

# Computational (Higher) Type Theory

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Ought to admit a **computational interpretation** as programs.

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Identity type is the **least reflexive relation**:

- **Reflexivity**:  $\text{refl}_A(M) : \text{Id}_A(M, M)$ .
- **Induction**: if  $P : \text{Id}_A(M, N)$  and  $u:A \vdash Q : C[M, M, \text{refl}_A(M)]$ , then  $J(u.Q; P) : C[M, N, P]$ .

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**Meaning explanations:** evaluation of **closed** terms.

- Variables range over **closed** terms, obey **functionality**.
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Type families respect identity proofs:

$$x, y : \text{nat} \vdash \text{Vec}^\dagger(P(x, y)) : \text{Id}_{\mathcal{U}}(\text{Vec}(x + y), \text{Vec}(y + x)).$$

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But for **closed**  $M$  and  $N$  these types are **definitionally equal**!

Thus, **no** coercion is needed at run-time!

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Meaning explanation emphasizes extraction and execution.

- **No** transport operations to erase.
- **Exact equality**:  $x, y : \text{nat} \gg x + y \doteq y + x \in \text{nat}$ .

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**Univalence**: if  $E : \text{Equiv}(A, B)$  is an **equivalence**, then

$$\text{ua}(E) : \text{Id}_{\mathcal{U}}(A, B).$$

**Higher inductive types**, such as the “circle”,  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\text{base} : \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{loop} : \text{Id}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{base}, \text{base}).$$

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What is the **computational content** of HoTT?

$$\text{coerce}(\text{ua}(\dots)) \dashv\vdash \text{???}$$

Identity elimination does not eliminate identifications!

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- **Path** type:  $\text{Path}_{x.A}(M, N)$ .

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**Inverts** the conceptual order in ITT and related formalisms!

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A **specification** is a **symmetric, transitive** relation on **closed values**.

**Equal specifications** must specify the **same behavior**,  
i.e., be interchangeable as classifiers.

The **construction** of a type system ensures that specifications satisfy these conditions.



# Booleans

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The type `bool` specifies that `true` and `false` are equal only to themselves.

`bool` is an **inductive** type.

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Values  $\lambda a.M$  and  $\lambda a.M'$  are **equal** in  $(a:A) \rightarrow B$  iff

$$a : A \gg M \doteq M' \in B [\Psi].$$



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## Theorem (Extensionality)

If  $a : A \gg \text{app}(M, a) \doteq \text{app}(N, a) \in B$ , then

$$M \doteq N \in (a:A) \rightarrow B.$$

## Programs:

- $\text{Eq}_A(M, N)$  and  $\star$  are canonical.
- **No** elimination form needed!

The value  $\star$  satisfies spec.  $\text{Eq}_A(M, N)$  iff  $M \doteq N \in A$ .

The value  $\star$  is **equal only to itself** whenever it satisfies  $\text{Eq}_A(M, N)$ .

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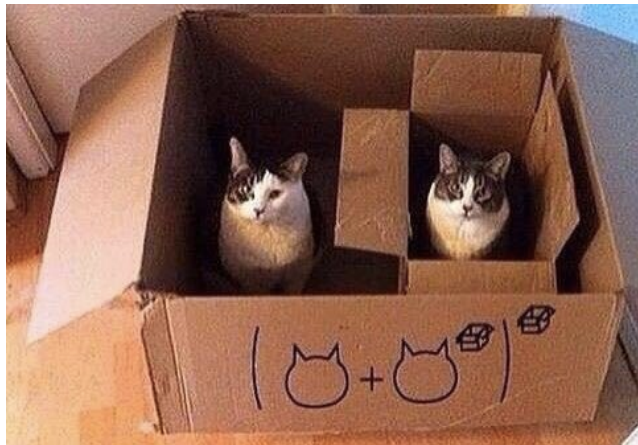
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## Demonstration

Please enjoy Carlo's demo of REDPRL!

# Obligatory Cat Photo

Thanks to Tran Ma





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Paths re-expressed using the **interval**  $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$ :

- **Points**:  $A$ .
- **Lines** btw points:  $\mathbb{I} \rightsquigarrow A$ ,
- **Squares**, lines btw lines:  $\mathbb{I} \rightsquigarrow (\mathbb{I} \rightsquigarrow A) \cong \mathbb{I}^2 \rightsquigarrow A$ ,
- **Cubes**, lines btw squares:  $\mathbb{I}^3 \rightsquigarrow A, \dots$
- **$n$ -cubes**:  $\mathbb{I}^n \rightsquigarrow A$

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Cartesian cubes = substitutions are structural:

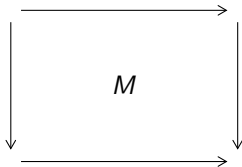
- Faces:  $0/x, 1/x$ .
- Re-indexing:  $y/x$ .
- Weakening aka degeneracy: silent.
- Exchange aka symmetry:  $y, x/x, y$ .
- Contraction aka diagonal:  $z, z/x, y$ .

