

Poincare's lemma on domains defined by Brownian rough path

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Introduction

- G : simply connected compact Lie group
- $H^{2k+1}(L_e(G), \mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$, where
 $L_e(G) = C([0, 1] \rightarrow G \mid \gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = e)$.
- The exterior differential operator d and Hodge-Kodaira type Laplacian \square can be defined on Sobolev spaces of differential forms on $L_e(G)$ based on the pinned Brownian motion measure and Malliavin calculus.

Question Can one prove $\dim \ker \square|_p = 0$? Here p is odd and $\square|_p$ stands for the Hodge-Kodaira Laplacian acting p -forms.

We can prove the following.

Theorem 1 (1) *Let α be a 1-form on $L_e(G)$ satisfying $d\alpha = 0$. Then there exists a function f such that $df = \alpha$.*

(2) $\text{Ker}\square|_1 = \{0\}$.

This theorem is proved by using a Poincaré type vanishing lemma on a certain domain in a Wiener space.

The related general results were studied by Kusuoka based on his capacity and Sobolev spaces.

Plan of Talk

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Poincaré type vanishing lemma : convex case

Let (B, H, μ) be an abstract Wiener space. Let $F \in \mathbb{D}^\infty(B, \mathbb{R})$. Assume

$$(1) \quad |DF(w)|_H^{-1} \in \bigcap_{p \geq 1} L^p(B, \mu)$$

$$(2) \quad D^2F(w) \geq 0 \quad \mu\text{-almost sure } w.$$

Let $U = \{w \in B \mid F(w) < 1\}$. We assume $\mu(U) > 0$.

Let d be the exterior differential operator acting on smooth forms $\mathbb{D}^\infty(B, \wedge^p H^*)$ on B . Let d^* be the adjoint operator of d . We define

$$\square = dd^* + d^*d.$$

We restrict this operator on U by specifying a boundary condition. Let

$$D(\square|_p) = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{D}^\infty(B, \wedge^p H^*) \mid \iota(n)\alpha|_S(w) = 0, \\ \iota(n)d\alpha|_S(w) = 0 \nu - a.s. w \in S\}.$$

Here

$$d\nu = |DF(w)|\delta_1(F)d\mu, \quad S = \{F = 1\},$$

$n(w)$: unit outer normal vector at $w \in S$

This is called the absolute boundary condition.

More precisely, we define \square in the following way. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(\alpha, \beta) &= \int_U (d\alpha, d\beta) d\mu + \int_U (d^* \alpha, d^* \beta) d\mu, \\ \alpha, \beta &\in \{ \theta \in \mathbb{D}^\infty(B, \wedge^p H^*) \mid \\ &\quad \iota(n)\theta(w) = 0 \text{ a.s. } w \in S \}. \end{aligned}$$

We define \square as the self-adjoint operator corresponding to the closed form which is obtained by the closure of \mathcal{E} .

Shigekawa proved the following theorem.

Theorem 2 (Shigekawa) $\inf \sigma(\square|_p) \geq p$.

L^2 -Poincaré lemma:

Suppose that $d\alpha = 0$, $\alpha \in D(\overline{\mathcal{E}}|_p)$. Let $\beta = d^*\square|_p^{-1}\alpha$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}d\beta &= dd^*\square^{-1}\alpha = (dd^* + d^*d)\square^{-1}\alpha \\ &= \alpha,\end{aligned}$$

where we have used $d\square^{-1} = \square^{-1}d$ and $d\alpha = 0$. This implies that closed form is exact on U . However, it seems that this argument require the essentially self-adjointness of \square on some suitable domain (domain issue).

Proposition 3 *Assume*

- (1) $\forall w \in B, F(w + \cdot) : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex and $\text{esssup} |DF(w)|_H < \infty$.
- (2) There exist projection operators P_N on H such that $P_N \rightarrow I_H, P_N \in L(B, B^*), \|F(P_N^\perp \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{D}^{1,4}(\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0$.
- (3) $\mu(U_r) > 0$, where $U_r = \{w \mid F(w) < r\}$.

We fix $p > 1$. Assume $\alpha \in L^2(B, H^*) \cap \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(B, H^*)$ satisfies $d\alpha = 0$ on U_r .

