

# “A quote? In *my* type theory?”

It's more likely than you think.

FREE CT CHECK!

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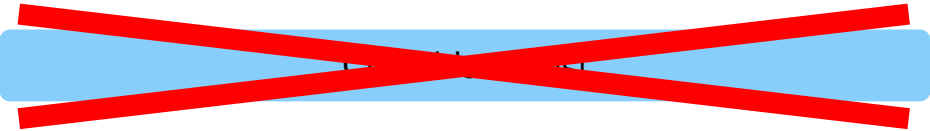
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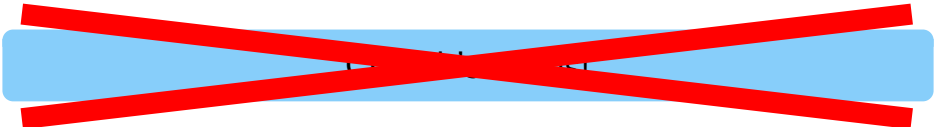
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The **internal** Church thesis in a theory  $\mathcal{T}$ !

From within  $\mathcal{T}$ , “all functions  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  are computable”.

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Internal CT

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(Mumble something about [The Effective Topos](#)<sup>TM</sup> being a model of HOL + CT.)

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- This watch does not smell of mustard.
- Simple type theory is cool, but a bit old-fashioned and limited
- In MLTT, functions are *already* programs
- MLTT + CT is the foundation for **synthetic computability**

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## Second-hand “Quotes” from Anonymous Experts\*\*



M.E. (Birmingham)

**“MLTT is obviously  
inconsistent with  $CT_{\Sigma}$ ”**

**“I believe that MLTT  
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T.S. (Darmstadt)

\*\* All these quotes are a pure work of fiction. Serving suggestion. May contain phthalates.

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Spoiler alert: we will sketch that in the rest of the talk.

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Assume we can magically choose one representative per convertibility class.

$$\Gamma \vdash M \equiv N : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \quad \text{iff} \quad [\varepsilon(M)] = [\varepsilon(N)]$$

Unfortunately, this is not going to be stable by substitution.

$$\varepsilon(M\{x := N\}) \neq \varepsilon(M)\{x := \varepsilon(N)\}$$

Immediate breakage of conversion!

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Adding  $\wp$  relies on the same ingredients

No expected surprise, just tedious proofs on untyped syntax

Nightmare stuff I'm not gonna prove: the existence of adequate models

# Conclusion

- $\text{MLTT} + \text{CT}_\Sigma$  is obviously consistent
- The model is a trivial adaptation of standard NbE models
- Open terms do not exist. I have met them.
- Partially proved in Coq
- I must be missing something from our anonymous experts

Thanks for your attention.