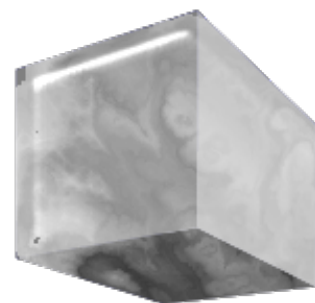


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**Cubical  
Computational  
Type  
Theory  
& RedPRL**

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$S \mapsto \{M \rightarrow N \mid M \Downarrow, N \Downarrow \text{ in } S\} \text{ union } \dots$

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$A \rightarrow B: \{\lambda a.M\}$

How they are equal?

$A1 \rightarrow B1 \approx A2 \rightarrow B2$  if  $A1 \doteq A2$  and  $B1 \doteq B2$

$\lambda a.M1 \approx_{A \rightarrow B} \lambda a.M2$  if  $a:A \gg M1 \doteq M2 \in B$

# Variables

Nuprl/...	Coq/Agda/...
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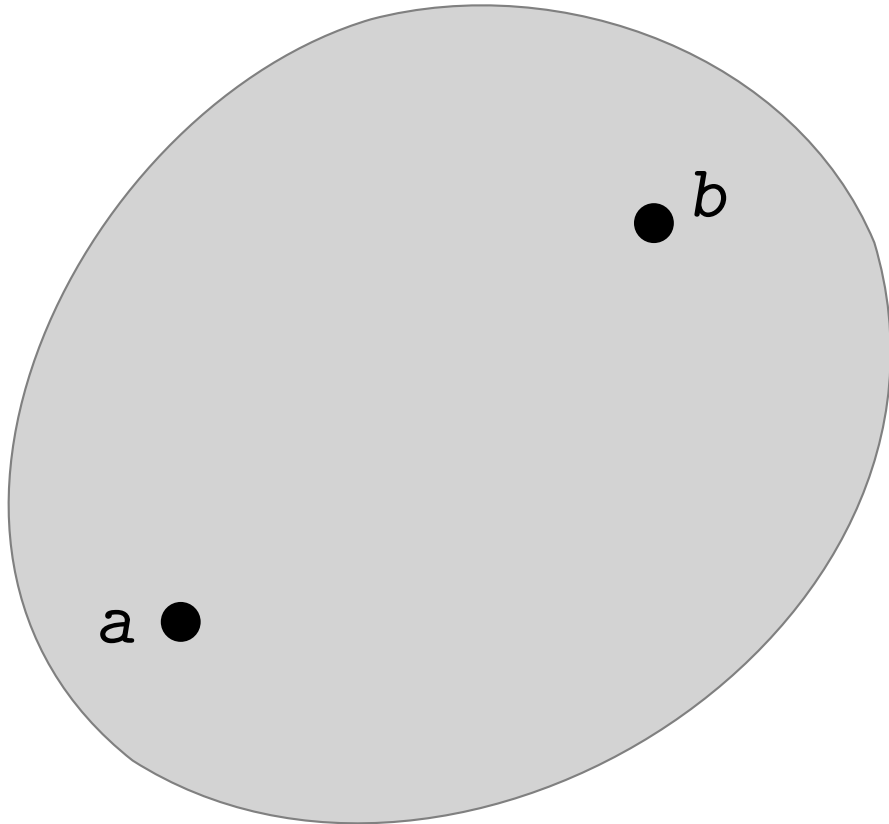
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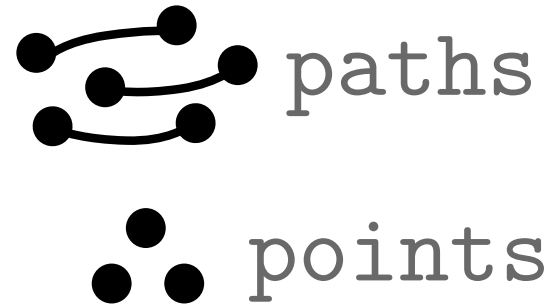
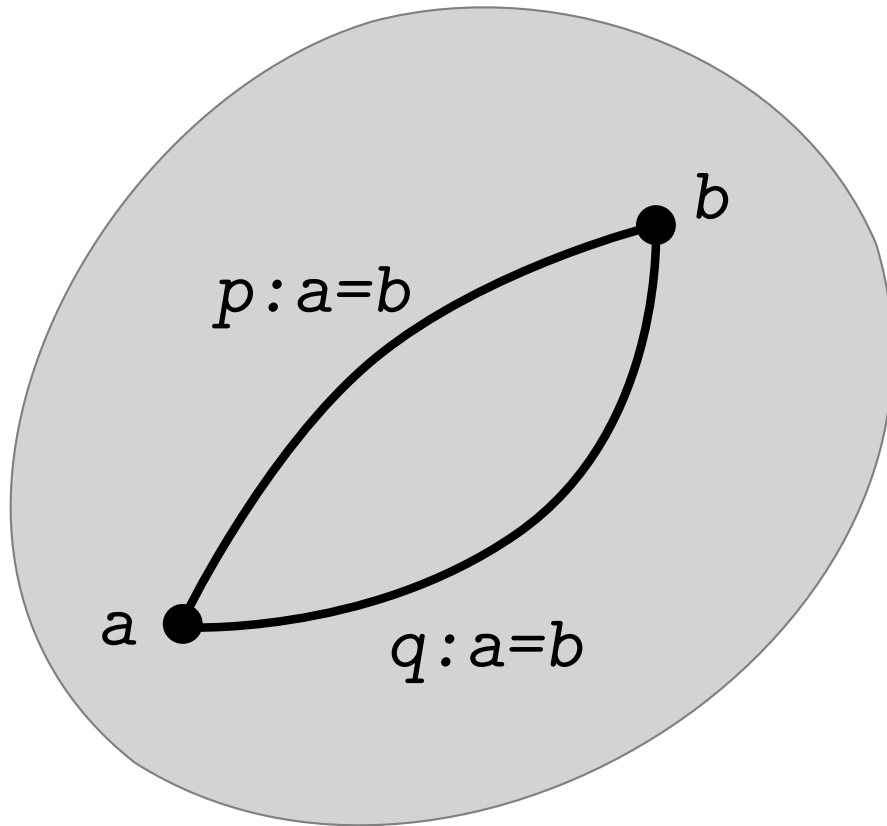
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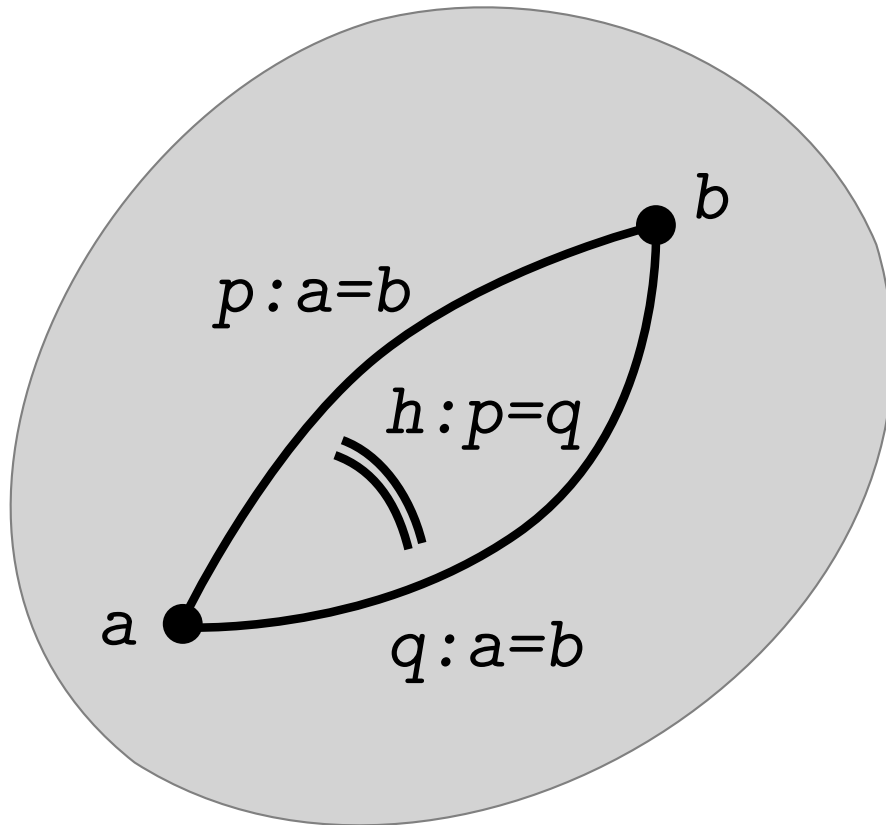


