# School on Univalent Mathematics (Cortona 2022)

I. Type theory

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### Foundation of Mathematics

By the name *foundations of mathematics* we mean the study of *formal systems* that allows us to formalize much if not all of mathematics.

There are several approaches to the foundations of mathematics, which we may mostly divide in two big families:

- set theories;
- type theories.

### Set theories

- everything is a set;
- naive set-theory is the de-facto standard for most mathematicians not interested in the foundations of mathematics;
- Example:
   a function from A to B is a subset of A × B such that . . .

## Type theories

- everything is a type or a term (program) of a given type;
- Example: a function from *A* to *B* is a type, denoted by  $A \rightarrow B$ ;
- Example: the costant function which maps each element of *A* to the constant *b* of type *B* is the term  $\lambda(x:A).b$  of type  $A \to B$ ;
- all type theories contains λ-calculus at their core (a functional programming language) with the infrastructure for writing mathematical proofs;
- in some type theories, to each proposition *P* corresponds a type *P*, and proofs of *P* are terms of type *P* (*propositions as types*).

# Martin-Löf type theory

In this course we will work in the type theory introduced by Per Martin-Löf. Its main characteristics:

- propositions as types;
- dependent types and functions: a type may depend on a element (term) of an other type:
  - type Vect(n) of vectors of length n;
  - concatenate :  $\prod_{m,n:Nat} Vect(m) \rightarrow Vect(n) \rightarrow Vect(m+n)$ ;
  - tail:  $\prod_{n:Nat} Vect(1+n) \rightarrow Vect(n)$ ;
- all functions are total and computable;

In the following we use the term "type theory" to denote the Martin-Löf type theory.

# Multiple interpretations of type theory

There are two basic interpretation of types and terms which help intuition.

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Set based a type A is a set;
a term a of type A is an element of the set A.
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Logic based a type A is a proposition (or a predicate); a term a of type A is a proof of A.

More complex interpretations (such as types as **simplicial sets**) are at the basis of the Univalence Foundations of mathematics.

We will not discuss these interpretations in our lecture.

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# Our goal

### Our main goal: to write well-typed terms

In type theory, both the activities of

- defining a mathematical object;
- proving a mathematical statement;

are done by writing well-typed terms.

We hence need to understand the **typing rules** of type theory. These rules are expressed in a logical language consisting of "judgements" and "inference rules".

# Syntax of type theory

Fundamental: judgment

context ⊢ conclusion

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Contexts & judgments	
Γ	sequence of variable declarations
	$(x_1:A_1),(x_2:A_2(x_1)),\ldots,(x_n:A_n(\vec{x}_i))$
$\Gamma \vdash A$	A is well–formed <b>type</b> in context Γ
$\Gamma \vdash a : A$	<b>term</b> $a$ is well-formed and of type $A$
$\Gamma \vdash A \equiv B$	types $A$ and $B$ are <b>convertible</b>
$\Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A$	a is convertible to $b$ in type $A$

 $(x : \mathsf{Nat}), (f : \mathsf{Nat} \to \mathsf{Bool}) \vdash f(x) : \mathsf{Bool}$ 

# An example

Suppose you want to write a function is Zero? of type Nat  $\rightarrow$  Bool. You start out with

isZero? : Nat 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Bool isZero?( $n$ ) := ??

At this point, you need to write a term b (possibly containing n) such that

$$(n : Nat) \vdash b : Bool$$

### Inference rules and derivations (1)

**Inference rules** allow to derive correct judgments from already proved judgments.

An inference rule is an implication of judgments,

$$\frac{J_1}{J}$$

e.g.,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \mathsf{Nat} \to \mathsf{Bool} \qquad \Gamma \vdash n : \mathsf{Nat}}{\Gamma \vdash f(n) : \mathsf{Bool}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A}{\Gamma \vdash b \equiv a : A}$$

### Inference rules and derivations (2)

A **derivation of a judgment** is a tree of inference rules, e.g., writing  $\Gamma$  for the context  $(f : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Bool}), (n : \text{Nat})$ 

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \hline \Gamma \vdash f : \mathsf{Nat} \to \mathsf{Bool} & \hline \Gamma \vdash n : \mathsf{Nat} \\ \hline \hline \Gamma \vdash f(n) : \mathsf{Bool} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

### Inference rules and derivations (3)

We will be more informal in this presentation:

- We sometimes omit the context when writing judgments.
- We will use english for writing inference rules.
   e.g., by writing

" If 
$$a \equiv b$$
, then  $b \equiv a$ "

instead of

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A}{\Gamma \vdash b \equiv a : A}$$

# Important facts about judgments

- term a does not exist independently of its type A
- If x : A and  $A \equiv B$  then x : B;
- a well-formed term a has exactly one type up to ≡
   (whereas an element a can be member of many different sets)
- $\equiv$  is a congruence, e.g., if  $a \equiv a'$  and  $f \equiv f'$ , then  $f(a) \equiv f'(a')$ .

