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## ORLICZ SPACES OF DIFFERENTIAL FORMS ON RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS: DUALITY AND COHOMOLOGY

**Abstract.** We consider Orlicz spaces of differential forms on a Riemannian manifold. A Riesz-type theorem about the functionals on Orlicz spaces of forms is proved and other duality theorems are obtained therefrom. We also extend the results on the Hölder-Poincaré duality for reduced  $L_{q,p}$ -cohomology by Gol'dshtein and Troyanov to  $L_{\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}}$ -cohomology, where  $\Phi_I$  and  $\Phi_{II}$  are  $N$ -functions of class  $\Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ .

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**Introduction.** This article is devoted to the study of the dual spaces of Orlicz spaces of differential forms on an oriented Riemannian manifold  $X$ .

$L_p$ -theory of differential forms on Riemannian manifolds has been the subject of many papers and several books since the beginning of the 1980s. In 1976, Atiyah defined  $L_2$ -cohomology for a Riemannian manifold and initiated various applications of  $L_2$ -methods to the study of noncompact manifolds and quotient spaces of Riemannian manifolds by discrete groups of isometries. The  $L_2$ -cohomology of such manifolds was studied by Gromov, Cheeger–Gromov and others (see, for example, [2, 3, 12]). In the 1980's, Goldshtein, Kuz'minov, and Shvedov defined the  $L_p$ -de Rham complex on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  for arbitrary  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and began to investigate its cohomology, which they called the  $L_p$ -cohomology of  $M$ ; they obtained many results concerning the density of smooth forms in  $L_p$  (see, for example, [5]); the nontriviality and the Hausdorff property of  $L_p$ -cohomology on important classes of manifolds (see, for instance, [7, 8, 17]),

duality for  $L_p$ -related spaces of differential forms and the induced duality for  $L_p$ -cohomology in [6]; compactly-supported approximation of  $L_p$ -forms (see, for example, [16]). In studying the asymptotic invariants of infinite groups and manifolds with pinched negative curvature, Gromov and Pansu also considered  $L_p$ -differential forms and  $l_p$ -simplicial cochains (see [12, 18, 19]). Gol'dstein and Troyanov obtained deep results about the  $L_{qp}$ -cohomology of Riemannian manifolds for  $q \neq p$  in [9, 10, 11].

Like Orlicz function spaces, the Orlicz spaces  $L^\Phi$  of differential forms are a natural nonlinear generalization of the spaces  $L^p$ . Orlicz spaces of differential forms on domains in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  were first considered by Iwaniec and Martin in [13] and then by Agarwal, Ding, and Nolder in [1] (see also [4, 14]). In [13], Iwaniec and Martin established a Riesz-type theorem for an Orlicz space of differential forms on a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Orlicz spaces of differential forms on a Riemannian manifold were apparently first examined by Panenko and the author in [15], where de Rham regularization operators were introduced and studied for Orlicz spaces of differential forms.

We prove a Riesz-type theorem for Orlicz spaces of differential forms on a Riemannian manifold and then, using it, describe the dual spaces of Orlicz–Sobolev-type spaces of differential forms, thus generalizing the results of Gol'dshtein, Kuz'minov, and Shvedov obtained in [6] for  $L^p$ -related spaces. The so-obtained results are applied for establishing the Hölder–Poincaré duality for the reduced Orlicz cohomology of  $X$ , which extends the Hölder–Poincaré duality for  $L_{q,p}$ -cohomology proved by Gol'dshtein and Troyanov in [11].

The structure of the article is as follows: In Section 1, we recall the main notions and necessary properties of Orlicz function spaces. In Section 2, we give the definition of Orlicz spaces of differential forms on a Riemannian manifold. The Riesz-type theorem for Orlicz spaces of differential forms (Theorem 3.1) is the contents of Section 3. Then, in Section 4, we examine the structure of the dual spaces to some  $L^\Phi$ -related spaces of differential forms. Finally, in Section 5, we establish a theorem on the Poincaré duality for the  $L_{\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}}$ -cohomology of an oriented Riemannian manifold (Theorem 5.8).

## 1. $N$ -functions and Orlicz function spaces.

### Definition 1.1.

A function  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called an  $N$ -function if

- (i)  $\Phi$  is even and convex;

- (ii)  $\Phi(x) = 0 \iff x = 0$ ;  
 (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(x)}{x} = 0$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(x)}{x} = \infty$ .

An  $N$ -function  $\Phi$  has left and right derivatives (which can differ only on an at most countable set, see, for instance, [20, Theorem 1, p. 7]). The left derivative  $\varphi$  of  $\Phi$  is left continuous, nondecreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ , and such that  $0 < \varphi(t) < \infty$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = \infty$ . The function

$$\psi(s) = \inf\{t > 0 : \varphi(t) > s\}, \quad s > 0,$$

is called the *left inverse* of  $\varphi$ .

The functions  $\Phi, \Psi$  given by

$$\Phi(x) = \int_0^{|x|} \varphi(t) dt, \quad \Psi(x) = \int_0^{|x|} \psi(t) dt$$

are called *complementary  $N$ -functions*.

The  $N$ -function  $\Psi$  complementary to an  $N$ -function  $\Phi$  can also be expressed as

$$\Psi(y) = \sup\{x|y| - \Phi(x) : x \geq 0\}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$N$ -functions are classified in accordance with their growth rates as follows:

**Definition 1.2.** An  $N$ -function  $\Phi$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition for large  $x$  (for small  $x$ , for all  $x$ ), which is written as  $\Phi \in \Delta_2(\infty)$  ( $\Phi \in \Delta_2(0)$ , or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ ), if there exist constants  $x_0 > 0$ ,  $K > 2$  such that  $\Phi(2x) \leq \leq K\Phi(x)$  for  $x \geq x_0$  (for  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$ , or for all  $x \geq 0$ ); and it satisfies the  $\nabla_2$ -condition for large  $x$  (for small  $x$ , or for all  $x$ ), which is denoted symbolically as  $\Phi \in \nabla_2(\infty)$  ( $\Phi \in \nabla_2(0)$ , or  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ ) if there are constants  $x_0 > 0$  and  $c > 1$  such that  $\Phi(x) \leq \frac{1}{2c}\Phi(cx)$  for  $x \geq x_0$  (for  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$ , or for all  $x \geq 0$ ).