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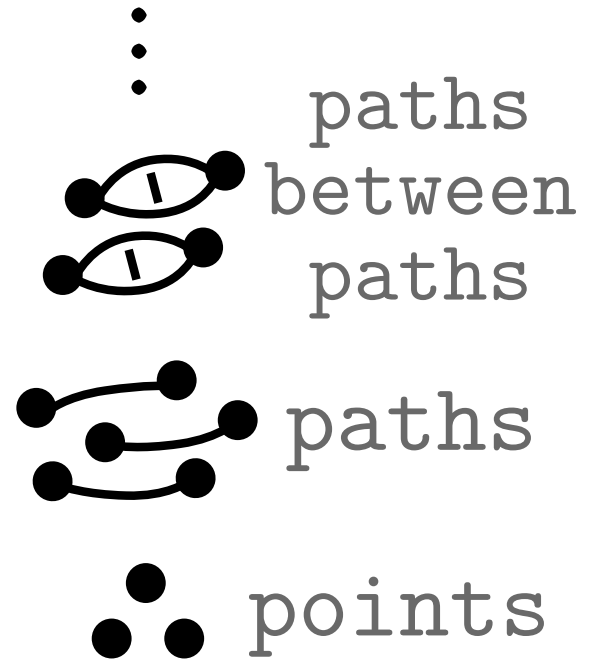
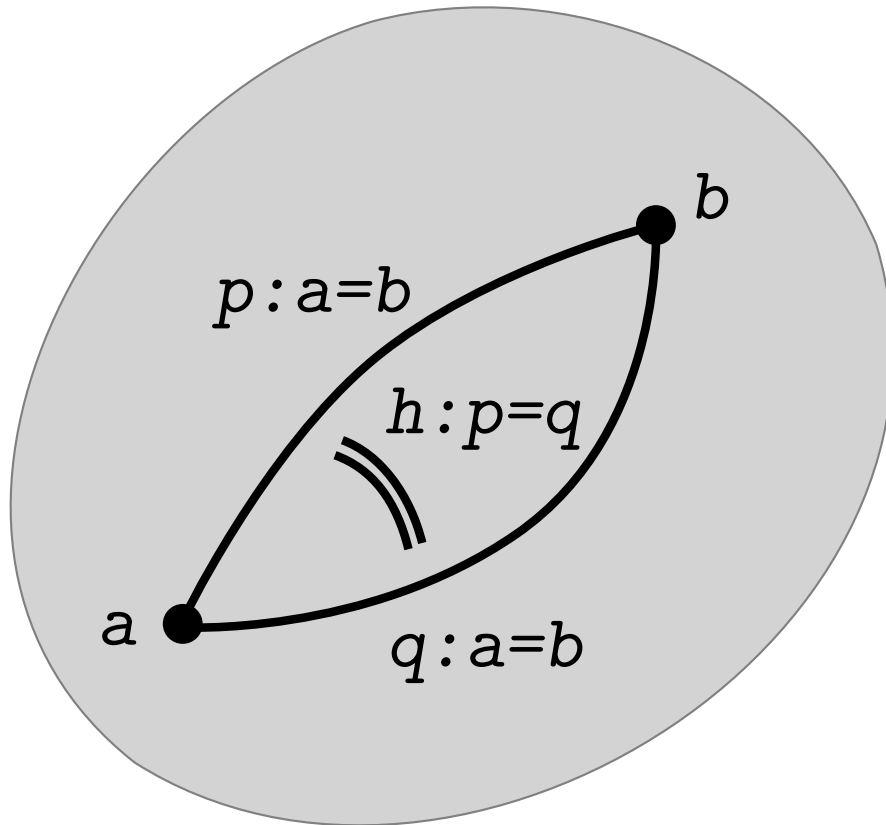


