# Type-theoretic modalities for synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories

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# Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman I

In order to develop *synthetic higher category theory*, Riehl and Shulman introduced a *Simplicial Type Theory* (STT) in [RS17]: MLTT with additional layers of shapes, allowing for defining *synthetic*  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories as complete Segal/Rezk types.

As a main feature, STT postulates *extension types* (after Lumsdaine–Shulman), i.e. for shape inclusions  $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$ , families  $A : \Psi \rightarrow U$ , and partial sections  $a : \prod_{t:\Phi} A(t)$  there exists the type of ...

sections

$$\left\langle \prod_{t:\Psi} A(t) \right|_{a}^{\Phi} \right\rangle \triangleq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \Phi \xrightarrow{a} A \\ \downarrow & \overbrace{a}^{\uparrow\uparrow} \\ \Psi \end{array} \right\}$$

*judgmentally* extending *a*. **Example & Definition:** For a type *A* and terms x, y : A, define the *hom-type*  $\hom_A(x, y) := \left\langle \Delta^1 \to A \Big|_{[x,y]}^{\partial \Delta^1} \right\rangle$ . Foundations: Synthetic  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman II

Definitions from [RS17]:

- A type A is a *Segal type* if  $(\Delta^2 \to A) \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\Lambda_1^2 \to A)$  (Joyal).
- A Segal type A is a *Rezk type* if  $\operatorname{idtoiso}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} \operatorname{Id}_A(x,y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \operatorname{iso}_A(x,y).$
- A type A is a *discrete type* if  $\operatorname{idtorarr}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} \operatorname{Id}_A(x,y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \hom_A(x,y).$

These notions coincide with their classical analogues in the intended semantics in (a model structure representing) the  $\infty$ -topos of simplicial spaces,  $PSh_{\infty}(\Delta)$ .

**Goal:** Extend the  $\infty$ -category theory developed in [RS17]. Namely, add universes, other notions of fibrations, and the traditional Yoneda embedding  $\mathbf{y}_A : A \to (A^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathrm{Space})$ .

Besides Riehl–Shulman's work, we heavily rely on Licata–Shulman–Riley's modal framework, cf. Dan's recent talk! For related work in bicubical sets, cf. Matt's upcoming talk!

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## Simplicial spaces inside cubical space

The category sSet of *simplicial sets* is the category of presheaves on the category  $\triangle$  of finite ordinals with monotone maps as morphisms.

The category cSet of *cubical sets* is the category of presheaves on the category of powers of the ordinal 2 with monotone maps as morphisms.

We want to define universes internally which, due to [LOPS18] becomes possible using tinyness of the *cubical* interval  $\Box^1$ .

Simplicial sets form an essential subtopos of cubical sets.

This has been discussed by Sattler [Sat18], Kapulkin–Voevodsky [KV18], and Streicher-W [SW18].

One can show that this lifts to the level of  $\infty$ -toposes. Since this constitutes a topological modality sheafification becomes an internal operation ([RSS17]) which by the theory of compact types treated in [Rij18] can be expressed in rather elementary terms.

## Universes of simplicial types

Start with a *strict* universe in cubical spaces [Shu19]. From this we derive:

- Simp: universe of simplicial types since we have a topological modality [RSS17]
- Cat: universe of (complete) Segal types due to our new notion of cocartesian family
- · Space: universe of discrete types due to Riehl-Shulman's notion of covariant family

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## Modalities: $\flat$ and $^{\rm op}$

However, the universes constructed this way are classifying only for the *cohesively discrete* (*crisp*) types.

We also want to have *opposite categories*  $A^{op}$ .

Hence, we introduce the modalities  $\flat$  and  $^{\rm op}$  as in the framework of Licata–Shulman–Riley to this theory.

We have a mode theory with c (cohesive/cubical) and  $x : c \vdash f(x) : c$  (flat) as well as  $x : c \vdash o(x) : c$  (representing the opposite cubical type/category) with equations

$$f(f(x)) = f(x), \quad o(f(x)) = f(x), \quad o(o(x)) = x, \quad f(o(x)) = f(x),$$

and

$$f(x\times y)=f(x)\times f(y),\quad o(x\times y)=o(x)\times o(y).$$

#### Operations on topes and shapes I

**Problem:** In order to get the Yoneda embedding, we need to get  $hom_A(a, b)$  for  $a : A^{op}$  and b : A (for A :: Cat).

