Optimal Supply Networks I: Branching

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Basic question for distribution/supply networks: & How does flow behave given cost:

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(a) $\gamma > 1$: Braided (bulk) flow (b) $\gamma < 1$: Local minimum: Branching flow (c) $\gamma < 1$: Global minimum: Branching flow Note: This is a single source supplying a region.

From Bohn and Magnasco^[3] See also Banavar *et al.*^[1]: "Topology of the Fittest Transportation Network"; focus is on presence or absence of loops—same story



Single source optimal supply Optimal paths related to transport (Monge) problems C:



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"Optimal paths related to transport problems" Qinglan Xia, Communications in Contemporary Mathematics, **5**, 251–279, 2003. ^[19]



Growing networks—two parameter model: [20]

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



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A Parameters control impedance (0 ≤ α < 1) and angles of junctions (0 < β)
A For this example: α = 0.6 and β = 0.5

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δ Top: $\alpha = 0.66$, $\beta = 0.38$; Bottom: $\alpha = 0.66$, $\beta = 0.70$



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An immensely controversial issue ...

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 Real networks differ in details of scaling but reasonably agree in scaling relations.

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River network models

Optimality:

Optimal channel networks^[13]
 Thermodynamic analogy^[14]

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versus ...

Randomness:



Scheidegger's directed random networks

Undirected random networks

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Murray's law (1926) connects branch radii at forks: ^[11, 10, 12, 7, 16]

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See D'Arcy Thompson's "On Growth and Form" for background and general inspiration ^[15, 16].

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$$P_{\text{drag}} = \Phi \Delta p = \Phi^2 Z.$$

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 $P_{\text{drag}} = \Phi \Delta p = \Phi^2 Z.$

Also have rate of energy expenditure in maintaining blood given metabolic constant c:

 $P_{\rm metabolic} = cr^2 \ell$



Aside on P_{drag}

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Murray's law:



$$P = P_{drag} + P_{metabolic}$$

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Murray's law:

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where k = constant.

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Murray's law:



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All of this means we have a groovy cube-law:

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

 $\Phi_{\omega} = \text{volume rate of flow into an order } \omega \text{ vessel segment}$

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

🚳 Tokunaga picture:

$$\Phi_{\omega} = 2\Phi_{\omega-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\omega-1} T_k \Phi_{\omega-k}$$

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 $rac{3}{3}$ Find Horton ratio for vessel radius $R_r = r_{\omega}/r_{\omega-1}$...

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

Find R_r^3 satisfies same equation as R_n and R_v (v is for volume):

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

Find R_r^3 satisfies same equation as R_n and R_v (v is for volume):

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Is there more we could do here to constrain the Horton ratios and Tokunaga constants? COcoNuTS @networksvox

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

 \clubsuit Isometry: $V_{\omega} \propto \ell_{\omega}^3$

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Murray meets Tokunaga:

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 So does Turcotte *et al.* (1998)^[17] using Tokunaga (sort of).

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