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[Awodey and Warren] [Voevodsky *et al*] [van den Berg and Garner]

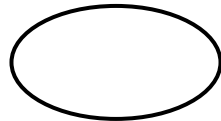
$A$	Type	Space
$a : A$	Element	Point
$f : A \rightarrow B$	Function	Continuous Mapping
$C : A \rightarrow \text{Type}$	Dependent Type	Fibration
$a =_A b$	Identification	Path

# Features of HoTT

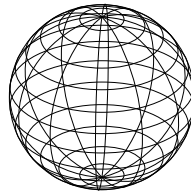
## Univalence

If  $e$  is an equivalence between types  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $ua(E):A=B$

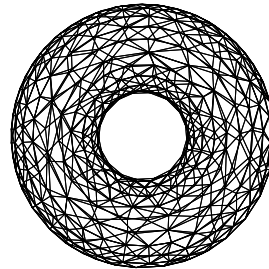
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Yes with De Morgan cubes [CCHM 2016]

Yes with Cartesian cubes [AFH 2017]

... and higher inductive types?

Examples with De Morgan cubes [CHM 2018]

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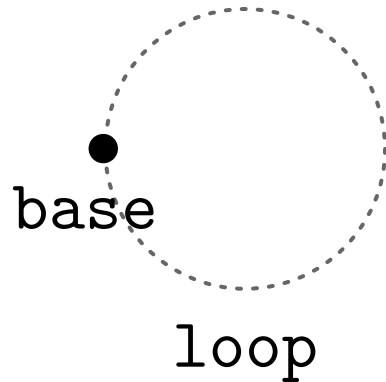


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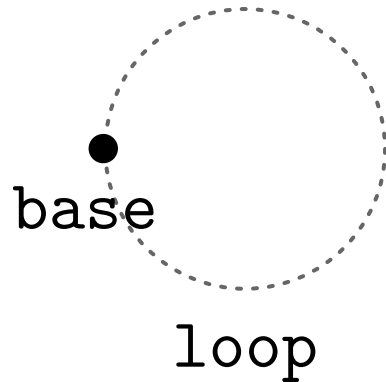
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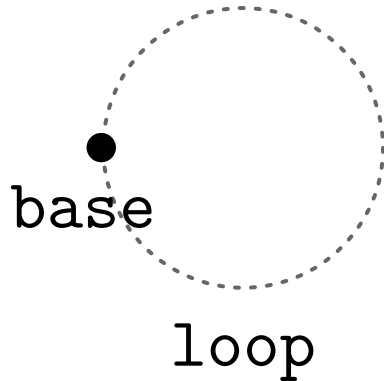


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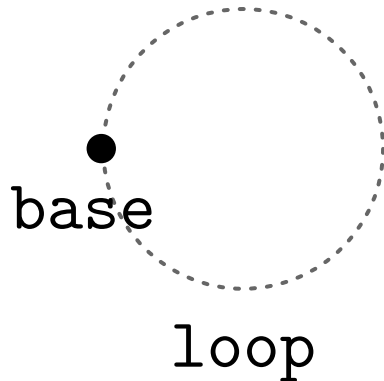


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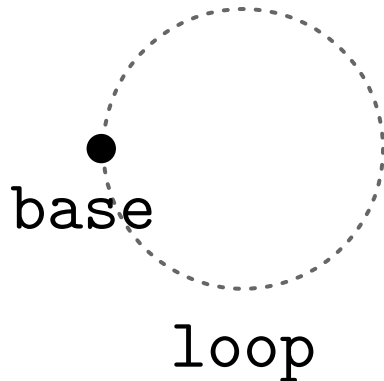
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**Kan** types: types with Kan structure

