

# GENERALISED EXTERIOR DERIVATIONS IN FRAMED MANIFOLDS

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By using an arbitrary endomorphism defined by a vector 1-form  $h$ , Hodge theory can be generalised to produce generalised Green's operator on a compact orientable manifold (Eiseman and Stone 1974 b, c). On the other hand, framed manifolds are generalisations of Kaehler manifolds (Goldberg 1972). In the present paper, we establish some results on these manifolds, which eventually lead to generalised Hodge theory.

*Preliminaries*: Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold with  $f_i$ -structure of rank  $r_i (i = 1, 2)$ . Recall that an  $f$ -structure of rank  $r$  on  $M$  means that there exists a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $f$  on  $M$  which satisfies

$$f^3 + f = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\text{rank } f = \text{constant } r \text{ on whole of } M \tag{2}$$

We assume that  $M$  is a globally framed manifold with respect to both  $f_i$ -structures, thus there exist two sets  $S_i$  of linearly independent vectors  $E_A (A = 1, 2, \dots, n-r_1)$  belonging to  $S_1$  and  $E_a (a = 1, 2, \dots, n-r_2)$  belonging to  $S_2$  and two more sets  $S_i$  of Pfaffian form  $\eta^A_1$  and  $\eta^a_2$  such that

$$\eta^A_1(E_B) = \delta_B^A$$

$$\eta^a_2(E_b) = \delta_b^a$$

and

$$f_1^2 = -I + \eta^A_1 \otimes E_A$$

$$f_2^2 = -I + \eta^a \otimes E_a$$

It is assumed that  $S_1 \cap S_2$  and consequently  $s_1 \cap s_2$  is non-void.

We make  $M$  into a metric manifold in two distinct ways by choosing the metrics  $g_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) which satisfy

$$\eta_i^A = g_i(E_i^A, \cdot) \tag{3}$$

and

$$g_i(f_i X, Y) = -g_i(X, f_i Y) \tag{4}$$

Equality (4) defines two skew-symmetric 2-forms  $F_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) given by

$$F_i(X, Y) = g_i(f_i X, Y)$$

$M$  is called an integrable quasi-symplectic manifold with respect to structure  $f_i$  if  $F_i$  is closed and parallel along the integral curves of vector fields  $E_i^A$  and  $f_i$  satisfies the integrability condition, i.e.,  $[f_i, f_i] = 0$ . It is well-known that on a compact integrable quasi-symplectic manifold Hodge theory can be applied (Goldberg 1972).

We assume in the first instance that  $M$  is integrable quasi-symplectic manifold with respect to both structures. Corresponding to two structures  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $M$  has two submanifolds denoted by  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  on which  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are non-singular endomorphisms. In view of our assumption on  $S_1, S_2$  submanifolds  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  also intersect; we denote  $M_1 \cap M_2$  by  $M$ ,  $d_{im}(M) = m$ .  $\wedge(M)$ ,  $\wedge(M_i)$  and  $\wedge(M)$  denote as usual the exterior algebra of differential forms on these manifolds, where

$$\wedge(M) = \sum_{p=0}^n \wedge^p(M)$$

$$\wedge(M_i) = \sum_{p=0}^{r_i} \wedge^p(M_i)$$

$$\wedge(M) = \sum_{p=0}^m \wedge^p(M)$$

Recall that any vector 1-form (a 1-1 tensor field)  $h$  on  $M$  defines an endomorphism  $h^{(a)}: \wedge^p(M)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^{(q)}(\alpha) &= h^{(q)}(\theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 \wedge \dots \wedge \theta^p) \\
 &= \frac{1}{q! p - q!} \sum_{\pi} |\pi| (h\theta^{\pi(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge h\theta^{\pi(q)} \wedge \theta^{\pi(q+1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \theta^{\pi(p)}) \quad \dots(5)
 \end{aligned}$$

where summation extends on all possible permutations of  $(1, 2, \dots, p)$  and  $|\pi|$  stands for the sign of permutation  $\pi$  (Eiseman and Stone 1974b).

