

# Higher Groups in Homotopy Type Theory

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# Type Theory

A *type* is a type of mathematical thing.

Type theory gives *rules* for making new types and new terms of them.

It is a full foundation of mathematics, from scratch.

a term : its type

$a : A$

$3 : \mathbb{N}$

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## Axiom (Univalence)

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For a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $b : B$ , its *fiber* is the type

$$\mathit{fib}_f(b) \equiv (a : A) \times (f(a) = b)$$

together with the map  $(a, p) \mapsto a : \mathit{fib}_f(b) \rightarrow A$ .

# Contractible Types and the Substitution Lemma

## Definition

A *center of contraction* for a type  $A$  is an element  $c : A$  such that for every other element  $a : A$ , we have an identification of  $a$  with  $c$ .

$$\mathbf{Contr}(A) :\equiv (c : A) \times ((a : A) \rightarrow (a = c))$$

## Definition

A map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an *equivalence* if its fibers are contractible:

$$\mathbf{Equiv}(f) :\equiv (y : Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{Contr}(\text{fib}_f(y))$$

# Contractible Types and the Substitution Lemma

## Lemma (Singleton Lemma, UFP)

For any type  $A$  and element  $c : A$ , the singleton type (“based path type”)

$$(a : A) \times (a = c)$$

is contractible.

## Lemma (Substitution Lemma, UFP)

Suppose  $B : A \rightarrow \mathbf{Type}$  and  $c : \mathbf{Contr}(A)$  is a center of contraction for  $A$ .  
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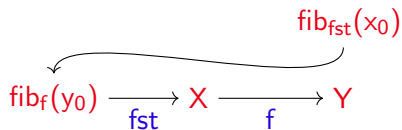
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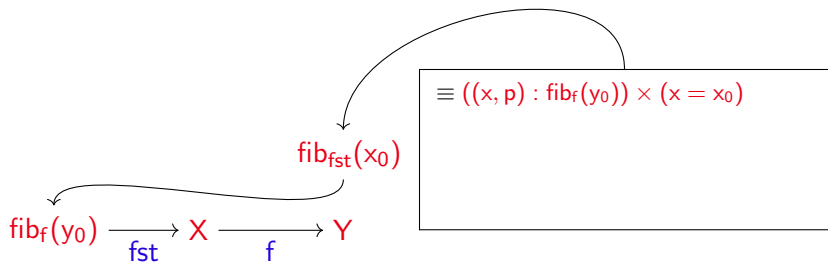


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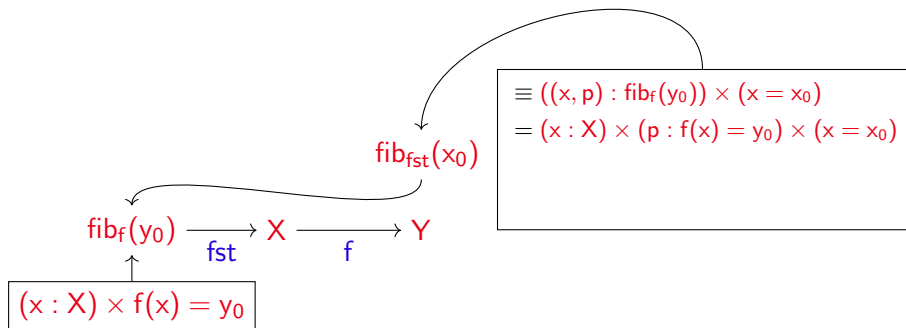


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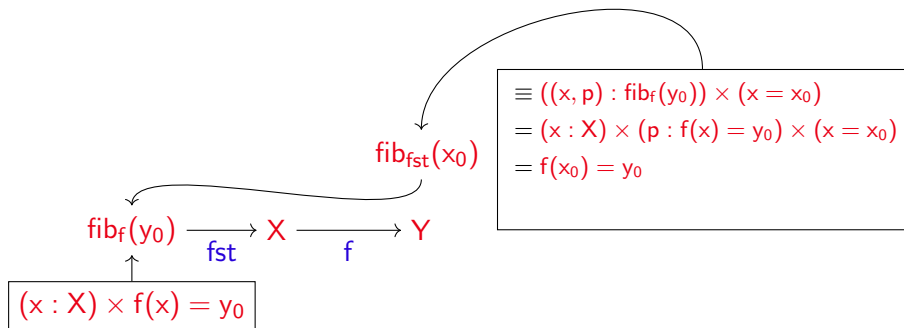


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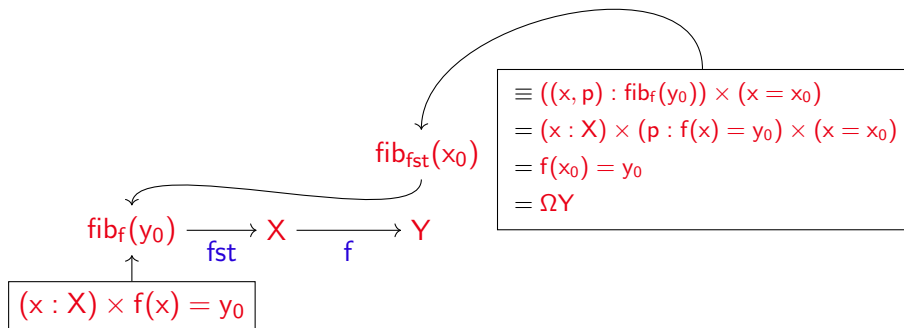


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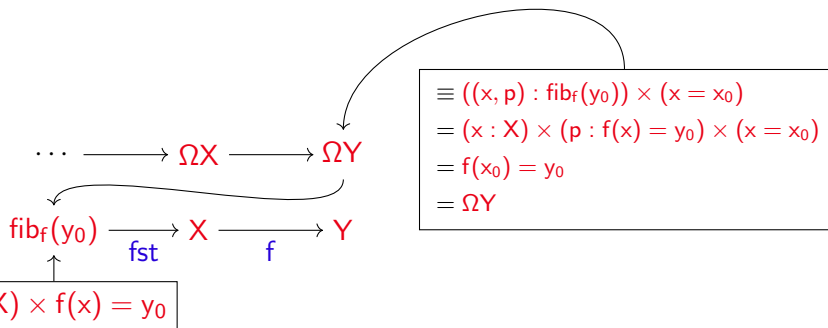


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# $\infty$ -Groups

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An  $\infty$ -group is a type  $G$  identified with the loops of a pointed, connected type  $BG$  (the *delooping* of  $G$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}\infty\text{Group} &::= (G : \mathbf{Type}) \times (BG : \mathbf{Type}_*^{>0}) \times G = \Omega BG \\ &= \mathbf{Type}_*^{>0}.\end{aligned}$$

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An abstract group is a set  $G$  equipped with associative, unital, and invertible binary operation.

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For any abstract group  $G$ , the type

$$BG \equiv \{G\text{-torsors}\}$$

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Corollary

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$$\{\text{Extensions of } \mathbb{Z} \text{ by } G\}_{/\cong} = \mathbf{Out}(G)$$

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