

Homotopy Type Theory

Basics

2.1 Types are higher groupoids

Lemma 2.1.1. For every type A and every $x, y : A$ there is a function

$$(x = y) \rightarrow (y = x)$$

denoted $p \mapsto p^{-1}$, such that $\text{refl}_x^{-1} \equiv \text{refl}_x$ for each $x : A$. We call p^{-1} the *inverse* of p .

Lemma 2.1.2. For every type A and every $x, y, z : A$ there is a function

$$(x = y) \rightarrow (y = z) \rightarrow (x = z)$$

written $p \mapsto q \mapsto p \cdot q$, such that $\text{refl}_x \cdot \text{refl}_x \equiv \text{refl}_x$ for any $x : A$. We call $p \cdot q$ the *concatenation* or *composite* of p and q .

Equality	Homotopy	∞ -Groupoid
reflexivity	constant path	identity morphism
symmetry	inversion of paths	inverse morphism
transitivity	concatenation of paths	composition of morphisms

Lemma 2.1.3. Suppose $A : \mathcal{U}$, that $x, y, z, w : A$ and that $p : x = y$ and $q : y = z$ and $r : z = w$. We have the following:

- (i). $p = p \cdot \text{refl}_y$ and $p = \text{refl}_x \cdot p$.
- (ii). $p^{-1} \cdot p = \text{refl}_y$ and $p \cdot p^{-1} = \text{refl}_x$.
- (iii). $(p^{-1})^{-1} = p$.
- (iv). $p \cdot (q \cdot r) = (p \cdot q) \cdot r$.

Theorem 2.1.4 (Eckmann–Hilton). The composition operation on the second loop space

$$\Omega^2(A) \times \Omega^2(A) \rightarrow \Omega^2(A)$$

is commutative: $\alpha \cdot \beta = \beta \cdot \alpha$, for any $\alpha, \beta : \Omega^2(A)$.

Definition 2.1.5. A **pointed type** (A, a) is a type $A : \mathcal{U}$ together with a point $a : A$, called its **basepoint**. We write $\mathcal{U}_\bullet \equiv \sum_{(A, a)} A$ for the type of pointed types in the universe \mathcal{U} .

Definition 2.1.6. Given a pointed type (A, a) , we define the **loop space** of (A, a) to be the following pointed type:

$$\Omega(A, a) \equiv ((a =_A a), \text{refl}_a).$$

An element of it will be called a **loop** at a . For $n : \mathbb{N}$, the **n -fold iterated loop space** $\Omega^n(A, a)$ of a pointed type (A, a) is defined recursively by:

$$\Omega^0(A, a) \equiv (A, a)$$

$$\Omega^{n+1}(A, a) \equiv \Omega^n(\Omega(A, a)).$$

An element of it will be called an **n -loop** or an **n -dimensional loop** at a .

2.2 Functions are functors

Lemma 2.2.1. Suppose that $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function. Then for any $x, y : A$ there is an operation

$$\text{ap}_f : (x =_A y) \rightarrow (f(x) =_B f(y)).$$

Moreover, for each $x : A$ we have $\text{ap}_f(\text{refl}_x) \equiv \text{refl}_{f(x)}$.

The notation ap_f can be read either as the **application** of f to a path, or as the **action** on **paths** of f .

We note that ap behaves functorially, in all the ways that one might expect.

Lemma 2.2.2. For functions $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ and paths $p : x =_A y$ and $q : y =_B z$, we have:

- (i). $\text{ap}_f(p \cdot q) = \text{ap}_f(p) \cdot \text{ap}_f(q)$.
- (ii). $\text{ap}_f(p^{-1}) = \text{ap}_f(p)^{-1}$.
- (iii). $\text{ap}_g(\text{ap}_f(p)) = \text{ap}_{g \circ f}(p)$.
- (iv). $\text{ap}_{\text{id}_A}(p) = p$.

