

Universal Existential Paths

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An existential path is a total function that determines the truth value of whether there exists some input to a function that returns some output:

$$\exists f := \lambda(x') = \exists x \{ f(x) = x' \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f(x) \\ f &: X \rightarrow X \end{aligned}$$

This can be generalized using domain constraint notation:

$$\exists f\{T_x\} := \lambda(x') = \exists x : T_x \{ f(x) = x' \}$$

In domain constraint notation you can create the universal $\lambda f\{\}$, so one can also create a universal existential path:

$$\exists f\{\} := \lambda(T_x) = \lambda(x') = \exists x : T_x \{ f(x) = x' \}$$

All universal existential paths are reducible to normal existential paths using true_1 :

$$\exists f\{[\text{true}_1] \text{ true}\} \iff \exists f\{\text{true}_1\} \iff \exists f$$

$$\text{true}_1 := \lambda(_) = \text{true}$$

A sub-existential path is when you pass any other function than true_1 to a universal existential path:

$$\exists f\{[g(c)] \text{ true}\} \iff \exists f\{g(c)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists f\{g(c)\} &: B \rightarrow \text{bool} \\ f &: A \rightarrow B \\ g &: C \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{bool} \end{aligned}$$

When one passes a function of more than one argument to a universal existential path, one creates a higher order existential path:

$$\exists f\{g\} : C \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{bool}$$

Name	Notation	Type
Sub-existential path	$\exists f\{g(c)\}$	$B \rightarrow \text{bool}$
Higher order existential path	$\exists f\{g\}$	$C \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{bool}$
Universal existential path	$\exists f\{\}$	$T_C \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{bool}$