

Chaos, Complexity & Christianity

10. The exponential surprise and the laws of no power

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Summary

- *Recalls the famous passage of the Vine and the branches and introduces a symbolic interpretation of it.*
- *Relates the exponential number e with the Holy Spirit and the passage with the Eucharistic Doxology.*
- *Reveals how the irrational numbers in the formula of the Gaussian bell π , $\sqrt{2}$ and e are related to the Most Holy Trinity.*
- *Shows that the logarithmic function, the inverse of the exponential, is curiously found in power-laws that reflect natural and man-induced complexity.*
- *Highlights sanctity, the power of zero, as the only possible solution for us to avoid the harmful effects of the omnipresent power-laws.*

A significant passage

(Jn 15:1–10)

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that **does not bear fruit**, and everyone that **does he prunes** so that it bears more **fruit**. You are already **pruned** because of the **word** that I spoke to you. **Remain in me, as I remain in you**. Just as a branch cannot bear **fruit** on its own unless it remains on the vine, **so neither can you unless you remain in me**. **I am the vine, you are the branches**. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much **fruit**, **because without me you can do nothing...***

...Anyone who does not remain in me will be **thrown out** like a branch and **wither**; people will gather them and throw them into a **fire** and they will be **burned**. If you **remain in me** and my words **remain** in you, **ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you**. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear **much fruit** and become my **disciples**. As the Father **loves** me, so I also **love** you. **Remain** in my **love**. If you keep my commandments, you will **remain** in my **love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **remain** in his **love**."

A symbolic translation

(Puente, 2018a, 2021)

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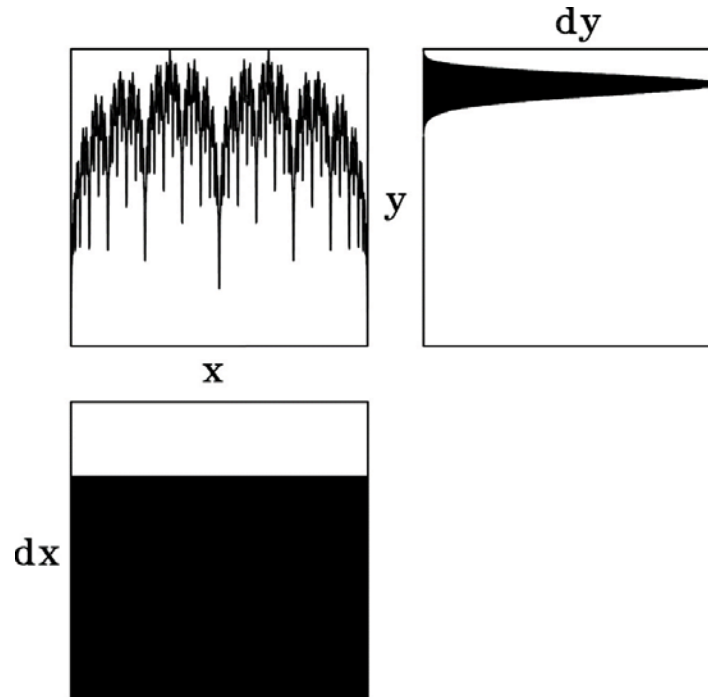
VII. ...through **Christ**, **1/x**, with **Him**, **1 + 1/x**, and in **Him**, **(1 + 1/x)^x**,

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all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever, AMEN. (!)

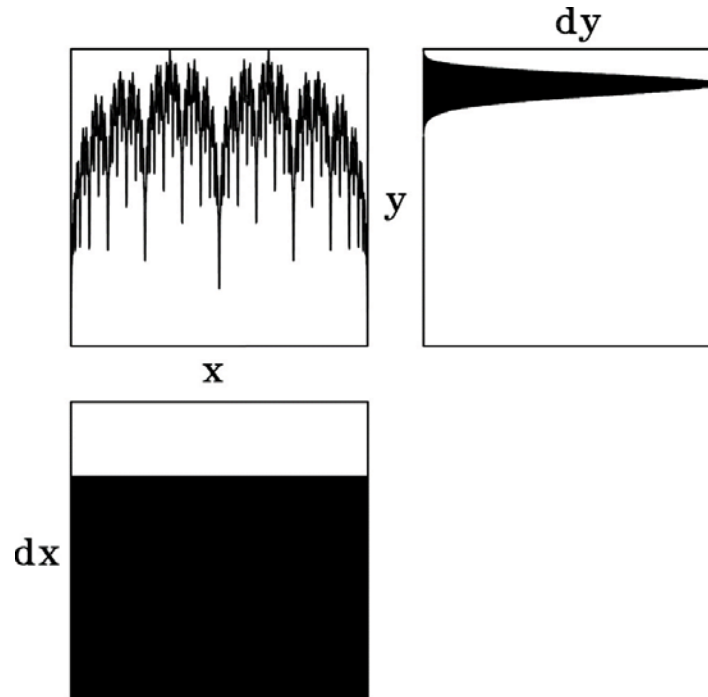
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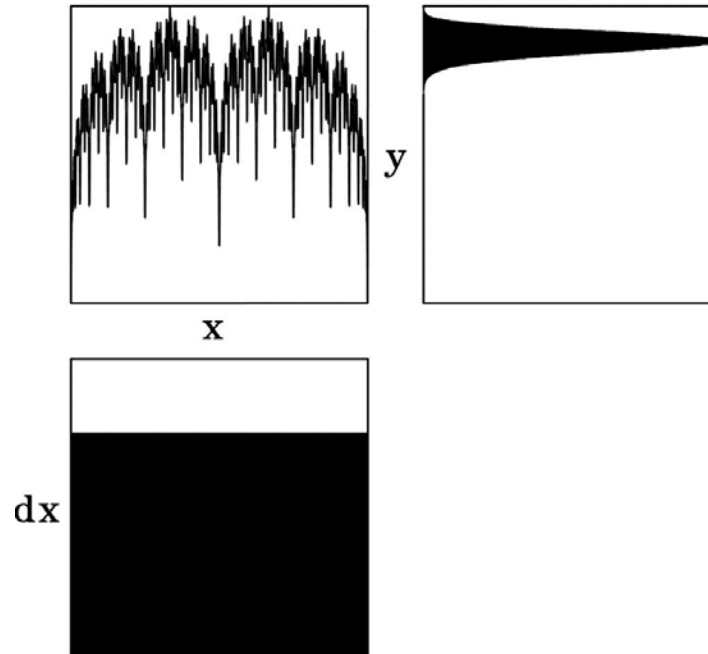
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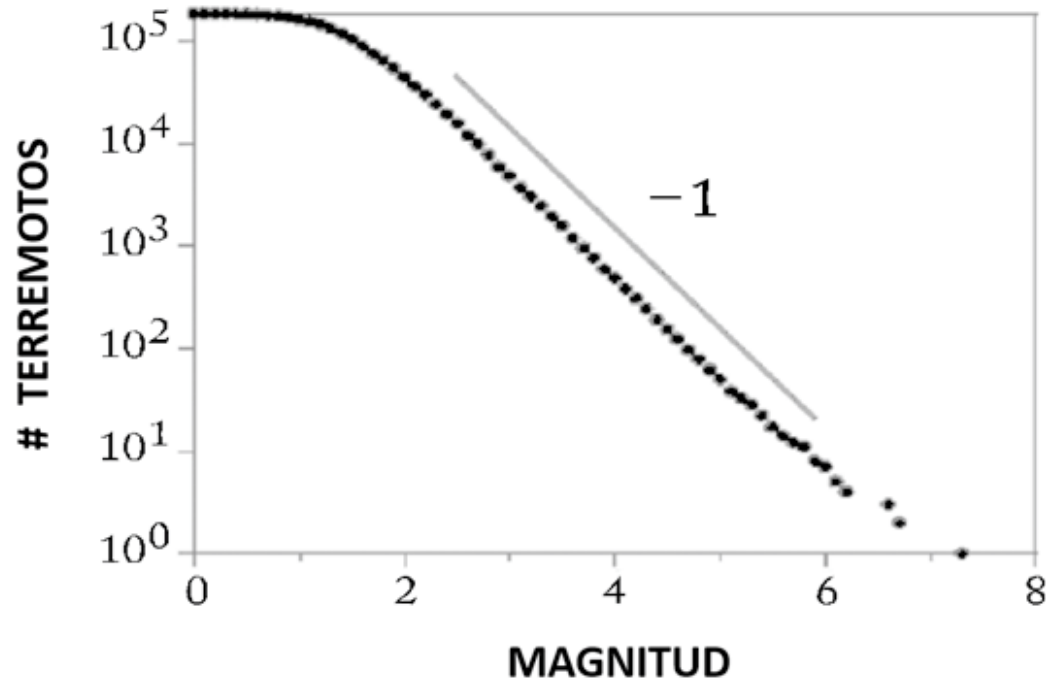
curiously, **violence** gives rise to “**power-laws**”:

