

# Realizability and parametricity in pure type systems

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## Parametric polymorphism

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  | hd::tl -> 2 * (f tl)

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Parametricity polymorphism: parametric types behave uniformly over abstracted types.

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If there exists a proof  $\pi$  of  $P$ , then there exists a program  $p_\pi$  and a proof  $\pi'$  of  $p_\pi \Vdash P$ .



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## Representation theorem

Functions definable in system  $F$  are exactly those provably total in second-order arithmetic.

## Pure type systems – Generalities

- A family of  $\lambda$ -calculi where types and terms are unified
- Provide a framework for studying dependent types
- Contains many famous type-systems:
  - simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus,
  - Girard and Reynolds polymorphic  $\lambda$ -calculus (system  $F$ ),
  - Huet-Coquand's Calculus Of Constructions ...
- It even contains inconsistent calculus (Type : Type)
- A PTS  $P$  is defined by a specification  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$  where
  - $\mathcal{S}$  is a set of sorts,
  - $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$  a set of axioms,
  - $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$  a set of rules.
- Typing judgement  $\Gamma \vdash_P A : B$  of the PTS  $P = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ .

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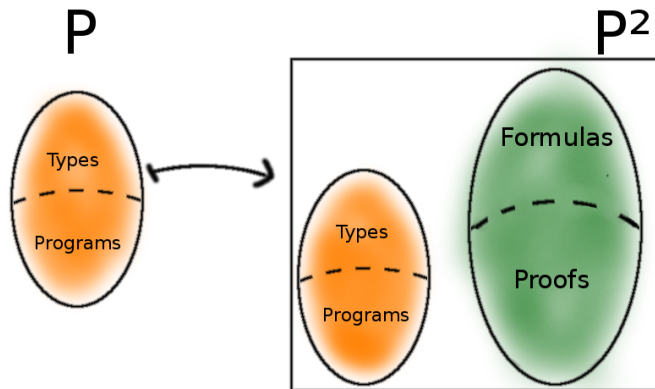
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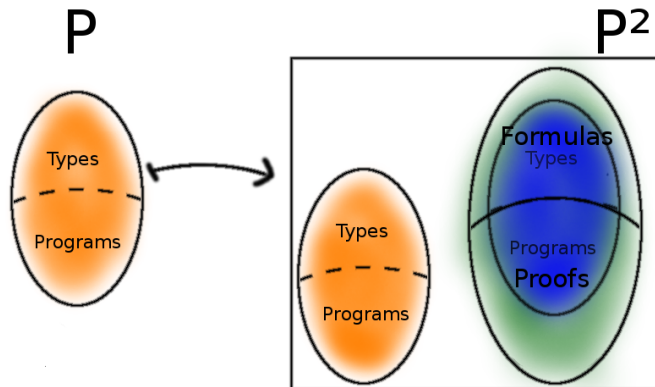
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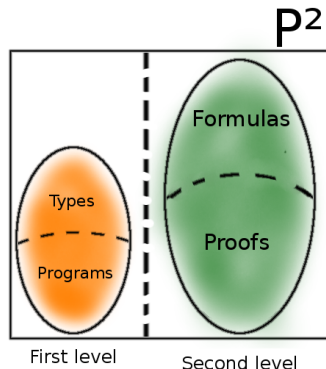
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- a proof inhabits a formula

$$\Gamma \vdash A : B : [s]$$

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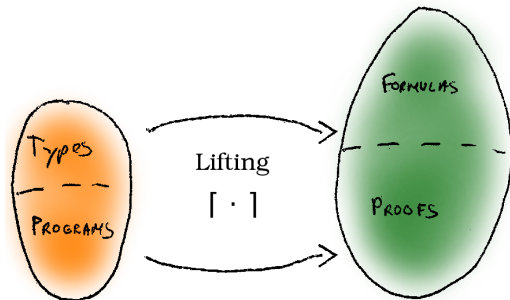
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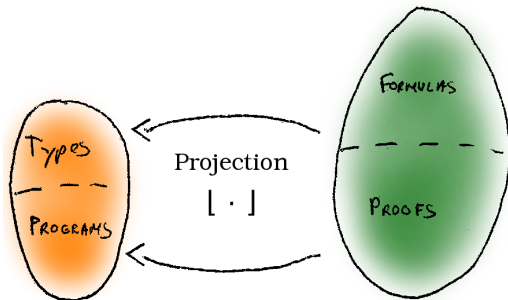
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Theorem (realizability increases arity of parametricity)

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*and*

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Lemma (0-parametricity is lifting)

$$\llbracket A \rrbracket_0 \equiv \lceil A \rceil$$

We can define parametricity with lifting+realizability:

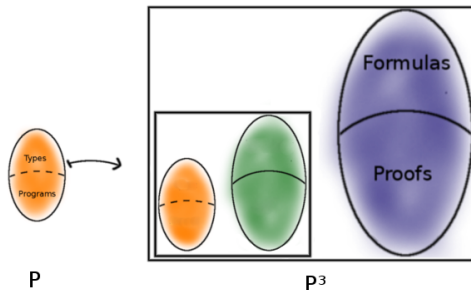
Corollary (From realizability to parametricity)

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## A third level – From parametricity to realizability



### Theorem (From parametricity to realizability)

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 $P x \rightarrow Q y \rightarrow \langle \wedge \rangle \alpha P \beta Q (x, y)$

By definition,  $t \Vdash P \wedge Q$  means  $\langle \wedge \rangle [P] \langle P \rangle [Q] \langle Q \rangle t$ . We have

$$t \Vdash P \wedge Q \Leftrightarrow (\pi_1 t) \Vdash P \wedge (\pi_2 t) \Vdash Q$$

where  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are projections upon cartesian product.

# Conclusion

- We gave a systematic way to formalize the meta-theory to study a programming language
- An account of parametricity and realizability in PTSs
- We exposed links between the two
- Extension: works with inductive types