

# MULTISCALE FOURIER LANDSCAPE PATTERN INDICES FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

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## ABSTRACT

A factor analysis of 67 landscape pattern metrics was performed to quantify the ability of landscape pattern metrics to explain land cover pattern, and to report individual landscape pattern metric values that are statistically independent. This land cover pattern is measured from 7.68 x 7.68 [km] GeoTiff image tiles of the conterminous United States Geological Survey (USGS) 1992 National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD). Using factor analysis to rank independent landscape pattern information, each landscape pattern metric produces the explanatory power of that landscape pattern metric amongst the other 66 landscape pattern metrics—any landscape pattern metrics that report similar values contribute redundant information. The metrics that contribute the most information are Jackson's *Contagion* statistic (*P005*), typically contributing to 97 % of the explained variability; the Fourier Metric of Fragmentation (*FMF*), typically contributing to 65 % of the explained variability; and *average LCLU class lacunarity (TLAC)*, typically contributing to 62 % of the explained variability. Two other Fourier-based landscape pattern metrics we tested, the Least Squares Fourier Transform Fractal Dimension Estimation (*LsFT*) and the Fourier Metric of Proportion (*FMP*), contributed 50 % and 12 % to the explained variability, respectively. In addition, the values reported by each of the Fourier metrics are revealed to be relatively independent amongst commonly used landscape pattern metrics and are thus demonstrated to be appropriate for explaining general landscape pattern variability.

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## INTRODUCTION

Interpreting the effects of landscape pattern on ecosystem function is not a new adventure in ecological study. A number of researchers have successfully related landscape pattern metrics to environmental variables. Landscape pattern has been broadly interpreted to relate to the status of a variety of environmental variables—including identifying the presence of nitrogen, phosphorus, and lead, and measuring chlorophyll nutrient loads, fish diversity, insect density, and broader invertebrate density (Detenbeck *et al.*, 1993; Johnes *et al.*, 1996; John-son *et al.*, 1997; Klein, 1979; Osborne & Wiley, 1988; Schueler & Galli, 1992; Sponseller *et al.*, 2001; Wang *et al.*, 1998; Woodwell, 1998). Each of these environmental variables have been correlated to landscape pattern to within 65 % to 85 % of their total variability (Jones *et al.*, 2001).

Examples of the landscape pattern analysis approach can be found for environments as diverse as the watersheds of Brazil's Amazon and urban streambeds in Maryland, USA. In two studies by Williams *et al.* (1997) and Williams & Melack (1997) an inverse correlation between increases in Rodoña, Brazil *presence of forest land cover* landscape pattern metric and stream water nitrogen-to-phosphorus nutrient ratios were observed for peak stream flow storm events—making the *presence of forest land cover* landscape pattern metric a strong indicator of nutrient flow. In a similar study, but in a developed area of Maryland, USA during drought and wet years, nitrate exports to streams showed significant variation in streams depending on whether the adjacent land use was suburban or urban (Kaushal *et al.*, 2010; 2008), allowing the authors to predict stream hypoxic zones using an *along stream land use* landscape pattern metric. The basic approach taken in these experiments followed three stages:

1. Identification of appropriate landscape pattern metrics,
2. Identification of indicator variable(s) and selecting the appropriate landscape pattern metric that best describe the variable(s), and
3. Interpreting the impacts of the indicator variables on environmental status or processes.

The landscape pattern metrics used in these experiments were interpreted as important measures of landscape response to environmental pressures, thus tying the landscape pattern to the ecological function. Choosing appropriate landscape pattern metrics is a critical first stage in these experiments, but the decision on which metric(s) will be appropriate among the many published landscape pattern metrics (Neel *et al.*, 2004; Wu, 2004; Wu *et al.*, 2002) was made for location and scale specific applications, with the aide of expert knowledge. Further, a metric may be shown to be a reliable description of landscape pattern, but when multiple metrics are examined, no additional information is gained when a metric is similar or exactly the same as another (see Spivey (2011) for further landscape pattern reliability discussion). To address these types of problems, Ritters *et al.* (1995) designed a factor analysis where they statistically compared multiple landscape pattern metrics to find how well each metric responded to relevant land cover map change.

In this paper, we further explore the identification of appropriate landscape pattern metrics for broad scale and environmental applications, and we describe three new landscape pattern metrics based on Fourier analysis. First, we introduce the formulation and rationale for our three Fourier landscape pattern metrics. Second, we use a correlation analysis to assess the extent to which independent information is provided by a suite of 67 landscape pattern metrics, compounded from previously published landscape pattern metrics, plus our three new metrics. Third, we use the factor analysis to test which of the landscape pattern metrics have the best explanatory value for land cover variability in the National Land Cover Database (NLCD). The NLCD informs our metrics with broad variability within the 48 conterminous United States ecoregions. Ecoregions classified into 14 different biomes—such as forests, grassland, or deserts.

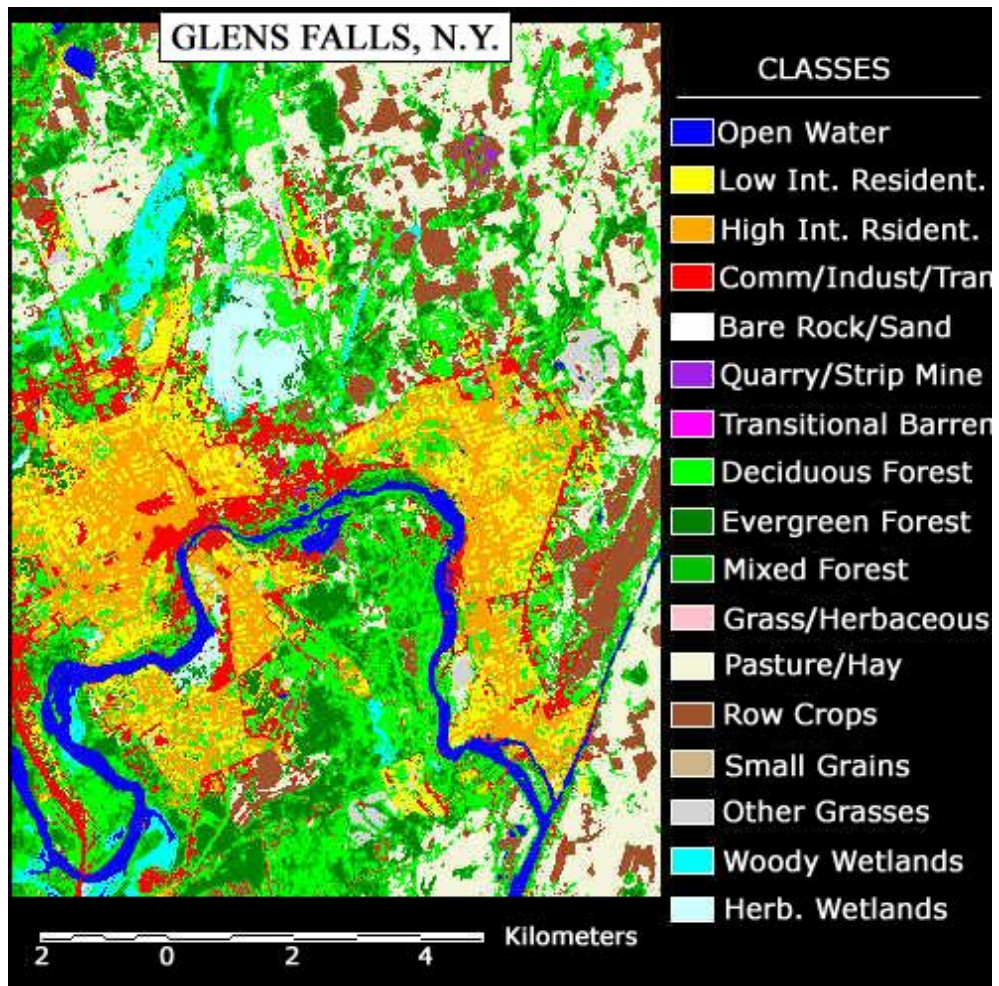
Our analysis thus extends the work of Ritters *et al.* (1995) by testing for both independence as well as explanatory power among the metrics over a wide range of land cover types. Location and scale specific trade studies are useful for certain applications of landscape pattern, whose results may not be able to be generalized. Here, we have identified Landscape Pattern Metrics that are statistically useful for general use over a wide variety of land cover types, and thus useful for understanding broad scale processes like climate change, desertification, and urban sprawl.

