

Why Types Matter

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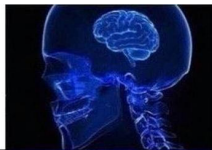
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The Rosetta Stone

Category Theory	Physics	Topology	Logic	Computation
object X	Hilbert space X	manifold X	proposition X	data type X
morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$	operator $f: X \rightarrow Y$	cobordism $f: X \rightarrow Y$	proof $f: X \rightarrow Y$	program $f: X \rightarrow Y$
tensor product of objects: $X \otimes Y$	Hilbert space of joint system: $X \otimes Y$	disjoint union of manifolds: $X \otimes Y$	conjunction of propositions: $X \otimes Y$	product of data types: $X \otimes Y$

The Rosetta Stone: Homotopy Type Theory style

Types	Logic	Sets	Homotopy
A	proposition	set	space
$a : A$	proof	element	point
$B(x)$	predicate	family of sets	fibration
$b(x) : B(x)$	conditional proof	family of elements	section
$\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}$	\perp, \top	$\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}$	$\emptyset, *$
$A + B$	$A \vee B$	disjoint union	coproduct
$A \times B$	$A \wedge B$	set of pairs	product space
$A \rightarrow B$	$A \Rightarrow B$	set of functions	function space
$\sum_{(x:A)} B(x)$	$\exists_{x:A} B(x)$	disjoint sum	total space
$\prod_{(x:A)} B(x)$	$\forall_{x:A} B(x)$	product	space of sections
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Challenge

- ▶ “Learn a new programming language every year” from the book “The Pragmatic Programmer”
- ▶ “A language that doesn’t affect the way you think about programming, is not worth knowing.” Alan Perlis
- ▶ Make the next language you’ll learn be dependently typed
 - ▶ Lean, lead by the author of the Z3 Theorem Prover
 - ▶ Idris
 - ▶ Agda
 - ▶ Coq

A taste of Lean

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theorem prod_commutative (p q : Type) : p × q → q × p :=  
λ hpq : p × q, prod.mk (prod.snd hpq) (prod.fst hpq)
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theorem prod_commutative2 (p q : Type) : p × q → q × p :=  
assume hpq : p × q,  
have hp : p, from prod.fst hpq,  
have hq : q, from prod.snd hpq,  
show q × p, from prod.mk hq hp
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theorem mul_cancel_left_or {a b c : ℤ} (H : a * b = a * c) : a = 0 ∨ b = c :=  
have H2 : a * (b - c) = 0, by simp,  
have H3 : a = 0 ∨ b - c = 0, from mul_eq_zero H2,  
or.imp_or_right H3 (assume H4 : b - c = 0, sub_eq_zero H4)
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Set theory Lean

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def set ( $\alpha$  : Type) :=  $\alpha \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ 

def mem ( $a$  :  $\alpha$ ) ( $s$  : set  $\alpha$ ) :=  $s\ a$ 

def union ( $s_1\ s_2$  : set  $\alpha$ ) : set  $\alpha$  :=
{ $a$  |  $a \in s_1 \vee a \in s_2$ }

def image ( $f$  :  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ) ( $s$  : set  $\alpha$ ) : set  $\beta$  :=
{ $b$  |  $\exists a, a \in s \wedge f\ a = b$ }
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Further reading

- ▶ “Analytic Combinatorics” by Philippe Flajolet and Robert Sedgewick
- ▶ “Physics, Topology, Logic and Computation: A Rosetta Stone” by John Baez and Mike Stay
- ▶ “Homotopy Type Theory: Univalent Foundations of Mathematics” by The Univalent Foundations Program
- ▶ “Proofs and Types” by Jean-Yves Girard
- ▶ “Constructive Mathematics and Computer Programming” by Per Martin-Löf
- ▶ “Tutorial: Theorem Proving in Lean”
<https://leanprover.github.io/tutorial/>

Questions?