

# **2-Dimensional Directed Type Theory**

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**universe :**  
**elements of type**  
**are classifiers**



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[cf. Voevodsky's univalence axiom]



# Type Isomorphisms

Cannot **equate** isomorphic types:

- \* Different representations!
- \* Types can be isomorphic in different ways:  
isomorphism is structure, not property

**Bool**  $\cong$  **Bool** by identity and by not



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essentially  $C[\alpha/x]$

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Define map for each  $C$

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# Equivalence for types

$f : A \rightarrow B$

$g : B \rightarrow A$

$\alpha : g \circ f \simeq \text{id}$

$\beta : f \circ g \simeq \text{id}$

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$\text{iso}(f, g, \alpha, \beta) : A \simeq_{\text{type}} B$



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$$\text{map}_{(\mathbf{a}:\text{type.a})} (\text{iso}(f, g, \alpha, \beta)) : A \rightarrow B$$

Computation rule: deploy the isomorphism!

$$\text{map}_{(\mathbf{a.a})} (\text{iso}(f, g, \alpha, \beta)) \equiv f$$



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# Symmetry for $\simeq_{\text{type}}$

$f : A \rightarrow B$

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**symmetry requires  
backwards map!**

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$\text{iso}(f, g, \alpha, \beta) : A \simeq_{\text{type}} B$

$\text{sym} (\text{iso}(f, g, \alpha, \beta)) \equiv \text{iso}(g, f, \beta, \alpha)$



# Semantics

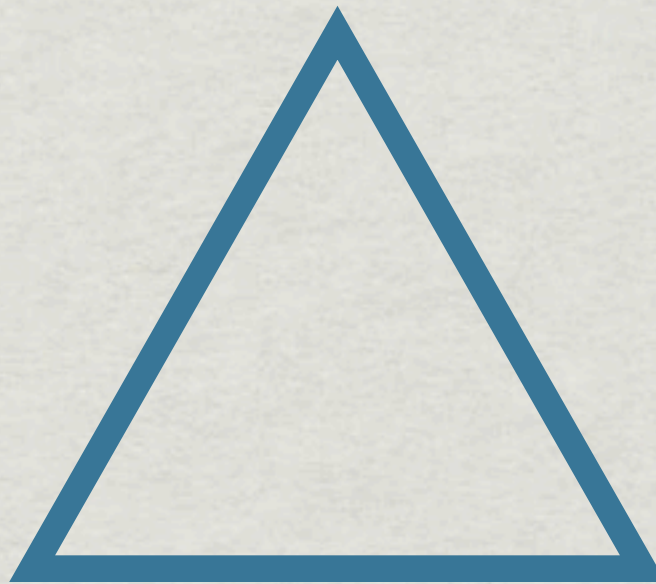
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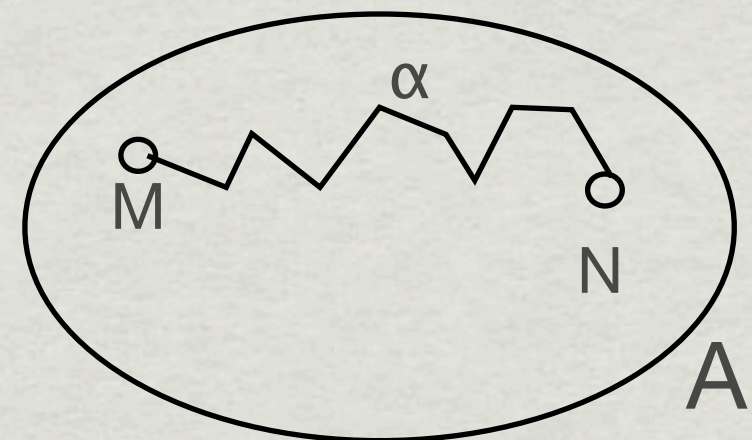
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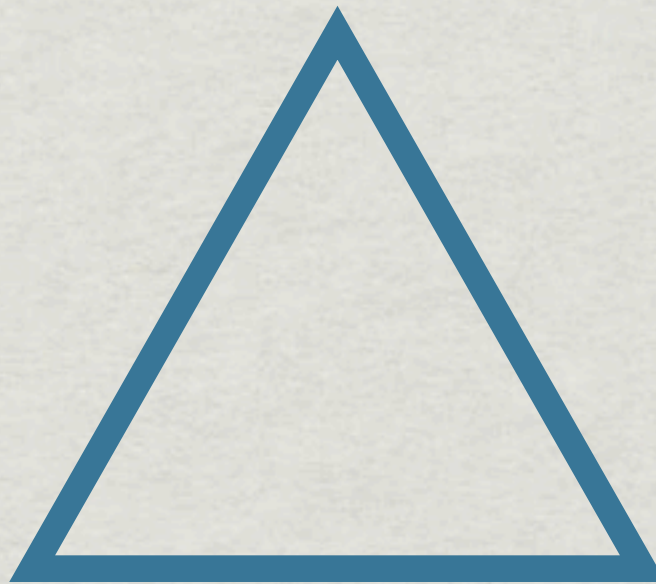
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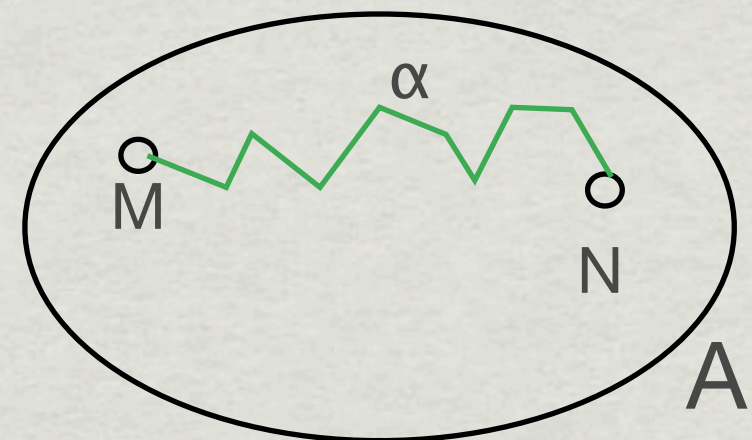
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# Summary

