

Branching Networks II

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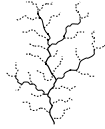
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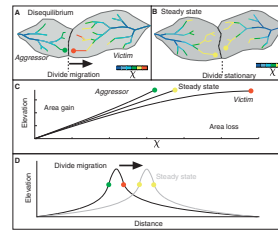
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"Dynamic Reorganization of River Basins"
 Willett et al.,
 Science Magazine, **343**, 1248765, 2014. [21]



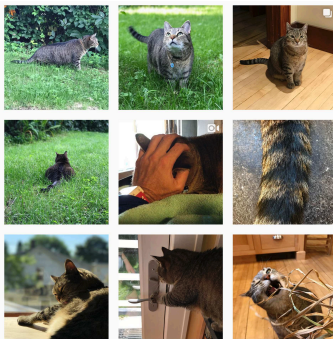
$$\frac{\partial z(x, t)}{\partial t} = U - KA^m \left| \frac{\partial z(x, t)}{\partial x} \right|^n$$

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

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

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

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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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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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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 ρ_{dd} = inverse of typical distance between channels in a landscape.
- In terms of basin characteristics:

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

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Finding other Horton ratios

Connect Tokunaga to R_s

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

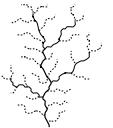
$$\bar{s}_\omega \approx \rho_{dd}^{-1} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} T_k \right)$$

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

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

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

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

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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

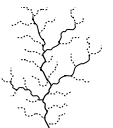
$$R_\ell = R_s = R_T$$

- 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_ℓ 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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...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_ω order 1 side streams, we have:

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

- For large ω , Tokunaga's law is the solution—let's check ...

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The other way round

- Note: We can invert the expressions for R_n and R_ℓ to find Tokunaga's parameters in terms of Horton's parameters.

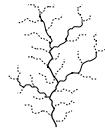
$$R_T = R_\ell,$$

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

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

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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

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

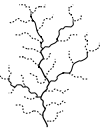
$$T_k = (R_\ell - 1) \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} T_1 R_\ell^{i-1} \right)$$

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

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

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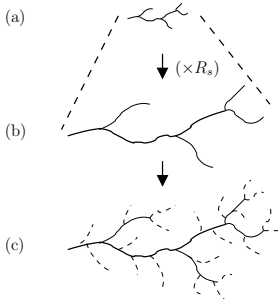
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From Horton to Tokunaga [2]



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

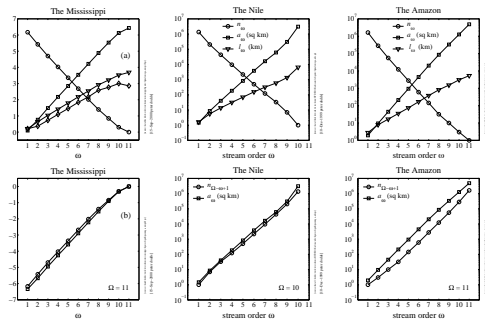
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Horton's laws of area and number:



- In bottom plots, stream number graph has been flipped vertically.
- Highly suggestive that $R_n \equiv R_a$...

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Measuring Horton ratios is tricky:

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

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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 Ω basin (assuming uniform drainage density)

So:

$$a_\Omega \simeq \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} n_\omega \bar{s}_\omega / \rho_{dd}$$

$$\propto \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \underbrace{R_n^{\Omega-\omega}}_{n_\omega} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\bar{s}_1} \cdot \underbrace{R_s^{\omega-1}}_{\bar{s}_\omega}$$

$$= \frac{R_n^\Omega}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \left(\frac{R_s}{R_n} \right)^\omega$$

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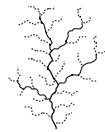
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Mississippi:

ω range	R_n	R_a	R_ℓ	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 μ	4.69	4.85	2.40	2.33	1.04
std dev σ	0.21	0.13	0.04	0.07	0.03
σ/μ	0.045	0.027	0.015	0.031	0.024

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Reducing Horton's laws:

Continued ...

