

# Cubical Type Theory Inside a Presheaf Topos

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## What we will do

- It is well known that presheaves category have an internal type theory.
- We will try to understand what is needed from such a presheaves category to be a model of Cubical Type Theory.
- For that, we will use topos theory.

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$t, u, A, B$	$::=$	$x \mid \lambda x : A. t \mid t \ u \mid (x : A) \rightarrow B$	$\Pi$ -types
		$\mid (t, u) \mid t.1 \mid t.2 \mid (x : A) \times B$	$\Sigma$ -types
		$\mid \text{Path } A \ t \ u \mid \langle i \rangle \ t \mid t \ r$	Path types

# Interval

## Insight on $\mathbb{I}$

1.  $\mathbb{I}$  is a synthetic equivalent for  $[0, 1]$ .
2.  $\vee$  represents max
3.  $\wedge$  represents min
4.  $\neg$  represents  $1 - \cdot$ .
5. We write  $(i0)$  and  $(i1)$  for  $(i/0)$  and  $(i/1)$ .

## Jugdmental equality for $\mathbb{I}$

$\neg 0 = 1$	$\neg 1 = 0$	$\neg(r \vee s) = \neg r \wedge \neg s$	$\neg(r \wedge s) = \neg r \vee \neg s$
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## Consequences

1. Reflexivity: For  $a : A$ ,  $1_a = \langle i \rangle \ a : \text{Path } A \ a \ a$
2. Function extensionality, from  $\Gamma \vdash p : (x : A) \rightarrow \text{Path } B \ (f \ x) \ (g \ x)$  we have

$$\Gamma \vdash \langle i \rangle \ \lambda x : A. p \ x \ i : \text{Path } ((x : A) \rightarrow B) \ f \ g$$

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## In dimension two

$$i : \mathbb{I}, j : \mathbb{I} \vdash A$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A(i0)(j1) & \xrightarrow{A(j1)} & A(i1)(j1) \\
 \uparrow A(i0) & & \uparrow A(i1) \\
 A(i0)(j0) & \xrightarrow{A(j0)} & A(i1)(j0)
 \end{array}$$

# Face lattice

## Definition (Face lattice)

We define  $\mathbb{F}$  to be the distributive lattice generated by the symbols  $(i = 0)$  and  $(i = 1)$  (for all dimension name  $i$ ) with relation  $(i = 0) \wedge (i = 1) = 0_{\mathbb{F}}$ . The grammar is

$$\varphi, \psi ::= 0_{\mathbb{F}} \mid 1_{\mathbb{F}} \mid (i = 0) \mid (i = 1) \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi$$

We have the rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma, \psi \vdash}$$

## Contexts and congruence

For context  $\Gamma$ , we define recursively a congruence  $=_{\Gamma}$  on  $\mathbb{F}$ .

# Systems

## Definition (System)

A system is a compatible union of sub-polyhedra. The grammar is:

$$t, u, A, B ::= \dots \mid [\varphi_1 a_1 \dots \varphi_n a_n]$$

## Rules for systems

If  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 \vee \dots \vee \varphi_n =_{\Gamma} 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}$ , then

$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi_1 \vdash a_1 : A \quad \dots \quad \Gamma, \varphi_n \vdash a_n : A \quad \Gamma, \varphi_i \wedge \varphi_j \vdash a_i = a_j : A \ (i \leq i, j \leq n)}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 a_1 \dots \varphi_n a_n] : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi_1 \vdash J \quad \dots \quad \Gamma, \varphi_n \vdash J}{\Gamma \vdash J} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 a_1, \dots, \varphi_n a_n] : A \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : F}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 a_1, \dots, \varphi_n a_n] = a_i : A}$$

# Composition

## Notation

We write  $\Gamma \vdash a : A[\varphi \mapsto u]$  for  $\Gamma \vdash a : A$  and  $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash a = u : A$

