

# De-/Refunctionalization with Dependent Data and CodataTypes

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# The Core Idea

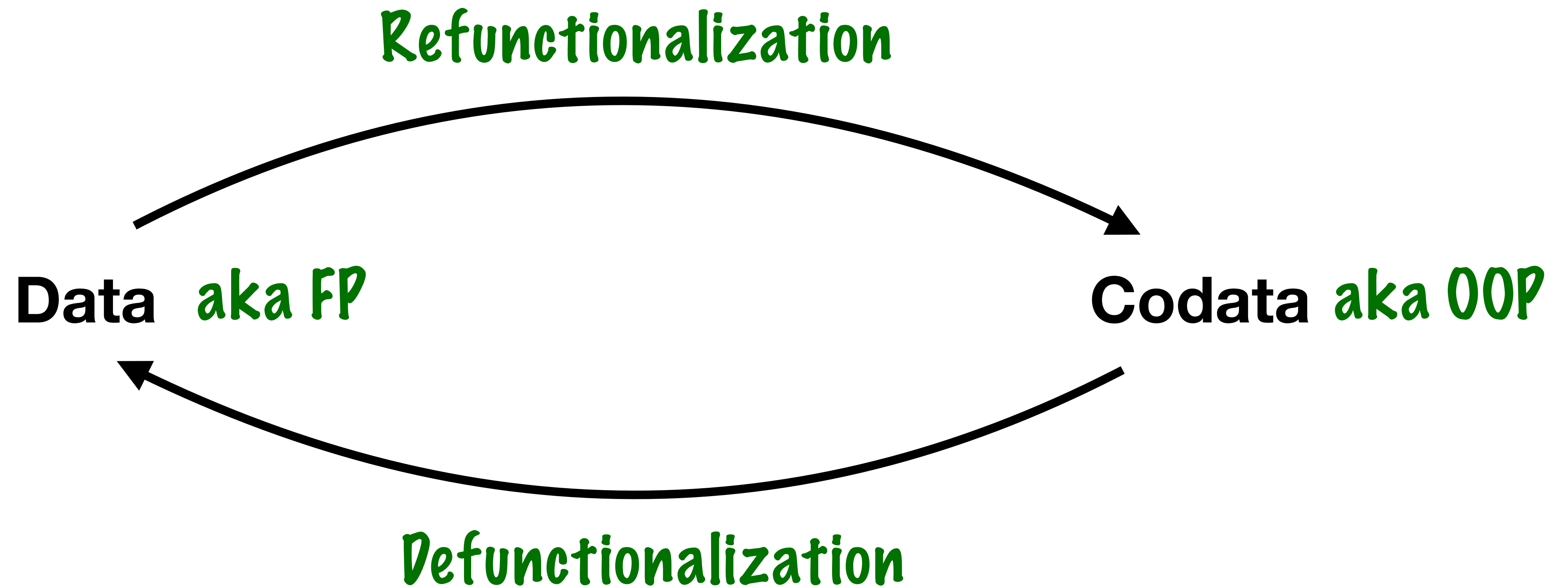
# Booleans: The FP Version (I)

```
data Bool { True, False } ← Bool defined as a data type
def Bool.neg: Bool {
  True => False,
  False => True } ← Observations defined by pattern matching
```

# Booleans: The OOP Version (II)

```
codata Bool { neg: Bool } ← Bool defined as a codata type
codef True: Bool { neg => False }
codef False: Bool { neg => True }
```

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Inhabitants defined by copattern matching  
(implementing an interface)



**De-/Refunctionalization as a principled mechanism to derive symmetric language fragments.**

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```

<b>Bool</b>	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
<i>neg</i>	False	True

**Programs as matrices**

```

codata Bool { neg: Bool }
codef True: Bool { neg => False }
codef False: Bool { neg => True }

