

## Solution 12

1. Let  $M$  be a compact manifold  $M$  without boundary and consider the map

$$H^1(M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), \mathbb{R}) : [\alpha] \mapsto \left( [\gamma] \mapsto \int_{\gamma} \alpha \right)$$

- a) Show that the map is well-defined.
- b) Show that the map is injective.
- c) \*\* Show that the map is surjective.

**Hint:** Use Exercise 3 on Sheet 10 to prove injectivity of the map. Surjectivity is the hard part and we did not succeed in finding any rigorous solution, which works without assuming some non-trivial facts from algebraic geometry and the de Rham theorem. There is a convincing heuristic which uses the universal cover  $\tilde{M} \rightarrow M$  and  $H^1(\tilde{M}) = 0$  to construct a preimage.

**Solution:**

a) Suppose  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 : S^1 \rightarrow M$  are two smoothly homotopic loops. Then it follows from Theorem 6.3.1 in the lecture notes that there exists a collection of linear maps  $h : H^k(M) \rightarrow H^{k-1}(S^1)$  such that

$$\gamma_1^* - \gamma_0^* : d \circ h + h \circ d : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(S^1).$$

In particular, when  $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$  is closed, it follows

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \alpha - \int_{\gamma_0} \alpha = \int_{S^1} \gamma_1^* \alpha - \gamma_0^* \alpha = \int_{S^1} d(h\alpha) = 0$$

by Stokes theorem. It also follows  $\int_{\gamma} \alpha = 0$  for every exact 1-form by Stokes theorem and hence the map above is well-defined.

b) Suppose  $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$  is closed and  $\int_{\gamma} \alpha = 0$  for all loops  $\gamma : S^1 \rightarrow M$ . Then it follows from Exercise 3 on Sheet 10 that  $\alpha$  is exact. Hence  $[\alpha] = 0 \in H^1(M)$  and this establishes injectivity.

c) Before we proceed to show surjectivity, we recall some facts for the universal cover. Fix a base-point  $p_0 \in M$ . The universal cover can then be defined as

$$\tilde{M} := \{ \beta : [0, 1] \rightarrow M \mid \beta(0) = p_0 \} / \sim$$

where two paths are  $\beta_0 \sim \beta_1$  are equivalent when they are homotopic with fixed end-points. The fundamental group  $\pi_1(M, p_0)$  acts on  $\tilde{M}$  via concatenation

$$\pi_1(M, p_0) \times \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}, \quad ([\gamma], [\beta]) \mapsto [\gamma * \beta]$$

where  $\gamma * \beta$  is the path obtained by first following  $\gamma$  and then  $\beta$ . To obtain a smooth curve, let  $\eta : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a smooth monotone increasing function with  $\eta(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, \epsilon]$  and  $\eta(t) = 1$  for  $t \in [1 - \epsilon, 1]$  and define

$$\gamma * \beta : [0, 1] \rightarrow M, \quad (\gamma * \beta)(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma(\eta(2t)) & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \beta(\eta(2t - 1)) & \text{for } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

Evaluation on the endpoint of a homotopy class of paths  $[\beta]$  yields a projection

$$\pi : \tilde{M} \rightarrow M, \quad \pi([\beta]) = \beta(1).$$

The action of  $\pi_1(M, p_0)$  on  $\tilde{M}$  is a properly discontinuous and free. Hence  $\pi$  is a covering map and yields a diffeomorphism  $\tilde{M}/\pi_1(M, p_0) \cong M$ .

After this preliminary discussion of the universal cover, we can prove surjectivity. Let  $\phi : \pi_1(M, p_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a homomorphism and we have a function  $f : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f([\gamma * x]) = f([x]) + \phi([\gamma]) \quad \text{for all } [\gamma] \in \pi_1(M, p_0) \text{ and } [x] \in \tilde{M}.$$

Now the problem with this solution is, that it is not entirely obvious why such a function  $f$  exists. If it exists then we can construct a preimage as follows. Note that  $df \in \Omega^1(\tilde{M})$  is invariant under the action of  $\pi_1(M, p_0)$  and hence there exists  $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$  such that  $df = \pi^*\alpha$ . Since  $\pi$  is a local diffeomorphism and  $d(\pi^*\alpha) = ddf = 0$ , we also have  $d\alpha = 0$ . Finally, any loop  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(M, p_0)$  based at  $p_0$  lifts to a path  $\tilde{\gamma} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  with  $[\tilde{\gamma}(1)] = [\gamma * \tilde{\gamma}(0)]$  and therefore

$$\int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \alpha = \int_{\tilde{\gamma}} \pi^*\alpha = f([\tilde{\gamma}(1)]) - f([\tilde{\gamma}(0)]) = f([\gamma * \tilde{\gamma}(0)]) - f([\tilde{\gamma}(0)]) = \phi([\gamma]).$$

Hence  $[\alpha] \in H^1(M)$  is a preimage of  $\phi$  and this completes the proof of surjectivity.