Henceforth, let  $\Phi$  be an  $N$ -function and let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space.

**Definition 1.3.** The set  $\tilde{L}^\Phi = \tilde{L}^\Phi(\Omega) = \tilde{L}^\Phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is defined to be the set of measurable functions  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\rho_\Phi(f) := \int_\Omega \Phi(f) d\mu < \infty.$$

**Definition 1.4.** *The linear space*

$$\begin{aligned} L^\Phi &= L^\Phi(\Omega) = L^\Phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu) = \\ &= \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} : \rho_\Phi(af) < \infty \text{ for some } a > 0\} \end{aligned}$$

is called an *Orlicz space* on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ .

The corresponding *Morse–Transue space* is the space

$$\begin{aligned} M^\Phi &= M^\Phi(\Omega) = M_\Phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu) = \\ &= \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} : \rho_\Phi(af) < \infty \text{ for all } a > 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

For an Orlicz space  $L^\Phi = L^\Phi(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ , the  $N$ -function  $\Phi$  is called  $\Delta_2$ -regular if  $\Phi \in \Delta_2(\infty)$  when  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$  or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  when  $\mu(\Omega) = \infty$  or  $\Phi \in \Delta_2(0)$  for  $\mu$  the counting measure on countable  $\Omega$ .

Let  $\Psi$  be the complementary  $N$ -function to  $\Phi$ .

Below we as usual identify two functions equal outside a set of measure zero.

If  $f \in L^\Phi$  then the functional  $\|\cdot\|_\Phi$  (called *the Orlicz norm*) defined by

$$\|f\|_\Phi = \|f\|_{L^\Phi(\Omega)} = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_\Omega fg \, d\mu \right| : \rho_\Psi(g) \leq 1 \right\}$$

is a seminorm. It becomes a norm if  $\mu$  satisfies the *finite subset property* (see [20, p. 59]): if  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $\mu(A) > 0$  then there exists  $B \in \Sigma$ ,  $B \subset A$ , such that  $0 < \mu(B) < \infty$ .

The equivalent *gauge* (or *Luxemburg*) *norm* of a function  $f \in L^\Phi$  is defined by the formula

$$\|f\|_{(\Phi)} = \|f\|_{L^{(\Phi)}(\Omega)} = \inf \left\{ k > 0 : \rho_\Phi\left(\frac{f}{k}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

This is a norm without any constraint on the measure  $\mu$  (see [20, p. 54, Theorem 3]).

We will need the following familiar assertion (see [20, item (ii), p. 57]):

**Lemma 1.5.** *Let*

$$0 \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_m \leq \dots$$

be an increasing sequence of nonnegative measurable functions in the Orlicz space  $L^\Phi(\Omega)$  ( $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a measure space) and let  $f_m \rightarrow f$  a.e. Then  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f_m\|_{(\Phi)} \leq \|f\|_{(\Phi)} \leq \infty$ .

**2. Orlicz spaces of differential forms.** Let  $X$  be a Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . Given  $x \in X$ , denote by  $(\omega(x), \theta(x))$  the scalar product of exterior  $k$ -forms  $\omega(x)$  and  $\theta(x)$  on  $T_x X$ . This gives a function  $x \mapsto (\omega(x), \theta(x))$  on  $X$ .

Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\Psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two complementary  $N$ -functions. Denote by  $\tilde{L}^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  the class of all measurable  $k$ -forms  $\omega$  such that

$$\rho_\Phi(\omega) := \int_X \Phi(|\omega(x)|) d\mu_X < \infty.$$

Here  $d\mu_X$  stands for the volume element of the Riemannian manifold  $X$ . We will identify  $k$ -forms differing on a set of measure zero.

Given a (not necessarily orientable) Riemannian manifold  $X$ , introduce the space  $L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  as the class of all measurable  $k$ -forms  $\omega$  satisfying the condition

$$\rho_\Phi(\alpha\omega) < \infty \text{ for some } \alpha > 0.$$

The corresponding Morse–Transue space  $M^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  is defined as the class of all measurable  $k$ -forms  $\omega$  such that

$$\rho_\Phi(\alpha\omega) < \infty \text{ for all } \alpha > 0.$$

Obviously,  $\tilde{L}^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k) \subset L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$ .

As in the case of Orlicz function spaces, the space  $L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  is endowed with two equivalent norms: the *gauge norm*

$$\|\omega\|_{(\Phi)} = \inf \left\{ K > 0 : \rho_\Phi \left( \frac{\omega}{K} \right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

and the *Orlicz norm*

$$\|\omega\|_\Phi = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right| : \theta \in \tilde{L}^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k), \rho_\Psi(\theta) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

As in the case of function spaces, it can be proved that  $L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  endowed with one of these norms is a Banach space.

Obviously, the gauge norm of a  $k$ -form  $\omega$  is nothing but the gauge norm of its modulus function  $|\omega|$ . The same holds for the Orlicz norm

([15, Lemma 2.1]). Moreover, similarly to the case of Orlicz function spaces ([20, Proposition 10, p. 81]), we have

**Lemma 2.1.** *The Orlicz and gauge norms of a  $k$ -form  $\omega \in L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  can be calculated by the formulas*

$$\|\omega\|_\Phi = S_\omega := \sup_{\substack{\theta \in M^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k), \\ \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1}} \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right|$$

and

$$\|\omega\|_{(\Phi)} = T_\omega := \sup_{\substack{\theta \in M^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k), \\ \|\theta\|_\Psi \leq 1}} \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right|.$$

**Proof.** For  $\theta \in M^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k)$  with  $\|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right| &\leq \int_X |\omega(x)| |\theta(x)| d\mu_X \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\substack{g \in M^\Psi(X), \\ \|g\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1}} \left| \int_X |\omega(x)| g(x) d\mu_X \right| = \|\omega\|_\Phi. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality here holds by [20, Proposition 10, p. 81].

