

Branching Networks II

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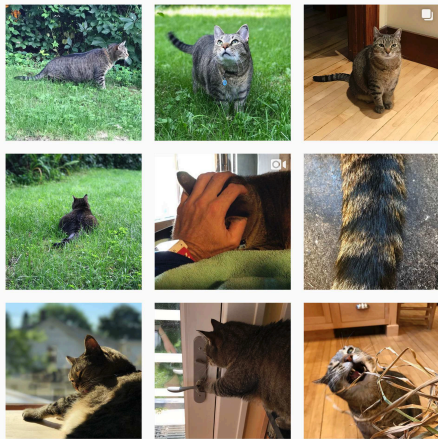


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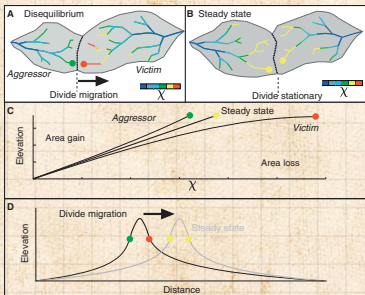
Piracy on the high χ 's:



"Dynamic Reorganization of River Basins" 

Willett et al.,

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



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

$$z(x) = z_b + \left(\frac{U}{K A_0^m} \right)^{1/n} \chi$$

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

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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 ^[18, 19, 20, 9, 2]

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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:

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

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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_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:

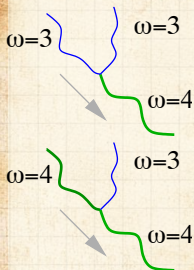
1. Running into another stream of order ω and generating a stream of order $\omega + 1$

...

▶ $2n_{\omega+1}$ streams of order ω do this

2. 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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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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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

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

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

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

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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_α must as well ...
- 🧱 Suggests Horton's laws must contain some redundancy
- 🧱 We'll in fact see that $R_\alpha = R_n$.
- 🧱 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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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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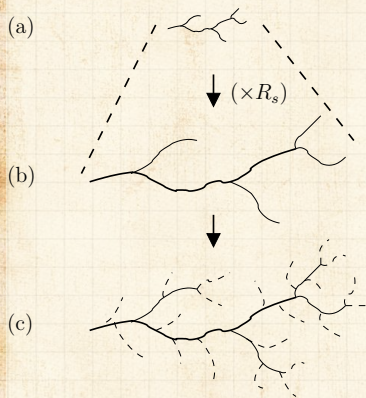
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From Horton to Tokunaga [2]



 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_e , orders increment to $\omega + 1$ and ω .

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

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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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Just checking:

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

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



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

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

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

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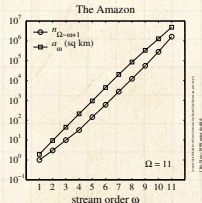
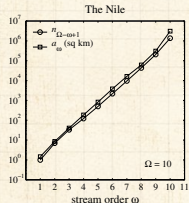
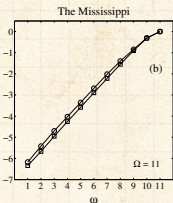
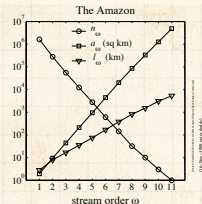
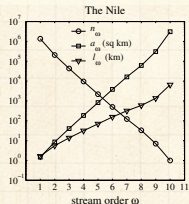
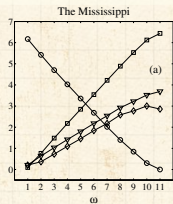
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Horton's laws of area and number:



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



Highly suggestive that $R_n \equiv R_a \dots$



Measuring Horton ratios is tricky:

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How robust are our estimates of ratios?



