

redtt

cartesian cubical proof assistant

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homotopy type theory

dependent type-theoretic language for **higher dimensional** mathematics. possibly including:

- univalence principle
- higher inductive types
- propositional resizing
- modalities



homotopy type theory

UniMath: unleash mathematics from a univalent (invariant) point of view

HoTT book, ch. 8: develop homotopy theory synthetically

generic programming: representation independence, functorial semantics



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constructive type theory, extended with
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main idea: extend type theory with formal variables $i : \mathbb{I}$ ranging over an abstract interval



cubical type theory

why? better syntactic properties than HoTT.

canonicity: closed elements of \mathbb{N} are *definitionally* equal to numerals

Martin-Löf judgmental-method yoga: type connectives internalize forms of judgment



variants of cubical type theory

many knobs to turn:

base category: symmetric monoidal cubes, Cartesian cubes, De Morgan cubes, Dedekind cubes, ...

Kan structure: $0 \rightsquigarrow 1$ composition, $r \rightsquigarrow s$ composition; diagonal cofibrations, etc.

ethos (mythos): proofs or realizers? [more complicated question than it sounds, syntax \neq semantics]

⋮



implementations

many proof assistants (more please!)

cubicaltt: Cohen, Coquand, Huber, Mörtberg

RedPRL: Angiuli, Cavallo, Favonia, Harper, S. et al.

Agda_📦: Vezzosi, et al.

yacctt: Angiuli, Mörtberg

redtt: this talk



implementations

we made so many proof assistants, because there was so much to try!

cubicaltt	De Morgan	$0 \rightsquigarrow 1$	$i = 0/1$	proofs
Agda _📦	De Morgan	$0 \rightsquigarrow 1$	$i = 0/1$	proofs
RedPRL	Cartesian	$r \rightsquigarrow s$	$r = s$	realizers
yacctt	Cartesian	$r \rightsquigarrow s$	$r = s$	proofs
redtt	Cartesian	$r \rightsquigarrow s$	$r = s$	proofs



the **redtt** proof assistant

in the footsteps of **RedPRL**, **redtt** is a full proof assistant with **HITs** and **univalence**

core evidence language with **extension types**, judgmental **refinement** by a partial element

high-level interface featuring **tactics** (soon extensible), **holes** and **unification**

redtt is a node in the **RedPRL** Project!



the **redtt** core language

- language of **proofs**
- two-level type theory (like HTS, **RedPRL**)
- algorithm to check definitional equivalence and typing, conjectured total (based on NbE)

RedPRL has no core language: **refinement rules** = the means of production of **realizers**



the **redtt** core language

redtt proofs have multiple interpretations:

- as constructions in Kan cubical sets
- as programs with operational meaning
(à la **RedPRL**)



extension types

we did away with path types and replaced them with **extension types**:

```
let Path (A : type) (M, N : A) : type =  
  [i] A [  
    | i=0 ⇒ M  
    | i=1 ⇒ N  
  ]
```

specify (partial) boundary of higher cubes



extension types

```
let connection/v (A : type) (p : [i] A [])  
  : [i j] A [  
    | j=0 ⇒ p i  
    | i=0 ⇒ p j  
    | j=1 ⇒ p 1  
    | i=1 ⇒ p 1  
  ]  
= ...
```



extension types are cool!

Ouch:

```
let trans
  (A : type)
  (a0 : A)
  (a1 : A)
  (a2 : A)
  (p : Path A a0 a1)
  (q : Path A a1 a2)
  : Path A a0 a2
=
...
```



extension types are cool!

Better:

```
let trans
  (A : type)
  (p : dim → A)
  (q : [i] A [ i=0 ⇒ p 1 ])
  : Path A (p 0) (q 1)
=
...
```



higher inductive types

```
data s1 where
```

```
| base
```

```
| loop @ i [i=0  $\Rightarrow$  base | i=1  $\Rightarrow$  base]
```



higher inductive types

data torus where

```
| base
| side0 @ i [i=0 ⇒ base | i=1 ⇒ base]
| side1 @ i [i=0 ⇒ base | i=1 ⇒ base]
| glue @ i j
  [ i=0 ⇒ side0 j
  | i=1 ⇒ side0 j
  | j=0 ⇒ side1 i
  | j=1 ⇒ side1 i
  ]
```



higher inductive types

```
let t2c (t : torus) : s1 × s1 =  
  elim t [  
    | base ⇒ <base, base>  
    | side0 i ⇒ <loop i, base>  
    | side1 i ⇒ <base, loop i>  
    | glue i j ⇒ <loop j, loop i>  
  ]
```



interactive proving

like in **Agda** and **RedPRL**, place a “hole” anywhere:

```
let t2c (t : torus) : s1 × s1 =  
  elim t [  
    | base ⇒ <base, base>  
    | side0 i ⇒ <loop i, base>  
    | side1 i ⇒ <base, loop i>  
    | glue i j ⇒ ?  
  ]
```



torus.red:24.19-24.20 [Info]:

?Hole:

t : torus,

i : dim,

j : dim

⊢ (× [_ : s1] s1)

with the following faces:

$i = 0 \Rightarrow (\text{pair } (\text{loop } j) \text{ base})$

$i = 1 \Rightarrow (\text{pair } (\text{loop } j) \text{ base})$

$j = 0 \Rightarrow (\text{pair } \text{base } (\text{loop } i))$

$j = 1 \Rightarrow (\text{pair } \text{base } (\text{loop } i))$



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    | side1 i ⇒ <base, loop i>  
    | glue i j ⇒ <?foo, ?bar>  
  ]
```



torus.red:24.20-24.21 [Info]: torus.red:24.23-24.24 [Info]:

?foo:

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i : dim,

j : dim

⊢ s1

?bar:

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⊢ s1

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we've proved a “lot” of stuff!

- univalence principle
- weak J -eliminator for path types
- Hedberg's theorem
- the lemma formerly known as the “grad lemma”
- $\mathbb{T} \cong \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$
- (soon) $\pi_1 \mathbb{S}^1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$



future work

much more to unleash:

- user-extensible tactics
- higher inductive *families* (Cavallo, Harper)
- formal reconstruction of **RedPRL**'s exact equality (pre)types
- more proofs, with an eye toward $\pi_4 \mathbb{S}^3$
- elaboration of dependent pattern matching
- metatheorems (hard!!)