Thus,

$$S_\omega = \sup_{\substack{\theta \in M^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k), \\ \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1}} \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right| \leq \|\omega\|_\Phi.$$

On the other hand, let  $(g_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of functions in  $M^\Psi(X)$  with  $\|g_m\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1$  such that

$$\left| \int_X |\omega(x)| g_m(x) d\mu_X \right| \rightarrow \|\omega\|_\Phi \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since

$$\left| \int_X |\omega(x)| g_m(x) d\mu_X \right| \leq \int_X |\omega(x)| |g_m(x)| d\mu_X \leq \|\omega\|_\Phi,$$

we also have

$$\int_X |\omega(x)| |g_m(x)| d\mu_X \rightarrow \|\omega\|_{\Phi} \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Consider the sequence  $(\theta_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $k$ -forms  $\theta_m$  defined by

$$\theta_m(x) = \begin{cases} |g_m(x)| \frac{\omega(x)}{|\omega(x)|} & \text{if } \omega(x) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\|\theta_m\|_{(\Psi)} = \|g_m\| \leq 1$  and

$$\left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta_m(x)) d\mu_X \right| = \left| \int_X |\omega(x)| |g_m(x)| d\mu_X \right| \rightarrow \|\omega\|_{\Phi}$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,

$$\|\omega\|_{\Phi} \leq \sup_{\substack{\theta \in M^{\Psi}(X, \Lambda^k), \\ \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} \leq 1}} \left| \int_X (\omega(x), \theta(x)) d\mu_X \right| = \|\omega\|_{\Phi}.$$

Thus, we get the desired equality for the Orlicz norm.

For the gauge norm, the equality  $\|\omega\|_{(\Phi)} = \|\omega\|_{(\Phi)}$  is obvious, and one must only prove that

$$T_{\omega} = \|\omega\|_{(\Phi)},$$

which is done in the same manner as for the Orlicz norm with the use of [20, Proposition 10, p. 81].  $\square$

Below, when this does not lead to confusion, we use the abbreviations

$$L^{\Phi} = (L^{\Phi}, \|\cdot\|_{\Phi}), \quad L^{(\Phi)} = (L^{\Phi}, \|\cdot\|_{(\Phi)});$$

$$M^{\Phi} = (M^{\Phi}, \|\cdot\|_{\Phi}), \quad M^{(\Phi)} = (M^{\Phi}, \|\cdot\|_{(\Phi)}).$$

**3. The Riesz theorem.** Let  $X$  be an oriented  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold.

For a  $k$ -form  $\omega$  on  $X$ , let  $*\omega$  be the Hodge dual of  $\omega$  (an  $(n-k)$ -form).

The bilinear function

$$\langle \omega, \theta \rangle = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta \quad (1)$$

defines a pairing between  $L^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k)$  and  $L^{(\Psi)}(X, \Lambda^k)$  (and between  $L^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k)$  and  $L^\Psi(X, \Lambda^k)$ ). The integral on the right-hand side of (1) exists because

$$\begin{aligned} \omega \wedge \theta &= (-1)^{kn-k}(\omega, * \theta) d\mu_X, \\ |(\omega, * \theta)_X| &\leq |\omega|_X |* \theta|_X = |\omega|_X |\theta|_X. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain two versions of the Hölder inequality:

$$|\langle \omega, \theta \rangle| \leq \|\omega\|_\Phi \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} \quad (2)$$

and

$$|\langle \omega, \theta \rangle| \leq \|\omega\|_{(\Phi)} \|\theta\|_\Psi. \quad (3)$$

Assign to each form  $\theta \in L^{(\Psi)}(X, \Lambda^{n-k})$  the functional

$$F_\theta(\omega) = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta. \quad (4)$$

By (2) and (3), we have

$$|F_\theta(\omega)| \leq \|\omega\|_\Phi \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)}; \quad |F_\theta(\omega)| \leq \|\omega\|_{(\Phi)} \|\theta\|_\Psi. \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $\Phi$  is an  $N$ -function then the correspondence  $\theta \mapsto F_\theta$  yields isometric isomorphisms*

$$L^{(\Psi)}(X, \Lambda^{n-k}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (M^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k))'; \quad L^\Psi(X, \Lambda^{n-k}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k))'.$$

**Proof.** Let us prove the first isomorphism.

By (5),  $\|F_\theta\| \leq \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)}$ . Show that an arbitrary continuous functional  $F \in (M^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k))'$  is representable uniquely in the form (4). Let  $h : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $V \subset X$  be a local chart of  $X$  and let  $U$  be an open set with compact closure  $\text{cl}_X U \subset V$ ; then  $U$  is endowed with two metrics: the metric  $\rho$  of the Riemannian manifold  $X$  and the metric  $\bar{\rho}$  induced by  $h$  from the standard metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It is not hard to see that the  $L^\Phi$ -spaces ( $M^\Phi$ -spaces) of  $k$ -forms on  $U$   $L^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$  and  $L^{(\Phi)}(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$

$(M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$  and  $M^{(\Phi)}(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$ ) corresponding to these metrics coincide and have equivalent norms. Making use of the Riesz theorem on the general form of a linear functional on the function space  $M^\Phi$ , we, involving the coordinate representation of differential forms, conclude that every functional  $f \in (M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \bar{\rho}))'$  is uniquely representable in the form

$$f(\alpha) = \int_X \alpha \wedge \theta_f, \quad \theta_f \in L^{(\Psi)}(U, \Lambda^{n-k}, \bar{\rho}).$$

By the equivalence of the norms in  $M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$  and  $M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \bar{\rho})$ , the same holds for functionals in  $M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k, \rho)$ . Therefore, for  $F \in (M^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k))'$  and an open set  $U$  with compact closure, there is a unique form  $\theta_U \in L^{(\Psi)}(U, \Lambda^{n-k})$  such that

$$F(\omega) = \int_U \omega \wedge \theta_U \quad \text{for every } \omega \in M^\Phi(U, \Lambda^k).$$

Given two sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  as above, the forms  $\theta_{U_1}$  and  $\theta_{U_2}$  coincide on  $U_1 \cap U_2$  by the uniqueness of  $\theta_{U_1 \cap U_2}$ . Thus, all forms  $\theta_U$  defined for different  $U$  agree with each other and thus define an  $(n-k)$ -form  $\theta$  on  $X$ . The form  $\theta$  belongs to  $L^{(\Psi)}(X, \Lambda^{n-k})$  locally, satisfies the condition

$$F(\omega) = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta \quad \text{for all } \omega \in M^\Phi(X, \Lambda^k) \text{ with compact support,}$$

and is defined by this condition uniquely.

