

# Type Theory in Type Theory

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## Abstract

We present an internal formalisation of a type theory with dependent types in Type Theory using a special case of higher inductive types from Homotopy Type Theory which we call quotient inductive types (QITs). Our formalisation of type theory avoids referring to preterms or a typability relation (but is equivalent to one such definition) and defines directly well typed objects. The elimination principle of the QIT ensures that every construction on the syntax respects the conversion relation. We use the elimination principle to define some models of this theory: the standard model, the setoid model, the presheaf model and the logical predicate interpretation. The work has been formalized in Agda extended with the QIT of the syntax using postulates.

## 1 Introduction

We would like to reflect the syntax and typing rules of Type Theory in itself. This offers exciting opportunities for typed metaprogramming to support interactive theorem proving. We can also implement extensions of Type Theory by providing a sound interpretation giving rise to a form of template Type Theory. The main idea of our approach is to represent the conversion relation using equality. This paper is an expanded version of our conference paper [7]. In particular we describe more models (the presheaf and setoid models), more type formers and we add a proof that our syntax is equivalent to a more traditional definition.

Within Type Theory it is straightforward to represent the simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus as an inductive type where contexts and types are defined as inductive types and terms are given as an inductively defined family indexed by contexts and types (see figure 1 for a definition in idealized Agda).

Here we inductively define Types (**Ty**) and contexts (**Con**) which in a de Bruijn setting are just sequences of types. We define the families of variables and terms where variables are *typed de Bruijn indices* and terms are inductively generated from variables using application (**app**) and abstraction (**lam**).<sup>1</sup>

In this approach we never define preterms and a typing relation but directly present the typed syntax. This has technical advantages: in typed metaprogramming we only want to deal with typed syntax and it avoids the need to prove subject reduction theorems separately. But more importantly this approach reflects our type-theoretic philosophy that typed objects are first and preterms are designed at a second step with the intention that they should contain enough information so that we can reconstruct the typed objects. Typechecking can be expressed in this view as constructing a partial inverse to the forgetful function which maps typed into untyped syntax (a sort of printing operation).

Naturally, we would like to do the same for the language we are working in, that is we would like to perform typed metaprogramming for a dependently typed language. There are at least two complications:

- (1) types, terms and contexts have to be defined mutually but also depend on each other,
- (2) due to the conversion rule which allows us to coerce terms along type-equality we have to define the equality mutually with the syntactic typing rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \sim B \quad \Gamma \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash t : B}$$

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<sup>1</sup>We are oversimplifying things a bit here: we would really like to restrict operations to those which preserve  $\beta\eta$ -equality, i.e. work with a quotient of **Tm**.

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data Ty    : Set
  ι        : Ty
  - ⇒ -    : Ty → Ty → Ty

data Con   : Set
  ·        : Con
  -, -     : Con → Ty → Con

data Var   : Con → Ty → Set
  zero     : Var (Γ, A) A
  suc      : Var Γ A → Var (Γ, B) A

data Tm    : Con → Ty → Set
  var      : Var Γ A → Tm Γ A
  app      : Tm Γ (A ⇒ B) → Tm Γ A → Tm Γ B
  lam      : Tm (Γ, A) B → Tm Γ (A ⇒ B)

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Figure 1: Simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus

(1) can be addressed by using inductive-inductive definitions [9] (see section 2.1) – indeed doing Type Theory in Type Theory was one of the main motivations behind introducing inductive-inductive types. It seemed that this would also suffice to address (2), since we can define the conversion relation mutually with the rest of the syntax. However, it turns out that the overhead in form of type-theoretic boilerplate is considerable. For example terms depend on both contexts and types, we have to include special constructors which formalize the idea that this is a setoid indexed over two given setoids. Moreover each constructor comes with a congruence rule. In the end the resulting definition becomes unfeasible, almost impossible to write down explicitly but even harder to work with in practice.

This is where Higher Inductive Types [43] come in, because they allow us to define constructors for equalities at the same time as we define elements. Hence we can present the conversion relation just by stating the equality rules as equality constructors. Since we are defining equalities we don't have to formalize any indexed setoid structure or explicitly state congruence rules. This second step turns out to be essential to have a workable internal definition of Type Theory.

Indeed, we only use a rather simple special case of higher inductive types, namely we are only interested in first order equalities and we are ignoring higher equalities. This is what we call Quotient Inductive Types (QITs). From the perspective of Homotopy Type Theory QITs are HITs which are truncated to be sets. The main aspect of HITs we are using is that they allow us to introduce new equalities and constructors at the same time. This has already been exploited in a different way in [43] for the definition of the reals and the constructible hierarchy without having to use the axiom of choice.

## 1.1 Overview of the Paper

We start by explaining in some detail the type theory we are using as a metatheory and how we implement it using Agda in section 2. In particular we are reviewing inductive-inductive types (section 2.1) and we motivate the importance of QITs as simple HITs (section 2.2). Then, in section 3 we turn to our main goal and define the syntax of a basic type theory with only  $\Pi$ -types and an uninterpreted base type with explicit substitutions. We explain how a general recursor and eliminator can be derived. As a warm-up we use the recursor to define the *standard interpretation* which interprets every piece of syntax by the corresponding metatheoretic construction in section 4. Then we show that our definition of type theory is equivalent to one with preterms and a typing relation in section ???. As real-world examples, we define three interpretations of the syntax: we use the recursor to define the setoid model (section 5) and the presheaf model (section 6) and we use the eliminator for the logical predicate translation of Bernardy [11] (section 7). In section 8 we show how to extend our syntax with  $\Sigma$  types, natural numbers, a universe

and the identity type. We conclude in section 9. The constructions presented in this paper have been formalized in Agda, this is available as supplementary material [6].

## 1.2 Related Work

Internalising the syntax of type theory allows reflection and thus generic programming and reasoning about the metatheory in a convenient way.

One way to do this is to make use of the fact that the metatheory is similar to the object theory, e.g. binders of the object theory can be modelled by binders of the metatheory. This way  $\alpha$ -renaming and substitution come from the metatheory for free. This approach is called higher order abstract syntax (HOAS) and can be seen as a form of shallow embedding. A generic framework for representing syntax using HOAS is called Logical Framework (LF) [24]. Examples of implementations of LF are Twelf [37] and Beluga [38]. Palsberg and coauthors define self-representations of System U [14] and System  $F_\omega$  [15] using HOAS. In the latter work they also define a self-interpreter.

The work of [22] provides a very good motivation for this paper by presenting a typed framework for dependently typed metaprogramming. It differs from our work by representing typing in an extrinsic way i.e. having a type of preterms and a separate typing relation.

McBride [33] presents a deep embedding where the object theoretic judgemental equality is represented by the meta theoretic equality. Our work differs from this because we would like to interpret equality in an arbitrary way and not be restricted by the equality of the meta theory. Thus, we need a concrete representation of equality in our internal syntax.

The work of Chapman [18] is the closest predecessor to our work. He represents the typed syntax of simple type theory and proves normalisation using a big-step semantics [3]. He extends this method to dependent type theory [19] however he does not prove normalisation. In this latter work he encodes judgemental equality as an inductive relation defined separately for contexts, types, substitutions and terms thereby introducing a very large inductive inductive definition. While this is a remarkable achievement, it is very hard to work with in practice as it suffers from the boilerplate introduced by the explicit equality relations. One needs to work with setoids and families of setoids instead of types, sometimes called the “setoid hell”.

The work of Danielsson [21] is also very close to our work. He represents the typed syntax of a dependent type theory using an inductive recursive type i.e. with implicit substitutions. A normalisation function is also defined however without a soundness proof. The usage of implicit substitution seems to give its definition a rather ad-hoc character.

A nice application of type-theoretic metaprogramming is developed in [27] where the authors present a mechanism to safely extend Coq with new principles. This relies on presenting a proof-irrelevant presheaf model and then proving constants in the presheaf interpretation. Our approach is in some sense complementary in that we provide a safe translation from well typed syntax into a model, but also more general because we are not limited to any particular class of models.

Our definition of the internal syntax of Type Theory is very much inspired by categories with families (CwFs) [23, 26]. Indeed, one can summarize our work by saying that we construct an initial CwF using QITs.

The style of the presentation can also be described as a generalized algebraic theory [17] which has been recently used by Coquand to give very concise presentations of Type Theory [12]. Our work shows that it should be possible to internalize this style of presentation in type theory itself.

Higher inductive types are described in chapter 6 of [43]. Our metatheory is not homotopy type theory, we only use a special case of higher inductive types called quotient inductive types. These are more general than quotient types [25, 34].

We proved normalisation for the theory described in this paper, see [5].

## 2 Metatheory

Our metatheory is intensional Martin-Löf type theory with a hierarchy of universes,  $\Pi$  types, a strict equality type, inductive inductive types, and quotient inductive types (QITs) added using axioms and rewrite rules [20]. We will describe these features and the notation through examples in this section.

We use a notation which is very close to that of the functional programming language and a proof assistant Agda [1, 36]. We denote the universes by  $\mathbf{Set} = \mathbf{Set}_0, \mathbf{Set}_1, \dots$  and write function types as  $(x : A) \rightarrow B$  or  $\forall x. B$ . For defining functions, we use  $\lambda$  notation ( $d := \lambda x. t : (x : A) \rightarrow B$ ), Coq-style

notation  $(d(x : A) : B := t)$  and Agda's pattern matching notation (declaration  $d : (x : A) \rightarrow B$  and implementation  $dx := t$ ).

We use the symbol  $-$  as a placeholder for arguments, e.g.  $- + -$  is a notation for  $\lambda x y. x + y$ . We sometimes omit arguments of functions when they are determined by other arguments or the return type. For example the full type of function composition is  $(ABC : \text{Set}) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$ , but the first three arguments are determined by the types of the last two arguments. In this case we write  $\{ABC : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$  or simply  $(B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$  and we call the arguments given in curly braces *implicit arguments*. When we call this function, we can omit the implicit arguments or specify them in lower index.

We use underscores for arguments of a function that we are not interested in, e.g. the constant function is defined as  $\text{const } x \_ := x$ . We write dependent sum types ( $\Sigma$ -types) as  $(x : A) \times B$  and projections as  $(-)_1$  and  $(-)_2$ . The keyword **record** is for defining dependent record types (iterated  $\Sigma$ -types) by listing their fields. Records are automatically modules (separate name spaces), this is why they can be opened using the **open** keyword. In this case the field names become projection functions. Records and modules can be parameterised (by a telescope of types), this can be used to structure our code. We overload names, e.g. context extension and substitution extension are denoted by the same constructor  $- , -$ .

The identity type (propositional equality) is denoted  $- \equiv -$  and its constructor is **refl**. We use a strict identity type, that is uniqueness of identity proofs (equivalent to Streicher's axiom K [42]) holds. Transport of a term  $u : P a$  along an equality  $p : a \equiv a'$  is denoted  $p_* u : P a'$ . We denote  $(p_* u) \equiv u'$  by  $u \equiv^p u'$ . We write **ap** for congruence, that is **ap**  $f p : f a \equiv f a'$  if  $p : a \equiv a'$ . We write  $- \bullet -$  for transitivity and  $-^{-1}$  for symmetry of equality.