# Declaring types & terms

Any type and its terms are declared by giving 4 (groups of) rules:

Formation a way to construct a new type

Introduction way(s) to construct **canonical terms** of that type

Elimination way(s) to use a term of the new type to construct terms

Conversion what happens when one does Introduction followed by Elimination

## The type of functions $A \rightarrow B$

Formation If A and B are types, then  $A \rightarrow B$  is a type

(sets: set of functions from *A* to *B*)

(logics: *A* implies *B*)

Introduction If  $x : A \vdash b : B$ , then  $\vdash \lambda(x : A).b : A \rightarrow B$  (*b* may conain some occurrences of *x*)

Elimination If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and a: A, then f(a): B

Conversion  $(\lambda(x:A).b)(a) \equiv b[x/a]$ 

(substitution b[x/a] is built-in and not part of the language of terms, it means b with every occurrence of x replaced by a, possibly renaming bound variables)

# Conversion and computation

The judgment

$$(\lambda(x:A).b)(a) \equiv b[a/x]$$

(and others we will see later) may be given a computational meaning by orienting the equivalence from left to right:

$$(\lambda(x:A).b)(a) \Longrightarrow b[a/x]$$

Rewriting terms according to ⇒ gives us an algorithm that

- always terminates;
- transforms every term to a normal form;
- may be used to decide whether two terms are convertible.

# The singleton type

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Formation 1 is a type
               (sets: a one-element set {t})
               (logic: the true proposition \top)
Introduction t:1
               (sets: the only element o 1)
               (logic: the trivial proof that \top is true)
Elimination If x : 1 and C is a type and c : C, then rec_1(C, c, x) : C
               (rec, is called a recursor)
               (rec, is not very useful until we introuce dependent types)
 Conversion rec_1(C, c, t) \equiv c
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### **Booleans**

Exercise: Define the type of boolean values, with two elements.

**Formation** 

Introduction

Elimination

Conversion

### **Booleans**

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Formation Bool is a type
                (sets: a two element set {true, false})
Introduction true: Bool, false: Bool
Elimination If x: Bool and C is a type and c, c' : C,
                then rec_{Bool}(C, c, c', x) : C
                (interpretation: if x = \text{true then } c \text{ else } c')
 Conversion rec_{Bool}(C, c, c', true) \equiv c
                rec_{Bool}(C, c, c', false) \equiv c'
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# The empty type

### Formation **o** is a type

(sets: the empty set)

(logic: the false proposition)

#### Introduction

Elimination If  $x : \mathbf{o}$  and C is a type, then  $rec_{\mathbf{o}}(C, x) : C$ 

(logic: from falsehood, anything)

#### Conversion

• Exercise: Define a function of type  $\mathbf{o} \to \mathsf{Bool}$ .

# The type of natural numbers

Formation Nat is a type

(sets: the set of natural numbers)

Introduction o: Nat

if n: Nat, then S(n): Nat

Elimination If C is a type and  $c_o : C$  and  $c_s : C \to C$  and x : Nat then  $rec_{Nat}(C, c_o, c_s, x) : C$ 

$$\left( \mathsf{rec}_{\mathsf{Nat}}(C, c_o, c_s, x) = \begin{cases} c_o & \text{if } x = o; \\ c_s(\mathsf{rec}_{\mathsf{Nat}}(C, c_o, c_s, y)) & \text{if } x = S(y) \end{cases} \right)$$

Conversion 
$$\operatorname{rec}_{\mathsf{Nat}}(C, c_o, c_s, o) \equiv c_o$$
  
 $\operatorname{rec}_{\mathsf{Nat}}(C, c_o, c_s, S(n)) \equiv c_s(\operatorname{rec}_{\mathsf{Nat}}(C, c_o, c_s, n))$ 

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Exercise: Define a function is Zero? : Nat  $\rightarrow$  Bool Solution:

isZero? := 
$$\lambda(x : Nat).rec_{Nat}(Bool, true, \lambda(x : Bool).false, x)$$

whose meaning is

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isZero? := \lambda(x : \text{Nat}).if x = 0 then true
else (\lambda(x : \text{Bool}).false)(isZero?(x - 1))
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# Pattern matching

- Programming in terms of the recursors rec is cumbersome.
- Equivalently, we can specify functions by pattern matching:
   A function A → C is specified completely if it is specified on the canonical elements of A.

isZero? : Nat 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Bool  
isZero?(o) := true  
isZero?( $S(n)$ ) := false

 The "specifying equations" correspond to the computation rules.

