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# [ De Rham Cohomology

Def: let  $M$  be an  $n$ -mfd  
we call a  $k$ -form  $\omega$  on  $M$

~~$\omega: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$~~   
 ~~$\omega: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$~~   
 ~~$\omega: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{k}}$~~

$\omega \in \Lambda^k(T^*M)$

$\Rightarrow$  locally:  $\omega_x: (T_x M)^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

where 0-forms are just  $\omega: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

we call  $\Omega^k(M)$  the vector space of differential ~~forms~~  $k$ -forms.

$\Omega^0(M) = C^\infty(M)$

Def (wedge product) For  $M$  an  $n$ -mfd  
we define the wedge product as

$\wedge: \Omega^k(M) \times \Omega^l(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+l}(M)$   
 $(\omega, \eta) \mapsto \omega \wedge \eta$

locally by  $(\omega \wedge \eta)_x = \omega_x \wedge \eta_x$

and  $f \in C^\infty(M): f \wedge \eta = f \eta$

Lemma 2.8:  $\Omega^*(M) := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \Omega^k(M)$

is a graded unitaly anticommutative algebra

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we ~~also~~ know the differentials

$dx^i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, dx^i(\sum \lambda_j e_j) = \lambda_i$

where  $dx^i \wedge dx^i = 0, dx^i \wedge dx^j = -dx^j \wedge dx^i$

we therefore write for  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\omega_x = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} f_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(x) dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

From now on:  $\mathbb{I} = (i_1, \dots, i_k), |\mathbb{I}| = \sum_{i=0}^k i_j, dx^{\mathbb{I}} = dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$

$\Rightarrow \omega_x = \sum_{\mathbb{I}} f_{\mathbb{I}}(x) dx^{\mathbb{I}}, \eta_x = \sum_{\mathbb{J}} g_{\mathbb{J}}(x) dx^{\mathbb{J}}$

$\omega \wedge \eta = \sum_{\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{J}} f_{\mathbb{I}} g_{\mathbb{J}} dx^{\mathbb{I}} \wedge dx^{\mathbb{J}}$

Def (exterior Derivative) let  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$   
we define

$d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$

- by (i)  $\omega = f \in C^\infty(M) \Rightarrow d\omega = df = \sum \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$
- (ii)  $\omega = \sum f_{\mathbb{I}} dx^{\mathbb{I}} \Rightarrow d\omega = \sum df_{\mathbb{I}} \wedge dx^{\mathbb{I}}$

- Satz 2:
- (i)  $d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta, \omega \in \Omega^k(M), \eta \in \Omega^l(M)$
  - (ii)  $d \circ d(\omega) = 0$

Let  $\omega = \sum_i f_i dx^i$ ,  $\eta = \sum_j g_j dx^j$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad d(\omega \wedge \eta) &= \sum_i d(f_i g_j) \wedge dx^i dx^j \\ &= \sum_i (df_i g_j + f_i dg_j) \wedge dx^i dx^j \\ &= \sum_i df_i g_j \wedge dx^i dx^j + f_i dg_j \wedge dx^i dx^j \\ &= d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad d^2 f = d(df) = \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f)$  &

$$dx^i \wedge dx^i = - dx^i \wedge dx^i$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 f = 0 \text{ for } f \in C^\infty(U)$$

$$d^2 \omega = d(\sum_i df_i \wedge dx^i)$$

$$= \sum_i d^2 f_i \wedge dx^i - df_i \wedge dx^i dx^i = 0$$

Def:  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open

(1)  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$  is closed, iff  $d\omega = 0$

(2)  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$  is exact, iff  $\exists \eta \in \Omega^{k-1}(U)$   $d\eta = \omega$

Rem:  $\text{im}\{d: \Omega^{k-1}(U) \rightarrow \Omega^k(U)\} \subset \ker\{d: \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(U)\}$

For Manifold Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f^*: \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M) \text{ linear}$$

Def:  $(f^* \omega)_x(v_1, v_2) := \omega_{f(x)}(df_x v_1, df_x v_2)$

Lemma: (i)  $f^*(\sum \omega_i + \sum \omega_j) = \sum f^* \omega_i + \sum f^* \omega_j$

(ii)  $f^*(\omega \wedge \eta) = f^* \omega \wedge f^* \eta$

(iii)  $f^*(d\omega) = d(f^* \omega)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$

Proof: (iii)  $d(f^* \phi) = \sum_i \frac{\partial \phi \circ f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$

$$= \sum_{\lambda, \mu} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^\lambda} \left( \frac{\partial f^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu} \circ f \right) \frac{\partial f^\mu}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

$$= \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^\lambda} \circ f \right) df^\lambda dx^i$$

$$= f^*(d\phi)$$

analogous to previous, this holds for  $k > 1$ .

