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Problem 4. Marco: Show every class in H^k has a unique harmonic representative.

Let $\alpha \in \ker d$. By hodge decomposition, we can uniquely write:

$$\alpha = \alpha_d + \alpha_{d'} + \alpha_{\Delta}$$
.

Since $d\alpha=0, \implies d\alpha_{d'}=0$. By uniqueness of decomposition $\alpha_{d'}=0$. Therefore we can write

$$\alpha = \alpha_d + \alpha_\Delta = df + \omega.$$

Suppose there was some form η so that $\omega - \eta \in \text{image d.}$ Harmonic functions form a subspace so $\omega - \eta \in \ker \Delta$ as well. By the hodge decomposition uniqueness $\omega - \eta = 0$.