## METHODS

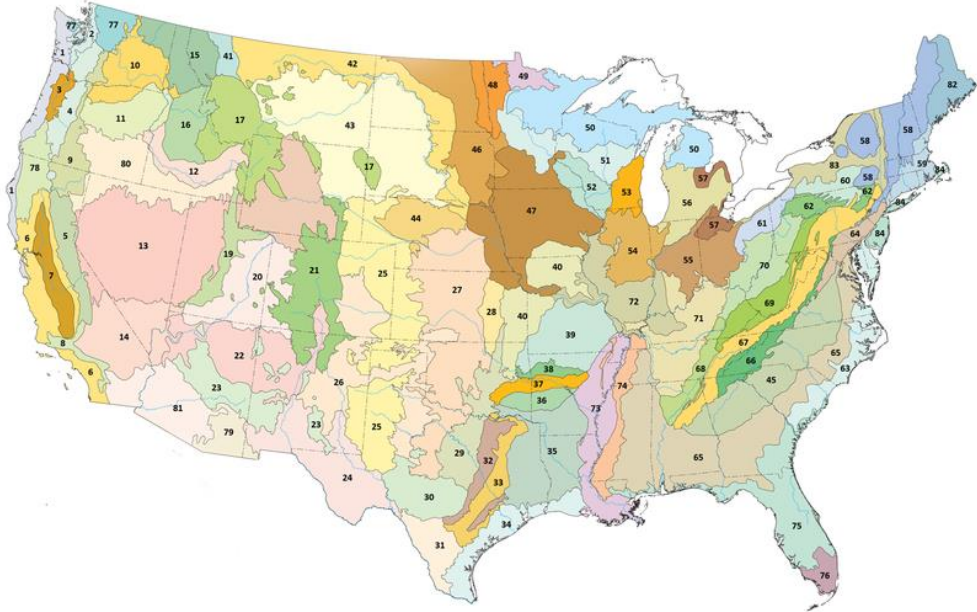
### 1992 National Land Cover Data

This work requires an extensive and diverse spatial dataset on which to apply landscape pattern metrics. We use the 1992 United States Geological Survey National Land Cover Data (NLCD), which is a 21-category land cover classification scheme that was applied across a set of Landsat satellite images of the 48 conterminous United States (Vogelmann *et al.*, 2001). The NLCD 1992 classification data are provided as 256 x 256 pixel GeoTIFF image tiles (see Fig. 1 for an example image tile). At the Landsat spatial resolution of 30 m each tile represents 7.68 x 7.68 [km] areas and there are more than 160,000 separate tiles covering a very diverse set of 85 ecoregions. These ecoregions are shown in Fig. 2.

**Fig. 1: A 256 x 256 tile of the National Land Cover Database (NLCD) in Glens Falls, New York, USA.** The Anderson *et al.* (1976) Level II attribute class description and the land cover class color code are shown along the right side.



**Fig. 2: Ecoregions.** The 48 conterminous United States consists of 85 of the 867 global terrestrial ecoregions. The ecoregions are classified into 14 different biomes—such as forests, grassland, or deserts—making ecoregions descriptive of land cover data.



### Landscape Metrics

Every one of the 67 landscape pattern metrics were applied to each 7.68 x 7.68 [km] NLCD tile (more than 160,000 tiles). A reference to each landscape pattern metric obtained from the literature, as well as the details of each formulation can be found in Appendix A. A summary of our three new multiscale Fourier landscape pattern metrics is presented below. More details on each of these metrics can be found in Spivey (2011).

### Fourier Metric of Proportion (FMP)

Derived to be an unbiased metric of scale, pixels from the observed land cover class  $j$  are divided by the total number of land cover pixels being observed:

$$\begin{aligned} FMP_j &\equiv \prod_j^D p'_j \\ &= \prod_j^D \frac{\text{total number of pixels in class } j}{\text{total number of pixels in largest class}} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In a landscape composed of land cover patches,  $D$  would be the total number of patches observed, and  $p'_j$  the ratio between the number of pixels in the class of interest  $j$  and the number of pixels in the largest class observed. As a measure of landscape composition, this type of denominator references land cover class  $j$  pixel counts to the largest, most scale-resistant land cover class being observed.

### Fourier Metric of Fragmentation (FMF)

Designed according to the concept of landscape *contagion*, the Fourier metric of fragmentation measures clumping and interspersions between two classes. The ecological interpretation of contagion is that it indicates the dynamics between two land cover classes.

This landscape configuration metric is reported as the distance between two land cover class maps by name (see Spivey & Vodacek (2017) for an example). The *contagion* metric measures patch adjacencies, making it impossible to measure clumping and interspersions between distant classes. This is not a problem for *FMF*. These land cover classes are explicit in the equation below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 FMF_{l,j,k} &\equiv M_{j,k}(1 - \Phi_{j,k}^l) \\
 &= \frac{\text{total number of pixels in class } j}{\text{total number of pixels in class } j \text{ and } k} \times \\
 &\quad \left( 1 - e^{\left[ \ln(\mathcal{F}\{LC_j\} \div \mathcal{F}\{LC_k\}) - \ln(\sqrt{M^2 + N^2}) \right]^l} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Here, each land cover  $LC_j$  and  $LC_k$  are binary class maps of 0's and 1's, the Fourier operator is shown as  $\mathcal{F}\{\cdot\}$ , and the parameters  $M$  and  $N$  are the image tile number of row pixels and column pixels respectively. The equation variables include,  $M_{j,k}$  a ratio between the total number of pixels in the class of interest and total number of pixels between the two classes being compared; and  $\Phi_{j,k}$  a variable that includes the LOG Fourier phase difference between individual class maps  $LC_j$  and  $LC_k$ , all log-normalized by the largest distance possible in the observed class map (i.e.  $\sqrt{M^2 + N^2}$ ). The metric parameter  $l$  increases or decreases the migration rates being modeled by the metric, see Spivey & Vodacek (2017) for details.

#### Yuen *et al.* (2004) Least Squares Fourier Transform Fractal Dimension Estimation

For fractal dimension estimation of statistically self-similar land cover classification patches, we adopt the method of Yuen *et al.* (2004) for analyzing the Fourier power spectrum of a 1-D signal to our case of a 2-D land cover image. This landscape pattern metric measures patch structure. After linearizing the Fourier power spectrum, the Hough transform is used to estimate the Hurst dimension  $H$  and thereby fractal dimension  $D_{fr}$ .

The 2-D Fourier power spectrum  $P_{fr}[\xi, \eta]$  for a Fourier fractal signal  $F_{fr}[\xi, \eta]$  is statistically equal to the least squares Fourier power spectrum estimator:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{fr}[\xi, \eta] &= |F_{fr}[\xi, \eta]|^2 \\
 &\equiv \frac{A}{(\xi^2 + \eta^2)^{H+1}}, \text{ where } D_{fr} = 3 - H
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$A$  is a proportional constant,  $D_{fr}$  is the fractal dimension, and  $H$  is the Hurst exponent.

