

The Poincaré Lemma for Codifferential Categories with Antiderivatives

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Poincaré Lemma

For an open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, let $\Omega^*(U)$ be the **de Rham complex** of U .

- $\Omega^n(U) := \mathcal{C}^\infty(U) \otimes \bigwedge^n \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set of n forms
- δ is the exterior derivative with $\delta \circ \delta = 0$
- **Closed:** $\delta(\omega) = 0$, that is, $\omega \in \ker(\delta)$
- **Exact:** $\omega = \delta(\nu)$, that is, $\omega \in \text{im}(\delta)$
- $\text{im}(\delta) \subset \ker(\delta)$ and so exact \Rightarrow closed

Theorem

For a contractible open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $\Omega^*(U)$ is **contractible**, that is, homotopy equivalent to the zero complex or equivalently $\text{id}_{\Omega(U)}$ is homotopic to 0.

$$s : \Omega^{k+1}(U) \rightarrow \Omega^k(U) \quad \delta(s(\omega)) + s(\delta(\omega)) = \omega$$

Therefore every closed form is exact, that is, $\text{im}(\delta) = \ker(\delta)$. In particular, $\Omega^*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is contractible.

TODAY'S STORY: Generalize the Poincaré Lemma for codifferential categories.

A **codifferential category** consists of:

- A (strict) symmetric monoidal category $(\mathbb{X}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$, which is enriched over commutative monoids: so each hom-set is a commutative monoid with an addition operation $+$ and a zero 0 , such that the additive structure is preserved by composition and \otimes .
- An **algebra modality**, which is a monad (T, μ, η)

$$\mu : TT(A) \rightarrow T(A) \quad \eta : A \rightarrow T(A)$$

equipped with two natural transformations:

$$m : T(A) \otimes T(A) \rightarrow T(A) \quad u : I \rightarrow T(A)$$

such that $T(A)$ is a commutative monoid and μ is a monoid morphism.

- And equipped with a **deriving transformation**, which is a natural transformation:

$$d : T(A) \rightarrow T(A) \otimes A$$

which satisfies certain equalities which encode the basic properties of differentiation.



R. Blute, R. Cockett, R.A.G. Seely, **Differential Categories**, *Mathematical Structures in Computer Science* Vol. 1616, pp 1049-1083, 2006.

Example: Smooth Functions

Example

A \mathcal{C}^∞ -ring is commutative \mathbb{R} -algebra A such that for each smooth map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ there is a function $\Phi_f : A^n \rightarrow A$ and such that the Φ_f satisfy certain coherences between them.

Ex. For a smooth manifold M , $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M) = \{f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ smooth}\}$ is a \mathcal{C}^∞ -ring.

There is an adjunction:

$$\text{VEC}_{\mathbb{R}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\tau^\infty} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \mathcal{C}^\infty \text{Ring}$$

The induced monad is an algebra modality and has a deriving transformation.

In particular, $\tau^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and so μ and η correspond to composition of smooth functions, while m and u correspond to multiplication of smooth functions. And the deriving transformation is:

$$d : \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$f \mapsto \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \otimes x_i$$

So $\text{VEC}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a codifferential category, that is, $\text{VEC}_{\mathbb{R}}^{op}$ is a differential category.



Cruttwell, G.S.H., Lemay, J.S. and Lucyshyn-Wright, R.B.B., 2019. **Integral and differential structure on the free \mathcal{C}^∞ -ring modality**. arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.04555.

Our next step is to build the de Rham complex for $T(A)$ in suitable codifferential categories.



O'Neill, K., 2017. *Smoothness in codifferential categories* (PhD Thesis).

Assume that we are working in a codifferential category which is enriched over \mathbb{Q} -modules (negatives and rationals!) and has split idempotents: so that we can build exterior powers!

de Rham complex in codifferential categories

Let Σ_n be the set of n permutations. Then for each object A we obtain an idempotent p_n :

$$A \otimes \dots \otimes A \xrightarrow{p_n := \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \sum_{\tau \in \Sigma_n} \text{sgn}(\tau) \cdot \tau} A \otimes \dots \otimes A$$

Then for an object A , define its n th exterior power $\bigwedge^n A$ as the following idempotent splitting:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigotimes^n A & \xrightarrow{p_n} & \bigotimes^n A \\ & \searrow m_n & \nearrow r_n \\ & \bigwedge^n A & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigwedge^n A & \xlongequal{\quad} & \bigwedge^n A \\ & \searrow r_n & \nearrow m_n \\ & \bigotimes^n A & \end{array}$$

By convention, $\bigwedge^0 A := I$ and $\bigwedge^1 A := A$.