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



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| 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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| 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:

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:

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

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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_{Ω} is growing like R_n^{Ω} and therefore:

$$R_n \equiv R_a$$

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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 




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:

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

 Reason:

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

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

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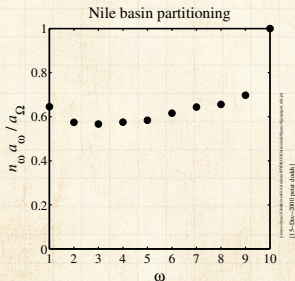
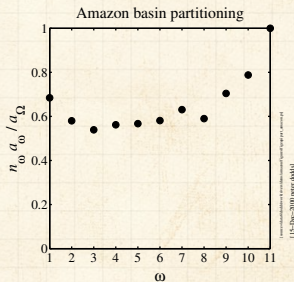
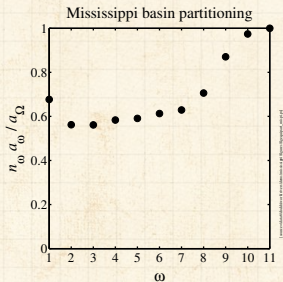
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Equipartitioning:

Some examples:



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

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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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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 :



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.

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Scaling laws

Finding γ :

 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_*

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

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

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

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

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Finding γ :

-  **Aim:** determine probability of randomly choosing a point on a network with main stream length $> l_*$
-  Assume some spatial sampling resolution Δ
-  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:
 $\bar{s}_\omega / \bar{s}_{\omega-1} = R_s \dots$

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Finding γ :


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



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

 Δ 's cancel

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

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

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



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 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 $\omega' = \omega + 1$)

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Finding γ :



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

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

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Finding γ :

 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}_ω .

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



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

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Finding γ :

 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 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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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:

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

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

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

Relation: **Name or description:**

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

Tokunaga's law

self-affinity of single channels

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

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

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

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 |
| $\bar{a}_{\omega+1}/\bar{a}_\omega = R_a$ | $R_a = R_n$ |
| $\bar{\ell}_{\omega+1}/\bar{\ell}_\omega = R_\ell$ | $R_\ell = R_s$ |
| $\ell \sim a^h$ | $h = \ln R_s / \ln R_n$ |
| $a \sim L^D$ | $D = d/h$ |
| $L_\perp \sim L^H$ | $H = d/h - 1$ |
| $P(a) \sim a^{-\tau}$ | $\tau = 2 - h$ |
| $P(\ell) \sim \ell^{-\gamma}$ | $\gamma = 1/h$ |
| $\Lambda \sim a^\beta$ | $\beta = 1 + h$ |
| $\lambda \sim L^\varphi$ | $\varphi = d$ |

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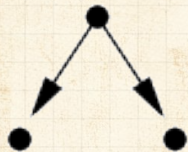
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Directed random networks ^[11, 12]



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



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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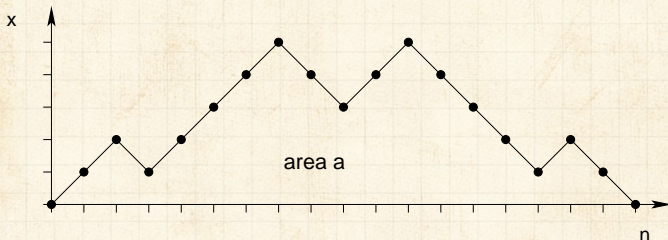
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Random walk basins:

 Boundaries of basins are random walks



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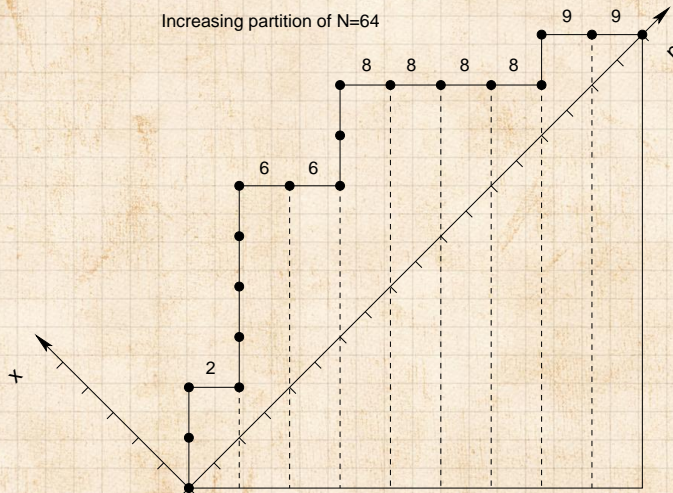
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Prob for first return of a random walk in (1+1)
dimensions (from CSYS/MATH 300):