Then there exists $f_{r'} \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(B, \mathbb{R})$ such that $df_{r'} = \alpha$ on $U_{r'}$ for any $r' < r$.

Proof of Proposition 3

We write $P_N w = \xi$, $w - P_N w = \eta$ and define

$$R_N = \{\eta \mid F(\eta) < r/2\}, \quad U(\eta) = \{\xi \mid F(\xi + \eta) < r\}$$

$$U_N = \{\xi + \eta \mid \xi \in U(\eta), \eta \in R_N\} \subset U.$$

Then $U(\eta)$ is a convex set and $0 \in U(\eta)$. We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(w) &= \sum_i \alpha_i(w) d\xi^i + \sum_j \alpha_j(w) d\eta^j \\ &:= \alpha_N(\xi, \eta) + \alpha_N^\perp(\xi, \eta). \end{aligned}$$

$d_N \alpha_N(\cdot, \eta) = 0$ on $U(\eta)$ for *a.s.* η , where $d_N = P_N d$.

Define

$$f_N(\xi, \eta) = \int_0^1 \sum_i \alpha_i(t\xi + \eta) \xi^i dt$$

$$g_N(\xi, \eta) = f_N(\xi, \eta) - \frac{\int_{U(\eta)} f_N(\xi, \eta) d\mu_N(\xi)}{\mu_N(U(\eta))}$$

Then

$$d_N g_N(\xi, \eta) = \alpha_N(w)$$

$$\|g_N(\cdot, \eta)\|_{L^2(U(\eta), \mu_N)}^2 \leq C \|\alpha_N(\cdot, \eta)\|_{L^2(U(\eta), \mu_N)}^2. \quad (*)$$

(*) follows from the Poincaré inequality on the convex domain $U(\eta)$. Let $\hat{g}_N(w) = g_N(w) \mathbf{1}_{U_N}(w)$ $w \in B$.

(*) implies $\sup_N \|\hat{g}_N\|_{L^2(B, \mu)} < \infty$.

Hence a subsequence $\hat{g}_{N(k)}$ converges weakly to some g_∞ in $L^2(B, \mu)$.

$g_\infty \varphi(F)$ is the desired function, where φ is a smooth cut-off function such that

$$\varphi(x) = 1 \quad (x \leq r_1), \quad \varphi(x) = 0 \quad (x \geq r_2),$$

where $r' < r_1 < r_2 < r$.

Let us consider the case:

$$\begin{aligned} B = \mathbf{W}^d &= C([0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \mid w(0) = 0), \\ H &= H^1([0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \mid h(0) = 0). \end{aligned}$$

There exists the Wiener measure μ on \mathbf{W}^d . Using solutions of SDE on G , we can change the problem on $L_e(G)$ in Theorem 1 to a problem on some domains in Wiener spaces.

However, the above Poincaré lemma on convex domains cannot be applied to the problem.

We need Poincaré's lemmas on non-convex domains defined by Brownian rough path.

Brownian rough path

Let $x = x_t = (x_t^1, \dots, x_t^d)$,
 $y = y_t = (y_t^1, \dots, y_t^d)$ ($0 \leq t \leq 1$) be continuous paths.
Suppose that x or y is a bounded variation. Then we can
define for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} C(x, y)_{s,t} &= \int_s^t (x_u - x_s) \otimes dy_u \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \left(\int_s^t (x_u^i - x_s^i) dy_u^j \right) e_i \otimes e_j \\ &\in \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d \end{aligned}$$

as a Stieltjes integral. Here $e_i = {}^t(0, \dots, \overset{i}{1}, \dots, 0)$. Let $\Delta = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1\}$. For a continuous mapping $\phi : \Delta \rightarrow V$ with values in a normed linear space V , define

$$\|\phi\|_{m,\theta} = \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{|\phi(s, t)|_V^m}{(t-s)^{2+m\theta}} ds dt \right\}^{1/m},$$

where, m is an even number such that $m(1 - \theta) > 2$ and $2/3 < \theta < 1$.

