# Stochastic SIR epidemics in structured populations

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## Motivation

- Mathematically tractable epidemic models are valuable tools for understanding, predicting, mitigating, planning, ... in the context of infectious diseases.
- Classical models include many assumptions of homogeneity, most of which are unrealistic.
- In this lecture series we focus on ways of reflecting population structure by differentiating between 'local' and 'global' contacts.
- Broadly, this means adding another infection mechanism, or layer of structure, to the standard homogeneously mixing stochastic SIR model.

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Section 1: Review (& extension) of standard SIR epidemic

- Approach to analysis
- Exact results for the final outcome
- Branching process approximation for early stages of an outbreak
- Threshold theorem and probability of a major outbreak
- Law of Large Numbers and Central Limit Theorem for the final size of a major outbreak

## Standard stochastic SIR epidemic

- Population of *n* individuals.
- Each is Susceptible, Infectious or Removed.
- Start with 1 infectious (chosen uniformly at random) and the remaining n − 1 susceptible.
- Infectious individual remains so for a random time distributed as *I*, a random variable with arbitrary distribution which we specify via its MGF/LST φ(θ) = ℝ[e<sup>-θI</sup>].
- Through its infectious period an infective makes contacts with each other individual in the population at the points of a Poisson process of rate λ. If an individual so contacted is susceptible it becomes infectious, otherwise nothing happens.
- Epidemic ceases when no infectious individuals remain.
- All infectious periods, contact processes are mutually independent.

## Analysis

- First object of interest is the *final size Z*, the number of initial susceptibles that are ultimately removed (i.e. were infected during the epidemic).
- Analysis in the limit as  $n \to \infty$ .
- $Z^{(n)}$  is either O(1) or O(n): minor or major outbreak.
- Therehold theorem.
- Major outbreak probability.
- Behaviour of  $Z^{(n)}$  conditional on a major outbreak.
- ► Key tool: Branching process approximation of early stages.
- We will obtain analogues of these results for models with additional population structure.

#### Tools

The following results/ideas from the standard homogeneously mixing SIR epidemic will be crucial to our analysis of these models with additional population structure:

- Properties of SIR epidemics in small groups: joint generating function of the size and severity.
- As above, including outside infection.
- Branching process approximations, we will use a discrete-time 'generation' based approach rather than the 'real-time' approach.
- Formula for the expected final size.

## Homogeneously mixing SIR epidemic

- Here we modify the setup and notation slightly:
  - ► Assume that there are *m* initial infectives and *n* initial susceptibles, so that the population size is *m* + *n*.
- The rest remains the same:
  - Infectious period distributed as *I*, with  $\phi(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[e^{-\theta I}]$ .
  - Contacts during the infectious period at per-pair rate λ.
  - Independence.
- ▶ We analyse the final size and the severity of this process  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I) = ((X(t), Y(t)), t \ge 0)$ . Define
  - Extinction time  $T = \inf\{t > 0 \mid Y(t) = 0\}$ ,
  - Final size Z = X(0) X(T),
  - Severity  $A = \sum_{i=-(m-1)}^{n} \mathbb{1}_{\{i \text{ infected}\}} I_i$ .

#### Generating functions of size and severity

Theorem (see Picard and Lefèvre (1990)). Let

$$\psi_{n,m}(s,\theta) = \mathbb{E}[s^{n-Z} e^{-\theta A}]$$

be the joint generating function of the number of survivors and severity of  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$ . Then

$$\psi_{n,m}(s,\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\theta + \lambda k)^{n+m-k} G_k(s \mid \mathcal{U}).$$

Here  $\mathcal{U} = (u_0, u_1, ...)$  has  $u_k = \phi(\theta + \lambda k)$  and  $G_k(s \mid \mathcal{U})$  is the *k*-th Gontcharoff polynomial (with parameter sequence  $\mathcal{U}$ ), defined by  $\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{k!}{(k-i)!} u_i^{k-i} G_i(x \mid \mathcal{U}) = x^k \quad (k = 0, 1, ...).$ 

#### Generating functions of size and severity

Corollary 1 Set s = 1 to obtain the MGF of the severity A of  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$ .

Corollary 2 Let

$$f_{n,m}(s) = \mathbb{E}[s^{n-Z}]$$

be the PGF of the ultimate number of susceptibles n - Z in  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$ . Then, setting  $\theta = 0$  in Theorem 1 yields

$$f_{n,m}(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\lambda k)^{n+m-k} G_k(s|\mathcal{V}),$$

where  $\mathcal{V} = (v_0, v_1, \dots)$  with  $v_k = \phi(\lambda k)$ .

## Final size of $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$

Formulae for the mean final size and the distribution of the final size follows from Corollary 2. Starting with  $f_{n,m}(s)$ :

Differentiating once and setting s = 1 yields

$$\mathbb{E}[Z] = n - \mathbb{E}[n-Z] = n - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\lambda k)^{n+m-k} G_{k-1}(1 \mid E^{1}\mathcal{V}),$$

where  $E^{k}V = (v_{k}, v_{k+1}, ...)$ .

• Differentiating n - z times and setting s = 0 yields

$$\mathbb{P}(Z=z) = \frac{1}{(n-z)!} \sum_{k=n-z}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\lambda k)^{n+m-k} G_{k-n+z}(0 \mid E^{n-z} \mathcal{V}).$$

#### SIR model with outside infection

- Consider the model  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$  with the additional feature that susceptibles may be infected from outside the population.
- Specifically, each susceptible avoids outside infection independently with probability π.
- Individuals infected from outside the population infect susceptibles within the population as in E<sub>n,m</sub>(λ, I).

• Denote model by 
$$\tilde{E}_{n,m}(\lambda, I, \pi)$$
.

