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WEIL HOMOMORPHISM IN NON-COMMUTATIVE DIFFERENTIAL SPACES

In this paper we construct Weil homomorphism in locally free module over a non-commutative differential space, which is a generalization of Sikorski differential space [6]. We consider real case, but the complex case can be done analogously.

1. Preliminaries

Let (M, C) be a differential space [6], \mathfrak{A} a noncommutative unital algebra such that the center $Z(\mathfrak{A})$ is isomorphic with \mathbf{R} . We assume that algebra \mathfrak{A} is finite dimensional with a basis e_1, \dots, e_m . Typically \mathfrak{A} could be a matrix algebra. A function $a : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ is said to be smooth if $a = \sum_{i=1}^m f^i e_i$ with $f^i \in C$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$. Let A be the algebra of all smooth functions defined on M with values in \mathfrak{A} . The center $Z(A)$ of the algebra A is of the form $Z(A) = C \cdot 1$, where 1 is the unit of \mathfrak{A} .

The pair (M, A) is called a non-commutative differential space. Now we present some geometrical notions in such spaces.

A linear mapping $v : A \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ satisfying the Leibniz rule

$$v(a \cdot b) = v(a) \cdot b(p) + a(p) \cdot v(b)$$

for every $a, b \in A$, is said to be a tangent vector to (M, A) at the point $p \in M$.

The linear space of all tangent vectors to (M, A) at $p \in M$ will be denoted by $T_p(M, A)$. It is easy to observe that for every $v \in T_p(M, A)$, $v(1) = 0$ and consequently

$$v(k) = v(k \cdot 1) = 0.$$

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We can consider $k \in \mathbf{R}$ as an element of A by the embedding $\mathbf{R} \subset A$, $k \rightarrow k \cdot 1$.

A mapping $F : (M, A) \rightarrow (N, B)$ between two differential non-commutative differential spaces is said to be smooth if $F^*B \subset A$ (or equivalently $b \circ F \in A$ for every $b \in B$).

For any $u \in T_p(M, C)$ we define $\bar{u} \in T_p(M, A)$ by $\bar{u}(a) = \sum_{i=1}^m u(f^i) e_i$, for $a \in A$, $a = \sum_{i=1}^m f^i e_i$.

Analogously, for any derivation $w \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{A})$ we define $\bar{w} \in T_p(M, A)$ by $\bar{w}(a) = \sum_{i=1}^m f^i(p) w(e_i)$.

Let us denote by $T(M, A) = \cup_{p \in M} T_p(M, A)$, the disjoint sum of tangent spaces. We obviously have the projection $\pi : T(M, A) \rightarrow M$ given by $v \mapsto p$, where $v \in T_p(M, A)$.

A mapping $X : M \rightarrow T(M, A)$ such that $\pi \circ X = \text{id}_M$ is said to be a tangent vector field to the noncommutative differential space (M, A) .

For any $a \in A$ we define the action of X on A as a \mathfrak{A} -valued function on M , $Xa : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ given by $(Xa)(p) = X(p)(a)$ for $p \in M$.

The set of all smooth tangent vector fields to (M, A) will be denote by $\mathbf{V}(A)$. In this set we naturally introduce the $Z(A)$ -module structure. We define addition and multiplication in the following way

$$\begin{aligned}(X + Y)(p) &= X(p) + Y(p), \\ (\alpha \cdot X)(p) &= \alpha(p) X(p)\end{aligned}$$

for $p \in M$, $X, Y \in \mathbf{V}(A)$, $\alpha \in Z(A)$.

A non-commutative differential space (M, A) is said to be of a constant differential dimension n if and only if $Z(A)$ -module $\mathbf{V}(A)$ is locally free of rank n .

