

s.t. for any closed $(n-k)$ -form ψ ,

$$\int_M \varphi \wedge \psi = \int_A \psi.$$

A note: The ordinary cup product $\alpha \cup \beta$ of two cohomology classes $\alpha \in H^k(M, \mathbb{Q})$ and $\beta \in H^{k'}(M, \mathbb{Q})$ may be defined as the pull back

$\alpha \cup \beta = \Delta^*(\alpha \otimes \beta)$ via the diagonal map $\Delta: M \rightarrow M \times M$ of the class $\alpha \otimes \beta$ on $M \times M$ defined by $\alpha \otimes \beta(\sigma \times \tau) = \alpha(\sigma) \cdot \beta(\tau)$ for all cycles σ, τ on M .

With this definition, it is clear that if φ and ψ are closed forms on M representing α and β , the form $\pi_1^* \varphi \wedge \pi_2^* \psi$ on $M \times M$ represents $\alpha \otimes \beta$;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M \times M, \mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow H^{k+k'}(M \times M, \mathbb{Q}) \ni \alpha \otimes \beta \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \pi_1^* \varphi \wedge \pi_2^* \psi & \end{array}$$

$$\int_{\mu \times \nu} \pi_1^* \varphi \wedge \pi_2^* \psi = \int_{\mu} \varphi \cdot \int_{\nu} \psi = \alpha(\mu) \cdot \beta(\nu)$$

$$\int_{\mu} \varphi = \alpha(\mu) \quad \int_{\nu} \psi = \beta(\nu) \quad \text{by definition of de Rham Isomorphism. } \downarrow$$

Hence $\varphi \wedge \psi$ represents the class $\alpha \cup \beta$,

$$\pi_1^* \varphi \wedge \pi_2^* \psi \in H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M \times M, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M, \mathbb{Q}) \ni \varphi \wedge \psi$$

by functoriality of the de Rham Isomorphism. P45

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi \wedge \psi \in H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M, \mathbb{Q}) & \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} & H^{k+k'}(M, \mathbb{Q}) \\ \uparrow & \Delta^* & \uparrow \\ \pi_1^* \varphi \wedge \pi_2^* \psi \in H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M \times M, \mathbb{Q}) & \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} & H_{DR}^{k+k'}(M \times M, \mathbb{Q}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \alpha \otimes \beta & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \alpha \cup \beta \Rightarrow \text{P67} \end{array}$$