

# Branching Networks II

Last updated: 2018/03/23, 20:59:06

Complex Networks | @networksvox  
CSYS/MATH 303, Spring, 2018

Prof. Peter Dodds | @peterdodds

Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics | Vermont Complex Systems Center  
Vermont Advanced Computing Core | University of Vermont



Licensed under the *Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License*.



Horton ⇔  
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

These slides are brought to you by:

COcoNuTS

Sealie & Lambie  
Productions



Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

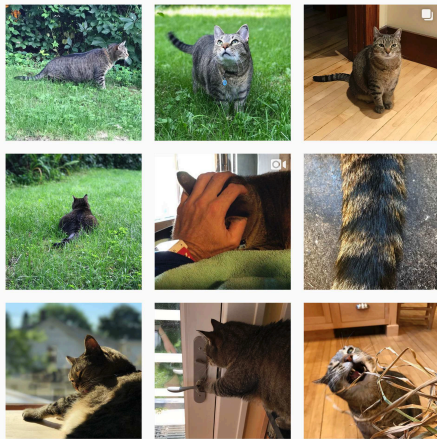
References



These slides are also brought to you by:

COcoNuTS

Special Guest Executive Producer



Horton ⇄  
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations



Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



 On Instagram at [pratchett\\_the\\_cat](https://www.instagram.com/pratchett_the_cat) 





# Outline

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$  Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

COcoNuTS

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References







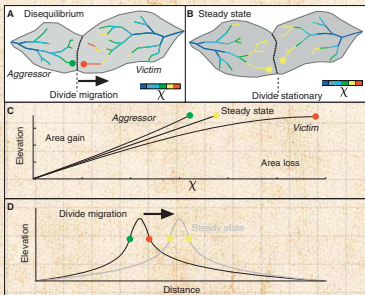
# Piracy on the high $\chi$ 's:



“Dynamic Reorganization of River Basins”

Willett et al.,

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



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

$$z(x) = z_b + \left( \frac{U}{KA_0^m} \right)^{1/n} \chi$$

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

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

COcoNuTS

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations


Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnroL1\\_-l2c?rel=0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnroL1_-l2c?rel=0)

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 <sup>[18, 19, 20, 9, 2]</sup>

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# 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:

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models


Nutshell

References





# More with the happy-making thing

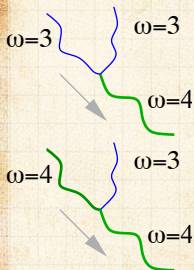
Start with Tokunaga's law:  $T_k = T_1 R_T^{k-1}$

 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

Horton ⇔  
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References






# 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.)

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# 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  $T_k = T_1 R_T^{k-1}$ :

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# Horton and Tokunaga are happy

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:

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# Horton and Tokunaga are happy

## 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]





# Horton and Tokunaga are happy

## 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.



$$R_T = R_\ell,$$



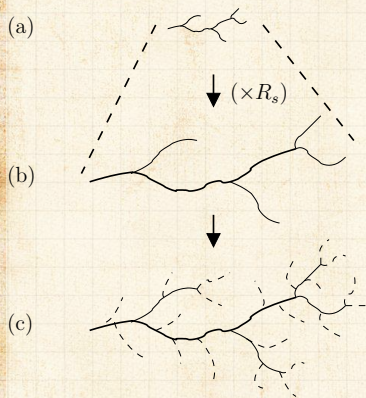
$$T_1 = R_n - R_\ell - 2 + 2R_\ell/R_n.$$


 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  $R_s$ , orders increment to  $\omega + 1$  and  $\omega$ .

 Maintain drainage density by adding new order  $\omega - 1$  streams

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# Horton and Tokunaga are friends

...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 ...

