



Worksheet 3

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1 (★)

Let A be a type, and $x, y, z : A$. Show that path inversion distributes over concatenation, i.e., construct a term of the following type:

$$\prod_{p:x=y} \prod_{q:y=z} (p \cdot q)^{-1} = q^{-1} \cdot p^{-1}$$

2 (★★)

Let A and B be types. We can define the product type as $A \times B := \Sigma_A B$, where B is considered a constant type family over A . The resulting elimination principle is:

$$\frac{\Gamma, z : A \times B \vdash D(z) \text{ type} \quad \Gamma, a : A, b : B \vdash d : D(a, b)}{\Gamma, z : A \times B \vdash \text{ind}_\times(d, z) : D(z)} \times\text{-Elim}$$

Define the two projections $\text{pr}_1 : A \times B \rightarrow A$ and $\text{pr}_2 : A \times B \rightarrow B$ using the elimination principle.

Now use the elimination principle to give a term of the following type:

$$\prod_{z:A \times B} z = (\text{pr}_1 z, \text{pr}_2 z)$$

3 (★)

Let A and B be types. Give an informal construction of a term of the following type:

$$\prod_{a,a':A} \prod_{b,b':B} (a =_A a') \times (b =_B b') \rightarrow ((a, b) =_{A \times B} (a', b'))$$

(We will later see that this map is an *equivalence*, and this map *characterises* paths in product types as pairs of paths between the components.)

4 (★★)

Let A be a type and $a : A$. Show that refl_a is unique among paths starting at a but with the other endpoint free. That is, for any $z : \sum_{x:A} (a = x)$ construct a term

$$(a, \text{refl}_a) =_{\sum_{x:A} (a=x)} z$$

(We emphasize that this does not mean that refl_a is unique as a loop at a !)

(This is Prop. 5.5.1 in Egbert's book.)

5 (★★★)

Let A be a type. In the third lecture, a function `concat` of the following type was constructed:

$$\text{concat} : \prod_{x,y,z:A} (x = y) \rightarrow ((y = z) \rightarrow (x = z))$$

Call the above for `concat1`. Define two different terms `concat2` and `concat3` of the same type.

Choose your favorite numbers $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ($i \neq j$). Give a term of the following type:

$$\prod_{x,y,z:A} \prod_{p:x=y} \prod_{q:y=z} \text{concat}_i(p, q) = \text{concat}_j(p, q)$$

6 $(\star \star \star)$

Let A be a type with an element $a : A$. Can you construct a term of the following type? If not, what goes wrong?

$$\Pi_{p:(a=Aa)} p =_{(a=Aa)} \text{refl}_a$$