

# Branching Networks II

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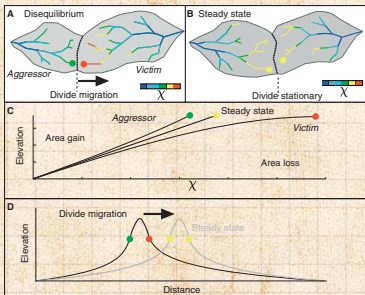
# Piracy on the high $\chi$ 's:



"Dynamic Reorganization of River Basins" [↗](#)

Willett et al.,

Science Magazine, **343**, 1248765, 2014. [21]



$$\frac{\partial z(x, t)}{\partial t} = U - K A^m \left| \frac{\partial z(x, t)}{\partial x} \right|^n$$

$$z(x) = z_b + \left( \frac{U}{K A_0^m} \right)^{1/n} \chi$$

$$\chi = \int_{x_b}^x \left( \frac{A_0}{A(x')} \right)^{m/n} dx'$$

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More: [How river networks move across a landscape](#)   
(Science Daily)



# Can Horton and Tokunaga be happy?

## Horton and Tokunaga seem different:

- ▶ In terms of network architecture, Horton's laws appear to contain less detailed information than Tokunaga's law.
  - ▶ Oddly, Horton's laws have **four** parameters and Tokunaga has **two** parameters.
  - ▶  $R_n$ ,  $R_a$ ,  $R_\ell$ , and  $R_s$  **versus**  $T_1$  and  $R_T$ . One simple redundancy:  $R_\ell = R_s$ .
- Insert question from assignment 1 
- ▶ To make a connection, clearest approach is to start with Tokunaga's law...
  - ▶ Known result: Tokunaga  $\rightarrow$  Horton [18, 19, 20, 9, 2]

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# Let us make them happy

We need one more ingredient:

## Space-fillingness

- ▶ A network is **space-filling** if the average distance between adjacent streams is roughly constant.
- ▶ Reasonable for river and cardiovascular networks
- ▶ For river networks:  
**Drainage density**  $\rho_{dd}$  = inverse of typical distance between channels in a landscape.
- ▶ In terms of basin characteristics:

$$\rho_{dd} \simeq \frac{\sum \text{stream segment lengths}}{\text{basin area}} = \frac{\sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} n_{\omega} \bar{s}_{\omega}}{a_{\Omega}}$$

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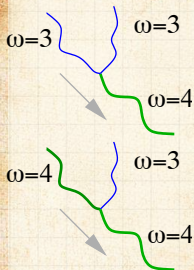
# More with the happy-making thing

Start with Tokunaga's law:  $T_k = T_1 R_T^{k-1}$

- ▶ Start looking for Horton's stream number law:

$$n_\omega / n_{\omega+1} = R_n.$$

- ▶ Estimate  $n_\omega$ , the number of streams of order  $\omega$  in terms of other  $n_{\omega'}$ ,  $\omega' > \omega$ .
- ▶ Observe that each stream of order  $\omega$  terminates by either:



1. Running into another stream of order  $\omega$  and generating a stream of order  $\omega + 1$ ...
  - ▶  $2n_{\omega+1}$  streams of order  $\omega$  do this
2. Running into and being absorbed by a stream of higher order  $\omega' > \omega$ ...
  - ▶  $n_{\omega'} T_{\omega'-\omega}$  streams of order  $\omega$  do this

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# More with the happy-making thing

## Putting things together:



$$n_{\omega} = \underbrace{2n_{\omega+1}}_{\text{generation}} + \sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} \underbrace{T_{\omega'-\omega}n_{\omega'}}_{\text{absorption}}$$

- ▶ Use Tokunaga's law and manipulate expression to find Horton's law for stream numbers follows and hence obtain  $R_n$ .
- ▶ Insert question from assignment 1 
- ▶ Solution:

$$R_n = \frac{(2 + R_T + T_1) \pm \sqrt{(2 + R_T + T_1)^2 - 8R_T}}{2}$$

(The larger value is the one we want.)

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# Finding other Horton ratios

## Connect Tokunaga to $R_s$

- ▶ Now use uniform drainage density  $\rho_{dd}$ .
- ▶ Assume side streams are roughly separated by distance  $1/\rho_{dd}$ .
- ▶ For an order  $\omega$  **stream segment**, expected length is

$$\bar{s}_\omega \simeq \rho_{dd}^{-1} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} T_k \right)$$

- ▶ Substitute in Tokunaga's law  $T_k = T_1 R_T^{k-1}$ :

$$\bar{s}_\omega \simeq \rho_{dd}^{-1} \left( 1 + T_1 \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} R_T^{k-1} \right) \propto R_T^\omega$$

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Altogether then:



$$\Rightarrow \bar{s}_\omega / \bar{s}_{\omega-1} = R_T \Rightarrow R_s = R_T$$

▶ Recall  $R_\ell = R_s$  so

$$R_\ell = R_s = R_T$$

▶ And from before:

$$R_n = \frac{(2 + R_T + T_1) + \sqrt{(2 + R_T + T_1)^2 - 8R_T}}{2}$$

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## Some observations:

- ▶  $R_n$  and  $R_\ell$  depend on  $T_1$  and  $R_T$ .
- ▶ Seems that  $R_a$  must as well...
- ▶ Suggests Horton's laws must contain some redundancy
- ▶ We'll in fact see that  $R_a = R_n$ .
- ▶ Also: Both Tokunaga's law and Horton's laws can be generalized to relationships between non-trivial statistical distributions. [3, 4]



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## The other way round

- ▶ Note: We can invert the expressions for  $R_n$  and  $R_\ell$  to find Tokunaga's parameters in terms of Horton's parameters.

$$R_T = R_\ell,$$

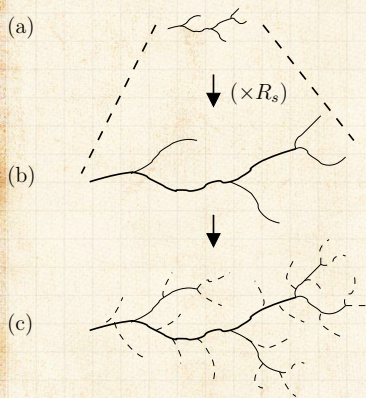
$$T_1 = R_n - R_\ell - 2 + 2R_\ell/R_n.$$

- ▶ Suggests we should be able to argue that Horton's laws imply Tokunaga's laws (if drainage density is uniform)...