straight lines having **negative** slopes in **logarithmic** scales

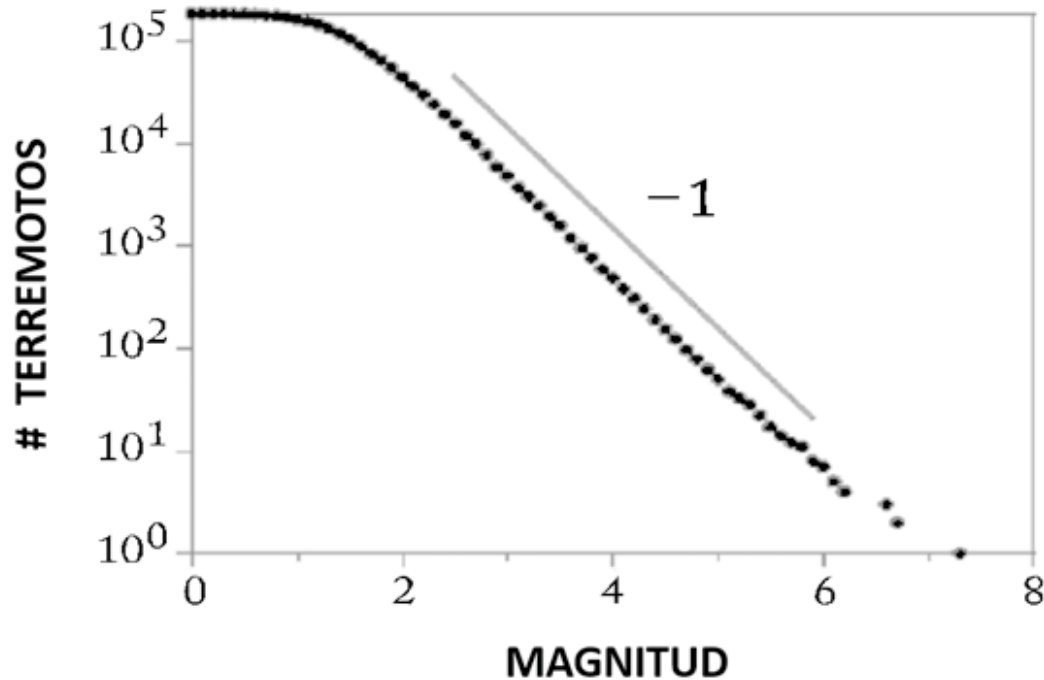
Natural power-laws

The land trembles...

(Gutenberg and Richter, 1954)



