THE LAW OF INTERACTION INTEGRATION

A variational principle and its existential interpretation



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Can an entire life be expressed through a single mathematical formula?

Several years ago, I conceived an idea that I later called the Law of Interaction Integration. I have attempted to express that idea as a mathematical variational principle and to explore its philosophical implications through my book, *ARCHITECT ØR BAR: A Journey Through the Aitrix*.

I am sharing both original papers here in full, without shortening their arguments, sections, formulas, or bibliographies. The two studies approach the same proposition from different directions: mathematical formalization and the lived experience of adaptation, creation, and internal stability.

I would be grateful if mathematicians, physicists, philosophers, and researchers familiar with these subjects would review the reasoning and share their observations. Critical questions, objections, alternative formulations, and suggestions for empirical testing are especially welcome.

The proposed law is presented as a heuristic research proposition, not as an experimentally verified fundamental law of nature.

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- Part II — the complete philosophical interpretation and original references.
- Original mathematical expressions, preserved as printed in the source papers.

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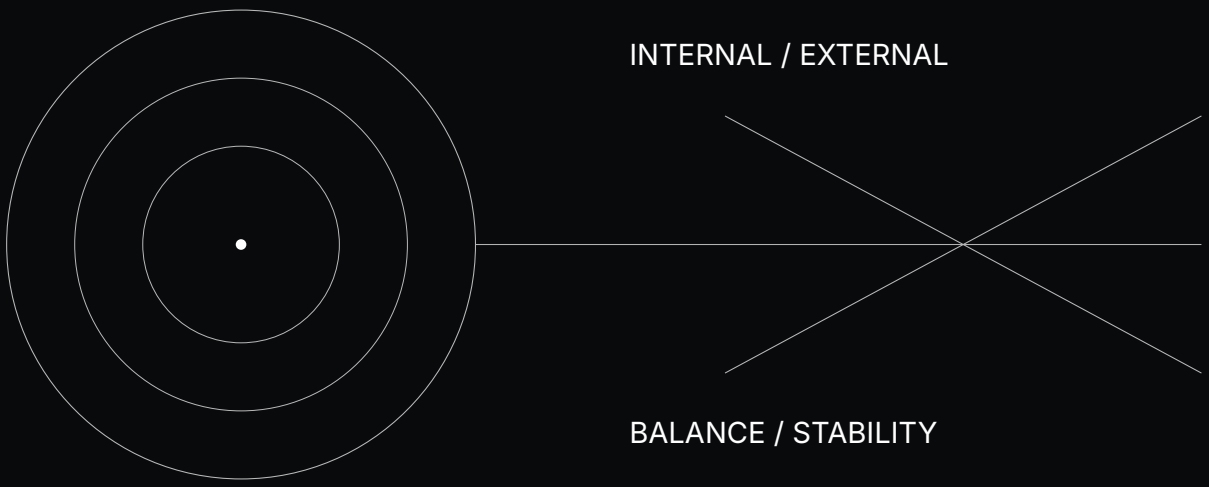
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THE MATHEMATICAL PRINCIPLE

A Variational Principle of Minimal External Manifestation under Maximal Internal Stability



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Abstract

We propose a general heuristic principle — the Law of Interaction Integration — stating that any system engaged in interaction with another object modifies its properties so as to minimize the external manifestations of the interaction while preserving maximal internal stability. The principle is formalized as the minimization of a weighted quadratic functional defined over the interaction interval, from which an optimality condition of the Euler–Lagrange type follows. We examine the relation of the proposed principle to established results — the principle of least action, Gauss's principle of least constraint, Le Chatelier's principle, and the free-energy principle — and show that, while conceptually adjacent, it is not reducible to any of them. The time evolution of the weighting coefficients is analyzed, and an illustrative application to resource-constrained strategic decision-making is presented.

