

Channel-Baseline Normalization: Taking Channel Overhead Out of the Latency Differential

A confirmation latency recorded against a counterparty is consistent with two causes at once, the counterparty and the domain it operates in, and the recorded number alone separates neither. U.S.

Provisional Application No. 64/117,812 separates them by varying a property of the agent's own dispatch rather than by passive observation, routing interactions in a single matched class to close either on a receipt the counterparty controls or on a receipt it does not. That first path carries channel overhead independent of counterparty conduct, so the filed disclosure removes the overhead before the paths are compared. The semantic agent computes a channel baseline as the pooled arithmetic mean of recorded durations of first-path closures with counterparties passing a qualifying predicate evaluated on its own records alone, normalizes the first closure latency by subtraction bounded at zero, and takes the latency differential as the normalized first latency less the second latency.

Two Explanations, One Recorded Number

Attribution is how paragraph [0358] of U.S. Provisional Application No. 64/117,812 frames the difficulty. An observed confirmation latency may be caused by a counterparty or by its domain, and the semantic agent (100) distinguishes which by varying a property of its own dispatch rather than by passive observation. Every interaction is routed to close through one of two paths. A first closure path closes upon a receipt the counterparty controls, an attestation or signed confirmation it produces. A second closure path closes upon a receipt it does not control, an execution outcome recorded by the semantic agent (100) or an acceptance by its principal. Assignment happens inside a matched class of interactions identical in action class, stakes, urgency, and scope partition, and the counterparty is not notified.

Everything then turns on the comparison between the two path latencies. Paragraph [0359] records why the unadjusted pair will not carry that comparison: the first path carries channel overhead independent of counterparty conduct. A quantity that does not move with the counterparty's own conduct sits inside the first-path measurement, and a difference taken between unadjusted path latencies carries that quantity forward into whatever the difference is afterward compared against.

The filed response does not import a figure describing the channel from elsewhere. Its comparator is assembled from closures the agent already recorded, admitted by a predicate that paragraph [0359] specifies as evaluated on the agent's own records alone and as consulting no counterparty-supplied score. No rating, and no quantity asserted by the party under evaluation, reaches the measure the differential is taken against.

Paragraph [0361] draws the matching consequence on the decision side. A threshold set below the standard deviation of those same qualifying closures attributes ordinary channel variation to the counterparty. One recorded set thus supplies both the center that is subtracted and the floor beneath the line that must be crossed.

Building the Comparator Before the Comparison

Path latencies. Over a matched class, the semantic agent (100) computes a first closure latency and a second closure latency, each as a central-tendency measure, specifically the arithmetic mean of dispatch-to-closure intervals for the interactions assigned to that path. That single measure is what the filed text applies on both sides.

Channel baseline. Its value is the pooled arithmetic mean of recorded durations of first-path closures with counterparties passing a qualifying predicate. Two features of the definition come straight from the paragraph. Durations enter from first-path closures, the same path whose overhead is being removed, and the mean is taken over those pooled recorded durations rather than over any intermediate figure.

Qualifying predicate. Admission turns on two recorded properties: persistent-tier identity in the counterparty identity record (114), and a declared minimum of first-path closures, each of them within a responsiveness bound. Paragraph [0359] fixes the scope of that test twice over, as evaluated on the agent's own records alone and as consulting no counterparty-supplied score.

Normalization. Subtraction is the operator, bounded at zero. Normalized first closure latency is the first closure latency less the channel baseline, and the bound stated in the filed text keeps that normalized quantity from running below zero.

Differential. Latency differential is the normalized first latency less the second latency. That quantity is what the next paragraph evaluates.

Paragraph [0360] evaluates it through an ordered branch sequence taken over a second-path baseline, itself computed as the mean second latency across the agent's other matched classes, excluding the counterparty under evaluation. Where either path holds fewer than a declared minimum volume, a not-determinable outcome is appended and no attribution issues. Failing that, where the differential exceeds a declared threshold, latency is attributed to the counterparty by an attribute on the

counterparty identity record (114). Absent that, and where the second latency is itself elevated above the second-path baseline by a declared margin, latency is attributed to the domain, an exoneration record is appended, and nothing adverse is written to the counterparty. Otherwise a no-adverse-signal outcome is appended. The paragraph is explicit that exoneration rests on the domain baseline and not on the differential alone, so the branch that clears a counterparty is conditioned on a quantity the differential does not by itself supply.