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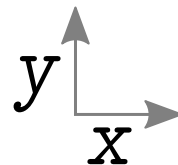
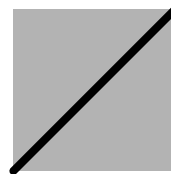
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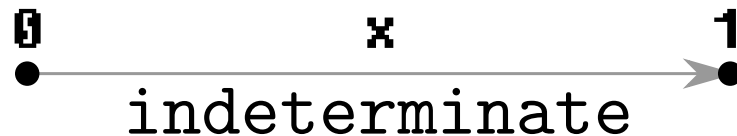


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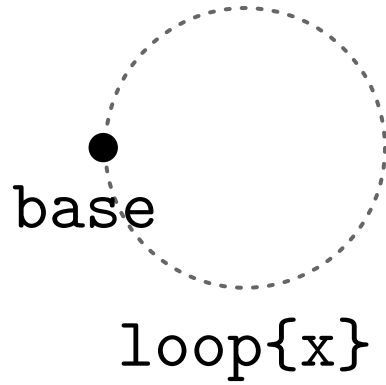


# Cubical Programming

`dim expr r := 0 | 1 | x`

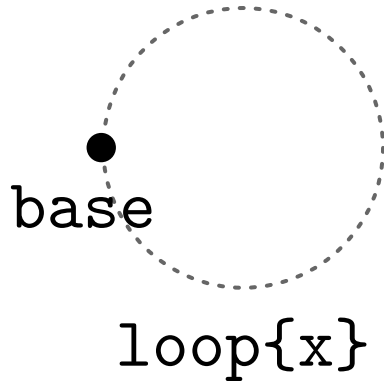


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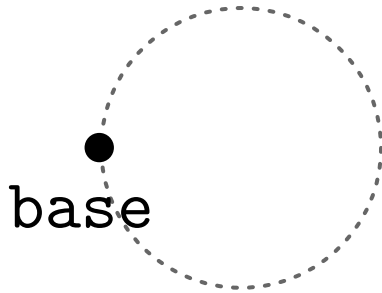
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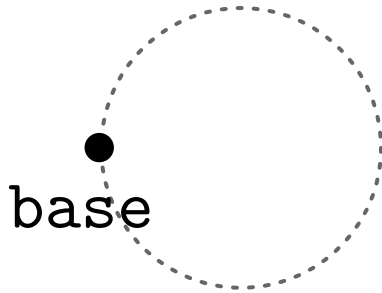