map is a generic program definable for all types:

- \* above implementation for  $\rightarrow$  extends to  $\Pi$
- \* can also be defined for  $\Sigma$ , (co)inductives, ...

*Let's put it to use!*



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# Idea

Given a datatype for syntax/judgement:

data Form : Ctx → type where

all : Form[Ψ,i] → Form[Ψ]

...

data nd : (Ψ : Ctx) → Form[Ψ] → type

allR : ∀ {Ψ A} → nd (Ψ,i) A → nd Ψ (all A)

*automatically implement structural properties using map*



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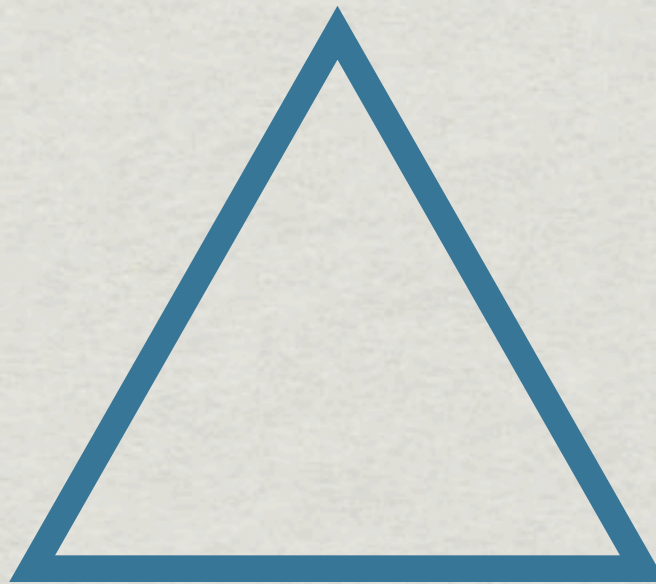


