# Guarded Computational Type Theory

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Solve "guarded recursive equations":

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require the following isomorphisms:

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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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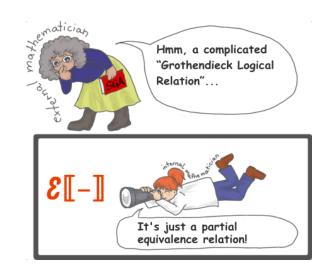
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- \* UPHOLD BETH-KRIPKE-JOYAL THOUGHT!



(credit: Ingo Blechschmidt)

