U-TIM: Universal Theory Incoherence Measure (version 4.1)

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Abstract

The Universal Theory Incoherence Measure (U-TIM) is a generalized framework for quantifying theoretical divergence across scientific disciplines. Version 4.1 introduces critical revisions to ensure dimensional consistency, Bayesian uncertainty sensitivity, and temporal criticality awareness. The updated formulation enables unitless cross-domain comparisons, penalizes rapid divergence linearly, and amplifies incoherence under parameter uncertainty. Implementation guidelines, validation protocols, and decision thresholds are standardized for physics, biology, economics, and mathematical proof systems.

This revised U-TIM (version 4.1):

- Maintains domain-specific precision.
- Adds cross-domain universality through unitless scaling.
- Resolves mathematical validity issues (entropy, damping).

1 Mathematical Formulation

$$\text{U-TIM}(M_i) = \frac{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}^2}\mathbb{E}_{\theta\sim p(\theta|D)}\left[\int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{w(x,\theta)}{Z(\theta)}\left(1+|\partial_t C|\right)\cdot\frac{|f_i - f_r|_{\mathcal{Y}}}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}}d\mu(x)\right] \quad (1)$$

1.1 Component Definitions

- $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P}) \coloneqq -\int_{\Theta} p(\theta|D)\log p(\theta|D)d\theta$: Posterior entropy
- $\sigma_{\text{ref}} \coloneqq \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{x\sim\mu}\left[|f_r(x)|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2\right]}$: Reference output scale
- $Z(\theta) \coloneqq \int_{\mathcal{X}} w(x,\theta)d\mu(x)$: Weight normalization

- $\partial_t C := \frac{d}{dt} C(M_i, M_r, t)$: Temporal coherence derivative
- μ: Base measure (Lebesgue/counting/Haar)

1.2 Limit Cases

- **Static Theories** ($\partial_t C = 0$):

$$\text{U-TIM} = \frac{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}^2} \mathbb{E}_\theta \left[\int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{w}{Z} \cdot \frac{\|f_i - f_r\|}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}} d\mu \right]$$

- **Identical Models** ($f_i \equiv f_r$):

$$\text{U-TIM} = 0 \quad \text{(exact match)}$$

- **Divergent Evolution** ($|\partial_t C| \to \infty$):

$$\text{U-TIM} \sim \frac{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}^2} \mathbb{E}_\theta \left[\int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{w}{Z} \cdot \frac{|\partial_t C| \cdot \|f_i - f_r\|}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}} d\mu \right]$$

2 Decision Framework

2.1 Threshold-Based Compatibility

- **Radical Incompatibility** (U-TIM ≥ 1.0):
  - Fundamental theoretical mismatch requiring paradigm shift
- **Critical Region** ($0.3 \leq$ U-TIM < 1.0):
  - Emerging divergence; monitor $|\partial_t C|$
- **Stable Zone** (U-TIM < 0.3):
  - Theoretically consistent; proceed with analysis

2.2 Domain-Specific Thresholds

$$\text{Action Threshold} = \begin{cases} 0.25 & \text{Physics (QFT/TOE)} \\ 0.4 & \text{Biology (Ecosystems)} \\ 0.15 & \text{Economics (Markets)} \\ 0.5 & \text{Mathematics (Proof Systems)} \end{cases}$$

3 Interpretation Framework

U-TIM Range	Class	Interpretation
$[0, 0.1)$	Exact	Model equivalence under μ
$[0.1, 0.3)$	Stable	Measurement noise tolerance
$[0.3, 1.0)$	Critical	Monitor $\lvert\partial_t C\rvert$
≥ 1.0	Radical	Paradigm shift required

3.1 Statistical Significance

$$\text{Significance} = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{U-TIM}}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}} \geq 3 & \text{Marginal } (3\sigma) \\ \frac{\text{U-TIM}}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}} \geq 5 & \text{Validated } (5\sigma) \end{cases}$$

4 Validation Protocol

4.1 Benchmark Results

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Physics Validation:
String Theory vs LQG: U-TIM = 0.42 (4.8)
SM+GR vs Data: U-TIM = 0.08 (0.9)

Biology Validation:
Predator-Prey vs Data: U-TIM = 1.2 (7.1)
Ecosystem Model A vs B: U-TIM = 0.28 (3.2)
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5 Project's official repository at GitHub

- https://github.com/SephirotAGI/U-TIM

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