

Branching Networks I

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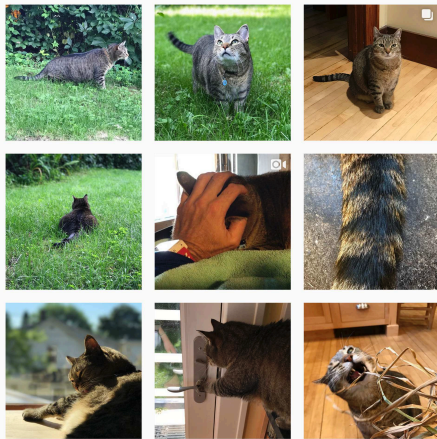
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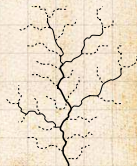
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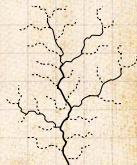
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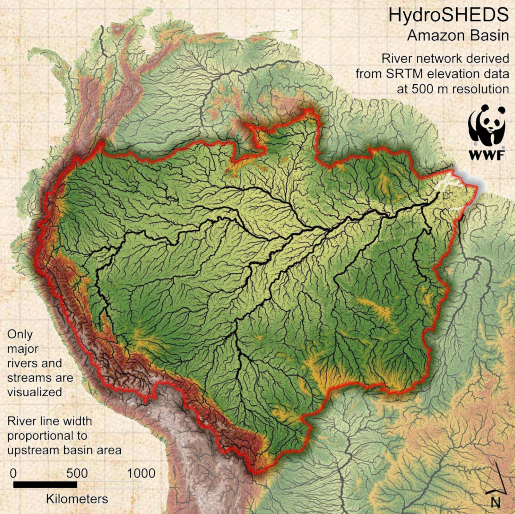
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<http://hydrosheds.cr.usgs.gov/>



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An early thought piece: Extension and Integration

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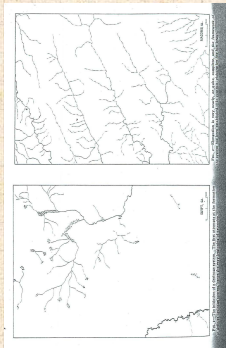
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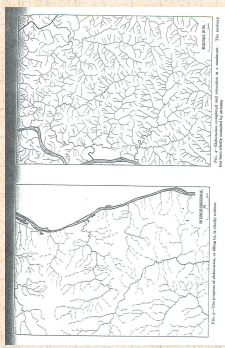
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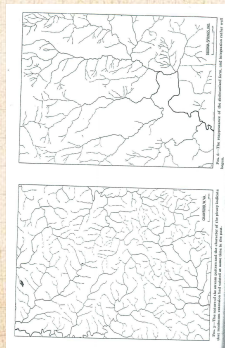
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Initiation,
Elongation



Elaboration,
Piracy.



Abstraction,
Absorption.



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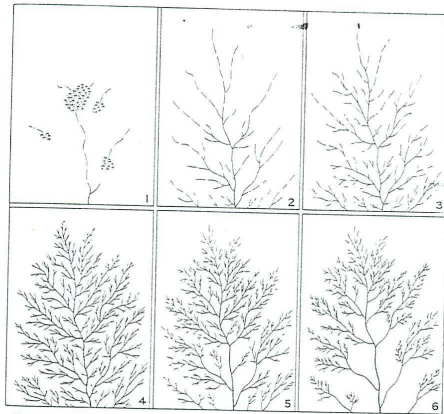


FIG. 8—An ideal diagrammatic summary of the development of a drainage system given for purposes of comparison only. The first four parts show extension, thus: 1, initiation; 2, elongation; 3, elaboration; and 4, maximum extension. Parts 5 and 6 represent steps during integration.

The sequential stages recognized in the evolution of a drainage system are “extension” and “integration”; the first, a stage of increasing complexity; the second, of simplification.



Shaw and Magnasco's beautiful erosion simulations:^a

^aUnpublished!