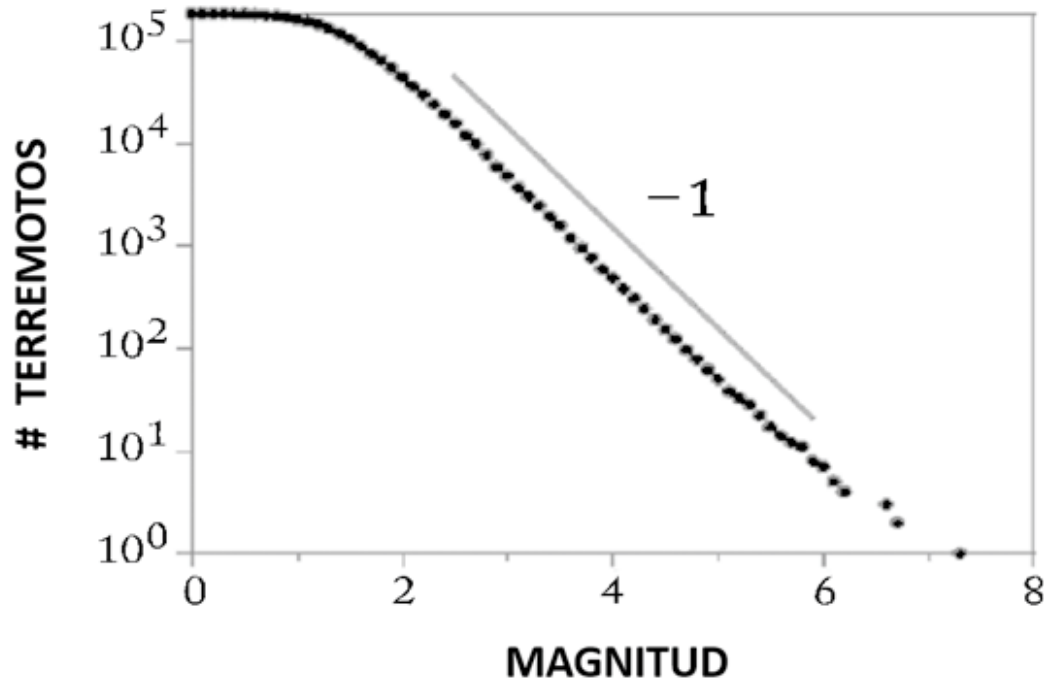
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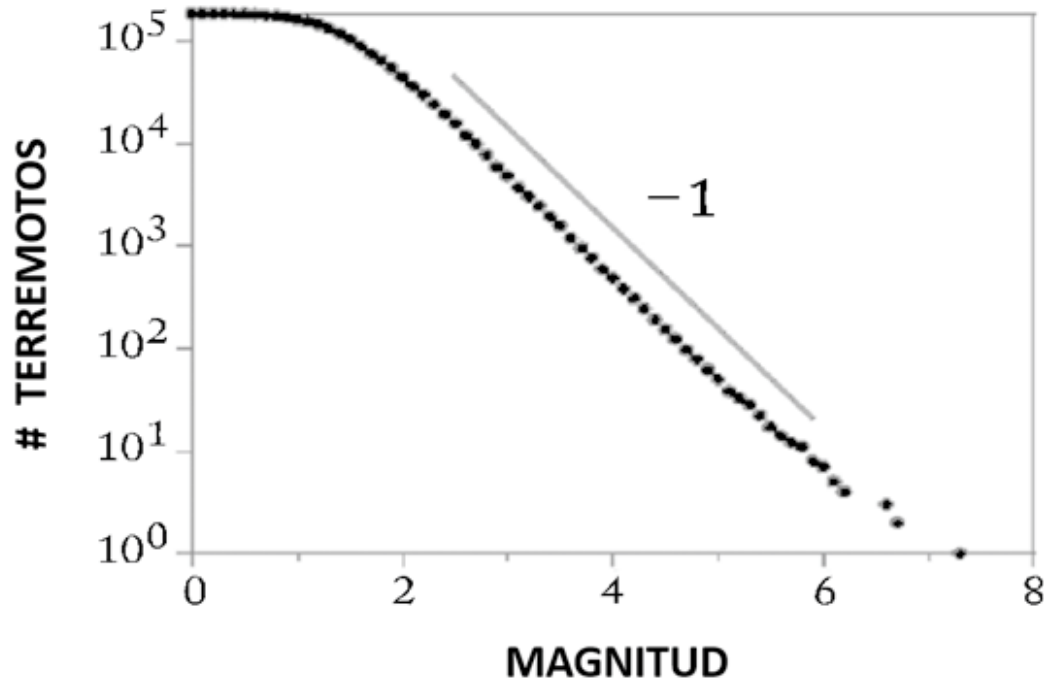
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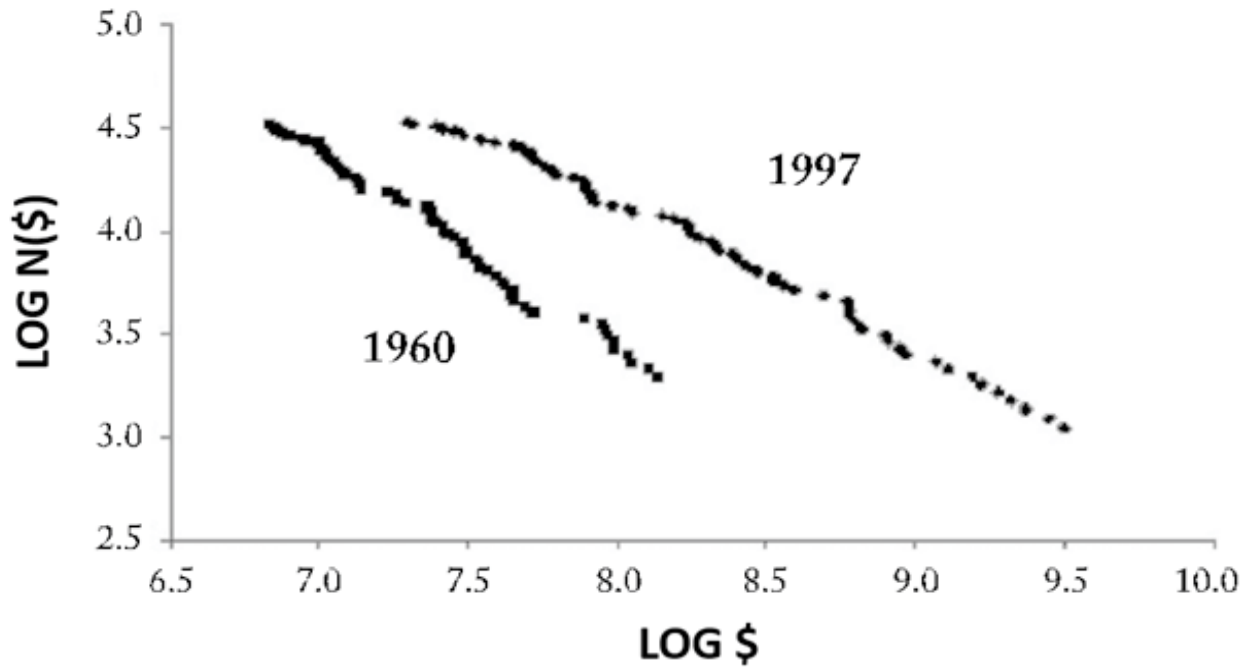
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...*floods, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, forest fires (!)*

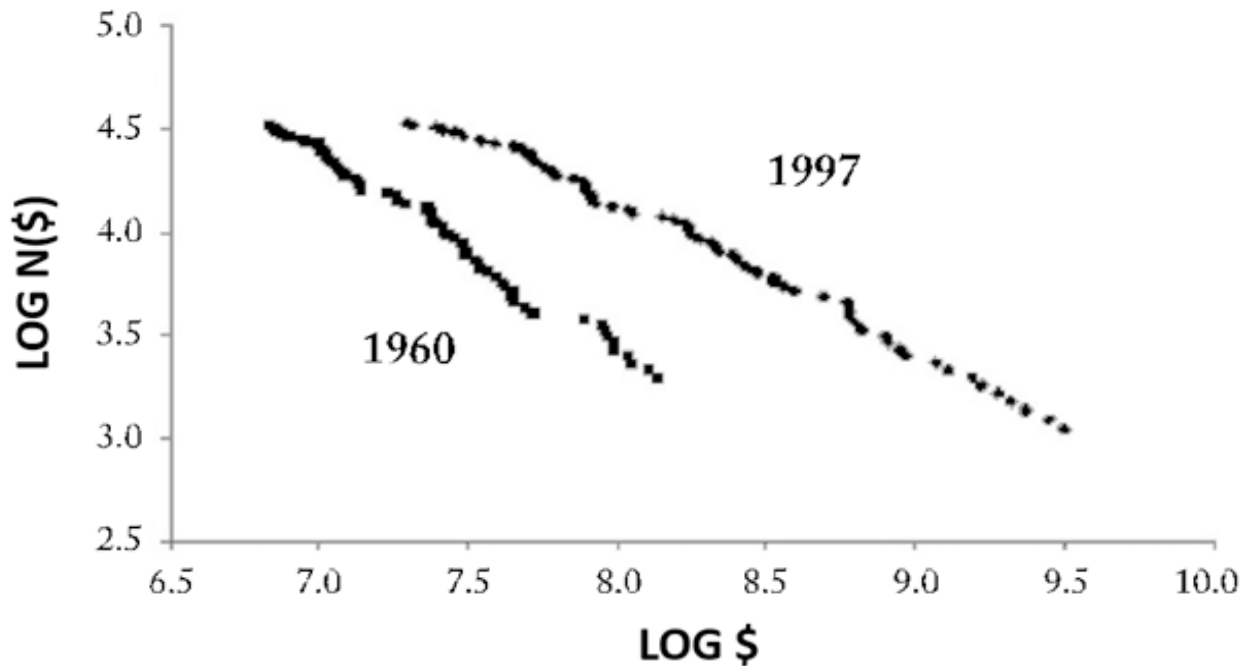
Human power-laws

Economic “efficiency”

