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Email discussion with David McAllester

Why do we believe that univalence is sound?

Doesn't understand the simplicial set model.

The Simplicial Model of Univalent Foundations
Chris Kapulkin, Peter LeFanu Lumsdaine, Vladimir Voevodsky

Groupoids!



July 3, 2015, Friday
TLCA Invited Talk
(chair: Peter Dybjer)
9:00: Martin Hofmann.
The Groupoid Interpretation
of Type Theory, a Personal
Retrospective

Groupoids: univalent universe of sets

Setoids: univalent universe of propositions

Can we do 2-groupoids?

This gets complicated!

Type Theory eats itself without indigestion joint work with Ambrus Kaposi



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Type Theory in Type Theory?

Type Theory should eat itself James Chapman, LFMTP 2008

A Formalisation of a
Dependently Typed Language
as an Inductive-Recursive Family
Nils Anders Danielsson
TYPES 2006

- No pre-terms! Only typed objects.
- Verified Metatheory
- Template Type Theory

Guilhem Jaber, Nicolas Tabareau,
Matthieu Sozeau.

Extending Type Theory with Forcing.

LICS 2012

```
data Ty: Set where
   ι : Ty
   \Rightarrow : Ty \Rightarrow Ty \Rightarrow Ty
data Con: Set where
   • : Con
   \_,\_: Con \rightarrow Ty \rightarrow Con
data Var : Con → Ty → Set where
   zero : Var (\Gamma, \sigma) \sigma
   suc : Var \Gamma \sigma \rightarrow Var (\Gamma, \tau) \sigma
data Tm : Con → Ty → Set where
   var : Var \Gamma \sigma \rightarrow Tm \Gamma \sigma
   \_\$\_: Tm \Gamma (\sigma \Rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow Tm \Gamma \sigma \rightarrow Tm \Gamma \tau
   \lambda: Tm (\Gamma, \sigma) \tau \rightarrow Tm \Gamma (\sigma \Rightarrow \tau)
```

Simply Typed λ -calculus

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Substitution

```
_[_] : Tm \Gamma \sigma \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Tm \Gamma \sigma
```

 \bullet β η - Equality

data
$$_\sim_$$
: Tm Γ σ \rightarrow Tm Γ σ \rightarrow Set

Terms as quotient

Tm
$$\Gamma$$
 σ / ~

Dependent Types

```
data Con : Set

data Ty : Con \rightarrow Set

data Tm : (\Gamma : Con) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Set

data Tms : Con \rightarrow Con \rightarrow Set
```

Induction-Induction

```
_{-,-}: (\Gamma: Con) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Con
```

```
\_[\_]T : Ty \Delta \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Ty \Gamma
```

```
\_,\_ : (\delta : \mathsf{Tms} \ \Gamma \ \Delta) \{ A : \mathsf{Ty} \ \Delta \} \ \to \ \mathsf{Tm} \ \Gamma \ (A \ [ \ \delta \ ]\mathsf{T}) \ \to \ \mathsf{Tms} \ \Gamma \ (\Delta \ , \ A)
```

A categorical semantics for inductive-inductive definitions TA, Frederik Forsberg, Peter Morris and Anton Setzer CALCO 2011

Coerce

coe : A $\sim Ty$ B \rightarrow Tm Γ A \rightarrow Tm Γ B

Dependent Types II

```
data Con : Set data Ty : Con \rightarrow Set data Tm : (\Gamma : Con) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Set data Tms : Con \rightarrow Con \rightarrow Set data \_\simCon\_ : Con \rightarrow Con \rightarrow Set data <math>\_\simTy\_ : Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Set data <math>\_\simTm\_ : Tm \Gamma \Lambda \rightarrow Tm \Gamma \Lambda \rightarrow Set data <math>\_\simTms\_ : Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Set
```

Boilerplate

- ~s are equivalence relations
- o constructors are congruences
- Ty, Tm, Tms are families of setoids



Higher Inductive Types (HITs) to the rescue

data S¹: Set where

base : S¹

loop : base ≡ base

HITs which are sets can be useful.

Quotient Inductive Types (QITs)

Examples in the HoTT book:

Cauchy reals (11.3)

© Cumulative hierarchy of sets (10.5)

The infinite tree example

```
data T_0: Set where
  leaf: T_0
  node: (\mathbb{N} \to T_0) \to T_0
```

```
data _{\sim}_{-}: T_0 \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow Set where
leaf: leaf \sim leaf
node: (\forall \{n\} \rightarrow f \ n \sim g \ n) \rightarrow node \ f \sim node \ g
perm: isIso f \rightarrow node \ g \sim node \ (g \circ f)
```

$$T = T_0 / _\sim _$$

Define!

```
nodeT : (\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{T}) \to \mathbb{T}
```

```
[ node f ] \equiv nodeT (\lambda i \rightarrow [ f i ])
```

Infinite trees as a QIT

```
data T : Set where
  leaf : T
  node : (\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{T}) \to \mathbb{T}
  perm : isIso f \to node g \equiv node (g \circ f)
  isSet : {e0 e1 : u \equiv v} \to e0 \equiv e1
```

