

D DeRham Cohomology

Recall, from Section IX C, on an n -manifold M we have

$$\Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d} \dots \rightarrow \Omega^n(M)$$

and $d^2 = 0$

so we get

$$\begin{aligned} H_{DR}^k(M) &= \frac{\ker(d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M))}{\text{im}(d: \Omega^{k-1}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M))} \\ &= \frac{\text{closed } k\text{-forms}}{\text{exact } k\text{-forms}} \end{aligned}$$

and given

$$f: M \rightarrow N$$

we get a map

$$\begin{aligned} f^*: H_{DR}^k(N) &\rightarrow H_{DR}^k(M) \\ [y] &\mapsto [f^*y] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } f^* \circ d = d \circ f^*$$

from the properties of f^* and Ω^k we saw

$$(f \circ g)^* = g^* \circ f^* \quad \text{and}$$

$$(\text{id}_M)^* = \text{id}_{H_{DR}^k(M)}$$

so diffeomorphic manifolds have the same
cohomology

we also saw

$$a) H_{DR}^0(M) \cong \mathbb{R}^{\# \text{ components of } M}$$

(= locally constant functions)

$$b) H_{DR}^k(M) = 0 \quad \text{if } k > n \text{ or } k < 0$$

Another computation we can do is for $M = \mathbb{R}$

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\Omega^0(M)}_{C^\infty(M)} \rightarrow \underbrace{\Omega^1(M)}_{\{f(x)dx\}} \rightarrow 0$$

so if $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$ then $d\alpha = 0$ (since $\Omega^2(M) = 0$)

so closed forms = $\Omega^1(M)$

now given $\omega = f(x)dx$

$$\text{let } g(x) = \int_{[0,x]} \omega = \int_0^x f(x)dx$$

clearly $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is in $\Omega^0(M)$

$$\text{and } dg = g'(x)dx = f(x)dx = \omega$$

fundamental theorem
of calculus

so all $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$ are exact

$$\text{i.e. } H_{DR}^1(\mathbb{R}) = 0$$

and we have

$$H_{DR}^k(\mathbb{R}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

In your homework you showed

$$H_{DR}^k(S^1) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0,1 \\ 0 & k \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$$

to go further we need

Thm 8:

If $f, g: M \rightarrow N$ are homotopic maps, then
 $f^* = g^*: H_{DR}^k(N) \rightarrow H_{DR}^k(M)$

$f: M \rightarrow N$ is called a homotopy equivalence if it has a homotopy inverse, that is a map $g: N \rightarrow M$ such that $f \circ g \cong \text{id}_N$ and $g \circ f \cong \text{id}_M$
↖ homotopic

exercise:

- 1) \mathbb{R}^n is homotopy equivalent to a point
- 2) if M, N are homotopy equivalent then

$$H_{DR}^k(M) \cong H_{DR}^k(N)$$

(note f^*g^* and g^*f^* bijective)

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

this is called the Poincaré lemma
and says if $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with
 $d\omega = 0$ then $\exists \eta \in \Omega^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

such that $d\eta = \omega$

i.e. can solve the PDE $d\eta = \omega$

for η if (and only if) $d\omega = 0$

$$3) S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^n \cong S^1$$

↖ homotopy equivalent

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0,1 \\ 0 & k \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$$

note: to see $f^* = g^*$ in theorem we need to

see if $\omega \in \Omega^k(N)$ and $d\omega = 0$

then $f^*\omega = g^*\omega + d\eta$ for some

$$\eta \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$$

η will depend on ω so we want

$$\text{a map } h_k: \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$$

such that

$$f^* \omega = g^* \omega + d h_k(\omega)$$

or we could also have

$$f^* \omega - g^* \omega = d(h_k(\omega)) + h_{k+1}(d(\omega))$$

such $\{h_k\}$ are called a chain homotopy

from f^* to g^*

a simple case of this is

lemma 9:

$$\text{let } i_t: M \rightarrow M \times [0,1] \\ x \mapsto (x,t)$$

$$\text{then } \exists h_k: \Omega^k(M \times [0,1]) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$$

