

$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   $\omega$   $k$ -form on  $U$

$$\omega = \sum f_I dx_I \quad I = (i_1, \dots, i_k) \quad 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$$

$$dx_I = dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}$$

$f_I : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth function.

Wedge product

$$(f_I dx_I) \wedge (g_J dx_J) = f_I g_J dx_I \wedge dx_J$$

and for general forms we extend this definition linearly.

If  $\omega$  is a  $k$ -form and  $\nu$  is an  $l$ -form then  $\omega \wedge \nu = (-1)^{kl} \nu \wedge \omega$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & (dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}) \wedge (dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l}) \\ &= \underbrace{(-1)^k \dots (-1)^k}_l dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \end{aligned}$$

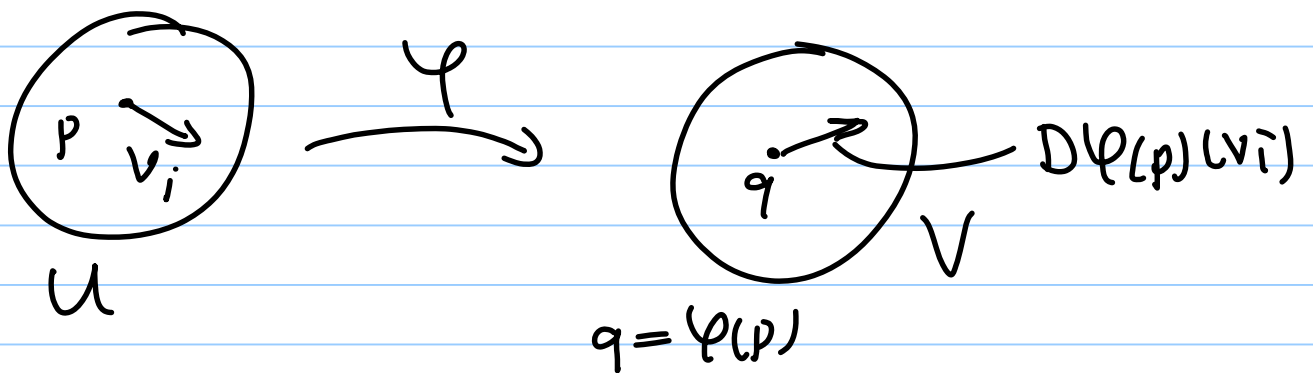
Exterior Derivation

$$f_I dx_I \text{ } k\text{-form, } d(f_I dx_I) = df_I \wedge dx_I$$

Fact:  $d(w \wedge \eta) = dw \wedge \eta + (-1)^k w \wedge d\eta$ ,  
where  $w$  is a  $k$ -form and  $\eta$  is a 1-form.

Pull back:  $\varphi: U \rightarrow V$ ,  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $\varphi$  smooth function. Let  $w$  be a  $k$ -form  
on  $V$ . The  $\varphi^*(w)$  is a  $k$ -form on  $U$   
defined by

$$\varphi^*(w)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = w(D\varphi(p)(v_1), \dots, D\varphi(p)(v_k))$$



$\varphi^*$  commutes with  $d$  and wedge product.

$$- \varphi^*(dw) = d(\varphi^*(w))$$

$$- \varphi^*(w \wedge \eta) = \varphi^*(w) \wedge \varphi^*(\eta).$$

Practically we compute  $\varphi^*$  as follows:

$$\varphi: U \rightarrow V \quad \mathbb{R}^n \quad x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$\begin{matrix} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^m \end{matrix} \quad \mathbb{R}^m \quad y_1, \dots, y_m$$

$$\omega \in \Omega^k(V), \quad \omega = \sum f_I dy_I$$

$$\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

$$y_i = \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad dy_i = d\varphi_i$$

$$\text{Hence, } dy_I = d\varphi_I = d\varphi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\varphi_{i_k} \in \Omega^k(U).$$