Consider a compact set  $Y \subset X$ . Let  $g \in M^\Phi(X)$  be a function with compact support contained in  $Y$  having  $\|g\|_\Phi \leq 1$ . Let  $\beta_g$  be the  $k$ -form on  $X$  defined by the formula

$$\beta_g(x) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k(n-k)} \frac{g(x)}{|\theta(x)|} (*\theta(x)) & \text{if } x \in Y \text{ and } \theta(x) \neq 0; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$F(\beta_g) = \int_Y \beta_g \wedge \theta = (-1)^{k(n-k)} \int_Y \frac{g(x)}{|\theta(x)|} (*\theta(x)) \wedge \theta(x) = \int_Y g(x) |\theta(x)| d\mu_X.$$

Since  $\|g\|_{\Phi} \leq 1$ , this gives

$$\left| \int_Y g(x) |\theta(x)| d\mu_X \right| = |F(\beta_g)| \leq \|F\|.$$

Hence, using Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\|\theta|_Y\|_{(\Psi)} = \|\theta|_Y\|_{(\Psi)} = \sup_{g \in M^{\Phi}(Y); \|g\|_{\Phi} \leq 1} \left| \int_Y g(x) |\theta(x)| d\mu_X \right| \leq \|F\|.$$

Let  $Y_1 \subset Y_2 \subset \dots \subset Y_m \subset \dots \subset X$  be an exhaustion of  $X$  by compact sets and let  $\theta_m$  be the restriction of  $\theta$  to  $Y_m$ . Put  $f_m = |\theta_m|$ . Then the sequence  $\{f_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.5. Since  $\|f_m\|_{(\Psi)} \leq \|F\|$ , the function  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m = |\theta|$  lies in  $L^{(\Psi)}(X)$ , and so  $\theta \in L^{(\Psi)}(X, \Lambda^{n-k})$  and

$$\|\theta\|_{(\Psi)} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\theta_m\|_{(\Psi)} \leq \|F\|. \quad (6)$$

The functionals  $F$  and  $F_{\theta}$  coincide on the set of forms in  $M^{\Phi}(X, \Lambda^k)$  having compact support, which is, as in the case of Orlicz function spaces, dense in  $M^{\Phi}(X, \Lambda^k)$ . Thus,

$$F(\omega) = \omega \wedge \theta$$

for all  $\omega \in M^{\Phi}(X, \Lambda^k)$ . Combining (2) and (6), we infer that  $\|F_{\theta}\| = \|\theta\|_{(\Psi)}$ .

Let us now establish the second isomorphism

$$L^{\Psi}(X, \Lambda^{n-k}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k))'.$$

Let  $F \in (M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k))'$ . Then, as above, we see that there exists a unique  $(n-k)$ -form  $\theta$  belonging to  $L^{\Psi}$  locally that satisfies the condition

$$F(\omega) = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta \quad \text{for all } \omega \in M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k) \text{ with compact support.}$$

Using Lemma 2.1, we verify in the same manner as for  $\|\cdot\|_{\Psi}$  that, given any compact set  $Y \subset X$ ,

$$\|\theta|_Y\|_{\Psi} \leq \|F\|.$$

Because of the inequalities

$$\|\cdot\|_{(\Psi)} \leq \|\cdot\|_{\Psi} \leq 2\|\cdot\|_{(\Psi)},$$

we have

$$\|\theta|_Y\|_{(\Psi)} \leq \|F\|.$$

Taking an exhaustion  $Y_1 \subset Y_2 \subset \dots \subset Y_m \subset \dots \subset X$  of  $X$  by compact sets, we as above conclude that  $\theta \in L^{\Psi}$ .

Now, the functionals  $F$  and  $F_{\theta}$  coincide on the dense set of forms with compact support in  $M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k)$  and hence on  $M^{(\Phi)}(X, \Lambda^k)$ . By Lemma 2.1,

$$\|F\| = \|F_{\theta}\| = \sup_{\substack{\theta \in M^{\Psi}(X, \Lambda^k), \\ \|\theta\|_{(\Phi)} \leq 1}} \left| \int_X \omega \wedge \theta \right| = \|\theta\|_{\Phi}.$$

The theorem is completely proved.  $\square$

#### 4. The dual spaces to $L^{\Phi}$ -related spaces of differential forms.

Throughout this section,  $X$  is an oriented smooth Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $(\Phi_1, \Psi_1)$  and  $(\Phi_2, \Psi_2)$  are pairs of conjugate  $N$ -functions.

Introduce some spaces of differential forms.

For  $A \in \{L, M\}$  and  $\langle \Phi_i \rangle \in \{\Phi_i, (\Phi_i)\}$ , denote by  $A_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  the space  $A^{\Phi_1}(X, \Lambda^k) \oplus A^{\Phi_2}(X, \Lambda^{k+1})$  with the norm

$$\|(\alpha, \beta)\|_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle} = \|\alpha\|_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle} + \|\beta\|_{\langle \Phi_2 \rangle}.$$

Given  $(\alpha, \beta) \in M_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $(\omega, \theta) \in L_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$ , where

$$\overline{\langle \Psi_i \rangle} = \begin{cases} (\Psi_i) & \text{if } \langle \Phi_i \rangle = \Phi_i, \\ \Psi_i & \text{if } \langle \Phi_i \rangle = (\Phi_i), \end{cases}$$

we put

$$\langle (\alpha, \beta), (\omega, \theta) \rangle = (-1)^k \langle \alpha, \theta \rangle + \langle \beta, \omega \rangle. \quad (7)$$

Theorem 3.1 implies that the pairing (7) defines an isometric isomorphism

$$(M_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X))' \cong L_{\overline{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle}, \overline{\langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}^{n-k-1}(X).$$

Moreover,

$$|\langle (\alpha, \beta), (\omega, \theta) \rangle| \leq \|(\alpha, \beta)\|_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle} \cdot \|(\omega, \theta)\|_{\overline{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle}, \overline{\langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}.$$

A differential  $(k+1)$ -form  $\theta \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(X, \Lambda^{k+1})$  on  $X$  is called *the weak exterior differential* (or *derivative*) of a  $k$ -form  $\omega \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(X, \Lambda^k)$  (which is written as  $d\omega = \theta$ ) if,

$$\int_X \theta \wedge u = (-1)^{k+1} \int_X \omega \wedge du$$

for any  $u \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{D}^l(X)$  is the set of smooth  $l$ -forms on  $X$  with compact support included in  $\text{Int } X$ .

