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ANY EQUIVALENCE RELATION OVER A CATEGORY IS A SIMPLICIAL
 HOMOTOPY

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§ 1. *Simplicial Systems.*

Definition. ([1]) A simplicial system over a category \mathcal{C} is a triple $J=(\mathcal{H}, \Phi, \lambda)$ where $\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{C}^0 \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \Delta^0 \mathcal{S}$ ($\Delta^0 \mathcal{S}$ = the category of simplicial sets) is a covariant functor, Φ is an associative "composition law" with $\Phi_{XYZ} : \mathcal{H}(X, Y) \times \mathcal{H}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X, Z)$ natural in X, Y, Z , and γ is a natural isomorphism $\gamma_{X, Y} : \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X, Y)_0$ (We will denote $\alpha \bullet \beta = \Phi(\beta, \alpha)$ for $\alpha \in \mathcal{H}(X, Y)_n$ and $\beta \in \mathcal{H}(Y, Z)_n$). Moreover, J is subjected to the following conditions :

(i) for each morfism $u : X \rightarrow Y$ of \mathcal{C} , and each $f \in \mathcal{H}(Y, Z)_n$, then $f \bullet s^{(n)}(u) = \mathcal{H}(u, Z)(f)$;

(ii) for each $g \in \mathcal{H}(W, X)_n$ and each $u \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, $s^{(n)}(u) \bullet g = \mathcal{H}(W, u)(g)$, where $s^{(n)}(u)$ stands for the image of u by the following composition $s_0 \dots s_0$ (n -times), where s_0 denotes the 0 -th degeneracy in each dimension. Also we have used for a fixed Z in \mathcal{C} the restriction $\mathcal{H}(-, Z) : \mathcal{C}^0 \rightarrow \Delta^0 \mathcal{S}$ of the functor \mathcal{H} which for each $u : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} , induces a simplicial map $\mathcal{H}(u, Z) : \mathcal{H}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X, Z)$. Similarly, if one fixes the first variable.

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A simplicial category is a pair (\mathcal{C}, J) where J is a simplicial system over a given category \mathcal{C} .

The homotopy relation over morphism associated with the system J is given as follows: $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ (in \mathcal{C}) are J -homotopic, or more precisely, f is J -homotopic to g (in that order), if there exists $v \in \mathbb{H}(X, Y)_1$ such that $d_0(v) = f$ and $d_1(v) = g$. It is well known that if $\mathbb{H}(X, Y)$ is a Kan simplicial set - in lower dimensions - then this homotopy relation is an equivalence relation. Furthermore, it is compatible with composition. In fact, the categorical simplicial structure allows a composition of homotopies: if $H \in \mathbb{H}(X, Y)_1$ and $K \in \mathbb{H}(Y, Z)_1$ are such that $H: f \rightsquigarrow g$ and $K: u \rightsquigarrow v$ then $K \bullet H = \Phi(H, K)$ is a homotopy $uf \rightsquigarrow vg$.

§ 2. Some examples of simplicial categories.

a) In the category of topological spaces taking $\mathbb{H}(X, Y)_n = Top(\Delta(n) \times X, Y)$ with faces induced by the co-faces of the standard co-simplicial topological space Δ , we obtain a simplicial system.

b) The same construction in $\Delta^o S$ using $\Delta[n]$ instead of $\Delta(n)$.

c) Generalizing a) and b), above, if a category \mathcal{C} is closed for finite products, then for each model $Y: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ (that is, a covariant functor) such that $Y[0]$ = final object of \mathcal{C} , whenever it exists, one defines $\mathbb{H}_Y(A, B)_n = \mathcal{C}(Y[n] \times A, B)$ and completes it by the same categorical procedures as in a) and b). Given the importance of this example and its generality we will devote the next paragraph to a detailed discussion of it.

d) In the paper "Homotopic Systems in categories with a Final Object" ([5]) it is shown that, if $Y: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a model in which $Y[0]$ is not necessarily the final object of \mathcal{C} , then one can consider the category of objects over $Y[0]$, denoted $\mathcal{C}/Y[0]$. The model Y induces a model $Y/Y[0] = Y': \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/Y[0]$, in which, of course, $Y'[0]$ is then the final object of $\mathcal{C}/Y[0]$. If \mathcal{C} is clo-

sed for fibered products over $Y[0]$, then we can apply the procedure of part c) to induce over $\mathcal{C}/Y[0]$ a simplicial structure. For example, if $\mathcal{C} = Ab =$ the category of abelian groups and $Y: \Delta \rightarrow Ab$ is the *free abelian group functor*, restricted to Δ , then there exists over Ab/\mathbb{Z} a simplicial structure associated with Y . Similarly, if one *tensorizes* Y by an abelian group M to get $(Y \otimes M)_n = Y[n] \otimes M$, then $Y \otimes M$ induces a simplicial structure over Ab/M (since $(Y \otimes M)[0] = M$), which is natural in M , in the sense that this assignment $M \rightarrow Ab/M$ can be completed to a functor from Ab into the category \mathcal{C} . *Sim* (cf. § 4).