Example:  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \varphi(u, v) = (u+v, u \cdot v, v^2+u)$

$$\omega \in \Omega^2(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad \omega = x dx \wedge dy - (z+y) dy \wedge dz + 3 dz \wedge dx.$$

$$\varphi^*(\omega) ?$$

$$x = x(u, v) = u+v, \quad dx = du + dv$$

$$y = y(u, v) = u \cdot v, \quad dy = v du + u dv$$

$$z = z(u, v) = v^2 + u, \quad dz = du + 2v dv$$

$$\text{So, } \varphi^*(\omega) = x (du + dv) \wedge (v du + u dv)$$

$$- (z+y) (v du + u dv) \wedge (du + 2v dv)$$

$$+ 3 (du + 2v dv) \wedge (du + dv)$$

$$= xu du \wedge dv - xv du \wedge dv$$

$$- (z+y) (2v^2 du \wedge dv - u du \wedge dv)$$

$$+ 3 (du \wedge dv - 2v du \wedge dv)$$

$$= (xu - xv - (z+y)2v^2 + (z+y)u + 3 - 2v) du dv$$

$$= \left[ (u+v)u - (u+v)v - (v^2u + uv)2v^2 + (v^2u + uv)u + 3 - 2v \right] du dv.$$

Example:  $S^1 = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\omega = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2 + y^2} \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}).$$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto (x^2 + y^2 - 1, z).$$

$$u = x^2 + y^2 - 1, \quad v = z, \quad \omega = \frac{u dv - v du}{u^2 + v^2}$$

$$du = 2x dx + 2y dy, \quad dv = dz.$$

$$\varphi^*(\omega) = \frac{(x^2 + y^2 - 1) dz - z(2x dx + 2y dy)}{(x^2 + y^2 - 1)^2 + z^2}$$

$$\varphi^*(\omega) \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus S^1).$$

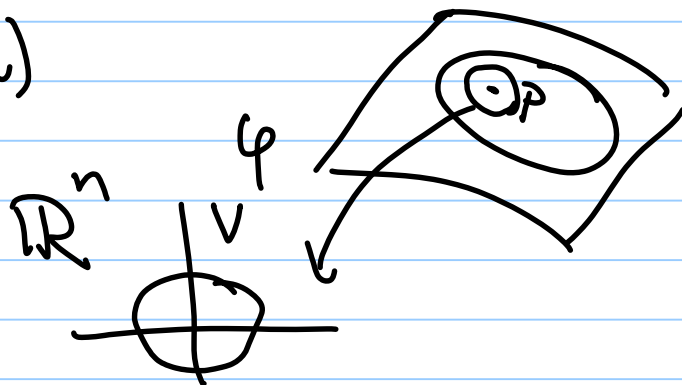
### Forms on Manifolds

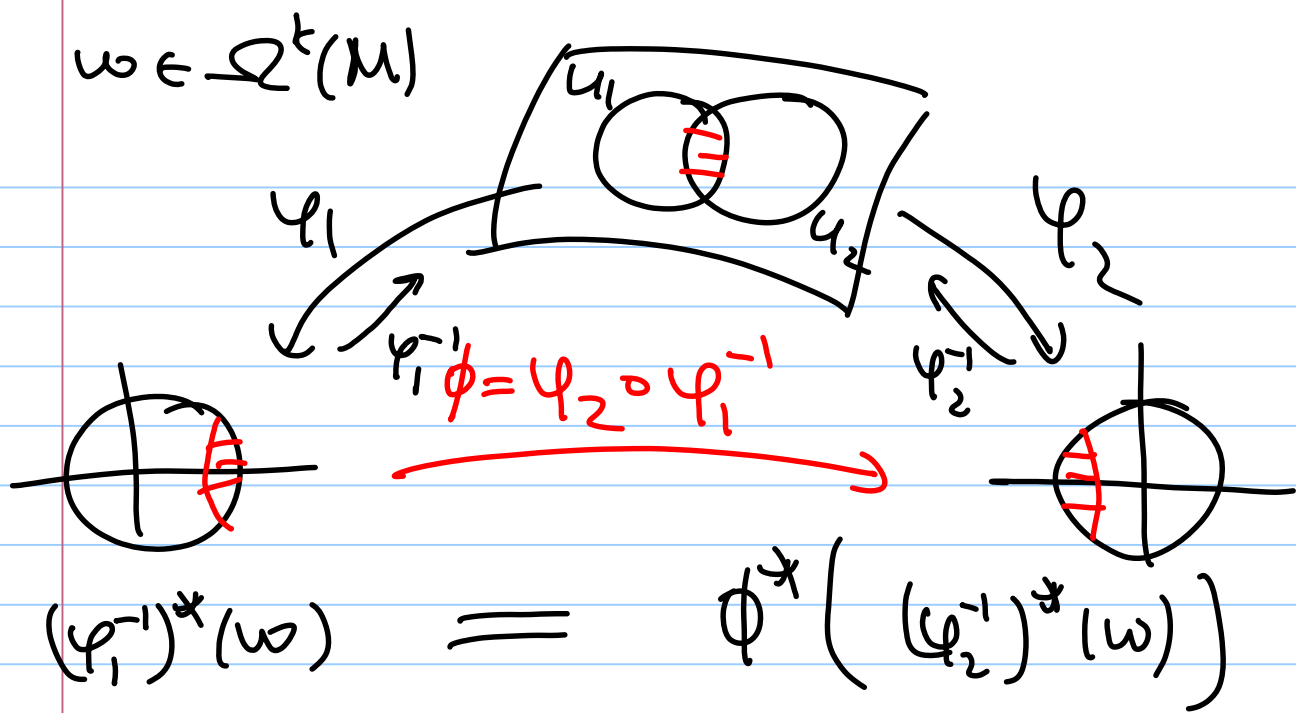
$M^n$  smooth manifold,  $U \subseteq M$  open subset