One can prove

PROPOSITION 1. *If (M, C) is a differential space of constant differential dimension k , then the non-commutative differential space (M, A) is of the constant differential dimension $k + l$, where l is the dimension of $\text{Der}\mathfrak{A}$.*

Proof. If X_1, \dots, X_k is a local basis of tangent vector fields to (M, C) on an open set U , then we define $\bar{X}_i : U \rightarrow \cup_{p \in M} T_p(U, A_U)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, by the formula:

$$\bar{X}_i(p)(a) = \sum_{j=1}^m X_i(p)(f^j) e_j,$$

for $p \in U$, where $a = \sum_{i=1}^n f^i e_i$, $f^i \in C_U$.

We also prolonge the basis E_1, \dots, E_l of $\text{Der}\mathfrak{A}$ to $\overline{E}_1, \dots, \overline{E}_l \in \mathbf{V}(A_U)$ by

$$\overline{E}_i(p)(a) = \sum_{j=1}^m f^j E_i(e_j), \quad \text{for } p \in U.$$

We obtain a local basis $X_1, \dots, X_k, \overline{E}_1, \dots, \overline{E}_l$ of $Z(A)$ — module $\mathbf{V}(A)$. Let us denote by $A^k(\mathbf{V}(A), Z(A))$ the $Z(A)$ — module of all skew-symmetric $Z(A) - k$ —linear mappings $\omega : \mathbf{V}(A) \times \dots \times \mathbf{V}(A) \rightarrow Z(A)$.

For any $\omega \in A^k(\mathbf{V}(A), Z(A))$ we define its differential $d\omega \in A^{k+1}(\mathbf{V}(A), Z(A))$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (d\omega)(X_1, \dots, X_{k+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i+1} X_i(\omega(X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, X_{k+1})) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, \widehat{X}_j, \dots, X_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

for $X_1, \dots, X_{k+1} \in \mathbf{V}(A)$.

Here d is a local \mathbf{R} -linear operator and satisfies the standard properties:

$$d(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^{|\omega_1|} \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2, \quad d \circ d = 0.$$

Let us put

$$B^k(M) = \{d\theta : \theta \in A^{k-1}(\mathbf{V}(A), Z(A))\}$$

and

$$Z^k(M) = \{\omega \in A^k(\mathbf{V}(A), Z(A)) : d\omega = 0\}.$$

Let $H^k(M) = Z^k(M)/B^k(M)$ be k -th cohomology group of d . For any open set $U \in \tau_C$ let $\tilde{A}(U)$ be the algebra of smooth \mathfrak{A} -valued functions $a : U \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ defined on U . \tilde{A} is a sheaf of non-commutative algebras over M . ■

DEFINITION 2. Let \mathfrak{I} be a sheaf of $Z(A)$ -modules over the noncommutative differential space (M, A) . A linear connection in \mathfrak{I} is \mathbf{R} -linear mapping $D : \mathfrak{I}(M) \rightarrow A^1(\mathbf{V}(A), \mathfrak{I}(M))$ satisfying the condition

$$D(\alpha \cdot \eta) = (d\alpha)\eta + \alpha D\eta$$

for any $\eta \in \mathfrak{I}(M)$ and $\alpha \in Z(A)$.

2. Families of connections and curvature matrices

Let $D : \mathfrak{I}(M) \rightarrow A^1(\mathbf{V}(A), \mathfrak{I}(M))$ be a linear connection in the sheaf \mathfrak{I} . Decomposing 1-forms $D\varepsilon_i \in A^1(\mathbf{V}(\tilde{A}(U)), \mathfrak{I}(U))$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with respect to a local $Z(U)$ -base $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$ of the $Z(U)$ -module $\mathfrak{I}(U)$,

$U \in \tau_C$ we get

$$(1) \quad D\varepsilon_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_i^j(\varepsilon) \cdot \varepsilon_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where $\theta_i^j(\varepsilon) \in A^1(\tilde{A}(U)), Z(\tilde{A}(U))$.

