

Define

$$\text{Adj}(f, g) := \prod_{x:A} \prod_{y:B} (f(x) = y \rightarrow (x = g(y))).$$

Suppose that  $g$  is a left inverse of  $f$ , witnessed by  $G : g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$ . We then construct  $r_G : \text{Adj}(f, g)$ , given by induction by

$$r_G(x, f(x), \text{refl}_{f(x)}) = H(x).$$

This map induces an equivalence between  $g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$  and  $\text{Adj}(f, g)$

Now, suppose that the type of left inverses of a function  $f$

$$\sum_{g:B \rightarrow A} g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$$

is contractible onto  $(h, H)$ . By applying the equivalence between  $g \circ f \sim \text{id}_A$  and  $\text{Adj}(f, g)$ , we then obtain that the type

$$\sum_{g:B \rightarrow A} \text{Adj}(f, g)$$

is contractible onto  $(h, r_H)$ .

Consider the identity function  $\text{id}_A$ . Its type of left inverses is contractible onto  $(\text{id}_A, \lambda x. \text{refl}_x)$ . It then follows that the type

$$\sum_{g:A \rightarrow A} \text{Adj}(\text{id}_A, g)$$

is contractible onto  $(\text{id}_A, r_{\lambda x. \text{refl}_x})$ . We now claim that  $r_{\lambda x. \text{refl}_x}$  is equal to  $\lambda xy. \text{id}_{x=y}$ . By function extensionality, it suffices to show that

$$r_{\lambda x. \text{refl}_x}(x, y, p) = p$$

for all  $x, y : A$  and  $p : x = y$ . By path induction, it then suffices to show that

$$r_{\lambda x. \text{refl}_x}(x, x, \text{refl}_x) = \text{refl}_x$$

for all  $x : A$ , but this then follows by definition of  $r$ . We conclude that  $\sum_{g:A \rightarrow A} \text{Adj}(\text{id}_A, g)$  is contractible onto  $(\text{id}_A, \lambda xy. \text{id}_{x=y})$ .

With this, we can now show that  $\text{inverse}_{n+1}(\text{id}_A)$  is equal to  $\prod_{xy:A} \text{inverse}_n(\text{id}_{x=y})$ . Unfolding  $\text{inverse}_{n+1}$ , we see that

$$\text{inverse}_{n+1}(\text{id}_A) = \sum_{g:A \rightarrow A} \sum_{r:\text{Adj}(\text{id}_A, g)} \prod_{x:A} \prod_{y:B} \text{inverse}_n(r(x, y)).$$

The result then follows by reassociating the sigma types and applying the above contractibility result.