Guarded Computational Type Theory

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a dependently typed program logic with guarded recursion, clocks, and coinductive types

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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:

$$\begin{split} \forall \kappa. \, \triangleright_{\kappa} A &\cong \forall \kappa. A \\ \forall \kappa. A &\cong A \quad (\kappa \# A) \\ \forall \kappa. A \times B &\cong (\forall \kappa. A) \times (\forall \kappa. B) \end{split}$$

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.

preview of CTT_©

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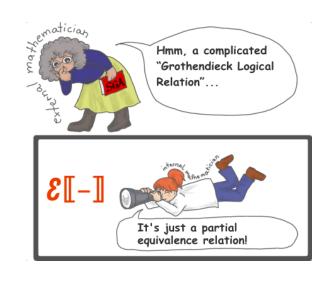
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topos semantics

We develop the semantics (meaning explanation) for CTT_{\odot} internally to a suitable **sheaf topos** which provides all the machinery that we need $(\triangleright_{\kappa}, \forall \kappa)$.

Easier to do real math than to wrestle with syntax! Do important proofs first, then implement PER semantics using the internal language of the topos.



(credit: Ingo Blechschmidt)