Example

In $\text{VEC}_{\mathbb{R}}$,

$$m_2(v \otimes w) = v \wedge w \qquad r_2(v \wedge w) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot v \otimes w - \frac{1}{2} \cdot w \otimes v$$

de Rham complex in codifferential categories

For each object A , the **de Rham complex** of $T(A)$ is defined as follows:

$$K \xrightarrow{u} T(A) \xrightarrow{d} T(A) \otimes A \xrightarrow{\delta} T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^2 A \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^n A \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots$$

where $\delta : T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^n A \rightarrow T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^{n+1} A$ is the exterior derivative and is defined as:

$$\delta := T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^n A \xrightarrow{d \otimes r_n} T(A) \otimes A \otimes \underbrace{A \otimes \dots \otimes A}_{n\text{-times}} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes m_{n+1}} T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^{n+1} A$$

And we have that $\delta\delta = 0$

GOAL: To show that the de Rham complex is contractible:

$$T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^{n+1} A \xrightarrow{\zeta} T(A) \otimes \bigwedge^n A \quad \zeta\delta + \delta\zeta = 1$$

For this we need **antiderivatives**



Cockett, J.R.B. and Lemay, J.S., 2019. **Integral categories and calculus categories**. *Mathematical Structures in Computer Science*, 29(2), pp.243-308.

In a codifferential category, define the natural transformation $L : T(A) \rightarrow T(A)$ as follows:

$$L := T(A) \xrightarrow{d} T(A) \otimes A \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \eta} T(A) \otimes T(A) \xrightarrow{m} T(A)$$

A codifferential category has **antiderivatives** if the natural transformation $K : T(A) \rightarrow T(A)$

$$K := L + T(0)$$

is a natural isomorphism.

Define the **integral transformation** $s : T(A) \otimes A \rightarrow T(A)$ as follows:

$$s := T(A) \otimes A \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \eta} T(A) \otimes T(A) \xrightarrow{m} T(A) \xrightarrow{K^{-1}} T(A)$$

In particular, the deriving transformation and integral transformation are compatible via the fundamental theorems of calculus – more on this soon!

Example

$\text{VEC}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a codifferential category with antiderivatives.

For a smooth map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$K : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad K[f](\vec{v}) = \nabla(f)(\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{v} + f(\vec{0})$$

$$K^{-1} : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad K^{-1}[f](\vec{v}) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \nabla(f)(st\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{v} \, ds \, dt + f(\vec{0})$$

$$s : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad s(f \otimes e_i)(\vec{v}) = \int_0^1 f(t\vec{v}) v_i \, dt$$

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- **Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:**

$$ds + T(0) = 1 \quad \int_0^x \frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial u}(t) dt + f(0) = f(x)$$

- **Poincaré Condition:** If $f : B \rightarrow T(A) \otimes A$ is such that

$$f(d \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \sigma) = f(d \otimes 1)$$

then f satisfies the **First Fundamental Theorem**:

$$fsd = f$$

This says that closed 1-forms are exact: without negatives!

Contractible de Rham from Antiderivatives

Let's build our contraction with antiderivatives:

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The diagram illustrates a sequence of maps between tensor products of the tangent space $T(A)$ and exterior powers of A . The forward maps are labeled with u , d , and δ . The backward maps are labeled with ζ .

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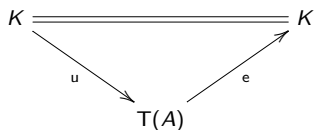
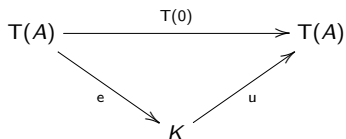
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Splitting $T(0)$

Notice that $T(0) : T(A) \rightarrow T(A)$ is an idempotent. We require this splits via K , that is, there is a natural transformation $e : T(A) \rightarrow K$ which makes $T(A)$ into an augmented monoid:



Then by the Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have that:

$$K \xrightarrow{u} T(A) \xrightarrow{d} T(A) \otimes A$$

$\xleftarrow{e} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{s}$

$$ds + eu = ds + T(0) = 1 \quad ue + 0 = 1$$

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THIS DOES NOT WORK!

Example

$$\delta(\zeta(xy \otimes (x \wedge y))) + \delta(\zeta(xy \otimes (x \wedge y))) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot xy \otimes (x \wedge y)$$

The letter J is here to save the day!

Define the following family of natural transformations $J_n : T(A) \rightarrow T(A)$:

$$J_0 := L \quad J_{n+1} := J_n + 1$$

Theorem (Cockett and Lemay)

In a codifferential category with antiderivatives, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, J_{n+1} is a natural isomorphism.

Proof: By induction. For $n = 0$, J_1^{-1} is defined as follows:

$$T(A) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes u} T(A) \otimes K \xrightarrow{T(\eta) \otimes \eta} TT(A) \otimes TT(A) \xrightarrow{m} TT(A) \xrightarrow{K^{-1}} TT(A) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A)$$

Assuming J_{n+1} is an isomorphism, J_{n+2}^{-1} is defined as follows:

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And this works!

Theorem

In a codifferential category with antiderivatives, enriched over \mathbb{Q} -modules, and the necessary idempotent splitting, the de Rham complex of TA is contractible with contraction ζ .

$$\delta\zeta + \zeta\delta = 1 \qquad \zeta\zeta = 0$$

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Thanks for listening! Merci!



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