```

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```
1 data Bool { True, False }
2
3 def Bool.neg: Bool {
4   True => False,
5   False => True
6 }
7
```

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**Now with Dependent Types**

# Booleans: The FP Version (II)

```
data Eq(a: Type, x y: a) {  
  Refl(a: Type, x: a): Eq(a, x, x) }
```

```
data Bool { True, False }
```

```
def Bool.neg: Bool {  
  True => False,  
  False => True }
```

```
def (self: Bool).neg_inverse  
  : Eq(Bool, self, self.neg.neg) {  
  True => Refl(Bool, True),  
  False => Refl(Bool, False) }
```

**Martin-Löf Equality**

**Proof that negation is involutive**

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  neg_inverse => Refl(Bool, True) }  
codef False: Bool {  
  neg => True,  
  neg_inverse => Refl(Bool, False) }
```

**Methods with self parameters**

**Objects come with correctness proofs**

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```
1 data Eq(a: Type, x y: a) {
2   | Refl(a: Type, x: a) : Eq(a, x, x)
3 }
4 data Bool { True, False }
5
6 def Bool.neg: Bool {
7   | True => False,
8   | False => True
9 }
10
11 def (self: Bool).neg_eq: Eq(Bool, self, self.neg.neg) {
12   | True => Refl(Bool, True),
13   | False => Refl(Bool, False)
14 }
15
```

# With Applications to the Expression Problem

```
-- | Expressions of the object language
data Exp {
  -- | Variables using a deBruijn representation
  Var(x: Nat),
  -- | Lambda abstractions
  Lam(body: Exp),
  -- | Function applications
  App(lhs: Exp, rhs: Exp)
}
```

**Proof of type soundness proceeds by induction on Exp**  
**Difficult to extend with new expression nodes**

```
-- | Expressions of the object language
```

```
codata Exp {
```

```
  (e: Exp).weaken_cons(ctx: Ctx, t1 t2: Typ)
    : HasType(ctx, e, t2) -> HasType(ctx.append(Cons(t1, Nil)), e, t2),
  (e: Exp).progress(t: Typ): HasType(Nil, e, t) -> Progress(e),
  (e1: Exp).preservation(e2: Exp, t: Typ)
    : HasType(Nil, e1, t) -> Eval(e1, e2) -> HasType(Nil, e2, t),
  -- | Substituting an expression for a variable in an expression.
  .subst(v: Nat, by: Exp): Exp,
  (e: Exp).subst_lemma(ctx1 ctx2: Ctx, t1 t2: Typ, by_e: Exp)
    : HasType(ctx1.append(Cons(t1, ctx2)), e, t2) -> HasType(Nil,
      by_e,
      t1) -> HasType(ctx1.append(ctx2),
        e.subst(ctx1.len,
          by_e),
        t2)
}
```

**Expressions as interface for all theorems that must hold**



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```
1  -----
2  -- Specification --
3  -----
4
5  -- | Expressions of the object language
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11 |   -- | Function applications
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13 }
14
15 -- | Types of the object language
16 data Typ {
17 |   -- | Function type
18 |   FunT(t1 t2: Typ),
19 |   VarT(x: Nat),
20 }
21 💡
22 -- | Typing contexts.
23 -- | Because we use de Bruijn indices the typing context does not contain variable names.
24 data Ctx {
25 |   -- | The empty context
26 |   Nil,
27 |   -- | Adding a typed binding to the context
28 |   Cons(t: Typ, ts: Ctx),
29 }
30
31 -- | Appending two contexts
32 def Ctx.append(other: Ctx): Ctx {
33 |   Nil => other,
34 |   Cons(t, ts) => Cons(t, ts.append(other))
35 }
```



# More Examples!

# Functions are User Defined

A class can be seen as a bundle of functions, which have state. Therefore, the type of functions is nothing but a class with only one method, which we call `ap`. Applying the function means to execute the method `ap`. Therefore, if `A` and `B` are Java types, we define the type of functions from `A` to `B`,  $A \rightarrow B$ , as the following interface (we use the valid Java identifier `A_B` instead of  $A \rightarrow B$ ):

```
interface A_B{B ap(A x);};
```

If `f` is of type  $A \rightarrow B$ , and `a` is of type `A`, then `f.ap(a)` is the result of applying `f` to `a`, for which one might introduce the abbreviation `f(a)`.