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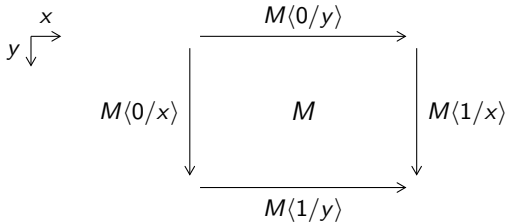
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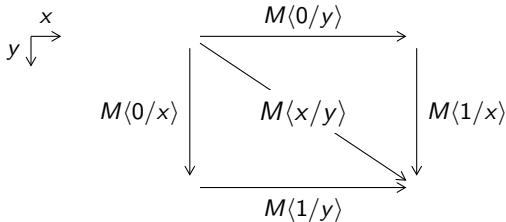
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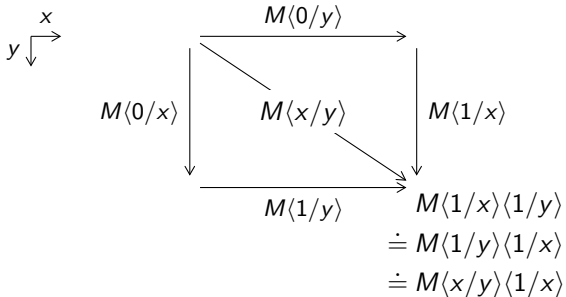
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- **Kan** operations:  $\text{coe}$ ,  $\text{hcom}$ .

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Evaluation is sensitive to dimensions:

$$\text{loop}_0 \mapsto \text{base}$$

$$\text{loop}_1 \mapsto \text{base}$$

$$\mathbb{C}\text{-elim}_{a.A}(\text{base}; N, x.P) \mapsto N$$

$$\mathbb{C}\text{-elim}_{a.A}(\text{loop}_y; N, x.P) \mapsto P\langle y/x \rangle.$$

$$\text{base} \doteq \text{loop}_x\langle 0/x \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{loop}_x} \text{loop}_x\langle 1/x \rangle \doteq \text{base}$$

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## Coherence

An **ambiguity** arises for  $A$  type  $[\Psi]$ :

- $A\psi_1 \Downarrow V_1$  and  $V_1\psi_2 \Downarrow V_2$ .
- $A(\psi_1 \cdot \psi_2) \Downarrow V_{12}$ .

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But are  $V_2$  and  $V_{12}$  the *same* canonical type?

- Not necessarily the same program.
- But should have the same elements and equality.

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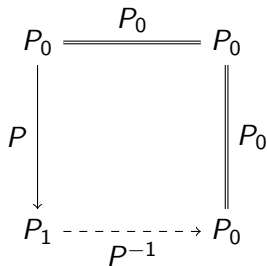
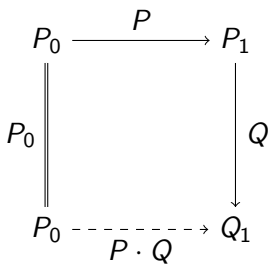
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Symbolically,

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## Composition and Inversion from HCom

Concatenation and reversal are **definable**:



Kan composition suffices to derive composition laws.



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- e.g., Shannon expansion.

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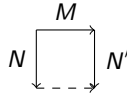
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- Intro:  $\text{refl}_A(M) \in \text{Path}_{\_A}(M, M)$ .
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## Demonstration

Please enjoy Carlo's demonstration of REDPRL!

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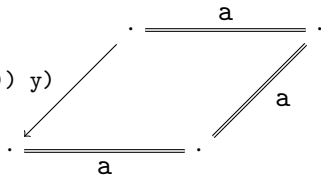
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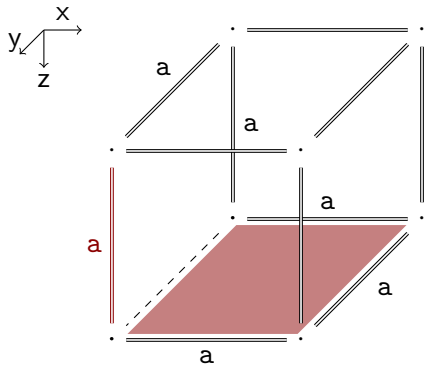




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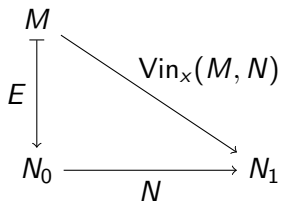
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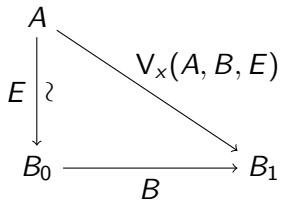


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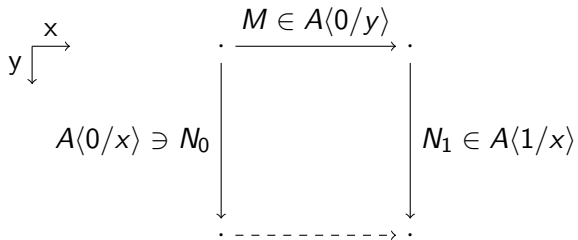
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