(Pareto, 1909; Di Guilmi et al., 2003)

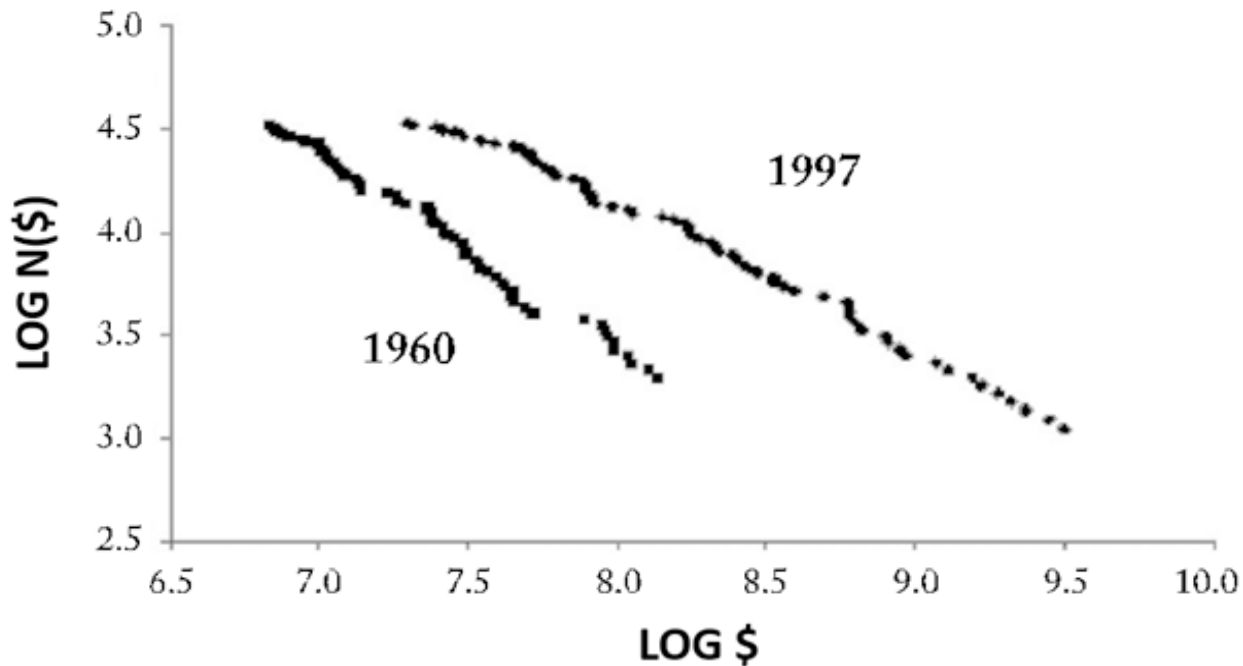


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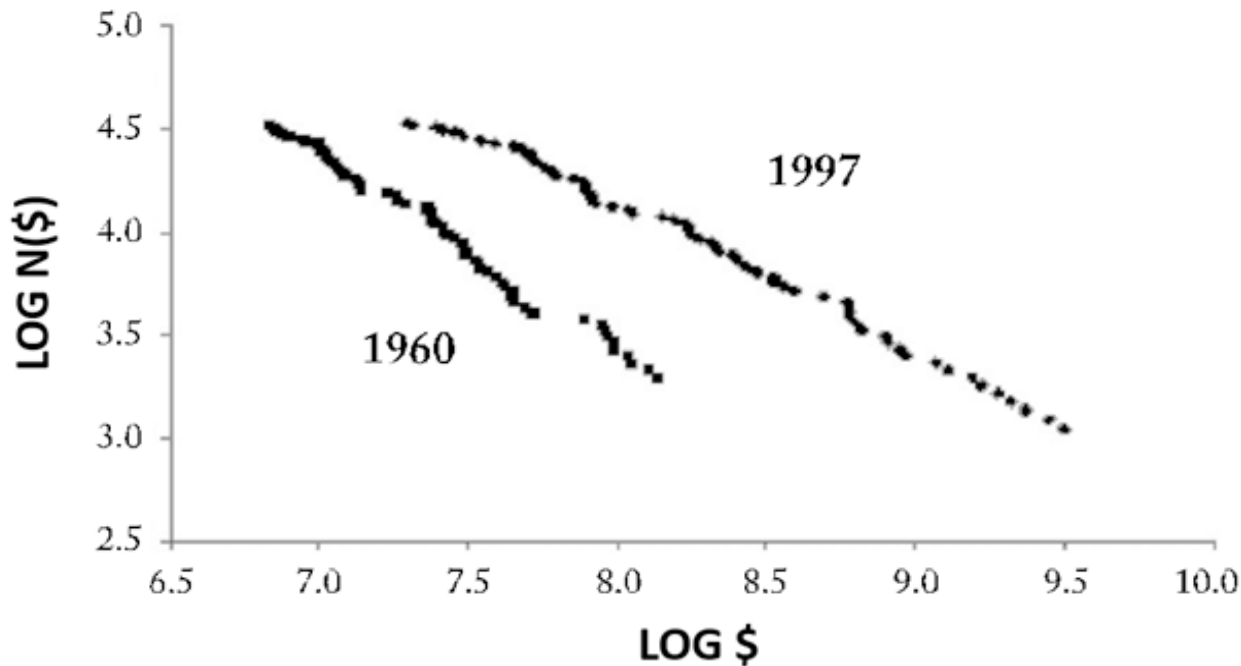
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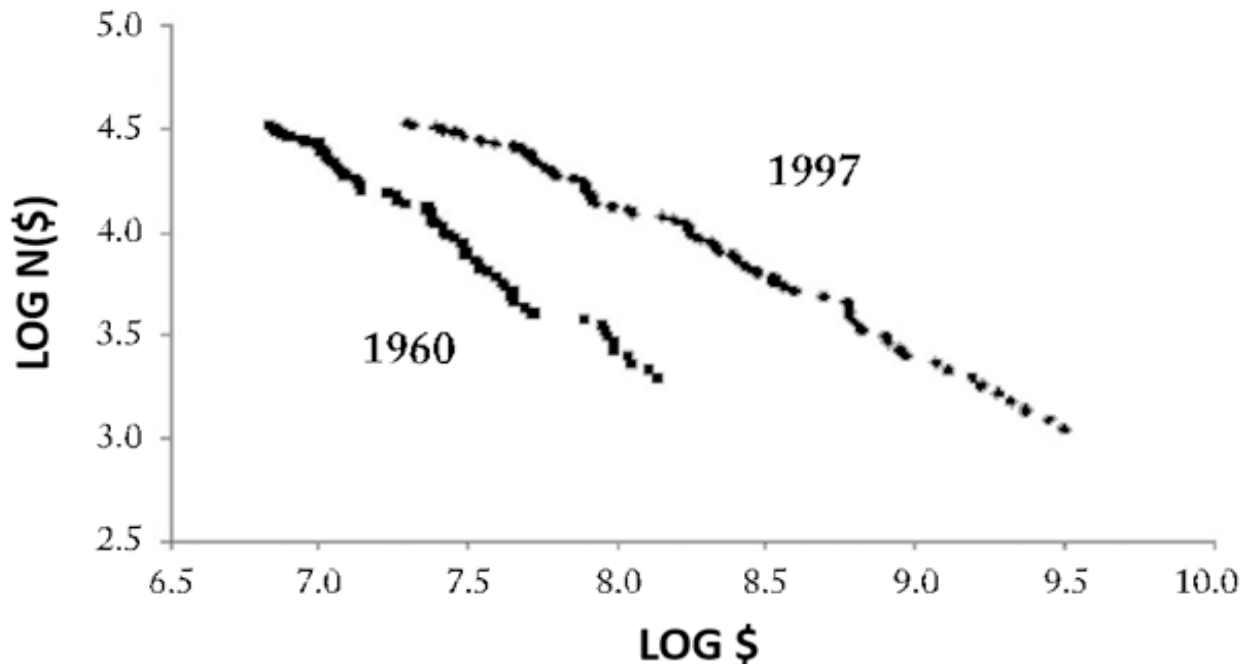