2.3 Type families are fibrations

Lemma 2.3.1 (Transport). Suppose that P is a type family over A and that $p : x =_A y$. Then there is a function $p_* : P(x) \rightarrow P(y)$.

Sometimes, it is necessary to notate the type family P in which the transport operation happens.

$$\text{transport}^P(p, -) : P(x) \rightarrow P(y).$$

Lemma 2.3.2 (Path lifting property). Let $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be a type family over A and assume we have $u : P(x)$ for some $x : A$. Then for any $p : x =_A y$, we have

$$\text{lift}(u, p) : (x, u) = (y, p_*(u))$$

in $\sum_{(x:A)} P(x)$, such that $\text{pr}_1(\text{lift}(u, p)) = p$.

Remark 2.3.3. Although we may think of a type family $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ as like a fibration, it is generally not a good idea to say things like “the fibration $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ ”, since this sounds like we are talking about a fibration with base \mathcal{U} and total space A . To repeat, when a type family $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is regarded as a fibration, the base is A and the total space is $\sum_{(x:A)} P(x)$. We may also occasionally use other topological terminology when speaking about type families. For instance, we may refer to a dependent function $f : \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)$ as a **section** of the fibration P , and we may say that something happens **fiberwise** if it happens for each $P(x)$. For instance, a section $f : \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)$ shows that P is “fiberwise inhabited”.

Lemma 2.3.4 (Dependent map). Suppose $f : \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)$; then we have a map

$$\text{apd}_f : \prod_{p:x=y} (p_*(f(x)) =_{P(y)} f(y)).$$

Lemma 2.3.5. If $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is defined by $P(x) \equiv B$ for a fixed $B : \mathcal{U}$, then for any $x, y : A$ and $p : x =_A y$ and $b : B$ we have a path

$$\text{transportconst}_p^B(b) : \text{transport}^P(p, b) = b.$$

Lemma 2.3.8. For $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $p : x =_A y$, we have

$$\text{apd}_f(p) = \text{transportconst}_p^B(f(x)) \cdot \text{ap}_f(p).$$

Lemma 2.3.9. Given $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ with $p : x =_A y$ and $q : y =_A z$ while $u : P(x)$, we have

$$q_*(p_*(u)) = (p \cdot q)_*(u).$$

Lemma 2.3.10. For a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ and a type family $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, and any $p : x =_A y$ and $u : P(f(x))$, we have

$$\text{transport}^{P \circ f}(p, u) = \text{transport}^P(\text{ap}_f(p), u).$$

Lemma 2.3.11. For $P, Q : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and a family of functions $f : \prod_{(x:A)} P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$, and any $p : x =_A y$ and $u : P(x)$, we have

$$\text{transport}^Q(p, f_*(u)) = f_y(\text{transport}^P(p, u)).$$

2.4 Homotopies and equivalences

Definition 2.4.1. Let $f, g : \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)$ be two sections of a type family $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$. A **homotopy** from f to g is a dependent function of type

$$(f \sim g) \equiv \prod_{x:A} (f(x) = g(x)).$$

Note that a homotopy is not the same as an identification ($f = g$). However, in ?? we will introduce an axiom making homotopies and identifications “equivalent”. The following proofs are left to the reader.

Lemma 2.4.2. Homotopy is an equivalence relation on each dependent function type $\prod_{(x:A)} P(x)$. That is, we have elements of the types

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{f: \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)} (f \sim f) \\ & \prod_{f, g: \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)} (f \sim g) \rightarrow (g \sim f) \\ & \prod_{f, g, h: \prod_{(x:A)} P(x)} (f \sim g) \rightarrow (g \sim h) \rightarrow (f \sim h). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4.4. Suppose $H : f \sim g$ is a homotopy between functions $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ and let $p : x =_A y$. Then we have

$$H(x) \cdot g(p) = f(p) \cdot H(y).$$

We may also draw this as a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f(x) & \xrightarrow{f(p)} & f(y) \\ H(x) \parallel & & \parallel H(y) \\ g(x) & \xrightarrow{g(p)} & g(y) \end{array}$$