The true fractal signal  $f_{fr}[x, y]$  and fractal noise  $\epsilon[x, y]$ , have power spectrum  $P_{fr}[\xi, \eta]$  and  $\epsilon[\xi, \eta]$ , respectively. The composite signal  $f[x, y] = f_{fr}[x, y] + \epsilon[x, y]$  has power spectrum  $P[\xi, \eta]$ :

$$P[\xi, \eta] = P_{fr}[\xi, \eta] + \epsilon[\xi, \eta] \tag{4}$$

Solving for  $P_{fr}[\xi, \eta]$ , and taking the logarithm of both sides, linearizes the least squares Fourier power spectrum equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log[P[\xi, \eta]] &\approx \log[A] - (H + 1) \cdot \log[\xi^2 + \eta^2] \\
 \text{So,} \\
 \log[A] &= (H + 1) \cdot \log[\xi^2 + \eta^2] + \log[P[\xi, \eta]]
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

In the last step, fractal noise  $\epsilon[x, y]$  is assumed negligible. The least squares Fourier transform method for estimating fractal dimension takes advantage of the Hough transform's precision. Each possible linear trend is counted in Hough space, then the most likely linear trend is accepted for derivation of the Hurst parameter  $H$  and thereby the fractal dimension  $D_{fr} = 3 - H$ .

### Factor Analysis

The factor analysis was done in SAS and describes the covariance relationships among many landscape pattern metrics in terms of observable, random land cover variability. Since a map of land cover is analyzed to create the landscape pattern metric, land cover variability is captured in the metric values. The factor analysis uses Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to determine these covariance relationships. For a more complete handling of PCA refer to Richards & Jia (1996).

Each image tile produces 67 separate measurements. Using this data, a vector space can be created with as many dimensions as there are image tiles, associated with their 67 landscape pattern measurements. For an individual tile, the  $p = 67$  landscape pattern metrics produce a column vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

By calculating the mean of each landscape pattern metric over the full dataset of land cover tiles a mean vector with  $p = 67$  elements and a square covariance matrix are formed:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1,1} & \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_{1,3} & \dots & \sigma_{1,p} \\ \sigma_{2,1} & \sigma_{2,2} & \sigma_{2,3} & \dots & \sigma_{2,p} \\ \sigma_{3,1} & \sigma_{3,2} & \sigma_{3,3} & \dots & \sigma_{3,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{p,2} & \sigma_{p,2} & \sigma_{p,2} & \dots & \sigma_{p,p} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The factors that cause these landscape pattern metrics to vary can be multiple, including the most obvious land cover variability, there could also be influences from large weather events or local public policy. According to the factor analysis, there can be  $M < p$  Factors that effect the reported landscape pattern metrics. This is best modeled also as a column vector, seen in Equation 9.

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \\ F_M \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

The degree of effect for each factor on individual landscape pattern metrics can be estimated. This is done using the spectral model shown in Equation 10.

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= \mu_1 + \lambda_{1,1}F_1 + \lambda_{1,2}F_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{1,M}F_M + \epsilon_1 \\
x_1 &= \mu_1 + \lambda_{1,1}F_1 + \lambda_{1,2}F_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{1,M}F_M + \epsilon_2 \\
&\vdots \\
x_p &= \mu_p + \lambda_{p,1}F_1 + \lambda_{p,2}F_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{p,M}F_M + \epsilon_p
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Equivalently, in matrix form, we have the factor analysis factor model:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{x} &= \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{F} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\
\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu} &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{F} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

This de-meaned data  $\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}$ , is what is used as input into SAS FACTOR analysis statistical software. The output is a square matrix of explained variance.

Each parameter along the diagonal of the  $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$  square matrix, is the explained variance for the landscape pattern metric of that row. Using each diagonal term, a measure of explained variance can be obtained. Equation 12 shows how this estimation of landscape pattern metric fidelity would work, using the  $\sigma_{j,j}$  elements of the landscape pattern metric covariance matrix in Equation 8 above.

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_{1,1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \Psi_{2,2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Psi_{3,3} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \Psi_{p,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

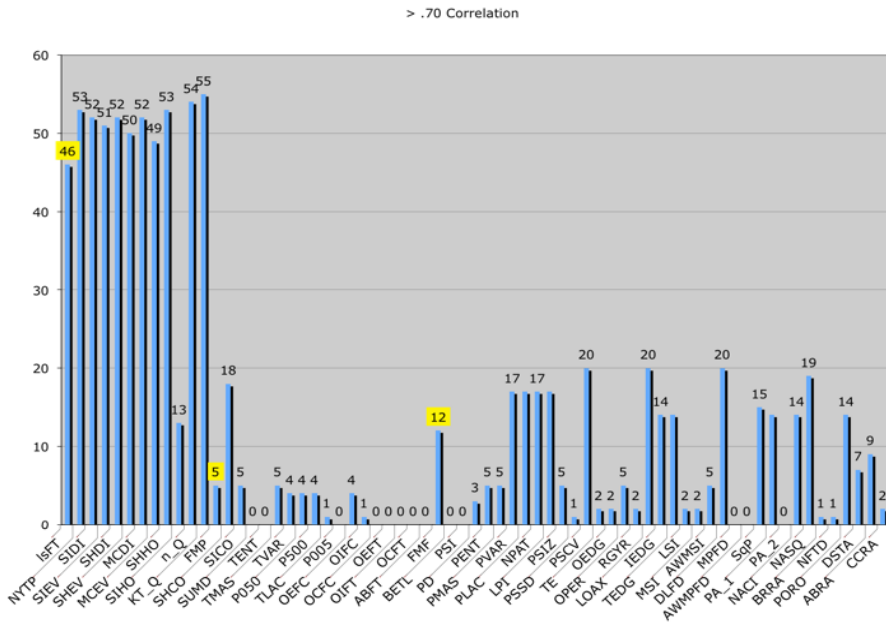
$$\bar{\sigma}_j = \frac{\Psi_{j,j}}{\sigma_{j,j}} \tag{12}$$

This metric  $\bar{\sigma}$  tells us how much each factor  $\Psi$  explains the variance  $\sigma$  of the landscape, for the metric  $j$ . Because this metric of Expected Correlation Contribution (ECC) describes the covariance relationships  $\sigma_{j,j}$  among many landscape pattern, and many of the metrics are not statistically independent, the sum of the fidelity metric  $\bar{\sigma}_j$  does not sum up to 100 %. That is to say, some metrics vary in the same way as other metrics—those metrics would share the same  $\bar{\sigma}_j$  value. This issue of statistical independence for interpretability is discussed in the next section.

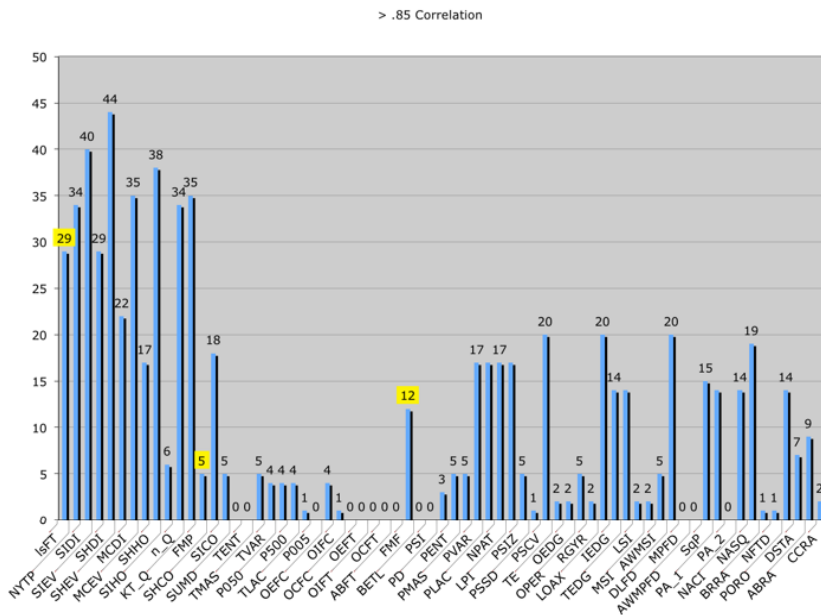
### Independence of Fourier Landscape Pattern Metrics

Another way the data were analyzed was to look at the relationship between the 160,000 tiles. A count of how often each landscape pattern metric was correlated to another is shown for increasing degrees of similarity in Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5. The most independent metrics are those with near 0 correlation counts. The most independent of these metrics are underlined in Table 2.