$$P(n) \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} n^{-3/2}.$$

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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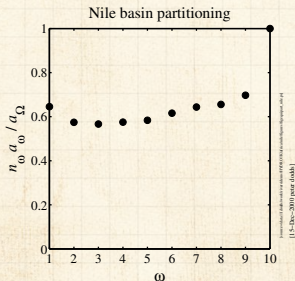
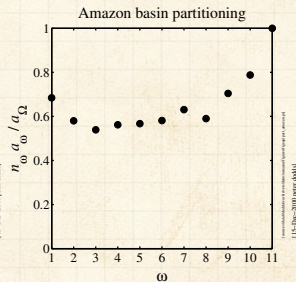
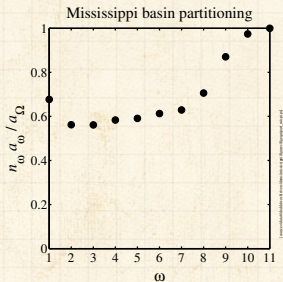


Equipartitioning reexamined:

Recall this story:

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 What about

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

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

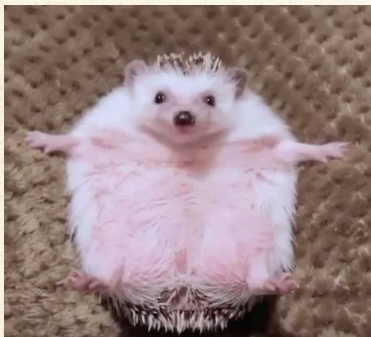
$$aP(a) \sim a^{-\tau+1} \neq \text{const}$$

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

 while stream ordering separates basins ...



Hard neural reboot (sound matters):



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

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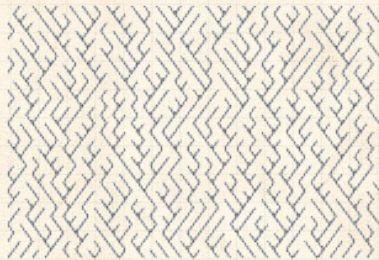
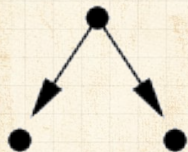
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$$P(\searrow) = P(\swarrow) = 1/2$$



Flow is directed downwards

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Generalizing Horton's laws

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

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

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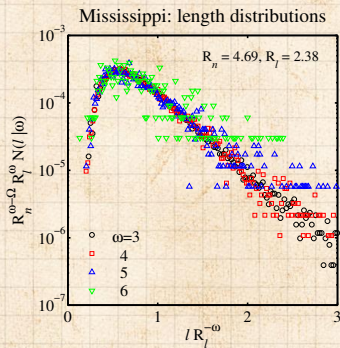
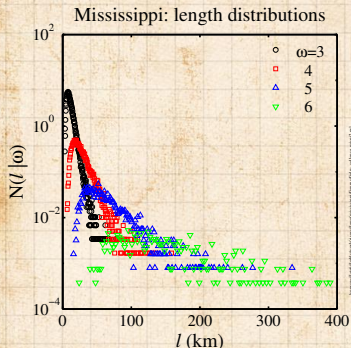
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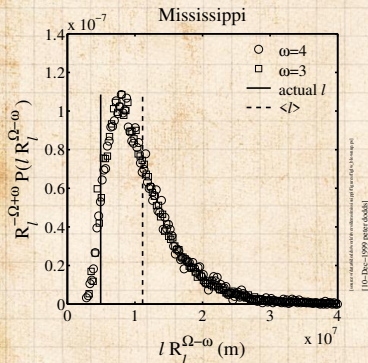



 Scaling collapse works well for intermediate orders

 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.

