

# An Introduction to Type Theory

## *Part 2*

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# Plan of the course

1. Intuitionistic logic from a type theoretic perspective
2. **Basic constructions of Type Theory**
3. Programming with dependent types

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- We will use this example to motivate the idea that proofs = programs.

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We only consider the special case of terms over  $\text{Nat}$  here.

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# Leq in LEGO

Inductive [Leq : Nat → Nat → Set]

Constructors

[le0 : {n:Nat}Leq ze n]

[leS : {m,n|Nat}(Leq m n)  
→ (Leq (su m) (su n))] ;



# Elimination for Leq

```
decl Leq_elim :  
  {C_Leq:{x1,x2|Nat}(Leq x1 x2)→ TYPE}  
    ({n:Nat}C_Leq (le0 n))→  
    ({m,n|Nat}{x1:Leq m n}(C_Leq x1)→ C_Leq (leS x1))→  
    {x1,x2|Nat}{z:Leq x1 x2}C_Leq z
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 [x1:Leq m n]  
   Leq_elim C_Leq f_le0 f_leS (le0 n1) ⇒ f_le0 n1  
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   f_leS x1 (Leq_elim C_Leq f_le0 f_leS x1)]
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