 Let Ž and Ä denote the size and severity of E
<sub>n,m</sub>(λ, I, π), and let

$$\widetilde{\psi}_{n,m}(s,\theta) = \mathbb{E}[s^{n-\widetilde{Z}}e^{-\theta\widetilde{A}}].$$

(Addy et al. (1991))

Size and severity of  $\tilde{E}_{n,m}(\lambda, I, \pi)$ 

Theorem (Ball et al. (1997)) For  $n, m = 0, 1, \cdots$ ,

$$\tilde{\psi}_{n,m}(s,\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\theta + \lambda k)^{n+m-k} \pi^{k} G_{k}(s \mid \mathcal{U}),$$

where  $\mathcal{U} = u_0, u_1, \dots$  with  $u_k = \phi(\theta + \lambda k)$ .

Size and severity of  $\tilde{E}_{n,m}(\lambda, I, \pi)$ 

► Expressions for the MGF of the severity *Ã<sub>n</sub>* and the PGF of the number of survivors *n* − *Z̃<sub>n</sub>* follow as before. Also,

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{Z}_n] = n - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \phi(\lambda k)^{n+m-k} \pi^k G_{k-1}(1 \mid \mathcal{W}),$$

where 
$$\mathcal{W} = (w_0, w_1, ...)$$
 with  $w_k = \phi(\lambda(k+1))$ .  
For fixed *m*, let  $\tilde{P}_i^n = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{Z}_n = i)$   $(i = 0, 1, ..., n)$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{j} \frac{\binom{n-i}{j-i} \tilde{P}_i^n}{\phi(\lambda(n-j))^{m+i} \pi^{n-j}} = \binom{n}{j} \qquad (j=0,1,\ldots,n).$$

## Branching process approximations

- Depending upon the aim of our analysis, there are two (main) different approaches to branching process approximation of the number of infectives in the early stages of an epidemic:
  - Real-time; Crump-Mode-Jagers branching process.
  - Generation based; embedded (Bienaymé-)Galton-Watson process.
- Here we motivate the latter and briefly touch on the connection between the two.

#### General branching process

- In a general Crump–Mode–Jagers (CMJ) branching process individuals have IID *life histories* H = (I, ξ), where I denotes a typical individual's *age at death* and ξ is a point process of ages at which she reproduces. [Note that ξ((I,∞)) = 0.]
- Thus if an individual with life history H = (I, ξ) is born at time b and 0 < τ<sub>1</sub> ≤ τ<sub>2</sub> ≤ ··· ≤ I denote the points of ξ then she has one child at each time b + τ<sub>1</sub>, b + τ<sub>2</sub>, ....
- The life histories are pieced together in the obvious fashion to form the population process.
- Such a process approximates Y(t), the (real-time) evolution of the number of infectives.

(Haccou *et al.* (2005).)

## General branching process



## Branching processes and final size

- If we are interested in analysing the *final size* properties of an SIR epidemic process then we do not need all of this information.
- All that matters is who has infectious contact with who.
- The times of the contacts do not affect the final size.

(Ludwig (1975))

## Embedded Galton-Watson process



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#### Embedded Galton-Watson process

- Suppose that there are *m* initial individuals. These comprise generation 0. For k = 0, 1, 2, ..., generation k + 1 consists of the daughters of generation-k individuals.
- Let R = ξ((0,∞)) be a random variable describing the number of offspring of a typical individual.
- For k = 0, 1, ..., let Y<sub>k</sub> denote the size of generation k. Then Y<sub>0</sub> = m and, for k = 1, 2, ...,

$$Y_{k} = \begin{cases} R_{k-1,1} + R_{k-1,2} + \dots + R_{k-1,Y_{k-1}} & \text{if } Y_{k-1} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } Y_{k-1} = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $R_{k,i} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} R$ .

#### Extinction

Suppose ℙ(R = 1) < 1. Then a Galton-Watson process ultimately either goes extinct or grows unboundedly.

Let

$$f(s) = \mathbb{E}\left[s^R
ight] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(R=k)s^k \quad (0 \le s \le 1)^k$$

be the PGF of R and let  $\pi$  be the probability that the GW process goes extinct given that there is one ancestor.

- Then  $\pi$  is the smallest non-negative solution of f(s) = s.
- Let  $R_0 = \mathbb{E}[R]$ . Then  $\pi < 1 \iff R_0 > 1$ .
- If there are *m* ancestors, the extinction probability is  $\pi^m$ .
- If P(I < ∞) = 1, a CMJ process goes extinct if and only if its embedded GW process of generation sizes does so.

#### Total progeny

► Let Z = Y<sub>1</sub> + Y<sub>2</sub> + ... denote the total progeny of the embedded Galton-Watson process {Y<sub>k</sub> : k = 0, 1, ... }, not including the *m* ancestors. (Note that Z is also the total progeny of the corresponding CMJ branching process.)

Then

$$\mathbb{P}(Z=k)=\frac{m}{m+k}\mathbb{P}(R_1+R_2+\cdots+R_{m+k}=k) \qquad (k=0,1,\ldots),$$

where  $R_1, R_2, \ldots$  are IID copies of R.

Note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(Z=k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } R_0 \leq 1, \\ \pi^m < 1 & \text{if } R_0 > 1. \end{cases}$$

Asymptotic final size properties of  $E_{n,m}(\lambda, I)$ 

- As n→∞, Z<sup>(n)</sup> → Z, where Z is the total progeny of a suitable branching process.
- If  $P(Z = \infty) > 0$  then  $Z^{(n)}/n \xrightarrow{D} Z'$ , where

$$1-\mathbb{P}(Z'=0)=\mathbb{P}(Z'=z)=p_{\rm maj}$$

and  $1 - p_{maj}$  and 1 - z are branching process extinction probabilities.

- (CLT for size of major outbreaks.)
- Asymptotic expected relative final size z satisfies

$$1-z=\exp(-z\frac{\lambda}{N}N\mu_{I})=\exp(-z\lambda\mu_{I}).$$

# Summary

- Exact results for small populations.
- To study final size we may ignore time.
- Threshold theorem.
- Law of large numbers (and central limit theorem) for final size of major outbreaks.

## Going forward

This course is about (stochastic SIR) structured population epidemic models.

We look in detail at

- Households models (Ball, Mollison & Scalia-Tomba (1997), Ball & Lyne (2006)).
- General two-level-mixing model (Ball & Neal (2002, 2008)).
- Network and households model (Ball, Sirl & Trapman (2009, 2010)).

