

Cubical Type Theory

1 Syntax

Γ, Δ	$::= () \mid \Gamma, x : A \mid \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \mid \Gamma, \varphi$	Contexts
r, s	$::= 0 \mid 1 \mid i \mid 1 - r \mid r \wedge s \mid r \vee s$	The interval, \mathbb{I}
φ, ψ	$::= 0_{\mathbb{F}} \mid 1_{\mathbb{F}} \mid (i = 0) \mid (i = 1) \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi$	The face lattice, \mathbb{F}
t, u, A, B	$::= x \mid \lambda x : A. t \mid t u \mid (x : A) \rightarrow B$ $(t, u) \mid t.1 \mid t.2 \mid (x : A) \times B$ $0 \mid s u \mid \text{natrec } t u \mid \mathbb{N}$ $\langle i \rangle t \mid t r \mid \text{Path } A t u$ S $\text{comp}^i A [\varphi \mapsto u] a_0$ $\text{glue } [\varphi \mapsto t] u \mid \text{unglue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] u \mid \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] A$ \mathbb{U}	Π -types Σ -types Natural numbers Path types Compositions Glueing Universe Systems
S	$::= [\varphi_1 t_1, \dots, \varphi_n t_n]$	

2 Inference rules

Well-formed contexts, $\Gamma \vdash$

$$\frac{}{() \vdash} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash} (x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash} (i \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash}$$

Well-typed elements of \mathbb{I} , $\Gamma \vdash r : \mathbb{I}$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash 0 : \mathbb{I}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash 1 : \mathbb{I}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash i : \mathbb{I}} (i : \mathbb{I} \in \Gamma) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash r : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash 1 - r : \mathbb{I}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash r : \mathbb{I} \quad \Gamma \vdash s : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash r \wedge s : \mathbb{I}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash r : \mathbb{I} \quad \Gamma \vdash s : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash r \vee s : \mathbb{I}}$$

Well-typed elements of \mathbb{F} , $\Gamma \vdash \varphi : \mathbb{F}$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash 0_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash i : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash (i = 0) : \mathbb{F}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash i : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash (i = 1) : \mathbb{F}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma \vdash \psi : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi : \mathbb{F}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma \vdash \psi : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi : \mathbb{F}}$$

Well-formed types, $\Gamma \vdash A$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash (x : A) \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash (x : A) \times B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{N}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Path } A t u}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \bigvee_i \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma, \varphi_i \vdash A_i \quad \Gamma, \varphi_i \wedge \varphi_j \vdash A_i = A_j}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 A_1, \dots, \varphi_n A_n]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash T \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash f : \text{Equiv } T A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{U}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{U}}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

Well-typed terms, $\Gamma \vdash t : A$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash A = B}{\Gamma \vdash t : B} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : A. t : (x : A) \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} (x : A \in \Gamma)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : (x : A) \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash t u : B(x/u)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : (x : A) \times B}{\Gamma \vdash t.1 : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : (x : A) \times B}{\Gamma \vdash t.2 : B(x/t.1)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash u : B(x/t)}{\Gamma \vdash (t, u) : (x : A) \times B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash 0 : \mathbf{N}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{N}}{\Gamma \vdash s n : \mathbf{N}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbf{N} \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash a : P(x/0) \quad \Gamma \vdash b : (n : \mathbf{N}) \rightarrow P(x/n) \rightarrow P(x/s n)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{natrec } a b : (x : \mathbf{N}) \rightarrow P}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \langle i \rangle t : \text{Path } A t(i0) t(i1)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{Path } A u_0 u_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash r : \mathbb{I}}{\Gamma \vdash t r : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \bigvee_i \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, \varphi_i \vdash t_i : A \quad \Gamma, \varphi_i \wedge \varphi_j \vdash t_i = t_j : A}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 t_1, \dots, \varphi_n t_n] : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash A \quad \Gamma, \varphi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash u : A \quad \Gamma \vdash a_0 : A(i0)[\varphi \mapsto u(i0)]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i A [\varphi \mapsto u] a_0 : A(i1)[\varphi \mapsto u(i1)]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash b : \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{unglue } b : A[\varphi \mapsto f b]} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash f : \text{Equiv } T A \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A[\varphi \mapsto f t]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{glue } [\varphi \mapsto t] a : \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbb{U} \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \mathbb{U}}{\Gamma \vdash (x : A) \rightarrow B : \mathbb{U}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbb{U} \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \mathbb{U}}{\Gamma \vdash (x : A) \times B : \mathbb{U}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbb{N} : \mathbb{U}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbb{U} \quad \Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Path } A t u : \mathbb{U}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbb{U} \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash T : \mathbb{U} \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash f : \text{Equiv } T A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] A : \mathbb{U}}$$

