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Homotopy transfer is a simple consequence of the Goldman-Millson Theorem.

Let $(A, d_A, \{\mu_k\})$ be an A_∞ -algebra over a field of characteristic 0, (V, d_V) a cochain complex, and $\phi: V \rightarrow A$ a chain map which induces an isomorphism on cohomology. The Homotopy Transfer Theorem says that there exists an A_∞ structure on V , and a A_∞ -quasi-isomorphism $\Phi: (V, d_V, \{\nu_k\}) \rightarrow (A, d_A, \{\mu_k\})$ lifting the chain map ϕ . Moreover, the A_∞ -structure on V and lift of ϕ is unique up to homotopy, in the strongest possible sense. We show that these facts follow simply and directly from a homotopical analog of the Goldman-Millson Theorem, a classical result from deformation theory. This result is a small advertisement for recent joint work (arXiv:1407.6735) with V. Dolgushev on the homotopy theory of homotopy algebras (See also arXiv:1406.1751.) (Received September 16, 2014)