Guarded Computational Type Theory

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Solve "guarded recursive equations":

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guarded recursion not enough for (co)programming!

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require the following isomorphisms:

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etc.

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intensional version?

Both computation rule for $fix_\kappa(x.M)$ and extensionality rule for $next_\kappa$ incompatible with standard intensional type theory.

Birkedal et al resolve both problems in Guarded Cubical Type Theory. (Conjectured decidable typing result.)

canonicity currently unknown; no operational semantics
(but stay tuned)

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Hope to combine with Computational Higher Dimensional Type Theory (Angiuli, Harper, Wilson). Guarded recursion will be the first of many extensions.

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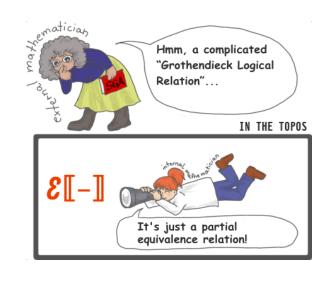
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Please use these slogans:

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- * UPHOLD BETH-KRIPKE-JOYAL THOUGHT!



(credit: Ingo Blechschmidt)