We assume functional extensionality which follows in any case from the presence of QITs. The theory poses a canonicity problem, i.e. can all closed term of type  $\mathbb{N}$  be reduced to numerals, which can be addressed using techniques developed in the context of observational type theory [8]. Recent work [12] suggest that also the harder problem of canonicity in the presence of univalence can be addressed.

## 2.1 Inductive inductive types

One central construction in Type Theory are *inductive types*, where types are specified using constructors - see the definition of types and contexts in figure 1. In practical dependently typed programming we use pattern matching - however it is good to know that this can be replaced by adding just one elimination constant to each inductive type we are defining [32]. Here we differentiate between the *recursor* which enables us to define non-dependent functions and the *eliminator* which allows the definition of dependent functions. The latter corresponds logically to an induction principle for the given type. Note that the recursor is just a special case of the eliminator. As an example consider the recursor and the eliminator for the inductive type **Ty** defined in figure 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{RecTy} : & \quad (\text{Ty}^M : \text{Set}) \\
& \quad (\iota^M : \text{Ty}^M) \\
& \quad (\Rightarrow^M : \text{Ty}^M \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M) \\
& \quad \rightarrow \text{Ty} \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M \\
\text{RecTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M \iota &= \iota^M \\
\text{RecTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M (A \Rightarrow B) &= \Rightarrow^M (\text{RecTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M A) (\text{RecTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M B) \\
\text{ElimTy} : & \quad (\text{Ty}^M : \text{Ty} \rightarrow \text{Set}) \\
& \quad (\iota^M : \text{Ty}^M \iota) \\
& \quad (\Rightarrow^M : \{A : \text{Ty}\} \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M A \rightarrow \{B : \text{Ty}\} \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M B \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M (A \Rightarrow B)) \\
& \quad \rightarrow (C : \text{Ty}) \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M C \\
\text{ElimTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M \iota &= \iota^M \\
\text{ElimTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M (A \Rightarrow B) &= \Rightarrow^M (\text{ElimTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M A) (\text{ElimTy Ty}^M \iota^M \Rightarrow^M B)
\end{aligned}$$

The type/dependent type we use in the recursor/eliminator ( $\text{Ty}^M$ ) we call the *motive* and the functions corresponding to the constructors ( $\iota^M, \Rightarrow^M$ ) are the *methods*. The motive and the methods of the recursor are the *algebras* of the corresponding signature functor. The motive  $\text{Ty}^M$  is a *family indexed* over **Ty** and the methods are *fibers* of the family over the constructors.

We can also define dependent families of types inductively – examples are `Var` and `Tm` in figure 1.

We may extend this to mutual inductive types or mutual inductive dependent types. We define mutual inductive types by first declaring the types and then separately listing the constructors for each. An example is the definition of the predicates `Odd` and `Even` on natural numbers.

```
data Even  : ℕ → Set
data Odd   : ℕ → Set
data Even
  zeroEven : Even zero
  sucOdd    : (n : ℕ) → Odd n → Even (suc n)
data Odd
  sucEven   : (n : ℕ) → Even n → Odd (suc n)
```

Even numbers are defined by the base case `zero` and saying that the successor of an odd number is even, while an odd number must be the successor of an even number.

Such definitions can be reduced to a single inductive type with an additional index of type `Bool` which says which original type was meant.

```
data Even? : ℕ → Bool → Set
  zeroEven : Even? zero true
  sucOdd    : (n : ℕ) → Even? n false → Even? (suc n) true
  sucEven   : (n : ℕ) → Even? n true  → Even? (suc n) false

Even (n : ℕ) : Set := Even? n true
Odd  (n : ℕ) : Set := Even? n false
```

However there are certain mutual inductive definitions for which this method does not work. An example is the simultaneous definition of a type and a family of types indexed over the first type. These are called *inductive inductive types* (IITs) and we will need them to define the syntax of type theory with dependent types. Indeed, the typed syntax of type theory was the motivation for introducing the notion of inductive inductive types [35] and the main example is the following fragment from the definition of the syntax.

```
data Con : Set
data Ty  : Con → Set
data Con
  ·      : Con
  –, –   : (Γ : Con) → Ty Γ → Con
data Ty
  U      : Ty Γ
  Π      : (A : Ty Γ) → Ty (Γ, A) → Ty Γ
```

Here `Ty` represents types and it is indexed by `Con` representing contexts. In contrast to the `Even-Odd` example, the order of declaring the types matter: `Con` needs to be in scope when declaring `Ty`. Then the constructors for each type are listed and later constructors can refer to earlier constructors as in the case of `Π` which refers to `–, –` in its second argument. This example of IIT is made of two types but there is no limit in the number of constituent types.

The eliminator for an IIT needs as many motives as the number of constituent types and a method for each constructor. In our example case we will have two eliminators which depend on each other mutually, one for `Con` and one for `Ty`. As they share the arguments, we collect these into a record.

The record `MRecConTy` contains the motives and methods for the recursor.

```
record MRecConTy : Set1
  ConM : Set
  TyM  : ConM → Set
  .M    : ConM
  -,M- : (ΓM : ConM) → TyM ΓM → ConM
  UM   : TyM ΓM
  ΠM   : (AM : TyM ΓM) → TyM (ΓM,MAM) → TyM ΓM
```

The types of the methods reflect the types of the constructors but they refer to the motives and the previous methods by putting the <sup>M</sup> indices everywhere.

The recursor is given in a module parameterised by the above record and all fields of the record are made visible by opening it. We declare the recursors `RecCon` and `RecTy` and then list their computation rules. This can also be viewed as a *definition* of the recursor by pattern matching (and indeed this is how we reproduce the recursor in Agda).

```
module RecConTy (m : MRecConTy)
  open MRecConTy m
  RecCon : Con → ConM
  RecTy  : Ty Γ → TyM (RecCon Γ)
  RecCon .      = .M
  RecCon (Γ, A) = (RecCon Γ),M(RecTy A)
  RecTy U       = UM
  RecTy (Π A B) = ΠM (RecTy A) (RecTy B)
```

The record `MElimConTy` contains the motives and methods for the eliminator. The motives are families over `Con` and `Ty` and the methods are elements of these families at the corresponding constructor. An algorithm for computing the types of the motives and methods is given in section ??.

```
record MElimConTy : Set1
  ConM : Con → Set
  TyM  : ConM Γ → Ty Γ → Set
  .M    : ConM .
  -,M- : (ΓM : ConM Γ) → TyM ΓM A → ConM (Γ, A)
  UM   : TyM ΓM U
  ΠM   : (AM : TyM ΓM A) → TyM (ΓM,MAM) B → TyM ΓM (Π A B)
```

If we write down the implicit quantifications, the type of  $\Pi^M$  is the following.

$$\{\Gamma : \text{Con}\} \{\Gamma^M : \text{Con}^M \Gamma\} \{A : \text{Ty } \Gamma\} (A^M : \text{Ty}^M \Gamma^M A) \{B : \text{Ty } (\Gamma, A)\} \\ \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M (\Gamma^M, {}^M A^M) B \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M \Gamma^M (\Pi A B)$$

The eliminators have dependent types and the computation rules are the same as for the recursor.

```
module ElimConTy (m : MElimConTy)
  open MElimConTy m
  ElimCon : (Γ : Con) → ConM Γ
  ElimTy  : (A : Ty Γ) → TyM (ElimCon Γ) A
  ElimCon .      = .M
  ElimCon (Γ, A) = (ElimCon Γ),M(ElimTy A)
  ElimTy U       = UM
  ElimTy (Π A B) = ΠM (ElimTy A) (ElimTy B)
```

The categorical semantics of inductive inductive types has been explored in [9]. From a computational point of view IITs are unproblematic and they are supported by Agda.

## 2.2 Quotient inductive types

Higher inductive types come from homotopy type theory (chapter 6 of [43]). They are a generalisation of inductive types: in addition to usual (point) constructors they allow the definition of equality constructors. A simple example is the higher inductive type of the interval.

```
data I      : Set
  left     : I
  right    : I
  segment  : left ≡ right
```

This type has two usual constructors `left` and `right` and it has an equality constructor `segment` which adds an element to the identity type for `I` stating that `left` and `right` are equal. To eliminate from this type one needs three methods, two corresponding to the constructors `left` and `right`, and one corresponding to `segment`. The method corresponding to `segment` ensures that the things which `left` and `right` are mapped to are also equal. Note that in the case of the dependent eliminator this equality lives over the constructor `segment`. We list the recursor and the eliminator below.

$\begin{aligned} \text{Recl} &: (I^M : \text{Set}) \\ &(\text{left}^M \text{ right}^M : I^M) \\ &(\text{segment}^M : \text{left}^M \equiv \text{right}^M) \\ &\rightarrow I \rightarrow I^M \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \text{ElimI} &: (I^M : I \rightarrow \text{Set}) \\ &(\text{left}^M : I^M \text{ left})(\text{right}^M : I^M \text{ right}) \\ &(\text{segment}^M : \text{left}^M \equiv^{\text{segment}} \text{right}^M) \\ &(i : I) \rightarrow I^M i \end{aligned}$
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The computation rules for point constructors are the usual ones, we list them for the recursor.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recl } I^M \text{ left}^M \text{ right}^M \text{ segment}^M \text{ left} &= \text{left}^M \\ \text{Recl } I^M \text{ left}^M \text{ right}^M \text{ segment}^M \text{ right} &= \text{right}^M \end{aligned}$$

The computation rule for `segment` expressed as a propositional equality states the following.

$$\text{ap } (\text{Recl } I^M \text{ left}^M \text{ right}^M \text{ segment}^M) \text{ segment} \equiv \text{segment}^M$$

However, as we work in a strict metatheory ( $\mathbf{K}$  is true), this equality is always true, hence there is no need to state it separately.

We call quotient inductive types (QITs) the higher inductive types in a strict theory. A consequence of  $\mathbf{K}$  is that equalities between equalities are always trivial, this is why we don't use the term "higher". Alternatively, if we worked in homotopy type theory, quotient inductive types would mean set-truncated higher inductive types.

Functional extensionality is the fact that pointwise equal functions are equal:

$$\text{funext} : \{f g : (x : A) \rightarrow B x\} \rightarrow ((x : A) \rightarrow f x \equiv g x) \rightarrow f \equiv g.$$

We use this axiom throughout this paper. It also follows from the existence of the interval quotient inductive type `I`. For details, see the formalisation [6].

QITs are different from quotient types [25, 29]: for quotient types, one needs to define the type and the equivalence relation in separate steps. However this is sometimes not possible as in our main use case of defining the syntax of type theory (see chapter 3). There are two more such examples in [43]: the constructible hierarchy of sets in an encoding of set theory and the definition of the real numbers as Cauchy-sequences. These definitions would have been possible using quotient types however it seems that they would have required some form of axiom of choice to be useful.

We give another example which points out the difference between quotient types and quotient inductive types.

Given a type and a binary relation over it, we can define the quotiented type by the following rules.<sup>2</sup>

$\text{data } -/- \ (A : \text{Set})(R : A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Set}) : \text{Set}$   
 $[-] \quad : A \rightarrow A/R$   
 $[-] \equiv \quad : R a a' \rightarrow [a] \equiv [a']$   
 $\text{Rec } -/- \ : (A : \text{Set})(R : A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Set})$   
 $\quad (Q^M : \text{Set})$   
 $\quad ([-]^M : A \rightarrow Q^M)$   
 $\quad ([-] \equiv^M : R a a' \rightarrow [a]^M \equiv [a']^M)$   
 $\quad \rightarrow A/R \rightarrow Q^M$   
 $\text{Rec } A/R \quad Q^M [-]^M [-] \equiv^M [a] = [a]^M$

The recursor expresses that we can eliminate from the quotient into a type  $Q^M$  by providing a function  $[-]^M$  from  $A$  to  $Q^M$ . However there is a limitation: this function needs to respect the relation  $R$  (this fact is witnessed by the method  $[-] \equiv^M$ ).