Keywords: variational principle, interaction, internal stability, external manifestation, optimality, adaptive systems, Euler–Lagrange equation

1. Introduction

Variational principles occupy a special place in the natural sciences: instead of describing the trajectory of a system directly, they characterize it as the extremum of a certain functional. The principle of least action underlies classical and quantum mechanics; Gauss's principle of least constraint characterizes constrained motion; in thermodynamics and chemistry, Le Chatelier's principle describes the tendency of a system to counteract external perturbation; and in contemporary theoretical neuroscience, the free-energy principle postulates that adaptive systems minimize the surprisal of their sensory states while maintaining internal homeostasis.

The present work introduces and formalizes a heuristic principle of a related but distinct character. Its subject is not the trajectory of motion as such, but the strategy of interaction: how a system distributes the cost of an interaction between internal restructuring and external manifestation. We deliberately position the proposed statement not as a new law of fundamental physics, but as a generalizing variational heuristic applicable to adaptive, biological, social, and economic systems.

2. Statement of the Law

Law of Interaction Integration. Any system interacting with another object modifies its properties in such a way as to minimize the external manifestations of the interaction while preserving maximal internal stability.

Two complementary tendencies are asserted simultaneously: (i) the system seeks to leave the smallest possible trace of the interaction in its environment — to reduce losses, perturbations, and risks exported outward; (ii) at the same time it protects its internal organization, minimizing the depth of restructuring required by the interaction. Since these two tendencies generally conflict — an interaction may be absorbed internally or discharged externally — the law acquires nontrivial content precisely as a statement about the optimal balance between them.

3. Mathematical Formalization

3.1. State variables

Let a system S interact with an object O over the interval [t0, t1]. Denote by x(t) the vector of internal state of the system and by y(t) the vector of externally observable quantities characterizing its influence on the environment. We introduce two scalar measures:

$$\Delta I(t) = \|\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_{eq}\|, \qquad \Delta E(t) = \|\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{y}_0\| \tag{1}$$

where xeq is the equilibrium (undisturbed) internal state and y0 is the background level of external manifestation. Thus ΔI(t) measures the depth of internal restructuring (stress, structural change, resource expenditure), and ΔE(t) measures the magnitude of external manifestation (perturbation of the environment, exported risk, losses).

3.2. The integration functional

The Law of Interaction Integration is formalized as the statement that the realized evolution of the system delivers a minimum to the functional

$$F[x] = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[\alpha(t)\, \Delta I^2(t) + \beta(t)\, \Delta E^2(t) \right] dt \;\to\; \min \tag{2}$$

subject to the normalization condition

$$\alpha(t) + \beta(t) = 1, \qquad \alpha(t) \geq 0, \;\; \beta(t) \geq 0 \tag{3}$$

where α(t) is the weight of internal stability and β(t) is the weight of the minimization of external manifestations. The quadratic form of the integrand is chosen by analogy with Gauss's principle of least constraint: it penalizes sharp deviations more strongly than gradual ones and guarantees convexity of the functional with respect to the deviations.

3.3. Optimality condition

Introducing the Lagrangian

$$L(x, \dot{x}, t) = \alpha(t)\,\Delta I^2 + \beta(t)\,\Delta E^2 \tag{4}$$

we obtain the necessary condition of optimality in the form of the Euler–Lagrange equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \tag{5}$$

which endows the proposed principle with the same mathematical structure as the classical variational principles of mechanics. The trajectory of interaction realized by the system is a stationary point of the functional (2) under the constraint (3).