# Horton and Tokunaga are friends

## From Horton to Tokunaga [2]



- ▶ Assume Horton's laws hold for number and length
- ▶ Start with picture showing an order  $\omega$  stream and order  $\omega - 1$  generating and side streams.
- ▶ Scale up by a factor of  $R_\ell$ , orders increment to  $\omega + 1$  and  $\omega$ .
- ▶ Maintain drainage density by adding new order  $\omega - 1$  streams

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...and in detail:

- ▶ Must retain same drainage density.
- ▶ Add an extra  $(R_\ell - 1)$  first order streams for each original tributary.
- ▶ Since by definition, an order  $\omega + 1$  stream segment has  $T_\omega$  order 1 side streams, we have:

$$T_k = (R_\ell - 1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} T_i \right).$$

- ▶ For large  $\omega$ , Tokunaga's law is the solution—let's check...

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Just checking:

- ▶ Substitute Tokunaga's law  $T_i = T_1 R_T^{i-1} = T_1 R_\ell^{i-1}$  into

$$T_k = (R_\ell - 1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} T_i \right)$$



$$T_k = (R_\ell - 1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} T_1 R_\ell^{i-1} \right)$$

$$= (R_\ell - 1) \left( 1 + T_1 \frac{R_\ell^{k-1} - 1}{R_\ell - 1} \right)$$

$$\simeq (R_\ell - 1) T_1 \frac{R_\ell^{k-1}}{R_\ell - 1} = T_1 R_\ell^{k-1} \quad \dots \text{yep.}$$

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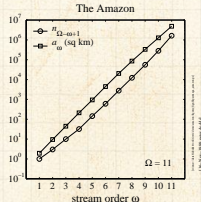
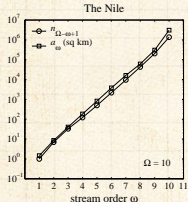
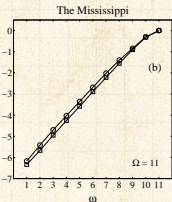
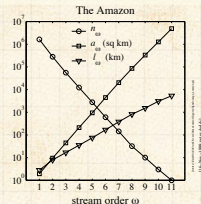
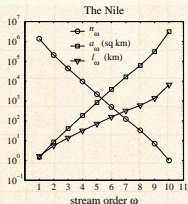
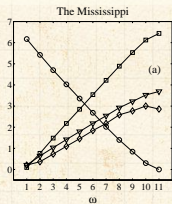
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# Horton's laws of area and number:



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► In bottom plots, stream number graph has been flipped vertically.

► Highly suggestive that  $R_n \equiv R_a \dots$



# Measuring Horton ratios is tricky:

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- ▶ How robust are our estimates of ratios?
- ▶ Rule of thumb: discard data for two smallest and two largest orders.



# Mississippi:

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$\omega$ range	$R_n$	$R_a$	$R_\ell$	$R_s$	$R_a/R_n$
[2, 3]	5.27	5.26	2.48	2.30	1.00
[2, 5]	4.86	4.96	2.42	2.31	1.02
[2, 7]	4.77	4.88	2.40	2.31	1.02
[3, 4]	4.72	4.91	2.41	2.34	1.04
[3, 6]	4.70	4.83	2.40	2.35	1.03
[3, 8]	4.60	4.79	2.38	2.34	1.04
[4, 6]	4.69	4.81	2.40	2.36	1.02
[4, 8]	4.57	4.77	2.38	2.34	1.05
[5, 7]	4.68	4.83	2.36	2.29	1.03
[6, 7]	4.63	4.76	2.30	2.16	1.03
[7, 8]	4.16	4.67	2.41	2.56	1.12
mean $\mu$	4.69	4.85	2.40	2.33	1.04
std dev $\sigma$	0.21	0.13	0.04	0.07	0.03
$\sigma/\mu$	0.045	0.027	0.015	0.031	0.024

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$\omega$ range	$R_n$	$R_a$	$R_\ell$	$R_s$	$R_a/R_n$
[2, 3]	4.78	4.71	2.47	2.08	0.99
[2, 5]	4.55	4.58	2.32	2.12	1.01
[2, 7]	4.42	4.53	2.24	2.10	1.02
[3, 5]	4.45	4.52	2.26	2.14	1.01
[3, 7]	4.35	4.49	2.20	2.10	1.03
[4, 6]	4.38	4.54	2.22	2.18	1.03
[5, 6]	4.38	4.62	2.22	2.21	1.06
[6, 7]	4.08	4.27	2.05	1.83	1.05
mean $\mu$	4.42	4.53	2.25	2.10	1.02
std dev $\sigma$	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.02
$\sigma/\mu$	0.038	0.023	0.045	0.042	0.019

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# Reducing Horton's laws:

Rough first effort to show  $R_n \equiv R_a$ :

- ▶  $a_\Omega \propto$  sum of all stream segment lengths in a order  $\Omega$  basin (assuming uniform drainage density)
- ▶ So:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\Omega &\simeq \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} n_\omega \bar{s}_\omega / \rho_{dd} \\ &\propto \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \underbrace{R_n^{\Omega-\omega} \cdot \hat{1}}_{n_\omega} \underbrace{\bar{s}_1 \cdot R_s^{\omega-1}}_{\bar{s}_\omega} \\ &= \frac{R_n^\Omega}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \left( \frac{R_s}{R_n} \right)^\omega \end{aligned}$$