For our example, first we will define binary trees quotiented by a relation which expresses that the order of subtrees does not matter.

$\text{data } T_2 : \text{Set}$   
 $\text{leaf} : T_2$   
 $\text{node} : T_2 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_2$   
 $\text{data } R \quad : T_2 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $\text{leaf}^R : R \text{ leaf leaf}$   
 $\text{node}^R : R t t' \rightarrow R s s' \rightarrow R (\text{node } t s) (\text{node } t' s')$   
 $\text{perm}^R : R (\text{node } t t') (\text{node } t' t)$

$T_2$  is the type of binary trees with no information at the nodes.  $R$  is an inductively defined binary relation on  $T_2$ . It has two congruence constructors for the two corresponding constructors of  $T_2$  and a constructor  $\text{perm}^R$  expressing that exchanging two subtrees results in a related tree. Now we can define  $\bar{T}_2 := T_2/R$  and we lift the constructors  $\text{leaf}$  and  $\text{node}$  to  $\bar{T}_2$  as follows.

$\bar{\text{leaf}} : \bar{T}_2 := [\text{leaf}]$   
 $\bar{\text{node}} : \bar{T}_2 \rightarrow \bar{T}_2 \rightarrow \bar{T}_2 := \text{Rec } T_2/R (\bar{T}_2 \rightarrow \bar{T}_2)$   
 $\quad (\lambda (t : T_2). \text{Rec } T_2/R \bar{T}_2$   
 $\quad \quad (\lambda (t' : T_2). [\text{node } t t'])$   
 $\quad \quad (\lambda p. [\text{node}^R \text{ refl}^R p] \equiv))$   
 $H$

In the above definition,  $\text{refl}^R$  proves that  $R$  is reflexive and can be defined easily. The argument  $H$  needs to say that the previous argument respects the relation and up to functional extensionality and congruence it is given by  $\lambda p. [\text{node}^R p \text{ refl}^R] \equiv$ . Note that  $\bar{\text{node}}$  works as expected: by the computation rule for quotients, we have that  $\bar{\text{node}} [t] [t'] = [\text{node } t t']$ .

Now we would like to do the same construction for infinitely branching trees which are given by the following datatype and relation.

$\text{data } T : \text{Set}$   
 $\text{leaf} : T$   
 $\text{node} : (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow T) \rightarrow T$   
 $\text{data } Q \quad : T \rightarrow T \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $\text{leaf}^Q : Q \text{ leaf leaf}$   
 $\text{node}^Q : (\forall n. Q (f n) (g n)) \rightarrow Q (\text{node } f) (\text{node } g)$   
 $\text{perm}^Q : (f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow T)(h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \text{isIso } h$   
 $\quad \rightarrow Q (\text{node } f) (\text{node } (f \circ h))$

The branches are indexed by natural numbers and the permutation constructor says that we can pre-compose the function giving the subtrees with any function on natural numbers which is an isomorphism ( $\text{isIso}$ ) and get a related tree.

<sup>2</sup>A quotient type can be seen as a higher inductive type with the given constructors.



We can lift `leaf` to the quotient  $\mathbb{T}/Q$  just as in the binary case however there seems to be no way doing this for the `node` constructor. In the binary case we had to nest the recursor for quotients twice and in the infinite case we would need to do this infinitely many times, but there is no way of expressing such infinite definitions in type theory.

However we can define  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  in one step as a quotient inductive type and the problem disappears. We also don't need the congruence constructors for the relation anymore, as they can be proven by congruence of equality.

```
data  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  : Set
  leaf  :  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$ 
  node  : ( $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}$ )  $\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}$ 
  perm  : ( $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}$ )( $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ )  $\rightarrow$  isls  $h \rightarrow$  node  $f \equiv$  node ( $f \circ h$ )
```

For completeness, we write down the eliminator for this QIT.

```
record MElim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  : Set1
   $\overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  : Set
  leafM :  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  leaf
  nodeM : { $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}$ }(fM : ( $n : \mathbb{N}$ )  $\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  (f n))  $\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  (node f)
  permM : { $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}$ }(fM : ( $n : \mathbb{N}$ )  $\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  (f n))(h :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ )
    (p : isls h)  $\rightarrow$  nodeM fM  $\equiv$ perm f h p nodeM (fM  $\circ$  h)

module Elim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  (m : MElim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$ )
  open MElim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  m
  Elim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  : (t :  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$ )  $\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{T}}^M$  t
  Elim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  leaf = leafM
  Elim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  (node f) = nodeM ( $\lambda n$ . Elim $\overline{\mathbb{T}}$  (f n))
```

Quotient inductive types are a convenient way to define generalised algebraic theories [17]. The motive and the methods for the recursor collected together into a record form an algebra for the theory defined by the QIT. This algebra can be viewed as a model of the theory where soundness is ensured by the methods for the equality constructors. The syntax can be viewed as the initial (term) model and initiality is given by the recursor and its computation rules.

QITs are special cases of HITs which is a very active research area [16, 31, 41]. Other special cases of HITs have been proposed and used e.g. in chapter 6 of [43] but a general theory of HITs is still missing.

QIITs can be added to Agda by postulating all the constructors and adding the computation rules as rewrite rules [20]. This avoids the problems with previous approaches such as [30] using inductive types and only postulating the equality constructors.

### 3 The syntax

We define the syntax of type theory as a quotient inductive inductive type consisting of four different types: contexts, types, substitutions and terms.

```
record Decl
  Con : Set
  Ty  : Con  $\rightarrow$  Set
  Tms : Con  $\rightarrow$  Con  $\rightarrow$  Set
  Tm  : ( $\Gamma : \text{Con}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Ty  $\Gamma \rightarrow$  Set
```

Contexts are given by a type. Types are indexed over contexts. As we have dependent types, a type is only valid in a given context. Substitutions are indexed over two contexts. One can think of `Tms`  $\Gamma \Delta$  as

a sequence of terms in context  $\Gamma$  which inhabit all types in  $\Delta$ , hence the name **Tms**. Terms are indexed over a context and a type in that context.

We will give the constructors for the four constituent types in separate groups. First we spell out the substitution calculus, and then we add rules for different type formers separately.

### 3.1 The substitution calculus

The constructors of the substitution calculus are given below.

```

data Con
  ·      : Con
  -, -   : (Γ : Con) → Ty Γ → Con

data Ty
  -[-]    : Ty Θ → Tms Γ Θ → Ty Γ

data Tms
  - o -   : Tms Θ Δ → Tms Γ Θ → Tms Γ Δ
  id      : Tms Γ Γ
  ε       : Tms Γ ·
  -, -    : (σ : Tms Γ Δ) → Tm Γ A[σ] → Tms Γ (Δ, A)
  π1    : Tms Γ (Δ, A) → Tms Γ Δ

data Tm
  -[-]    : Tm Θ A → (σ : Tms Γ Θ) → Tm Γ A[σ]
  π2    : (σ : Tms Γ (Δ, A)) → Tm Γ A[π1 σ]

data Ty
  []      : A[σ][ν] ≡ A[σ o ν]
  [id]    : A[id] ≡ A

data Tms
  o o     : (σ o ν) o δ ≡ σ o (ν o δ)
  id o    : id o σ ≡ σ
  o id    : σ o id ≡ σ
  ε η     : {σ : Tms Γ ·} → σ ≡ ε
  π1 β   : π1 (σ, t) ≡ σ
  π η     : (π1 σ, π2 σ) ≡ σ
  , o     : (ν, t) o σ ≡ (ν o σ), ([ ] * t[σ])

data Tm
  π2 β   : π2 (σ, t) ≡ π1 β t

```

There are two ways to construct a context: the empty context  $\cdot$  and context extension  $-, -$  which adds a type in the context which we extend.

We are able to substitute types and terms and substitutions themselves (the latter is called composition). That is, given a type  $A : \text{Ty } \Theta$ , term  $t : \text{Tm } \Theta A$  and a substitution  $\nu : \text{Tms } \Theta \Delta$ , all interpreted in context  $\Theta$ , we can interpret them in  $\Gamma$  by a substitution  $\sigma : \text{Tms } \Gamma \Theta$  which interprets all of  $\Theta$  in  $\Gamma$ . This is expressed by  $A[\sigma] : \text{Ty } \Gamma$ ,  $t[\sigma] : \text{Tm } \Gamma A[\sigma]$  and  $\nu o \sigma : \text{Tms } \Gamma \Delta$ . Substitution is associative which is expressed by  $[]$  for types and  $o o$  for substitutions.

We have the identity substitution  $\text{id}$  which is identity when we substitute types ( $[\text{id}]$ ) and substitutions ( $\text{id} o$ ,  $o \text{id}$ ). Types can be only substituted from one side, this is why we only have one identity law for them. Again, the similar rule for terms can be derived.

The constructor  $\epsilon$  provides an the empty substitution and  $\epsilon \eta$  witnesses that every substitution into the empty context is equal to it.

The substitution extension operator  $-, -$  is adding a term at the end of a substitution: given a  $\sigma$  providing all types in  $\Delta$ , we need a term of type  $A[\sigma]$  to construct a substitution into  $\Delta, A$ . We have the two projections  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  which forget and project out the last term, respectively. They work as expected:

projection after  $-$ ,  $-$  gives the expected results (rules  $\pi_1\beta$  and  $\pi_2\beta$ ). We have the other direction as well: if we project out the first and second components and then join them by substitution extension, we get the original substitution ( $\pi\eta$ ). Finally, we have the law  $, \circ$  which tells us what happens if we substitute an extended substitution: the substitution just goes under the  $-$ ,  $-$  in a pointwise fashion.

Note that in the definition of  $, \circ$  the term  $t[\sigma]$  has type  $A[\nu][\sigma]$  but  $(\nu \circ \sigma)$ ,  $-$  requires a term of type  $A[\nu \circ \sigma]$ . This is why we need to transport  $t[\sigma]$  along the equality  $[\sigma]$ . Similarly when expressing the type of  $\pi_2\beta$  we have a term of type on the left hand side  $A[\pi_1(\sigma, t)]$  and a term of type  $A[\sigma]$  on the right hand side. These types are equal by  $\pi_1\beta$ , hence  $\pi_2\beta$  is an equality over  $\pi_1\beta$ .

We can summarize the syntax as follows.

- Contexts and substitutions form a category with a terminal object.
- Types form a family of types over contexts, terms form a family over contexts and types and they are functorial.
- We have a substitution extension operation given by the following natural isomorphism.

$$\pi_1\beta, \pi_2\beta \curvearrowright \quad -, - \downarrow \quad \frac{\sigma : \text{Tms } \Gamma \Delta \quad \text{Tm } \Gamma A[\sigma]}{\text{Tms } \Gamma (\Delta, A)} \quad \uparrow \pi_1, \pi_2 \quad \curvearrowright \pi\eta$$

Naturality is expressed by  $, \circ$ . If one direction of an isomorphism is natural, so is the other, this is why we only state this direction. The other direction ( $\pi_1 \circ$  and  $\pi_2 [\ ]$ ) can be proven.