Interval equality, $\Gamma \vdash r = s : \mathbb{I}$

$$\frac{r = s \pmod{\Gamma}}{\Gamma \vdash r = s : \mathbb{I}}$$

Face lattice equality, $\Gamma \vdash \varphi = \psi : \mathbb{F}$

$$\frac{\varphi = \psi \pmod{\Gamma}}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi = \psi : \mathbb{F}}$$

Type equality, $\Gamma \vdash A = B$ (Congruence and equivalence rules are omitted)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1 A_1, \dots, \varphi_n A_n] = A_i} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash T \quad \Gamma \vdash f : \text{Equiv } T A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Glue } [1_{\mathbb{F}} \mapsto (T, f)] A = T}$$

Term equality, $\Gamma \vdash a = b : A$ (Congruence and equivalence rules are omitted)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t = u : A \quad \Gamma \vdash A = B}{\Gamma \vdash t = u : B} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A. t) u = t(x/u) : B(x/u)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t x = u x : B}{\Gamma \vdash t = u : (x : A) \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash u : B(x/t)}{\Gamma \vdash (t, u).1 = t : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash u : B(x/t)}{\Gamma \vdash (t, u).2 = u : B(x/t)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t.1 = u.1 : A \quad \Gamma \vdash t.2 = u.2 : B(x/t.1)}{\Gamma \vdash t = u : (x : A) \times B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{N} \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash a : P(x/0) \quad \Gamma \vdash b : (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow P(x/n) \rightarrow P(x/s n)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{natrec } a b 0 = a : P(x/0)}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{N} \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash a : P(x/0) \quad \Gamma \vdash b : (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow P(x/n) \rightarrow P(x/s\ n) \quad \Gamma \vdash n : \mathbb{N}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{natrec } a\ b\ (\mathbf{s}\ n) = b\ n\ (\text{natrec } a\ b\ n) : P(x/s\ n)} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \hat{i} \rangle t\ r = t(i/r) : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash t\ i = u\ i : A}{\Gamma \vdash t = u : \text{Path } A\ u_0\ u_1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{Path } A\ u_0\ u_1}{\Gamma \vdash t\ 0 = u_0 : A} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{Path } A\ u_0\ u_1}{\Gamma \vdash t\ 1 = u_1 : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1\ t_1, \dots, \varphi_n\ t_n] : A \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}}{\Gamma \vdash [\varphi_1\ t_1, \dots, \varphi_n\ t_n] = t_i : A} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{glue } [1_{\mathbb{F}} \mapsto t]\ a = t : T} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash b : \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)]\ A}{\Gamma \vdash b = \text{glue } [\varphi \mapsto b]\ (\text{unglue } b) : \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)]\ A} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A[\varphi \mapsto f\ t]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{unglue } (\text{glue } [\varphi \mapsto t]\ a) = a : A}
\end{array}$$

Together with this family of rules for an arbitrary judgment body J :

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall_i \varphi_i = 1_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma, \varphi_1 \vdash J \quad \dots \quad \Gamma, \varphi_n \vdash J}{\Gamma \vdash J}$$

3 Equality judgments for comp

Before defining the equality judgments for compositions we define some useful operations:

Kan filling:

$$\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash \text{fill}^i\ A\ [\varphi \mapsto u]\ a_0 = \text{comp}^j\ A(i/i \wedge j)\ [\varphi \mapsto u(i/i \wedge j), (i=0) \mapsto a_0]\ a_0 : A$$

where j is fresh for Γ .

