

ON THE CONTINUOUS COHOMOLOGY OF THE LIE ALGEBRA OF
VECTOR FIELDS ASSOCIATED WITH NON-TRIVIAL COEFFICIENTS

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§1. Let M be a smooth manifold and L_M the topological Lie algebra of all smooth vector fields on M . Recently Haefliger ([4]) proved the Bott conjecture, which states that the continuous cohomology of L_M with trivial coefficients is isomorphic to the singular cohomology of the space of cross-sections of a certain fibre bundle over M . As for the case associated with the Lie derivative action on a tensor space A on M , Losik ([5], [7]) has computed the cohomology of a certain subcomplex (called diagonal) of the standard cochain complex, and Reshetnikov ([9]) has announced partial results concerning the total continuous cohomology $H^*(L_M, A)$. In this note we state a theorem which reduces essentially the calculation of $H^*(L_M, A)$ to that of the diagonal cohomology $H_{\Delta}^*(L_M, A)$ and the Gelfand-Fuks cohomology $H^*(L_M)$.

Details will be published elsewhere.

§2. Let W be a topological L_M -algebra.

Let $C^p(L_M, W)$ ($p > 0$) be the space of all continuous alternating p -forms on L_M with values in W and $C^0(L_M, W) = W$. For $\omega \in C^p(L_M, W)$ ($p \geq 1$), we define $d\omega \in C^{p+1}(L_M, W)$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
d\omega(x_1, \dots, x_{p+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} (-1)^i x_i \omega(x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_{p+1}) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j-1} \omega([x_i, x_j], x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, \\
&\quad \hat{x}_j, \dots, x_{p+1})
\end{aligned}$$

$(x_1, \dots, x_{p+1} \in L_M)$, and for $\omega \in C^0(L_M, W) = W$, $d\omega(x) = x\omega$ ($x \in L_M$).

We also define $\omega \wedge \eta \in C^{p+q}(L_M, W)$ for $\omega \in C^p(L_M, W)$ and

$\eta \in C^q(L_M, W)$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\omega \wedge \eta)(x_1, \dots, x_{p+q}) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \dots < i_p \\ j_1 < \dots < j_q}} (-1)^{i_1 + \dots + i_p - \frac{p(p+1)}{2}} \omega(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_p}) \eta(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_q})
\end{aligned}$$

$(x_1, \dots, x_{p+q} \in L_M)$. Then $C^*(L_M, W) = \{\oplus C^p(L_M, W), d\}$ turns out to be

a commutative differential graded algebra (DG-algebra for short).

Putting $W = R$, $W = C^\infty(M)$, we get two DG-algebras $C^*(L_M, R)$ and $C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$.

Furthermore, put

$$C_{\Delta}^0(L_M, C^\infty(M)) = C^\infty(M),$$

$$C_{\Delta}^p(L_M, C^\infty(M)) = \{\omega \in C^p(L_M, C^\infty(M)); \text{supp } \omega(x_1, \dots, x_p)$$

$$\subset \bigcap_{i=1}^p \text{supp } x_i (x_1, \dots, x_p \in L_M)\} \quad (p > 0).$$

Then $C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)) = \oplus C_{\Delta}^p(L_M, C^\infty(M))$ is a DG-subalgebra of $C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$.

We note that the de Rham complex Ω_M^* of M can be naturally identified with a DG-subalgebra of $C_\Delta^*(L, C^\infty(M))$.

§3. Let $C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*) = C^*(L_M, \mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} \Omega_M^*$ be the completed tensor product of DG-algebras, which is again a DG-algebra. Just as before we get a DG-subalgebra $C_\Delta^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*)$ of $C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*)$ which consists of support preserving cochains. The inclusion map $\iota : \mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow C^\infty(M)$ being an L_M -homomorphism, there is a DG-algebra homomorphism $\iota_* : C^*(L_M, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$. Consider $\kappa = \iota_* \hat{\otimes} j : C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*) = C^*(L_M, \mathbb{R}) \hat{\otimes} \Omega_M^* \longrightarrow C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$, where $j : \Omega_M^* \hookrightarrow C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$. It is easy to see that the image of κ is contained in $C_\Delta^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$. Thus we get the following commutative diagram of DG-algebra homomorphisms :

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)) & \longleftarrow & C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ C_\Delta^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)) & \longleftarrow & C_\Delta^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*) \end{array}$$

From this there arises a natural homomorphism of graded algebras :

$$\alpha : \text{Tor}_\Delta^{C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*)}(C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*), C_\Delta^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))) \longrightarrow H^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)),$$

where Tor denotes the differential torsion functor (cf [1]) and $H^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$ the cohomology algebra of the DG-algebra $C^*(L_M, C^\infty(M))$.

