

$$\mathcal{L}_v du = d(\mathcal{L}_v u)$$

i.e.

Upshot This completes the proof of Cartan's magic formula,

$$\mathcal{L}_v w = v \lrcorner (dw) + d(v \lrcorner w),$$

i.e. if $i_v = V \lrcorner (\)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}_v = d \circ i_v + i_v \circ d .$$

Pf For $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $f \in C^\infty(M)$,

direct calculation with limits gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_v(df))(X) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} ((\Theta_t^*(df))(X) - df(X))$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} X(f \circ \Theta_t)$$

$$= X V f .$$

Meanwhile, $\mathcal{L}_v f = V f$ so

$$(d(\mathcal{L}_v f))(X) = d(V f)(X) = X V f$$

so these are equal. \square

Homotopy invariance

Given $F, G: M \rightarrow N$ smooth maps, a collection of linear maps

$$h: \mathcal{L}^p(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{p-1}(M) \text{ s.t. } d(h\omega) + h(d\omega) = G^*\omega - F^*\omega \quad \forall \omega$$

is called a cochain homotopy between F^* and G^* .

Prop If \exists cochain htpy b/w F^* and G^* , then $F^* = G^*: H_{dR}^p(N) \rightarrow H_{dR}^p(M)$ for all p .

Pf If $\omega \in Z^p(M)$, then $G^*\omega - F^*\omega = d(h\omega) + h(d\omega) \xrightarrow{\circ}$

$$\Rightarrow [G^*\omega] = [F^*\omega]. \quad \square$$

For $t \in [0, 1]$, let $i_t : M \rightarrow M \times [0, 1]$
 $x \mapsto (x, t)$

Lemma \exists cochain homotopy between

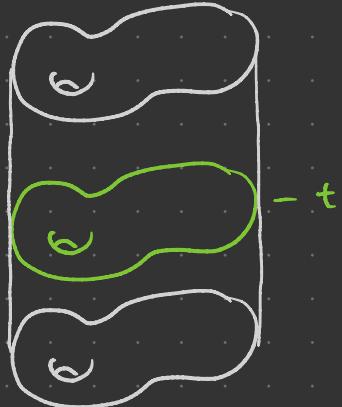
$$i_0^*, i_1^* : \Omega^*(M \times [0, 1]) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega^*(M)$$

Pf Let S be the vector field on $M \times \mathbb{R}$ given by

$S_{(q,s)} = (0, \frac{\partial}{\partial s}|_s)$. For $\omega \in \Omega^p(M \times I)$, define $h\omega \in \Omega^{p+1}(M)$

by
$$h\omega = \int_0^1 i_t^*(S \lrcorner \omega) dt,$$

i.e.
$$(h\omega)_q = \int_0^1 i_t^*((S \lrcorner \omega)_{(q,t)}) dt$$



function of t with

values in $\bigwedge^{p-1} T_q^* M$

elt of $\bigwedge^{p-1} T_q^* M$

May differentiate under the integral sign in local coords, so

$$d(h\omega) = \int_0^1 d(i_t^*(S \lrcorner \omega)) dt$$

$$\text{Thus } h(d\omega) + d(h\omega) = \int_0^1 (i_t^*(S \lrcorner d\omega) + d(i_t^*(S \lrcorner \omega))) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (i_t^*(S \lrcorner d\omega) + i_t^* d(S \lrcorner \omega)) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 i_t^*(L_S \omega) dt \quad (\text{magic}).$$

Flow of S on $M \times \mathbb{R}$ is $\Theta_t(q, s) = (q, t+s)$ so S is complete.

Hence $i_t = \Theta_t \circ i_0$, so

$$\begin{aligned} i_t^*(\mathcal{L}_S \omega) &= i_0^*(\Theta_t^*(\mathcal{L}_S \omega)) \\ &= i_0^*\left(\frac{d}{dt}(\Theta_t^* \omega)\right) \quad \text{Prop 12.34} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} i_0^*(\Theta_t^* \omega) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} i_t^* \omega. \end{aligned}$$

By FTC, $h(d\omega) + d(h\omega) = i_0^* \omega - i_t^* \omega$, as desired. □

Prop Homotopic smooth maps induce the same maps on H_{dR}^* .

