

-ned by the points p_i . Thus

$$C_q(\mathbb{P}^n) = \binom{n+1}{q} \cdot \omega^q,$$

as we computed before.

As an immediate application, we can add one more identity to those previously mentioned. If $E \rightarrow M$ is a complex vector bundle of rank k , then the first Chern class $c_1(E)$ is dual to the cycle $D_k \subset X$ given as the locus where k generic sections $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k$ of E are linearly dependent. But the k sections σ_i of E together give one section

$$\sigma = \sigma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_k$$

of the line bundle $\Lambda^k E \rightarrow M$, and the degeneracy set D_1 of σ is equal to D_k . Checking that the orientations are in fact the same, we have

$$c_1(\Lambda^k E) = c_1(E).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \Lambda^k E & H_{DR}^2(M) \longleftrightarrow H(M) \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & M & c_1(\Lambda^k E) \longleftrightarrow D_{1-1+1} = D_1 = \{x \in M; \sigma(x) = 0\} \\ & & \{x \in M; \sigma_1(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_k(x) = 0\} = D_k \end{array}$$

The orientation on D_k is given as follows: For $x \in D_k - D_{k+1}$,

$$\sigma_1 = e_1, \dots, \sigma_{k-1} = e_{k-1}, e_k.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_k = f_1 e_1 + \dots + f_{k-1} e_{k-1} + f_k e_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} df_k \wedge d\bar{f}_k \right) \text{ is the given orientation on } M.$$

Consider $\sigma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_{k-1} \wedge e_k$ which is a local frame for $\Lambda^k E$. $\Rightarrow \sigma = f_k \sigma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_{k-1} \wedge e_k$