

Adjoint Commutative Symmetry

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In this paper I show that full commutative symmetry implies a self-adjoint symmetry operator.

Full commutative symmetry is defined as following:

$$\begin{array}{lll} f \Leftrightarrow f[\text{swap} \rightarrow g] & \wedge & \exists f \Leftrightarrow \forall g \quad \text{Non-trivial commutative symmetry} \\ f \Leftrightarrow f[g \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] & & \text{Trivial commutative symmetry} \end{array}$$

One can write trivial commutative symmetry in the following way:

$$f \Leftrightarrow f[g \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall a, b \{ f(a, b) = f(g(a), g(b)) \}$$

Using the form in first-order logic, one can prove the following:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \therefore & \forall a, b \{ f(a, b) = f(g(a), g(b)) \} \\ \therefore & \forall a, b \{ f(a, g(b)) = f(g(a), g(g(b))) \} \quad \text{replacing `b => g(b)`} \\ \therefore & \forall a, b \{ f(a, g(b)) = f(g(a), b) \} \quad \text{using `g^2 <=> id`} \end{array}$$

This proves that full commutative symmetry implies a self-adjoint symmetry operator `g`.

The tactic `b => g(b)` is valid because `∃g <=> ∀g`.

The tactic `g^2 <=> id` uses idempotency from non-trivial commutative symmetry.

Alternative proof using path semantical notation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \therefore & f \Leftrightarrow f[g \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ \therefore & f[\text{id} \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f[g \times g \rightarrow \text{id}][\text{id} \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ \therefore & f[\text{id} \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f[(\text{id} \cdot g) \times (g \cdot g) \rightarrow (\text{id} \cdot \text{id})] \\ \therefore & f[\text{id} \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f[g \times g^2 \rightarrow \text{id}] \\ \therefore & f[\text{id} \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f[g \times \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}] \quad \text{using `g^2 <=> id`} \end{array}$$

It is easy to see that this is an adjoint path.

This can be used to prove that whenever a self-adjoint operator `g` is idempotent, the trivial commutative symmetry holds.

This also means it is sufficient to get full commutative symmetry when:

1. There is an adjoint path of `f` by a self-adjoint operator `g`
2. The `f` function has non-trivial commutative symmetry `f <=> f[swap → g]`