$$a_\Omega \propto \frac{R_n^\Omega}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \sum_{\omega=1}^{\Omega} \left(\frac{R_s}{R_n} \right)^\omega$$

$$= \frac{R_n^\Omega}{R_s} \bar{s}_1 \frac{R_s}{R_n} \frac{1 - (R_s/R_n)^\Omega}{1 - (R_s/R_n)}$$

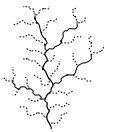
$$\sim R_n^{\Omega-1} \bar{s}_1 \frac{1}{1 - (R_s/R_n)} \text{ as } \Omega \nearrow$$

So, a_Ω is growing like R_n^Ω and therefore:

$$R_n \equiv R_a$$

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Amazon:

ω range	R_n	R_a	R_ℓ	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 μ	4.42	4.53	2.25	2.10	1.02
std dev σ	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.02
σ/μ	0.038	0.023	0.045	0.042	0.019

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Reducing Horton's laws:

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 ↗

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Equipartitioning:

Intriguing division of area:

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

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

Reason:

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

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

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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**:
 $(T_1, R_T) \Leftrightarrow (R_n, R_s)$

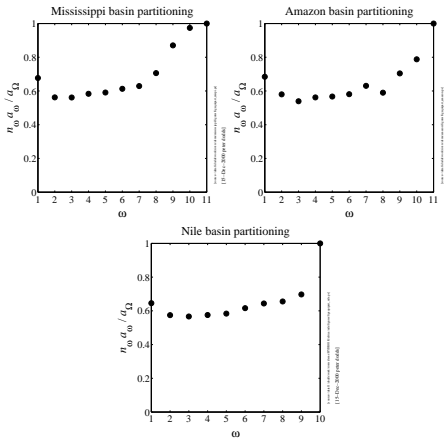
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Equipartitioning:

Some examples:



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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 ℓ ? $P(\ell) \propto \ell^{-\gamma}$ for large ℓ
- Roughly observed: $1.3 \lesssim \tau \lesssim 1.5$ and $1.7 \lesssim \gamma \lesssim 2.0$

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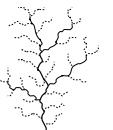
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Probability distributions with power-law decays

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

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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 [17, 1, 2]
- Let's work on $P(\ell)$...
- Our first fudge: assume Horton's laws hold throughout a basin of order Ω .
- (We know they deviate from strict laws for low ω and high ω but not too much.)
- Next: place stick between teeth. Bite stick. Proceed.

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Finding γ :

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

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

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

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

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Finding γ :

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

$$P_{>}(\ell_*) = P(\ell > \ell_*) = \int_{\ell=\ell_*}^{\ell_{\max}} P(\ell) d\ell$$



$$P_{>}(\ell_*) = 1 - P(\ell < \ell_*)$$

- Also known as the exceedance probability.

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Finding γ :

- Set $\ell_* = \bar{\ell}_\omega$ for some $1 \ll \omega \ll \Omega$.

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

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

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

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Finding γ :

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

$$P_{>}(\ell_*) = \int_{\ell=\ell_*}^{\ell_{\max}} P(\ell) d\ell$$

$$\sim \int_{\ell=\ell_*}^{\ell_{\max}} \ell^{-\gamma} d\ell$$

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

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

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Finding γ :

- We are here:

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

- Cleaning up irrelevant constants:

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

- 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 γ :



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

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

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

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

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Scaling laws

Finding γ :

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

Finding γ :

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 $\bar{\ell}_\omega \approx \bar{\ell}_1 R_\ell^{\omega-1}$.



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

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Scaling laws

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\ell}_\omega &\propto e^{\omega \ln R_s} \propto (e^{\omega \ln R_n})^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n} \\ &\propto (R_n^\omega)^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n} \propto \bar{a}_\omega^{\ln R_s / \ln R_n} \Rightarrow h = \ln R_s / \ln R_n \end{aligned}$$

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Scaling laws

Finding γ :

Therefore:

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



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



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



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



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

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

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Connecting exponents

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

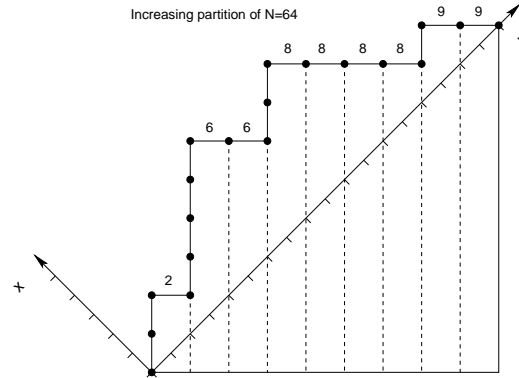
relation:	scaling relation/parameter: [2]
$\ell \sim L^d$	d
$T_k = T_1(R_T)^{k-1}$	$T_1 = R_n - R_s - 2 + 2R_s/R_n$ $R_T = R_s$
$n_\omega/n_{\omega+1} = R_n$	R_n
$\bar{a}_{\omega+1}/\bar{a}_\omega = R_a$	$R_a = R_n$
$\ell_{\omega+1}/\ell_\omega = R_\ell$	$R_\ell = R_s$
$\ell \sim a^h$	$h = \ln R_s /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

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Scheidegger's model



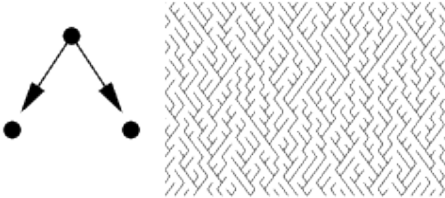
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Scheidegger's model

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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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_ℓ have not been derived analytically.

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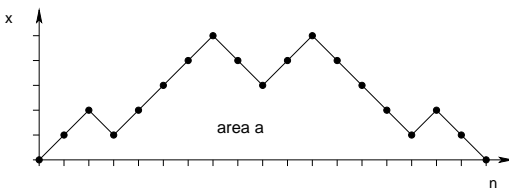
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A toy model—Scheidegger's model

Random walk basins:

Boundaries of basins are random walks



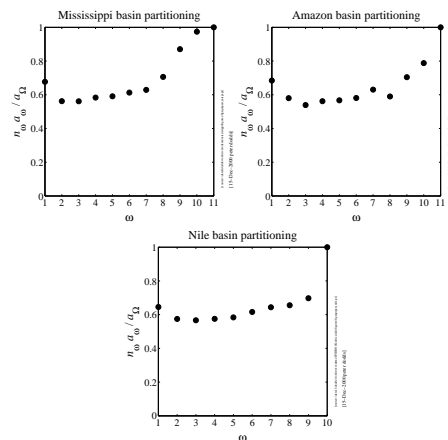
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Equipartitioning reexamined:

Recall this story:



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Equipartitioning

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 ...

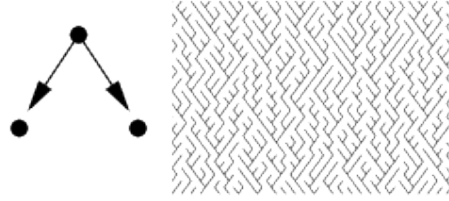
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$$P(\searrow) = P(\swarrow) = 1/2$$

Flow is directed downwards

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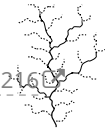
Hard neural reboot (sound matters):



https://twitter.com/round_boys/status/951873765964681216

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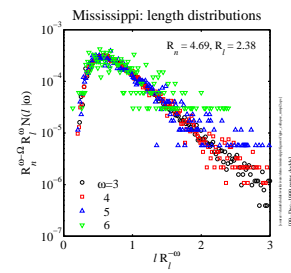
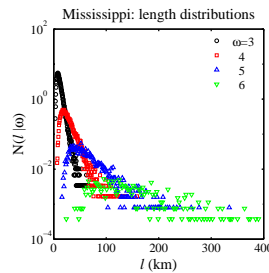
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$$\bar{\ell}_\omega \propto (R_\ell)^\omega \Rightarrow N(\ell|\omega) = (R_n R_\ell)^{-\omega} F_\ell(\ell/R_\ell^\omega)$$

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



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

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Fluctuations

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 ...

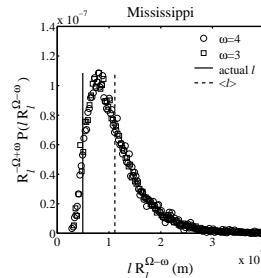
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Generalizing Horton's laws

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.

