

Optimal Supply Networks I: Branching

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What's the best way to distribute stuff?

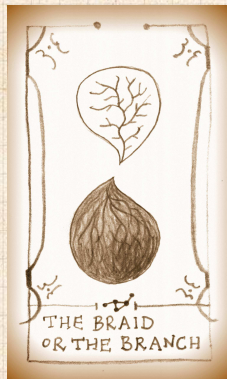
- ▶ Stuff = medical services, energy, people, ...
- ▶ **Some** fundamental network problems:
 1. Distribute stuff from a **single source** to **many sinks**
 2. Distribute stuff from **many sources** to many sinks
 3. **Redistribute** stuff between nodes that are both sources and sinks
- ▶ Supply and Collection are equivalent problems



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Single source optimal supply

Basic question for distribution/supply networks:

- ▶ How does flow behave given cost:

$$C = \sum_j I_j^\gamma Z_j$$

where

I_j = current on link j

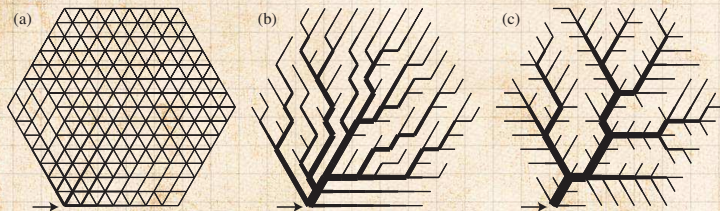
and

Z_j = link j 's impedance?

- ▶ Example: $\gamma = 2$ for electrical networks.



Single source optimal supply



(a) $\gamma > 1$: **Braided** (bulk) flow

(b) $\gamma < 1$: Local minimum: **Branching** flow

(c) $\gamma < 1$: Global minimum: **Branching** flow

From Bohn and Magnasco ^[3]

See also Banavar et al. ^[1]

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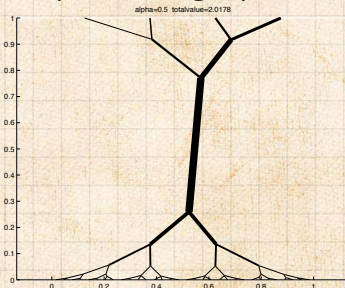
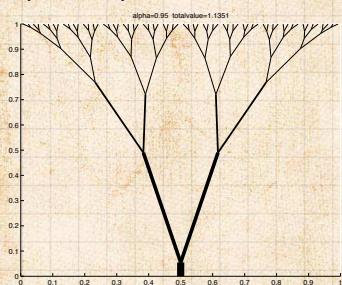
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Optimal paths related to transport (Monge) problems:

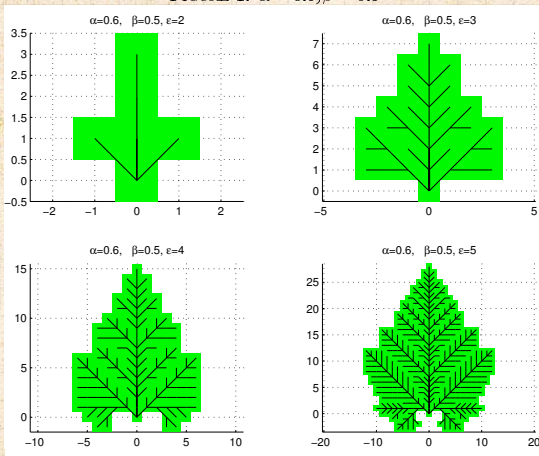


Xia (2003) [19]



Growing networks:

FIGURE 1. $\alpha = 0.6, \beta = 0.5$



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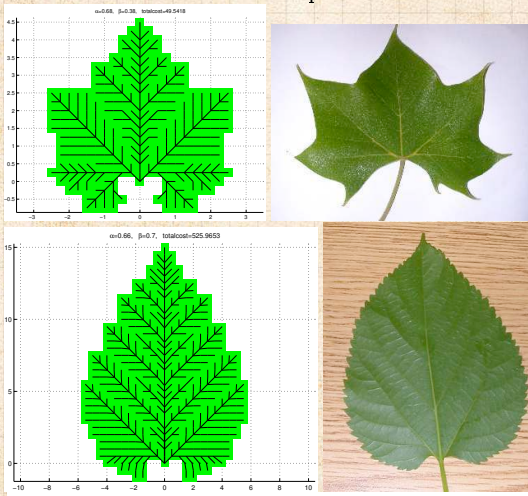
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Xia (2007) [18]

Growing networks:

FIGURE 3. A maple leaf



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An immensely controversial issue...

- ▶ The form of river networks and blood networks: optimal or not? ^[17, 2, 5, 4]

Two observations:

- ▶ Self-similar networks appear everywhere in nature for single source supply/single sink collection.
- ▶ Real networks differ in **details of scaling** but reasonably agree in **scaling relations**.



Optimality:

- ▶ Optimal channel networks^[12]
- ▶ Thermodynamic analogy^[13]

versus...

