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Applied Coherence Routing: A Practical Demonstration in Distributed Systems

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Abstract

We present a practical application of the TIG coherence field equation to distributed systems load balancing. The coherence_router library models a node cluster as a coherence lattice and routes traffic using the coherence score $S^* = \sigma(1 - \sigma^*)V \cdot A$ rather than traditional round-robin or least-connections algorithms. Under cascading failure conditions, the coherence router maintains 100% throughput across five failure scenarios while traditional approaches degrade to 10–12% throughput. The critical threshold $T^* = 5/7$ acts as the phase boundary between cascade-vulnerable and self-healing operation. This paper presents the implementation, benchmark methodology, results, and analysis, demonstrating that TIG's abstract mathematics produces measurable, practical advantages in a real-world engineering domain.

1. Motivation

Traditional load balancing algorithms — round-robin, least-connections, weighted response time — share a fundamental limitation: they have no model of system-wide health. Each routing decision is made locally, based on individual node metrics. When cascading failures begin, these algorithms continue routing into degraded nodes, spreading the failure rather than containing it.

global health measure with a mathematically derived threshold. When the cluster's coherence score drops below $T^* = 5/7$, the system transitions from self-healing to cascade-vulnerable. A coherence-aware router can detect this transition and actively intervene.

2. Implementation

2.1 The Coherence Lattice Model

Each node in the cluster is modeled as a lattice element with three properties: vitality V_i (internal health), alignment A_i (agreement with neighbors), and operator state O_i ∈ {0,...,9}. The cluster coherence is:

$$S^*_{cluster} = (1/N)\ \Sigma_i\ S^*_i = (1/N)\ \Sigma_i\ \sigma(1-\sigma^*)\ V_i\ A_i$$

2.2 Routing Algorithm

The coherence router selects the target node by maximizing a composite score that combines the coherence score with an inverse load factor:

$$score(i) = S^*_i \times (1 - load_i/max\_load_i) \times state\_bonus(O_i)$$

where state_bonus(O_i) = 1.2 if O_i = Harmony (7), and 1.0 otherwise. Nodes in Void (0) or Collapse (4) states are excluded from routing entirely.

2.3 Cascade Prevention

The key differentiator is the cascade_check() function, which runs on every routing cycle. When S*_cluster < T*:

2. Collapsed nodes (state 4) receive the Breath operator, initiating recovery.

3. Recovering nodes (state 8) receive vitality boosts, accelerating healing.

4. Healthy nodes (states 3, 5, 7) receive the Harmony operator, compensating for degraded neighbors.

This is the operator algebra (Paper II) in action: the composition rules determine the interventions, and the coherence equation (Paper I) determines when to intervene.

3. Benchmark Results

We benchmark the coherence router against round-robin and least-connections across five failure scenarios, each with 8 nodes and 2000 requests:

Scenario	Coherence	Round Robin	Least Conn.	Improvement
Cascade 3/8	100.0%	66.3%	10.0%	+90% vs worst
Rolling degrade	100.0%	45.7%	5.0%	+95% vs worst
Spike/recover	100.0%	53.8%	7.5%	+92.5% vs worst
Asymm. persist.	100.0%	87.4%	100.0%	+12.6% vs RR
Total meltdown	100.0%	12.3%	10.0%	+90% vs worst

100% throughput in every scenario. Zero failed requests. Zero cascade spread. Meanwhile, traditional routers degraded catastrophically under severe failure conditions, with least-connections performing worst (10% throughput in total meltdown) because it actively routes into collapsed nodes that appear to have zero connections.

4. Why It Works

The coherence router's advantage comes from three properties of the TIG framework:

1. Threshold detection:The $T^* = 5/7$ boundary gives the router an early warning system. It detects the onset of cascade conditions before they become catastrophic, enabling preventive action.

2. Operator-guided intervention:The composition table (Paper II) determines the exact intervention for each node state. Chaotic nodes get Balance. Collapsed nodes get Breath. The interventions are mathematically determined, not heuristic.

3. Coherence-weighted routing:By routing to the highest-coherence node rather than the least-loaded node, the router naturally avoids degraded nodes and concentrates traffic on healthy ones, reducing cascade risk.

5. Implications

This demonstration establishes that TIG's abstract mathematics — the coherence equation, the operator algebra, the critical threshold — produces measurable practical advantages in at least one real-world domain. The coherence_router library is released as open-source (MIT license) for independent validation.

The broader implication is that TIG may provide similar advantages in any domain where system-wide coherence determines performance: network routing, ecological management, organizational design, distributed computing, and potentially biological systems. Each of these applications would require domain-specific implementations of the vitality and alignment measures, but the core equation and threshold remain unchanged.

The library and full benchmark code are available at: github.com/TiredofSleep

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