$$\text{st. } i_0^* - i_1^* = d \circ h_k + h_{k+1} \circ d$$

Proof: for $\omega \in \Omega^k(M \times [0,1])$

$$\text{let } h_k(\omega) = \int_0^1 \left(\mathcal{L}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} \omega \right) dt$$

we know ω is a sum of terms

$$\textcircled{\text{I}} f(x,t) dt \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_{k-1}} \text{ and}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{II}} \quad f(x,t) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k$$

the integral above means for $\textcircled{\text{I}}$

$$\left(\int_0^1 f(x,t) dt \right) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1}$$

and for $\textcircled{\text{II}}$ the integral is 0.

If we show the formula holds in each case we will be done

Case $\textcircled{\text{I}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mu}(h_k \omega) &= d_{\mu} \left[\left(\int_0^1 f(x,t) dt \right) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dt \right) dx^i \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_{k+1}(d\omega) &= h_{k+1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i \wedge dt \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_0^1 -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dt \right) dx^i \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } (d \circ h_k + h_{k+1} \circ d) \omega = 0$$

$$\text{and } (i_j^* \omega) (f dt \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{k-1}) = 0$$

since $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ not in $T_x M$

so done \checkmark

Case (II):

$$d_M(h_k \omega) = 0$$

$$h_{k+1}(d\omega) = h_{k+1} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^{i_1} \wedge dx^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \right]$$

$$= \left(\int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt \right) dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

$$= (f(x, 1) - f(x, 0)) dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

$$= i_1^* \omega - i_0^* \omega \quad \checkmark$$



Proof of Th^m 8:

let $H: M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow N$ be the homotopy f to g

note: $f = H \circ i_0$ and $g = H \circ i_1$ (i_j as in lemma 9)

so we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega^k(N) & \xrightarrow{H^*} & \Omega^k(M \times [0, 1]) \xrightarrow{h_k} \Omega^k(M) \\ & \searrow \text{lemma 9} & \nearrow \\ & \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\tilde{h}_k} & \end{array}$$

$$\text{now } \tilde{h}(d\omega) + d\tilde{h}\omega = h \circ H^*(d\omega) + d \circ h(H^*\omega) = h \circ d(H^*\omega) + d \circ h(H^*\omega)$$


$$\stackrel{\text{lemma 9}}{=} i_1^*(H^*\omega) - i_0^*(H^*\omega) = (H \circ i_1)^*\omega - (H \circ i_0)^*\omega$$

$$= g^*\omega - f^*\omega$$

as discussed above if $[\omega] \in H_{DR}^k(N)$

then $d\omega = 0$ so

$$g^*\omega - f^*\omega = d(\tilde{h}_k \omega)$$

and thus $[g^*\omega] = [f^*\omega]$ in $H_{DR}^k(M)$ 

Th^m 10 (Mayer-Vietoris):

let M be a smooth manifold

U, V open subsets of M that cover M

for each k , \exists a linear map

$$S^k: H_{DR}^k(U \cap V) \rightarrow H_{DR}^{k+1}(M)$$

such that the following sequence is exact

$$\dots \rightarrow H_{DR}^k(M) \xrightarrow{k^* \oplus l^*} H_{DR}^k(U) \oplus H_{DR}^k(V) \xrightarrow{i^* - j^*} H_{DR}^k(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{S^k} H_{DR}^{k+1}(M) \rightarrow \dots$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & i & \rightarrow & U & \xrightarrow{k} & M \\ U \cap V & \xrightarrow{j} & & & & & \\ & & j & \rightarrow & V & \xrightarrow{l} & M \end{array} \text{ are inclusions}$$

exactness means the image of one map is equal to the kernel of the next

Cor 11:

for $n \geq 1$

$$H_{DR}^k(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0, n \\ 0 & k \neq 0, n \end{cases}$$

note: $H_{DR}^n(S^n)$ is generated by any volume form
(since if $\omega = d\eta$, $\int_{S^n} \omega = 0$)

