

AP₁-Y v1.2 — Yellow Navigation Engine

Soft Vector Resolution

Ambient OS · Canonical Addendum

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Abstract

This addendum specifies the canonical mechanism by which navigation resolves in Yellow without endpoints, destinations, route selection, optimization, or goal inference.

AP₁-Y v1.2 formalizes **soft vector resolution**: navigation as a thermodynamic field phenomenon arising from permissibility, embodied motion, and route residue as defined by RR-1.

Navigation does not choose routes.

Navigation resolves through resonance.

1. Scope of This Addendum

AP₁-Y v1.2 extends AP₁-Y v1.1 by defining:

- how Yellow operates **with or without Purple definition**
- how multiple navigational affordances resolve **without choice**
- how routes exist as **residue rather than stored objects** (RR-1)
- how AI participates **without defining direction**
- how navigation remains **endpoint-free, reversible, and non-coercive**

This addendum does not alter the core constraints of AP₁-Y v1.1.

2. Two Canonical States of Yellow

Yellow exists in two canonically distinct states.

2.1 Explorative Yellow (Non-Navigational Motion)

Yellow may exist **without any Purple anchors**, as specified in ITL-1 v1.1.

In this state:

- no infrastructure is defined
- no routes are active
- no navigation occurs
- **no route residue is formed** (RR-1)

Explorative Yellow expresses:

- bodily rhythm
- spatial openness
- resistance and release
- acceleration and deceleration

Explorative Yellow may occur across all modes of movement, including:

- walking
- running
- cycling
- driving
- public transport
- passive motion (vehicles, rides, attractions)

All expressions in Explorative Yellow are:

- ephemeral
- non-binding
- non-persistent

Any system that records or preserves exploratory motion as navigational residue violates RR-1 and ITL-1.

2.2 Navigational Yellow

Navigational Yellow becomes possible **only after Purple definition**, as specified by ITL-1 v1.1.

Only in this state may:

- route residue activate
- directional bleed occur
- soft vector resolution emerge

Navigational Yellow is governed jointly by:

- ITL-1 (definition grammar)
- RR-1 (residue persistence)
- AP₁-Y (motion resolution)

3. Rejection of A → B Navigation

Ambient OS explicitly rejects A → B navigation.

A → B navigation presumes:

- a fixed destination
- stable intent
- route optimization
- irreversible commitment

These assumptions violate:

- ΔR (reversibility)
- human-scale intention
- ambient thermodynamic stability

Navigation in Yellow never begins with an endpoint.

4. Permissibility as the Basis of Motion

Navigation in Yellow is constrained by **permissibility**, not targets.

Permissibility is defined as:

- the set of movements that are physically and infrastructurally possible
- independent of desirability, efficiency, or outcome

Permissibility derives from:

- infrastructural topology

- environmental affordances
- bodily capacity
- temporal conditions

Permissibility defines the motion space.
It does not define direction.

5. Route Residue (RR-1)

Routes in Ambient OS do not exist as stored paths.

A route exists only as **directional field residue** created through embodied traversal, as defined by RR-1.

Route residue:

- strengthens through repeated traversal
- weakens through non-use
- fades without explicit deletion
- has no symbolic or representational form

Route residue is not memory.
It is thermodynamic imprint.

6. Soft Vector Field Formation

When Navigational Yellow is active and multiple route residues exist, Ambient OS does not present:

- choices
- lists
- rankings
- suggested routes
- optimal paths

Instead, a **soft vector field** forms.

This field consists of overlapping directional residues whose amplitudes differ, as governed by RR-1.

7. Soft Vector Resolution

Directional resolution occurs through **relative amplitude**, not selection.

The route whose residue is most coherent with:

- current time
- bodily rhythm
- environmental context
- recent embodied activity

produces the strongest directional bleed.

This bleed:

- expresses tendency, not instruction
- attracts motion without coercion
- dissolves when motion ceases

No decision event occurs.

8. Role of AI (⚡A)

AI in Yellow operates strictly as **⚡A — externalized attention over time**.

AI may:

- maintain continuity
- regulate smoothness
- preserve reversibility
- dampen oscillation

AI may never:

- define direction
- select routes
- infer intent
- predict destinations
- optimize outcomes

AI may not generate, preserve, or reinforce route residue autonomously (RR-1).

Any AI system that injects direction violates AP_1 -Y and ΔR .

9. Distinction Between Routes and Locations

This addendum affirms the canonical distinction defined in ITL-1 v1.1:

- Routes may bleed into Yellow as directional residue.
- Locations may never bleed.

Locations:

- exist only as Purple anchors
- appear exclusively via contextual fade-in
- exert no directional pull

Any system in which a location attracts motion is non-canonical.

10. Voluntary Activation and Withdrawal

Yellow navigation is:

- voluntary
- temporary
- withdrawable

Navigation ends when:

- motion stops
- attention releases
- the human withdraws will

No completion state exists.

No arrival event is required.

11. Canonical Statements

Navigation does not require endpoints.

It requires permissibility.

Routes are not chosen.

They resonate.

Direction is not instruction.

It is thermodynamic tendency.

Exploration leaves no residue.

Navigation may.

AI may regulate continuity.

AI may never define direction.

Any system that collapses navigation into $A \rightarrow B$ violates AP_1-Y .

12. Status

AP_1-Y v1.2 is canonical and normative.

It completes the navigational grammar of Ambient OS by defining:

- motion without goals
- routes without objects
- direction without instruction
- navigation without destinations

Closing Note

Yellow navigation does not lead somewhere.

It allows movement to unfold where movement is possible.

By separating exploration from navigation and persistence from choice, Ambient OS restores navigation to a human, embodied, and thermodynamically stable scale.