$$W_{m,\theta}(\Delta \rightarrow V) := C(\Delta \rightarrow V \mid \|\phi\|_{m,\theta} < \infty).$$

Also we define for a continuous path \mathbf{x} starting at $\mathbf{0}$ on \mathbb{R}^d

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{m,\theta} = \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{|\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_s|^m}{|t - s|^{2+m\theta}} ds dt \right\}^{1/m}$$

and

$$\mathbf{W}_{m,\theta}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \mid \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}, \|\mathbf{x}\|_{m,\theta} < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{x} \text{ is continuous.} \right\}.$$

- $\mathbf{W}_{m,\theta/2}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a subset of the $\theta/2$ -Hölder continuous function space
- $\mu(\mathbf{W}_{m,\theta/2}(\mathbb{R}^d)) = 1$.

From now on, we fix the indexes

$$m(1 - \theta') > 4, \quad 2/3 < \theta < \theta' < 1.$$

For $w \in W_{m, \theta'/2}$, define

$w(N)$ = dyadic polygonal approximation of w such that

$$w(N)_{k/2^N} = w_{k/2^N} \text{ for all } 0 \leq k \leq 2^N \text{ and}$$

$$w(N)^i = (w(N), e_i)$$

$$w(N)^\perp = w - w(N)$$

$$w(N)^{\perp, i} = w^i - w(N)^i$$

Theorem 4 *Let Ω be the set of $w \in W_{m,\theta'/2}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfying the following (i)-(iii).*

- (i) $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} w(N) = w$ in $W_{m,\theta'/2}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.
- (ii) $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C(w(N), w(N))$ converges in $W_{m,\theta}(\Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d)$.
- (iii) $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C(w(N)^\perp, w(N))$ and $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C(w(N), w(N)^\perp)$ converge to 0 in $W_{m,\theta}(\Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Then Ω^c is a slim set, $H \subset \Omega$ and $\Omega + H \subset \Omega$.

For $w = (w^1, \dots, w^d) \in \Omega$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} C(w, w)_{s,t} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C(w(N), w(N))_{s,t} \\ C(w^i, w^j)_{s,t} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C(w(N)^i, w(N)^j)_{s,t} \end{aligned}$$

For $w, z \in \Omega$, let

$$\begin{aligned} d_\Omega(w, z) &= \max \left\{ \|w - z\|_{m, \theta'/2}, \|C(w, w) - C(z, z)\|_{m, \theta} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\varphi \in (\mathbf{W}^d)^*$, where $(\mathbf{W}^d)^* (\subset H^* \simeq H)$ is the set of functions whose first derivatives are bounded variation.

We define a ball like set in rough path analysis.

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{r,\varphi} = \left\{ w \in \Omega \mid \right. & \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \|w^i\|_{m,\theta'/2} < r, \\
 & \max_{1 \leq j < k \leq d} \|C(w^j, w^k)\|_{m,\theta} < r, \\
 & \max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq d} \|C(\varphi^i, w^j)\|_{m,\theta} < r, \\
 & \left. \sup_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq d} \|C(w^i, \varphi^j)\|_{m,\theta} < r \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$U_r(\varphi) = \{w + \varphi \mid w \in U_{r,\varphi}\}.$$

Poincaré type vanishing theorem

Theorem 5 *Let $\beta \in L^2(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbf{H}^*)$ and assume $\beta \in \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbf{H}^*)$ for some $p > 1$. Let $\varphi \in (\mathbf{W}^d)^*$. Suppose that $d\beta = 0$ on $U_r(\varphi)$. Then for any $r' < r$, there exists $f \in \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R}) \cap \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R})$ such that $df = \beta$ on $U_{r'}(\varphi)$.*

Remark 6 The sets $U_r(\varphi), U_{r,\varphi}$ are not \mathbf{H} -convex.

