Localizations of Models of Dependent Type Theory

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Objective

A modern proof of the following theorem.

Theorem (Kapulkin 2015)

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Logical rules

Construct new types and their terms from old, carry out computations, provide Σ-*types* $\Sigma(A, B)$, Π-*types* $\Pi(A, B)$ and Id-*types* Id_A, *natural-numbers-type* Nat...

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Solution

Defining a class of algebraic models.

Modeling structural rules

Definition (contextual categories)

A category C with:

1. a grading on objects $\mathrm{Ob}\,\mathsf{C} = \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathrm{Ob}_n\,\mathsf{C}$;
2. a map $\mathrm{ft}_n \colon \mathrm{Ob}_{n+1}\,\mathsf{C} \to \mathrm{Ob}_n\,\mathsf{C}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
3. *basic dependent projections* $p_A \colon \Gamma.A \to \mathrm{ft}_n(\Gamma.A) = \Gamma$;
4. a functorial choice of pullback squares

$$\begin{tikzcd} \Delta.f^*A \arrow[r, "q(f,A)"] \arrow[d, "p_{f^*A}"'] & \Gamma.A \arrow[d, "p_A"] \\ \Delta \arrow[r, "f"'] & \Gamma \end{tikzcd} ;$$

5. ...

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Definition

A categorical model of type theory is a contextual category C *with* Σ, Id *and* Π *structures.*

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A map $f : \Gamma \to \Delta$ in a contextual category with Id*-structure* C *for which we can provide:*

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Question

What if we localize at bi-invertible maps?

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Theorem (Avigad-Kapulkin-Lumsdaine 2013)

A contextual category with Σ and Id structures defines a fibration category, where weak equivalences are bi-invertible maps and fibrations are maps isomorphic to compositions of basic dependent projections $p_A \colon \Gamma.A \to \Gamma$.

Localizing fibrational categories

Proposition (Cisinski)

The localization at weak equivalences of an ∞-category with weak equivalences and fibrations $\mathcal{C}$ is a finitely complete ∞-category.

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Given an ∞-category with weak equivalences and fibrations $\mathcal{C}$, if for every fibration $f : x \to y$ between fibrant objects the pullback functor between fibrant slices $f^* \colon \mathcal{C}(y) \to \mathcal{C}(x)$ has a right adjoint preserving trivial fibrations, then $L(\mathcal{C})$ is locally cartesian closed.

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Proof.

For any basic dependent projection $p_A \colon \Gamma.A \to \Gamma$, there exists a right adjoint to $p_A^* \colon \mathsf{C}(\Gamma) \to \mathsf{C}(\Gamma.A)$ given by

$$(p_A)_*(\Gamma.A.\Theta) = \Gamma.\Pi(A, \Theta)$$

with counit induced by $\mathrm{app}_{A,\Theta}$. It preserves the fibrational structure. □

Thank you for your attention!

Why is Dependent Type Theory cool?

1. Closely linked to *computations* and *computer science*, makes proof assistants possible
2. Enough by itself as a foundation, unlike Set Theory or Propositional Calculus
3. *Proofs* are internal objects
4. Better treatment of *equality*
5. Makes "fully faithful + essentially surjective = equivalence" independent from the Axiom of Choice
6. Homotopical interpretation in ∞-groupoids

Internal Languages Conjecture

Conjecture (Kapulkin-Lumsdaine 2016)

The horizontal maps, given by simplicial localization, induce equivalences of ∞-categories.

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathsf{CxlCat}_{\Sigma,1,\mathsf{Id},\Pi} \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & \mathsf{LCCC}_\infty \arrow[d] \\ \mathsf{CxlCat}_{\Sigma,1,\mathsf{Id}} \arrow[r] & \mathsf{Lex}_\infty \end{tikzcd}$$

A proof by Nguyen-Uemura has recently become available on arxiv. One hopes to extend this to an equivalence between $\mathsf{CxlCat}_{\mathsf{HoTT}}$ and $\mathsf{ElTopos}_\infty$.