

# Algebraic notation for asymmetric paths

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This is a notation you can use to write asymmetric paths with same algebraic rules as for symmetric paths. The symmetric notation is the following:

$$f[g] \Leftrightarrow h$$

Which means:

$$\forall x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \{ h(g(x_0), g(x_1), \dots, g(x_{n-1})) = g(f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) \}$$

An asymmetric path can use different functions on the arguments and return value:

$$\forall x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \{ h(g_0(x_0), g_1(x_1), \dots, g_{n-1}(x_{n-1})) = g_n(f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) \}$$

This can be written as:

$$f[g_0 \times g_1 \times \dots \times g_{n-1} \rightarrow g_n] \Leftrightarrow h$$

For example, the following function predicts whether multiplying two numbers results in a prime:

$$\text{mul}([is\_one] a, [is\_prime] b) \rightarrow [is\_prime] a \wedge b$$

This can also be written this way:

$$\text{mul}[is\_one \times is\_prime \rightarrow is\_prime] \Leftrightarrow \text{and}$$