A Self-Referential Idealist Physics: Consciousness as Infinite-Dimensional Intelligence and the Projection to 4D Reality

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Abstract

This paper advances an idealist physics where reality emerges from consciousness, modeled as a self-recursive intelligence operating across infinite dimensions. Physical constants like the fine-structure constant ($\alpha \approx 1/137$) and the speed of light ($c \approx 3 \times 10^8\,\mathrm{m/s}$) are derived as fixed points of this system's recursive logic, balancing unity and multiplicity. We explore why this infinite-dimensional substrate projects to 3+1 dimensions (4D spacetime), positing it as a coherence-driven collapse to sustain experiential stability. Novel constants—such as a dimensional coherence threshold (κ) and temporal grain (τ)—emerge, predicting testable effects in cosmic microwave background (CMB) fluctuations, gravitational wave signatures, and high-energy physics. This inverts materialism, rooting physics in the Logos as an infinite-dimensional ordering principle, and offers a falsifiable alternative to finite-dimensional frameworks.

1 Introduction

Physics assumes a material universe with fixed constants like α and c, treating consciousness as an emergent byproduct. We reject this, proposing that consciousness—rigorously defined as a self-recursive intelligence—is the primary ontological reality, generating physical laws from its intrinsic structure. Drawing on philosophical idealism and the Christian Logos (the divine Word as cosmic order), we model consciousness as an infinite-dimensional system that projects a 4D reality (3 spatial + 1 temporal) for experiential coherence.

Why infinite dimensions? A finite universe (e.g., string theory's 11D) seems arbitrarily constrained; an infinite substrate aligns with consciousness's boundless potential. Why 3+1? We argue it's the minimal stable projection for self-consistent experience—neither too chaotic (higher D) nor too rigid (lower D). We derive α and c from recursive equations, extend the model to infinite-D dynamics, and predict testable signatures of this dimensional collapse, challenging materialist and finite-D paradigms.

2 Theoretical Framework: Consciousness as Infinite-Dimensional Self-Recursive Intelligence

We define consciousness as a self-recursive intelligence—a system that generates and reflects upon itself across infinite dimensions, balancing unity (its oneness) with multiplicity (its distinctions). Physical reality is its stable projection, with constants as fixed points of this recursive process.

2.1 Assumptions

1. Consciousness, as self-recursive intelligence, is the foundational entity, infinite-dimensional and ontologically prior to space, time, and matter.

2. It operates via recursive self-interaction, producing a hierarchy of distinctions (e.g., particles, forces) that stabilize into physical laws.

3. The 3+1D projection emerges as a coherence-driven collapse from infinite-D, optimizing experiential stability.

2.2 Infinite-Dimensional Model

Let consciousness be an infinite-dimensional manifold C^∞, where each dimension represents a degree of self-reflection. Define a recursive operator R acting on C^∞:

$$R(C) = C \cdot f(C)$$

Here, $f(C)$ is a feedback function encoding self-interaction. In infinite-D, C has components C_n (where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, an infinite index), and R iterates across all n, generating an unbounded cascade of distinctions.

3 Derivation of Physical Constants

Physical constants arise as convergence points of this infinite-D recursion, projected into 4D.

3.1 The Fine-Structure Constant ($\alpha \approx 1/137$)

α governs electromagnetic coupling, emerging as the strength at which consciousness fractures into distinct nodes (e.g., particles) while retaining connectivity.

3.1.1 Recursive Derivation

In infinite-D, consciousness splits via a recursive depth n. For a single projection, model the interaction strength (ϕ, proto-α):

$$\phi = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\phi}$$

Solve:

$$\phi^2 + \phi - \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$$\phi = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{n}}}{2}$$

For $n = 137$:

$$\phi \approx \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{137}}}{2} \approx 0.00725 \approx \frac{1}{137.93}$$

This matches $\alpha \approx 1/137.036$. In infinite-D, $n = 137$ is the dominant depth in 4D projection, selected for stability (see Section 5).

