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:

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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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use extensionality as a weapon!

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topos semantics

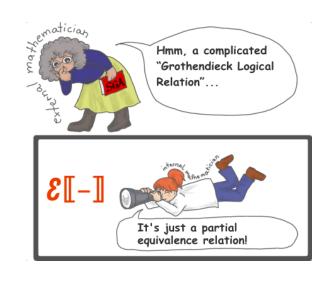
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Easier to do real math than to wrestle with syntax! Do important proofs first, then implement PER semantics using the internal language of the topos.

CRITICIZE THE OLD WORLD AND BUILD A NEW ONE WITH BETH-KRIPKE-JOYAL AS A WEAPON!



(credit: Ingo Blechschmidt)