Using our categorically inspired syntax we can derive more traditional syntactic constructions such as variables expressed as typed De Bruijn indices. For this we first define the weakening substitution.

$$\text{wk} : \text{Tms } (\Gamma, A) \Gamma := \pi_1 \text{id}$$

When we project out the last element from the context, we need to weaken the type because now we are in an extended context. The successor Peano constructor for De Bruijn variables is just substitution by weakening.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vz} & : \text{Tm } (\Gamma, A) (A[\text{wk}]) := \pi_2 \text{id} \\ \text{vs } (x : \text{Tm } \Gamma A) & : \text{Tm } (\Gamma, B) (A[\text{wk}]) := x[\text{wk}] \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 A base type and family

We add an uninterpreted base type  $\text{U}$  and a family  $\text{El}$  over this type.  $\text{El}$  is the only way in our basic syntax where terms leak into types.  $\text{U}$  and  $\text{El}$  can be viewed as the dependently typed correspondent to the usual base type  $\iota$  of simple type theory with no constructors: they are the simplest type formers which make the theory interesting.

We add the type formation rules and the substitution rules. We write the symbol  $+$  after  $\text{Ty}$  to show that these are additional constructors to the ones given in the previous section.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{data Ty+} \\ \text{U} & : \text{Ty } \Gamma \\ \text{El} & : \text{Tm } \Gamma \text{U} \rightarrow \text{Ty } \Gamma \\ \text{U}[\ ] & : \text{U}[\sigma] \equiv \text{U} \\ \text{El}[\ ] & : (\text{El } \hat{A})[\sigma] \equiv \text{El } (\text{U}[\ ] * \hat{A}[\sigma]) \end{aligned}$$

The type constructor  $\text{U}$  is not affected by substitutions and substituting  $\text{El}$  pushes the substitution  $\sigma$  through to the term of type  $\text{U}$  which gains type  $\text{U}[\sigma]$ , this is why we need to transport along  $\text{U}[\ ]$ .

### 3.3 Dependent function space

First we define lifting of a substitution: the operation  $\uparrow$  takes a substitution  $\sigma$  from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Delta$  and returns an extended substitution from  $\Gamma.A[\sigma]$  to  $\Delta.A$  which does not touch the last element in the context. It works by weakening  $\sigma$  and extending the substitution by the referring to the last element in the context.

$$(\sigma : \text{Tms } \Gamma \Delta) \uparrow A : \text{Tms } (\Gamma, A[\sigma]) (\Delta, A) := (\sigma \circ \text{wk}), ([\ ] * \text{vz})$$

Now we define function space by the type formation rule, abstraction, application, the  $\beta$  computation rule, the  $\eta$  uniqueness rule and substitution rules for type formation and lambda.

```

data Ty+
  Π      : (A : Ty Γ) → Ty (Γ, A) → Ty Γ
  Π[]    : (Π A B)[σ] ≡ Π (A[σ]) (B[σ ↑ A])
data Tm+
  lam     : Tm (Γ, A) B → Tm Γ (Π A B)
  app     : Tm Γ (Π A B) → Tm (Γ, A) B
  Πβ      : app (lam t) ≡ t
  Πη      : lam (app t) ≡ t
  lam[]   : (lam t)[σ] ≡ Π[] lam (t[σ ↑ A])

```

This definition can be summarized as a natural isomorphism where naturality is given by  $\text{lam}[]$ .

$$\Pi\beta \circ \text{lam} \downarrow \frac{\text{Tm } (\Gamma, A) B}{\text{Tm } \Gamma (\Pi A B)} \uparrow \text{app} \quad \circlearrowright \Pi\eta$$

We use the categorical  $\text{app}$  operator, but the standard one ( $-\$-$ ) can also be derived.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (u : \text{Tm } \Gamma A) \rangle & : \text{Tms } \Gamma (\Gamma, A) := \text{id}_{[\text{id}]^{-1}} * u \\ (t : \text{Tm } \Gamma (\Pi A B)) \$ (u : \text{Tm } \Gamma A) : B[\langle u \rangle] & := (\text{app } t)[\langle u \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

The substitution  $\langle u \rangle$  is identity on the first part of the context and provides  $u$  for the last type.

The substitution law for  $\text{app}$  can be derived using  $\text{lam}[]$  and the  $\beta$  and  $\eta$  rules.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{app}[] : (\text{app } t)[\sigma \uparrow A] & \\ & \quad (\Pi\beta^{-1}) \\ \equiv \text{app} \left( \text{lam}((\text{app } t)[\sigma \uparrow A]) \right) & \\ & \quad (\text{lam}[]^{-1}) \\ \equiv \text{app} (\Pi[] * \text{lam} (\text{app } t)[\sigma]) & \\ & \quad (\Pi\eta) \\ \equiv \text{app} (t[\sigma]) & \end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 The elimination principle

When we define a function from the above syntax, we need to use the eliminator. This is defined analogously to the examples in section 2. The eliminator has 4 motives corresponding to what  $\text{Con}$ ,  $\text{Ty}$ ,  $\text{Tms}$  and  $\text{Tm}$  get mapped to and one method for each constructor including the equality constructors. The methods for point constructors are the elements of the motives to which the constructor is mapped. The methods for the equality constructors demonstrate soundness, that is, the semantic constructions respect the syntactic equalities.

The motives and methods for the recursor (non dependent eliminator) collected together form a model of type theory, they are equivalent to Dybjer's Categories with Families [23]. We list some of the motives and methods for the dependent eliminator below. For a complete presentation and an algorithm for

deriving these from the constructors, see [28].

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Con}^M & : \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{Set} \\
\text{Ty}^M & : (\text{Con}^M \Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ty } \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Set} \\
\text{Tms}^M & : (\text{Con}^M \Gamma) \rightarrow (\text{Con}^M \Delta) \rightarrow \text{Tms } \Gamma \Delta \rightarrow \text{Set} \\
\text{Tm}^M & : (\Gamma^M : \text{Con}^M \Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M \Gamma^M A \rightarrow \text{Tm } \Gamma A \rightarrow \text{Set} \\
\cdot^M & : \text{Con}^M . \\
-,^M - & : (\Gamma^M : \text{Con}^M \Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M \Gamma^M A \rightarrow \text{Con}^M (\Gamma, A) \\
\text{id}^M & : \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Gamma^M \text{id} \\
- \circ^M - & : \text{Tms}^M \Theta^M \Delta^M \sigma \rightarrow \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Theta^M \nu \rightarrow \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Delta^M (\sigma \circ \nu) \\
\text{oid}^M & : \sigma^M \circ^M \text{id}^M \equiv^{\text{oid}} \sigma^M \\
\pi_2 \beta^M & : \pi_2^M (\rho^M, {}^M t^M) \equiv^{\pi_1 \beta^M, \pi_2 \beta} {}^M t^M
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the method equality  $\text{oid}^M$  lives over the constructor  $\text{oid}$  while the method equality  $\pi_2 \beta^M$  lives both over the method equality  $\pi_1 \beta^M$  and the equality constructor  $\pi_2 \beta$ .

There are four eliminators for the four constituent types. These are understood in the presence of all the motives and methods given above.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ElimCon} & : (\Gamma : \text{Con}) \rightarrow \text{Con}^M \Gamma \\
\text{ElimTy} & : (A : \text{Ty } \Gamma) \rightarrow \text{Ty}^M (\text{ElimCon } \Gamma) A \\
\text{ElimTms} & : (\sigma : \text{Tms } \Gamma \Delta) \rightarrow \text{Tms}^M (\text{ElimCon } \Gamma) (\text{ElimCon } \Delta) \sigma \\
\text{ElimTm} & : (t : \text{Tm } \Gamma A) \rightarrow \text{Tm}^M (\text{ElimCon } \Gamma) (\text{ElimTy } A) t
\end{aligned}$$

We have the usual  $\beta$  computation rules such as the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ElimCon } (\Gamma, A) & = \text{ElimCon } \Gamma, {}^M \text{ElimTy } A \\
\text{ElimTms } (\sigma \circ \nu) & = \text{ElimTms } \sigma \circ^M \text{ElimTms } \nu
\end{aligned}$$

## 4 The standard interpretation

In the standard model every syntactic construct is interpreted by its semantic counterpart — this is also sometimes called the metacircular interpretation. That means we interpret contexts as types, types as dependent types indexed over the interpretation of their context, terms as dependent functions and substitutions as functions. That is, our interpretation is declared by the following motives. We use pattern matching notation for readability e.g. we write  $\text{Ty}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket := t$  instead of  $\text{Ty}^M := \lambda \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket. t$ . Note also that we use the double square brackets as part of the variable names, there is no function  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Con}^M & := \text{Set} \\
\text{Ty}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket & := \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \text{Set} \\
\text{Tms}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket & := \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \\
\text{Tm}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \llbracket A \rrbracket & := (\alpha : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket) \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket \alpha
\end{aligned}$$

The methods for the substitution calculus are the following. Context extension is interpreted by dependent sum, substitution composition by function composition, projections by projections. The interpretation

of the equalities are all **refl** because the two sides are actually convertible in the metatheory.

$$\begin{aligned}
\cdot^M &:= \top \\
\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket^M, \llbracket A \rrbracket &:= (\alpha : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket) \times \llbracket A \rrbracket \alpha \\
\llbracket A \rrbracket \llbracket \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket^M \alpha &:= \llbracket A \rrbracket (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha) \\
\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \circ^M \llbracket \nu \rrbracket \alpha &:= \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket (\llbracket \nu \rrbracket \alpha) \\
\text{id}^M &\alpha := \alpha \\
\epsilon^M &- := \text{tt} \\
\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket^M, \llbracket t \rrbracket &\alpha := (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha, \llbracket t \rrbracket \alpha) \\
\pi_1^M \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket &\alpha := (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha)_1 \\
\llbracket t \rrbracket \llbracket \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket^M \alpha &:= \llbracket t \rrbracket (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha) \\
\pi_2^M \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket &\alpha := (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha)_2 \\
\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M &\alpha := \text{refl} \\
\ldots
\end{aligned}$$

To interpret the base type and family, we parameterise the model by  $\llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket : \mathbf{Set}$  and  $\llbracket \mathbf{El} \rrbracket : \llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ . These provide the interpretations of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{El}$ , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{U}^M &- := \llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket \\
\mathbf{El}^M \llbracket \hat{A} \rrbracket \alpha &:= \llbracket \mathbf{El} \rrbracket (\llbracket \hat{A} \rrbracket \alpha) \\
\mathbf{U} \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M &:= \text{refl} \\
\mathbf{El} \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M &:= \text{refl}
\end{aligned}$$

In the methods for function space, the interpretation of  $\Pi$  is metatheoretic dependent function space, the interpretation of **lam** is metatheoretic lambda etc.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi^M \llbracket A \rrbracket \llbracket B \rrbracket \alpha &:= (x : \llbracket A \rrbracket \alpha) \rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket (\alpha, x) \\
\Pi \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M &:= \text{refl} \\
\text{lam}^M \llbracket t \rrbracket &\alpha := \lambda x. \llbracket t \rrbracket (\alpha, x) \\
\text{app}^M \llbracket t \rrbracket &\alpha := \llbracket t \rrbracket (\alpha)_1 (\alpha)_2 \\
\Pi \beta^M &:= \text{refl} \\
\Pi \eta^M &:= \text{refl} \\
\text{lam} \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M &:= \text{refl}
\end{aligned}$$

A consequence of the standard model is consistency, that is in our case we can show that there is no closed term of type  $\mathbf{U}$ . We use the standard model where  $\llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket$  is set to be the empty type  $\perp$  (the other parameter  $\llbracket \mathbf{El} \rrbracket$  can be anything).

$$\text{cons}(t : \mathbf{Tm} \cdot \mathbf{U}) : \perp := \text{RecTm } t \text{ tt}$$

It should be clear that to construct the standard model we need a stronger metatheory than the object theory we are considering. In our case this is given by the presence of an additional universe (here we have to eliminate over  $\mathbf{Set}_1$ ).