**Fig. 3: The number of landscape pattern metrics correlated greater than 70 points.** Fourier metrics *LsFT*, *FMP*, and *FMF* are correlated to 46, 5, and 12 other landscape pattern metrics, respectively.

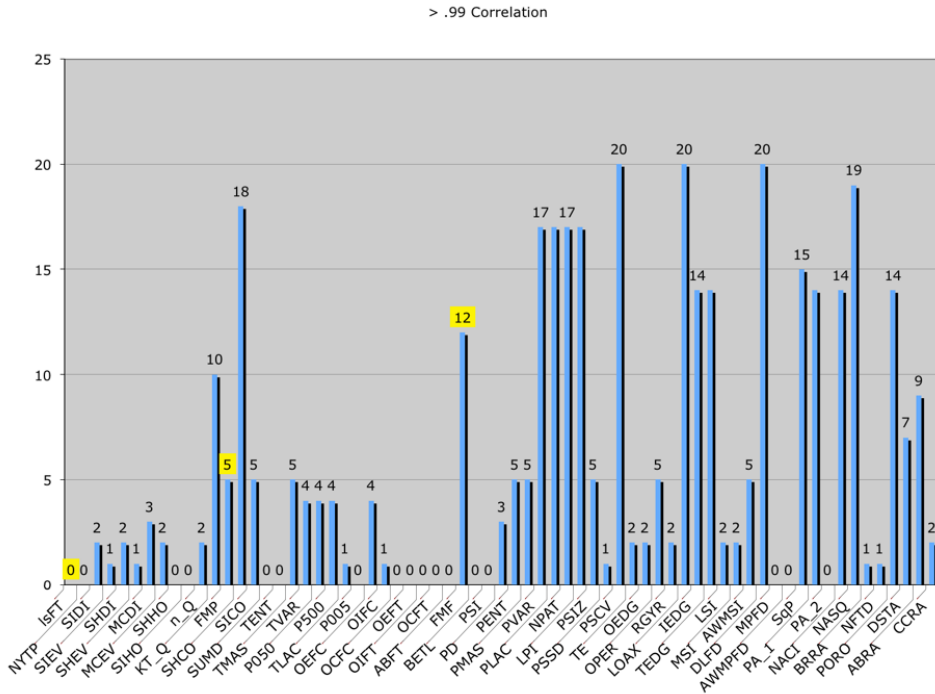


**Fig. 4: The number of landscape pattern metrics correlated greater than 85 points.** Fourier metrics *LsFT*, *FMP*, and *FMF* are correlated to 29, 5, and 12 other landscape pattern metrics, respectively.





**Fig. 5: The number of landscape pattern metrics correlated greater than 99 points.** For Fourier metrics *LsFT*, *FMP*, and *FMF* are correlated to 0, 5, and 12 other landscape pattern metrics, respectively.



The least frequently correlated Fourier metric is *LsFT*. This small amount of between metric correlation is not observed in every *Fractal Dimension* landscape pattern, like those seen in Appendix A.5, A.8, and A.9 of Spivey (2011). Thus *LsFT* is the most independent Fourier description of landscape fractal dimension. The most correlated Fourier metric is *FMF*. These *FMF* results were the least independent Fourier description of landscape pattern. The four landscape pattern metrics most correlated to the Fourier metrics are shown in Table 1.

The four leading metrics in Table 1 seem to report redundant Fourier landscape pattern information, though none of them have as physical a description of pattern and processes as their Fourier relatives. For instance, though *FMP* values are very related to *SHCO*, *n - Q*, *PSCV*, and *LOAX* only *FMP* is directly related to and interprets itself along the physical migration and extinction rates between land cover patches. Meanwhile, the Contagion *SHCO* method has shown itself to be highly dependent on image sensor error and so is unreliable. *n-Q* is an inter-quartile abundance that has only a mathematical, no physical interpretation. And, both *PSCV* and *LOAX* measure of how different patch sizes are within a landscape, using the unreliable *nearest-neighbor* patch definition (see Sections 3.2.4 and 5.2 of Spivey (2011) for a discussion on the errors in this *nearest-neighbor* approach, and on how unreliable Contagion *SHCO* performance can be).

**Table 1: The top four landscape pattern metrics most correlated to the Fourier metrics when observing seamless conterminous United States NLCD 1992 LCLU**

LsFT	FMP	FMF
PORO	SHCO	DLFD
TEDG	n-Q	NASQ
IEDG	PSCV	LOAX
KT-Q	LOAX	PSCV

**Table 2: The landscape pattern metrics (LPM) ranked by expected contribution to the explanation of seamless conterminous United States 1992 NLCD.** This ranking reveals how well each metric generally relates to landscape variability, ignoring any ability to reliably or relevantly interpret that variability. Highly independent metrics are underlined, and the Fourier metrics are in bold.

LPM	E.C.C. <sup>a</sup>	LPM	E.C.C. <sup>a</sup>
<u>P005</u>	97.46%		
<b>FMF</b>	64.76%	<u>SIHO</u>	7.75%
TLAC	61.54%	PD	7.39%
<b>LsFT</b>	50.06%	<u>OCFC</u>	7.01%
ABRA	38.76%	RGYR	6.52%
<u>BETL</u>	33.04%	SICO	6.45%
OIFC	32.05%	n-Q	6.28%
SqP	30.93%	PA-1	6.19%
PVAR	28.35%	TVAR	6.09%
<u>MPFD</u>	27.32%	<u>NYTP</u>	6.06%
PSSD	26.52%	DLFD	5.96%
<u>OIFT</u>	25.11%	AWMSI	5.89%
PLAC	24.80%	BRRR	5.88%
<u>OEFT</u>	18.72%	NFTD	5.88%
OPER	18.59%	KT-Q	5.70%
NASQ	18.35%	MCDI	5.67%
PENT	17.72%	OEDG	5.06%
PMAS	17.72%	<u>AWMPFD</u>	4.83%
PSIZ	17.72%	CCRA	4.80%
SHDI	15.98%	<u>PA-2</u>	4.34%
SHHO	15.46%	IEDG	4.22%
TMAS	15.42%	TEDG	4.22%
<u>SUMD</u>	13.55%	PORO	4.22%
<u>ABFT</u>	13.15%	<u>TENT</u>	2.84%
NACI	11.94%	PSCV	2.65%
<b>FMP</b>	11.81%	LOAX	2.54%
P050	11.67%	P500	2.14%
LSI	10.48%	OEFC	2.14%
DSTA	10.42%	SHCO	2.07%
SIDI	9.67%	SHEV	2.03%
MSI	9.31%	<u>QCFT</u>	1.11%
SIEV	9.07%	TE	.95%
<u>PSI</u>	8.82%	LPI	.61%
MCEV	7.79%	NPAT	.23%

<sup>a</sup>ECC is the Expected Correlation Contribution, as defined in equation 12 above

### Explanatory Power of Landscape Pattern Metrics

To see how well each landscape pattern metric performed using their individual definitions for relevant pattern variability we can observe the amount of explained variability each metric contributes. The ranking for all Factors is shown in Table 2. The metrics that contributed most to explained variability were Jackson's *Contagion* statistic (*P005*) typically contributing to 97 % of the explained variability, the Fourier Metric of Fragmentation (*FMF*) typically contributing to 65 % of the explained variability, the *average land cover class lacunarity* (*TLAC*) typically contributing to 62 % of the explained variability, and the Least Squares Fourier Transform Fractal Dimension Estimation (*LsFT*) typically contributing to 50 % of the explained variability—the Fourier Metric of Proportion (*FMP*) typically contributed to about 12 % of the explained variability. While landscape pattern metrics like *P005*, and *TLAC* describe landscape pattern variability well, they both fall short of the criteria to measure physical variables, with *P005* also using the image sensor error limited *nearest-neighbor* method (Spivey, 2011).

