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Differentialgeometrie I

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# Problem Set 7

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#### Problem 1

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for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{O})$ . In particular, whenever  $\omega$  is a closed k-form,  $P\omega$  is a primitive of  $\omega$ . Hint: Start with the chain homotopy that we constructed in lecture for proving the homotopy invariance of de Rham cohomology. As a sanity check, the answer to this problem can be found at the end of Lecture 13 in the notes, but try to find it yourself first.

#### Problem 4

Show that the wedge product descends to an associative and graded-commutative product  $\cup : H^k_{dR}(M) \times H^\ell_{dR}(M) \to H^{k+\ell}_{dR}(M)$ , defined by

$$[\alpha] \cup [\beta] := [\alpha \land \beta].$$

This is called the *cup product* on de Rham cohomology.

Remark: There is similarly a cup product on singular cohomology, to which this one is isomorphic via de Rham's theorem. But this one is easier to define, and is thus often used in practice as a surrogate for the singular cup product.

### Problem 5

For this exercise, identify the *n*-torus  $\mathbb{T}^n$  with the quotient  $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$  (recall from Problem Set 2 #1 that there is a natural diffeomorphism). For any sufficiently small open set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , the usual Cartesian coordinates  $x^1, \ldots, x^n : \widetilde{\mathcal{U}} \to \mathbb{R}$  can be used to define a smooth chart  $(\mathcal{U}, x)$  on  $\mathbb{T}^n$  where

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(b) As a consequence of part (a), the 1-forms  $dx^1, \ldots, dx^n \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^n)$  are well-defined on the entire torus, and they are obviously locally exact and therefore closed, but they might not actually be exact since none of the coordinates  $x^1, \ldots, x^n$  admit smooth definitions globally on  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . Show in fact that for any constant vector  $(a_1,\ldots,a_n) \in$  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , the 1-form

$$\lambda := a_i \, dx^i \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^n)$$

is closed but not exact.

Hint: You only need to find one smooth map  $\gamma: S^1 \to \mathbb{T}^n$  such that  $\int_{S^1} \gamma^* \lambda \neq 0$ .

(c) One can similarly produce closed k-forms  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{T}^n)$  for any  $k \leq n$  by choosing constants  $a_{i_1...i_k} \in \mathbb{R}$  and writing

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(1)

Show that for every nontrivial k-form of this type, one can find a cohomology class  $[\alpha] \in H^{n-k}_{dB}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  such that the cup product  $[\omega] \cup [\alpha] \in H^n_{dB}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  defined in Problem 4 is nontrivial, and deduce from this that  $\omega$  is not exact.

Hint: Can you choose  $\alpha \in \Omega^{n-k}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  so that  $\omega \wedge \alpha$  is a volume form?

Remark: One can show that all cohomology classes in  $H^k_{dR}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  are representable by kforms with constant coefficients as in (1), thus dim  $H^k_{dR}(\mathbb{T}^n) = \binom{n}{k}$ .

### Problem 6

For V an n-dimensional vector space, the main goal of this exercise is to show that for every  $v \in V$ , the operator  $\iota_v : \Lambda^* V^* \to \Lambda^* V^*$  defined by  $\iota_v \omega := \omega(v, \cdot, \ldots, \cdot)$  satisfies the graded Leibniz rule

$$\iota_v(\alpha \land \beta) = (\iota_v \alpha) \land \beta + (-1)^k \alpha \land (\iota_v \beta)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda^k V^*$  and  $\beta \in \Lambda^\ell V^*$ . The statement is trivial if v = 0, so assume otherwise, in which case we may as well assume v is the first element  $e_1$  of a basis  $e_1, \ldots, e_n \in V$ , whose dual basis we can denote by  $e_*^1, \ldots, e_*^n \in V^* = \Lambda^1 V^*$ .

