

Contraction Theorem

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In this paper I present a contraction theorem found in Path Semantical Logic.

The Contraction Theorem is a proof in Path Semantical Logic^[1]:

$\therefore (a, b) (A, B):$
 $\therefore a(A \wedge B), b(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow \text{contr}(A, B)$
 $\therefore \text{contr}(x, y) = (x \wedge y) \vee (\neg x \wedge \neg y)$

Where the tuple `(a, b)` has level 1 and the tuple `(A, B)` has level 0.
The notation `a(T)` means `a=>T` where `T` is at a lower level.

The `contr` function was derived in the paper “Contractible Types”^[2].

The Contraction Theorem says that when two propositions at level 1 are associated with two propositions in level 0, then the two propositions in level 0 are in contractible type family.

This means that the two propositions in level 0 behaves together like a single proposition.
When the first proposition is `true`, the second proposition is `true`.
When the first proposition is `false`, the second proposition is `false`.

It is not possible to prove `contr(A, B)` from `a(A ∧ B)=b(A ∧ B)`.

References:

- [1] “Path Semantical Logic”
AdvancedResearch, reading sequence on Path Semantics
https://github.com/advancedresearch/path_semantics/blob/master/sequences.md#path-semantical-logic

- [2] “Contractible Types”
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https://github.com/advancedresearch/path_semantics/blob/master/papers-wip/contractible-types.pdf