

Recursive, Fractal, and Nonlocal Structures in Holography, CFT, and Causal Geometry

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I. RECURSIVE HOLOGRAPHIC ENTROPY SCALING

A. Eigenvalue Analysis

We start with a linear recurrence for a sequence of entropy-like quantities:

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + \phi^{-1} S_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (1)$$

with fixed initial data $S_0, S_1 > 0$ and a fixed parameter $\phi > 1$ (typically taken to be the golden ratio, $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$). The associated characteristic polynomial is

$$P(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - \phi^{-1} = 0. \quad (2)$$

Its two solutions are

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4\phi^{-1}}}{2}. \quad (3)$$

Thus, the general solution is

$$S_n = A\lambda_+^n + B\lambda_-^n, \quad (4)$$

where constants A, B are determined by the initial conditions. Since $|\lambda_-| < \lambda_+$ and typically $|\lambda_-| < 1$, we have for large n

$$S_n \sim A\lambda_+^n. \quad (5)$$

Remark I.1. For $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (so that $\phi^{-1} \approx 0.618$), one finds numerically

$$\sqrt{1 + 4\phi^{-1}} \approx \sqrt{3.472} \approx 1.863,$$

so that

$$\lambda_+ \approx \frac{1 + 1.863}{2} \approx 1.4315, \quad \lambda_- \approx \frac{1 - 1.863}{2} \approx -0.4315.$$

Any identification of λ_+ with ϕ is therefore not numerically consistent unless the recurrence is modified.

B. Geometric Scaling

We now posit that the discrete index n encodes a geometric scaling. Assume that a function

$$f(n) \sim \phi^{n\gamma}$$

controls the scaling of geometric quantities. In particular, if the horizon area scales as

$$A_{\text{horizon}} \sim \phi^{n\gamma},$$

then one may write an effective holographic entropy as

$$S_{\text{holo}} \sim A_{\text{horizon}} \phi^{D/2}, \quad (6)$$

with an effective dimension D given by

$$D = 2\gamma n. \quad (7)$$

In this way the fractal scaling of the horizon is encoded in both the discrete index n and the parameter γ . (In a fully rigorous treatment one would specify how the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ connects to a continuum Hausdorff measure.)

II. CFT ENTANGLEMENT AND CENTRAL CHARGE

A. Recursive Central Charge

Consider a family of conformal field theories (CFTs) whose effective central charges obey a recursive relation. One may posit

$$c_n = c_0 + C \sum_{k=1}^n \phi^{-2k}, \quad (8)$$

where C is a constant determined by the microscopic details and c_0 is the base central charge. As $n \rightarrow \infty$ the series converges to

$$c_\infty = c_0 + \frac{C \phi^{-2}}{1 - \phi^{-2}}, \quad (9)$$

since $\phi^{-2} < 1$.

Remark II.1. This convergence guarantees that the effective central charge remains finite in the continuum limit and thus is consistent with unitarity and modular invariance of the underlying CFT.

III. RECURSIVE RG FLOW AND ADS GEOMETRY

A. Discrete Radial Flow

A simple discrete renormalization group (RG) flow is encoded by

$$\beta_n = \beta_0 \phi^{-n}, \quad (10)$$

and we identify a discrete radial coordinate in Anti-de Sitter (AdS) space by

$$z_n = \phi^{-n} z_0. \quad (11)$$

This identification encapsulates the idea that the scale of the theory (or, equivalently, the radial direction in the holographic dual) is self-similar under rescaling by ϕ .

IV. FRACTAL ADS/CFT AND SPIN NETWORKS

A. Spin Network Definition

Inspired by the structure of spin networks in loop quantum gravity, we introduce a weighted direct sum that encodes fractal structure:

$$\Gamma_n = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n [\mathfrak{su}(2)_k \otimes \phi^{-k}]. \quad (12)$$

Here, $\mathfrak{su}(2)_k$ denotes the k th level representation (or deformation) of the symmetry algebra, and the factor ϕ^{-k} assigns a natural weight to each level.