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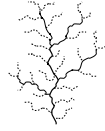
Comparison of predicted versus measured main stream lengths for large scale river networks (in 10³ km):

basin:	ℓ_Ω	$\bar{\ell}_\Omega$	σ_ℓ	$\ell_\Omega/\bar{\ell}_\Omega$	$\sigma_\ell/\bar{\ell}_\Omega$
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_Ω	\bar{a}_Ω	σ_a	a_Ω/\bar{a}_Ω	σ_a/\bar{a}_Ω
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

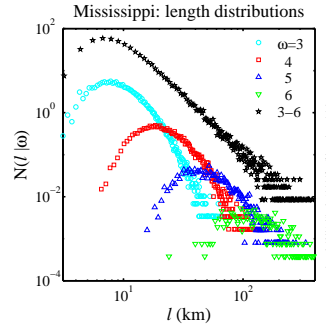
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Next level up: Main stream length distributions must combine to give overall distribution for stream length



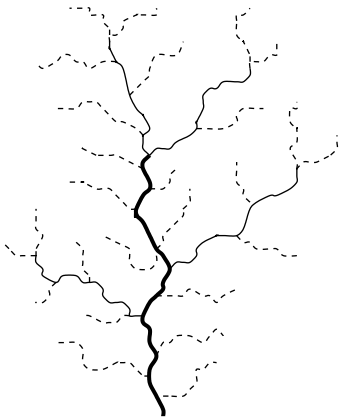
- $P(\ell) \sim \ell^{-\gamma}$
- Another round of convolutions^[3]
- Interesting ...

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Combining stream segments distributions:



Stream segments sum to give main stream lengths

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

$P(\ell_\omega)$ is a convolution of distributions for the s_ω

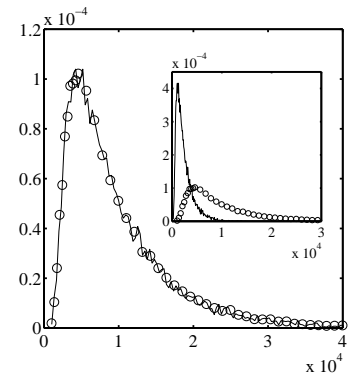
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- Number and area distributions for the Scheidegger model^[3]
- $P(n_{1,6})$ versus $P(a_6)$ for a randomly selected $\omega = 6$ basin.



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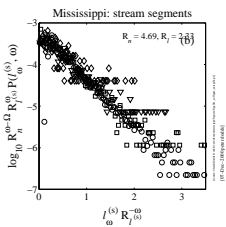
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Sum of variables $\ell_\omega = \sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=\omega} s_\mu$ leads to convolution of distributions:

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



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

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

Mississippi: $\xi \approx 900$ m.

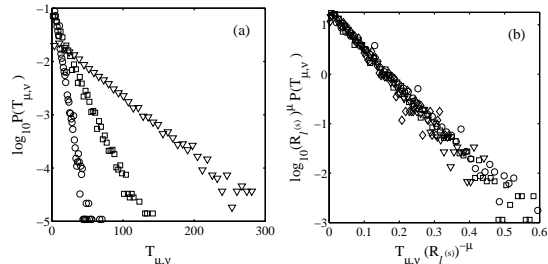
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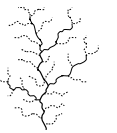
Scheidegger:



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

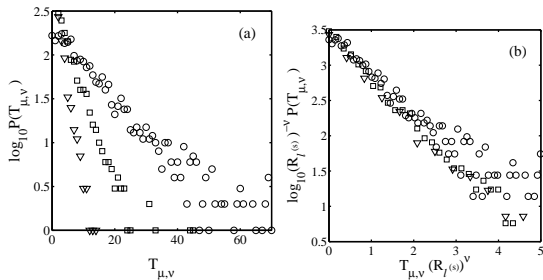
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Mississippi:



Same data collapse for Mississippi ...