$h^{(q)}\alpha = 0$  if  $q > p$  and is identity when  $q = 0$ .

If  $h$  and  $k$  are two vector 1-forms on  $M$ , then the differential concomitant defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 [h, k]\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \{ -[h^{(1)}k^{(1)} - (hk)^{(1)}]d\theta + [h^{(1)}dk\theta + k^{(1)}dh\theta] \\
 &\quad - [dhk\theta + dkh\theta] \} \quad \dots(6)
 \end{aligned}$$

is a mapping from  $\wedge^p(M)$  to  $\wedge^{p+1}(M)$ .

When  $h = k$  it simplifies to

$$[h, h]\theta = -h^{(2)}d\theta + h^{(1)}dh\theta - dh^2\theta$$

If further we put  $d_h = h^{(1)}d - dh^{(1)}$  then

$$\text{and } \left. \begin{aligned}
 [h, h] &= -h^{(2)}d + d_h h^{(1)} + dh^{(2)} \\
 [h, h]d + d[h, h] &= d_h d_h
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \dots(7)$$

hence when  $[h, h] = 0$ , anti-derivation  $d_h: \wedge^p \rightarrow \wedge^{p+1}$  becomes exterior derivation.

Since dual characterisation of  $[h, h]$  given by eqns. (7) is the usual Nijenhuis tensor

$$[h, h](X, Y) = h^2[X, Y] + [hX, hY] - h[hX, Y] - h[X, hY]$$

it follows that vanishing of Nijenhuis tensor  $[h, h]$  implies the vanishing of its dual and conversely.

§1. Corresponding to  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) we have derivations  $df_1$  and  $df_2$  which we denote by  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ .

A  $p$ -form is said to be  $f_i$ -closed if it is a zero of  $d_i$ .

In view of (6) differential concomitant for vector 1-forms  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  would be

$$\begin{aligned}
 [f_i, f_j]\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \{ -[f_i^{(1)}f_j^{(1)} - (f_i f_j)^{(1)}]d\theta + [f_i^{(1)}df_j\theta + f_j^{(1)}df_i\theta] \\
 &\quad - [df_i f_j\theta + df_j f_i\theta] \} \quad \dots(1.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and from (7) when  $i = j$  it would simplify to

$$[f_i, f_i]\theta = -f_i^{(2)}d\theta + f_i^{(1)}df_i\theta - df_i^2\theta \quad \dots(1.2)$$

A  $p$ -form  $\theta$  will be called a conservation law on  $M$  with respect to structure  $f_i$  if  $\theta$  and  $f_i\theta$  are exact. From (1.1) we have an easily verifiable result, which can be stated as:

*Proposition 1.1*—A  $p$ -form  $\theta$  is a conservation law with respect to both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  if and only if it lies in the kernel of  $[f_i, f_j]$  and  $f_i\theta$  is  $f_j$ -closed.

Every form which is a zero of  $[f_i, f_j]$  is also a zero of  $[f_i, f_i]$  but not conversely.

Since 
$$d_i \cdot d_i = d[f_i, f_i] + [f_i, f_i]d \quad \dots(1.3)$$

$$d_i \cdot d_i = 0 \text{ whenever we have } [f_i, f_i] = 0.$$

Again as the dual characterisation of (1.1) is the Nijenhuis tensor for  $f_i, f_j$ , it follows that if torsion of structure tensor  $f_i$  defined as

$$[f_i, f_i](X, Y) = f_i^2[X, Y] + [f_i X, f_i Y] - f_i[f_i X, Y] - f_i[X, f_i Y] \quad \dots(1.4)$$

for any arbitrary pair of vector fields  $(X, Y)$  is zero then  $[f_i, f_i]\theta = 0$ .

As a consequence the following results are valid on  $M$ :

*Proposition 1.2*—If  $M$  is an integrable framed manifold with structure  $f_i$  then the alternating derivation  $d_i$  with respect to vector 1-form  $f_i$  is an exterior derivation.

