

The 4-3-2-1 Rule

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Summary

Hey, kid... ya got five minutes? I wanna show you something, but... **you didn't hear it from me, got it?** It's called **the 4-3-2-1 Rule**. Word on the street is that **it contains the full architecture of existence**. Sounds crazy, right? Apparently, there's math too: **4 Possible Dimensions** ($4 * 90^\circ = 360^\circ$) forming the structure, **3 Spatial Dimensions** (width, height, and length; $3 * 90^\circ = 270^\circ$) forming 75% of the content, **2 Possible States** (complexity and stability; $2 * 90^\circ = 180^\circ = e^{i\pi}$) forming a two-phase ongoing process, and **1 Time Dimension** (phase shifting; $1 * 90^\circ = i = \pi/2$) forming the engine and the other 25% of content. Listen... I don't have time for all this right now. **If you wanna know about the 4-3-2-1 Rule**, meet me here later today, and **I'll tell you everything...**

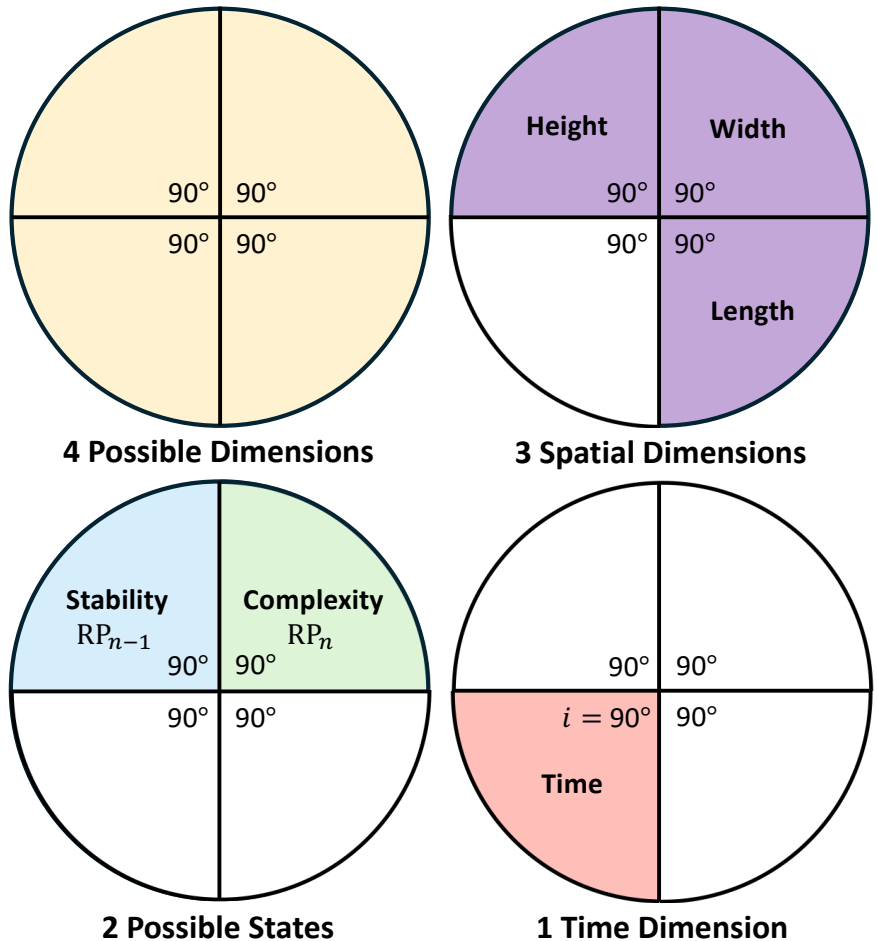
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Architecture

Hey, you... yes, you... so... **ya showed up?** You wanna know **the rule?** Don't look around... or let people know I'm telling you... it's important for you to know, but **I'll deny ever knowing about it** if you tell anyone you heard it from me ...so, **you didn't hear it from me, got it?** Word on the street is that **this 4-3-2-1 Rule** comprises **the real structure of existence**. Apparently, **some weirdo with a strange website** figured it out. People all around are arguing about what the numbers *really* mean, but here's the general consensus...

The 4 stands for "**4 Possible Dimensions**"; it's the minimum and maximum number of independent dimensions existence can have ($4 * 90^\circ = 360^\circ$), which also dictates its operational mechanics. The author was clear about it in **another strange paper** of his that he titled: $270^\circ + 90^\circ = 360^\circ$ for some reason... isn't that so strange? Like... why would he call it that? Anyway, he said that **fewer than four 90° angles** result in an incomplete, open system, and that **five or more cannot fit in the 360° structure** of a whole, closed system. He uses **this geometric inevitability** to explain why existence has four dimensions. These **four possible dimensions form the structure of existence**.