Corollary 2.4.5. Let $H : f \sim \text{id}_A$ be a homotopy, with $f : A \rightarrow A$. Then for any $x : A$ we have

$$H(f(x)) = f(H(x)).$$

$$\sum_{g:B \rightarrow A} ((f \circ g \sim \text{id}_B) \times (g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A)) \quad (2.4.6)$$

Definition 2.4.7. For a function $f : A \rightarrow B$, a **quasi-inverse** of f is a triple (g, α, β) consisting of a function $g : B \rightarrow A$ and homotopies $\alpha : f \circ g \sim \text{id}_B$ and $\beta : g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$.

Thus, (2) is the type of quasi-inverses of f ; we may denote it by $\text{qinv}(f)$.

Example 2.4.8. For any $p : x =_A y$ and $z : A$, the functions

$$\begin{aligned} (p \cdot -) : (y =_A z) &\rightarrow (x =_A z) & \text{and} \\ (- \cdot p) : (z =_A x) &\rightarrow (z =_A y) \end{aligned}$$

have quasi-inverses given by $(p^{-1} \cdot -)$ and $(- \cdot p^{-1})$, respectively;

Example 2.4.9. For any $p : x =_A y$ and $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, the function

$$\text{transport}^P(p, -) : P(x) \rightarrow P(y)$$

has a quasi-inverse given by $\text{transport}^P(p^{-1}, -)$; this follows from ??.

$$\text{isequiv}(f) := \left(\sum_{g:B \rightarrow A} (f \circ g \sim \text{id}_B) \right) \times \left(\sum_{h:A \rightarrow B} (h \circ f \sim \text{id}_A) \right). \quad (2.4.10)$$

$$(A \simeq B) := \sum_{f:A \rightarrow B} \text{isequiv}(f). \quad (2.4.11)$$

Lemma 2.4.12. Type equivalence is an equivalence relation on \mathcal{U} . More specifically:

- (i). For any A , the identity function id_A is an equivalence; hence $A \simeq A$.
- (ii). For any $f : A \simeq B$, we have an equivalence $f^{-1} : B \simeq A$.
- (iii). For any $f : A \simeq B$ and $g : B \simeq C$, we have $g \circ f : A \simeq C$.

2.5 The higher groupoid structure of type formers

2.6 Cartesian product types

$$(x =_{A \times B} y) \rightarrow (\text{pr}_1(x) =_A \text{pr}_1(y)) \times (\text{pr}_2(x) =_B \text{pr}_2(y)). \quad (2.6.1)$$

Theorem 2.6.2. For any x and y , the function (2) is an equivalence.

Theorem 2.6.3. In the above situation, we have

$$\text{transport}^{A \times B}(p, x) =_{A(w) \times B(w)} (\text{transport}^A(p, \text{pr}_1 x), \text{transport}^B(p, \text{pr}_2 x)).$$

Theorem 2.6.4. In the above situation, given $x, y : A \times B$ and $p : \text{pr}_1 x = \text{pr}_1 y$ and $q : \text{pr}_2 x = \text{pr}_2 y$, we have

$$f(\text{pair}^=(p, q)) =_{(f(x)=f(y))} \text{pair}^=(g(p), h(q)).$$

2.7 Σ -types

Theorem 2.7.2. Suppose that $P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is a type family over a type A and let $w, w' : \sum_{(x:A)} P(x)$. Then there is an equivalence

$$(w = w') \simeq \sum_{(p:\text{pr}_1(w)=\text{pr}_1(w'))} p_*(\text{pr}_2(w)) = \text{pr}_2(w').$$

Corollary 2.7.3. For $z : \sum_{(x:A)} P(x)$, we have $z = (\text{pr}_1(z), \text{pr}_2(z))$.