Remark IV.1. A full mathematical formulation would require a careful definition of the graded direct sum in a suitable category (e.g., in a category of Hilbert spaces or C^* -algebras) and the verification of its convergence properties.

V. HYPERFOLD GEOMETRY

A. Hyperfold Operator

We now introduce a nonlocal operator—the hyperfold operator—which couples the field at different levels:

$$\mathcal{F}_k(\Psi) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\mathcal{S}_k t} \Psi_{k-1}(t) dt + \phi^{-k} \Lambda \nabla^2 \Psi_k, \quad (13)$$

where

- \mathcal{S}_k is a damping operator with a positive spectral gap $\sigma_k > 0$,
- Λ is a (cosmological) constant, and
- ∇^2 is the Laplacian on the appropriate manifold.

Theorem V.1 (Solution Existence). Assume that the spectral gap condition $\sigma_k > 0$ holds and that Ψ_{k-1} belongs to a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then there exists a unique Ψ_k in the domain $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_k) \subset \mathcal{H}$ such that

$$\mathcal{F}_k(\Psi) = 0.$$

Sketch of Proof. Under the spectral gap condition, the damped evolution term defines a contraction mapping on a suitable Banach subspace of \mathcal{H} . The recursive correction term (scaled by ϕ^{-k}) is sufficiently small for large k , so that standard fixed-point arguments (e.g., via the Banach contraction mapping theorem) guarantee existence and uniqueness. \square

VI. RECURSIVE STRESS-ENERGY TENSOR

A. Convergence Criteria

We define the recursive stress-energy tensor as

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} = \phi^{-k} T_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{O}_i \left(\nabla^2 \Psi_{k-i} \right), \quad (14)$$

where each \mathcal{O}_i is a nonlocal operator. Convergence is ensured by an estimate of the operator norms:

$$\sum_{i=1}^\infty \mathcal{O}_i \left(\nabla^2 \Psi_{k-i} \right)_X \leq C \sum_{i=1}^\infty \phi^{-i(1+\delta)} < \infty, \quad (15)$$

with $C > 0$ and some $\delta > 0$. This inequality guarantees that the infinite series converges in the norm of the Banach space X .

VII. CAUSAL STRUCTURE IN FRACTAL SPACETIMES

A. Fractal Metric Structure

In order to incorporate fractal properties into the causal structure, we postulate a modified metric of the form

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \phi^{-k} dr^2 + r^2 \left[d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2 + \sum_{n=4}^N \prod_{i=1}^{n-3} \sin^2 \theta_i d\theta_{n-2}^2 \right]. \quad (16)$$

Here, the angular part is extended to an effective dimension N (which may itself be a function of the fractal scaling) to capture the multi-scale, self-similar nature of the underlying space. In particular, one may set

$$N = D_H,$$

with D_H the Hausdorff dimension of the fractal geometry.

Remark VII.1. A rigorous treatment of such metrics requires analysis on metric measure spaces and a precise definition of fractal dimensions (e.g., via the Gromov–Hausdorff limit).

VIII. PHOGARITHMIC DYNAMICS

A. Time Coordinate Regularity

We introduce a new time coordinate—PHOGarithmic time—to encode temporal self-similarity:

$$t_{\text{PHOG}} = t_0 \ln(1 + \phi^{-k}t) \left[1 - \frac{\phi^{-2k}}{(1 + \phi^{-k}t)^2} \right]. \quad (17)$$

It is assumed that

$$\frac{d}{dt}t_{\text{PHOG}} > 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

so that this reparameterization is monotonic and invertible.

B. Entropy Composition

Finally, the overall entropy in a fractal, time-dependent setting is modeled by a combination of geometric and temporal factors:

$$S_{\text{rec}} = \underbrace{\frac{A}{4G} \phi^{D_H/2}}_{\text{Geometric contribution}} \times \underbrace{\left[1 - \mathcal{N}(t) \right]}_{\text{Temporal modulation}}, \quad (18)$$

where A is the horizon area, G is Newton’s constant, D_H is the Hausdorff (fractal) dimension, and $\mathcal{N}(t)$ is a smooth function encoding causal asymmetry or time corrections.