Let  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  be  $N$ -functions. For  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , put

$$\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X) = \left\{ \omega \in L^{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k) : d\omega \in L^{\langle \Phi_2 \rangle}(X, \Lambda^{k+1}) \right\}.$$

This is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|\omega\|_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle} = \|\omega\|_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle} + \|d\omega\|_{\langle \Phi_2 \rangle}.$$

From now on we assume that  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ , and hence also  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ .

If  $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  then, as is well known, the spaces  $L^\Phi$  and  $M^\Phi$  coincide and hence, by Theorem 3.1, the space  $L^\Phi$  is reflexive. Thus, there is no need in the spaces  $M_{*,*}^*$ . We will often assume that the space  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  is embedded in  $L_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  by identifying a form  $\alpha \in \Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  with the pair  $(\alpha, d\alpha) \in L_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$ .

Given a subspace  $H \subset L_{\langle \Phi_1, \Phi_2 \rangle}^k$ , denote by  $H^\perp$  the annihilator of  $H$  in  $L_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  with respect to the pairing (7). Since this pairing satisfies

$$\langle (\alpha, \beta), (\omega, \theta) \rangle = (-1)^{k(n-k-1)} \langle (\omega, \theta), (\alpha, \beta) \rangle,$$

there is no difference between the pairings between  $L_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $L_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  and between  $L_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  and  $L_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$ .

The definition of  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  implies that

$$\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X) = (\mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X))^\perp.$$

Put  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle, 0}^k(X) = (\Omega_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X))^\perp$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X) \subset \Omega_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$ , we have  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle, 0}^k(X) \subset \Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$ .

Observe that if  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X) = \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  then  $\Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle,0}^{n-k-1}(X) = \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *The following hold for  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ :*

(1) *Smooth forms constitute a dense set in  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$ .*

(2) *Smooth forms with compact support constitute a dense set in  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ .*

**Proof.** Item (1) stems from the only theorem of [15] about the properties of the de Rham regularization operators in Orlicz spaces of differential forms. Prove (2). Denote the closure of  $\mathcal{D}^k(X)$  in  $L_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}(X)$  by  $\overline{\mathcal{D}^k(X)}$ . Then, by [21, Theorem 4.7],

$$\overline{\mathcal{D}^k(X)} = ((\mathcal{D}^k)^\perp)^\perp = \left( \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^k(X) \right)^\perp = \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X).$$

□

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  and a form  $\omega \in \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  has compact support then  $\omega \in \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\omega \in \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  has compact support. Assume first that  $\theta$  is a smooth  $(n-k-1)$ -form. By Lemma 4.1, there exists a sequence  $\{\omega_j\}$  of smooth forms with compact support such that  $\omega_j \rightarrow \omega$  in norm as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle(\omega, d\omega), (\theta, d\theta)\rangle &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle(\omega_j, d\omega_j), (\theta, d\theta)\rangle = \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_X [(-1)^k \omega_j \wedge d\theta + d\omega_j \wedge \theta] = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(\omega_j \wedge \theta) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The last equality in (8) is due to the Stokes theorem. Now, let  $\theta$  be an arbitrary form in  $\Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$ . By Lemma 4.1, there is a sequence  $\{\theta_j\}$  of smooth forms converging to  $\theta$  in norm as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\langle(\omega, d\omega), (\theta, d\omega)\rangle = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle(\omega, d\omega), (\theta_j, d\theta_j)\rangle = 0.$$

Thus,  $\theta \in \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ . □

Each pair of forms  $(\omega, \theta) \in L_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k}(X)$  defines by (7) a continuous linear functional on  $L_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  and hence on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  and

$\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ . On the last two spaces, this functional is defined by the formula

$$F(\alpha) = \int_X [(-1)^k \alpha \wedge \theta + d\alpha \wedge \omega]. \quad (9)$$

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  and  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2$  are the corresponding complementary functions then any continuous linear functional on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  (on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ ) can be represented in the form (9). A pair of forms  $(\omega, \theta)$  defines the zero functional on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  (on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ ) if and only if  $\omega \in \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle,0}^{n-k-1}(X)$  and  $\theta = d\omega$  ( $\omega \in \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  and  $\theta = d\omega$ ). The norm of the functional (9) on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  (on  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X)$ ) has the form*

$$\|F\| = \inf \left\{ \|\theta + d\beta\|_{\langle\Psi_1\rangle} + \|\omega + \beta\|_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle} : \beta \in \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle,0}^{n-k-1}(X) \right\} \\ \left( \|F\| = \inf \left\{ \|\theta + d\beta\|_{\langle\Psi_1\rangle} + \|\omega + \beta\|_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle} : \beta \in \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) \right\} \right).$$

**Proof.** In accordance with [21, Theorem 4.9], if  $H$  is a closed subspace in a Banach space  $Y$  then  $Y'/H^\perp = H'$ , where the isomorphism is induced by the canonical pairing between  $Y$  and  $Y'$ . Therefore,

$$\left( \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X) \right)' = L_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) / \left( \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X) \right)^\perp = \\ = L_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) / \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle,0}^{n-k-1}(X);$$

$$\left( \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X) \right)' = L_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) / \left( \Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle,0}^k(X) \right)^\perp = \\ = L_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) / \Omega_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle,\langle\Psi_1\rangle}^{n-k-1}(X).$$

