

# ~~H-levels~~ n-Types

① Review:

Identity type	$\text{Id}_A(x,y)$	}
$x =_A y$		
$x = y$		

The space of paths from  $x$  to  $y$  in  $A$

Structure:

$\text{refl}_A x$	}	constant path at $x$
$\text{refl } x$		

Path induction:

want  $\exists (\dots) : \prod_{(x,y:A)} (p : x =_A y), B(x,y,p)$

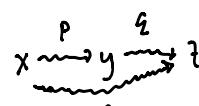
suffices  $d : \prod_z (d : z : A), B(z,z, \text{refl}_A z)$

$=_A$  "equivalence relation":

$$\text{refl } x : x =_A x$$

inverse paths:  $p : x = y \rightarrow \tilde{p}^{-1} : y = x$

concatenation:  $p : x = y \quad \rightarrow \quad p \cdot q : x = z$



Such that:  $\prod_{(x,y:A)} (p : x = y), \tilde{p}^{-1} : \text{refl } y \Downarrow_{y =_A y}$

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot \tilde{p}^{-1} &= \text{refl } \\ (p \cdot q) \cdot r &= p \cdot (q \cdot r) \\ p \cdot \text{refl } &= p = \text{refl} \cdot p \end{aligned}$$

Mapping paths:

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$

$$p: x =_A y$$

$$f.p: f^x =_B f^y$$

"functorial"

$$f.\text{refl}_A x = \text{refl}_B (f^x)$$

$$f.(p \cdot q) = (f.p) \cdot (f.q)$$

## ② Contractible spaces

Def: A type  $A$  is contractible when  
(there is a point in)  $\sum (x:A). \prod (y:A) x =_A y$ .

$$\text{iscontr}(A) := \sum (x:A). \prod (y:A) x =_A y.$$

Traditional reading:

"There is a point  $x:A$  and a continuous map

$$p: A \rightarrow A^{[0,1]} \quad (1)$$

such that  $p(y)(0) = x$  and  $p(y)(1) = y$ ".

Exercise: (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  A contractible

Example:  $\text{iscontr}(\mathbb{1})$

Construction:  $(*, \underbrace{f}_{\prod (y:\mathbb{1}). * =_1 y})$  where  $f(*) := \underbrace{\text{refl}_1 *}_{* =_1 *}$

(3)  $h$ -levels or truncation levels  
 $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$        $-2, -1, 0, 1, \dots$

$n$ -type      for       $n = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$(-2)$ -type ( $A$ ) :=  $\text{iscontr}(A)$

$(n+1)$ -type ( $A$ ) :=  $\prod(x, y : A). n\text{-type}(x =_A y)$

$(-1)$ -types :

$A$  is a  $(-1)$ -type

$P := \prod(x, y : A). \text{iscontr}(x =_A y)$

Show that

$$P \rightarrow \prod(x, y : A) \ x =_A y$$

$$\leftarrow$$

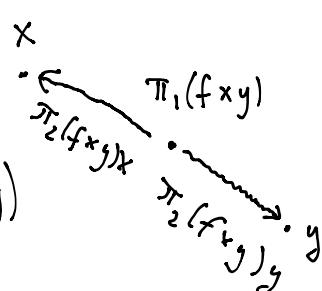
Suppose  $f : P$ . Want a point in

$$g : \prod(x, y : A) \ x =_A y$$

$$g := \lambda x, y : A. (\pi_1(f x y))^{-1} \cdot (\pi_2(f x y))_y$$

Have  $f x y : \text{iscontr}(x =_A y)$

$$\pi_2(f x y) : \prod(z : A). \pi_1(f x y) =_A z$$



Suppose  $g : \prod(x:y:A) \ x =_A y$

Want  $f : \prod(x:y:A) . \sum(p : x =_A y) \prod(q : x =_A y) . p = q$

$$f = \lambda_{x,y:A} . ( g \times y , \lambda_q . \quad )$$

HW.

$(-1)$ -type ( $A$ ) is just

$$\text{isprop}(A) := \prod(x:y:A) \ x =_A y$$

Propositions (logical statements or truth values) can be represented as spaces.