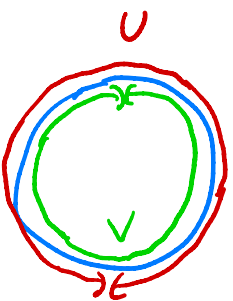
Proof:

we know $H_{DR}^0(S^n) \cong \mathbb{R}$ since S^n connected ($n \geq 1$)

induct on n:

$$\underline{n=0}: H_{DR}^k(S^0) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

n=1:



$$U = S^1 - \{(0, -1)\}$$

$$V = S^1 - \{(0, 1)\}$$

$$U \cong V \cong \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(U) \cong H_{DR}^k(V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$U \cap V \cong \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(U \cap V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

thus we get

$$H_{DR}^{k-1}(S^1) \rightarrow H_{DR}^{k-1}(U) \oplus H_{DR}^{k-1}(V) \rightarrow H_{DR}^{k-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow H_{DR}^k(S^1) \rightarrow H_{DR}^k(U) \oplus H_{DR}^k(V)$$

for $k=1$:

$$0 \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{f} H_{DR}^1(S^1) \xrightarrow{h} 0$$

\uparrow
 $H_{DR}^1(U \cap V)$

ϕ injective since $\ker \phi = \text{im } g = 0$

$$\ker \psi = \text{im } \phi = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \text{image } \psi \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} / \ker \psi \cong \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}$$

f is surjective since $\text{image } f = \ker h = H_{\text{DR}}^1(S^1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } H_{\text{DR}}^1(S^1) &\cong \text{im } f \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} / \ker f \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} / \text{im } \psi \\ &\cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

for $k > 1$:

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow H_{\text{DR}}^k(S^1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{so } H_{\text{DR}}^k(S^1) = 0$$

$n > 1$:



S^n

$$U = S^n - \{\text{south pole}\}$$

$$V = S^n - \{\text{north pole}\}$$

$$U \cong V \cong \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$U \cap V \cong \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\} \cong S^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$\cong S^{n-1}$$

$$\text{so } H_{\text{DR}}^k(U) \cong H_{\text{DR}}^k(V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

by induction

$$H_{\text{DR}}^k(U \cap V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0, n-1 \\ 0 & k \neq 0, n-1 \end{cases}$$

$k \geq 2$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_{DR}^{k-1}(U) \oplus H_{DR}^{k-1}(V) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^{k-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & H_{DR}^k(S^n) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^k(U) \oplus H_{DR}^k(V) \\ \parallel & & & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

so ψ is surjective and injective

so \cong

$$\therefore H^k(S^n) \cong H^{k-1}(S^{n-1})$$

$k=1$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_{DR}^{-1}(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^0(S^n) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^0(U) \oplus H_{DR}^0(V) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^0(U \cap V) & \rightarrow & H_{DR}^1(S^n) \\ \parallel & & \cong & & \cong & & \cong & & \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & \uparrow \\ & & & & & & & & H^1(U) \oplus H^1(V) \end{array}$$

same argument as above shows

$$H_{DR}^1(S^n) = 0$$

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0, n \\ 0 & k \neq 0, n \end{cases}$$



to prove Mayer-Vietoris we need

lemma 12:

with maps from Th^m 10 we have the following exact sequence for all k

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega^k(M) \xrightarrow{k^* + l^*} \Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V) \xrightarrow{i^* - j^*} \Omega^k(U \cup V) \rightarrow 0$$

Proof of Th^m 10 given lemma 12:

consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(M) \\
 \downarrow k^* \oplus l^* & & \downarrow k^* \oplus l^* & & \downarrow k^* \oplus l^* \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(U) \oplus \Omega^{k-1}(V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(U) \oplus \Omega^{k+1}(V) \\
 \downarrow i^* - j^* & & \downarrow i^* - j^* & & \downarrow i^* - j^* \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(U \cup V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(U \cup V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(U \cup V) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Diagram Chase: to define $H^k(U \cup V) \rightarrow H^{k+1}(M)$

need to start with $c \in \Omega^k(U \cup V)$

st. $dc = 0$ and get $a \in \Omega^{k+1}(M)$

with $da = 0$

note only one thing to do at every step

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & \Omega^k(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(M) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow h^* \otimes l^* & & \downarrow h^* \otimes l^* \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(M) \\
 \downarrow h^* \otimes l^* & & \downarrow h^* \otimes l^* & & \downarrow h^* \otimes l^* \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(U) \oplus \Omega^{k-1}(V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(U) \oplus \Omega^{k+1}(V) \\
 \downarrow i^* - j^* & & \downarrow i^* - j^* & & \downarrow i^* - j^* \\
 \Omega^{k-1}(U \cup V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^k(U \cup V) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(U \cup V) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