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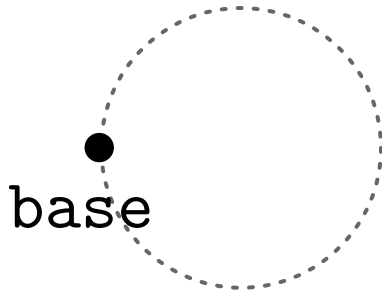
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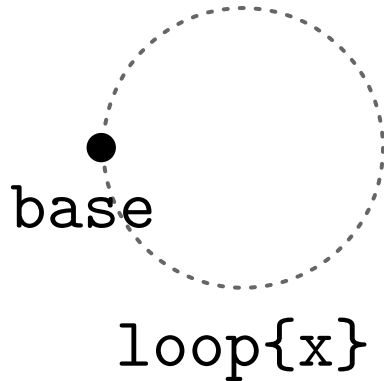
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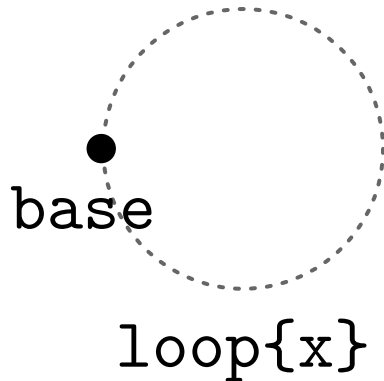
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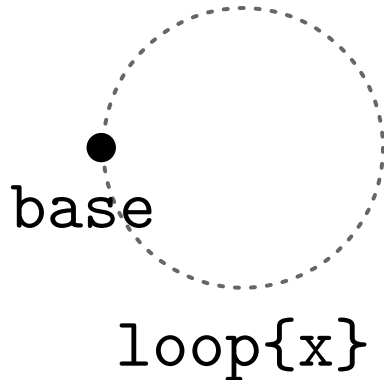
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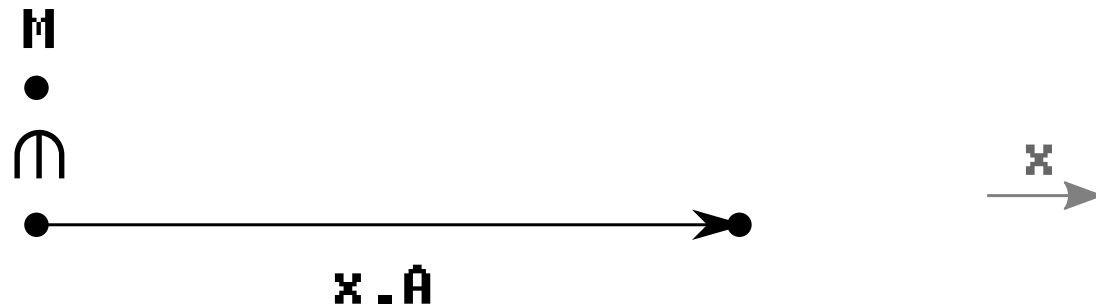
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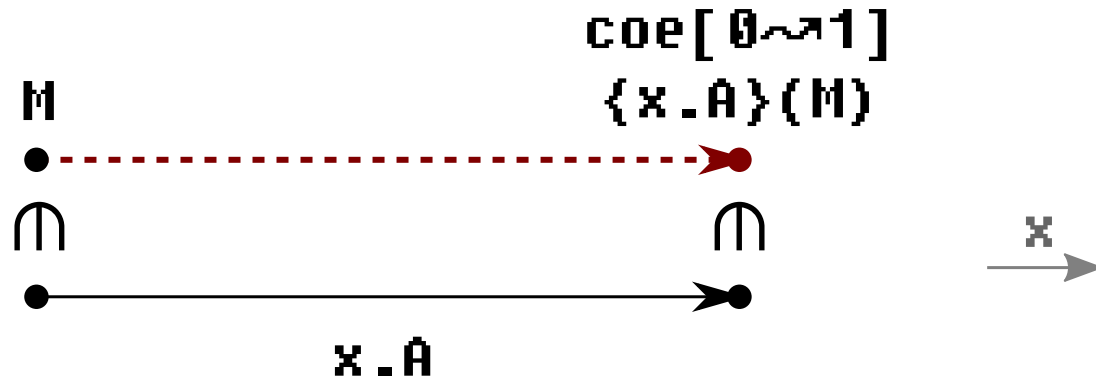
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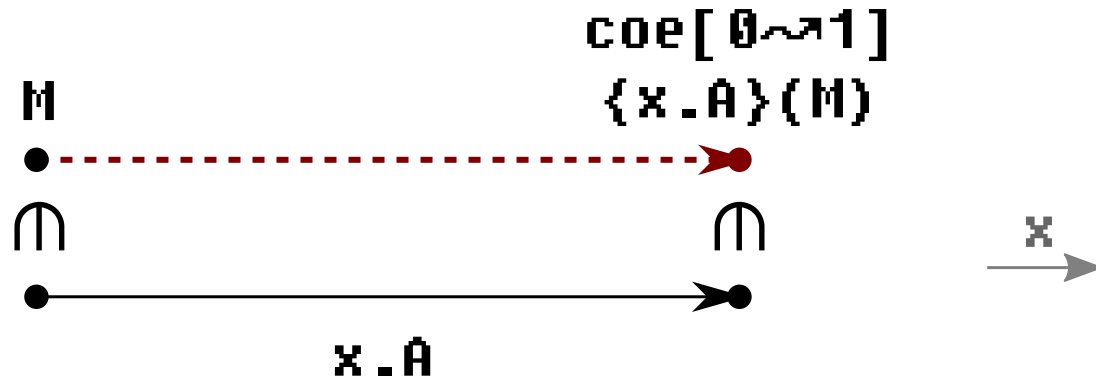
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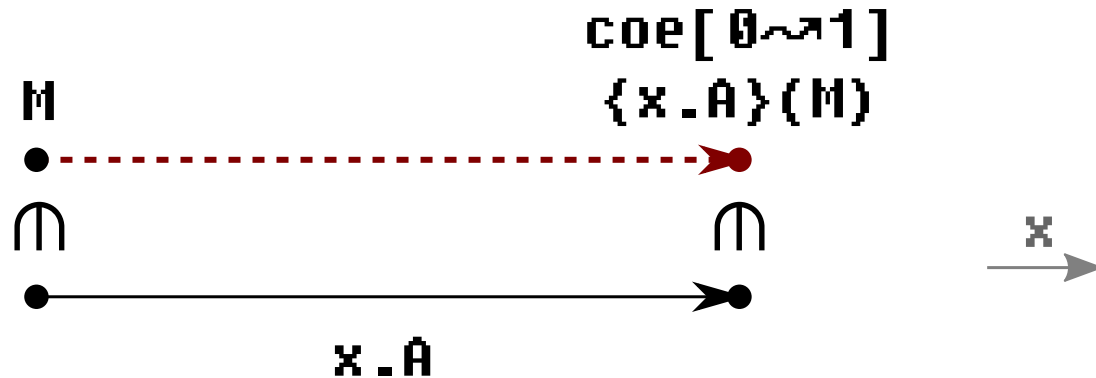


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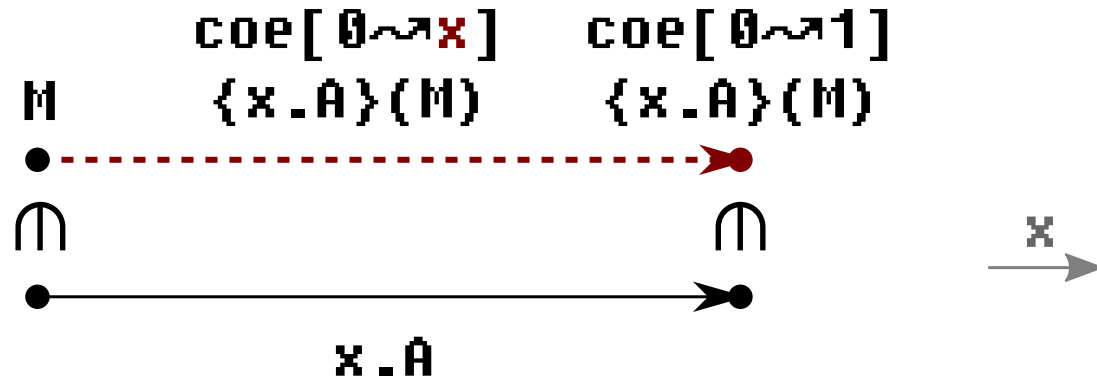


