

To prove the Weitzenböck formula, we shall let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vector field frame dual to $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$, and $v_{\bar{i}} = \bar{v}_i$.

For a function f , $\bar{\partial} f = \sum_i (\bar{v}_i \cdot f) \bar{\varphi}_i$.

Since $v_i = \sum \alpha_a \frac{\partial}{\partial x_a}$ (\because it is dual to φ_i).

and for a tensor $\tau = \{\tau_I\}$ the components of the $\bar{\partial}$ -covariant differential $\bar{\nabla} \tau$ are given by

$$(\bar{\nabla} \tau)_I = \bar{\partial} \tau_I + A^\circ(\tau)_I.$$

⌈ $\bar{\partial}$ -covariant differential, $\bar{\nabla}$ means ∇'' , see P 73

$$\tau = \tau_I \tilde{\varphi}_I$$

$$\nabla \tau = d\tau_I \otimes \tilde{\varphi}_I + \tau_I \nabla \tilde{\varphi}_I = \bar{\partial} \tau_I \otimes \tilde{\varphi}_I + \partial \tau_I \otimes \tilde{\varphi}_I + A^\circ(\tau)_I \tilde{\varphi}_I$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\partial} \tau_I + A^\circ(\tau)_I = (\nabla'' \tau)_I. \quad \rfloor$$

It is convenient to use the symbol " \equiv " to denote "modulo lower-order terms," so that, e.g.,

$$(\bar{\nabla} \tau)_I \equiv \bar{\partial} \tau_I.$$

We set $\Phi' = \varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n$.

It will suffice to prove (W) when $\psi = f \varphi_I \wedge \bar{\varphi}_J$ (no summation). Since the dz 's act as, so to speak, vector bundle indices, we will assume $p=0$. Finally, by the symmetry we may take $J = (1, 2, 3, \dots, q)$ so that

$$\psi = f \bar{\varphi}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{\varphi}_q.$$