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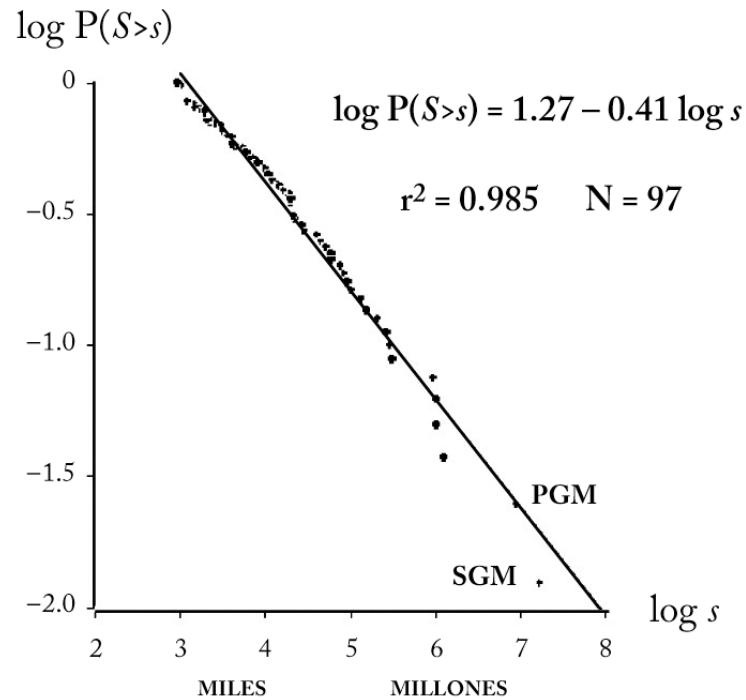
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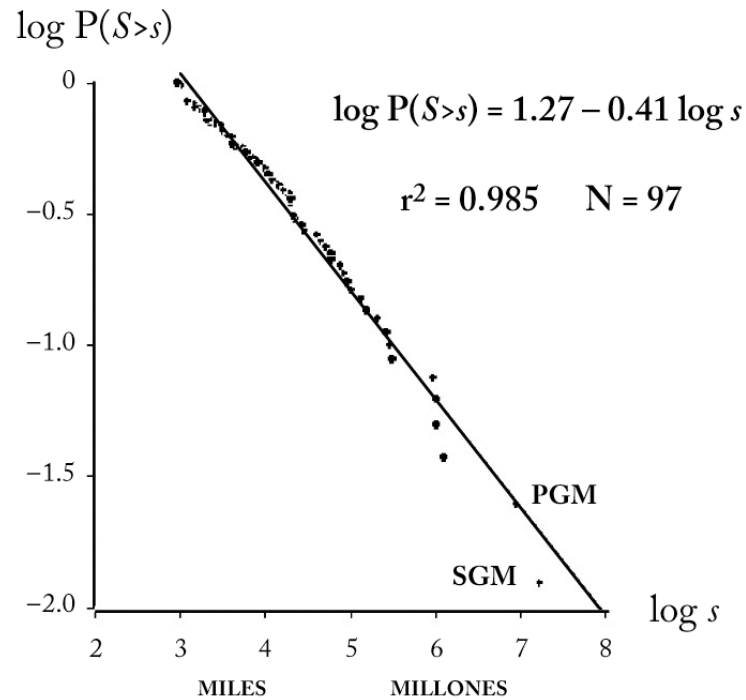
who may fix this? is it by ourselves or together with **Him**?

Historic cruelty

(Richardson, 1960a,b; Cederman, 2003)

