

# Symmetric Path of Function Composition

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*In this paper I show that the symmetric path of function composition is the function composition of symmetric paths.*

Given two functions  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  and two symmetric paths  $f_0[g]$  and  $f_1[g]$ :

$$(f_1 \cdot f_0)[g] \Leftrightarrow f_1[g] \cdot f_0[g]$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot f &\Leftrightarrow h \cdot g \\ g \cdot f \cdot g^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow h \cdot g \cdot g^{-1} \\ g \cdot f \cdot g^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow h \\ g \cdot f \cdot g^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow f[g] \end{aligned}$$

Symmetric path equation for  $f[g] \Leftrightarrow h$   
Compose  $g^{-1}$  on both sides  
Using  $g \cdot g^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \text{id}$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1[g] \cdot f_0[g] \\ (g \cdot f_1 \cdot g^{-1}) \cdot (g \cdot f_0 \cdot g^{-1}) \\ g \cdot f_1 \cdot g^{-1} \cdot g \cdot f_0 \cdot g^{-1} \\ g \cdot f_1 \cdot f_0 \cdot g^{-1} \\ g \cdot (f_1 \cdot f_0) \cdot g^{-1} \\ (f_1 \cdot f_0)[g] \end{aligned}$$

Using  $g^{-1} \cdot g \Leftrightarrow \text{id}$

If  $g$  has an inverse  $g^{-1}$ , the symmetric path of function composition can be simplified:

$$(f_1 \cdot f_0)[g] \Leftrightarrow g \cdot f_1 \cdot f_0 \cdot g^{-1}$$