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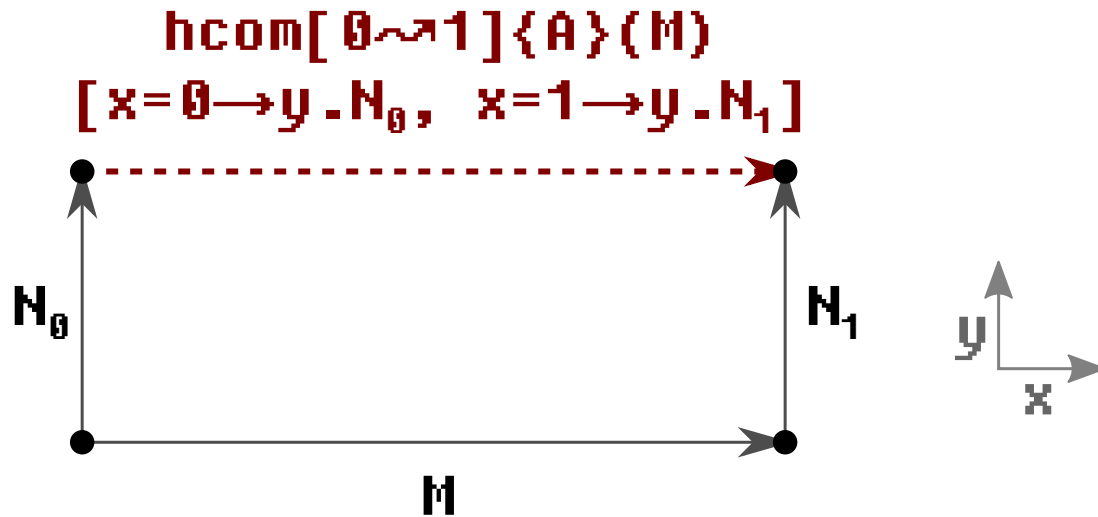
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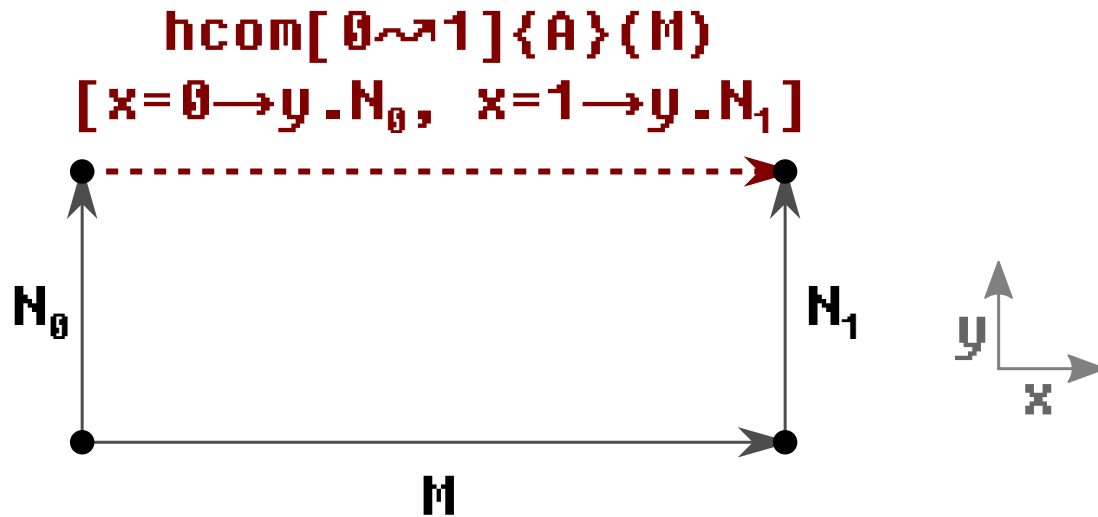
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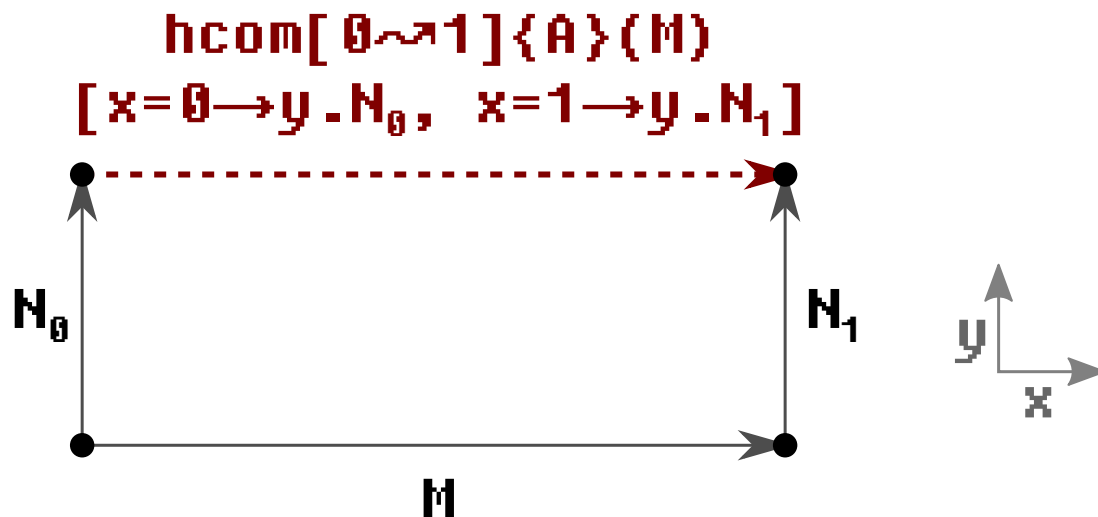


