



Worksheet 5

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1 (★)

Consider a function $f : A \rightarrow B$. Recall that a *retraction* of f is a function $g : B \rightarrow A$ such that $g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$. Construct a function

$$\text{retr}(f) \rightarrow \left(\prod_{a, a' : A} f(a) = f(a') \rightarrow a = a' \right).$$

This means that if f has a retraction, then it is an injection.

2 (★★)

Consider a commuting triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow g \\ & X & \end{array}.$$

1. Suppose that h has a section $s : B \rightarrow A$. Prove that $f \circ s \sim g$ and that $\text{sec}(f) \leftrightarrow \text{sec}(g)$.
2. Suppose that g has a retraction $r : X \rightarrow B$. Prove that $r \circ f \sim h$ and that $\text{retr}(f) \leftrightarrow \text{retr}(h)$.
3. Prove that if any two of f , g , and h are equivalences, then so is the third.
4. Prove that any retraction or section of an equivalence is itself an equivalence.

3 (★★)

Consider the type **Bool**, generated by

$$\begin{aligned}\text{true} &: \mathbf{Bool} \\ \text{false} &: \mathbf{Bool}.\end{aligned}$$

Define the type family $\mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool} : \mathbf{Bool} \rightarrow \mathbf{Bool} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_0$ by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(\text{true}, \text{true}) &:= \mathbb{1} \\ \mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(\text{true}, \text{false}) &:= \emptyset \\ \mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(\text{false}, \text{false}) &:= \mathbb{1} \\ \mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(\text{false}, \text{true}) &:= \emptyset.\end{aligned}$$

For every $b, b' : \mathbf{Bool}$, define $\varphi_{b,b'} : (b = b') \rightarrow \mathbf{Eq}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(b, b')$ by path induction. Prove that $\varphi_{b,b'}$ is an equivalence.

It is easy to show that $\neg(\mathbb{1} = \emptyset)$. As a consequence, we can prove that $\neg(b = \mathbf{neg}\text{-}\mathbf{bool}(b))$ for every $b : \mathbf{Bool}$.

4 (★★)

Prove that for all $b : \mathbf{Bool}$,

$$\neg \text{is-equiv}(\text{const}_b).$$

Also, prove that

$$\mathbf{Bool} \not\approx \mathbb{1}.$$

5 (★)

Let A be a type and B be a type family over A . For each $x, y : A$, construct an inverse of the function

$$\text{inv}_{x,y} : (x = y) \rightarrow (y = x).$$

Further, for each $p : x = y$, construct an inverse of the function

$$\text{tr}_B(p) : B(x) \rightarrow B(y).$$

6 (★)

Let $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ and $H : f \sim g$. Prove that $\text{is-equiv}(f) \leftrightarrow \text{is-equiv}(g)$.

7 **(★★)**

Suppose that $e, e' : A \rightarrow B$ are equivalences and that $H : e \sim e'$. Let s and s' denote the sections of e and e' , respectively. Prove that s and s' are homotopic.