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DW-Dxzj7xQ?rel=0>

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-  Definition most sensible for a point in a stream.
-  **Recursive structure:** Basins contain basins and so on.
-  In principle, a drainage basin is defined at every point on a landscape.
-  On flat hillslopes, drainage basins are effectively linear.
-  We treat subsurface and surface flow as following the gradient of the surface.
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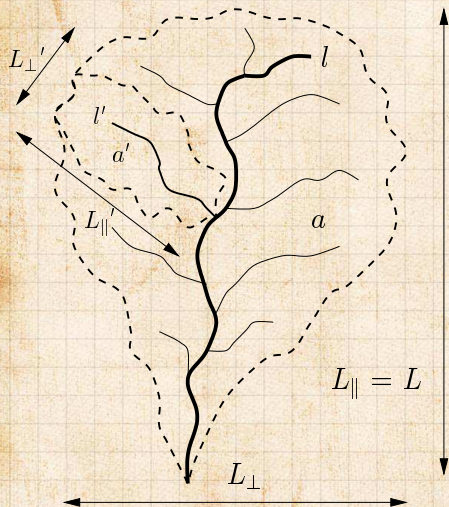
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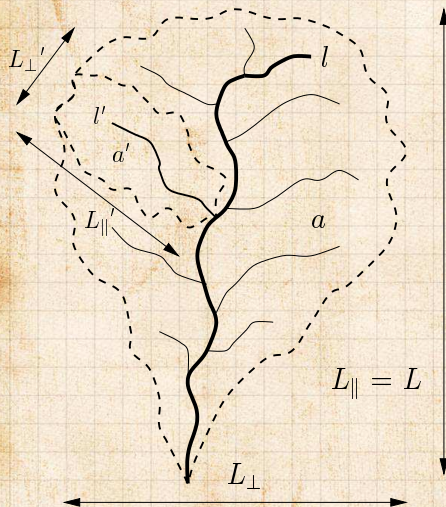
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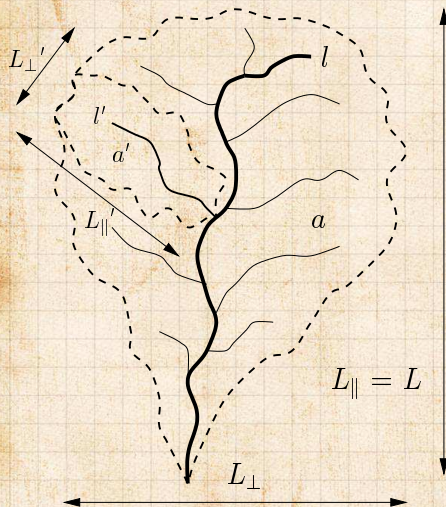
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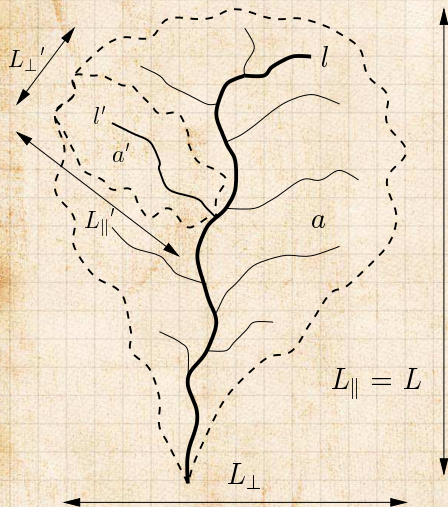
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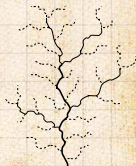
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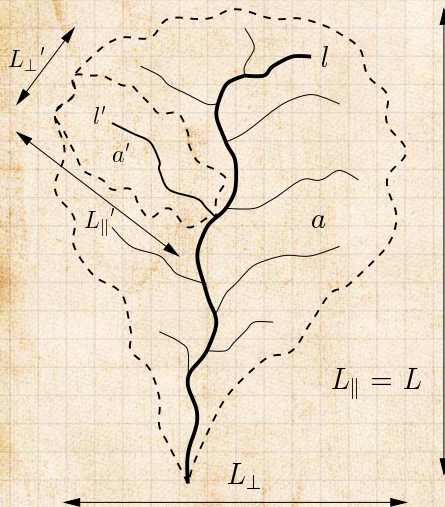
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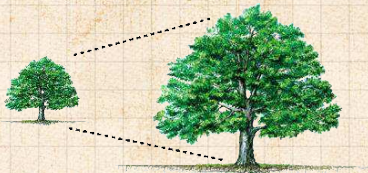
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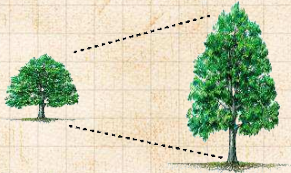
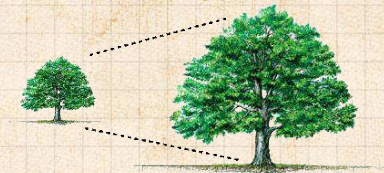