e) A group G can be considered as a category with only one object, say e , and one morphism $\bar{g}: e \rightarrow e$ for each element g of G , the composition then given by $\overline{g \bullet b} = \overline{gb}$. We will denote by G both the category and the group. $N(G)$ will represent the nerve of the category G (in [2], p. 32, this is denoted by $D(G)$). We will prove that there exists a non trivial (natural) simplicial structure over G when G is abelian. In fact we take $\mathcal{H}(e, e)$ to be the simplicial set $RC(N(G))$ where RC stands for the right-cut-functor $RC: \Delta^0 \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \Delta^0 \mathcal{S}$ (cf. [4]) defined for a simplicial set X by the formulae: (i) $RC(X)_n = X_{n+1}$, ($n \geq 0$) (ii) $\partial_i^n: RC(X)_n \rightarrow RC(X)_{n-1}$ is the morphism $d_i^{n+1}: X_{n+1} \rightarrow X_n$ ($i=0, \dots, n$); (iii) $\sigma_i^n: RC(X)_n \rightarrow RC(X)_{n+1}$ is the morphism $s_i^{n+1}: X_{n+1} \rightarrow X_{n+2}$ ($i=0, \dots, n$). In order to complete the definition of $\mathcal{H}: G^0 \times G \rightarrow \Delta^0 \mathcal{S}$ we associate to $x, y: e \rightarrow e$ the map $(x, y)_\# : \mathcal{H}(e, e) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(e, e)$ defined by the following equality $(x, y)_\#(g_0, \dots, g_n) = (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}, y g_n x)$. In order to this maps be simplicial it is necessary and sufficient that G be an abelian group. As for the simplicial composition $\Phi_{ee} = \Phi: \mathcal{H}(e, e) \times \mathcal{H}(e, e) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(e, e)$, it is given by $\Phi((g_0, \dots, g_n); (b_0, \dots, b_n)) = (b_0 g_0, \dots, b_n g_n)$. Again, Φ so defined is a simplicial map if and only if G is an abelian group. Furthermore, $\mathcal{H}(e, e)_0 = CR(N(G))_0 = N(G)_1 = G = Hom_G(e, e)$. Now for $u \in Hom_G(e, e)$ it holds that $\Phi(f, s^{(n)}(u)) = \mathcal{H}(u, e)(f)$, since the right hand member of the equality is $(u, 1_e)_\#(f) = (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}, f_n u)$ for $f = (f_0, \dots, f_n)$, and $s^{(n)}(u) = s_0 \dots s_0(u) = (1, \dots, 1, u)$. Similarly $\Phi(s^{(n)}u, f) = \mathcal{H}(e, u)(f) = (1_e, u)_\#(f)$.

Remark: In the previous construction $\mathcal{H}(e, e)$ becomes the total space $W(\tilde{G})$ of $\tilde{W}(\tilde{G})$, the classifying space of \tilde{G} , where $\tilde{G}_n = G$ for each n and the faces being the identity morphism. That is to say $W(\tilde{G}) = RC(N(G))$.

This construction can certainly be generalized to abelian monoids, in which case the homotopy obtained is non trivial (against the case of abelian groups in which it is trivial): $f \sim g$ if there exists $a \in G$ such that $f a = g$. The problem of existence of homotopy is thus equivalent to the problem of solution of first degree equations in G .

f) There is a way to induce, trivially, a simplicial system on a category \mathcal{C} by taking $\mathcal{H}(X, Y)_n = \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, for each n , and faces to be the identity function. The homotopy relation obtained is the relation of equality.

§3. The simplicial system associated to a model $Y: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.