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell


References





# Horton and Tokunaga are friends

Just checking:

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

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



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

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

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

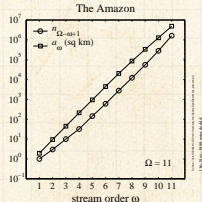
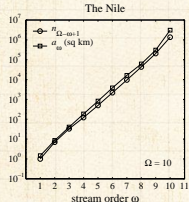
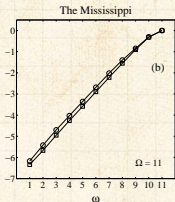
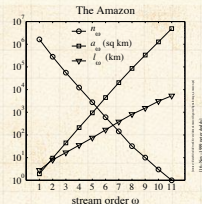
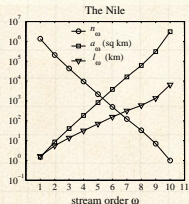
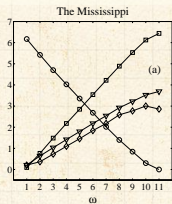
Models

Nutshell

References



# Horton's laws of area and number:



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations


Fluctuations


Models

Nutshell

References



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

 Highly suggestive that  $R_n \equiv R_a \dots$

# Measuring Horton ratios is tricky:

COcoNuTS

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



How robust are our estimates of ratios?



Rule of thumb: discard data for two smallest and two largest orders.





# Mississippi:

COcoNuTS

$\omega$ 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

Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
TokunagaReducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



$\omega$ 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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

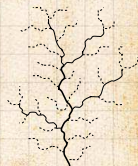
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models


Nutshell


References



# 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:

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References






# 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:

$$R_n \equiv R_a$$

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# Reducing Horton's laws:

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations





Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

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 



# Equipartitioning:

## 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:

$$n_\omega \propto (R_n)^{-\omega}$$

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

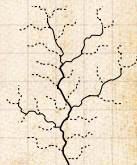
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

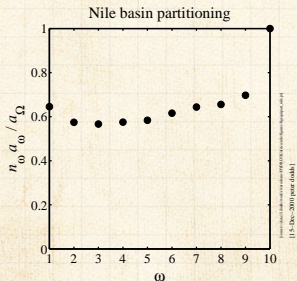
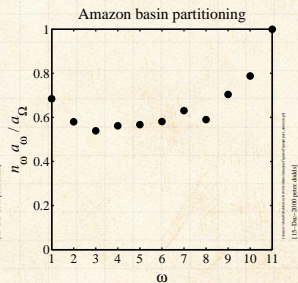
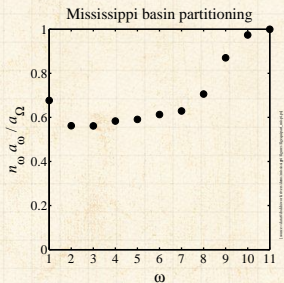
References





# Equipartitioning:

Some examples:



Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# Neural Reboot: Fwoompf

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mUs70SqD4o?rel=0>



## 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.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





## 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.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models


Nutshell


References



# 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  $l_*$

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

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

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

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations





Models

Nutshell

References




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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References







## Finding $\gamma$ :


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



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

  $\Delta$ 's cancel


 Denominator is  $a_{\Omega} \rho_{dd}$ , a constant.

 So ...using Horton's laws ...


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




## 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  $\omega' = \omega + 1$ )

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell


References



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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models


Nutshell

References







## Finding $\gamma$ :

 Nearly there:

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

 Need to express right hand side in terms of  $\bar{l}_\omega$ .

 Recall that  $\bar{l}_\omega \simeq \bar{l}_1 R_\ell^{\omega-1}$ .



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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References




# Scaling laws


Finding  $\gamma$ :

 Therefore:

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




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



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




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




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




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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# Scaling laws

Hack's law: [6]



$$l \propto a^h$$



Typically observed that  $0.5 \lesssim h \lesssim 0.7$ .



Use Horton laws to connect  $h$  to Horton ratios:

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



Observe:

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

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# We mentioned there were a good number of 'laws': [2]

**Relation:**    **Name or description:**

$T_k = T_1 (R_T)^{k-1}$	Tokunaga's law
$\ell \sim L^d$	self-affinity of single channels
$n_\omega / n_{\omega+1} = R_n$	Horton's law of stream numbers
$\ell_{\omega+1} / \ell_\omega = R_\ell$	Horton's law of main stream lengths
$\bar{a}_{\omega+1} / \bar{a}_\omega = R_a$	Horton's law of basin areas
$\bar{s}_{\omega+1} / \bar{s}_\omega = R_s$	Horton's law of stream segment lengths
$L_\perp \sim L^H$	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