- (a) Prove that (2) holds whenever  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are both products of the form  $\alpha = e_*^{i_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge e_*^{i_k}$ and  $\beta = e_*^{j_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge e_*^{j_\ell}$  with  $i_1 < \ldots < i_k$  and  $j_1 < \ldots < j_\ell$ . Hint: Consider separately a short list of cases depending on whether each of  $i_1$  and  $j_1$  are 1 and whether the sets  $\{i_1, \ldots, i_k\}$  and  $\{j_1, \ldots, j_\ell\}$  are disjoint.
- (b) Deduce via linearity that (2) holds always.
- (c) Using (2), prove that for any manifold M and vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the operator  $P_X := d \circ \iota_X + \iota_X \circ d : \Omega^*(M) \to \Omega^*(M)$  satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$P_X(\alpha \wedge \beta) = P_X \alpha \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge P_X \beta.$$

 $P_X(\alpha \wedge \beta) = P_X \alpha \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge P_X \beta.$   $f(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d\alpha \wedge \beta$ This is one of the main steps in a proof of Cartan's formula  $\mathcal{L}_X \omega = P_X \omega.$ 

# Problem 7

Prove that for any closed symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$ ,  $H^2_{dR}(M)$  is nontrivial. Hint: What can you say about the n-fold cup product of  $[\omega] \in H^2_{dR}(M)$  with itself?

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then dw=0.

Let  $\beta \in M$  choose  $\{X_{1}, \dots, X_{k+1}\}$  linearly ind. set of rectors  $\{p, M\}$ . Let D be a (R+1)-dimensional disc; it passes through  $\{p\}$ , tangent to the subspace spanned beg  $\{X_{1}, \dots, X_{k+1}\}$ . Approximates the values of dw  $\int \omega = \int d\omega = 0$  itself.  $\partial D$  (R+1)-dim vol D

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If 
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 then  $\lambda$  is exact, i.e.,  $\lambda = df$  for  
 $S'$  some  $f \in C^{\infty}(S')$ .  
Let  $\xi \in S^{\perp}$  fixed.  
Let  $\beta \in S^{\perp}$   $\alpha' : [0,1] \rightarrow S'$  be a path in  $S'$   
joining  $\beta_{0}$  to  $\beta$ .  
 $define \quad f: S' \rightarrow iR$   
 $f(\beta) = \int^{\perp} \lambda (\alpha'(\beta)) dt = 0$   
 $\varphi(e^{2\pi i t}) = \int^{\alpha} \alpha(t)$ ,  $0 \le t \le \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\varphi(g^{2\pi i t}) = \int^{\alpha(t)} \beta(g^{2} - 2t), \quad \frac{1}{2} \le t \le 1$   
 $\int \varphi^{\alpha} \lambda = \int^{1} \beta^{\alpha} \lambda - \int^{1} \beta^{\alpha} \lambda = \int \lambda = 0$   
 $S'$ 

from (i)  

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\alpha(t)) = \lambda(\alpha'(t)) \quad \forall \quad t \in [0,1]]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\alpha(t)) = \lambda \quad \forall \quad \alpha' : [0,1] \rightarrow S' \quad \omega/\alpha(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad df = \lambda \quad \text{which is a primibile}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} h: [o_{1}i] \times \bigcirc -i & \bigcirc \\ h(t,p) &= tp \quad \text{omooth homotopy} \quad b(\varpi) \\ id(p) &= p \quad , \quad h(o,p) = o \in \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc & - \quad \text{contractible} \\ \\ We want \quad P: \Omega^{\kappa}(\heartsuit) - \Omega^{\kappa-i}(\circlearrowright) \\ & \omega = P(d\omega) + d(P\omega) \\ \\ L^{\kappa-i} \subset \bigcirc \quad \text{submanifold} \quad , \quad \text{compact, oriented} \quad , \quad \omega \quad io \quad a(\kappa-i) \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

$$h^{*}(d\omega) \in \Omega^{K}([0,1]\times \mathbb{O})$$

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$$P \cdot \Omega^{K} \rightarrow \Omega^{K-1} \otimes \Omega$$

$$(P \omega)_{p} (X_{1}, \dots, X_{K-1}) = \int_{0}^{L} (h^{*} \omega)_{[t+p]} (\partial_{t}, X_{1}, \dots, X_{K-1}) dt$$