## Why study households models?

- Household structure is a key departure from homogeneous mixing for human populations and can have significant impact on disease dynamics.
- There are outbreak control measures associated with households and similar structures (e.g. schools and workplaces).
- Epidemic data are often collected at the household level.
- Households models are mathematically reasonably tractable and consequently are generally easier to interpret than complex simulation models.

## Households SIR epidemic model



 $m_n$  households of size n (n = 1, 2, ...)total of  $m = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m_n$  households and  $N = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nm_n < \infty$  individuals

- ► SIR (susceptible → infective → removed)
- ▶ Infectious period ~ *I*, an arbitrary but specified distribution
- Infection rates (individual to individual)
  - local (within-household)  $\lambda_L$
  - global (between-household)  $\lambda_G/N$
- Latent period

(Bartoszyński (1972), Becker and Dietz (1995), Ball et al. (1997))

## Threshold parameter $R_*$



 R<sub>\*</sub> = mean number of global contacts emanating from a typical single-household epidemic. Letting

 $\tilde{\alpha}_n = \frac{nm_n}{N} = \mathbb{P}(\text{randomly chosen person lives in a household of size } n),$  $\mu_n(\lambda_L) = \text{mean size of size-} n \text{ household epidemic with 1 initial infective,}$ 

$$R_* = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{lpha}_n \mu_n(\lambda_L) \lambda_G \mathbb{E}[I].$$

• Therefore  $p_{\rm maj} > 0 \iff R_* > 1$ .

#### Probility of a major outbreak

- Approximate early stages of an epidemic by a branching process of infected households.
- Number of global contacts emanating from a single size-*n* household epidemic, *R<sub>n</sub>* say, follows a Poisson distribution with random mean *λ<sub>G</sub>A<sub>n-1</sub>*, where *A<sub>n-1</sub>* is the severity of a single-household epidemic with initially 1 infective and *n*−1 susceptibles. Thus, recalling notation from Section 1,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[s^{R_n}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[s^{R_n} \mid A_{n-1}\right]\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\lambda_G A_{n-1}(1-s)}\right] = \psi_{n-1,1}(1,\lambda_G(1-s)).$$

• If the epidemic is started by an individual chosen uniformly at random from the population becoming infected then  $p_{maj} = 1 - \sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the smallest non-negative solution of f(s) = s and

$$f(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_n \phi_{n-1,1}(1, \lambda_G(1-s)).$$

## Number of people infected



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#### Critical values of $(\lambda_L, \lambda_C)$



Critical values of  $(\lambda_L, \lambda_G)$  so that  $R_* = 1$ , when  $I \equiv 1$  and all households have size n.

## SIR model with outside infection

Recall the model *Ẽ<sub>n,m</sub>*(λ<sub>L</sub>, *I*, π), in which individuals avoid outside infection independently with probability π, and let *Ž̃<sub>n,m</sub>* denote the final size of *Ẽ<sub>n,m</sub>*(λ<sub>L</sub>, *I*, π).

• For 
$$n = 1, 2, ...,$$
 let

$$\tilde{\mu}_n(\lambda_L,\pi) = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{Z}_{n,0}]$$

be the expected final size of such an epidemic in an initially fully susceptible household of size n.

An expression for μ̃<sub>n</sub>(λ<sub>L</sub>, π) in terms of Gontcharoff polynomials is given in Section 1.

#### Final outcome of major outbreak

Suppose m is large and there are few initial infectives. Set

- z = expected proportion of the population infected by the epidemic and
- $\pi=$  probability that a typical individual avoids global infection.
  - Then z and  $\pi$  satisfy the following equations:

$$\pi = \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_G}{N}Nz\mu_I\right) = \exp(-\lambda_G z\mu_I), \quad (1)$$
$$z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_n \tilde{\mu}_n (\lambda_L, \pi)/n. \quad (2)$$

- If  $R_* \leq 1$  then z = 0 is the only solution of (1)–(2) in [0,1].
- If R<sub>\*</sub> > 1 then there is a unique second solution z<sup>\*</sup> ∈ (0,1), giving the mean relative size of major outbreak.
- Final outcome in an initially fully-susceptible household having size n is distributed according to final outcome of  $\tilde{E}_{n,0}(I, \lambda_L, \pi^*)$ , where  $\pi^* = \exp(-\lambda_G z^* \mu_I)$ .

#### Vaccination

- For n = 1, 2, ··· and v = 0, 1, ··· , n, let x<sub>nv</sub> = proportion of size-n households that have v members vaccinated, µ<sub>nv</sub> = mean number of global contacts emanating from a single-household epidemic in a household in state (n, v), initiated by an individual chosen uniformly at random being contacted globally.
- Post-vaccination

$$R_{\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_n \sum_{\nu=0}^{n} x_{n\nu} \mu_{n\nu}$$

Vaccination coverage

$$c = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_n \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\nu}{n} x_{n\nu}$$

Determination of optimal vaccination scheme (e.g. to reduce R<sub>v</sub> to 1 with minimum vaccination coverage) is a linear programming problem, whose solution can be constructed explicitly.

(Becker and Starczak (1997), Ball and Lyne (2002, 2006))

## Calculation of $\mu_{nv}$

- Recall
  - $x_{nv}$  = proportion of size-*n* households that have *v* members vaccinated,
  - $\mu_{nv}$  = mean number of global contacts emanating from a single-household epidemic in a household in state (n, v), initiated by an individual chosen uniformly at random being contacted globally.
- $\mu_{nv}$  depends on model for vaccine action.
- For an *all-or-nothing* model, in which vaccinees are rendered completely immune independently with probability ε, otherwise the vaccine has no effect

$$\mu_{n\nu} = \sum_{k=0}^{\nu} \underbrace{\binom{\nu}{k} \varepsilon^{k} (1-\varepsilon)^{\nu-k}}_{(1)} \underbrace{\frac{n-k}{2}}_{(2)} \underbrace{\frac{\mu_{n-k}(\lambda_{L})}_{(3)}}_{(3)} \lambda_{G} \mu_{I}$$