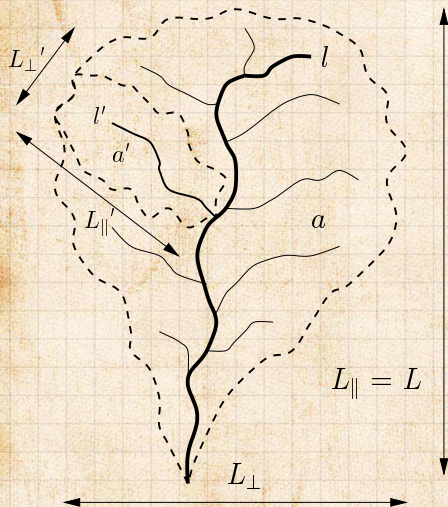
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Allometry:
dimensions scale
nonlinearly.



Basin allometry



Allometric relationships:



$$l \propto a^h$$



$$l \propto L^d$$



Combine above:

$$a \propto L^{d/h} \equiv L^D$$

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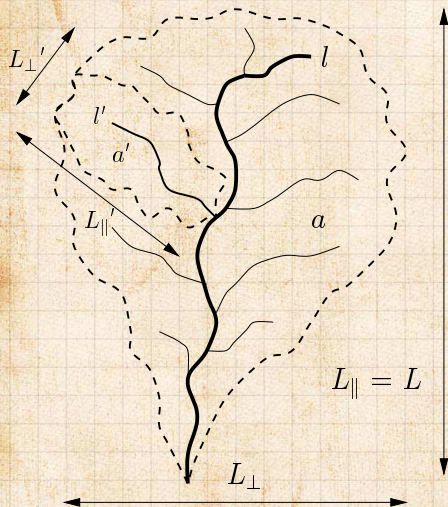
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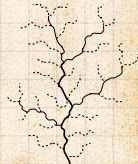
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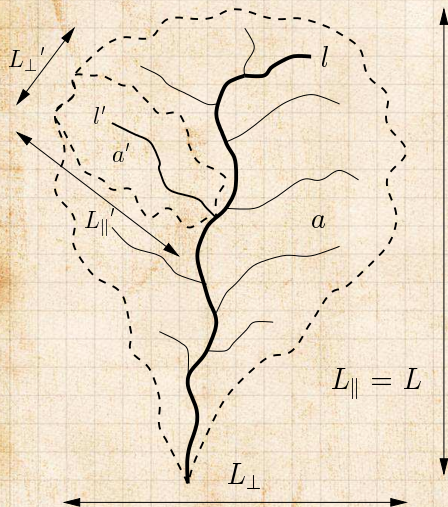
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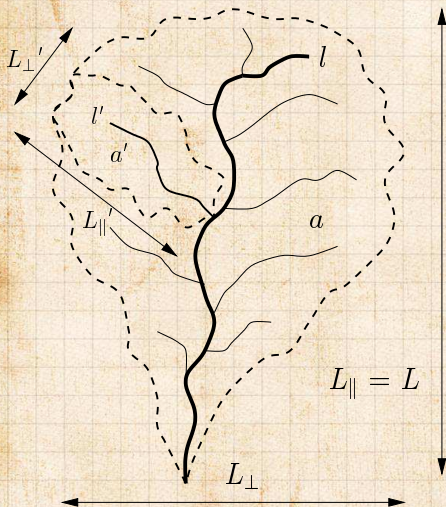
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'Laws'

🌀 Hack's law (1957) [3]:

$$l \propto a^h$$

reportedly $0.5 < h < 0.7$

🌀 Scaling of main stream length with basin size:

$$l \propto a^d$$


reportedly $1.0 < d < 1.1$

🌀 Basin allometry:

$$l \propto a^{\beta} \quad \beta > 1$$


$\beta > 2 \rightarrow$ basins elongate

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There are a few more 'laws': [1]

Relation: Name or description:

$$T_k = T_1 (R_T)^{k-1}$$
$$\ell \sim L^d$$

Tokunaga's law
self-affinity of single channels

$$n_{\omega} / n_{\omega+1} = R_n$$
$$\bar{\ell}_{\omega+1} / \bar{\ell}_{\omega} = R_{\ell}$$