## Definition (Composition)

Composition is a way to transport an element along a variable of dimension. The grammar is:

$$t, u, A, B ::= \dots \mid \text{comp}^i A [\varphi \mapsto u] a_0$$

with  $u$  a system. The rule is:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash A \quad \Gamma, \varphi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash u : A \quad \Gamma \vdash a_0 : A(i0)[\varphi \mapsto u(i0)]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i A [\varphi \mapsto u] a_0 : A(i1)[\varphi \mapsto u(i1)]}$$

# Transitivity

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Composition allows us to prove transitivity of paths. If  $\Gamma \vdash A$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash a, b, c : A$ , then

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p : \text{Path } A \ a \ b \quad \Gamma \vdash q : \text{Path } A \ b \ c}{\Gamma \vdash \langle i \rangle \text{ comp}^j A [(i = 0) \vee (i = 1) \mapsto [(i = 0) a, (i = 1) (q \ j)]] (p \ i) : \text{Path } A \ a \ c}$$



# Contractible types and equivalences

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## Definition (Equivalence)

Given two types  $T, A$  and  $f : T \rightarrow A$ , we define

$$\text{isEquiv } T \ A \ f \triangleq (y : A) \rightarrow \text{isContr } ((x : T) \times \text{Path } A \ y \ (f \ x))$$

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## Intuition for glueing

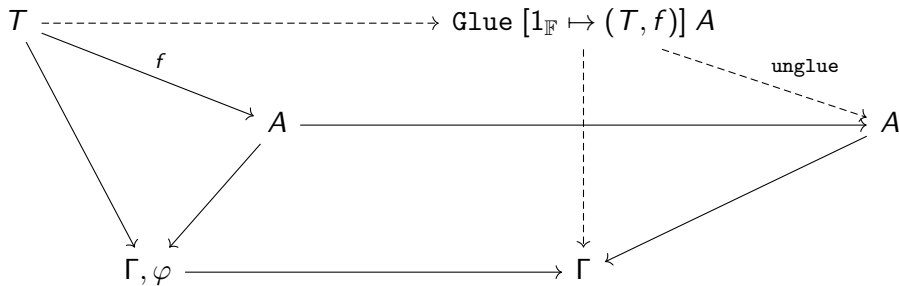
If

1.  $\Gamma \vdash A$
2.  $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash T$
3.  $A$  and  $T$  are equivalent on the region  $\varphi$

then we have the equality  $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] \ A = T$ .

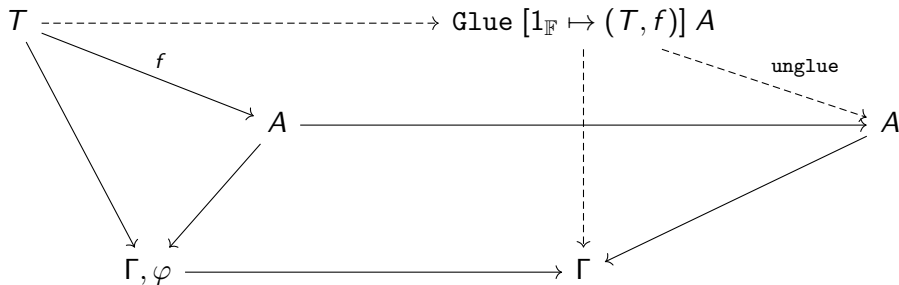
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## Theorem (Univalence in Cubical Type Theory)

For any term

$$t : (A B : U) \rightarrow \text{Path } U A B \rightarrow \text{Equiv } A B$$

the map  $t A B : \text{Path } U A B \rightarrow \text{Equiv } A B$  is an equivalence.

# Logic inside a presheaf topos

# Topos

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## Definition (Subobject classifier)

For any mono  $s : S \rightarrow X$ , there exists a unique  $\chi_s : X \rightarrow \Omega$  such that the following is a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{1} \\
 s \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{true} \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\chi_s} & \Omega
 \end{array}$$

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Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a locally small category, then  $\mathcal{E} = [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Sets}]$  is a topos. The subobject classifier  $\Omega \in \mathcal{E}$  maps each  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  to the set of sieves on  $c$ . We define  $\text{true} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \Omega$  by picking the maximal sieve.

