

Type 2-theories

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I propose this as analogous to the Homotopy Hypothesis, Stabilization Hypothesis, Cobordism Hypothesis, etc. from higher category theory.

“One can regard the above hypothesis, and those to follow, either as a conjecture pending a general definition. . . or as a feature one might desire of such a definition.”

- John Baez and Jim Dolan,
Higher-Dimensional Algebra and Topological Quantum Field Theory

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Some theorems that are proven:

- $(\infty, 1)$ -toposes are presented by CwAs w/ HITs¹
- *Some* ∞ -object classifiers are presented by CwA universes²
- Lex $(\infty, 1)$ -categories are equivalent to CwAs w/ Σ, Id ³

Theorems we still need to prove:

- The syntax of type theory is the initial CwA w/ ...
- *All* ∞ -object classifiers are presented by CwA universes

Definitions we still need to make:

- What is a general notion of “higher inductive type”?
- What is an “elementary $(\infty, 1)$ -topos”?

¹Cisinski, Gepner–Kock, Lumsdaine–S.

²Voevodsky, S.

³Kapulkin–Lumsdaine, Kapulkin–Szumilo

Applications of the internal language hypothesis

The Internal Language Hypothesis

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Definitions we should **not** make:

- Homotopy type theory consists of what's true in simplicial sets.
- Homotopy type theory consists of what's true in cubical sets.

If you will forgive me saying it again

- One model is not enough!
- Please don't talk about “**the** intended model”!

Why?

One reason: applications of homotopy type theory to **new** results in classical homotopy theory are much closer to our reach if we go through other models (e.g. Blakers–Massey in Goodwillie calculus).

What is an $(\infty, 1)$ -topos?

To a homotopy type theorist, the Internal Language Hypothesis can be a “working definition” of an $(\infty, 1)$ -topos: a collection of objects and morphisms that can interpret the types and terms of HoTT.

Examples

- $\infty\mathcal{Gpd}$: types are ∞ -groupoids (“spaces”) (The ∞ -version of the 1-topos \mathbf{Set})
- $\infty\mathcal{Gpd}^{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}$: types are presheaves of ∞ -groupoids on \mathcal{C}
- $\mathcal{Sh}(X)$: types are sheaves of ∞ -groupoids on X

But the situation for **functors** between $(\infty, 1)$ -toposes is subtler.

$(\infty, 1)$ -geometric morphisms

Definition

A **logical functor** $L : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ preserves all relevant structure.

Definition

A **geometric morphism** $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is an adjoint pair $p^* : \mathcal{F} \rightleftarrows \mathcal{E} : p_*$ such that p^* preserves finite limits.

Examples

- $f : C \rightarrow D$ a functor, $f^* : \infty\mathcal{G}pd^{D^{op}} \rightleftarrows \infty\mathcal{G}pd^{C^{op}} : \text{Ran}_f$ is a geometric morphism $\infty\mathcal{G}pd^{C^{op}} \rightarrow \infty\mathcal{G}pd^{D^{op}}$.
- If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map, there is a geometric morphism $Sh(f) : Sh(X) \rightarrow Sh(Y)$.
- Any \mathcal{E} has a unique geometric morphism $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \infty\mathcal{G}pd$:
 - $p_*(A) = \mathcal{E}(1, A)$ is the **global sections**
 - $p^*(X) = \coprod_X 1$ is a **discrete** or **constant** object on X .

Internal languages for geometric morphisms?

Fact

A lot of interesting theorems in $(\infty, 1)$ -topos theory are not about just **one** topos, but about diagrams of toposes and geometric morphisms between them.

Example

A $(\infty, 1)$ -topos \mathcal{E} is...

- **∞ -connected** if $p^* : \infty\mathcal{G}pd \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is fully faithful
- **locally ∞ -connected** if p^* has a left adjoint
- **∞ -compact** if p_* preserves filtered colimits
- ...

Problem

Is there a version of homotopy type theory that can be an internal language for **diagrams of $(\infty, 1)$ -toposes and geometric morphisms**?