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Comparison of predicted versus measured main stream lengths for large scale river networks (in 10^3 km):

| basin: | l_Ω | \bar{l}_Ω | σ_l | l_Ω/\bar{l}_Ω | σ_l/\bar{l}_Ω |
|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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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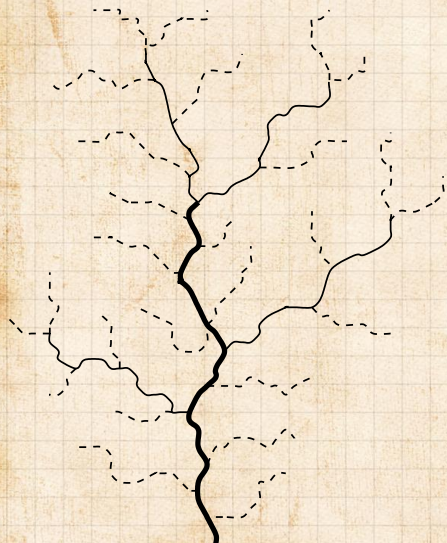
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Combining stream segments distributions:



 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_ω

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

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

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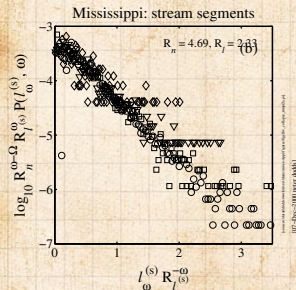
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$$N(s|\omega) = \frac{1}{R_n^\omega R_l^\omega} F(s/R_l^\omega)$$

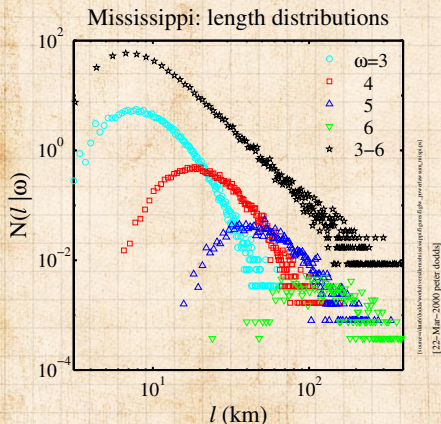
$$F(x) = e^{-x/\xi}$$

Mississippi: $\xi \simeq 900$ m.



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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 ^[3]



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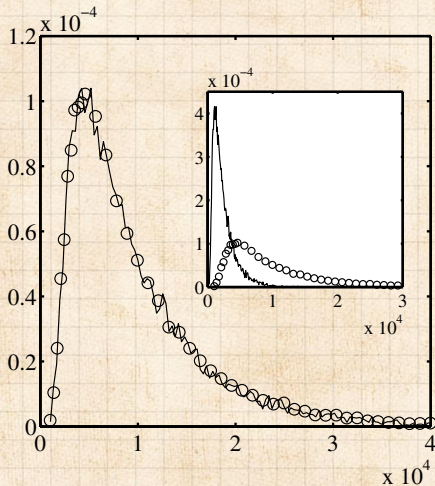
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 Number and area distributions for the Scheidegger model [3]

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



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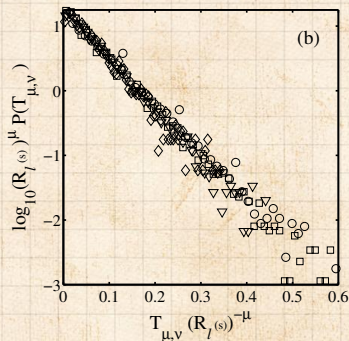
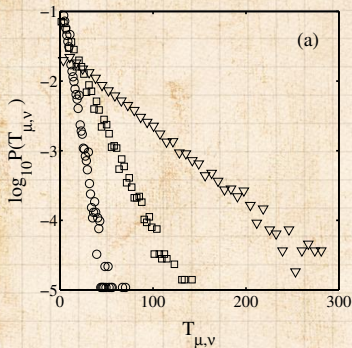
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Scheidegger:



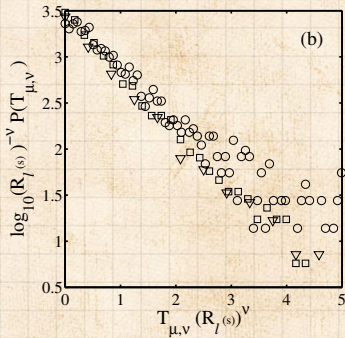
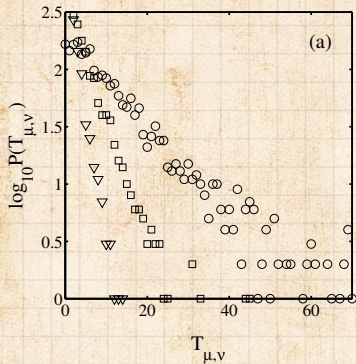
- Observe exponential distributions for $T_{\mu,\nu}$
- Scaling collapse works using R_s

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Same data collapse for Mississippi ...