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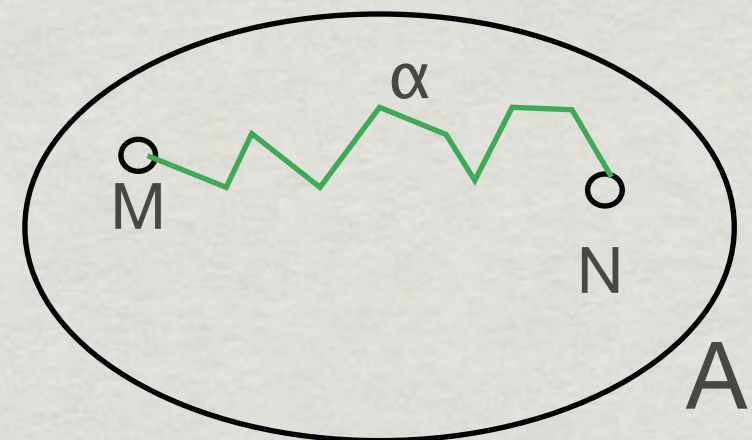
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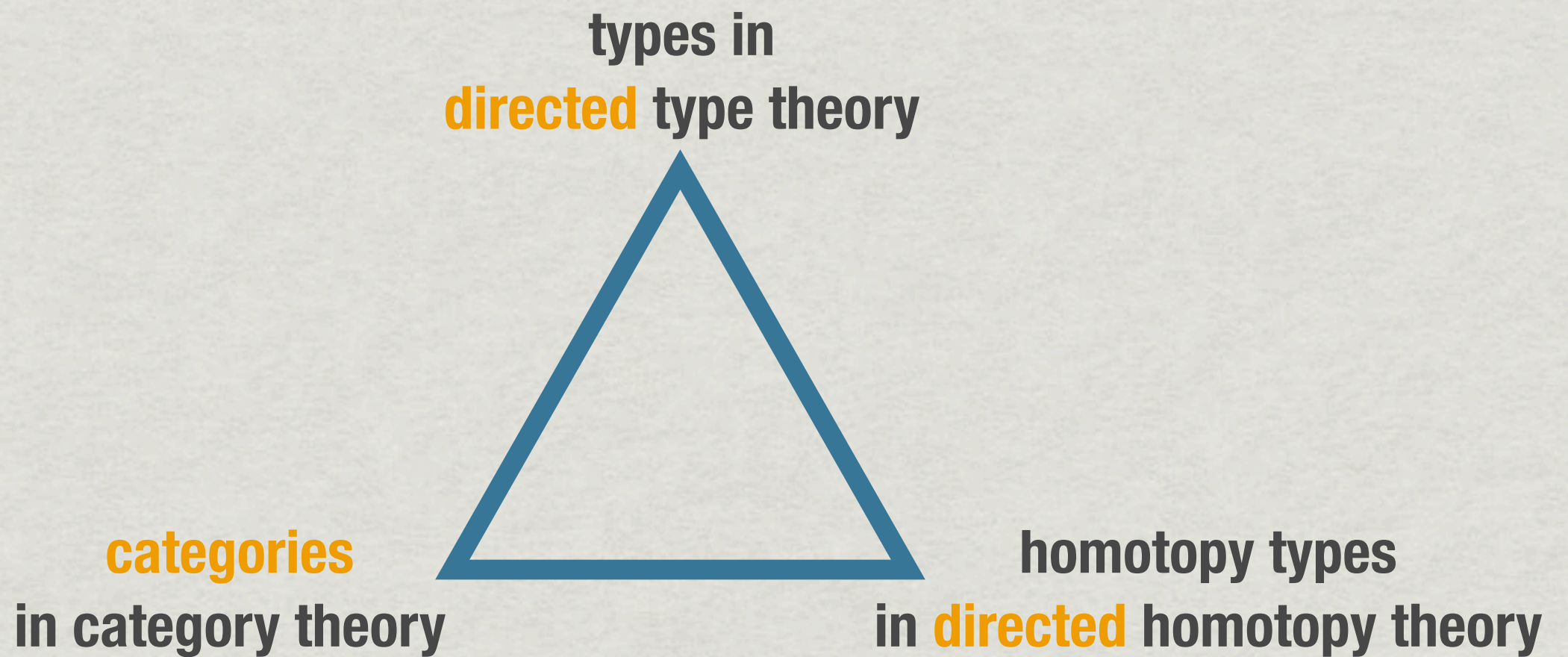