**A. Setzer, 2003: Java as a Functional Programming Language**

# Type Theory based on Dependent Inductive and Coinductive Types

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# Functions are User-Defined

```
-- | Non-dependent Functions
```

```
codata Fun(a b: Type) {  
  Fun(a, b).ap(a b: Type, x: a): b }
```

"a -> b" is syntactic sugar for "Fun(a,b)"

```
-- | Dependent Functions
```

```
codata  $\Pi$ (a: Type, p: a -> Type) {  
   $\Pi$ (a, p).dap(a: Type, p: a -> Type, x: a): p.ap(a, Type, x) }
```



Defined by dependent function application "dap"

# Positive and Negative Pairs

```
data ×+(A B: Type) {  
  Pair(A B: Type, x: A, y: B): ×+(A, B) }  
def ×+(A, B).π1(A B: Type): A {  
  Pair(_, _, x, y) => x }  
def ×+(A, B).π2(A B: Type): B {  
  Pair(_, _, x, y) => y }
```

Defined by pairing constructor

Corresponds to  $\otimes$  in Linear Logic

```
codata ×-(A B: Type) {  
  ×-(A, B).π1(A B: Type): A,  
  ×-(A, B).π2(A B: Type): B }  
codef Pair(A B: Type, x: A, y: B): ×-(A, B) {  
  π1(_, _) => x,  
  π2(_, _) => y }
```

Defined by projections

Corresponds to  $\&$  in Linear Logic

# Weak and Strong Sigma Types

```
data  $\Sigma_+$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type) {  
  Pair(A: Type,  
    T: A -> Type,  
    x: A,  
    w: T.ap(A, Type, x) )  
  :  $\Sigma_+$ (A, T) }  
def  $\Sigma_+$ (A, T). $\pi_1$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type): A {  
  Pair(A, T, x, w) => x }  
def (self:  $\Sigma_+$ (A, T)). $\pi_2$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type)  
  : T.ap(A, Type, self. $\pi_1$ (A, T)) {  
  Pair(A, T, x, w) => w }
```

```
codata  $\Sigma_-$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type) {  
   $\Sigma_-$ (A, T). $\pi_1$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type): A,  
  (self:  $\Sigma_-$ (A, T)). $\pi_2$ (A: Type, T: A -> Type)  
    : T.ap(A, Type, self. $\pi_1$ (A, T)) }  
codef Pair(A: Type,  
  T: A -> Type,  
  x: A,  
  w: T.ap(A, Type, x) )  
  :  $\Sigma_-$ (A, T) {  
   $\pi_1$ (A, T) => x,  
   $\pi_2$ (A, T) => w }
```

Linked by De-/Refunctionalization

**Q: Are there also two ways to define functions?**

**A: Yes! R. Garner: On the strength of dependent products in the type theory of Martin-Löf.**

# A more traditional OOP example

```
class spec: PR
  public methods:
    store: X × A → X
    read: X → {error} + A
    empty: X → X
  assertions:
    s.empty.read = error
    s.read = error
    ⊢ s.store(a).read = a
    s.read = a
    ⊢ s.store(b).read = a
  creation:
    new.read = error
end class spec
```

```
codata PR {
  store(a: A): PR,
  read: MaybeA,
  empty: PR,
  -- | Reading from the empty buffer yields an error
  (s: PR).assert_empty: Eq(MaybeA, s.empty.read, Error),
  -- | We can store an element into an empty buffer
  (s: PR).assert_empty_store(a: A)
    : Eq(MaybeA, s.read, Error) -> Eq(MaybeA, s.store(a).read, Just(a)),
  -- | We cannot replace the element in the buffer without calling `empty`
  (s: PR).assert_persistent(a b: A)
    : Eq(MaybeA, s.read, Just(a)) -> Eq(MaybeA, s.store(b).read, Just(a)) }
```

