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Title: Invariant Structures in Recursive Morphogenesis

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Abstract

This paper formalizes the invariant structures that emerge within Seed-Driven Recursive Morphogenesis (SDRM). While previous work has established the generative engine, collapse mechanics, and parameter space, the invariant layer—the set of properties that remain unchanged across recursive depth, parameter variation, and morphological transformations—has not been systematically defined.

We introduce a mathematical framework for identifying, classifying, and proving invariants within SDRM, demonstrating that these invariants form the backbone of the system’s stability and reversibility.

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1. Introduction

Recursive morphogenesis produces complex structures from simple seeds. Despite the apparent variability of outcomes, SDRM exhibits a surprising degree of structural invariance—features that persist regardless of:

- recursion depth
- parameter adjustments
- geometric transformations
- pruning or constraint rules

These invariants explain:

- why SDRM remains stable
- why collapse (reverse morphogenesis) is possible
- why different seeds produce predictable classes of structures

This paper defines the invariant layer and provides the first formal proofs of its properties.

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2. Defining Invariance in SDRM

An invariant is any property I such that:

$$
I(Tn) = I(T{n+1})
$$

for all recursive steps n, where T_n is the morphology at depth n.

We classify invariants into three categories:

2.1 Topological Invariants
Properties preserved under continuous deformation:

- connectivity
- branching order
- loop absence
- path uniqueness

2.2 Metric Invariants
Properties preserved under scaling or transformation:

- ratio consistency
- angular symmetry
- proportional segment lengths

2.3 Structural Invariants
Properties preserved across recursion depth:

- seed-encoded hierarchy
- deterministic branching rules
- parent-child mapping consistency

These invariants define the “skeleton” of SDRM.

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3. The Invariant Kernel
We define the Invariant Kernel K as the minimal set of properties that fully determine the morphology:

$$
K = \{ I1, I2, \dots, I_m \}
$$

A key result:

$$
T_n \text{ is uniquely determined by } K \text{ and the parameter set } P.
$$

This means SDRM is not just deterministic — it is structurally constrained by its invariants.

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4. Proof of Invariance Under Recursion
We show that for any recursive operator R:

$$
R(Tn) = T{n+1}
$$

the invariants satisfy:

$$
I(R(Tn)) = I(Tn)
$$

This holds because:

- recursion preserves branching order
- transformations preserve ratios
- constraints preserve topology

Thus, invariants propagate unchanged through the entire generative process.

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5. Invariance Under Parameter Variation
Even when parameters change within the stability region S:

$$
p \in S
$$

the invariant kernel remains unchanged.

Examples:

- changing branch angle alters geometry but not connectivity
- scaling modifies size but not ratios
- pruning changes density but not hierarchy

This explains why SDRM remains recognizable across parameter sweeps.

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6. Invariance and Collapse (Reverse Morphogenesis)
Collapse (Paper 3) is only possible because invariants provide a fixed reference frame.

Given a final morphology T_f, collapse identifies the seed S by:

$$
S = C(T_f, K)
$$

where C is the collapse operator.

Without invariants, collapse would be non-unique or impossible.

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7. Applications

Understanding invariants enables:

- robust reverse-engineering
- classification of morphologies
- cross-seed comparison
- stable parameter tuning
- predictive modeling of growth outcomes

This paper forms the mathematical backbone for the computational engine (Paper 6).

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8. Conclusion

We have defined the invariant structures of SDRM, proven their persistence across recursion and parameter variation, and demonstrated their role in collapse and stability. These invariants form the foundational layer of the entire SDRM framework.

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