

(b) Every \mathbb{R} -algebra has a grading.

$$A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i \quad \text{with} \quad A_i = \begin{cases} A, & i=0 \\ 0, & i>0 \end{cases}$$

(c) $\Omega^*(M)$ is a graded \mathbb{R} -algebra

$$\Omega^*(M) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \Omega^i(M)$$

because $\wedge(\Omega^i(M) \times \Omega^j(M)) \subseteq \Omega^{i+j}(M)$.

Ex 3.45: One also looks at \mathbb{R} -algebras with grading over \mathbb{Z}

$$A = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} A_i$$

Ex: $\mathbb{R}\langle X, X^{-1} \rangle = \bigoplus_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}X^i$

Def 3.46: (a) Let A be an \mathbb{R} -algebra. An \mathbb{R} -linear map $D: A \rightarrow A$ is called a derivation of A if it satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$\forall a, b \in A: D(ab) = aD(b) + D(a)b.$$

(b) Let $A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$ be a graded \mathbb{R} -algebra. An \mathbb{R} -linear map $D: A \rightarrow A$ is called an anti-derivation of A if it satisfies the Leibniz rule for antiderivation.

$$\forall a \in A, \forall b \in A_i$$

$$D(ab) = D(a)b + (-1)^i aD(b).$$

(c) In (b), if $D \neq 0$ and $D(A_i) \subseteq A_{i+k} \forall i$ then $\deg(D) = k$.

Example 3.47: $D: \Omega^*(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \Omega^*(\mathbb{R}^n)$

defined via

$$D\left(\sum_{I \subseteq N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}} \alpha_I dx^I\right) = \sum_I d\alpha_I \wedge dx^I$$

is an antiderivation.

Proof: Linearity: Yes, because the wedge product is bilinear

and the differential $d: C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \longrightarrow \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

"
 $\Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$
 is \mathbb{R} -linear.

Leibniz rule (for antiderivatives):

We only need to consider elements of the form $a dx^I$, $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$, because of the additivity of D .

$$D(a dx^I \wedge b dx^J) = D(ab \operatorname{sgn}(I \cup J) dx^{I \cup J})$$

$$= \operatorname{sgn}(I \cup J) d(ab) \wedge dx^{I \cup J}$$

$$= d(ab) \wedge dx^I \wedge dx^J$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} (b da + a db) \wedge dx^I \wedge dx^J$$

Leibniz rule

for the differential

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} da \wedge dx^I \wedge b dx^J + a db \wedge dx^I \wedge dx^J$$

multi-linearity
 of wedge product.

$$= D(a dx^I) \wedge b dx^I + (-1)^{|I|} a dx^I \wedge db \wedge dx^I$$

$$= D(a dx^I) \wedge b dx^I + (-1)^{|I|} a dx^I \wedge D(b dx^I).$$

□

D has more properties:

$$(i) D|_{\Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^n)} = d$$

$$(ii) D \circ D = 0$$

Pr: (i) ✓ by definition

$$(ii) D(D(a dx^I)) = D(da \wedge dx^I)$$

$$= D\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial a}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge dx^I\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n d\left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial x_i}\right) \wedge dx_i \wedge dx^I$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx_i \wedge dx^I$$

$$= 0.$$

□

$$\uparrow$$

$$dx_j \wedge dx_i = -dx_i \wedge dx_j, \quad \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$$

Def 3.48: (Exterior derivative)

An exterior derivative on a mf M is an \mathbb{R} -linear map $D: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$ which satisfies

(ED1) D is an antiderivation of degree 1

(ED2) $D \circ D = 0$

(ED3) $D|_{\Omega^0(M)} = d$ the

differential.

Theorem 3.49: Let M be a mf

Then there exists a unique exterior derivative on M .

Proof: Step 1: We study the case $M = U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ open

Existence: Example 3.47

Uniqueness: Let D be the exterior derivative given by Example 3.47 and let D'

be a second one. Induction on the degree:

(BC) $\omega \in \Omega^0(U) = C^\infty(U) : D(\omega) = d\omega = D'(\omega)$
by (ED3).

(35) Let $D(\omega) = D'(\omega) \forall \omega \in \bigoplus_{i=0}^k \Omega^i(U)$.

Take $a dx^I$ with $a \in C^\infty(U)$ and $I \subseteq N^{\text{sm}}$ a.t. $|I| = k+1$.

Then $D'(a dx^I) \stackrel{(ED4)}{=} D'(a) \wedge dx^I$

$+ (-1)^0 a \wedge D'(dx^I)$
 $= da \wedge dx^I + a D'(dx^I)$

$\stackrel{(ED3)}{=} D(a dx^I) + a D'(dx^I)$

To show: $D'(dx^I) = 0$.

