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Alias Resolution as Navigational Traversal

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Alias resolution in the adaptive index is not a separate lookup system. It is a form of semantic traversal governed by the same framework that governs discovery. Resolving an alias means traversing the index from the alias entry to its target through governed steps. Each resolution step is evaluated, recorded, and subject to the same policies as any other traversal operation.

What It Is

Alias resolution operates as a specialized form of semantic traversal. When an alias is referenced, the resolution process traverses from the alias entry through the index to the target, with each step governed by admissibility evaluation. The resolution path may traverse multiple anchors, each applying its own governance policies.

This unification means that alias resolution inherits all the properties of semantic traversal: governance, lineage recording, cognitive state awareness, and trust slope validation.

Why It Matters

In traditional systems, alias resolution is a simple lookup that bypasses whatever governance applies to other operations. An alias points to a target, and resolution returns the target. There is no governance at the resolution step. This creates a governance gap where aliases can be used to bypass access controls or reach content that direct navigation would restrict.

Treating alias resolution as governed traversal closes this gap. Every resolution step is subject to the same governance as every other traversal step.

How It Works

The resolution process begins at the alias entry and follows the resolution path through the index. At each step, the admissibility gate evaluates whether the resolving entity has the authority and context to proceed. The resolution may traverse scope boundaries, each requiring independent governance evaluation.

The complete resolution path is recorded in the lineage, creating an auditable record of every alias resolution including who resolved it, when, and through which path.

What It Enables

Governed alias resolution enables aliases that respect the same governance boundaries as all other index operations. Aliases cannot be used as bypass mechanisms. Administrative aliases can require elevated authority. Cross-scope aliases can enforce both source and destination governance. The unified framework ensures consistent governance regardless of how content is accessed.

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Search, inference, and execution as one governed step.

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