Def (DeRham Cohomology)

$$H_{dR}^k(U) = \frac{\ker\{d: \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(U)\}}{\text{Im}\{d: \Omega^{k-1}(U) \rightarrow \Omega^k(U)\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \in \Omega^k(U) \sim [\omega] \in H_{dR}^k(U)$$

$$[\omega] = \omega + d\Omega^{k-1}(U)$$

Satz:  $H^*$  ist ein funktorieller Invariant unter Diffeomorphismen

What we skip:

This notion is just working for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and open ~~sets~~ neighbourhoods. But via the

• Mayer-Vietoris sequence

and

•  $k$ -forms w/ compact support

and

• Partition of union, ~~we transfer~~

we can transfer this notion to an arbitrary  $C^\infty$ -Manifold.

• Homotopy invariance / Poincaré-Lemma  
what we do! (Homotopy Invariance)

Let  $F, G: M \rightarrow N$  s.t.

$$\exists H: M \times I \rightarrow N, \begin{aligned} H(x, 0) &= F(x) \\ H(x, 1) &= G(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$F^* = G^*: H_{dR}^*(M) \rightarrow H_{dR}^*(N)$$

therefore show:  ~~$\omega \in H_{dR}^k(M)$~~

$$F^*\omega - G^*\omega = d\eta, \quad \eta \in H^{k-1}(M)$$

Goal: define  $h: \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$

s.t.

$$d(h\omega) + h(d\omega) = G^*\omega - F^*\omega$$

by

$$i_t: M \rightarrow M \times I$$

~~Lemma:  $i_0^*, i_1^*: \Omega^*(M \times I) \rightarrow \Omega^*(M)$~~

~~is a homotopy operator.~~

THM (HOMOTOPY INVARIANCE)

$$M, N \text{ homotopy equivalent} \Rightarrow H_{dR}^p(M) \cong H_{dR}^p(N)$$

II SMOOTH SINGULAR HOMOLOGY

~~Recall~~  $\Delta_k := [e_0, \dots, e_k] \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  a singular  $k$ -simplex

we call  $f \in C^\infty(\Delta_k, M)$  a smooth  $k$ -simplex

$$\text{s.t. } C_k^\infty(M) = \{ \sigma: \Delta_k \rightarrow M \mid \sigma \text{ is smooth} \}$$

is the free abelian group generated by

smooth  $k$ -simplices. we can so

$$C_k^\infty(M) \subset C_k(M)$$

so w/o proof.

$$H_k^\infty(M) = \frac{\ker \{ \partial: C_k^\infty(M) \rightarrow C_{k-1}^\infty(M) \}}{\text{Im} \{ \partial: C_{k+1}^\infty(M) \rightarrow C_k^\infty(M) \}}$$

is called smooth singular homology.

$$\partial \sigma = \sum_{h=0}^k (-1)^h \sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_h, \dots, v_k]} \text{ is smooth}$$

for  $\sigma$  smooth

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Let's look at

$$i: C_c^\infty(M) \rightarrow C_c^\infty(M)$$

we can see:

$$i \circ \partial = \partial \circ i$$

and it induces

$$i_*: H_k^\infty(M) \rightarrow H_k(M)$$

$$\text{by } i_*[\omega] = [i\omega]$$

Thm For  $M$  a  $C^\infty$ -mfd

$$i_*: H_k^\infty(M) \rightarrow H_k(M)$$

is an Isomorphism

III deRham's Theorem

~~Proof~~ To talk about deRham's Theorem, we firstly need to talk about integration:

consider  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ ,

$$\nabla: \Delta_k \rightarrow M \text{ smooth}$$

we define

$$\int_{\nabla} \omega := \int_{\Delta_k} \nabla^* \omega$$

naturally:  $= \sum c_i \int_{T_i} \omega \in C_c^\infty(M)$  (chain)

$$\int_c \omega := \sum_i c_i \int_{T_i} \omega$$

Thm (Stokes)  $c \in C_c^\infty(M)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$

$$\int_{\partial c} \omega = \int_c d\omega$$

This yields the following natural linear map:

$$\mathcal{L}: H_{dR}^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(M; \mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{by } H^k(M; \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Hom}(H_k(M); \mathbb{R})$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\omega][c] = \int_c \omega$$

this is well defined by

$$\forall c, c' \in [c] \Rightarrow c - c' = \partial c''$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_c \omega - \int_{c'} \omega = \int_{\partial c''} \omega = 0$$

as well as for  $\omega = d\eta$

$$\int_c \omega = \int_c d\eta = \int_{\partial c} \eta = 0$$



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Prop: The deRham-map  $\mathcal{L}$  fulfills:

$$(a) \begin{array}{ccc} H_{dR}^k(N) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & H_{dR}^k(M) \\ \mathcal{L} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{L} \\ H^k(N; \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & H^k(M; \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

$$(b) \begin{array}{ccc} H_{dR}^k(U \cup V) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_{dR}^k(M) \\ \mathcal{L} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{L} \\ H^{k-1}(U \cup V; \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & H^{k-1}(M; \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

where  $\delta, \xi$  the maps from the Mayer-Vietoris sequence.