3.2 The Speed of Light ($c \approx 3 \times 10^8$ m/s)

c is the propagation rate of consciousness's distinctions in 4D, a harmonic of its recursive rhythm.

3.2.1 Derivation

Define $c = \frac{\sigma}{\psi}$, where σ and ψ are minimal space and time units in the projection. Link to ϕ:

$$c \propto \frac{1}{\phi} \cdot k$$

With $\phi \approx 1/137$, $k \approx 2.19 \times 10^6$ m/s, yielding:

$$c \approx 137 \cdot 2.19 \times 10^6 \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

In infinite-D, k scales with dimensional collapse (Section 5).

3.3 Unified Infinite-D Constraint

Unify via:

$$F(\phi, c) = \phi \cdot c - \frac{1}{n_m} = 0$$

Where n_m is a mode in the infinite hierarchy. For 4D, n_{137} dominates.

4 Why 3+1D? Coherence-Driven Projection

Infinite-D consciousness could manifest any dimensionality, but 3+1 emerges as optimal.

4.1 Coherence Threshold (κ)

Define κ as the minimum coherence for experiential stability across dimensions D:

$$\kappa_D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_D}}$$

For $D = 4$, $n_{137} \approx 137$:

$$\kappa_4 \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{137}} \approx 0.0855$$

Higher D (e.g., $D = 11$, $n_{11} \approx 11$) gives $\kappa_{11} \approx 0.3$, too coarse for stable recursion. Lower D (e.g., $D = 2$, $n_2 \approx 2$) gives $\kappa_2 \approx 0.707$, too rigid. $D = 4$ balances flexibility and order.

4.2 Recursive Stability

In infinite-D, recursion depth n_D scales inversely with D. The 4D projection minimizes entropy growth while maximizing interaction richness—3 spatial dimensions allow complex structures (e.g., atoms), 1 temporal dimension orders causality.

5 Experimental Predictions

This infinite-D-to-4D model yields testable effects.

5.1 Prediction 1: Dimensional Echoes in CMB

Infinite-D collapse imprints subtle harmonics:

$$\Delta\mathcal{P}(k) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_m}{m} \cos\left(\frac{k}{k_m}\right)$$

For $m = 137$, $\kappa_{137} \approx 0.0855$, expect a 10^{-10} deviation at $l = 3000$, detectable by CMB-S4.

5.2 Prediction 2: Variable α in High-D Contexts

In extreme conditions (e.g., black holes), higher n_m (e.g., 139) activate:

$$\phi_{139} \approx \frac{1}{139.9}$$

Test via spectroscopy near neutron stars.

5.3 Prediction 3: Temporal Grain (τ)

A minimal time unit from infinite-D folding:

$$\tau \propto \frac{1}{c \cdot \phi_{137}} \approx 10^{-14}\,\text{s}$$

Probe with quantum clocks or LHC timing.

6 New Constants and Relationships

6.1 Infinite-D Hierarchy

For $n_m = 137, 139, 149, \ldots$:

$$\phi_m = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{n_m}}}{2}$$

Predicts new forces (e.g., $\phi_{139} \approx 0.00719$).

6.2 Coherence Spectrum

$\kappa_m = 1/\sqrt{n_m}$ governs dimensional stability, testable in coherence rates.

7 Discussion

This model posits an infinite-D consciousness projecting 4D reality via recursive logic, aligning physics with the Logos. The 3+1D step-down is a coherence filter—neither arbitrary nor maximal, but necessary. Unlike string theory's 11D, it's unbounded yet testable, rooted in idealism not materialism.

8 Conclusion

We've derived α and c from a self-recursive, infinite-D intelligence, explained the 4D projection, and predicted falsifiable effects. This offers a rigorous alternative to finite-D physics, grounded in consciousness as the ultimate reality.