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# Reducing Horton's laws:

Continued ...



$$\begin{aligned} a_{\Omega} &\propto \frac{R_n^{\Omega}}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \left( \frac{R_s}{R_n} \right)^{\omega} \\ &= \frac{R_n^{\Omega}}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \frac{R_s}{R_n} \frac{1 - (R_s/R_n)^{\Omega}}{1 - (R_s/R_n)} \\ &\sim R_n^{\Omega-1} \bar{s}_1 \frac{1}{1 - (R_s/R_n)} \text{ as } \Omega \nearrow \end{aligned}$$

► So,  $a_{\Omega}$  is growing like  $R_n^{\Omega}$  and therefore:

$$R_n \equiv R_a$$

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Not quite:

- ▶ ... But this only a rough argument as Horton's laws do not imply a strict hierarchy
- ▶ Need to account for sidebranching.
- ▶ Insert question from assignment 2 





## Intriguing division of area:

- ▶ Observe: Combined area of basins of order  $\omega$  independent of  $\omega$ .
- ▶ Not obvious: basins of low orders not necessarily contained in basin on higher orders.
- ▶ Story:

$$R_n \equiv R_a \Rightarrow \boxed{n_\omega \bar{a}_\omega = \text{const}}$$

- ▶ Reason:

$$n_\omega \propto (R_n)^{-\omega}$$
$$\bar{a}_\omega \propto (R_a)^\omega \propto n_\omega^{-1}$$

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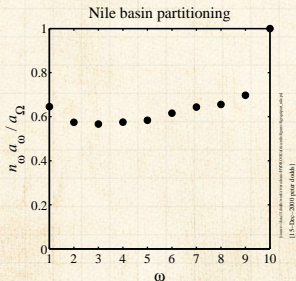
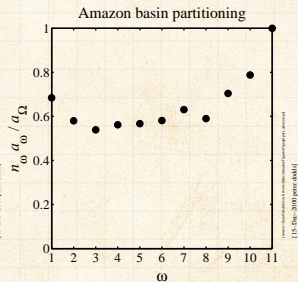
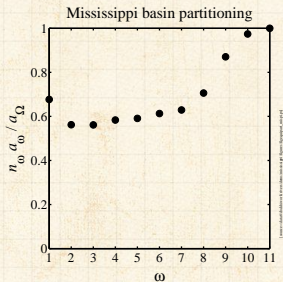
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# Equipartitioning:

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## The story so far:

- ▶ Natural branching networks are **hierarchical**, **self-similar** structures
- ▶ Hierarchy is **mixed**
- ▶ Tokunaga's law describes detailed architecture:  
$$T_k = T_1 R_T^{k-1}.$$
- ▶ We have connected Tokunaga's and Horton's laws
- ▶ Only two Horton laws are independent ( $R_n = R_a$ )
- ▶ Only **two** parameters are **independent**:  
 $(T_1, R_T) \Leftrightarrow (R_n, R_s)$



## A little further...

- ▶ Ignore stream ordering for the moment
- ▶ Pick a random location on a branching network  $p$ .
- ▶ Each point  $p$  is associated with a basin and a longest stream length
- ▶ **Q:** What is probability that the  $p$ 's drainage basin has area  $a$ ?  $P(a) \propto a^{-\tau}$  for large  $a$
- ▶ **Q:** What is probability that the longest stream from  $p$  has length  $\ell$ ?  $P(\ell) \propto \ell^{-\gamma}$  for large  $\ell$
- ▶ Roughly observed:  $1.3 \lesssim \tau \lesssim 1.5$  and  $1.7 \lesssim \gamma \lesssim 2.0$



## Probability distributions with power-law decays

- ▶ We see them everywhere:
  - ▶ Earthquake magnitudes (Gutenberg-Richter law)
  - ▶ City sizes (Zipf's law)
  - ▶ Word frequency (Zipf's law) <sup>[22]</sup>
  - ▶ Wealth (maybe not—at least heavy tailed)
  - ▶ Statistical mechanics (phase transitions) <sup>[5]</sup>
- ▶ A big part of the story of complex systems
- ▶ Arise from **mechanisms**: growth, randomness, optimization, ...
- ▶ Our task is always to illuminate the mechanism...





## Connecting exponents

- ▶ We have the detailed picture of branching networks (Tokunaga and Horton)
- ▶ Plan: Derive  $P(a) \propto a^{-\tau}$  and  $P(\ell) \propto \ell^{-\gamma}$  starting with Tokunaga/Horton story <sup>[17, 1, 2]</sup>
- ▶ Let's work on  $P(\ell)$ ...
- ▶ Our first fudge: assume Horton's laws hold throughout a basin of order  $\Omega$ .
- ▶ (We know they deviate from strict laws for low  $\omega$  and high  $\omega$  but not too much.)
- ▶ Next: place stick between teeth. Bite stick. Proceed.

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## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ Often useful to work with **cumulative distributions**, especially when dealing with power-law distributions.
- ▶ The complementary cumulative distribution turns out to be most useful:

$$P_{>}(l_*) = P(l > l_*) = \int_{l=l_*}^{l_{\max}} P(l) dl$$

- ▶ 
$$P_{>}(l_*) = 1 - P(l < l_*)$$
- ▶ Also known as the exceedance probability.

