ITEM #226 - Non-Numeric Time-Series IR & Structural Causality

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Title

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Positioning

This item generalizes the DBM Time-Series IR framework beyond numeric signals into **non-numeric, discrete, causally-structured systems**. We show that the essence of Time-Series IR is not numerical continuity but **temporally ordered structural change with inertia and causal constraints**. This extension enables DBM-style structural intelligence to operate in domains such as human behavior, language, social interaction, education, commerce, and conflict analysis.

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1. Motivation

Conventional time-series analysis implicitly assumes numeric continuity (prices, signals, sensor values). However, many of the most important intelligent systems are:

- discrete rather than continuous,
- symbolic rather than numeric,
- causally constrained rather than freely interpolable.

Examples include human behavior sequences, dialogue turns, social interactions, decision chains, and strategic maneuvers. These systems exhibit **strong temporal inertia and structured transitions**, yet resist meaningful numeric embedding.

DBM Time-Series IR addresses this gap.

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2. Core Claim

Time-Series IR is fundamentally a structural, not numerical, construct.

A system qualifies as a Time-Series IR domain if it satisfies:

1. **Temporal Ordering**
   Events or states occur in a meaningful time sequence.
2. **Structural Inertia**
   State transitions are path-dependent and resist arbitrary jumps.
3. **Causal or Constraint-Based Transitions**
   Not all transitions are equally valid; some are forbidden, costly, or rare.

Numeric values are optional; structure is mandatory.

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3. Mapping Non-Numeric Systems into Time-Series IR

3.1 Human Behavior and Action Sequences

Human actions are discrete but structured:

- pause → hesitation → approach → retreat
- engagement → escalation → withdrawal

In DBM terms:

- **L0**: state or intent deltas (non-numeric)
- **L2**: behavioral events
- **L3**: structural skeletons and transition ratios

Behavior becomes a trajectory in **behavioral metric space**.

3.2 Language, Dialogue, and Discourse

Language is often treated as text, but structurally it is a time-ordered action system:

- question → response → clarification
- assertion → challenge → defense

Observer-centric discourse can be represented as a **semantic trajectory**, where:

- topic persistence corresponds to inertia,
- topic shifts correspond to maneuvers,
- silence or repetition corresponds to hover or loiter.

This allows discourse analysis without requiring semantic numeric embeddings.

3.3 Social and Interactive Systems

Social interactions exhibit:

- discrete decisions,
- strategic inertia,
- causal escalation or de-escalation paths.

Negotiation, cooperation, rivalry, and conflict can all be modeled as **interaction trajectories** governed by known pattern families.

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4. Structural Causality vs Statistical Correlation

DBM Time-Series IR emphasizes **structural causality**:

- causality as admissible transitions in a structure,
- not merely correlation between observed variables.

Structural causality answers:

- *What transitions are possible?*
- *Which continuations are plausible or risky?*
- *Where does inertia resist change?*

This differs fundamentally from regression-based or embedding-based approaches.

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5. Known Pattern Families in Non-Numeric Domains

Just as motion trajectories have pattern families, non-numeric systems do as well:

- **Behavior**: avoidance, pursuit, oscillation, stalling
- **Dialogue**: alignment, probing, deflection, escalation
- **Education**: engagement, confusion, consolidation, dropout
- **Business**: exploration, negotiation, commitment, exit
- **Conflict**: deterrence, probing, escalation, disengagement

Pattern families encode **structural archetypes**, not surface forms.

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6. Prediction as Structural Continuation

Prediction in non-numeric Time-Series IR proceeds by:

1. identifying the current structural family,
2. enumerating admissible continuations,
3. ranking them by structural distance and inertia cost,
4. allowing rejection when confidence is insufficient.

This avoids forced numeric extrapolation and supports explainable outcomes.

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7. Relationship to LLM-Based Systems

LLM systems excel at generating plausible symbolic sequences but lack:

- explicit inertia modeling,
- transition admissibility constraints,
- reliable rejection mechanisms.

