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## codifferential

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The codifferential  $\delta$  of a  $k$ -form on an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold is given by:

$$(-1)^{n(k+1)+1} * d*$$

where  $*$  is the Hodge star operator and  $d$  is the exterior derivative.

Let  $g$  denote the matrix locally representing the metric with respect to co-ordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then for a 1-form  $w$  we have:

$$\delta w = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{(\text{Det} g)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [\sqrt{(\text{Det} g)} \{g^{-1}\}_{ij} w_j]$$