

# Adjoint Paths

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*In this paper we formalize adjoint paths using path semantics.*

An adjoint path is a relationship between two asymmetric normal paths of  $f$ :

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

$$f : T \rightarrow U$$

This relationship is represented by  $f$ , which is called the “adjoint path”.

Since  $\text{id}$  maps to same type  $T \rightarrow T$ , it follows that  $g_0$  and  $g_1$  also maps to same type:

$$\begin{aligned} g_0 &: T \rightarrow T \\ g_1 &: T \rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

Since these two normal paths are the same, it means that they both use the same function:

$$\begin{aligned} \because f[g_0 \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] &\leqslant h & f(x, y) &= h(g_0(x), y) \\ \because f[\text{id} \times g_1 \rightarrow \text{id}] &\leqslant h & f(x, y) &= h(x, g_1(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore h(g(x), y) = h(x, g(y))$$

The function  $g_0$  is called the “left side” or “left adjoint”.

The function  $g_1$  is called the “right side” or “right adjoint”.

When the left side  $g_0$  is equal to the right side  $g_1$ , it is called a “self-adjoint operator”.

Every function is a self-adjoint path using the  $\text{id}$  function as a self-adjoint operator:

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