$$\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$$

$$\omega = \varphi^*(\eta)$$

$$\eta \in \Omega^k(V).$$





Example:  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$

$$\phi(t_1, t_2) = (\underbrace{\cos t_1}_{x_1}, \underbrace{\sin t_1}_{y_1}, \underbrace{\cos t_2}_{x_2}, \underbrace{\sin t_2}_{y_2})$$

$$\phi(\mathbb{R}^2) = S^1 \times S^1 \quad \omega_i \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^4)$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{x_1 dy_1 - y_1 dx_1}{x_1^2 + y_1^2}, \quad \omega_2 = \frac{x_2 dy_2 - y_2 dx_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* \omega_1 &= (\cos t_1)(\cos t_1) dt_1 - (\sin t_1)(-\sin t_1) dt_1 \\ &= dt_1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\phi^* \omega_2 = dt_2$ .

So  $\phi^*(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = dt_1 \wedge dt_2$ .

Lemma:  $d_k: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M), k \geq 0$

Then  $d_{k+1} \circ d_k = 0$ .

# Orientation of Manifolds

Orientation of Vector spaces: Let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  be two ordered bases for a vector space  $V$  (finite dim'l.)

$$\mathcal{B} = (v_1, \dots, v_n), \quad \mathcal{B}' = (u_1, \dots, u_n).$$

We say that  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  are equivalent if the base change matrix  $[\mathbf{I}]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}'}$  has positive determinant.

$$u_1 = a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \dots + a_{1n}v_n$$

$\vdots$

$$u_i = a_{i1}v_1 + a_{i2}v_2 + \dots + a_{in}v_n$$

$\vdots$

$$u_n = a_{n1}v_1 + a_{n2}v_2 + \dots + a_{nn}v_n$$

$$[\mathbf{I}]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}'} = [a_{ij}]$$

$$[\mathbf{I}]_{\mathcal{B}'}^{\mathcal{B}} = \left( [\mathbf{I}]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}'} \right)^{-1}$$

This relation on the set of all ordered bases of  $V$  is an equivalence relation:

i)  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{B}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}' \sim \mathcal{B}$  (Symmetric)

$$\text{ii) } B \sim B, [I]_B^B = Id, \det([I]_B^B) = 1$$

( $\sim$  is reflexive)

iii)  $B \sim B'$  and  $B' \sim B''$ , then

$$[I]_B^{B''} = [I]_{B'}^{B''} [I]_B^{B'} \Rightarrow \det([I]_B^{B''}) > 0.$$

( $\sim$  is transitive)

Remark: Orientation on a  $n$ -dimensional vector space is just an assignment of  $\pm$  sign.

An orientation on a vector space  $V$  is a choice of an equivalence class of the equivalence relation defined above.