- (1)  $\mathbb{P}(k \text{ vaccinations are successful})$
- (2)  $\mathbb{P}(\text{globally contacted individual is susceptible})$
- (3) Mean size of single-household epidemic
#### Vaccine response model

- ▶ Vaccine response described by a random vector (*A*, *B*).
  - $A = relative susceptibility compared to an unvaccinated individual [force of infection acting on that individual at time t reduced from <math>\lambda_t$  to  $A\lambda_t$
  - $B = \text{relative infectivity should vaccinee become infected} \\ [\text{total force of infection exerted by that individual reduced} \\ \text{from } \int_0^\infty \lambda'_s \, ds \text{ to } B \int_0^\infty \lambda'_s \, ds] \end{cases}$

All-or-nothing  $\mathbb{P}(A = 0, B = 0) = 1 - P(A = 1, B = 1) = \varepsilon$ Non-random  $\mathbb{P}(A = a, B = b) = 1$ 

Leaky non-random with  $a = 1 - \varepsilon, b = 1$ 

• Vaccine efficacy:  $VE_{SI} = 1 - \mathbb{E}[AB] (= \varepsilon)$ 

(Becker and Starczak (1998))

#### Variola Minor, Sao Paulo, 1956

- Data comprise final numbers infected in each of 338 households. Household size varied from 1 to 12 (mean 4.56)
- Each individual labelled vaccinated or unvaccinated

773 unvaccinated — 425 infected (58%) 809 vaccinated — 85 infected (11%)

Fit households SIR model with non-random vaccine response, assuming infectious period *I* ≡ 1, using pseudolikelihood method of Ball and Lyne (2014) to obtain the estimates

$$\hat{\lambda}_L = 0.3821, \ \hat{\lambda}_G = 1.4159, \ \hat{a} = 0.1182, \ \hat{b} = 0.8712.$$

# Comparison of vaccination strategies



# Optimal vaccination schemes

Let  $h_{nv} = m_n x_{nv}$  = number of households of size *n* with *v* members vaccinated.

• Recalling  $\tilde{\alpha}_n = nm_n/N$ ,

$$R_{v} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_{n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{n} x_{n\nu} \mu_{n\nu}$$
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\nu=0}^{n} h_{n\nu} M_{n,\nu},$$

where  $M_{n,v} = n\mu_{nv}/N$ .

Consider the vaccine gain

 $G_{n,v} = M_{n,v} - M_{n,v+1}$ , the reduction in  $R_v$  from vaccinating one further member of a (n, v)-household.

### Vaccine gain matrix

Vaccine gain matrix  $(G_{n,\nu})$  for a population consisting of 100 households of each size 1, 2, 3 and 4, when  $I \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ ,  $\lambda_L = 5$  and  $\lambda_G = 0.75$ , for an all-or-nothing vaccine with  $\varepsilon = 0.75$ .

# Vaccine gain matrices

All-or-nothing, $arepsilon=$ 0.75	n	v = 0	1	2	3
	1	0.5625 <sup>10</sup>			
	2	$1.5000^{6}$	0.7969 <sup>9</sup>		
	3	2.6506 <sup>3</sup>	$1.7876^{5}$	$1.0446^{8}$	
	4	3.8165 <sup>1</sup>	2.9420 <sup>2</sup>	2.0762 <sup>4</sup>	1.3025 <sup>7</sup>
		v = 0	1	C	2
Non-random, $a=b=0.5$		V = 0	T	2	3
	1	0.562510			
	2	$1.2768^{7}$	0.8899 <sup>9</sup>		
	3	2.0582 <sup>4</sup>	$1.6686^{6}$	$1.2706^{8}$	
	4	$2.8224^{1}$	2.4464 <sup>2</sup>	2.0640 <sup>3</sup>	$1.6714^{5}$
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Leaky, <i>a</i> = 0.25	n	v = 0	1	2	3
	1	0.5625 <sup>10</sup>			
	2	1.2396 <sup>8</sup>	0.9271 <sup>9</sup>		
	3	$1.8857^{5}$	$1.7141^{6}$	$1.3976^{7}$	
	4	$2.4365^{1}$	$2.3821^{2}$	2.2418 <sup>3</sup>	$1.9437^{4}$

#### Effect of vaccine action model on $R_v$



Effect of different vaccine actions calibrated by  $VE_{\rm SI} = 1 - \mathbb{E}[AB] = 0.91$ , for a population of households of size 5, with  $I \equiv 1$ ,  $\lambda_L = 8$  and  $\lambda_G = 0.8$ .

#### Effect of vaccine action model on $c_v$



Effect of different vaccine actions on critical vaccination coverage  $c_v$  to achieve  $R_v = 1$  for a population of households of size 8, with  $I \equiv 1$ ,  $\lambda_L = 10$ ,  $\lambda_G = 0.15$ . In non-random case  $a = b = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[AB]}$ .

# Section 3: General two-level mixing epidemic model



Population

$$\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \cdots, N\}$$

- SIR (susceptible  $\rightarrow$  infective  $\rightarrow$  removed).
- ▶ Infectious periods  $I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_N \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} I$  (arbitrary but specified).
- Infection rates (individual  $\rightarrow$  individual).
  - local  $\lambda_{ij}^L$ ,
  - global  $\tilde{\lambda}_G/N$ .

• 
$$(\lambda_{ij}^L \equiv 0 \text{ yields homogeneous mixing.})$$

(Ball and Neal (2002))

# Households model



m households, each of size nN = mn

 $\lambda_{ij}^{L} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{L} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ belong to the same household} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

Unequal-sized households.

(Bartoszyński (1972), Becker and Dietz (1995), Ball et al. (1997))

# Overlapping groups model



•  $m_{\alpha}$  households, each of size  $n_{\alpha}$ ,  $m_{\beta}$  workplaces, each of size  $n_{\beta}$ , so  $N = m_{\alpha}n_{\alpha} = m_{\beta}n_{\beta}$ .