Theorem I. α is an isomorphism if $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^*(M, \mathbb{R}) < \infty$.

§4. We recall the results of Losik ([5]), Guillemin ([3]) and Losik ([6]) and Haefliger ([4]), rewriting in more suitable form for our purpose.

Let $a(n)$ be the topological Lie algebra of formal vector fields of n -variables and $a_0(n)$ the subalgebra of $a(n)$ consisting of elements without constant terms in the coefficients. We get two DG-algebras $C^*(a(n), R)$ and $C^*(a_0(n), R)$ associated with the trivial module R . Let S^*V and S^*U be minimal models for $C^*(a(n), R)$ and $C^*(a_0(n), R)$ respectively. Here $U = R\theta_1 \oplus \dots \oplus R\theta_n$ ($\deg \theta_i = 2i - 1$) and S^*U is the exterior algebra over U with trivial differentials. (As for S^*V , see [4]). Then

Theorem L ([5]). There is a quasi-isomorphism

$$\Omega_M^* \otimes_{\tau} S^*U \longrightarrow C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, C^{\infty}(M))$$

which is Ω_M^* -linear. Here $\Omega_M^* \otimes_{\tau} S^*U$ is the twisted tensor product of Ω_M^* and S^*U defined by the twisting $\tau(\theta_i) = p_i$, p_i being the i -th pontrjagin form of M with respect to a Riemannian metric.

(For the notion of twisted tensor product, see [4].)

Recall that a DG-algebra homomorphism is said to be a quasi-isomorphism if it induces an isomorphism on cohomology level.

Theorem GL ([3], [6]). There are a twisted tensor product

$\Omega_M^* \otimes_{\sigma} S^*V$ and a quasi-isomorphism

$$\beta : \Omega_M^* \otimes_{\sigma} S^*V \longrightarrow C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*),$$

which is Ω_M^* -linear.

Let $\Omega_M^* \otimes V$ be the graded vector space such that $\deg(\omega \otimes v) = -\deg \omega + \deg v$. Let $S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V)$ be the graded algebra of graded commutative continuous forms on $\Omega_M^* \otimes V$.

Theorem H ([4]). There are a DG-algebra structure on

$S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V)$ and a quasi-isomorphism

$$\gamma : S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V) \longrightarrow C^*(L_M, \mathbb{R}).$$

Let $\varepsilon : \Omega_M^* \otimes_{\sigma} S^*V \longrightarrow \Omega_M^* \hat{\otimes} S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V)$ be the algebraic evaluation map defined in [4]. Let $\lambda : S^*V \longrightarrow S^*U$ be the DG-algebra homomorphism corresponding to

$$\iota^* : C^*(a(n), \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow C^*(a_0(n), \mathbb{R})$$

induced by the inclusion $\iota : a_0(n) \hookrightarrow a(n)$.

Remark. It is easy to see $\lambda(S^1V) = 0$.

Lemma 1. We have the following commutative diagram of DG-

algebra homomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Omega_M^* \hat{\otimes} S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V) & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega_M^* \otimes_{\sigma} S^*V & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \lambda} & \Omega_M^* \otimes_{\tau} S^*U \\ \downarrow \text{id} \hat{\otimes} \gamma & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \alpha \\ \Omega_M^* \hat{\otimes} C^*(L_M, \mathbb{R}) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*) & \longrightarrow & C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, C^{\infty}(M)). \end{array}$$

Recall the following

Proposition ([1]). Suppose the following commutative diagram of DG-algebra homomorphisms is given:

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} M & \xleftarrow{\quad} & U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & N \\ \lambda \downarrow & & \mu \downarrow & & \downarrow \nu \\ M' & \xleftarrow{\quad} & U' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & N' \end{array}$$

where λ , μ and ν are quasi-isomorphisms. Then the induced map $\text{Tor}^U(M, N) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}^{U'}(M', N')$ is an isomorphism.