Applications of a theory in progress

We claim that yes, there is such a type theory, where the functors p^* , p_* appear as **higher modalities**. The fully general and dependently typed version is still a work in progress, but already it has been specialized to various applications:

- Internal universes in topos models (L.-Orton-Pitts-Spitters '18)
 - One modality \flat
- Spatial and real-cohesive type theory (S. '17)
 - Three modalities $\int \dashv \flat \dashv \sharp$
- Differential cohesion (L.-S.-Gross-New-Paykin-R.-Wellen – work in progress)
 - *Six* modalities $\int \dashv \flat \dashv \sharp$ and $\mathcal{R} \dashv \mathcal{S} \dashv \&$.
- Type theory for parametrized pointed spaces and spectra (Finster-L.-Morehouse-R. – work in progress)
 - One self-adjoint modality $\natural \dashv \natural$
 - Non-cartesian “smash product” monoidal structure
- Directed type theory with cores and opposites (work in progress)

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- Higher functoriality rules for p^* and p_* on homotopies
- Higher adjunction rules for homotopies
- Coherence laws
- More coherence laws. . .

Design principles for type theory and category theory

Type theory

Types should be defined by introduction, elimination, β and η rules.

Good type theories satisfy canonicity and normalization.

Category theory

Objects should be defined by universal properties.

Structures defined by universal properties are automatically fully coherent.

Example: Cartesian products

Type theory

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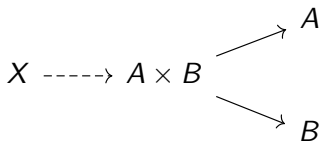
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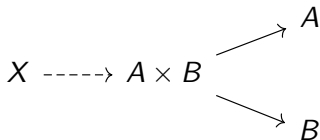
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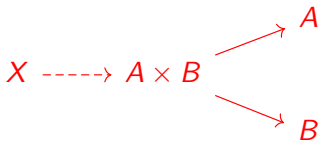
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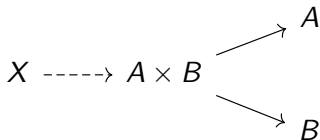
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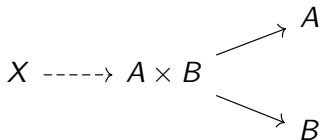
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Universal properties for adjunctions

Definition

A **profunctor** $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is a category \mathcal{H} equipped with a functor $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{2} = (0 \rightarrow 1)$, with fibers $\mathcal{H}_0 = \mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{E}$.

- Hom-sets $\mathcal{H}(X, A)$ of “heteromorphisms” for $X \in \mathcal{S}$, $A \in \mathcal{E}$
- With actions by arrows in \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{S}

Definition

- A **left representation** of \mathcal{H} at $X \in \mathcal{S}$ is $p^*X \in \mathcal{E}$ with an isomorphism $\mathcal{E}(p^*X, A) \cong \mathcal{H}(X, A)$.
- A **right representation** of \mathcal{H} at $A \in \mathcal{E}$ is $p_*A \in \mathcal{S}$ with an isomorphism $\mathcal{S}(X, p_*A) \cong \mathcal{H}(X, A)$.

Insofar as they exist, we automatically have $p^* \dashv p_*$ since

$$\mathcal{E}(p^*X, A) \cong \mathcal{H}(X, A) \cong \mathcal{S}(X, p_*A).$$

A hierarchy of type theories

Dependent type theory is very complicated, so we build up in stages.

- 1 **Unary type theory**: no dependency, only one type in context.
Semantics in categories.

$$x : A \vdash s : B$$

- 2 **Simple type theory**: no dependency, multiple types in context.
Semantics in categories with products, or multicategories.

$$x : A, y : B, z : C \vdash s : D$$

- 3 **Dependent type theory**: types can depend on previous ones.
Semantics in lex categories (comprehension categories etc.)

$$x : A, y : B(x), z : C(x, y) \vdash s : D(x, y, z)$$

Unary type theory for a profunctor

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Example

S4 modal logic has a modality \Box , with $\Box P$ sometimes interpreted as “ P is necessarily true”, satisfying laws:

$$\Box(P \wedge Q) = \Box P \wedge \Box Q \quad \Box \top = \top \quad \Box P \rightarrow P \quad \Box P \rightarrow \Box \Box P$$

In other words, \Box is a product-preserving comonad.

