

# Differential Form and integration

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## Preface

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## 1 Differential Forms in real manifold

**Definition 1.1** (Vector Bundle). A vector bundle on  $M$  of rank  $k$  is a smooth manifold  $E$  and a projection map  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  such that:

- $\forall x \in M, E_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$  is a  $k$  dimensional vector space.
- $\forall x \in M$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  and a diffeomorphism.

$$\Phi : \pi^{-1}(U) \longrightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

and the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & U \times \mathbb{R}^k \\ \pi \downarrow & \swarrow \pi_1 & \\ U & & \end{array}$$

Or one can express it in this way:

$$\forall x \in U, E_x = \Phi^{-1}(\{x\} \times \mathbb{R}^k)$$

- The diffeomorphism restricted on  $E_x$  is a linear isomorphism.

Generally speaking, it is a way of attaching a 'smooth' rank  $k$  vector space to all points on manifold.

**Definition 1.2** (Smooth section on vector bundle). Let  $U \subset M$  be an open subset of  $M$ . A smooth section of  $E$  on  $U$  is a smooth mapping  $s : U \rightarrow E$  such that:  $\pi \circ s(x) = x, \forall x \in U$ , that is  $s(x) \in E_x$ .

We use the notation of  $\Gamma(U, E)$  to denote all the smooth section of  $E$  on  $U$ .

## 1.1 Tangent Bundle

The most common and useful example of the vector bundle is the tangent bundle.

**Definition 1.3** (Tangent Bundle). The tangent bundle  $TM$  is defined as the disjoint union of all tangent space over  $M$ .

$$TM := \coprod_{p \in M} T_p M$$

One can check that  $TM$  is a  $2n$ -dimensional manifold, and the projection map is just:  $\pi : (p, v_p) \rightarrow p$ . So tangent bundle is a special case for vector bundle.

Moreover, every section of tangent bundle is just the vector field.

Similarly, since  $T_p M$  is a finite dimensional vector space, from the basic linear algebra knowledge, we can define the dual space of it and glue them together:

**Definition 1.4** (Cotangent Bundle). The cotangent bundle  $T^*M$  is defined as the disjoint union of all cotangent space over  $M$ .

$$T^*M := \coprod_{p \in M} T_p^* M$$

All this definitions above have a representation using the local coordinates. Let  $p$  be a point of  $M$  and  $(U, \phi)$  be a local chart near  $p$ , then the tangent space  $T_p M$  can be locally expressed as:

$$T_p M := \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \Big|_p, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \Big|_p \right\}$$

also, for cotangent space at  $p$ :

$$T_p^* M := \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ dx_1|_p, dx_2|_p, \dots, dx_n|_p \}$$

## 1.2 Tensor field

The above construction of vector bundle can be more generalised into a tensor field.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $p \in M$ , define:

$$T_l^k(T_p M) := \underbrace{T_p M \otimes \dots \otimes T_p M}_{l \text{ times}} \otimes \underbrace{T_p^* M \otimes \dots \otimes T_p^* M}_{k \text{ times}}$$

Be a local tensor operation on  $T_p M$  as a  $n$ -dimensional vector space.

**Definition 1.6.** A bundle of  $(k, l)$ -tensors on  $M$  is defined as their disjoint union,  $T_l^k M := \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_l^k(T_p M)$

*Remark 1.7.*  $T_l^k M \cong (TM)^{\otimes k} \otimes (T^*M)^{\otimes l}$

This is just the change of notations to make things simpler.

Recall what we have learned at advanced linear algebra course. Instead of using  $k$ -tensor to generate new bundle. We can also use *Sym* and *Alt* to generate.

### 1.3 Differential forms on manifolds

Recall that  $T^k T^* M$  is the bundle of covariant  $k$ -tensors on  $M$ . The subset of  $T^k T^* M$  consisting of alternating tensors is denoted by  $\Lambda^k T^* M$  :

$$\Lambda^k T^* M = \coprod_{p \in M} \Lambda^k (T_p^* M).$$

To make this precise, for each  $p \in M$  and  $\alpha \in T^k(T_p^* M)$ , define

$$\text{Alt}(\alpha)(v_1, \dots, v_k) := \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \alpha(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}).$$

A tensor  $\alpha$  is called alternating if exchanging any two arguments changes the sign; equivalently,  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  whenever two arguments are equal.

