

On Computational Higher-Dimensional Type Theory

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'Portrait of Lotte' by Frans Hofmeester

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Judgements

- ϕ is a proposition.
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Meaning of hypothetical judgements


$$\frac{}{\phi_1 \text{ is true}, \phi_2 \text{ is true}, \dots, \phi_i \text{ is true}, \dots, \phi_n \text{ is true} \vdash \phi_i \text{ is true}}$$

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Building complex propositions - True

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- $\Gamma \vdash \top$ is true

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Building complex propositions - Implication



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Building complex propositions - False

- \perp is prop.



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$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash A, B : U \\ \Gamma \vdash f : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash g : B \rightarrow A \\ \Gamma, x : A \vdash p_1 : g(f(x)) =_A x \\ \Gamma, y : B \vdash p_2 : f(g(y)) =_B y \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash (f, g, (\lambda(x : A).p_1, \lambda(y : B).p_2)) : A =_U B \end{array}$$

$$(A = B) \triangleq \Sigma_f \Sigma_g ((\Pi_x (g(fx) = x)) \times (\Pi_y (f(gy) = y)))$$

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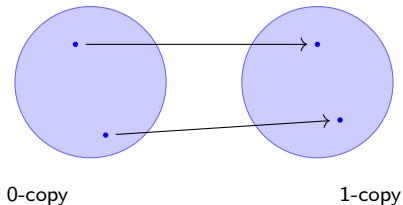
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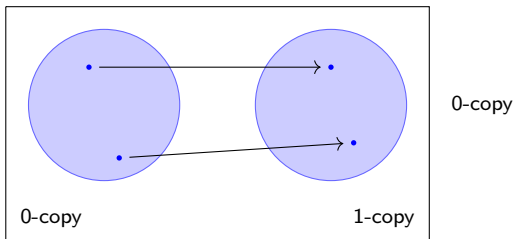
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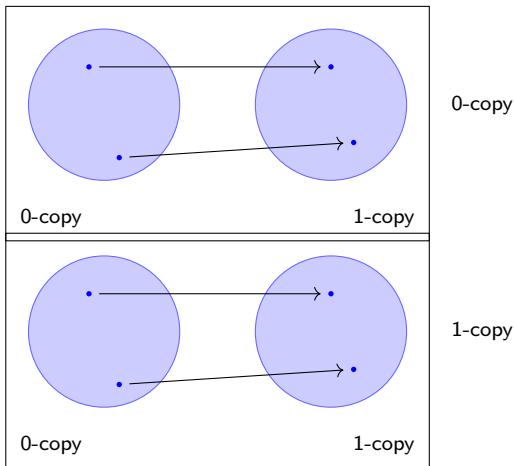
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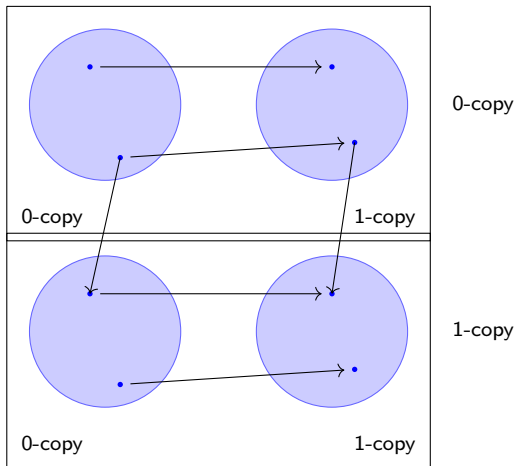
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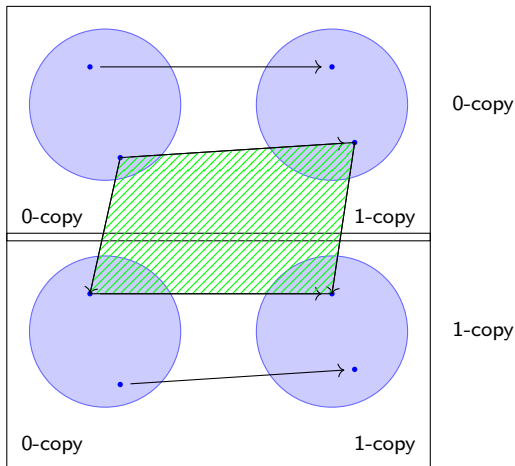
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Syntax

$$\begin{aligned}
 M := & (a:A) \rightarrow B \mid (a:A) \times B \mid \text{Id}_{x.A}(M, N) \mid \text{bool} \mid \text{not}_r \mid \mathbb{S}^1 \\
 & \mid \lambda a.M \mid \text{app}(M, N) \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid \text{fst}(M) \mid \text{snd}(M) \mid \langle x \rangle M \mid M @ r \\
 & \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \text{if}_{a.A}(M; N_1, N_2) \mid \text{notel}_r(M) \\
 & \mid \text{base} \mid \text{loop}_r \mid \mathbb{S}^1\text{-elim}_{a.A}(M; N_1, x.N_2) \\
 & \mid \text{coe}_{x.A}^{r \rightsquigarrow r'}(M) \mid \text{hcom}_A^{\vec{r}_i}(r \rightsquigarrow r', M; \overrightarrow{y.N_i^\varepsilon})
 \end{aligned}$$

Notations:

a	Term variable
x	Dim. variable
r	Dim. term (0, 1, x)

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- Are your ready for *hcom*?

Language: reduction on the loose

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