# Pattern matching for o, 1, Bool

How to define a map

• 
$$\mathbf{o} \to A$$

Nothing to do

• 
$$\mathbf{1} \rightarrow A$$

$$f(t) := ?? : A$$

• 
$$f : \mathsf{Bool} \to A$$

$$f(true) := ?? : A$$
  
 $f(false) := ?? : A$ 

# The type of pairs $A \times B$

Formation If A and B are types, then  $A \times B$  is a type

(sets: Cartesian product of sets *A* and *B*)

(logic:  $A \wedge B$ )

Introduction If a : A and b : B, then  $\langle a, b \rangle : A \times B$ 

(logic: given proofs a, b of A and B, we get a proof of  $A \wedge B$ )

Elimination If *C* is a type, and  $p: A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$  and  $t: A \times B$ , then  $rec_{\times}(A, B, C, p, t): C$ 

Conversion  $rec_{\times}(A, B, C, p, \langle a, b \rangle) \equiv p(a)(b)$ 

- Define fst :  $A \times B \rightarrow A$  and snd :  $A \times B \rightarrow B$ 
  - using the eliminator

• by pattern matching

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$$\mathsf{fst} := \lambda(t : A \times B).\mathsf{rec}_{\times}(A, B, A, \lambda(x : A).\lambda(y : B).x, t)$$

by pattern matching

$$fst(\langle a,b\rangle) := a$$

• Compute  $fst(\langle a,b\rangle)$  and  $snd(\langle a,b\rangle)$ 

• Given types *A* and *B*, write a function swap of type  $A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$ .

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$$swap := \lambda(x : A \times B). (snd(x), fst(x))$$

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### Solution

$$swap((t, false)) : Bool \times 1$$
 
$$swap(\langle t, false \rangle) \equiv \langle snd(\langle t, false \rangle), fst(\langle t, false \rangle) \rangle$$
 
$$\equiv \langle false, t \rangle$$

# Associativity of cartesian product

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### Solution

$$\mathsf{assoc} := \lambda(x : (A \times B) \times C). \Big\langle \mathsf{fst}(\mathsf{fst}(x)), \big\langle \mathsf{snd}(\mathsf{fst}(x)), \mathsf{snd}(x) \big\rangle \Big\rangle$$

or

$$\mathsf{assoc}((x,y),z) := (x,(y,z))$$

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# Type dependency

In particular: dependent type *B* over *A* 

$$x:A \vdash B(x)$$

"family B of types indexed by A"

• Example: type of vectors (with entries from, e.g., Bool) of length *n* 

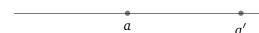
$$n: \mathsf{Nat} \vdash \mathsf{Vect}(n) \ (= \mathsf{Bool}^n)$$

A type can depend on several variables

# Dependent types in pictures

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### Universes

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- There is also a type Type. Its elements are types, *A* : Type;
- The judgment  $x:A \vdash B$  may be viewed as  $x:A \vdash B$ : Type;
- $(n : Nat), (A : Type) \vdash Vect(A, n) : Type.$

### What is the type of Type?

• Actually, hierarchy  $(\mathsf{Type}_i)_{i \in I}$  to avoid paradoxes.

$$\mathsf{Type}_{o} : \mathsf{Type}_{1} : \mathsf{Type}_{2} : \cdots$$

But we ignore this for the most part, and only write Type.

# The type of dependent functions $\prod_{x:A} B$

Formation If 
$$x:A \vdash B(x)$$
, then  $\prod_{x:A} B(x)$  is a type.  
(sets: mapping each  $x \in A$  to an element of  $B(x)$ )  
(logic:  $\forall x:A,B(x)$ )

Introduction If 
$$(x:A) \vdash b:B$$
, then  $\lambda(x:A).b:\prod_{x:A}B$ .

