

# Freedom for Proofs!

Representation Independence is More than Parametricity

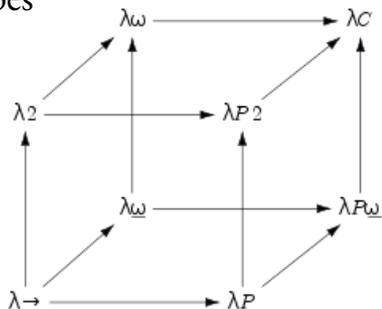
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# Modularity in programming

- Software should have correct **abstractions** that can **compose**
- *“Type structure is a syntactic discipline for enforcing levels of abstraction” - John Reynolds*
  
- ***Representation Independence***
  - Programmers can give different implementations for the same abstract interface
  - e.g. Two different implementations of a queue can be interchangeable

# Parametricity $\forall \alpha. \tau$

- Parametrically polymorphic functions behave uniformly in their type arguments
  - Strachey (1967) / Lambek(1972) “generality”
- Reynold’s *relational parametricity* (1983)
  - System F (polymorphic lambda-calculus)
  - **Logical relations:** related inputs lead to related outputs
- Mitchell’s *representation independence and data abstraction* (1986)
  - Applies parametricity to prove representation independence for existential types
- Wadler’s *free theorems* (1989)
  - “Every function of the same type satisfies the same theorem”



..beyond System F!

# Dependently-Typed Programming



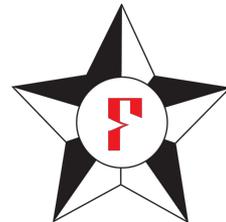
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- *Good*: Rich program specifications
- *Not so good*: Notoriously labor-intensive

How can we bring about representation independence to dependently-typed programming?

# Bird's Eye View and expectations <sup>$\lambda$</sup>

Krishnaswami  
& Dreyer 2013

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Extensional Calculus of Constructions**

Tabareau et al.  
2019

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# Internalizing Relational Parametricity in the Extensional Calculus of Constructions

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# Parametric Type Theories

Bernardy et al. [2010, 2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2015]

- **Abstraction Theorem**

*If  $\Gamma \vdash t : A$  then  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \vDash \llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket$*

- *Internalized parametricity*: Abstraction Theorem can be stated and proved *within* type theory
- *Externalized parametricity*: Abstraction Theorem is stated through a meta-theoretic translation.

# Equality in Dependent Type Theory

Type-checking requires checking term equality

Judgmental Equality  $\Gamma \vdash A = A'$  *type*

Set of equality rules that are (inductively) defined

Definitional Equality type-checker silently coerces between definitionally equal types

Propositional Equality  $\text{Eq}_A(x, y)$

Proof of equality between two elements

# Equality in Type Theory

Extensional type theory : equality reflection

$$\frac{p : \text{Eq}_A(x, y)}{x = y}$$

Uniqueness of Identity Proofs (UIP) : Any two elements of  $\text{Eq}_A(x, y)$  are equal.

Streicher's *Axiom K*

For the context of parametricity: Allow coercions between parametrically related terms!

# Realizability Semantics

- Taking the Brouwer–Heyting–Kolmogorov (BHK) Interpretation to heart
  - The interpretation of a logical formula is the **proof (realizer)**
  - e.g.  $P \wedge Q$  interprets to  $\langle a, b \rangle$  where  $a$  is a proof of  $P$  and  $b$  is a proof of  $Q$
- What if you have a formula which you have a proof of...
  - But your typing rules do not “type-check” the formula?
- **It must be true! Add the formula to the theory!**

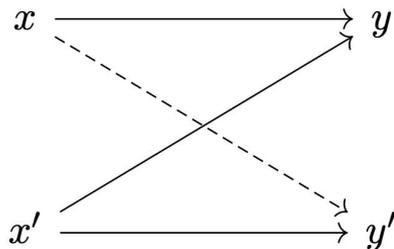
Syntactic formalisms cannot show all truths!



*Gödel's  
Incompleteness  
Theorem  
(1931)*

# Realizability-style Model

- Interprets types as relations (*logical relations*)
- Quasi-PERs (QPERs) to show heterogeneous equivalences
  - Typically, the interpretation is a partial equivalence relation (aka PER, a symmetric and transitive relation)
  - Symmetry requires homogeneity (relation must relate two terms of equal types)



if  $(x, y) \in R$ ,  $(x', y') \in R$ , and  $(x', y) \in R$ ,  
then  $(x, y') \in R$ .