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- Then, we use the notion of Kripke-Joyal forcing to recursively unwind formulas,
- Thus transforming a formula into a concrete object of the topos.

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For any  $X \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $\text{Sub}(X)$  is a Heyting algebra.

# Top and Bot

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# And

 $\wedge$ 

We have  $\wedge : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  with the following pullback.

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# Image

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A mono  $m$  is the image of an arrow  $f$ , if  $f = m \circ e$  for some epi  $e$  and if whenever  $f$  factors through a mono  $m'$  then  $m$  factor through  $m'$ . We write  $m = \text{im}(f)$ .

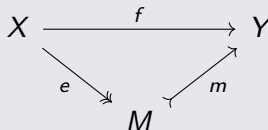
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## Theorem (Image in a topos)

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  has an image  $m : M \rightarrow Y$  and factors as in



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Or

Setup for the  $\vee$ 

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Omega & \xrightarrow{\iota_1} & \Omega + \Omega & \xleftarrow{\iota_2} & \Omega \\
 & \searrow \langle \text{id}, \text{true} \rangle & \downarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \approx \\ U \\ \text{---} \\ u \end{array} & \swarrow \langle \text{true}, \text{id} \rangle & \\
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We take  $\vee : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  to be the classifying arrow of  $u : U \rightarrow \Omega \times \Omega$  above.

# Quantifiers as pullbacks

## Adjonction to the pullback functor

We define

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{E}(Y \times X, \Omega) \simeq \text{Sub}(Y \times X) & & \\
 \downarrow \exists_Y & \uparrow \pi^* & \downarrow \forall_Y \\
 \mathcal{E}(X, \Omega) \simeq \text{Sub}(X) & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $\pi^*$  is the pullback functor along the second projection  $\pi : Y \times X \rightarrow X$  and

$$\exists_Y \dashv \pi^* \dashv \forall_Y$$

# Interpretation of formulas

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Suppose we have  $\sigma, \tau : X \rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $\theta : Y \times X \rightarrow \Omega$ , then we interpret

- $\sigma \wedge \tau$  by  $\wedge \circ \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle : X \rightarrow \Omega$
- $\sigma \vee \tau$  by  $\vee \circ \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle : X \rightarrow \Omega$
- $\sigma \Rightarrow \tau$  by  $\Rightarrow \circ \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle : X \rightarrow \Omega$
- $\neg \sigma$  by  $\Rightarrow \circ \langle \sigma, \perp \circ ! \rangle = \neg \circ \sigma : X \rightarrow \Omega$
- $\forall y : Y, \theta(y)$  by  $\forall_Y \theta : X \rightarrow \Omega$
- $\exists y : Y, \theta(y)$  by  $\exists_Y \theta : X \rightarrow \Omega$



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For all  $Y \in \mathcal{E}$ , let  $\Delta_Y : Y \rightarrow Y \times Y$  be the diagonal map and let  $\delta_Y$  be its classifying arrow. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ . We interpret  $f = g$  by  $\delta_Y \circ \langle f, g \rangle$ . Thus we have the following pullback.

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## Theorem

*The following diagram is an equalizer.*

$$\{x : X \mid f(x) = g(x)\} \rightharpoonrightarrow X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} Y$$

# Validity of a formula

## Definition (Validity)

Let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow \Omega$ . We say that  $\sigma$  is *valid* whenever  $\sigma$  factors through  $\text{true} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \Omega$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbf{1} & \\
 \uparrow \scriptstyle ! & \searrow \scriptstyle \text{true} & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \Omega
 \end{array}$$

In that case, we write  $X \vdash \sigma$ . If  $\sigma$  is a closed formula, then we write  $\vdash \sigma$  and this amounts to say that  $\sigma = \text{true}$ .

# Characterization of validity

Let  $X$  be a type and  $\sigma : X \rightarrow \Omega$ . The following are equivalent.

1.  $X \vdash \sigma$
2. The subobject  $\{x : X \mid \sigma(x)\} \rightharpoonup X$  admits a section
3.  $\{x : X \mid \sigma(x)\} \simeq X$

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## Theorem

Let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow \Omega$ .  $X \vdash \sigma$  if and only if  $c \Vdash \sigma(x)$  for all  $x : \mathbf{y}c \rightarrow X$ .



