Extending Homotopy Type Theory with Linear Type Formers

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Homotopy Type Theory

Martin-Löf Type Theory with:

- Dependent pair types $(x : A) \times B$
- Dependent function types $(x : A) \rightarrow B$
- Empty type 0
- Unit type 1
- Equality types $a =_A a'$
- ▶ Universe \mathcal{U}

Equality Types

=-FORM
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A \qquad \Gamma \vdash a' : A}{\Gamma \vdash a =_A a' : \mathcal{U}}$$
=-INTRO
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{refl}_a : a =_A a}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A, y : A, z : x =_A y \vdash C : \mathcal{U}}{\Gamma, w : A \vdash c : C[w/x, w/y, \mathsf{refl}_w/z]}$$
$$=-\text{ELIM} \frac{\Gamma \vdash p : a =_A a'}{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{let} \, \mathsf{refl}_w = p \, \mathsf{in} \, c : C[a/x, b/y, p/z]}$$

- Intro: There is always a reflexivity equality.
- Elim: If type depending on a generic equality is inhabited for reflexivity, it's inhabited for any equality.

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Definition

A function $f : A \to B$ is an equivalence if it has a left inverse and right inverse (up to =). Write $A \simeq B$ for a pair of a map $A \to B$ and a proof it is an equivalence.

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Asserting this axiom restricts the interpretations of the type theory. (But sets still work!)

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Proof.

There are two equivalences id, swap : Bool \simeq Bool. Univalence turns these into equalities ua(id), ua(id) : Bool = Bool, and UIP claims these equalities are equal. So ua(id) = ua(swap) which means id = swap, but then

$$true = id(true) = swap(true) = false$$
,

uh oh.

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Homotopy (Type Theory) \leftrightarrow (Homotopy Type) Theory

Working Synthetically

Result	Date	Synthetic Version
$\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$	1892	Licata, Shulman
Freudenthal Suspension Theorem	1937	Lumsdaine
Blakers-Massey Theorem	1949	Favonia, Finster, Licata, Lumsdaine
James Construction	1955	Brunerie
Localisation of Spaces	1970	Christensen, Opie, Rijke, Scoccola

Can be formalised *and* apply in all models.

Modal Homotopy Type Theory

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Up to homotopy, \mathbb{D}^2 is equivalent to 1. But then the theorem is contentless: of course any map $1 \to 1$ has a fixed point.

We need a way of thinking about \mathbb{D}^2 as a topological space made up of distinct points that are not equal to each other.

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Extremely roughly:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\flat \text{-INTRO} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A}{\mathsf{f}(\Gamma) \vdash a^{\flat} : \flat A} \\ \\
\Gamma, z : \flat A \vdash C \text{ type} \\ \\
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\end{array}$$

Much like \Box in the style of (Pfenning and Davies 2001) Or ! in Dual Intuitionistic Linear Logic by (Barber 1996) The plan is:

- 1. Think of a model of HoTT with more structure than bare homotopy types,
- 2. Add some semantic operations as context formers,
- **3**. Add new type formers internalising the context formers. Our goal is to *extend* HoTT so we have access to all the synthetic results proven so far.

Homotopy Type Theory and Linearity

Stable Homotopy Theory

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A *spectrum E* is a sequence of pointed types $E : \mathbb{N} \to \mathcal{U}_{\star}$ together with pointed equivalences $\alpha_n : E_n \to_{\star} \Omega E_{n+1}$, where $\Omega(A, \star) :\equiv (\star =_A \star)$.

 $E_0 \simeq \Omega E_1$, so E_0 is a group. $E_0 \simeq \Omega \Omega E_2$, so E_0 is abelian. $E_0 \simeq \Omega \Omega \Omega E_3$, so the commutativity of E_0 satisfies one level of coherence ... We could use the above definition of spectra and manipulate them using type theory. But that's hard!

The category of spectra is a model of Intuitionistic Linear Logic with $(\otimes, -\infty, \& = \oplus)$. But that is not very expressive compared with HoTT!

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Theorem (Joyal 2008 plus Shulman 2019) *MLTT* + *Univalence can be interpreted in parameterised spectra.* For two types *A* and *B* there should be a type $A \otimes B$ that calculates the 'external tensor product'.



This is a symmetric monoidal product with no additional structural rules, like the \otimes of linear logic.

We can take a cue from 'bunched logics' (O'Hearn and Pym 1999), where there are two ways of combining contexts, an ordinary cartesian one and a linear one.

$\Gamma_1 \operatorname{ctx}$	$\Gamma_2 \operatorname{ctx}$	$\Gamma_1 ctx$	$\Gamma_2 \operatorname{ctx}$
$\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \operatorname{ctx}$		$(\Gamma_1)(\Gamma_2)$ ctx	

For the comma *only*, we have weakening and contraction as normal.