□

**Theorem 4.4.** *If  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  and  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2$  are their complementary  $N$ -functions then the dual of the space  $\Omega_{\langle\Phi_1\rangle,\langle\Phi_2\rangle}^k(X)$  is isomorphic to the completion of  $\mathcal{D}^{n-k}(X)$  with respect to the norm*

$$\|\omega\| = \inf \left\{ \|\omega + d\theta\|_{\langle\Psi_1\rangle} + \|\theta\|_{\langle\Psi_2\rangle} : \theta \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X) \right\}. \quad (10)$$

This isomorphism is given by the action

$$\langle \alpha, \omega \rangle = (-1)^k \int_X \alpha \wedge \omega. \quad (11)$$

**Proof.** Consider the embedding  $j : L^{\langle \Psi_1 \rangle}(X, \Lambda^{n-k}) \rightarrow L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X)$  defined by  $j(\omega) = (0, \omega)$ . Let

$$\pi : L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) \rightarrow L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$$

be the canonical projection. It is not hard to see that  $\pi \circ j$  is a monomorphism. Since the set  $S = \{(\omega, \theta) : \omega \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X), \theta \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k}(X)\}$  is dense in  $L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X)$ ,  $\pi(S)$  is dense in  $L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$ . Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X)$ ,  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k}(X)$ . Since  $(\omega, d\omega) \in \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$ , we have  $\pi(\omega, \theta) = \pi(0, \theta - d\omega) = \pi \circ j(\theta - d\omega)$ . Hence, the set  $\pi \circ j(\mathcal{D}^{n-k})$  is dense in  $L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi \circ j(\omega)\|_{L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)} &= \\ &= \inf \left\{ \|\omega + d\theta\|_{\langle \Psi_1 \rangle} + \|\theta\|_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle} : \theta \in \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.1(2), the set  $\mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X)$  is dense in  $\Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi \circ j(\omega)\|_{L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)} &= \\ &= \inf \left\{ \|\omega + d\theta\|_{\langle \Psi_1 \rangle} + \|\theta\|_{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle} : \theta \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1}(X) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the space  $L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X)$  is isomorphic to the completion of  $\mathcal{D}^{n-k}(X)$  with respect to the norm (10). Now, in view of [21, Theorem 4.9], if  $H$  is a closed subspace in a Banach space  $Y$  then  $(Y/H)' = H^\perp$ , where the isomorphism is induced by the canonical pairing between  $Y$  and  $Y'$ . Thus,  $\left( L^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}}(X) / \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X) \right)' = \left( \Omega^{\frac{n-k-1}{\langle \Psi_2 \rangle, \langle \Psi_1 \rangle}, 0}(X) \right)^\perp = \Omega^k_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}(X)$ , and the first claim of the theorem is established.

Further, since

$$\langle (\alpha, d\alpha), (0, \omega) \rangle = (-1)^k \int_X \alpha \wedge \omega,$$

the form  $\alpha \in \Omega_{\langle \Phi_1 \rangle, \langle \Phi_2 \rangle}^k(X)$  acts at the forms  $\pi \circ j(\omega)$ ,  $\omega \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k}(X)$ , by the formula

$$\langle \alpha, \pi \circ j(\omega) \rangle = (-1)^k \int_X \alpha \wedge \omega.$$

The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**5. Hölder–Poincaré duality for  $L_{\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}}$ -cohomology.** Let  $X$  be an oriented Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ .

Given  $N$ -functions  $\Phi_I$  and  $\Phi_{II}$ , consider the spaces

$$Z_{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) = \{\omega \in L^{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k) : d\omega = 0\};$$

$$B_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) = \{\omega \in L^{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k) :$$

$$\omega = d\beta \text{ for some } \beta \in L^{\langle \Phi_I \rangle}(X, \Lambda^{k-1})\}.$$

Denote by  $\overline{B}_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X)$  the closure of  $B_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X)$  in  $L^{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k)$ . The quotient spaces

$$H_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) := Z_{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) / B_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X)$$

and

$$\overline{H}_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) := Z_{\langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X) / \overline{B}_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}^k(X)$$

are called the  $k$ th  $L_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}$ -cohomology and the  $k$ th reduced  $L_{\langle \Phi_I \rangle, \langle \Phi_{II} \rangle}$ -cohomology of the Riemannian manifold  $X$ , the latter cohomology being a Banach space.

If  $\Phi_I = \Phi_{II} = \Phi$  then we use the notations  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$ ,  $H_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$ , and  $\overline{H}_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$  instead of  $\Omega_{\langle \Phi \rangle, \langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$ ,  $H_{\langle \Phi \rangle, \langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$ , and  $\overline{H}_{\langle \Phi \rangle, \langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$  respectively. Thus, the  $L_{\langle \Phi \rangle}$ -cohomology  $H_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$  (respectively, the reduced  $L_{\langle \Phi \rangle}$ -cohomology  $\overline{H}_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^k(X)$ ) is the  $k$ th cohomology (respectively, the  $k$ th reduced cohomology) of the cochain complex  $\{\Omega_{\langle \Phi \rangle}^*(X), d\}$ .

The  $k$ th interior reduced  $L_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}$ -cohomology of a Riemannian manifold  $X$  is the Banach space

$$\overline{H}_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle, 0}^k(X) = Z_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle, 0}^k(X) / \overline{d\mathcal{D}^{k-1}(X)},$$

where  $\overline{d\mathcal{D}^{k-1}(X)}$  is the closure of  $d\mathcal{D}^k(X)$  in  $L^{\langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}(X, \Lambda^k)$  and

$$Z_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle, 0}^k(X) = \text{Ker} \left\{ d : \Omega_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}^k \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\Phi_{II}\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}^{k+1} \right\} \cap \overline{d\mathcal{D}^k(X)}^{\Omega_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}^k}.$$

Thus, a  $k$ -form  $\theta$  belongs to  $Z_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle, 0}^k(X)$  if and only if  $\theta \in L^{\langle\Phi_I\rangle}(X, \Lambda^k)$ ,  $d\theta = 0$ , and there is a sequence of weakly closed forms  $\theta_j \in \mathcal{D}^k(X)$  such that

$$\|\theta_j - \theta\|_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \|d\theta_j\|_{\langle\Phi_{II}\rangle} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

The quotient (semi)norm on each of the above-introduced cohomology spaces depends on the choice of the norm on  $L^{\Phi_I}$  and  $L^{\Phi_{II}}$  but the resulting topology does not.