2. Let  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  be smooth, closed and oriented  $m$ -manifolds. Let

$$\iota_0 : D^m \rightarrow M_0, \quad \iota_1 : D^m \rightarrow M_1$$

be two embeddings of the unit ball  $D^m \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $\iota_0$  is orientation preserving and  $\iota_1$  is orientation reversing. The connected sum  $M_0 \# M_1$  is defined as

$$M_0 \# M_1 := ((M_0 \setminus \{\iota_0(0)\}) \dot{\cup} (M_1 \setminus \{\iota_1(0)\})) / \sim$$

where  $\dot{\cup}$  denotes the disjoint union and  $\iota_0(tx) \sim \iota_1((1-t)x)$  for  $x \in S^{m-1}$  and  $0 < t < 1$ .

- a) Let  $M$  be a smooth closed and oriented  $m$ -manifold and let  $p \in M$ . Compute the de Rham cohomology of  $M \setminus \{p\}$  using the Mayer–Vietoris sequence
- b) Compute the de Rham cohomology  $H^k(M_0 \# M_1)$  using the Mayer–Vietoris sequence.
- c) Calculate the de Rham cohomology of the connected sum  $\Sigma_\ell := T^2 \# \dots \# T^2$  of  $\ell \geq 2$  copies of the two torus.

**Solution:**

- a) We show that

$$H^k(M \setminus \{p\}) \cong \begin{cases} H^k(M) & k \neq m \\ 0 & k = m \end{cases}$$

Let  $p \in U \subset M$  be a contractible open neighborhood and let  $V = M \setminus \{p\}$ . We take a look at the start of the Mayer–Vietoris sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(M) \rightarrow H^0(U) \oplus H^0(V) \rightarrow H^0(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^1(M) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since  $M, U, V, U \cap V$  are all connected, their 0-th cohomology groups are all isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ . It then follows from counting dimensions that the map  $H^0(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^1(M)$  is zero. The sequences then continues as

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(M) \rightarrow H^1(U) \oplus H^1(V) \rightarrow H^1(U \cap V).$$

and

$$H^{k-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \rightarrow H^k(U \cap V).$$

Since  $U$  is contractible, we have  $H^k(U) = 0$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . Moreover,  $U \cap V$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^{m-1}$  and we thus have  $H^k(U \cap V) = 0$  for  $2 \leq k \leq m-2$ . It thus follows from the sequence above that  $H^k(M) \cong H^k(V) = H^k(M \setminus \{p\})$  for  $0 \leq k \leq m-2$ .

For  $k = m$ , we have by Poincaré duality  $H^m(M \setminus \{p\}) \cong H_c^0(M \setminus \{p\}) = 0$ , where the last equality follows from the fact that  $M \setminus \{p\}$  is not compact.

For  $k = m-1$  we then have

$$0 \rightarrow H^{m-1}(M) \rightarrow H^{m-1}(U) \oplus H^{m-1}(V) \rightarrow H^{m-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^m(M) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^{m-1}(U \cap V) \cong \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H^m(M) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , and  $H^{m-1}(V) = 0$ , it follows  $H^{m-1}(M) \cong H^{m-1}(V)$  and this completes the proof.

b) We show that

$$H^k(M_0 \# M_1) \cong \begin{cases} H^k(M_0) \oplus H^k(M_1) & 1 \leq k \leq m-1 \\ \mathbb{R} & k = 0 \text{ or } k = m \end{cases}$$

Since  $M_0 \# M_1$  is again an orientable closed  $m$ -manifold, we know that  $H^m(M_0 \# M_1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ . For the other groups we apply the Mayer–Vietoris sequence for  $U := M_0 \setminus \{\iota_0(0)\}$  and  $V = M_1 \setminus \{\iota_1(0)\}$ , which we identify with open subsets in the connected sum. By part (a) follows

$$H^k(U) \cong \begin{cases} H^k(M_0) & k \neq m \\ 0 & k = m \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad H^k(V) \cong \begin{cases} H^k(M_1) & k \neq m \\ 0 & k = m \end{cases}$$

The intersection  $U \cap V$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^{m-1}$  and thus  $H^k(U \cap V) = 0$  for  $1 \leq k \leq m-2$  and  $H^k(U \cap V) \cong \mathbb{R}$  for  $k = 0$  or  $k = m-1$ .