4. Relation to Established Principles

The proposed law is conceptually adjacent to, but not reducible to, several known results. The principle of least action minimizes the action integral of the difference between kinetic and potential energy; it says nothing about the partitioning of the cost of an interaction between the interior of the system and its environment. The second law of thermodynamics constrains the direction of entropy change in closed systems but does not describe the minimization of external manifestations. Gauss's principle of least constraint supplies the quadratic form of the penalty adopted here, yet applies to deviations from free motion, not to the internal–external balance. Le Chatelier's principle captures the qualitative tendency of a system in equilibrium to counteract external perturbation, but offers no variational formulation. Finally, the free-energy principle (Friston) is the closest relative: it also postulates the joint maintenance of internal homeostasis and the minimization of surprisal of external states. The distinction of the present formulation lies in its explicit two-weight structure (3) with time-varying priorities and in its intended domain, which includes deliberate strategic behavior of economic and social agents.

5. Phase Dynamics of the Weighting Coefficients

For adaptive systems that accumulate a margin of safety in the course of interaction, we postulate a monotone drift of priorities:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} \leq 0, \qquad \frac{d\beta}{dt} \geq 0, \qquad t \in [t_0, t_1] \tag{6}$$

In the initial phase of interaction (α > β) the system protects its internal stability above all, since its margin of safety is minimal and internal failure is irreversible. In the mature phase (α ≈ β) internal and external costs are balanced. In the final, scaled phase (α < β) the accumulated internal margin permits shifting the priority toward the minimization of external risks and losses. This drift of weights constitutes an empirically verifiable prediction of the model for a broad class of adaptive processes.

6. Illustrative Application

Consider an economic agent with a small initial resource who must, within a fixed horizon, multiply that resource many times over. Here ΔI is naturally interpreted as the agent's internal load — stress, restructuring of the mode of life, the intensity of acquiring new skills — while ΔE comprises external risks: potential loss of capital, damage to relationships, exported instability. The functional (2) then prescribes a staged strategy: in the launch phase the weight α dominates (protection against burnout, small steps, minimal financial exposure); in the development phase the weights equalize (delegation of tasks against a growing advertising budget under controlled testing); in the scaling phase β dominates (diversification of income channels and automation as instruments of external-risk minimization). The staged structure obtained from (6) coincides with the strategies recommended independently in the practice of managing fast-growing ventures, which serves as indirect corroboration of the principle.

7. Discussion and Limitations

The proposed law should be regarded as a normative-heuristic variational principle rather than a fundamental law of nature. Its empirical status requires operationalization of the measures ΔI and ΔE for each concrete class of systems, together with an independent procedure for estimating the weights α(t) and β(t); absent such operationalization the principle risks unfalsifiability. Furthermore, for systems far from equilibrium the quadratic penalty

may prove too rigid, and the normalization (3) excludes regimes in which internal and external costs are not interchangeable. These questions define the programme of further work: identification of the weights from observational data, extension to non-quadratic penalties, and a stochastic generalization of the functional (2).

8. Conclusion

We have formulated the Law of Interaction Integration, given it a variational formalization with an optimality condition of Euler–Lagrange type, delineated its position among established principles, and demonstrated its applicability to strategic decision-making under resource constraints. The principle unifies, within a single functional, the two fundamental costs of any interaction — internal restructuring and external manifestation — and predicts a characteristic drift of priorities between them over the life cycle of the interaction.

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AN EXISTENTIAL PRINCIPLE

A Philosophical Interpretation Based on the Book
ARCHITECT ØR BAR: A Journey Through the Aitrix



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Abstract

This paper is the humanities companion to the author's formal article "The Law of Interaction Integration: A Variational Principle of Minimal External Manifestation under Maximal Internal Stability." The law — which asserts that any system engaged in interaction seeks to minimize the external manifestations of that interaction while preserving maximal internal stability — is examined here not as a physical statement but as an existential and ethical principle. Its genealogy is traced through the history of thought, from the Stoic dichotomy of control and Spinoza's conatus to the Taoist wu wei and Fromm's distinction between having and being. The empirical material is the author's autobiographical book Architect ØR Bar (2026): its central metaphor — an architectural office with a nightclub hidden inside — its four-part structure (Cassette, Floppy Disk, Flash Drive, Phone), and its key narratives are read as a sustained phenomenology of the law, lived before it was formulated. The ethical dimension of the principle and its possible degenerations are discussed.

