

Implication Theorem

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In this paper I present an implication theorem found in Path Semantical Logic.

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

$$(a, b) (T, U): \\ a \Rightarrow b, a(T), b(U) \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow U$$

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

Naturally, one can think about this as `a` and `b` being two sub-types:

$$\begin{array}{ll} a \Leftarrow [f] x & f : T \rightarrow X \\ b \Leftarrow [g] y & g : U \rightarrow Y \end{array}$$

The types `T` and `U` are generic (type variables), meaning they can be sub-types of each other.

The implication `a=>b` can be thought of as `a` being a sub-type of `b`:

$$a \Rightarrow b \quad \forall c \{ (c : [f] x) \Rightarrow (c : [g] y) \}$$

As a consequence, the type `T` is a sub-type of `U`.

For example, `(< 5)` is a sub-type of `(< 10) | (= "hello")`.
Therefore, the input type of `(< 5)` must be a sub-type of the input type of `(< 10) | (= "hello")`.
In `(< 5)`, there are no strings. It can a sub-type of `(< 10) | (= "hello")`, but not vice versa.

The Implication Theorem says that implications carries over to lower levels, just like equalities.

Like the core axiom of Path Semantics^[2], the Implication Theorem is an almost-tautology^[3] in normal propositional logic. The only case where it fails is the following:

$$a = 0 \quad b = 0 \quad T = 1 \quad U = 0$$

This might be interpreted as when `a` and `b` are undefined symbols, their meaning must be the same.
When `T` is a defined meaning of `a`, it can not imply an undefined symbol `U`. It is impossible mean something undefined from a defined meaning.

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