

Proving non-existence of asymmetric paths

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To prove the non-existence of asymmetric paths, the following formula can be used:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) \{ \\ & ((g_0(x_0), g_1(x_1), \dots, g_{n-1}(x_{n-1})) = (g_0(y_0), g_1(y_1), \dots, g_{n-1}(y_{n-1}))) \wedge \\ & (g_n(f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) \neg = g_n(f(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}))) \\ \} \Rightarrow \neg \exists f[g_0 \times g_1 \times \dots \times g_{n-1} \rightarrow g_n] \end{aligned}$$

In Nilsen cartesian product notation:

$$\exists x_i, y_i \{ g_i(x^i) = g_i(y^i) \wedge g_n(f(x_i)) \neg = g_n(f(y_i)) \} \Rightarrow \neg \exists f[g_{i \rightarrow n}]$$

This can be proved the following way, by constructing two partial function pairs:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{in} &= g_{in}(x^i, f(x_i)) \\ b_{in} &= g_{in}(y^i, f(y_i)) \end{aligned}$$

Assume that the partial function pairs `a_{in}` and `b_{in}` are of the same function. If the arguments are equal, then the function must return same value, so the return values must be equal:

$$(a_i = b_i) \Rightarrow (a_n = b_n)$$

If the return values are not equal, then the partial function pairs do not belong to the same function, therefore the path `f[g_{i→n}]