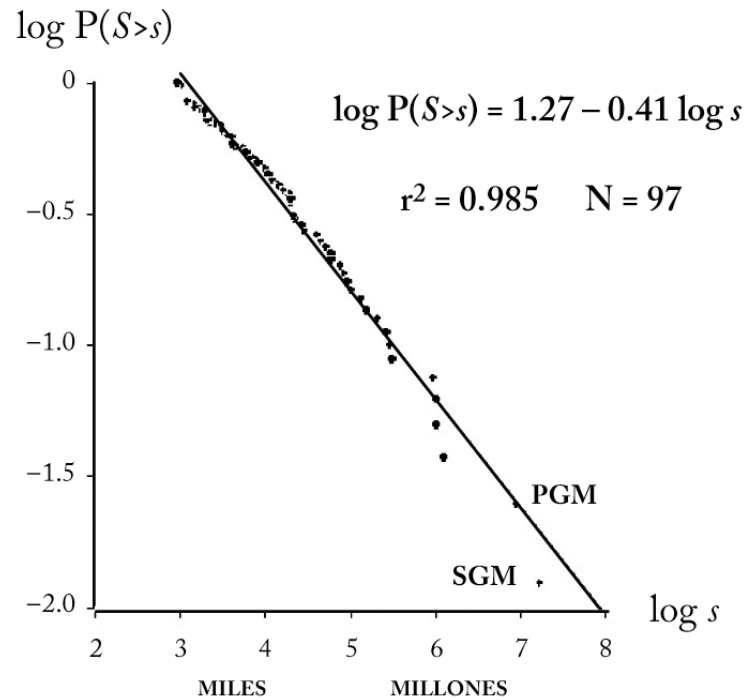


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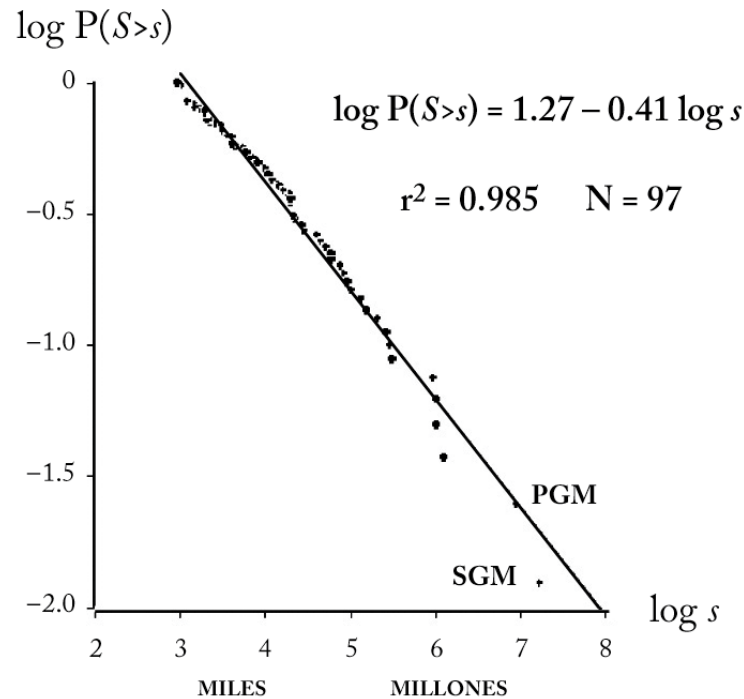
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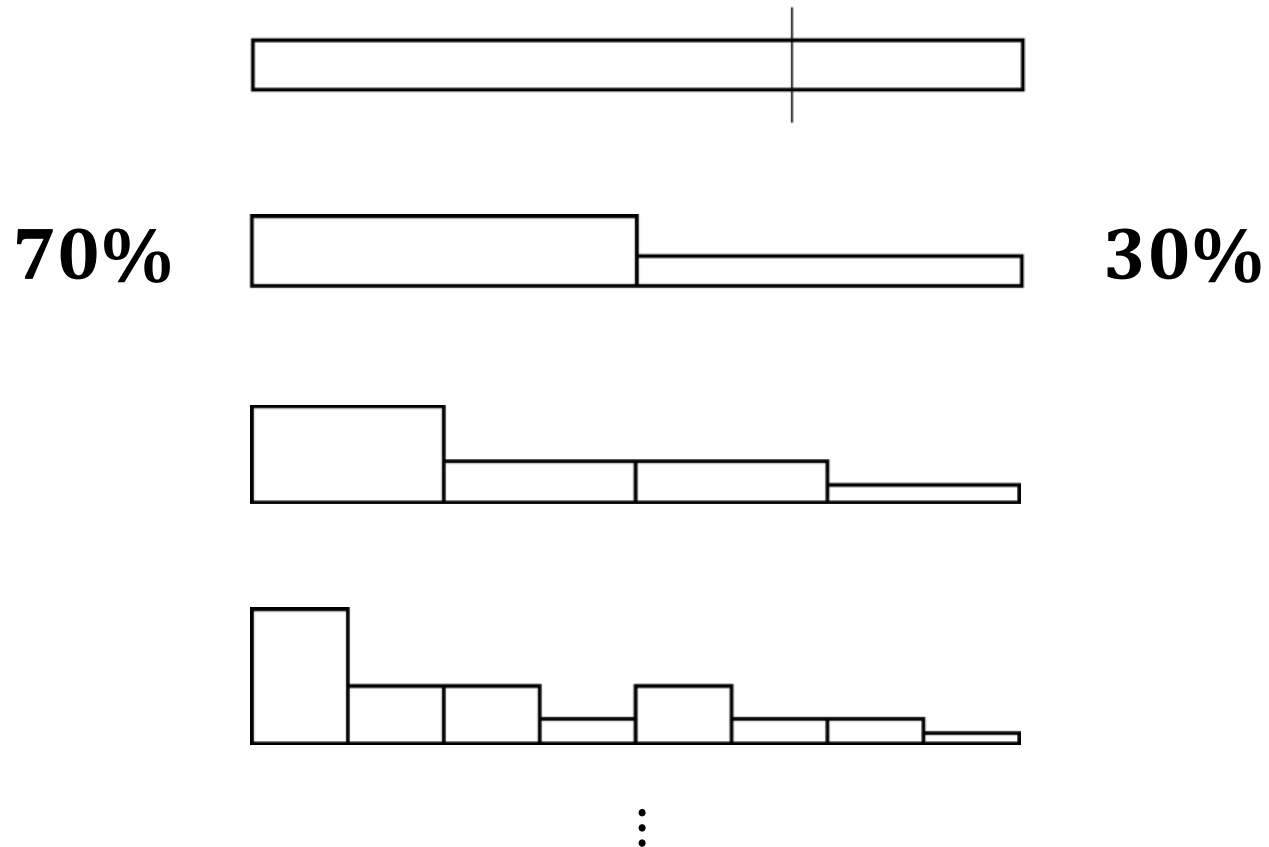
to avoid the “*great war*” **little saints** are required

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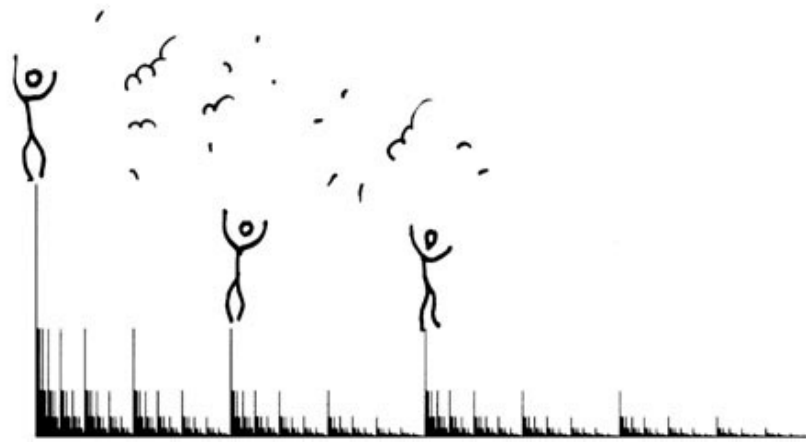
(Puente, 2011)