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# Scaling laws

## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ The connection between  $P(x)$  and  $P_{>}(x)$  when  $P(x)$  has a power law tail is simple:
- ▶ Given  $P(l) \sim l^{-\gamma}$  large  $l$  then for large enough  $l_*$

$$P_{>}(l_*) = \int_{l=l_*}^{l_{\max}} P(l) dl$$

$$\sim \int_{l=l_*}^{l_{\max}} l^{-\gamma} dl$$

$$= \frac{l^{-(\gamma-1)}}{-(\gamma-1)} \Big|_{l=l_*}^{l_{\max}}$$

$$\propto l_*^{-(\gamma-1)} \quad \text{for } l_{\max} \gg l_*$$

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## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ **Aim:** determine probability of randomly choosing a point on a network with main stream length  $> l_*$
- ▶ Assume some spatial sampling resolution  $\Delta$
- ▶ Landscape is broken up into grid of  $\Delta \times \Delta$  sites
- ▶ Approximate  $P_{>}(l_*)$  as

$$P_{>}(l_*) = \frac{N_{>}(l_*; \Delta)}{N_{>}(0; \Delta)}$$

where  $N_{>}(l_*; \Delta)$  is the number of sites with main stream length  $> l_*$ .

- ▶ Use Horton's law of stream segments:  
 $\bar{s}_\omega / \bar{s}_{\omega-1} = R_s \dots$

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## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ Set  $l_* = \bar{l}_\omega$  for some  $1 \ll \omega \ll \Omega$ .

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_\omega) = \frac{N_{>}(\bar{l}_\omega; \Delta)}{N_{>}(0; \Delta)} \simeq \frac{\sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} n_{\omega'} \bar{s}_{\omega'} / \cancel{\Delta}}{\sum_{\omega'=1}^{\Omega} n_{\omega'} \bar{s}_{\omega'} / \cancel{\Delta}}$$

- ▶  $\Delta$ 's cancel
- ▶ Denominator is  $a_{\Omega} \rho_{dd}$ , a constant.
- ▶ So... using Horton's laws...

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_\omega) \propto \sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} n_{\omega'} \bar{s}_{\omega'} \simeq \sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} (1 \cdot R_n^{\Omega-\omega'}) (\bar{s}_1 \cdot R_s^{\omega'-1})$$



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## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ We are here:

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_{\omega}) \propto \sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} (1 \cdot R_n^{\Omega-\omega'}) (\bar{s}_1 \cdot R_s^{\omega'-1})$$

- ▶ Cleaning up irrelevant constants:

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_{\omega}) \propto \sum_{\omega'=\omega+1}^{\Omega} \left( \frac{R_s}{R_n} \right)^{\omega'}$$

- ▶ Change summation order by substituting  $\omega'' = \Omega - \omega'$ .
- ▶ Sum is now from  $\omega'' = 0$  to  $\omega'' = \Omega - \omega - 1$  (equivalent to  $\omega' = \Omega$  down to  $\omega' = \omega + 1$ )

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## Finding $\gamma$ :



$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_{\omega}) \propto \sum_{\omega''=0}^{\Omega-\omega-1} \left(\frac{R_s}{R_n}\right)^{\Omega-\omega''} \propto \sum_{\omega''=0}^{\Omega-\omega-1} \left(\frac{R_n}{R_s}\right)^{\omega''}$$

▶ Since  $R_n > R_s$  and  $1 \ll \omega \ll \Omega$ ,

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_{\omega}) \propto \left(\frac{R_n}{R_s}\right)^{\Omega-\omega} \propto \left(\frac{R_n}{R_s}\right)^{-\omega}$$

again using  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^i = (a^n - 1)/(a - 1)$



## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ Nearly there:

$$P_{>}(\bar{\ell}_{\omega}) \propto \left( \frac{R_n}{R_s} \right)^{-\omega} = e^{-\omega \ln(R_n/R_s)}$$

- ▶ Need to express right hand side in terms of  $\bar{\ell}_{\omega}$ .
- ▶ Recall that  $\bar{\ell}_{\omega} \simeq \bar{\ell}_1 R_{\ell}^{\omega-1}$ .
- ▶

$$\bar{\ell}_{\omega} \propto R_{\ell}^{\omega} = R_s^{\omega} = e^{\omega \ln R_s}$$

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# Scaling laws

## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ Therefore:

$$P_{>}(\bar{l}_{\omega}) \propto e^{-\omega \ln(R_n/R_s)} = \left( e^{\omega \ln R_s} \right)^{-\ln(R_n/R_s)/\ln(R_s)}$$



$$\propto \bar{l}_{\omega}^{-\ln(R_n/R_s)/\ln R_s}$$



$$= \bar{l}_{\omega}^{-(\ln R_n - \ln R_s)/\ln R_s}$$



$$= \bar{l}_{\omega}^{-\ln R_n/\ln R_s + 1}$$



$$= \bar{l}_{\omega}^{-\gamma + 1}$$





## Finding $\gamma$ :

- ▶ And so we have:

$$\gamma = \ln R_n / \ln R_s$$

- ▶ Proceeding in a similar fashion, we can show

$$\tau = 2 - \ln R_s / \ln R_n = 2 - 1/\gamma$$

Insert question from assignment 2 

- ▶ Such connections between exponents are called **scaling relations**
- ▶ Let's connect to one last relationship: Hack's law

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# Scaling laws

Hack's law: [6]



$$\ell \propto a^h$$

- ▶ Typically observed that  $0.5 \lesssim h \lesssim 0.7$ .
- ▶ Use Horton laws to connect  $h$  to Horton ratios:

$$\bar{\ell}_\omega \propto R_s^\omega \text{ and } \bar{a}_\omega \propto R_n^\omega$$

- ▶ Observe:

$$\bar{\ell}_\omega \propto e^{\omega \ln R_s} \propto (e^{\omega \ln R_n})^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n}$$

$$\propto (R_n^\omega)^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n} \propto \bar{a}_\omega^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n} \Rightarrow h = \ln R_s / \ln R_n$$