Note that the lifted path $\text{lift}(u, p)$ of $p : x = y$ at $u : P(x)$ defined in ?? may be identified with the special case of the introduction form

$$\text{pair}^=(p, \text{refl}_{p_*(u)}) : (x, u) = (y, p_*(u)).$$

Theorem 2.7.4. Suppose we have type families

$$P : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \quad \text{and} \quad Q : \left(\sum_{x:A} P(x) \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}.$$

Then we can construct the type family over A defined by

$$x \mapsto \sum_{u:P(x)} Q(x, u).$$

For any path $p : x = y$ and any $(u, z) : \sum_{(u:P(x))} Q(x, u)$ we have

$$p_*(u, z) = (p_*(u), \text{pair}^=(p, \text{refl}_{p_*(u)})_*(z)).$$

2.8 The unit type

Theorem 2.8.1. For any $x, y : \mathbf{1}$, we have $(x = y) \simeq \mathbf{1}$.

2.9 Π -types and the function extensionality axiom

Given a type A and a type family $B : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, consider the dependent function type $\prod_{(x:A)} B(x)$. We expect the type $f = g$ of paths from f to g in $\prod_{(x:A)} B(x)$ to be equivalent to the type of pointwise paths:

$$(f = g) \simeq \left(\prod_{x:A} (f(x) =_{B(x)} g(x)) \right). \quad (2.9.1)$$

$$\text{happly} : (f = g) \rightarrow \prod_{x:A} (f(x) =_{B(x)} g(x)) \quad (2.9.2)$$

Axiom 2.9.3 (Function extensionality). For any A, B, f , and g , the function (2) is an equivalence.

In particular, ?? implies that (2) has a quasi-inverse

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

This function is also referred to as “function extensionality”.

$$\text{refl}_f = \text{funext}(x \mapsto \text{refl}_{f(x)})$$

$$\alpha^{-1} = \text{funext}(x \mapsto \text{happly}(\alpha, x)^{-1})$$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = \text{funext}(x \mapsto \text{happly}(\alpha, x) \cdot \text{happly}(\beta, x)).$$

Given a type X , a path $p : x_1 =_X x_2$, type families $A, B : X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, and a function $f : A(x_1) \rightarrow B(x_1)$, we have

$$\text{transport}^{A \rightarrow B}(p, f) = \left(x \mapsto \text{transport}^B(p, f(\text{transport}^A(p^{-1}, x))) \right) \quad (2.9.4)$$

where $A \rightarrow B$ denotes abusively the type family $X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ defined by

$$(A \rightarrow B)(x) := (A(x) \rightarrow B(x)).$$

Transporting dependent functions is similar, but more complicated. Suppose given X and p as before, type families $A : X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $B : \prod_{(x:X)} (A(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{U})$, and also a dependent function $f : \prod_{(a:A(x_1))} B(x_1, a)$. Then for $a : A(x_2)$, we have

$$\text{transport}^{\Pi_A(B)}(p, f)(a) =$$

$$\text{transport}^{\hat{B}} \left((\text{pair}^=(p^{-1}, \text{refl}_{p^{-1}_*(a)}))^{-1}, f(\text{transport}^A(p^{-1}, a)) \right)$$

where $\Pi_A(B)$ and \hat{B} denote respectively the type families

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_A(B) &:= (x \mapsto \prod_{(a:A(x))} B(x, a)) & : & X \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \\ \hat{B} &:= (w \mapsto B(\text{pr}_1 w, \text{pr}_2 w)) & : & (\sum_{(x:X)} A(x)) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9.5)$$

Lemma 2.9.6. Given type families $A, B : X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $p : x =_X y$, and also $f : A(x) \rightarrow B(x)$ and $g : A(y) \rightarrow B(y)$, we have an equivalence

$$(p_*(f) = g) \simeq \prod_{a:A(x)} (p_*(f(a)) = g(p_*(a))).$$

Moreover, if $q : p_*(f) = g$ corresponds under this equivalence to \hat{q} , then for $a : A(x)$, the path

$$\text{happly}(q, p_*(a)) : (p_*(f))(p_*(a)) = g(p_*(a))$$

is equal to the concatenated path $i \cdot j \cdot k$, where

- $i : (p_*(f))(p_*(a)) = p_*(f(p^{-1}_*(p_*(a))))$ comes from (2),
- $j : p_*(f(p^{-1}_*(p_*(a)))) = p_*(f(a))$ comes from ????, and
- $k : p_*(f(a)) = g(p_*(a))$ is $\hat{q}(a)$.