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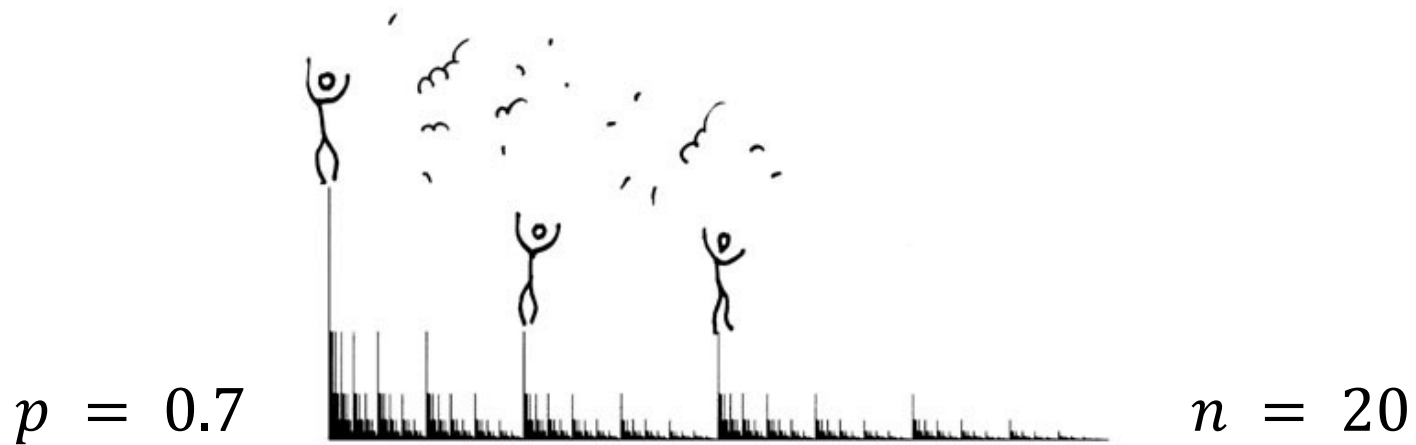
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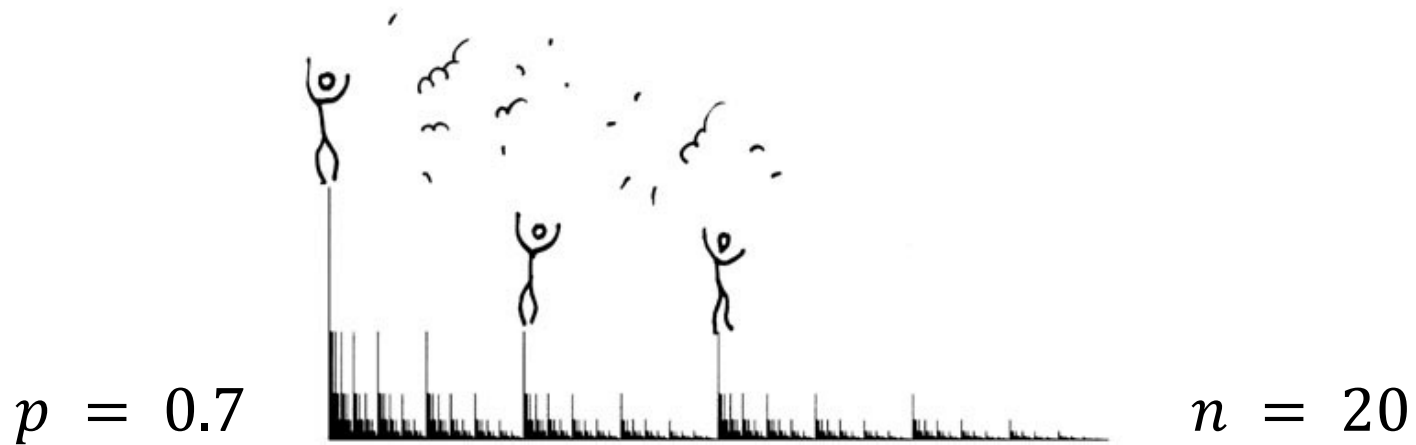
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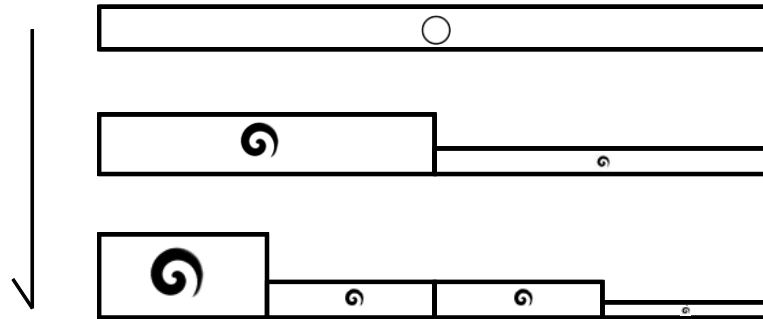
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(Meneveau and Sreenivasan, 1987)

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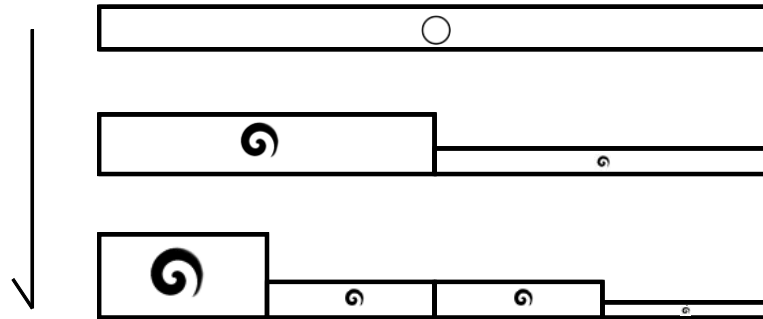


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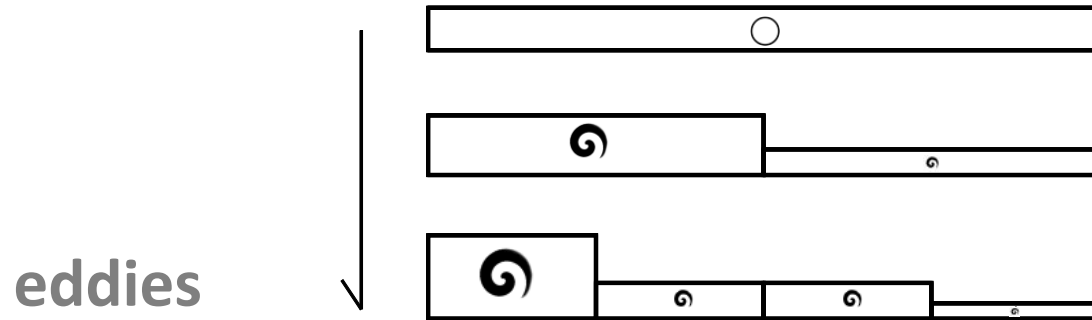


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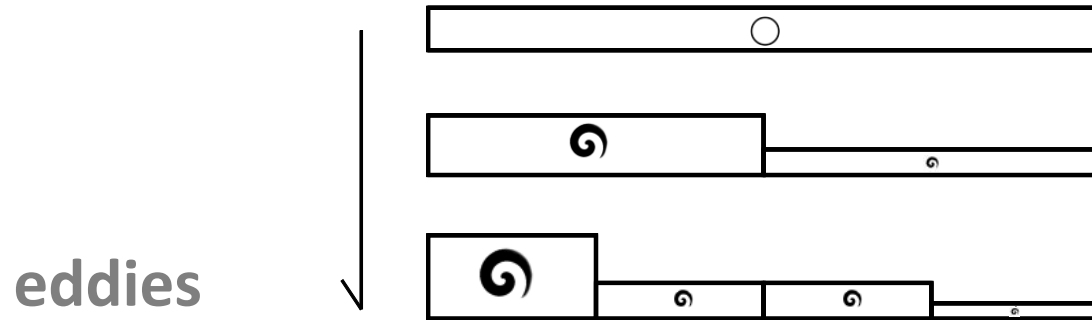
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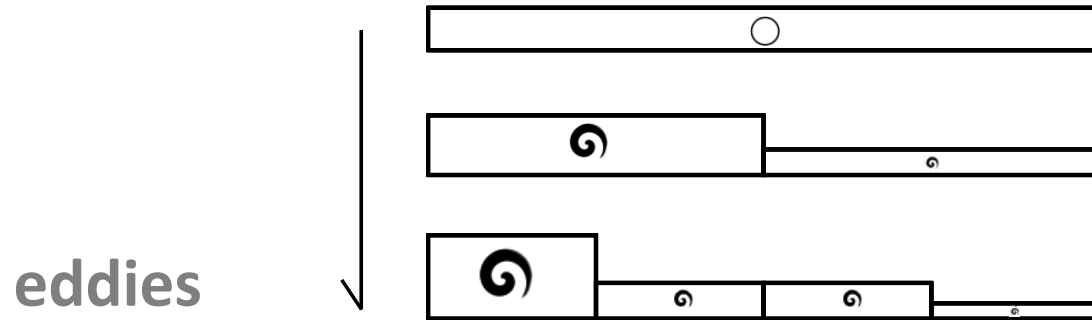
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(Carlson and Doyle, 2000)