Proof is obvious by definition of integrability of  $M$  with respect to structures  $f_i$ .

*Proposition 1.3*—On an integrable manifold with structure tensor  $f_i$  we always have

$$f_i^{(p+1)}d = d_i f_i^{(p)} \quad \dots(1.5)$$

for any  $p$ -form  $a$ .

PROOF: For  $p = 0$  or  $p \geq n$  result is trivial and for  $1 \leq p < n$  the proof follows by induction (Eiseman and Stone 1974c).

*Proposition 1.4*—If  $M$  is a compact integrable manifold and  $M_i$  is the submanifold with respect to structure  $f_i$  then  $d_i$  satisfies Poincare's Lemma on  $M_i$ , i.e., for any arbitrary  $p$ -form  $a$  on  $M_i$  equation  $d_i a = 0$  implies the existence of a  $(p-1)$ -form  $\beta$  such that  $a = d_i \beta$ .

PROOF: Vector 1-form  $f_i$  restricted to  $M_i$  is non-singular. Consequently  $f_i^{(p)}$  is non-singular (Eiseman and Stone 1974 c), thus in view of Proposition (1.3) we have

$$f_i^{(p+1)}d(f_i^{(p)})^{-1}\alpha = d_i\alpha = 0$$

or

$$d(f_i^{-1})^{(p)}\alpha = 0$$

which implies that there exists a  $(p - 1)$ - form  $\beta$  such that

$$(f_i^{-1})^{(p)}\alpha = d\beta$$

or

$$\alpha = (f_i)^{(p)}d\beta = d_i(f_i)^{(p-1)}\beta$$

Clearly  $f_i^{(p-1)}\beta$  is the required  $(p - 1)$ -form.

§2. Results proved in this section are valid for integrable quasisymplectic manifolds. We drop the suffix  $i$  from our structure tensor and treat  $M$  as admitting a structure tensor  $f$  of rank  $r$ .

The  $f$ -basis on  $T_p(M)$  is an orthonormal basis formed by union of 3 sets  $\{X_A\}$ ,  $\{fX_A = X_A^*\}$  and  $\{E_a\}$  ( $A = 1, 2 \dots r/2$ ,  $a = 1, 2 \dots n - r$ ).

The dual of  $[X_A, X_A^*, E_a]$  is denoted by  $[W_A, W_A^*, \eta^a]$ . Since  $M$  is integrable,  $[f, f] = 0$  and consequently  $d_f \cdot d_f = 0$ . Moreover  $f$  is an almost complex structure on the subspace of  $T_p(M)$  spanned by  $\{X_A, X_A^*\}$  and hence it is non-singular on the corresponding integral submanifold.

Lemma 2.1—In a quasi-symplectic manifold  $F$  is  $d_f$ -closed.

PROOF: Now

$$\begin{aligned} d_f F &= (f^{(1)}d - df^{(1)})F \\ &= f^{(1)}dF - df^{(1)}(\sum W_A \wedge W_A^*) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  is closed and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(1)}(\sum W_A \wedge W_A^*) &= \sum_{A=1}^{r/2} [(fW_A \wedge W_A^*) - (fW_A^* \wedge W_A)] \\ &= \sum_{A=1}^{r/2} [W_A^* \wedge W_A^* - W_A \wedge W_A] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We have:  $F$  is closed with respect to  $d_f$ .

If  $F$  denotes the Kaehler form, the operator  $L = \epsilon(F)$  and  $\wedge = i(F)$  defined on  $M$  are dual operators.

*Proposition 2.2*—On a quasi-symplectic manifold

$$(i) \quad Ld_f = d_f L$$

$$(ii) \quad \wedge \mathfrak{D}_f = \mathfrak{D}_f \wedge$$

**PROOF:** Let  $\alpha$  be any form on  $M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d_f L \alpha &= d_f \epsilon(F) \alpha \\ &= d_f (F \wedge \alpha) \\ &= d_f F \wedge \alpha + F \wedge d_f \alpha \\ &= F \wedge d_f \alpha \quad (\text{from Lemma 2.1}) \\ &= L d_f \alpha \end{aligned}$$

(ii) follows from duality relation of  $\mathfrak{D}_f$  and  $\wedge$  with  $d_f$  and  $L$  respectively.