Pfenning–Davies gave a type theory for \Box , and Reed decomposed it as $p^* p_*$ for an adjunction $p^* \dashv p_*$, inspiring our framework.

Example

In a **cohesive topos** $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$:

- the objects of \mathcal{E} are “spaces” or “manifolds”
- $p^* X$ gives X the “discrete topology”
- $p_* X$ is the underlying set of points of X

Unary type theory for diagrams

\mathcal{M} a category (the opposite “shape” of a diagram of toposes).

Unary modal type theory

- A unary type theory $x : X \vdash_{1_m} t : Y$ for each $m \in \mathcal{M}$.
- Hetero-judgments $(x : X)_m \vdash_p (s : A)_n$ for each $p : m \rightarrow n$.
- Appropriate cut rules, and type operations as desired:

$$\frac{X \text{ type}_m}{p^* X \text{ type}_n}$$

$$\frac{A \text{ type}_n}{p_* X \text{ type}_m}$$

Semantics

It has semantics in categories $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ over \mathcal{M} , where

- If all p^* exist, the functor $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is an opfibration.
- If all p_* exist, the functor $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a fibration.

If p^*/p_* all exist, $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a bifibration, hence equivalent to a functor $\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{\text{radj}}$.

1-categories aren't enough

Actually want functors $\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}at_{\text{radj}}$ where \mathcal{M} is a **2-category**.

Examples

- If \mathcal{M} contains an adjunction, get an adjoint triple.
- If \mathcal{M} contains a monad, get an adjoint monad/comonad pair.

These arise naturally on local/cohesive/tangent toposes.

Definition (Hermida, Buckley)

A 2-functor $\pi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is:

- A **local fibration** if each functor on hom-categories $\mathcal{H}(X, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\pi X, \pi A)$ is a fibration (+ axioms).
- A **2-fibration** if it is a local fibration and has p_* 's.
- A **2-opfibration** if it is a local fibration and has p^* 's.

Theorem (Baković, Buckley)

(Locally discrete 2-bifib. $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$) \simeq *(functors $\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}at_{\text{radj}}$).*

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- Structural rules for 2-cells $u : p \Rightarrow q : m \rightarrow n$

$$\frac{(x : X)_m \vdash_q (s : A)_n}{(x : X)_m \vdash_p (u^* s : A)_n}$$

Semantics

Locally discrete 2-bifibrations $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, hence functors $\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}at_{\text{radj}}$.

The objects of \mathcal{M} are sometimes called **modes** (cf. modal logic).

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Simple type theory for an adjunction

In unary type theory, we can think of $(x : X) \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} (s : A)$ as representing a morphism $p^*X \rightarrow A$.

Idea for simple type theory

Allow a term in an \mathcal{E} -type to depend on multiple variables, some in \mathcal{S} -types and others in \mathcal{E} -types.

- $(x : X)_{\mathcal{S}}, (y : Y)_{\mathcal{S}}, (a : A)_{\mathcal{E}}, (b : B)_{\mathcal{E}} \vdash (t : C)_{\mathcal{E}}$ represents a morphism $p^*X \times p^*Y \times A \times B \rightarrow C$.
- This turns out to require/imply that p^* preserves products.
- $(x : X)_{\mathcal{S}} \vdash (t : C)_{\mathcal{E}}$ is the old $(x : X) \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} (t : C)$.
- $(a : A)_{\mathcal{E}} \vdash (t : C)_{\mathcal{E}}$ is the old $(a : A) \vdash_{\mathcal{E}} (t : C)$.
- Still have $(x : X)_{\mathcal{S}} \vdash (s : Y)_{\mathcal{S}}$, the old $(x : X) \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} (s : Y)$.
Terms in \mathcal{S} -types are not allowed to depend on variables in \mathcal{E} -types. “Only left adjoints can appear in contexts.”