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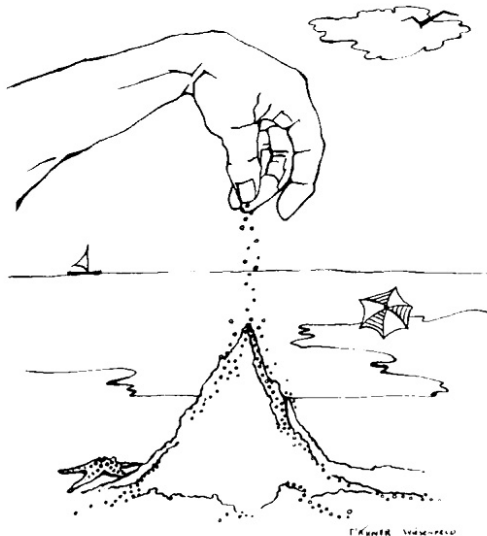
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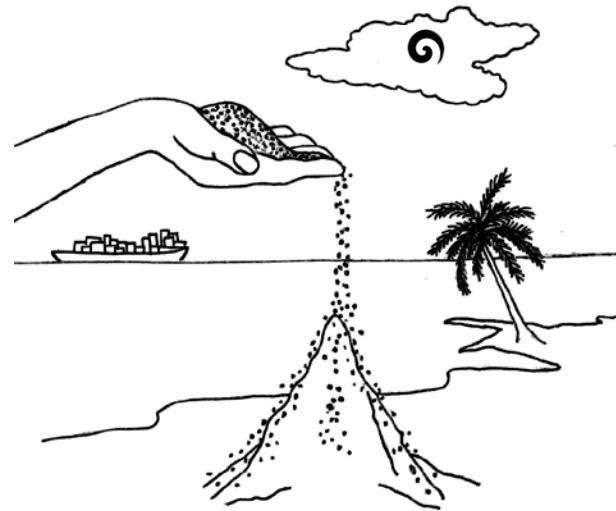
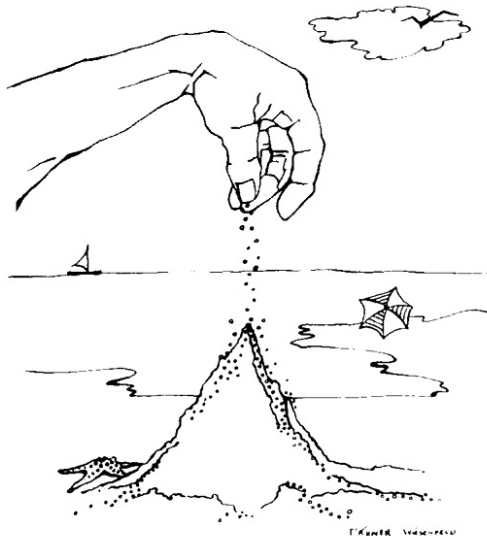
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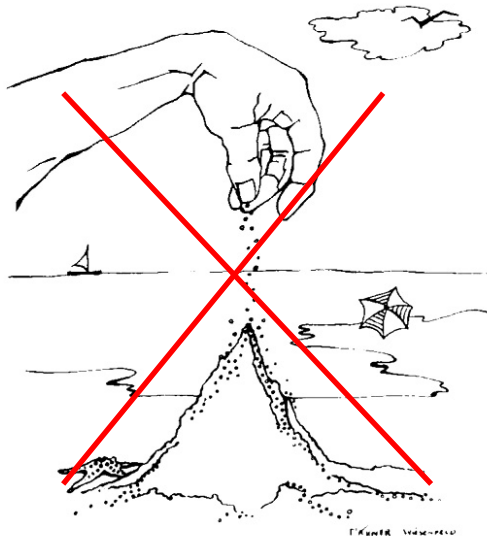
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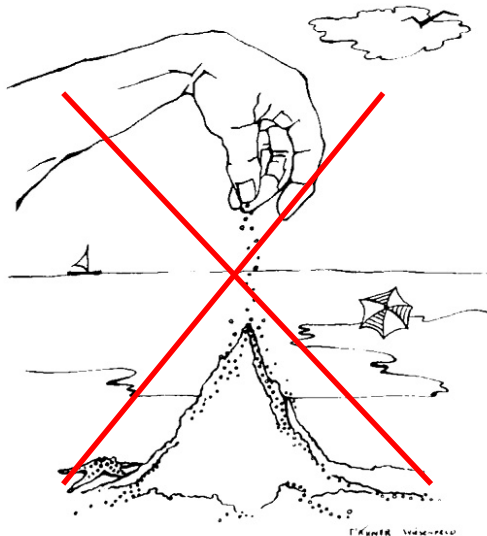
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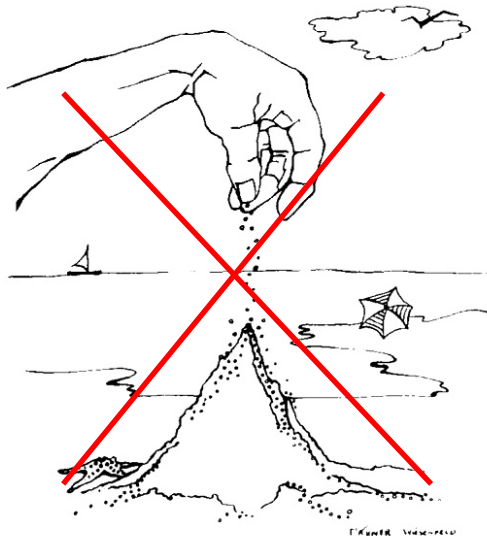
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let **zero** be your power:

$$\text{stick figure} = 0.999\dots = 1$$

Conga to infinity

(Puente, 2018b)

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**This is the conga
of a lovely trinity,
o dance your conga
intently to infinity.**

The zero admired
is one very pretty,
and zero plus zero
adds up to infinity.

A one with another
joins a lovely rite,
and zero below one
is truly all might.

The zero as power
is the same divinity,
and twisting a round
arrives to infinity.

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**This is your conga
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A zero rewired
is one of pure light,
and zero with zero
is I tell you, a delight.

A one with a one
o united vicinity,
and a circle down
yields again infinity.

The halo on top
o saintly neophyte,
with a zero weaved
o expels all fright.

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come enjoy little saints...

**To zero is,
the one you see,
and to infinity. (2)**

The zero always key
grow up and be little.

O zero yields strength
is no longer brittle.

The way of one it is
endlessly united.

One heals very well
when it is invited.

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The zero always key
finds oneself below.

O zero yields strength
humbly runs the show.

The way of one it is
more than little angel.

One heals very well
it is not a stranger.

To infinity it is...

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O how pretty!

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(September 2007)

0, 1, ∞
YouTube in Spanish

...Well, here we reiterated the absolute relevance of the triune God and of his call for our sanctity.

In our next occasion we shall summarize the symbols on this class from science to faith and we shall issue an invitation to peace using other citations from Holy Scripture.

Until next time...

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