 $\mathbf{\succ} \ \lambda_{ij}^{L} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{\alpha}^{L} & \text{ if } i \text{ and } j \text{ belong to the same household,} \\ \lambda_{\beta}^{L} & \text{ if } i \text{ and } j \text{ belong to the same workplace,} \\ 0 & \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

(Ball and Neal (2002), cf. Andersson (1999); Ball et al. (2014))

# Great circle model



Basic form:  $\lambda_{ij}^{L} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{L} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are neighbours,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

'Small-world' networks

More general contact distribution:  $\lambda_{ij}^{L} = \lambda_{L} v(i - j \pmod{N})$ 

(Ball et al. (1997), Ball and Neal (2002, 2003))

#### Networks with casual contacts



(Diekmann et al. (1998), Ball and Neal (2002, 2008), Kiss et al. (2006), Newman (2002))

# Digraph of local infectious contacts



•  $i \rightarrow j$  if and only if *i*, if infected, contacts *j* locally.

► Conditional on the infectious periods  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_N$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(i \to j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_{ij}^L I_i}$  independently for distinct (i, j).

# Local infectious clump $C_i^N$



Define C<sup>N</sup><sub>i</sub> = {j ∈ N : i → j}, where i → j if and only if there exists a chain of directed arcs from i to j.

• Set 
$$C_i^N = |\mathcal{C}_i^N|$$
.

# Local infectious clumps



$$\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{C}_i^N = \{ j \in \mathcal{N} : i \rightsquigarrow j \}; \ \mathcal{C}_i^N = |\mathcal{C}_i^N|.$$

 In early stages, clumps don't overlap if N is large (unless local epidemic is supercritical).

#### Threshold parameter $R_*$

- As N → ∞, process of *infected clumps* tends to a branching process having offspring random variable R ~ Poi(λ<sub>G</sub>A), where A = ∑<sub>j∈C</sub> I<sub>j</sub>.
- Major outbreak occurs if and only if this branching process does not go extinct.
- We therefore have a threshold parameter

$$R_* = \mathbb{E}[R] = \lambda_G \mathbb{E}[A] = \lambda_G \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} I_j \mathbb{1}_{\{j \in \mathcal{C}\}}\right]$$
$$= \lambda_G \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbb{E}[I_j] \mathbb{P}(j \in \mathcal{C}) = \lambda_G \mu_I \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{C}].$$

• Thus  $p_{\rm maj} > 0 \iff R_* > 1$ .

# Local susceptibility set $S_i^N$

- $\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{S}_i^N = \{ j \in \mathcal{N} : j \rightsquigarrow i \}; \ \mathcal{S}_i^N = |\mathcal{S}_i^N|.$
- *i* is ultimately infected  $\iff S_i^N$  is contacted globally.

#### Final outcome of major outbreak

Suppose N is large and there are few initial infectives. Set

- z = expected proportion of the population infected by the epidemic and
- $\pi=$  probability that a typical individual avoids  $\mathit{global}$  infection.
  - Then z and  $\pi$  satisfy the following equations:

$$\pi = \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_G}{N}Nz\mu_I\right) = \exp(-\lambda_G z\mu_I),\tag{3}$$

 $1-z = \mathbb{P}(\text{typical susceptible avoids infection by epidemic})$ 

 $= \mathbb{P}(\text{typical local susceptibility set avoids global infection})$  $= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(S = k)\pi^{k} = f_{S}(\pi) = f_{S}(e^{-\lambda_{G} z \mu_{I}}).$ (4)

- If  $R_* \leq 1$  then z = 0 is the only solution of (3)–(4) in [0, 1].
- If R<sub>\*</sub> > 1 then there is a unique second solution z<sup>\*</sup> ∈ (0,1), giving mean 'size' of major outbreak.
- Proof of this (and CLT) available using Scalia-Tomba (1985) embedding technique. (Local digraphs and global Sellke-type construction.)

#### Final outcome of major outbreak

To show that equation (4),

$$1-z=f_{\mathsf{S}}(\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda_{\mathsf{G}}z\mu_{\mathsf{I}}}),$$

has a *unique* solution in (0, 1] when  $R_* > 1$ , consider a Galton-Watson process with offspring random variable, R say, having a Poisson distribution with random mean  $\lambda_G \mu_I S$ .

Then

$$\mathbb{E}[R] = \lambda_G \mu_I \mathbb{E}[S] = R_*$$

and

$$f(s) = \mathbb{E}\left[s^{R}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[s^{R} \mid S\right]\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\lambda_{G}\mu_{I}S(1-s)}\right] = f_{S}\left(e^{-\lambda_{G}\mu_{I}(1-s)}\right)$$

Suppose that R<sub>∗</sub> > 1. Then f(s) = s has a unique solution in [0, 1). Hence, setting z = 1 − s, shows that (4) has a unique solution in (0, 1].

# General two-level mixing model

- Analyse early spread of epidemic via local infectious clumps.
- Analyse final size properties of a major outbreak by local susceptibility sets.

# Great circle model



$$S_i = \{i\} \cup S_L \cup S_R$$

$$p_L = \mathbb{P}(i \text{ infects } i+1 \text{ locally}) = 1 - \mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda_L l}]$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S_L = k) = \mathbb{P}(S_R = k) = (1 - p_L)p_L^k$$

$$(k = 0, 1, \dots)$$

- $S_L$  and  $S_L$  are independent, so  $\mathbb{P}(S = k) = (1 - p_L)^2 p_L^{k-1}$  (k = 1, 2, ...)

# Households model

Consider household of *n* individuals, labelled 1, 2, ..., n, and let S be the local susceptibility set of individual 1.