Simple type theory for an adjunction, rules

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On the categorical side, we should replace:

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- 2-categories \rightsquigarrow cartesian monoidal 2-categories
- objects in a 2-category \rightsquigarrow cartesian monoidal objects

Definition

A **cartesian monoidal object** $m \in \mathcal{M}$ is one with right adjoints to $\Delta : m \rightarrow m \times m$ and $! : m \rightarrow 1$.

Cartesian monoidal profunctors

Let \mathcal{M} be the cartesian monoidal 2-category freely generated by two cartesian monoidal objects $\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{e}$ and a cartesian morphism $\mathfrak{p} : \mathfrak{s} \rightarrow \mathfrak{e}$.

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A **cartesian monoidal profunctor** $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is a cartesian monoidal local fibration $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with fibers $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{e}} = \mathcal{E}$ and $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{s}} = \mathcal{S}$.

- Think of the fiber $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{s} \times \mathfrak{s} \times \mathfrak{e} \times \mathfrak{e} \times \mathfrak{e}}$ as $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$ (“Contexts of a specified length and shape”)⁴
- Heteromorphisms like $(X_{\mathfrak{s}}, Y_{\mathfrak{s}}, A_{\mathfrak{e}}, B_{\mathfrak{e}}, C_{\mathfrak{e}}) \rightarrow D_{\mathfrak{e}}$.
- Local fibration condition gives $[(A, A) \rightarrow B] \rightsquigarrow [A \rightarrow B]$

⁴This isn't quite true, but the problem goes away if we use cartesian 2-multicategories.

Simple modal type theory

Let \mathcal{M} be a cartesian monoidal 2-category.

Simple modal type theory (Licata-S.-Riley '17)

- A class of types for each $m \in \mathcal{M}$ (the **modes**).
- Terms like $(x : X)_{m_1}, (y : Y)_{m_2} \vdash_p (s : A)_n$ for each $p : m_1 \times m_2 \rightarrow n$.
- Appropriate cut rules and type operations p^*, p_*
- Structural rules for 2-cells $u : p \Rightarrow q : (m_1, \dots, m_n) \rightarrow n$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_q a : A}{\Gamma \vdash_p u^* s : A}$$

Semantics

Locally discrete 2-bifibrations $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

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$$A \times B \quad A \rightarrow B \quad A \otimes B \quad A \multimap B$$

are unified with p^*, p_* as (op)fibrational actions in $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

One last enhancement

The cartesian monoidal 2-category \mathcal{M} can also be presented by a type-theoretic syntax!

Example

$$x : \mathbf{e}, y : \mathbf{e} \vdash x \times y : \mathbf{e}$$

$$x : \mathbf{s}, y : \mathbf{s} \vdash x \times y : \mathbf{s}$$

$$x : \mathbf{s} \vdash p(x) : \mathbf{e}$$

$$x : \mathbf{s}, y : \mathbf{s} \vdash p(x \times y) = p(x) \times p(y)$$

$$x : \mathbf{s} \vdash x \Rightarrow x \times x$$

⋮

This is the **type 2-theory** of a cartesian adjunction, written in **simple type 3-theory**. What do I mean by that?

Functorial semantics

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What is “a type theory”?

Remark

Unfortunately, the phrase “type theory” gets applied to both **theories** and **doctrines**.

- When we state the ILH as “the category of dependent type theories is equivalent to the category of lcccs”, each such “dependent type theory” is a **theory**.
- But “Martin-Löf dependent type theory” is a **doctrine** (namely, the doctrine in which the above theories are written).

This is a source of some confusion.

Reifying the doctrines

Standard approach to type theory

- 1 Given a categorical structure, find a syntactic doctrine.
- 2 OR: given a syntactic doctrine, find a categorical structure.
- 3 Prove metatheorems like initiality, canonicity, . . .

