### What is a Number in UNNS?

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#### Abstract

In classical mathematics, numbers are primitive entities: points on the number line, or settheoretic constructions of cardinality. In the Unbounded Nested Number Sequence (UNNS) framework, numbers are reinterpreted as recursive states and structural coefficients. This note presents a layered definition of number in UNNS, together with visual schema and examples.

### 1 Number as Recursive Event

**Definition 1.1** (Number-as-Event). A number n in UNNS may be defined as the n-th event of a recurrence unfolding, i.e.

$$n \equiv u_n$$
 with  $u_{k+1} = f(u_k), u_0 = 0.$ 

Remark 1.2. Here, "5" means not just "five objects" but the fifth recurrence event in a generating process.

# 2 Number as Nest Depth

**Definition 2.1** (Number-as-Nest). A number n is the depth of a nest  $\mathcal{N}_n$ :

$$\mathcal{N}_n = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n\}.$$

**Remark 2.2.** Numbers index not only quantity but also hierarchical depth within the UNNS substrate.

# 3 Number as Coefficient (Operator Role)

**Definition 3.1** (Number-as-Coefficient). Numbers may act as coefficients in recurrence operators:

$$u_{k+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{r} c_j u_{k+r-j},$$

where  $c_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  are numbers functioning as structural operators.

**Example 3.2.** In the Fibonacci recurrence,  $(c_1, c_2) = (1, 1)$  are not just values but operators shaping propagation.

# 4 Number as Echo (Resonance)

**Definition 4.1** (Number-as-Echo). Numbers also emerge as stable echoes (constants, attractors) arising from recursive processes, e.g.

$$\varphi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n}.$$

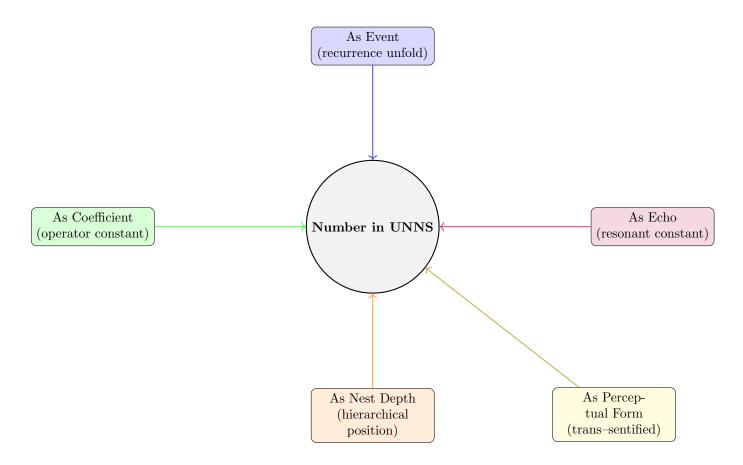
**Remark 4.2.** Here,  $\varphi$  is not an initial coefficient but an echo constant, revealing a resonance of recursion.

## 5 Number as Perceptual Form

**Definition 5.1** (Number-as-Trans-Sentified Form). Numbers may be trans-sentified into perceptual structures (visual, auditory, geometric) for interpretation.

**Example 5.2.** The number 7 can be represented as a seven-fold spiral nest, or as a heptachord in music.

### 6 Visual Schema



### 7 Conclusion

In UNNS, a number is not merely a static entity. It is simultaneously:

- 1. a recurrence event,
- 2. a nest depth,
- 3. a structural coefficient,
- 4. a resonance echo,
- 5. and a perceptual form.

This multi-layered definition makes numbers active participants in the recursive architecture and operational grammar that defines the UNNS discipline.