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# 2-Dimensional Directed Type Theory





# Directed Type Theory

What is a type?

Elements  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$

Transformation  $\Gamma \vdash \alpha : M \approx_A N$

**not necessarily symmetric!**





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Take Ctx to be a **directed** type:

Terms  $\Psi : \text{Ctx}$

Transformations  $\Psi \approx_{\text{Ctx}} \Psi'$

variable for variable substitutions

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# What about map for $\rightarrow$ ?

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# Variations

$$\frac{\Gamma \text{ ctx}}{\Gamma^{\text{op}} \text{ ctx}}$$

**Contravariant**

**Covariant**

$$\frac{\Gamma^{\text{op}} \vdash A : \text{type} \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \text{type}}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B : \text{type}}$$



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$\Gamma ::= \cdot \quad | \quad \text{Covariant } \Gamma, x:A^+ \quad | \quad \text{Contravariant } \Gamma, x:A^-$

$\overline{\Gamma, x:A^+ \vdash x:A}$

**only + assumptions  
can be used in a term**

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**interchanges + and -**



# Map

Covariant:

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# Functions

$$\frac{\Gamma^{\text{op}} \vdash A : \text{type} \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \text{type}}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B : \text{type}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:A^- \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : A \rightarrow B}$$

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# Semantics in Cat

Context	$\Gamma \text{ ctx}$	category
Substitution	$\Gamma \vdash \theta : \Delta$	functor
Transformation	$\Gamma \vdash \delta : \theta \approx_{\Delta} \theta'$	natural transform.
Type	$\Gamma \vdash A \text{ type}$	functor $\Gamma \rightarrow \text{Cat}$
Term	$\Gamma \vdash M : A$	“dependent functor”
Term Trans.	$\Gamma \vdash \alpha : M \approx_A N$	“dependent n.t.”



# Identity and Composition

Transformation:  $\Gamma \vdash \delta : \theta \approx_{\Delta} \theta'$

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Equations hold strictly:

$$\delta_3 \circ (\delta_2 \circ \delta_1) \equiv (\delta_3 \circ \delta_2) \circ \delta_1$$

$$\text{map}_C (\delta_2 \circ \delta_1) M \equiv \text{map}_C \delta_3 (\text{map}_C \delta_2 M)$$



# Application

Generalizes functorial syntax to

- \* judgements/dependent types, via **map** for  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$
- \* admissibility premises

(see paper/thesis for details)



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...



# Higher Dimensions

In symmetric type theory, can exploit the identity type

Elements  $M : A$

Equivalence  $\alpha : M \simeq N$        $\alpha : \text{Id}_A(M, N)$

Equivalence<sup>2</sup>  $\varphi : \alpha \simeq \alpha'$        $\varphi : \text{Id}_{\text{Id}(M, N)}(\alpha, \alpha')$