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# Connecting exponents

Only 3 parameters are independent:  
e.g., take  $d$ ,  $R_n$ , and  $R_s$

relation:	scaling relation/parameter: [2]
$\ell \sim L^d$	$d$
$T_k = T_1(R_T)^{k-1}$	$T_1 = R_n - R_s - 2 + 2R_s/R_n$ $R_T = R_s$
$n_\omega/n_{\omega+1} = R_n$	$R_n$
$\bar{a}_{\omega+1}/\bar{a}_\omega = R_a$	$R_a = R_n$
$\bar{\ell}_{\omega+1}/\bar{\ell}_\omega = R_\ell$	$R_\ell = R_s$
$\ell \sim a^h$	$h = \log R_s / \log R_n$
$a \sim L^D$	$D = d/h$
$L_\perp \sim L^H$	$H = d/h - 1$
$P(a) \sim a^{-\tau}$	$\tau = 2 - h$
$P(\ell) \sim \ell^{-\gamma}$	$\gamma = 1/h$
$\Lambda \sim a^\beta$	$\beta = 1 + h$
$\lambda \sim L^\varphi$	$\varphi = d$

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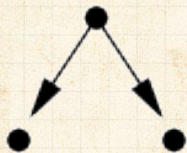
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# Scheidegger's model

## Directed random networks [11, 12]



$$P(\searrow) = P(\swarrow) = 1/2$$

- ▶ Functional form of all scaling laws exhibited but exponents differ from real world [15, 16, 14]
- ▶ Useful and interesting test case

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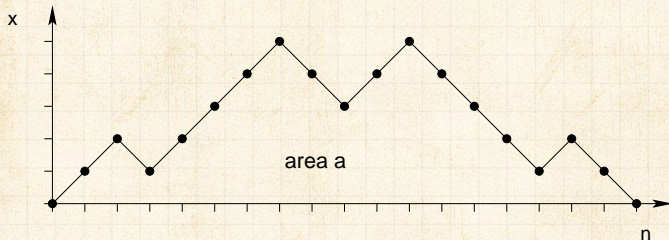
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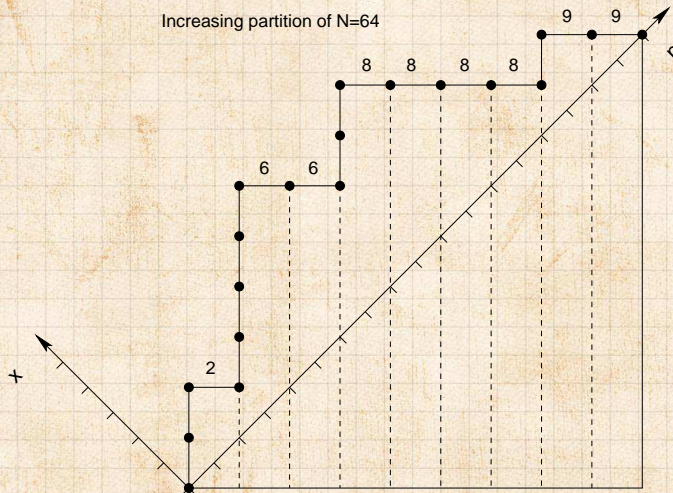
## Random walk basins:

- ▶ Boundaries of basins are random walks



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Prob for first return of a random walk in (1+1) dimensions (from CSYS/MATH 300):



$$P(n) \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} n^{-3/2}.$$

and so  $P(\ell) \propto \ell^{-3/2}$ .

- ▶ Typical area for a walk of length  $n$  is  $\propto n^{3/2}$ :

$$\ell \propto a^{2/3}.$$

- ▶ Find  $\tau = 4/3$ ,  $h = 2/3$ ,  $\gamma = 3/2$ ,  $d = 1$ .  
▶ Note  $\tau = 2 - h$  and  $\gamma = 1/h$ .  
▶  $R_n$  and  $R_\ell$  have not been derived analytically.

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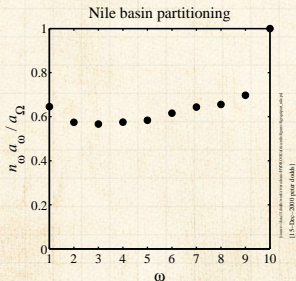
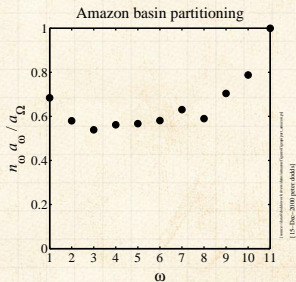
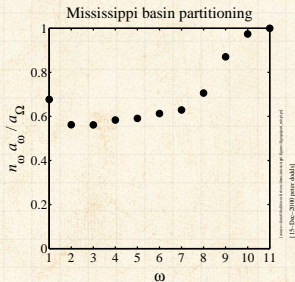
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# Equipartitioning reexamined:

Recall this story:



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- ▶ What about

$$P(a) \sim a^{-\tau} \quad ?$$

- ▶ Since  $\tau > 1$ , suggests no equipartitioning:

$$aP(a) \sim a^{-\tau+1} \neq \text{const}$$

- ▶  $P(a)$  overcounts basins within basins...
- ▶ while stream ordering separates basins...





# Neural reboot (NR):

## Feline elevation

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## Moving beyond the mean:

- ▶ Both Horton's laws and Tokunaga's law relate average properties, e.g.,

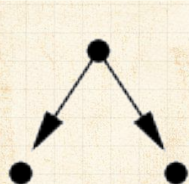
$$\bar{s}_\omega / \bar{s}_{\omega-1} = R_s$$

- ▶ Natural generalization to consider relationships between **probability distributions**
- ▶ Yields rich and full description of branching network structure
- ▶ See into the heart of randomness...



