

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: BOUNDARY EFFECTS IN THE
DISCRETE BASS MODEL***

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SM1. End of proof of Lemma 4.1. Substituting the expression for $S(t; M-1)$ from (4.7) into the right-hand side of (4.6), integrating, and equating the coefficients of the exponents on both sides of (4.6) gives, after some algebra, (SM1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} S(t; M) &= e^{-(p+q)t} + qe^{-(p+q)t} \sum_{k=1}^{M-2} A_{k, M-1} \int_0^t e^{-kp\tau} d\tau + qe^{-(p+q)t} B_{M-1} \int_0^t e^{-(M-1)p\tau+q\tau} d\tau \\ &= e^{-(p+q)t} - qe^{-(p+q)t} \sum_{k=1}^{M-2} A_{k, M-1} \frac{e^{-kpt} - 1}{kp} + qe^{-(p+q)t} B_{M-1} \frac{e^{-(M-1)pt+qt} - 1}{q - (M-1)p}. \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients of e^{-Mpt} in (4.7) and (SM1.1) gives $B_M = \frac{q}{q-(M-1)p} B_{M-1}$. Since $B_1 = 1$, see (3.8), we get that

$$(SM1.2) \quad B_M = \frac{q^{M-1}}{\prod_{j=1}^{M-1} (q - jp)}.$$

Equating the coefficients of $e^{-(kp+q)t}$ in (4.7) and (SM1.1) gives

$$(SM1.3) \quad A_{k, M} = -\frac{qA_{k-1, M-1}}{(k-1)p}, \quad k = 2, \dots, M-1,$$

and

$$(SM1.4) \quad A_{1, M} = 1 + \frac{q}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{M-2} \frac{A_{k, M-1}}{k} - \frac{qB_{M-1}}{q - (M-1)p} = 1 + \frac{q}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{M-2} \frac{A_{k, M-1}}{k} - \frac{q^{M-1}}{\prod_{j=1}^{M-1} (q - jp)},$$

where in the second equality we used (SM1.2). By (SM1.3) and (SM1.4),

$$(SM1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} A_{M-k, M} &= \frac{(-q)^{M-k-1}}{(M-k-1)!p^{M-k-1}} A_{1, k+1} \\ &= \frac{(-q)^{M-k-1}}{(M-k-1)!p^{M-k-1}} \left[1 - \frac{q^k}{\prod_{j=1}^k (q - jp)} + \frac{q}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{A_{j, k}}{j} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using (SM1.3) again, we get that

$$(SM1.6) \quad A_{j, k} = \frac{p^{M-k}(M-k+j-1)!}{(-q)^{M-k}(j-1)!} A_{M-k+j, M}.$$

Plugging (SM1.6) into (SM1.5) yields

$$A_{M-k, M} = \frac{(-q)^{M-k-1}}{(M-k-1)!p^{M-k-1}} \left[1 - \frac{q^k}{\prod_{j=1}^k (q - jp)} + \frac{q}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{p^{M-k}(M-k+j-1)!}{(-q)^{M-k}j!} A_{M-k+j, M} \right].$$

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Therefore,

$$(SM1.7) \quad A_{M-k,M} = \frac{(-q)^{M-k-1}}{(M-k-1)!p^{M-k-1}} c_{M-k},$$

where

$$(SM1.8) \quad c_{M-k} := 1 - \frac{q^k}{\prod_{j=1}^k (q-jp)} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{p^{M-k-1}(M-k+j-1)!}{(-q)^{M-k-1}j!} A_{M-k+j,M}.$$

Relation (4.1a) follows from $f = 1 - S$ and from (4.7), (SM1.2), and (SM1.7) with $(M-k) \rightarrow k$.

Plugging (SM1.7) into (SM1.8) yields

$$c_{M-k} = 1 - \frac{q^k}{\prod_{j=1}^k (q-jp)} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{p^{-j}(-q)^j}{j!} c_{M-k+j}.$$

Making the change of variables $\tilde{j} := k - j$ in the summation gives (4.1b).