ECC is the Expected Correlation Contribution, as defined in equation 12 above.

### Summary of Uniqueness of Fourier Landscape Pattern Metrics

The values reported by each of the proposed Fourier metrics have been shown to be independent from commonly used landscape pattern metrics by having a low correlation to the other 64 landscape pattern metrics. This landscape metric factor analysis model is useful for both developing landscape metrics, and finding landscape descriptors appropriate for a landscape ecology. By comparing the Fourier landscape pattern metrics ability to explain this dataset we have identified these higher ranking Fourier metrics as capable to describe the landscape. If we choose only the Fourier metrics to interpret the landscape, this analysis has shown that each would be reporting without redundancy. This approach to identifying appropriate landscape pattern metrics for a landscape can be done for any combination of landscape pattern metrics.

These reported Fourier pattern metric values have also shown themselves to be capable to explain general landscape pattern variability by contributing to the explained landscape variability, again with exceptional results from *LsFT* and *FMF* respectively contributing 50.06 % and 64.76 % to explained pattern variability. Unlike other landscape pattern metrics (see Neel *et al.* 2004; Wu, 2004; Wu *et al.*, 2002), this is the Fourier metric that has performed consistently across landscape scale and geographic region (Spivey, 2011). Table 3 shows the best of these independent highly informative metrics. Taken from Table 2, these ten metrics perform generally better for the conterminous United States. Any combination of the resulting landscape pattern metrics in this table are useful for very broad continental scale applications, like long term climate change, or land cover land use forecasting across large scales. We have tested over a wide variety of land cover land use types and these metrics have shown their ability to independently capture relevant landscape variability.

In a separate paper, Spivey & Vodacek (2017), the relevance of these reliable and unique Fourier landscape pattern metrics for connecting an ecological process to landscape pattern and interpreting the cause is discussed.

**Table 3: The landscape pattern metrics (LPM) ranked by highest expected contribution to the explanation of NLCD 1992 land cover and that are also highly independent metrics. The Fourier metrics are in bold.**

LPM	E.C.C.
P005	97.46%
<b>FMF</b>	64.76%
<b>LsFT</b>	50.06%
BETL	33.04%
MPFD	27.32%
OIFT	25.11%
OEFT	18.72%
SUMD	13.55%
ABFT	13.15%
<b>FMP</b>	11.81%

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## APPENDIX

### Landscape Pattern Metrics

Below lists the metrics used in this analysis. Every Landscape Pattern Metric listed below is taken from , unless otherwise referenced. Independent landscape pattern metrics are numbered, and the indented metrics are highly correlated to their numerated header.

1. Number of LCLU classes
  - *NTYP* (Total number of LCLU classes)
    - $NTYP = S$
2. Shannon evenness of LCLU classes
  - *SIDI* (Simpson diversity of LCLU classes)
    - $SIDI = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^S p_j^2$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes, and  $p_j$  is the proportion of each LCLU class  $j$ .
  - *SIEV* (Simpson evenness of LCLU classes)
    - $SIEV = \frac{SIDI}{1 - \frac{1}{S}}$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes. See *Shannon evenness of LCLU classes* for *SIDI*.
  - *SHDI* (Shannon diversity of attribute classes)
    - $SHDI = -\sum_{j=1}^S p_j \ln[p_j]$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes, and  $p_j$  is the proportion of LCLU class  $j$ .
  - *SHEV* (Shannon evenness of LCLU classes)
    - $SHEV = \frac{SHDI}{\ln[S]}$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes.
  - *MCDI* (McIntosh diversity of attribute classes )
    - $MCDI = \frac{N - \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^S n_j^2}}{N - \sqrt{N}}$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .
  - *MCEV* (McIntosh evenness of attribute classes)
    - $MCEV = \frac{N - \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^S n_j^2}}{N - \frac{N}{\sqrt{S}}}$   
Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .
  - *SHHO* (Shannon homogeneity of the adjacency matrix)
    - $$SHHO = -\sum_{i=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^S p_j \cdot q_{i,j} \ln[p_j \cdot q_{i,j}]$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_{i,j}[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]}{N} \ln \left[ \frac{n_{i,j}[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]}{N} \right]$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_{i,j}[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$  the total number of horizontal and vertical edge pixels shared by LCLU classes  $i$  and  $j$ .

- **SIHO** (Simpson homogeneity of adjacency matrix )

$$- \quad SIHO = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^S \left( \frac{n_{i,j}[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]}{N} \right)^2$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_{i,j}[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$  the total number of horizontal and vertical edge pixels shared by LCLU classes  $i$  and  $j$ .

### 3. Kempton-Taylor Q-statistic

- **KT – Q** (The inter-quartile slope of the cumulative LCLU abundance curve )

$$- \quad KT - Q = \frac{\frac{n_{Q_1} + n_{Q_2}}{2} + \sum_{Q=Q_1+1}^{Q_2-1} n_Q}{\ln\left[\frac{Q_2}{Q_1}\right]},$$

where  $n_Q$  is the number of LCLU classes with abundance  $Q$ ,  $Q_1$ ;  $Q_2$  are the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> quartiles:

*i.*  $n_{Q_1} = n_j$  the number of pixels in the LCLU class where

$Q_1$  falls—the 1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> percentile number of pixels *ii.*  $n_{Q_2} = n_j$

the number of pixels in the LCLU class where  $Q_2$  falls—the

75<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> percentile number of pixels

The quartiles are chosen such that,

$$\sum_{Q=1}^{Q_1-1} n_Q < \frac{S}{4} \leq \sum_{Q=1}^{Q_1} n_Q,$$

and

$$\sum_{Q=1}^{Q_2-1} n_Q < \frac{3 \cdot S}{4} \leq \sum_{Q=1}^{Q_2} n_Q.$$

where  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes.

### 4. Shannon Contagion

- **SHCO** (Shannon Contagion)

$$- \quad SHCO = 1 - \frac{SHHO}{2 \cdot \ln[S]} = Contagion$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes. See *Shannon evenness of LCLU classes* for  $SHHO$ .

- **SICO** (Simpson Contagion)

$$- \quad SICO = \frac{SIHO}{1 - \frac{1}{S^2}}$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes. See *Shannon evenness of LCLU classes* for  $SIHO$ .

### 5. Sum of LCLU adjacencies

- **SUMD** (Sum of adjacencies for one LCLU class )

$$- \quad SUMD = \sum_{j=1}^S n_j [E_h, E_v]$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes, and  $n_j[E_h, E_v]$  are the total horizontal and vertical edges of LCLU class  $j$ .