# A toy model—Scheidegger's model

## Directed random networks [11, 12]



$$P(\searrow) = P(\swarrow) = 1/2$$

- ▶ Flow is directed downwards





# Generalizing Horton's laws

- ▶  $\bar{\ell}_\omega \propto (R_\ell)^\omega \Rightarrow N(\ell|\omega) = (R_n R_\ell)^{-\omega} F_\ell(\ell/R_\ell^\omega)$
- ▶  $\bar{a}_\omega \propto (R_a)^\omega \Rightarrow N(a|\omega) = (R_n^2)^{-\omega} F_a(a/R_n^\omega)$

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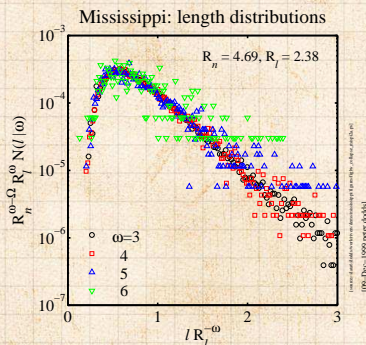
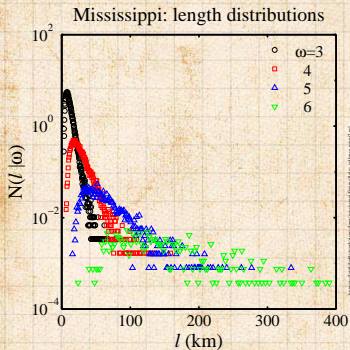
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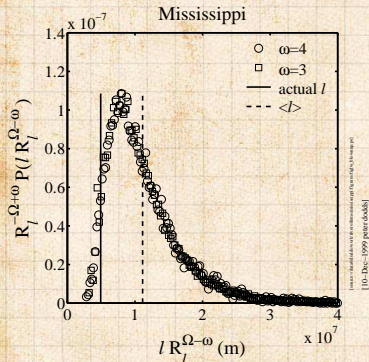


- ▶ Scaling collapse works well for intermediate orders
- ▶ All **moments** grow exponentially with order



# Generalizing Horton's laws

- ▶ How well does overall basin fit internal pattern?



- ▶ Actual length = **4920 km** (at 1 km res)
- ▶ Predicted Mean length = **11100 km**
- ▶ Predicted Std dev = **5600 km**
- ▶ Actual length/Mean length = **44 %**
- ▶ Okay.



# Generalizing Horton's laws

Comparison of predicted versus measured main stream lengths for large scale river networks (in  $10^3$  km):

basin:	$l_{\Omega}$	$\bar{l}_{\Omega}$	$\sigma_l$	$l_{\Omega}/\bar{l}_{\Omega}$	$\sigma_l/\bar{l}_{\Omega}$
Mississippi	4.92	11.10	5.60	0.44	0.51
Amazon	5.75	9.18	6.85	0.63	0.75
Nile	6.49	2.66	2.20	2.44	0.83
Congo	5.07	10.13	5.75	0.50	0.57
Kansas	1.07	2.37	1.74	0.45	0.73
	$a_{\Omega}$	$\bar{a}_{\Omega}$	$\sigma_a$	$a_{\Omega}/\bar{a}_{\Omega}$	$\sigma_a/\bar{a}_{\Omega}$
Mississippi	2.74	7.55	5.58	0.36	0.74
Amazon	5.40	9.07	8.04	0.60	0.89
Nile	3.08	0.96	0.79	3.19	0.82
Congo	3.70	10.09	8.28	0.37	0.82
Kansas	0.14	0.49	0.42	0.28	0.86

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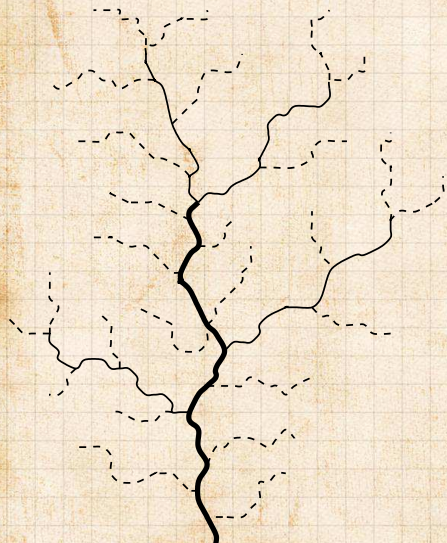
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# Combining stream segments distributions:



- ▶ Stream segments sum to give main stream lengths



$$l_{\omega} = \sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=\omega} s_{\mu}$$

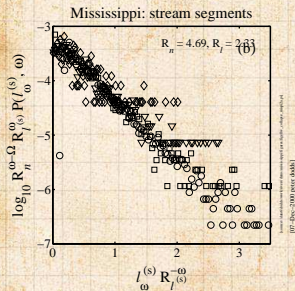
- ▶  $P(l_{\omega})$  is a convolution of distributions for the  $s_{\omega}$



# Generalizing Horton's laws

- ▶ Sum of variables  $\ell_\omega = \sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=\omega} s_\mu$  leads to convolution of distributions:

$$N(\ell|\omega) = N(s|1) * N(s|2) * \dots * N(s|\omega)$$



$$N(s|\omega) = \frac{1}{R_n^\omega R_l^\omega} F(s/R_l^\omega)$$

$$F(x) = e^{-x/\xi}$$

Mississippi:  $\xi \simeq 900$  m.

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- ▶ Next level up: Main stream length distributions must combine to give overall distribution for stream length

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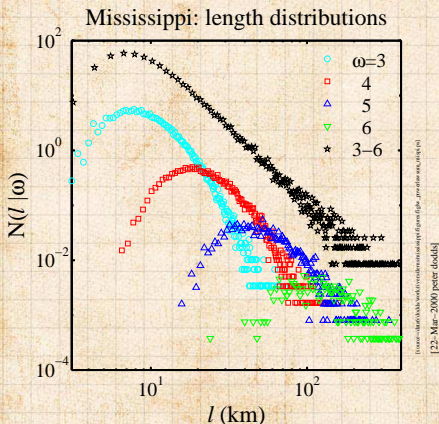
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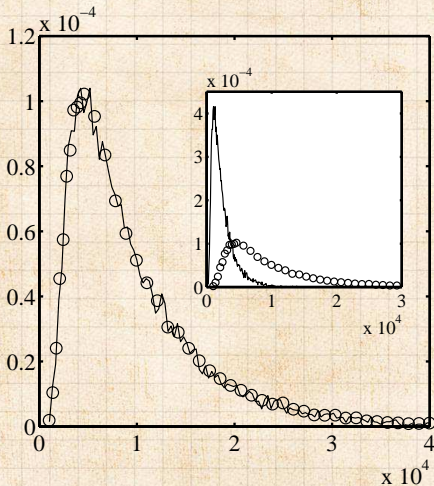
- ▶  $P(l) \sim l^{-\gamma}$
- ▶ Another round of convolutions <sup>[3]</sup>
- ▶ Interesting...





