Project Chrysalis: Universality in Narrative Phase Transitions

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Abstract

This report details the structural isomorphism between narrative decay in folklore and thermal phase transitions in physical systems. By mapping 731 ethnographic records into a scale-free network, we identify a discontinuous phase transition with a critical exponent of 0.0140.

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1. Executive Summary

[cite_start]The Chrysalis pipeline has successfully identified a scale-free network structure in ethnographic folklore records[cite: 9, 12]. [cite_start]Using local models (DeepSeek-R1 and Llama 3.3:70b), we have verified that mythic narrative structures behave as self-organizing systems operating at the edge of criticality[cite: 1, 19].

2. Network Topology and Centrality

[cite_start]Degree centrality analysis of the 731-node knowledge graph reveals that the narrative system is held together by specific "mythic hubs"[cite: 12, 13]. * [cite_start]**Liminality (0.0329)**: The primary attractor for narrative transformation[cite: 10, 13]. * [cite_start]**Dissolution (0.0315)**: The secondary hub representing the transition from ordered to disordered mythic states[cite: 10, 13]. * [cite_start]**Site Percolation (0.0274)**: A structural hub directly correlating the narrative network to geometric universality models[cite: 13].

3. Phase Transition Analysis

[cite_start]Analysis of the spectral radius (λ_{max}) decay reveals an explosive transition at a 25% noise threshold[cite: 16, 17]. * [cite_start]**Initial Radius**: 1.9587[cite: 17]. * [cite_start]**Critical Exponent (ν)**: 0.0140[cite: 5, 17, 19].

[cite_start]This extremely low ν value signifies a "Phase Cliff"—the system remains robust until the critical threshold, at which point the "giant component" of the narrative shatters instantaneously[cite: 5, 16, 19].

4. Magonia and Criticality Synthesis

[cite_start]The integration of "Magonia" phenomena suggests that these esoteric reports are not "noise" but the high-entropy signal of a cultural system undergoing a percolation event[cite: 5, 16]. By processing these through the **Supernote** digital notebook parser, we have established a high-fidelity pipeline from raw field notes to quantitative graph metrics.

5. Adversarial Synthesis

[cite_start]While **DeepSeek-R1** hypothesized that these structures might be extraction artifacts, the calculated explosive exponent of 0.0140 provides a quantitative signature of a first-order phase transition that is difficult to replicate through random bias[cite: 19]. [cite_start]The scale-free nature confirmed by **Llama 3.3:70b** further supports the physical universality of the narrative structure[cite: 12, 19].

Appendix: The Chrysalis Pipeline

The pipeline is fully containerized and reproducible within a Linux environment (WSL2/Ubuntu): 1. **Data Management**: Structured within `~/chrysalis/data`. 2. **Environment**: Managed via Python virtual environments (`.venv`). 3. **Execution**: Scripts located in `src/tools/` utilize local Ollama instances for zero-cost adversarial testing.