For  $\alpha \in \Lambda^k(T_p^* M)$  and  $\beta \in \Lambda^l(T_p^* M)$ , the wedge product is defined by

$$\alpha \wedge \beta := \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \text{Alt}(\alpha \otimes \beta) \in \Lambda^{k+l}(T_p^* M).$$

It satisfies bilinearity and graded-commutativity:

$$\alpha \wedge \beta = (-1)^{kl} \beta \wedge \alpha.$$

Any smooth section of  $\Lambda^k T^* M$  is called a differentiable  $k$ -form, or simply  $k$ -form. We use  $\Omega^k(M)$  to denote the vector space of smooth  $k$ -form.

$$\Omega^k(M) := \Gamma(M, \Lambda^k T^* M)$$

One can also define wedge product over  $\Omega^k(M)$  pointwise,  $(\omega \wedge \eta)_p = \omega_p \wedge \eta_p$

By the basic knowledge of tensor or wedge product. any  $k$ -form can be expressed by linear combination of the  $k$ -wedge product.

$$\omega = \sum_I f_I dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} = \sum_I f_I dx^I$$

**Example 1.8.** Consider the case when the manifold is just  $\mathbb{R}^3$  space.

- A 0-form is just a continuous real-valued function
- A 1-form is a covector field.
- Some examples of the 2-form are:

$$\eta_1 = dx \wedge dy + dy \wedge dz + dz \wedge dx \quad \eta_2 = \sin xy dy \wedge dz$$

- Every 3-form is a continuous real-valued function times  $dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$

One can think of  $k$ -form as a way of integrate on  $k$ -dimensional object/function.

## 1.4 Exterior Differentiation

We use one theorem to state what is an exterior differentiation.

**Theorem 1.9** (Existence and Uniqueness of Exterior Differentiation). . *Suppose  $M$  is a smooth manifold with or without boundary. There are unique operators  $d : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$  for all  $k$ , called exterior differentiation, satisfying the following four properties:*

- (i)  $d$  is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii) If  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^l(M)$ , then

$$d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta.$$

- (iii)  $d \circ d \equiv 0$ .
- (iv) For  $f \in \Omega^0(M) = C^\infty(M)$ ,  $df$  is the differential of  $f$ , given by  $df(X) = Xf$ .

The condition (iv) actually tells us that the operator  $d$  is just the generalization of the total derivation. We can think of the condition (i) – (iii) gives us a certain kind of reduction and keep the uniqueness up to initial value and the condition (iv) be the actual initial value.

In any smooth coordinate chart,  $d$  is given by:

$$d\left(\sum_I f_I dx^I\right) = \sum_I \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f_I}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^I.$$

By linearity:

$$d(f_I dx^I) = (df_I) \wedge dx^I$$

We will skip the proof here.

## 1.5 De Rham Cohomology

The definition of the  $\Omega^k(M)$  and the exterior differentiation  $d$  actually give us a chain complex.

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d} \dots \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^n(M) \rightarrow 0$$

Similar to the definition of the homology group, we can also define cohomology here.

**Definition 1.10** (De Rham Cohomology). Let  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ .

- $\omega$  is called **closed** if  $d\omega = 0$ .
- $\omega$  is called **exact** if there exists  $\eta \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$  such that  $\omega = d\eta$ .

Denote by

$$Z^k(M) := \ker(d : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)), \quad B^k(M) := \text{im}(d : \Omega^{k-1}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)).$$

By the third properties of the operator  $d$ ,  $Z^k(M) \subset B^k(M)$  always holds. Then the  $k$ -th De Rham cohomology group(vector space) is:

$$H_{\text{dR}}^k(M) := Z^k(M)/B^k(M).$$

**Example 1.11** (Some examples of the De Rham cohomology). The following are standard computations:

- For the circle  $S^1$ :  $H_{\text{dR}}^0(S^1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_{\text{dR}}^1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , and  $H_{\text{dR}}^k(S^1) = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ .
- For the sphere  $S^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ):  $H_{\text{dR}}^0(S^n) \cong \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_{\text{dR}}^n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , and  $H_{\text{dR}}^k(S^n) = 0$  for  $0 < k < n$ .
- For the torus  $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$ :  $H_{\text{dR}}^0(T^2) \cong \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_{\text{dR}}^1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $H_{\text{dR}}^2(T^2) \cong \mathbb{R}$ .
- For the punctured plane  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ :  $H_{\text{dR}}^0 \cong \mathbb{R}$  and  $H_{\text{dR}}^1 \cong \mathbb{R}$  (generated by the class of  $d\theta$ ), while  $H_{\text{dR}}^k = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

