

Note that we can identify the Poincaré dual of the pull-back map on cohomology.

Explicitly, if $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a C^∞ map of manifolds nonsingular over the cycle $A \subset N$, (f is transverse ^(to) over A) then with the proper orientation the cycle $f^{-1}(A)$ is Poincaré dual to the pull-back via f of the Poincaré dual of A .

This is not hard to see: if $B \subset M$ any cycle on M meeting $f^{-1}(A)$ transversely, then $f(B)$ will meet A transversely at $f(B \cap f^{-1}(A))$.

If φ is a closed form on N Poincaré dual to A , then

$$\int_B f^* \varphi = \int_{f(B)} \varphi = \#(A \cdot f(B)) = \#(f^{-1}(A) \cdot B)$$

so $f^{-1}(A)$ is Poincaré dual to $f^* \varphi$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \\ \cup & & \cup \\ f^{-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

If B intersects with $f^{-1}(A)$ transversely, let $p \in B \cap f^{-1}(A)$
 $\Rightarrow T_p(B) + T_p(f^{-1}(A)) = T_p M$.

$$f(B) \cap A \ni q.$$

Question: $T_q(f(B)) + T_q A = T_q N$?

$f(p) = q, \Rightarrow f$ is transverse to $A \Leftrightarrow$

$$f_*(T_p M) + T_q A = T_q N.$$

since $T_p M = T_p(B) + T_p(f^{-1}(A))$ and