**B. Jacobs, 1995: Objects and classes, coalgebraically**



# Codata Encodings of Natural Numbers

# The Church Encoding

```
data Nat { Z, S(p: Nat) }  
def Nat.iter(A: Type, z: A, s: A -> A): A {  
  Z => z,  
  S(p) => s.ap(A, A, p.iter(A, z, s)) }
```

```
codata Nat { iter(A: Type, z: A, s: A -> A): A }  
codef S(p: Nat): Nat {  
  iter(A, z, s) => s.ap(A, A, p.iter(A, z, s)) }  
codef Z: Nat { iter(A, z, s) => z }
```

# The Fu-Stump Encoding

## Abbreviation for Induction Step

```
codef StepFun(P: Nat -> Type): Fun(Nat, Type) {
  ap(_, _, x) => P.ap(Nat, Type, x) -> P.ap(Nat, Type, S(x)) }
data Nat { S(m: Nat), Z }
def (n: Nat).ind(P: Nat -> Type, base: P.ap(Nat, Type, Z), step:  $\Pi$ (Nat, StepFun(P)))
  : P.ap(Nat, Type, n) {
  S(m) =>
    step.dap(Nat, StepFun(P), m)
      .ap(P.ap(Nat, Type, m), P.ap(Nat, Type, S(m)), m.ind(P, base, step)),
  Z => base }
```

```
codef StepFun(P: Nat -> Type): Fun(Nat, Type) {
  ap(_, _, x) => P.ap(Nat, Type, x) -> P.ap(Nat, Type, S(x)) }
codata Nat {
  (n: Nat).ind(P: Nat -> Type, base: P.ap(Nat, Type, Z), step:  $\Pi$ (Nat, StepFun(P)))
    : P.ap(Nat, Type, n) }
codef Z: Nat { ind(P, base, step) => base }
codef S(m: Nat): Nat {
  ind(P, base, step) =>
    step.dap(Nat, StepFun(P), m)
      .ap(P.ap(Nat, Type, m), P.ap(Nat, Type, S(m)), m.ind(P, base, step)) }
```

Fu & Stump, 2014: Self Types for Dependently-Typed Lambda Encodings

# Problems

**Judgemental Equality and  
Consistency are Difficult**

# Judgemental Equality must be Preserved (I)

```
codata Fun(a b: Type) { Fun(a, b).ap(a b: Type, x: a): b }  
Ref1(Fun(Nat, Nat), \x. x) : Eq(Fun(Nat, Nat), \y. y, \z. z)
```



```
data Fun(a b: Type) { F1: Fun(Nat, Nat), F2: Fun(Nat, Nat), F3: Fun(Nat, Nat) }  
def Fun(a, b).ap(a b: Type, x: a): b { F1 => x, F2 => x, F3 => x }  
Ref1(Fun(Nat, Nat), F1) : Eq(Fun(Nat, Nat), F2, F3)
```



**Our solution: First program doesn't typecheck.**

# Judgemental Equality must be Preserved (II)

```
codata Fun { ap(x: Nat): Nat }  
let prop_eta(f: Fun): Eq(Fun, f, (\x. f.ap(x))) := Refl(Fun, f);
```



```
data Fun { Eta(f: Fun), ... }  
def Fun.ap(x: Nat): Nat { Eta(f) => f.ap(x),... }  
let prop_eta(f: Fun): Eq(Fun, f, Eta(f)) := Refl(Fun, f);
```



**Our solution: Eta is not valid during equality checking.**

# Three reasons why our system is inconsistent

- We use the Type : Type axiom instead of a universe hierarchy
- We do not check that recursive occurrences in data and codata declarations are strictly positive
- We do not check for termination or productivity

**Difficult to preserve these properties under de-/refunctionalization**

**Problems appear already in the simply-typed version**



# Sometimes it is good to be negative!

```
codata NatSet { member(x: Nat): Bool, union(x: NatSet): NatSet }
```

Original motivation for Nakanos's guarded logic / guarded type theory.