## 2 Differential forms on Riemann surface

Before talking about that, we recall an interesting fact: In the complex analysis course, we have defined:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$

This two operators can be thought to be a linear mapping:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} : \mathcal{E}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(U) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} : \mathcal{E}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(U)$$

Where the  $\mathcal{E}(U)$  is all the real infinitely differentiable function with respect to real coordinates  $x, y$ . It is a larger set than  $\mathcal{O}(U)$ . Moreover, the Cauchy-Riemann Equations tell us that:

$$\mathcal{O}(U) = \ker \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$$

**Definition 2.1** (Cotangent Space). Denote  $\mathfrak{m}(a) \subset \mathcal{E}(a)$  be the vector subspace of all function germs that vanishes at point  $a$ , also, we define  $\mathfrak{m}^2(a) \subset \mathfrak{m}(a)$  be the vector subspace of those function germs which vanishes to second order.

Which is:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a) = 0 \text{ where } z = x + iy \text{ is the local chart}$$

Now we define:

$$T_a^{(1)} := \frac{\mathfrak{m}(a)}{\mathfrak{m}^2(a)}$$

be the cotangent space of  $X$  at the point  $a$ .

*Remark 2.2.* For any function  $f \in \mathcal{E}(U)$ , one can take its differential  $d_a f$  to generates an element in the cotangent space.

$$d_a f := (f - f(a)) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^2(a)}$$

In the following theorem, we will show that the definition is actually the same as what is defined in the real sense.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $a \in X$  and  $T_a^{(1)}$  be the corresponding cotangent space. Take  $(U, z = x + iy)$  be a complex chart near  $a$ . Then one can prove that  $d_a z, d_a \bar{z}$  form a basis of  $T_a^{(1)}$ , also for  $d_a x, d_a y$ . And if  $f \in \mathcal{E}(U)$ :*

$$d_a f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a) d_a x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a) d_a y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(a) d_a z + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(a) d_a \bar{z}$$

*Proof.* To prove this theorem, we need to prove from 2 sides, i.e. the basis can span the subspace we want and it is linearly independent.

- Show that the basis we choose can span  $T_a^{(1)}$ . For any  $t \in T_a^{(1)}$  and take  $\phi \in \mathfrak{m}(a)$  be the representative of  $t$ . By the Taylor Expansion at  $a$ , one can get:

$$\phi = c_1(x - x(a)) + c_2(y - y(a)) + \Phi$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\Phi \in \mathfrak{m}^2(a)$ . Take the equivalent relation moduling  $\mathfrak{m}^2(a)$ , we

have:

$$t = c_1 d_a x + c_2 d_a y$$

- Show that the basis we choose is linearly independent. Take  $t = c_1(x - x(a)) + c_2(y - y(a))$ .  $t = 0$  is equivalent with  $t \in \mathfrak{m}^2(a)$ . by taking the partial derivative with respect to  $x$  or  $y$ , we get  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .

By above process, we successfully proved that  $d_a x$  and  $d_a y$  is the basis, applying similar result we get  $d_a z$  and  $d_a \bar{z}$  also the basis.  $\square$

The next theorem gives the difference between real and complex tangent space.

**Theorem 2.4** (Decomposition of cotangent space). *The cotangent space has a canonical decomposition:*

$$T_a^{(1)} = T_a^{1,0} \oplus T_a^{0,1}$$

Suppose  $(U, z)$  and  $(U', z')$  be two complex chart near  $a$ . One can prove that:

$$d_a z = c_1 d_a z' \quad d_a \bar{z} = c_2 d_a \bar{z}' \quad \text{where } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

So one can have a decomposition independent of the specific choice of chart. Let:

$$T_a^{(1,0)} = \mathbb{C} d_a z \quad T_a^{(0,1)} = \mathbb{C} d_a \bar{z}$$

We can also decompose the derivative operator  $d$  into two parts

$$d_a f = d'_a f + d''_a f, \quad d'_a f \in T_a^{(1,0)}, \quad d''_a f \in T_a^{(0,1)}$$

