



Worksheet 7

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1 (★)

Consider two embeddings $f : A \hookrightarrow B$ and $g : B \hookrightarrow C$. Construct a function

$$\text{is-equiv}(g \circ f) \rightarrow (\text{is-equiv}(f) \times \text{is-equiv}(g)).$$

2 (★★)

1. Let A be a type. Prove that the canonical map $\emptyset \xrightarrow{!_A} A$ is an embedding.
2. Let A and B be types. Prove that the inclusions $\text{inl} : A \rightarrow A + B$ and $\text{inr} : B \rightarrow A + B$ are embeddings.
3. Let A and B be types. Prove that $\text{inl} : A \rightarrow A + B$ is an equivalence if and only if $B \simeq \emptyset$.

Conclude that if both A and B are contractible, then $A + B$ is *not* contractible.

3 (★★)

Consider a commuting triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow g \\ & X & \end{array} .$$

1. Suppose that g is an embedding. Prove that f is an embedding if and only if h is one.
2. Suppose that h is an equivalence. Prove that f is an embedding if and only if g is one.

4 (★★)

Let A , B , and C be types and let $f : A \rightarrow C$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be maps. Prove that the following are logically equivalent.

1. The map $[f, g] : A + B \rightarrow C$ is an embedding.
2. Both f and g are embeddings, and $f(a) \neq g(b)$ for all $a : A$ and $b : B$.

5 **(★★)**

1. Let $f, g : \prod_{x:A} B(x) \rightarrow C(x)$. Construct a function

$$\left(\prod_{x:A} f(x) \sim g(x) \right) \rightarrow (\text{tot}(f) \sim \text{tot}(g)).$$

2. Let $f : \prod_{x:A} B(x) \rightarrow C(x)$ and $g : \prod_{x:A} C(x) \rightarrow D(x)$. Construct a homotopy

$$\text{tot}(\lambda x. g(x) \circ f(x)) \sim \text{tot}(g) \circ \text{tot}(f).$$

3. For any type family B over A , construct a homotopy

$$\text{tot}(\lambda x. \text{id}_{B(x)}) \sim \text{id}_{\sum_{x:A} B(x)}.$$

4. Let $a : A$ and let B be a type family over A . Prove that if $B(x)$ is a retract of $a = x$ for each $x : A$, then $(a = x) \simeq B(x)$ for each $x : A$.
5. Let $f : \prod_{x:A} (a = x) \rightarrow B(x)$. Prove that if each $f(x)$ has a section, then f is a family of equivalences.

As a consequence, for any function $k : X \rightarrow Y$, if

$$\text{ap}_k(x, y) : (x = y) \rightarrow (k(x) = k(y))$$

has a section for each $x, y : X$, then k is an embedding.

6 (★ ★ ★)

We say that a map $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *path-split* if

1. f has a section and
2. the map $\mathbf{ap}_f(x, y) : (x = y) \rightarrow (f(x) = f(y))$ has a section for each $x, y : A$.

Prove that a map $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an equivalence if and only if it is path-split.