Towards a type theory for directed homotopy theory

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$\mathcal{C}$ cartesian closed category. A functorial reflexive relation

$$1_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{r} Id \xrightarrow{\epsilon_0 \times \epsilon_1} 1_{\mathcal{C}} \times 1_{\mathcal{C}}$$

models identity types if and only if it is

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The interpretation

- Use the framework of comprehension categories
- Dependent types are represented by functors $T : \Gamma \to Cat$.
- Dependent terms are represented by natural transformations

$$\begin{tikzcd} \Gamma \arrow[r, bend left, "*"] \arrow[r, bend right, "T"'] \arrow[r, phantom, "\Downarrow t"] & Cat \end{tikzcd}$$

  where $* : \Gamma \to Cat$ is the functor which takes everything to the one-object category.
- Context extension is represented by the Grothendieck construction which takes each functor $T : \Gamma \to Cat$ to the Grothendieck opfibration

$$\pi_\Gamma : \int_\Gamma T \to \Gamma.$$

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For any category T,

- $T^{\mathrm{core}} := \mathrm{ob}(T)$
- $T^{\mathrm{op}} := T^{\mathrm{op}}$
- $i : T^{\mathrm{core}} \to T$ and $i^{\mathrm{op}} : T^{\mathrm{core}} \to T^{\mathrm{op}}$ are the identity on objects.

Interpreting hom formation and introduction

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For any category T,

- Take the functor

$$\hom : T^{\mathrm{op}} \times T \to \mathit{Set} \hookrightarrow \mathit{Cat}.$$

- Take the natural transformation

$$\begin{tikzcd} T^{\mathrm{core}} \arrow[r, bend left, "*"{name=U}] \arrow[r, bend right, "\hom\circ(i^{\mathrm{op}}\times i)"'{name=D}] & \mathit{Cat} \arrow[from=U, to=D, phantom, "\Downarrow 1_\bullet"] \end{tikzcd}$$

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- Replace T by T^{op} and apply right hom elimination and computation.

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A homotopical perspective

While the homotopy theory of isomorphisms in categories

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provides an interpretation of Martin-Löf's identity type, the homotopy theory of morphisms in categories

$$\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}^{(\boldsymbol{\rightarrow})} \to \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$$

provides an interpretation of this hom former.

The weak factorization system

- Let $(\cong)$ denote the category with two objects and one isomorphism between them.
- Let $(\rightarrow)$ denote the category with two objects and one morphism between them.
- Then factorize the codiagonal of the one-point category in two ways

$$* + * \;\rightarrow\; (\cong) \;\rightarrow\; * \qquad\qquad * + * \;\rightarrow\; (\rightarrow) \;\rightarrow\; *$$

- which produces a factorization of any diagonal in two ways which each generate weak factorization systems.

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- The first gives an interpretation of the Id type in *Cat*.
- The second underlies this interpretation of the hom type in *Cat*.

The weak factorization system continued

- The right class of this weak factorization system are those functors $p : E \to B$ which have the enriched right lifting property

$$\begin{tikzcd} * \arrow[r] \arrow[d, "\mathrm{DOM}"'] & E \arrow[d, "p"] \\ (\to) \arrow[r] \arrow[ur, dashed] & B \end{tikzcd}$$

- so all Grothendieck opfibrations (dependent projections) are in the right class.
- The functor $1_\bullet : T^{\text{core}} \hookrightarrow \int_{T^{\text{core}} \times T} \text{hom}$ is the left part of the factorization of

$$i : T^{\text{core}} \to T.$$

- Then the right hom elimination and computation rule arises from the weak factorization system.

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- find interpretations in categories of directed spaces
  - build 'directed' weak factorization systems
  - build universes

Thank you!

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