As in part (a), we see that in the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow H^0(U) \oplus H^0(V) \rightarrow H^0(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^1(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow \cdots$$

the final map  $H^0(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^1(M_0 \# M_1)$  is zero, since all 0-th cohomology groups in this sequence are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The sequence then continues as

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow H^1(U) \oplus H^1(V) \rightarrow H^1(U \cap V).$$

and

$$H^{k-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^k(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \rightarrow H^k(U \cap V).$$

This yields

$$H^k(M_0 \# M_1) \cong H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \cong H^k(M_0) \oplus H^k(M_1) \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, k-2.$$

Finally, the end of the sequences yields

$$0 \rightarrow H^{m-1}(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow H^{m-1}(U) \oplus H^{m-1}(V) \rightarrow H^{m-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow H^m(M_0 \# M_1) \rightarrow 0$$

since  $H^m(U) = \mathbb{R}$  and  $H^m(V) = 0$ . Since  $H^{m-1}(U \cap V) \cong \mathbb{R}$  and  $H^m(M_0 \# M_1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , we thus conclude

$$H^{m-1}(M_0 \# M_1) \cong H^{m-1}(U) \oplus H^{m-1}(V) \cong H^{m-1}(M_0) \oplus H^{m-1}(M_1).$$

c) The de Rham cohomology of the torus is

$$H^k(T^2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & k = 0 \\ \mathbb{R}^2 & k = 1 \\ \mathbb{R} & k = 2 \end{cases}$$

It then follows from part (b) for the  $\ell$ -fold direct sum

$$H^k(\Sigma_\ell) = H^k(T^2 \# \dots \# T^2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & \ell = 0 \\ \mathbb{R}^{2\ell} & k = 1 \\ \mathbb{R} & k = 2 \end{cases}$$

3. a) Specify a basis of  $H^1(T^2)$  and compute the Poincaré pairing on this basis.  
 b) Prove that both  $\dim H^1(\Sigma)$  and the Euler characteristic  $\chi(\Sigma)$  is even for every oriented, compact 2-manifold  $\Sigma$  without boundary, a so-called Riemann surface.  
 c) We call  $g := \frac{1}{2} \dim H^1(\Sigma)$  the genus of a Riemann surface  $\Sigma$ . Give an example of a Riemann surface  $\Sigma_g$  for every  $g \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Hint:** For b), use Poincaré duality and the expression of the Euler characteristic in terms of Betti numbers.

**Note:** The classification of Riemann surfaces proves that all Riemann surfaces of the same genus are diffeomorphic.

**Solution:**

- a) Let  $\theta \in \Omega^1(S^1)$  be a volume form be the standard angular volume form on  $S^1$  with  $\int_{S^1} \theta = 2\pi$ . Denote by  $\pi_1, \pi_2 : T^2 = S^1 \times S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  the projection onto the first and onto the second coordinate. Then  $\theta_1 := \pi_1^* \theta$  and  $\theta_2 := \pi_2^* \theta$  are closed 1-forms on  $T^2$  and  $\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 \in \Omega^2(T^2)$  is a volume form. Since  $H^1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ , it then follows that  $[\theta_1], [\theta_2] \in H^1(T^2)$  is a basis. This satisfies

$$([\theta_i], [\theta_j]) = \int_{T^2} \theta_i \wedge \theta_j = \begin{cases} 0 & i = j \\ 4\pi & (i, j) = (1, 2) \\ -4\pi & (i, j) = (2, 1) \end{cases}.$$

- b) Since  $\Sigma$  is closed, connected and oriented, we have  $H^0(\Sigma) \cong \mathbb{R}$  and  $H^2(\Sigma) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , and hence

$$\chi(\Sigma) = 2 - \dim(H^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{R})) \leq 2.$$

Hence it remains to show that  $\dim(H^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{R}))$  is even. By Poincaré duality, it follows that the pairing

$$H^1(\Sigma) \times H^1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad ([\alpha], [\beta]) := \int_{\Sigma} \alpha \wedge \beta$$

is a nondegenerated, skew-symmetric bilinear form on  $H^1(\Sigma)$ . By the classification of skew-symmetric bilinear forms, there exists a basis of  $H^1(\Sigma)$  such that the pairing

above is represented by a block-diagonal matrix with blocks  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and 0. The form is non-degenerated, when the normal form consists only of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  blocks. In particular,  $H^1(\Sigma)$  must be even dimensional.

