin{cases} N & \nu > 2, \\ N \ln N & \nu = 2, \\ N^{2-\nu} & \nu < 2. \end{cases}$$

“Confident” Voter Model

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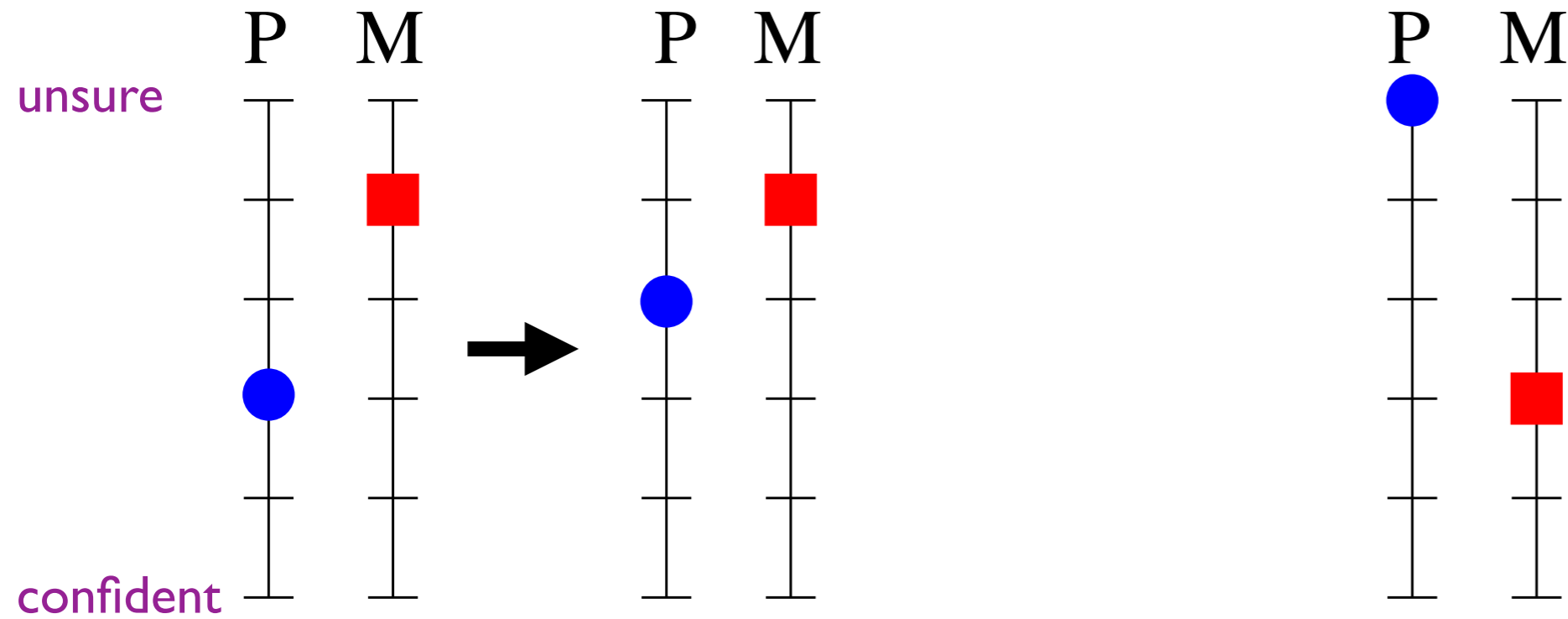
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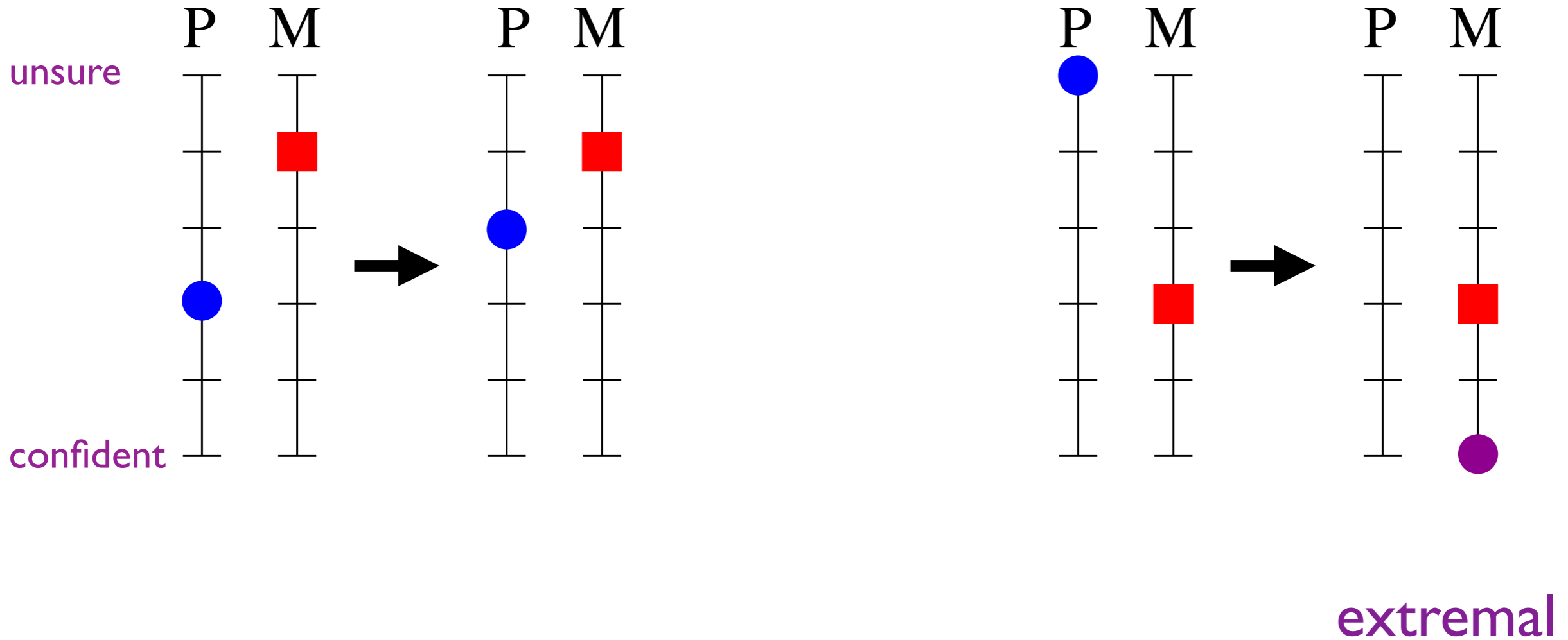
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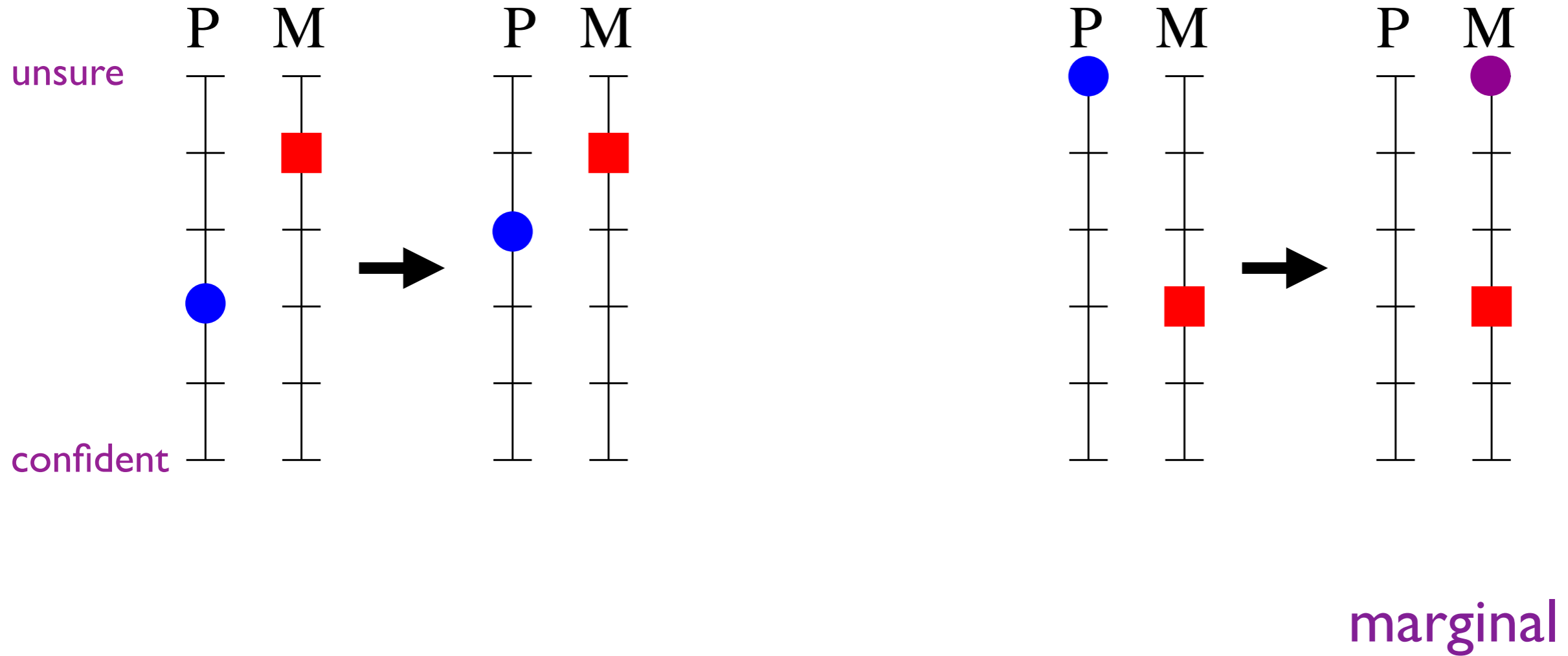
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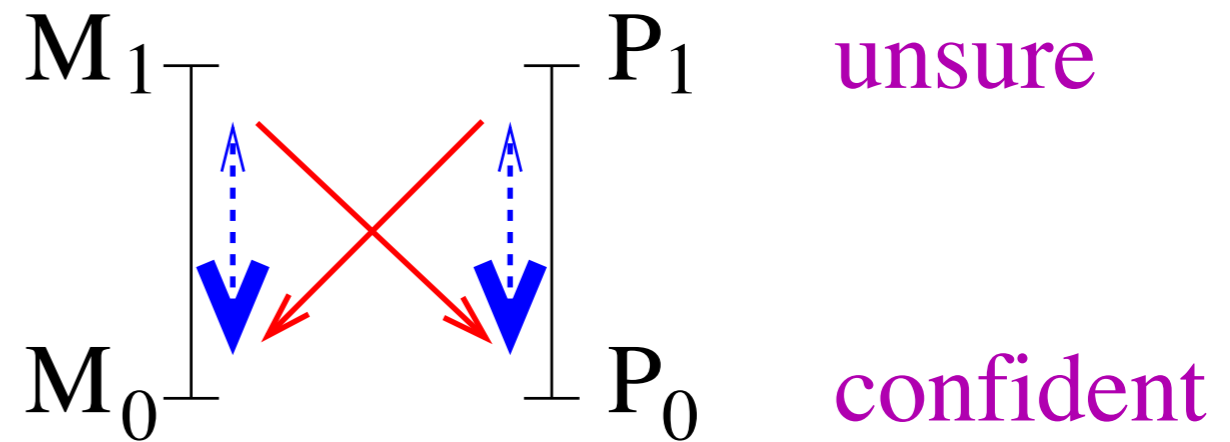
motivation: Centola (2010)

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Simplest case: 2 internal states

densities P_0, P_1, M_0, M_1 ,
with $P_0 + P_1 + M_0 + M_1 = 1$



basic processes:

$$M_1 P_1 \rightarrow P_0 P_1 \text{ or } M_0 M_1$$

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rate equations/mean-field limit:

$$\dot{P}_0 = -M_0 P_0 + M_1 P_1 + P_0 P_1$$

$$\dot{P}_1 = M_0 P_0 - M_1 P_1 - P_0 P_1 + (M_1 P_0 - M_0 P_1)$$

similarly for M_0, M_1

special soluble case: symmetric limit

$$P_0 + P_1 = M_0 + M_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\dot{P}_0 = -M_0 P_0 + M_1 P_1 + P_0 P_1$$

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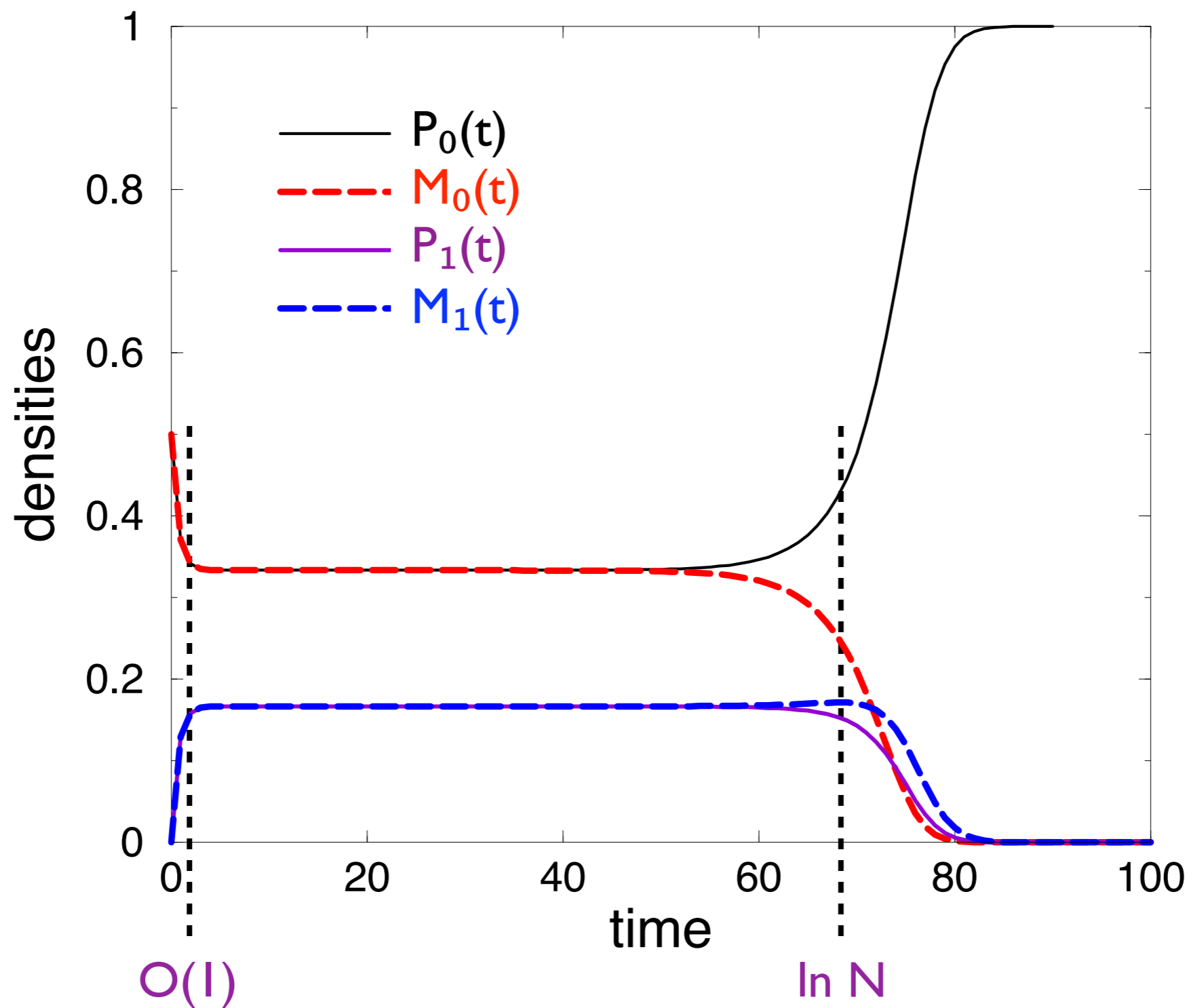
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \dot{P}_0 = -\dot{P}_1 &= P_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}P_0 - \frac{1}{4} \\ &= -(P_0 - \lambda_+)(P_0 - \lambda_-) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{4}(-1 \pm \sqrt{5}) \approx 0.309, -0.809$$

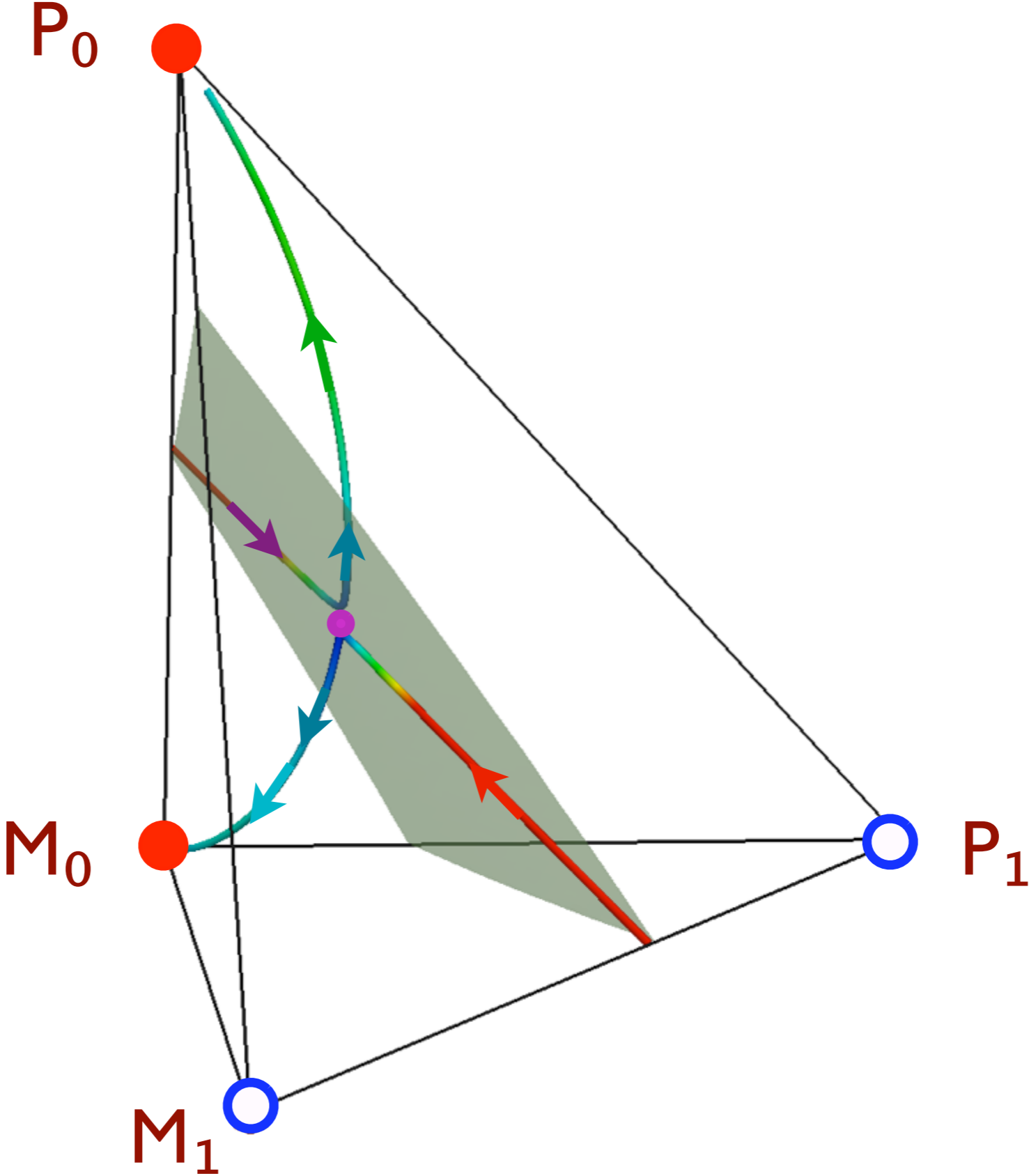
solution:
$$\frac{P_0(t) - \lambda_+}{P_0(t) - \lambda_-} = \frac{P_0(0) - \lambda_+}{P_0(0) - \lambda_-} e^{-(\lambda_+ - \lambda_-)t}$$

near symmetric
limit:

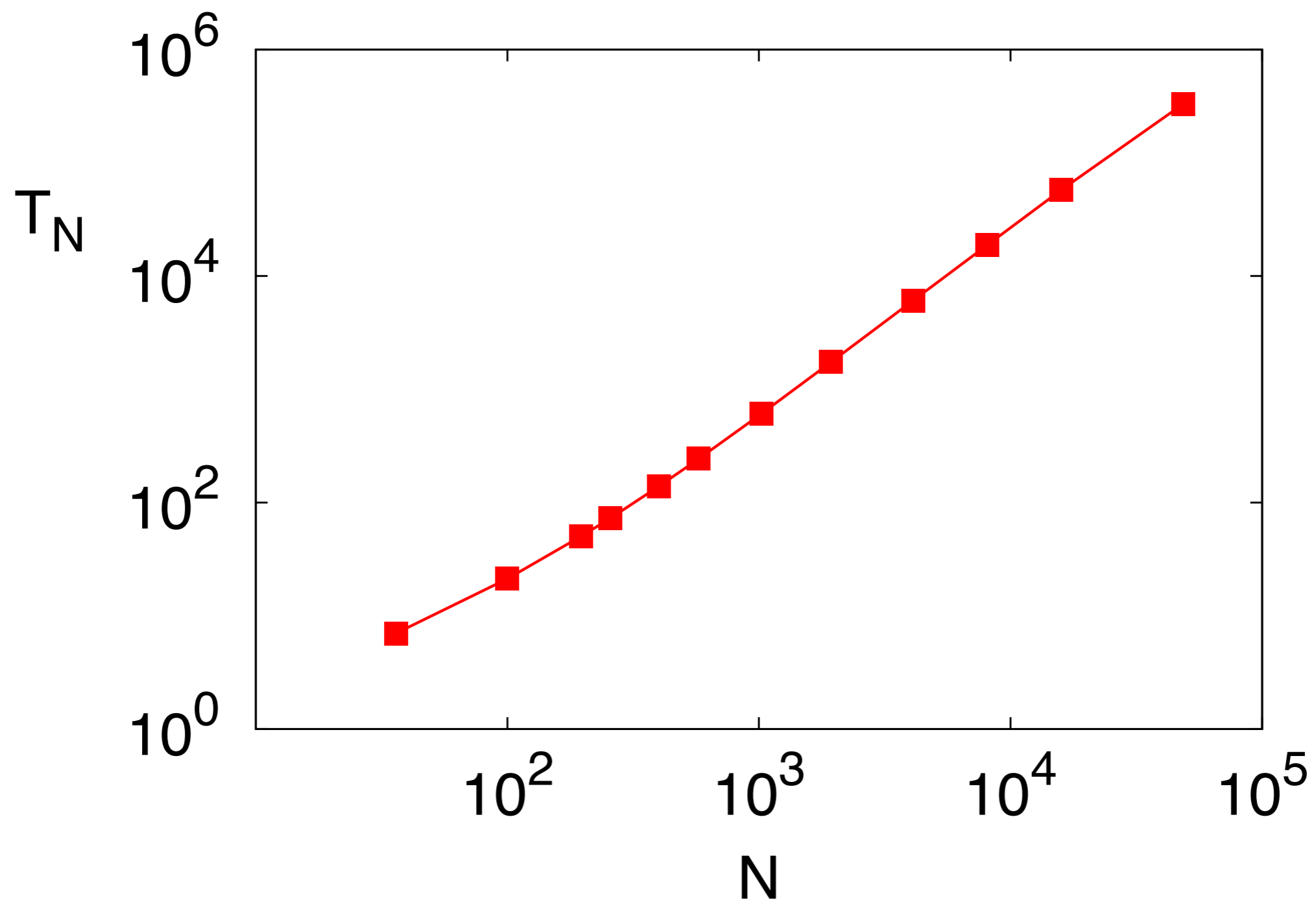
$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} + 10^{-5}, \quad M_0 = \frac{1}{2} - 10^{-5}, \quad P_1 = M_1 = 0$$



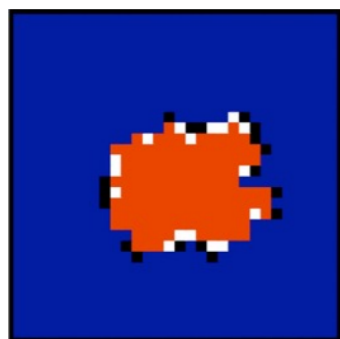
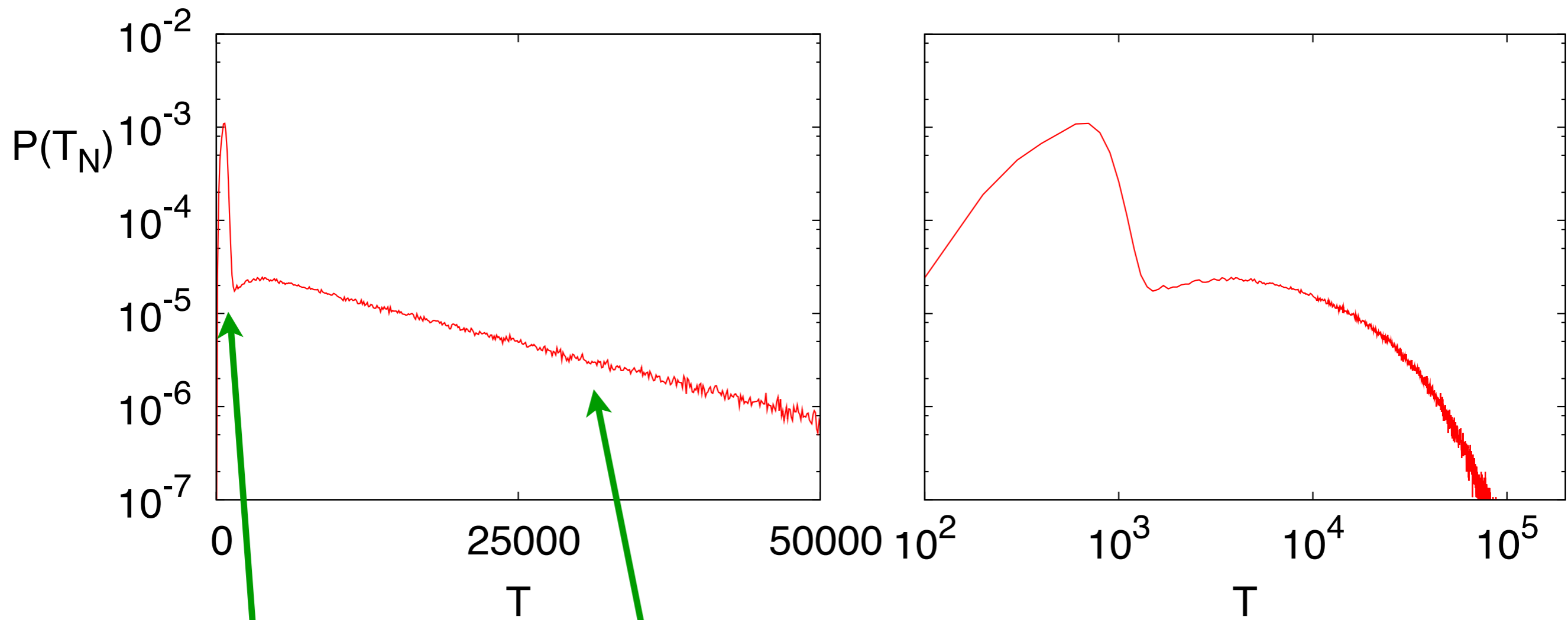
near symmetric limit: composition tetrahedron



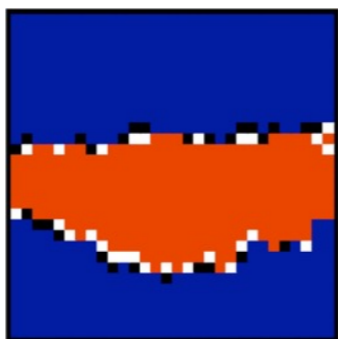
Consensus Time in Two Dimensions



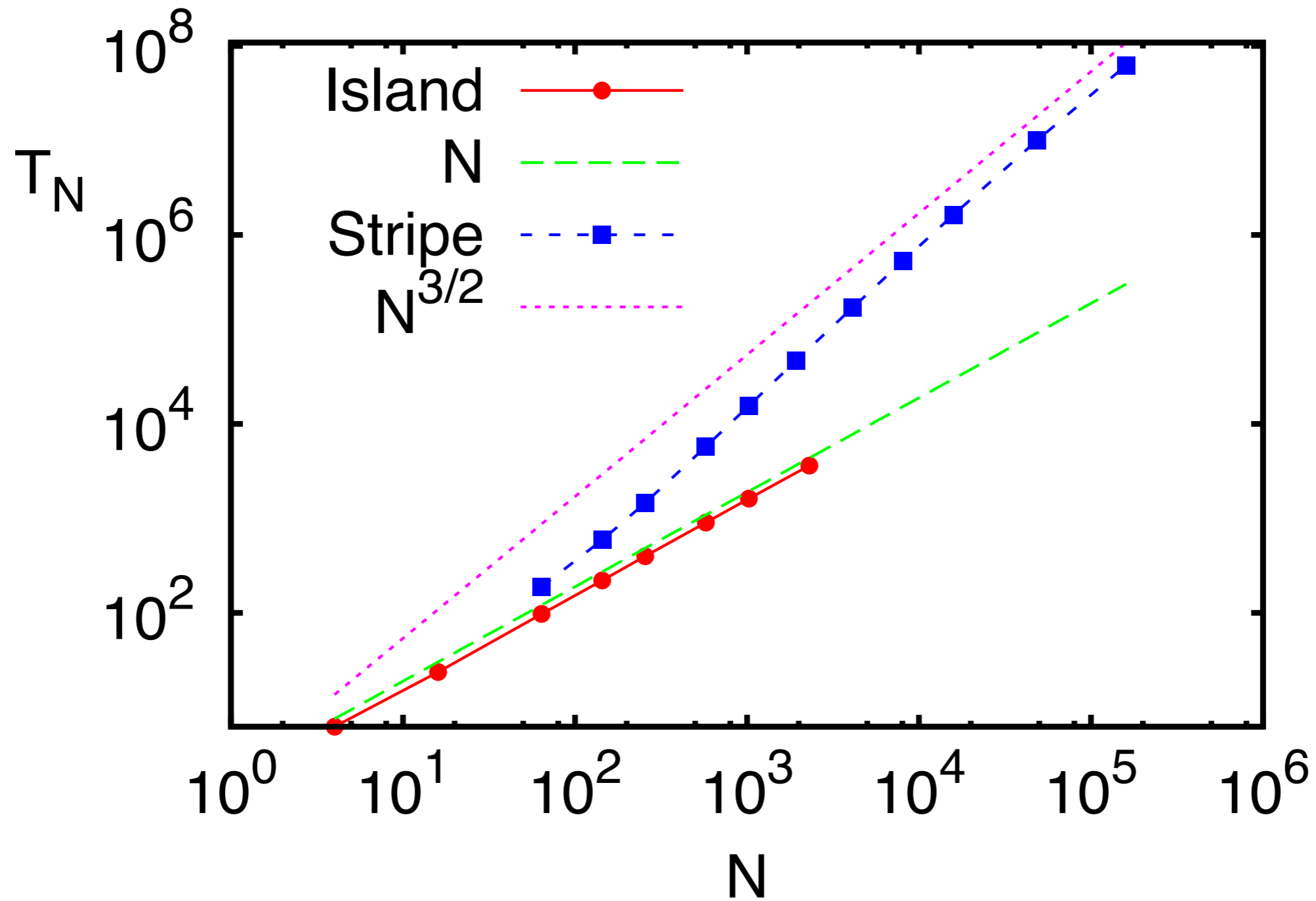
Consensus Time Distribution



droplets



stripes



two time scales control approach to consensus

see also Spirin, Krapivsky, SR (2001), Chen & SR (2005)

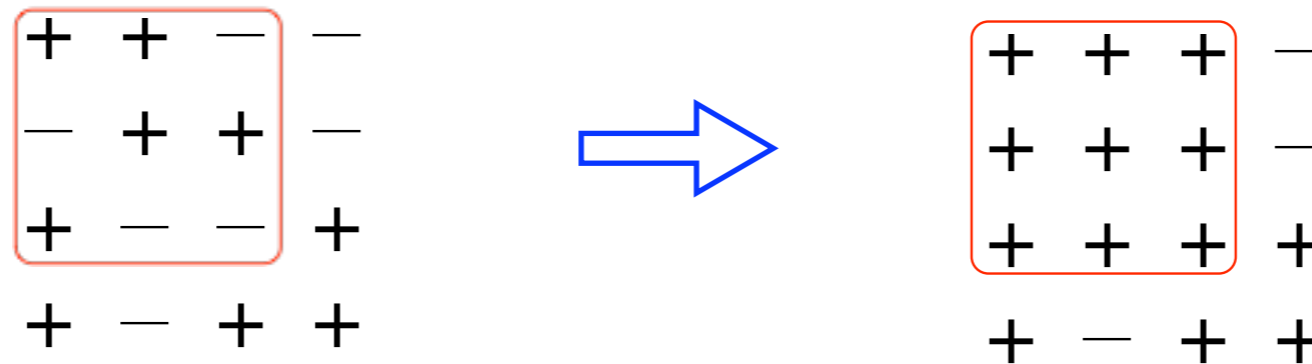
Ising model

Majority vote model

Majority rule

Galam (1999), Krapivsky & SR (2003),
Slanina & Lavicka (2003), Chen & SR (2005)

1. Pick a random group of G spins (with G odd).
2. **All** spins in G adopt the majority state.
3. Repeat until consensus necessarily occurs.

