

# Towards FaceTT

A generalization of intensional type systems with Glue

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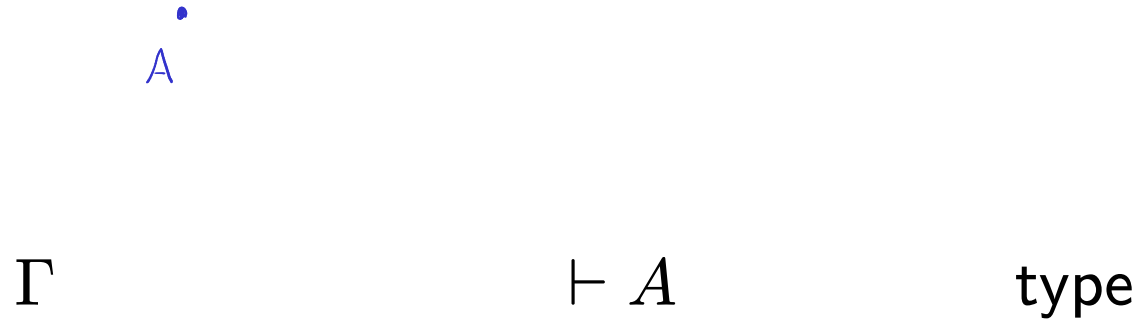
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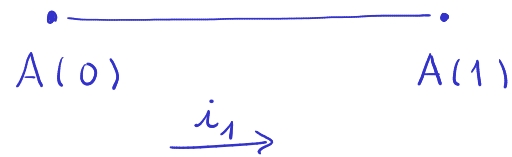
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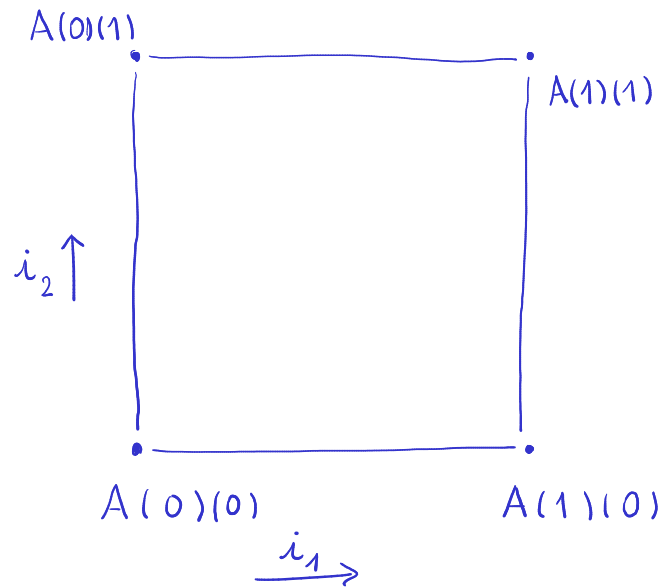