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$$= \int_{0}^{3} \omega_{ep}(p, tX_{1}, tX_{2}, \dots, tX_{k-1}) dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{3} t^{k-1} \omega(p, X_{1}, \dots, X_{k-1}) dt - (2)$$

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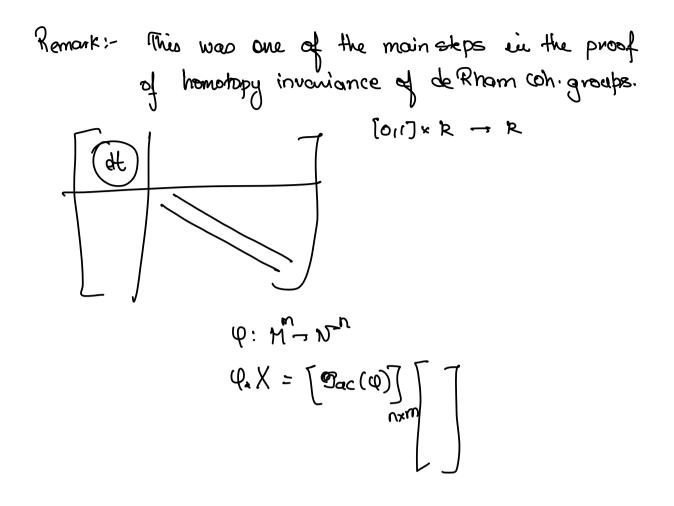
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Weil-defined.

$$\widetilde{\alpha} \in [\alpha] = 0$$
  $\widetilde{\alpha} = \alpha + dn$ ,  $\eta \in \Omega^{K-1}(M)$   
 $\widetilde{\beta} \in [\beta] = 0$   $\widetilde{\beta} = \beta + d\tau$ ,  $r \in \Omega^{R-1}(M)$   
 $[\widetilde{\alpha} \wedge \widetilde{\beta}] = [\alpha \wedge \beta]$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{a} \wedge \widetilde{\beta} &= (\alpha + d\eta) \wedge (\beta + d\zeta) \\ &= \alpha \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge d\zeta + d\eta \wedge \beta + d\eta \wedge d\zeta \\ [\alpha \wedge \beta] &= [\alpha \wedge \beta] + [\alpha \wedge d\zeta] + [d\eta \wedge \beta] + [d\eta \wedge d\zeta] \\ &= (\alpha \wedge \zeta) + [d(-)] & (\alpha \wedge \zeta) \\ &= (\alpha \wedge \zeta) + (-i)^{R} \alpha \wedge d\zeta = d(\alpha \wedge \zeta) + d(\eta \wedge \beta) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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c) 
$$\omega = \sum Q_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \in \mathbb{S}^{\kappa}(\mathbb{T}^n)$$
  
 $d = \sum * (dx^{d_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k})$   
 $* : \Omega^{\kappa}(M) \to \Omega^{n-\kappa}(M)$ , Min-dim, g, dvol.

$$\beta \in \Omega^{k}(M), \quad *\beta \in \Omega^{n-k}(M) \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\beta \wedge *\beta = dvd_{H.}$$
on  $\mathbb{R}^{3} \quad \{X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{5}\}, \quad dx^{1} \wedge dx^{2} \wedge dx^{3}$ 

$$*(dx^{1}) = dx^{2} \wedge dx^{3}$$

$$[W] \cup [\alpha] = [W \wedge \alpha] = [dvd]_{\overline{T}^{n}}$$

$$if \quad w \text{ is exact. then } w = d\beta$$

$$\int w \wedge \alpha = \int d\beta \wedge \alpha = \int d(\beta \wedge \alpha) + (-i)^{k-i} \int \beta \wedge d\alpha$$

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$$\overline{T}^{n} \quad "vol(\overline{T}^{n}) \neq 0$$

$$\text{So cannot be exact.}$$

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Inverse 
$$\operatorname{LwJ} \in \operatorname{H}_{dR}^{2}(M)$$
,  $\operatorname{LwJ} \neq 0$ .  
Remark:-If A manifold  $\operatorname{M}^{2n}$  is symplectic then necc.  
 $\operatorname{H}_{dR}^{2}(M) \neq 0$ .  
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