Glossary for the 20260312 Response Cluster

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Ablation sheet The benchmark table comparing scoring policies under one accounting convention and one decoder.

Combination rule The operator that merges multiple predictive sources into one output distribution.

Count structure The part of the theory that comes from counts, conditionals, quotients, and code lengths independently of the exact combination rule.

Entropy-weighted blend A confidence-weighted mixture that gives more weight to lower-entropy source distributions.

MCP The current mathematical compression paper, now best read as the exact theory of tropical max-min count-based prediction.

Post-tropical MCP A possible broader theory that preserves the count-compression insights of the MCP while relaxing the rigid combination rule.

Sharpest-LPP A winner-take-all competition policy that picks the source with the largest support gap.

Track C The compressor track: optimize total lossless bytes under verified decoding.

Track U The UM track: study the exact max-min object and its theorems, even if it pays an empirical tax.

Tropical tax The empirical price paid by insisting on the rigid max-min rule when softer combination rules compress better.