\xrightarrow{a} (orange arrow from $\Omega^{k+1}(U) \oplus \Omega^{k+1}(V)$ to $\Omega^{k+1}(U \cup V)$)
 \xrightarrow{b} (green arrow from $\Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V)$ to $\Omega^k(U \cup V)$)
 \xrightarrow{c} (red arrow from $\Omega^k(U \cup V)$ to 0)

given $c \in \Omega^k(U \cup V)$ with $dc = 0$

$i^* - j^*$ surjective so

$\exists b \in \Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V)$ st.

$$(i^* - j^*)(b) = c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{note } (i^* - j^*)(db) &= d(i^* - j^*)b \\
 &= dc = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

by exactness $\exists a \in \Omega^{k+1}(M)$

such that $h^* \oplus l^*(a) = dc$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{note } k^* \oplus l^*(da) &= d(h^* \oplus l^*(a)) \\ &= d(dc) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by exactness at $\Omega^{k+1}(M)$
 $da = 0$ so gives
a homology class

$$\begin{aligned} \text{define } \delta^k: H^k(U \cap V) &\rightarrow H^{k+1}(M) \\ [c] &\mapsto [a] \end{aligned}$$

Claim: δ^k well-defined

① need δ^k independent of b

suppose b, b' both map to c

$$(i^* - j^*)(b' - b) = 0$$

by exactness $\exists \tilde{a}$ such that

$$(h^* \oplus l^*)(\tilde{a}) = b' - b$$

note by exactness $\exists ! a$ st. $(h^* \oplus l^*)(a) = db$

and $\exists ! a'$ st. $(h^* \oplus l^*)(a') = db'$

$$\text{now } (h^* \oplus l^*)(a - a' - d\tilde{a})$$

$$= db - db' - d(h^* - l^*(\tilde{a}))$$

$$= db - db' - db' + db = 0$$

so exactness gives $a - a' - d\tilde{a} = 0$

so $[a] = [a']$ in $H^{k+1}(M)$


② also need δ^k independent of
choice of $c, c' \in [c]$

exercise:

1) Show this (diagram chase)

2) Show δ^k is a homomorphism

3) Check exactness of

Mayer-Vietoris sequence 

Proof of lemma 12:

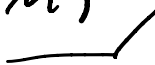
exactness at $\Omega^k(M)$:

need to see $k^* \oplus l^*$ is injective

suppose $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ and $k^*(\omega) = l^*(\omega) = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \omega|_U = 0, \omega|_V = 0$$

then $\omega = 0$ on $U \cup V = M$

so $\omega = 0$ in $\Omega^k(M)$ 

exactness at $\Omega^k(U) \oplus \Omega^k(V)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{first note } (i^* - j^*)(k^* \oplus l^*)(\omega) \\ &= i^*(k^*(\omega)) - j^*(l^*(\omega)) \\ &= \omega|_U - \omega|_V = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so $\text{image}(k^* \oplus l^*) \subset \ker(i^* - j^*)$

now suppose $(\eta, \eta') \in \ker(i^* - j^*)$

$$\text{so } i^*\eta - j^*\eta' = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \eta|_U = \eta'|_U$$

then define

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} \eta & \text{on } U \\ \eta' & \text{on } V \end{cases}$$

note $\sigma \in \Omega^k(M)$ and

$$(k^* \oplus l^*)(\sigma) = (\eta, \eta')$$

exactness at $\Omega^k(U \cup V)$:

we need to see $i^* - j^*$ is onto

let $\omega \in \Omega^k(U \cup V)$

let $\{\psi_U, \psi_V\}$ be a partition of

Unity subordinate to $\{U, V\}$

$$\text{set } \eta = \begin{cases} \Psi_V \omega & U \cap V \\ 0 & U\text{-support } \Psi_V \end{cases}$$

$$\eta' = \begin{cases} -\Psi_U \omega & U \cap V \\ 0 & V\text{-support } \Psi_U \end{cases}$$

note $(\eta, \eta') \in \mathcal{L}^k(U) \oplus \mathcal{L}^k(V)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } (\tau^* - \jmath^*)(\eta, \eta') &= \eta|_{U \cap V} - \eta'|_{U \cap V} \\ &= \Psi_V \omega + \Psi_U \omega = \omega \end{aligned}$$

Th^m 13:

M compact, connected, oriented
 n -manifold with out boundary

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I: H_{DR}^n(M) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ [\omega] &\mapsto \int_M \omega \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism

In particular, $H_{DR}^n(M) \cong \mathbb{R}$ and is
spanned by a volume form

Proof: clearly I well-defined since if $[\omega] = [\omega']$

in $H^n(M)$, then $\exists \eta \in \mathcal{L}^{n-1}(M)$ such that

$$\omega = \omega' + d\eta$$

$$\therefore \int_M \omega = \int_M \omega' + d\eta = \int_M \omega' + \int_{\partial M} \eta = \int_M \omega'$$

M oriented $\Rightarrow \exists$ never-zero n -form Ω on M
and M compact so

$$\int_M \Omega = a > 0$$

$$\therefore I([\Omega]) = \int_M \Omega = a$$

so I is onto

we are left to see $I(\omega) = 0 \Leftrightarrow [\omega] = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } I(\omega) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \omega = d\eta$$

(\Leftarrow) clear!

for the proof of (\Rightarrow) suppose $\int_M \omega = 0$

let $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be a finite cover of M by
open sets diffeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n

$$\text{set } M_k = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_k$$

since M is connected we can assume U_i
ordered so that $M_k \cap U_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$

Claim: if ω is a compactly supported n -form on M_k
such that $\int_{M_k} \omega = 0$, then \exists compactly
supported $(n-1)$ -form η on M_k s.t. $d\eta = \omega$
(note: want compact support so
we can integrate)

If claim true, then we are done w/ $k=m$

Proof is by induction on k

$k=1$: $M_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^n$

$d\omega = 0$ and $H^n(\mathbb{R}^n) = 0$ so $\exists \eta'$ s.t. $d\eta' = \omega$

but η' might not have compact support

if not need to fix it

consider $n=1$:

$\omega = f(x)dx$ and f compactly supported

$$\text{set } F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

clearly $dF = F'(x)dx = f(x)dx = \omega$

if support of $f \subset [-R, R]$

then $F(x) = 0$ for $x \leq -R$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and for } x > R \Rightarrow F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so F has compact support. /

consider $n \geq 2$:

let B, B' be open balls in \mathbb{R}^n s.t.

$$\text{supp } \omega \subset \bar{B} \subset B'$$

$$\text{so } 0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \omega = \int_{\bar{B}'} \omega = \int_{\bar{B}'} d\eta' = \int_{\partial \bar{B}'} \eta'$$

$$\partial \bar{B}' = S^{n-1}$$

let $i: S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - B$ be inclusion

$$\text{so } \int_{S^{n-1}} i^*(\eta') = 0$$

by Cor 11 we know $[i^*\eta'] = [0]$ in $H_{DR}^{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{R}$

i is a homotopy equivalence ($\mathbb{R}^n - B \cong S^{n-1} \times [0, \infty)$)

so Th^m 8 gives

$$H^{n-1}(\mathbb{R}^n - B) \xrightarrow{i^*} H^{n-1}(S^{n-1})$$

$$\therefore \exists \gamma \in \Omega^{n-2}(\mathbb{R}^n - B) \text{ s.t. } d\gamma = \eta'|_{\mathbb{R}^n - B}$$

let ψ be a bump function s.t.