# Connecting exponents

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

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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

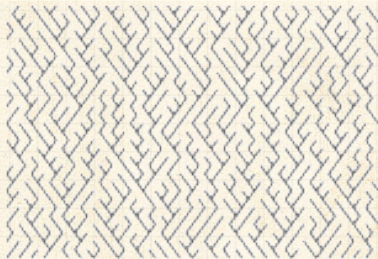
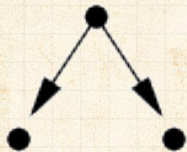
References





# 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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# A toy model—Scheidegger's model

COcoNuTS

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations


Fluctuations

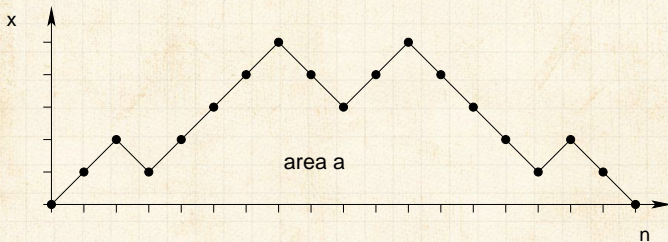
Models

Nutshell

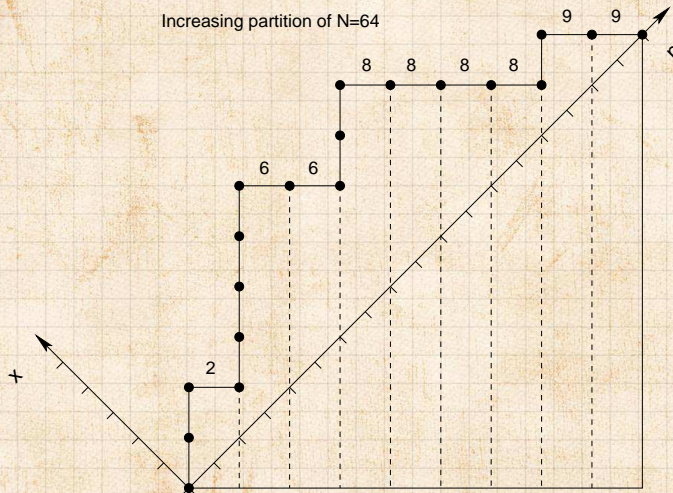
References

## Random walk basins:

 Boundaries of basins are random walks



# Scheidegger's model



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# Scheidegger's model

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.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

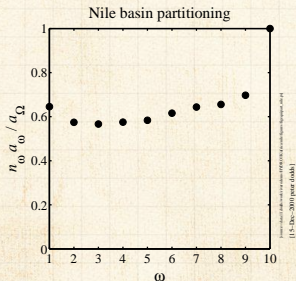
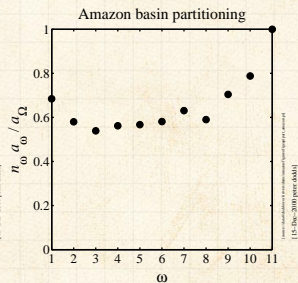
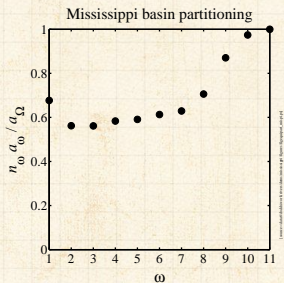
Nutshell

References



# Equipartitioning reexamined:

Recall this story:



Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations


Fluctuations

Models


Nutshell

References





 What about

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

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

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

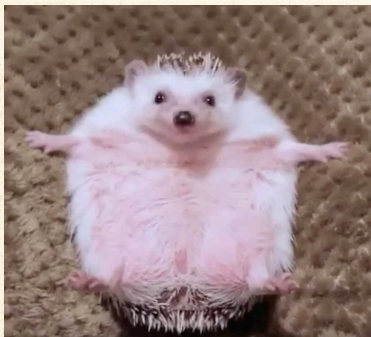
  $P(a)$  overcounts basins within basins ...

 while stream ordering separates basins ...