- **TENT** (Average fractal estimator of LCLU class configurational entropy from the scaling of LCLU class density to the size of the neighborhood of an arbitrary pixel in the class)



- $P_t[L; n_j]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel.

$$P_t[L; n_j] = \frac{s_{t,L}[j]}{n_j}$$

where  $s_{t,L}[j]$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels, of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^0[P_t[L; n_j]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} \ln[t] \cdot P_t[L; n_j]$$

From each LCLU class with  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels are selected. Square kernels of size  $L=5, 15, 25, 35$ , and  $45$  are placed around each sampled pixel and the occurrence of pixels of the same LCLU class are counted for each kernel size. Letting  $\beta_{10j}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $M^0[P_t[L; n_j]]$  on  $\ln[L]$  for the  $j^{th}$  LCLU class, the fractal estimator is:

$$TENT = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j}{N} \beta_{10j}$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

- **TMAS** (Fractal estimator of LCLU class mass from the scaling of LCLU class density to the size of a neighborhood of an arbitrary pixel in the class.)

- $P_t[L; n_j]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel.

$$P_t[L; n_j] = \frac{s_{t,L}[j]}{n_j}$$

where  $s_{t,L}[j]$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels, of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^1[P_t[L; n_j]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} t \cdot P_t[L; n_j]$$

From each LCLU class with  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels are selected. Square kernels of size  $L=5, 15, 25, 35$ , and  $45$  are placed around each sampled pixel and the occurrence of pixels of the same LCLU class are counted for each kernel size. Letting  $\beta_{11j}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $\ln[M^1[P_t[L; n_j]]]$  on  $\ln[L]$  for the  $j^{th}$  LCLU class. The fractal estimator is:

$$TMAS = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j}{N} \beta_{11j}$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

- **TVAR** (Fractal estimator of LCLU class variance from the scaling of LCLU class density to the size of the neighborhood of an arbitrary pixel in the class)

- $P_t[L; n_j]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel.

$$P_t[L; n_j] = \frac{s_{t,L}[j]}{n_j}$$

where  $s_{t,L}[j]$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels, of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^2[P_t[L; n_j]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} t^2 P_t[L; n_j]$$

From each LCLU class with  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels are selected. Square kernels of size  $L=5, 15, 25, 35$ , and 45 are placed around each sampled pixel and the occurrence of pixels of the same LCLU class are counted for each kernel size. Letting  $\beta_{12j}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $\ln[M^2[P_t[L; n_j]]]$  on  $\ln(L)$  for the  $j^{th}$  LCLU class. The fractal estimator is:

$$TVAR = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j}{N} \beta_{12j}$$

Here,  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

- P050 (Weighted average proportion of pixels contained in patches with area  $> 50$  pixels)

$$- P050 = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}^*}{N \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}}$$

where  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape,  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in the LCLU class  $j$ ,  $\psi_j$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches of LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_{\tau}$  is the total number of pixels in patch  $\tau$ .

$$n_{\tau}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_{\tau} < 51, \\ n_{\tau} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- P500 (Weighted average proportion of pixels contained in patches with area  $> 500$  pixels)

$$- P500 = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}^*}{N \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}}$$

where  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape,  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in the LCLU class  $j$ ,  $\psi_j$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches of LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_{\tau}$  is the total number of pixels in patch  $\tau$ .

$$n_{\tau}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_{\tau} < 501, \\ n_{\tau} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

6. Average LCLU class lacunarity

- TLAC (Average LCLU class lacunarity from the scaling of class density with kernel size)

$$- TLAC = TVAR - TENT$$

See, *Sum of LCLU adjacencies*

7. Average proportion of area in patches larger than 5 pixels

- P005 (Weighted average proportion of pixels contained in patches with area  $> 5$  pixels—Jackson's *Contagion* statistic)

$$- P005 = \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{n_j \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}^*}{N \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi_j} n_{\tau}}$$

where  $S$  is the number of LCLU classes,  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape,  $n_j$  is the total number of pixels in the LCLU class  $j$ ,  $\psi_j$  is the total

number of nearest-neighbor patches of LCLU class  $j$ , and  $n_\tau$  is the total number of pixels in patch  $\tau$ .

$$n_\tau^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_\tau < 6, \\ n_\tau & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

8. Perimeter-area scaling, patch perimeter complexity

- *OEFC* (Fractal estimator of patch perimeter complexity from perimeter-area scaling enclosing edges basis )

- $OEFC = 2 \cdot \beta_1$

where  $\beta_1$  is the estimated slope from the regression of the natural log of left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch edge pixels,  $\ln[n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]]$ , on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU map.

- *OIFC* (Fractal estimator of patch perimeter complexity from perimeter-area scaling, all edges basis)

- $OIFC = 2 \cdot \beta_3$

where  $\beta_3$  is the estimated slope from the regression of left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical patch edge pixels,  $\ln[n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}]]$ , on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU map.

- *OCFC* (Fractal estimator of patch perimeter complexity from perimeter-area scaling, enclosing pixels basis)

- $OCFC = 2 \cdot \beta_2$

where  $\beta_2$  is the estimated slope from the regression of the left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical patch edge pixels complement,

$$\ln[n_\tau - n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}]] = \ln[n_\tau^c]$$

on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU maps.

9. Perimeter-area scaling, patch topology transformation, enclosing pixel basis

- *OEFT* Fractal estimator of patch topology from perimeter-area scaling, enclosing edges basis

- $OEFT = \frac{1}{\beta_1}$

where  $\beta_1$  is the estimated slope from the regression of the natural log of left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch edge pixels,  $\ln[n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]]$ , on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU map.

- *OIFT* Fractal estimator of patch topology from perimeter-area scaling, all edges basis.

- $OIFT = \frac{1}{\beta_3}$

where  $\beta_3$  is the estimated slope from the regression of left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical patch edge pixels,  $\ln[n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}]]$ , on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor

patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU map.

- *OCFT* Fractal estimator of patch topology from perimeter-area scaling, enclosing pixels basis.

$$- \quad OCFT = \frac{1}{\beta_2}$$

where  $\beta_2$  is the estimated slope from the regression of the left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical patch edge pixels complement,

$$\ln[n_\tau - n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}]] = \ln[n_\tau^C]$$

on the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln[n_\tau]$ , for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU maps.

10. Patch area-bounding circle scaling

- *ABFT* (Fractal estimator of patch topology from area-bounding rectangular kernel scaling)

$$- \quad ABFT = \beta_4$$

where  $\beta_4$  is the estimated slope from the regression of the natural logarithm of the total number of pixels in the LCLU patch  $\tau$ ,  $\ln(n_\tau)$ , on the natural logarithm of the largest rectangular kernel side length difference  $Y_\tau$  from a box bounding a patch  $\tau$  is:

$$Y_\tau = \ln[\text{MAX}(L_{hor,\tau}, L_{vert,\tau})]$$

Here,  $L_{hor,\tau} \times L_{vert,\tau}$  is the rectangular kernel size that fits over patch  $\tau$ . This is for all nearest-neighbor patches greater than 3 pixels,  $n_\tau > 3$ , that do not touch the border of the LCLU maps.

11. Patch perimeter complexity from the scaling of Euclidean distance to actual distance along large patch perimeters

- *BETL* (Fractal estimator of perimeter complexity from scaling the average patch edge to variable square kernel size)

$$- \quad BETL = \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \sum_{\hat{\tau}=1}^{\hat{\psi}} \frac{1}{\beta_{6\hat{\tau}}}$$

where  $\beta_{6\hat{\tau}}$  is the estimated box-counting fractal dimension of the  $\hat{\tau}^{th}$  patch—only for patches with area  $n_\tau > 400$ —using the average Euclidean distance  $\bar{r}_{\hat{\tau}}$  from patch  $\hat{\tau}$  centroid  $(\bar{x}_{\hat{\tau}}, \bar{y}_{\hat{\tau}})$  to a  $L \times L$  patch bounding-box, or patch perimeter (whichever comes first) regression,  $\ln[\bar{r}_{\hat{\tau}}]$  on the natural logarithm of bounding-box perimeter,  $perimeter = 4 \cdot L$ , or patch  $\hat{\tau}$ ,  $perimeter = n_{\hat{\tau}}[E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$ , perimeter  $\ln[perimeter]$ .

