

this is equivalent to the assertion that for any k -cycle A on M , there exists a closed $(n-k)$ -form φ s.t

for any $(n-k)$ cycle B on M ,

$$\int_B \varphi = \#(A \cdot B).$$

Let φ, ψ closed forms on the oriented manifold M .

Then $\varphi \wedge \psi$ is closed and by virtue of the relation

$$\varphi \wedge (\psi + d\eta) = \varphi \wedge \psi + (-1)^{\deg \varphi} d(\varphi \wedge \eta)$$

we see that the de Rham class of $\varphi \wedge \psi$ depends only on the de Rham classes of φ and ψ .

\Rightarrow We have bilinear maps $H_{DR}^k(M) \otimes H_{DR}^{k'}(M) \longrightarrow H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M)$

and in particular a pairing

$$H_{DR}^k(M) \otimes H_{DR}^{n-k}(M) \longrightarrow H_{DR}^n(M) \cong \mathbb{C}$$

We will now relate this pairing in de Rham cohomology to the intersection of cycles via Poincaré duality; to do this we must first establish the Künneth formula.

Suppose $M = \{\sigma_\alpha^k\}_{\alpha, k}$ and $N = \{\sigma'_\alpha^{k'}\}_{\alpha, k'}$ are two simplicial complexes. See P282 Th 23.16
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The products $\sigma_\alpha^k \times \sigma'_\beta^{l'}$ give a cell-decomposition of the product space $M \times N$, with boundary operator

$$\partial(\sigma_\alpha^k \times \sigma'_\beta^{l'}) = \partial\sigma_\alpha^k \times \sigma'_\beta^{l'} + (-1)^k \sigma_\alpha^k \times \partial\sigma'_\beta^{l'}.$$