Let \mathcal{C} be a category with a final object and with finite products. Let $Y: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be a covariant functor such that $Y[0]$ = the final object of \mathcal{C} . We define, for each pair of objects A, B in \mathcal{C} , the simplicial set $\mathcal{H}(A, B)$ by the formulae: (i) $\mathcal{H}(A, B)_n = \mathcal{C}(Y[n] \times A, B)$; (ii) if $w: [n] \rightarrow [m]$ is a morphism in Δ , then $w^*: \mathcal{H}(A, B)_m \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(A, B)_n$ is the map $u \mapsto u \circ (Y(w) \times A)$, where A stands for the identity morphism of A . The simplicial composition $\Phi: \mathcal{H}(A, B) \times \mathcal{H}(B, C) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(A, C)$ is given for $f: Y[n] \times A \rightarrow B$ and $g: Y[n] \times B \rightarrow C$ by

$$Y[n] \times A \xrightarrow{\partial \times A} Y[n] \times Y[n] \xrightarrow{A \xrightarrow{Y[n]} \times f} Y[n] \times B \xrightarrow{g} C,$$

where ∂ is the diagonal morphism. To prove that Φ is simplicial it suffices to prove that, for morphisms $w: K \rightarrow L$, $f: L \times A \rightarrow B$, and $g: L \times B \rightarrow C$ the following diagram commutes.

In order to do this it suffices to apply, for each X of \mathcal{C} , the functor $\mathcal{C}(X, -)$ to the diagram above. Then it becomes the same statement (or diagram) but in the category of sets. (recall that in order to prove that a diagram in a category commutes, it is necessary and sufficient that for each object X , the image of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
K \times A & \xrightarrow{\partial \times A} & K \times K \times A & \xrightarrow{K \times w \times A} & K \times L \times A & \xrightarrow{K \times f} & K \times B \\
\downarrow w \times A & & & & & & \downarrow w \times B \\
L \times A & & & & & & L \times B \\
\downarrow \partial \times A & & & & & & \downarrow g \\
L \times L \times A & \xrightarrow{L \times f} & L \times B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & &
\end{array}$$

by $\mathcal{C}(X, -)$, resp. $\mathcal{C}(-, X)$, commutes in the category of sets). This is due to the fact that $\mathcal{C}(X, -)$ commutes with products and that $\mathcal{C}(X, \partial_Y) = \partial_{\mathcal{C}(X, Y)}$.

As far as associativity is concerned (of the simplicial composition Φ) it reduces to proving that the following diagram commutes in \mathcal{C} for any morphism $f: K \times A \rightarrow B$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
K \times A & \xrightarrow{\partial \times A} & K \times K \times A & \xrightarrow{K \times f} & K \times B \\
\downarrow \partial \times A & & & & \downarrow \partial \times B \\
K \times K \times A & \xrightarrow{K \times \partial \times A} & K \times K \times K \times A & \xrightarrow{K \times K \times f} & K \times K \times B
\end{array}$$

§ 4. The categories \mathcal{C} , Sim and $\mathcal{C}. \text{Rel}$.

A simplicial functor $(\mathcal{C}, J) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', J')$ between simplicial categories is a pair (F, δ) , where $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ is a functor and $\delta: \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, -) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(-), F(-))$ is a natural transformation such that for any objects X, Y, Z of \mathcal{C} :

SF.1) the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_o & \xrightarrow{\delta_{XY}} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(X), F(Y))_o \\
\downarrow \gamma_{XY} & & \downarrow \gamma'_{F(X)F(Y)} \\
\mathcal{C}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{C}'(F(X), F(Y))
\end{array}$$

S.F.2) the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \times \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) \\
 \downarrow \delta \times \delta & & \downarrow \delta \\
 \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(X), F(Y)) \times \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(Y), F(Z)) & \xrightarrow{\Phi'} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(X), F(Z))
 \end{array}$$

In this case we will say that (F, δ) is compatible with the simplicial composition.

We will denote by $C.Sim$ the category of simplicial categories and simplicial functors, and by $C.Rel$ the category of categories with *compatible relations* in the following sense: (a) a category (\mathcal{C}, R) with a compatible relation R , consists of a category \mathcal{C} and, for each pair of objects X, Y , of a reflexive and transitive relation over the set $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ which is compatible with the composition in \mathcal{C} ; (b) a morphism $F: (\mathcal{C}, R) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', R')$ between categories with compatible relations is a relation-preserving functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ in the sense that if $(f, g) \in R_{XY}$ then $(F(f), F(g)) \in R'_{F(X)F(Y)}$.

The procedure that to a simplicial category (\mathcal{C}, J) associates the reflexive and transitive relation generated by homotopy, denoted by $(\mathcal{C}, R(J))$, gives rise to a functor $\mathcal{R}: C.Sim \rightarrow C.Rel$.

We now give the main theorem of this paper:

THEOREM. *The functor \mathcal{R} admits a right adjoint $\mathcal{S}: C.Rel \rightarrow C.Sim$.*

We devote the rest of this paper to the proof of this theorem. To begin with we define the functor \mathcal{S} .

