**Submission notes**

There are numerous issues with the algorithm that need to be addressed. Need to make it very clear that this is making a contribution to science. Definitely needs more rigorous testing before I can submit it. Ideally, should do a test all the way from basin delineation through running the routing model. Can use Livneh et al. (2013) VIC outputs to run the routing model.

Can test the code for the following cases:

Made-up test basin - shows what elements can be plotted, and how FDT can be used to adjust the flow direction for individual grid cells. Could go all the way with this example (running VIC), but then we would need to set up a realistic "fake" VIC setup.

Upper Tuolumne Basin - shows 30 arc-second flow direction map for the UT basin and how the river network can be used to automatically adjust the flow directions to match the river network. This test case is interesting because we've actually run VIC for this domain, but at 1/16 degree resolution, the flow direction map is essentially the same as the 30 arc-second map. There appears to be no need to adjust the flow direction map.

Upper Indus Basin - shows how 30 arc-second and 1/16 degree basin delineations can look different. It turns out that the coarse resolution delineation is actually more accurate that the fine resolution delineation, in this case. See Khan et al. (2014) for a discussion of the true shape of the UIB. There is no need to adjust the flow direction map to better match the fine resolution map because the coarse resolution map is already quite good. For the sake of demonstrating FDT, it could be used to add successive (spurious) portions of the UIB by adjusting the flow direction at each of the critical points discussed by Khan et al. (2014). We have run VIC for this domain, so the results could potentially be used in a paper.

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Suggested sections:

*Introduction*

*Methods*

*Results*

*Discussion*

*Conclusions*

*Appendices*

*Abbreviations*

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