

Constructing inductive-inductive types using a domain-specific type theory¹

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Inductive-inductive types allow multiple sorts indexed over each other, e.g.

$$\text{Con} : \text{Type}$$
$$\text{Ty} : \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{Type}$$
$$\bullet : \text{Con}$$
$$- \triangleright - : (\Gamma : \text{Con}) \rightarrow \text{Ty } \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Con}$$
$$U : (\Gamma : \text{Con}) \rightarrow \text{Ty } \Gamma$$
$$Pi : (\Gamma : \text{Con})(A : \text{Ty } \Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ty } (\Gamma \triangleright A) \rightarrow \text{Ty } \Gamma$$

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Not possible: $(\cdot, T : \underline{U}, \text{evil} : (T \Rightarrow \underline{T}) \Rightarrow \underline{T})$

Standard interpretation

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$-^A$ on a context gives algebras for that signature.

E.g. $\Theta^A = (N \in \text{Set}) \times N \times (N \rightarrow N)$

Logical relation interpretation

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$$\begin{aligned} ((x : a) \Rightarrow B)^M(\gamma_M, f, f') &:= (\alpha_M \in a^M(\gamma, \alpha, \alpha')) \rightarrow \\ &\quad B^M((\gamma_M, \alpha_M), f(\alpha), f'(\alpha')) \end{aligned}$$

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$-^M$ on a context gives homomorphisms of algebras. E.g.

$$\Theta^M((N, z, s), (N', z', s')) = (N_M : N \rightarrow N') \times (N_M(z) = z') \times ((\alpha \in N) \rightarrow N_M(s(\alpha)) = s'(N_M(\alpha)))$$

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Constructors:

$$zero := zero \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$suc(n \in \mathbb{N}) := suc\ n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Initial algebra for Θ is $\Theta^C(\text{id}_\Theta) \in \Theta^A$.

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Recursor is given by $\Theta^R(\text{id}_\Theta) \in \Theta^M(\text{initial algebra for } \Theta, \theta)$.

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All of this extends to quotient inductive-inductive types.

Challenge: what about higher inductive-inductive types?

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Solution: let's build this in the definition!

$$\mathbb{N} := (n \in (x : \Theta^A) \rightarrow \text{proj}_1(x)) \times (\forall x, x', f. f(n(x)) = n(x'))$$