# Generalizing Horton's laws

- ▶ Number and area distributions for the Scheidegger model [3]
- ▶  $P(n_{1,6})$  versus  $P(a_6)$  for a randomly selected  $\omega = 6$  basin.



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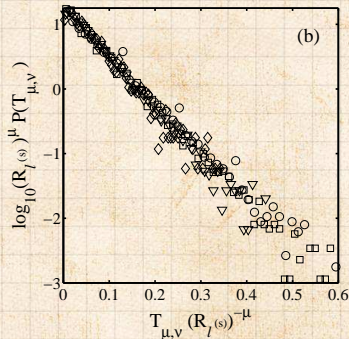
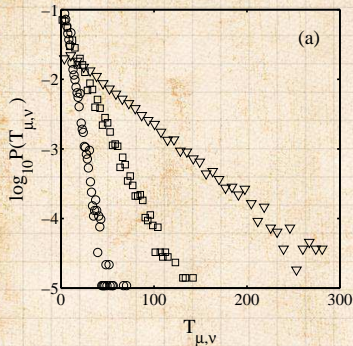
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# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

Scheidegger:



- ▶ Observe exponential distributions for  $T_{\mu,\nu}$
- ▶ Scaling collapse works using  $R_s$

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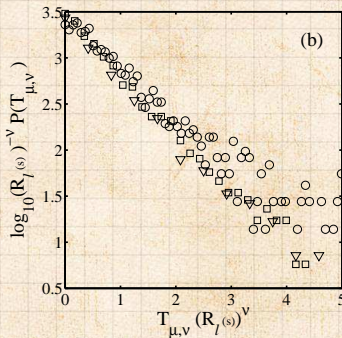
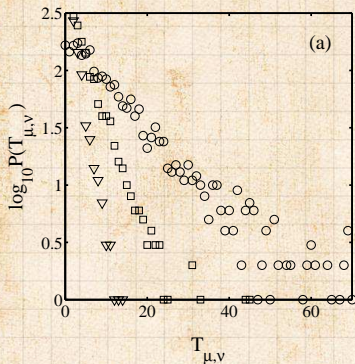
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Mississippi:



► Same data collapse for Mississippi...

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So

$$P(T_{\mu,\nu}) = (R_s)^{\mu-\nu-1} P_t [T_{\mu,\nu}/(R_s)^{\mu-\nu-1}]$$

where

$$P_t(z) = \frac{1}{\xi_t} e^{-z/\xi_t}.$$

$$P(s_\mu) \Leftrightarrow P(T_{\mu,\nu})$$

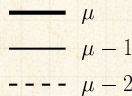
- ▶ Exponentials arise from randomness.
- ▶ Look at joint probability  $P(s_\mu, T_{\mu,\nu})$ .



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

## Network architecture:

- ▶ Inter-tributary lengths exponentially distributed
- ▶ Leads to random spatial distribution of stream segments



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# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

- ▶ Follow stream segments down stream from their beginning
- ▶ Probability (or rate) of an order  $\mu$  stream segment terminating is **constant**:

$$\tilde{p}_\mu \simeq 1/(R_s)^{\mu-1} \xi_s$$

- ▶ Probability decays exponentially with stream order
- ▶ Inter-tributary lengths exponentially distributed
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  random spatial distribution of stream segments





# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

- ▶ Joint distribution for generalized version of Tokunaga's law:

$$P(s_{\mu}, T_{\mu, \nu}) = \tilde{p}_{\mu} \binom{s_{\mu} - 1}{T_{\mu, \nu}} p_{\nu}^{T_{\mu, \nu}} (1 - p_{\nu} - \tilde{p}_{\mu})^{s_{\mu} - T_{\mu, \nu} - 1}$$

where

- ▶  $p_{\nu}$  = probability of absorbing an order  $\nu$  side stream
- ▶  $\tilde{p}_{\mu}$  = probability of an order  $\mu$  stream terminating
- ▶ Approximation: depends on distance units of  $s_{\mu}$
- ▶ In each unit of distance along stream, there is one chance of a side stream entering or the stream terminating.

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# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

- ▶ Now deal with this thing:

$$P(s_\mu, T_{\mu,\nu}) = \tilde{p}_\mu \left( \frac{s_\mu - 1}{T_{\mu,\nu}} \right) p_\nu^{T_{\mu,\nu}} (1 - p_\nu - \tilde{p}_\mu)^{s_\mu - T_{\mu,\nu} - 1}$$

- ▶ Set  $(x, y) = (s_\mu, T_{\mu,\nu})$  and  $q = 1 - p_\nu - \tilde{p}_\mu$ , approximate liberally.
- ▶ Obtain

$$P(x, y) = Nx^{-1/2} [F(y/x)]^x$$

where

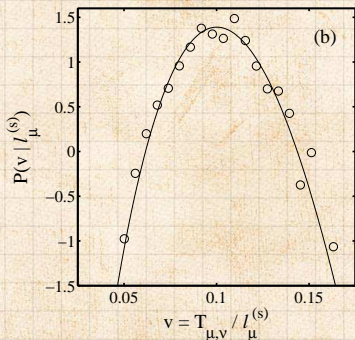
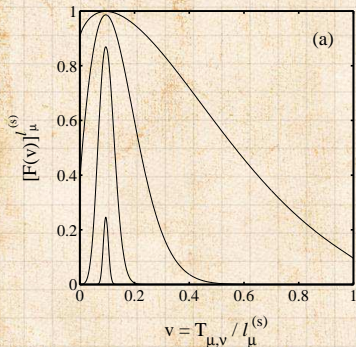
$$F(v) = \left( \frac{1-v}{q} \right)^{-(1-v)} \left( \frac{v}{p} \right)^{-v}.$$