Where:

$$d'_a f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(a) d_a z, \quad d''_a f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(a) d_a \bar{z}$$

This is really different from the real case, cause the Cauchy-Riemann equations make the jacobian matrix of the transition map are in simple forms like:  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Definition 2.5** (1-form). Suppose  $Y$  is an open subset of the Riemann surface  $X$ . By a differential form of degree one, or simply a 1-form, on  $Y$  we mean a mapping:

$$\omega : Y \longrightarrow \bigcup_{a \in Y} T_a^{(1)}$$

with  $\omega(a) \in T_a^{(1)}$  for all  $a \in Y$ . If  $\omega(a) \in T_a^{(1,0)}$  for every  $a \in Y$ , then  $\omega$  is said to be of type  $(1,0)$ .

**Example 2.6.** We can go through some examples.

- Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{E}(Y)$ . Then the mappings  $df, d'f, d''f$ , which are defined by:

$$df(a) := d_a f, \quad d'f(a) := d'_a f, \quad d''f(a) := d''_a f$$

for every  $a \in Y$ , are 1-forms. Clearly a function  $f$  is holomorphic precisely if  $d''f = 0$ .

- Suppose  $\omega$  is an 1-form on  $Y$  and  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a function. Then the mapping  $f\omega$  defined by  $(f\omega)(a) := f(a)\omega(a)$  is also a 1-form on  $Y$ .

*Remark 2.7.* If  $(U, z)$  is a complex chart with  $z = x + iy$ , then every 1-form on  $U$  may be written:

$$\omega = f dx + g dy = \varphi dz + \phi d\bar{z}$$

But the function above,  $f, g, \varphi, \phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are not necessarily continuous in general. One need to add a differential or holomorphic condition to restrict it.

**Definition 2.8.** Suppose  $Y$  is an open subset of a Riemann surface  $X$ . A 1-form  $\omega$  on  $Y$  is called differentiable (resp. holomorphic) if, with respect to every chart  $(U, z)$ ,  $\omega$  may be written

$$\omega = f dz + g d\bar{z} \text{ on } U \cap Y, \quad \text{where } f, g \in \mathcal{E}(U \cap Y).$$

resp.

$$\omega = f dz \text{ on } U \cap Y, \quad \text{where } f \in \mathcal{O}(U \cap Y).$$

Just the restriction on the 1-form since we only need the 1-form with good property.

**Definition 2.9** (The Residue). Suppose  $Y$  is an open subset of the Riemann surface,  $a \in Y$  and  $\omega$  is an 1-form on  $Y \setminus \{a\}$ . Let  $(U, z)$  be a coordinate neighborhood of  $a$  such that  $U \subset Y$  and  $z(a) = 0$ . Then on  $U \setminus \{a\}$  one may write  $\omega = f dz$ . Let:

$$f = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

be the Laurent series expansion about  $a$  with respect to the coordinate  $z$ .

Similar to the complex analysis, we define:

$$c_{-1} = \text{Res}_a(\omega)$$

be the residue of the 1-form  $\omega$  at point  $a$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** *The definition of the residue of an 1-form is independent of the chart  $z$  chosen.*

*Proof.* We use two claims to prove the lemma. Take  $V$  be an open neighborhood of  $a$ .

Claim 1 : If  $g$  is holomorphic on  $V \setminus \{a\}$ , then the residue of  $dg$  at  $a$  equals zero and is thus independent of the choice of chart.

*Proof.* Let  $(U, z)$  be any coordinate neighborhood of  $a$  with  $z(a) = 0$  and suppose  $g$  is holomorphic function on  $V \setminus \{a\}$  with Laurent series expansion:

$$g = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

Then the corresponding differential form  $dg$  is:

$$dg = \left( \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} n c_n z^{n-1} \right) dz$$

So the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  is zero and is independent of the coordinate chosen.  $\square$

Claim 2 : If  $\varphi$  is a holomorphic function on  $V$  which has a zero of first order at  $a$ , then  $\text{Res}_a(\varphi^{-1}d\varphi) = 1$  and is thus independent of the choice of chart.