Constraint on the threshold comes from the same closures that produced the baseline. Under paragraph [0361], the attribution threshold is bounded below by the standard deviation of the recorded durations of the qualifying closures from which the channel baseline is computed, being the positive square root of their variance and expressed in the units of the baseline and threshold. A threshold below that bound attributes ordinary channel variation to the counterparty. The filed rationale for the bound is stated in the paragraph itself: it ties the decision threshold to the measured dispersion of the channel, so an attribution issues only where the differential exceeds the noise floor of the channel it is measured against.

What the Filing Fixes and What Policy Declares

Paragraph [0023] describes the signed policy object (112) as authored by a principal to which the semantic agent (100) is bound, covered by that principal's signature, and carrying the declared value set and the declared bounds, weights, and coefficients consumed by the computations of the disclosure. An agent does not author that object and modifies it only by admitting a successor. Structure therefore sits in the paragraph text, quantities sit in policy, and no numeric value for any quantity below appears in the filing or in this article.

Fixed by the disclosure:

- **Central-tendency measure.** Arithmetic mean of dispatch-to-closure intervals, applied to each closure path.
- **Baseline aggregation.** Pooled arithmetic mean over recorded durations of qualifying first-path closures.
- **Normalization operator.** Subtraction, bounded at zero.
- **Differential definition.** Normalized first latency less the second latency.
- **Predicate scope.** Evaluated on the agent's own records alone, consulting no counterparty-supplied score.
- **Second-path baseline.** Mean second latency across the agent's other matched classes, excluding the counterparty under evaluation.
- **Threshold floor.** Standard deviation of the qualifying-closure durations, being the positive square root of their variance.

Declared, with no value stated in the filing:

- Minimum count of first-path closures a counterparty must hold before its closures contribute to the baseline.
- Responsiveness bound within which each of those closures falls.
- Minimum per-path volume below which the not-determinable branch issues instead of an attribution.
- Attribution threshold, bounded below as paragraph [0361] provides.
- Margin by which the second latency must exceed the second-path baseline before latency is attributed to the domain.
- Manipulation margin of paragraph [0362], being the permitted cross-path difference in non-latency conduct.

One input to the predicate is neither a fixed structure nor a policy number. Persistent-tier identity reads a persistence designation which, under paragraph [0484], takes an ephemeral, a persistent, or a promoted value in the counterparty identity record (114).

Promotion under a promotion policy object requires that the encounter history of the record contain no unresolved corrective encounter, and a counterparty whose conduct evaluation artifacts (116) repeatedly produce rejected determinations (124), at a rate or run length declared in the signed policy object (112), is demoted by one tier, the demotion recorded as a persistence designation change in the append-only lineage field (104). Eligibility to contribute to the baseline accordingly follows a recorded designation rather than a fixed roster.

Upstream Inputs, Downstream Readers

Section 10.2 of the filing is titled "Authorization decay, scope-partitioned containment, and interventional attribution," and paragraph [0359] belongs to the interventional-attribution group within it. Upstream, paragraph [0358] supplies the matched class, both closure paths, and the assignment itself, made by deterministic alternation or by a pseudorandom selection seeded from a value committed to the append-only lineage field (104) before the first assignment, so that the sequence is verifiable and not chosen after outcomes are seen.

Downstream, three paragraphs read what [0359] produces. Evaluation of the differential belongs to [0360], and the threshold floor drawn from the same qualifying closures belongs to [0361]. Under [0362], a class's latency evidence can be set aside entirely: a measure of counterparty conduct other than latency, comprising the rate of non-closure, of returned exceptions, and of amendment requests, is computed per closure path, and where that measure differs between paths by more than a declared manipulation margin, a manipulation attribute is appended to the counterparty identity record (114), distinct from the latency attribution, and the class is neither attributed nor exonerated. As the paragraph puts it, a difference across paths that were meant to be indistinguishable establishes that the assignment was in fact distinguishable to the counterparty.