Keywords: philosophical anthropology, Stoicism, conatus, wu wei, internal stability, external manifestation, autobiography, nomadism, authorship, Aitrix

1. Introduction: From the Functional to the Human Being

> *Work first, dance later — but never stop dancing.*
>
> — Architect ØR Bar, leitmotif

In the formal part of this research, the Law of Interaction Integration was expressed in the language of the calculus of variations: a system entering into interaction minimizes the weighted sum of internal changes ΔI and external manifestations ΔE over the entire interval of the interaction. Yet every variational principle, if it truly captures something essential, has another side — one that cannot be expressed by an integral. The principle of least action produced not only Lagrange's equations but also a centuries-long dispute over the teleology of nature; the free-energy principle produced not only a Bayesian mechanics of the brain but a new philosophy of life as resistance to chaos. The present paper takes the analogous step for the Law of Interaction Integration: it asks what this law means when read not about systems in general, but about a human being.

The method of this paper is not deduction but the phenomenology of a single case. The empirical material is the autobiographical book Architect ØR Bar: A Journey Through the Aitrix — a text written over the course of years and completed in 2026, spanning roughly four decades of a life: from a Soviet childhood through nightclubs and luxury construction sites to emigration and a nomadic existence across ten countries. The thesis of the paper is that the book constitutes an extended, lived formulation of the law that precedes its theoretical discovery — and that this is precisely why the law was eventually formulated by its author: here, theory is the crystallization of biography.

2. A Genealogy of the Principle in the History of Thought

The distinction between the internal and the external is probably the oldest operation of philosophical anthropology. The Stoics already built an entire ethics upon it: Epictetus opens the Enchiridion with the dichotomy between what is “within our power” (judgments, strivings, the inner constitution of the soul) and what is “not within our power” (the body, property, reputation, external circumstances). The Stoic sage is exactly the system described by our law: he reduces to a minimum both his dependence on external manifestations and his claims upon the external world, investing all his energy in the impregnability of the inner citadel. Marcus Aurelius — an emperor possessing maximal external power — keeps a diary devoted entirely to internal stability; this very paradox illustrates the law: the greater the external pressure of interactions, the stricter the internal economy must be.

Spinoza gives this intuition ontological status. His conatus — the striving of every thing to “persevere in its being” — is nothing other than the principle of maximal internal stability elevated into a definition of essence: a thing simply is its effort to preserve itself. But in Spinoza this effort is not isolationist: perfection consists in suffering as little as possible and acting as adequately as possible — that is, in converting external influences into internal understanding. An affect understood by reason ceases to be suffering. In the terms of the law: a mature system neither suppresses ΔE by force nor capitulates through the growth of ΔI, but integrates the interaction — hence the word “integration” in the name of the principle.

The third source is the Taoist tradition. Wu wei, “non-action,” is often misread as passivity; in reality it is the principle of minimal external interference combined with maximal internal attunement to the course of things. Water, in Lao Tzu, is the weakest of the elements and the strongest of them: it leaves no trace of struggle, yet it wears down stone. This is the limiting case of our functional: ΔE tends to zero not because the system is powerless, but because its power has become indistinguishable from the natural flow of the environment. Finally, Erich Fromm, in distinguishing the modes of having and being, gave the principle its modern social form: the mode of having is a strategy of maximal external manifestation (seizure, display, expansion), while the mode of being is a strategy of internal plenitude that requires no external fixation. The Law of Interaction Integration thus does not invent the distinction; it gives an ancient ethical intuition the form of an optimality principle: it asserts that the balance of internal and external is not arbitrary but possesses an optimum, and that a living, successful existence moves along that optimum.