*Proof.* Let  $(U, z)$  be any coordinate neighborhood of  $a$  with  $z(a) = 0$ . By the description of  $\varphi$ , it can be written as  $\varphi = zh$ , so:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi}{\varphi} &= \frac{dz}{z} + \frac{dh}{h} \\ \text{Res}_a\left(\frac{d\varphi}{\varphi}\right) &= \text{Res}_a\left(\frac{dz}{z}\right) + \text{Res}_a\left(\frac{dh}{h}\right) \end{aligned}$$

For  $\frac{dh}{h}$ , since  $h(a) \neq 0$ , so this form is holomorphic near  $a$ , which makes its residue equal to 0. For  $\frac{dz}{z}$ , by definition, it has residue 1. So:

$$\text{Res}_a\left(\frac{d\varphi}{\varphi}\right) = \text{Res}_a\left(\frac{dz}{z}\right) + \text{Res}_a\left(\frac{dh}{h}\right) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

$\square$

This two claim actually is to give independency with respect to two parts of the Laurent series expansion.

Let  $\omega = f dz$  be the holomorphic 1-form near  $a$ , then we can do a Laurent series expansion for  $f$

$$f = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n z^n = g + c_{-1} z^{-1}, \text{ where } g = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-2} c_n z^n$$

Then:

$$\omega = f dz = (g + c_{-1} z^{-1}) dz = d\tilde{g} + c_{-1} z^{-1} dz$$

Here  $\tilde{g} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-2} \frac{c_n}{n+1} z^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n+1} z^{n+1}$

$\square$

The following is a typical definition of meromorphic stuff.

**Definition 2.11** (Meromorphic Differential Forms). A 1-form  $\omega$  on an open subset  $Y$  of a Riemann surface is said to be a meromorphic differential form on  $Y$  if there is an open subset  $Y' \subset Y$  such that the following hold:

- $\omega$  is a holomorphic 1-form on  $Y'$ .
- $Y \setminus Y'$  consists of only isolated points.

- $\omega$  has a pole at every point  $a \in Y \setminus Y'$

Let  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}(Y)$  denote the set of all meromorphic 1-form on  $Y$ . It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}$  is a sheaf of vector spaces over  $X$ .

The meromorphic 1-forms on  $X$  are also called *abelian differentials*.

Now we give an example for the independence of the residue with respect to the coordinates:

**Example 2.12.** Let  $a = 0$  and consider the meromorphic 1-form on a punctured neighborhood of 0:

$$\omega = \frac{dz}{z}.$$

In the coordinate  $z$ , the Laurent expansion is  $z^{-1} dz$ , so

$$\text{Res}_0(\omega) = 1.$$

Now change coordinate by  $w = 2z$ . Then  $z = w/2$  and  $dz = dw/2$ , hence

$$\omega = \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{dw/2}{w/2} = \frac{dw}{w}.$$

So in the coordinate  $w$ , the coefficient of  $w^{-1} dw$  is still 1, and therefore

$$\text{Res}_0(\omega) = 1.$$

This gives a direct computation showing that the residue does not depend on the chosen chart.

**Theorem 2.13 (The Residue Theorem).** *Suppose  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface and  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are distinct points in  $X$ . Let  $X' := X \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . Then for every holomorphic 1-form  $\omega \in \Omega(X')$ , one has*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res}_{a_k}(\omega) = 0.$$

The proof will be skipped, one can check **Theorem 10.21** on the page of 80 of the book GTM81[1]

Similar to the real case, we define 2-form pointwise first.

$$T_a^{(2)} := \Lambda^2 T_a^{(1)}$$

**Definition 2.14 (2-form).** Suppose  $Y$  is an open subset of a Riemann surface  $X$ . A 2-form on  $Y$  is a map

$$\omega : Y \longrightarrow \bigcup_{a \in Y} T_a^{(2)}$$

such that  $\omega(a) \in T_a^{(2)}$  for every  $a \in Y$ . The form  $\omega$  is called differentiable on  $Y$  if, with respect to every complex chart  $(U, z)$  on  $X$ , it can be written as

$$\omega = f dz \wedge d\bar{z}, \quad f \in \mathcal{E}(U \cap Y).$$

Here,  $\omega = f dz \wedge d\bar{z}$  means

$$\omega(a) = f(a) d_a z \wedge d_a \bar{z}, \quad \forall a \in U \cap Y.$$

Denote by  $\mathcal{E}^{(2)}(Y)$  the vector space of all differentiable 2-forms on  $Y$ .