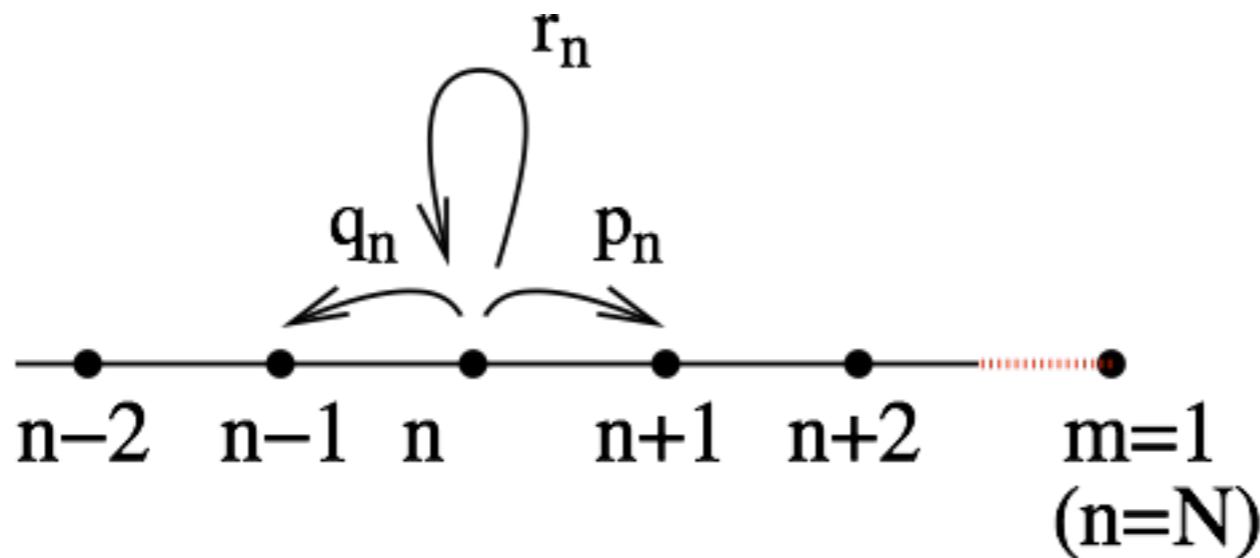


- Basic questions:
1. Which final state is reached?
 2. What is the time until consensus?

Mean-field theory (for $G=3$)

$E_n \equiv$ exit probability to $m = 1$ starting from n plus spins

$$= p_n E_{n+1} + q_n E_{n-1} + r_n E_n$$



where $p_n = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{N-3}{n-2}}{\binom{N}{n}}$

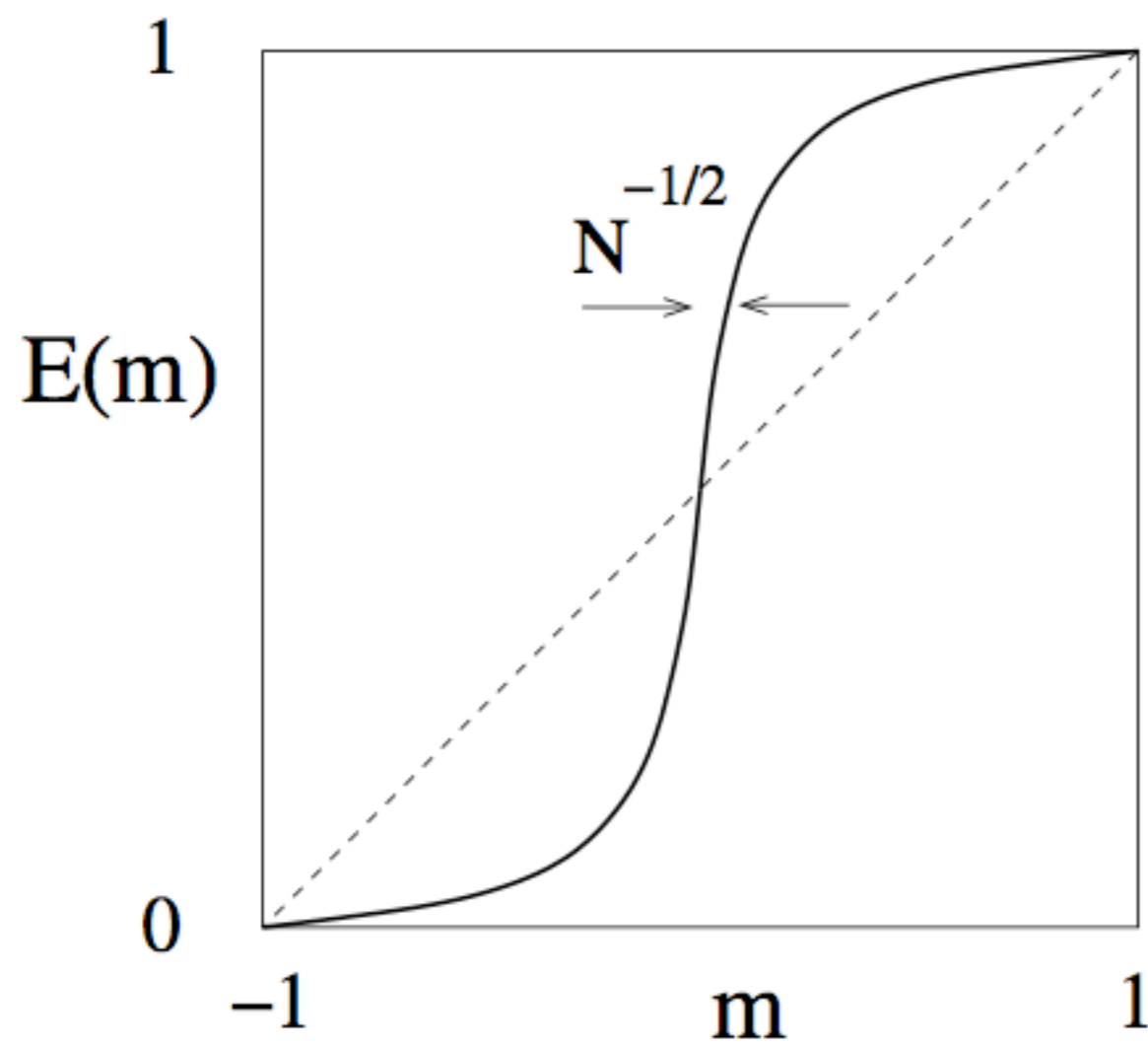
$$q_n = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{N-3}{n-1}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$r_n = 1 - p_n - q_n$$

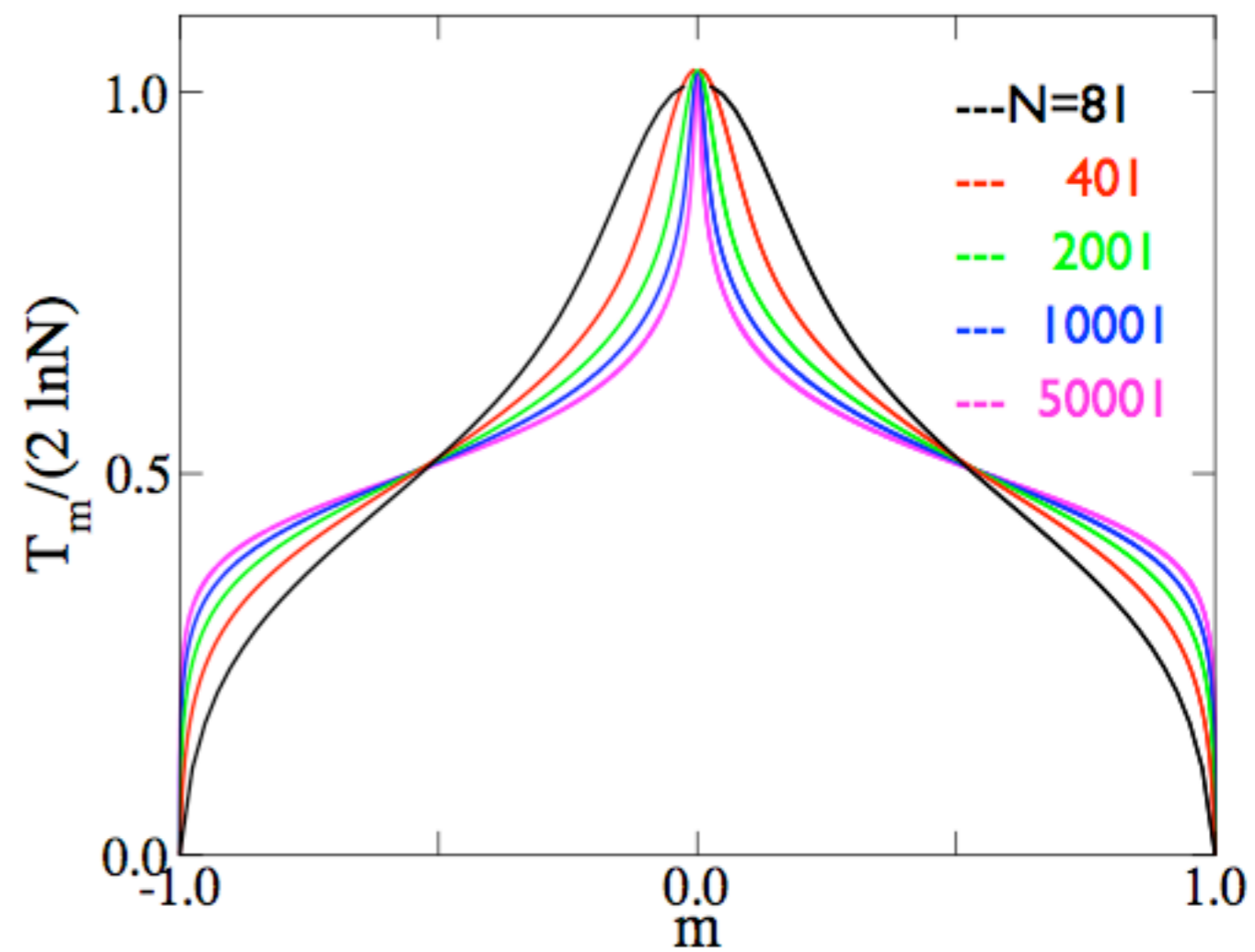
$T_n \equiv$ mean time to $m = 1$ starting from n plus spins

$$= p_n (T_{n+1} + \delta t) + q_n (T_{n-1} + \delta t) + r_n (T_n + \delta t)$$

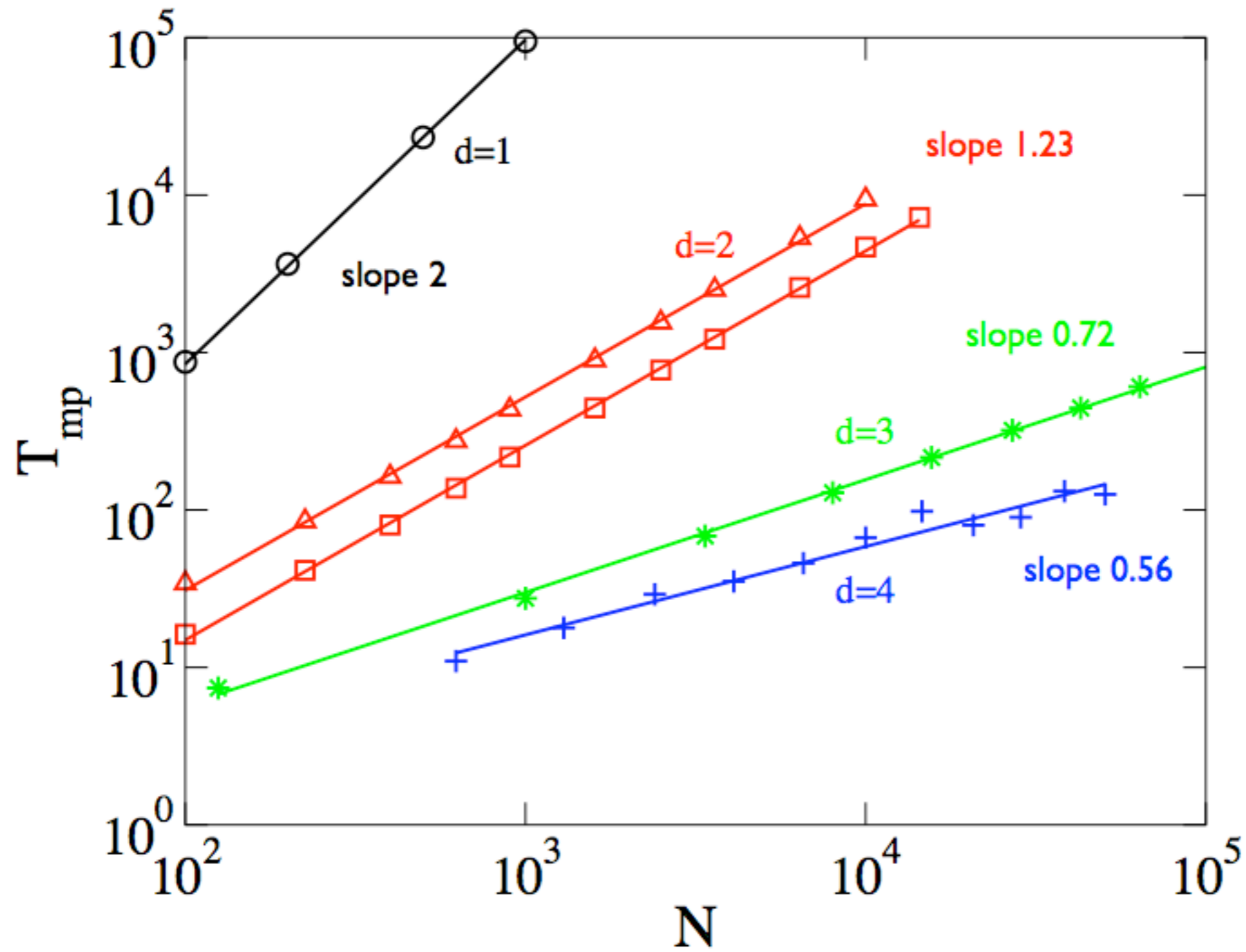
Exit probability (schematic)



Consensus time (data)



Consensus time for finite spatial dimensions



Critical dimension appears to be >4 !

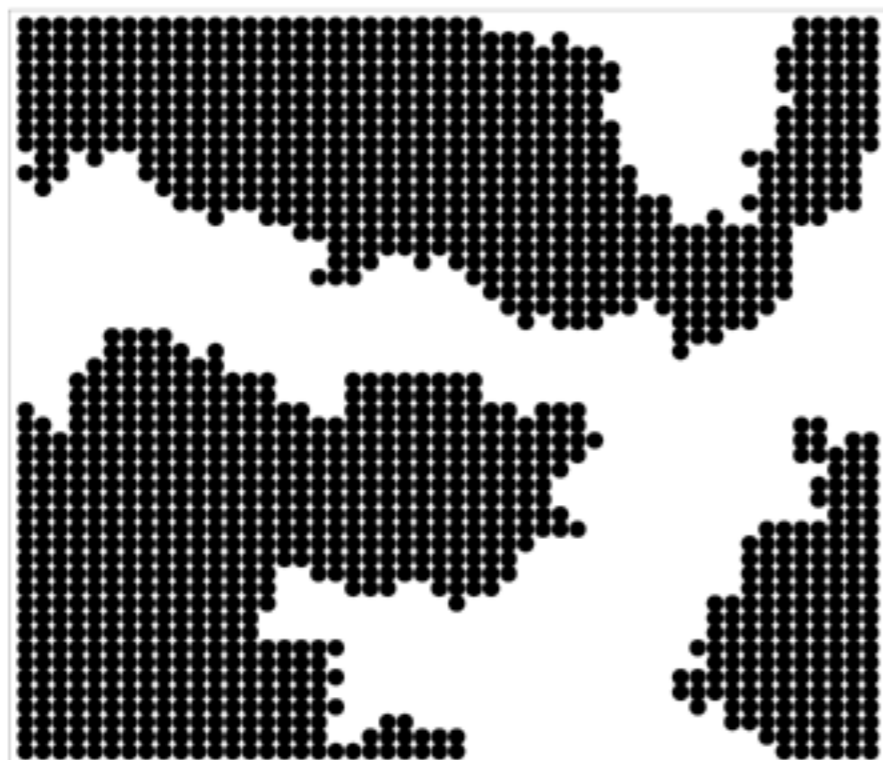
Anomalous dynamics in 2d: stripes $\sim 33\%$ of the time!



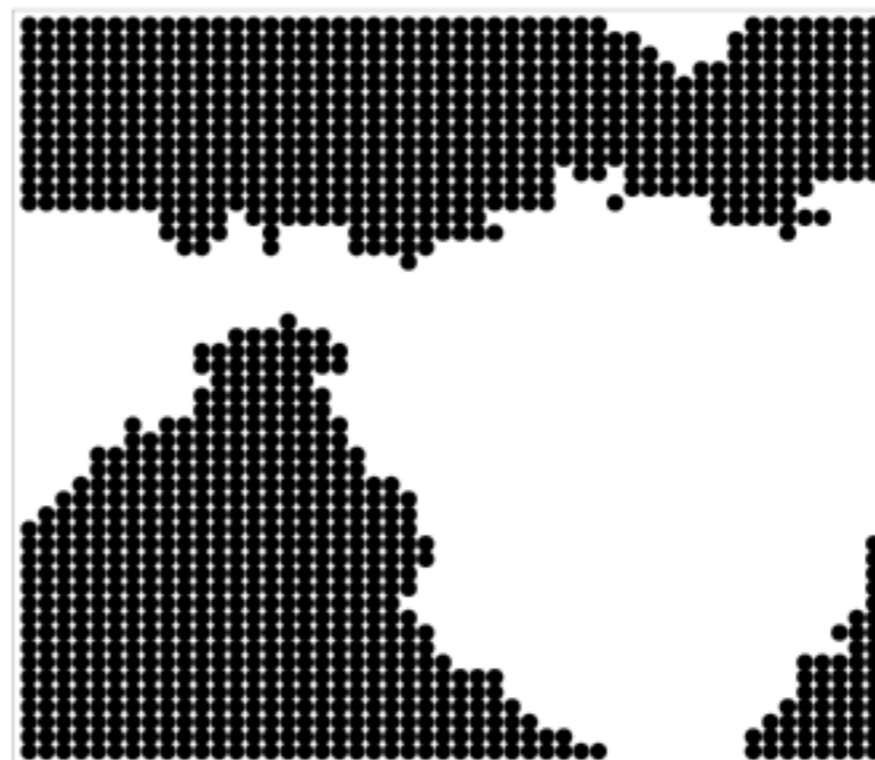
$t=0$



$t=5$

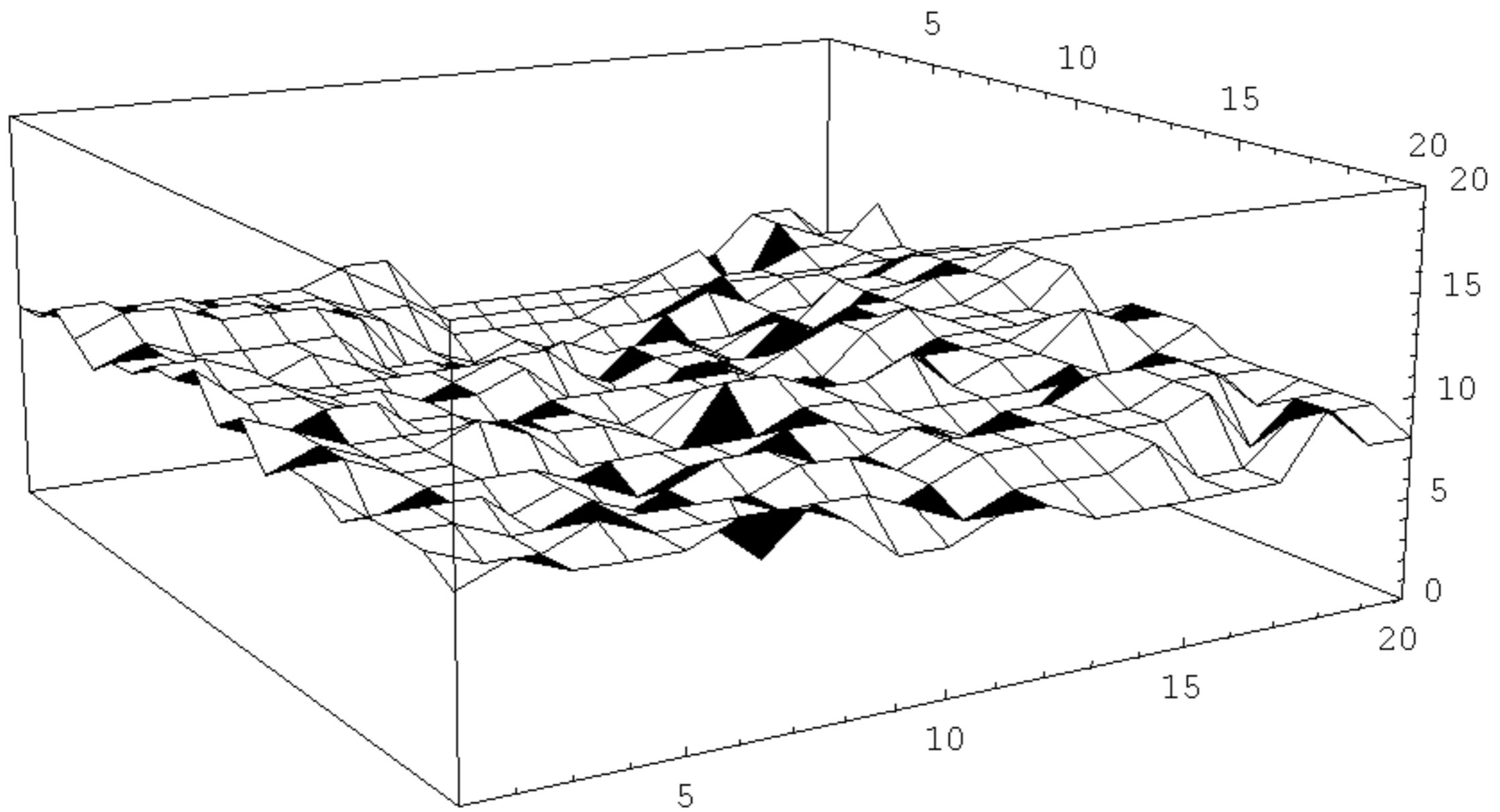


$t=20$

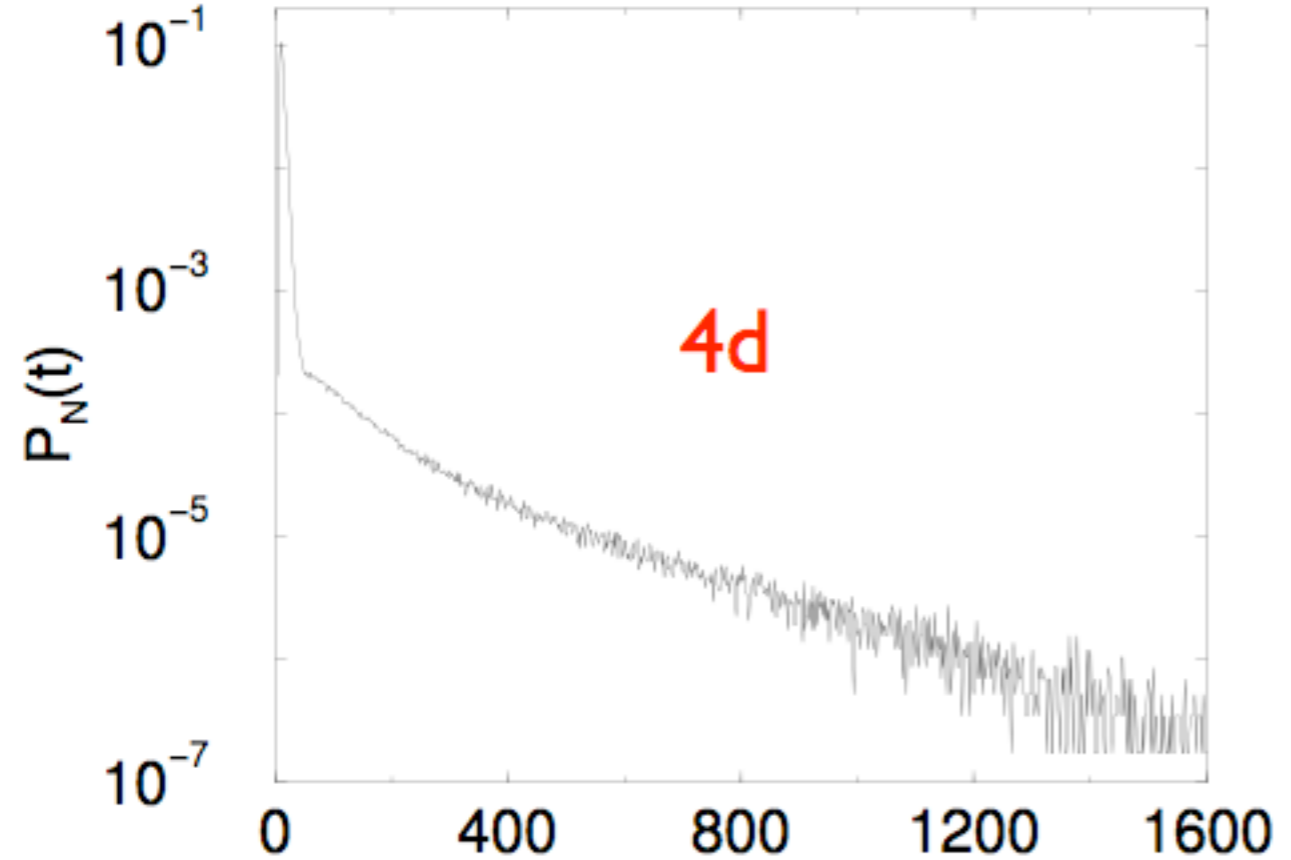
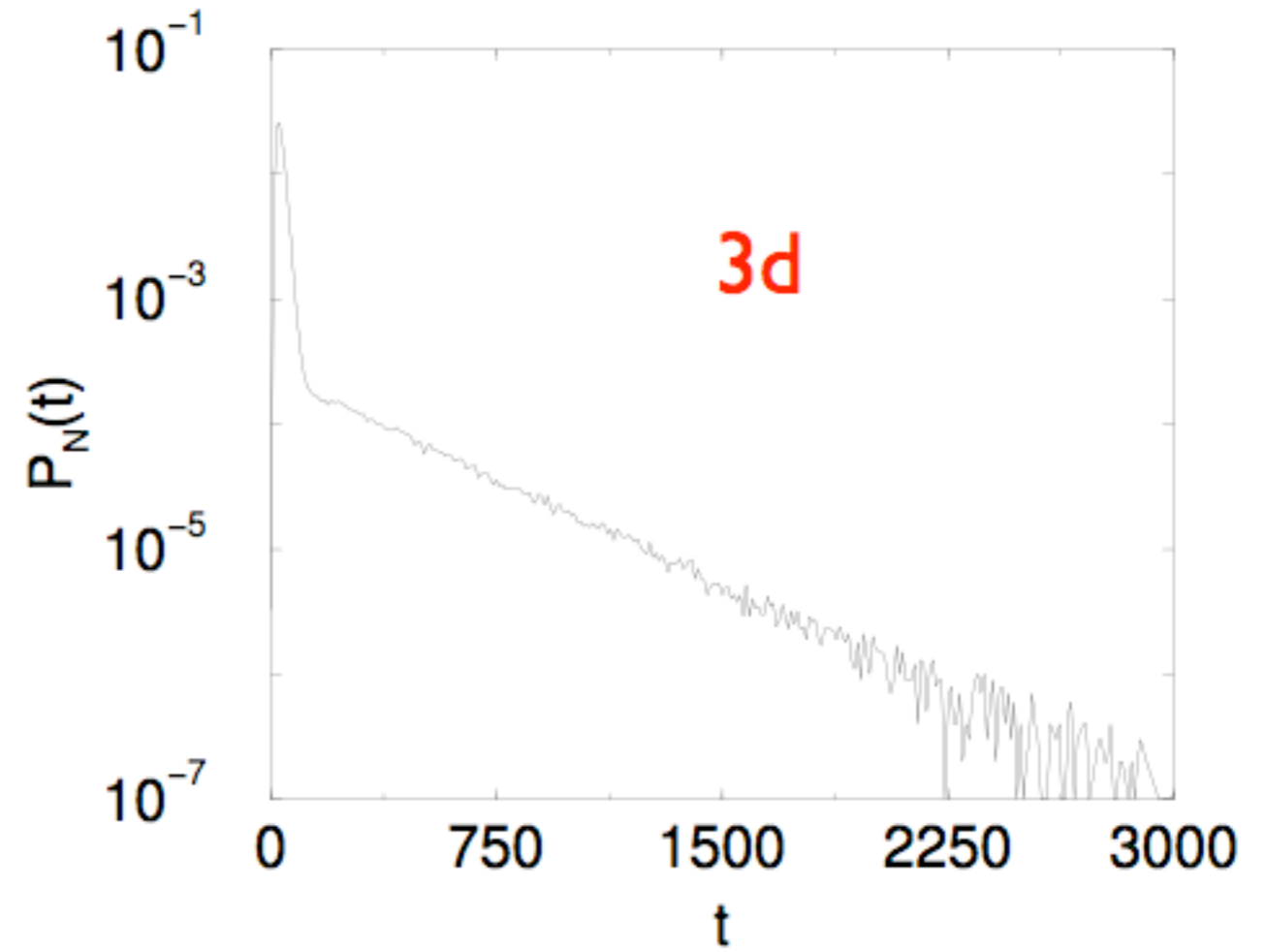
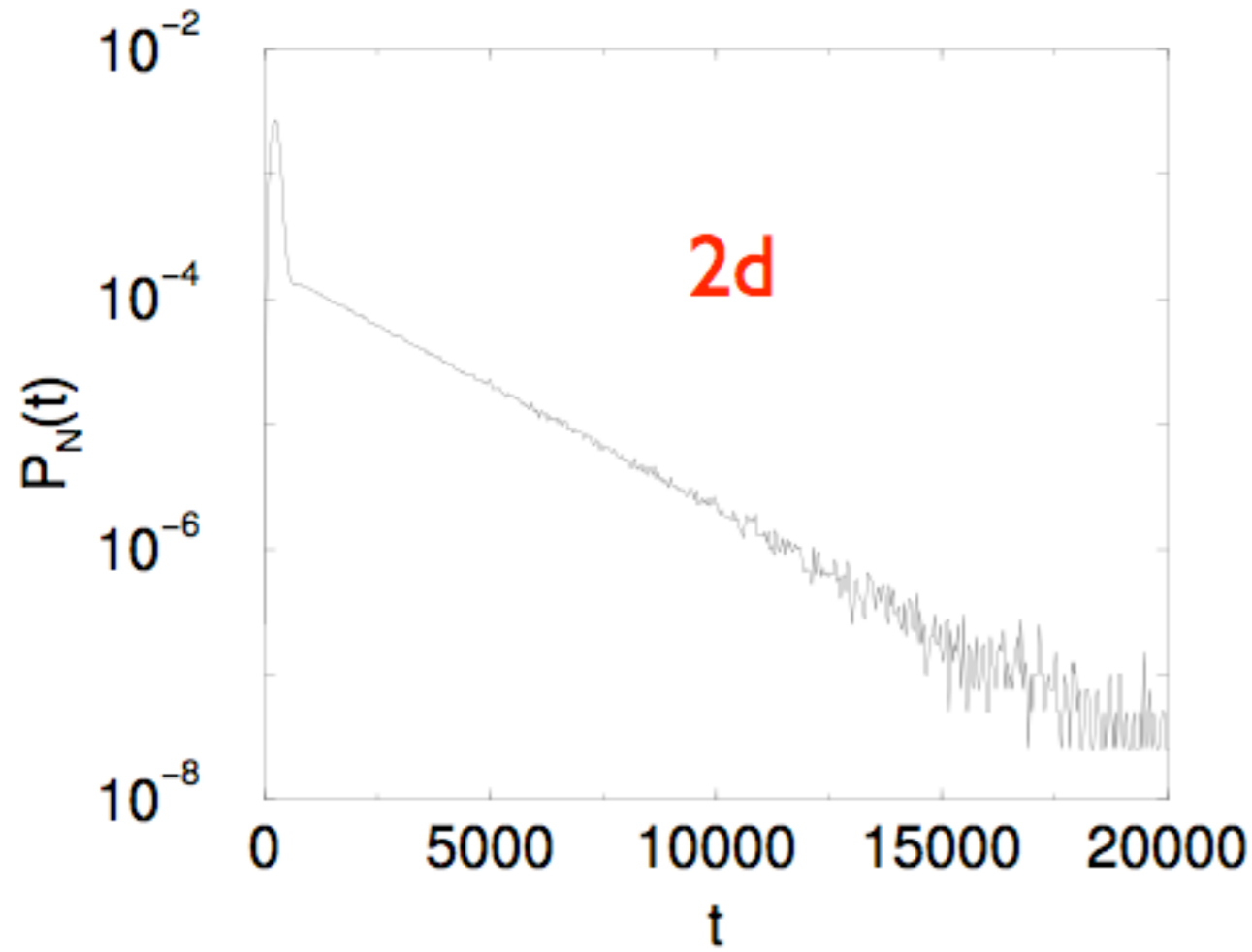


$t=80$

Slab formation in 3d ~8% of the time



Consensus time distribution



**multiscale relaxation
to final consensus**

The Dynamics of Persuasion

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Modeling Consensus:

- introduction to the voter model
- voter model on complex networks
- voting with some confidence
- majority rule

lecture 1

Modeling Discord & Diversity:

- 3-state voter models
- strategic voting
- bounded compromise
- dynamics of social balance
- Axelrod model

lecture 2

lecture 3

Discord & Diversity

If people are reasonable, why is consensus hard to reach?