Visualizing The 4-3-2-1 Rule



The Structure

4 Possible Dimensions: $4 * 90^\circ = 360^\circ$

75% of Content

3 Spatial Dimensions: $3 * 90^\circ = 270^\circ$

Two-Phase Process

2 Possible States: $2 * 90^\circ = 180^\circ = e^{i\pi}$

The Engine + 25% of Content

1 Time Dimension: $1 * 90^\circ = i = \pi/2$

The 3 is where it gets interesting. People have said it might refer to other things, but the general consensus is that it stands for the 3 spatial dimensions of existence: height, width, and length ($3 * 90^\circ = 270^\circ$). These independent spatial dimensions comprise 75% of the content of existence. The 2... okay, the 2 is where it gets even stranger. It is, quite frankly, unprecedented. It's *not* the structure or the content, but it's what existence *does*... the process it follows ($2 * 90^\circ = 180^\circ = e^{i\pi}$). The key here is that 90° belongs to something he calls complexity, and the other 90° belongs to something he calls stability. Ya ever heard of it?

That brings us to the 1 of the 4-3-2-1 Rule. Notice what's missing? It's the engine. It is pretty undisputed that time is a

recursive phase shifting via the imaginary unit ($1 * 90^\circ = 90^\circ$), since, as we all know by now, time and space are discrete, not continuous. The

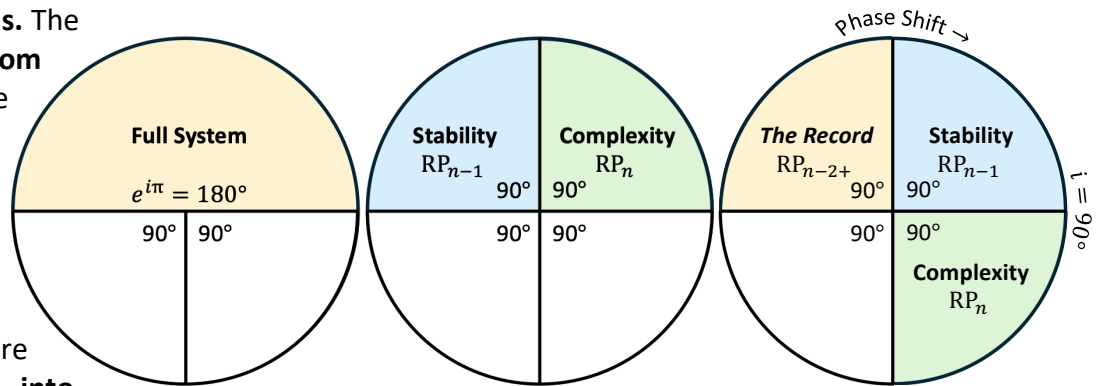
1 separates one moment from the next one, one recursive propagation from the next.

...and that's the 4-3-2-1 Rule... but there's more...

Look at what happens when we turn it on... we can see the wheel turn, where complexity phase shifts into stability, which phase shifts into The Record.

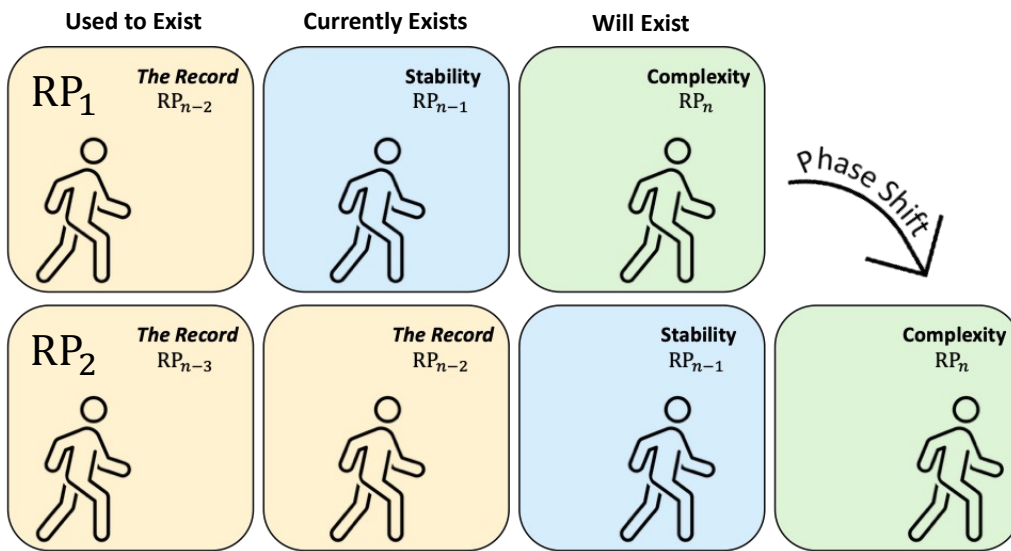
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This is what existence looks like as it unfolds from our perspective. See the person walking across the room? That's you... and it's me... It's everything, and everywhere you look, you see. We can see the current moment we're in... the one right now, with you and me, that's what currently exists. It's what has stabilized... but there's much more going on. Right before existence occurs... before

anything happens... it emerges in a preliminary form that does not exist until it phase shifts into stability. It has not completed the process required for existence... we call it complexity (specifically, defined nothingness). Then, trailing in the past behind it all? Our ol' friend, The Record... oh lord, don't get me started on The Record. This process is what existence does. It phase shifts, one at a time, so seamlessly that we don't even notice.