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

► Checking form of  $P(s_\mu, T_{\mu, \nu})$  works:

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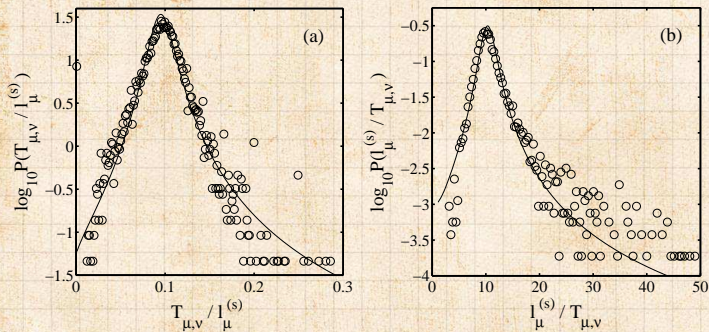
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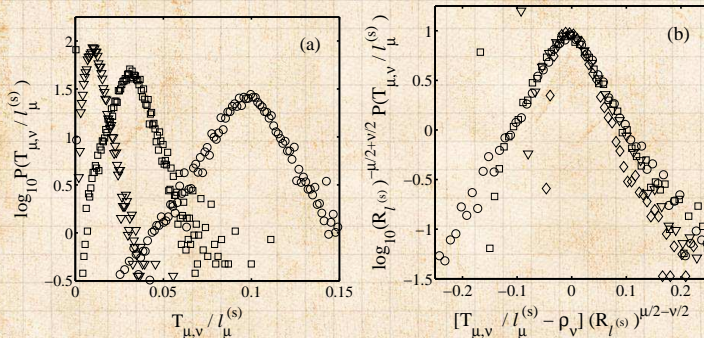
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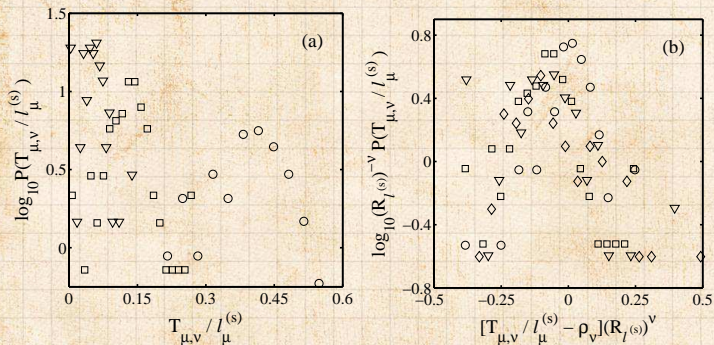
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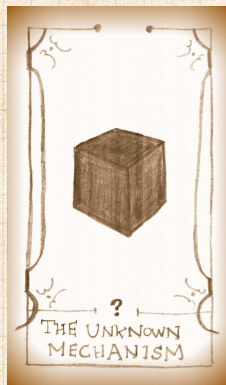
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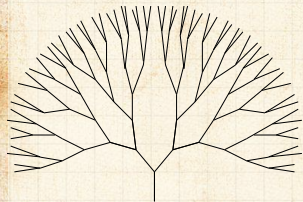
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## Random subnetworks on a Bethe lattice <sup>[13]</sup>



- ▶ Dominant theoretical concept for several decades.
- ▶ Bethe lattices are fun and tractable.
- ▶ Led to idea of “Statistical inevitability” of river network statistics <sup>[7]</sup>
- ▶ But Bethe lattices unconnected with surfaces.
- ▶ In fact, Bethe lattices  $\simeq$  infinite dimensional spaces (oops).
- ▶ So let's move on...

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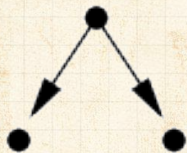
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Rodríguez-Iturbe, Rinaldo, et al. [10]

- ▶ Landscapes  $h(\vec{x})$  evolve such that energy dissipation  $\dot{\epsilon}$  is minimized, where

$$\dot{\epsilon} \propto \int d\vec{r} (\text{flux}) \times (\text{force}) \sim \sum_i a_i \nabla h_i \sim \sum_i a_i^\gamma$$

- ▶ Landscapes obtained numerically give exponents near that of real networks.
- ▶ **But:** numerical method used matters.
- ▶ **And:** Maritan et al. find basic universality classes are that of Scheidegger, self-similar, and a third kind of random network [8]

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## Summary of universality classes:

<b>network</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>d</b>
Non-convergent flow	1	1
Directed random	2/3	1
Undirected random	5/8	5/4
Self-similar	1/2	1
OCN's (I)	1/2	1
OCN's (II)	2/3	1
OCN's (III)	3/5	1
Real rivers	0.5-0.7	1.0-1.2

$h \Rightarrow \ell \propto a^h$  (Hack's law).

$d \Rightarrow \ell \propto L_{\parallel}^d$  (stream self-affinity).

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## Branching networks II Key Points:

- ▶ Horton's laws and Tokunaga law all fit together.
- ▶ For 2-d networks, these laws are 'planform' laws and ignore slope.
- ▶ Abundant scaling relations can be derived.
- ▶ Can take  $R_n$ ,  $R_\ell$ , and  $d$  as three independent parameters necessary to describe all 2-d branching networks.
- ▶ For scaling laws, only  $h = \ln R_\ell / \ln R_n$  and  $d$  are needed.
- ▶ Laws can be extended nicely to laws of distributions.
- ▶ Numerous models of branching network evolution exist: nothing rock solid yet.

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