

Existential Path of `if` expression

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The existential path of `if` uses the following rule:

$$\exists(\backslash(x) = \text{if } f_1(x) \{ f_0(x) \}) \Leftrightarrow \exists f_0\{f_1\}$$

This is a partial function, and a shorthand for:

$$\exists(\backslash(x) = \text{if } f_1(x) \{ f_0(x) \}) \Leftrightarrow \exists f_0\{[f_1] \text{ true}\}$$

If you have an if-else expression:

$$\exists(\backslash(x) = \text{if } f_1(x) \{ f_0(x) \} \text{ else } \{ f_2(x) \}) \Leftrightarrow \exists f_0\{f_1\} \vee \exists f_2\{\neg f_1\}$$

This is a total function, and a shorthand for:

$$\exists(\backslash(x) = \text{if } f_1(x) \{ f_0(x) \} \text{ else } \{ f_2(x) \}) \Leftrightarrow \backslash(x') = (\exists f_0\{f_1\})(x') \vee (\exists f_2\{\text{not} \cdot f_1\})(x')$$

For example:

$$\begin{aligned}\exists(\backslash(x) &= \text{if even}(x) \{ \text{add}(1, x) \} \text{ else } \{ \text{add}(2, x) \}) \\ \backslash(x') &= (\exists \text{add}(1)\{\text{even}\})(x') \vee (\exists \text{add}(2)\{\text{not} \cdot \text{even}\})(x') \\ \backslash(x') &= (\exists \text{add}(1)\{\text{linear}(0, 2)\})(x') \vee (\exists \text{add}(2)\{\text{not} \cdot \text{even}\})(x') \\ \backslash(x') &= (\exists \text{add}(1)\{\text{linear}(0, 2)\})(x') \vee (\exists \text{add}(2)\{\text{odd}\})(x') \\ \backslash(x') &= (\exists \text{add}(1)\{\text{linear}(0, 2)\})(x') \vee (\exists \text{add}(2)\{\text{linear}(1, 2)\})(x') \\ \backslash(x') &= \text{linear}(1, 2)(x') \vee \text{linear}(3, 2)(x') \\ \backslash(x') &= \text{odd}(x') \vee \text{linear}(3, 2)(x')\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{even} \Leftrightarrow \text{linear}(0, 2)$$

$$\text{odd} \Leftrightarrow \text{linear}(1, 2)$$

$$\text{linear}(a, b: (> 0)) = \backslash(x) = \text{if } x < a \{ \text{false} \} \text{ else } \{ ((x - a) \% b) == 0 \}$$

When you have nested if expressions, the output is constrained by combining the conditions with the `^` operator (logical AND):

$$\exists(\backslash(x) = \text{if } f_1(x) \{ \text{if } f_2(x) \{ f_0(x) \} \}) \Leftrightarrow \exists f_0\{f_1 \wedge f_2\}$$

In an else-if expression constraints are set by chaining the conditions with the `^` operator:

$$\begin{aligned}\exists(\backslash(x) &= \text{if } f_1(x) \{ f_0(x) \} \\ &\quad \text{else if } f_3(x) \{ f_2(x) \} \\ &\quad \text{else if } f_5(x) \{ f_4(x) \} \\ &\quad \text{else } \{ f_6(x) \} \\ &) \Leftrightarrow \exists f_0\{f_1\} \vee \exists f_2\{\neg f_1 \wedge f_3\} \vee \exists f_4\{\neg f_1 \wedge \neg f_3 \wedge f_5\} \vee \exists f_6\{\neg f_1 \wedge \neg f_3 \wedge \neg f_5\}\end{aligned}$$