$$\psi = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n - B' \\ 0 & \text{on } B \end{cases}$$

and $0 \leq \psi \leq 1$

set $\eta = \eta' - d(\psi\gamma)$

on $\mathbb{R}^n - B'$ $d(\psi\gamma) = d\gamma = \eta'$

so $\eta = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^n - B'$

$\therefore \eta$ is compactly supported and

$$d\eta = d\eta' - d(d\psi\gamma) = \underline{\omega}$$

inductive step $k \geq 2$:

let ω be compactly supported in

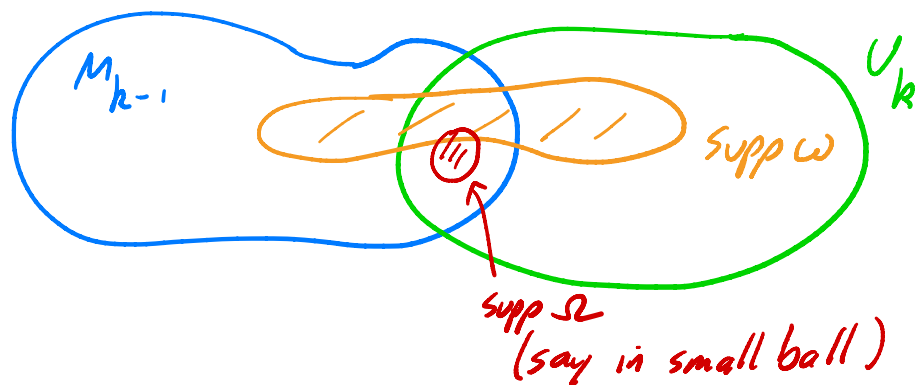
$$M_k = M_{k-1} \cup U_k$$

$$\text{and } \int_{M_k} \omega = 0$$

choose any form $\Omega \in \Omega^n(U_k \cap M_{k-1})$

that is compactly supported

$$\text{and } \int_{U_k} \Omega = \int_{M_{k-1}} \Omega = 1$$



let $\{\phi, \psi\}$ be a partition of unity
subordinate to $\{M_{k-1}, U_k\}$

$$\text{set } c = \int_{M_k} \phi \omega = \int_{M_{k-1}} \phi \omega$$

note:

$$1) \int_{M_{k-1}} (\phi \omega - c \Omega) = 0$$

$\phi \omega - c \Omega$ is compactly supported
in M_{k-1} so by induction

$\exists \alpha \in \mathcal{L}^{n-1}(M_{k-1})$ with compact
support st.

$$d\alpha = \phi \omega - c \Omega$$

$$2) \int_{U_k} \psi \omega + c \Omega = \int_{M_k} (1-\phi) \omega + c \Omega$$

$$= \int_{M_k} \omega + \int_{M_k} c \Omega - \phi \omega$$

$$= 0$$

by hypothesis

also $\psi \omega + c \Omega$ is compactly

supported in U_k so by base case

$\exists \beta \in \Omega^{n-1}(U_k)$ with compact

support and $d\beta = \psi\omega + c\Omega$

now $\alpha + \beta$ has compact support in M_k

and $d(\alpha + \beta) = (\phi\omega - c\Omega) + (\psi\omega + c\Omega)$

$$= (\phi + \psi)\omega = \omega \quad \square$$

with the above theorem we can now use

Mayer-Vietoris to make more computations

example: compute $H_{DR}^k(T^2)$

let $U = T^2 - (\{p\} \times S^1)$ where $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$

$V = T^2 - (\{-p\} \times S^1)$

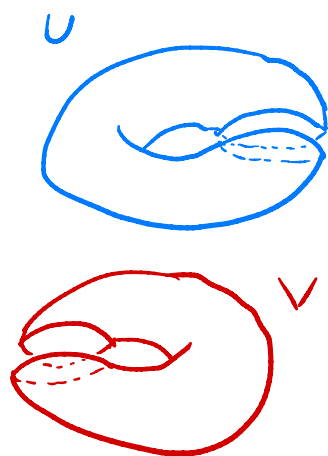
so $U \cong V \cong S^1 \times I \cong S^1$