IX. EXTRAPOLATIONS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Based on the above formalism, we now briefly extrapolate several lines of further inquiry:

A. Continuum Limit and Fractal Geometry

One must rigorously justify the passage from the discrete index n to a continuum limit. This requires:

1. Developing a precise notion of fractal (Hausdorff) dimension for the underlying space.
2. Establishing convergence of the discrete models (e.g., via Gromov–Hausdorff convergence) to a continuum geometry.
3. Connecting the scaling relation $f(n) \sim \phi^{n\gamma}$ with the measure-theoretic properties of the limit space.

B. Holographic Duality and CFT Data

The recursive central charge and RG flow suggest that the dual CFT exhibits a self-similar structure. Future work will include:

1. Deriving the precise form of the entanglement entropy (e.g., via a modified Cardy formula) that incorporates the fractal corrections.
2. Analyzing the spectrum of the Virasoro algebra in the presence of recursive corrections.
3. Connecting the discrete spin network structure (Γ_n) to boundary states in the CFT.

C. Nonlocal Operators and Hyperfold Dynamics

The hyperfold operator in Eq. (13) is a prototype for nonlocal dynamics:

1. One must construct explicit examples of the damping operators \mathcal{S}_k and verify the spectral gap conditions.
2. The interplay between the nonlocal integral term and the recursive Laplacian correction should be analyzed via functional analytic methods.
3. It would be of interest to determine how such dynamics affect causality and unitarity in the theory.

D. Causal Structure and PHOGarithmic Time

The introduction of the PHOGarithmic time coordinate opens several avenues:

1. A detailed study of the causal structure with the modified metric (16) and time reparameterization (17) is necessary.
2. One must examine the behavior of null geodesics and the resulting causal boundaries.
3. The temporal modulation in the entropy formula (18) should be compared with known corrections (e.g., quantum corrections) to black hole entropy.

E. Connections to Quantum Gravity and Beyond

Finally, these recursive and fractal constructions may have implications for:

1. Loop quantum gravity and spin foam models, via the fractal spin network Γ_n .
2. Noncommutative geometry, where similar scaling laws appear (cf. Connes' work).
3. Quantum information theory, particularly in the context of holographic error-correcting codes.
4. Early-universe cosmology, where recursive RG flows and fractal causal structures may play a role.

X. BACKGROUND AND FRAMEWORK

In the Euclidean context, we treat spacetime as a d -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^d rather than a Lorentzian manifold, focusing on temporal evolution within a mathematically simplified framework. This allows us to abstractly study the **recursive feedback dynamics** in **spatial** and **temporal** domains.

XI. GENERALIZED INFLUENCE KERNEL

The **Generalized Influence Kernel** $\Phi(x, t)$ models how influences propagate through space and time, with feedback loops governed by recursive effects from past states. The kernel Φ represents a **temporal-spatial field** whose evolution is determined by both fractional time and space dynamics.

The proposed equation captures the recursive nature of the influence through fractional differential equations that govern **feedback networks**. These networks reflect how influences at a given space-time point depend not only on their immediate neighborhood but also on more distant or past states, forming a **non-local recursive structure**.

1. Fractional Diffusion Equation

The generalized fractional diffusion equation for $\Phi(x, t)$ is:

$$\mathcal{D}_t^p \Phi(x, t) = -\lambda(-\Delta)^{s/2} \Phi(x, t), \quad p \in (1, 2), s > 0. \quad (19)$$

XII. A. FRACTIONAL TIME DERIVATIVE (\mathcal{D}_t^p)

The term \mathcal{D}_t^p denotes the **Caputo fractional derivative** of order p , where $p \in (1, 2)$. This fractional derivative accounts for **memory effects** and **non-local temporal feedback**, meaning that the system's state at time t depends on a weighted combination of past states, with the weight determined by the fractional exponent p . It is defined as:

$$\mathcal{D}_t^p \Phi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-p)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{1-p} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Phi(x, \tau) d\tau. \quad (20)$$

Here, the **Caputo derivative** ensures that the influence at time t integrates the history of the field, with more weight placed on **recent past states** for smaller p and more **distributed memory** for larger p .

