

# Optimal Supply Networks I: Branching

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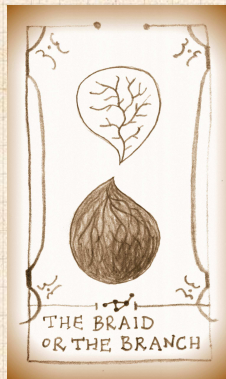


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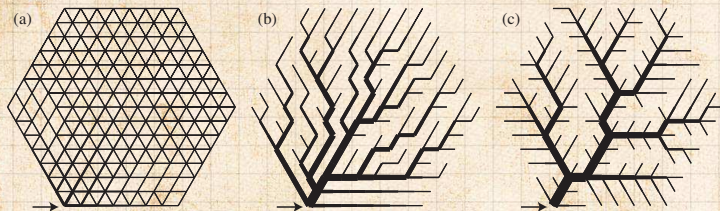
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(a)  $\gamma > 1$ : **Braided** (bulk) flow

(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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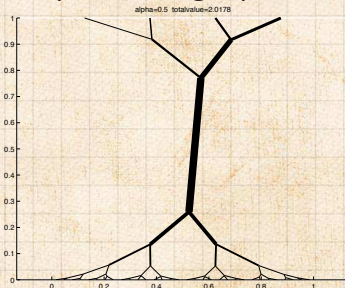
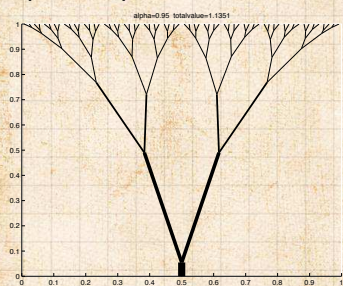
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## Optimal paths related to transport (Monge) problems:

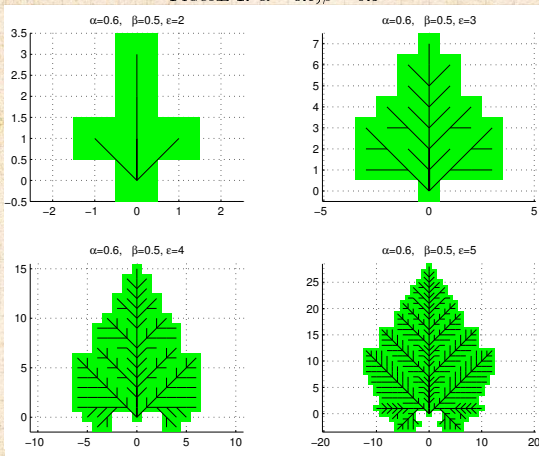


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FIGURE 1.  $\alpha = 0.6, \beta = 0.5$



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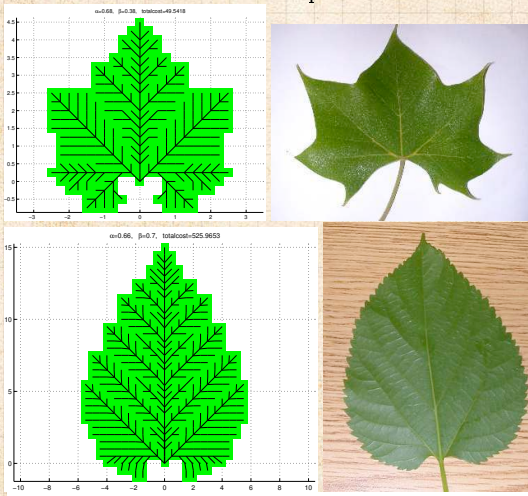
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FIGURE 3. A maple leaf



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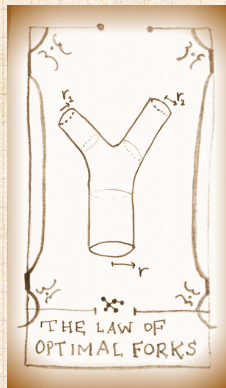
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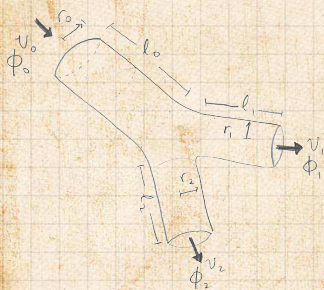
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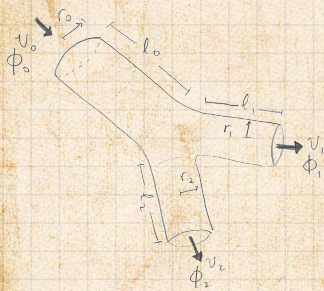
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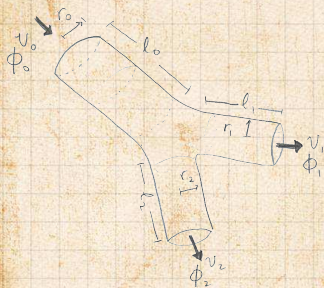
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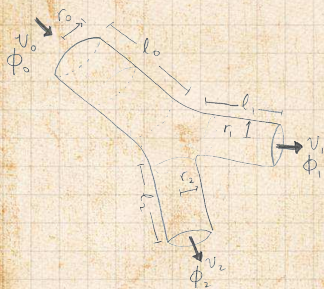
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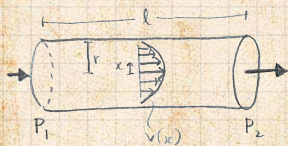
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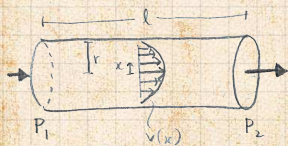
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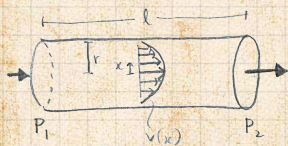
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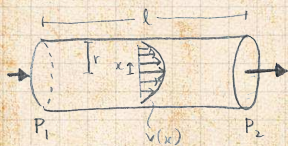
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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \Phi^2 \frac{8\eta\ell}{\pi r^4} + cr^2\ell \right) \\ &= -4\Phi^2 \frac{8\eta\ell}{\pi r^5} + c2r\ell = 0\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Rearrange/cancel/slap:

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

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