Possibilities:

- insufficient communication
- appreciable diversity
- stubbornness
- your favorite mechanism

Models:

Three voting states: — 0 +; — + noninteracting Vazquez & SR (2004)

Strategic voting: ideology vs. strategy Volovik, Mobilia & SR (2009)

Bounded confidence: compromise only when close
Deffuant, Neau, Amblard & Weisbuch (2000)
Hegselmann & Krause (2002)
Ben Naim, Krapivsky & SR (2003)

Social balance: dynamics of positive/negative links
Antal, Krapivsky & SR (2005, 2006)

Axelrod model: many features, many traits
Axelrod (1997)
Castellano, Marsili & Vespignani (2000)
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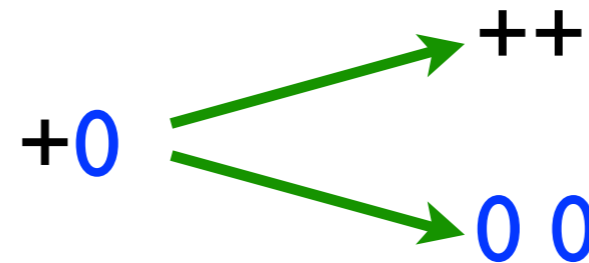
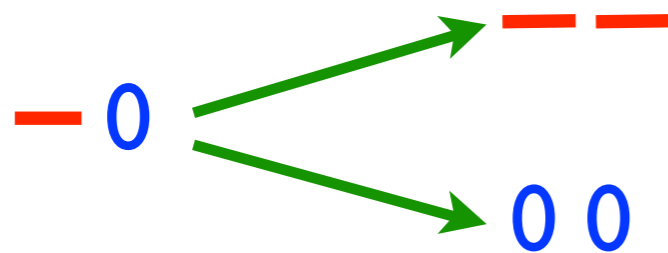
Three Voting States: - 0 +

0. 3-state voter at each site: - 0 +

1. Pick a random voter

2. Assume state of neighbor **if compatible**

3. Repeat until either consensus or frozen final state



compatible

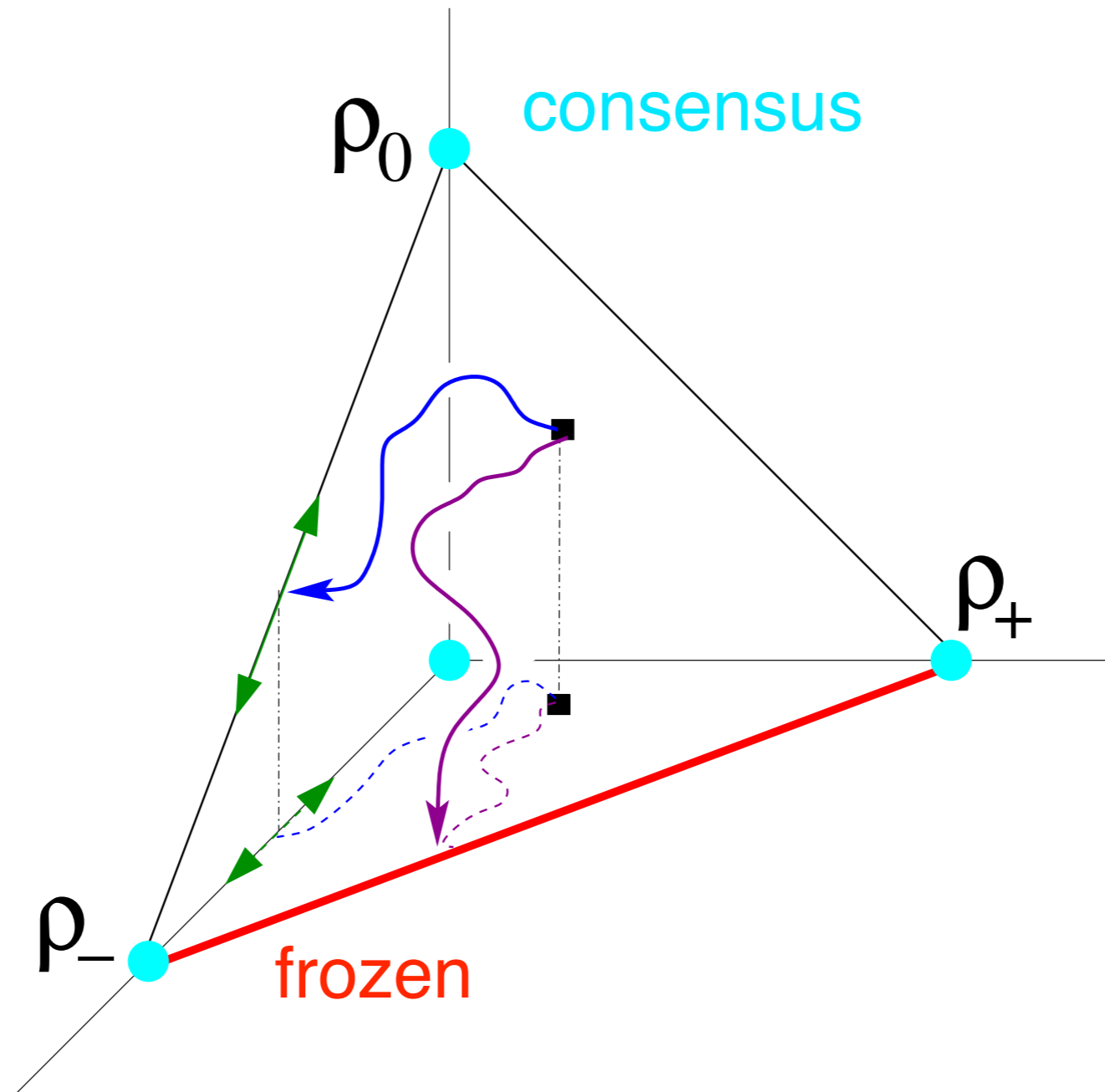
$$(N_0, N_-) \rightarrow (N_0 \pm 1, N_- \mp 1) \quad \text{prob.} \quad \frac{N_0 N_-}{N^2} = \rho_0 \rho_-$$

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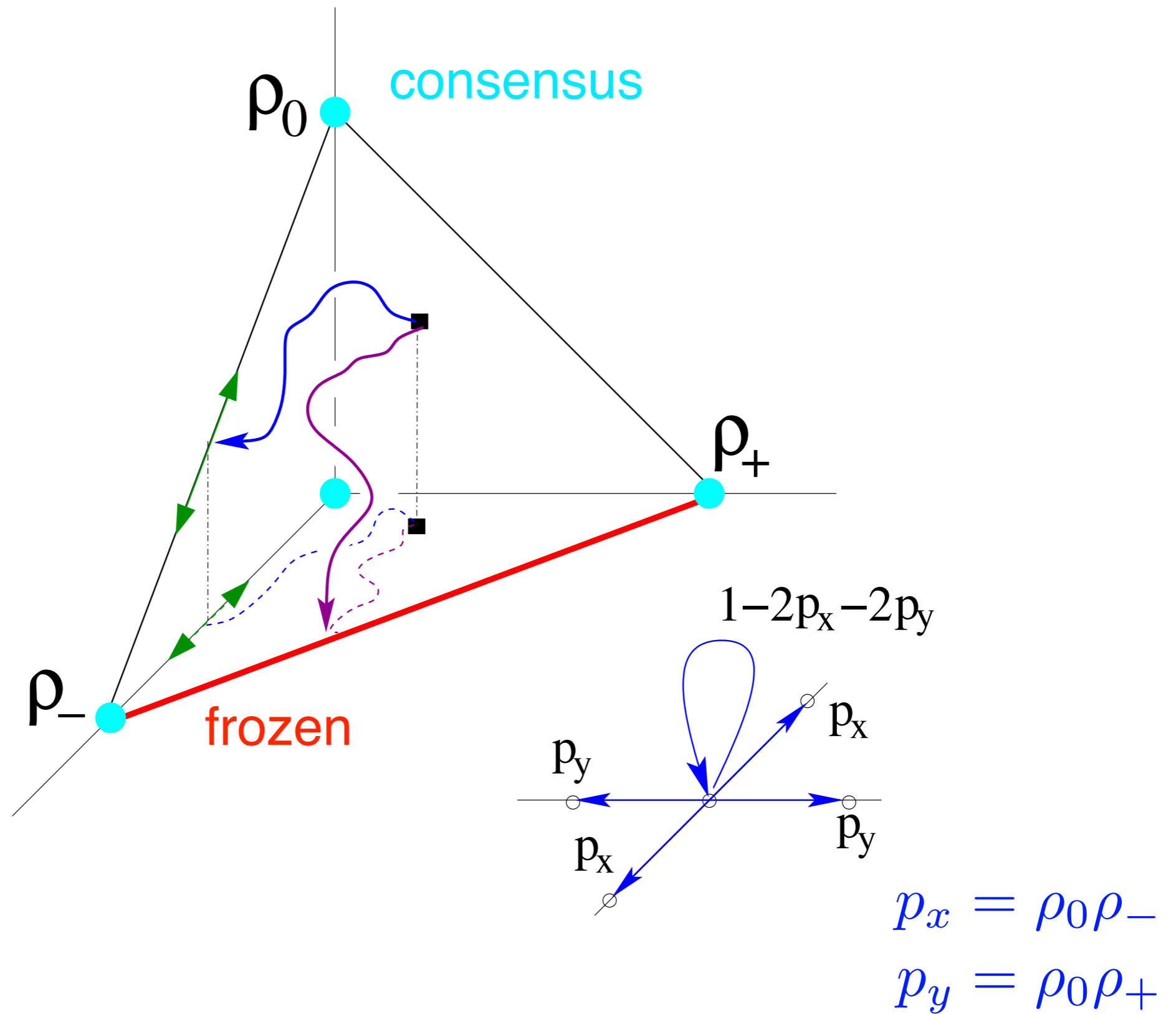


incompatible

Evolution in Composition Triangle



Evolution in Composition Triangle



The Phase Diagram

$F(\rho_-, \rho_+) = \text{prob. to reach frozen state starting from } (\rho_-, \rho_+)$

recursion:
$$\begin{aligned} F(\rho_-, \rho_+) &= p_x [F(\rho_- - \delta, \rho_+) + F(\rho_- + \delta, \rho_+)] \\ &= p_y [F(\rho_-, \rho_+ - \delta) + F(\rho_-, \rho_+ + \delta)] \\ &= [1 - 2(p_x + p_y)] F(\rho_-, \rho_+) \end{aligned}$$

continuum
limit:

$$\rho_- \frac{\partial^2 F(\rho_-, \rho_+)}{\partial \rho_-^2} + \rho_+ \frac{\partial^2 F(\rho_-, \rho_+)}{\partial \rho_+^2} = 0$$

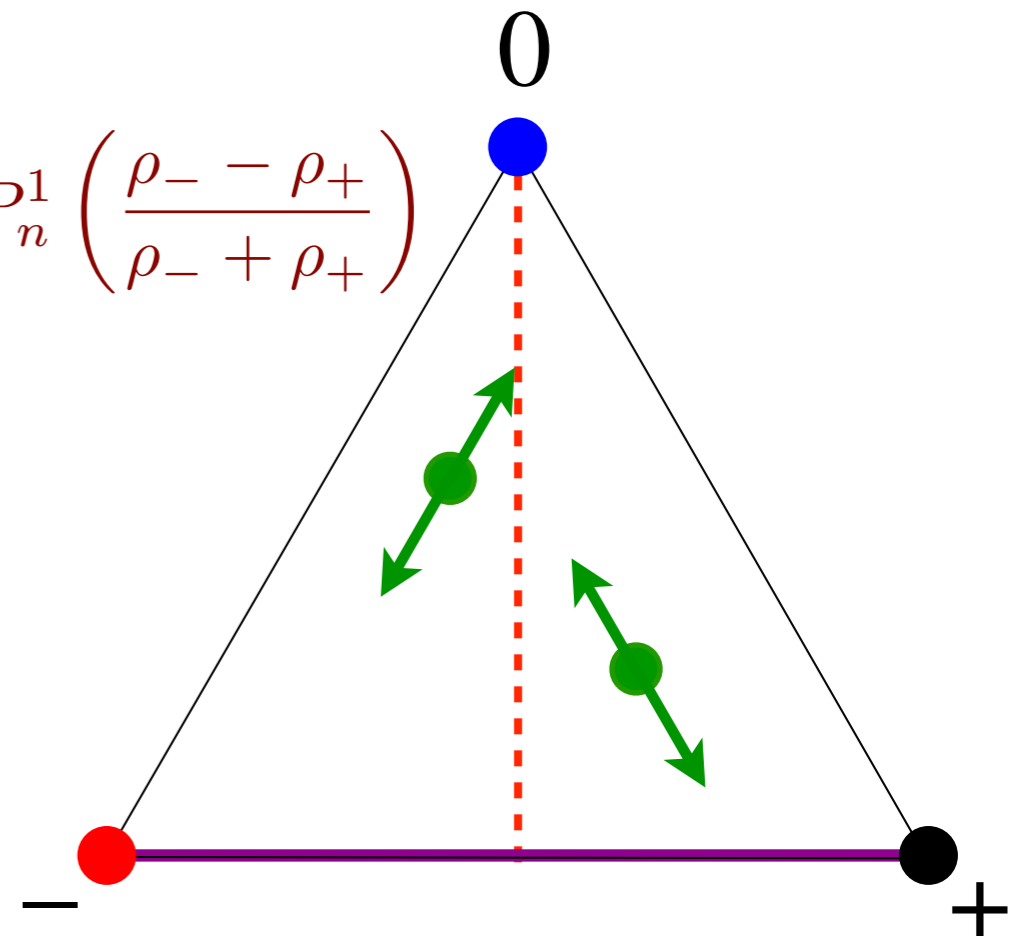
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 $F(0, \rho_+) = 0$
 $F(\rho_+, 1 - \rho_+) = 1$



$$F(\rho_-, \rho_+) = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{2(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} \sqrt{\rho_- \rho_+} (\rho_- + \rho_+)^n P_n^1 \left(\frac{\rho_- - \rho_+}{\rho_- + \rho_+} \right)$$

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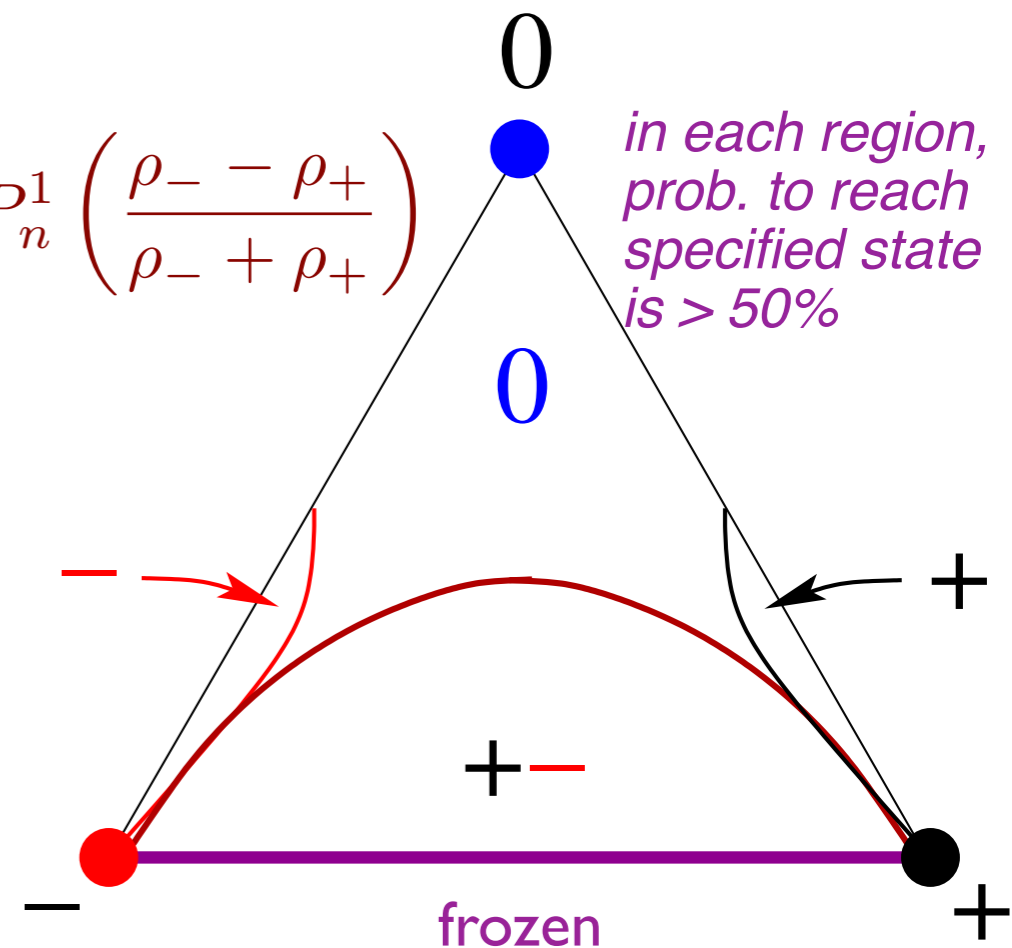
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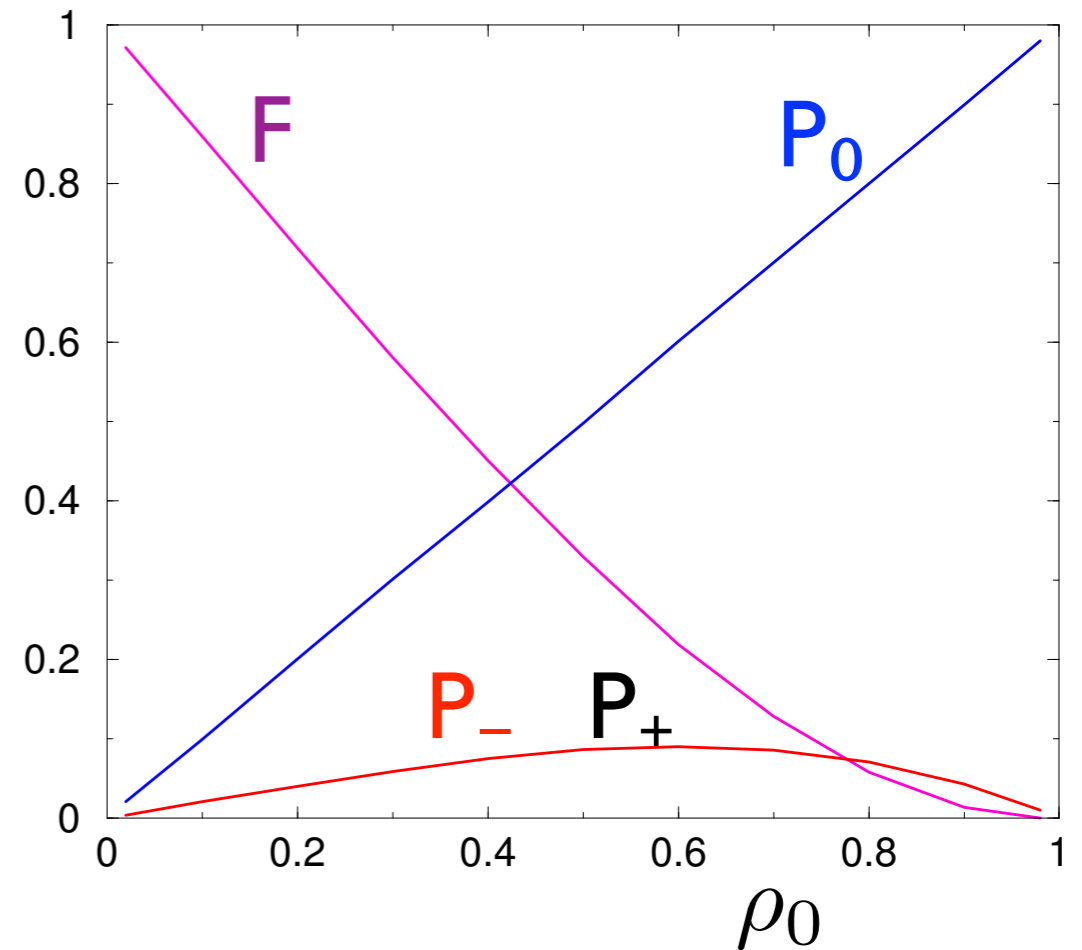
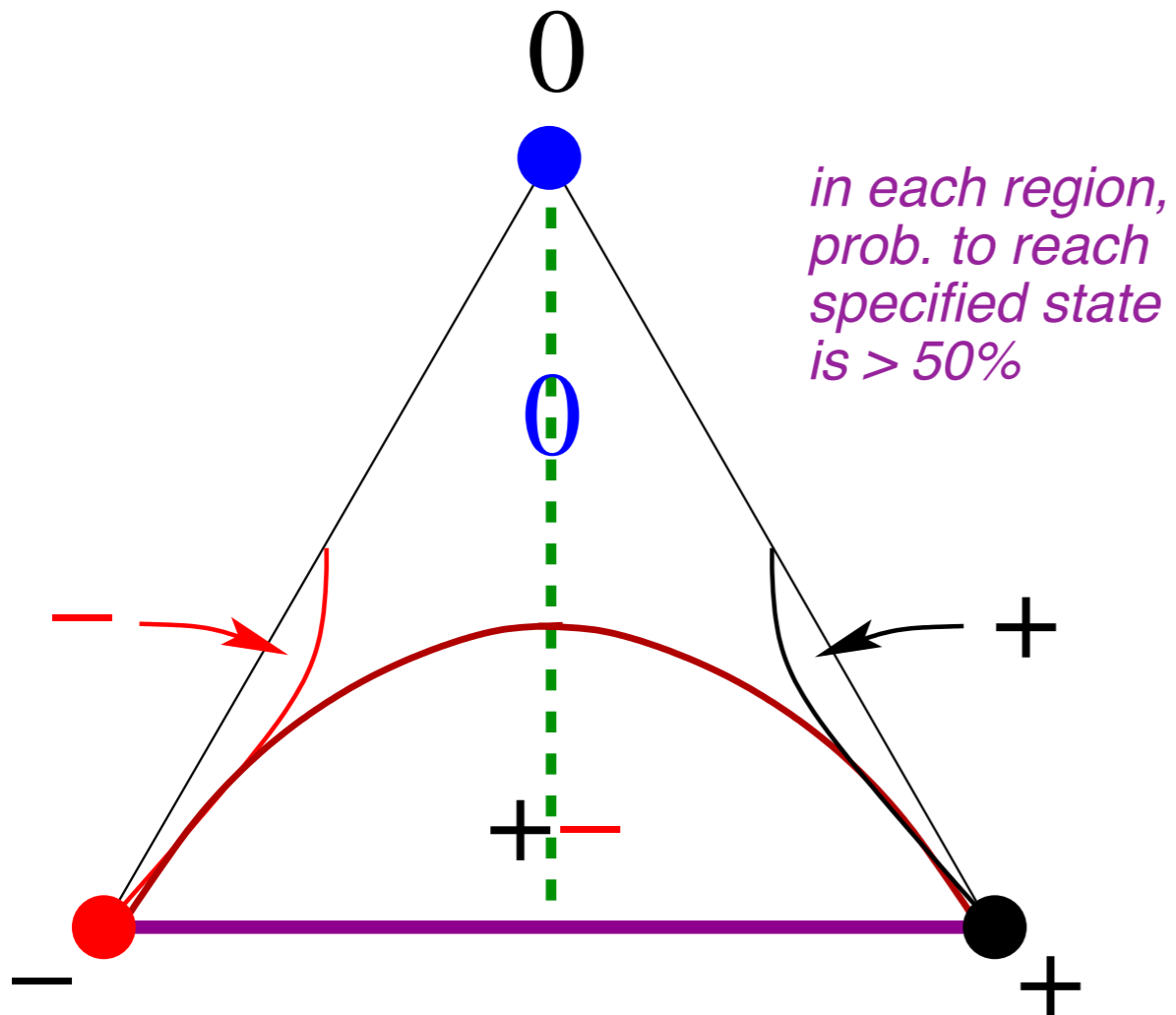
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Phase Diagram & Final State Probabilities



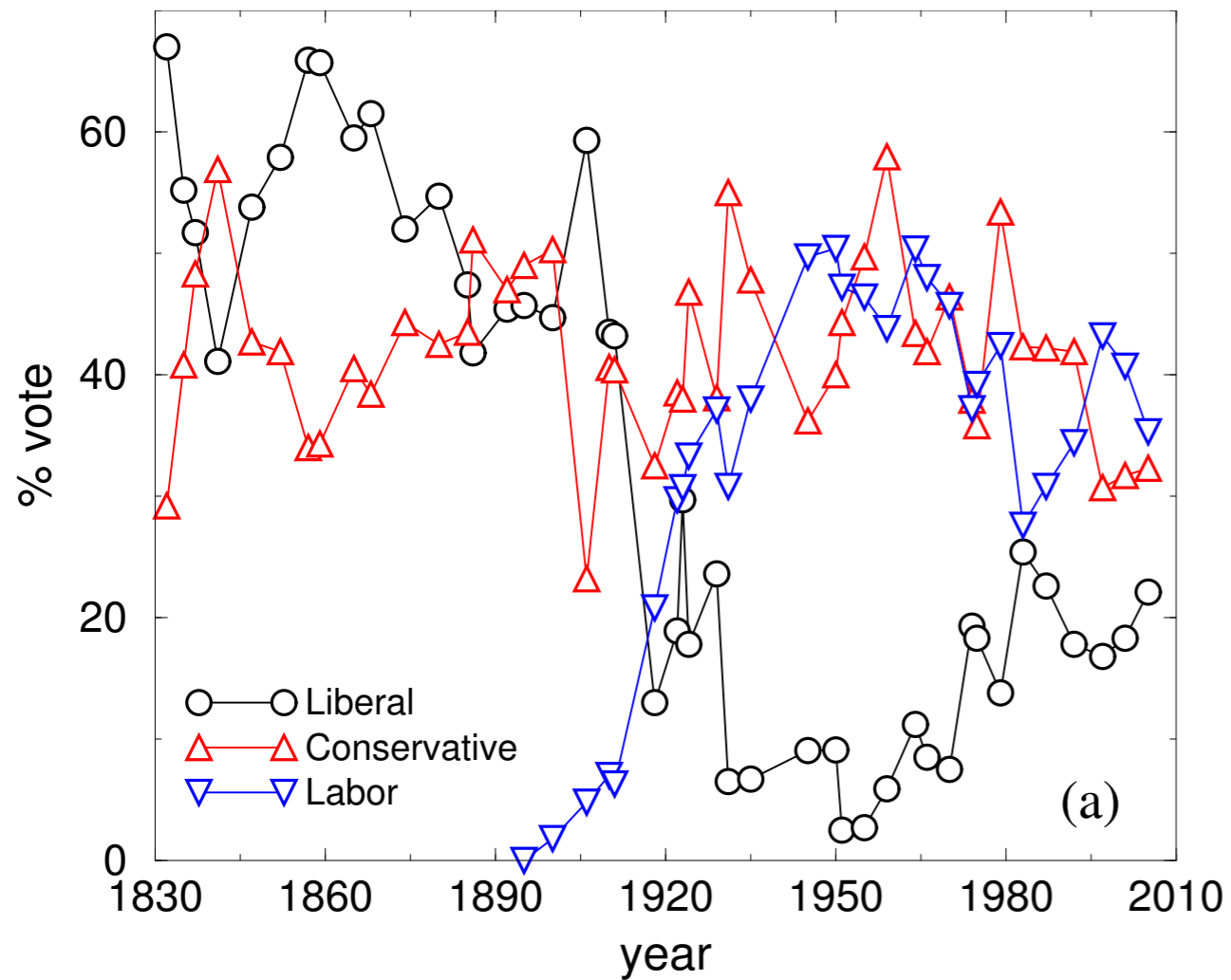
moral: extremism promotes deadlock

Strategic Voting

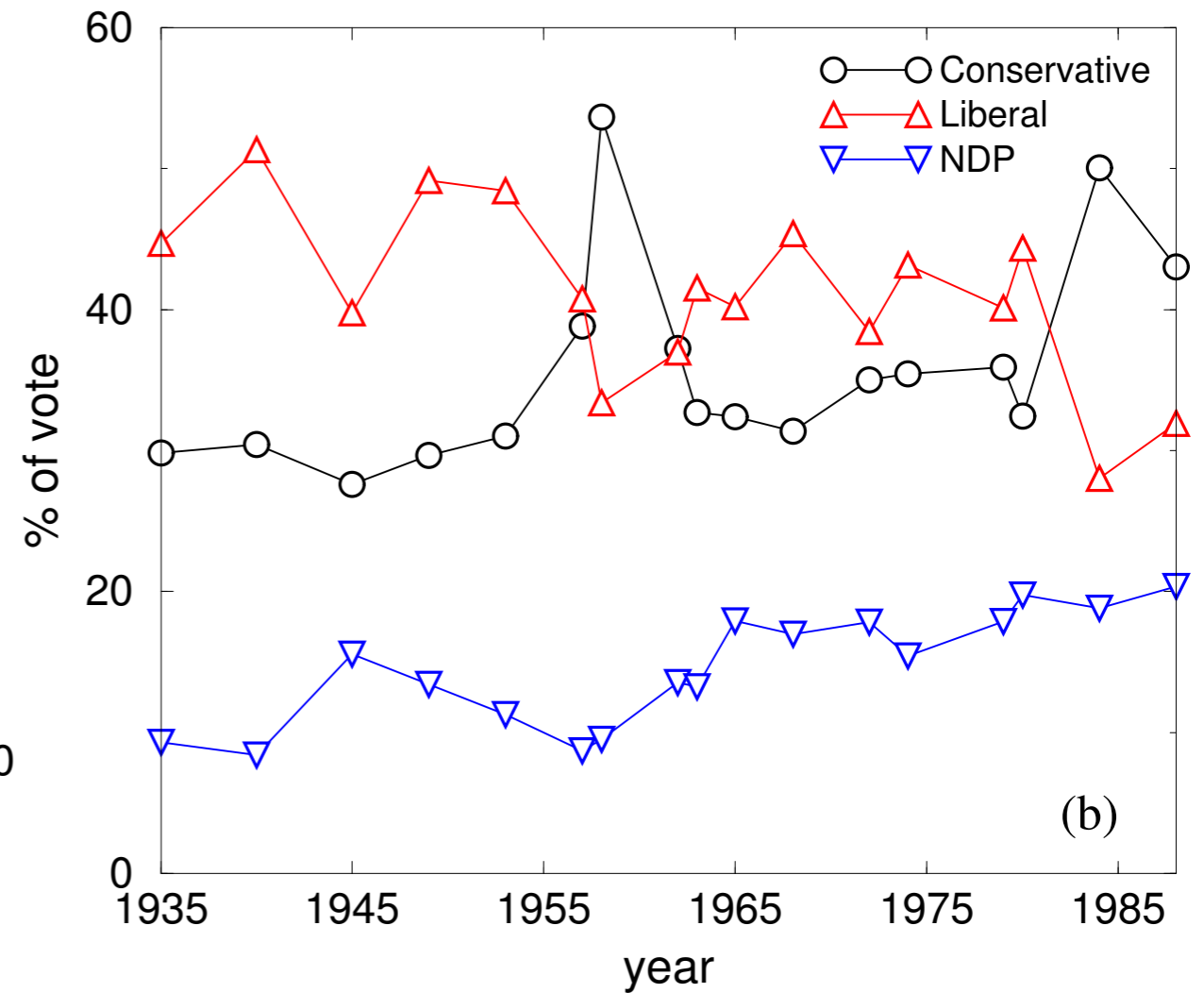
¿ vote for first choice?