- Can use a single relational model for relating terms at different types
  - (Instead of requiring a PER model of types and a relational model between PERs)

# Internalizing relational parametricity

- Relationally parametric model of an extensional Calculus of Constructions
- Realizability-style interpretation of types
  - Types interpreted as relations
  - Realizer: Exhibit a term that is related to itself at the type (semantically well-typed term)
- Can add “validated axioms” to the theory which have realizers

$$(e, e) \in \llbracket X \rrbracket$$

relational interpretation  $\llbracket \ \rrbracket$   
 realizer  $e$   
 axiom  $X$

# Adding axioms with computational content to theory

- Dependent pairs ( $\Sigma$ -types)
- Induction principle for natural numbers
- Quotient types

The axiom may not be syntactically well-typed, but the realizer of the axiom  
(i.e. the proof of the axiom) is semantically well-typed!

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# Marriage of Univalence and Parametricity

# Goal: Automated Proof Transport

Given two implementation of natural numbers, we should be able to *reuse* proofs between them

```
Inductive nat : Set :=
| 0 : nat
| S : nat → nat
```

Easy to reason about

```
Inductive Bin : Set :=
| 0Bin : Bin
| posBin : positive → nat
```

```
Inductive positive : Set :=
| xI : positive → positive
| x0 : positive → positive
| xH : positive
```

Efficient

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```

```
Proof.
```

```
...
```

```
Qed.
```

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Lemma plusBin_comm : ∀ n m : Bin, n + m = m + n.
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Proof.
```

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  transport plus_comm. (* automatically inferred *)
```

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Qed.
```

# Using parametricity for refinement

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# 1. Specifying a common abstract interface a priori can be difficult

## “*Anticipation Problem*”

Usually, parametricity states a relation between two expressions on the *same type*

(*i.e. homogeneous parametricity*)

$$\text{If } \Gamma \vdash t : A \text{ then } \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \vDash \llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket t t$$

**Heterogeneous parametricity** can relate two expressions to each other *directly*

$$\text{If } \Gamma \vdash t : A \text{ and } [\Gamma] \vdash [t] : [A] \text{ then } \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \vDash \llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket t [t]$$

## 2. Limits of parametricity in an Intensional Type Theory

### “*Computation Problem*”

Parametrically-related functions behave the same *propositionally* but not *definitionally*

(i.e. parametrically related definitions are not equal by conversion)

**Univalence** to the rescue!

# Univalence

Isomorphic types are treated the "same" (isomorphic objects enjoy same structural properties)



Isomorphic  
types are *equal*

Voevodsky (2009)

Every **equivalence** (isomorphism) between types A and B leads to an identity proof **Id (A, B)**

# Type Equivalence (Isomorphism)

$f : A \rightarrow B$  is an *equivalence* iff there exists a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  paired with proofs that  $f$  and  $g$  are inverses of each other.

$$\forall a : A, \text{Eq}(g(f(a)), a)$$

$$\forall b : B, \text{Eq}(f(g(b)), b)$$

Type equivalence ( $A \simeq B$ )

Two types  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent to each other iff there exists a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  that is an equivalence.