Let (\mathcal{C}, R) be a category with a reflexive, transitive, and compatible relation. Since R_{XY} is reflexive and transitive it can be considered in itself as a category with objects the elements of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ and a morphism $f \rightarrow g$ (and only one)

if $(f, g) \in R_{XY}$. We define $\mathcal{H} : \mathcal{C}^o \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \Delta^o S$ by taking as $\mathcal{H}(X, Y)$ the nerve (see [2] p.32 for the definition of nerve, which is denoted by D) of the category R_{XY} . We will use $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C}, R)(X, Y)$ instead of $\mathcal{H}(X, Y)$ when emphasis on the category and the relation is necessary.

We remark that the functor \mathcal{H} is the composite

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C}^o \times \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}} & \Delta^o S \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow N = \text{nerve} \\
 & \text{Cat} &
 \end{array}$$

where $\mathcal{C}^o \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ maps (X, Y) into the category associated with the relation R_{XY} . One also notices that if $\alpha : X' \rightarrow X$ and $\beta : Y \rightarrow Y'$ are morphisms of \mathcal{C} , then the functor $(\alpha, \beta)_\# : (\mathcal{C}(X, Y); R_{XY}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}(X', Y'); R_{X'Y'})$ is the map $f \rightarrow \beta f \alpha$. $N((\alpha, \beta)_\#)$ is given in dimension n by $N(\alpha, \beta)_\#(f_0, \dots, f_n) = (\beta f_0 \alpha, \dots, \beta f_n \alpha)$, for each $(f_0, \dots, f_n) \in N(\mathcal{C}(X, Y); R_{XY})_n$.

We now define the simplicial composition $\Phi_{XYZ} : \mathcal{H}(X, Y) \times \mathcal{H}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X, Z)$. We recall that the nerve $N : \text{Cat} \rightarrow \Delta^o S$ commutes with products and since $\mathcal{H}(X, Y) = N(R_{XY})$ then we take $\Phi_{XYZ} = N(\varphi_{XYZ})$, where φ_{XYZ} is the functor (natural in X, Y, Z) defined on the objects by the composition $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) \times \mathcal{C}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$, and on the morphisms $R_{XY} \times R_{YZ} \rightarrow R_{XZ}$ by the compatibility of the relation R . More explicitly the composition in dimension n is given by $(g_0, \dots, g_n) \bullet (f_0, \dots, f_n) = (g_0 f_0, \dots, g_n f_n)$, easily proved to be well defined.

As for the natural transformation γ it is, in our case, the identity of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ since by the definition of nerve, $\mathcal{H}(X, Y)_0 = N(\mathcal{C}(X, Y); R_{XY})_0 = \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$.

In order to complete the proof that $(\mathcal{H}, \Phi, \gamma)$ is a simplicial system let $u : X \rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{C}$ and $f \in \mathcal{H}(Y, Z)_n$; then $f \circ s^{(n)}(u) = \mathcal{H}(u, Z)(f)$ because if $f = (f_0, \dots, f_n)$ then $\mathcal{H}(u, Z)(f) = (u, 1_Z)_\#(f) = (1_Z \circ f_0 \circ u, \dots, 1_Z \circ f_n \circ u)$.

$= (f_0, \dots, f_n) \bullet (u, \dots, u) = f \circ s^{(n)}(u)$. Similarly, one can prove that $s^{(n)}(u) \circ g$
 $= \mathcal{H}(W, u)(g)$, for each $g \in \mathcal{H}(W, X)_n$ and each $u \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$.

We denote $J(\mathcal{C}, R) = (\mathcal{H}, \Phi, \gamma)$ given above and $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{C}, R)$ the simplicial category $(\mathcal{C}; J(\mathcal{C}, R))$.

We proceed now to give \mathcal{S} on the morphism: since $\mathcal{H}(X, Y)_n = \{(f_0, \dots, f_n) \mid (f_i, f_{i+1}) \in \mathcal{R}_{XY}, 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ it is easy to verify that to a relation preserving functor $F: (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', \mathcal{R}')$ there corresponds a simplicial function for each pair X, Y of objects of \mathcal{C} , $\tilde{F}_{XY} = \tilde{F}: \mathcal{H}(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(F(X), F(Y))$, given by $(f_0, \dots, f_n) \mapsto (F(f_0), \dots, F(f_n))$. It is also easy to verify that, if $f \in \mathcal{H}(X, Y)_n$ and $g \in \mathcal{H}(Y, Z)_n$, then $\tilde{F}(g \bullet f) = \tilde{F}(g) \bullet \tilde{F}(f)$ which proves the functorial condition SF.2). Thus, to a functor $F: (\mathcal{C}, R) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', R')$ we have associated the pair $(F, \tilde{F}): (\mathcal{C}, J(\mathcal{C}, R)) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', J(\mathcal{C}', R'))$ which also verifies SF.1), and which we will denote by $\mathcal{S}(F)$, thus completing the definition of the functor $\mathcal{S}: C. Rel \rightarrow C. Sim$.