Ritters describes the procedures as follows. For each patch meeting the minimum 400 pixel area ( $n_{\hat{\tau}} > 400$ ) constraint, the average Euclidean distance  $\bar{r}_{\hat{\tau}}$  along the perimeter is found for actual distances  $L = 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128$ , and 512 bounding-box pixels. The proportions of patch perimeters that touched the map border are excluded.

The expression for average patch centroid Euclidean distance is:

$$\bar{r}_{\hat{\tau}} = \frac{1}{n_{\hat{\tau}}} \sum_{\hat{\tau}=1}^{\hat{\psi}} r_{\hat{\tau}}$$

where the patch  $\hat{\tau}$  distances  $r_{\hat{\tau}}$  are for all  $\hat{\tau} = 1, 2, 3 \dots \hat{\psi}$  pixels, and are normalized by the  $\hat{\tau}$  patch area  $n_{\hat{\tau}}$ .

Within patch distances are expressed as:

$$r_{\hat{\tau}} = \sqrt{\sum_u \sum_v (x_u - \bar{x}_{\hat{\tau}})^2 + (y_v - \bar{y}_{\hat{\tau}})^2}$$

for every pixel  $u = v = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots n_{\hat{\tau}}$  within patch  $\hat{\tau}$ , for the total number of nearest-neighbor patches  $\hat{\psi}$  patches.

12. Metric of large-patch 'mass' from the scaling of patch density with neighborhood size

- *PD* (Patch density. The number of patches (units:  $km^{-2}$ ) )
  - $PD = \frac{\psi}{N_s(km^2)}$   
where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $N_s$  is the total number of pixels in a square landscape (units:  $km^2$ ).
- *PENT* (Fractal estimator of patch configurational entropy from the scaling of patch density to the size of a neighborhood of an arbitrary pixel in the patch )
  - $P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel. For example,  $P_2[L = 5; n_{\tau}^*]$  is the probability of finding two more pixels of a patch in a  $5 \times 5$  square centered on an arbitrary pixel in the patch. In general,

$$P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*] = \frac{s_{t,L}}{n_{\tau}^*}$$

where  $s_{t,L}$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class, and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^0[P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} \ln[t] \cdot P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]$$

From each patch with size  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels was selected.

$$n_{\tau}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_{\tau} < 401, \\ n_{\tau} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Square kernels of size  $L = 5, 15, 25, 35$ , and  $45$  are placed around each sampled pixel, and the occurrences of pixels of the same patch were counted for each kernel size. The values of  $P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]$  and  $M^0[P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]]$  were calculated after the counts are accumulated for all sampled pixels. Letting  $\beta_{7\hat{\tau}}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $M^0[P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]]$  on  $\ln[L]$  for the  $\hat{\tau}^{th}$  patch. The fractal estimator is:

$$PENT = \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \sum_{\hat{\tau}=1}^{\hat{\psi}} \beta_{7\hat{\tau}}$$

where,  $\hat{\psi}$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches.

- *PMAS* (Fractal estimator of patch mass from the scaling of patch density to the size of a neighborhood of an arbitrary cell in the patch )
  - $P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel. For example,  $P_2[L = 5; n_{\tau}^*]$  is the probability of finding two more pixels of a patch in a  $5 \times 5$  square centered on an arbitrary pixel in the patch. In general,

$$P_t[L; n_{\tau}^*] = \frac{s_{t,L}}{n_{\tau}^*}$$

where  $s_{t,L}$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class, and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^1[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} t \cdot P_t[L; n_\tau^*]$$

From each patch with size  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels was selected.

$$n_\tau^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_\tau < 401, \\ n_\tau & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Square kernels of size  $L = 5, 15, 25, 35$ , and  $45$  are placed around each sampled pixel, and the occurrences of pixels of the same patch were counted for each kernel size. The values of  $P_t[L; n_\tau^*]$  and  $M^1[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]]$  were calculated after the counts are accumulated for all sampled pixels. Letting  $\beta_{8\hat{\tau}}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $M^1[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]]$  on  $\ln[L]$  for the  $\hat{\tau}^{th}$  patch. The fractal estimator is:

$$PMAS = \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \sum_{\hat{\tau}=1}^{\hat{\psi}} \beta_{8\hat{\tau}}$$

where,  $\hat{\psi}$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches.

- *PVAR* (Fractal estimator of patch variance from the scaling of patch density to the size of a neighborhood of an arbitrary pixel in the patch )
  - $P_t[L; n_\tau^*]$  is the probability of finding  $t$  other pixels of the same LCLU class, in an  $L \times L$  kernel, centered on an arbitrarily chosen pixel. For example,  $P_2[L = 5; n_\tau^*]$  is the probability of finding two more pixels of a patch in a  $5 \times 5$  square centered on an arbitrary pixel in the patch. In general,

$$P_t[L; n_\tau^*] = \frac{s_{t,L}}{n_\tau^*}$$

where  $s_{t,L}$  is the number of  $L \times L$  kernels that had  $t$  pixels of the same LCLU class, and  $n_j$  is the number of pixels in LCLU class  $j$ .

Letting  $n_j[L]$  be the maximum number of pixels of the same LCLU class  $j$ , observed in any  $L \times L$  kernel:

$$M^2[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]] = \sum_{t=1}^{n_j[L]} t^2 \cdot P_t[L; n_\tau^*]$$

From each patch with size  $> 400$  pixels, a random sample of at least 400 pixels was selected.

$$n_\tau^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n_\tau < 401, \\ n_\tau & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Square kernels of size  $L = 5, 15, 25, 35$ , and  $45$  are placed around each sampled pixel, and the occurrences of pixels of the same patch were counted for each kernel size. The values of  $P_t[L; n_\tau^*]$  and  $M^2[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]]$  were calculated after the counts are accumulated for all sampled pixels. Letting  $\beta_{9\hat{\tau}}$  be the estimated slope from the regression of  $M^2[P_t[L; n_\tau^*]]$  on  $\ln[L]$  for the  $\hat{\tau}^{th}$  patch. The fractal estimator is:

$$PENT = \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \sum_{\hat{\tau}=1}^{\hat{\psi}} \beta_{9\hat{\tau}}$$

where,  $\hat{\psi}$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches.