Thus we get

Theorem I'. There is an isomorphism of graded algebras:

$$H^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)) \cong \text{Tor}_{M\sigma}^{\Omega_M^* \otimes S^*V} (\Omega_M^* \hat{\otimes} S^*(\Omega_M^* \otimes V), \Omega_M \otimes_{\tau} S^*U).$$

§5. We give a geometric paraphrase of Theorem I'.

Let B be the principal $U(n)$ -bundle associated to the complexification of the real tangent bundle of M . Let $\hat{E}U_n$ be the restriction of the universal principal $U(n)$ -bundle to the $2n$ -skelton of the base BU_n with respect to the cell decomposition with even-dimensional cells. Put $E = B \times_{U(n)} \hat{E}U_n$. Fixing a fibre inclusion mapping $U(n) \hookrightarrow \hat{E}U_n$, we get an inclusion mapping: $B \hookrightarrow E$. Let $\Gamma(E)$ be the space of all continuous sections of E with the compact open topology. Let $\varepsilon : M \times \Gamma(E) \longrightarrow E$ be the evaluation mapping.

Let $X \mapsto A^*(X)$ be any contravariant functor which associates to each topological space a commutative DG-algebra $A^*(X)$ over R such that $H(A^*(X)) = H^*(X, R)$ (cf. [11]). Corresponding to the diagram of topological spaces:

$$M \times \Gamma(E) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} E \longleftarrow B$$

We get a diagram of DG-algebras:

$$A^*(M \times \Gamma(E)) \longleftarrow A^*E \longrightarrow A^*B.$$

We say that two triples of DG-algebras $T = \{M \longleftarrow U \longrightarrow N\}$ and $T' = \{M' \longleftarrow U' \longrightarrow N'\}$ are equivalent if there is a sequence of triples $T_0 = T, T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}, T_n = T'$ such that for each i ($0 \leq i \leq n-1$) there is a quasi-isomorphism $T_i \longrightarrow T_{i+1}$ or $T_{i+1} \longrightarrow T_i$. Here, a quasi-isomorphism $\{M \longleftarrow U \longrightarrow N\} \rightarrow \{M' \longleftarrow U' \longrightarrow N'\}$ is simply a commutative diagram (2) such that λ, μ and ν are quasi-isomorphisms. Note that if T and T' are equivalent then $\text{Tor}^U(M, N) = \text{Tor}^{U'}(M', N')$.

Lemma 2. Triples $T_M = \{\Omega_M \hat{\otimes} S^*(\Omega_M \otimes V) \longleftarrow \Omega_M \otimes_\sigma S^*V \longrightarrow \Omega_M \otimes_\tau S^*V\}$

and $\{A^*(M \times \Gamma(E)) \longleftarrow A^*E \longrightarrow A^*B\}$ are equivalent.

On the other hand, we can show the following

Lemma 3. $\epsilon : M \times \Gamma(E) \longrightarrow E$ is a Serre fibering.

Recall the following

Theorem (Eilenberg-Moore-Gugenheim [1], [2].) Let $X \longrightarrow E$ be a Serre fibering and $\iota : B \longrightarrow E$ a mapping. Let $Y = \iota^*X$ be the induced fibering. Assume that $\pi_1(E) = 0$. Then we have an isomorphism of graded algebras:

$$\mathrm{Tor}^{A^*E}(A^*(M \times \Gamma(E)), A^*B) \cong H^*(Y, \mathbb{R}).$$

Let Y be the fibering over B induced from $\varepsilon : M \times \Gamma(E) \longrightarrow E$ by $B \hookrightarrow E$. Then, in view of $\pi_1(\hat{E}U_n) = 0$, we have the following

Theorem II. If $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^*(M, \mathbb{R}) < \infty$ and $\pi_1(M) = 0$, then

$$H^*(L_M, C^\infty(M)) \cong H^*(Y, \mathbb{R}).$$

§6. We consider examples.