Randomness:

- ▶ Scheidegger's directed random networks
- ▶ Undirected random networks

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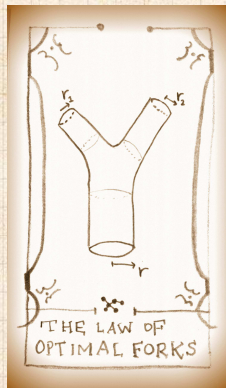
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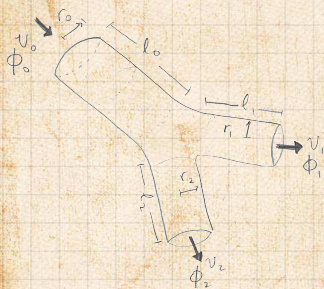
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Optimization—Murray's law



- Murray's law (1926) connects branch radii at forks: [10, 9, 11, 6, 15]

$$r_0^3 = r_1^3 + r_2^3$$

where r_0 = radius of main branch, and r_1 and r_2 are radii of sub-branches.

- Holds up well for outer branchings of blood networks.
- Also found to hold for trees [11, 7, 8].
- See D'Arcy Thompson's "On Growth and Form" for background inspiration [14, 15].

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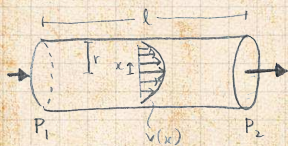
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- ▶ Use hydraulic equivalent of Ohm's law:

$$\Delta p = \Phi Z \Leftrightarrow V = IR$$

where Δp = pressure difference, Φ = flux.



- ▶ Fluid mechanics: Poiseuille impedance ↗ for smooth Poiseuille flow ↗ in a tube of radius r and length l :

$$Z = \frac{8\eta l}{\pi r^4}$$

- ▶ η = dynamic viscosity ↗ (units: $ML^{-1}T^{-1}$).
- ▶ Power required to overcome impedance:

$$P_{\text{drag}} = \Phi \Delta p = \Phi^2 Z.$$

- ▶ Also have rate of energy expenditure in maintaining blood given metabolic constant c :

$$P_{\text{metabolic}} = cr^2 l$$

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Aside on P_{drag}

- ▶ Work done = $F \cdot d$ = energy transferred by force F
- ▶ Power = P = rate work is done = $F \cdot v$
- ▶ Δp = Force per unit area
- ▶ Φ = Volume per unit time
= cross-sectional area \cdot velocity
- ▶ So $\Phi \Delta p$ = Force \cdot velocity



Murray's law:

- ▶ Total power (cost):

$$P = P_{\text{drag}} + P_{\text{metabolic}} = \Phi^2 \frac{8\eta\ell}{\pi r^4} + cr^2\ell$$

- ▶ Observe power increases linearly with ℓ
- ▶ But r 's effect is nonlinear:
 - ▶ increasing r makes flow easier **but increases metabolic cost** (as r^2)
 - ▶ decreasing r decrease metabolic cost **but impedance goes up** (as r^{-4})

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Murray's law:

- ▶ Minimize P with respect to r :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\Phi^2 \frac{8\eta\ell}{\pi r^4} + cr^2\ell \right) \\ &= -4\Phi^2 \frac{8\eta\ell}{\pi r^5} + c2r\ell = 0\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Rearrange/cancel/slap:

$$\Phi^2 = \frac{c\pi r^6}{16\eta} = k^2 r^6$$

where $k = \text{constant}$.

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Murray's law:

- ▶ So we now have:

$$\Phi = kr^3$$

- ▶ Flow rates at each branching have to add up (else our organism is in serious trouble...):

$$\Phi_0 = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2$$

where again 0 refers to the main branch and 1 and 2 refers to the offspring branches

- ▶ All of this means we have a groovy cube-law:

$$r_0^3 = r_1^3 + r_2^3$$

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

- ▶ Φ_ω = volume rate of flow into an order ω vessel segment
- ▶ Tokunaga picture:

$$\Phi_\omega = 2\Phi_{\omega-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} T_k \Phi_{\omega-k}$$

- ▶ Using $\phi_\omega = kr_\omega^3$

$$r_\omega^3 = 2r_{\omega-1}^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} T_k r_{\omega-k}^3$$

- ▶ Find Horton ratio for vessel radius $R_r = r_\omega / r_{\omega-1} \dots$

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

- ▶ Find R_r^3 satisfies same equation as R_n and R_v (v is for volume):

$$R_r^3 = R_n = R_v$$

- ▶ Is there more we could do here to constrain the Horton ratios and Tokunaga constants?






Murray meets Tokunaga:

- ▶ Isometry: $V_\omega \propto \ell_\omega^3$
- ▶ Gives

$$R_\ell^3 = R_v = R_n$$

- ▶ We need one more constraint...
- ▶ West et al (1997)^[17] achieve similar results following Horton's laws.
- ▶ So does Turcotte et al. (1998)^[16] using Tokunaga (sort of).



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