13. Average large-patch lancunarity from the scaling from the scaling of patch density with neighborhood size

- *PLAC* (Average large-patch lancunarity)
  - $PLAC = PVAR - PENT$   
See *Metric of large-patch 'mass' from the scaling of patch density with neighborhood size.*

14. Number of patches

- *NPAT* (Number of patches )

- $NPAT = \psi$   
where  $\psi$  is the number of nearest-neighbor patches in the LCLU map.
- 15. Largest patch index
  - $LPI$  (The ratio of area of the largest patch to the total area of the landscape (unit: %))
    - $LPI = \frac{\text{MAX}[n_\tau]}{N}$   
where  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_\tau$  is the total number of pixels in nearest-neighbor patch  $\tau$ .
- 16. Average patch size or area
  - $PSIZ$  (Average patch size or area )
    - $PSIZ = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} n_\tau$   
where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ .
- 17. Patch size coefficient of variation
  - $PSCV$  (The standard deviation of patch size divided by mean patch size for the entire landscape (unit:%))
    - $PSCV = \frac{PSSD}{PSIZ}$   
See *Average patch size or area* for  $PSIZ$  and *Patch size standard deviation* for  $PSSD$ .
- 18. Total edge
  - $TE$  (The sum of the lengths of all edge segments (unit: m) )
    - $TE = E_{left} + E_{right} + E_{hor} + E_{vert}$   
Here, the left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical LCLU map edge pixels are  $E_{left}$ ,  $E_{right}$ ,  $E_{hor}$ , and  $E_{vert}$  respectively.
- 19. Average patch radius of gyration
  - $OEDG$  (Average number of edges enclosing a patch—'outside edges')
    - $OEDG = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} n_\tau [E_{left}, E_{right}]$   
where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $n_\tau [E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.
  - $TEDG$  (Average total number of perimeter edges, or 'perimeter length', per patch)
    - $TEDG = IEDG + OEDG$   
See *Average number of inside edges per patch* for  $IEDG$  and *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $OEDG$ .
  - $OPER$  (Average number of pixels enclosing a patch—'outside pixels')
    - $OPER = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} n_\tau^c$   
where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest neighbor patches, and all patch  $\tau$  nearest-neighbor pixels that are not left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, or vertical edge pixels are  $n_\tau^c = (n_\tau - n_\tau [E_{left}, E_{right}, E_{hor}, E_{vert}])$ .
  - $RGYR$  (Average radius of gyration )
    - $RGYR = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} r_\tau$   
The patch centroid  $(\bar{x}_\tau, \bar{y}_\tau)$  is used to find the radius of gyration  $r_\tau$  of patch  $\tau$ :  

$$r_\tau = \sqrt{\sum_u \sum_v (x_u - \bar{x}_\tau)^2 + (y_v - \bar{y}_\tau)^2}$$

for every pixel  $u + v = 2, 3, 4 \dots n_\tau$  within nearest-neighbor patch  $\tau$ , for the total number of nearest-neighbor patches  $\psi$ .

- **LOAX** (Average length of long axis)

$$LOAX = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} L_{hor,\tau}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $L_{hor,\tau}$  is the longest horizontal diameter of patch  $\tau$ .

20. Average number of inside edges per patch

- **IEDG** (Average number of edges between a patch and its inclusions—'inside edges')

$$IEDG = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} n_\tau [E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $n_\tau [E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$  are horizontal and vertical patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

21. Landscape shape index

- **LSI** (A modified perimeter-area ratio)

$$LSI = \frac{0.25 \cdot n_\tau [TE]}{\sqrt{N}}$$

where  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $n_\tau [TE]$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

22. Mean patch shape index

- **MSI** (A patch-level shape index averaged over all patches in the landscape)

$$MSI = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{0.25 \cdot n_\tau [TE]}{\sqrt{n_\tau}}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau [TE]$  is the total number of patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

23. Area-Weighted mean patch shape index

- **AWMSI** (Mean patch shape index weighted by relative patch size)

$$AWMSI = \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{0.25 \cdot n_\tau [TE]}{\sqrt{n_\tau}} \cdot \frac{n_\tau}{N}$$

where  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape,  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau [TE]$  is the total number of patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

24. Double-Log fractal dimension

- **DLFD** (The fractal dimension of the entire landscape)

– Twice the inverse regression line slope between the logarithm of patch area and the logarithm of patch perimeter:

$$DLFD = 2 \cdot \left( \frac{\psi \cdot \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \ln[n_\tau [TE]] \ln[n_\tau] - \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \ln[n_\tau]}{\psi \cdot \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \ln[n_\tau [TE]]^2 - \left( \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \ln[n_\tau [TE]] \right)^2} \right)^{-1}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau [TE]$  is the total number of patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

25. Mean patch fractal dimension

- **MPFD** (The average fractal dimension of individual patches in the landscape)

– The summation of fractal dimension for all patches divided by the total number of patches in the landscape:

$$MPFD = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{2 \cdot \ln[0.25 \cdot n_\tau [TE]]}{\ln[n_\tau]}$$



where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[TE]$  is the total number of patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

26. Area-weighted mean patch fractal dimension

- *AWMPFD* (The patch fractal dimension weighted by relative patch area)

$$- \quad AWMPFD = \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{2 \cdot \ln[0.25 \cdot n_\tau[TE]]}{\ln[n_\tau]} \cdot \frac{n_\tau}{N}$$

where  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape,  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[TE]$  is the total number of patch edges (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

27. Square pixel index

- *SqP* (A normalized perimeter-area ratio)

$$- \quad SqP = 1 - \frac{4\sqrt{N}}{(TE)}$$

where  $N$  is the total number of pixels in the landscape, and  $TE$  are all left-diagonal, right-diagonal, horizontal, and vertical edge pixels in the landscape (unitless). See *Average patch radius of gyration* for  $TE$ .

28. Average patch perimeter-area ratio

- $PA - 1$  (Average nearest-neighbor perimeter-area ratio)

$$- \quad PA - 1 = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]}{n_\tau}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

29. Average patch adjusted perimeter-area ratio

- $PA - 2$  (Average adjusted perimeter-area ratio)

$$- \quad PA - 2 = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{0.282 \cdot n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]}{\sqrt{n_\tau}}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

30. Average patch normalized area, square model

- *NACI* (Average normalized area, circular model)

$$- \quad NACI = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{4\pi \cdot n_\tau}{n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]^2}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

- *NASQ* (Average normalized area, square model)

$$- \quad NASQ = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{16 \cdot n_\tau}{n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]^2}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

- *BRRA* (Average bounding rectangle ratio)

$$- \quad BRRA = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{n_\tau}{\chi_\tau}$$

where

$$\chi_\tau = L_{hor,\tau} \times L_{vert,\tau}$$

Here,  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ ,  $L_{hor,\tau}$  and  $L_{vert,\tau}$  are respectively the rectangular kernel horizontal and vertical sides that fit over patch  $\tau$ .

31. Average patch topology ratio

- *NFTD* (Average topology ratio)

$$- \quad NFTD = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} 2 - \frac{(n_\tau^c - 4\sqrt{n_\tau})}{(2 \cdot n_\tau + 2 - 4\sqrt{n_\tau})}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches, and  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$

32. Average patch ratio of number of inside edges of area

- *PORO* (Average ratio of number of inside edges to area)

$$- \quad PORO = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{n_\tau[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]}{n_\tau}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{hor}, E_{vert}]$  are horizontal and vertical patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

33. Average patch adjusted perimeter-area ratio

- *DSTA* (Average adjusted area-perimeter ratio—Gardner's D-statistic)

$$- \quad DSTA = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{4 \cdot n_\tau}{\ln[n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]]}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $n_\tau[E_{left}, E_{right}]$  are left-diagonal and right-diagonal patch  $\tau$  edge pixels.

- *ABRA* (Average ratio of area to largest bounding rectangle dimension)

$$- \quad ABRA = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{\ln(n_\tau)}{Y_\tau}$$

Here,  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and the largest and smallest rectangular kernel side length differences  $Y_\tau$  that would cover a patch  $\tau$  is:

$$Y_\tau = \ln[\text{MAX}(L_{hor,\tau}, L_{vert,\tau})].$$

34. Average ratio of patch area to area of the circumscribing circle

- *CCRA* (Average ratio of area to the area of a circumscribing circle)

$$- \quad CCRA = \frac{1}{\psi} \sum_{\tau=1}^{\psi} \frac{n_\tau}{\pi \left( \frac{L_{hor,\tau}}{2} \right)^2}$$

where  $\psi$  is the total number of nearest-neighbor patches,  $n_\tau$  is the total area of patch  $\tau$ , and  $L_{hor,\tau}$  is the longest horizontal diameter of patch  $\tau$ .