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

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

- Probability decays exponentially with stream order
- Inter-tributary lengths exponentially distributed
- ⇒ random spatial distribution of stream segments

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

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

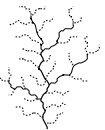
$$P(s_\mu, T_{\mu, \nu}) = \tilde{p}_\mu \left(\frac{s_\mu - 1}{T_{\mu, \nu}} \right) p_\nu^{T_{\mu, \nu}} (1 - p_\nu - \tilde{p}_\mu)^{s_\mu - T_{\mu, \nu} - 1}$$

where

- p_ν = probability of absorbing an order ν side stream
- \tilde{p}_μ = probability of an order μ stream terminating
- Approximation: depends on distance units of s_μ
- In each unit of distance along stream, there is one chance of a side stream entering or the stream terminating.

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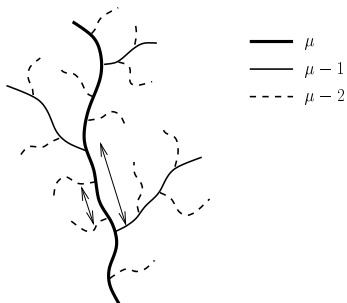
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Network architecture:

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



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- 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

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

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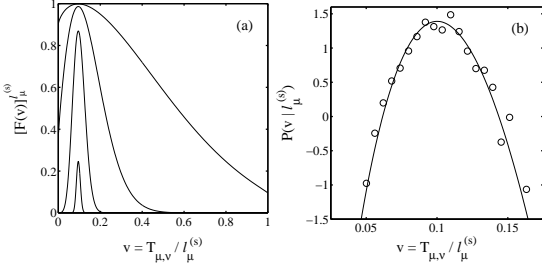
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Checking form of $P(s_\mu, T_{\mu, \nu})$ works:

Scheidegger:



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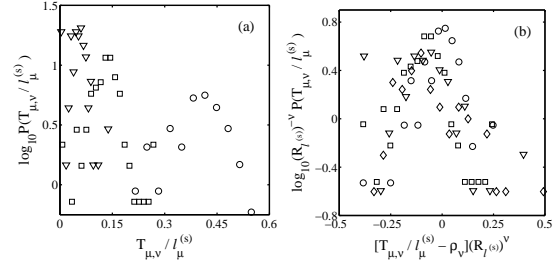
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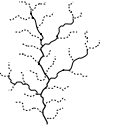
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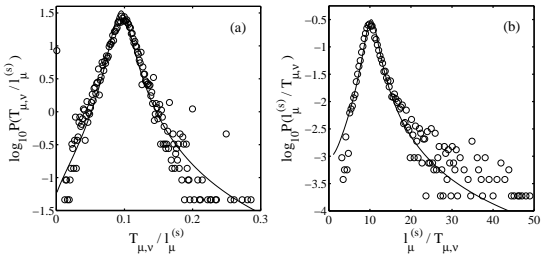
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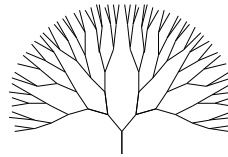
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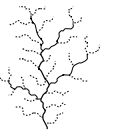
Random subnetworks on a Bethe lattice [13]

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



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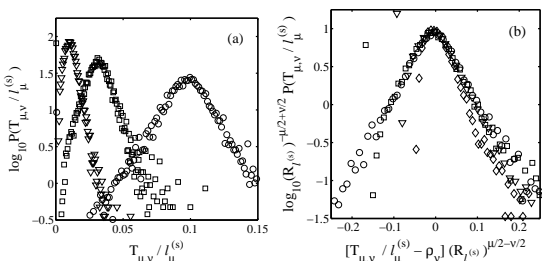
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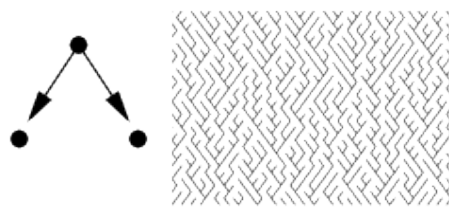
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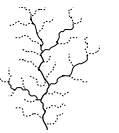


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Optimal channel networks

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.

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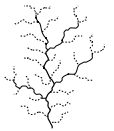
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Theoretical networks

Summary of universality classes:

network	h	d
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

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

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

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Branching networks II Key Points:

- 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'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_ℓ , 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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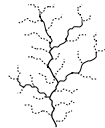
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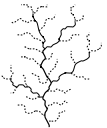
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