

Invertible Adjoint Normal Paths

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In this paper I prove that when the normal path of an adjoint path is invertible, the adjoint operators are logically equivalent to the identity function.

An adjoint path is defined as following:

$$f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}]$$

When this normal path is invertible, one can prove the following:

$$g_0 \Leftrightarrow g_1 \Leftrightarrow \text{id}$$

As a consequence, the adjoint normal path of f is f :

$$f[\text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow h \\ h^{-1} \cdot f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow h^{-1} \cdot h \\ f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow h^{-1} \cdot \text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow \text{id} \\ f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow h^{-1}] &\Leftrightarrow \text{id} \\ g_0 \times \text{id} &\Leftrightarrow \text{id}_{T \times T} \\ g_0 &\Leftrightarrow \text{id} \end{aligned}$$

One can see this from $f(x, y) = h(g_0(x), y)$

$$\begin{aligned} f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ f[\text{id} \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ f[\text{id}] &\Leftrightarrow f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ f &\Leftrightarrow f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ g_1 &\Leftrightarrow \text{id} \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.