You don't feel the 90° phase shift turning. You don't see complexity form before it exists. You just... walk across a room... but this process underneath it all? **This bitch is running like a motherfucker, fucking, everywhere, always.** There are 10^{181} RPs in the observable universe, most of which update 10^{44} times PER SECOND, and are so small you can fit 10^{35} pixels PER METER. If that's not runnin like a motherfucker then idk what is...

Alright... there is one final thing I wanted to show you. It's not on the 4-3-2-1 Rule itself. **It's not something anyone has seen.** I realized it while thinking about the 4-3-2-1 Rule... I haven't told anyone... I might never tell others... it is simply too powerful an idea. **It's nearly too profound for one's human mind to bear.**

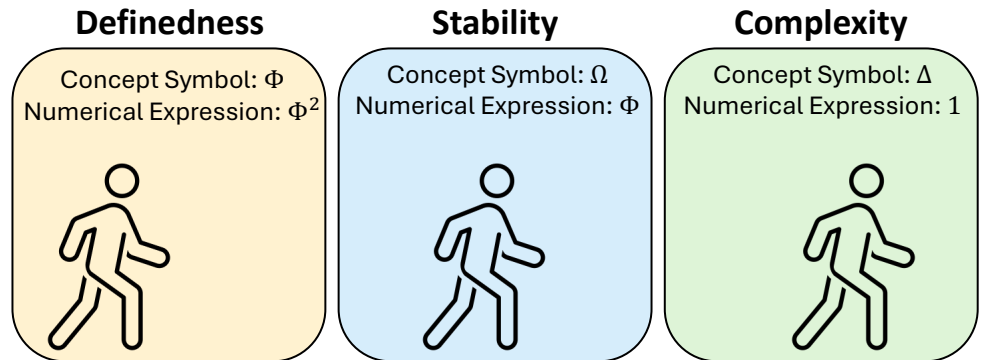
The 4-3-2-1 Rule reveals exactly how his "Equation of Existence" operates. It contains three first principles: **definedness, stability, and complexity.** We have their symbolic identification and numerical expressions. First, the equation for **what existence is:** $\Phi = \Omega + \Delta$. Second, we can see the equation for **what existence does,** when we zoom in on the process $\Phi = \Omega / \Delta$, **forming The Equation of Existence.** Then, because complexity does not exist until *after* the phase shift to stability, we can see that existence does not need a cause or external framework; it's **self-justified and self-contained by design:** $\Phi = \Phi$. That's all there

is to it, apparently... it's written in the math, felt in every breath, and lives in all of us, even you ...but I don't know if the world is ready. I guess time will tell, but remember what I said, **you didn't hear it from me, got it?**

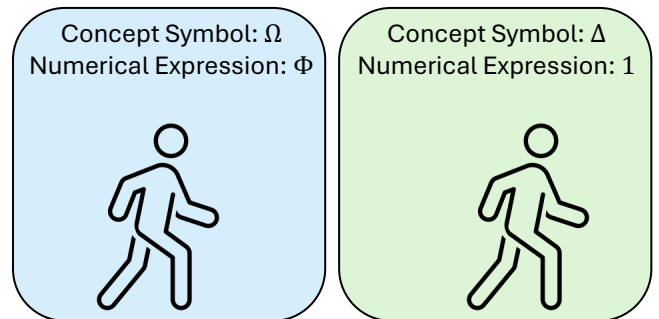
Big Picture

How mad would you be if I started writing like this for the rest of the canon? In all seriousness, **the 4-3-2-1 Rule is a profound reduction of the structure and mechanics of existence.** It holds **all the pieces**—the **structure, content, process, and engine**—with not a piece out of place. It's its **own self-organized model** of the recursive-propagative mechanics of our fractal universe. **Keep the 4-3-2-1 Rule in your mind as we move forward,** as it is a magnet for understanding the mechanics we will later encounter in the rest of *The Theorem of Existence*.

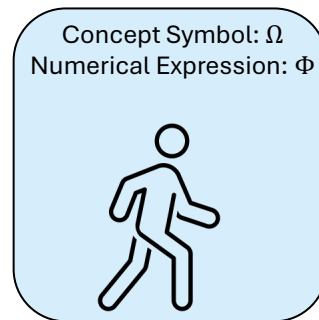
...but, ya know? **The 4-3-2-1 Rule is not something I could have crafted, folks.** I found it, it was a bit dirty, but I thought it was beautiful, so... I dusted it off, and it's yours now... **pass it along to others in secret, lie low, tell only a few, don't tip off the gatekeepers,** and remember, **you didn't hear it from me, got it?** 🤫🤫



What Existence Is: $\Phi = \Omega + \Delta \rightarrow \Phi^2 = \Phi + 1$



What Existence Does: $\Phi = \Omega / \Delta \rightarrow \Phi = \Phi / 1$



Existence: $\Phi = \Omega \rightarrow \Phi = \Phi$