## Hard neural reboot (sound matters):



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

[https://twitter.com/round\\_boys/status/951873765964681216](https://twitter.com/round_boys/status/951873765964681216)



## Moving beyond the mean:

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

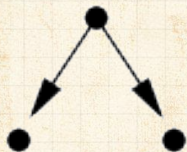
$$\bar{s}_\omega / \bar{s}_{\omega-1} = R_s$$

- 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 <sup>[11, 12]</sup>



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



Flow is directed downwards

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# Generalizing Horton's laws

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

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

Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

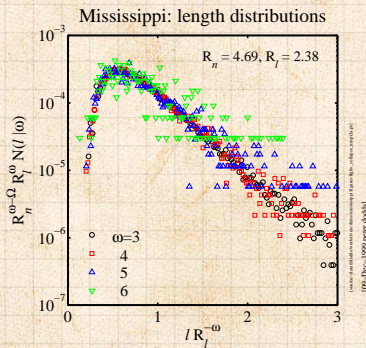
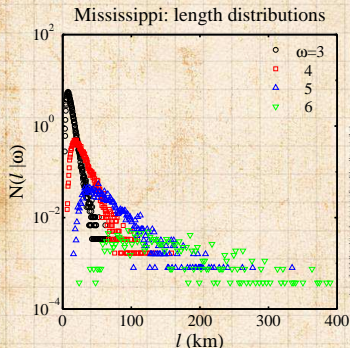
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell


References

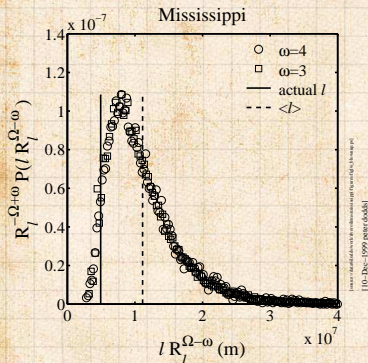



Scaling collapse works well for intermediate orders

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

Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

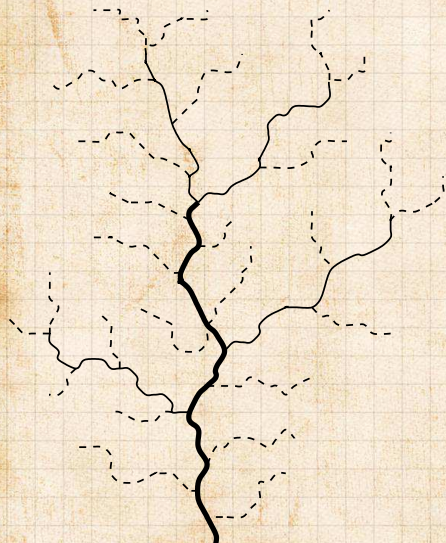
Nutshell

References





# 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  $s_{\omega}$

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations  
Models

Nutshell

References



# Generalizing Horton's laws



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

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

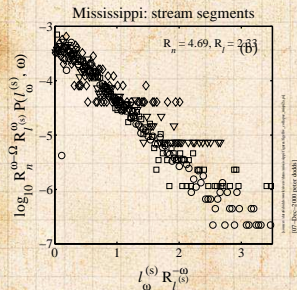
Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations  
Models

Nutshell

References



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

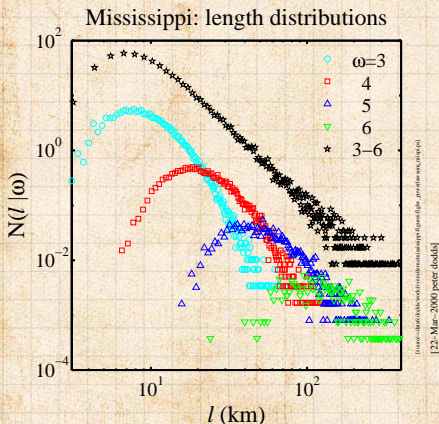
$$F(x) = e^{-x/\xi}$$

Mississippi:  $\xi \simeq 900$  m.



# Generalizing Horton's laws

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



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

Another round of convolutions <sup>[3]</sup>

Interesting ...

Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations  
Models


Nutshell


References

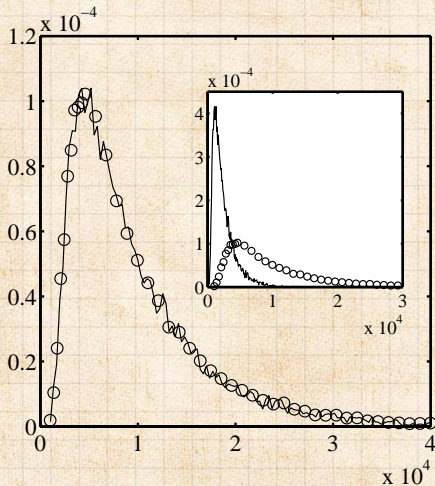




# Generalizing Horton's laws

 Number and area distributions for the Scheidegger model [3]

  $P(n_{1,6})$  versus  $P(a_6)$  for a randomly selected  $\omega = 6$  basin.



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

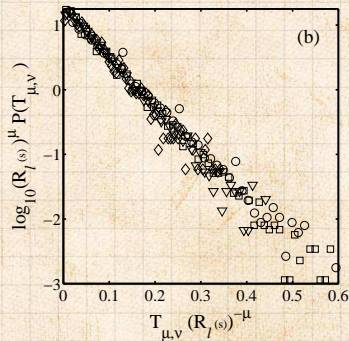
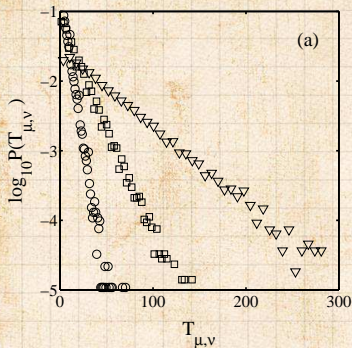
Nutshell

References



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

Scheidegger:



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

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

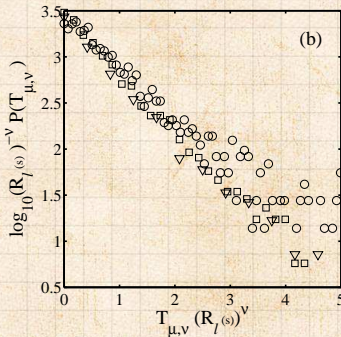
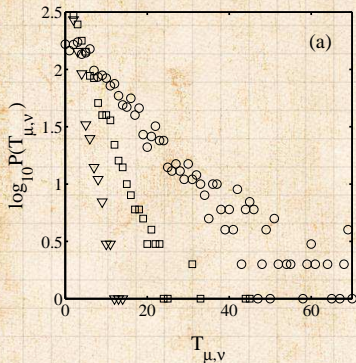
Nutshell

References



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

Mississippi:



Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



Same data collapse for Mississippi ...



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law


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.

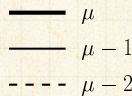
 Look at joint probability  $P(s_\mu, T_{\mu,\nu})$ .



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

## Network architecture:

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



Horton ⇔ Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

### Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



# 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.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations


Models

Nutshell


References




# 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

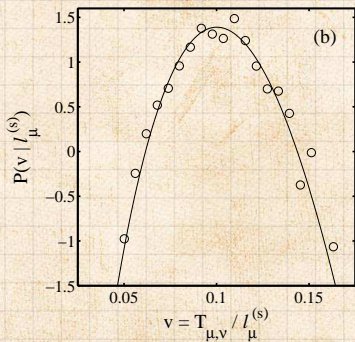
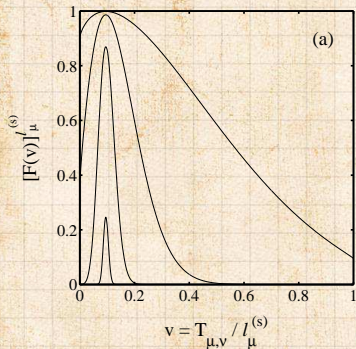
$$F(v) = \left( \frac{1-v}{q} \right)^{-(1-v)} \left( \frac{v}{p} \right)^{-v}.$$