Well-known problem in theoretical OOP literature.

# Conclusion

# What we have achieved in the paper

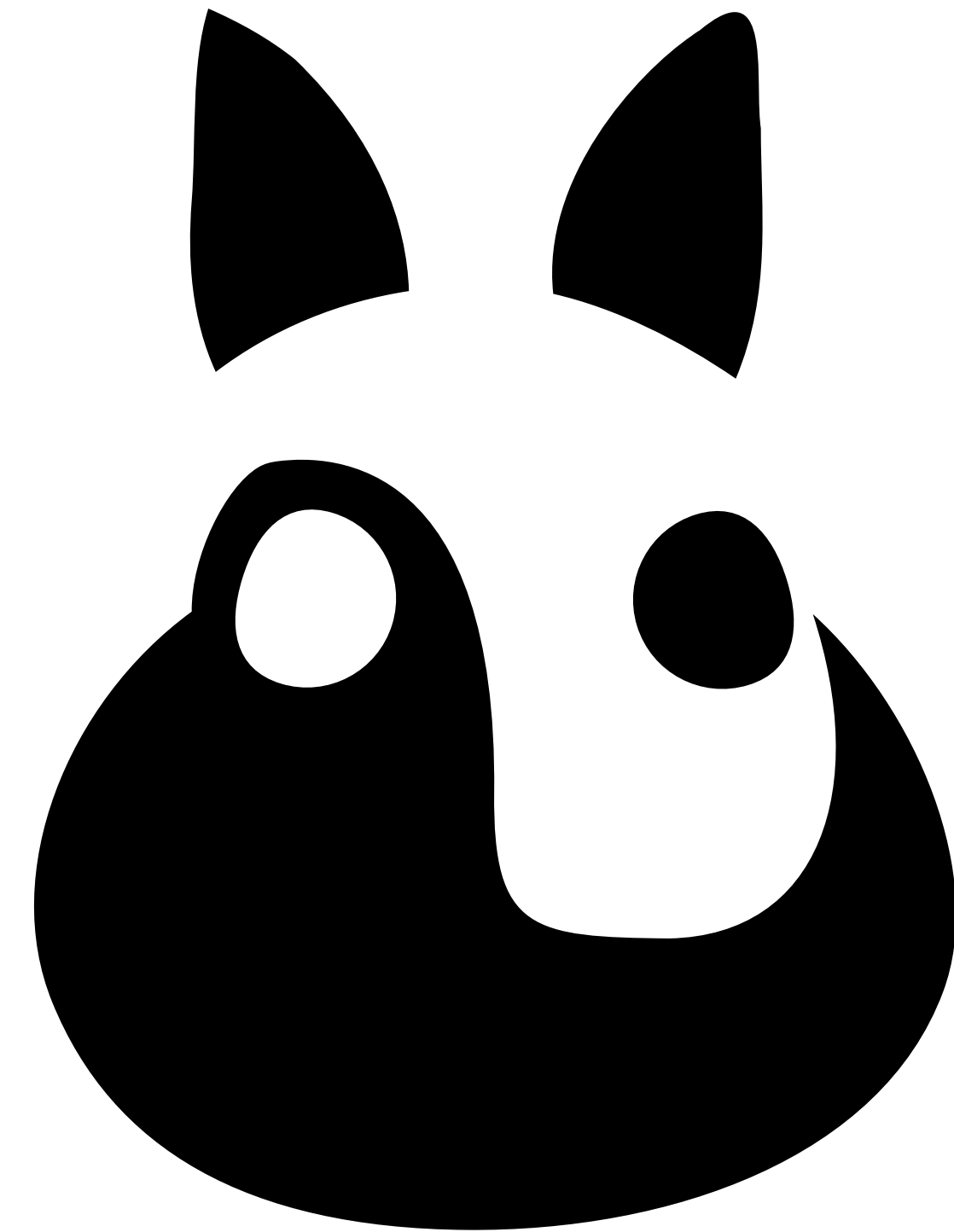
- Dependent type theory with no builtin types:  
Non-dependent and dependent function types are user-defined codata types
- Proof of type soundness (Extended version @ ArXiv)
- De-/Refunctionalization is total and type-preserving
- We can de-/refunctionalize types that occur in indices of type constructors and which are normalized and compared during type checking
- Various examples: Strong vs. weak  $\Sigma$ -types, codata encodings of natural numbers, dependently-typed programming examples