## 5 Setoid model

In this section we define the setoid model [2] for the theory given in section 3.

A setoid is a set together with an equivalence relation. The relation is propositional, that is, all

witnesses of relatedness are equal. A setoid is given by an element of the record `Setoid`.

```
record Setoid
  |-|      : Set
  ~_~_    : |-| → |-| → Set
  prop_~_  : (p q : γ ~ γ') → p ≡ q
  refl_~_  : γ ~ γ
  ~-1_~_  : γ ~ γ' → γ' ~ γ
  ~•~_~_   : γ ~ γ' → γ' ~ γ'' → γ ~ γ''
```

Given a setoid  $\Gamma$ ,  $|\Gamma|$  is the carrier set,  $\sim_\Gamma$  is a relation which is propositional by  $\text{prop}_\Gamma$  and  $\text{refl}_\Gamma$ ,  $\sim_\Gamma^{-1}$  and  $\sim_\Gamma^\bullet$  express reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity of the relation. If  $\Gamma$  is clear from the context, we omit it when writing the projection, e.g. we might write  $\text{prop}$  instead of  $\text{prop}_\Gamma$ .

Families of setoids over a setoid are given by the following definition.

```
record FamSetoid (Γ : Setoid)
  |-|      : |Γ| → Set
  ~_~_    : γ ~_Γ γ' → |-| γ → |-| γ' → Set
  prop_~_  : (r : a ~p a')(s : a ~q a') → r ≡prop_Γ p q s
  refl_~_  : a ~refl_Γ γ a
  ~-1_~_  : a ~p a' → a' ~p-1_Γ a
  ~•~_~_   : a ~p a' → a' ~q a'' → a ~p•Γ q a''
```

Note that all the fields depend on the corresponding fields of the setoid over which the family is defined.

A setoid morphism is given by the following definition.

```
record (Γ : Setoid) → (Δ : Setoid)
  |-|      : |Γ| → |Δ|
  resp_~_  : γ ~_Γ γ' → |-| γ ~_Δ |-| γ'
```

Given a setoid morphism  $\sigma : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ , we have a function  $|\sigma| : |\Gamma| \rightarrow |\Delta|$  and a proof  $\text{resp}_\sigma$  which says that  $|\sigma|$  respects the equivalence relations.

A section of setoids is defined as follows

```
record (Γ : Setoid) →s (A : FamSetoid Γ)
  |-|      : (γ : |Γ|) → |A| γ
  resp_~_  : (p : γ ~_Γ γ') → |-| γ ~p_A |-| γ'
```

Given a section  $t$ , we have a function  $|t| : (\gamma : |\Gamma|) \rightarrow |A| \gamma$  and a proof that it respects the equivalence relations. Note that  $\sim_A$  depends on an element of  $\sim_\Gamma$ .

Now we can give the declaration of the model.

```
Con := Setoid
Ty  := FamSetoid
Tms := →
Tm  :=s→
```

Now we describe the interpretations of the substitution calculus.

The empty context is the trivial setoid.

```
|·|      := ⊤
γ ~. γ' := ⊤
prop_~_  := tt
refl_~_  := tt
~-1_~_   := tt
~•~_~_   := tt
```

Context extension is the dependent sum of the two setoids, all the operations are pointwise. We only list the first two fields.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma, A| &:= (\gamma : |\Gamma|) \times |A| \gamma \\ (\gamma, a) \sim_{\Gamma, A} (\gamma', a') &:= (p : \gamma \sim_{\Gamma} \gamma') \times a \sim_A^p a' \end{aligned}$$

Substitution of types is given by applying the setoid morphism on the interpretation of the context. To define the relation corresponding to a substituted setoid, we need that the setoid morphism respects the relation.

$$\begin{aligned} |A[\sigma]| \gamma &:= |A| (|\sigma| \gamma) \\ a \sim_{A[\sigma]}^p a' &:= a \sim_A^{\text{resp}_{\sigma} p} a' \end{aligned}$$

For more details, see the formalisation.

## 6 Presheaf model

Presheaf models [26] are the proof-relevant versions of Kripke semantics for intuitionistic logic. They are used to model guarded type theory [13], parametricity [10], the local state monad [39] or univalence ??.

### 6.1 Categorical preliminaries

A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by a type of objects  $|\mathcal{C}|$  and given  $I, J : |\mathcal{C}|$ , a type  $\mathcal{C}(I, J)$  which we call the type of morphisms between  $I$  and  $J$ . A category is equipped with an operation for composing morphisms  $- \circ - : \mathcal{C}(J, K) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(I, J) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(I, K)$  and an identity morphism at each object  $\text{id}_I : \mathcal{C}(I, I)$ . In addition we have the associativity law  $(f \circ g) \circ h \equiv f \circ (g \circ h)$  and the identity laws  $\text{id} \circ f \equiv f$  and  $f \circ \text{id} \equiv f$ . Formally, we collect these definitions into a record.

```
record Cat
  | -|      : Set
  -( -, -) : | -| → | -| → Set
  - ∘ -    : -(J, K) → -(I, J) → -(I, K)
  id       : -(I, I)
  ∘ ∘      : (f ∘ g) ∘ h ≡ f ∘ (g ∘ h)
  id ∘     : id ∘ f ≡ f
  ∘ id     : f ∘ id ≡ f
```

Just as the definition of category, the following definitions can be formalised using records.

A contravariant presheaf over a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is denoted  $\Gamma : \text{PSh } \mathcal{C}$ . It is given by the following data: given  $I : |\mathcal{C}|$ , a set  $\Gamma I$ , and given  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$  a function  $\Gamma f : \Gamma J \rightarrow \Gamma I$ . Moreover, we have  $\text{idP } \Gamma : \Gamma \text{id} \alpha \equiv \alpha$  and  $\text{compP } \Gamma : \Gamma (f \circ g) \alpha \equiv \Gamma g (\Gamma f \alpha)$  for  $\alpha : \Gamma I$ ,  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ ,  $g : \mathcal{C}(K, J)$ .

A natural transformation between presheaves  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  is denoted  $\sigma : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ . It is given by a function  $\sigma : \{I : |\mathcal{C}|\} \rightarrow \Gamma I \rightarrow \Delta I$  together with the condition  $\text{natn } \sigma : \Delta f (\sigma_I \alpha) \equiv \sigma_J (\Gamma f \alpha)$  for  $\alpha : \Gamma I$ ,  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ .

Given  $\Gamma : \text{PSh } \mathcal{C}$ , a family of presheaves over  $\Gamma$  is denoted  $A : \text{FamPSh } \Gamma$ . It is given by the following data: given  $\alpha : \Gamma I$ , a set  $A_I \alpha$  and given  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ , a function  $A f : A_I \alpha \rightarrow A_J (\Gamma f \alpha)$ . In addition, we have the functor laws  $\text{idF } A : A \text{id} v \equiv^{\text{idP}} v$  and  $\text{compF } A : A (f \circ g) v \equiv^{\text{compP}} A g (A f v)$  for  $\alpha : \Gamma I$ ,  $v : A_I \alpha$ ,  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ ,  $g : \mathcal{C}(K, J)$ .

A family of natural transformations between two families of presheaves  $A, B : \text{FamPSh } \Gamma$  is given is denoted  $\sigma : A \xrightarrow{\text{N}} B$ . It is given by a function  $\sigma : \{I : |\mathcal{C}|\} \{ \alpha : \Gamma I \} \rightarrow A_I \alpha \rightarrow B_I \alpha$  together with the condition  $B f (\sigma_I \alpha) \equiv \sigma_J (\Gamma f \alpha) (A f \alpha)$  for  $\alpha : A_I \alpha$ ,  $\alpha : \Gamma I$ ,  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ .

A section from a presheaf  $\Gamma$  to a family of presheaves  $A$  over  $\Gamma$  is denoted  $t : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\text{S}} A$ . It is given by a function  $t : \{I : |\mathcal{C}|\} \rightarrow (\alpha : \Gamma I) \rightarrow A_I \alpha$  together with the naturality condition  $\text{natS } t \alpha f : A f (t \alpha) \equiv t (\Gamma f \alpha)$  for  $f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)$ .



## 6.2 Motives

The presheaf model is parameterised over a category  $\mathcal{C}$ . We use the recursor to define the model, the motives are the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Con}^M &:= \text{PSh } \mathcal{C} \\ \text{Ty}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket &:= \text{FamPSh } \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \\ \text{Tms}^M \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket &:= \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \\ \text{Tm}^M \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \llbracket A \rrbracket &:= \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \xrightarrow{s} \llbracket A \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

Note that here  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  is not a function, it is just part of the variable names. The interpretation of  $\Gamma : \text{Con}$  is a contravariant presheaf  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$  over  $\mathcal{C}$ . The interpretation of a type  $A : \text{Ty } \Gamma$  is a family of presheaves  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  over  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ . The interpretation of a substitution  $\rho : \text{Tms } \Delta \Gamma$  is a natural transformation  $\llbracket \rho \rrbracket$  between the presheaves  $\llbracket \Delta \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ . The interpretation of a term  $t : \text{Tm } \Gamma A$  is a section  $\llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \xrightarrow{s} \llbracket A \rrbracket$ .

## 6.3 Methods for the substitution calculus

The methods for contexts create presheaves, we only spell out the action on objects. The empty context is the constant unit presheaf, context extension is pointwise.

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot^M I &:= \top \\ \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \circ^M \llbracket A \rrbracket I &:= (\alpha : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket I) \times \llbracket A \rrbracket \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Substituted types are interpreted using the interpretation of the substitution on the environment.

$$\llbracket A \rrbracket [\llbracket \rho \rrbracket]^M \alpha := \llbracket A \rrbracket (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha)$$

The interpretations of substitution constructors are listed below omitting the naturality proofs. Identity becomes identity, composition composition, the empty substitution is interpreted as the element of the unit type, comprehension is pointwise, the first projection becomes first projection.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id}^M \alpha &:= \alpha \\ (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \circ^M \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket) \alpha &:= \llbracket \rho \rrbracket (\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \alpha) \\ \epsilon^M \alpha &:= \text{tt} \\ (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket,^M \llbracket t \rrbracket) \alpha &:= (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha, \llbracket t \rrbracket \alpha) \\ \pi_1^M \llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha &:= (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha)_1 \end{aligned}$$

The interpretations of term formers are listed below omitting the naturality proofs.