# Univalence

All about coercions!

For any two types  $A$  and  $B$ , the canonical map  $\mathbf{Id}(A, B) \rightarrow (A \simeq B)$  is an equivalence.

## Indiscernibility of Equivalents

For any  $P: \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{Type}$ , and any two types  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \simeq B$ , we have  $P A \simeq P B$

## Immediate *transport* using univalence

For any  $P: \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{Type}$ , and any two types  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \simeq B$ ,

there exists a function  $\mathit{transport} \uparrow_{\blacksquare} : P A \rightarrow P B$

## N.B. : Realizing Univalence

- Homotopy Type Theory: *axiomatized* univalence
- Use of axioms breaks **computational adequacy** (“stuck terms”, “canonicity”)

*“All closed terms of a natural number type compute numerals”*

- Alternative : Cubical Type Theory
  - De Morgan Cubical Type Theory (we’ll brush on it a little later)
  - Cartesian Cubical Type Theory
- Tabareau et al.’s approach painstakingly maneuvers coercions between typeclasses that simulate *computational rules* that are at the foot of cubical type theory

# Univalent Parametricity

- Restriction of parametricity to relations that correspond to **equivalences**

$\llbracket \text{Type}_i \rrbracket A B$

*relation*

$\mathbf{R} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \text{Type}_i$

*equivalence*

$\mathbf{e} : \mathbf{A} \simeq \mathbf{B}$

*coherence condition*

$\Pi a b . (\mathbf{R} a b) \simeq (a = \uparrow_e b)$

$\llbracket \text{Type}_i \rrbracket A B \triangleq \Sigma(R : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Type}_i)(e : A \simeq B). \Pi a b . (R a b) \simeq (a = \uparrow_e b)$

# Univalent Parametricity in Action

**Definition** `square (x : nat) : nat := x * x.`

**Definition** `squareBin■ : Bin → Bin := ↑■ square. (* Transport using univalence *)`

**Check** `eq_refl : squareBin■ = (fun x:Bin => ↑■ (square (↑■ x))). (* Inefficient *)`

**Definition** `univrel_mult : mult ≈ multBin. (* Additional proof *)`

**Definition** `squareBin□ : Bin → Bin := ↑□ square. (* Transport using parametricity *)`

**Check** `eq_refl : squareBin□ = (fun x => (x * x)%Bin). (* Infers new univalent relations *)`

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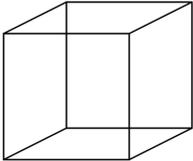
Axiomatized univalence bites the programmer's neck

*Stuck* terms that are unable to reduce (i.e. lacks **computational adequacy**)

Cubical type theory: *constructive interpretation* of univalence

Path types: information about how two types are equal

# Cubical Type Theory



## Path Types

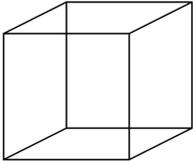
Maps out of an interval type  $\mathbf{I}$  which has two elements  $\mathbf{i0} : \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{i1} : \mathbf{I}$  that are *behaviorally equal* but *not definitionally equal*

- Behavioral equality: no function  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  can distinguish the elements

$\mathbf{PathP} : (\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type\ l}) \rightarrow \mathbf{A\ i0} \rightarrow \mathbf{A\ i1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type\ l}$       specifies the behavior of their elements at  $\mathbf{i0}$  and  $\mathbf{i1}$

$\_ \equiv \_ \{ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \} \mathbf{x\ y} = \mathbf{PathP} (\lambda \_ \rightarrow \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x\ y}$       homogeneous equality using path type

# Higher Inductive Types



Each constructor carries *paths between elements*

Set quotients quotient a type with an arbitrary relation (resulting in a set).