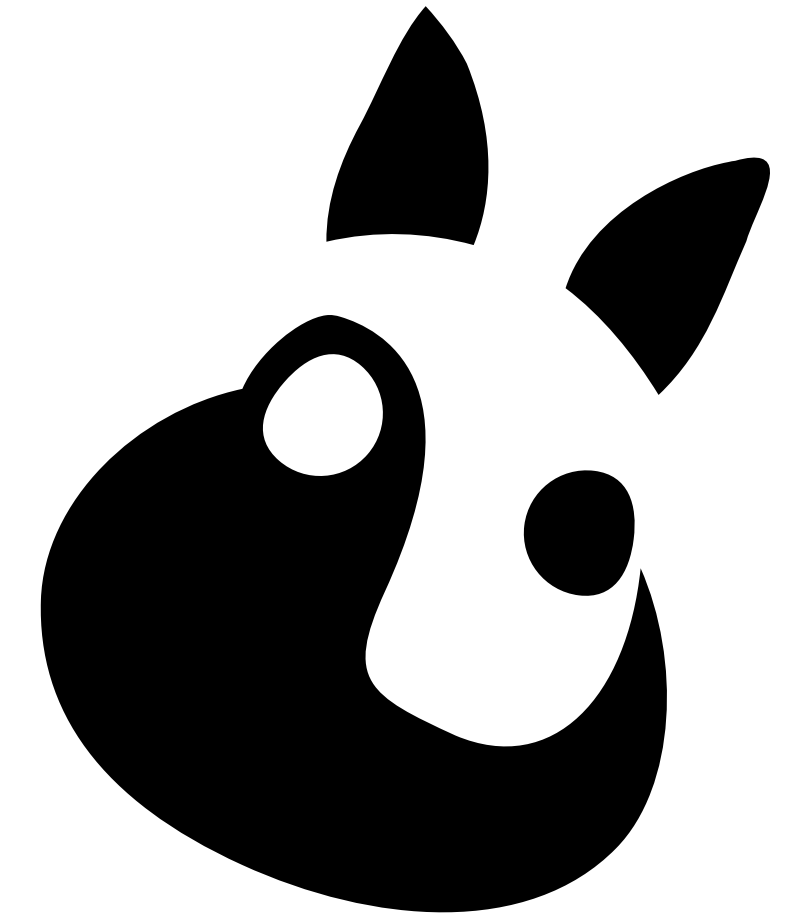
# What we have *\*not\** achieved in the paper

- System is sound, but not consistent
- We use the Type : Type axiom
- We don't check for (strict) positivity of recursive (co-)data declarations
- We don't check for termination or productivity
- Eta-equalities not valid for typechecking
- Some restrictions on judgemental equality

# Implementation

- [polarity-lang.github.io/oopsla24/](https://polarity-lang.github.io/oopsla24/)
- Implemented in Rust
- LSP Server and VSCode Extension
- All examples run in the browser!
- Actively hacked on :)





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