

2. Operator 2 – Chronoceptive Window

“What you feel as now, given your past.”

Now we formalize a Chronoceptional Dynamics operator.

2.1 Spaces & objects

Let V be any state space (can be \mathbb{R}^n , or even your 4D space above).

A trajectory is a function

$$X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V, \quad t \mapsto x(t)$$

Let \mathcal{X} be the space of such trajectories (continuous, square-integrable, whatever regularity you want).

2.2 Parameters

A chronoceptive scale : how wide the felt “now-window” is.

A kernel (e.g. Gaussian, exponential) satisfying:

$$K_{\tau}(s) \geq 0, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_{\tau}(s) ds = 1,$$

Think: “how much weight you give to recent vs older moments.”

2.3 Operator definition

Define the chronoceptive window operator:

$$C_{\tau} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}, \text{quad}$$

$$(C_{\tau} x)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k_{\tau}(s) x(t-s) ds.$$

If you want “past only”:

$$(C_{\tau} x)(t) = \int_0^{\infty} k_{\tau}(s) x(t-s) ds.$$

This turns the raw trajectory into the felt present: a smoothed, memory-weighted state.

2.4 Key properties

Linearity in : the integral is linear.

Time-translation invariance:

If , then

$$C_{\tau} x_{\Delta}(t) = (C_{\tau} x)(t+\Delta).$$

If τ is smooth and spread out, damps high-frequency changes — it literally blurs time.

Scale dependence:

Larger τ : longer “felt moment,” heavier integration across time.

Smaller τ : near-instant, more spike-like.

2.5 Equivalence classes & perception

Define:

$$X \sim^{\tau} y \text{ iff } C_{\tau} x = C_{\tau} y.$$

Two trajectories are chronoceptively indistinguishable at scale τ if their chronoceptive images match.

At small τ : only very close trajectories are equivalent.

At large τ : different micro-histories can collapse into the same coarse “felt now”.

This is directly usable in your framework:

Chronoception is literally a quotient of trajectory space by the kernel-induced equivalence relation.

Different \mathcal{T} correspond to different “zoom levels” of time experience.