

# Foundations - type theory

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## 1 Deductive system

### 1.1 Contexts

Here are the basic principles for contexts in type theory.

**Definition 0.1.1.** We will note  $.$  for the empty context

**Axiom 0.1.1.** empty derivation :

$rule\_empty\_derivation : \epsilon \longrightarrow empty\_context\ ctx$

**Axiom 0.1.2.** context extension :

$rule\_context\_extension : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad x \text{ not in } dom(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \Gamma, x : A\ ctx$

**Axiom 0.1.3.** variable rule :  $rule\_variable : \Gamma\ ctx, \quad x : A \text{ in } \Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash x : A$

### 1.2 Judgemental equalities

We suppose that judgmental equality is an equivalence relation. Namely:

**Axiom 0.2.1.** Judgmental reflexivity :

$$rule\_judg\_refl : \Gamma \vdash a : A \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash a \equiv a : A$$

**Axiom 0.2.2.** Judgmental symmetry :

$$rule\_judg\_sym : \Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash b \equiv a : A$$

**Axiom 0.2.3.** Judgmental transitivity :

$$rule\_judg\_trans : \Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A, \quad \Gamma \vdash b \equiv c : A \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash a \equiv c : A$$

**Axiom 0.2.4.** Judgmental typing :

$$rule\_judg\_typing : \Gamma \vdash a : A, \quad \Gamma \vdash A \equiv B : \mathcal{U}_i \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash a : B$$

**Axiom 0.2.5.** Judgmental typing equiv :

$$rule\_judg\_typing\_eq : \Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : A, \quad \Gamma \vdash A \equiv B : \mathcal{U}_i \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash a \equiv b : B$$

## 1.3 Type universe

**Axiom 0.3.1.** Universe intro :

$$rule\_univ\_intro : \Gamma \text{ ctx } \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash \mathcal{U}_i : \mathcal{U}_{i+1}$$

**Axiom 0.3.2.** Universe cumul :

$$rule\_univ\_cumul : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_{i+1}$$

# 2 Type formers

## 2.1 Function type

**Axiom 1.1.1.** Function formation :

$$rule\_ \lambda - form : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B : \mathcal{U}_i$$

**Axiom 1.1.2.** Function introduction :

$$rule\_ \lambda - intro : \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : A).b : A \rightarrow B$$

**Axiom 1.1.3.** Function elimination :

$$rule\_ \lambda - elim : \Gamma \vdash f : A \rightarrow B, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash f(a) : B$$

**Axiom 1.1.4.** Function computation :

$$rule\_ \lambda - comp : \Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = a \text{ in } \lambda(x : A).b : B$$

**Axiom 1.1.5.** Function uniqueness principle :

$$rule\_ \lambda - uniq : \Gamma \vdash f : A \rightarrow B \text{ --- } \Gamma \vdash f \equiv \lambda(x : A).f(x) : A \rightarrow B$$

## 2.2 Dependent function type

Similar as non dependent functions.

**Axiom 1.2.1.** Dependent function formation :

$$rule_{\Pi} - form : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \Pi_{x:A} B(x) : \mathcal{U}_i$$

**Axiom 1.2.2.** Dependent function introduction :

$$rule_{\Pi} - intro : \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : A).b : \Pi_{x:A} B(x)$$

**Axiom 1.2.3.** Dependent function elimination :

$$rule_{\Pi} - elim : \Gamma \vdash f : \Pi_{x:A} B, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash f(a) : B(a)$$

**Axiom 1.2.4.** Dependent function computation :

$$rule_{\Pi} - comp : \Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = a \text{ in } \lambda(x : A).b : B(x)$$

**Axiom 1.2.5.** Dependent function uniqueness principle :

$$rule_{\Pi} - uniq : \Gamma \vdash f : \Pi_{x:A} B \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash f \equiv \lambda(x : A).f(x) : \Pi_{x:A} B$$

## 2.3 Dependent pair type

**Axiom 1.3.1.** Dependent pair formation :

$$rule_{\Sigma} - form : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \Sigma_{x:A} B(x) : \mathcal{U}_i$$

**Axiom 1.3.2.** Dependent pair introduction :

$$rule_{\Sigma} - intro : \Gamma, a : A \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A, \quad \Gamma \vdash b : B(x) \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{pair}(a, b) : \Sigma_{y:A} B(y)$$

**Axiom 1.3.3.** Dependent pair elimination :

$$rule_{\Sigma} - elim : \Gamma, z : \Sigma_{x:A} B(x) \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A, b : B \vdash g : C(\text{pair}(a, b)), \quad \Gamma \vdash p : \Sigma_{y:A} B(y) \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{ind}(C, g, p) : C(z)$$

**Axiom 1.3.4.** Dependent pair computation :

$$rule_{\Sigma} - comp : \Gamma, z : \Sigma_{x:A} B(x) \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A, b : B \vdash g : C(z), \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A, \quad \Gamma \vdash b : B(x) \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = a, y = b, z = \text{pair}(a, b) \text{ in } \text{ind}(C, g, \text{pair}(a, b)) \equiv g(x, y) : C(z)$$

## 2.4 Coproduct type

**Axiom 1.4.1.** Coproduct formation :

$$rule_{\text{coproduct}} - form : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash A + B : \mathcal{U}_i$$

**Axiom 1.4.2.** Coproduct introduction left :

$$rule_{\text{coproduct}} - intro1 : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{inl}(a) : A + B$$

**Axiom 1.4.3.** Coproduct introduction right :

$$rule_{\text{coproduct}} - intro2 : \Gamma \vdash A : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash b : B \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{inr}(b) : A + B$$

**Axiom 1.4.4.** Coproduct elimination :

$rule\_coproduct - elim : \Gamma, z : A + B \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash c : C(inl(a)), \quad \Gamma, b : B \vdash d : C(inr(b)), \quad \Gamma \vdash e : A + B \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash ind(C, c(a), d(b), e) : C(e)$

**Axiom 1.4.5.** Coproduct computation left :

$rule\_coproduct - comp1 : \Gamma, z : A + B \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash c : C(inl(a)), \quad \Gamma, b : B \vdash d : C(inr(b)), \quad \Gamma \vdash x : A \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = a, z = inl(a) \text{ in } ind(C, c, d, inl(a)) \equiv c(x) : C(z)$

**Axiom 1.4.6.** Coproduct computation right :

$rule\_coproduct - comp1 : \Gamma, z : A + B \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma, a : A \vdash c : C(inl(a)), \quad \Gamma, b : B \vdash d : C(inr(b)), \quad \Gamma \vdash y : B \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \text{let } y = b, z = inr(b) \text{ in } ind(C, c, d, inr(b)) \equiv d(y) : C(z)$

## 2.5 Empty type

**Axiom 1.5.1.** Empty formation :

$rule\_empty - form : \Gamma \text{ ctx} \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash 0 : \mathcal{U}_i$

**Axiom 1.5.2.** Empty elimination :

$rule\_empty - elim : \Gamma, x : 0 \vdash C : \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \Gamma \vdash a : 0 \longrightarrow \Gamma \vdash absurd\ a : C(a)$