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The map $r(x, t)$ defined in earlier lines on this page sends $D_x^k[0, 1]$ into $(D_x^k \{0\}) \cup (S^{n-1} \times [0, 1])$ and is the identity on this subspace.

Verification: There are two cases because the formula defining $r(x, t)$ depends on whether $2|x| + t$ is \leq or ≥ 2 .

Case 1. $2|x| + t \geq 2$, so $r(x, t) = \frac{1}{|x|} (x, 2|x| + t - 2)$

In this case we claim that $r(x, t) \in S^{n-1} \times [0, 1]$ and the restriction of r to the latter is the identity. Let's start with the second part:

If $|x| = 1$ then $r(x, t)$ reduces to $\frac{1}{1} (x, 2 + t - 2 = 1) = (x, t)$. OK

On to the more important first part.

The first coordinate of $r(x, t)$ is $\frac{1}{|x|} \cdot x$, and hence it lies in S^{n-1} . The second coordinate

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is nonnegative because $2|x| + t \geq 2$
in this case, and $|x|, t \leq 1$ imply
 $2|x| + t - 2 \leq 2 + 1 - 1 \leq 1$. ■

Case 2 Now $2|x| + t \leq 2$ and

$r(x, t) = \frac{2}{2-t}(x, 0)$. Note that $t \leq 1$ implies
the denominator $2-t \geq 1 > 0$. If $t=0$ this
reduces to $(x, 0)$, so the restriction to D^n is
the identity. Since the first coordinate of second
 $r(x, t)$ is zero, it is only necessary to prove that
 $\frac{2}{2-t}x \in D^n$. We can rewrite the Case 2 \leq as
 $2|x| \leq 2-t$ and from this we get

$\frac{2}{2-t}|x| \leq 1$, which is what we want. ■

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Suppose we have chain maps $f, g: A \rightarrow B$ and $h, k: B \rightarrow C$ such that $D: f \simeq g$ and $E: h \simeq k$ are chain homotopies. Then $h \circ D + E \circ g$ is a chain homotopy $h \circ f \simeq k \circ g$.

Details $d(hD + Eg) + (hD + Eg)d =$

$$dhD + dEg + hDd + Edg \quad \frac{\text{chain maps}}{\text{maps}}$$

$$hdD + dEg + hDd + Edg =$$

$$(hdD + hDd) + (dE + Edg) =$$

$$h(g - f) + (k - h)g = hg - hf + kg - hg =$$

$$hf - kg. \blacksquare$$