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket t \rrbracket [\llbracket \rho \rrbracket]^M \alpha &:= \llbracket t \rrbracket (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha) \\ \pi_2^M \llbracket t \rrbracket \alpha &:= (\llbracket \rho \rrbracket \alpha)_2 \end{aligned}$$

We don't list the interpretations of the equality constructors. Interestingly, up to function extensionality and coercions, all equality proofs are reflexivity.

## 6.4 Methods for the base type and family

We parameterise the presheaf model by a presheaf  $\llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket$  and a family of presheaves  $\llbracket \text{El} \rrbracket$ . These interpret  $\text{U}$  and  $\text{El}$ . The action on objects is the following. Note that  $\text{U}^M$  does not depend on the environment.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{U}^M_I \alpha &:= \llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket I \\ \text{El}^M \llbracket \hat{A} \rrbracket \alpha &:= \llbracket \text{El} \rrbracket (\llbracket \hat{A} \rrbracket \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

We omit the proofs of  $\text{U}^M$  and  $\text{El}^M$ , it is easy to verify them.

## 6.5 Methods for the function space

The interpretation of  $\Pi$  is the dependent presheaf exponential which consists of a function **map** together with a compatibility condition.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^M \llbracket A \rrbracket \llbracket B \rrbracket \alpha &:= \text{ExpPSh } \llbracket A \rrbracket \llbracket B \rrbracket \\ \text{record ExpPSh } (\llbracket A \rrbracket : \text{FamPSh } \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket) (\llbracket B \rrbracket : \text{FamPSh } \llbracket \Gamma, A \rrbracket) &: \text{Set} \\ \text{map} : \forall \{J\} (f : \mathcal{C}(J, I)) (x : \llbracket A \rrbracket_J (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket f \alpha)) &\rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket_J (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket f \alpha, x) \\ \text{comp} : \forall \{f g x\}. \llbracket B \rrbracket g (\delta f x) &\equiv^{\text{compP}^{-1}} \delta (g \circ f) (\text{compP}^{-1} \llbracket A \rrbracket g x) \end{aligned}$$

The function maps for any morphism (any future world with the Kripke analogy) the interpretation of  $A$  at the environment transported along this morphism to the interpretation of  $B$ . To state the compatibility condition, on the right hand side we start with  $\llbracket A \rrbracket g x : \llbracket A \rrbracket (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket g (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket f \alpha))$ , but to apply  $\delta$ , we need to transport this along  $\text{compP}^{-1}$  to get an element of type  $\llbracket A \rrbracket (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket (g \circ f) \alpha)$ . Now we can apply  $\delta (g \circ f)$  on it.

The interpretation of **lam** and **app** are the following (omitting the naturality proofs and the compatibility condition for  $\text{lam}^M$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map } (\text{lam}^M \llbracket t \rrbracket (\alpha : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket I)) &:= \lambda f x. \llbracket t \rrbracket (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket f \alpha, x) \\ \text{app}^M \llbracket t \rrbracket \alpha &:= \text{map } (\llbracket t \rrbracket (\alpha)_1) \text{id } (\alpha)_2 \end{aligned}$$

The equality methods for functions can be verified easily, for details see the formal development.

## 7 The logical predicate interpretation

In this section we introduce logical predicates informally, then present the formalisation. This is a real-world example of the usefulness of our representation of the syntax; we express logical relations as a syntactic translation following [11] so we define a mapping from the syntax to the syntax itself. This could be useful in connection with metaprogramming; using a quoting mechanism it could provide a way of automatically deriving free theorems [44] for functions defined in a dependently typed programming language.

### 7.1 Logical relations for dependent types

Logical relations were introduced in computer science by Reynolds [40] for expressing the idea of representation-independence in the context of the polymorphic  $\lambda$ -calculus. Reynold's abstraction theorem (also called parametricity or the fundamental theorem of the logical relation) states that logically related interpretations of a term are logically related at the relation generated by the type of the term. This was later extended to dependent types by [11]: type theory is expressive enough to express the parametricity statement of its own terms — the logic in which the logical relations are expressed can be the theory itself. Contexts are interpreted as syntactic contexts, types as types in the interpretation of their context and terms as witnesses of the interpretation of their types.

A simple example of using parametricity can be described for the following term  $t$ .

$$A : \text{Set}, x : A \vdash t : A$$

We can view  $t$  as a program of type  $A$  importing a library which provides a type  $A$  and an element of that type  $x$ . Our intuition tells us that as we don't know anything else about the type  $A$ , the only way to construct  $t$  is to use  $x$ . This can be made precise by unary parametricity: for our example it says that if there is a predicate on  $A$  and  $x$  respects this predicate, then  $t$  will also respect it. We set the predicate on  $A$  to  $A^M y := (y \equiv x)$  and observe that this predicate holds for  $x$ , as  $\text{refl} : A^M x$ . Now parametricity tells us that the predicate also holds for  $t$ , that is,  $t \equiv x$ .

First we describe the logical predicate interpretation which gives us the above result for an informal type theory with named variables, universes a la Russel,  $\Pi$  types and one universe. The syntax of contexts, terms and types is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : A \\ t, u, A, B &::= x \mid \text{Set} \mid \Pi(x : A).B \mid \lambda x. t \mid t u \end{aligned}$$

The typing rules are standard.

We define the unary logical predicate operation  $-^P$  on the syntax following [11]. This takes types to their corresponding logical predicates, contexts (lists of types) to lists of related types and terms to witnesses of relatedness in the predicate corresponding to their types. We define  $-^P$  by first giving its typing rules for contexts, types and terms (the second rules will become an instance of the third one).

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma^P \vdash} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Set}}{\Gamma^P \vdash A^P : A \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A}{\Gamma^P \vdash t^P : A^P t}$$

The context  $\Gamma^P$  is  $\Gamma$  extended by witnesses that everything in  $\Gamma$  respects the logical predicate,  $A^P$  is the logical predicate at the type  $A$ ,  $t^P$  is the proof of parametricity: in the extended context  $t$  respects the predicate  $A^P$ .

We define  $-^P$  inductively on the structure of contexts and terms as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} .^P &= . \\ (\Gamma, x : A)^P &= \Gamma^P, x : A, x^M : A^P x \\ \mathbf{Set}^P &= \lambda A. A \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \\ (\Pi(x : A). B)^P &= \lambda f. \Pi(x : A, x^M : A^P x). B^P(f x) \\ x^P &= x^M \\ (\lambda x. t)^P &= \lambda x. x^M. t^P \\ (f a)^P &= f^P a a^P \end{aligned}$$

Contexts are extended pointwise with witnesses of the predicate by adding  $^M$  indices to the variable names ( $-^M$  is just a way to form new variable names). The predicate for  $\mathbf{Set}$  is predicate space. This makes the fixpoint of the rule for terms at  $\mathbf{Set}$  typecheck:  $\mathbf{Set}^P : \mathbf{Set}^P \mathbf{Set}$  and  $\mathbf{Set}^P \mathbf{Set} = \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ . The logical predicate holds for a function  $f$  if it preserves the predicate i.e. if it maps elements for which  $A^P$  holds to elements for which  $B^P$  holds. Note that  $B^P$  is interpreted in a context  $(\Gamma, x : A)^P$ , this is why we need to give the names  $x$  and  $x^M$  to the variables in the domain of the function. The witness of the predicate for a variable can just be projected out from the context, and we can interpret abstraction and application in a straightforward way.

In addition, we need to check whether this definition typechecks (the left and right hand sides need to have convertible types) and respects the conversion rules. We show that this is the case for the formal version in the next subsection.

The example now can be derived using parametricity and substitution.<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{\frac{A : \mathbf{Set}, x : A \vdash t : A}{(A : \mathbf{Set}, x : A)^P \vdash t^P : A^P t} \text{ parametricity}}{A : \mathbf{Set}, x : A \vdash t^P[A^M := \lambda y. y \equiv x, x^M := \text{refl}] : t \equiv u}$$

## 7.2 Motives

Now we turn our attention to the formal development. First we define the motives of the dependent eliminator following the above typing rules for  $-^P$  as intuition.

Contexts will be mapped to the lifted ( $-^P$ -d) context and a projection substitution which goes from the lifted context to the original one. Because we don't have variable names as in the informal presentation, we need the projection  $\text{Pr}$  whenever we would like to refer to a variable in the lifted context which was present in the original one.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Con}^M(\Gamma : \mathbf{Con}) : \mathbf{Set} &:= \text{record } | - | : \mathbf{Con} \\ \text{Pr} : \mathbf{Tms} | - | \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

That is, given the interpretation of a context  $\Gamma^M : \mathbf{Con}^M \Gamma$ , we will get the lifted context  $| \Gamma^M |$  and a substitution  $\text{Pr} \Gamma^M : \mathbf{Tms} | \Gamma^M | \Gamma$ .

In the informal presentation of  $-^P$  above the predicate for a type was a function from the type to the universe. We simulate such a function by a type (instead of an element of  $\mathbf{U}$ ) in the lifted context

<sup>3</sup>We can use Leibniz equality as  $\equiv$  or extend the theory with the identity type. In the latter case we need to extend the logical predicate interpretation to the identity type, see [28].

extended by the original type. The original type needs to be substituted by  $\text{Pr}$  because now we are in the larger context.

$$\text{Ty}^M \Gamma^M A := \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, A[\text{Pr} \Gamma^M])$$

The interpretation of a substitution is a substitution between the lifted contexts together with a naturality property.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Delta^M \sigma : \text{Set} &:= \text{record } |-| : \text{Tms} |\Gamma^M| |\Delta^M| \\ \text{PrNat} : \text{Pr} \Delta^M \circ |-| &\equiv \sigma \circ \text{Pr} \Gamma^M \end{aligned}$$

The following diagram depicts the naturality condition given by  $\text{PrNat}(\sigma^M : \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Delta^M \sigma)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |\Gamma^M| & \xrightarrow{\text{Pr} \Gamma^M} & \Gamma \\ |\sigma^M| \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\ |\Delta^M| & \xrightarrow{\text{Pr} \Delta^M} & \Delta \end{array}$$

Terms are interpreted as witnesses of the predicate at their types in the lifted context. As the predicate needs an additional element  $A[\text{Pr} \Gamma^M]$ , we provide this by the term  $t[\text{Pr} \Gamma^M]$ .

$$\text{Tm}^M \Gamma^M A^M t := \text{Tm} |\Gamma^M| (A^M [< t[\text{Pr} \Gamma^M] >])$$

### 7.3 Methods for the substitution calculus

The empty context is interpreted as the empty context and the projection is the empty substitution. An extended context  $\Gamma, A$  is interpreted as the interpretation of the  $\Gamma$  extended by  $A$  (which needs to be substituted by the projection) and further extended by  $A^M$  which expresses that the logical relation holds for the  $A$  in the context. The projection is given by applying  $\uparrow$  on the projection for  $\Gamma$  (this way we get the element of type  $A$ ) and then weakening as we want to forget about the last element having type  $A^M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot^M &:= (|-| := \cdot, \quad \text{Pr} := \epsilon) \\ \Gamma^M, {}^M A^M &:= (|-| := |\Gamma^M|, A[\text{Pr} \Gamma^M], A^M, \text{Pr} := (\text{Pr} \Gamma^M \uparrow A) \circ \text{wk}) \end{aligned}$$