Lemma 2.9.7. Given type families $A : X \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $B : \prod_{(x:X)} A(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $p : x =_X y$, and also $f : \prod_{(a:A(x))} B(x, a)$ and $g : \prod_{(a:A(y))} B(y, a)$, we have an equivalence

$$(p_*(f) = g) \simeq \left(\prod_{a:A(x)} \text{transport}^{\hat{B}}(\text{pair}^=(p, \text{refl}_{p_*(a)}), f(a)) = g(p_*(a)) \right)$$

with \hat{B} as in (2).

2.10 Universes and the univalence axiom

Lemma 2.10.1. For types $A, B : \mathcal{U}$, there is a certain function,

$$\text{idtoeqv} : (A =_{\mathcal{U}} B) \rightarrow (A \simeq B), \quad (2.10.2)$$

defined in the proof.

Axiom 2.10.3 (Univalence). For any $A, B : \mathcal{U}$, the function (2) is an equivalence.

- An introduction rule for $(A =_{\mathcal{U}} B)$, denoted ua for “univalence axiom”:

$$\text{ua} : (A \simeq B) \rightarrow (A =_{\mathcal{U}} B).$$

- The elimination rule, which is idtoeqv ,

$$\text{idtoeqv} \equiv \text{transport}^{X \rightarrow X} : (A =_{\mathcal{U}} B) \rightarrow (A \simeq B).$$

- The propositional computation rule,

$$\text{transport}^{X \rightarrow X}(\text{ua}(f), x) = f(x).$$

- The propositional uniqueness principle: for any $p : A = B$,

$$p = \text{ua}(\text{transport}^{X \rightarrow X}(p)).$$

We can also identify the reflexivity, concatenation, and inverses of equalities in the universe with the corresponding operations on equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{refl}_A &= \text{ua}(\text{id}_A) \\ \text{ua}(f) \cdot \text{ua}(g) &= \text{ua}(g \circ f) \\ \text{ua}(f)^{-1} &= \text{ua}(f^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.10.4. For any type family $B : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $x, y : A$ with a path $p : x = y$ and $u : B(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{transport}^B(p, u) &= \text{transport}^{X \rightarrow X}(\text{ap}_B(p), u) \\ &= \text{idtoeqv}(\text{ap}_B(p))(u). \end{aligned}$$

2.11 Identity type

Theorem 2.11.1. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an equivalence, then for all $a, a' : A$, so is

$$\text{ap}_f : (a =_A a') \rightarrow (f(a) =_B f(a')).$$

Lemma 2.11.2. For any A and $a : A$, with $p : x_1 = x_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{transport}^{x_1 \rightarrow (a=x)}(p, q) &= q \cdot p & \text{for } q : a = x_1, \\ \text{transport}^{x_1 \rightarrow (x=a)}(p, q) &= p^{-1} \cdot q & \text{for } q : x_1 = a, \\ \text{transport}^{x_1 \rightarrow (x=x)}(p, q) &= p^{-1} \cdot q \cdot p & \text{for } q : x_1 = x_1. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.11.3. For $f, g : A \rightarrow B$, with $p : a =_A a'$ and $q : f(a) =_B g(a)$, we have

$$\text{transport}^{x \rightarrow f(x)=B g(x)}(p, q) = f(a')=g(a') (\text{ap}_f p)^{-1} \cdot q \cdot \text{ap}_g p.$$