Sketch of Proof in the case where $d = 2$, $\varphi = 0$

$$U_{r,0} = \left\{ w = (w^1, w^2) \in \Omega \mid \max_{i=1,2} \|w^i\|_{m,\theta'/2} < r, \right. \\ \left. \|C(w^1, w^2)\|_{m,\theta} < r \right\}.$$

We use the notation

$$\Omega_N = \{w(N) \mid w \in \Omega\}$$
$$\Omega_N^\perp = \{w(N)^\perp \mid w \in \Omega\}$$

and we write

$$w(N) = \xi, \quad w(N)^\perp = \eta$$

$$R_N = \left\{ \eta \in \Omega_N^\perp \mid \max_{i=1,2} \|\eta^i\|_{m,\theta'/2} < r/4, \right. \\ \left. \|C(\eta^1, \eta^2)\|_{m,\theta} < r/4 \right\}.$$

$$U_{r,0}(\eta) = \left\{ \xi \in \Omega_N \mid w = \xi + \eta \in U_{r,0}, \right. \\ \left. \|C(\xi^1, \eta^2)\|_{m,\theta} < r/4, \right. \\ \left. \|C(\eta^1, \xi^2)\|_{m,\theta} < r/4 \right\}$$

$$U_{r,0,N} = \left\{ w = \xi + \eta \in \Omega \mid \xi \in U_{r,0}(\eta), \right. \\ \left. \eta \in R_N \right\}$$

- Poincaré's inequality on $U_{r,0}(\eta) \subset \Omega_N$:

For $f \in C_b^\infty(\Omega_N)$ with $\int_{U_{r,0}(\eta)} f d\mu_N = 0$,

$$\|f\|_{L^2(U_{r,0}(\eta), \mu_N)}^2 \leq C \int_{U_{r,0}(\eta)} |Df(\xi)|_H^2 d\mu_N(\xi),$$

where C is a positive constant independent of N, η . μ_N is the Wiener measure on Ω_N .

- Poincaré lemma on $U_{r,0}(\eta)$:

Let θ be a smooth closed 1-form on $U_{r,0}(\eta)$. Then there exists a smooth function g on $U_{r,0}(\eta)$ such that $dg = \theta$ on $U_{r,0}(\eta)$.

• (General results) Let us consider a bounded open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ $\ni z = (x, y)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Let $A = \{x \mid (x, y) \in U\}$, $B = \{y \mid (x, y) \in U\}$, $U_x = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid (x, y) \in U\}$, $U^y = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (x, y) \in U\}$. Let μ be the standard normal distribution on $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m$. Assume

(1) U_x, U^y are convex sets $\forall x \in A, \forall y \in B$.

$0 \in U_x \forall x \in A$. A is convex.

(2) $\delta = \inf_{x, x' \in A} \mu(U_x \cap U_{x'}) > 0$

Poincaré's inequality and Poincaré's lemma holds on U and the Poincaré constant depends only on $\mu(U)$ and δ .

Let $\beta_N = P_N \beta$.

$d\beta = 0$ implies $d_N \beta_N = 0$ on $U_{r,0}(\eta)$ for *a.s.* $\eta \in R_N$.

As already explained, $\exists f_N(w) = f_N(\xi, \eta)$ on $U_{r,0,N}$ such that $\int_{U_{r,0}(\eta)} f_N(\xi, \eta) d\mu_N(\xi) = 0$ and $d_N f_N = \beta_N$.

Let $\hat{f}_N = f_N \mathbf{1}_{U_{r,0,N}}$.

By the Poincaré inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{f}_N\|_{L^2(U_{r,0})} &= \|f_N\|_{L^2(U_{r,0,N})} \leq C \|\beta_N\|_{L^2(U_{r,0,N})} \\ &\leq C \|\beta_N\|_{L^2(U_{r,0})} \\ &\leq C \|\beta\|_{L^2(U_{r,0})}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there exists a subsequence $\hat{f}_{N(k)}$ which converges weakly to some \hat{f}_∞ in $L^2(W^d, d\mu)$.

We can show that $d\hat{f}_\infty = \beta$ on $U_{r'}(\varphi)$.

Stochastic differential equations

Let G be a compact Lie group ($\dim G = d$). Let us consider the SDE on G :

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t, a, w) &= (L_{X(t,a,w)})_* \circ dw_t, \\ X(0, a, w) &= a \in G.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Here $L_g a = ga$ is the left-multiplication and w_t is the d -dimensional standard Brownian motion on $\mathbb{R}^d \simeq \mathfrak{g} \simeq T_e(G)$ whose starting point is 0 .