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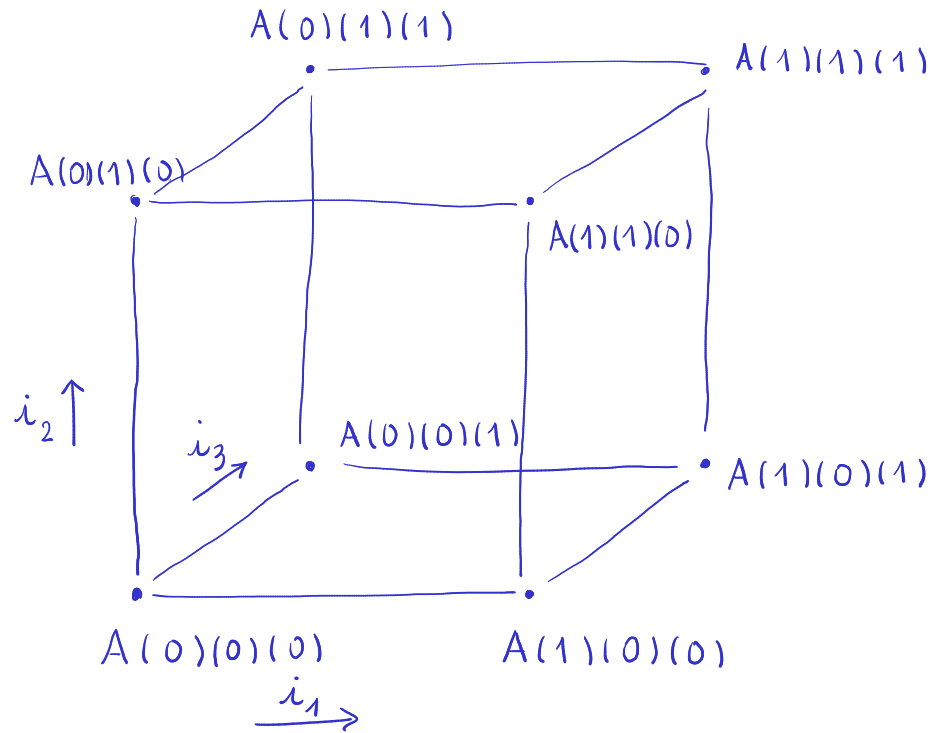
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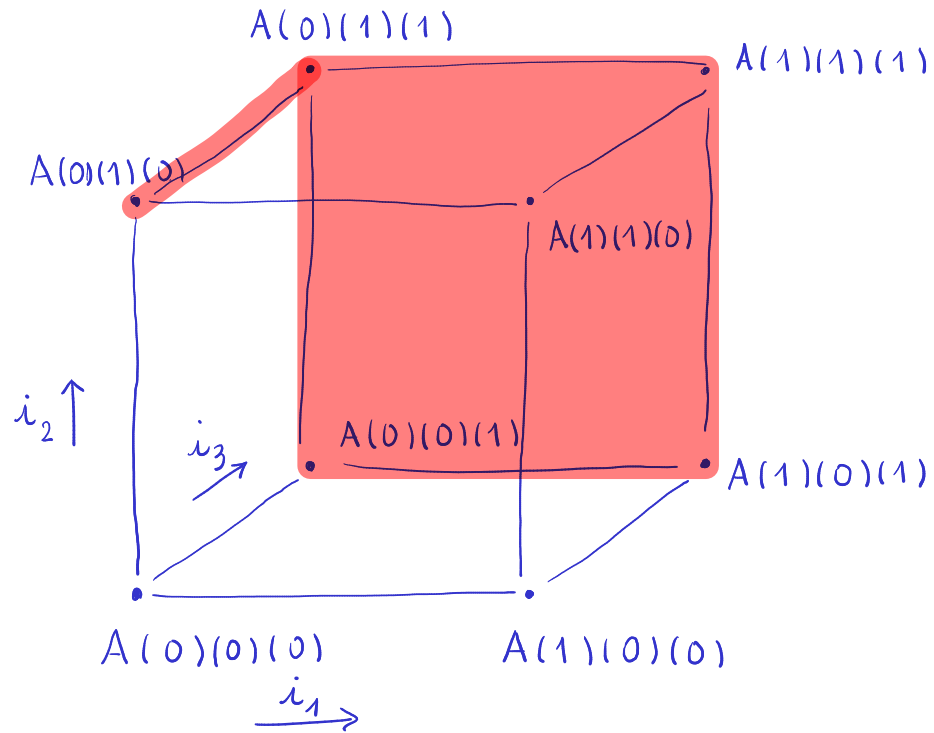
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... to prove *univalence*:

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- face formula operations ( $\varphi \wedge \psi$ )
- a Glue type that uses these features

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(Continuing [Nuy20])

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**Proposition** This CwF is a model of  $\text{FaceTT}(\text{ft})$ .

(Based on work in [Nuy20].)

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First goal: find user-provided assumptions necessary for proof.

At least / starting point: decidability of atomic face formula formers.

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## **3. Backup slides**

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$$\Gamma, \varphi \vdash A \xrightarrow[f]{\sim} T$$

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!!Add slide on CCHM's  $(- = 1) : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  being a De Morgan algebra morphism.

### 3.3 Face formula judgement

We have *face formulas* with conjunction, disjunction, truth, falsity and proposition variables:  $(\perp \wedge \alpha) \vee (\top \vee \beta)$  (No implication.)

Face formulas can

- be well-defined:  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi \text{ prop}$
- hold:  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$
- go into the context:  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \text{ prop}}{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \text{ctx}}$

## 3.4 Universe of face formulas

New pseudotype judgement for a universe of face formulas:

$$\Gamma \vdash t :: \text{Prop}$$

We can

- convert between the two face formula judgements:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \text{ prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \ulcorner \varphi \urcorner :: \text{Prop}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t :: \text{Prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{El}(t) \text{ prop}}$$

- weaken contexts with variables in the universe:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \text{ctx}}{\Gamma, \chi :: \text{Prop} \vdash \text{ctx}}$$

- have universe variables in  $\Pi$ -type domains:

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$$\frac{\Gamma, \chi :: \text{Prop} \vdash T \text{ op}(\text{type}_\ell)}{\Gamma \vdash (\chi :: \text{Prop}) \rightarrow T \text{ op}(\text{type}_\ell)}$$

- **not** put the pseudotype in the codomain.

# 3.5 Equality of face formulas

conjunction

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}$$

$$\frac{\dots}{\Gamma \vdash \top \wedge \psi = \psi \text{ prop}}$$

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disjunction

$$\frac{\dots}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \top = \top \text{ prop}}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash T \text{ type}$$

$$\Gamma, \varphi \vdash t_l : T$$

$$\Gamma, \psi \vdash t_r : T$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi$$

$$\Gamma, \varphi \wedge \psi \vdash t_l = t_r : T$$


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$$\Gamma \vdash \{\varphi? t_l \mid \psi? t_r\} : T$$

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