Transport: Composition for $\varphi = 0_{\mathbb{F}}$ corresponds to transport:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{transp}^i\ A\ a = \text{comp}^i\ A\ []\ a : A(i1)$$

Contr: Given $\Gamma \vdash p : \text{isContr } A$ and $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash u : A$ we define the operation:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{contr } p\ [\varphi \mapsto u] = \text{comp}^i\ A\ [\varphi \mapsto p.2\ u\ i]\ p.1 : A[\varphi \mapsto u]$$

Pres: Given

$$\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash f : T \rightarrow A \quad \Gamma, \varphi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash t_0 : T(i0)[\varphi \mapsto t(i0)]$$

Let $\Gamma \vdash a_0 = f(i0)\ t_0 : A(i0)$ and $\Gamma, \varphi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash a = f\ t : A$, together with:

$$\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash u = \text{fill}^i\ A\ [\varphi \mapsto a]\ a_0 : A \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash v = \text{fill}^i\ T\ [\varphi \mapsto t]\ t_0 : T$$

we then define

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{pres}^i\ f\ [\varphi \mapsto t]\ t_0 = \langle j \rangle \text{comp}^i\ A\ [\varphi \mapsto a, (j=0) \mapsto u, (j=1) \mapsto f\ v]\ a_0$$

of type $(\text{Path } A(i1)\ c_1\ c_2)[\varphi \mapsto \langle j \rangle (f\ t)(i1)]$ where $c_1 = \text{comp}^i\ A\ [\varphi \mapsto f\ t]\ (f(i0)\ t_0)$ and $c_2 = f(i1)\ (\text{comp}^i\ T\ [\varphi \mapsto t]\ t_0)$.

Equiv: Given

$$\Gamma \vdash f : \text{Equiv } T \ A \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash p : \text{Path } A \ a \ (f \ t)$$

we define

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{equiv } f \ [\varphi \mapsto (t, p)] \ a = \text{contr } (f.2 \ a) \ [\varphi \mapsto (t, p)] : (x : T) \times \text{Path } A \ a \ (f \ x)[\varphi \mapsto (t, p)]$$

The equality judgments for $\text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto u] \ a_0$ are defined by cases on the type C :

- **Product types**, $C = (x : A) \rightarrow B$:

Let

$$\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash w = \text{fill}^i A(i/1 - i) \ [] \ u_1 : A(i/1 - i) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash v = w(i/1 - i) : A.$$

Using this we define

$$\Gamma \vdash (\text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto \mu] \ \lambda_0) \ u_1 = \text{comp}^i B(x/v) \ [\varphi \mapsto \mu \ v] \ (\lambda_0 \ v(i0)) : B(i1)[\varphi \mapsto (\mu \ v)(i1)]$$

- **Sum types**, $C = (x : A) \times B$

Let $\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash a = \text{fill}^i A \ [\varphi \mapsto w.1] \ w_{0.1} : A$ and

$$\Gamma \vdash c_1 = \text{comp}^i A \ [\varphi \mapsto w.1] \ w_{0.1} \quad \Gamma \vdash c_2 = \text{comp}^i B(x/a) \ [\varphi \mapsto w.2] \ w_{0.2}$$

Using this we define:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto w] \ w_0 = (c_1, c_2) : C(i1)[\varphi \mapsto w(i1)]$$

- **Natural numbers**, $C = \mathbb{N}$:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto 0] \ 0 = 0 : C[\varphi \mapsto 0]$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto s \ n] \ (s \ n_0) = s \ (\text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto n] \ n_0) : C[\varphi \mapsto s \ n]$$

- **Path types**, $C = \text{Path } A \ u \ v$:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i C \ [\varphi \mapsto p] \ p_0 = \langle j \rangle \ \text{comp}^i A \ S \ (p_0 \ j) : C(i1)[\varphi \mapsto p(i1)]$$

where the system S is $[\varphi \mapsto p \ j, (j = 0) \mapsto u, (j = 1) \mapsto v]$.