Theorem 2.11.4. Let $B : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $f, g : \prod_{(x:A)} B(x)$, with $p : a =_A a'$ and $q : f(a) =_{B(a)} g(a)$. Then we have

$$\text{transport}^{x \rightarrow f(x)=B g(x)}(p, q) = (\text{apd}_f(p))^{-1} \cdot \text{ap}_{(B p)}(q) \cdot \text{apd}_g(p).$$

Theorem 2.11.5. For $p : a =_A a'$ with $q : a = a$ and $r : a' = a'$, we have

$$(q \cdot \text{transport}^{x \rightarrow (x=x)}(p, q) = r) \simeq (q \cdot p = p \cdot r).$$

2.12 Coproducts

Theorem 2.12.1. For all $x : A + B$ we have $(\text{inl}(a_0) = x) \simeq \text{code}(x)$.

2.13 Natural numbers

We use the encode-decode method to characterize the path space of the natural numbers, which are also a positive type.

$$\text{code} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{U},$$

defined by double recursion over \mathbb{N} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{code}(0, 0) &::= 1 \\ \text{code}(\text{succ}(m), 0) &::= 0 \\ \text{code}(0, \text{succ}(n)) &::= 0 \\ \text{code}(\text{succ}(m), \text{succ}(n)) &::= \text{code}(m, n). \end{aligned}$$

We also define by recursion a dependent function $r : \prod_{(n:\mathbb{N})} \text{code}(n, n)$, with

$$\begin{aligned} r(0) &::= \star \\ r(\text{succ}(n)) &::= r(n). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.13.1. For all $m, n : \mathbb{N}$ we have $(m = n) \simeq \text{code}(m, n)$.

2.14 Example: equality of structures

Definition 2.14.1. Given a type A , the type $\text{SemigroupStr}(A)$ of semigroup structures with carrier A is defined by

$$\text{SemigroupStr}(A) ::= \sum_{(m:A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)} \prod_{(x,y,z:A)} m(x, m(y, z)) = m(m(x, y), z).$$

A **semigroup** is a type together with such a structure:

$$\text{Semigroup} ::= \sum_{A:\mathcal{U}} \text{SemigroupStr}(A)$$

2.14.1 Lifting equivalences

$$\text{transport}^{\text{SemigroupStr}}(\text{ua}(e)) : \text{SemigroupStr}(A) \rightarrow \text{SemigroupStr}(B).$$

Moreover, this map is an equivalence, because $\text{transport}^C(\alpha)$ is always an equivalence with inverse $\text{transport}^C(\alpha^{-1})$, see ????.

2.15 Universal properties

$$(X \rightarrow A \times B) \rightarrow (X \rightarrow A) \times (X \rightarrow B) \quad (2.15.1)$$

defined by $f \mapsto (\text{pr}_1 \circ f, \text{pr}_2 \circ f)$.

Theorem 2.15.2. (2) is an equivalence.

$$\left(\prod_{x:X} (A(x) \times B(x)) \right) \rightarrow \left(\prod_{x:X} A(x) \right) \times \left(\prod_{x:X} B(x) \right) \quad (2.15.3)$$

defined as before by $f \mapsto (\text{pr}_1 \circ f, \text{pr}_2 \circ f)$.

Theorem 2.15.4. (2) is an equivalence.

$$\left(\prod_{x:X} \sum_{(a:A(x))} P(x, a) \right) \rightarrow \left(\sum_{(g:\prod_{(x:X)} A(x))} \prod_{(x:X)} P(x, g(x)) \right). \quad (2.15.5)$$

Theorem 2.15.6. (2) is an equivalence.

For pullbacks, the expected explicit construction works: given $f : A \rightarrow C$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$, we define

$$A \times_C B := \sum_{(a:A)} \sum_{(b:B)} (f(a) = g(b)). \quad (2.15.7)$$

Exercise 2.1. Show that the three obvious proofs of ?? are pairwise equal.