¿ vote against last choice?

UK elections 1830-2010



Canadian elections 1935-1990



Strategic Voter Model

evolution of the densities a , b , c :

$$\dot{a} =$$

$$\dot{b} =$$

$$\dot{c} =$$

Strategic Voter Model

evolution of the densities a , b , c :

$$\dot{a} = T \overset{\text{temperature}}{(b + c - 2a)}$$

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Strategic Voter Model

evolution of the densities a , b , c :

$$\dot{a} = \overset{\text{temperature}}{T}(b + c - 2a) + \overset{\text{strategic voting}}{r_{AC} ac + r_{AB} ab}$$

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strategic voting rates:

$$r_{AB} = -r_{BA} = \begin{cases} +r & B \text{ minority} \\ 0 & C \text{ minority} \\ -r & A \text{ minority} \end{cases}$$

two natural choices

$$r = \text{const.}$$

too drastic

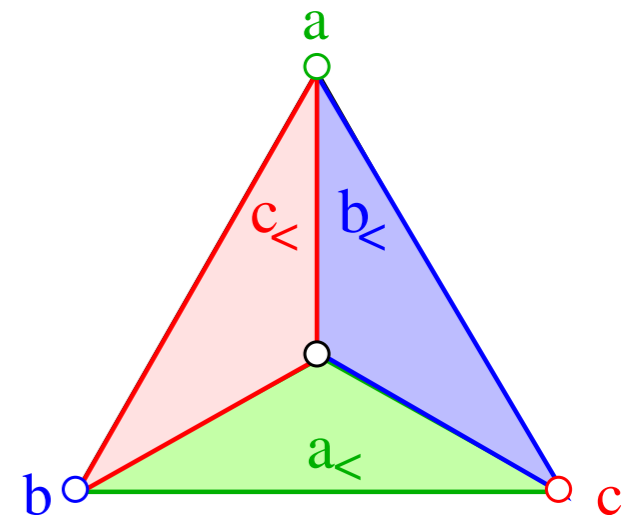
$$r = r_0[(a + b)/2 - c]$$

better

$$\dot{a} = T(1 - 3a) + rac$$

→ $\dot{b} = T(1 - 3b) + rbc$ in $c_{<}$ sector

$$\dot{c} = T(1 - 3c) - rc(1 - c)$$



Strategic Voter Model

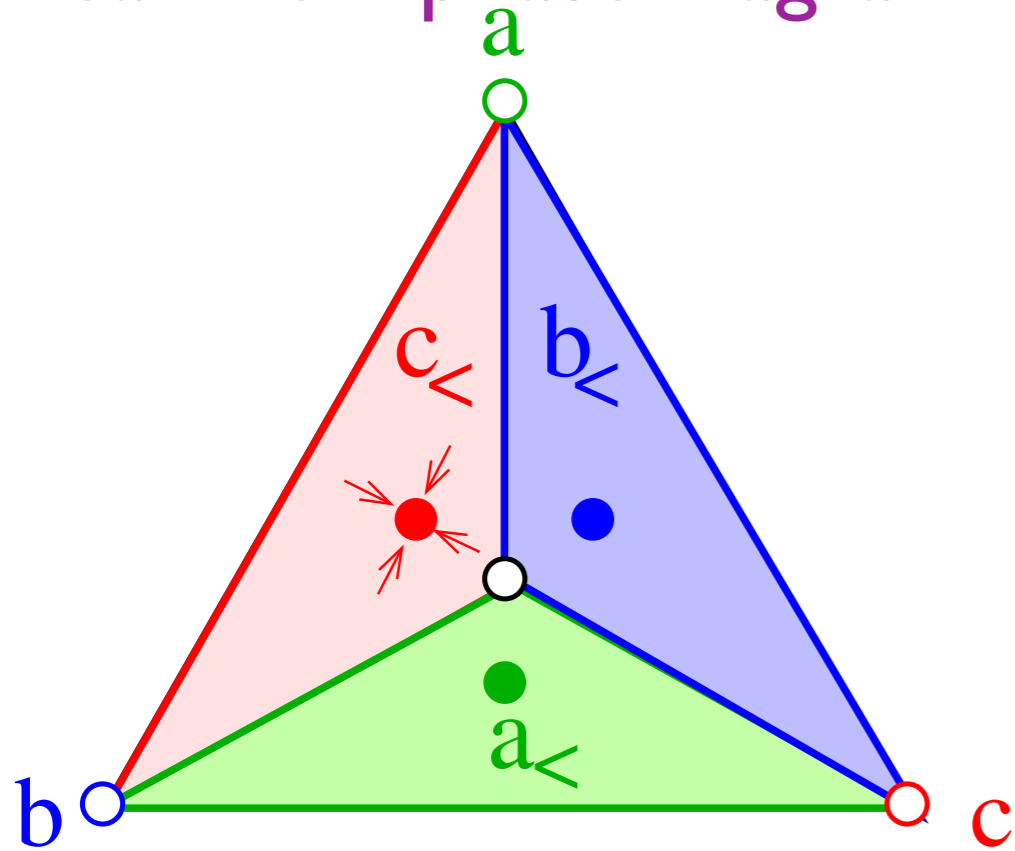
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{c} &= (1 - 3c)T - \frac{r_0}{2}c(1 - c)(1 - 3c) & c_3 &= \frac{1}{3} \\ &\equiv -\frac{3r_0}{2}(c - c_-)(c - c_+)(c - c_3) & c_{\pm} &= \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 8x_0}) \\ & & x_0 &\equiv \frac{T}{r_0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\frac{c(t) - c_3}{c(0) - c_3} \right]^{\alpha_3} \left[\frac{c(t) - c_+}{c(0) - c_+} \right]^{\alpha_+} \left[\frac{c(t) - c_-}{c(0) - c_-} \right]^{\alpha_-} = e^{-3(c_+ - c_-)r_0 t/2}$$

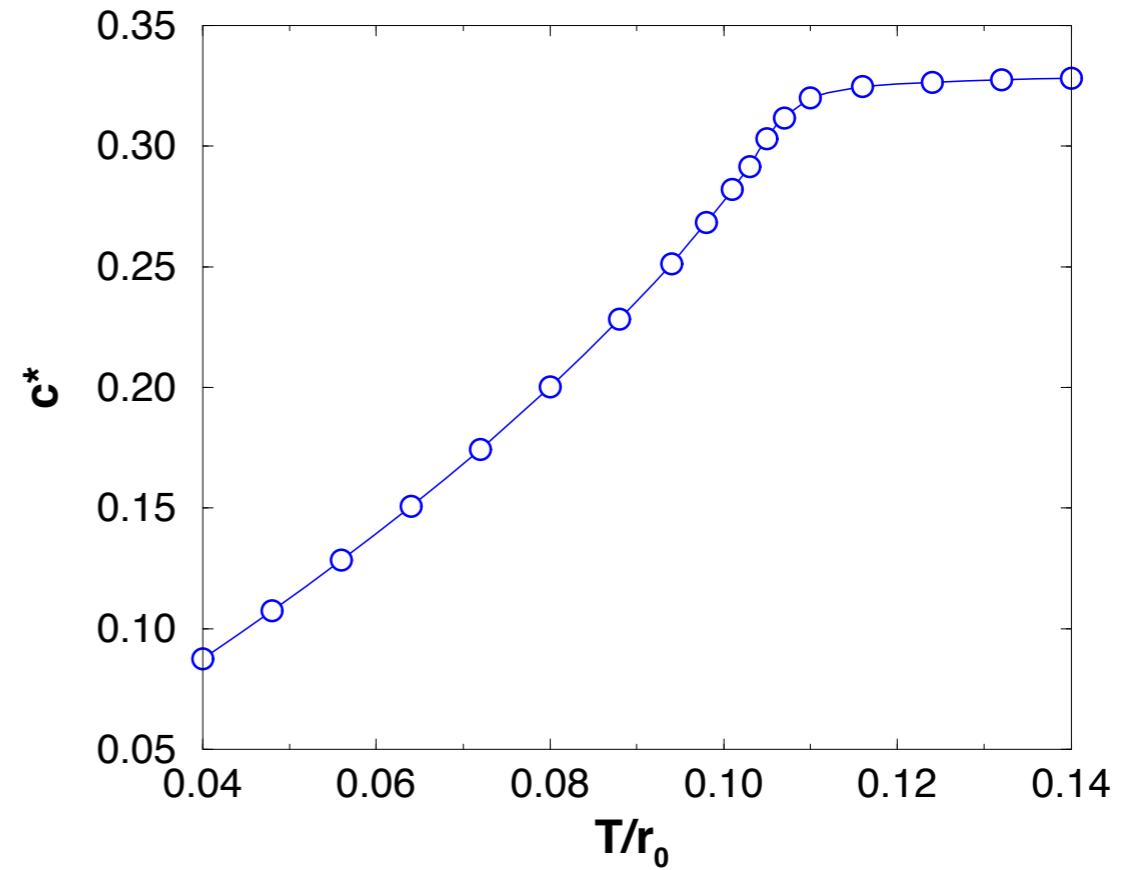
$$\alpha_{\pm} = \frac{1}{c_3 - c_{\pm}} \quad \alpha_3 = \alpha_- - \alpha_+ = \frac{c_+ - c_-}{(c_3 - c_+)(c_3 - c_-)}$$

Strategic Voter Model

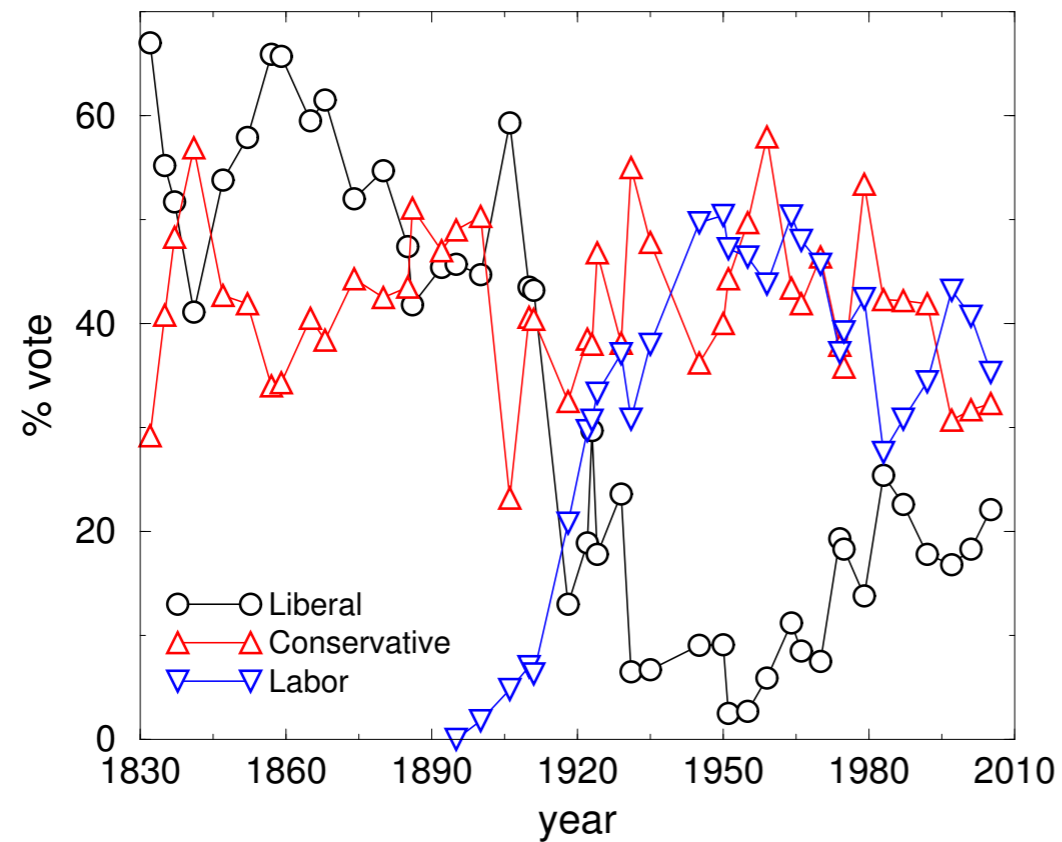
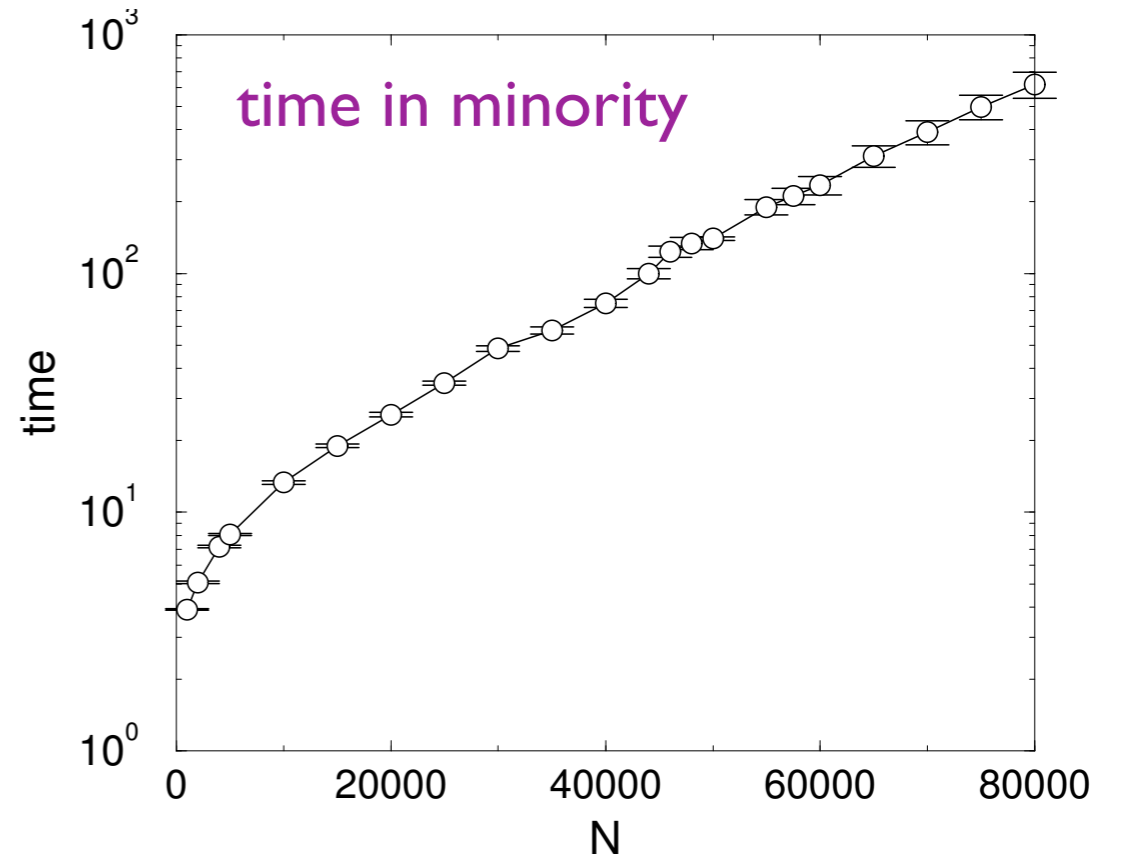
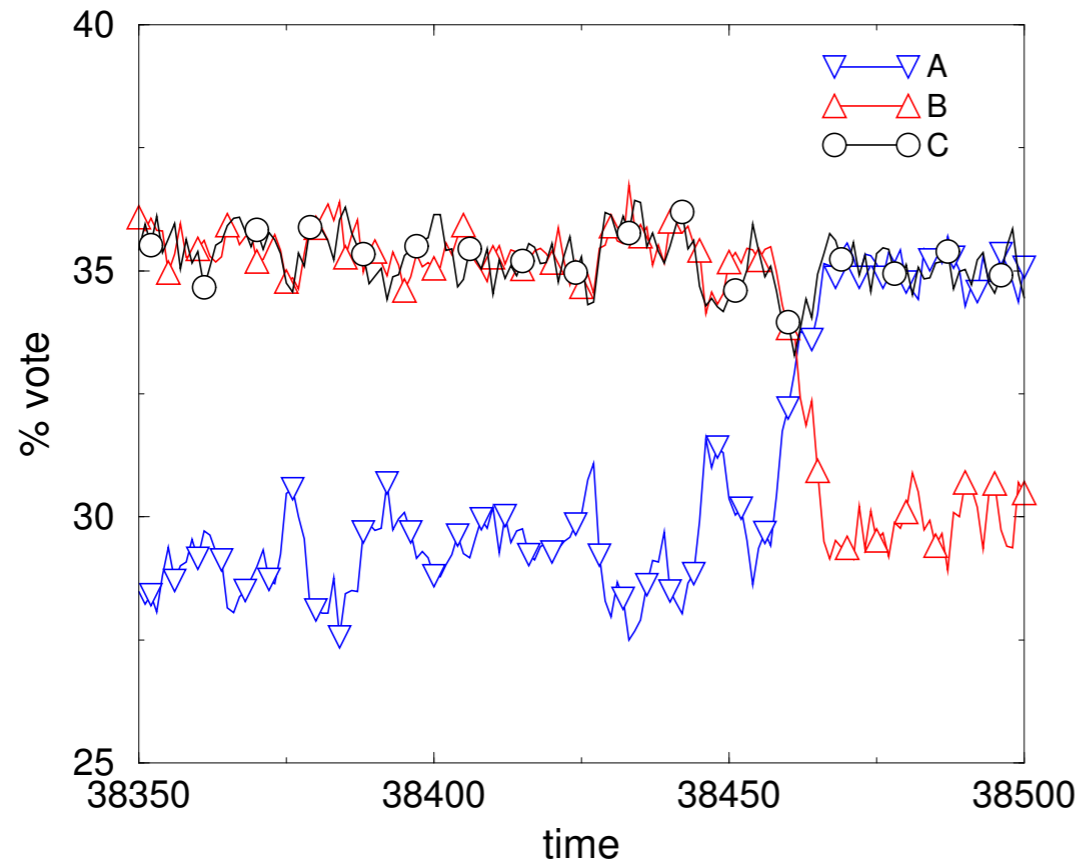
mean-field phase diagram



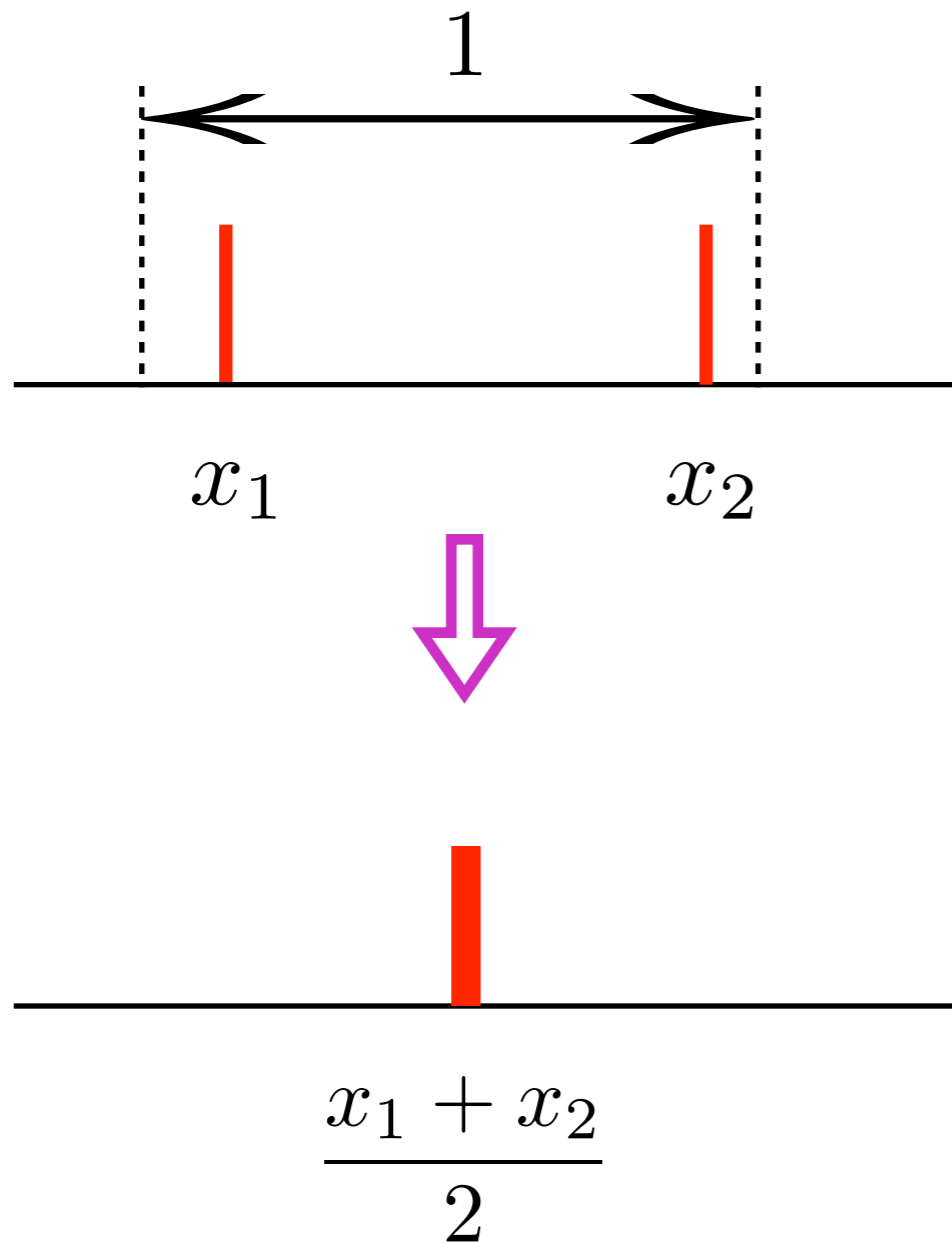
location of fixed point



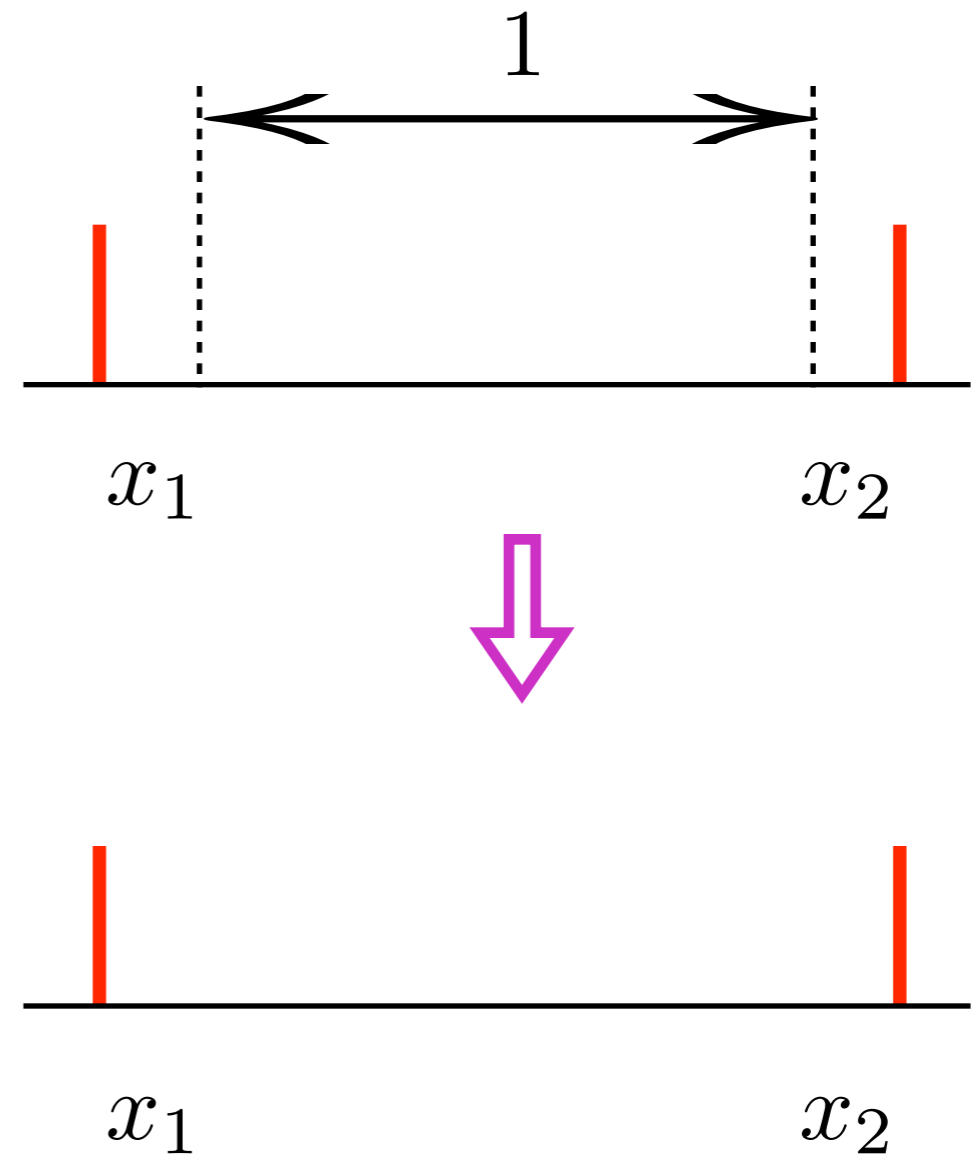
Simulations of Strategic Voter Model



Bounded Compromise Model



If $|x_2 - x_1| < 1$ compromise



If $|x_2 - x_1| > 1$ no interaction

The Opinion Distribution

$P(x,t)$ = probability that agent has opinion x at time t

Fundamental parameter: Δ the diversity (initial opinion range)

$\Delta < 1$: consensus

$\Delta > 1$: fragmentation

$$w \sim e^{-\Delta t/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial t} = \iint_{|x_1 - x_2| < 1} dx_1 dx_2 P(x_1, t) P(x_2, t) \times \left[\delta \left(x - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2) \right) - \delta(x - x_1) \right]$$

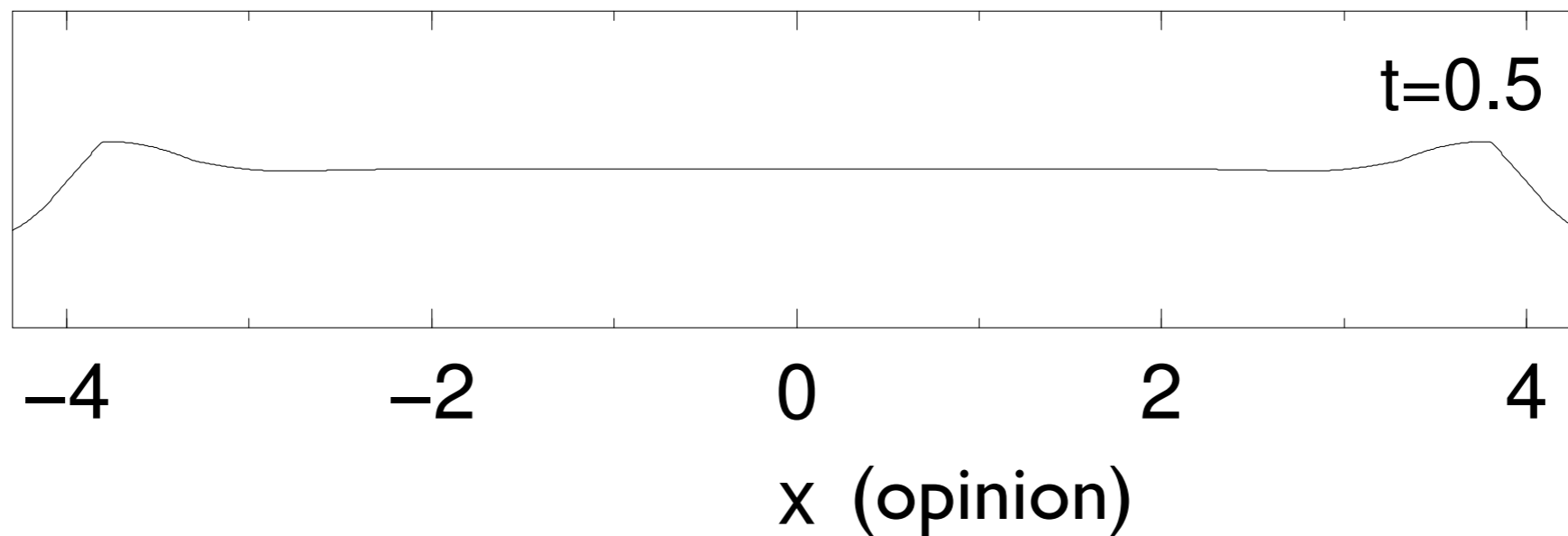
gain by averaging opinions *loss by interaction*

same as Maxwell model for inelastic collisions
& inelastic collapse phenomena

Ben-Naim and Krapivsky (2000)
Baldassarri, Marconi, Puglisi (2001)
Ben-Naim, Krapivsky, SR (2003)

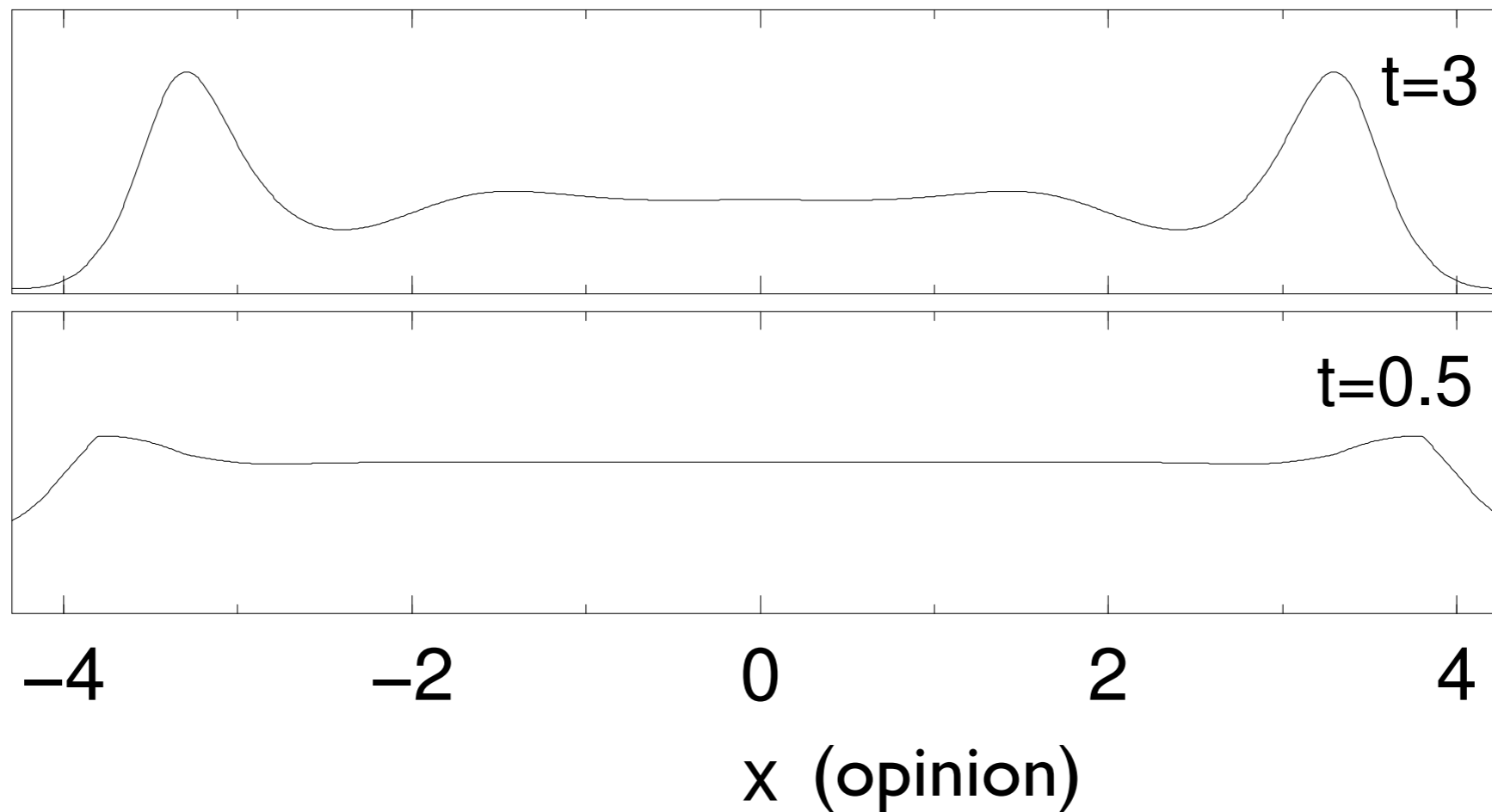
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integrate master equation rather than simulate!