SM2. Proof of (4.19). Following [SM1, proof of Lemma 8], we can obtain from (2.6) that

$$(SM2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0) &= -p \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad - \left(p + \frac{q}{2}\right) \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 1) \\ &\quad - \left(p + \frac{q}{2}\right) \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad - (p+q) \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 1). \end{aligned}$$

The configuration $\{X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0\}$ can be written as a union of two disjoint configurations:

$$\{X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0\} = \{X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0\} \cup \{X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0\}.$$

Therefore, its probability is the sum of the probabilities of the disjoint configurations:

$$(SM2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) &= \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad + \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(SM2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0) &= \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad + \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 1), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(SM2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0) &= \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad + \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\ &\quad + \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 1) \\ &\quad + \text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 1, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 1). \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging (SM2.2), (SM2.3) and (SM2.4), and plugging the relevant terms of these equations into (SM2.1), leads to (4.19).

A similar derivation yields the relation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(SM2.5)} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) &= -(2p + q) \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \\
 &+ \frac{q}{2} \left[\text{Prob}(X_{j-1}(t) = 0, X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 0, X_{j+1}(t) = 0, X_{j+2}(t) = 0) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

which is used in the derivation of (B.9).

SM3. Proof of Lemma 4.8. We first consider node $j + k$ which is not on the circle, where $k = 1, \dots, K$. By the indifference principle, its probability to be a non-adopter by time t can be calculated from the equivalent network in Figure SM1(B). Therefore, $\text{Prob}(X_{j+k}(t) = 0) = S(t, p, q, M - K + k)$, or equivalently

$$\text{(SM3.1)} \quad \text{Prob}(X_{j+k}(t) = 1) = f_{\text{circle}}(t; p, q, M - K + k).$$

For the $M - K$ nodes on the circle, it can easily be verified that edges $\textcircled{j} \rightarrow \textcircled{j+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \textcircled{j+K}$ are non-influentials to any of them. Therefore, by the indifference principle, the probability of such a node j to become an adopter is

$$\text{(SM3.2)} \quad \text{Prob}(X_j(t) = 1) = f_{\text{circle}}(t; p, q, M - K).$$

Combining (3.1), (SM3.1), and (SM3.2) yields the result.

SM4. Proof of Lemma 4.9. By the indifference principle for $\Omega = \{1\}$, the networks in Figures SM2(A1) and SM2(A2) are equivalent for the one-sided case, and the networks in Figures SM2(B1) and SM2(B2) are equivalent for the two-sided case. By the strong version of the generalized dominance principle applied to networks SM2(A2) and SM2(B2), see remark after Lemma 3.5, $\text{Prob}(X_1^{\text{two-sided}}(t) = 0) < \text{Prob}(X_1^{\text{one-sided}}(t) = 0)$. Similarly, by the indifference principle for $\Omega = \{M\}$, the networks in Figures SM3(B1) and SM3(B2) are equivalent for the two-sided case. By the strong version of the generalized dominance principle applied to networks SM3(A) and SM3(B2), $\text{Prob}(X_M^{\text{two-sided}}(t) = 0) > \text{Prob}(X_M^{\text{one-sided}}(t) = 0)$.

SM5. Proof of Lemma A.1. Let $t > 0$. Since $b(t) > 0$, we have that $\frac{d}{dt}\sigma(t) + K\sigma(t) > 0$. Multiplying both sides by e^{Kt} yields $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{Kt}\sigma(t)) > 0$. Integrating both sides from 0 to t and rearranging leads to $\sigma(t) > e^{-Kt}\sigma(0)$. Since $\sigma(0) = 0$, the result follows.