(We are ignoring dependency in \otimes for now)

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$$\otimes \text{-FORM} \frac{\cdot | \cdot \vdash A \text{ type} \quad \cdot | \cdot \vdash B \text{ type}}{\Phi | \Gamma \vdash A \otimes B \text{ type}}$$

We can form $A \otimes B$ for any closed types *A* and *B*. (We will upgrade this later.)

Tensor Types

VAR
$$\overline{\Phi \mid \Gamma, \boldsymbol{x}^{\top} : A, \Gamma' \vdash \boldsymbol{x} : A}$$

A variable is only usable if it has the top colour.

$$\otimes \text{-INTRO} \frac{\Phi_{L} \mid \Gamma^{\Phi_{L}} \vdash a : A \quad \Phi_{R} \mid \Gamma^{\Phi_{R}} \vdash b : B}{\Phi \mid \Gamma \vdash a \otimes b : A \otimes B}$$

Whenever we can split the palette into two pieces, use variables from one piece to prove *a* and the other to prove *b*, then we have $a \otimes b : A \otimes B$. Here the colours really come in handy!

$$\begin{split} \Phi \mid \Gamma, z^{\top} : A \otimes B \vdash C \text{ type} \\ \Phi, \mathfrak{r} \otimes \mathfrak{b} \mid \Gamma, x^{\mathfrak{r}} : A, y^{\mathfrak{b}} : B \vdash c : C[x \otimes y/z] \\ \Phi \mid \Gamma \vdash s : A \otimes B \\ \hline \Phi \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x \otimes y = p \text{ in } c : C[s/z] \end{split}$$

If something holds for a *generic tensor pair* $x \otimes y$, then it holds for any particular $p : A \otimes B$.

Proposition

For any types A and B, there is a map $swap : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A$ *.*

Proof.

Suppose we have a $p : A \otimes B$. By \otimes -elim, we can suppose p is equal to $x \otimes y$ for fresh variables x and y. Then we have $y \otimes x : B \otimes A$.

$$\lambda p.$$
let $x \otimes y = p$ in $y \otimes x : A \otimes B \to B \otimes A$

Note \rightarrow is the ordinary function type here.

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If $f : C \otimes C \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ we can do:

 $\lambda p. \text{let } z \otimes w = p \inf f(p) + f(w \otimes z) : C \otimes C \to \mathbb{N}$

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We can destruct a term of $A \otimes (A \rightarrow B)$ into x : A and $f : A \rightarrow B$, but f(x) is not well formed: neither variable has the top colour, so can't be used.

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The syntactic issue with dependency is when we drop variables in \otimes -intro.

Inspecting the semantics, $(x : A) \otimes B(x)$ only makes sense when B(x) only varies over the *underlying space* of *x*.

For every type *A* there is a type arrow A that deletes the spectral information.



We have to add a context version of this operation: we call it marking, and add a special 'marked variable' rule.

$$\begin{array}{l} & \quad \forall AR\text{-MARKED} \ \overline{\Phi \mid \Gamma, x^{t} : A, \Gamma' \vdash \underline{x} : \underline{A}} \\ & \quad \otimes \text{-FORM} \ \frac{\cdot \mid \underline{\Gamma} \vdash A \ \text{type} \quad \cdot \mid \underline{\Gamma}, \underline{x} : A \vdash B \ \text{type}}{\Phi \mid \Gamma \vdash (\underline{x} : A) \otimes B \ \text{type}} \end{array}$$

 \underline{x} can be used anywhere, even if \underline{x}^{t} doesn't have the top colour.

Now, when splitting the context, don't drop anything, just require it be used marked:

$$\otimes \text{-INTRO} \frac{\cdot \mid \mathbf{x} : A, \underline{y} : B(\underline{x}) \vdash \mathbf{c} : C \qquad \cdot \mid \underline{x} : A, y : B(\underline{x}) \vdash \mathbf{d} : D}{\mathbf{\mathfrak{r}} \otimes \mathfrak{b} \mid \mathbf{x} : A, y : B(\underline{x}) \vdash \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{d} : C \otimes D}$$

Other Linear Dependent Theories

- (Schöpp and Stark 2004) is a dependent bunched theory, but has no dependency across bunches, and assumes the unit is terminal.
- (Vákár 2014) has linear type formers, but its dependent pairs/functions work differently to MLTT.
- 'LNL' type theories (Isaev 2020; Krishnaswami, Pradic and Benton 2015) separate linear types from non-linear types, so existing synthetic results can't be used.
- Quantitative Type Theories (McBride 2016; Atkey 2018) have 0-use variables that are similar our marked variables, but do not allow 'ordinary' dependence
- GRTT (Moon, Eades III and Orchard 2021) is a general framework for dependent modal theories, perhaps there is an encoding?

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