Horton's law of stream numbers
Horton's law of main stream lengths

$$\bar{a}_{\omega+1} / \bar{a}_{\omega} = R_a$$

Horton's law of basin areas

$$\bar{s}_{\omega+1} / \bar{s}_{\omega} = R_s$$
$$L_{\perp} \sim L^H$$

Horton's law of stream segment lengths
scaling of basin widths

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

probability of basin areas

$$P(\ell) \sim \ell^{-\gamma}$$

probability of stream lengths

$$\ell \sim a^h$$

Hack's law

$$a \sim L^D$$

scaling of basin areas

$$\Lambda \sim a^{\beta}$$

Langbein's law

$$\lambda \sim L^{\varphi}$$

variation of Langbein's law

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Reported parameter values: [1]

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Parameter:	Real networks:
R_n	3.0-5.0
R_a	3.0-6.0
$R_\ell = R_T$	1.5-3.0
T_1	1.0-1.5
d	1.1 ± 0.01
D	1.8 ± 0.1
h	0.50-0.70
τ	1.43 ± 0.05
γ	1.8 ± 0.1
H	0.75-0.80
β	0.50-0.70
φ	1.05 ± 0.05



Kind of a mess ...

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Order of business:

1. Find out how these relationships are connected.
2. Determine most fundamental description.
3. Explain origins of these parameter values