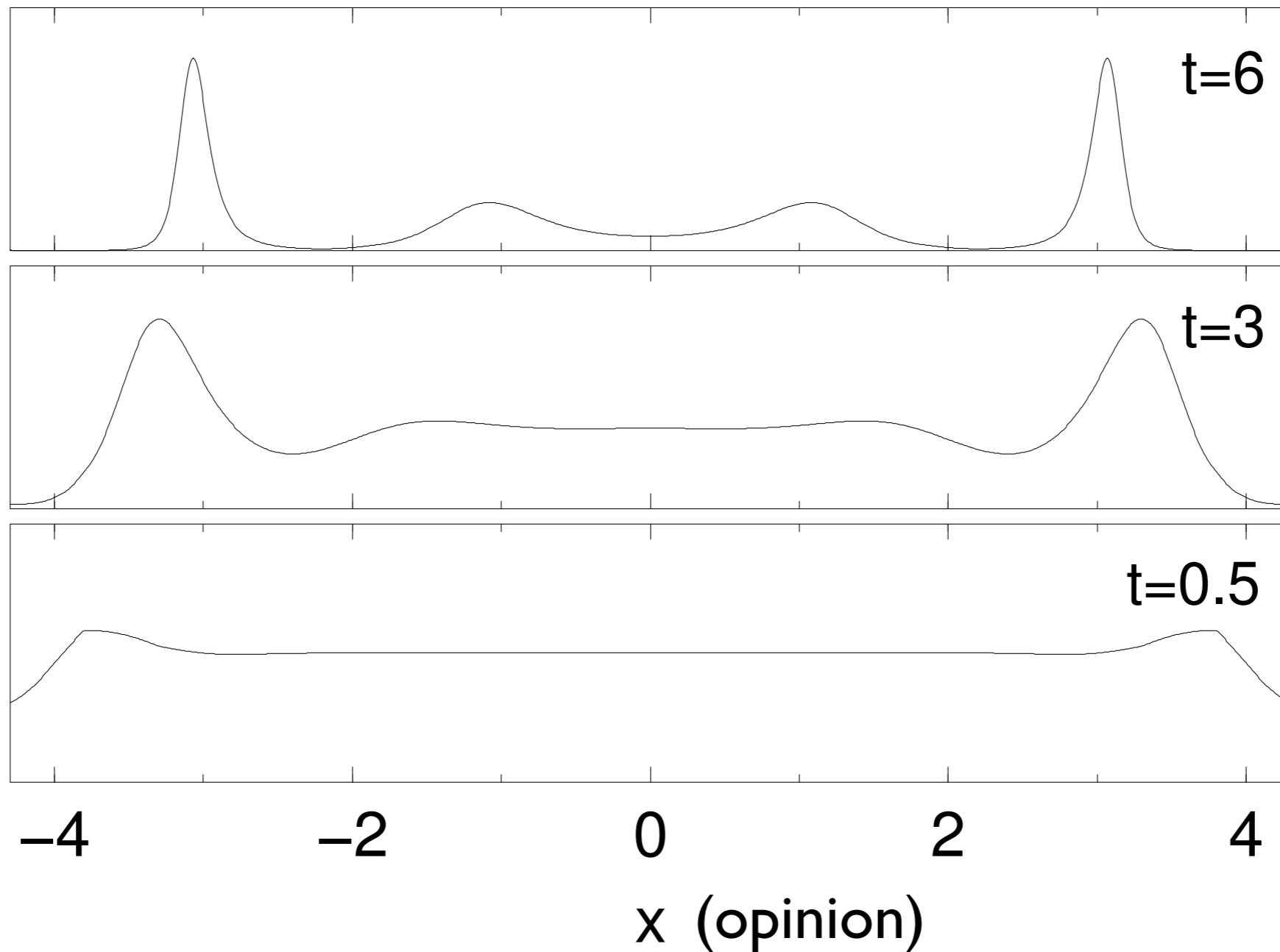
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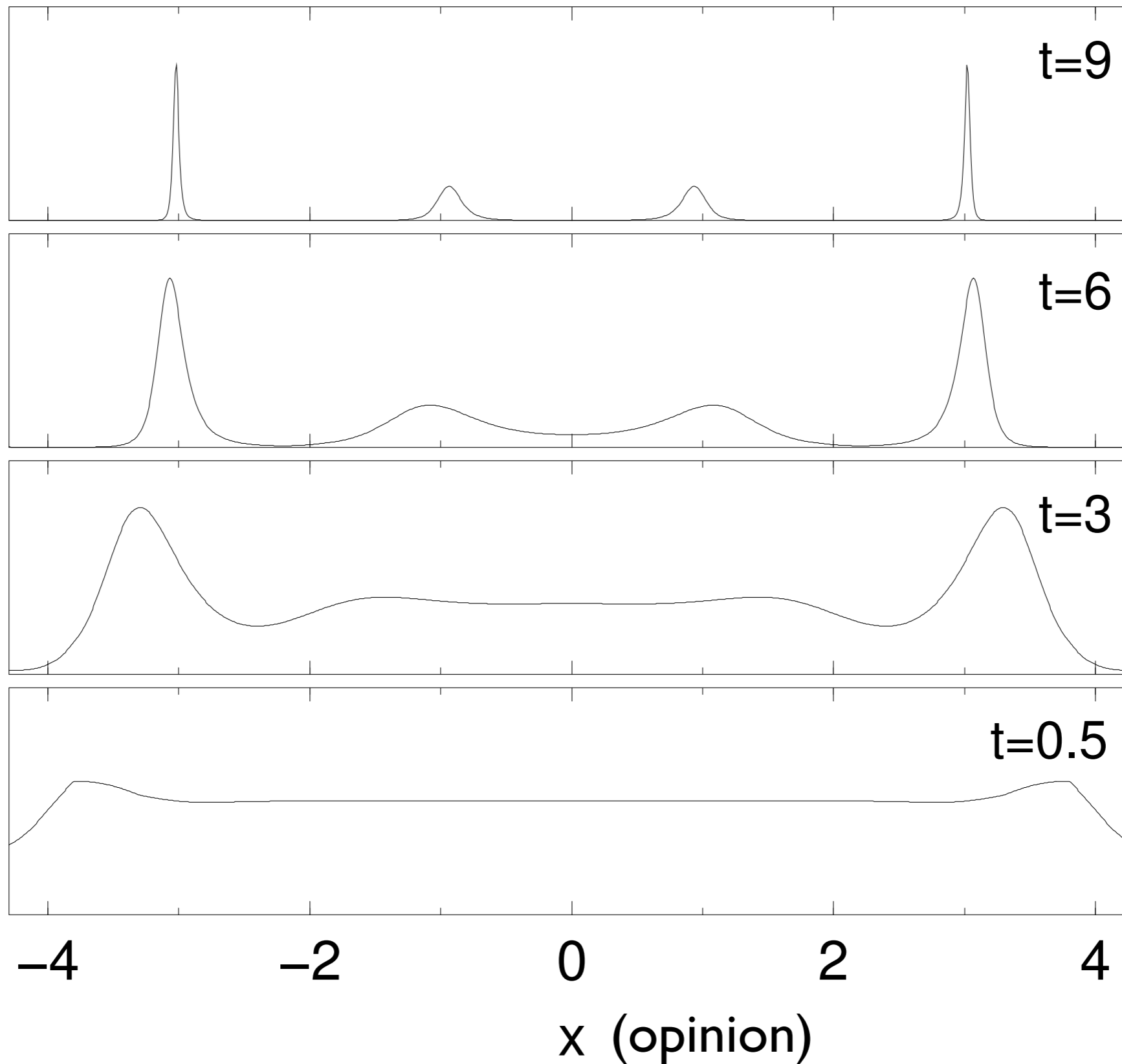
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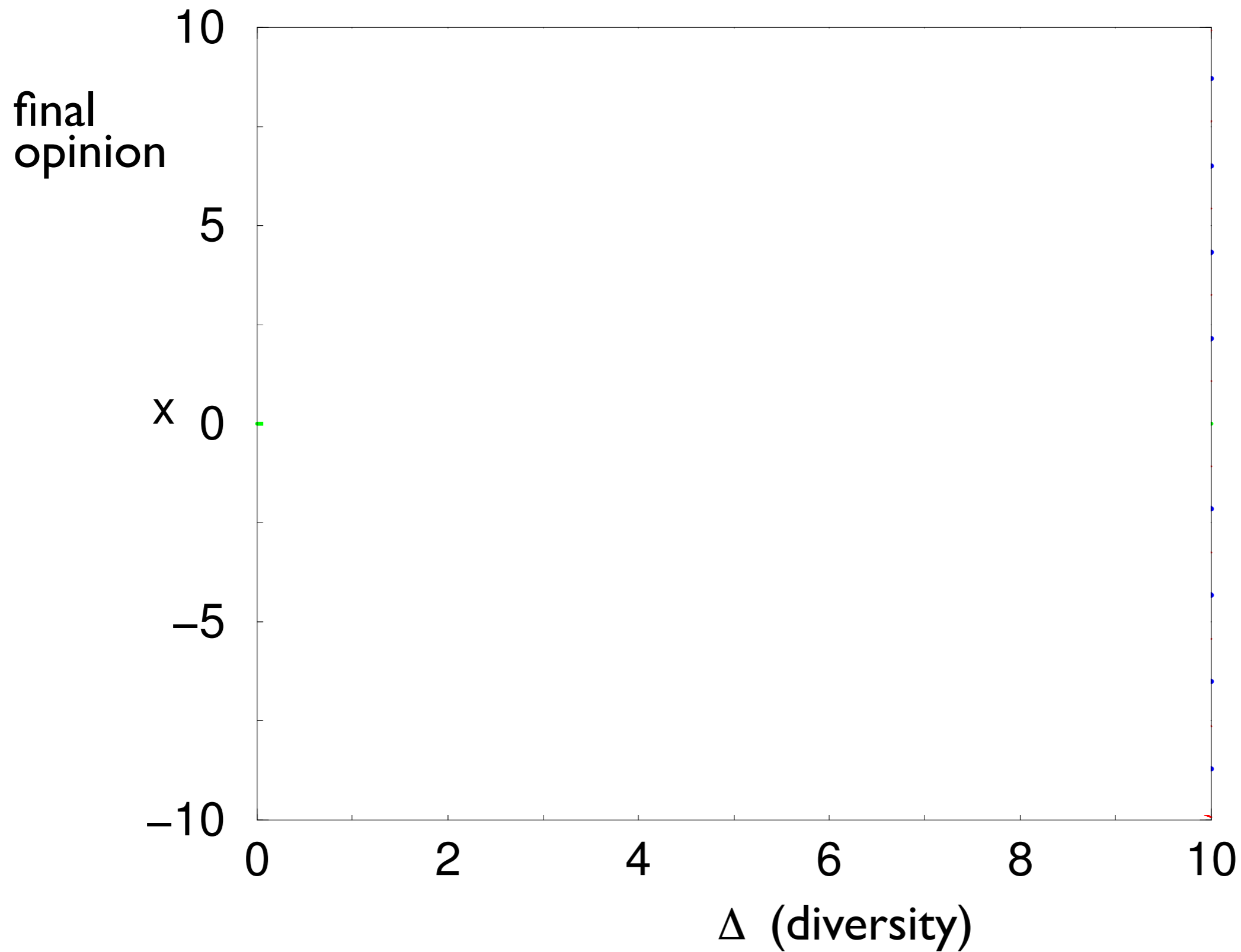


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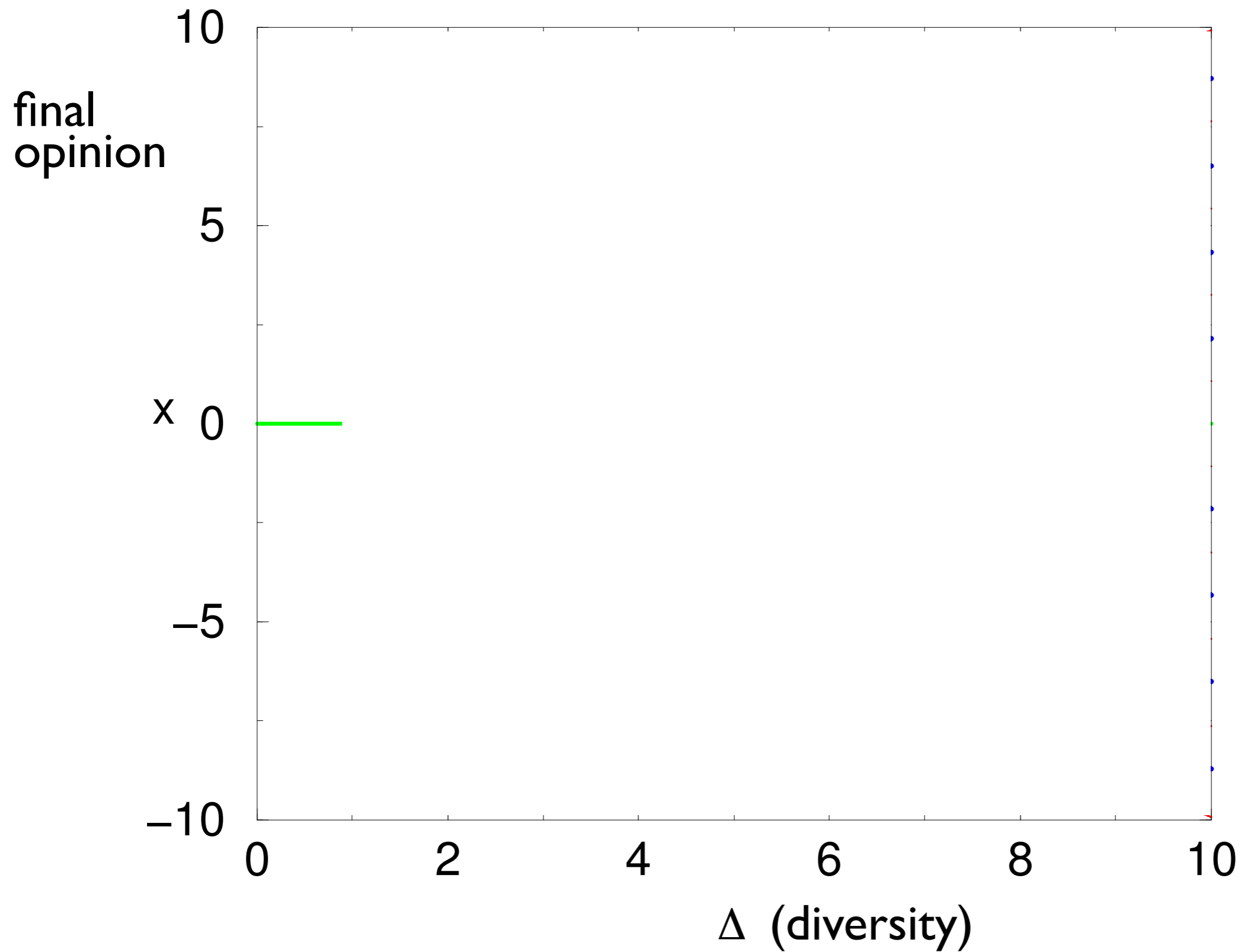
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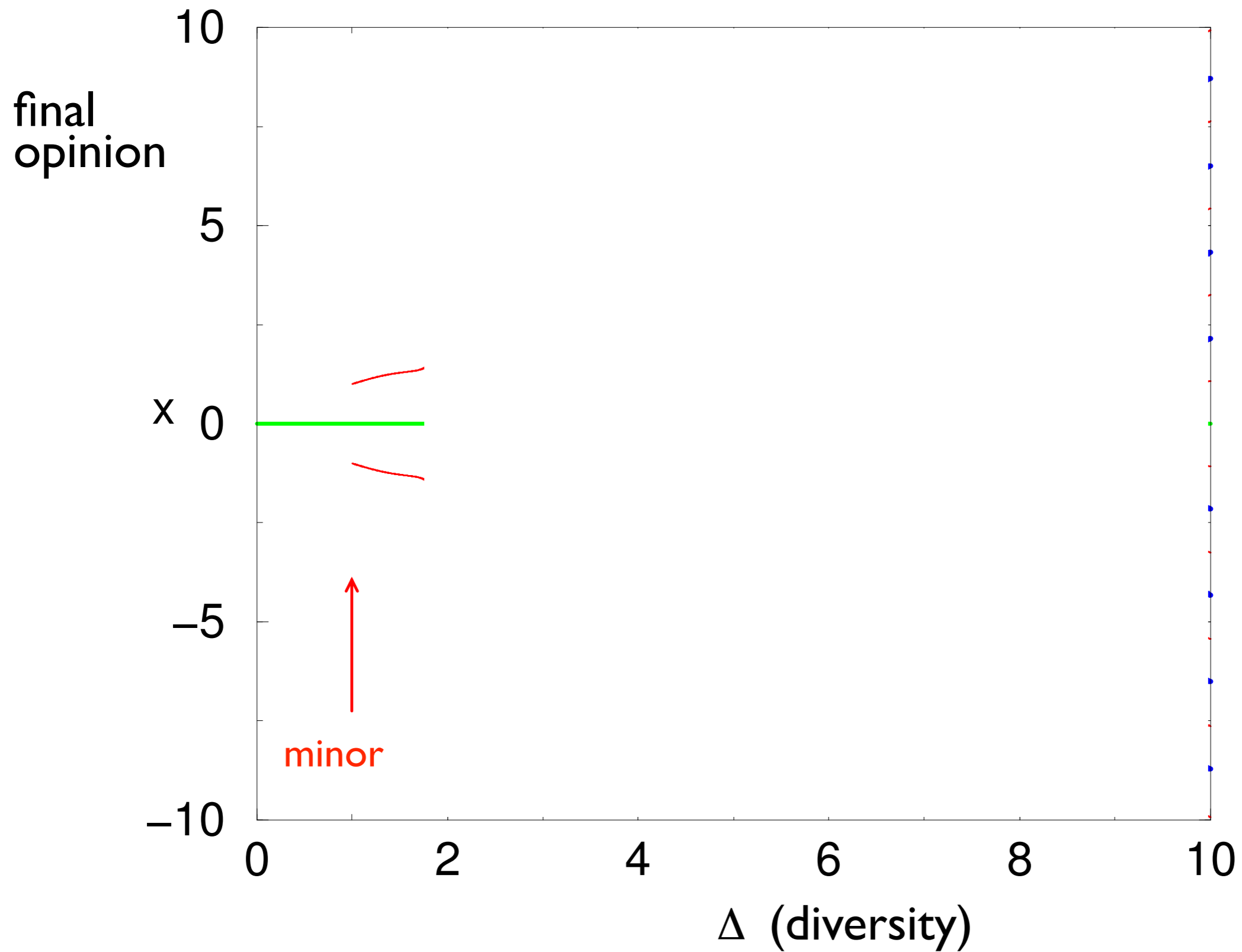
Fragmentation Sequence



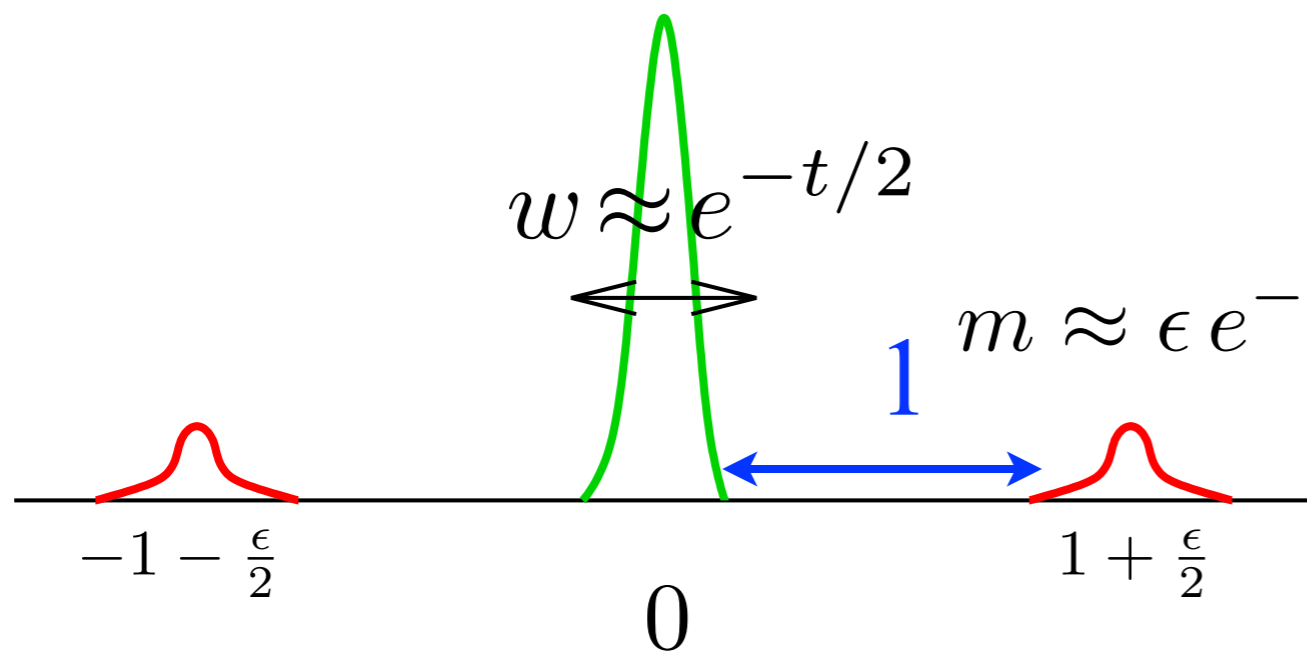
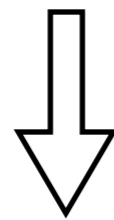
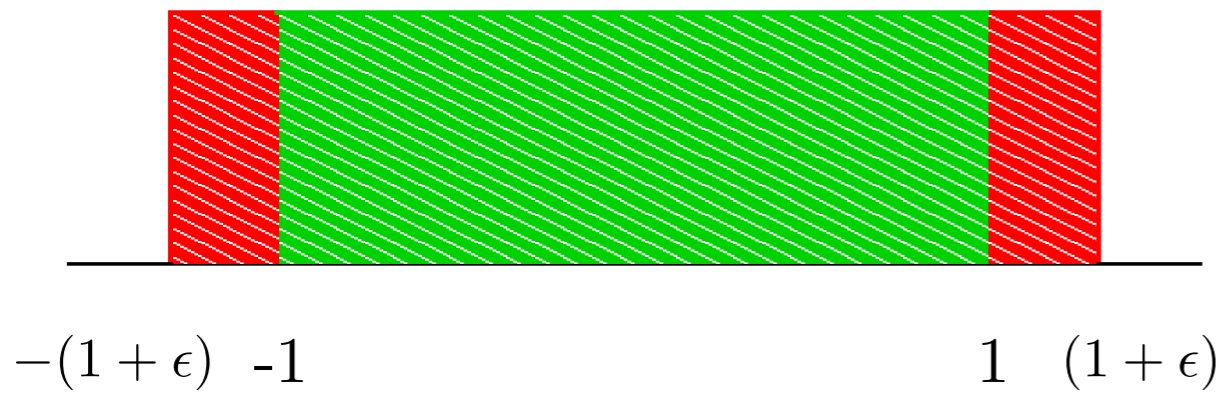
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Fragmentation Sequence



Birth of Extremists

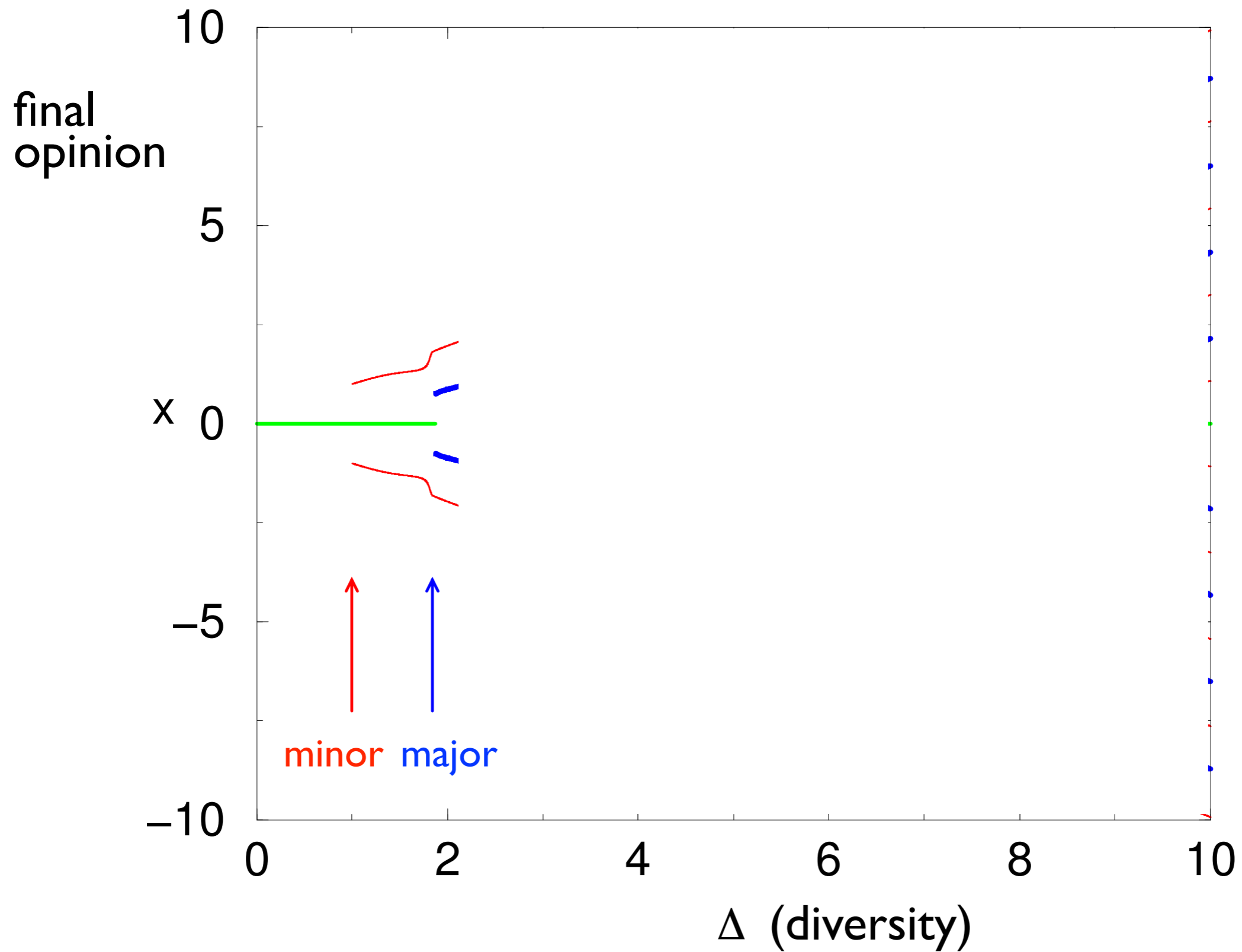


separation:

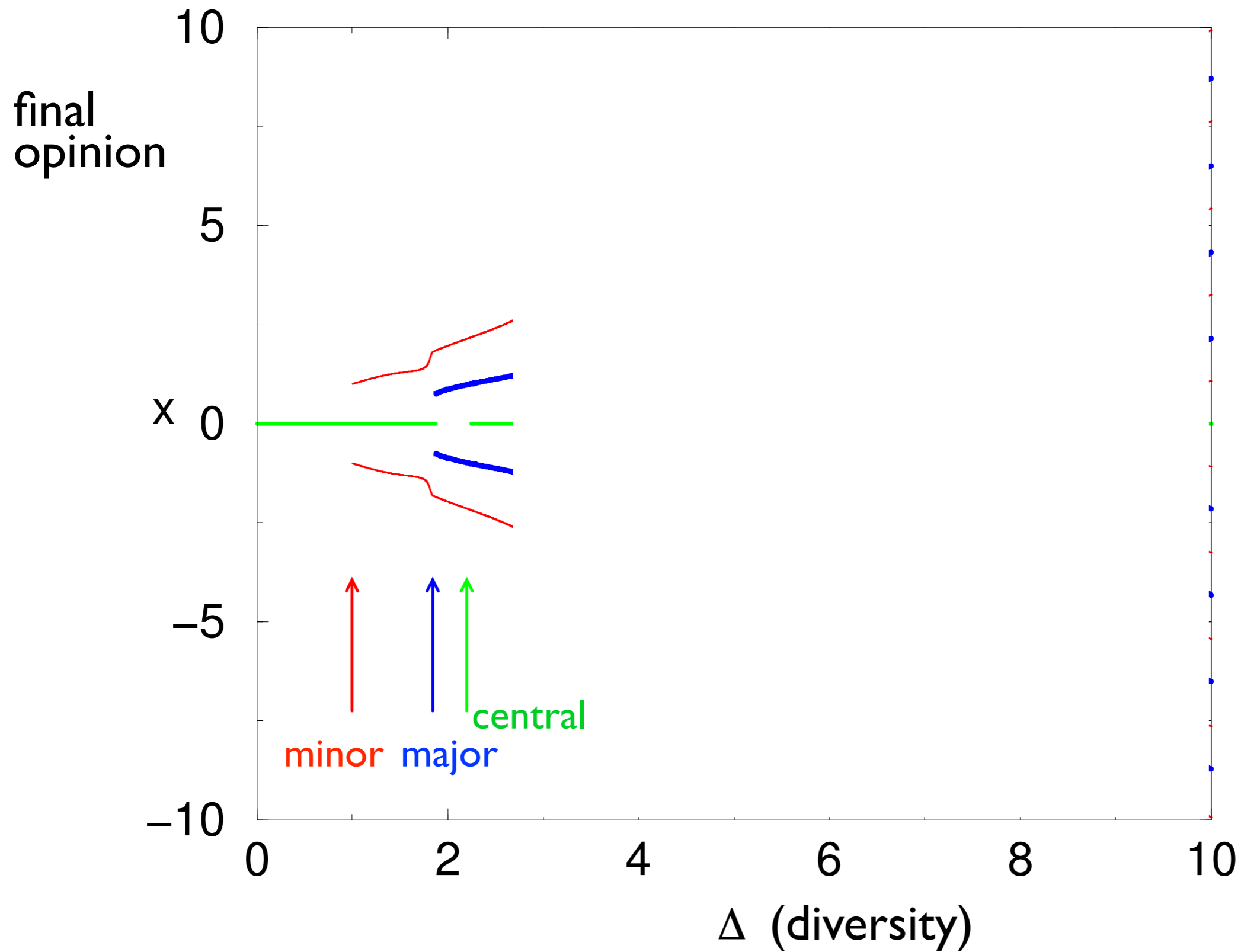
$$w = \epsilon = e^{-t_{\text{sep}}/2}$$

$$\rightarrow m(t_{\text{sep}}) \propto \epsilon^3$$

Fragmentation Sequence



Fragmentation Sequence



A Possible Realization

1993 Canadian Federal Election

<i>year</i>	PQ	NDP	L	PC	SC	R/CA
1979		26	114	136	6	
1980		32	147	103		
1984		30	40	211		
1988		43	83	169		
1993	54	9	177	2		52

The Dynamics of Persuasion

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Modeling Consensus:

- introduction to the voter model
- voter model on complex networks
- voting with some confidence
- majority rule

lecture 1

Modeling Discord & Diversity:

- 3-state voter models
- strategic voting
- bounded compromise
- dynamics of social balance
- Axelrod model

lecture 2

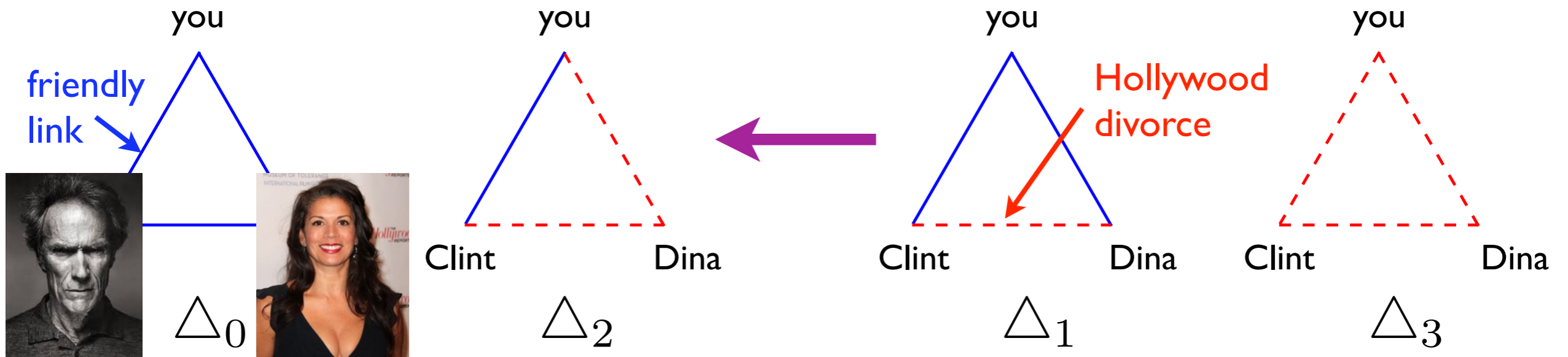
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Dynamics of Social Balance



Investigate dynamical rules that promote evolution to a *balanced* state

Socially Balanced States



unfrustrated/balanced

frustrated/imbalanced

Social Balance

*a friend of my friend
an enemy of my enemy* } *is my friend;*

*a friend of my enemy
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Static properties of signed graphs:

Balanced states on complete graph must either be

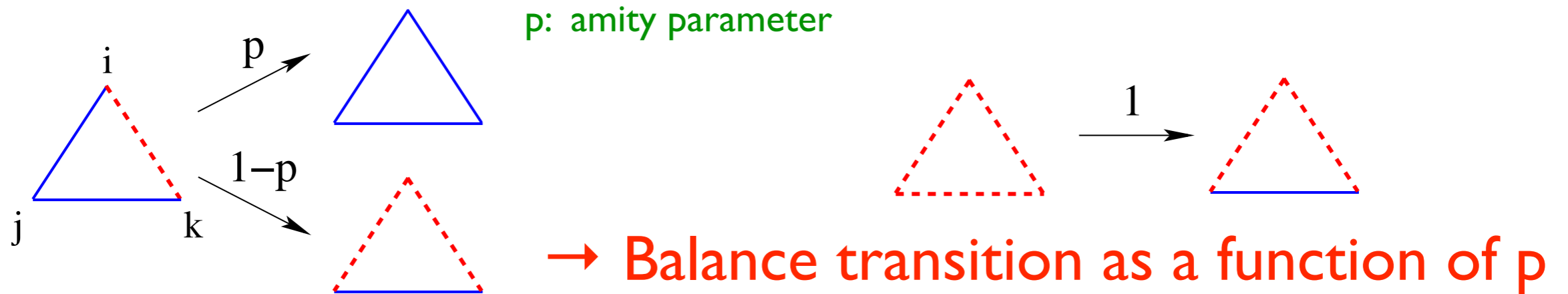
- *utopia*: only friendly links
- *bipolar*: two mutually antagonistic cliques

Cartwright & Harary (1956)

Two Natural Evolution Rules

Local Triad Dynamics:

reduce imbalance *in one triad* by single update



Global Triad Dynamics:

reduce *global imbalance* by single update



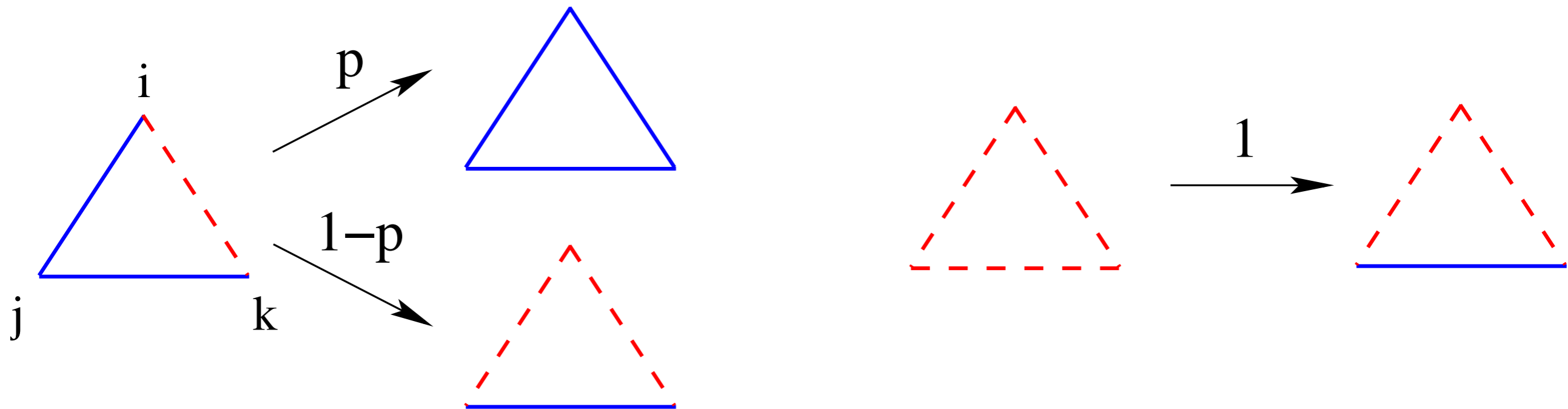
Tantalizing connections to spin glasses & jamming phenomena

Local Triad Dynamics on Arbitrary Networks

(social graces of the clueless)

1. Pick a random imbalanced (frustrated) triad
2. Reverse a single link so that the triad becomes balanced

probability p : unfriendly \rightarrow friendly; probability $1-p$: friendly \rightarrow unfriendly



Fundamental parameter p :

$p=1/3$: flip a random link in the triad equiprobably

$p>1/3$: predisposition toward tranquility

$p<1/3$: predisposition toward hostility

The Evolving State

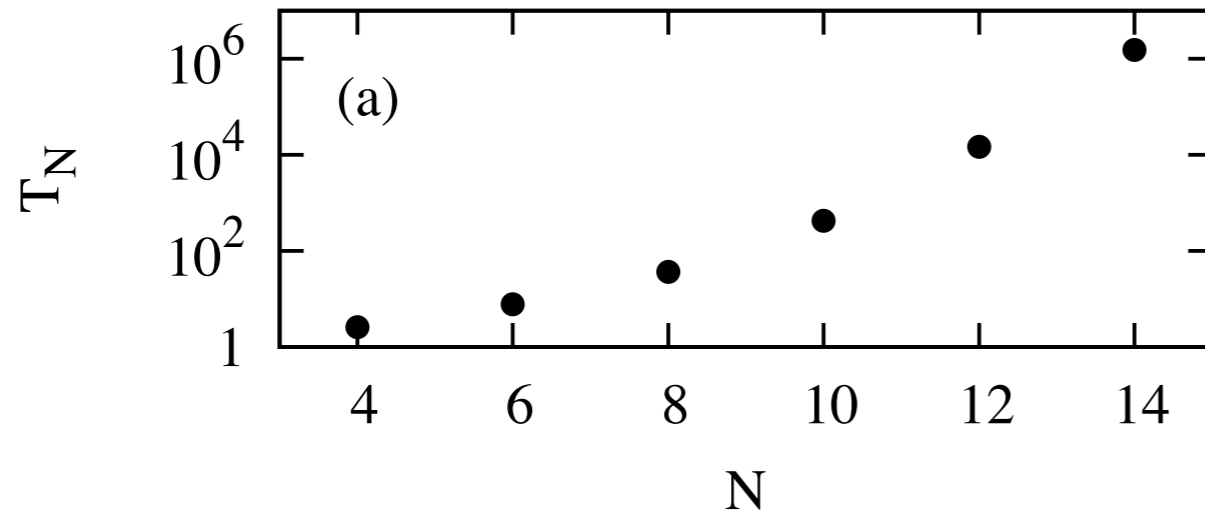
rate equation for the density of friendly links ρ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\rho}{dt} &= 3\rho^2(1-\rho)[p - (1-p)] + (1-\rho)^3 \\
 &= 3(2p-1)\rho^2(1-\rho) + (1-\rho)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

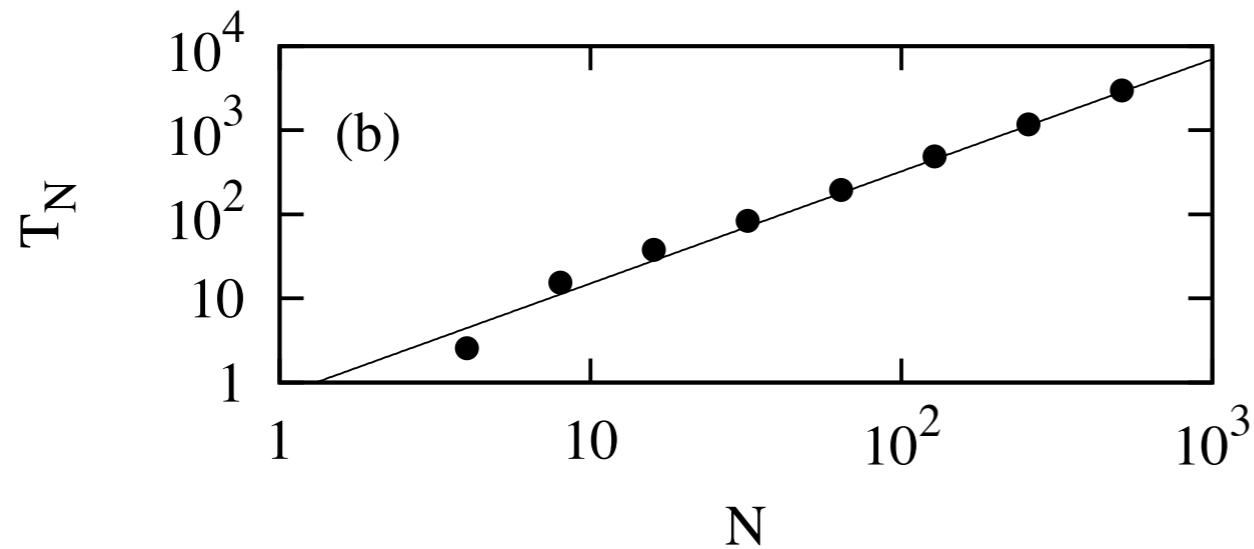
$- \rightarrow +$ in Δ_1 $+ \rightarrow -$ in Δ_1 $- \rightarrow +$ in Δ_3

$$\rho(t) \sim \begin{cases} \rho_\infty + Ae^{-Ct} & p < 1/2; & \text{rapid approach} \\ & & \text{to frustrated} \\ & & \text{steady state} \\ \\ 1 - \frac{1 - \rho_0}{\sqrt{1 + 2(1 - \rho_0)^2 t}} & p = 1/2; & \text{slow relaxation} \\ & & \text{to utopia} \\ \\ 1 - e^{-3(2p-1)t} & p > 1/2. & \text{rapid attainment} \\ & & \text{of utopia} \end{cases}$$

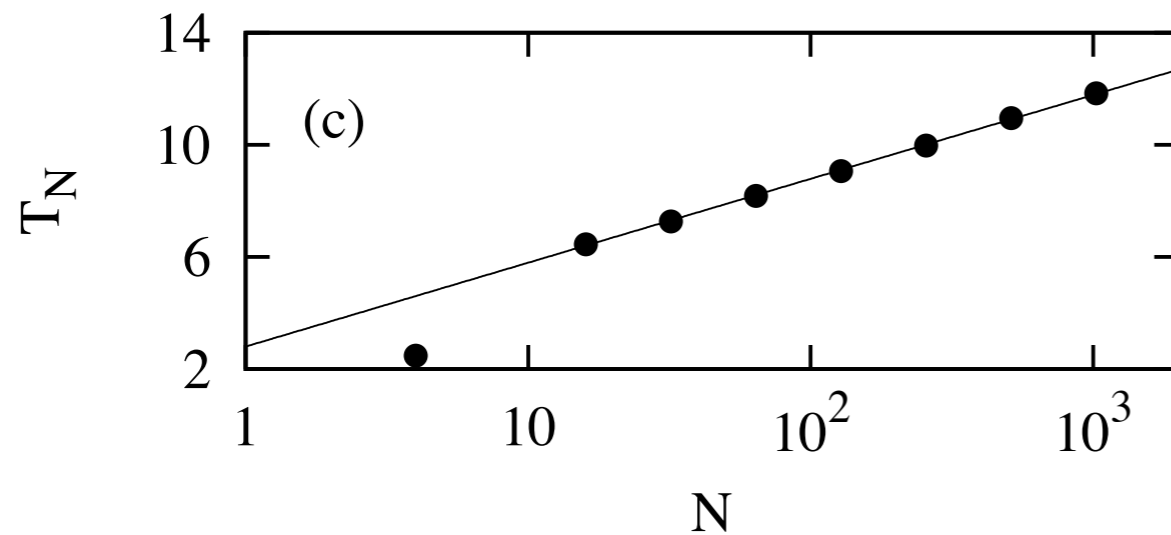
Simulations for a Finite Society



$$p < \frac{1}{2}, \quad T_N \sim e^{N^2}$$



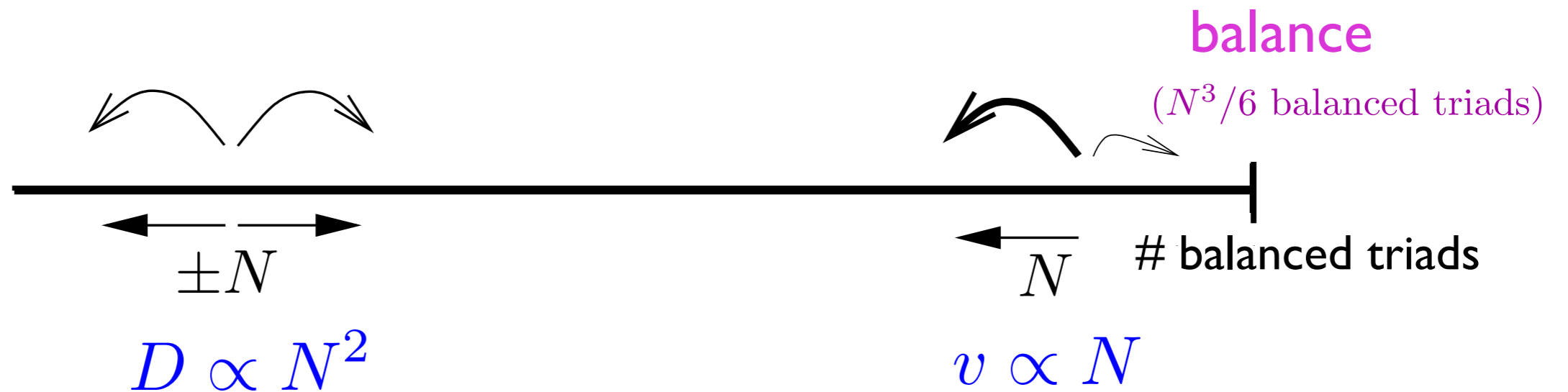
$$p = \frac{1}{2}, \quad T_N \sim N^{4/3}$$



$$p > \frac{1}{2}, \quad T_N \sim \frac{\ln N}{2p - 1}$$

Fate of a Finite Society

$p < 1/2$: effective random walk picture



$$\rightarrow T_N \sim e^{v\mathcal{L}_N/D} \sim e^{N^2}$$

$p > 1/2$: inversion of the rate equation

$$u \sim e^{-3(2p-1)t} \approx N^{-2} \rightarrow T_N \sim \frac{\ln N}{2p-1}$$

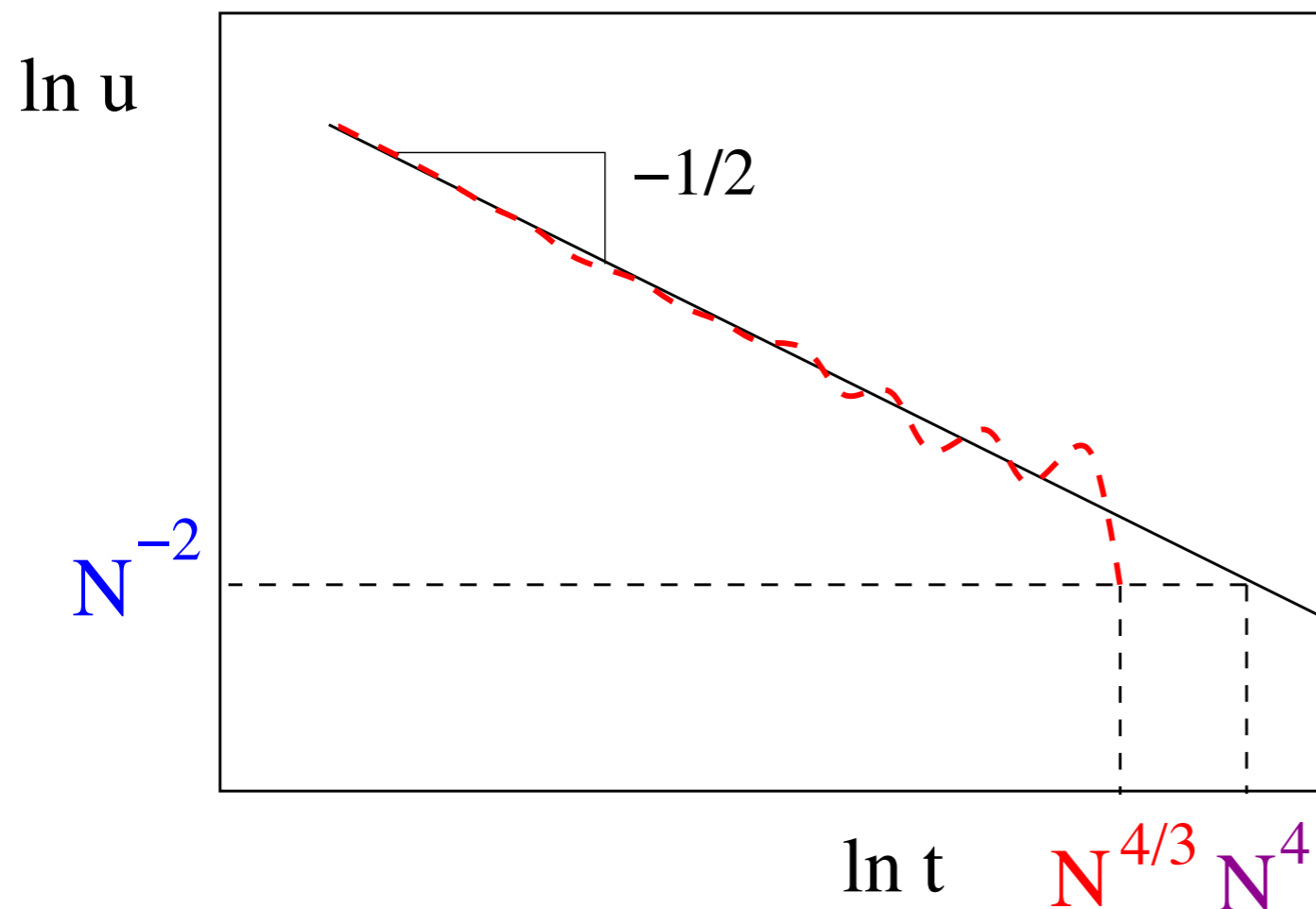
$u=1-p$, the unfriendly link density

$$\rho = 1/2$$

naive rate equation estimate:

$$u \equiv 1 - \rho \propto t^{-1/2} \approx N^{-2} \quad \rightarrow \quad T_N \sim N^4$$

incorporating fluctuations as balance is approached:



$$U = Lu + \sqrt{L} \eta$$
$$\sim \frac{L}{\sqrt{t}} + \sqrt{L} t^{1/4}$$

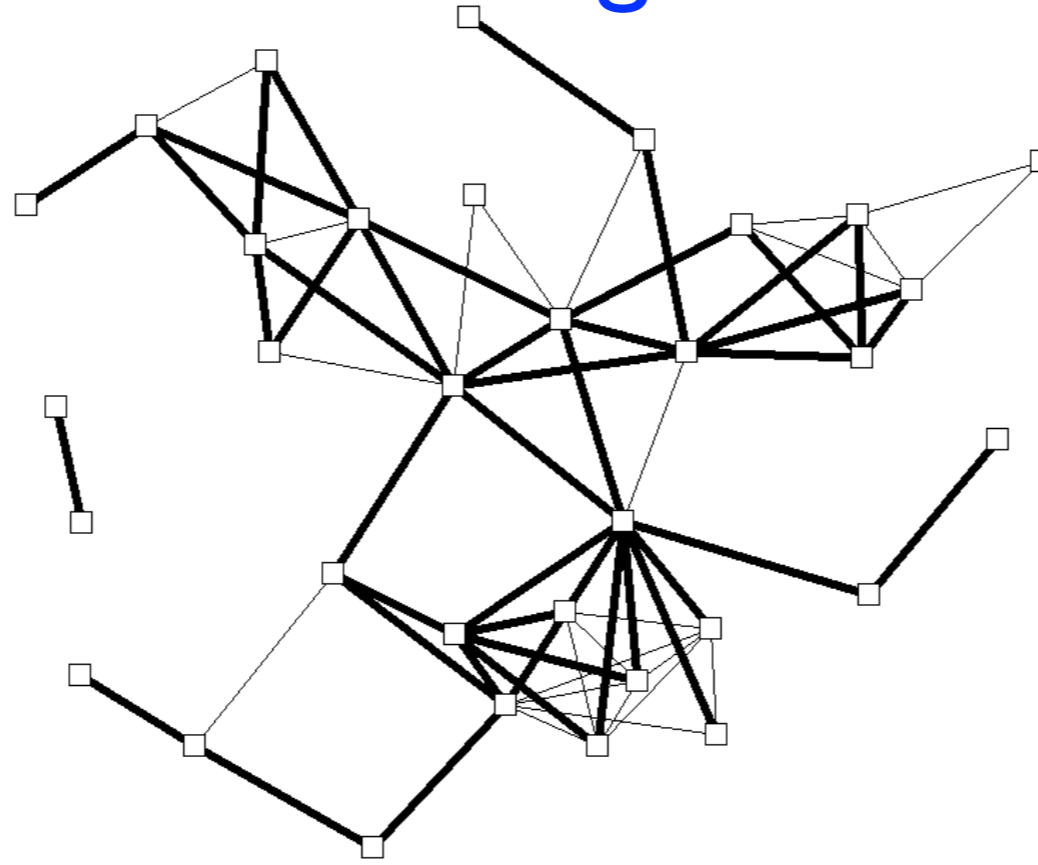
equating the 2 terms in U:

$$T_N \sim L^{2/3} \sim N^{4/3}$$

Possible Application I: Long Beach Street Gangs

Nakamura, Tita, &
Krackhardt (2007)

gang relations

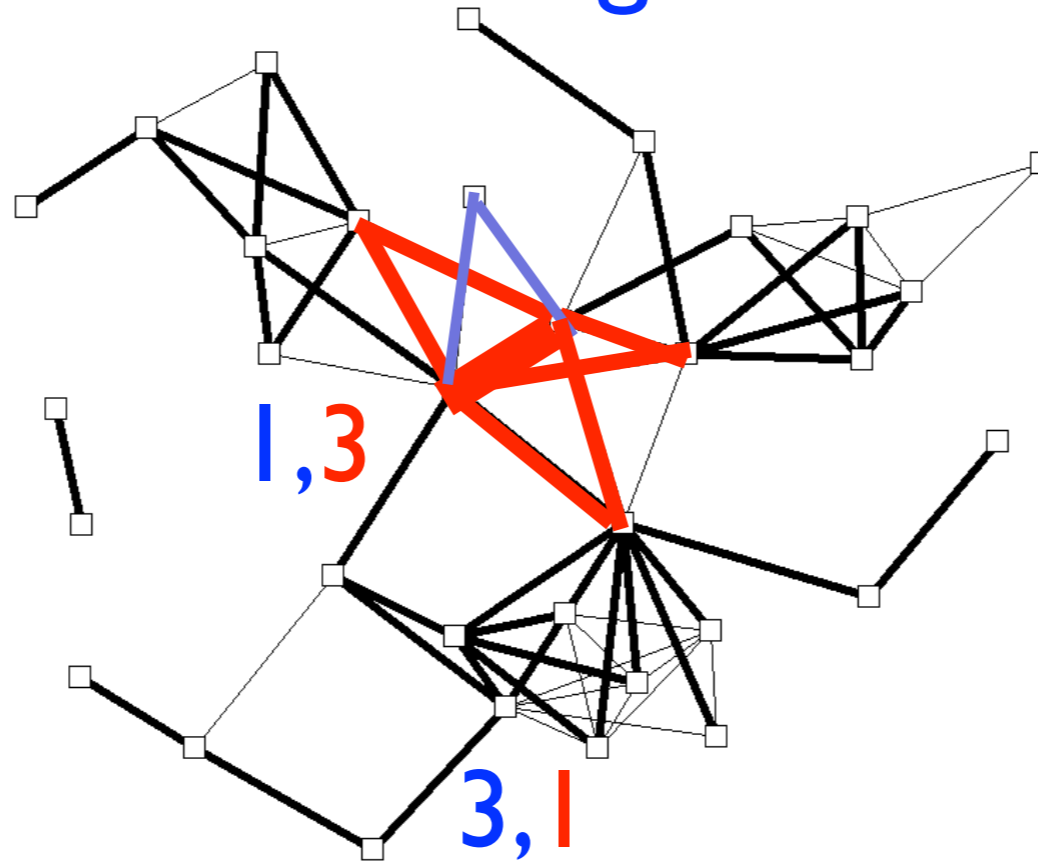


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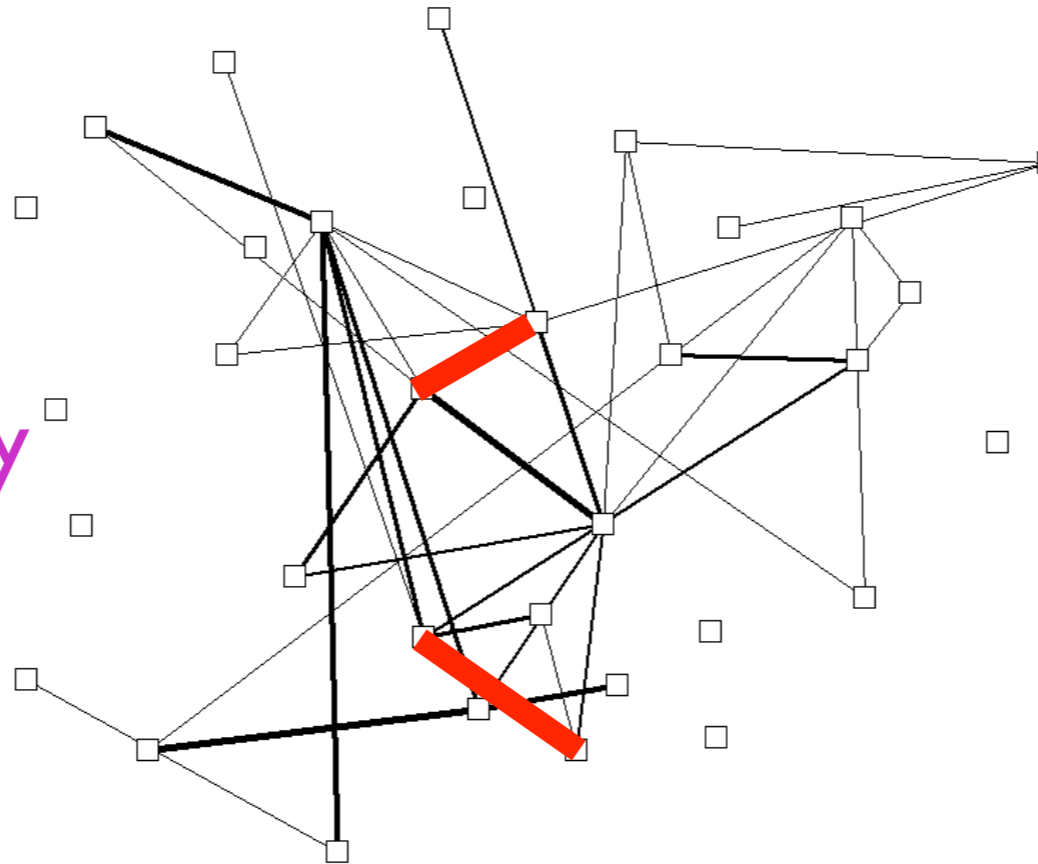
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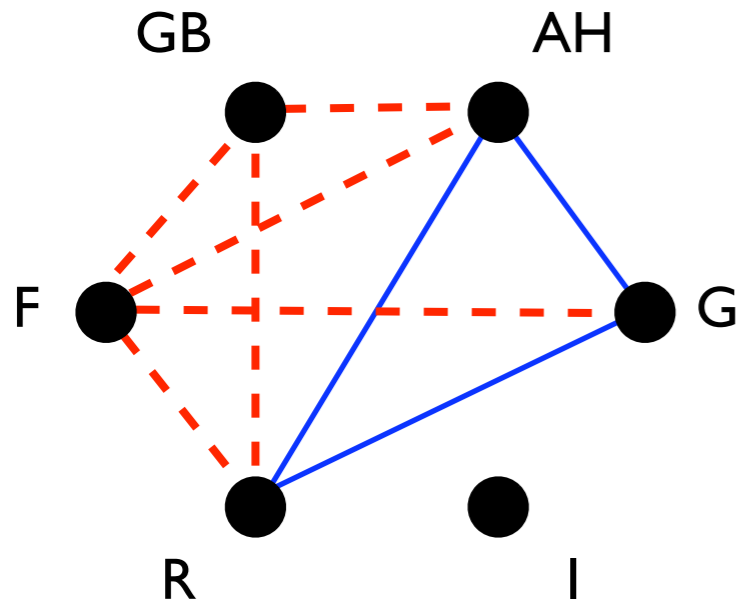
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violence frequency