To define  $-[-]^M$  for types, given a predicate  $A^M : \text{Ty}(|\Theta^M|, A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M])$  and a natural substitution  $\sigma^M : \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M \Theta^M \sigma$  we need to substitute the predicate so that we get an element of  $\text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, A[\sigma][\text{Pr} \Gamma^M])$ . We can apply  $\uparrow$  on the substitution  $|\sigma^M|$  thereby obtaining

$$|\sigma^M| \uparrow A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M] : \text{Tms}(|\Gamma^M|, A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M][|\sigma^M|])(|\Theta^M|, A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M]).$$

However the domain of this  $\uparrow$ -d substitution and the context that we need don't match. We can remedy this using the naturality condition in  $\sigma^M$  with the help of which we can prove

$$[] \cdot \text{ap}(A[-])(\text{PrNat} \sigma^M) \cdot []^{-1} : A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M][|\sigma^M|] \equiv A[\sigma][\text{Pr} \Gamma^M].$$

Transporting along this equality we can define the interpretation of a substituted type as follows.

$$A^M[\sigma^M]^M := A^M[({}[] \cdot \text{ap}(A[-])(\text{PrNat} \sigma^M) \cdot []^{-1}) * |\sigma^M| \uparrow A[\text{Pr} \Theta^M]]$$

The composition of two lifted substitutions is just given by  $- \circ -$ , and the naturality condition is given by using the naturality conditions of the two substitutions. We use equational reasoning notation

for proving the equality.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^M \circ^M \nu^M &:= (|-| \quad := |\sigma^M| \circ |\nu^M| \\
&\quad , \text{PrNat} := \text{Pr } \Delta^M \circ (|\sigma^M| \circ |\nu^M|) \\
&\quad \quad \quad (\circ \circ^{-1}) \\
&\equiv (\text{Pr } \Delta^M \circ |\sigma^M|) \circ |\nu^M| \\
&\quad \quad \quad (\text{PrNat } \sigma^M) \\
&\equiv (\sigma \circ \text{Pr } \Theta^M) \circ |\nu^M| \\
&\quad \quad \quad (\circ \circ) \\
&\equiv \sigma \circ (\text{Pr } \Theta^M \circ |\nu^M|) \\
&\quad \quad \quad (\text{PrNat } \nu^M) \\
&\equiv \sigma \circ (\nu \circ \text{Pr } \Gamma^M) \\
&\quad \quad \quad (\circ \circ^{-1}) \\
&\equiv (\sigma \circ \nu) \circ \text{Pr } \Gamma^M
\end{aligned}$$

The remaining methods for the point constructors are given by the following definitions, omitting the equality parts and some transports in the case of  $-[-]^M$  and  $\pi_2^M$ . For these details, see [28].

$$\begin{aligned}
|\text{id}^M| &= \text{id} \\
|\epsilon^M| &= \epsilon \\
|(\sigma^M, {}^M t^M)| &= |\sigma^M|, t[\text{Pr}], t^M \\
|\pi_1^M \sigma^M| &= \pi_1 (\pi_1 |\sigma^M|) \\
t^M [\sigma^M]^M &= t^M [|\sigma^M|] \\
\pi_2^M \sigma^M &= \pi_2 |\sigma^M|
\end{aligned}$$

We only state the types for the equality methods for types, they can be all proved by simple equality reasoning.

$$\begin{aligned}
[]^M : A^M [\sigma^M]^M [\nu^M]^M &\equiv A^M [(|\sigma^M| \circ |\nu^M|) \uparrow A[\text{Pr}]] \\
[\text{id}]^M : A^M [\text{id}^M] &\equiv A^M
\end{aligned}$$

To prove that two elements of the record  $\text{Tms}^M$  are equal it is enough to prove that the fields  $|-|$  are equal because the other fields will be equal by K. In the following definitions, we only write down the main steps and omit some details.

$$\begin{aligned}
\circ \circ^M &: (|\sigma^M| \circ |\nu^M|) \circ |\delta^M| \equiv |\sigma^M| \circ (|\nu^M| \circ |\delta^M|) &:= \circ \circ \\
\text{id} \circ^M &: \text{id} \circ |\sigma^M| \equiv |\sigma^M| &:= \text{id} \circ \\
\circ \text{id}^M &: |\sigma^M| \circ \text{id} \equiv |\sigma^M| &:= \circ \text{id} \\
\epsilon \eta^M &: \{\sigma^M : \text{Tms}^M \Gamma^M . {}^M \sigma\} \rightarrow |\sigma^M| \equiv \epsilon &:= \epsilon \eta \\
\pi_1 \beta^M &: \pi_1 (\pi_1 (|\sigma^M|, t[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M], t^M)) \equiv |\sigma^M| &:= \text{ap } \pi_1 \pi_1 \beta \cdot \pi_1 \beta \\
\pi \eta^M &: (\pi_1 (\pi_1 |\sigma^M|), (\pi_2 \sigma) [\text{Pr } \Gamma^M], \pi_2 |\sigma^M|) \equiv |\sigma^M| &:= \text{PrNat } \sigma^M \cdot \pi \eta \cdot \pi \eta \\
, \circ^M &: |\nu^M, {}^M t^M| \circ^M \sigma^M \equiv (\nu^M \circ^M \sigma^M), {}^M t^M [\sigma^M]^M &:= , \circ \cdot , \circ
\end{aligned}$$

The single equality method for terms is given as follows.

$$\pi_2 \beta^M : \pi_2 (|\sigma^M|, t[\text{Pr}], t^M) \equiv t^M := \pi_2 \beta$$

## 7.4 Methods for the base type and family

We parameterise the logical predicate interpretation with the interpretations of the base type and family. Because the base type is valid in any context and the family only needs the base type to be in the context,

the parameters will be the following.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U} &: \text{Ty}(\cdot, U) \\ \bar{E}l &: \text{Ty}(\cdot, U, El\,vz, \bar{U}[wk])\end{aligned}$$

We define the methods  $U^M$  and  $El^M$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}U^M &: \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, U) := \bar{U}[\epsilon, vz] \\ El^M \{ \hat{A} : \text{Tm } \Gamma^M U \} (\hat{A}^M : \text{Tm } |\Gamma^M| (\bar{U}[\epsilon, \hat{A}[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M] >])) &: \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, El\, \hat{A}[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M]) \\ &:= \bar{E}l[\epsilon, \hat{A}[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M][wk], vz, \hat{A}^M[wk]]\end{aligned}$$

The type  $\bar{U}$  only depends on the last element of the context, so we can ignore the part  $|\Gamma^M|$  by using the empty substitution  $\epsilon$ .  $\bar{E}l$  needs more components: the  $U$  and  $\bar{U}$  components are given by the  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{A}^M$  arguments and the  $El\,vz$  component is given by the last element in the context.

In addition, we need to verify the substitution laws. Note that  $U^M$  does not say that  $U^M$  is invariant to substitutions, but that it is invariant for  $\uparrow$ -d substitutions (which don't touch the last element in the context, and indeed, that is the only element on which  $\bar{U}$  depends on). The equalities are proven by laws of the substitution calculus and  $\text{PrNat } \sigma^M$ .

$$\begin{aligned}U^M &: U^M[\sigma^M]^M = \hat{U}[\epsilon, vz][|\sigma^M| \uparrow] \equiv \hat{U}[\epsilon \circ (|\sigma^M| \uparrow), vz] \equiv \hat{U}[\epsilon, vz] = U^M \\ El^M &: (El^M \hat{A}^M)[\sigma^M]^M = \bar{E}l[\epsilon, \hat{A}[\text{Pr}][wk], vz, \hat{A}^M[wk]][|\sigma^M| \uparrow] \\ &\equiv \bar{E}l[\epsilon, \hat{A}[\text{Pr} \circ |\sigma^M|][wk], vz, \hat{A}^M[|\sigma^M|][wk]] \equiv \bar{E}l[\epsilon, \hat{A}[\sigma \circ \text{Pr}][wk], vz, \hat{A}^M[|\sigma^M|][wk]] \\ &= El^M(\hat{A}^M[\sigma^M]^M)\end{aligned}$$

## 7.5 Methods for the function space

The predicate holds for a function if the function maps inputs for which the predicate holds to outputs for which a predicate holds. Following this we get the interpretation of function space.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^M & (A^M : \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M])) \\ & (B^M : \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M], A^M, B[(\text{Pr } \Gamma^M \uparrow A) \circ wk])) \\ & : \text{Ty}(|\Gamma^M|, (\Pi A B)[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M]) \\ & := \Pi (A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M][wk]) \\ & \quad \left( \Pi (A^M[wk \uparrow A[\text{Pr}]]) (B^M[wk \uparrow A[\text{Pr}] \uparrow A^M, vs (vs\,vz)\$vs\,vz]) \right)\end{aligned}$$

As we are in a context extended by a function, we need to weaken the element of  $A$ .  $A^M$  needs the context  $\Gamma^M, A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M]$ . We can go from  $\Gamma^M, (\Pi A B)[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M]$  to  $\Gamma^M$  by  $wk$  and then by  $\uparrow$  we get a substitution

$$wk \uparrow A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M] : \text{Tms}(\Gamma^M, (\Pi A B)[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M], A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M][wk]) (\Gamma^M, A[\text{Pr } \Gamma^M]).$$

Similarly, we can interpret  $B^M$  by applying  $\uparrow$  on  $wk$  twice and then providing the element of  $B$  by applying the function (De Bruijn index 2) to the element of type  $A$  (De Bruijn index 1).

The next method is the substitution law for  $\Pi^M$ . We verify it by the following equational reasoning. For readability, we omit the second argument for the operator  $\uparrow$  and write numerals for De Bruijn indices. Most of the proof is reasoning with laws of the substitution calculus. We use the following properties:  $\sigma \uparrow \uparrow \equiv (\sigma \circ wk^2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\sigma \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \equiv (\sigma \circ wk^3, 2, 1, 0)$  and  $|\sigma^M| \uparrow^M \equiv |\sigma^M| \uparrow \uparrow$  (note that  $-\uparrow^M$  was defined

when defining the eliminator: it is the semantic counterpart of  $\uparrow$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi[]^M &: (\Pi^M A^M B^M)[\sigma^M]^M \\
&= \left( \Pi (A[\text{Pr} \circ \text{wk}]) (\Pi (A^M[\text{wk} \uparrow]) (B^M[\text{wk} \uparrow\uparrow, 2\$1])) \right) [\sigma^M \uparrow] \\
&\quad (\Pi[]) \\
&\equiv \left( \Pi (A[\text{Pr} \circ \text{wk}][\sigma^M \uparrow]) (\Pi (A^M[\text{wk} \uparrow][\sigma^M \uparrow\uparrow]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. (B^M[\text{wk} \uparrow\uparrow, 2\$1][\sigma^M \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow])) \right) \\
&\quad (\text{substitution calculus}) \\
&\equiv \left( \Pi (A[\text{Pr} \circ |\sigma^M|][\text{wk}]) (\Pi (A^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^2, 0]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. (B^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^3, 1, 0, 2\$1])) \right) \\
&\quad (\text{PrNat}) \\
&\equiv \left( \Pi (A[\sigma \circ \text{Pr}][\text{wk}]) (\Pi (A^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^2, 0]) \right. \\
&\quad \left. (B^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^3, 1, 0, 2\$1])) \right) \\
&\quad (\text{substitution calculus}) \\
&\equiv \Pi (A[\sigma][\text{Pr} \circ \text{wk}]) (\Pi (A^M[|\sigma^M| \uparrow][\text{wk} \uparrow]) \\
&\quad (B^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^3, 2, 1, 0][\text{wk} \uparrow\uparrow, 2\$1])) \\
&= \Pi^M (A^M[|\sigma^M| \uparrow]) (B^M[|\sigma^M| \circ \text{wk}^2, 1, 0] \uparrow) \\
&= \Pi^M (A^M[\sigma^M]^M) (B^M[\sigma^M \uparrow^M]^M)
\end{aligned}$$

