Homotopy Type Theory

identifications are paths

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Sets are built from other sets.	Terms are built with constructors.

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Identity types may have no terms, one term, or even many!

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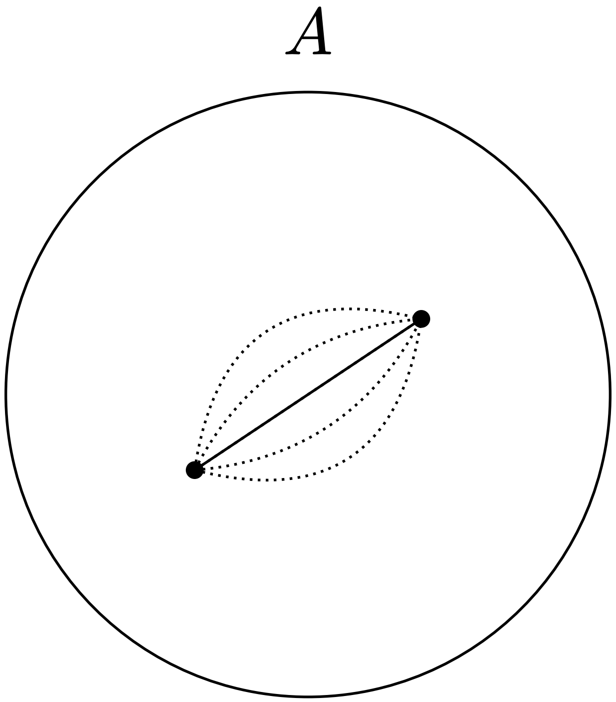
$\therefore$ Constructing a term of a type is the same as proving a proposition.

Homotopy



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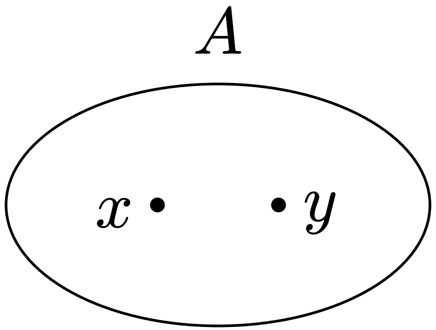

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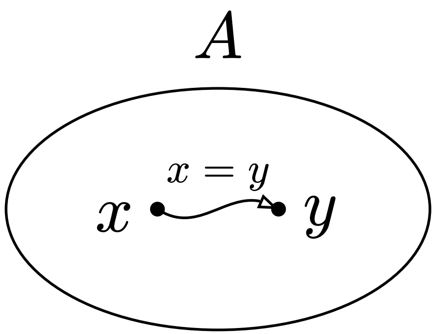
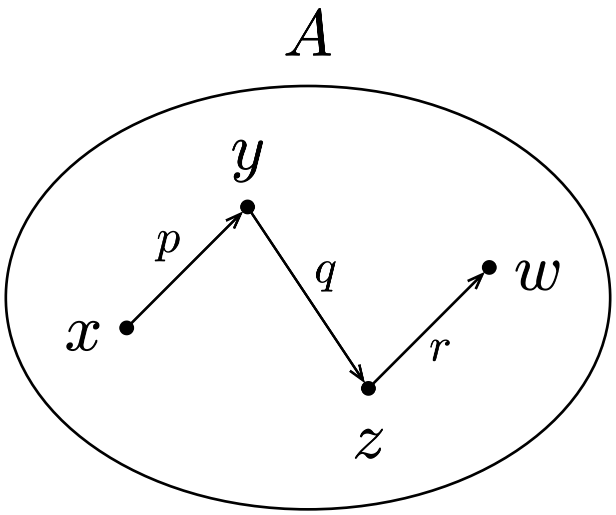


Terms of the identity type $x = y$ are paths from x to y.

Concatenate Paths

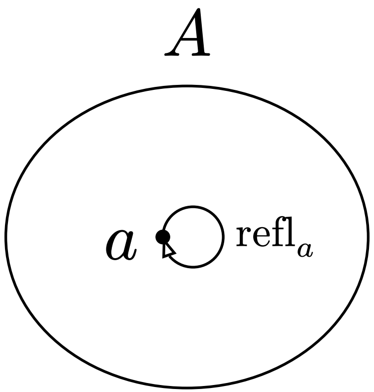


$$x \overset{p}{=\!=\!=} y \overset{q}{=\!=\!=} z \overset{r}{=\!=\!=} w$$

Identity Type

The identity type at a fixed point $a : A$ has one constructor:

$$\mathrm{refl}_a : a \underset{A}{=} a.$$



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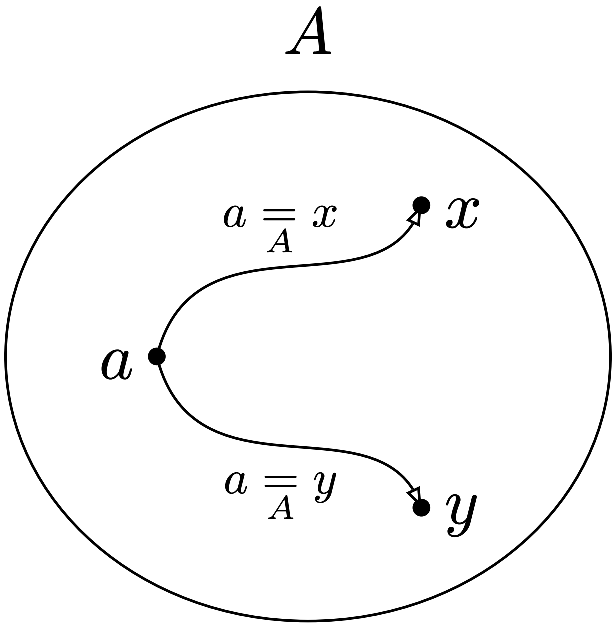