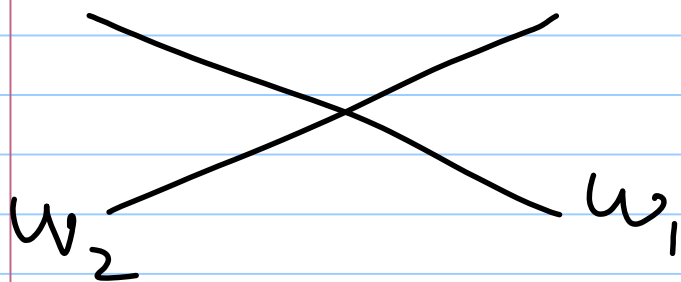
On a vector space there are two orientations.

An orientation of a subspace  $W$  of  $V$  is just an orientation of  $W$  as a vector space.

Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two oriented subspaces of an oriented space  $V$  so that

$$W_1 + W_2 = V \text{ and } \dim V = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2.$$

In particular,  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ .



The orientation of the intersection  $\{0\} = W_1 \cap W_2$  is defined as follows:

Let  $\beta_1 = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$  and  $\beta_2 = (u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n)$  be oriented bases for  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ .

$W_1 + W_2 = V \Rightarrow \beta = (u_1, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n)$

is a basis for  $V$ . If the orientation on  $V$  given by  $\beta$  is the same as the orientation of  $V$  then the sign of the intersection  $\{0\}$  is defined to be "+".

Otherwise, it is defined to be "-".

Ex  $V = \mathbb{R}^4 = (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$

$W_1 = \text{span}(e_1, -e_2)$ ,  $W_2 = (e_3, e_4)$ .

$W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$   $(e_1, -e_2, e_3, e_4) \sim (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$   
No!



Hence, the orientation on  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is "-".

Remark: Note that the orientation on  $W_1 \cap W_2$  may be different than the orientation on  $W_2 \cap W_1$ .

Example:  $V = \mathbb{R}^2 = (e_1, e_2)$

$$W_1 = (e_1), \quad W_2 = (e_2)$$

$$W_1 \cap W_2 \rightarrow "+", \text{ but } W_2 \cap W_1 \rightarrow "-"$$

Now consider the case, where  $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 > \dim V$ , and  $W_1 + W_2 = V$ .

Let  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  be an ordered basis for  $W_1 \cap W_2$ .

$$W_1 = (u_1, \dots, u_\ell, v_1, \dots, v_k), \quad \dim W_1 = k + \ell$$

$$W_2 = (v_1, \dots, v_k, u_{\ell+1}, \dots, u_{n-k}), \quad \dim W_2 = n - \ell$$

Then  $(u_1, \dots, u_\ell, v_1, \dots, v_k, u_{\ell+1}, \dots, u_{n-k})$  is an oriented basis for  $V$ . If this basis gives the right orientation on  $V$  then the orientation of  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is the one

given by  $(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ . Otherwise, the orientation on  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is given by  $(-v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ .

### Orientations on Complex Vector Spaces

$V$  is an  $n$ -dim'l complex vector space.

Then  $V$  is a  $2n$ -dimensional real vector space together with an complex structure

$\bar{J}: V \rightarrow V$  such that  $\bar{J}^2 = -I$ .

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad V = \mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \quad \bar{J}: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

$$n=1, \quad \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(1,0), (0,1)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R} \uparrow \bar{J} \\ \leftarrow \quad \rightarrow \\ \mathbb{R} \end{array} \quad \bar{J}(1,0) = (0,1) = i(1,0).$$

$$\bar{J}^2(1,0) = i^2(1,0) = (-1,0)$$

Fact: A complex vector space, regarded as a real vector space, has a canonical orientation.

Proof:  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = 2n$ ,  $\bar{J}: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $\bar{J}^2 = -Id$ .

Let  $v_1 \in V$ ,  $v_1 \neq 0$ . Then let  $v_2 = \bar{J}v_1$ .

If  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V > 2$  then choose  $v_3 \in V \setminus \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$

Then let  $v_4 = \bar{v} v_3$ .

Claim:  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly independent.

In general if  $\dim V = n$ , then we can find a basis (IR basis) for  $V$  of the form  $(v_1, \bar{v} v_1, v_2, \bar{v} v_2, \dots, v_n, \bar{v} v_n)$ .

Claim: If  $(u_1, \bar{v} u_1, u_2, \bar{v} u_2, \dots, u_n, \bar{v} u_n)$  is another such basis then these two bases define the same orientation.