```

data _/_ {A : Type} → {R : A → A → Type} → Type where
  [_] : {a : A} → A/R
  eq/  : {a b : A} → {r : R a b} → [a] ≡ [b]
  squash/ : isSet(A/R).
  
```

# Queue up!

Let's say we want a **Queue** implementation with a standard **dequeue** and **enqueue** operation.

Basic implementation: **ListQueue**

```
ListQueue (A : Type) → Queue A
```

```
ListQueue A = queue (List A) [] _::__ last
```

# Faster, faster..

Okasaki's **BatchedQueue** representation:

The queue is a tuple  $Q = \text{List } A \times \text{List } A$  (first queue for *enqueue*, second queue for *dequeue*)  
(amortized constant-time!)

**BatchedQueue** : (A : Type) → Queue A

**BatchedQueue** A = **queue** (List A x List A) ([], [])

(fun x (xs, ys) → **fastcheck** (x :: xs, ys))

(fun {(-, [])} → nothing ; (xs, x :: ys) → just (**fastcheck** (xs, ys), x))

where

**fastcheck** : {A : Type} → List A \* List A → List A \* List A

**fastcheck** (xs, ys) = **if** isEmpty ys **then** ([], reverse xs ) **else** (xs, ys)

# Structure-preserving Correspondence

`appendReverse` : {A : Type} → **BatchedQueue** A Q → **ListQueue** A Q

`appendReverse` (xs, ys) = xs ++ reverse ys

Structure-preserving – preserves **empty**, and commutes with **enqueue** and **dequeue**

Thus, **ListQueue** and **BatchedQueue** are contextually equivalent!

What's the problem?

([], [1,0]) and ([0], [1]) maps to [0, 1]

**Not** an isomorphism!

# Structure-preserving Equivalence

A **structure** is a function  $S : \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{Type}$ , and an  $S$ -*structure* is a dependent pair of a type and its application to the structure.

$$\text{TypeWithStr } S = \Sigma[X \in \text{Type}](S \ X)$$

An **S-structure-preserving** equivalence **StrEquiv** is a term with two  $S$ -structures and an equivalence between their underlying types.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{StrEquiv } S &= (A \ B : \text{TypeWithStr } S) \rightarrow \text{fst } A \simeq \text{fst } B \rightarrow \text{Type} \\ A \simeq [\iota] B &= \Sigma[e \in \text{fst } A \simeq \text{fst } B](\iota \ A \ B \ e) \qquad \qquad \iota : \text{StrEquiv } S \end{aligned}$$

# Structure Identity Principle

Univalent Structure  $(S, \iota)$

$$\text{ua} : \{A B : \text{Type}\} \rightarrow A \simeq B \rightarrow A \equiv B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{UnivalentStr } S \iota = \{A B : \text{TypeWithStr } S\} & (e : \text{fst } A \simeq \text{fst } B) \\ & \rightarrow (\iota A B e) \simeq \text{PathP}(\lambda i \rightarrow S(\text{ua } e i))(\text{snd } A)(\text{snd } B) \end{aligned}$$

Structure Identity Principle (SIP)

For  $S : \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  and  $\iota : \text{StrEquiv } S$ , we have a term

$$\text{SIP} : \text{UnivalentStr } S \iota \rightarrow (A B : \text{TypeWithStr } S) \rightarrow (A \simeq[\iota] B) \simeq (A \equiv B)$$

# Using the SIP

Given a set **A** fixed, the raw queue structure contains the empty queue, and the enqueue/dequeue functions.

$$\text{RawQueueStructure } X = X * (A \rightarrow X \rightarrow X) * (X \rightarrow \text{Maybe}(X * A))$$

Set quotients can identify any two **BatchedQueues** sent to the same list by appendReverse.

```
data BatchedQueueHIT : Type where
  Q⟨_, _⟩ : List A → List A → BatchedQueueHIT
  tilt : ∀ xs ys a → Q⟨xs ++ [a], ys⟩ ≡ Q⟨xs, ys ++ [a]⟩
  squash : isSet BatchedQueueHIT
```

## Using the SIP

The structure-map between the structures, **appendReverse**, can be extended to an equivalence **BatchedQueueHIT**  $\simeq$  **List A** which induces a raw queue structure on **BatchedQueueHIT**

Finally, an appeal to the SIP will transfer any **ListQueue** axioms to the quotiented **BatchedQueue** operations

Recall Structure Identity Principle (SIP)

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Angiuli et al. 2021	Univalence (Structure Identity Principle)	De Morgan Cubical Type Theory	Proof transport between <b>non-isomorphic</b> representations

# Induced Equivalence from QPERs

## Canonically Induced PER

Every QPER  $Q \subseteq R \times S$  induces an equivalence relation  $\sim_Q \subseteq Q \times Q$  (and hence a PER on  $R \times S$ ), defined as  $(a_1, a_2) \sim_Q (b_1, b_2)$  iff the zigzag  $\{(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2), (a_1, b_2), (b_1, a_2)\} \subseteq Q$ .

# Global Context for Univalent Parametricity

$\Xi_0 = \cdot$       Two constants      Witness that two constants are parametrically related

$$\Xi_1 = (\underbrace{c_1^\circ : A_1^\circ; c_1^\bullet : A_1^\bullet}_{\text{Two constants}}; \underbrace{c_1^\otimes : [A_1]_u^{\Xi_0} c_1^\circ c_1^\bullet}_{\text{Witness that two constants are parametrically related}})$$

...

$$\Xi_n = \Xi_{n-1}, (c_n^\circ : A_n^\circ; c_n^\bullet : A_n^\bullet; c_n^\otimes : [A_n]_u^{\Xi_{n-1}} c_n^\circ c_n^\bullet)$$

# Universes

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$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Type}_i]_u &\triangleq (\lambda (A B : \text{Type}_i), \Sigma(R : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Type}_i)(e : A \simeq B). \\ &\quad \Pi a b. (R a b) \simeq (a = \uparrow_e b); \text{id}_{\text{Type}_i}; \text{univ}_{\text{Type}_i}) \end{aligned}$$