

# Assignment 4

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## Exercise 1 Without K

(16 Points)

Implement solutions to the following problems in Agda with the pragma `{-# OPTIONS --without-K #-}` activated. This corresponds to the general version of Martin-Löf type theory with the elimination principle for the identity types, as explained at the lecture. As a result, proofs of identities themselves become subject to nontrivial proofs. The following intuition is helpful when working with such proofs. You can think of  $p : x \equiv y$  as a *path* from  $x$  to  $y$  on a surface. Then  $refl : x \equiv x$  is a one point path, symmetry produces a reversed path  $(sym\ p) : y \equiv x$ , and transitivity concatenates two paths. For example, you can show that  $trans\ p\ (sym\ p) \equiv refl$  (do it!). This is called the *groupoid interpretation* of type theory. The following variant of the identity type eliminator

$$\begin{aligned}
 J' &: \forall \{A : \text{Set } \ell\} \{x : A\} (P : (z : A) \rightarrow x \equiv z \rightarrow \text{Set } \ell) \rightarrow \\
 &\quad P\ x\ refl \rightarrow (y : A) (x \equiv y : x \equiv y) \rightarrow P\ y\ x \equiv y \\
 J' &P\ p\ \_ \text{ refl} = p
 \end{aligned}$$

can thus be regarded as (*based*) *path induction*: to show a property  $P\ y\ x \equiv y$  of a path  $x \equiv y$ , we show  $P\ x\ refl$  (induction base) and that all paths  $P\ z\ x \equiv z$  can be formed (so, we can continuously move from  $z := x$  to  $z := y$ ).

A type is *contractible* if it provably has exactly one inhabitant; a type is a *proposition* if all its inhabitants are equal; a type is a *set* if there is at most one proof of equality of any two its inhabitants. This is formalized in Agda as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 isContr &: \text{Set } \ell \rightarrow \text{Set } \ell \\
 isContr\ A &= \Sigma\ A\ (\lambda\ x \rightarrow \forall\ y \rightarrow x \equiv y)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 isProp &: \text{Set } \ell \rightarrow \text{Set } \ell \\
 isProp\ A &= (x\ y : A) \rightarrow x \equiv y
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 isSet &: \text{Set } \ell \rightarrow \text{Set } \ell \\
 isSet\ A &= (x\ y : A) \rightarrow isProp\ (x \equiv y)
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Show that every contractible type is a proposition and every proposition is a set.

**Hint:** Second property is non-trivial and requires some exploration of the space of identity proofs  $p : x \equiv x$ . The idea is to prove that every proof  $x \equiv y : x \equiv y$  is equal to the canonical proof witnessing  $isProp\ A$ . As an intermediate step, show the following, using (based) path induction:

$$prop\text{-}refl\text{-}prop : \forall \{A : \text{Set } \ell\} \{x : A\} (p : isProp\ A) \rightarrow ((trans\ (p\ x\ x)\ (sym\ (p\ x\ x))) \equiv (p\ x\ x))$$

2. Show that a type  $A$  is a proposition iff every type  $x \equiv y$  with  $x\ y : A$  is contractible.

3. Show that a type  $A$  is a set iff it satisfies the  $K$  rule, iff it satisfies *uniqueness of identity proofs*:

$$K : \forall (A : \text{Set } \ell) (x : A) (P : x \equiv x \rightarrow \text{Set}) \rightarrow P \text{ refl} \rightarrow (x \equiv x : x \equiv x) \rightarrow P x \equiv x$$

$$\text{UIP} : \forall (A : \text{Set } \ell) \rightarrow \text{Set } \ell$$

Hence, removal of the `{-# OPTIONS --without-K #-}` is precisely equivalent to stating that every type is a set. This explains the historical choice of the name `Set` for types in Agda.

4. Show that  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  are sets.

**Hint:** The second property is non-trivial and can be proven by induction over natural numbers, for which you will need to prove the following auxiliary property by path induction

$$\text{pre} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{pre zero} = \text{zero}$$

$$\text{pre (suc } n) = n$$

$$h : \forall \{x y : \mathbb{N}\} (x \equiv y : \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y) \rightarrow \text{cong } x \equiv y (\lambda z \rightarrow \text{suc } (\text{pre } z)) \equiv x \equiv y$$

(you will need to adapt `cong` from `eq.agda` and possibly other functions about equalities.)

## Exercise 2 GCD

(7 Points)

Greatest common divisor  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$  of two natural positive (!) numbers is inductively defined as  $\text{gcd}(a - b, b)$  if  $a > b$ , as  $\text{gcd}(a, b - a)$  if  $b > a$  and as  $a$  if  $a = b$ .

1. Implement  $\text{gcd}$  in Agda using the modules of Iowa Agda library. To that end you will need to design a corresponding termination proof.

**Hint:** A concise and elegant solution can be obtained by using the *lexicographic order* and a corresponding termination proof `↓-lex` from `termination.agda`. Note, however, that it is only one possible approach.

2. Formalize that  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$  divides both  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Hint:** It is convenient to couch the developments in terms of the relation

$$\_ \text{divides} \_ : \forall (n m : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

expressing the fact that  $n$  divides  $m$ , and to prove the lemma

$$\text{divides} \dot{\div} : \forall (n m k : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow k \text{ divides } n \rightarrow k \text{ divides } m \rightarrow k \text{ divides } (m \dot{\div} n)$$

## Exercise 3 Logarithms and Tree Heights

(9 Points)

1. Implement the following functions calculating binary logarithms of natural numbers and rounding the result down and up respectively:

$$\lfloor \log_2 \_ \rfloor : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\lceil \log_2 \_ \rceil : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

So, e.g.  $\lfloor \log_2 2 \rfloor = \lceil \log_2 2 \rceil = 1$  and  $\lfloor \log_2 3 \rfloor = 1$ ,  $\lceil \log_2 3 \rceil = 2$ . For the sake of simplicity, you can assume that  $\lfloor \log_2 0 \rfloor = \lceil \log_2 0 \rceil = 0$ .

2. Write down a function to calculate the height of a brown tree:

$$\text{bt-height} : \forall \{A : \text{Set } \ell\} \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow \text{braun-tree } n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

3. Design a proof of the following property:

$$\text{bt-height-lt} : \forall \{A : \text{Set } \ell\} \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow (t : \text{braun-tree } n) \rightarrow (\text{bt-height } t \leq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil \equiv \text{tt})$$

To that end, you can use the following properties without a proof.

$$\lfloor \log_2 \rfloor\text{-dup} : \forall \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow n > 0 \equiv \text{tt} \rightarrow \lfloor \log_2 (2 * n) \rfloor \equiv \text{suc } \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$$

$$\lfloor \log_2 \rfloor\text{-dup-suc} : \forall \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow n > 0 \equiv \text{tt} \rightarrow \lfloor \log_2 (\text{suc } (2 * n)) \rfloor \equiv \text{suc } \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$$