3. Architecture and Dance: The Book’s Central Metaphor as the Formula of the Law

The title metaphor of Architect ØR Bar — an architectural office with a nightclub concealed inside — seems at first reading a biographical curiosity: the author really did build a club

inside his own studio. Structurally, however, it is a precise image of the law. Outside: the office — discipline, the drawing board, order, a minimal and correct presence in the world of professional interactions. Inside: the dance — a maximal, unreduced inner life. The book's formula, "work first, dance later — but never stop dancing," is the everyday transcription of the normalization condition $\alpha + \beta = 1$: external restraint (β) has meaning only insofar as it pays for and protects internal intensity (α), and neither weight can vanish without destroying the whole. An office without a club is dead conformity; a club without an office is expenditure that leaves no stability behind. The law lives only in their union under one roof.

It is essential that in this metaphor the club is hidden. The inner life is not exhibited — it is guarded. This distinguishes the book's position from the culture of display, in which the internal is immediately converted into external manifestation (publication, shop window, status). Architect ØR Bar proposes the opposite economy: external manifestation is minimized to the professionally necessary, and the energy saved is capitalized within. Even the typography of the author's name — *Æ* and Ø, ligature letters, a letter with a crossed-out zero — works toward the same meaning: a sign that reads from the outside as a stylistic gesture contains, on the inside, an entire program (the zero point; the crossed-out zero as a refusal of emptiness).

4. Cassette, Floppy Disk, Flash Drive, Phone: Phase Dynamics as the History of Media

The four-part structure of the book — Cassette, Floppy Disk, Flash Drive, Phone — is usually read as a nostalgic chronology of the storage media that accompanied the author's life. A philosophical reading finds in it something more: the history of information media as the materialized history of the law itself. Each successive generation of media is smaller on the outside and more capacious on the inside. The cassette is bulky, noisy, demanding physical rewinding; the floppy disk is more compact but fragile; the flash drive is nearly invisible at a thousandfold capacity; the phone is an object that fits in the palm and contains practically everything. Technical evolution thus moves exactly along the gradient of our functional: minimization of external manifestation (size, noise, weight, trace) accompanied by growth of internal stability and capacity. A person who builds a life according to the parts of this book travels the same road: from a loud, physically excessive youth to a condition in which all accumulated complexity fits into a light, mobile, outwardly almost invisible form of existence.

The biographical material of the book confirms this reading with almost experimental clarity. The emigration of 2022 and the subsequent wandering through more than ten countries is a radical minimization of the external shell: home, possessions, statuses bound to place are jettisoned like the stages of a rocket. But at the same time — and this is the whole point — the inner core is not merely preserved but densified: the name, the brand, the craft, the music, the partnership, the language. The wandering man of Architect ØR Bar

is not a fugitive losing himself, but a flash drive leaving the computer case: less outside, more inside. Even the change of name described in the book follows the same logic: the external shell of identity was rebuilt precisely so that the internal identity could remain unchanged.

5. The Dragonfly: The Emblem of the Law

> *The dragonfly has a dream — to fly around the Earth.*
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> *Dragonfly, open your eyes.*

The book's recurring image — the dragonfly — deserves separate consideration, for it is, in essence, the coat of arms of the law. The dragonfly is a creature of minimal external impact: almost weightless, silent, leaving no trace on the water above which it hovers. And at the same time it is a creature of maximal internal equipment: its eyes, occupying nearly the whole head, see almost three hundred and sixty degrees; its flight is the most perfect in living nature. The dragonfly's dream "to fly around the Earth" is the dream of a maximal trajectory with a minimal trace: to circle the whole world without disturbing it. And the imperative "open your eyes" turns the formula inward: the minimization of external manifestation is justified only when it is accompanied by maximal internal perception. Closed eyes in silent flight are no longer wisdom but sleep. Thus the image of the dragonfly guards the law against its principal degeneration — the transformation of restraint into blindness.