- c) For  $g = 0$ , one can take the sphere  $S^2$  with  $H^1(S^2) = 0$ . For  $g = 1$ , one can take the torus  $T^2$  with  $H^1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ . For  $g \geq 2$ , one can take  $\Sigma_g = T^2 \# \dots \# T^2$  to be the  $g$ -fold connected sum of  $T^2$ . It follows from exercise 2 that  $H^1(\Sigma_g) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2g}$ .
4. a) Give an example of a smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  between manifolds without boundary and a compactly supported form  $\omega \in \Omega_c^k(N)$  such that  $f^*\omega$  is not compactly supported.
- b) Let  $M$  be the open Möbius strip. Compute the de-Rham cohomology groups – the compactly supported and also the full one.
- c) Give a counter-example to Poincaré duality in the non-oriented case.

**Solution:**

- a) Take  $M = N = \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : t \rightarrow \tanh(t)$ . Take a non-zero compactly supported function  $g$  with support  $[-1, 1]$ . Then  $g \in \Omega^0(N)$  is compactly supported, but  $f^*g$  has support equal to  $M = \mathbb{R}$  which is not compact.
- b) We recall that  $M$  can be defined as

$$M := \{(e^{it}, re^{it/2}) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : t \in \mathbb{R}, r \in (-1, 1)\}.$$

and that  $\pi : M \rightarrow S^1 : (z_1, z_2) \mapsto z_1$  is a submersion. We claim that  $\pi$  is also a homotopy equivalence. Let  $\sigma : S^1 \rightarrow M$  be the zero section. Then  $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}_{S^1}$  and  $\sigma \circ \pi(z_1, z_2) = (z_1, 0)$ . This last map is homotopic to the identity. Indeed, take the homotopy  $H : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow M : ((z_1, z_2), t) \mapsto (z_1, tz_2)$ . So  $M$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^1$ , and therefore

$$H^i(M) = H^i(S^1) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & , \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \\ 0 & , \text{ else.} \end{cases}$$

This trick does not work for compactly supported cohomology since we lose the functoriality. We start by seeing that since  $M$  is connected and open, there are no locally constant, compactly supported functions and so  $H_c^0(M) = 0$ . To calculate  $H_c^1(M)$ , we use Mayer-Vietoris with  $D^2 \cup M = \mathbb{R}P^2$ . This can be seen by taking the universal cover  $f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2$  and looking at

$$U = f(\{p = (x_0, x_1, x_2) \in S^2 : x_2 > 0\}) \cong D^2 \text{ and } V = f(\{p \in S^2 : -1 < x_2 < 1\}) \cong M.$$

Also  $U \cap V \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Thus the Mayer-Vietoris sequence for compactly supported cohomology gives an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_c^0(M) \oplus H_c^0(D^2) \rightarrow H_c^0(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow H_c^1(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_c^1(M) \oplus H_c^1(D^2) \rightarrow H_c^1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \dots$$

This reads

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \oplus 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow H_c^1(M) \oplus 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

where we used  $H_c^1(\mathbb{R}P^2) = 0$ ,  $H_c^0(\mathbb{R}P^2) = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_c^1(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}) = H_c^0(S^1) = \mathbb{R}$  by Künneth,  $H_c^0(D^2) = 0$ , and  $H_c^1(D^2) = 0$  by Poincaré duality. So  $H_c^1(M) = 0$ . Since every top form on a non-orientable manifold is exact, we have  $H_c^2(M) = 0$ .

- c) We take the Möbius strip  $M$  and see that since  $H_c^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , the pairing cannot be non-degenerate since  $H^1(M) = \mathbb{R}$ .

5. [Poincaré lemma] Find an explicit formula for an operator

$$h : \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

that satisfies  $d \circ h + h \circ d = \text{Id}$ .