From now on, we assume all  $N$ -functions under consideration to belong to  $\Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ .

In [11], Gol'dshtein and Troyanov realized the  $k$ th  $L_{q,p}$ -cohomology as the  $k$ th cohomology of some Banach complex. Here we apply this approach to  $L_{\langle\Phi_I\rangle, \langle\Phi_{II}\rangle}$ -cohomology.

Fix an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple of  $N$ -functions  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n\}$  and put

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^k(X) = \Omega_{\Phi_k, \Phi_{k+1}}^k(X); \quad \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X) = \Omega_{(\Phi_k), (\Phi_{k+1})}^k(X).$$

Use the unified notation  $\Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X)$  for  $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^k(X)$  and  $\Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X)$ . Since the weak exterior differential is a bounded operator  $d : \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^{k+1}(X)$ , we obtain a Banach complex

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^0(X) \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^1(X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^n(X) \rightarrow 0.$$

The  $L_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}$ -cohomology  $H_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X)$  (respectively, the reduced  $L_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}$ -cohomology  $\overline{H}_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^k(X)$ ) of  $X$  is the  $k$ th cohomology (respectively, the  $k$ th reduced cohomology) of the Banach complex  $(\Omega_{\langle\mathcal{F}\rangle}^*, d)$ .

The above-defined cohomology spaces  $H_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $\overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$  in fact depend only on  $\Phi_{k-1}$  and  $\Phi_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) &= H_{\langle \Phi_{k-1} \rangle, \langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k(X) = Z_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k(X) / B_{\langle \Phi_{k-1} \rangle, \langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k; \\ \overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) &= \overline{H}_{\langle \Phi_{k-1} \rangle, \langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k(X) = Z_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k(X) / \overline{B}_{\langle \Phi_{k-1} \rangle, \langle \Phi_k \rangle}^k. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $\Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^k(X)$  the closure of  $\mathcal{D}^k(X)$  in  $\Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$ . The *interior reduced  $L_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}$ -cohomology* of  $X$  is the reduced cohomology of the Banach complex

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^0(X) \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^1(X) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^k(X) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^n(X) \rightarrow 0; \\ \overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^k(X) = \overline{H}_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle, \langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle, 0}^k(X) = Z_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle, \langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle, 0}^k(X) / \overline{d\mathcal{D}^{k-1}(X)}^{L^{\Phi_k}(X, \Lambda^k)}. \end{aligned}$$

The dual of an  $(n+1)$ -tuple of  $N$ -functions  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n\}$  is the  $(n+1)$ -tuple  $\mathcal{F}' = \{\Psi_0, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n\}$ , where  $\Psi_k$  and  $\Phi_{n-k}$  are complementary  $N$ -functions for all  $k$ . Henceforth, we assume all  $N$ -functions to belong to the class  $\Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ .

Fix an  $(n+1)$ -tuple of  $N$ -functions  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n\}$  and let  $\mathcal{F}' = \{\Psi_0, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n\}$  be its dual  $(n+1)$ -tuple. For  $-1 \leq k \leq n$ , introduce the vector spaces

$$\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) = L_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle, \langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle}^k(X) = L^{\langle \Phi_k \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k) \oplus L^{\langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle}(X, \Lambda^{k+1})$$

(here  $L^{\langle \Phi_k \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k) = 0$  for  $k = -1, n+1$ ). If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}(X)$  with  $\alpha \in L^{\langle \Phi_k \rangle}(X, \Lambda^k)$  and  $\beta \in L^{\langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle}(X, \Lambda^{k+1})$  then  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}(X)$  is endowed with the norm

$$\|(\alpha, \beta)\|_{\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}(X)} = \|\alpha\|_{\langle \Phi_k \rangle} + \|\beta\|_{\langle \Phi_{k+1} \rangle}.$$

Let  $d_{\mathcal{P}} : \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{k+1}(X)$  be defined as

$$d_{\mathcal{P}}(\alpha, \beta) = (\beta, 0).$$

The so-obtained Banach complex  $(\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^*(X), d_{\mathcal{P}})$  has trivial cohomology.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n\}$  be an  $(n+1)$ -tuple of  $N$ -functions and let  $\mathcal{F}' = \{\Psi_0, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n\}$  be its dual  $(n+1)$ -tuple. Then the spaces*

$\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  (here, as above, the bar changes the type of the norm) are dual with respect to the pairing

$$\langle (\alpha, \beta), (\omega, \theta) \rangle = \int_X ((-1)^k \alpha \wedge \omega + \beta \wedge \theta). \quad (12)$$

Lemma 5.1 easily follows from Theorem 4.3.

**Lemma 5.2.** *The operators*

$$d : \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X) \quad \text{and} \quad d : \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k}(X)$$

are adjoint.

**Proof.** If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$  and  $(\omega, \theta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  then

$$\langle d(\alpha, \beta), (\omega, \theta) \rangle = \langle (\beta, 0), (\omega, \theta) \rangle = \int_X (-1)^k \beta \wedge \theta,$$

$$\langle (\alpha, \beta), d(\omega, \theta) \rangle = \langle (\alpha, \beta), (\theta, 0) \rangle = \int_X \beta \wedge \theta. \quad \square$$

Put

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) &= \left\{ (\omega, d\omega) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) : \omega \in \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) \right\}; \\ \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^k(X) &= \left\{ (\omega, d\omega) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X) : \omega \in \Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, these spaces form Banach complexes  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}(X)$  and  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}(X)$  which are isomorphic to  $\Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}(X)$  and  $\Omega_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle, 0}(X)$  respectively.