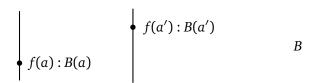
Elimination If 
$$f: \prod_{x:A} B$$
 and  $a:A$ , then  $f(a): B[x/a]$ 

Conversion 
$$(\lambda(x:A).b)(a) \equiv b[x/a]$$

The case  $A \rightarrow B$  is a special case, where B does not depend on x : A

# A dependent function in pictures

 $f:\prod_{x:A}B(x)$ 





# Pattern matching for o, 1, Bool

## To specify a dependent function

• 
$$f: \prod_{x:\mathbf{o}} A(x)$$

• 
$$f: \prod_{x:1} A(x)$$

$$f(t) := ?? : A(t)$$

•  $f: \prod_{x:\mathsf{Bool}} A(x)$ 

$$f(true) := ?? : A(true)$$
  
 $f(false) := ?? : A(false)$ 

# The type of dependent pairs $\sum_{x:A} B$

Formation If 
$$x:A \vdash B(x)$$
, then  $\sum_{x:A} B(x)$  is a type (sets: disjoint union  $\coprod_{x:a} B(x)$ ) (logic:  $\exists x:A,B(x)$ )

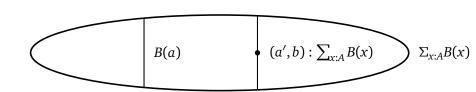
Introduction If a:A and b:B[x/a], then  $\langle a,b\rangle:\sum_{x:A}B$ 

Elimination ...

Conversion ...

The case  $A \times B$  is a special case, where B does not depend on x : A

# $\Sigma$ -type in pictures





# The identity type

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Formation If a:A and b:A, then Id_A(a,b) is a type
               (logic: the equality predicate a = b)
Introduction If a:A, then refl(a): Id_A(a,a)
               (the trivial proof that a is equal to itself)
Elimination If
              (x,y:A),(p:|d_{\Lambda}(x,y)) \vdash C(x,y,p)
               and
              (x:A) \vdash t(x):C(x,x,refl(x))
               then
              (x,y:A), (p: Id_A(x,y)) \vdash ind_{Id}(t;x,y,p) : C(x,y,p)
 Conversion . . .
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## Exercise

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#### Solution

We have

 $snd(\langle t, false \rangle) \equiv false$ 

and hence

 $Id_A(snd(t, false), false) \equiv Id_A(false, false)$ 

Since

 $refl(false) : Id_A(false, false)$ 

we also have

 $refl(false) : Id_A(snd(t, false), false)$ 

# The elimination principle for $Id_A$

- By pattern matching, to specify a map on a family of identities  $Id_A(x,y)$ , it suffices to specify its image on refl(x) for some x.
- For instance, to define

$$sym: \prod_{x,y:A} \mathsf{Id}(x,y) \to \mathsf{Id}(y,x)$$

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$$\operatorname{sym}(x, x, \operatorname{refl}(x)) := \operatorname{refl}(x)$$

## More about identities

Exercise: Using pattern matching, construct a term trans of type

$$\prod_{x,y:A} \mathsf{Id}(x,y) \to \prod_{z:A} \mathsf{Id}(y,z) \to \mathsf{Id}(x,z)$$

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$$\prod_{x,y:A} \mathsf{Id}(x,y) \to \prod_{z:A} \mathsf{Id}(y,z) \to \mathsf{Id}(x,z)$$

$$trans(x, x, refl(x), z, p) := p$$

## **Transport**

## Exercise

Given  $x : A \vdash B(x)$ , define a function of type

$$\mathsf{transport}^B: \prod \mathsf{Id}(x,y) \to B(x) \to B(y)$$

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transport<sup>B</sup>: 
$$\prod_{x,y:A} \operatorname{Id}(x,y) \to B(x) \to B(y)$$

## Solution

 $transport^{B}(x, x, refl(x), b) := b$ 

# Exercise: swap is involutive

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Given types A and B, write a function of type

$$\prod_{t:A\times B}\mathsf{Id}(\mathsf{swap}(\mathsf{swap}(t)),t)$$

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## Solution

$$f(\langle a, b \rangle) := \text{refl}(\langle a, b \rangle)$$

Why is f a solution?