§3. Throughout this section manifold  $M$  is integrable. It is known (Goldberg 1972) that on a framed manifold exterior derivation  $d$  can be expressed in terms of differential operators  $d'$ ,  $d''$  and  $d^\circ$ :

$$d = d' + d'' + d^\circ \tag{3.1}$$

In terms of  $f$ -basis given in §2 these operators would be (Goldberg 1972)

$$\begin{aligned} d' &= \sum_A \epsilon(W_A) D_{X_A}, \quad d'' = \sum_A \epsilon(W_{A^*}) D_{X_{A^*}}, \quad d^\circ = \sum_a \epsilon(\eta^a) D_{E_a} \\ (A &= 1, 2, \dots, r/2, \quad a = 1, 2, \dots, n-r) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Similarly, the dual operator  $\mathfrak{D}$  of  $d$  is the sum of differential operators  $\mathfrak{D}'$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}''$  and  $\mathfrak{D}^\circ$ , thus

$$\mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{D}' + \mathfrak{D}'' + \mathfrak{D}^\circ \tag{3.3}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{D}' = - \sum_A i(W_A) D_{X_{A^*}}, \quad \mathfrak{D}'' = \sum_A i(W_{A^*}) D_{X_A}, \quad \mathfrak{D}^\circ = - \sum_a i(\eta^a) D_{E_a} \tag{3.4}$$

It is easy to check that if we set

$$d_f' = f^{(1)} d' - d' f^{(1)}, \quad d_f'' = f^{(1)} d'' - d'' f^{(1)}, \quad d_f^\circ = f^{(1)} d^\circ - d^\circ f^{(1)} \tag{3.5}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{d}_f' = \mathfrak{D}'f_i^{(1)} - f_i^{(1)}\mathfrak{D}', \quad \mathfrak{d}_f'' = \mathfrak{D}''f_i^{(1)} - f_i^{(1)}\mathfrak{D}'', \quad \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ = \mathfrak{D}^\circ f_i^{(1)} - f_i^{(1)}\mathfrak{D}^\circ \quad \dots(3.6)$$

then

$$d_f = d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ \quad \dots(3.7)$$

and

$$\mathfrak{d}_f = \mathfrak{d}_f' + \mathfrak{d}_f'' + \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ \quad \dots(3.8)$$

*Lemma 3.1*—Operators  $\mathfrak{d}_f'$ ,  $\mathfrak{d}_f''$  and  $\mathfrak{d}_f^\circ$  are related to the triad  $(d_f', d_f'', d_f^\circ)$  by the following relations:

$$(i) \quad \mathfrak{d}_f' = - * [d_f'' + d''(trf) \wedge] *$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathfrak{d}_f'' = - * [d_f' + d'(trf) \wedge] *$$

$$(iii) \quad \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ = - * [d_f^\circ + d^\circ(trf) \wedge] *$$

PROOF: By definition  $\mathfrak{d}_f' = \mathfrak{D}'f_i^{(1)} - f_i^{(1)}\mathfrak{D}'$

But

$$\mathfrak{D}' = - * d'' * \quad (\text{Goldberg 1972}) \quad \dots(3.9)$$

and

$$f^{(1)} * + * f_i^{(1)} = (trf) * \quad (\text{Eiseman and Stone 1974c}) \quad \dots(3.10a)$$

or equivalently

$$* f^{(1)} + f_i^{(1)} * = *(trf) \quad \dots(3.10b)$$

In view of (3.9) we have

$$\mathfrak{d}_f' = - \{ * d'' * f_i^{(1)} - f_i^{(1)} * d'' * \}$$

Using (3.10a) and (3.10b)

