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The Training Loop as a Governed Execution Environment

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The training loop is not merely an optimization routine. In this architecture, it is a governed execution environment subject to the same policy enforcement, admissibility evaluation, and lineage recording as any other execution context. Every step of the training process, from data loading through gradient computation to parameter update, operates within a governance boundary.

What It Is

The governed training loop wraps the standard machine learning training process in a governance framework. Data loading is governed by admissibility evaluation. Forward pass operates under policy-defined constraints. Gradient computation respects depth profiles. Parameter updates are gated by memorization detection. Every step is recorded in the training lineage.

Why It Matters

Traditional training loops operate outside any governance framework. Once training begins, the optimizer has unconstrained access to modify all parameters based on whatever data is presented. This ungoverned operation is incompatible with the architectural requirement that all semantic mutations be governed.

The governed training loop closes this gap by making training itself a governed operation, consistent with the architecture's fundamental principle that no semantic mutation occurs without governance.

How It Works

The training loop instantiates a governed execution context before training begins. This context carries the training policy, the authorized corpus definition, and the depth profiles. Each training step operates within this context, with the governance framework evaluating every data point admission, gradient routing decision, and parameter update.

The training lineage records every governance decision, creating a complete, auditable record of the training process. Post-training verification can confirm that every step complied with the training policy.

What It Enables

The governed training loop enables machine learning training that meets the same governance standards as all other operations in the architecture. Models trained in governed loops can demonstrate compliance with training policies, rights requirements, and safety constraints through their training lineage. This transforms training from an opaque optimization process into a transparent, auditable, and governed parameter evolution.

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Govern what the model learns, at what depth, with what provenance.

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