The matrix $\theta(\varepsilon) = (\theta_i^j(\varepsilon))$ of the 1-forms is called the matrix of the connection D with respect to the local $Z(\tilde{A}(U))$ -base ε . In the sequel, for simplicity we will write $Z(U)$ instead of $Z(\tilde{A}(U))$ and $A^k(U)$ instead of $V(\tilde{A}(U))$.

There exists an open cover $U = (U_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$ of M such that every $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$, $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$, is a local $Z(U_\varepsilon)$ -basis of $\mathfrak{I}(U_\varepsilon)$.

DEFINITION 3. A family of matrices $\theta = (\theta(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$, $\theta(\varepsilon) \in M_n(A^1(U_\varepsilon))$ is called a family of connection matrices of a linear Σ connection D with respect to Σ .

It satisfies the following transformation law:

$$(2) \quad dg + \theta(\varepsilon)|_{U_\varepsilon \cap U_{\varepsilon'}} \cdot g = g \cdot \theta(\varepsilon')|_{U_\varepsilon \cap U_{\varepsilon'}},$$

for $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \Sigma$ with $U_\varepsilon \cap U_{\varepsilon'} \neq \emptyset$, where $g \in GL(n, Z(U_\varepsilon \cap U_{\varepsilon'}))$.

Now let $F^k(\Sigma)$ denote the set of families of matrices $\omega = (\omega(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$, with $\omega(\varepsilon) \in M_n(A^k(U_\varepsilon))$ satisfying the following transformation law:

$$\omega(\varepsilon')|_{U \cap U'} = \bar{g}^T \omega(\varepsilon)|_{U \cap U'} g,$$

whenever $U_\varepsilon \cap U_{\varepsilon'} \neq \emptyset$. $F^k(\Sigma)$ is $Z(M)$ -module for $k \geq 1$.

DEFINITION 4. The family $\Theta \in F^2(\Sigma)$ defined by

$$(3) \quad \Theta(\varepsilon) = d\theta(\varepsilon) + \theta(\varepsilon) \wedge \theta(\varepsilon), \quad \text{for } \varepsilon \in \Sigma,$$

is called the family of curvative matrices of D with respect to Σ .

For $\omega = (\omega(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma} \in F^k(\Sigma)$, we define $D\omega = (D\omega(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$ to be the family of matrices defined by

$$(4) \quad D\omega(\varepsilon) = d\omega(\varepsilon) + \theta(\varepsilon) \wedge \omega(\varepsilon) - (-1)^k \omega(\varepsilon) \wedge \theta(\varepsilon)$$

for $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$, where $d\omega(\varepsilon) := (d\omega_j^i(\varepsilon))$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$. Of course $D\omega \in F^{k+1}(\Sigma)$.

For any $\chi \in F^k(\Sigma)$ and $\Psi \in F^l(\Sigma)$ and $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$ let us define

$$\chi(\varepsilon) \wedge \psi(\varepsilon) := \left(\sum_{m=1}^n \chi_m^i(\varepsilon) \wedge \psi_j^m(\varepsilon) \right), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

We define a wedge product $\chi \wedge \psi \in F^{k+l}(\Sigma)$ by

$$(5) \quad (\chi \wedge \psi)(\varepsilon) = \chi(\varepsilon) \wedge \psi(\varepsilon), \quad \text{for } \varepsilon \in \Sigma.$$

Thus $\chi \wedge \psi$ is the family of $k+l$ -forms $\chi \wedge \psi = (\chi(\varepsilon) \wedge \psi(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$.

Now, let $[\chi, \psi] = ([\chi, \psi](\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$ be the family of matrices defined by

$$(6) \quad [\chi, \psi](\varepsilon) = \chi(\varepsilon) \wedge \psi(\varepsilon) - (-1)^{kl} \psi(\varepsilon) \wedge \chi(\varepsilon),$$

for $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$.

It is easy to see that $[\chi, \psi] = \chi \wedge \psi - (-1)^{kl} \psi \wedge \chi$.