- **Glue**, $C = \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (T, f)] \ A$:

We assume

$$\Gamma, \psi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash b : C \quad \Gamma \vdash b_0 : C(i0)[\psi \mapsto b(i0)]$$

and define:

$$\Gamma, \psi, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash a = \text{unglue } b : A[\varphi \mapsto f \ b]$$

$$\Gamma \vdash a_0 = \text{unglue } b_0 : A(i0)[\varphi(i0) \mapsto f(i0) \ b_0, \psi \mapsto a(i0)]$$

The following provides the algorithm for composition $b_1 = \text{comp}^i C \ [\psi \mapsto b] \ b_0$ of type $C(i1)[\psi \mapsto b(i1)]$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \delta & = & \forall i. \varphi & \Gamma \\ a'_1 & = & \text{comp}^i A \ [\psi \mapsto a] \ a_0 & \Gamma \\ t'_1 & = & \text{comp}^i T \ [\psi \mapsto b] \ b_0 & \Gamma, \delta \\ \omega & = & \text{pres}^i f \ [\psi \mapsto b] \ b_0 & \Gamma, \delta \\ (t_1, \alpha) & = & \text{equiv } f(i1) \ [\delta \mapsto (t'_1, \omega), \psi \mapsto (b(i1), \langle j \rangle a'_1)] \ a'_1 & \Gamma, \varphi(i1) \\ a_1 & = & \text{comp}^j A(i1) \ [\varphi(i1) \mapsto \alpha \ j, \psi \mapsto a(i1)] \ a'_1 & \Gamma \\ b_1 & = & \text{glue } [\varphi(i1) \mapsto t_1] \ a_1 & \Gamma \end{array}$$

- **Universe, $C = \mathbb{U}$:**

Given $\Gamma \vdash A$, $\Gamma \vdash B$, and $\Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash E$, such that $E(i0) = A$ and $E(i1) = B$, we will construct $\text{equiv}^i E : \text{Equiv } A B$. In order to do this we first define

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash f &= \lambda x : A. \text{transp}^i E x : A \rightarrow B \\ \Gamma \vdash g &= \lambda y : B. (\text{transp}^i E (i/1 - i) y)(i/1 - i) : B \rightarrow A \\ \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash u &= \lambda x : A. \text{fill}^i E \square x : A \rightarrow E \\ \Gamma, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash v &= \lambda y : B. (\text{fill}^i E (i/1 - i) \square y)(i/1 - i) : B \rightarrow E \end{aligned}$$

We will now prove that f is an equivalence. Given $y : B$ we see that $(x : A) \times \text{Path } B y (f x)$ is inhabited as it contains the element $(g y, \gamma)$ where

$$\gamma = \langle j \rangle \text{comp}^i E [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u (g y)] (g y)$$

We then show that two elements (x_0, β_0) and (x_1, β_1) in $(x : A) \times \text{Path } B y (f x)$ are path-connected. This is obtained by the definitions

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0 &= \text{comp}^i E (i/1 - i) [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u x_0] (\beta_0 j) \\ \omega_1 &= \text{comp}^i E (i/1 - i) [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u x_1] (\beta_1 j) \\ \theta_0 &= \text{fill}^i E (i/1 - i) [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u x_0] (\beta_0 j) \\ \theta_1 &= \text{fill}^i E (i/1 - i) [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u x_1] (\beta_1 j) \\ \omega &= \text{comp}^j A [(k = 0) \mapsto \omega_0, (k = 1) \mapsto \omega_1] (g y) \\ \theta &= \text{fill}^j A [(k = 0) \mapsto \omega_0, (k = 1) \mapsto \omega_1] (g y) \end{aligned}$$

so that we have $\Gamma, j : \mathbb{I}, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash \theta_0 : E$ and $\Gamma, j : \mathbb{I}, i : \mathbb{I} \vdash \theta_1 : E$ and $\Gamma, j : \mathbb{I}, k : \mathbb{I} \vdash \theta : A$. If we define

$$\delta = \text{comp}^i E [(j = 0) \mapsto v y, (j = 1) \mapsto u \omega, (k = 0) \mapsto \theta_0, (k = 1) \mapsto \theta_1] \theta$$

we then have

$$\langle k \rangle (\omega, \langle j \rangle \delta) : \text{Path } ((x : A) \times \text{Path } B y (f x)) (x_0, \beta_0) (x_1, \beta_1)$$

as desired. We have hence shown that f is an equivalence, so we have constructed $\text{equiv}^i E : \text{Equiv } A B$.

Using this we can now define the composition for the universe:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{comp}^i C [\varphi \mapsto E] A_0 = \text{Glue } [\varphi \mapsto (E(i1), \text{equiv}^i E (i/1 - i))] A_0 : C(i1)[\varphi \mapsto E(i1)]$$