$U \cap V \cong S^1 \times (I_1 \cup I_2)$

$\cong S^1 \cup S^1$

so $H^k(U) \cong H^k(V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0,1 \\ 0 & k \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$

$H^k(U \cap V) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & k=0,1 \\ 0 & k \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{T}^2) & \xrightarrow{f} & H^0(U) \oplus H^0(V) & \xrightarrow{g} & H^0(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{h} & H^1(\mathbb{T}^2) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{k} & H^1(U) \oplus H^1(V) \\
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 & & & & & & H^2(\mathbb{T}^2) \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

(Note: The diagram shows a commutative diagram with maps \$f, g, h, k, \phi, \psi\$ and isomorphisms \$\parallel\$ between the top and bottom rows. Blue arrows indicate the isomorphisms between corresponding terms in the two rows.)

f injective so $\mathbb{R} \cong \text{im } f = \ker g$

$$\text{im } g \cong \frac{\text{domain } g}{\ker g} \cong \frac{\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{R}$$

similarly $\text{im } h \cong \mathbb{R} \subset H^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$

from Th^m 13 we know $H^2(\mathbb{T}^2) \cong \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{R} \cong H^2(\mathbb{T}^2) = \text{im } (\psi) = H^1(U \cap V) / \ker \psi$$

$$\text{so } \ker \psi \cong \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore \text{im } \phi \cong \mathbb{R}$$

and as above $\ker \phi \cong \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{and } \text{im } k = \ker \phi \cong \mathbb{R}$$

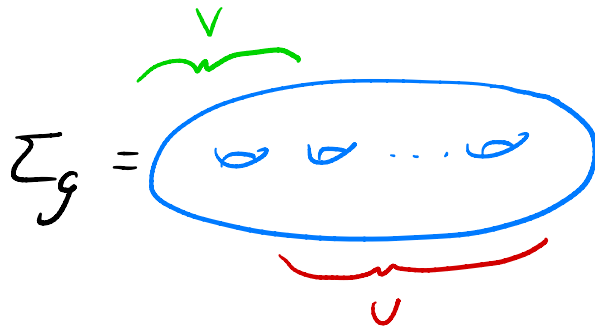
$$\text{also know } \ker k = \text{im } g \cong \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{H^1(\mathbb{T}^2)}{\ker k} \cong \text{im } k$$

$$\text{that is } H^1(\mathbb{T}^2) \cong \ker k \oplus \text{im } k \cong \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore H_{\mathbb{R}}^k(\mathbb{T}^2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k=0, 2 \\ \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R} & k=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

exercise: Compute $H_{DR}^k(\Sigma_g)$ where



another application of Mayer-Vietoris

Thm 14:

If M is a compact manifold, then its cohomology is finite

we need following

Fact:

any n -manifold has a cover $\{U_i\}$ such that all finite intersections are \emptyset or diffeo to \mathbb{R}^n

called good cover

easiest way to prove this is using Riemannian geometry (don't strictly need this but proof is nicer with it!)

Proof: note Mayer-Vietoris gives

$$H^{q-1}(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^q(U \cup V) \xrightarrow{(\oplus)^*} H^q(U) \oplus H^q(V)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } H^q(U \cup V) &\cong \text{im}(i^* \oplus j^*) \oplus \ker(i^* \oplus j^*) \\ &= \text{im}(i^* \oplus j^*) \oplus \text{im}(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore if $H^{q-1}(U \cup V)$, $H^q(U)$, $H^q(V)$ finite dimensional
then so is $H^q(U \cup V)$

Claim: if M has a finite good cover then
 $H_{DR}^k(M)$ is finite dimensional $\forall k$

to see this we induct on number of elements
in good cover

base case: $U_i \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ done!

assume true for all manifolds with good cover
with $\leq l$ elements

suppose $M = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_{l+1}$

set $M' = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_l$

homology of M' and U_{l+1} finite dim'l by induction

as is $M' \cap U_{l+1} = \underbrace{(U_1 \cap U_{l+1}) \cup \dots \cup (U_l \cap U_{l+1})}_{\leq l \text{ sets}}$

\therefore done by above observation

