

## Übungsblatt 10

### Aufgabe 1 (4 Punkte)

Let  $M$  be a differential manifold and  $(U, \varphi)$  a local chart. We write  $\varphi$  in local coordinates as  $\varphi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $n = \dim(M)$ . Let  $d : \mathcal{A}^k(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{k+1}(U)$  be maps such that:

- $d$  is linear;
  - $df = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U)$ ;
  - $d(\omega \wedge \alpha) = d\omega \wedge \alpha + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\alpha$  if  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^k(U)$ ;
  - $d^2 f = 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U)$ .
- (a) Prove that  $d$  is well-defined and that  $d^2(\omega) = 0$  also for every differential form  $\omega$ .
- (b) Prove that the map  $d : \mathcal{A}^k(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{k+1}(U)$  satisfying the previous property is unique for all  $k$ .
- (c) The definition of  $d$  is local depending on  $U$ . Prove that all the  $d$  glue together to a well-defined map, called *exterior derivative*,

$$d : \mathcal{A}^k(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{k+1}(M).$$

- (d) ★<sup>1</sup> Show that the pullback of a smooth map between differential manifolds induces a map of de Rham complexes (i.e. the pullback of forms commutes with  $d$ ).

### Aufgabe 2 (4 Punkte)

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space. Given  $v \in V$ , define for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the maps

$$i_v : \bigwedge^k V^* \longrightarrow \bigwedge^{k-1} V^*$$

$$\omega \longmapsto i_v(\omega)$$

where  $i_v(\omega)(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) = \omega(v, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$  for every  $v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} \in V$ .

- (a) Check that  $i_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = i_v(\omega) \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge i_v(\eta)$  if  $\omega \in \bigwedge^k V^*$ .

**Hint:** recall that if  $\omega \in \bigwedge^k V^*$  and  $\eta \in \bigwedge^\ell V^*$  then

$$\omega \wedge \eta(v_1, \dots, v_{k+\ell}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k,\ell}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot \omega(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}) \cdot \eta(v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k+\ell)})$$

for every  $v_1, \dots, v_{k+\ell} \in V$ , where  $S_{k,\ell}$  is the subset of the symmetric group  $S_{k+\ell}$  containing all the permutations such that

$$\sigma(1) < \dots < \sigma(k) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(k+1) < \dots < \sigma(k+\ell).$$

<sup>1</sup>The exercises with ★ are optional.

- (b) Let  $M$  be a differential manifold and let  $X : U \rightarrow TU$  be a (local) vector field on an open  $U \subseteq M$ . We define  $\text{Lie}_X := d \circ i_X + i_X \circ d$  pointwise. Fix a local chart  $(U, \varphi = (x_1, \dots, x_n))$  and check that  $\text{Lie}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}}(f dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_r) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_r$ , where  $r \leq n$  and  $f \in C^\infty(U)$ .

### Aufgabe 3 (8 Punkte)

The aim of this exercise is to compute the de Rham cohomology in some examples. Recall that  $H_{\text{DR}}^0(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong \mathbb{R}$  and  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong 0$  when  $q \geq 1$ .

- (a) Let  $M = \coprod_{j=1}^n U_j$  where the  $U_j$  are connected open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . What can you say about  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(M)$ ? Compute  $H_{\text{DR}}^0(M)$ .

- (b) Show that  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(S^1) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } q = 0, 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } q \geq 2. \end{cases}$

**Hint:** use the Mayer-Vietoris sequence.

- (c) Generalize the previous point showing that  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } q = 0, n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

- (d) Show that  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{2 \text{ pts}\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } q = 0, \\ \mathbb{R}^2, & \text{if } q = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Hint:** use Mayer-Vietoris.

- (e) ★ Compute the de Rham cohomology of a cylinder, i.e. of  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ .

- (f) ★ Let  $T = S^1 \times S^1$  be a torus. Show that  $H_{\text{DR}}^q(T) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } q = 0, 2, \\ \mathbb{R}^2, & \text{if } q = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Hint:** the easiest way is to compute directly the cohomology with the following result, called *Künneth theorem*.

Let  $M, N$  be differential manifolds and suppose that the cohomology of  $N$  is finite dimensional. Then for  $0 \leq q \leq \dim(M) + \dim(N)$

$$H^q(M \times N) = \bigoplus_{a+b=q} H^a(M) \otimes H^b(N).$$

Try to solve this problem also without the Künneth formula, using again Mayer-Vietoris.