

Exercise. Let $p : X \rightarrow S$ be a morphism of simplicial sets, and $f : \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$ an edge, with source $x : \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$ (that is, x is the composition of f with the canonical inclusion $\Delta^0 \subseteq \Delta^1$). Show that the following are equivalent.

- (A) The induced map $X_{/f} \rightarrow X_x \times_{S_{/p(x)}} S_{/p(f)}$ is a trivial Kan fibration.
- (B) For every $n \geq 2$, and every commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta^1 & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow f & \\
 \Delta_0^n & \longrightarrow & X \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow p \\
 \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & S
 \end{array}$$

there is a dashed morphism making the diagram commutative.

Step a). Recall that a morphism is a trivial Kan fibration if and only if it has the left lifting property with respect to the morphisms $\partial\Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$ for all $n \geq 0$. So (A) is equivalent to:

- (A') For all $n \geq 0$ and every commutative diagram

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc}
 \partial\Delta^n & \longrightarrow & X_{/f} \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\
 \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & X_x \times_{S_{/p(x)}} S_{/p(f)}
 \end{array}$$

there is a dashed morphism making the diagram commutative.

Step b). Recall that by the universal property of overcategories, the upper horizontal morphism in (1) corresponds to a unique commutative diagram

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & f & & \\
 & \searrow & \curvearrowright & \longrightarrow & X \\
 \Delta^1 & \longrightarrow & \Delta^1 * \partial\Delta^n & \longrightarrow & X
 \end{array}$$

where $\Delta^1 \subseteq \Delta^1 * \partial\Delta^n$ is the canonical inclusion (and conversely, such a diagram corresponds to a unique morphism $\partial\Delta^n \rightarrow X_{/f}$). Moreover, by the universal property of fibre products, the lower horizontal morphism in (1) corresponds to a unique commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta^n & \longrightarrow & S_{/p(f)} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X_x & \longrightarrow & S_{/p(x)}
 \end{array}$$

(where the lower morphism and right morphism are the canonical ones), and by the universal property of overcategories, such a diagram corresponds uniquely to a

commutative diagram

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta^0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Delta^0 * \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ & \searrow^x & \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Delta^1 * \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \\ & \swarrow_{p(f)} & & & \end{array}$$

where $\Delta^0 \subseteq \Delta^0 * \partial\Delta^n$, $\Delta^1 \subseteq \Delta^1 * \partial\Delta^n$, $\Delta^0 * \Delta^n \subseteq \Delta^1 * \Delta^n$ are the canonical ones.

Step c). Observe that the commutivity of (1) (without the dashed morphism) is equivalent to the requirement that (2) and (3) fit together into a commutative diagram

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^1 & \searrow^f & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ (\Delta^1 * \partial\Delta^n) \cup (\Delta^0 * \Delta^n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^1 * \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \end{array}$$

Step d). Observe that the inclusion

$$(\Delta^1 * \partial\Delta^n) \cup (\Delta^0 * \Delta^n) \subseteq \Delta^1 * \Delta^n$$

is canonically isomorphic to the inclusion

$$\Lambda_0^{n+2} \subseteq \Delta^{n+2}.$$

(Indeed, $(\Delta^0 * \Delta^n) \subseteq \Delta^1 * \Delta^n$ is the inclusion of the face $d_1\Delta^{n+2} \subseteq \Delta^{n+2}$. Moreover, $\partial\Delta^n$ is the union of the faces $d_i\Delta^n \subseteq \Delta^n$ for $0 \leq i \leq n$, and $\Delta^1 * d_i\Delta^n \subseteq \Delta^{n+2}$ is the inclusion of the face $d_{i+2}\Delta^{n+2} \subseteq \Delta^{n+2}$). Conclude that (4) is isomorphic to

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^1 & \searrow^f & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \Lambda_0^{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \end{array}$$

Step e). Conclude that (1) admits a dashed morphism making the diagram commute if and only if the corresponding diagram

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^1 & \searrow^f & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \Lambda_0^{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & \swarrow_{\quad} & \downarrow \\ \Delta^{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \end{array}$$

admits a dashed morphism making the diagram commute.