

**Problem 1.** Let  $w = Pdy \wedge dz + Qdz \wedge dx + Rdx \wedge dy$  be a 2-form.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 dw &= d(Pdy \wedge dz + Qdz \wedge dx + Rdx \wedge dy) \\
 &= dP \wedge (dy \wedge dz) - P \wedge d(dy \wedge dz) \\
 &\quad + dQ \wedge (dz \wedge dx) - Q \wedge d(dz \wedge dx) \\
 &\quad + dR \wedge (dx \wedge dy) - R \wedge d(dx \wedge dy) \\
 &= \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge (dy \wedge dz) - P \wedge (\cancel{dy} \wedge dz + dy \wedge \cancel{dz}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge (dz \wedge dx) - Q \wedge (\cancel{dz} \wedge dx + dz \wedge \cancel{dx}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge (dx \wedge dy) - R \wedge (\cancel{dx} \wedge dy + dx \wedge \cancel{dy}) \\
 &= \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \cancel{\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge dy \right\} \wedge dz - \cancel{P \wedge dy} \\
 &\quad \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} dy + \cancel{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} dz} \right) \wedge dz \right\} \wedge dx - \cancel{Q \wedge dz} \\
 &\quad \left\{ \left( \cancel{\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} dx} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge dx \right\} \wedge dy - \cancel{R \wedge dx} \\
 &= - \left\{ dz \wedge \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \cancel{\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dz} \right) \wedge dy \right\} \\
 &\quad - \left\{ dx \wedge \left( \cancel{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} dy \right) \wedge dz \right\} \\
 &\quad - \left\{ dy \wedge \left( \cancel{\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} dy} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} dz \right) \wedge dx \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} (dy \wedge dz \wedge dx) + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} (dz \wedge dx \wedge dy) \\
 &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} [dy \wedge \{-(dx \wedge dz)\}] + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} [\{-(dx \wedge dz)\} \wedge dy] \\
 &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \{(dx \wedge dy) \wedge dz\} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \{dx \wedge (dy \wedge dz)\} \\
 &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) \\
 &= \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \right) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz
 \end{aligned}$$

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