Fundamental Laws of Network Dynamics

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Law I (Existence of Elements). The universe consists of discrete nodes:

$$\Omega = \{X_i\}, \quad X_i = (\Theta_i, V_i, I_i)$$

where:

- Θ_i: Type (categorical classification)
- V_i: Potential (significant capacity)
- I_i: Power (relational propensity)

Law II (Relational States). Between any two distinct nodes $i \neq j$, a unique relation exists:

$$R(i,j) \in \{C, N, D\}$$

with:

- C: cohesion (cooperative interaction)
- N: neutral expansion (transitional/indeterminate)
- D: disjunction (inactive/potential)

The neutral state N mediates transitions between cohesion and disjunction.

Law III (Value Realization). Interaction value is realized only in cohesive relations:

$$\Lambda(i,j) = \mathbf{1}_{\{R(i,j)=C\}} \cdot (V_i I_i + V_j I_j)$$

The realized value of the system at time t:

$$O(S_t) = \sum_{i<j} \Lambda(i,j)$$

and latent value in disjunctive relations:

$$L(S_t) = \sum_{\substack{i<j \\ R(i,j)=D}} (V_i I_i + V_j I_j)$$

Law IV (Conservation of Balance). Attention weights distribute between present and potential relations:

$$\alpha(S_t) = \frac{|\{(i,j) : R(i,j) \neq D\}|}{|\Omega|(|\Omega| - 1)/2}, \quad \beta(S_t) = 1 - \alpha(S_t)$$

The system evolves toward the optimal state:

$$S^* = \arg\max_{S_t} [\alpha(S_t)O(S_t) + \beta(S_t)L(S_t)]$$

Law V (Transition Dynamics). Relations evolve under opposing forces with transition probabilities:

$$P(R_{t+1}(i,j) = C \mid R_t(i,j) = N) = \alpha(S_t)$$
$$P(R_{t+1}(i,j) = D \mid R_t(i,j) = N) = \beta(S_t)$$
$$P(R_{t+1}(i,j) = N \mid R_t(i,j) \in \{C,D\}) = \epsilon$$

Equilibrium occurs when expansion (N) and reception (ϵ) are balanced.

Law VI (Emergence of Autonomy). Autonomy arises through recursive feedback:

$$(\alpha_{t+1}, \beta_{t+1}) = f(\alpha_t, \beta_t, P(N \to C), \epsilon)$$

following the causal loop:

$$\alpha_t \to P(N \to C) \to R_{t+1} \to \alpha_{t+1}$$

Law VII (Efficiency Principle). System efficiency is defined as:

$$\gamma(S_t) = \frac{O(S_t)}{O(S_t) + L(S_t)} \in [0,1]$$

Expected future efficiency:

$$\mathbb{E}[\gamma(S_{t+\Delta t})] = \frac{\sum_{i<j}(V_i I_i + V_j I_j) \cdot P(R_{t+\Delta t}(i,j) = C)}{O(S_t) + L(S_t)}$$

Optimal dynamics occur when realized value, latent value, expansion, and reception reach equilibrium.