Problems with this

- Without a general framework, can be hard to “find” correspondents.
- Have to prove all the metatheorems over and over again for each doctrine.

Our approach

Treat doctrines as “categorified theories” in a “categorified doctrine”, about which we can prove the theorems once and for all.

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(or **mode theory**) expressed in a particular 3-theory.

The hierarchy of 3-theories

Now we can describe the process of “building up to the full complexity of dependent type theory” as a progression through richer 3-theories:

- ① LS'16: unary type theory, semantics in 2-categories.

$$x : A \vdash s : B$$

- ② LSR'17: simple type theory, semantics in cartesian 2-categories.

$$x : A, y : B, z : C \vdash s : D$$

- ③ Now: dependent type theory, semantics in comprehension 2-categories.

$$x : A, y : B(x), z : C(x, y) \vdash s : D(x, y, z)$$

- ① Motivation: internal languages
- ② Unary type 2-theories
- ③ Simple type 2-theories
- ④ Dependent type 2-theories

What about dependent type theory?

Dependent type theory is a lot more complicated because. . .

- 1 In $\Gamma \vdash_p t : Z$, the type Z must also depend on Γ in some way that is recorded, $\Gamma \vdash_q Z \text{ type}_e$.
- 2 Each type *in* Γ also depends on the previous ones in some way that must be also be recorded.
- 3 These dependencies have to be related in some coherent way.

Example

If $(x : A)_s \vdash_p B \text{ type}_e$, then $(x : A)_s, (y : B)_e \vdash C \text{ type}_t$ must depend on x through some $\tau : s \rightarrow t$ and on y through some $q : e \rightarrow t$. Do we need $qp = \tau$? (In fact, $\tau \Rightarrow qp$ is enough.)

More about dependent type theory

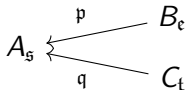
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- 4 We need “dependency graphs” that are more complicated than linear. In ordinary DTT, if B and C both depend on A we can write $x : A, y : B(x), z : C(x)$ in order, where the dependence of C on y is trivial. But in modal type theory such a “trivial dependency” may not even be syntactically well-formed.

Example

If $(x : A)_s \vdash_p B \text{ type}_e$ for $p : s \rightarrow e$, and $(x : A)_s \vdash_q C \text{ type}_t$ for $q : s \rightarrow t$, we want to allow a context like $(x : A)_s, (y : B)_e, (z : C)_t$. But there may be no morphism $e \rightarrow t$ at all, hence no way for C to depend on y even “trivially”.

The context has to be structured like a directed acyclic graph or inverse category:



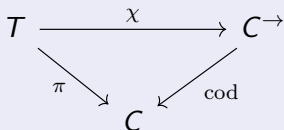
This is a snapshot of work in progress.
Tomorrow it might look very different.
(And then the day after that different yet again.)

A semantic approach

One of the usual semantic correspondents of ordinary DTT is:

Definition

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where...

- 1 C has a terminal object.
- 2 C^\rightarrow is the arrow category, with cod the codomain projection.
- 3 $\pi : T \rightarrow C$ is a fibration.
- 4 χ preserves cartesian arrows.

Objects of C are “contexts”, objects of T are “types in context”.

Comprehension 2-categories

By analogy with our use of 2-categories in the unary case, and cartesian monoidal 2-categories in the simple case, we define:

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The pieces of a comprehension 2-category

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possible “shapes” of contexts
(record modes and dependency structure)

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- What is functorial is $\mathfrak{m} \mapsto \mathcal{F}ib(\mathcal{M})/\mathfrak{m}$, the **internal fibrations** over \mathfrak{m} .

Example (The basic (semantic) comprehension 2-category)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}ib(\mathcal{M}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{M}^{\rightarrow} \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow \text{cod} \\ & \mathcal{M} & \end{array}$$

More generally, in any comprehension 2-category, $\chi : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\rightarrow}$ lands inside $\mathcal{F}ib(\mathcal{M})$.