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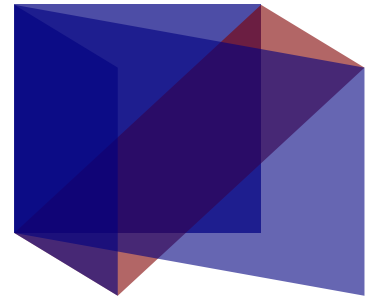
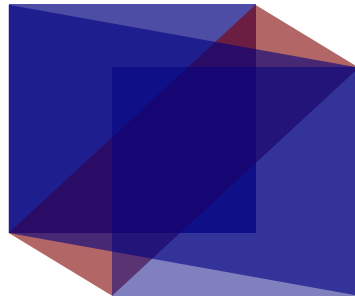
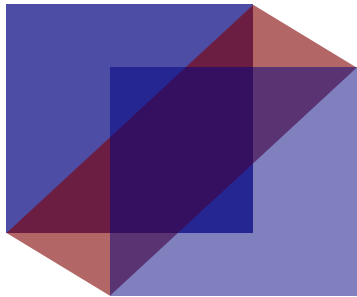
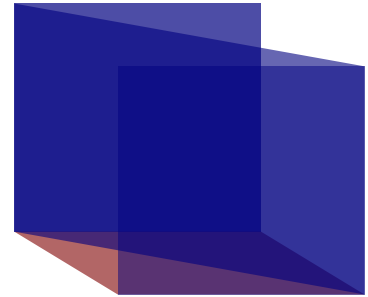
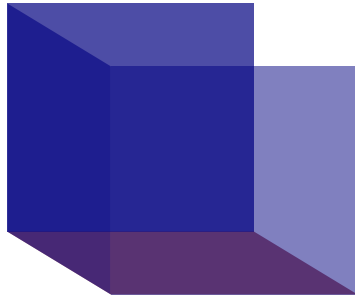
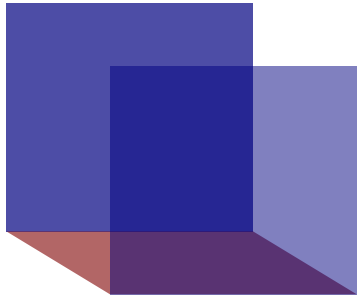