**Hint:** Look carefully at the proof of Theorem 1 in Chapter XI. Use the homotopy  $f_t(x) = tx$  and Cartan's formula.

**Solution:** We take  $f_t(x) = tx$  on  $M = \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then we have for  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  that

$$\omega = f_1^* \omega = f_1^* \omega - f_0^* \omega = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} (f_t^* \omega) dt = \int_0^1 f_t^* (\mathcal{L}_{X_t} \omega) dt = \int_0^1 f_t^* (\iota(X_t) d\omega + d(\iota(X_t) \omega)), \tag{1}$$

where we used Exercise 2 b) of Sheet 9 and Cartan's formula with

$$X_t(x) = \frac{d}{dt} f_t(x) = x.$$

So take

$$h : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M) : \omega \rightarrow \int_0^1 f_t^* (\iota(X_t) \omega) dt.$$

Then equation (1) reads for  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  that

$$\omega = dh(\omega) + h(d\omega).$$

In explicit terms, we can thus calculate

$$h(\omega)_x(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) = \int_0^1 (f_t^* (\iota(X_t) \omega))_x(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) dt = \int_0^1 \omega_{tx}(x, tv_1, \dots, tv_{k-1}) dt.$$

6. Let  $M$  be a compact manifold without boundary and  $U \subset M$  be an open set. Assume that  $f : M \rightarrow M$  has  $f(M) \subset U$ . Prove that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\text{tr}(f^* : H^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(M)) = \text{tr}((f|_U)^* : H^k(U) \rightarrow H^k(U)).$$

**Hint:** We use the Mayer-Vietoris sequence with  $U$  and  $V = M \setminus f(M)$ . Complete the following diagram such that the resulting diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & H^{k-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{d^*} & H^k(M) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) & \xrightarrow{j^*} & H^k(U \cap V) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow \text{---} & & \downarrow f^* & & \downarrow \text{---} & & \downarrow \text{---} & & \\ \dots & \longrightarrow & H^{k-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{d^*} & H^k(M) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) & \xrightarrow{j^*} & H^k(U \cap V) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

**Solution:** The completed diagram is the following.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & H^{k-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{d^*} & H^k(M) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) & \xrightarrow{j^*} & H^k(U \cap V) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow f^* & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} (f|_U)^* & 0 \\ (f|_V)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow 0 & & \\ \dots & \longrightarrow & H^{k-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{d^*} & H^k(M) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) & \xrightarrow{j^*} & H^k(U \cap V) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

We need to prove that this diagram commutes.

For the first square, let  $\rho_U, \rho_V$  be a partition of unity. We need to prove that  $f^*(d^*\omega)$  is exact for all closed  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U \cap V)$ . We note that  $f(M) \cap V = \emptyset$  by definition and that  $d^*\omega$  is supported in  $U \cap V$ , so  $f^*d^*\omega = f^*(d\rho_U \wedge \omega) = 0$ .

For the second square, we note that from  $f(M) \subset U$ , we get that  $(f^*\omega)|_U = (f|_U)^*\omega|_U$  and  $(f^*\omega)|_V = (f|_V)^*\omega|_U$ .

For the third square, we note that for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ ,

$$((f|_V)^*\omega)|_{U \cap V} = (f^*\omega)|_{U \cap V} = ((f|_U)^*\omega)|_{U \cap V}.$$

For the statement about the traces decompose

$$H^k(M) = B_0 \oplus B_1, \quad H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) = C_0 \oplus C_1$$

where  $B_0 = \text{im}(d^*) = \ker(i^*)$  and  $C_0 = \text{im}(i^*) = \ker(j^*)$ . By commutativity of the diagram, we have  $f^*([\omega]) = 0$  for  $[\omega] \in B_0$  and hence

$$\text{tr}(f^* : H^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(M)) = \text{tr}(f^* : H^k(M)/B_0 \rightarrow H^k(M)/B_0).$$

Similarly, we have by commutativity of the diagram that  $j^*((f|_U)^*[\omega_U], (f|_V)^*[\omega_U]) = 0$ . Hence  $((f|_U)^*[\omega_U], (f|_V)^*[\omega_U]) \in C_0$  and therefore

$$\text{tr}(\alpha : H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \rightarrow H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V)) = \text{tr}(\alpha|_{C_0} : C_0 \rightarrow C_0),$$

where

$$\alpha : H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \rightarrow H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) : (\omega, \tau) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (f|_U)^* & 0 \\ (f|_V)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

is the map in the diagram. Since  $i^* : H^k(M)/B_0 \rightarrow C_0$  induces an isomorphism, we then conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(f^* : H^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(M)) &= \text{tr}(f^* : H^k(M)/B_0 \rightarrow H^k(M)/B_0) \\ &= \text{tr}(\alpha|_{C_0} : C_0 \rightarrow C_0) \\ &= \text{tr}(\alpha : H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V) \rightarrow H^k(U) \oplus H^k(V)) \\ &= \text{tr}((f|_U)^* : H^k(U) \rightarrow H^k(U)). \end{aligned}$$