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## Theorem (Forcing with a terminal object)

*If  $\mathcal{C}$  has a terminal object  $t \in \mathcal{C}$ , then a closed formula  $\sigma : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \Omega$  is valid if and only if  $t \Vdash \sigma$ .*

# The main theorem

## Theorem (Conditions for forcing)

Let  $\sigma, \tau : X \rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $\theta : Y \times X \rightarrow \Omega$  and  $x : \mathbf{y}c \rightarrow X$ , then

- $c \Vdash \perp$  *never*
- $c \Vdash \top$  *always*
- $c \Vdash \sigma(x) \wedge \tau(x)$  *if and only if*  $c \Vdash \sigma(x)$  *and*  $c \Vdash \tau(x)$
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The proof uses the equalizer characterization of equality:

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 & & \uparrow x & & \\
 & & \mathbf{y}c & & 
 \end{array}$$

(A dotted arrow points from  $\{x : X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$  to  $\mathbf{y}c$ )

# Martin-Löf Type Theory inside a presheaf category

# Overview

We will follow [AGH21] to define small maps, and the small map classifier  $\pi$  given by a Hofmann-Streicher lifting of a Grothendieck universe.

- We fix  $\kappa$  a (strongly) inaccessible cardinal.
- A set *small* if it has cardinality less than  $\kappa$ .
- We write  $\mathbf{Sets}_\kappa$  for the full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Sets}$  consisting of small sets (which is a Grothendieck universe).
- We fix a small (in the above sense) category  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- We call  $\mathcal{E}$  the associated presheaf topos.

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## Class of small maps

We call  $\mathcal{S}$  the class of small maps in  $\mathcal{E}$ . In the same way that we can classify the monos  $S \rightarrowtail X$  with the map  $\text{true} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \Omega$ , we define  $\pi : E \rightarrow U$  that classifies the maps of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

# Classification

Given a small map  $p : A \rightarrow X$ , there exists a pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & E \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{c_p} & U \end{array}$$

We say that  $p$  is *classified* by  $c_p$ . Conversely, we introduce a canonical pullback  $p_A$  for each  $A : X \rightarrow U$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X.A & \longrightarrow & E \\ p_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{A} & U \end{array}$$

The map  $p_A$  is called the *display map* of  $A$ .

# Small maps and subobject classifier

## Theorem

*For all  $X \in \mathcal{E}$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{E}(X, U) \simeq \{u : (\int X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\}$$

## Similarity with $\Omega$

We call  $\text{sf}(X) = \{u : (\int X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\}$  the small families over  $X$ , then we have

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and with the subobject classifier, we have

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# Category with families

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The *category with families* associated to any presheaf topos  $\mathcal{E}$ , is defined as follows:

- The contexts are the objects  $X \in \mathcal{E}$
- A type  $A$  in context  $X$  is a map  $A : X \rightarrow U$
- A term  $a : A$  in context  $X$  is a map  $a : X \rightarrow E$  such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{a} & E \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{A} & U \end{array}$$

- Definitional equality on terms or type is defined via equality of maps in the topos. For instance, we have  $X \vdash A = B$  if and only if  $A : X \rightarrow U$  and  $B : X \rightarrow U$  are the same maps in  $\mathcal{E}$ . For terms, we write  $X \vdash a = b : A$ .

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## Internal type theory

It is possible to internalize every basic construction of dependent type theory, and their formation, introduction, elimination, computation, and expansion rules [Awo18].

