

MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS 2
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5. EXTERIOR ALGEBRA

- 5.1. Motivation - volumes of parallelepipeds
- 5.2. p -forms and exterior product
- 5.3. Exterior algebra ΛL^*
- 5.4. Interior product i_v
- 5.5. Orientation in L
- 5.6. Determinant and generalized Kronecker symbols
- 5.7. The metric volume form
- 5.8. Hodge (duality) operator $*$

6. DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS OF FORMS

- 6.1. Forms on a manifold
- 6.2. Exterior derivative
- 6.3. Orientability, Hodge operator and volume form on M

7. INTEGRAL CALCULUS OF FORMS

- 7.1. Quantities under the integral sign regarded as differential forms
- 7.2. Euclidean simplices and chains
- 7.3. Simplices and chains on a manifold
- 7.4. Integral of a form over a chain on a manifold
- 7.5. Stokes' theorem
- 7.6. Integral over a domain on an orientable manifold
- 7.7. Integral over a domain on an orientable Riemannian manifold
- 7.8. Integral and maps of manifolds

8. PARTICULAR CASES AND APPLICATIONS OF STOKES' THEOREM

- 8.1. Elementary situations
- 8.2. Divergence of a vector field and Gauss' theorem
- 8.3. Codifferential and Laplace-deRham operator
- 8.4. Green identities
- 8.5. Vector analysis in E^3
- 8.6. Functions of complex variables

9. POINCARÉ LEMMA AND COHOMOLOGIES

- 9.1. Simple examples of closed non-exact forms
- 9.2. Construction of a potential on contractible manifolds
- 9.3. Cohomologies and deRham complex

14. HAMILTONIAN MECHANICS AND SYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS

- 14.1. Poisson and symplectic structure on a manifold
- 14.2. Darboux theorem, canonical transformations and symplectomorphisms
- 14.3. Poincaré-Cartan integral invariants and Liouville's theorem

15. PARALLEL TRANSPORT AND LINEAR CONNECTION ON M

- 15.1. Acceleration and parallel transport
- 15.2. Parallel transport and covariant derivative
- 15.3. Compatibility with metric, RLC connection
- 15.4. Geodesics

- 15.5. The curvature tensor
- 15.6. Connection forms and Cartan structure equations

16. FIELD THEORY AND THE LANGUAGE OF FORMS

- 16.1. Differential forms in the Minkowski space $E^{1,3}$
- 16.2. Maxwell equations in terms of differential forms
- 16.3. Gauge transformations, action integral

11. DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY ON LIE GROUPS

- 11.1. Left-invariant tensor fields on a Lie group
- 11.2. Lie algebra $\mathcal{G}$ of a group G
- 11.3. Invariant integral on G

(Numbering of sections follows the textbook 4,5.)

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