Theorem 7 *There exists a measurable map*

$X : [0, \infty) \times G \times \Omega \rightarrow G$ *which satisfies the following.*

(1) $X(t, a, w)$ *is a version of the solution to the SDE (1).*

(2) *For any t, a , the map $w \rightarrow X(t, a, w)$ is continuous in the sense that for any $w, z \in \Omega$ with*

$\max(d_\Omega(0, w), d_\Omega(0, z)) \leq R$, *there exists $C(R) > 0$ such that*

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} d(X(t, a, w), X(t, a, z)) \leq C(R)d_\Omega(w, z).$$

Precise statements of Theorem 1

Below we assume that

G is a simply connected compact Lie group.

Let ε be a sufficiently small positive number and set

$$\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon = \{w \in \Omega \mid d(e, X(1, e, w)) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Let ν_e be the pinned Brownian motion measure on $L_e(G)$.

First theorem is a vanishing theorem on \mathcal{D}_ε .

Theorem A Let us fix $p > 1$. Assume

(1) $\beta \in \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbf{H}^*)$ and $\beta \in L^2(U_r(\varphi), d\mu)$ for any $r > 0$ and $\varphi \in (\mathbf{W}^d)^*$

(2) $d\beta = 0$ on \mathcal{D}_ε .

Then there exist $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \subset (\mathbf{W}^d)^*$, $r_i > 0$, $f_i \in \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R}) \cap \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R})$ ($i \geq 1$) and a measurable function F on \mathcal{D}_ε such that

$$\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$$

$$df_i = \beta \quad \text{a.s. on } U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$$

$$F(w) = f_i(w) \quad \text{a.s. on } U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$$

Theorem B Let

$\alpha \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\wedge^1 T^* L_e(G), d\nu_e) \cap \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\wedge^1 T^* L_e(G), d\nu_e)$
and assume that $d\alpha = 0$ ν_e -a.s. on $L_e(G)$. Let

$$H_0 = \{h \in H^1([0, 1] \rightarrow T_e(G)) \mid h(0) = h(1) = 0\}.$$

There exists a measurable function f on $L_e(G)$ such that
for any $h \in H_0$, $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$f(e^{\varepsilon h} \cdot) - f(\cdot) \in L^q(L_e(G), d\nu_e)$$

and for any $1 \leq q < p$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{f(e^{\varepsilon h} \cdot) - f(\cdot)}{\varepsilon} - (\alpha, h) \right\|_{L^q(\nu_e)} = 0.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}(\alpha, \alpha) &= (d\alpha, d\alpha)_{L^2(\nu_e)} + (d^*\alpha, d^*\alpha)_{L^2(\nu_e)} \\ \alpha &\in \mathfrak{F}C_b^\infty(\wedge^1 T^*L_e(G))\end{aligned}$$

The Hodge-Kodaira operator \square is the generator corresponding to the closed form which is the closure of \mathcal{E} .

Theorem C Let G be a simply connected compact Lie group. Then $\ker \square = \{0\}$.

Proof of Theorem A

- (1) By the H -connectedness of \mathcal{D}_ε , there exist $\{U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)\}_{i=1}^\infty$ such that $\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon = \cup_{i=1}^\infty U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$ and $\mu\left(\left(\cup_{i=1}^k U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)\right) \cap U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1})\right) > 0$ (for any k).
- (2) By Poincaré's vanishing theorem, there exist $f_i \in \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R}) \cap \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbf{W}^d, \mathbb{R})$ ($1 < p < 2$) such that $df_i = \beta$ on $U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$.
- (3) Using the H -connectedness and H -simply connectedness of \mathcal{D}_ε and the Stokes theorem in H -direction, we see that there exists a measurable

function F on \mathcal{D}_ε and $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for any $i \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$F(w) = f_i(w) + c_i \quad \mu\text{-a.s. } w \in U_{r_i}(\varphi_i).$$

These F and $f_i + c_i$ are desired functions.