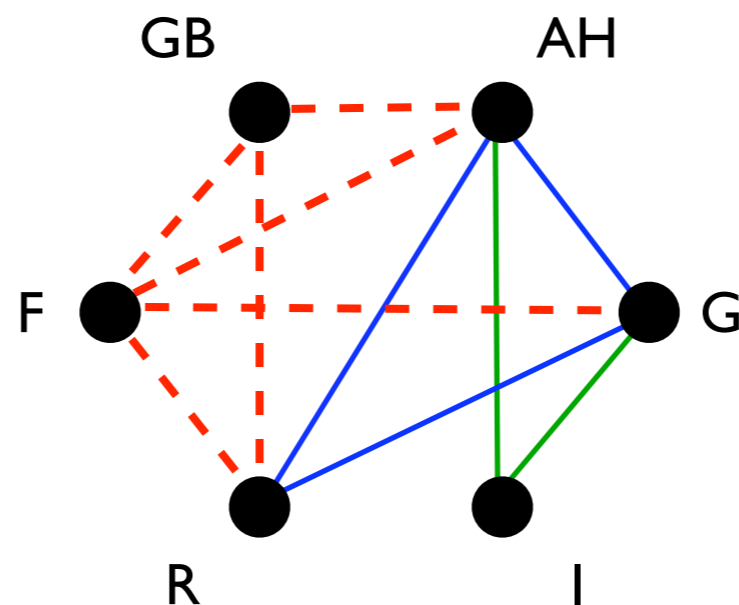


— low incidence
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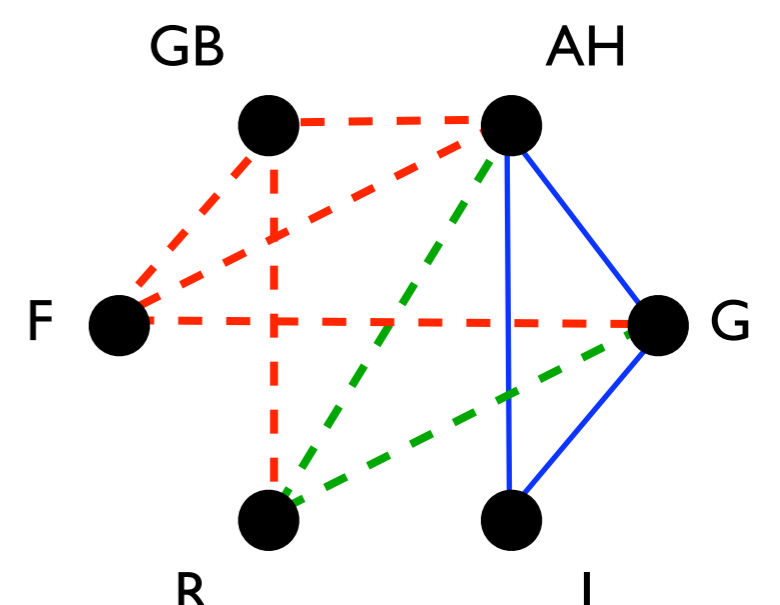
Possible Application II: A Historical Lesson



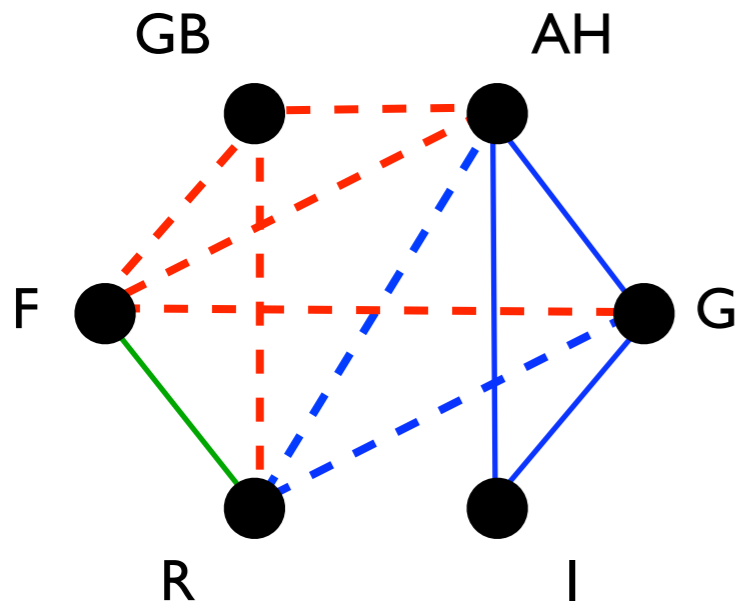
3 Emperor's League 1872-81



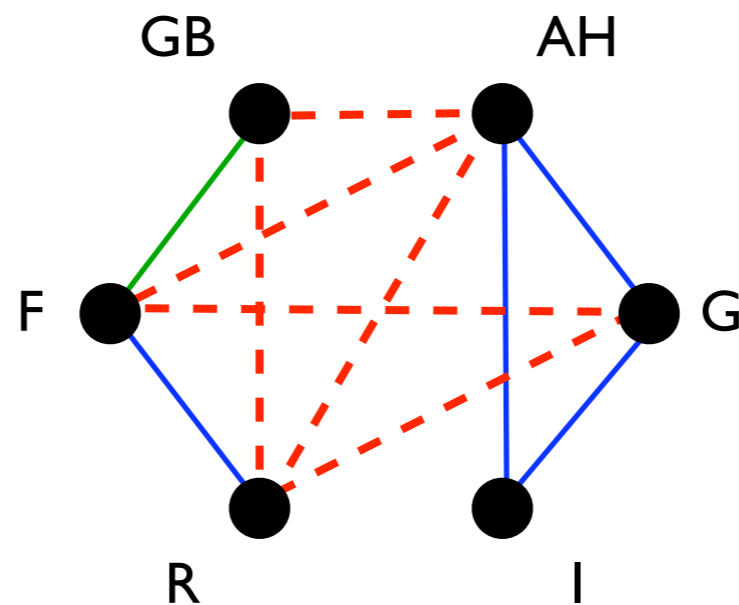
Triple Alliance 1882



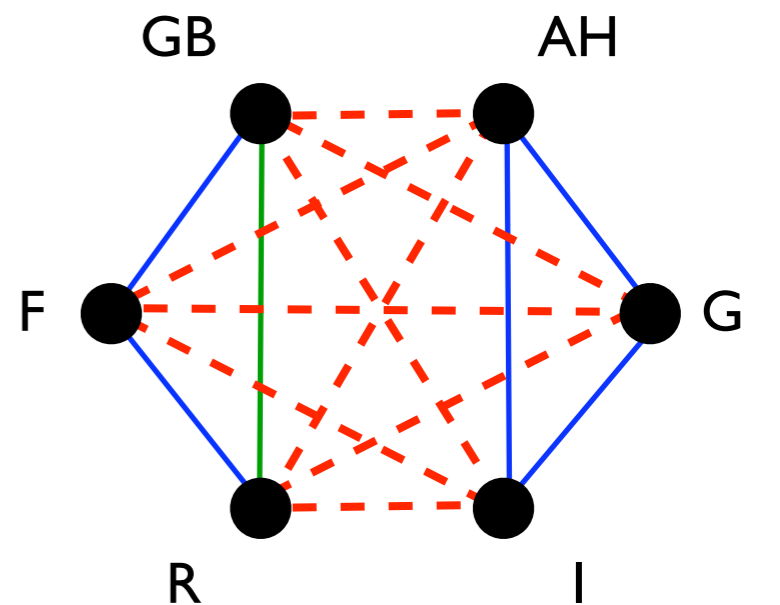
German-Russian Lapse 1890



French-Russian Alliance 1891-94



Entente Cordiale 1904



British-Russian Alliance 1907

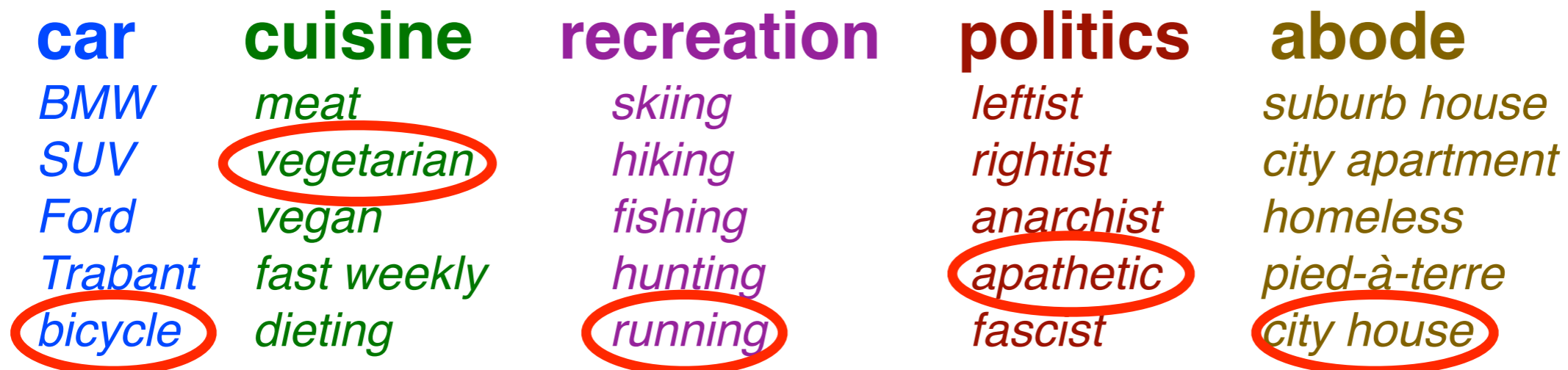
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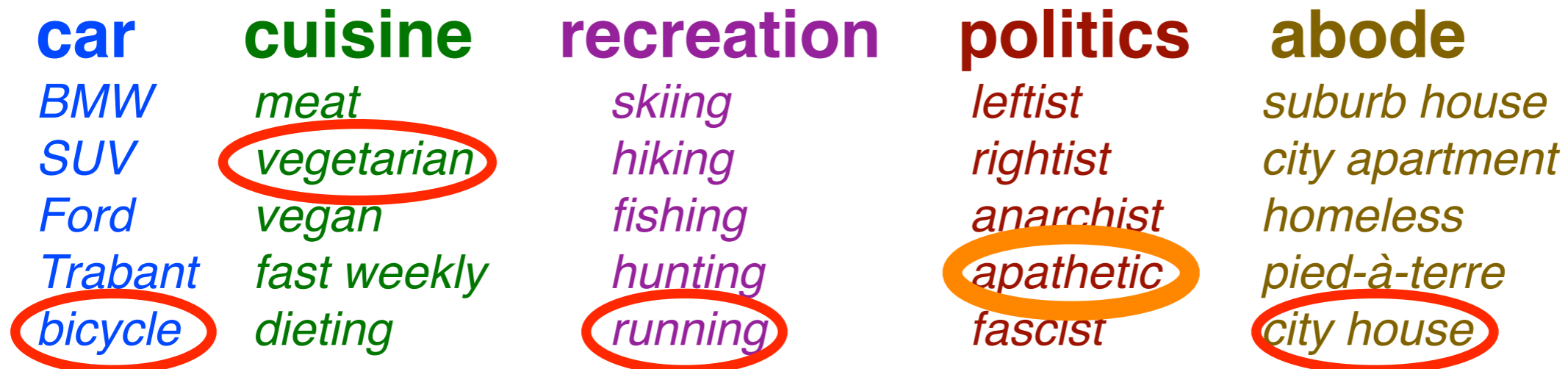
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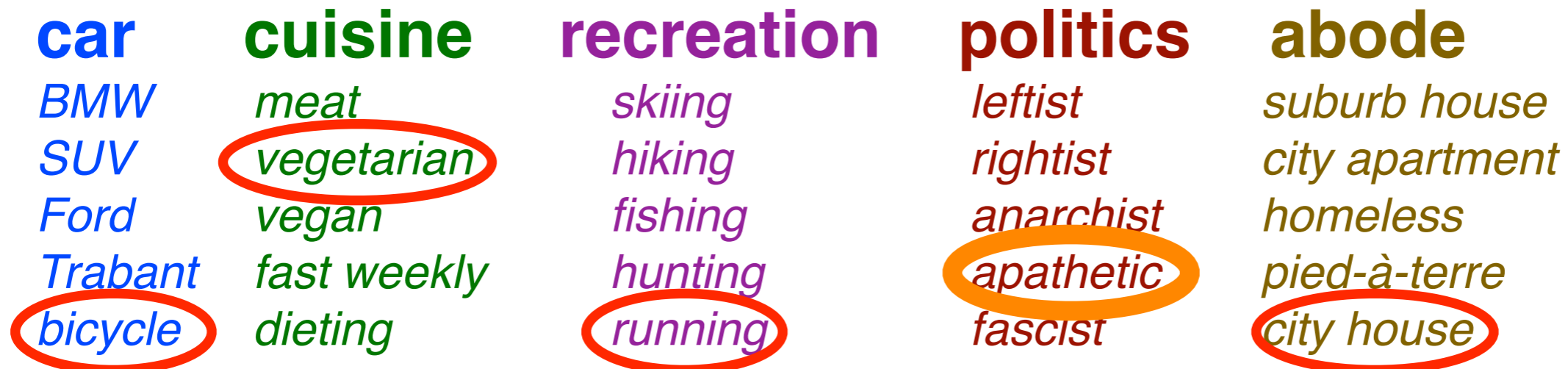
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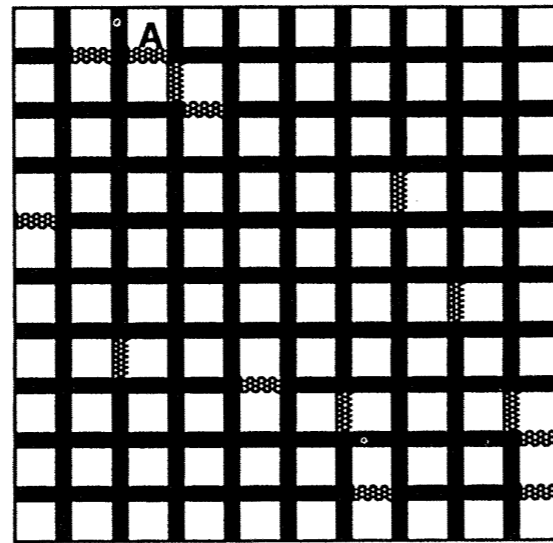


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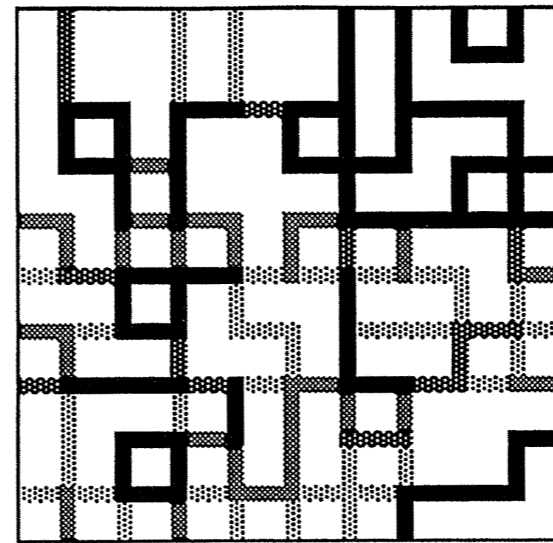


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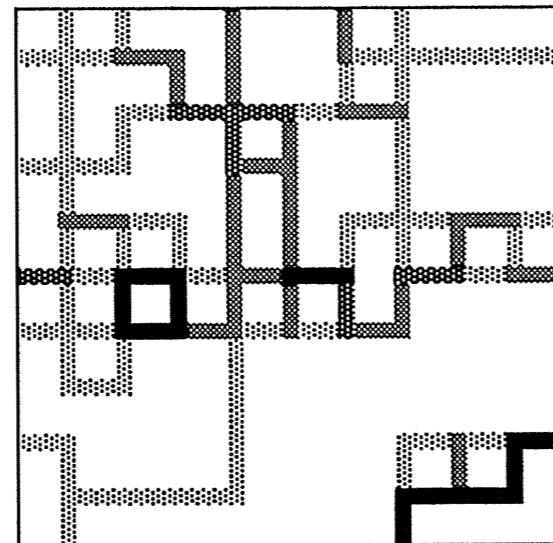
$F=5$, $q=10$, 10×10 lattice



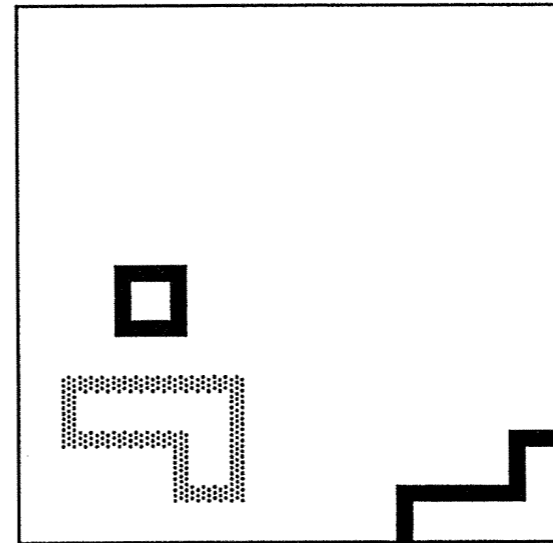
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$t=200$



$t=400$



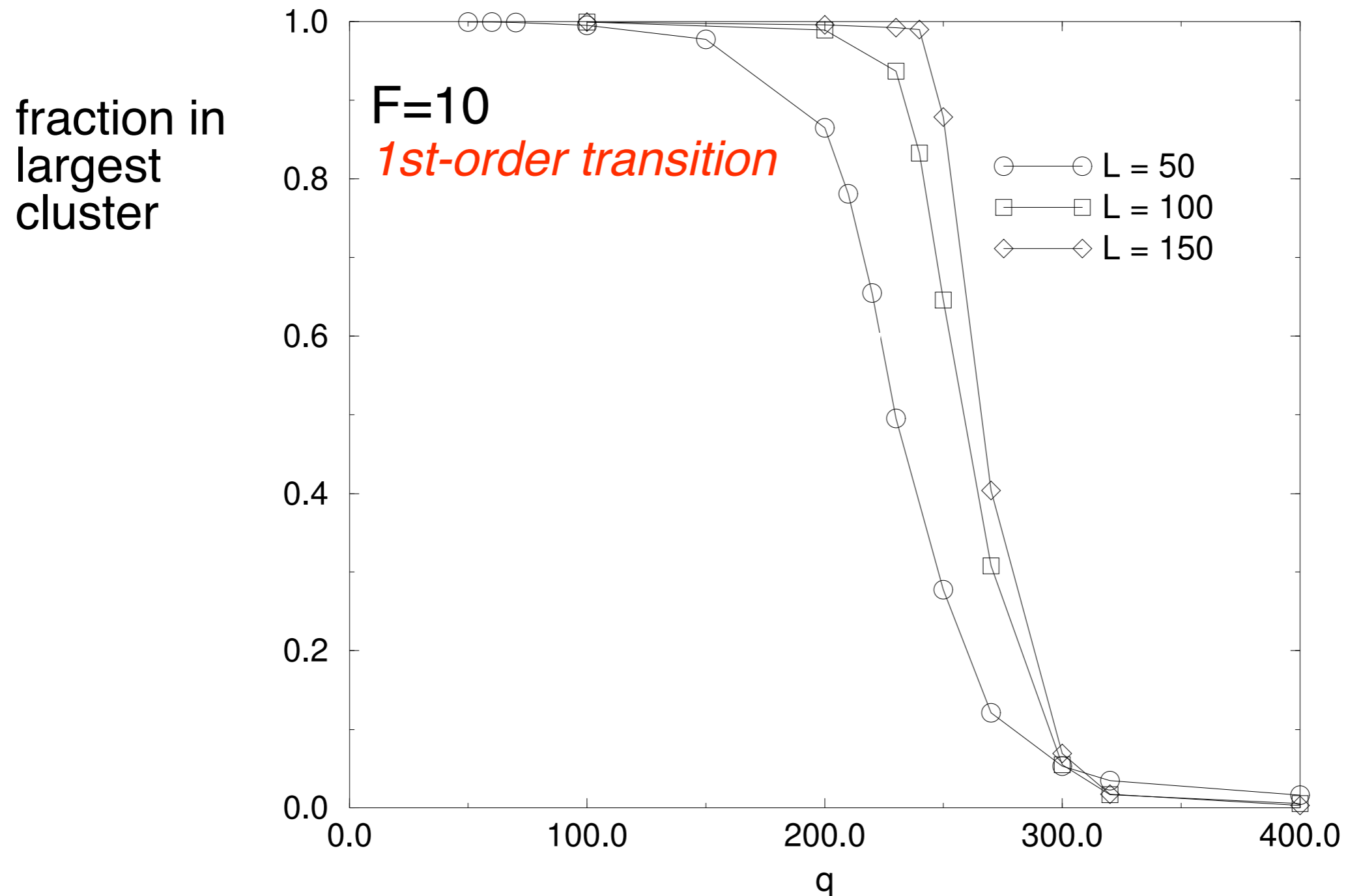
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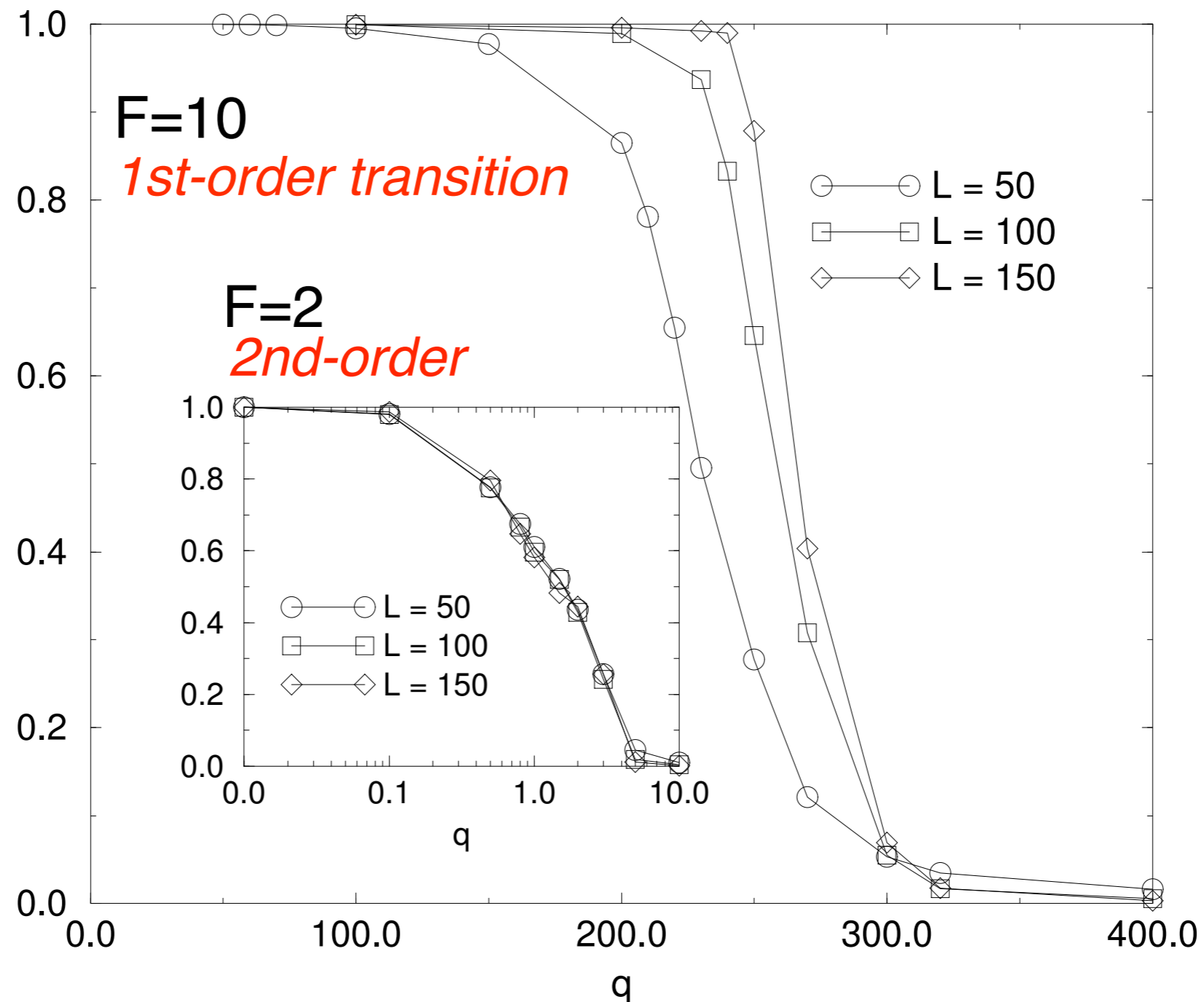
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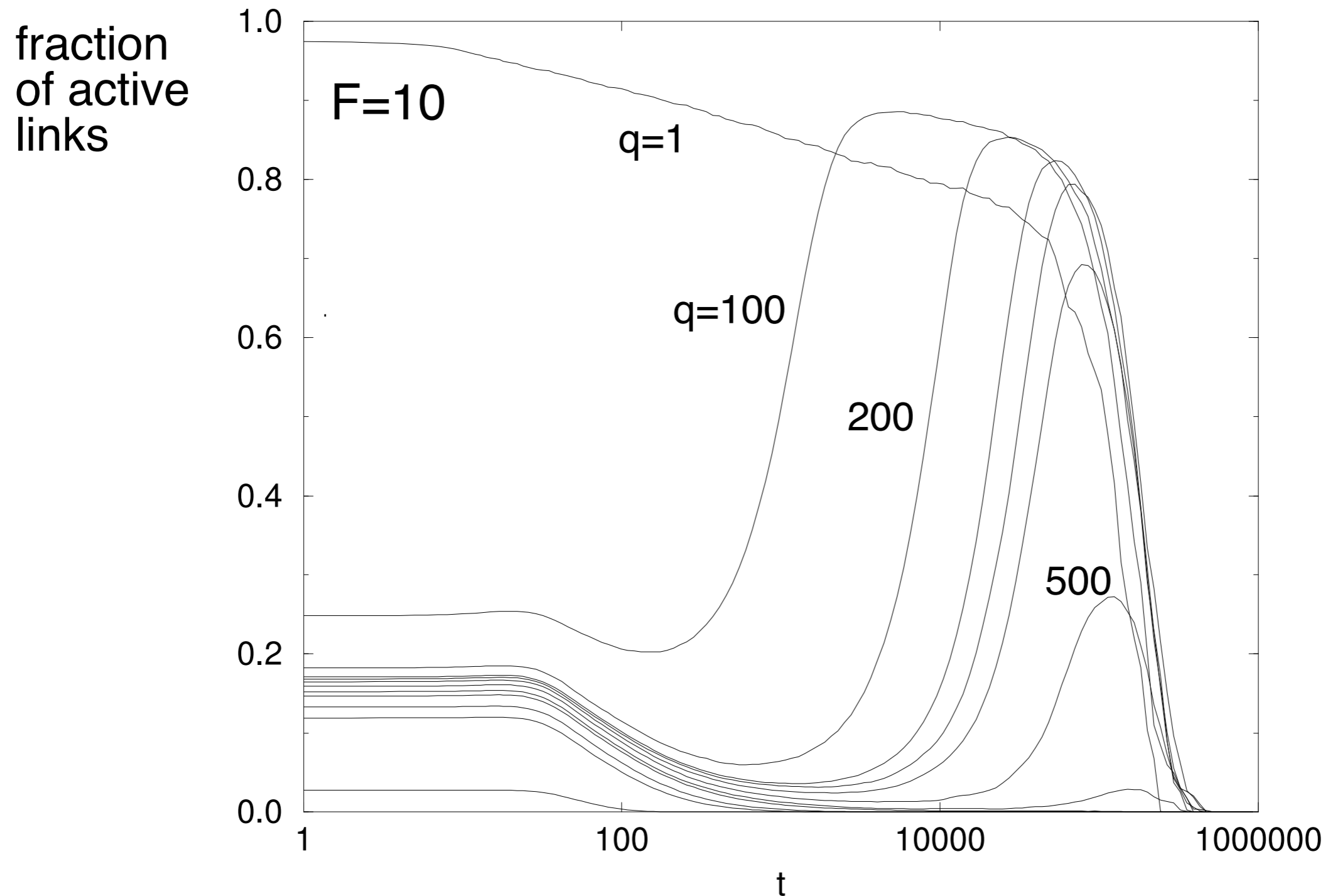
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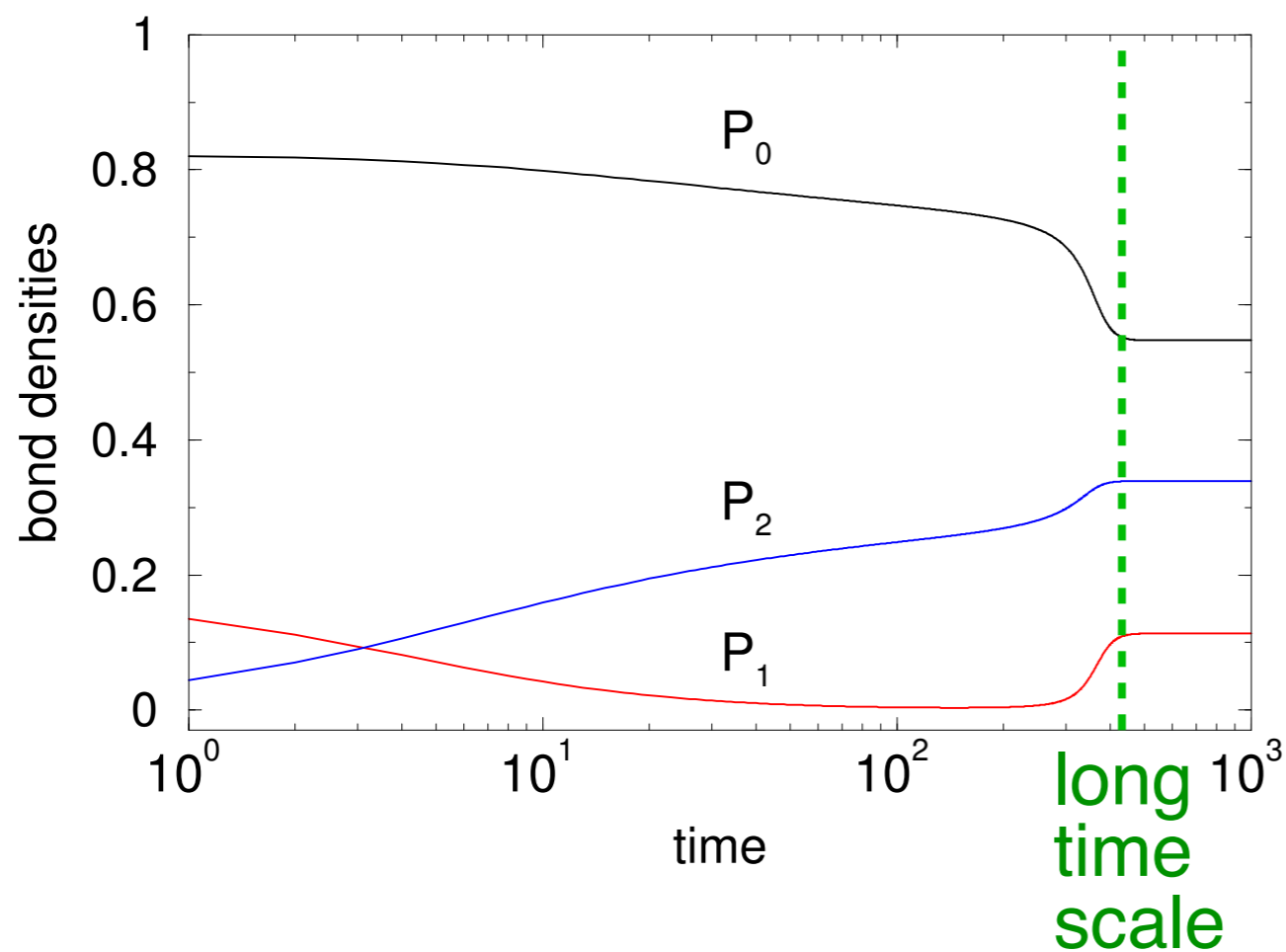
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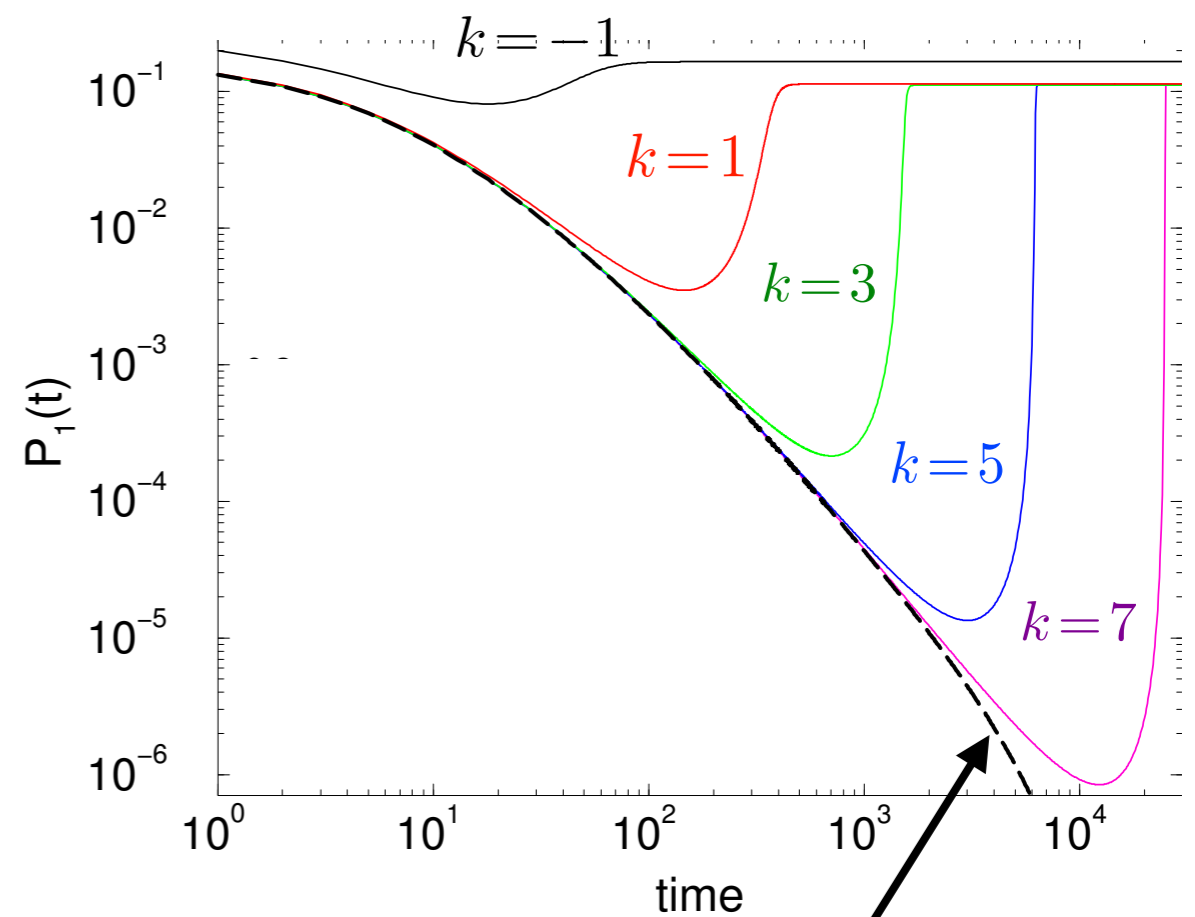
Axelrod Model with $F=2$ on 4-regular graph