**Solution:** Instead of ordinary hom-types construct a covariant fibration  $Tw(A) \rightarrow A^{op} \times A$  and obtain the "hom type" as the fiber. Here, Tw(A) is the *twisted arrow type* (traditionally, the category of elements of the uncurried Yoneda embedding) with 0-simplices



and 1-simplices:



Classically, the twisted arrow space is defined by reindexing along the functor  $\varepsilon := \operatorname{op} * \operatorname{id} : \mathbb{A} \to \mathbb{A}$ . This does not yield an extension type in Riehl–Shulman's sense.

#### Operations on topes and shapes II

We get the twisted arrow type using right adjoint types (U-types) in the sense of [LRS19].

First, we axiomatize operations on topes and shapes according to

$$\frac{f:\Xi\to\Xi'\ \Xi|\Phi\vdash\Phi'f}{\Xi|\Phi\xrightarrow{f}\Xi'|\Phi'}\quad\text{and}\quad\frac{F\text{ oper }\{\Xi\mid\varphi\}\text{ shape}}{F\{\Xi\mid\varphi\}\text{ shape}}.$$

Defining opposites and join for topes, we can then lift these to the level of shapes as

$$\{I \mid \varphi\} * \{J \mid \psi\} := \{I + 1 + J \mid \varphi * \psi\}, \quad \{I \mid \varphi\}^{\rm op} = \{I \mid \varphi^{\rm op}\}.$$

From this, we can define  $\varepsilon := \operatorname{op} * \operatorname{id}$  for shapes. Unary operations induce modalities on the base category, hence we can define the twisted arrow types as *U*-types w.r.t. to  $\varepsilon$ .

## Fibrational framework à Licata-Shulman-Riley

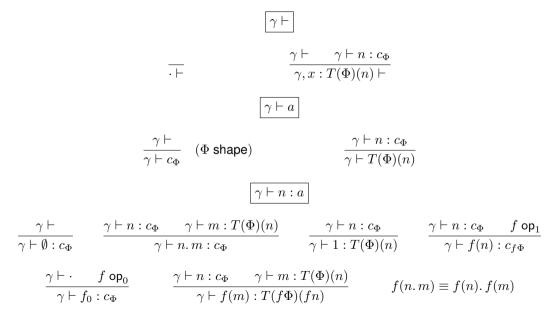
After the work of Licata–Shulman–Riley consider a type theory fibered over a type theory of modes:

Given a shape  $\Phi$  and an arbitrary mode context  $\gamma$ , we get a universe  $\gamma \vdash c_{\Phi}$  of small types over  $\Phi$ .

For any small type  $\gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi}$  there is a small type  $\gamma \vdash T(\Phi)(n)$  of contexts over n, a *comprehension object* in the sense of [LRS19].

Endomorphisms  $f \colon \square \to \square$  give rise to mode morphisms  $n : c_{\Phi} \vdash f n : c_{f\Phi}$ .

Some rules of the type theory of modes I

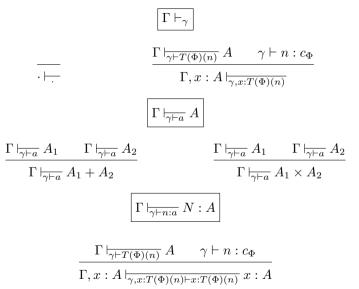


## Some rules of the type theory of modes II

$$\gamma \vdash n \Rightarrow m:a$$

$$\frac{\gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi}}{\gamma \vdash 1 \Rightarrow f(1) : T(f\Phi)(fn)}$$