By standard computations [5], [7] one can prove the following identities:

PROPOSITION 5. *Let θ be a family of connection matrices of connection D with respect to Σ and Θ the corresponding family of curvature matrices. If $\chi \in F^k(\Sigma)$ and $\psi \in F^l(\Sigma)$ then:*

1. $D(\chi \wedge \psi) = D\chi \wedge \psi + (-1)^k \chi \wedge D\psi$,
2. $D\Theta = 0$,
3. $D^2\psi = [\Theta, \psi]$.

3. Invariant forms

Let $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ be the set of $n \times n$ matrices with real entries. A k -linear form $P : M_n(\mathbf{R}) \times \dots \times M_n(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is said to be invariant if

$$(7) \quad P(gA_1g^{-1}, \dots, gA_kg^{-1}) = P(A_1, \dots, A_k),$$

for every $g \in GL(n, \mathbf{R})$ and every $A_1, \dots, A_k \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$.

We shall denote the \mathbf{R} -vector space of all k -linear forms on $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ by $I_k(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$.

Using the usual Einstein summation convention, each matrix $A = (a_j^i) \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination $A = a_j^i E_j^i$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, for the standard basis E_j^i , $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, of $M_n(\mathbf{R})$.

If $A_l = (a_{jl}^{i_l})$, $l = 1, \dots, k$ are some matrices of $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ then for any $P \in I_k(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$ we have

$$(8) \quad P(A_1, \dots, A_k) = P_{j_1 \dots j_k}^{i_1 \dots i_k} a_{i_1}^{j_1} \dots a_{i_k}^{j_k},$$

where

$$(9) \quad P_{j_1 \dots j_k}^{i_1 \dots i_k} = P(E_{j_1}^{i_1}, \dots, E_{j_k}^{i_k}).$$

Now, let $M_n(A^l(U))$ be $Z(U)$ -module of all $n \times n$ matrices with entries in $Z(A)$ -module l -forms $A^l(U)$, where $U \in \tau_C$ is open subset in M .

We prolonge the action of P to $M_n(A^l(U)) \times \dots \times M_n(A^l(U))$ by:

$$(10) \quad P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = P_{i_1 \dots i_k}^{j_1 \dots j_k} a_{j_1}^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge a_{j_k}^{i_k}.$$

It is easy to see that for open $V \subset U$ we have

$$(11) \quad P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) |_V = P_V(\alpha_1 |_V, \dots, \alpha_k |_V).$$

$P_V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$ is $l_1 + \dots + l_k$ - form satisfying the invariant condition:

$$(12) \quad P_U(g^{-1}\alpha_1g, \dots, g^{-1}\alpha_kg) = P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$$

for $g \in GL(n, Z(U))$.

One can prove (see [5]):

PROPOSITION 6. *Let $P \in I_k(M_n(R))$ be invariant k -form. For any $\eta_1 \in F^{l_1}(\Sigma), \dots, \eta_k \in F^{l_k}(\Sigma)$ there exists exactly one form $P(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k)$ of degree $l_1 + \dots + l_k$ such that*

$$P(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_U = P_U(\eta_1(U), \dots, \eta_k(U)).$$

Moreover, the mapping

$$\Phi_P : F^{l_1}(\Sigma) \times \dots \times F^{l_k}(\Sigma) \rightarrow A^{l_1 + \dots + l_k}(M),$$

defined by $\Phi_P(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) := P(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k)$ is $Z(A)$ - k -linear.

LEMMA 7. *Let $\eta_1 \in F^{l_1}(\Sigma), \dots, \eta_k \in F^{l_k}(\Sigma)$ and $P \in I_k(M_n(R))$ be arbitrary elements. Then:*

- (i) $\sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1 + \dots + l_{k-1})} P(\eta_1, \dots, [\psi, \eta_s], \dots, \eta_k) = 0$ for any $\psi \in F^l(\Sigma)$.
- (ii) $dP(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) = \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_{s-1}} P(\eta_1, \dots, D\eta_s, \dots, \eta_k)$.