• Triangular system of linear equations for  $\mathbb{P}(S = j)$  (j = 1, 2, ..., n)

# Overlapping groups model



- Construct local susceptibility set S of typical individual i via a two-type branching process in which individuals beget only the opposite type and the offspring of a type α (β) individual are the individuals in its workplace (household) susceptibility set.
- If  $\mu_{\alpha}$  ( $\mu_{\beta}$ ) is the mean size of a household (workplace) susceptiblity set, then

$$\mathbb{E}[S] = egin{cases} rac{\mu_lpha\mu_eta}{\mu_lpha+\mu_eta-\mu_lpha\mu_eta} & ext{if } (\mu_lpha-1)(\mu_eta-1) < 1, \ \infty & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Network: Configuration model

- Population  $\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \cdots, N\}$ .
- D = degree of typical individual,

 $p_k = \mathbb{P}(D = k)$  (k = 0, 1, ...) specified  $\mu_D = \mathbb{E}[D].$ 

- $D_1, D_2, \ldots, D_N$  IID copies of D.
- Attach  $D_i$  half-edges to individual i (i = 1, 2, ..., N).
- Pair up the S<sub>N</sub> half-edges uniformly at random to form the network.

(Bollobás (2001))

#### Networks with casual contacts

Let D̃ = degree of typical neighbour of typical individual in the network and µ<sub>D̃</sub> = 𝔼[D̃]. Then

$$\mathbb{P}( ilde{D}=k)=kp_k/\mu_D$$
  $(k=1,2,\dots)$  and  $\mu_{ ilde{D}}=rac{\sigma_D^2+\mu_D^2}{\mu_D}$ 

- Size of typical local susceptibility set S<sup>(N)</sup> → S as N → ∞, where S is the total size of a Galton-Watson process having offspring law Bin(D, p<sub>L</sub>) for the initial individual and Bin(D̃ - 1, p<sub>L</sub>) for all subsequent individuals.
- It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[S] = egin{cases} 1+rac{\mu_D p_L}{1-(\mu_{ ilde{D}}-1)p_L} & ext{if } (\mu_{ ilde{D}}-1)p_L < 1, \ \infty & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# 'Deterministic' households model



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m households of size n, labelled  $1, 2, \ldots, m$ .

Let  $x_i(t)$  and  $y_i(t)$  be the number of susceptibles and infectives in household *i* at time *t*.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx_i}{dt} &= -(\lambda_L y_i + N^{-1} \lambda_G \sum_{j=1}^m y_j) x_i, \\ \frac{dy_i}{dt} &= (\lambda_L y_i + N^{-1} \lambda_G \sum_{j=1}^m y_j) x_i - \gamma y_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m). \end{aligned}$$

• Basic Reproduction number  $R_0 = (\lambda_G + n\lambda_L)/\gamma$ .

▶ Proportion of susceptibles ultimately infected z<sup>\*</sup><sub>det</sub> given by largest root of 1 - z = exp(-R<sub>0</sub>z) in [0, 1]

#### Households and great circle models Households, R<sub>1</sub>=1. Households, z, $\lambda_{c}$ =0.75. det n=5 0.8 0.8 n=4 n=2 $\lambda_G^{0.6}$ 2<sup>0.6</sup> n=3 n=3 0.4 n=4n=2 0.2 n=5 0.2 R<sub>0</sub> =1 0<sup>L</sup> 0 0 2<sub>n λ,</sub> 3 2 n λ, 3 4 5 ٥ 1 4 5 Great circle, z, $\lambda_{c}=0.5$ Great circle, R<sub>\*</sub>=1. det 0.8 0.8 ۰6.0 z λ<sub>G</sub> 0.4 sto 0.4 0.2 0.2 R<sub>0</sub> =1 0<sup>L</sup> 0 L 0 0.5 1.5 5 λ 10 2 1 λ

Critical values of  $(\lambda_L, \lambda_G)$  so that  $R_* = 1$  and final outcome  $z^*$  when  $I \sim \operatorname{Exp}(1)$ .

# Overlapping groups model, varying $\lambda_{\beta}^{L}$



Critical values of  $(\lambda_{lpha}^L,\lambda_{G})$  so that  $R_*=1$  and final outcome  $z^*$  when  $l\sim \mathrm{Exp}(1)$ 

# Overlapping groups model, varying $n_\beta$



Critical values of  $(\lambda_{\beta}^L, \lambda_G)$  so that  $R_* = 1$  and final outcome  $z^*$  when  $l \sim \operatorname{Exp}(1)$ 

#### Networks with casual contacts



Histograms of size of 10,000 simulated epidemics per parameter combination, for a constant-degree network with  $D \equiv d, I \equiv 1$  and other parameters as shown.

# Illustration of CLT



Histogram of size of 10,000 simulated major outbreaks in a population of size N = 10,000 when  $D \equiv 8, \lambda_G = 0$  and  $p_L = 0.2$  ( $I \equiv 1$  and  $\lambda_L = -\log 0.8$ ), with asymptotic normal approximation superimposed.

#### Networks with casual contacts



Critical values of  $(\lambda_L, \lambda_G)$  so that  $R_* = 1$  when  $I \equiv 1$ . (Expected number of potentially infectious contacts made by an infective is  $\lambda_G + d\lambda_L$ .)

#### Networks with casual contacts



Asymptotic proportion of population infected by major outbreak, z, for constant-degree and scale-free ( $\mathbb{P}(D = k) \propto k^{-2.466956}$  (k = 3, 4, ...)) networks with  $\mu_D = 8$  when  $I \equiv 1$ .

# Section 4: Households and network model

- Standard households model has household structure and (global) homogeneous mixing.
- Use a network instead of homogeneous mixing for the global mixing.
- The model for the network is the configuration model.

# Household and network SIR epidemic model



 $m_n$  households of size n (n = 1, 2, ...). Total of  $m = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m_n$  households and  $N = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nm_n < \infty$  individuals. Network/global degrees  $\sim D$ , arbitrary.

- ▶ SIR (susceptible  $\rightarrow$  infective  $\rightarrow$  removed) progression.
- ► Infectious period ~ *I*, an arbitrary but specified distribution.
- Infection rates (individual to individual)
  - (i) local (within-household)  $\lambda_L$ ,
  - (ii) network (between-household)  $\lambda_G$ .
- (Latent period.)

(Ball, Sirl & Trapman (2009, 2010))
## Analysis of household/network model

- Basic ideas are the same as for the standard households model: approximate early stages by a branching process of infected households.
- Analysis is more complex, because the within household severity doesn't give enough information to determine the number of global contacts.
- This is because individuals are heterogeneous in their connectivity.

