

The Equation of Existence

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Summary

The Equation of Existence is the most important and profound equation in all human history. *The Equation* ($\Phi = \Omega/\Delta$) formalizes a **universal relationship governing everything that has existed, currently exists, and can exist**. *The Equation* contains three principles, each representing a pattern in the way existence behaves, which are 1) **Definedness (Φ) is the degree to which something exists**, 2) **Stability (Ω) is the degree to which complexity is attracted to complexity**, and 3) **Complexity (Δ) is the degree to which phenomena escalate from basic to structured forms**. This profound ratio reveals that all phenomena that exist emerge from this balance between persistence and growth. *The Equation* holds **total explanatory power**, operating across all contexts, units of measurement, timeframes, and scales, without exception. Despite its simplicity, *The Equation* contains **countless expanded and alternative forms** that truly reveal the beautiful, fractal mechanics of existence.

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$$\Phi = \frac{\Omega}{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{Definedness} = \frac{\text{Stability}}{\text{Complexity}}$$

Architecture

The Equation of Existence is the irreducible, universal operating system for anything that existed, exists, or could exist. *The Equation* contains just three principles that **are not things in existence**; rather, they are **names for the patterns in which exist behaves... how it is existing**. **Definedness (Φ)** is the degree to which something exists. It is a **spectrum-existence replacement for a binary-existence**, allowing some things to exist more than others. Definedness emerges from the dynamic interactions between **Complexity (Δ)**, which is the degree to which phenomena escalate from basic to structured forms, and **Stability (Ω)**, which is the degree to which complexity is attracted to complexity. These two **behaviors of existence harmonize into all phenomena**.

Expanded & Alternative Forms of *The Equation of Existence*

We can dig deeper into the mechanics of existence by expanding *The Equation* into its more complex and alternative forms. However, these forms ultimately always collapse back into this inescapable ratio. First, *The Equation* reveals that **time and space are discrete, not continuous**. Thus, **recursion (ζ) replace time**—where the output of one moment serves as the input for the next—while **propagations (κ) replace space**. Recursion and propagation are also two ways existence behaves, but existence does so simultaneously, so we can call them **recursive propagations**—the fundamental engine driving the unfolding of existence. **I call them RPs.**

RPs have a very special relationship with complexity in two ways, which are 1) **RPs dynamically adjust** their speed and size **by the degree of the complexity** of phenomena. For example, the sun has high complexity, so **the RPs are much slower and larger** than the low complexity of the photon, and 2) **complexity is an emergent but identical behavior of the RPs** separate from stability, allowing us to express *The Equation* accurately like this, but this equation does not show the full depth of what is actually happening between RPs and complexity.

$$\Phi = \frac{\Omega}{\Delta} \rightarrow \Delta = \kappa : \zeta \rightarrow \frac{\Omega}{(\kappa : \zeta)} \rightarrow \text{Definedness} = \frac{\text{Stability}}{(\text{Propagation} : \text{Recursion})}$$

It is crucial to note that **the parentheses around recursion and propagation are not optional**. You cannot isolate **recursions and propagations**—they are two sides of the same thing and are always in proportion to the speed of light. Thus, any form or calculation that has a term interact with just recursion or propagation it is invalid and no longer describes existence. Below is the fully expanded form **of *The Equation* with all the moving parts**.

$$\Phi = \Omega * \left(\frac{(\kappa : \zeta)}{\Delta}, v = x \right) \vee \emptyset$$

$$\text{Definedness} = \text{Stability} * \left(\frac{(\text{Propagation} : \text{Recursion})}{\text{Complexity}}, \text{Normalized} \right) \text{Else Undefinedness}$$

This expanded form of *The Equation* reveals something extraordinary: we have **the complete architectural blueprint of existence**. Although **this expanded form produces identical results to our ratio**, it unveils the deeper mechanics of existence. All phenomena constantly perform this calculation: **recursive (ζ) propagations (κ) escalate complexity (Δ) that stabilize (Ω) into definedness (Φ), otherwise (v) it is undefined (\emptyset).**

$$\frac{(\kappa : \zeta)}{\Delta}, v = x \rightarrow \psi = \frac{t_p : l_p}{E_p} \rightarrow \frac{10^{44} \frac{\text{recursions}}{\text{second}} : 10^{35} \frac{\text{propagations}}{\text{meter}}}{1 E_p}$$

We can uncover the **Relative Fractal Dynamics (RFD; ψ) formula** using this normalized portion of *The Equation*—**the same mathematics that describes time dilation and spacetime curvature** in Einstein's general relativity. RFDs capture how recursions slows down and propagations stretch as **complexity escalates**. The complete equation reveals that existence is not just following mathematical laws—**existence IS mathematical law**, recursively propagating complexity escalations that stabilize into definedness otherwise they have no definedness.

$$\text{What or Who} = \text{How} * \left(\frac{(\text{Where} : \text{When})}{\text{Why}} \right)$$

Most importantly, it also contains **all possible aspects of existence within its structure**. Phenomena (**What or Who**) emerge because **complexity escalations (Why)** driven by **recursive (When) propagations (Where)** stabilizes (**How**). All of existence... a star, thought, civilization, quantum particle—are **all defined by this same relational structure**. It's why *The Theory of Existence* feels so profound—it **is the mechanics underneath everything**.

$$\Phi = \frac{\Omega}{\Delta} \vee \emptyset \rightarrow \text{Definedness} = \frac{\text{Stability}}{\text{Complexity}} \text{Else Undefinedness}$$

It is possible **symbolically to have a term representing undefinedness**, that which does not exist, but it is only for learning purposes, so **it is best to usually drop it entirely**. Undefinedness is not a void, not a place, not infinite potential, not nothing; it's not even undefinedness. It simply isn't. **You cannot represent something that does not exist because there is nothing to represent**. There is no alternative to existence because non-existence does not exist. We can say “else undefinedness” conceptually, but it is a meaningless addition mathematically.