Exercise 2.2. Show that the three equalities of proofs constructed in the previous exercise form a commutative triangle. In other words, if the three definitions of concatenation are denoted by $(p \star_1 q)$, $(p \star_2 q)$, and $(p \star_3 q)$, then the concatenated equality

$$(p \star_1 q) = (p \star_2 q) = (p \star_3 q)$$

is equal to the equality $(p \star_1 q) = (p \star_3 q)$.

Exercise 2.3. Give a fourth, different, proof of ??, and prove that it is equal to the others.

Exercise 2.4. Define, by induction on n , a general notion of n -dimensional path in a type A , simultaneously with the type of boundaries for such paths.

Exercise 2.5. Prove that the functions (2) and (2) are inverse equivalences.

Exercise 2.6. Prove that if $p : x = y$, then the function $(p \bullet -) : (y = z) \rightarrow (x = z)$ is an equivalence.

Exercise 2.7. State and prove a generalization of ?? from cartesian products to Σ -types.

Exercise 2.8. State and prove an analogue of ?? for coproducts.

Exercise 2.9. Prove that coproducts have the expected universal property,

$$(A + B \rightarrow X) \simeq (A \rightarrow X) \times (B \rightarrow X).$$

Exercise 2.10. Prove that Σ -types are “associative”, in that for any $A : \mathcal{U}$ and families $B : A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ and $C : (\sum_{(x:A)} B(x)) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, we have

$$\left(\sum_{(x:A)} \sum_{(y:B(x))} C((x, y)) \right) \simeq \left(\sum_{p:\sum_{(x:A)} B(x)} C(p) \right).$$

Exercise 2.11. A (homotopy) **commutative square**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{h} & A \\ k \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \end{array}$$

consists of functions f, g, h , and k as shown, together with a path $f \circ h = g \circ k$. Note that this is exactly an element of the pullback $(P \rightarrow A) \times_{P \rightarrow C} (P \rightarrow B)$ as defined in (2). A commutative square is called a (homotopy) **pullback square** if for any X , the induced map

$$(X \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (X \rightarrow A) \times_{(X \rightarrow C)} (X \rightarrow B)$$

is an equivalence.

Exercise 2.12. Suppose given two commutative squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \longrightarrow & D & \longrightarrow & F \end{array}$$

and suppose that the right-hand square is a pullback square. Prove that the left-hand square is a pullback square if and only if the outer rectangle is a pullback square.

Exercise 2.13. Show that $(2 \simeq 2) \simeq 2$.

Exercise 2.14. Suppose we add to type theory the *equality reflection rule* which says that if there is an element $p : x = y$, then in fact $x \equiv y$. Prove that for any $p : x = x$ we have $p \equiv \text{refl}_x$. (This implies that every type is a *set* in the sense to be introduced in ??; see ??.)

Exercise 2.15. Show that ?? can be strengthened to

$$\text{transport}^B(p, -) =_{B(x) \rightarrow B(y)} \text{idtoeqv}(\text{ap}_B(p))$$

without using function extensionality. (In this and other similar cases, the apparently weaker formulation has been chosen for readability and consistency.)

Exercise 2.16. Suppose that rather than function extensionality (??), we suppose only the existence of an element

$$\text{funext} : \prod_{(A:\mathcal{U})} \prod_{(B:A \rightarrow \mathcal{U})} \prod_{(f,g:\prod_{(x:A)} B(x))} (f \sim g) \rightarrow (f = g)$$

(with no relationship to **happly** assumed). Prove that in fact, this is sufficient to imply the whole function extensionality axiom (that **happly** is an equivalence). This is due to Voevodsky; its proof is tricky and may require concepts from later chapters.

Exercise 2.17.

- Show that if $A \simeq A'$ and $B \simeq B'$, then $(A \times B) \simeq (A' \times B')$.
- Give two proofs of this fact, one using univalence and one not using it, and show that the two proofs are equal.
- Formulate and prove analogous results for the other type formers: Σ , \rightarrow , Π , and $+$.

Exercise 2.18. State and prove a version of ?? for dependent functions.