Abstraction and application are quite simple and they follow the informal presentation closely. We just use the constructor twice as the lifted functions take two arguments.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{lam}^M t^M &:= \text{lam} (\text{lam } t^M) \\
\text{app}^M t^M &:= \text{app} (\text{app } t^M)
\end{aligned}$$

The  $\beta$  and  $\eta$  laws are just repeated applications of  $\beta$  and  $\eta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi\beta^M &: \text{app} \left( \text{app} (\text{lam} (\text{lam } t^M)) \right) \equiv t^M := \text{ap app } \Pi\beta \cdot \Pi\beta \\
\Pi\eta^M &: \text{lam} \left( \text{lam} (\text{app} (\text{app } t^M)) \right) \equiv t^M := \text{ap lam } \Pi\eta \cdot \Pi\eta
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have to verify the naturality law for abstraction which is again just the repeated usage of  $\text{lam}[]$ .

$$\text{lam}[]^M : (\text{lam}^M t^M)[\sigma^M]^M = \text{lam} (\text{lam } t^M)[\sigma^M] \equiv \text{lam} (\text{lam} (t^M[\sigma^M \uparrow])) = \text{lam}^M (t^M[\sigma^M \uparrow^M]^M)$$

## 8 Extensions

In this section we show how to extend the type theory given in section 3 with more type formers and a universe. We do this by defining records which depend on elements of the previously defined records of the syntax.

## 8.1 $\Sigma$ types

We extend our type theory given in section 3 with  $\Sigma$  types using the following definition. It depends obviously on the declaration of the theory and the core substitution calculus.

```

record Sigma (d : Decl)(c : Core d)
  open Decl d
  open Core c
   $\Sigma$  : (A : Ty  $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  Ty ( $\Gamma, A$ )  $\rightarrow$  Ty  $\Gamma$ 
   $\Sigma []$  : ( $\Sigma A B$ )[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv$   $\Sigma (A[\sigma]) (B[\sigma \uparrow A])$ 
   $- , -$  : ( $a : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma A$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (B[\langle a \rangle]) \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (\Sigma A B)$ 
   $\mathsf{proj}_1$  :  $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (\Sigma A B) \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma A$ 
   $\mathsf{proj}_2$  : ( $a : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (\Sigma A B)$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (B[\langle \mathsf{proj}_1 a \rangle])$ 
   $\Sigma \beta_1$  :  $\mathsf{proj}_1 (a, b) \equiv a$ 
   $\Sigma \beta_2$  :  $\mathsf{proj}_2 (a, b) \equiv^{\Sigma \beta_1} b$ 
   $\Sigma \eta$  : ( $\mathsf{proj}_1 w, \mathsf{proj}_2 w$ )  $\equiv w$ 
   $, []$  : ( $a, b$ )[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv^{\Sigma []} (a[\sigma], [] \cdot \mathsf{ap} (B[-]) \langle \rangle \circ \cdot []^{-1} \cdot b[\sigma])$ 

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In the last equation which gives the substitution law for pairing, we need to transport  $b[\sigma]$  on the right hand side: given  $a : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma A$  and  $\sigma : \mathsf{Tms} \Gamma \Theta$ , we have  $b[\sigma] : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (B[\langle a \rangle][\sigma])$ , but we need a term of type  $B[\sigma \uparrow A][\langle a[\sigma] \rangle]$ . The equality that we need is given by  $[] \cdot \mathsf{ap} (B[-]) \langle \rangle \circ \cdot []^{-1}$  where we use the following law which is easy to prove.

$$\langle \rangle \circ : \langle u \rangle \circ \sigma \equiv (\sigma \uparrow A) \circ \langle u[\sigma] \rangle$$

The definition of  $\Sigma$  types can be summarized as an isomorphism which is natural by  $, []$ .

$$\Sigma \beta_1, \Sigma \beta_2 \curvearrowright \quad -, - \downarrow \quad \frac{a : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma A \quad \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (B[\langle a \rangle])}{\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (\Sigma A B)} \quad \uparrow \mathsf{proj}_1, \mathsf{proj}_2 \quad \curvearrowright \Sigma \eta$$

## 8.2 Natural numbers

The syntax for natural numbers is given as follows.

```

record Nat (d : Decl)(c : Core d)
  open Decl d
  open Core c
   $\mathbb{N}$  : Ty  $\Gamma$ 
   $\mathbb{N} []$  :  $\mathbb{N}[\sigma] \equiv \mathbb{N}$ 
  zero :  $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma \mathbb{N}$ 
  suc :  $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma \mathbb{N}$ 
   $\mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}}$  : ( $P : \text{Ty} (\Gamma, \mathbb{N})$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (P[\langle \text{zero} \rangle]) \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} (\Gamma, \mathbb{N}, P) (P[\mathsf{wk}, \mathbb{N}[]^{-1} \cdot (\mathsf{suc} \mathbb{N}[] \cdot \mathsf{vz})][\mathsf{wk}])$ 
     $\rightarrow (n : \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} \Gamma (P[\langle n \rangle])$ 
   $\text{zero} []$  :  $\text{zero}[\sigma] \equiv^{\mathbb{N}[]} \text{zero}$ 
   $\text{suc} []$  :  $(\text{suc } n)[\sigma] \equiv^{\mathbb{N}[]} \text{suc } (\mathbb{N}[] \cdot n[\sigma])$ 
   $\mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} []$  :  $(\mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} P p_z p_s n)[\sigma] \equiv^{q_1} \mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} (\mathbb{N}[] \cdot P[\sigma \uparrow \mathbb{N}]) (q_2 \cdot p_z[\sigma]) (q_3 \cdot p_s[\sigma \uparrow \mathbb{N} \uparrow P]) (\mathbb{N}[] \cdot n[\sigma])$ 
   $\mathbb{N} \beta_{\text{zero}}$  :  $\mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} P p_z p_s \text{zero} \equiv p_z$ 
   $\mathbb{N} \beta_{\text{suc}}$  :  $\mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} P p_z p_s (\text{suc } n) \equiv^{q_4} p_s[\text{id}, \mathbb{N}[]^{-1} \cdot n, q_5 \cdot \mathsf{ind}_{\mathbb{N}} P p_z p_s n]$ 

```

Here  $q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4$  can be given easily.



### 8.3 Universe

We have already given the syntax for an empty universe (uninterpreted base type) in section 3.2. The following rules add the rules which say that this universe is closed under  $\Pi$ . In comparison to the rules given in section 3.3 we see that the difference is the decoration of everything with Els.

```

record FuncU (d : Decl)(c : Core d)(b : Base d c)
  open Decl d
  open Core c
  open Base b
   $\Pi$       : (A : Tm  $\Gamma$  U)  $\rightarrow$  Tm ( $\Gamma$ , El A) U  $\rightarrow$  Tm  $\Gamma$  U
   $\Pi[]$     : ( $\Pi$  A B)[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv^{U[]} \Pi$  (U[]*A[ $\sigma$ ]) (El[]*B[ $\sigma \uparrow$  A])
  lam     : Tm ( $\Gamma$ , El A) (El B)  $\rightarrow$  Tm  $\Gamma$  (El ( $\Pi$  A B))
  app     : Tm  $\Gamma$  (El ( $\Pi$  A B))  $\rightarrow$  Tm ( $\Gamma$ , El A) (El B)
   $\Pi\beta$     : app (lam t)  $\equiv$  t
   $\Pi\eta$     : lam (app t)  $\equiv$  t
  lam[]   : (lam t)[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv^{El[] \cdot \text{ap } El \Pi[]} \text{lam}$  (El[]*t[ $\sigma \uparrow$  A])

```

We can add other types into the universe analogously.

### 8.4 Identity type

The syntax for the identity type is given as follows.

```

record Iden (d : Decl)(c : Core d)
  open Decl d
  open Core c
  Id      : (A : Ty  $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  Tm  $\Gamma$  A  $\rightarrow$  Tm  $\Gamma$  A  $\rightarrow$  Ty  $\Gamma$ 
  Id[]    : (Id A a a')[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv$  Id A[ $\sigma$ ] a[ $\sigma$ ] a'[ $\sigma$ ]
  refl    : (a : Tm  $\Gamma$  A)  $\rightarrow$  Id A a a
  refl[]  : (refl a)[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv$  refl a[ $\sigma$ ]
  indId  :  $\left( P : \text{Ty } (\Gamma, A, A[\text{wk}], \text{Id } (A[\text{wk}][\text{wk}]) (\text{vs } \text{vz}) \text{vz})) \rightarrow (p : \text{Tm } (\Gamma, A) (P[\langle \text{vz} \rangle, q_1 * \text{refl } \text{vz}])) \right.$ 
            $\left. (a \ a' : \text{Tm } \Gamma \ A) (r : \text{Id } A \ a \ a') \rightarrow \text{Tm } \Gamma \ (P[\langle u \rangle, q_2 * v, q_3 * r]) \right)$ 
  indId[] : (indId P p a a' q)[ $\sigma$ ]  $\equiv^{q_4}$  indId (q5*P[ $\sigma \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ ]) (q6*p[ $\sigma \uparrow$ ]) (a[ $\sigma$ ]) (a'[ $\sigma$ ]) (Id[]*r[ $\sigma$ ])
  Id $\beta$     : indId P p a a (refl a)  $\equiv^{q_7}$  p[ $\langle a \rangle$ ]

```

We omit spelling out the  $q_1, \dots, q_7$  proofs.

## 9 Conclusions

We have for the first time presented a workable internal syntax of dependent type theory which only features typed objects. We have shown that the definition is feasible by constructing not only the standard model but also the logical predicate interpretation. Further interpretations are in preparation, e.g. the setoid interpretation and the presheaf interpretation. The setoid interpretation is essential for a formal justification of QITs and the presheaf interpretation is an essential ingredient to extend normalisation by evaluation [4] to dependent types. These constructions for dependent types require an attention to detail which can only convincingly demonstrated by a formal development. At the same time this approach would give us a certified implementation of key algorithms such as normalisation.

We would like to reflect our very general syntax for inductive-inductive types and QITs but this is a more serious challenge.

Having an internal syntax of type theory opens up the exciting possibility of developing *template type theory*. We may define an interpretation of type theory by defining an algebra for the syntax and the interpretation of new constants in this algebra. We can then interpret code using these new principles by

interpreting it in the given algebra. The new code can use all the conveniences of the host system such as implicit arguments and definable syntactic extensions. There are a number of exciting applications of this approach: the use of presheaf models to justify guarded type theory has already been mentioned [27]. Another example is to model the local state monad (Haskell’s STM monad) in another presheaf category to be able to program with and reason about local state and other resources. In the extreme such a template type theory may allow us to start with a fairly small core because everything else can be programmed as templates. This may include the computational explanation of Homotopy Type Theory by the cubical model — we may not have to build in univalence into our type theory.

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