$P_m \equiv$ fraction of links with m common features
 $m = 0, 2$ inactive; $m = 1$ active

$$q = q_c - \frac{1}{4}$$



$$q = q_c - \frac{1}{4^k}$$



$$q = q_c + \frac{1}{4^6}$$

Master Equations for Bond Densities

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direct
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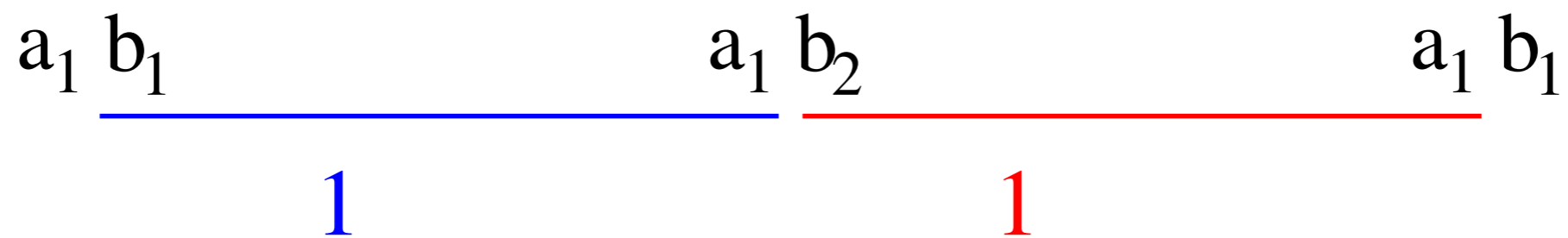
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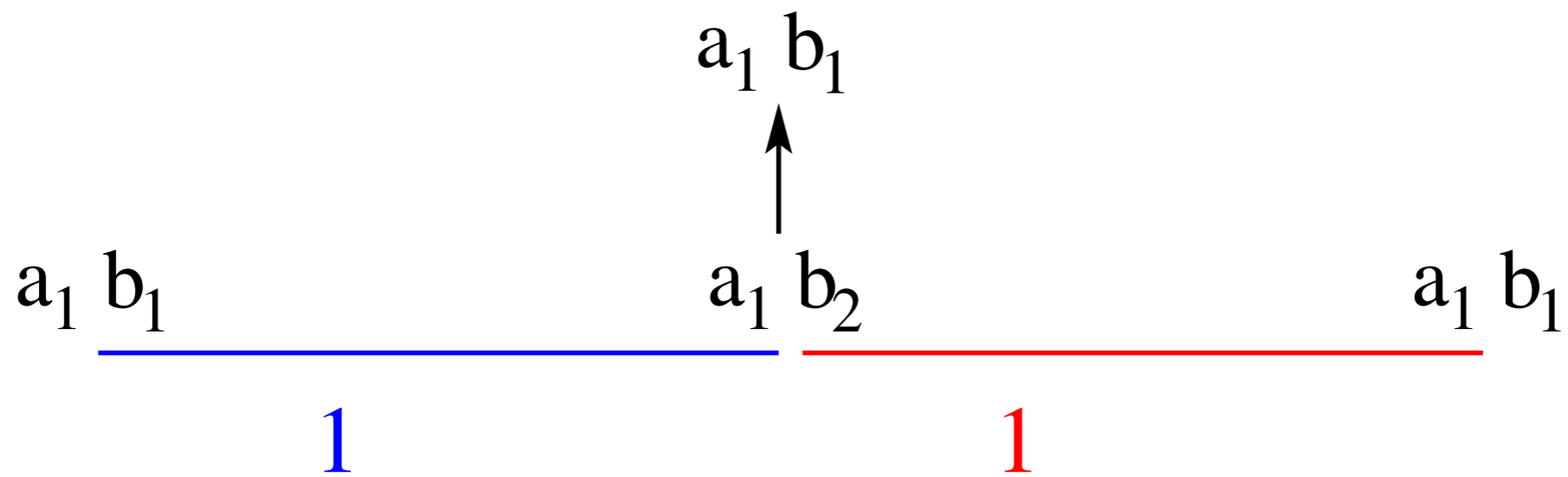
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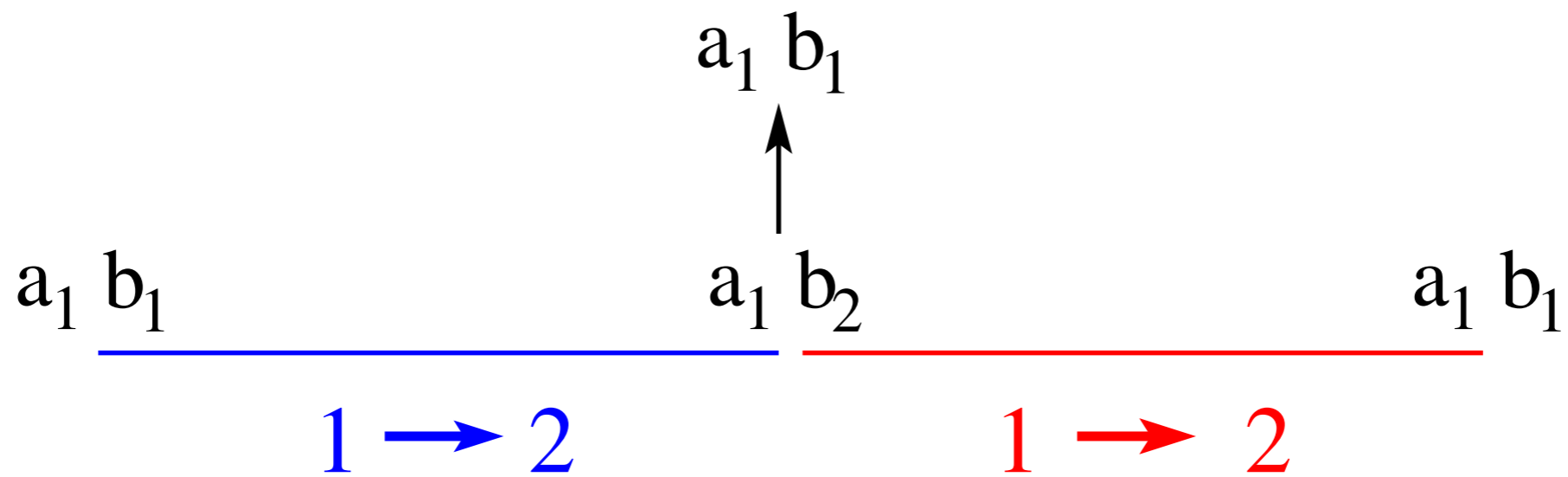
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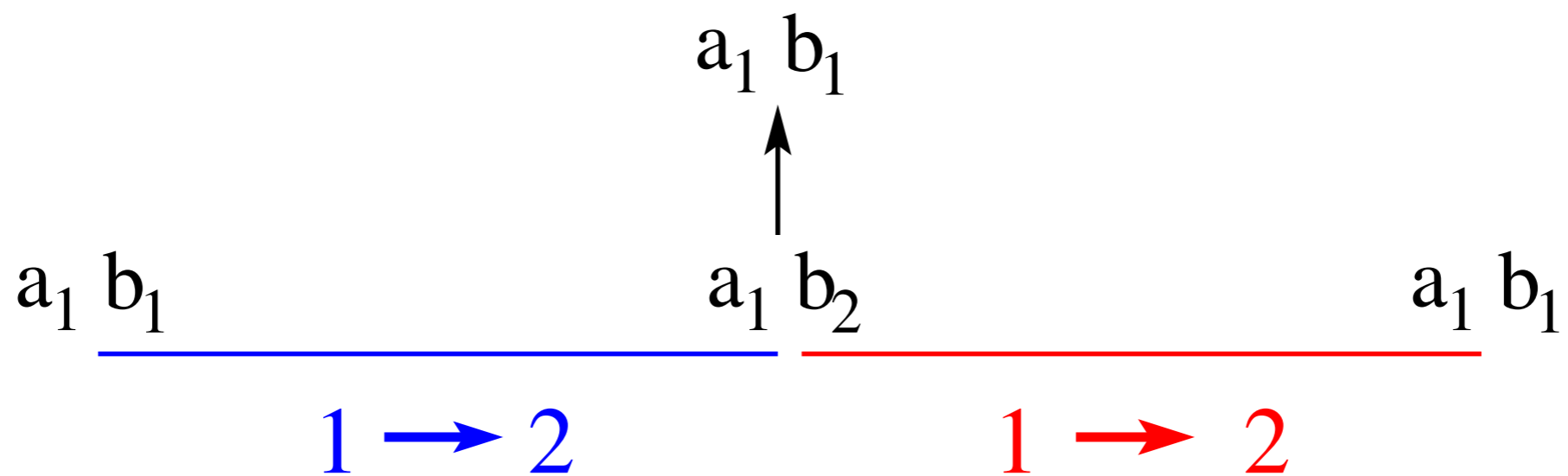
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$$\text{rate } \frac{1}{2}P_1\lambda \xrightarrow{\text{mean field}} \frac{1}{2}P_1(q-1)^{-1}$$

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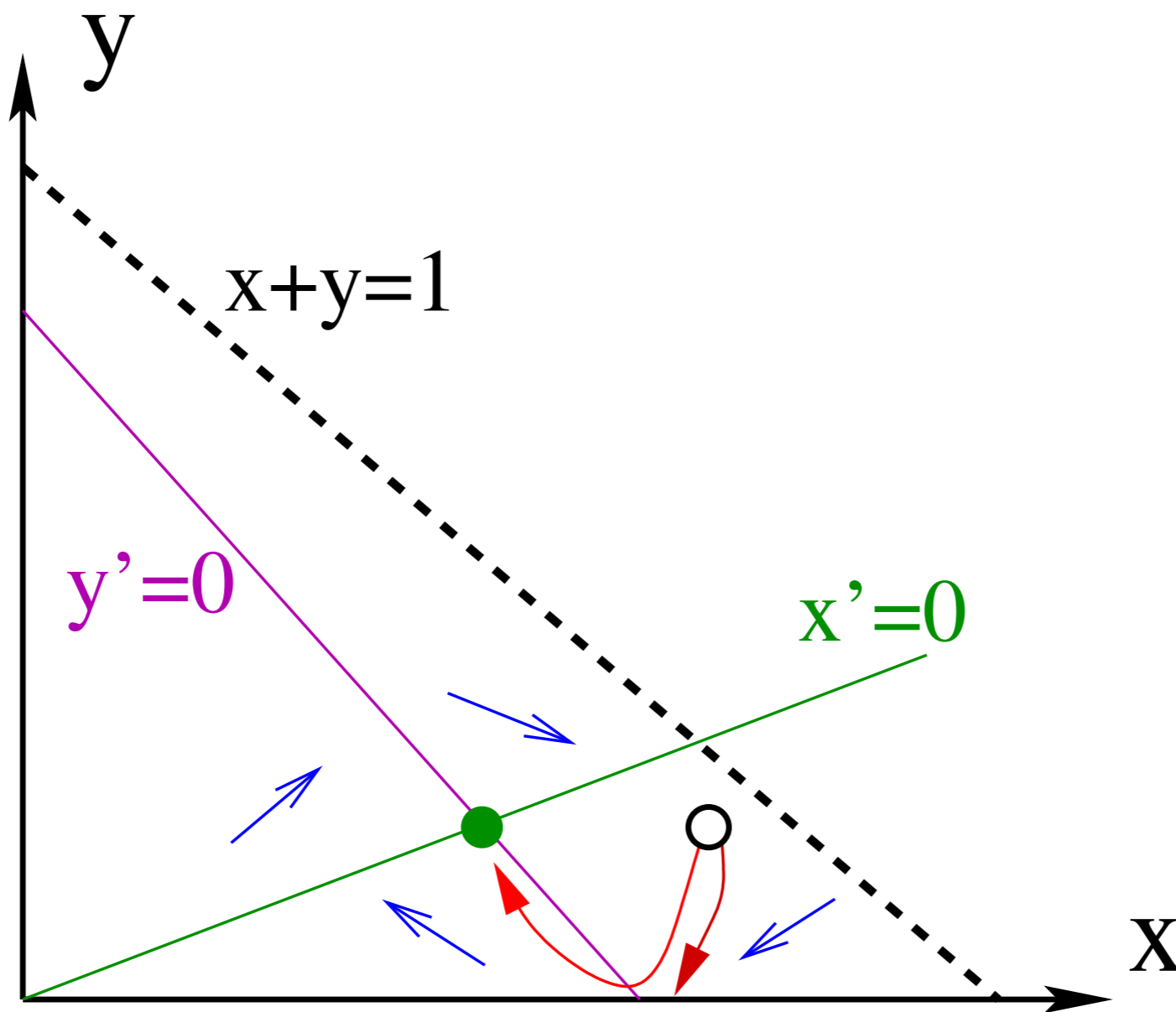
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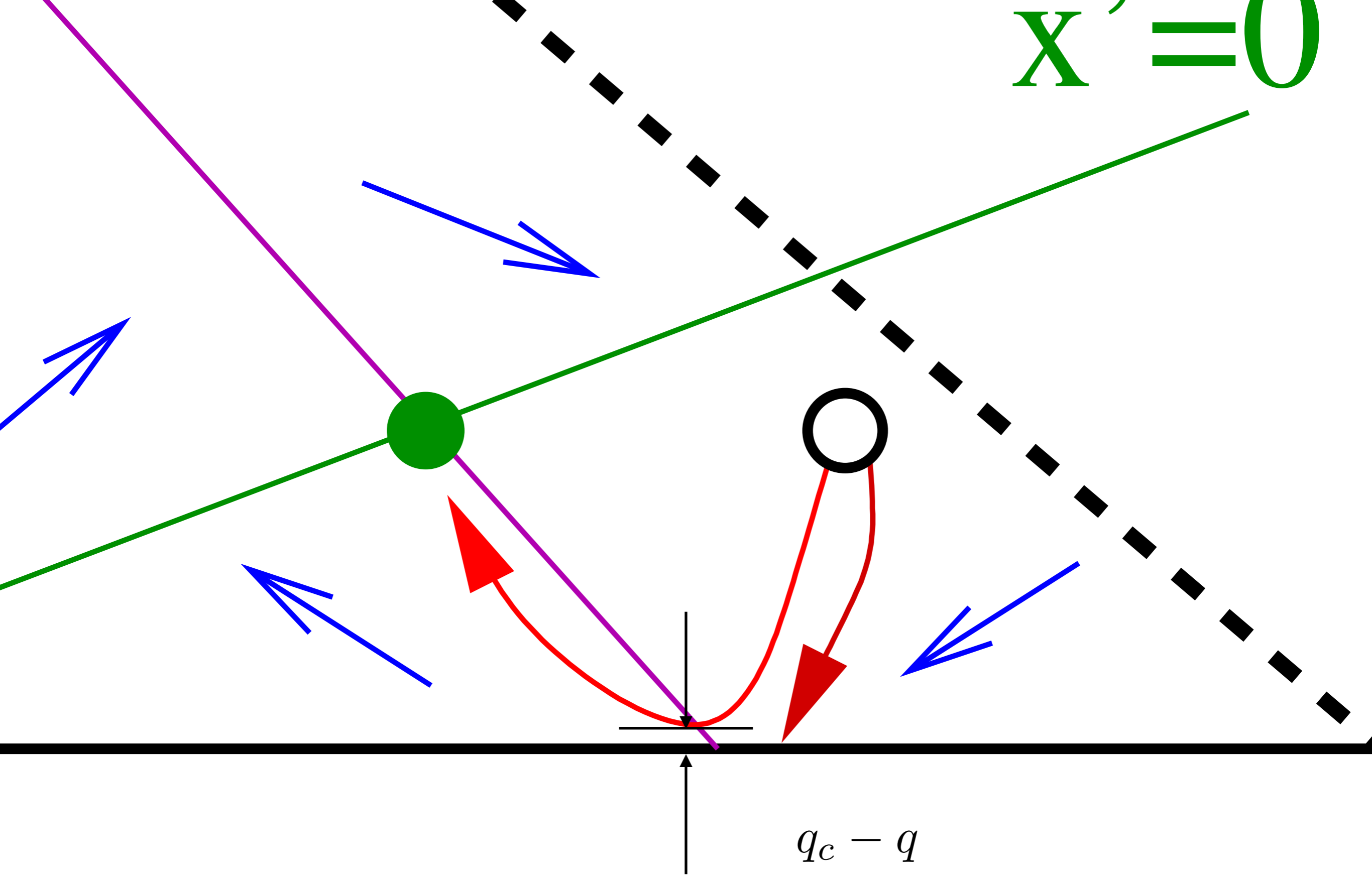
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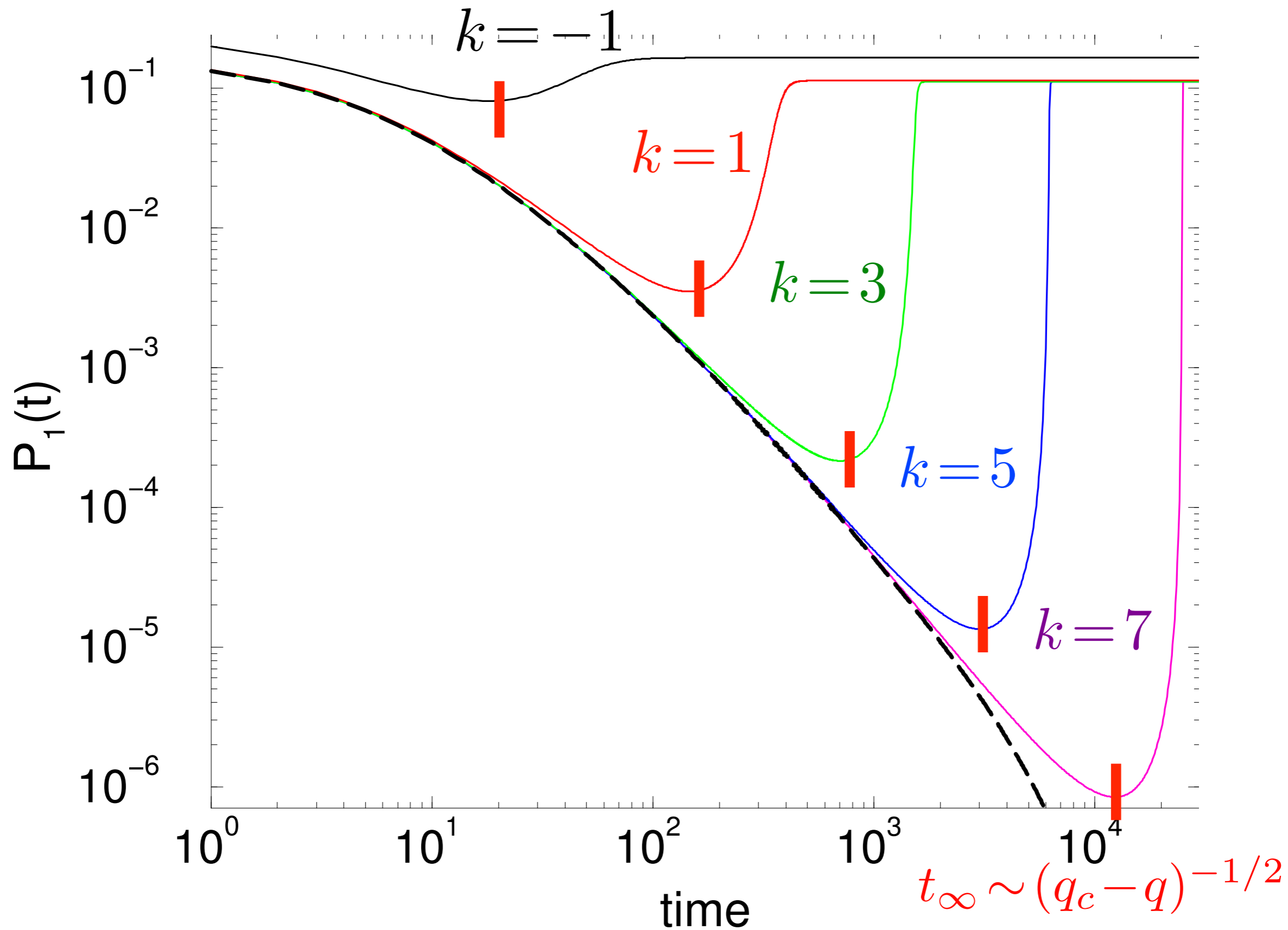
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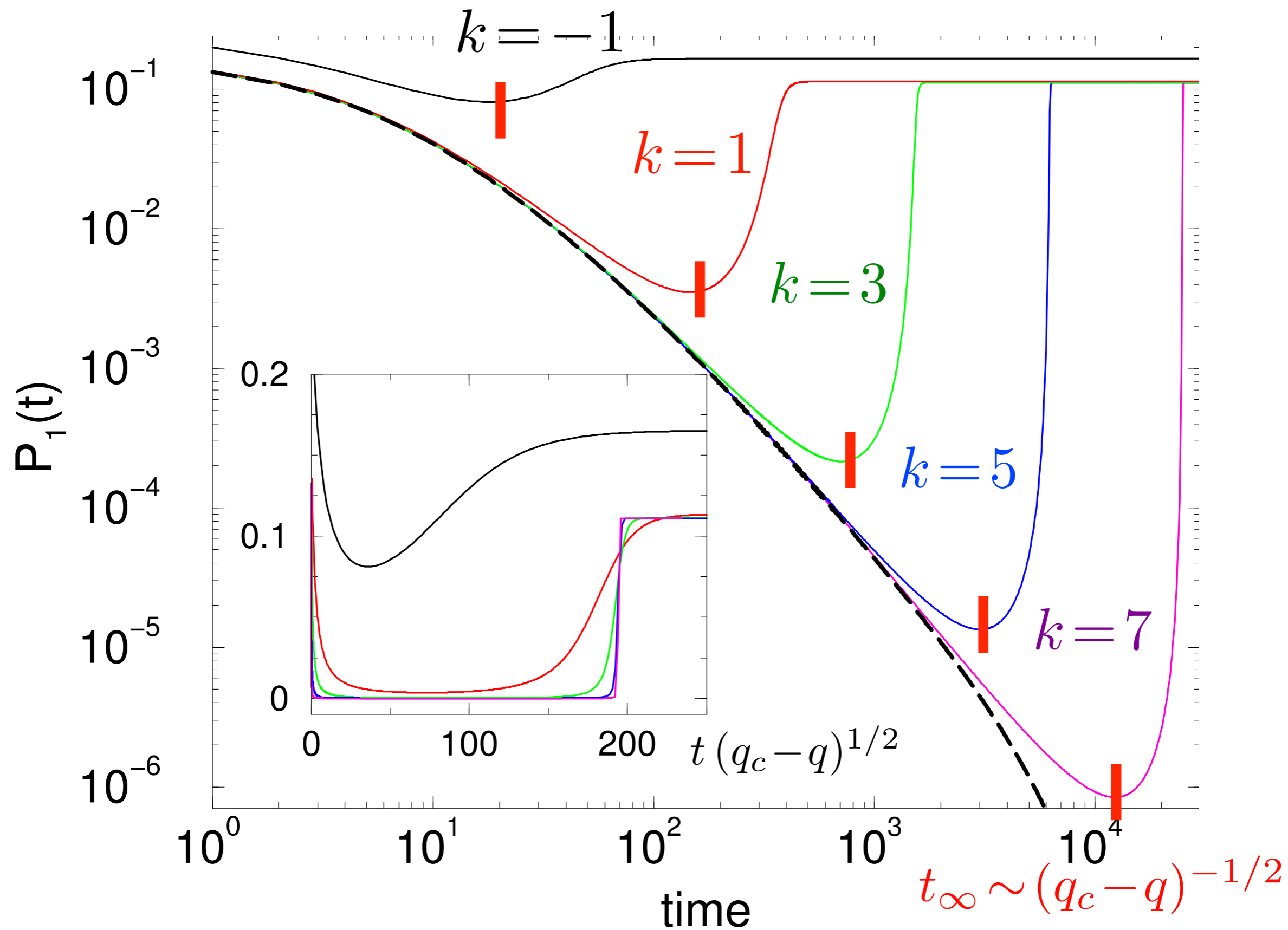




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Axelrod Model with $F=2$

transition between steady state ($q < q_c$) &
fragmented static state ($q > q_c$)

$q < q_c$: very slow approach to steady state with
time scale $\simeq (q_c - q)^{-1/2}$

long transient in which $P_1 \simeq (q_c - q)$
before steady state is reached

Some Closing Thoughts

Voter Model well characterized, but:

- *consensus route incompletely understood on complex graphs*
- *generalizations, role of heterogeneity, role of internal beliefs,*
- *data-driven models*

Models of Diversity & Discord

- *bifurcation sequence in bounded compromise*
- *role of competing social interactions mostly unknown*
- *mathematical understanding of Axelrod model lacking*
- *data-driven models*

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