

# Existential Path of Left Recursive Addition

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Assume there is an operator `=>` which takes the left side and puts it into the variable at the right side:

$$x + 1 => x \quad x : \text{nat}$$

The `=>` operator repeats the construction infinitely and simplifies:

$$\begin{aligned} &(x + 1) + 1 \\ &((x + 1) + 1) + 1 \\ &(((x + 1) + 1) + 1) + 1 \\ &\dots \\ &x + (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots) \quad \text{Applying law of associativity} \\ &x + \infty \quad \text{Simplifying} \end{aligned}$$

Using the following axiom:

$$\forall x : \text{nat}, y : \text{nat} \{ x + \infty = y + \infty \}$$

The expression can be simplified further:

$$\begin{aligned} &x + \infty \\ &0 + \infty \quad \text{Using the axiom above, choosing `x = 0`} \\ &\infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} x + 1 => x &\quad <=> \quad \infty \\ x : \text{nat} \end{aligned}$$

In general:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y => x &\quad <=> \quad \infty \\ x : \text{nat} \\ y : \text{nat} \wedge (> 0) \end{aligned}$$

When `y = 0`:

$$x + 0 => x \quad <=> \quad x$$

Written as a higher order existential path:

$$\exists (x + y => x) <=> \quad \backslash (a : \text{nat} \mid (= \infty)) = \text{if } y == 0 \{ a == x \} \text{ else } \{ a == \infty \}$$