We explain (3). We denote $D_k = \cup_{i=1}^k U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$. We assume that there exists a measurable function F_k on D_k and constants c_i ($1 \leq i \leq k$) such that $F_k = f_i + c_i$ on $U_{r_i}(\varphi_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.

It suffices to prove that there exists c_{k+1} such that

$$F_k = f_{k+1} + c_{k+1} \text{ on } D_k \cap U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1}).$$

Take a $\mathbf{h} \in (\mathbf{W}^d)^*$ and $r > 0$ such that $U_r(\mathbf{h}) \subset D_k \cap U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1})$. Since

$$d(F_k - f_{k+1}) = \beta - \beta = 0 \quad \text{on } U_r(\mathbf{h}),$$

(by the irreducibility of the Dirichlet form on $U_r(\mathbf{h})$) there exists a constant c_{k+1} such that

$$F_k = f_{k+1} + c_{k+1} \quad \text{on } U_r(\mathbf{h}).$$

We prove that

$$F_k = f_{k+1} + c_{k+1} \quad \text{on } D_k \cap U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1}).$$

Suppose that there exists $B \subset D_k \cap U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1})$ and $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|F_k - (f_{k+1} + c_{k+1})| > \delta \quad \text{on } B.$$

Then by the H -connectedness of D_k and $U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1})$, there exists $A \subset U_r(h)$ and $h_0(\cdot), h_1(\cdot) \in H^1([0, 1] \rightarrow H \mid h(0) = 0)$ such that $h_0(1) = h_1(1) = v$, $A + v \subset B$ and

$$A + h_0(\tau) \subset D_k, \quad A + h_1(\tau) \subset U_{r_{k+1}}(\varphi_{k+1})$$

for all $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$.

By the H -simply connectedness of \mathcal{D}_ε , there exists $\mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau) \in H$ ($0 \leq \sigma, \tau \leq 1$) such that for all τ, σ

$$\mathcal{H}(0, \tau) = h_0(\tau), \quad \mathcal{H}(1, \tau) = h_1(\tau),$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\sigma, 0) = 0, \quad \mathcal{H}(\sigma, 1) = v (= h_0(1) = h_1(1))$$

$$A + \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau) \subset \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon.$$

It holds that for almost all $w \in A$

$$F_k(w + v) - F_k(w) = \int_0^1 (\beta(w + h_0(\tau)), dh_0(\tau))$$

$$f_{k+1}(w + v) - f_{k+1}(w) = \int_0^1 (\beta(w + h_1(\tau)), dh_1(\tau))$$

Also we have (Stokes theorem),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 (\beta(w + h_1(\tau)), d_\tau h_1(\tau)) \\
& \quad - \int_0^1 (\beta(w + h_0(\tau)), d_\tau h_0(\tau)) \\
& = \iint_{(\sigma, \tau) \in [0, 1]^2} (d\beta)(w + \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau)) (d_\sigma \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau), d_\tau \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \tau)) \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This shows

$$F_k(w + v) - f_{k+1}(w + v) = c_{k+1} \quad \text{for almost all } w \in A.$$

This is a contradiction.

Proof of Theorem B

Let $\mathcal{D}'_{2\varepsilon} = \{\gamma \in L_e(G) \mid d(\gamma(1), e) < 2\varepsilon\}$. Define a map $\Psi : \mathcal{D}'_{2\varepsilon} \rightarrow L_e(G)$ by

$$\Psi(\gamma)(t) = \exp(-t \log \gamma(1))\gamma(t).$$

Let $\beta = \varphi_\varepsilon(X(1, e, w))(\Psi \circ X)^*\alpha \in \mathbb{D}_p^\infty(W^d, H^*)$,
 $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = 1$ ($d(x, e) \leq 3\varepsilon/2$), $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = 0$ ($d(x, e) \geq 2\varepsilon$).

Then $d\beta = 0$ on \mathcal{D}_ε .

By Theorem A, $\exists g$ such that $dg = \beta$.

$f(\gamma) = g(X^{-1}(\gamma))$ ($\gamma \in L_e(G)$) is the desired function.

Proof of Theorem C

Suppose $\square\alpha = 0$.