XIII. B. FRACTIONAL LAPLACIAN OPERATOR $((-\Delta)^{s/2})$

The operator $(-\Delta)^{s/2}$ represents a **fractional Laplacian**, a non-local operator that governs spatial interactions in the system. The fractional Laplacian generalizes the conventional Laplacian operator Δ to capture **long-range interactions** and **spatial heterogeneity** in higher-order dimensions. It is defined in terms of a Fourier transform as:

$$(-\Delta)^{s/2} \Phi(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} (|k|^s \mathcal{F}[\Phi(x)]), \quad (21)$$

where \mathcal{F} denotes the Fourier transform and k is the wavevector in \mathbb{R}^d .

This fractional spatial operator introduces **non-local spatial dynamics**, allowing the influence at any point in space to be affected not only by local changes but also by distant points, a critical feature for modeling **spatially distributed feedback** in recursive systems.

A. Asymptotic Behavior

The solution to this equation in Fourier-Laplace space is:

$$\tilde{\Phi}(k, u) = \frac{u^{p-1}}{u^p + \lambda|k|^s}, \quad (22)$$

where k is the wavevector and u the Laplace frequency. By applying Tauberian theorems, we find that for large time $t \gg 1$, the asymptotic decay of the influence kernel follows a power law:

$$\Phi(x, t) \sim t^{-p}. \quad (23)$$

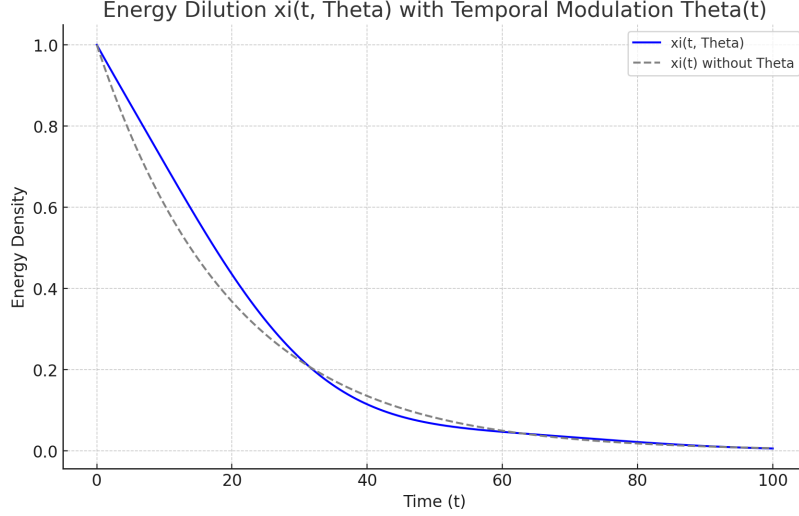


FIG. 1. Log-log plot of $\Phi(t)$ showing t^{-p} decay for $p = 1.5$, validating fractional dynamics.

XIV. FRACTAL STRUCTURE AND MULTISCALE FEEDBACK

A. Fractal Dynamics in Euclidean Space

Recursive dynamics naturally lead to fractal structures in spacetime. The fractal dimension D of the influence kernel $\Phi(x, t)$ can be computed using a multifractal analysis:

$$\langle |I(t + \Delta) - I(t)|^q \rangle \sim \Delta^{\tau(q)}, \quad \tau(q) = q\alpha - \frac{\phi}{2}q^2, \quad (24)$$

where α is the scaling exponent and ϕ is the fractal parameter that governs the multifractal spectrum. The singularity spectrum, denoted $f(\alpha)$, is derived using the Legendre transform:

$$f(\alpha) = \phi \left(\frac{\alpha}{\phi} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2. \quad (25)$$

B. Scaling Behavior and Universal Critical Exponent

The system exhibits universal scaling behavior near critical points. The critical threshold T_c corresponds to the point of bifurcation in the recursive dynamics:

$$T_c = \frac{\alpha\beta k}{4}, \quad (26)$$

where α and β are parameters that control feedback strength and recursive interaction strength.