$$= - \{ + * d''(trf * - f^{(1)} *) - (*trf - * f^{(1)} *) d'' * \}$$

$$= - \{ * d''(trf) * - * d'' f^{(1)} * + * f^{(1)} d'' * - *trf d'' * \}$$

Using the second equation of (3.5) and noting that  $d''trf - trfd'' = d''(trf) \wedge$

we get

$$= - * \{ d_f'' + d''(trf) \wedge \} *$$

Similarly (ii) and (iii) can be proved

*Lemma 3.2* — On manifold  $M$

$$(i) \quad d_f' \cdot d_f' = 0, \quad d_f' d_f'' + d_f'' d_f' = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad d_f'' \cdot d_f'' = 0, \quad d_f^\circ d_f' + d_f' d_f^\circ = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad d_f^\circ \cdot d_f^\circ = 0, \quad d_f^\circ d_f'' + d_f'' d_f^\circ = 0$$

PROOF : In view of Proposition 1.1

$$d_f \cdot d_f = 0$$

Consequently from (3.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ) \cdot (d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ) \\ &= d_f' d_f' + d_f'' d_f'' + d_f^\circ d_f^\circ + (d_f' d_f'' + d_f'' d_f') \\ &+ (d_f^\circ d_f' + d_f' d_f^\circ) + (d_f^\circ d_f'' + d_f'' d_f^\circ) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(3.11)$$

By comparing tri-degrees in (3.11) we have the required results.

*Lemma 3.3* — On an integrable quasi-symplectic manifold

$$(i) \quad d_f' L = L d_f', \quad d_f'' L = L d_f'', \quad d_f^\circ L = L d_f^\circ$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathfrak{d}_f' \wedge = \wedge \mathfrak{d}_f', \quad \mathfrak{d}_f'' \wedge = \wedge \mathfrak{d}_f'', \quad \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ \wedge = \wedge \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ$$

PROOF : From Lemma (2.2) we have

$$d_f L = L d_f$$

From eqn. (3.7) we get

$$(d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ) L = L (d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ) \quad \dots(3.12)$$

By comparing tri-degrees in (3.12), (i) is obtained.

The relations (ii) are the dual of the corresponding formulas in (i) hence, the lemma is established.

*Lemma 3.4* — On manifold  $M$  we have :

$$\mathfrak{d}_f' \cdot \mathfrak{d}_f' = 0, \quad \mathfrak{d}_f'' \mathfrak{d}_f'' = 0, \quad \mathfrak{d}_f'' \mathfrak{d}_f'' + \mathfrak{d}_f'' \mathfrak{d}_f' = 0$$

$$\mathfrak{d}_f^\circ \cdot \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ = 0, \quad \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ \mathfrak{d}_f' + \mathfrak{d}_f' \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ = 0, \quad \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ \mathfrak{d}_f'' + \mathfrak{d}_f'' \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ = 0 \quad \dots(3.13)$$

PROOF is obvious from duality considerations of Lemma 3.2.

*Lemma 3.5* — In an integrable quasi-symplectic manifold the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_f$  satisfies :

$$\Delta_f = (d_f' \mathfrak{d}_f' + \mathfrak{d}_f' d_f') + (d_f'' \mathfrak{d}_f'' + \mathfrak{d}_f'' d_f'') + (d_f^\circ \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{d}_f^\circ d_f^\circ)$$

and



$$(i) \quad d_f' \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' d_f' = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad d_f' \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ d_f' = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad d_f'' \mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f' d_f'' = 0$$

$$(iv) \quad d_f'' \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ d_f'' = 0$$

$$(v) \quad d_f^\circ \mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f' d_f^\circ = 0$$

$$(vi) \quad d_f^\circ \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' d_f^\circ = 0$$

PROOF : By definition the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_f = d_f \mathfrak{D}_f + \mathfrak{D}_f d_f$  for  $f$ -derivation, is a mapping which maps  $\wedge^{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$  to  $\wedge^{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$ .