#### Some rules of the type theory-on-top



#### Semantics of the fibrational framework I

- Mode contexts  $\gamma$  are (modeled as) toposes (with sufficient homotopical/logical structure).
- Modes-in-context  $\gamma \vdash a$  are geometric morphisms  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow [\![\gamma \vdash ]\!]$ .
- Types–over–modes  $\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash}$  are objects of  $\llbracket \gamma \vdash \rrbracket$ .
- Terms–over–mode terms  $\Gamma \mid_{\overline{\gamma \vdash a}} A$  are objects of the fibers  $\mathcal{E}_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket}$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{E} & [\![\Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma \vdash a}} A]\!] \in \mathcal{E}_{[\![\Gamma]\!]} & s([\![\Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma \vdash}}]\!]) \xrightarrow{[\![\Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma \vdash a}} N:A]\!]} & [\![\Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma \vdash a}} A]\!] \\ \\ [\![\gamma \vdash a]\!] & & s = [\![\gamma \vdash n:a]\!] & [\![\Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma \vdash}}]\!] \in [\![\gamma \vdash]\!] & s = [\![\gamma \vdash n:a]\!] & s$$

• The empty mode context  $\cdot \vdash$  is the terminal topos.

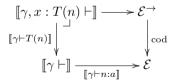
# Semantics of the fibrational framework II

- Universes  $\gamma \vdash c$  are projections

$$\llbracket \gamma \rrbracket \times \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\llbracket \gamma \vdash c \rrbracket} \llbracket \gamma \rrbracket$$

with canonical section  $\llbracket \gamma \vdash \emptyset : c \rrbracket = \lambda X. \langle X, 1 \rangle.$ 

• Comprehension objects  $\gamma \vdash T(n)$  are interpreted by *Artin glueing* of  $[\![\gamma \vdash n : a]\!]$ :



In particular, in our intended model of cubical spaces mode contexts will be of the form  $\mathbf{cSp}/\Phi$  for a shape  $\Phi$ .

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# Right adjoint types I

- Endomorphisms  $f: \square \to \square$  give rise to adjoint pairs  $f^*: \mathbf{cSp}/f \Phi \rightleftharpoons \mathbf{cSp}/\Phi: f_!, f_! \dashv f^*$ .
- The functor  $f_!$  (on the level of modes) corresponds to mode morphisms.
- $f^*$  gives rise to right adjoint types, aka U-types.
- · We get a bijection

$$\left\{\Gamma \mathrel{\mathop{\longmapsto}}_{\gamma \vdash f(k): T(f\Phi)(f\,n)} a: A\right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{\Gamma \mathrel{\mathop{\longmapsto}}_{\gamma \vdash k: T(\Phi)(n)} b: U_f A\right\}.$$

# Right adjoint types II

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash T(f\Phi)(fn)} A \qquad \gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash T(\Phi)(n)} U_f A} \text{ U-Form}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash f(k): T(f\Phi)(fn)} A \quad \gamma \vdash n: c_{\Phi} \quad \gamma \vdash k: T(\Phi)(n)}{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash k: T(\Phi)(n)} \lambda^{f} M: U_{f} A} \text{ U-Intro}$$

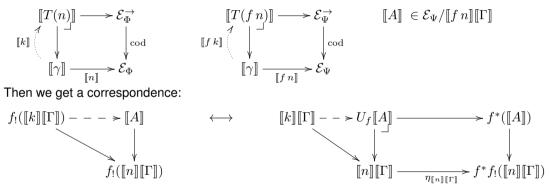
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash k: T(\Phi)(n)} N: U_f A \qquad \gamma \vdash n: c_{\Phi}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\gamma \vdash f(k): T(f\Phi)(n)} N()_f : A} \text{ U-Elim } \lambda^f N()_f \equiv N \qquad \lambda^f M()_f \equiv M$$

# Right adjoint types III

One can show that the action of the mode morphism when forming a *U*-type builds upon the structure of a dependent right adjoint, cf. [BCM18] *et al.*, 2018:

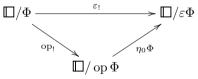
Assume an operation  $f : \Phi \to \Psi$ , inducing  $f_! \dashv f^* : \mathcal{E}_\Phi \to \mathcal{E}_\Psi$ .

