

This note, that [was found here](#), as a part of [a collection](#) is written (completely with human hands) by [Rupadarshi Ray](#), was created on February 11, 2024 3:25:11 PM, was last modified on May 17, 2026 7:36:52 PM, and was exported on September 7, 2026 3:31:13 PM.

Differential forms relative to a smooth map

Definition. Differential forms relative to a smooth map

Let $f : S \rightarrow M$ be a smooth map between smooth manifolds. Then $(\Omega^\bullet[f], d)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega^\bullet[f] &:= \bigoplus \Omega^k[f] \\ \Omega^k[f] &:= \Omega^k(M) \oplus \Omega^{k-1}(S) \\ d(\omega, \theta) &:= (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta)\end{aligned}$$

is the **cocomplex of differential forms relative to the map f** .

Should we change the definition to $d\theta - f^*\omega$?

- $d^2 = 0$
- Let (ω, θ) be a **form** in $\Omega^k[f]$ then its derivative

$$d(\omega, \theta) := (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta)$$

is a form.

- Let (ω, θ) be a **closed form** in $\Omega^k[f]$

$$d(\omega, \theta) := (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta) = 0$$

which says, ω is a closed form on M which when pulled back to S becomes an exact form $d\theta$ on S .

- Take any closed form ω on M which becomes $d\theta$ when pulled back to S , then that implies $d(\omega, \theta) = 0$.

- we have a cohomology of the cocomplex $H^*(\Omega^*[f])$
- Let $(\alpha, \beta) := d(\omega, \theta) := (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta)$ be an **exact form** in $\Omega^{k+1}[f]$, then $\alpha = d\omega$ is an exact form on M and

$$\beta = f^*\omega - d\theta \implies \beta - f^*\omega = -d\theta$$

so $\beta - f^*\omega$ is an exact form on S . If we pull α ,

$$f^*\alpha = f^*d\omega = df^*\omega = d\beta$$

Hence, α is an exact form on M which pulled onto S becomes $d\beta$.

- Let α is an exact form on M which pulled onto S becomes $d\beta$ which means

$$\alpha = d\omega, f^*\alpha = f^*d\omega = df^*\omega = d\beta$$

then

$$d(\omega, ?) = (\alpha, \beta)$$

On $\Omega^k(M)$	On $\Omega^k[f]$
ω is a closed form on M which when pulled back to S becomes an exact form $d\theta = f^*\omega$ on S	closed form (ω, θ) that is $d(\omega, \theta) := (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta) = 0$
$\alpha = d\omega$ is an exact form on M which pulled onto S becomes $d\beta$	$(\alpha, \beta) = (d\omega, \beta)$ whose derivative is $(0, f^*d\omega - d\beta) = (0, d(f^*\omega - \beta))$
$\alpha = d\omega$ is an exact form on M such that $f^*\omega - \beta = d\theta$ is exact on S	$(\alpha, \beta) = d(\omega, \theta) := (d\omega, f^*\omega - d\theta)$ is an exact form
	$[(\omega, \theta)]$

- we have the short exact sequence in cocomplex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \Omega^{k-1}(S) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \Omega^k[f] & \rightarrow & \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \theta & \mapsto & (0, \theta) & & \\ & & & & (\omega, \theta) & \mapsto & \omega \end{array}$$

which gives a long exact sequence in cohomology

- [Chain complex of differential forms relative to a submanifold](#)

-

Current note has 0 direct children and 0 total descendants.

- structures based on sets
 - manifolds
 - smooth $\mathbb{R}$ -manifold
 - Tangents on a smooth manifold
 - Differential forms on smooth manifolds
 - Three different relative chain complexes of differential forms
 - Differential forms relative to a smooth map

And it has 2 siblings.

- structures based on sets
 - manifolds
 - smooth $\mathbb{R}$ -manifold
 - Tangents on a smooth manifold
 - Differential forms on smooth manifolds
 - Three different relative chain complexes of differential forms
 - Differential forms relative to a smooth map
 - Chain complex of differential forms relative to a submanifold