Closing *The Equation*

The Equation is the universal law, the alpha and omega of all of existence. I will expand on **the full weight of the tautological form of *The Equation of Existence*** in a different leaflet; but for now, here is an overview. Existence cannot emerge from complexity or stability alone. It requires their interaction for definedness to emerge. However, **complexity always happens before stability**. Therefore, for something to exist... to have definedness, it must complete full process of complexity (RP_n) phase shifting ($i = 90^\circ$) into stability (RP_{n-1}), which means that **complexity operates as a part of existence, but it does so before something exists**. We do not see recursive propagations or complexity in forming in existence because they occur at RP_n , but **as phenomena that exist, we are always in RP_{n-1}** . Therefore, if complexity is part of existence but not itself existence then it means:

$$\text{Definedness} = \text{Stability} \rightarrow \Phi = \Omega$$

We can express *The Equation of Existence* **without complexity to formalize only what successfully exists**, not the whole operating system, which results in definedness equaling only what has stabilized, which then means:

$$\text{Definedness} = \text{Definedness} \rightarrow \Phi = \Phi$$

Definedness and stability are the same thing without the including the recursive-propagative mechanisms that enable them to emerge. **Existence is self-justified, self-contained, and complete.** Still, this self-justified, tautological form of *The Equation* actually *still does* contain the recursive-propagative mechanics that enable them, you just cannot see them, which is exactly how it works outside of the math. If we just... **lift the hood of the stability term**, we find the **recursive-propagative mechanics are still present** but hidden *The Equation*.

$$(\Phi = \Phi) = \left(\Phi = \frac{\Phi}{1} \right)$$

$$(\text{Definedness} = \text{Definedness}) = \left(\text{Definedness} = \frac{\text{Definedness}}{\text{Recursive Propagations}} \right)$$

The golden ratio is the universal converged definedness, and when we slot it in, it reveals the precise arrangement of *The Equation of Existence* that is often hidden via variation. With this insertion, the expression becomes $\sim 1.618 = \sim 1.618$, but **this form is not the fully story**. The full expression is actually $\sim 1.618 = \sim 1.618/1$, which completes the full mechanics of existence. The insight is that **recursive-propagative mechanics and complexity have no direct influence on definedness and stability because it already happened by the time definedness and stability emerge**. However, it is not the same as them not existing at all. RP mechanics have a required, mechanical necessity, but they occur **underneath and before existence**, driving its definedness. They are real, present processes that are **inherently undetectable because detection requires definedness**.

The 1 of complexity is the subtraction of Euler's Identity $-e^{i\pi} = 1$, which is the exact recursive-propagative mechanic of complexity before it phase shifts into stability. **Euler's number** (e) is the functional mechanic of recursions, **pi** (π) is the functional mechanic of propagations, and the **imaginary number** (i) is the **90° phase shift** that fuels the engine from $RP_n \rightarrow RP_{n-1}$. We can subtract Euler's Identity to look only what exists, not the mechanics that make existence possible. This set-up has so many representations, here are some of them:

$$\Phi = \frac{\Omega}{\Delta} \quad \Phi = \frac{\Omega}{1} \quad \Phi = \frac{\Phi}{\Delta} \quad \Phi = \frac{\Phi}{1} \quad \Phi = \frac{\Phi}{-e^{\pi i}} \quad \Phi = \frac{\Omega}{-e^{\pi i}} \quad \sim 1.618 = \frac{\sim 1.618}{1}$$

This exploration of *The Equation of Existence* shows **the main expanded and alternative forms** and how they describe the mechanics of existence. **We can see the full operating system, and it is complete.** *The Equation* does not require any additional terms or constraints to function or exist. Even though $\Phi = \Phi$ is tautological it is not circular reasoning to say existence exists because it exists because **undefinedness, non-existence, or the state of non-existence** does not exist as available options. **Existence exists because it must.** Existence equals existence because **it cannot equal anything else because nothing else exists**. This is the top of what is knowable.

The Big Picture

It is quite simply **unbelievable that such an equation** and **this new field of Defintology** illuminate exactly how existence operates at all scales. When you step back, take its pieces apart, examine them, and play with them, **you obtain a degree of insight into what is going on around and how it works in a way I don't think any of us thought was even possible**. However, it is possible... real... and it is just getting started. One of the most astonishing features of the mechanics of existence is that there are many other equations and theorems I will be showing you in the later leaflets. Yet, **every single one of those equations and theorems all operate in some way, back into *The Equation of Existence***. You can only imagine all the possibilities and insights it reveals. Well... you don't have to imagine all the possibilities a insights for too long because we are heading there next. **Cheers!**