Proof:  $\nabla$  a smooth  $k$ -simplex  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f^*[\omega])([\nabla]) &= \int_{\Delta_k} \nabla^* f^* \omega \\ &= \int_{\Delta_k} (f \circ \nabla)^* \omega = \int_{f \circ \nabla} \omega = \mathcal{L}([\omega]) \circ f([\nabla]) \\ &= f^*(\mathcal{L}([\omega]))([\nabla]) \quad + \text{linear ext.} \end{aligned}$$

We get closer to the main theorem.

A smooth-Manifold  $M$  is called deRham, iff

$$\mathcal{L} : H_{dR}^k(M) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^k(M; \mathbb{R})$$

is an Isomorphism.

An open cover  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called deRham, if all finite intersections are deRham.

Thm (deRham) Every smooth Manifold is deRham.

Proof: ① Every manifold with a finite deRham cover is deRham

Induction: for  $M=U$  trivial  $\checkmark$

Suppose  $M=U \cup V$  :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_{dR}^{k-1}(U) \oplus H_{dR}^{k-1}(V) & \rightarrow & H_{dR}^{k-1}(U \cup V) & \rightarrow & H_{dR}^k(M) & \rightarrow & H_{dR}^k(U) \oplus H_{dR}^k(V) \rightarrow H_{dR}^k(U \cup V) \\ \downarrow \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{L} \text{ (1)} & & \downarrow \mathcal{L} \text{ (2)} & & \downarrow \mathcal{L} \text{ (3)} & & \downarrow \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{L} \text{ (4)} \downarrow \mathcal{L} \\ H^k(U; \mathbb{R}) \oplus H^k(V; \mathbb{R}) & \rightarrow & H^k(U \cup V; \mathbb{R}) & \rightarrow & H^k(M; \mathbb{R}) & \rightarrow & H^k(U; \mathbb{R}) \oplus H^k(V; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^k(U \cup V; \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

Proposition gives us commutativity.  $U, V, U \cup V, U \cap V$  are all deRham. therefore from 5-lemma and induction hypothesis  $H_{dR}^k(U) \cong H^k(U; \mathbb{R})$  is iso, by  $V=U \cup U \cap V$

(2) Manifolds are locally Euclidean. Basis  $\{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$

take a  $C^\infty$ -positive exhaustion function

$$f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ s.t. } f^{-1}([3-\infty, c]) \text{ is cpl.}$$

$$I \subset \mathbb{N} : A_c := f^{-1}([c, c+1])$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \bigcup_{c \in \mathbb{N}} A_c$$

$$\text{define } A'_c := f^{-1}\left(\left]c - \frac{1}{2}, c + \frac{3}{2}\right[\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_c \subset A'_c \text{ and}$$

$A'_c$  can be written as Union of basis open sets  $U_i$

they cover the cpl.  $A_c$ , so choose a finite subcover  $(U_{i_k})_{k=1, \dots, n}$

$$\text{and def: } B_c = \bigcup_{k=1}^n U_{i_k}$$

we know that  $B_c$  is deRham.

$$\text{From } B_c \subseteq A'_c,$$

$$U = \bigcup_{\text{odd } c} B_c, \quad V = \bigcup_{\text{even } c} B_c$$

Are each disjoint unions of DeRham sets

$$\text{Since } I_j : B_j \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} B_j \text{ the inclusion}$$

induces an Iso between direct product of cohomology groups and cohomology of the disjoint Union.

From the commutativity we see that each  $U$  and  $V$  are DeRham. Therefore

$$\{U, V\} \text{ is a finite DeRham cover of } M$$

$\Rightarrow M$  is deRham

Finally: Every Convex set  $U$  is deRham, by the Poincaré Lemma:  $d \int_U \omega = \int_U d\omega = 0$  for  $U=0$  and trivial for  $U>0$ .

Analogous  $H^k(U; \mathbb{R}) = \text{Hom}(H_k(U); \mathbb{R})$  is gen. by any dual of  $\nabla : D_0 = \{0\} \rightarrow M$ , for  $k=0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[\mathbb{1}](\nabla) = \int_{D_0} \nabla^* \mathbb{1} = (\mathbb{1} \circ \nabla)(0) = 1$$

is non-trivial and therefore  $\nabla$  is isomorphism.

Secondly all  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open are deRham. The euclidean Balls give a countable convex basis

And every Manifold has a basis of Atlas charts where each intersection is diffeomorphic to an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\Rightarrow M$  is deRham