## Approximation of early stages



- Branching process of infected households (generation basis).
- Offspring of a household are the households its members infect globally.
- An individual contacted through the network has degree distributed as D

   *D* .
- In the initial household all individuals have degree distributed as D; in subsequent infected households the primary case has degree D.
- BP characterised by the distributions of (i) *C̃* and (ii) *C*; the number of network infectious contacts emanating from a household with a single primary case (i) infected through the network / (ii) chosen UAR.

## Threshold parameter

• A major outbreak is possible if  $R_* = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{C}] > 1$ .

• Letting  $T = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \tilde{\alpha}_n \mathbb{E}[Z^{(n)}]$  be the expected number of secondary cases in a household (i.e. the expected final size of  $E_{n-1,1}(\lambda_L, I)$ , averaged over n),

$$\mathsf{R}_* = \left(\mathbb{E}[ ilde{D}-1] + \mathbb{E}[\mathsf{T}]\mathbb{E}[\mathsf{D}]\right)\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{G}}.$$

- The first term is the expected number of network neighbours of those infected in the within-household epidemic and p<sub>G</sub> = 1 − ℝ[e<sup>−λ<sub>G</sub>I</sup>] = 1 − φ(λ<sub>G</sub>) is the probability of each of those neighbours being infected.
- Evaluate numerically, since  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}]$  is complicated.

## Major outbreak probability

- Early stages of the proliferation of infected households approximated by a GW processes with (i) 1 ancestor, (ii) offspring random variable C in first generation, (iii) offspring random variable C̃ in subsequent generations.
- Therefore p<sub>maj</sub> ≈ 1 − f<sub>C</sub>(σ), where σ is the smallest solution of f<sub>c̃</sub>(s) = s in s ∈ [0, 1].
- Calculating these PGFs is difficult due to dependencies between the number of network contacts made by different individuals in the same household.
- "Final state random variables" of Ball & O'Neill (1999) can be used to overcome this.

## Susceptibility sets

- For each individual in the population, take samples from the infective period distribution and the relevant Poisson processes.
- This gives a list of which individuals each individual would have infectious contact with, were it to become infected.
- Construct a (random) digraph with an arc from i to j iff j is in i's list.
- We then say that j ∈ S<sub>i</sub> (i's susceptibility set) if there is a path from j to i in this digraph.
- Individual *i* becomes infected if a member of S<sub>i</sub> becomes infected.

Example



Example



## Final size of a major outbreak

- An exhangability argument tells us that the probability that a given individual is infected is equal to the expected proportion of individuals that are ultimately infected.
- We find that, as m→∞, in the event of a major outbreak, an initially susceptible individual is ultimately infected iff its susceptibility set is infinite.
- We construct the susceptibility set of an individual by 'generations' in much the same manner as our analysis of the early stages of an epidemic.
- This leads to a branching process approximation for the size of the susceptibility set of a typical initial susceptible.

### Final size of a major outbreak

- The expected relative final size z of a major outbreak is the probability that this branching process avoids extinction.
- In this BP
  - Individuals are households that have members in the susceptibility set (of an individual chosen UAR).
  - There is 1 ancestor and the initial and subsequent generations have different offspring distributions.
- We have  $z \approx 1 f_B(\xi)$ , where  $\xi$  is the smallest solution of  $f_B(s) = s$  in [0,1]. Here

$$\begin{split} f_{\tilde{B}}(s) &= f_{\tilde{D}-1}(1-p_G+p_G s) \, f_M(f_D(1-p_G+p_G s)), \\ f_B(s) &= f_D(1-p_G+p_G s) \, f_M(f_D(1-p_G+p_G s)), \end{split}$$

and M is the size of a typical individual's local susceptibility set.

## Within-household final size

- We can also compute the distribution of the number of ultimately infected individuals within a given household in the event of a major outbreak.
- We find the probability that a set A of individuals within a household avoid infection (using the same branching process approximation of susceptibility set size).
- Some combinatorics then yields a formula for the mass function of the within-household final size, in terms of branching process extinction probabilities.

### Numerical results



Simulation-based estimates of major outbreak probability against number of households, together with asymptotic value, for the model with  $H \sim U(\{1, 2, 3\}), D \sim \text{Geom}(3/4), I \equiv 1, \lambda_L = 2, \lambda_G = 1/4.$ Each estimate is based on 10,000 simulations and the plot shows the sample proportions  $\pm 2\text{SE}$ .

## Numerical results



Major outbreak probability dependence on *D*. Other parameters are  $H \equiv 3$ ,  $I \equiv 1$ ,  $\lambda_L = 1$ ,  $\lambda_G = 1/10$ .

## Vaccination

- In advance of any outbreak
- Vaccine allocation models
  - Individuals chosen UAR
  - Household based
  - Network based
- Vaccine action model

## Network based vaccine allocation

- 'Best' allocation vaccinates individuals of highest degree
- 'Worst' allocation vaccinates individuals of lowest degree
- More realistically try to target individuals of higher degree
  - Sample individuals UAR from the population
  - Sampled individuals name some of their neighbours
  - These named individuals are vaccinated
- Neighbours of individuals are likely to have higher degree than typical individuals, so this achieves that aim.

Cohen et al. (2003); Britton et al. (2007); Ball & Sirl (2013)

## Section 5: Multitype SIR model

- The previous sections have focused on introducing small groups/networks of individuals (local contacts) to the standard homogeneously mixing model.
- The models are analysed in the large population limit, but with these groups remaining 'small'.
- Multitype models allow for the situation where these sub-groups of the population also become large in the large population limit.
- For example, some infectious diseases have the property that there are some groups of the population that have different susceptibility to infection and/or infectivity if infected.

## Multitype SIR model

- Suppose that the population can be split into k types.
- All individuals of the same type are homogeneous, with respect to infectious period distribution, susceptibility, infectivity and mixing rates.
- Types might reflect one (or more) of
  - age groups,
  - vaccination status,
  - prior immunity,
  - geographic location,

## Multitype SIR epidemic model



For each i = 1, 2, ..., k, there are  $n_i$  initial susceptibles of type i and  $m_i$  initial infectives of type i. Total of  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i$  susceptibles and  $m = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i$  infectives.