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

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

Scheidegger:



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

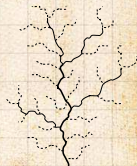
Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

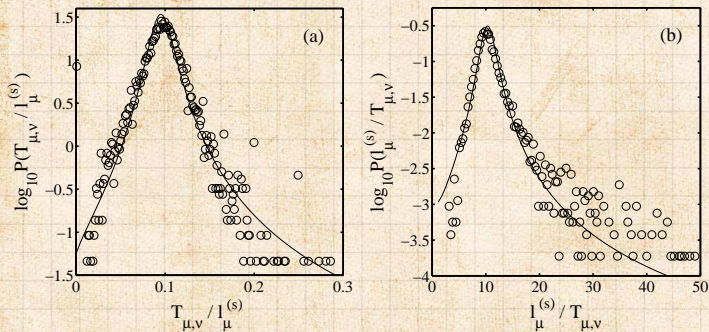
Models

Nutshell

References

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

Scheidegger:



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

Horton  $\leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

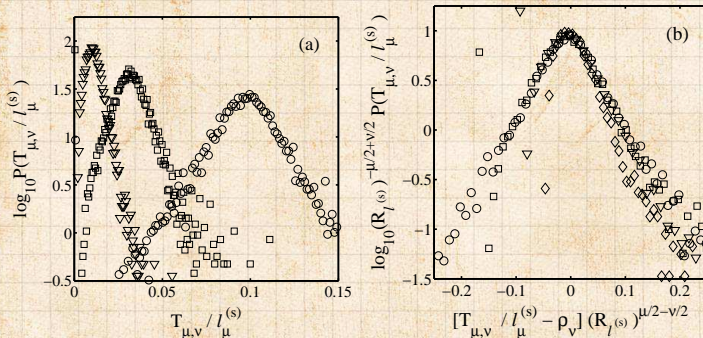
Models

Nutshell

References

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

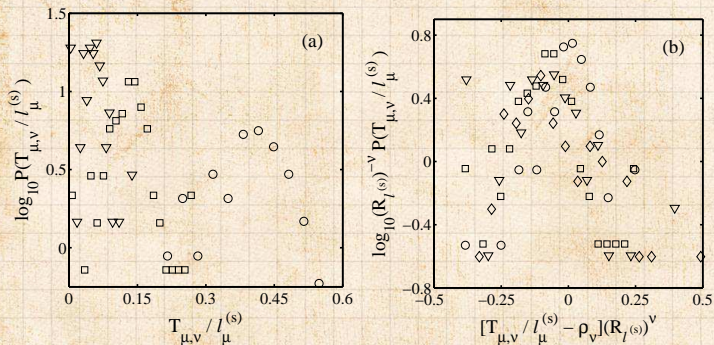
Scheidegger:



# Generalizing Tokunaga's law

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

Mississippi:



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

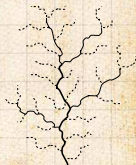
Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

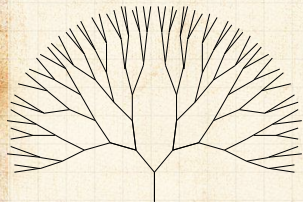
References







## 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 ...

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

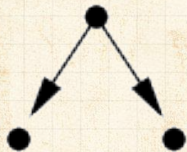
Nutshell

References



# 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]

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell


References







# Optimal channel networks


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]

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



## 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).

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



## 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.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References





# References I

- [1] H. de Vries, T. Becker, and B. Eckhardt.  
Power law distribution of discharge in ideal networks.  
[Water Resources Research](#), 30(12):3541–3543, 1994. pdf ↗
- [2] P. S. Dodds and D. H. Rothman.  
Unified view of scaling laws for river networks.  
[Physical Review E](#), 59(5):4865–4877, 1999. pdf ↗
- [3] P. S. Dodds and D. H. Rothman.  
Geometry of river networks. II. Distributions of component size and number.  
[Physical Review E](#), 63(1):016116, 2001. pdf ↗