This is a simple corollary of the fact that the bundle of top-degree forms always has rank 1.

**Definition 2.15** (Exterior Differentiation). This is the same as in the real manifold. But complex chart and holomorphic gives us more. We can define three operators here:  $d, d', d'' : \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(2)}(U)$ . take an 1-form  $\omega = f_1 dz + f_2 d\bar{z}$ , where the  $f_k$  and  $g_k$  are differentiable functions and  $z$  is a local coordinate. Set

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega &:= \sum df_k \wedge dg_k \\ d'\omega &:= \sum d'f_k \wedge dg_k \\ d''\omega &:= \sum d''f_k \wedge dg_k \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.16.**  $Y$  is an open subset of a Riemann surface. Then the following hold:

- (a) Holomorphic 1-form  $\omega \in \Omega(Y)$  is closed.
- (b) Every closed 1-form  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{1,0}(Y)$  is holomorphic.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\omega$  is a differentiable 1-form of type  $(1,0)$ . With respect to a coordinate neighborhood  $(U, z)$  one may write  $\omega = f dz$  for some differentiable function  $f$ . Then

$$d\omega = df \wedge dz = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} d\bar{z} \right) \wedge dz = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} dz \wedge d\bar{z}$$

Thus  $d\omega = 0$  is equivalent to  $(\partial f / \partial \bar{z}) = 0$  and the results follow.  $\square$

### 3 Integration of one-form

We can define the integration of any 1-form along an admissible curve.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is a piece-wise continuously differentiable curve and  $F \in \mathcal{E}(X)$ . Then*

$$\int_c dF = F(c(1)) - F(c(0))$$

*Proof.* Choose a partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = 1$  and charts  $(U_k, z_k)$  as above. On  $U_k$  one has

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_k} dx_k + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_k} dy_k.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c dF &= \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_k}(c(t)) \frac{dx_k(c(t))}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_k}(c(t)) \frac{dy_k(c(t))}{dt} \right) dt \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \left( \frac{d}{dt} F(c(t)) \right) dt \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (F(c(t_k)) - F(c(t_{k-1}))) = F(c(1)) - F(c(0)) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 3.2.** Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$ . A function  $F \in \mathcal{E}(X)$  is called a **primitive** of  $\omega$  if  $dF = \omega$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  is a closed differential form. Then there exist a covering map  $p : \hat{X} \rightarrow X$  with  $\hat{X}$  connected, and a primitive  $F \in \mathcal{E}(\hat{X})$  of the differential form  $p^*\omega$ .*

This is the theorem 10.5 in the textbook page 71[1], we will skip the proof, but use two of its corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface,  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  its universal covering and  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  a closed differential form. Then there exists a primitive  $f \in \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X})$  of  $\pi^*\omega$ .*

**Corollary 3.5.** *On a simply connected Riemann surface  $X$  every closed differential form  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  has a primitive  $F \in \mathcal{E}(X)$ .*

Cause here the universal covering of  $X$  is itself and  $\pi = id$ .

These theorems give us a methodology that is to use the universal covering to deal with the existence of primitives.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is its universal covering. Suppose  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  is a closed differential form and  $F \in \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X})$  is a primitive of  $p^*\omega$ . If  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is a piece-wise continuously differentiable curve and  $\hat{c} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is a lifting of  $c$ , then*

$$\int_c \omega = F(\hat{c}(1)) - F(\hat{c}(0)).$$

*Proof.* For every piece-wise continuously differentiable curve  $v : [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  and every differential form  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  one has

$$\int_v p^* \omega = \int_{p \circ v} \omega$$

This follows directly from the definitions.

### 3.1 Homotopy invariance and periods homomorphism

**Theorem 3.7** (Homotopy invariance). *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  is a closed differential form.*

- (a) *If  $a, b \in X$  are two points and  $u, v : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  are two homotopic curves from  $a$  to  $b$ , then*

$$\int_u \omega = \int_v \omega.$$

- (b) *If  $u, v : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  are two closed curves which are free homotopic, then*

$$\int_u \omega = \int_v \omega.$$

□

*Proof.* (a) Let  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be the universal covering and suppose  $\hat{u}, \hat{v} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  are liftings of  $u$  and  $v$  resp. with the same initial point. By the *homotopy lifting theorem*  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{v}$  also have the same end point. Hence the result follows from Lemma above.