(1) Weitzenböck type formula:

$$\square = \nabla^*\nabla + I + T_{b(1)} + T_2 + T_3,$$

where $b(t) = \int_0^t \circ d\gamma(s)\gamma(s)^{-1}$.

(2) Using the Weitzenböck formula and the hypoellipticity of $\nabla^*\nabla$, $\alpha \in \cap_{1 < p < 2} \mathbb{D}^{\infty,p}(\wedge^1 T^* L_e(G))$. Since $\square\alpha = 0$ implies $d\alpha = 0$, there exists f such that $df = \alpha$ by Theorem B. For any C_b^1 -function ψ , $\psi(f) \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(L_e(G))$ and $d(\psi(f)) = \psi'(f)\alpha$.

Let ψ be a C_b^1 -function such that $\psi(x) = x$ ($|x| \leq 1$).

Let $\psi_K(x) = K\psi(x/K)$. Using $d^*\alpha = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{L_e(G)} |\alpha(\gamma)|_{T_\gamma L_e(G)}^2 d\nu_e(\gamma) \\
 &= \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \int_{L_e(G)} (\alpha(\gamma), \psi'_K(f)\alpha(\gamma))_{T_\gamma L_e(G)} d\nu_e(\gamma) \\
 &= \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \int_{L_e(G)} (\alpha(\gamma), d(\psi_K(f)))_{T_\gamma L_e(G)} d\nu_e(\gamma) \\
 &= \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \int_{L_e(G)} (d^*\alpha)(\gamma)\psi_K(f) d\nu_e(\gamma) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies $\alpha = 0$.

Final Remarks

- $\inf\{\sigma(\square) \setminus \{0\}\} > 0$?
- Higher dimensional case: Let β be a closed p -form on $U_r(\varphi)$. Then $\exists (p - 1)$ -form γ such that $d\gamma = \beta$?
- Other kind of non-convex domain? Non-smooth boundary?
Local-Sobolev spaces?
- Probably similar kind of theorem holds in the case of $L_x(M)$ when $H^1(L_x(M), \mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$.
- The case $H^1(L_x(M), \mathbb{R}) \neq \{0\}$?

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Appendix: Kusuoka's result

- Submanifolds in Wiener spaces

M : compact Riemannian manifold

$M \subset \mathbb{R}^d$: isometry

Let $P(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow T_x M$ be the projection operator and

$$dX(t, x, w) = P(X(t, x, w)) \circ dw_t,$$

$$X(0, x, w) = x \in M.$$

There exists a probability measure

$d\mu_x = p(1, x, x)^{-1} \delta_x(X(1, x, w)) d\mu$ on the

submanifold:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{w \in W^d \mid X(1, x, w) = x\} \subset W^d.$$

The exterior differential operator on \mathcal{S} as the submanifold is well-defined and some Sobolev calculus were developed by many people.

Shigeo Kusuoka defined a local Sobolev spaces

$$\mathcal{D}_{loc}^{\infty, q}(U, d\mu)$$

where U is a subset of W^d and q is the index of the integrability. Based on this Sobolev spaces, he proved the

following (ICM proceedings 1990, Kyoto):

Theorem 8

$$H^p(\mathcal{D}_{loc}^{\infty,q}(\wedge^p T^*S)) \simeq H^p(\mathcal{M}_x, \mathbb{R})$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_x = \left\{ h \in H \mid \xi(1, x, h) = x, \text{ where} \right. \\ \left. \begin{aligned} &\xi(t, x, h) \text{ is the solution to} \\ &\dot{\xi}(t, x, h) = P(\xi(t, x, h))\dot{h}(t), \xi(0, x, h) = x \quad t \geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Note that H^1 loop space $H^1 L_x(M)$ and \mathcal{M}_x is C^∞ -homotopy equivalent.

Let $\square = d_S^* d_S + d_S d_S^*$ and $\square|_p$ be the restriction on p -forms. They are defined as the Friedrichs extension of them on some cores.

Theorem 9 (S.Kusuoka) *There exists a map*

$j_p : \ker \square|_p \rightarrow H^p(\mathcal{M}_x, \mathbb{R})$ *such that*

(1) j_p *is surjective for* $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(2) j_p *is injective for* $p = 0, 1$.