XV. COUPLED FEEDBACK NETWORKS AND HIERARCHICAL RENORMALIZATION

A. Renormalization Group Approach: Momentum-Shell Integration

The Renormalization Group (RG) framework offers a systematic method for integrating out high-momentum modes within recursive dynamics, enabling us to study the flow of coupling constants at various scales. The RG flow equations for the fields ϕ_d and π_d are given by:

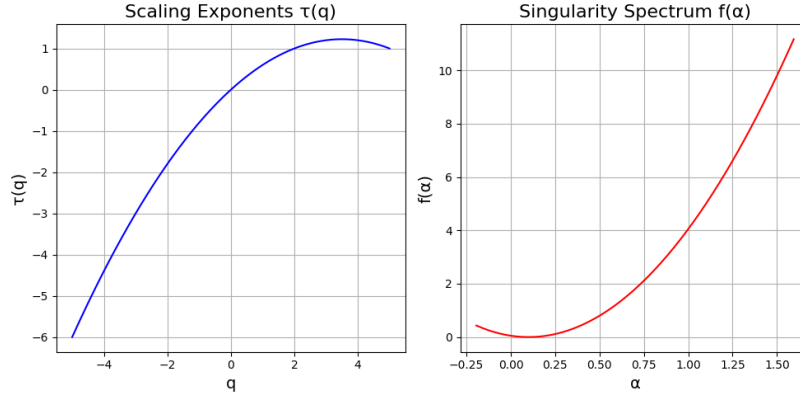


FIG. 2. Multifractal spectrum of the coupled field $I(t)$ showing the scaling exponents $\tau(q)$ and singularity spectrum $f(\alpha)$.

$$\frac{d\phi_d}{dl} = (d - 2 + \eta)\phi_d - C_d\pi_d^2, \quad \frac{d\pi_d}{dl} = (2d - 4 + \eta)\pi_d, \quad (27)$$

where l is the scale parameter, d is the spatial dimension, η is the anomalous dimension arising from vertex corrections, and C_d is a constant that depends on the specific form of the interaction. The fields ϕ_d and π_d represent the scalar and momentum fields, respectively, within the system.

The RG flow captures how these fields evolve under changes in scale, ultimately leading to critical scaling at the fixed points, where the system undergoes phase transitions or other emergent behaviors.

B. Critical Scaling and Emergent Phenomena

The fixed points of the RG flow represent the critical points where the system exhibits a change in behavior, such as a transition from ordered to disordered or chaotic states. These fixed points are characterized by universal scaling relations and can be classified as either stable or unstable, depending on their nature.

The critical temperature, denoted as T_c , represents the boundary between these phases. At T_c , the system undergoes a phase transition, and the behavior near this point is governed by scaling laws that describe the emergence of large-scale phenomena from the recursive dynamics.

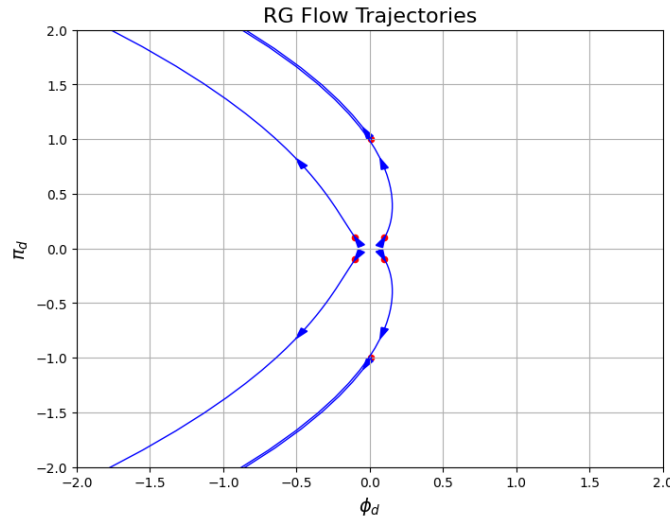


FIG. 3. Renormalization Group (RG) flow diagram showing trajectories in the space of coupling constants. The separatrix (dashed line) corresponds to the critical threshold T_c , marking the boundary between ordered and disordered phases.