Pr: $D'(dx^I) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} D'(D(x_{i_1} dx^{I \setminus \{i_1\}}))$
 $I = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{k+1}\}$

$\stackrel{(JH)}{=} D'(D'(x_{i_1} dx^{I \setminus \{i_1\}})) \stackrel{(ED2)}{=} 0$

Step 2: (local property of exterior derivations)

Let D be an exterior derivation on M and $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ and $P \in M$ s.t. $\omega \equiv 0$ around P , i.e. $\exists U \subseteq M$ open s.t. $P \in U$ and $\omega|_U = 0$.

Then $D(\omega)|_U = 0$ and $D(\omega)(P) = 0$.

Pf: W.l.o.g. U is part of a chart (φ, U) . Take $\lambda: M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ C^∞ s.t. $\lambda \equiv 0$ around P and $\lambda \equiv 1$ on $M \setminus U$, s.t. $\lambda \omega = \omega$.

Then $D(\omega) = D(\lambda \omega) = d\lambda \wedge \omega + (-1)^0 \lambda \wedge D(\omega)$.

$\Rightarrow D(\omega)(Q) = (d\lambda)_Q \wedge \underbrace{\omega(Q)}_{=0} + \underbrace{\lambda(Q)}_0 D(\omega)_Q$

for Q near around P . \square

Step 3: Let $U \subseteq M$ open and P be an exterior derivative on M . We define $D_U: \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^k(U)$ as follows:

$w \in \Omega^k(U)$

$$D_U(w)(P) := D(Aw)(P)$$

where A is a ~~is~~ $\in C^\infty(M, [0, 1])$ satisfies $A \equiv 1$ around P and $A \equiv 0$ on $M - V$ or A .

$$P \in V \subseteq \bar{V} \subseteq U$$

Compact

("bump function near around P ")

Then D_U is well-defined by Step 2.

Exercise: D_U is an exterior derivative on U .

Step 4: (Uniqueness)

Let D and D' be exterior derivatives on M . Take $(\varphi, U) \in \mathcal{A}_\infty$ and $P \in U$. Then for $w \in \Omega^k(U)$ we

$$\text{have } D(w)(p) \stackrel{\text{Det. of } D_u}{=} D_u(w|_U)(p)$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} D'_u(w|_U)(p) \stackrel{\text{Det. of } D'_u}{=} D'(w)(p).$$

$D_u = D'_u$ by Step 1 (uniqueness)

Step 5: (Existence)

For every chart (φ, U) we have a unique exterior derivative $D_u: \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^k(U)$.

We define $D: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$ via

$$D(w)(p) := D_u(w|_U)(p).$$

for $w \in \Omega^k(M)$ and $p \in M$ and $(\varphi, U) \in \mathcal{A}_M$ with $p \in U$.

Exercise: D is an exterior derivative on M . \square

Def 3.50 Let M be a manifold.

The complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \xrightarrow{d^{(0)}} & \Omega^0(M) & \xrightarrow{d^{(1)}} & \Omega^1(M) & \xrightarrow{d^{(2)}} & \Omega^2(M) \rightarrow \dots \\
 & & \xrightarrow{d^{(m-1)}} & \Omega^m(M) & \rightarrow & 0 = \Omega^{m+1}(M) &
 \end{array}$$

is called the "de Rham complex of M ".
 If there is no reason for confusion we write d instead of $d^{(i)}$.
 Here d is the restriction of the exterior derivative of M to $\Omega^i(M)$.

A smooth k -form $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ is called (i) closed if $d^{(k)}\omega = 0$

(ii) exact if $\exists \tau \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$ such that $d^{(k-1)}\tau = \omega$.

We call the R.V.S.

$$H_{dR}^k(M) := \frac{\ker(d^{(k)})}{\text{im}(d^{(k-1)})}$$

The k -th de Rham cohomology of M , $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$.

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Example 3.51: Let M be a mf with k connected components M_i , $i \in I$. (We know that $|I| \leq |M|$ by our convention 1.10)

Then $H_{dR}^0(M) \cong \mathbb{R}^{|I|}$, because a function $f \in C^\infty(M)$ with $df=0$ is constant on every connected component.

Example 3.52: (de Rham cohomology of S^1)

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega^0(S^1) \xrightarrow{d^{(0)}} \Omega^1(S^1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$C^\infty(S^1) \qquad \qquad C^\infty(S^1) \cdot (-y dx + x dy) \Big|_{S^1}$$

$H_{dR}^0(S^1) \cong \mathbb{R}$, because S^1 is connected.

$$H_{dR}^1(S^1) = ?$$

Consider $\Phi: \Omega^1(S^1) = \ker(d^{(1)}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\Phi(\omega) := \int_0^{2\pi} \omega(c'(t)) dt$$

(Reminder: $c'(t) = (T_t c) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) = c_1'(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + c_2'(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (c(t))$

By Remark 3.21.)