Therefore:

- LLMs are well-suited as **proposal generators**,
- DBM Time-Series IR serves as the **structural adjudicator**.

This division preserves interpretability and control.

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8. Applications and Impact

This framework enables **digital structural analysis tools** for:

- social science and psychology,
- education and learning dynamics,
- organizational and commercial behavior,
- strategic interaction and conflict studies.

These domains gain quantitative rigor without reducing phenomena to artificial numeric proxies.

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9. Non-Goals

This framework does not aim to:

- replace semantic understanding,

- guarantee intent inference,
- model full world dynamics.

It provides a **structural lens**, not omniscience.

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10. Summary

Non-Numeric Time-Series IR extends DBM structural intelligence to discrete, causally constrained systems. By focusing on temporal structure, inertia, and admissible transitions, DBM offers a unified analytical framework for domains where numeric modeling is inadequate but structure is decisive.

DBM-COT ITEM #224（中文）

标题

非数值型时间序列 IR 与结构因果性（Non-Numeric Time-Series IR & Structural Causality）

定位

本 ITEM 将 DBM 的时间序列 IR 从“数值信号”推广到**非数值、离散、具因果约束的系统**。我们指出：时间序列的本质不是连续数值，而是**在时间轴上演化的结构变化及其惯性与因果约束**。这一扩展使 DBM 结构智能能够服务于行为、语言、社会互动、教育、商业与对抗等领域。

一、问题动机

传统时间序列分析几乎默认：

- 连续数值，
- 可插值，
- 可回归。

但大量真实智能系统并不满足这些条件，例如：

- 人的行为与决策，
- 对话与互动，
- 社会与组织演化。

它们是离散的，却高度结构化。

二、核心判断

时间序列 IR 的本质是结构性的，而非数值性的。

一个系统只要满足：

1. 有时间顺序；
2. 有状态惯性；
3. 有因果或约束型转移；

就天然属于 Time-Series IR 的适用域。

三、非数值系统的 IR 映射

3.1 人类行为系统

行为是离散的，但有路径依赖：

- 犹豫 → 接近 → 撤回
- 观察 → 试探 → 行动

对应 DBM 层级：

- L0：状态/意图变化
- L2：行为事件

- L3：行为骨架与比例

3.2 语言与对话系统

语言本质是时间有序的行动：

- 提问 → 回应 → 澄清
- 表态 → 反驳 → 升级

对话可被视为**语义空间中的轨迹**。

3.3 社交与互动系统

社交行为具备：

- 决策离散性；
- 因果约束；
- 结构惯性；

非常适合用模式族与结构延展来分析。

四、结构因果性 vs 统计相关性

DBM 关注的是：

- 哪些转移是允许的；
- 哪些是代价高或危险的；
- 哪些路径具有惯性。

这是**结构因果性**，而非相关性统计。

五、非数值领域的模式族

模式族可以自然存在于：

- 行为学：回避、接近、振荡；
- 对话学：对齐、试探、对抗；
- 教育学：投入、困惑、流失；
- 商业学：探索、谈判、退出；
- 对抗学：威慑、升级、脱离。

六、预测即结构延展

预测不再是数值外推，而是：

1. 识别当前结构；
2. 枚举可能延展；
3. 按结构距离与惯性排序；
4. 在不确定时允许拒答。

七、与 LLM 的关系

LLM 擅长生成合理序列，但不擅长：

- 惯性建模；
- 转移合法性；
- 拒答控制。

因此：

LLM 适合提案，DBM 负责裁决。

八、应用与意义

该框架为以下领域提供数字化结构分析工具：

- 社交学、心理学；
- 教育与学习系统；
- 商业与组织行为；
- 对抗与战争研究。

无需强行数值化复杂现象。

九、非目标

本框架不试图：

- 完全理解语义；
- 保证意图判断；
- 构造全局世界模型。

十、小结

非数值型时间序列 IR 将 DBM 的结构智能扩展到离散、因果约束系统，为复杂人类与社会行为提供可解释、可治理的分析工具。这是 DBM 理论版图中的一个关键扩展。