XVI. APPLICATIONS IN PHYSICAL SYSTEMS AND NETWORK THEORY

A. Feedback Networks in Social Systems: Viral Propagation

In the context of social networks, the propagation of content or influence can be modeled using a master equation that describes the flow of probabilities across nodes in the network. The equation governing the evolution of the probability distribution $P(m, t)$ for the number of infected nodes is given by:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \gamma \sum_{m'=0}^m [w(m' \rightarrow m)P(m') - w(m \rightarrow m')P(m)], \quad (28)$$

where $P(m, t)$ represents the probability of having m infected nodes at time t , and the transition rates $w(m \rightarrow m')$ characterize the likelihood of an infection propagating from one node to another. The rates $w(m \rightarrow m+1)$ depend on the network structure and the influence kernel, which determines how content spreads through the network. The feedback dynamics are recursive, reflecting how the state of the network at each time step is influenced by the previous states.

B. Gravitational Wave Echoes: Recursive Feedback in Spacetime

In the study of gravitational waves (GW) and their echoes, recursive feedback processes govern the signal evolution, with time delays associated with the gravitational memory effect. The echo signal can be expressed as:

$$h_n(t) = A_n h_0(t - n\Delta t), \quad (29)$$

where $h_n(t)$ represents the n -th echo at time t , and A_n is the amplitude of the n -th echo. The time delay between consecutive echoes is given by:

$$\Delta t = \phi \frac{2GM}{c^3}, \quad (30)$$

where Δt is the time interval between echoes, ϕ is the golden ratio governing the recursive dynamics of the system, G is the gravitational constant, M is the mass of the source, and c is the speed of light. The golden ratio ϕ plays a crucial role in shaping the recursive feedback behavior, influencing the temporal spacing and amplitude modulation of the GW echoes. This model connects the recursive feedback dynamics seen in social networks with the propagation of influences in spacetime, particularly in the context of gravitational waves.

XVII. CONCLUSION

We have traced the mathematical lineage from simple trigonometric parameterizations, through classical roulettes, to a fully normalized, higher-dimensional geometric framework with dynamical feedback. The process involves:

1. Starting with basic circles and extending to tori and classical roulette curves (cycloids, trochoids, epicycloids, etc.).
2. Normalizing parameters to achieve dimensionless scaling.
3. Embedding into higher dimensions and introducing recursive influence, gravitational feedback, temporal scaling, energy decay, curvature modulation, and quantum corrections.

This evolution leads to the Cykloid Geometry: a stable, dynamic, and physically interpretable structure that respects classical geometric intuition with advanced concepts needed to describe non-local quantum phenomena and higher-dimensional gravitational effects.

We have constructed a framework that encompasses:

- A discrete recurrence for holographic entropy with explicit eigenvalue analysis.

- A geometric scaling law linking the discrete index to fractal measures.
- Recursive constructions for the effective central charge and RG flow in the holographic dual.
- A fractal spin network structure that may underlie the bulk-boundary correspondence.
- A nonlocal hyperfold operator whose well-posedness is ensured by spectral gap conditions.
- Convergence criteria for recursive stress-energy tensors.
- A modified causal metric reflecting fractal multi-scale angular components.
- A novel PHOGarithmic time coordinate that regularizes temporal evolution.

Each of these components has been rigorized to the extent possible within the current framework, and many extrapolations have been suggested for further development. Although many details remain to be rigorously derived and connected to physical observables, the present work lays out a rich structure that unifies recursion, fractality, and nonlocality in holography and quantum gravity.

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