Substrate for all of it is already defined by the filing. Persistence designations and any attribute an attribution writes belong to the counterparty identity record (114). The committed assignment seed and the record of a persistence designation change belong to the append-only lineage field (104). Declared quantities belong to the signed policy object (112), which the evaluating agent does not author.

The earned-exposure connection runs through paragraph [0363]. Where interventional attribution attributes an observed latency to a domain rather than to a counterparty, the persistent semantic agent (100) appends an exoneration record identifying the matched class, both closure latencies, and the threshold applied, and transmits it to that counterparty as a governed observation. A further persistent semantic agent (100) presented with that record admits it as an input to a first-encounter determination alone, verifying that it is signed by the agent that appended it, that the matched class is identified by the feature tuple recorded for it, and that its recorded time falls within a declared currency interval. So admitted, it is recorded in the counterparty identity record (114) as a presented record, modifies no scoped integrity vector (106), and increments no counter. A record failing verification produces the not-determinable determination (126), nothing adverse being appended.

Adjacent Baseline Practices

Subtracting a baseline from a latency measurement is a long-established practice in several fields. Differences here are structural rather than a matter of tuning, and none of what follows turns on a named product or party.

Network and service-level baselining derives a round-trip floor from telemetry and reports deviations against it, treating the baseline as a property of infrastructure and the output as a performance judgment. A channel baseline is instead computed from governed closure records the agent already holds, admitted by an identity-tier

predicate, and what it feeds is a determination that may write an attribute to a counterparty identity record (114), may append an exoneration record, or may write nothing adverse at all.

Covariate adjustment and difference-in-differences remove a confounder whose magnitude a fitted model estimates. Removal here is a subtraction whose comparator set is fixed by a stated predicate over recorded identity properties, and both the operator and its bound at zero are fixed in the paragraph rather than selected per analysis.

Peer-group benchmarking in supplier scorecards normalizes a supplier's metric against a cohort typically assembled from an industry pool or a rating provider. Admission to this channel baseline is decided on the agent's own records alone and consults no counterparty-supplied score, so neither a rating provider nor an asserted quantity sets the comparator.

Reputation and trust scoring takes latency in as an input. What the filed mechanism does with latency is bounded on both sides: the floor at zero on the normalized first latency, and the standard-deviation lower bound under which an attribution threshold may not be set.

Nothing in these comparisons suggests that any such system infringes. The distinctions drawn are distinctions of mechanism.

Disclosure Scope

Subject matter described in this article is disclosed in U.S. Provisional Application No. 64/117,812, Section 10.2, principally paragraph [0359], "Latency differential with channel-baseline normalization," together with the paragraphs its operation depends on and feeds: the receipt-path control of [0358], the attribution-versus-exoneration branch of [0360], the standard-deviation lower bound on the attribution threshold of

[0361], the distinguishability check of [0362], and the portable exoneration record of [0363]. Supporting references are to the signed policy object of [0023] and the conduct-driven persistence tier of [0484].

Structure is what is disclosed: both closure latencies as arithmetic means of dispatch-to-closure intervals over a matched class, a channel baseline as a pooled arithmetic mean of recorded durations of first-path closures with counterparties passing an agent-local qualifying predicate of persistent-tier identity and a declared minimum of first-path closures each within a responsiveness bound, normalization by subtraction bounded at zero, and the latency differential as the normalized first latency less the second latency.

Not disclosed here, and not to be inferred from this article, is every numeric parameter value; each quantity named above is declared rather than fixed by the filing. Alternative central-tendency measures, alternative baseline constructions, worked numeric traces, and deployment-specific illustrations not set out in the filed provisional fall outside the scope of this article, and nothing in it should be read to place such material in the public domain.

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PRIMARY TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE

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SECONDARY TECHNICAL

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- [Determination-Invariance Under an Agent's Own Policy Succession \(/articles/earned-exposure/determination-invariance-policy-succession\)](/articles/earned-exposure/determination-invariance-policy-succession/)
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