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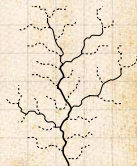
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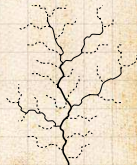
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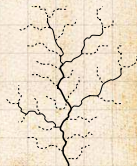
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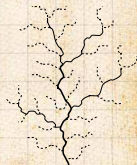
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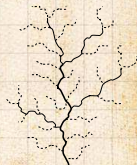
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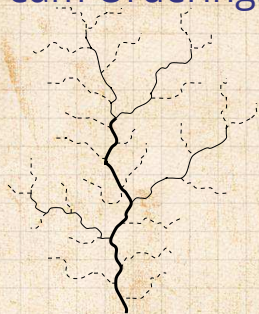
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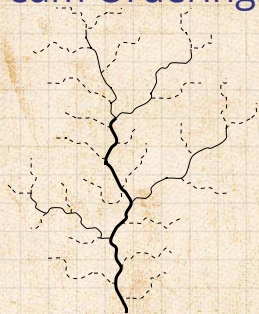
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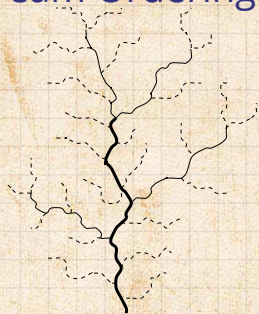
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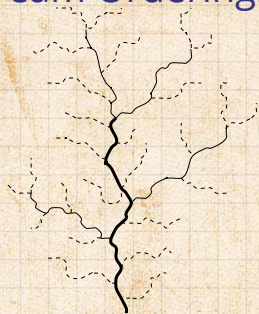
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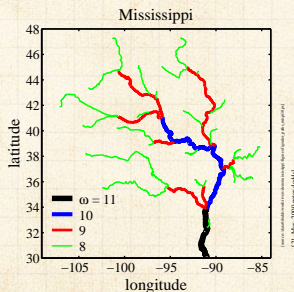
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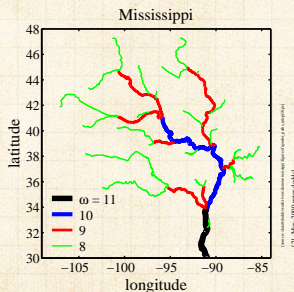
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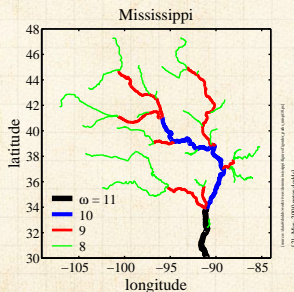
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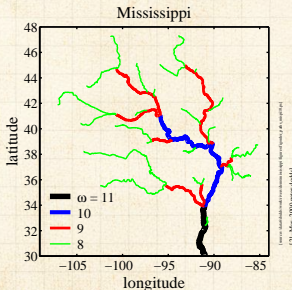
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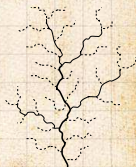
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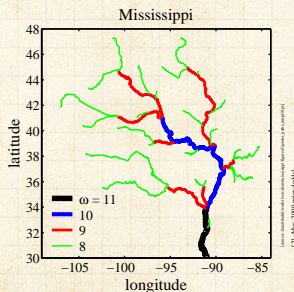
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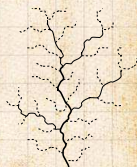
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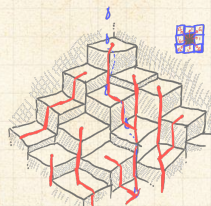
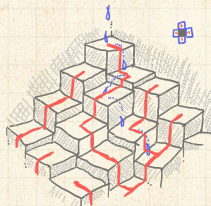
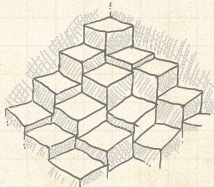
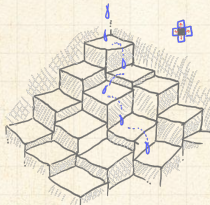
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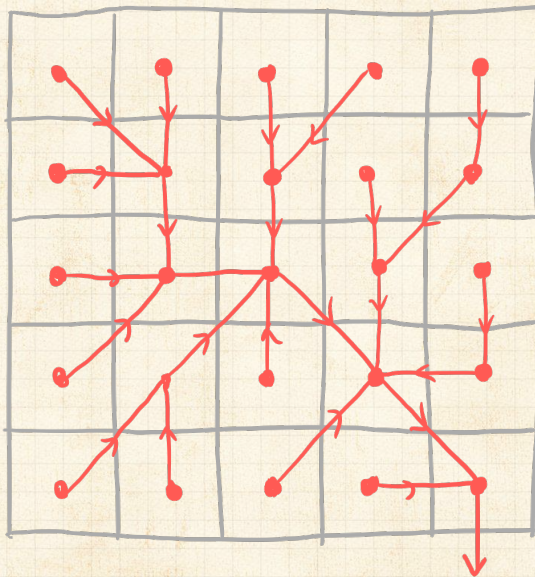
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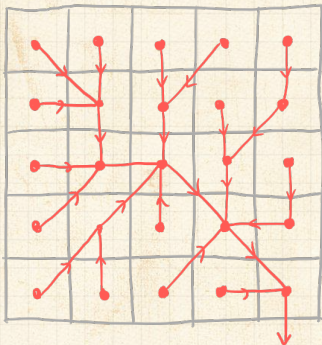
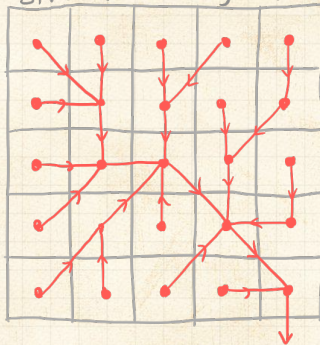
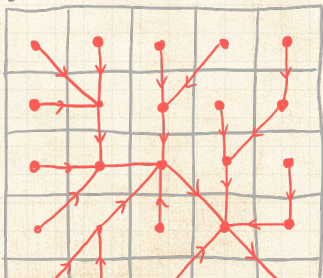
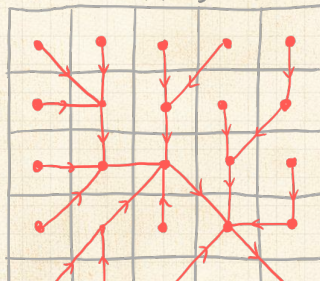
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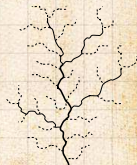
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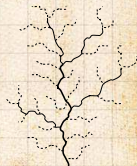
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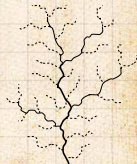


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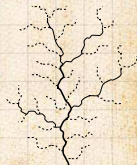
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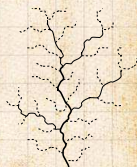