Proof. (i) It is well-known [7] that if $A_1, \dots, A_k, B \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ and $P \in I_k(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$, then

$$\sum_{s=1}^k P(A_1, \dots, [B, A_s], \dots, A_k) = 0$$

and consequently

$$\sum_{s=1}^k P(A_1, \dots, B, A_s, \dots, A_k) - P(A_1, \dots, A_s B, \dots, A_k) = 0.$$

Using the above identity one can verify that

$$\sum_{s=1}^k P_V(\alpha_1, \dots, B\alpha_s, \dots, \alpha_k) - P_V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s B, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0$$

for $V \in \tau_C$, $\alpha_1 \in M_n(A_1(V)), \dots, \alpha_k \in M_n(A_k(V))$ and $B \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$. Using (11) if we multiply the above equation by an arbitrary $\Phi \in M_n(A_l(V))$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1 + \dots + l_{s-1})} P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \Phi B \wedge \alpha_s, \dots, \alpha_k) \\ & - \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1 + \dots + l_{s-1})} (-1)^{ll_s} P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \wedge \Phi B, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This and the fact the every $\psi \in M_n(A^l(V))$ can be written as $\psi = \psi_j^i E_j^i$ by linearity implies:

$$\sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1+\dots+l_{s-1})} P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, \psi \wedge \alpha_s, \dots, \alpha_k) + \\ - \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1+\dots+l_{s-1})} (-1)^{l_s} P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \wedge \psi, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0,$$

or equivalently

$$\sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l(l_1+\dots+l_{s-1})} P_U(\alpha_1, \dots, [\psi, \alpha_s], \dots, \alpha_k) = 0.$$

Now (i) is evident.

(ii) Let $\varepsilon \in \Sigma$. From the very definition $P(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_{U_\varepsilon}$ we have:

$$dP(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_{U_\varepsilon} = P_{j_1 \dots j_k}^{i_1 \dots i_k} \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1+\dots+l_{s-1}} \overset{1}{\eta_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\varepsilon) \wedge \dots \wedge d \overset{s}{\eta_{i_s}^{j_s}}(\varepsilon) \wedge \dots \wedge \overset{k}{\eta_{i_k}^{j_k}}(\varepsilon),$$

that is

$$dP(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_{U_\varepsilon} = \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1+\dots+l_{s-1}} P_{U_\varepsilon}(\eta_1(\varepsilon), \dots, d\eta_s(\varepsilon), \dots, \eta_k(\varepsilon)).$$

Then by linearity we have:

$$dP(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_{U_\varepsilon} = \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1+\dots+l_{s-1}} P_{U_\varepsilon}(\eta_1(\varepsilon), \dots, D\eta_s(\varepsilon), \dots, \eta_k(\varepsilon)) + \\ - \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1+\dots+l_{s-1}} P_{U_\varepsilon}(\eta_1(\varepsilon), \dots, [\Theta, \eta_s](\varepsilon), \dots, \eta_k(\varepsilon)).$$

From (i) the second term is zero and we obtain:

$$dP(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k) |_{U_\varepsilon} = \sum_{s=1}^k (-1)^{l_1+\dots+l_s} P_{U_\varepsilon}(\eta_1(\varepsilon), \dots, D\eta_s(\varepsilon), \dots, \eta_k(\varepsilon))$$

which gives us (ii). ■

Now let us notice that for every $\omega \in F^k(\Sigma)$ one can define a skew symmetric k -linear mapping

$$\omega : \mathbf{V}(A) \times \dots \times \mathbf{V}(A) \rightarrow L(\mathfrak{I}(M), \mathfrak{I}(M)),$$

given by

$$\omega(X_1, \dots, X_k)(\varepsilon_i) = \omega_i^j(\varepsilon)(X_1, \dots, X_k)\varepsilon_j,$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$.

