Non-Composition of XOR Trick

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In this paper I show that the Abstract Transport XOR Trick can not be composed.

The following is a proof in Path Semantical Logic^[1], using Abstract Transport XOR Trick^[2]:

(a, b, c) (A, B, C)
a
$$\vee$$
 b, a(A), b(B), c(C) => C

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

The problem is that `C` is provable without providing any evidence of `c`. Any proposition in level 0 that is associated with some proposition in level 1, that is neither `a` or `b`, will collapse to `true`.

One can include `c` and `C` into the non-collapsing region by using OR:

$$(a \lor b) \lor (b \lor c)$$

However, if one attempts to use AND:

$$(a \vee b) \wedge (b \vee c)$$

One can prove:

$$A \wedge C$$

Therefore, AND is too strong to avoid collapse, while OR is too weak to use as composition.

References:

- [1] "Path Semantical Logic"
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