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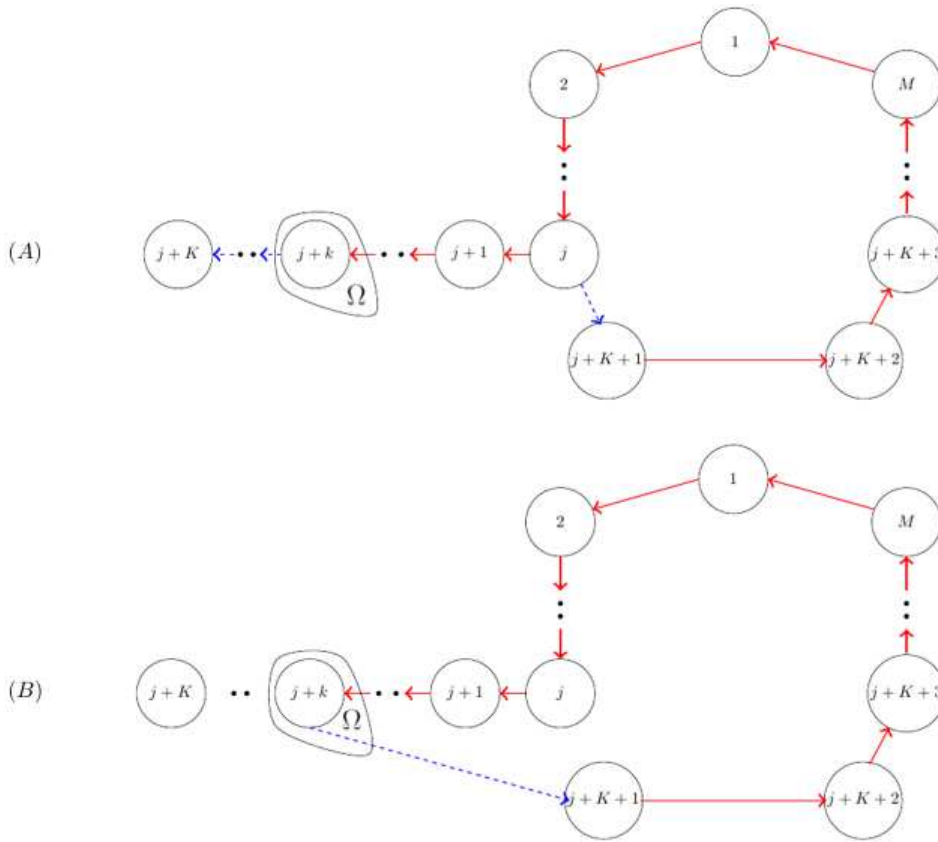


FIG. SM1. Equivalent networks for the calculation of $\text{Prob}(X_{j+k}(t) = 0)$. Solid red and dashed blue arrows are influential and non-influential edges to $\Omega = \{j+k\}$, respectively. (A) One-sided circle with a one-sided ray. (B) The non-influential edges $(j) \rightarrow (j+K+1)$ and $(j+k) \rightarrow (j+k+1)$ are deleted; the non-influential edge $(j+k) \rightarrow (j+K+1)$ is added.

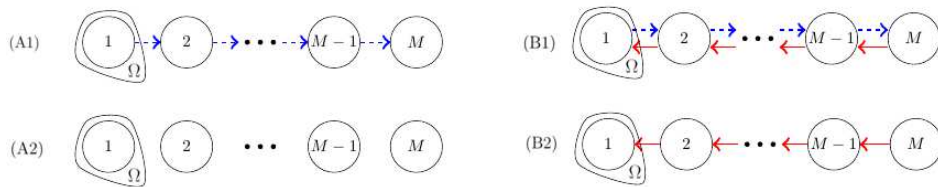


FIG. SM2. Equivalent networks for the calculation of $\text{Prob}(X_1(t) = 0)$ for the one-sided and the two-sided cases. Solid red and dashed blue arrows correspond to influential and non-influential edges to $\Omega = \{1\}$, respectively. (A1) One-sided line. (A2) All non-influential edges in (A1) are deleted. (B1) Two-sided line. (B2) All non-influential edges in (B1) are deleted.

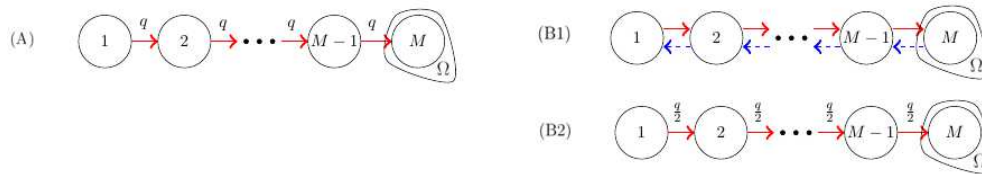


FIG. SM3. Equivalent networks for the calculation of $\text{Prob}(X_M(t) = 0)$ for the one-sided and the two-sided cases. Solid red and dashed blue arrows correspond to influential and non-influential edges to $\Omega = \{M\}$, respectively. (A) One-sided line (with an internal influence of q). (B1) Two-sided line (with an internal influence of $\frac{q}{2}$). (B2) All non-influential edges in (B1) are deleted, resulting in a one-sided line with an internal influence of $\frac{q}{2}$.