

Definition of [contraction](#)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & D \xrightarrow{f} \tau A[2] \\
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 A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{E} & \longrightarrow & A \xrightarrow[\psi]{} \tau A[2]
 \end{array}$$

where ψ gives the canonical almost split triangle

$$A \rightarrow X \rightarrow \tau^{-1}A \xrightarrow{\psi} A[1]$$

dual to 1_K under AR-duality (when A is exceptional).

$$\text{Hom}(\tau^{-1}A, A[1]) = \text{DEnd}(X) = \text{Hom}(K, K)$$

and E is the pull-back in the diagram with inessential components E_0 deleted. ($B \xrightarrow{0} E_0, E_0 \xrightarrow{0} C$)

