

1.1. Differential forms.

a) Show that a closed n -form ω on the unit sphere $S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is exact if and only if $\int_{S^n} \omega = 0$.

b) Prove that a compactly supported n -form ω on \mathbb{R}^n is the exterior derivative of a compactly supported $(n-1)$ -form on \mathbb{R}^n if and only if $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \omega = 0$.

Hint: Use stereographic projection to carry ω to a form ω' on S^n . By part a), $\omega' = d\nu$. Now $d\nu$ is 0 in a contractible neighborhood U of the north pole N . Use this to find an $n-2$ form μ on S^n such that $\nu = d\mu$ near N . Then $\nu - d\mu$ is zero near N , so it pulls back to a compactly supported form on \mathbb{R}^n .

1.2. De Rham cohomology of T^2 . Determine the De Rham cohomology of the torus T^2 .

1.3. Tensor fields. Let T be a $(1, 2)$ -tensor field on M^m . Let (φ, U) and (ψ, U) be two charts on M . Show that the component ${}^\psi T_{ab}^c$ of T with respect to ψ depends on the components ${}^\varphi T_{ij}^k$ of T with respect to φ by the following relation:

$${}^\psi T_{ab}^c = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^m \frac{\partial \psi^c}{\partial \varphi^k} \frac{\partial \varphi^i}{\partial \psi^a} \frac{\partial \varphi^j}{\partial \psi^b} {}^\varphi T_{ij}^k.$$