6. The One-Man Factory: The Law in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The book's penultimate chapter, "The One-Man Factory," carries the law into the present and gives it a productive dimension. A person equipped with the instruments of artificial intelligence is, for the first time in history, able to produce alone what yesterday required studios, workshops, and staff: music, books, video, design. From the standpoint of the law, this means a historically unprecedented compression of the external apparatus of production while preserving — and here the book draws its principled line — the internal core of authorship. The chapter insists: execution may be delegated to the machine, but not conception; the external shell of the process, but not the internal act of decision, taste, and responsibility. This is the Law of Interaction Integration formulated for the age of AI: minimize the external apparatus, guard the internal author. The one-man factory remains viable exactly as long as a human being stands at its center — and not an emptiness wrapped in automation.

Equally telling is the story, recounted in the book, of a years-long dispute with a record label that ended not in war but in settlement. Conflict is the regime of maximal external

manifestation: publicity, escalation, the export of chaos. Integration is the opposite regime: the dispute was converted into the form of a contract, the catalogue was bought out, the relationship was preserved. The external trace of a twenty-year entanglement was reduced to a few signatures, while the internal result — regained control over one's own music — is maximal. It would be hard to find a purer real-life realization of the functional.

7. The Aitrix and the Zero Point: An Ontology of Equilibrium

There remains the concept carried in the book's subtitle — the Aitrix. In the mythology of the text it is the space-medium through which the journey passes: not a place, but the mode of connectedness of all places, the matrix of transitions. Philosophically, the Aitrix may be defined as the field of interactions as such — that in which alone systems exist, since an isolated system is an abstraction. The "zero point" (Point Zero), to which the book returns as its inner landmark, then acquires a precise meaning: it is the state in which the weights of the internal and the external are balanced and the system moves along the optimum of the functional — neither spending itself in excessive manifestation nor ossifying in excessive self-defense. The zero point is not rest and not zero energy; it is zero divergence between what a person is and how that person is manifested. The journey through the Aitrix that gives the book its subtitle is then not a movement between countries but a continuous return to this point at every new interaction — an iterative solution of the variational problem by the means of life itself.

8. The Ethical Dimension and Possible Degenerations of the Principle

Like every strong principle, the Law of Interaction Integration has ethical content and is subject to degenerations. Its ethics is an ethics of delicacy: leave in the world a minimal trace of violence, noise, and chaos; do not export your entropy to others; resolve conflicts by integration rather than escalation. In this sense the law is close to the physician's primum non nocere and to the ecological imperative of the light footprint, extended from nature to the entire fabric of human interactions.

The degenerations are two, and the book knows both. The first is conformism: the minimization of external manifestation purchased at the price of the mortification of the internal — α driven toward zero. This is the office in which the club has been walled up; a life become nothing but façade. The second is hermeticism: internal stability purchased at the price of complete withdrawal from interaction — the refusal of the Aitrix as such. This is a club without an address; a dance no one will ever share. Against the first degeneration the book raises its imperative "never stop dancing"; against the second, the very fact of its own existence: an autobiography is an act of bringing the internal outward — a voluntary, measured external manifestation performed not for display but for transmission. The

book, then, does not merely describe the law; it is an application of it: fifty-five thousand words as a carefully calculated ΔE, paying for the preservation and the handing-on of inner experience.

9. Conclusion

The Law of Interaction Integration, formally expressed by a variational functional, turns out under a humanities reading to be a principle of the successful life: to exist in such a way that the external trace is minimal and the inner life maximal, and that every interaction is not destructive but integrated. Its genealogy reaches back to the Stoics, Spinoza, and the Taoists; its contemporary formula is the one-man factory that guards authorship; its emblem is the dragonfly with open eyes; its architecture is the office with a club inside. In this light, the book Architect ØR Bar appears not as an illustration of the law but as its primary source: first the principle was lived, then it was written down as a story, and only then was it formulated as a law. This order of discovery — from biography to theory — may be the strongest evidence in its favor: laws that are first lived and only afterwards formulated are rarely empty.

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