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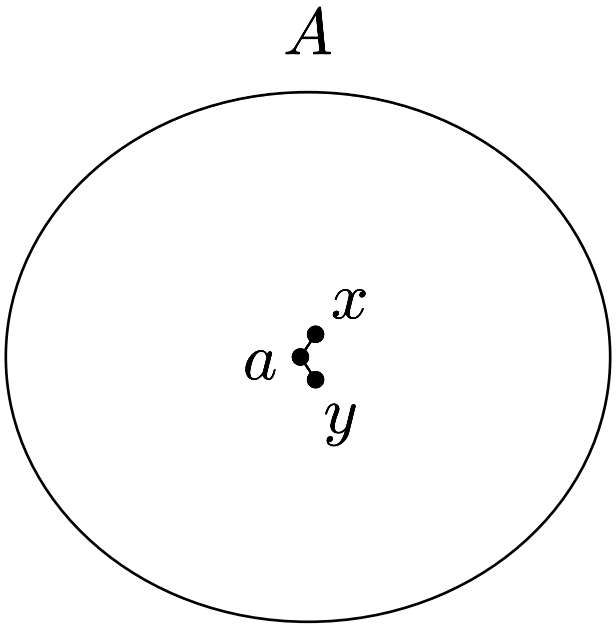
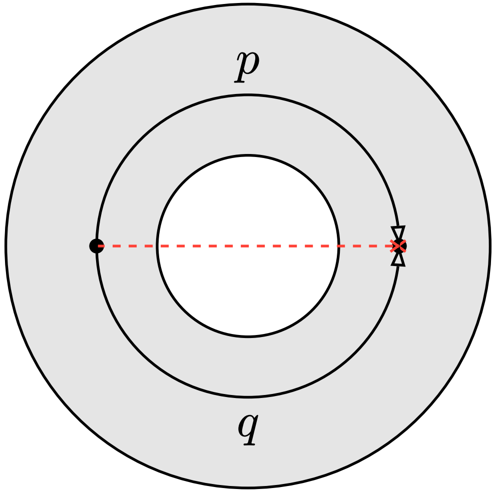


Any type that looks like this is contractible.

Circle Type

S^1



$$p \neq q$$

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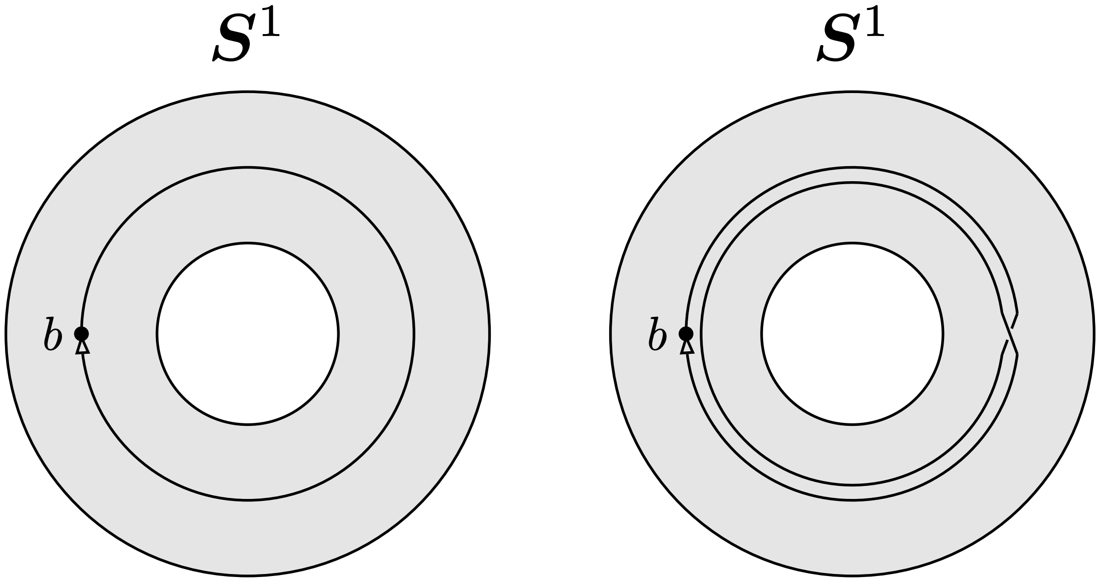

Distinct identifications between base b.

Truncation Levels

We separate types by their equalities:

−2. Contractible	$\mathbb{1}$	has identity type
−1. Propositions	$\mathrm{Eq}_{\mathbb{N}}$	
0. Sets	$\mathbb{N}$	
1. 1-types	$\boldsymbol{S}^1$	
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