Dependent types as a QIIT

```
data Con where
   • : Con
   _{-'} : (\Gamma : Con) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma \rightarrow Con
data Ty where
   [ ]T : Ty \Delta \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Ty \Gamma
 U : Ту Г
  El : (A : Tm \Gamma U) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma
  \Pi: (A: Ty \Gamma) (B: Ty (\Gamma, A)) \rightarrow Ty \Gamma
data Tms where
   \epsilon : Tms \Gamma •
   , : (\delta : Tms \Gamma \Delta) \rightarrow Tm \Gamma (A [\delta]T) \rightarrow Tms \Gamma (\Delta, A)
  id : Tms Г Г
   \circ : Tms \Delta \Sigma \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Sigma
   \Pi_{\bullet}: Tms \Gamma (\Delta , A) \rightarrow Tms \Gamma \Delta
data Tm where
   [ ]t : Tm \triangle A \rightarrow (\delta : Tms \Gamma \triangle) \rightarrow Tm \Gamma (A [\delta]T)
   \Pi_{2}: (\delta : Tms \Gamma (\Delta , A)) \rightarrow Tm \Gamma (A [ <math>\Pi_{1} \delta ]T)
   app : Tm \Gamma (\Pi A B) \rightarrow Tm (\Gamma , A) B
   lam : Tm (\Gamma, A) B \rightarrow Tm \Gamma (\Pi A B)
```

```
[id]T : A [ id ]T \equiv A

[][]T : (A [ \delta ]T) [ \sigma ]T \equiv A [ \delta \circ \sigma ]T

U[] : U [ \delta ]T \equiv U

El[] : El A [ \delta ]T \equiv El (coe (Tm\Gamma= U[]) (A [ \delta ]t))

\Pi[] : (\Pi A B) [ \delta ]T \equiv \Pi (A [ \delta ]T) (B [ \delta ^{\wedge} A ]T)
```

```
[id]t : t [ id ]t \equiv [ [id]T ]\equiv t [][]t : (t [ \delta ]t) [ \sigma ]t \equiv [ [][]T ]\equiv t [ \delta \circ \sigma ]t \pi_2\beta : \pi_2 (\delta , a) \equiv [ \pi_1\beta ]\equiv a lam[] : (lam t) [ \delta ]t \equiv [ \Pi[] ]\equiv lam (t [ \delta ^ A ]t) \Pi\beta : app (lam t) \equiv t \Pi\eta : lam (app t) \equiv t
```

The Recursor

```
record Methods (M : Motives) : Set, where field

• M : Con M

_, CM_ : (ΓM : Con M) → Ty M ΓM → Con M

...
```

Motives + Methods

=

Algebras

=

Models of TT

Set theoretic model

Problem: Set is not a set!

```
data UU : Set
EL : UU → Set

data UU where
    'Π' : (A : UU) → (EL A → UU) → UU
    'Σ' : (A : UU) → (EL A → UU) → UU
    'Τ' : UU

EL ('Π' A B) = (x : EL A) → EL (B x)
EL ('Σ' A B) = Σ (EL A) λ x → EL (B x)
EL 'Τ' = Τ
```

The logical predicate translation (almost finished)

- Inspired by JP Bernardy et al on parametricity for dependent types
- A syntactic translation assigning to
 - each context, an extended context
 - o to every type, a logical predicate
 - to every term, a proof that the term satisfies the logical predicate.
 - o requires dependent eliminator

The presheaf interpretation (started)

- Fix a category C
- Contexts are interpreted as presheaves
- Types as families of presheaves
- Substitutions are natural transformations
- Terms are global sections

Normalisation by evaluation

- Normal forms are a presheaf over the category of variable substitutions.
- We can generalise NBE from simple types to dependent types.
- Mowever, the normal forms have types which are not normal.

Normal forms with normal types?

- © Can we define a mutual datatype of normal forms with normal types?
- No equations, no truncation!
- Use this to define semi-simplicial types?

We need to define normalisation mutual with normal forms!

Even in the simplest case (only variables) this leads to a new coherence problem!

substitution is defined by recursion

```
[ ]T : Ty \Delta \rightarrow Vars \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow Ty \Gamma
[ ]v : Var \Delta A \rightarrow (\delta : Vars \Gamma \Delta) \rightarrow Var \Gamma (A [ \delta ]T)
data Vars where
   ε : Vars Γ •
   _{\prime} : (\delta : Vars \Gamma \Delta) \{A : Ty \Delta\} \rightarrow Var \Gamma (A [ <math>\delta ]T)
                      \rightarrow Vars \Gamma (\Delta , A)
wk : \{A : Ty \Gamma\} \rightarrow Vars (\Gamma, A) \Gamma
data Var where
   vz : Var (\Gamma, A) (A [wk]T)
   vs : Var \Gamma A \rightarrow Var (\Gamma, B) (A [wk]T)
```



Complete Failure!

Your goal was to model univalent universes but you can only eliminate into a set!

2-level theory

- Start with a strict type theory (with K)
- Introduce a universe with a univalent equality, can only eliminate into the universe.
- Syntax of Type Theory has to be defined in the strict theory
- However we can use the univalent universe to build models.