Bad way:  $T$  is represented by 1  
 $\perp$  is represented by 0

Good way:  $\cdot \{ u \in 1 \mid p \}$  for  $p$  a truth value

Call the  $(-1)$ -types propositions.

0-Types (truncation level 0)  
("UIP")

$$\mathbb{T}\mathbb{T}(x, y : A), \mathbb{T}\mathbb{T}(p, q : x =_A y), \phi =_{x=_A y} q$$

Such a type has no "interesting" paths. We call it a set  
(think "all of its path-components are contractible")

$$\text{isSet}(A) := \text{0-type}(A).$$

1-Types: groupoids

Observations

- $n\text{-type}(A) \rightarrow (n+1)\text{-type}(A)$
- not every type has a level:  $A \quad n\text{-type}(A) ?$   
example:  $S^2$  (not explained yet)

## ④ Truncations

$$n\text{-Type} := \sum(A : u). n\text{-type}(A)$$



Def: The  $n$ -truncation of a type  $A$  is given by :

$\|A\|_n$  a type

$| \sim |_n : A \rightarrow \|A\|_n$  i.e. if  $a:A$  then  $|a|_n : \|A\|_n$

Given  $f : A \rightarrow B$  where  $B$  is an  $n$ -type

We have  $\bar{f} : \|A\|_n \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{| \sim |_n} & \|A\|_n \\ f \searrow & = & \downarrow \bar{f} \\ & & B \end{array}$$

$$\text{TT}(x:A). f x =_B \bar{f}(|x|_n).$$

NB: Actually  
need a  
dependent  
version where

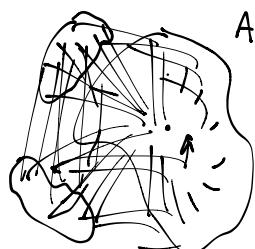
$$f : \prod(x:A) B(x)$$

## Propositional truncation

$\|A\|_{-1}$  traditionally corresponds to  
 $A/_n$  where  $x \sim y$   
for all  $x, y : A$ .

$$\|0\|_{-1} \simeq 0$$

if  $a:A$  then  $\|A\|_{-1}$  is contractible



## Encoding of logic into type theory:

$$\top := 1$$

$$\perp := \emptyset$$

Given  $P, Q : (-1)$ -types :

$$P \wedge Q := P \times Q$$

$$P \Rightarrow Q := P \rightarrow Q$$

$$\neg P := P \rightarrow \emptyset$$

$$P \vee Q := \| P + Q \|_{-1}$$

Given  $P : A \rightarrow (-1)$ -Type :

$$\forall(x:A). P(x) := \text{TT}(x:A). P(x)$$

$$\exists(x:A). P(x) := \| \sum(x:A). P(x) \|_{-1}$$

Intuitionistic logic. Can also assume :

$$\text{lem} : \text{TT}(P : (-1)\text{-Type}). P \vee \neg P.$$

Difference between  $+$  and  $\vee$ , and  $\Sigma$  and  $\exists$

$$t : P + Q$$

$t$  will tell us which one holds because it is of the form  $\text{inl}(-)$  or  $\text{inr}(-)$ .

$$P \vee Q$$

$$t : \| P + Q \|_{-1}$$

$t$  has form  $\text{inl}(-)_{-1}$  or  $\text{inr}(-)_{-1}$

Similarly:  $t : \sum_{x:A} P(x)$       concrete existence  
 $\pi_1 t : A$

$t : \|\sum_{x:A} P(x)\|_1$ ,      abstract existence

Example:

$f : A \rightarrow B$        $f$  is split epi

$\prod_{y:B} \sum_{x:A} f^x =_B y$  } has a right inverse

$\prod_{y:B} \|\sum_{x:A} f^x =_B y\|_1$  }  $f$  is surjective

$\forall_{(y:B)} \exists_{(x:A)} f^x =_B y$

$\text{im}(f) := \sum_{y:B} \exists_{(x:A)} f^x =_A y$ .

$\sum$  ↑ is wrong because then

$\text{im}(f) \cong A$

0-truncation

$\pi_0(A) := \|A\|_0$       path-connected components of  $A$

$a:A$  pointed type

$\Omega(A,a) := a =_A a$

$\pi_1(A,a) := \|\Omega(A,a)\|_0$

$\|A\|$ , "fundamental groupoid"