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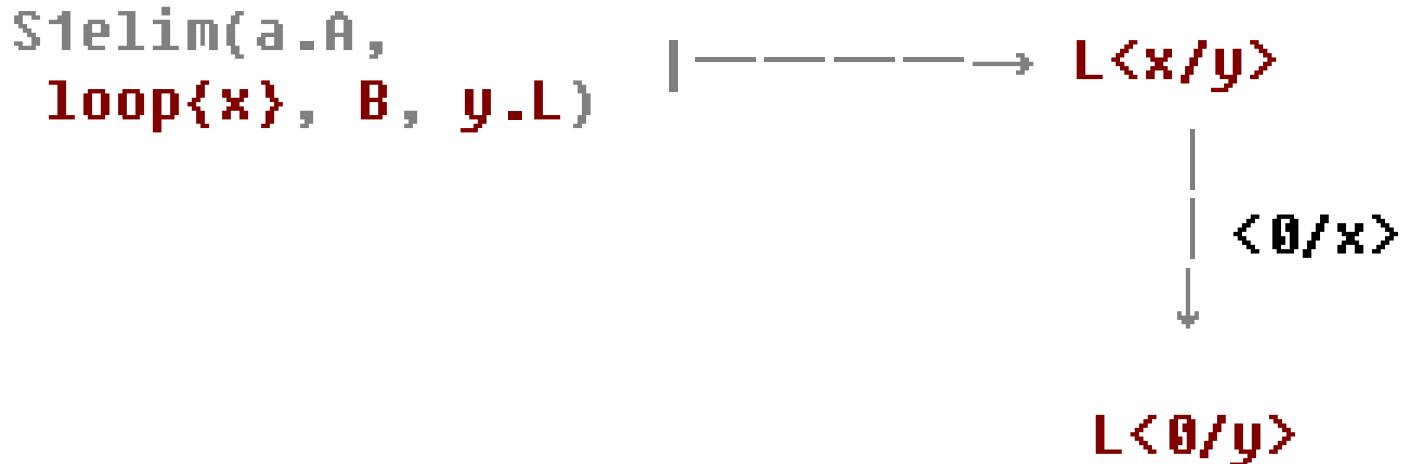
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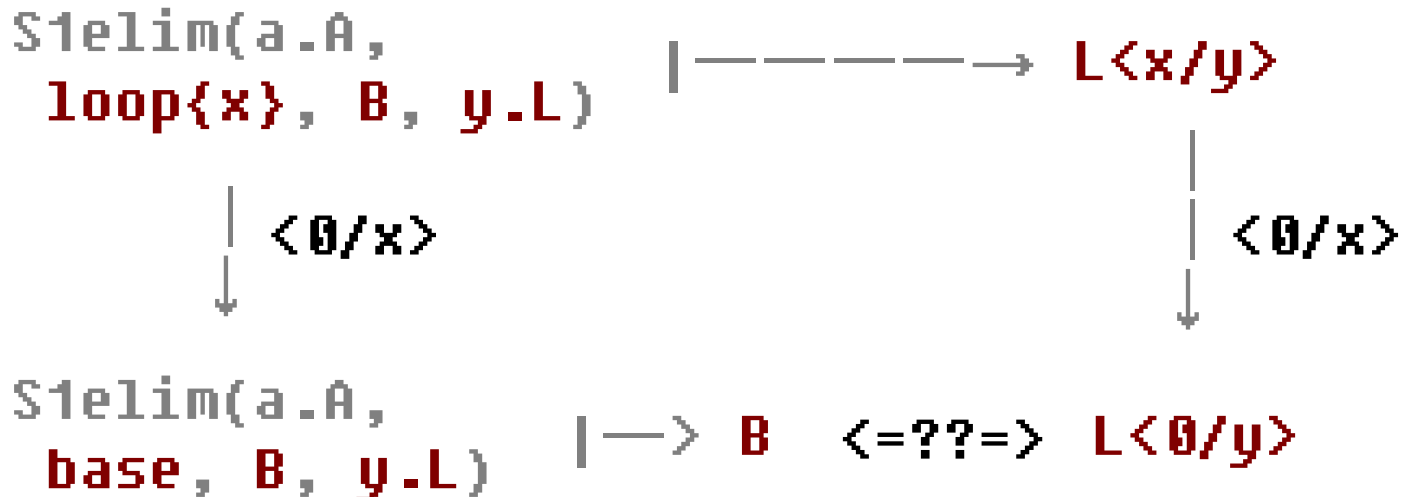
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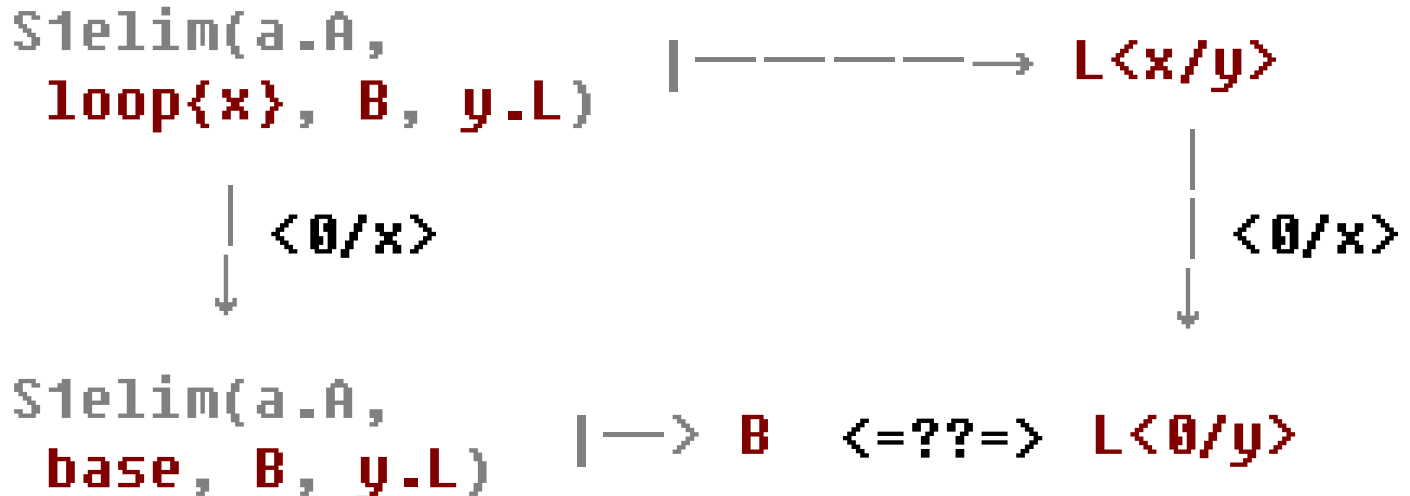
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(see our arXiv papers)

# Variables

Nuprl/...	Coq/Agda/...
Vars range over closed terms Defined by transition b/w closed terms	Vars are indet. Defined by conversion b/w open terms

exp vars                  dim vars  
    (                                  )  
cubical computational TT

# arXiv papers

CHTT Part I [AHW 2016]

Cartesian cubical + computational

CHTT Part II [AH 2017]

Dependent types

CHTT Part III [AFH 2017]

Univalent Kan universes

Strict equality

CHTT Part IV [AFH 2017]

Higher inductive types

# Proof Assistants

RedPRL

In Nuprl style

[redprl.org](http://redprl.org)

redtt

(Work in progress)

[github.com/RedPRL/redtt](https://github.com/RedPRL/redtt)

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yacctt

Proof of concept

modified from cubicaltt

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