It remains to prove that the pair $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S})$ is adjoint (\mathcal{R} is left adjoint of \mathcal{S}).

We give first the natural transformations for adjointness: if $X = (\mathcal{C}, J)$ is a simplicial category with $J = (\mathcal{H}, \Phi, \gamma)$ and $V = (\mathcal{D}, R)$ is a category with a compatible, reflexive and transitive relation R , we will give $\mu_X: X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}X$ and $\mu_V: \mathcal{R}V \rightarrow V$ for which we notice that $\mathcal{R}V = V$ and therefore the functor \mathcal{R} is a retract of the functor \mathcal{S} . Thus the transformation μ is simply the identity. θ_X is a pair (F, δ) where F is a functor with source and target the category \mathcal{C} and $\delta: \mathcal{H}_X(\dots) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}(X)}(F(\dots), F(\dots))$ is a natural transformation: F will be the identity of \mathcal{C} hence it remains to give $\delta_{A,B}$ for objects A, B in \mathcal{C} . Notice that, in general, we can define $\delta_W: W \rightarrow W'$ where W is any simplicial set and W' is the following simplicial set: on W_0 let R be the transitive relation associated to the homotopy relation of W . We take $W^n = N(R) =$ the nerve of R . We recall that W' so obtained is level-wise given by $W'_0 = W_0, W'_1 = \{(u, v) \mid u, v \in W_0, (u, v) \in R\}$, and in general $W'_n = \{(u_0, \dots, u_n) \mid (u_i, u_{i+1}) \in R, i =$

$0, \dots, n-1$ }, with faces $d_j(u_0, \dots, u_n) = (u_0, \dots, \hat{u}_j, \dots, u_n)$, $s_j(u_0, \dots, u_n) = (u_0, \dots, u_j, u_j, u_{j+1}, \dots, u_n)$. Now we can give δ_W . What is desired with this map is to associate with a simplex $x \in W_n$, the ordered set of its vertexes. More precisely, with each $w: [0] \rightarrow [m]$ we associate $w^*: W_n \rightarrow W_0$ and with this we construct the faces $w^*(x)$. If we denote by $w_k: [0] \rightarrow [n]$ the map $w_k(0)=k$, then we take $\delta_W(x) = (w_0^*(x), w_1^*(x), \dots, w_n^*(x))$, which can be seen to belong to W'_n . Notice that $w_k^*(x) = d_0 d_1 \dots d_k \dots d_n(x)$ ($0 \leq k \leq n$). The following lemma implies that δ_W is a simplicial map.

LEMMA. In a simplicial set X the following relations hold:

$$d_0 \dots \hat{d}_i \dots d_{n-1}(d_j(x)) = \begin{cases} d_0 \dots \hat{d}_i \dots d_n(x) & \text{if } i < j \text{ and } x \in X_n \\ d_0 \dots \hat{d}_{i+1} \dots d_n(x) & \text{if } i \geq j \text{ and } x \in X_n \end{cases}$$

$$d_0 \dots \hat{d}_i \dots d_n(x) = \begin{cases} d_0 \dots \hat{d}_i \dots d_{n+1} s_j(x) & \text{if } i \leq j \text{ and } x \in X_n \\ d_0 \dots \hat{d}_{i+1} \dots d_{n+1} s_j(x) & \text{if } i > j \text{ and } x \in X_n \end{cases}$$

The desired natural transformation is precisely $\delta_{\mathcal{H}(A,B)}: \mathcal{H}(A,B) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(A,B')$
 $= NR\mathcal{H}(A,B)$, A, B , in \mathcal{C} .

In order to prove that θ and μ are actually the natural transformation of adjointness, one uses the fact that $\mathcal{R}: \Delta^o\mathcal{S} \rightarrow Rel$ and $\mathcal{S}: Rel \rightarrow \Delta^o\mathcal{S}$ are adjoint functors. Here $\mathcal{R}(X) = (X, \sim)$ is the transitive relation associated to the homotopy of X , Rel is the category of the reflexive transitive relations (on sets), and $\mathcal{S}(Y, R)$ is the nerve of R .

COROLLARY. On each category with a compatible reflexive transitive rela -

tion there exists a simplicial systems whose simplicial homotopy relation is the given relation. Moreover, if the original relation is a symmetric one then the simplicial systems lies within the category of Kan-simplicial sets [3].

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