# Extending the forcing

## Definition

Let  $A : X \rightarrow U$  be a type in context  $X$ , and  $x : \mathbf{y}c \rightarrow X$ . For  $a : \mathbf{y}c \rightarrow E$ , We say  $c$  *forces*  $a : A(x)$  written  $c \Vdash a : A(x)$  if the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{y}c & \xrightarrow{a} & E \\ x \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{A} & U \end{array}$$

Like in the standard forcing,  $c \Vdash a : A(x)$  is to say  $\mathbf{y}c \vdash a : A(x)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{y}c & \xrightarrow{a} & & E & \\ \parallel & & & \downarrow \pi & \\ \mathbf{y}c & \xrightarrow{x} & X & \xrightarrow{A} & U \end{array}$$

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- (ii)  $c \Vdash s : \sigma(x)$  *for a (necessarily unique)  $s : \mathbf{y}c \rightarrow E$*

# A model of cubical type theory



# Cubical presheaves

- We introduce the category  $\square$ . It will be the base category of a presheaf topos whose internal type theory will model cubical type theory.
- The category  $\square$  is the one from [CCHM15].
- Its objects are free de Morgan algebras, whose structure will be helpful to obtain an object  $\mathbb{I}$ .
- Then, we introduce the notion of cofibration, whose behavior is important to internalize Kan filling and glueing [OP16].

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2.  $X_n \triangleq X([n])$ .
3.  $\mathbb{I} \triangleq \mathbf{y}[1]$ .
4.  $\mathbb{I}_n \triangleq \square([n], [1])$  has a de Morgan structure defined pointwise.
5. We call  $\sqcap_n, \sqcup_n, 0_n, 1_n$  the product, sum, zero, and one of this de Morgan algebra (that we can collect into natural transformations)

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Consider the following nine axioms:

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# Kripke-Joyal forcing to prove the axioms

1. To prove each of these axioms, we can use Kripke-Joyal forcing and unravel each formula.
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$$\vdash \mathbf{ax}_{\mathbf{k}} \iff [0] \Vdash \mathbf{ax}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

# Axioms for the interval

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Call  $\sigma(i) = 0 \sqcap i = 0 = i \sqcap 0 \wedge 1 \sqcap i = i = i \sqcap 1$ . We want to show that  $[n] \Vdash \sigma(i)$  for all  $f : [n] \rightarrow [0]$  and  $i : \mathbf{y}[n] \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ . Such a map  $f$  is unique, thus we need to show that  $[n] \Vdash \sigma(i)$ , for all  $i : \mathbf{y}[n] \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ . Unwinding of the  $\wedge$  connective, it suffices to prove each equality independently. For instance with  $[n] \Vdash 0 \sqcap i = 0$ , let  $i : \mathbf{y}[n] \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$  be a generalized element. It suffices to show that  $0 \sqcap i = 0$  as maps of  $\mathcal{E}$ , and this is true.

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# Axioms for cofibrations

For the cofibration, we prove alternative characterization of the axioms.

## Theorem (Characterization for cofibrations)

*If the class  $\mathsf{Cof} \in \mathcal{E}$  of cofibrant propositions is such that*

- *$\{i : \mathbb{I} \mid i = 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$  is a cofibration*
- *$\{i : \mathbb{I} \mid i = 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$  is a cofibration*
- *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are cofibrations, then  $g \circ f$  is a cofibration*
- *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a cofibration, then  $f^{\mathbb{I}} : X^{\mathbb{I}} \rightarrow Y^{\mathbb{I}}$  is a cofibration*

*then  $\vdash \mathbf{ax}_k$ , for  $k = 5, 7, 8$*

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**ax<sub>9</sub>** *is satisfied in  $\mathcal{E}$  if  $\text{Cof} \multimap \Omega$  is contained in  $\Omega_{\text{dec}} \multimap \Omega$ .*

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We did not use the same cofibrations as in [CCHM15]. They use the face lattice  $\mathbb{F}$ , seen as an object of  $\mathcal{E}$ , and define the mono  $m : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \Omega$  by sending  $x \in \mathbb{F}([n])$  to the sieve

$$m_{[n]}(x) = \{\cdot \xrightarrow{f} [n] \mid \mathbb{F}(f)(x) = 1\}$$

and they take  $\text{Cof} \rightarrow \Omega$  to be the subobject given by this monomorphism  $m$ .



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- We focused on the cubes of [CCHM15] and proved that it is indeed a model of this specific cubical type theory.
- We did that thanks to [OP16], with the nine axioms.
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- This provides a more systematic approach that could be generalized to various presheaf toposes.

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