Let $M = \mathbb{R}^n$. Since $\mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{R}^n}^*$ is a quasi-isomorphism, it is easy to see that the triple $T_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ is equivalent to $\{S^*V \xleftarrow{\mathrm{id}} S^*V \longrightarrow S^*U\}$. Hence

$$H^*(L_{\mathbb{R}^n}, C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cong \mathrm{Tor}^{S^*V}(S^*V, S^*U) \cong S^*U.$$

Thus

$$\text{Corollary 1. } H^*(L_{\mathbb{R}^n}, C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cong H_{\Delta}^*(L_{\mathbb{R}^n}, C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cong S^*U.$$

Let $M = S^1$. Then it is easy to see that the triple T_{S^1} can be replaced by

$$T' = \{S^*(t, \sigma, \xi) \xleftarrow{\alpha} S^*(t, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\beta} S^*(t, \theta)\}$$

where $\deg t = \deg \theta = 1$, $\deg \sigma = 3$, $\deg \xi = 2$, $dt = d\theta = d\sigma = d\xi = 0$, $\alpha(t) = t$, $\alpha(\sigma) = t\xi + \sigma$, $\beta(t) = t$, $\beta(\sigma) = 0$. Here $S^*(x, y, \dots)$ denotes the free anti-commutative graded algebra generated by

$x, y, \dots$. We can check immediately that T' is equivalent to

$$T'' = \{ S^*(t, \sigma, \xi) \xleftarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} S^*(t, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\beta} S^*(t, \theta) \}$$

where $\tilde{\alpha}(t) = t, \tilde{\alpha}(\sigma) = \sigma$. Thus

$$\text{Tor}^{S^*(t, \sigma)}(S^*(t, \sigma, \xi), S^*(t, \theta)) \cong S^*(t, \theta, \xi).$$

Corollary 2. $H^*(L_{s^1}, C^\infty(S^1)) \cong S^*(t, \theta, \xi)$, where

$\deg t = \deg \theta = 1, \deg \xi = 2$.

§7. Finally we consider the general case.

Let $G^k (k \geq 1 \dots)$ be the Lie group of k -jets at the origin of diffeomorphisms of $\mathbb{R}^n$ fixing 0. Let A be a finite dimensional real G^k -module. For a smooth manifold M of dimension n , we denote by S^k_M the G^k -principal bundle canonically associated to M . Put $\alpha = S^k_M \times A$. Then α is a $\text{Diff}(M)$ -bundle over M .

Hence $A_M = \Gamma^\infty(\alpha)$ can be naturally regarded as a topological L_M -module. We can then define $C^*(L_M, A_M), C^*_\Delta(L_M, A_M)$, and $H^*(L_M, A_M)$ just as in §2. The natural pairing $C^\infty(M) \otimes A_M \longrightarrow A_M$ gives rise to a differential graded $C^*_\Delta(L_M, C^\infty(M))$ -module structure on $C^*_\Delta(L_M, A_M)$. Using the DG-algebra homomorphism $\kappa : C^*_\Delta(L_M, \Omega^*_M) \longrightarrow C^*_\Delta(L_M, C^\infty(M))$, we regard $C^*_\Delta(L_M, A_M)$ as a differential graded $C^*_\Delta(L_M, \Omega^*_M)$ -module. On the other hand, the G^k -module A gives rise to an $a_0(n)$ -module A canonically (cf [10]).

Theorem III. If $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^*(M, \mathbb{R}) < \infty$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^i(a_0(n), A) < \infty$ ($i = 0, 1, \dots$), then there is an isomorphism of graded vector space:

$$H^*(L_M, A_M) \cong \text{Tor}^{C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*)}(C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*), C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, A_M)).$$

Remark. Let $G^1 \longrightarrow G^k$ be a lifting of $G^k \longrightarrow G^1$. Then A can be regarded as a G^1 -module. If A is completely reducible G^1 -module, it is easy to see that $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^i(a_0(n), \mathbb{R}) < \infty$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$).

Under the hypotheses of Theorem II, we have the following corollaries.

Corollary 3. There is a spectral sequence converging to
 $H^*(L_M, A_M)$ whose E_2 -term is

$$\text{Tor}^{H(C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*))}(H(C^*(L_M, \Omega_M^*)), H(C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, A_M))).$$

Corollary 4. If $H^*(C_{\Delta}^*(L_M, A_M)) = 0$, then $H^*(L_M, A_M) = 0$.
Especially, $H^*(L_M, L_M) = 0$, where L_M is the L_M -module defined
by the adjoint action.

Corollary 5. $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^i(L_M, A_M) < \infty$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$). (cf [9]).

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