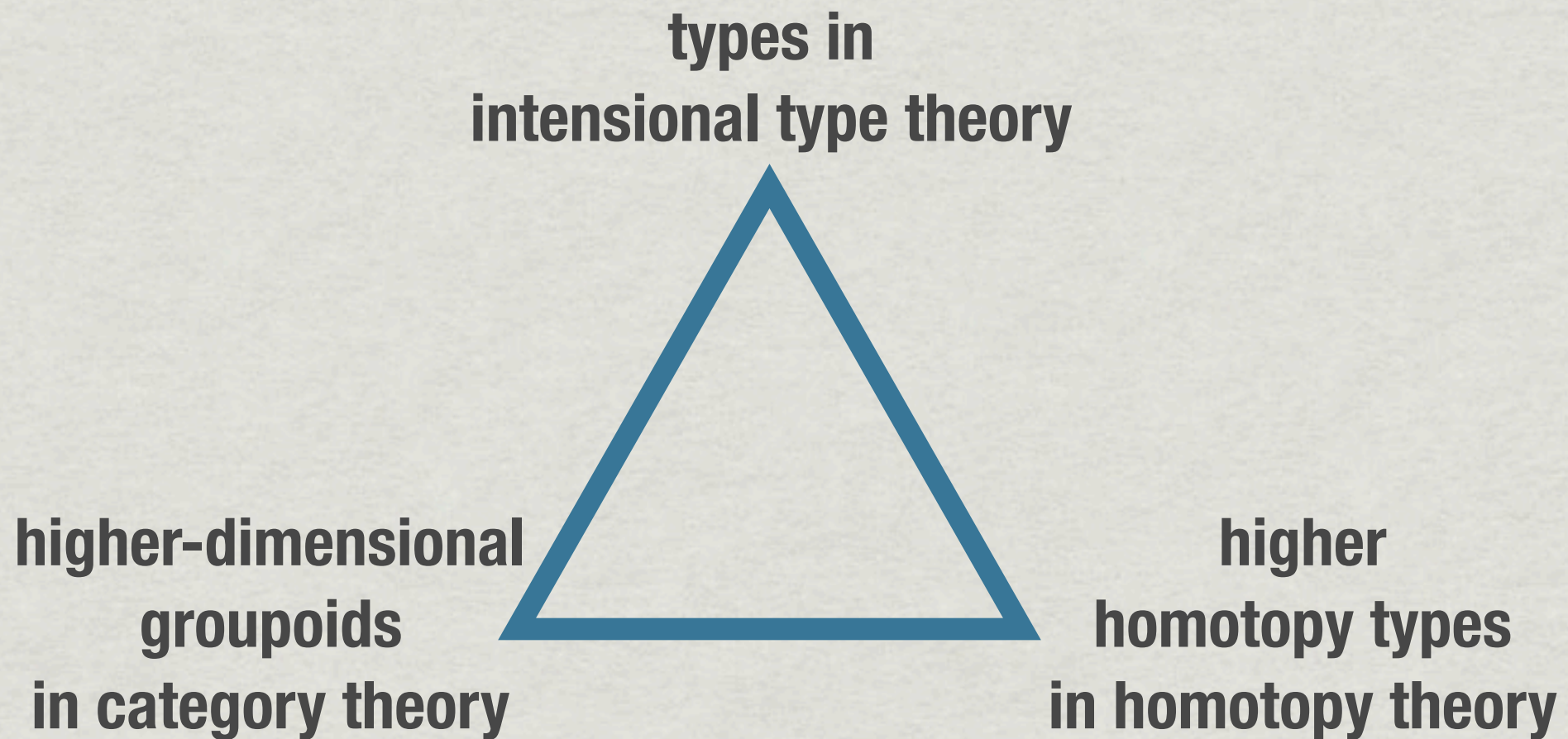
Interpret  $\text{Id}_A$  as hom-functor  $A \times A \rightarrow [\text{type}]$

Standard rules for  $\text{Id}$  are sound for higher-dimensions,  
but miss computation rules for **map**



# Homotopy Type Theory

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[Hofmann&Streicher, Awodey,  
Warren, Lumsdaine, Garner, Voevodsky]



# Higher Dimensions

In symmetric type theory, can exploit the identity type

Elements  $M : A$

Equivalence  $\alpha : M \simeq N$        $\alpha : \text{Id}_A(M, N)$

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But in directed type theory, a Hom type is harder:

Mixed variance of Hom :  $C^{\text{op}} \times C \rightarrow [\text{type}]$



# Outline

1. 2-Dimensional Type Theory
2. 2-Dimensional Directed Type Theory
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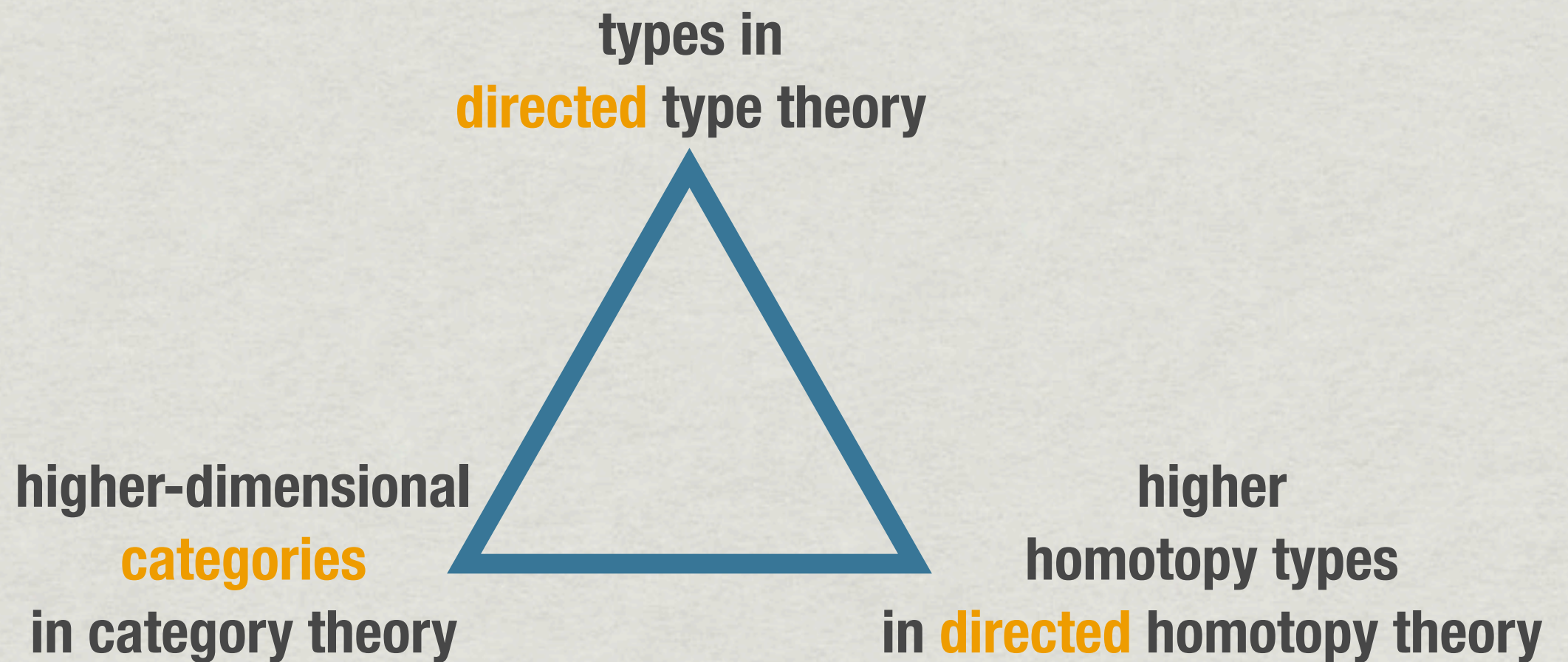


# Future Work

- \* Hom type, paralleling identity type  $\text{Id}$
- \* Inductive, co-inductive types
- \* Quotients by internal descriptions of categories
- \* Integration with symmetric type theory
- \* Semantics in more general 2-categories
- \* Higher dimensions and their semantics
- \* Computational interpretation:  
N-canonicity, decidable definitional equality



# Directed Type Theory



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