- ▶ SIR (susceptible  $\rightarrow$  infective  $\rightarrow$  removed) progression
- Type *i* individuals have infectious period ~ *l<sub>i</sub>*, an arbitrary but specified distribution.
- A type-*i* infective infects each type-*j* susceptible at (individual to individual) rate λ<sub>ij</sub>/N.
- (Latent period, movement between groups)

(Ball (1986), Ball & Clancy (1993))

#### Exact results

- Denote this process by  $E_{n,m}(\Lambda, I)$ , where  $n = (n_i)_{i=1}^k$ ,  $m = (m_i)_{i=1}^k$ ,  $I = (l_i)_{i=1}^k$ ,  $\Lambda = (\lambda_{ij})_{i,j=1}^k$ .
- ▶ Let Z<sub>i</sub> and T<sub>i</sub> be the final size and severity amongst type i individuals; and write Z = (Z<sub>i</sub>)<sup>k</sup><sub>i=1</sub>, T = (T<sub>i</sub>)<sup>k</sup><sub>i=1</sub>.
- There are formulae (cf. single-type case) for
  - ▶ final size probabilities  $\mathbb{P}({m Z}={m z}) \quad {m 0} \leq {m z} \leq {m n}$ ,
  - expected final size E[Z],
  - ▶ joint PGF/MGF of n Z and T,  $\mathbb{E}[\prod_{i=1}^{k} s_{i}^{n_{i}-Z_{i}} \exp(-\theta_{i}T_{i})]$ .

## Large population limits

- These limits are as  $n \to \infty$ , with k fixed.
- Let π<sub>i</sub> = lim<sub>n→∞</sub> n<sub>i</sub>/n be the asymptotic proportion of individuals of type i and μ<sub>i</sub> = lim<sub>n→∞</sub> m<sub>i</sub>/n<sub>i</sub> be the asymptotic ratio of initial infective to susceptible type i individuals.
- (Assume the matrix  $(\mathbb{E}[I_i]\lambda_{ij}\pi_j)_{i,j=1}^k$  is irreducible.)
- ► There are two cases, depending on whether ∑<sub>i=1</sub><sup>k</sup> µ<sub>i</sub> is zero or positive.

Case  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \mu_i = 0$ 

- Let  $Z'_i = Z_i + m_i$ .
- Then (Z'<sub>i</sub>) converges in distribution (as n→∞) to the distribution of the total progeny of a multitype branching process with
  - *m* ancestors,
  - lifetime distributions I,
  - birth rates  $(\lambda_{ij}\pi_j)$ .
- From this follow
  - basic reproduction number,
  - major outbreak probability.

Case 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \mu_i > 0$$

• Let 
$$\hat{Z}_i = \frac{Z'_i}{n_i} = \frac{Z_i + m_i}{n_i}$$
.

► Then (*Ẑ<sub>i</sub>*) converges in probability to (*z<sub>i</sub>*), which solves the balance equations

$$1 + \mu_j - z_j = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^k \pi_i z_i \mathbb{E}[I_i]\lambda_{ij}\right) \qquad (j = 1, \dots, k),$$

uniquely in  $[0,1]^k$ .

• The vector with entries  $\sqrt{n_i}(\hat{Z}_i - z_i)$  satisfies a CLT.

## Section 6: Extensions and variations

There are many directions in which these models and analyses can be extended. Here we briefly address

- Imperfect vaccine action models.
- ▶ Models with more 'levels' to represent/capture more features.
- Different branching process approximations (and reproduction numbers) in structured models.
- Inference.

And we don't address time evolution, demography, non S(E)IR progression, multiple severities, contact tracing, control measures imposed during an outbreak,  $\ldots$ 

## (a) Imperfect vaccine action

- Framework of Becker & Starczak (1998).
- Random vaccine response (A, B), independent for each vaccinated individual, describing relative susceptibility and relative infectivity.
- If (A, B) takes finitely many values then the models we have seen can be extended to allow for this using multi-type methods.
- (E.g. In a households model, analyse within-household spread by conditioning on the number of vaccinated individuals with each possible response to the vaccine.)

## (b) Models with more levels of mixing

- Homogeneous mixing.
- Network structure/s.
- Household structure.
- Overlapping groups.
- (And multitype variations)
- Simulation-based models.

## (c) Different BP approximations

- In structured population epidemic models there is more than one BP approximation (even after assuming that we just look at final size properties).
- This leads to a variety of reproduction numbers.
- Example: In households models we can set up branching processes which approximate the proliferation of
  - infected households,
  - infected individuals.
- ▶ We have focused on R<sub>\*</sub> as it is (generally) easiest to work with.
- ▶ Other reproduction numbers are 'nicer' but harder to calculate: R<sub>0</sub> and R<sub>r</sub>.

(Pellis, Ball & Trapman (2012); Ball, Pellis & Trapman (2015))

## Reproduction numbers: household/network model

- ► *R*<sub>\*</sub>, a household-to-household reproduction number.
- $R_1$ : maximum eigenvalue of  $M = \begin{pmatrix} (\mu_{\tilde{D}} 1)p_G & \mu_T \\ \mu_D p_G & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- Here µ<sub>T</sub> is the mean number of secondary cases in a household.
- Entries of *M* give the mean number of primary/secondary individuals infected by a primary/secondary infective; assigning all within-household infections to the primary case.
- M is a mean matrix (next-generation matrix) which attempts to reflect the proliferation of *individuals*.
- *R*<sub>1</sub> is a threshold parameter, but does not have a neat interpretation.

# (d) Inference

- Models with multiple levels of mixing have complex features and thus likelihood functions which can be difficult to deal with analytically.
- Further difficulties arise due to the nature of the available data: missing data, final size data, partial data.
- Progress can sometimes be made by assuming independence where dependence is weak (pseudolikelihood methods).
- MCMC and data augmentation methods.

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