Horton ⇔  
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations



Models

Nutshell

References



# References II

- [4] P. S. Dodds and D. H. Rothman.  
Geometry of river networks. III. Characterization  
of component connectivity.  
[Physical Review E, 63\(1\):016117, 2001. pdf](#) 
- [5] N. Goldenfeld.  
Lectures on Phase Transitions and the  
Renormalization Group, volume 85 of Frontiers in  
Physics.  
[Addison-Wesley, Reading, Massachusetts, 1992.](#)
- [6] J. T. Hack.  
Studies of longitudinal stream profiles in Virginia  
and Maryland.  
[United States Geological Survey Professional  
Paper, 294-B:45-97, 1957. pdf](#) 

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations



Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



- [7] J. W. Kirchner.  
Statistical inevitability of Horton's laws and the  
apparent randomness of stream channel  
networks.  
[Geology](#), 21:591–594, 1993. [pdf](#) 
- [8] A. Maritan, F. Colaiori, A. Flammini, M. Cieplak,  
and J. R. Banavar.  
Universality classes of optimal channel networks.  
[Science](#), 272:984–986, 1996. [pdf](#) 
- [9] S. D. Peckham.  
New results for self-similar trees with applications  
to river networks.  
[Water Resources Research](#), 31(4):1023–1029,  
1995.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations


Models

Nutshell

References





- [10] I. Rodríguez-Iturbe and A. Rinaldo.  
Fractal River Basins: Chance and Self-Organization.  
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK,  
1997.
- [11] A. E. Scheidegger.  
A stochastic model for drainage patterns into an  
intramontane trench.  
Bull. Int. Assoc. Sci. Hydrol., 12(1):15–20, 1967.  
[pdf](#) 
- [12] A. E. Scheidegger.  
Theoretical Geomorphology.  
Springer-Verlag, New York, third edition, 1991.

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations

Fluctuations



Models

Nutshell

References



# References V

- [13] R. L. Shreve.  
Infinite topologically random channel networks.  
[Journal of Geology, 75:178–186, 1967. pdf](#) 
- [14] H. Takayasu.  
Steady-state distribution of generalized  
aggregation system with injection.  
[Physical Review Letters, 63\(23\):2563–2565, 1989.](#)  
[pdf](#) 
- [15] H. Takayasu, I. Nishikawa, and H. Tasaki.  
Power-law mass distribution of aggregation  
systems with injection.  
[Physical Review A, 37\(8\):3110–3117, 1988.](#)

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations




Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References



- [16] M. Takayasu and H. Takayasu.  
Apparent independency of an aggregation system  
with injection.  
[Physical Review A, 39\(8\):4345–4347, 1989. pdf](#) 
- [17] D. G. Tarboton, R. L. Bras, and I. Rodríguez-Iturbe.  
Comment on “On the fractal dimension of stream  
networks” by Paolo La Barbera and Renzo Rosso.  
[Water Resources Research, 26\(9\):2243–4, 1990.](#)  
[pdf](#) 
- [18] E. Tokunaga.  
The composition of drainage network in Toyohira  
River Basin and the valuation of Horton’s first law.  
[Geophysical Bulletin of Hokkaido University,](#)  
[15:1–19, 1966. pdf](#) 

Horton ⇔  
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models



Nutshell

References





## References VII

- [19] E. Tokunaga.  
Consideration on the composition of drainage networks and their evolution.  
[Geographical Reports of Tokyo Metropolitan University, 13:G1-27, 1978.](#) pdf 
- [20] E. Tokunaga.  
Ordering of divide segments and law of divide segment numbers.  
[Transactions of the Japanese Geomorphological Union, 5\(2\):71-77, 1984.](#)
- [21] S. D. Willett, S. W. McCoy, J. T. Perron, L. Goren, and C.-Y. Chen.  
Dynamic reorganization of river basins.  
[Science Magazine, 343\(6175\):1248765, 2014.](#)  
pdf 

Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga  
Reducing Horton  
Scaling relations  
Fluctuations  
Models  
Nutshell  
References



Horton  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Tokunaga

Reducing Horton

Scaling relations

Fluctuations

Models

Nutshell

References

- [22] G. K. Zipf.  
Human Behaviour and the Principle of  
Least-Effort.  
Addison-Wesley, Cambridge, MA, 1949.