We have $\text{im}(d^{(0)}) \subseteq \ker \Phi$, because

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} (df)_{c(t)}(c'(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (f \circ c)'(t) dt = f(c(2\pi)) - f(c(0)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and Φ is surjective, because for $\omega = (-y dx + x dy)|_S$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\omega) &= \int_0^{2\pi} -c_2(t) dx(c'(t)) + c_1(t) dy(c'(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} -c_2(t) c_1'(t) + c_1(t) c_2'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t dt = 2\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\omega \in \ker \Phi$ and put

$$f(c(t)) := \int_0^t \omega_{c(s)}(c'(s)) ds.$$

Then

$$(df)_{c(t)} c'(t) = (df)_{c(t)} (T_t c) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= d(f \circ c)_t \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$

\uparrow
chain rule

$$= (f \circ c)'(t) = \left(\int_0^t \omega_{c(s)}(c'(s)) ds \right)'$$

\uparrow
notation

$$= \omega_{c(t)}(c'(t))$$

$$c'(t) = \xi_1'(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (c(t)) + \xi_2'(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (c(t)) \text{ general}$$

$$T_{c(t)} S^1 \text{ Thus } (df)_{c(t)} = \omega_{c(t)}$$

c is surjective. Thus $df = \omega$.

$$\text{So } \ker d^{(1)} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathbb{R}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{a } \exists! \Phi \nearrow$$

$$H_{dR}^1(S^1) = \ker d^{(1)} / \ker \Phi$$

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Example 3.53: (Poincaré lemma)

$n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then we have

$$H_{dR}^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}, & k=0 \\ 0, & k>0. \end{cases}$$

Proof: $H_{dR}^0(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong \mathbb{R}$, because \mathbb{R} is connected.

$k > 1$: Take $\omega = a dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$

such that $d\omega = 0$, i.e.

$$\sum_{j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}} \frac{\partial a}{\partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} = 0$$

Thus $\frac{\partial a}{\partial x_j} \equiv 0 \quad \forall j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$,

i.e. $a = a(\cancel{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}}) = a(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k})$

Define $b(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}) := \int_0^{x_{i_1}} a(s, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) ds$

Then $d(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} dx_{i-1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i-1} \wedge dx_{i+1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n) = \omega$. \square

We have four tools to compute de Rham cohomology groups.

- 1) Poincaré lemma
- 2) integration, to show that certain cocycles are ~~not~~ not coboundaries
- 3) Mayer-Vietoris sequence
- 4) Homotopy.

Notation 3.54: Let M be a mf.

$$0 \xrightarrow{d^{(0)}} \Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d^{(1)}} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d^{(2)}} \dots \xrightarrow{d^{(m-1)}} \Omega^{m-1}(M) \xrightarrow{d^{(m)}} \Omega^m(M)$$

For $k=0, \dots, m$

$$Z_{dR}^k(M) := \ker d^{(k)}$$

= set of closed k -forms

= set of cocycles of degree k

$$B_{dR}^k(M) := \text{im } d^{(k-1)}$$

= set of exact k -forms

= set of coboundaries of degree k

$$H_{dR}^k(M) = \frac{Z_{dR}^k(M)}{B_{dR}^k(M)} = k\text{-th de Rham cohomology}$$

The exterior derivative behaves well under smooth maps.

Def 3.55: Let $f \in C^\infty(M, N)$ and $\omega \in \Omega^k(N)$.

We define $f^*\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ via

$$(f^*\omega)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) :=$$

$$\omega_{f(p)}(T_p f(v_1), \dots, T_p f(v_k))$$

It is called the pullback of ω under f .

$$f^*: \Omega^*(N) \longrightarrow \Omega^*(M)$$

is an \mathbb{R} -algebra homomorphism (Exercise!)

Lemma 3.56: Let $f \in C^\infty(M, N)$.

Then the exterior derivatives d_M and d_N satisfy

$$d_M \circ f^* = f^* \circ d_N$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow \Omega^0(M) & \xrightarrow{d_M} & \Omega^1(M) & \xrightarrow{d_M} & \Omega^2(M) & \xrightarrow{d_M} & \dots \\
 & & \uparrow f^* & \circlearrowleft & \uparrow f^* & \circlearrowleft & \uparrow f^* \\
 0 \rightarrow \Omega^0(N) & \xrightarrow{d_N} & \Omega^1(N) & \xrightarrow{d_N} & \Omega^2(N) & \xrightarrow{d_N} & \dots
 \end{array}$$

Proof: By the local property of f^*

$$(v_1 = v_2 \text{ around } f(p) \Rightarrow f^* \omega_1 = f^* \omega_2 \text{ around } p)$$

we can reduce to forms ^{compactly} supported in a chart.