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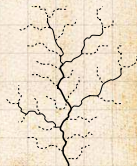
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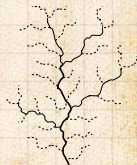
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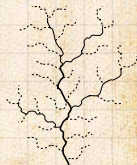
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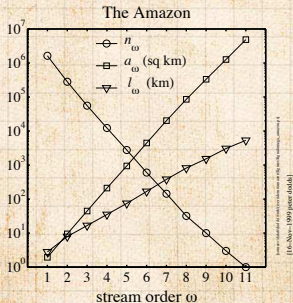
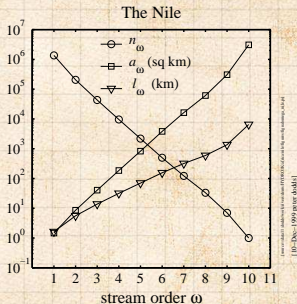
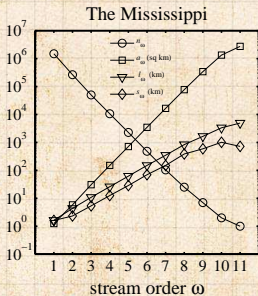
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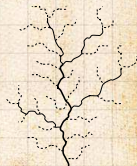
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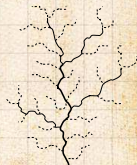
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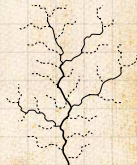
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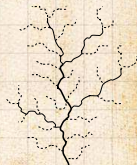
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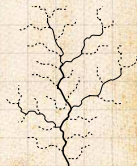
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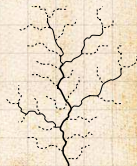
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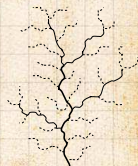
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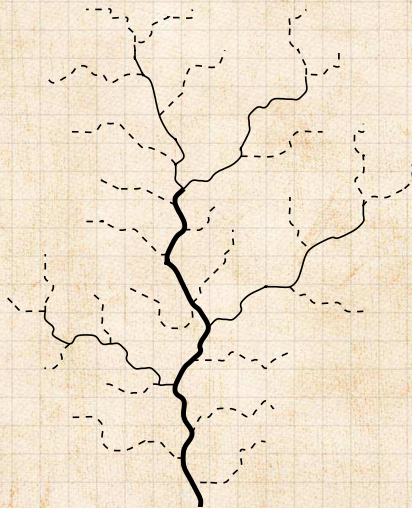
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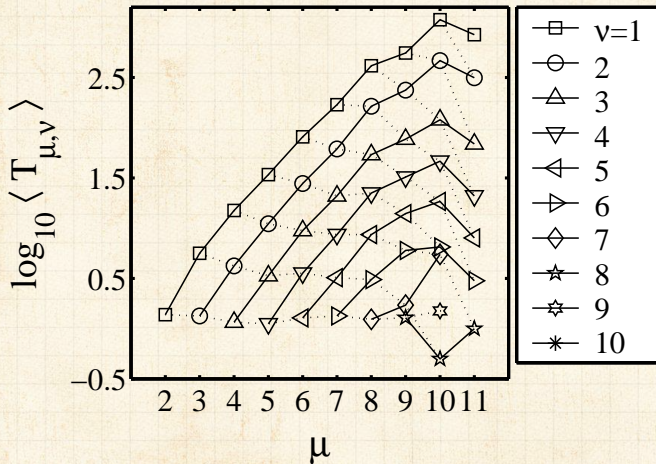
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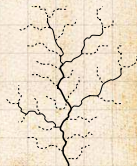
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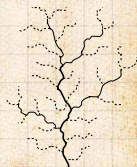
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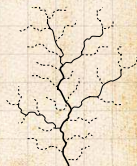


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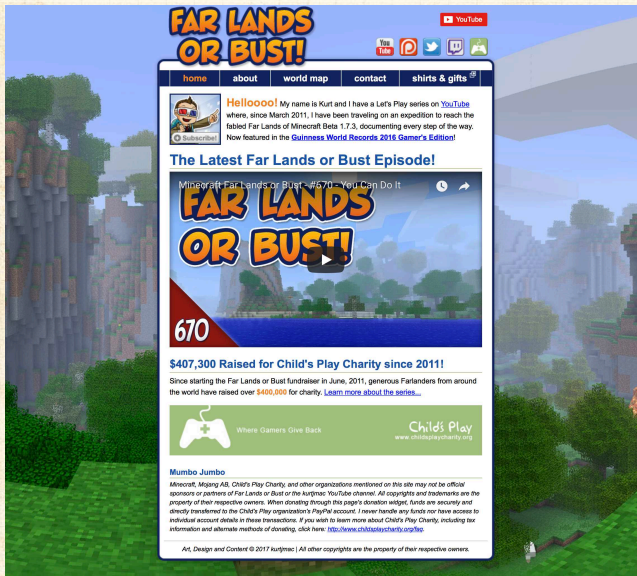


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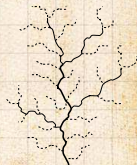
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