

# The equivalence of two definitions of homotopy sets for Kan complexes

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As we remarked in §§ 1 and 2 of [1], the following proposition holds. The purpose of this paper is to give its proof. Free use will be made of the definitions and notations of [1].

**PROPOSITION 1.** 1°. If  $(K, L)$  is a Kan pair with base point  $\varphi \in L_0$ , DEFINITIONS 1.7 and 1.10 in [1] of  $\pi_n(K, L, \varphi)$  are equivalent for  $n \geq 0$ . 2°. If  $(K; L, M)$  is a Kan triad with base point  $\varphi \in (L \cap M)_0$ , DEFINITIONS 2.4 and 2.7 in [1] of  $\pi_n(K; L, M, \varphi)$  are equivalent for  $n \geq 2$ . I.e. the natural embedding map  $i_k: K \rightarrow S|K|$  given in [7] induces one-to-one onto maps  $(i_k)_*: \pi_n(K, L, \varphi) \rightarrow \pi_n(S|K|, S|L|, i_k(\varphi))$  and  $(i_k)_*: \pi_n(K; L, M, \varphi) \rightarrow \pi_n(S|K|; S|L|, S|M|, i_k(\varphi))$  where  $\pi_n$  means the set defined by DEFINITIONS 1.7 and 2.4 in [1].

*Proof of 1°.* The equivalence follows from THEOREM 7.3 in [1], REMARK 1 in [3, §4] and the five lemma for  $n \geq 2$ , and by their definitions for  $n=0$ .

To show that  $(i_k)_*$  is one-to-one onto for  $n=1$ , consider  $\pi_1(K, L, \varphi)$  and  $\pi_1(S|K|, S|L|, i_k(\varphi))$ . In this case we may assume that  $K$  is connected, i.e.  $\pi_0(K, \varphi)=0$ . Then we can construct the c. s. s. group  $G(K; \varphi)$  which is a loop complex of  $K$  rel.  $\varphi$  [2, THEOREM 9.2]. Put  $U=G(K; \varphi) \times_t K$ ,  $C=G(K; \varphi) \times_t L$  and  $\psi=(e_0, \varphi) \in U_0$  where  $t$  is a twisting function defined by  $t\sigma = \bar{\sigma}$ ,  $e_0$  is the identity element of the group  $G(K; \varphi)_0$ . By LEMMA 9.3 in [2]  $U$  is contractible. Let  $p: U \rightarrow K$  be given by  $p(\rho, \sigma) = \sigma$  for  $(\rho, \sigma) \in U$ . Then  $p$  is a fibre map:  $(U, C, \psi) \rightarrow (K, L, \varphi)$  and  $(U, C)$  is a Kan pair. By THEOREM 8.3-2) and PROPOSITION 8.2 in [1],  $p_*: \pi_1(U, C, \psi) \rightarrow \pi_1(K, L, \varphi)$  and  $(S|p|)_*: \pi_1(S|U|, S|C|, i_U(\psi)) \rightarrow \pi_1(S|K|, S|L|, i_k(\varphi))$  are one-to-one onto.

Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_1(K, L, \varphi) & \xleftarrow{p_*} & \pi_1(U, C, \psi) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \pi_0(C, \psi) \\
 \downarrow (i_k)_* & & \downarrow (i_U)_* & & \downarrow (i_C)_* \\
 \pi_1(S|K|, S|L|, i_k(\varphi)) & \xleftarrow{(S|p|)_*} & \pi_1(S|U|, S|C|, i_U(\psi)) & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & \pi_0(S|C|, i_C(\psi)),
 \end{array}$$

where  $\delta$  and  $\delta'$  are the boundary operations induced by the 0-th face operation,  $(i_C)_*$  is one-to-one onto [3, §4 REMARK 1]. Therefore to show that  $(i_k)_*$  is one-to-one