# The disjoint sum A + B

Formation If A and B are types, then A + B is a type (sets: disjoint union) (logic: constructive disjunction  $A \lor B$ )

Introduction If a:A, then inl(a):A+BIf b:B, then inr(b):A+B

Elimination If  $f: A \to C$  and  $g: B \to C$ , then  $rec_+(C, f, g): A + B \to C$ 

Conversion 
$$\operatorname{rec}_+(C, f, g)(\operatorname{inl}(a)) \equiv f(a)$$
  
 $\operatorname{rec}_+(C, f, g)(\operatorname{inr}(b)) \equiv g(b)$ 

- Exercise: write down the dependent eliminator for A + B
- What is the pattern matching principle for A + B?

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# Interpreting types as sets

Syntax	Set interpretation
A	set A
a:A	$a \in A$
$A \times B$	cartesian product
$A \rightarrow B$	set of functions $A \rightarrow B$
A + B	disjoint union $A \coprod B$
$x:A \vdash B(x)$	family <i>B</i> of sets indexed by <i>A</i>
$\sum_{x:A} B(x)$	disjoint union $\coprod_{x:A} B(x)$
$\prod_{x:A} B(x)$	dependent function
$\operatorname{Id}_A(a,b)$	???

# Interpreting types as propositions

Syntax	Logic
$\overline{A}$	proposition A
a:A	a is a proof of A
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o	$\perp$
$A \times B$	$A \wedge B$
$A \rightarrow B$	$A \Rightarrow B$
A + B	$A \lor B$
$x:A \vdash B(x)$	predicate B on A
$\sum_{x:A} B(x)$	$\exists x \in A, B(x)$
$\prod_{x:A} B(x)$	$\forall x \in A, B(x)$
$\operatorname{Id}_A(a,b)$	equality $a = b$

• The connectives  $\vee$  and  $\exists$  thus obtained behave constructively.

# Negation

## Definition

$$\neg A := A \rightarrow \mathbf{o}$$

## Exercise

- **1** Construct a term of type  $A \rightarrow \neg \neg A$
- 2 Try to construct a term of type  $\neg \neg A \rightarrow A$

# Summary: Logic in type theory

Proposition as types (also called Curry-Howard correspondence):

- propositions are types
- proofs of P are terms of type P

#### Hence:

- In principle, all types could be called propositions.
- To prove a proposition *P* means to construct a term of type *P*.
- In UF, only some types are called 'propositions', cf later.

#### Convention

For type X, we also say "Show X" or "Prove X" for "Construct a term of type X".

## true is not false

#### Exercise

Construct a term of type  $\neg(Id(true, false))$ .

Hint: use transport<sup>B</sup> with a suitable  $B : Bool \rightarrow Type$ 

## Solution

Set  $B := rec_{\mathsf{Bool}}(\mathsf{Type}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}) : \mathsf{Bool} \to \mathsf{Type}$ .

Then  $B(\text{true}) \equiv \mathbf{1}$  and  $B(\text{false}) \equiv \mathbf{0}$ . Hence

 $\lambda p : \mathsf{Id}(\mathsf{true}, \mathsf{false}).\mathsf{transport}^B(p,\mathsf{t}) : \mathsf{Id}(\mathsf{true}, \mathsf{false}) \to o$ 

# Exercise: Dependent elimination rules

Write down the dependent elimination rule for

- o If  $x : \mathbf{o} \vdash C(x)$  is a type family and  $x : \mathbf{o}$ , then  $\operatorname{ind}_{\mathbf{o}}(C, x) : C(x)$
- 1 If  $x : \mathbf{1} \vdash C(x)$  is a type family and  $c_t : C(t)$  and  $x : \mathbf{1}$ , then  $\operatorname{ind}_1(C, c, x) : C(x)$
- Bool If  $x : Bool \vdash C(x)$  is a type family and  $c_{true} : C(true)$  and  $c_{false} : C(false)$  and x : Bool, then  $ind_{Bool}(C, c, c', x) : C(x)$

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## **Problems**

- Solve the exercises from the lecture.
- Define addition + of natural numbers in terms of the eliminator, and via pattern matching.
- Give a proof of ld(2+2,4). Explain how/why your proof works.
- Given types A, B, and C, define maps between  $A \times (B + C)$  and  $A \times B + A \times C$ . Show that they are pointwise inverses.
- For A, B, and  $P: A \to \mathsf{Type}$ , give maps between  $\sum_{x:A} B \times P(x)$  and  $B \times \sum_{x:A} P(x)$ . Show that they are pointwise inverses.
- Prove that, for any  $x : \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\mathsf{Id}(x, \mathsf{t})$ .
- After Marco's lecture of the afternoon, try to solve them in Coq too.