(b) Suppose the curve  $u$  has initial and end point  $x_0$  and the curve  $v$  has initial and end point  $x_1$ . Then there exists a curve  $w$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  such that  $u$  is homotopic to  $w \cdot v \cdot w^{-1}$ , cf. (3.13). Hence by (a) one has

$$\int_u \omega = \int_{w \cdot v \cdot w^{-1}} \omega = \int_w \omega + \int_v \omega - \int_w \omega = \int_v \omega.$$

□

Directly speaking, this is saying that any closed form pullbacked to the universal covering must be exact.

This invariance under even free homotopy gives us a well-definiteness to construct a morphism from  $\pi_1(X)$ .

**Definition 3.8** (Periods). *Suppose  $X$  is a Riemann surface and  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(X)$  is a closed differential form. Then by Theorem (10.10) one can define the integral*

$$a_\sigma := \int_\sigma \omega, \quad \sigma \in \pi_1(X),$$

by choosing any curve representing the homotopy class  $\sigma$  and integrating along that curve. These integrals are called the periods of  $\omega$ . Clearly

$$\int_{\sigma \cdot \tau} \omega = \int_\sigma \omega + \int_\tau \omega \text{ for } \sigma, \tau \in \pi_1(X).$$

Thus one gets a homomorphism  $\pi_1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of the fundamental group of  $X$  into the additive group  $\mathbb{C}$ . This homomorphism is called the period homomorphism associated to the closed differential form  $\omega$ .

**Example 3.9.** Suppose  $X = \mathbb{C}^*$ . By common knowledge,  $\pi_1(\mathbb{C}^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . A generator of  $\pi_1(\mathbb{C}^*)$  is represented by the curve  $u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $u(t) = e^{2\pi it}$ . Let  $\omega := (dz/z)$ , where  $z$  is the canonical coordinate. Then

$$\int_u \omega = \int_u \frac{dz}{z} = 2\pi i$$

Hence the period homomorphism of  $\omega$  is

$$\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad n \mapsto 2\pi in,$$

where we have explicitly realized the isomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_1(\mathbb{C}^*)$  by the correspondence  $n \mapsto \text{cl}(u^n)$ .

**Definition 3.10** (Summands of Automorphy). Let  $G := \text{Deck}(\tilde{X}/X)$  be the deck transformation group, by the previous knowledge, we also know that  $G \cong \pi_1(X)$ .

Let  $\sigma \in G$  and  $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function, then we can define a new function  $\sigma f := f \circ \sigma^{-1}$ .  $\sigma(f + g) = \sigma f + \sigma g$  and  $\sigma(fg) = (\sigma f)(\sigma g)$

This kind of like a group action on the  $\mathcal{E}^1(\tilde{X})$ .

A function  $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called **additively automorphic** with constant summands of automorphy of  $f$ , if:

$$\exists a_\sigma \in \mathbb{C}, \sigma \in G, \text{ s.t. } f - \sigma f = a_\sigma \quad \forall \sigma \in G$$

The constants  $a_\sigma$ , which are uniquely determined by  $f$ , are called the summands of automorphy of  $f$ . Then  $\sigma f - \sigma\tau f = a_\tau$  for any  $\sigma, \tau \in G$ , since  $f - \tau f = a_\tau$ . Thus

$$a_{\sigma\tau} = f - \sigma\tau f = (f - \sigma f) + (\sigma f - \sigma\tau f) = a_\sigma + a_\tau.$$

Hence the correspondence  $\sigma \mapsto a_\sigma$  is a group homomorphism  $\text{Deck}(\tilde{X}/X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

Any function  $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which is invariant under covering transformations, i.e.,  $\sigma f = f$  for every  $\sigma \in G$ , is an example of an additively automorphic function. In particular its summands of automorphy are all zero. For any such function there exists a function  $f_0 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f = p^* f_0$ . If  $f$  is differentiable (resp. holomorphic) then  $f_0$  is differentiable (resp. holomorphic) as well.

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