After substituting the values of  $d_f$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_f$ , and multiplying them we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_f &= (d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ)(\mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ) + (\mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ)(d_f' + d_f'' + d_f^\circ) \\ &= (d_f' \mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f' d_f') + (d_f'' \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' d_f'') + (d_f^\circ \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ d_f^\circ) \\ &+ (d_f' \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' d_f') + (d_f' \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ d_f') + (d_f'' \mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f' d_f'') \\ &+ (d_f'' \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ d_f'') + (d_f^\circ \mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f' d_f^\circ) + (d_f^\circ \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' d_f^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

We note that only first three terms of this sum conform to the pattern of mapping defined for  $\Delta_f$ , i.e. each one of them maps a form of tri-degree  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  to a similar form, whereas the other six terms in view of their types contribute nothing when actual  $\Delta_f$  operation is carried out; and since they are all of different degree they vanish separately giving us equalities (i) through (vi).

A form which is a zero of  $\Delta_f$  is called  $f$ -harmonic on an integrable quasi-symplectic manifold. There always exist non-trivial  $f$ -harmonic forms. We prove below the main result of our section.

*Theorem 3.6* — On a compact integrable quasi-symplectic manifold the forms  $F^p = F \wedge F \dots \wedge F$  ( $p$ -times) are  $f$ -harmonic of degree  $2p$  for every integer  $p < r/2$  (Goldberg 1972).

For proving the theorem, we need a simple result which we establish in the form of a lemma.

*Lemma 3.7* — On an integrable quasi-symplectic manifold, Kaehler form  $F$  is  $f$ -co-closed.

PROOF: From definition of  $\mathfrak{D}_f$  we have

$$\mathfrak{D}_f F = (\mathfrak{D}_f' + \mathfrak{D}_f'' + \mathfrak{D}_f^\circ) F \tag{3.6}$$

Now

$$\mathfrak{D}'_f F = \sum_{A=1}^{r/2} i(W_A) D_{X_A} F$$

$$\mathfrak{D}''_f F = \sum_{A=1}^{r/2} i(W_A^*) D_{X_A^*} F$$

and since  $X_A, X_A^*$  are both horizontal vectors

$$D_{X_A^*} F = 0 = D_{X_A} F \quad (\text{Goldberg 1972}) \quad \dots(3.7)$$

Again  $\mathfrak{D}^\circ F = \sum_{a=1}^{n-r} i(\eta^a) D_{E_a} F$

and as  $F$  is parallel along the integral curves of  $E_a$

$$D_{E_a} F = 0 \quad \dots(3.8)$$

Using (3.7) and (3.8) we have the result that

$$\mathfrak{D}_f F = 0$$

**PROOF OF THEOREM:** We prove the result by induction. To begin with we note that  $F$  is  $f$ -harmonic, for it is easy to check that any form  $\alpha$  which is  $f$ -closed and  $f$ -co-closed is a zero of  $\Delta_f$ , and by Lemmas 3.3 and 3.7 we know that  $F$  is such a form.

Now suppose that  $F^{p-1}$  is  $f$ -harmonic, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_f(F^p) &= \Delta_f(F \wedge F^{p-1}) \\ &= \Delta_f F \wedge F^{p-1} + F \wedge \Delta_f F^{p-1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\wedge_{H_f}, \wedge_{d_f}, \wedge_{\delta_f}$  denote the exterior algebras of  $f$ -harmonic,  $f$ -closed and  $f$ -co-closed forms respectively, then the inclusion relations

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge_{H_f} &\subset \wedge_{d_f} \\ \wedge_{H_f} &\subset \wedge_{\delta_f} \end{aligned}$$

are obvious.

Using these concepts we (Prakash and Lata 1976) obtained orthogonal decomposition of  $\wedge(M)$  and formulated generalised Green's operator on framed manifolds.

