

$$= (-1)^{n-k} \times \det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} \sigma \\ \tau \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} I \\ \vdots \\ I \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} I \\ \vdots \\ I \end{matrix} \end{array} \right) = (-1)^{n-k} \cdot \det \left(\begin{matrix} \sigma \\ \tau \end{matrix} \right) \cdot \det I$$

$$= (-1)^{n-k} \det \left(\begin{matrix} \sigma \\ \tau \end{matrix} \right) \Rightarrow \bar{I}_{(p,p)}(\sigma \times \tau, \Delta) \\ = (-1)^{n-k} \bar{I}_p(\sigma \cdot \tau) \quad \square$$

From P65, thus wedge product of forms corresponds, via the deRham isomorphism, to cup product of cocycles.

As an example, let us compute the homology algebra of \mathbb{P}^n . To do this, denote by $X = (X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n)$ Euclidean coordinate on \mathbb{C}^{n+1} , and $0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_n \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ the flag in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} given by

$$V_i = (X_0 = \dots = X_{i+1} = 0)$$

let $\mathbb{P}^k \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ be the image of V_{n-k} . As we have seen, the complement $\mathbb{P}^n - \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ of the hyperplane \mathbb{P}^{n-1} in \mathbb{P}^n is \mathbb{C}^n with Euclidean coordinates $X_0/X_n, \dots, X_{n-1}/X_n$; similarly, the complement of \mathbb{P}^{k-1} in \mathbb{P}^k is \mathbb{C}^k with coordinates $X_0/X_k, X_1/X_k, \dots, X_{k-1}/X_k$.

We have therefore a cell-decomposition of \mathbb{P}^n ,

$$\mathbb{P}^n = (\mathbb{P}^n - \mathbb{P}^{n-1}) \cup (\mathbb{P}^{n-1} - \mathbb{P}^{n-2}) \cup \dots \cup (\mathbb{P}^1 - \mathbb{P}^0) \cup \mathbb{P}^0.$$

as a union of $2k$ -cells $\mathbb{P}^k - \mathbb{P}^{k-1} \cong \mathbb{C}^k$, one for each $k=0, \dots, n$, generalizing the familiar picture of the Riemann sphere. Since there are cells only