

Duality in Path Semantical Logic

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In this paper I show that duality in Path Semantical Logic is obtained by swapping level order.

Duality^[1] is a correspondence between the properties of a category^[2] \mathcal{C} and the dual properties of the opposite category^[3] \mathcal{C}^{op} .

In Path Semantical Logic^[4], propositions^[5] are grouped into levels. An equality at level $N+1$ propagates into equality at level N .

Therefore, it is natural to investigate whether Path Semantical Logic has an interpretation where *dual* equality at *dual* level N propagates into *dual* equality at *dual* level $N+1$.

One approach to obtain a such duality for level 0 and 1, is to reverse the order in the interpretation:

type (level 0)	=>	dual type (level 1)
variable (level 1)	=>	dual variable (level 0)

The *dual* level 0 is level 1 and the *dual* level 1 is 0.
The *dual* standard notation of $a(A)$ becomes $A(a)$.

Similarly, when one writes the arguments grouped by levels in a proof, the order is reversed:

$(a, b, c) (A, B, C): <proof>$ becomes $(A, B, C) (a, b, c): <proof>$

The interpretation of type membership:

$a : A$ becomes $A(a)$ instead of $a(A)$

In this dual interpretation, when two types A and B are equal, there is an equality between every member of these two types.

This means that one can model a singleton type A which has only one member. Therefore, if any variable $x : A$, then $y : A$ is sufficient to prove $x = y$.

The semantics of this interpretation corresponds to the notation of a “mere proposition”^[6] in the language of Homotopy Type Theory^[7].

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