§ 4. In this section we consider the  $p$ -forms of  $M$  which are conservation laws for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

A  $p$ -form  $\alpha$  on  $M$  can be put as :

$$\alpha = \alpha_h \wedge \alpha_v,$$

where  $\alpha_h$  and  $\alpha_v$  are horizontal and vertical components of  $\alpha$ ;  $\alpha_h$  is of bi-degree  $(\lambda, \mu)$  and  $\alpha_v$  of degree  $v$ . In terms of  $f$ -basis they can simply be :

$$\alpha_h = W_{A_1} \wedge \dots \wedge W_{A_\lambda} \wedge W_{B_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge W_{B_\mu}^*$$

$$\alpha_v = \eta^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^v$$

*Proposition 4.1* — On a manifold  $M$  admitting closed Pfaffian forms every vertical  $p$ -form is  $f$ -closed.

**PROOF :** For

$$d_f \alpha = d_f \alpha_v,$$

$$= (f^{(1)}d - df^{(1)}) (\eta^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^v) \tag{4.1}$$

Since  $\eta^i f = 0$  and  $d\eta^i = 0$  for each  $a_i$ , the result is obvious.

*Corollary 4.2* — If in addition to the hypothesis of proposition 4.1 we take  $M$  as compact, then every vertical form  $\alpha$  as well as  $f\alpha$  is exact.

**PROOF :** Since  $\alpha$  is a vertical form it can be put as :

$$\alpha = \eta^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^v$$

and

$$d\eta^1 = 0 \text{ by hypothesis.}$$

Hence by Poincare's Lemma there exists a form  $\beta$  such that  $\eta = d\beta$  which shows that  $\eta$  is exact.

Again since by Proposition 4.1  $\alpha$  is  $f$ -closed, from eqn. (4.1) we have  $df^{(1)}\alpha = 0 = d_f \alpha$

which implies, by similar reasoning, that  $f\alpha$  is exact.

Since  $f^{(1)}F$  is identically zero we have a slightly stronger result.

*Proposition 4.3* — If Pfaffian forms  $\eta^a$  satisfy :

$$d\eta^a = K^a F \quad (a = 1, 2, \dots, n-r)$$

for some constant  $K^a$ , then conclusion is same as that of Proposition 4.1.

**PROOF :** Since

$$f^{(1)}\eta^a = \eta^a f = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_f \alpha &= \overline{d_f \alpha}, \\
 &= (f^{(1)}d - df^{(1)}) (\eta^a_1 \wedge \eta^a_2 \dots \eta^a_v) \\
 &= f^{(1)} \{d\eta^a_1 \wedge \eta^a_2 \dots \eta^a_v - \eta^a_1 \wedge d(\eta^a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^a_v)\} \\
 &= f^{(1)}(K^a_1 F \wedge \eta^a_2 \dots \eta^a_v) - f^{(1)}(\eta^a_1 \wedge d(\eta^a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^a_v))
 \end{aligned}$$

First of these terms equals:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{v-1!} \{K^a_1 f^{(1)} F \wedge \eta^a_2 \dots \eta^a_v - K^a_1 F \wedge f^{(1)} \eta^a_2 \dots \\
 &\quad \wedge \eta^a_v \dots (-1)^{-1} K^a_1 F \wedge \eta^a_2 \dots \wedge f^{(1)} \eta^a_v\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Each terms in the above expression is zero for  $f^{(1)}F$  and  $f^{(1)}\eta^i = \eta^i \cdot f$  are both zero. Similarly second term which equals

$$f^{(1)}\eta^a_1 \wedge d(\eta^a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^a_v) + \eta^a_1 \wedge f^{(1)}d(\eta^a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^a_v)$$

can be shown to be zero.

*Proposition 4.4*—If  $M$  is compact and  $d\eta^a = K^a F$  then every vertical form  $\alpha$  as well as  $F\alpha$  is exact.

*PROOF*: Obvious from Prop. 4.3 and Cor. 4.2.

*Remarks*: The set of  $p$ -forms which are conservation laws with respect to structure  $f_i$  form a vector space say  $V_i^p$ . It is easy to check that

$$V_i^p \subset \wedge^p \alpha_i$$

In view of Lemma 2.2 we also note that if  $V^p$  denotes the vector space of  $p$ -forms which are conservation laws with respect to both structures, then

$$V^p \subset \wedge^p(M) \subset \wedge(M).$$

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