For  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \in \llbracket \gamma \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket n \rrbracket : \llbracket \gamma \rrbracket \to \mathcal{E}_{\Phi}$ , consider  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket k \rrbracket$  as in:



#### Twisted arrow types I

Externally, the twisted arrow simplicial space is constructed by reindexing along the functor  $\varepsilon := \operatorname{op} * \operatorname{id}$ . Thus, we internalize it by considering the *U*-type w.r.t. the endofunctor  $\varepsilon$ . Note that there are two natural transformations  $\eta_0 : \operatorname{op} \Rightarrow \varepsilon \leftarrow \operatorname{id} : \eta_1$  in particular, for any shape  $\Phi$  giving rise to a diagram:



#### Twisted arrow types II

$$\begin{split} & \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash T(\varepsilon\Phi)(\varepsilon n)} A \qquad \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash k:T(\Phi)(n)} a_0 : (U_{\eta_0} \bullet A)^{\mathrm{op}} \\ & \underline{\Gamma} \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash k:T(\Phi)(n)} a_1 : U_{\eta_1} \bullet A \qquad \gamma \vdash k : T(\Phi)(n) \qquad \gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi} \\ & \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash T(\Phi)(n)} \operatorname{tw}_A^k(a_0, a_1) \\ \\ & \underline{\Gamma} \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash T(\varepsilon\Phi)(\varepsilon n)} A \qquad \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash \varepsilon(k):T(\varepsilon\Phi)(\varepsilon n)} a : A \\ & \underline{(\lambda^{\eta_0} \bullet a)}^{\mathrm{op}} \equiv a_0 \qquad \lambda^{\eta_1 \bullet a} \equiv a_1 \qquad \gamma \vdash k : T(\Phi)(n) \qquad \gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi} \\ & \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash k:T(\Phi)(n)} \lambda^{\mathrm{tw}} a : \operatorname{tw}_A^k(a_0, a_1) \\ \\ & \underline{\Gamma} \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash k:T(\Phi)(n)} b : \operatorname{tw}_A^k(a_0, a_1) \qquad \gamma \vdash k : T(\Phi)(n) \qquad \gamma \vdash n : c_{\Phi} \\ & \Gamma \vdash_{\overline{\gamma} \vdash \varepsilon(k):T(\varepsilon\Phi)(\varepsilon n)} b()_{\mathrm{tw}} : A \\ \\ & (\lambda^{\eta_0} \bullet b()_{\mathrm{tw}})^{\mathrm{op}} \equiv a_0 \qquad \lambda^{\eta_1} \bullet b()_{\mathrm{tw}} \equiv a_1 \qquad \lambda^{\mathrm{tw}} a()_{\mathrm{tw}} \equiv a \qquad \lambda^{\mathrm{tw}} b()_{\mathrm{tw}} \equiv b \end{split}$$

Using that the flat modality can be defined as the *U*-type w.r.t. the terminal projection functor  $!: \square \to \square$  one can show for crisp Segal types *A* that e.g.  $\flat \hom_A(a_0, a_1) \simeq \flat \operatorname{tw}_A(a_0, a_1)$  using the ensuing computation rules for *U*-types.

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# Perspectives

Work in progress:

- Give a full proof of an analog of the "classical Yoneda Lemma" using twisted arrow types.
- Define fibrancy structures internally on the universes  ${\rm Simp,\,Cat},$  and  ${\rm Space},$  possibly á la Orton (PhD thesis).
- Do we get (enough of) the expected 2-dimensional structure for the theory of Segal/Rezk types, cf. Riehl–Shulman, Riehl–Verity's ∞-cosmos theory?

Based on the same frameworks:

- Cavallo-Riehl-Sattler: Directed univalence for simplicial type theory [CRS18]
- · Licata–Weaver: Directed univalence for bicubical directed type theory [LW18]

Selection of further work on directed type theory:

- Altenkirch-Sestini: "Naturality for free", 2019)
- Cavallo–Harper: parametric CTT, 2019)
- North: directed HoTT & wfs, 2018/19
- Nuyts: directed HoTT, 2015+; w/ Devriese: Menkar, ultimode presheaf proof assistant https://github.com/anuyts/menkar

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