One can easily see that ω does not depend on the choice of the family Σ . In the sequel for a connection D in \mathfrak{I} let Θ be the curvature 2-form $\Theta : \mathbf{V}(A) \times \mathbf{V}(A) \rightarrow L(\mathfrak{I}(M), \mathfrak{I}(M))$ defined by the family of curvature matrices $(\Theta(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$. Let $P(\Theta) := P(\Theta, \dots, \Theta)$ be $2k$ -form obtaining from the family $(\Theta(\varepsilon))_{\varepsilon \in \Sigma}$ and $P \in I_k(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$.

Now we can prove the following generalization of Weil theorem:

THEOREM 8. *Let \mathfrak{I} be locally free sheaf of $Z(A)$ — modules of rank n over non-commutative differential space (M, A) and let θ be a family of connection D in \mathfrak{I} . Then for any invariant k -form $P \in I_k(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$*

- (a) $dP(\Theta) = 0$, that is $2k$ -form $P(\Theta)$ is closed,
- (b) The cohomology class $[P(\Theta)]$ is independent of the connection D .

Sketch of proof:

- (a) By Lemma 7 we have

$$dP(\Theta) = \sum_{s=1}^k P(\Theta, \dots, D\Theta, \dots, \Theta)$$

and $D\Theta = 0$ by Proposition 1. Hence $dP(\Theta) = 0$.

(b) Let θ and θ' be two families of connection matrices of connection D and D' respectively. We may assume that both families are indexed by the same family of local basis Σ . Let $\eta := \theta' - \theta$, so $\eta \in F^1(\Sigma)$. We consider the one-parameter family

$$\theta_t(e) = \theta(e) + t\eta(e) \text{ for } t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

It may be checked that

$$(13) \quad \Theta_t = \Theta + tD\eta + t^2\eta \wedge \eta \text{ for } t \in \mathbf{R}$$

and then

$$(14) \quad D\Theta_t = D\Theta + tD^2\eta + t^2D(\eta \wedge \eta).$$

Hence using Proposition 1. we have

$$(15) \quad D\Theta_t = t[\Theta_t, \eta] \text{ for } t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Using (13) we obtain

$$(16) \quad \frac{d}{dt}\Theta_t = D\eta + 2t\eta \wedge \eta.$$

One can verify that

$$(17) \quad \frac{d}{dt}P(\Theta_t) = k dP\left(\frac{d}{dt}\Theta_t, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t\right).$$

From (16)–(17) we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(\Theta_t) = k dP(D\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t) + 2ktdP(\eta \wedge \eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t).$$

It follows from Lemma 7 that

$$(18) \quad dP(\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t) \\ = P(D\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t) - (k-1)P(\eta, D\Theta_t, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t).$$

From Lemma 7 we obtain

$$(19) \quad P([\eta, \eta], \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t) - (t-1)P(\eta, [\eta, \Theta_t], \dots, \Theta_t) = 0.$$

Using (14), (18), (19) we obtain

$$d(kP(\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t)) = kP(D\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t) + ktP(\eta \wedge \eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t).$$

Thus

$$(20) \quad \frac{d}{dt}P(\Theta_t) = d(kP(\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t)).$$

Hence

$$\int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt}P(\Theta_t)dt = \int_0^1 d(kP(\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t))dt,$$

or equivalently

$$P(\Theta_1) - P(\Theta_0) = d \int_0^1 kP(\eta, \Theta_t, \dots, \Theta_t)dt.$$

Hence $[P(\Theta')] = [P(\Theta)]$. ■

COROLLARY 9. The mapping $w : I^*(M_n(\mathbf{R})) \rightarrow H^*(M)$ given by

$$I^*(M_n(R)) \ni P \longmapsto [P(\Theta)] \in H^*(M),$$

is well defined homomorphism of the graded algebras w is called the Weil homomorphism [4]. The cohomology class $w(P)$ for $P \in I^*(M_n(\mathbf{R}))$ is called a characteristic class of the sheaf \mathcal{I} .

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