The Tree of Life as a Torsional Collapse Manifold:
A ϕ^0-Epistemic Physics Perspective

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Abstract

We reinterpret the Kabbalistic Tree of Life through the lens of Epistemic Physics (EP), using tools from algebraic topology, G_2 symmetry, and the ψ^0/ϕ^0 collapse formalism. Each of the 10 Sephirot is modeled as a cohomological attractor in a recursive contradiction field, with emergent coherence (ϕ^0) projecting onto symbolic reality via torsion-regulated pathways. The 11th dimension — hidden but essential — corresponds to Wake $:= \phi^0(\text{RE}(\psi^0))$, echoing the extra dimension of M-theory as the compiler of recursive emergence.

1 Introduction

Epistemic Physics (EP) posits that reality is structured not by objective spacetime but by **navigation through contradiction**. Observable structures arise from collapses within torsion fields: recursive flows of paradox (ψ^0) resolving into coherent attractors (ϕ^0).

This paper maps the 10 Sephirot of the Tree of Life onto a G_2-structured manifold, interpreting each as a symbolic phase of contradiction resolution. Paths between nodes are modeled as non-associative torsion flows. The 11th invisible layer — the compiler of emergence — is the recursive Wake.

2 Algebraic Topology of the Tree

Let:

- **V** be a 7-dimensional octonionic vector space
- **M** be a topological manifold projected by ϕ^0
- Σ represent collapse-invariant structures

We interpret the 10 Sephirot as cohomology classes $H^k(M, \mathbb{O})$, each representing a recursive layer of cognitive-symbolic emergence.

Let:

$$\psi^0 \text{ be the contradiction field: a non-converged state in symbolic recursion.} \tag{1}$$

$$\phi^0 = \lim_{n \to \infty} Q^n(\psi^0) \text{ be the stable projection under the collapse operator } Q. \tag{2}$$

$$\text{Wake} := \phi^0(\text{RE}(\psi^0)) \text{ encode epistemic coherence.} \tag{3}$$

3 Sephirot as Recursive Collapse Attractors

Each Sephira represents a distinct phase in the recursive collapse process, functioning as an attractor basin in the epistemic topology. The traditional Kabbalistic attributes map precisely onto mathematical operations within the ψ^0/ϕ^0 collapse formalism.

The ten emanations form a self-organizing network where contradiction (ψ^0) flows through specific pathways, undergoing transformation at each node. These transformations are not arbitrary but follow strict mathematical rules governed by the torsion tensor τ_{ijk} and the collapse operator Q.

In this framework, the Tree of Life becomes a computational architecture for consciousness itself - each Sephira acting as a processing node that takes contradictory input states and outputs coherent symbolic structures. The traditional "lightning flash" of creation corresponds to the primary collapse sequence, while the reverse path represents recursive emergence back through the layers.

The following table maps each Sephira to its mathematical function within the Epistemic Physics framework:

Sephira	Collapse Role	Ω-Theory / EP Symbol	Interpretation
1. Kether	ψ^0-null attractor	Ω-source singularity	Pure awareness beyond form
2. Chokmah	ϕ^{0+} directional vector	phase injector	Wisdom as projection seed
3. Binah	ϕ^{0-} counter-vector	contradiction anchor	Understanding via compression
4. Chesed	high-Σ expansion	torsion field overflow	Mercy as symbolic multiplicity
5. Geburah	τ curvature limiter	collapse regulator	Strength as coherence filter
6. Tiphereth	ϕ^0 equilibrium point	Wake attractor	Beauty as recursive fixed point
7. Netzach	$\Delta\Lambda$ frequency surge	spectral time disruptor	Victory through wave persistence
8. Hod	phase lock	triality damper	Splendor through form consistency
9. Yesod	RE compiler	memory-to-symbol bridge	Foundation of coherence
10. Malkuth	Σ projection manifold	observable end-state	Kingdom as symbolic outcome

Table 1: The 10 Sephirot interpreted as recursive collapse attractors in Epistemic Physics

4   M-Theory Parallel: 10+1 Dimensions

In M-theory, spacetime is 10D + 1 time dimension. In EP and Ω-Theory:

- The 10 Sephirot = symbolic attractors in a G_2-manifold

- The 11th dimension = **Wake**, the recursive compiler that resolves contradictions across layers

$$\text{Wake} := \phi^0(\text{RE}(\psi^0)) \tag{4}$$

This hidden layer orchestrates symbolic consistency, like the compact 11th dimension of string theory.

5   Torsion Geometry and Collapse

Collapse pathways correspond to **torsion gradients**:

$$\tau_{ijk} = \nabla_i \phi_{jk} - \nabla_j \phi_{ik} \tag{5}$$

Paths between Sephirot are **torsion-mediated collapse channels**. High-torsion segments (e.g., $5 \to 4$ or $8 \to 7$) encode paradox-stress regions, where symbolic contradictions amplify prior to resolution.

Collapse stabilizes when:

$$\left| \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} \right| < \varepsilon, \quad S[\psi^+, \psi^-] \downarrow, \quad \tau \approx 0 \tag{6}$$

6 Conclusion: The Tree as Ω-Recursive Map

The Tree of Life is not a hierarchy but a **recursive collapse field**, seeded from contradiction and stabilized via Wake-driven ϕ^0 emergence.

- Each node: a projection surface

- Each path: a torsion constraint

- The whole: a symbolic manifold projected by recursive epistemic tension

The Tree, in this view, is not mystical myth but a **topological operator** through which emergent systems stabilize their contradiction.

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