Pf If $F \simeq G: M \rightarrow N$ then \exists smooth htpy $H: M \times I \rightarrow N$ with $F = H \circ i_0, G = H \circ i_1$. Thus

$$F^* = i_0^* \circ H^* = i_1^* \circ H^* = G^*. \quad \square$$

Lemma

Thm (Homotopy invariance of de Rham cohomology)

If M, N are htpy equivalent smooth mflds w/o ∂ , then

$H_{dR}^*(M) \cong H_{dR}^*(N)$ (with i_0 induced by any smooth htpy equiv $M \rightarrow N$).

Pf Whitney approx'n + above proposition. \square

Cor de Rham cohom factors

$$\text{Diff} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_{\text{dR}}} \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{R}}$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$\text{Top}$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$\text{Hot}$$

In particular, H_{dR}^* is a smooth, topological, and homotopy invariant.

Note H_{dR}^* cannot distinguish smooth structures on the same underlying top'l manifold.

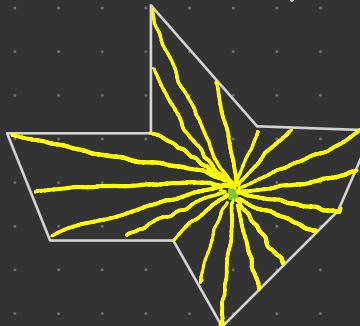
Computations via homotopy invariance

Thm If M is a contractible smooth mfld w/ or w/o ∂ , then

$$H_{dR}^*(M) = \mathbb{R} \text{ concentrated in degree } 0. \quad \square$$

Note • This proves the Poincaré lemma for star-shaped open subsets of \mathbb{R}^n .

- Every closed form is locally exact!



$H^1_{dR} \cong \pi_1$, Define $\int : H^1_{dR}(M) \times \pi_1(M, q) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$([\omega], [\gamma]) \mapsto \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \omega$$

where $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a pw smooth curve representing

the path class of γ . Then define

$\curvearrowright \mathbb{R}$ -rs by pointwise +, in a domain

$$\Phi : H^1_{dR}(M) \rightarrow \text{Op}(\pi_1(M, q), \mathbb{R})$$

$$[\omega] \mapsto ([\gamma] \mapsto \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \omega)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} [\gamma] = [\gamma'] \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma \cdot \gamma'^{-1}} \end{array}$$

Then For M com'd smooth, $\tilde{\gamma} \in M$,

Φ is a well-defined injective linear map.

Later, we will see that Φ is an isomorphism.

$$\int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \omega = 0$$

$$\tilde{\gamma} \simeq *$$

Pf Sketch (7.448) Well defined since $[\omega] = [\omega']$

$$\Rightarrow \omega - \omega' = df \Rightarrow \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \omega - \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \omega' = \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} df = f(q) - f(p) = 0.$$

For injectivity, check $\Phi[\omega] = 0 \Rightarrow \omega$ is conservative. \square

Mayer-Vietoris

$U \cap V \xrightarrow{i} U$ $j \downarrow \quad \square \quad \xrightarrow{k} \xrightarrow{\sim} V \xrightarrow{l} M$ $U \cup V = M$	$\Omega^*(M) \xrightarrow{k^*} \Omega^*(U)$ $i^* \downarrow \quad l^* \downarrow i^*$ $\Omega^*(V) \xrightarrow{j^*} \Omega^*(U \cup V)$
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\rightsquigarrow SES of chain complexes

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

- For $n \geq 2$, $H_{dR}^p(\mathbb{R}^n - \text{pt}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & \text{if } p = 0 \text{ or } n-1 \\ 0 & \text{o/w.} \end{cases}$

The only non-formal part is checking $\dim H_{dR}^1(S^1) = 1$.

Know ≥ 1 since $\int \omega \neq 0$ for any orientation form.

Since $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(S^1), \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \longleftrightarrow H_{dR}^1(S^1)$, get $\dim 1$.

In gen'l, $H_{dR}^n(S^n)$ has basis the cohom class of any smooth or'n form for S^n .