

~~on~~ on  $M$  is exact; in other words, the sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^0 \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{Z}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^p \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^p \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^{p+1} \rightarrow 0$$

are all exact. We have seen that

$$H^q(M, \mathcal{Q}^p) = 0 \quad \text{for } q > 0 \text{ and all } p. \text{ (see P42).}$$

By the exact cohomology sequences associated to the short exact sheaf sequences above,

$$\begin{aligned} H^p(M, \mathbb{R}) &\cong H^{p-1}(M, \mathcal{Z}^1) \quad (H^{p-1}(M, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^{p-1}(M, \mathcal{Q}^0) \rightarrow \\ &\cong H^{p-2}(M, \mathcal{Z}^2) \cong H^{p-3}(M, \mathcal{Z}^3) \quad H^{p-1}(M, \mathcal{Z}^1) \rightarrow H^{p-1}(M, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^p(M, \mathcal{Q}^1) \\ &\cong \dots \cong H^1(M, \mathcal{Z}^{p-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow H^0(M, \mathcal{Z}^{p-1}) \rightarrow H^0(M, \mathcal{Q}^{p-1}) \xrightarrow{d^*} H^0(M, \mathcal{Z}^p) \xrightarrow{\delta^*} H^1(M, \mathcal{Z}^p) \downarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow H^1(M, \mathcal{Z}^{p-1}) \cong \frac{H^0(M, \mathcal{Z}^p)}{d^*(H^0(M, \mathcal{Q}^{p-1}))} = \frac{\mathcal{Z}^p(M)}{d^*(\mathcal{Q}^{p-1}(M))}$$

$$= \frac{\mathcal{Z}^p(M)}{d \mathcal{A}^{p-1}(M)} = H_{DR}^p(M).$$

Note that the de Rham isomorphism is functorial: if  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is a differentiable map of  $C^\infty$  manifolds,  $\varphi$  closed  $p$ -form on  $N$  representing  $[\varphi] \in H_{sing}^p(N, \mathbb{R})$ , under the de Rham map, and

$\sigma = \sum a_i f_i$  a piecewise smooth  $p$ -cycle on  $M$ ,