Internal comprehension categories

- For simple type theory, \mathcal{M} is generated by (e.g.) a cartesian monoidal object.
- For dependent type theory, we should instead use “objects with finite limits”.
- But the type-theoretic way to talk about categories with finite limits is using *dependent type theory* with Σ, Id , which semantically means a comprehension category.

Definition

A **comprehension object** in a comprehension 2-category $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is:

- An object $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{M}$ with an internal terminal object \diamond .
- An object \mathcal{I} in the fiber $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}}$ (a “formal fibration” over \mathcal{C}).
- A morphism $\mathcal{C}.\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow}$ of internal fibrations over \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{M} (here $\mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow}$ is the copower by the arrow category in \mathcal{M}).

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One further improvement:

- Reedy fibrant diagrams are tedious to describe in comprehension-category language.
- But we already have a better notation for comprehension categories: **dependent type theory** itself!
- Use a **mini-DTT** to describe the modes and mode contexts.⁵

⁵cf. Tsementzis–Weaver, *Finite Inverse Categories as Signatures*

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Dependent type theory over dependent type 2-theory

Semantically, we have a **fibration of comprehension 2-categories** over $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\rightarrow}$. Syntactically, we have judgments-over-judgments:

$$\begin{array}{l} (a : A), (b : B(a)) \vdash C(a, b) \text{ type} \\ (X:\mathfrak{I}()), (Y:\mathfrak{I}(x:X)) \vdash \mathfrak{I}(x:X, y:Y(x)) \text{ mode} \end{array}$$

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Dependent type 2-theory for an adjunction

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Dependent type theory for an adjunction

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The 2-dimensional aspect of 2-DTT

\mathcal{M} and \mathcal{D} are 2-categories, so we have 2-cell judgments. These include variable-for-variable substitutions on mini-contexts:

$$(X : \mathfrak{T}()) \mid (x : X) \vDash (x, x) : (x_1 : X, x_2 : X) : \mathfrak{C}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (x:X) & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ (X : \mathfrak{T}()) & \Downarrow_{(x,x)} & \mathfrak{C} \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ & (x_1:X, x_2:X) & \end{array}$$

as well as generating 2-cells between generating mode morphisms:

$$(X : \mathfrak{T}_m()) \mid (x : pX) \vDash u(x) : qX : \mathfrak{T}_n()$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & pX & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ (X : \mathfrak{T}_m()) & \Downarrow_u & \mathfrak{T}_n() \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ & qX & \end{array}$$

Suppose comprehension objects labeled m, n, e with morphisms

$$p : m \rightarrow n \qquad q : n \rightarrow e \qquad r : m \rightarrow e$$

and a 2-cell $u : r \Rightarrow qp$. Then we have a mode context

$$(X : \mathfrak{T}_m()), (Y : \mathfrak{T}_n(x : pX)), (Z : \mathfrak{T}_e(x : rX, y : qY(u(x))))$$

Note how the type of Z typechecks: $x : rX$, so $u(x) : qp(X)$ which is what qY depends on.

Modal dependency, semantically

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (a : A)_m, (b : B(a))_n \vdash C(a, b) \text{ type}_e \\
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_e & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \Downarrow & \longrightarrow & qB_n \\
 \bullet & & \downarrow q(\cdot) \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \Downarrow \\
 \Downarrow & & qA_m \\
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 \end{array}$$

In general, what we get semantically is the **oplax limit** of an **oplax diagram** of comprehension categories.

- 1 All kinds of “type doctrines”, including geometric morphisms, modalities, non-cartesian monoidal structures, and all kinds of dependency, can be expressed syntactically as “dependent type 2-theories”.
- 2 Each such 2-theory generates a class of 1-theories that specialize to “dependent modal type theories” for describing structures on, and diagrams of, $(\infty, 1)$ -toposes.
- 3 We can hope to prove metatheorems like canonicity and initiality once and for all, and then simply specialize them to every new 2-theory.