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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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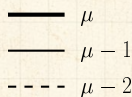
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Network architecture:

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



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

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

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

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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_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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 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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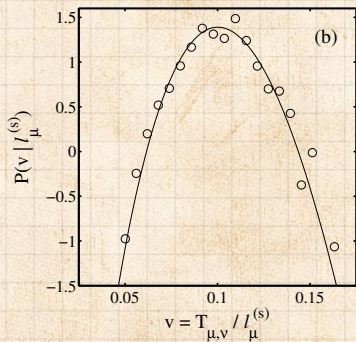
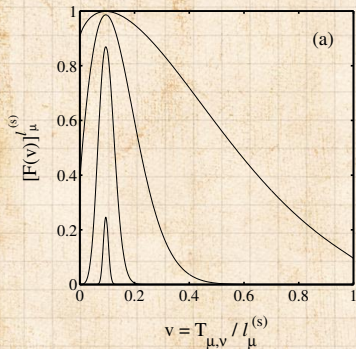
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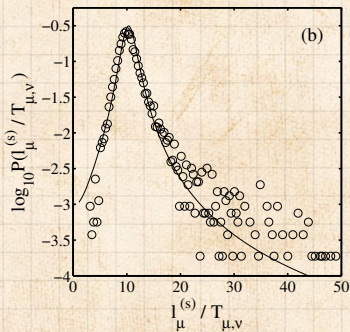
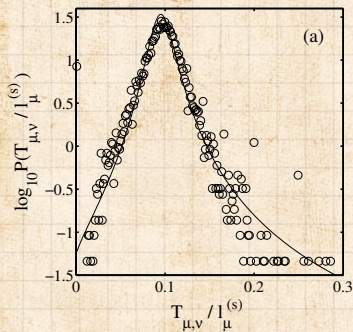
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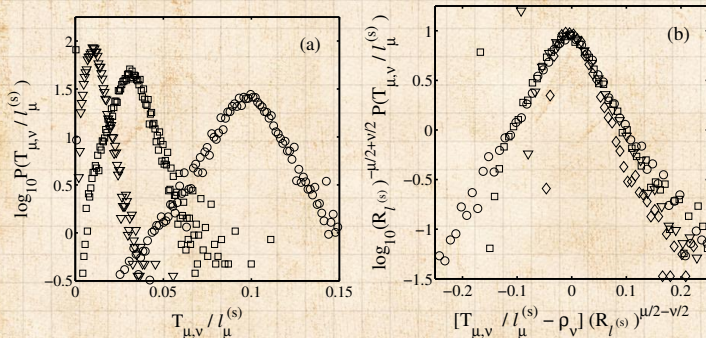
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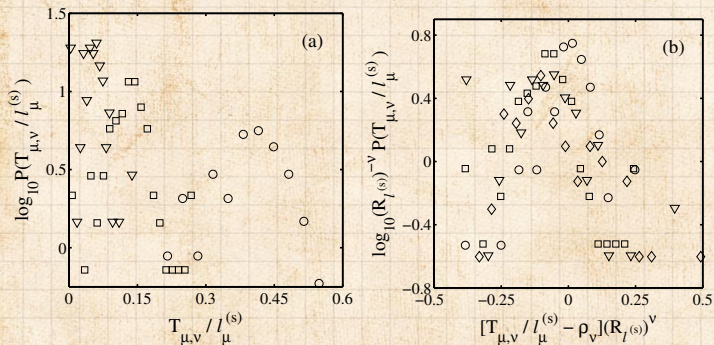
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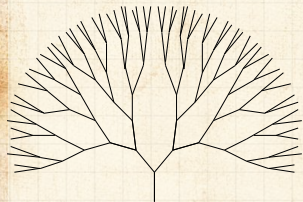
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Random subnetworks on a Bethe lattice ^[13]



- ❏ 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 \simeq infinite dimensional spaces (oops).
- ❏ So let's move on ...

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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]

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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 |

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

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

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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_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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