Since f^* is an \mathbb{R} -algebra homomorphism we can reduce to forms in $\Omega^0(N) \subset \Omega^0(N) \otimes \mathbb{R}^k$.

$$g \in \Omega^0(N): p \in M, v \in T_p M$$

$$f^*(d_N g)_p(v) = (d_N g \circ T_p f)(v)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Chain rule}}{=} d(g \circ f)_p(v) = d_M (f^*(g))_p(v)$$

Chain rule

$$dg \in \mathcal{B}^1(N): \quad p \in M, v \in T_p M$$

$$f^*(d_N(dg)) = f^*0 = 0 \in \Omega^1(M)$$

$$d_M(f^*(dg)) \stackrel{\text{Part 1}}{=} d_M(d_M(f^*(dg))) = 0$$

□

Corollary 3.57: Let $f \in C^\infty(M, N)$.

Then f^* induces a map

$$H_{dR}^k(N) \longrightarrow H_{dR}^k(M) \text{ for all}$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof: By Lemma 3.56 we have

$$\text{for } k \geq 0: \quad f^*(\text{im } d_N^{(k)}) \subseteq \text{im } d_M^{(k)}$$

$$\text{and} \quad f^*(\text{ker } d_N^{(k)}) \subseteq \text{ker } d_M^{(k)}$$

For the second, see:

$$\begin{aligned} w \in \text{ker } d_N^{(k)} &\Rightarrow (d_M \circ f^*)(w) = f^*(d_N(w)) \\ &= f^*(0) = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.58:

$$S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \xrightarrow{f} S^n$$

$$f(x) := \frac{1}{\|x\|_2} x$$

$$\Rightarrow H^k(S^n) \xrightarrow{f^*} H^k(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}) \xrightarrow{L^*} H^k(S^n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } L^* \circ f^* &= (f \circ L)^* = (\text{id}_{S^n})^* \\ &= \text{id}_{H^k(S^n)} \end{aligned}$$

on cohomology.

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^k(S^n) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^k(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$$

$$\Rightarrow H^k(S^n) \cong H^k(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

↑ we see " \geq " later

We now come to the homotopy invariance.

Lemma 3.59: Let M be a mf.

Consider the two maps

$$f_i: M \rightarrow M \times [0, 1], \quad i=0, 1$$

$$f_i(p) := (p, i)$$

Let $p \in M$

Then \exists linear map
 $L: \Omega^n(M \times [0,1]) \rightarrow \Omega^n(M)$ of
 degree -1 such that

$$f_1^* - f_0^* = d_M \circ L + L \circ d_{M \times [0,1]}$$

Remark 3.60: 1) picture

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Omega^{k-1}(M \times [0,1]) & \rightarrow & \Omega^k(M \times [0,1]) & \rightarrow & \Omega^{k+1}(M \times [0,1]) \\ \swarrow & & \searrow^{L^{(k)}} & & \swarrow^{L^{(k+1)}} \\ \Omega^{k-1}(M) & \rightarrow & \Omega^k(M) & \rightarrow & \Omega^{k+1}(M) \end{array}$$

$$d_M^{(k-1)} \circ L^{(k)} + L^{(k+1)} \circ d_{M \times [0,1]}^{(k)} = f_1^* - f_0^*$$

on $\Omega^k(M \times [0,1])$.

2) Take $\omega \in \Omega^k(M \times [0,1])$.

$$\text{Then } (f_1^* - f_0^*)\omega = (d_M^{(k-1)} L)(\omega)$$

$$\in \mathcal{B}^{k-1}(M)$$

i.e. $f_1^*\omega$ and $f_0^*\omega$

differ by an exact form.

$$\Rightarrow \text{On } H^k(M \times [0, 1])$$

$$\oplus H^k(M \times [0, 1])$$

f_1^* and f_0^* agree.

$$f_i^* : H^k(M \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow H^k(M)$$

$i=0, 1$
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Proof of Lemma 3.59:

Step 1:

$$M \xrightarrow{\nu} M \times [0, 1] \xrightarrow{\pi} M$$

$$P \mapsto (P, 1) \quad (P, 0) \mapsto P$$

$$\pi \circ \nu = \text{id}_M$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^* : \Omega^k(M) \hookrightarrow \Omega^k(M \times [0, 1])$$

Step 2: For $w \in \Omega^k(M \times [0, 1])$, $k \geq 0$
we have the decomposition

$$w = a_1 \omega_1 + a_2 \omega_2 \wedge dt$$