Introduce the following quotient complex of  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}(X)$ :

$$\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) = \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) / \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^*(X).$$

What was said above implies:

**Proposition 5.3.** *The graded vector space  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)$  possesses the following properties:*

(1)  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|(\omega, \theta)\|_{\mathcal{A}} = \inf \left\{ \|\omega + \rho\|_{\langle \Psi_k \rangle} + \|\theta + d\rho\|_{\langle \Psi_{k+1} \rangle} \right\}.$$

- (2)  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X)$  is dual to  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X)$  with respect to the pairing (12).
- (3) The differential  $d_{\mathcal{P}} : \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k+1}(X)$  induces a differential  $d_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k+1}(X)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X), d_{\mathcal{A}})$  is a Banach complex.
- (4) The operators  $d_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $d_{\Sigma} : \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k-1}(X) \rightarrow \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k}(X)$  are adjoint up to sign with respect to the pairing (12).

Examine the cohomology of the Banach complex  $(\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)(X), d_{\mathcal{A}})$ . If we put

$$Z^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \text{Ker } d_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k+1}(X)$$

and

$$B^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \text{Im } d_{\mathcal{A}} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) \right)$$

and denote by  $\overline{B}^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$  the closure of  $B^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$  then the cohomology and the reduced cohomology of  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)$  are the spaces

$$\begin{aligned} H^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) &= Z^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) / B^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right); \\ \overline{H}^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) &= Z^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) / \overline{B}^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We will need the following assertion [11, Lemma 3.1]:

**Lemma 5.4.** Let  $I : Y_0 \times Y_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a duality between two reflexive Banach spaces. Let  $B_0, B_1, A_0, A_1$  be linear subspaces such that

$$B_0 \subset A_0 = B_1^\perp \subset Y_0; \quad B_1 \subset A_1 = B_0^\perp \subset Y_1.$$

Then the pairing  $\bar{I} : (A_0/\overline{B}_0) \times (A_1/\overline{B}_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with the bars standing for closures) is well-defined and induces duality between  $A_0/\overline{B}_0$  and  $A_1/\overline{B}_1$ .

**Lemma 5.5.** The pairing (12) induces a pairing between the reduced cohomologies of  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)$  and  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^*(X)$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$B^{k-1}(\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)) \subset Z^{k-1}(\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X)) = \left( B^{n-k}(\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^*(X)) \right)^\perp \subset \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X),$$

and, similarly,

$$\text{Im } d_{\Sigma}^{n-k-1} \subset \text{Ker } d_{\Sigma}^{n-k} = (\text{Im } d_{\mathcal{A}}^{k-2})^{\perp} \subset \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k}(X),$$

where the equalities are due to the fact that  $d_{\Sigma}$  and  $d_{\mathcal{A}}$  are adjoint operators. It remains to apply Lemma 5.4 with  $X_0 = \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}$  and  $X_1 = \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^{n-k}(X)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.6.** *The reduced cohomology of the Banach complex  $(\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^*(X), d_{\mathcal{A}})$  is isomorphic to the interior cohomology of  $X$  up to a shift:*

$$\overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^k(X) \cong \overline{H}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right).$$

The isomorphism is induced by the mapping  $j : Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$ ,  $j(\beta) = (0, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** Every element in  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$  is represented by an element  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$  modulo  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X)$ ; thus,  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  represent one element in  $\mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$  if and only if  $\alpha - \alpha_1 = \omega$  and  $\beta - \beta_1 = d\omega$ , where  $\omega \in \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X)$ .

Further,  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$  represents an element of  $Z^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$  whenever  $d_{\mathcal{P}}(\alpha, \beta) = (\beta, 0) \in \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X)$ , that is,  $\beta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X)$ . Thus,

$$Z^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\} / \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X).$$

Similarly,  $(\alpha, \beta)$  represents an element in  $B^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$  if there is  $(\gamma, \delta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-2}(X)$  with  $(\alpha, \beta) = d_{\mathcal{A}}(\gamma, \delta) = (\delta, 0)$  modulo  $\Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X)$ , which means that  $\beta = d\omega \in B_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X)$ . Thus,

$$B^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in B_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\} / \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X)$$

and

$$\overline{B}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in \overline{B}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\} / \Sigma_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{k-1}(X).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) &= \frac{\left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}}{\left\{ (\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \tilde{\beta} \in B_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}} = \\ &= \frac{\left\{ (0, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}}{\left\{ (0, \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \tilde{\beta} \in B_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the embedding  $j : Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X)$ ,  $j(\beta) = (0, \beta)$ , induces an algebraic isomorphism  $j_* : H_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$ . We also have the relation

$$\overline{H}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right) = \frac{\left\{ (0, \beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \beta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}}{\left\{ (0, \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^{k-1}(X) : \tilde{\beta} \in \overline{B}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \right\}}.$$

The quotient on the right-hand side is endowed with the natural quotient norm and  $j$  induces an isometric isomorphism  $\bar{j}_* : \overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^k(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \overline{H}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle}^*(X) \right)$ .  $\square$

Thus, we have

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth  $n$ -dimensional oriented Riemannian manifold and let  $\mathcal{F} = (\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n)$  and  $\mathcal{F}' = (\Psi_0, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n)$  be dual sequences of  $N$ -functions with  $\Phi_i \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ . Then the Banach spaces  $\overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $\overline{H}_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{n-k}(X)$  are dual with respect to the pairing  $\langle \omega, \theta \rangle = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta$  for  $\omega \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle}^k(X)$  and  $\theta \in Z_{\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle, 0}^{n-k}(X)$ .*

This gives the following duality theorem for  $L_{\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}}$ -cohomology:

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $X$  be an oriented  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold. If  $\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}$  are  $N$ -functions belonging to  $\Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  and  $\Psi_I$  and  $\Psi_{II}$  are their respective complementary  $N$ -functions then  $\overline{H}_{\Phi_I, \Phi_{II}}^k(X)$  is isomorphic to the dual of  $\overline{H}_{(\Psi_{II}), (\Psi_I), 0}^{n-k}(X)$  and  $\overline{H}_{(\Phi_I), (\Phi_{II})}^k(X)$  is isomorphic to the dual of  $\overline{H}_{\Psi_{II}, \Psi_I, 0}^{n-k}(X)$ . The dualities are given by the pairing*

$$\langle [\omega], [\theta] \rangle = \int_X \omega \wedge \theta.$$

**Proof.** The theorem results from Theorem 5.7 by considering any sequence of  $N$ -functions  $(\Phi_0, \dots, \Phi_n)$  with  $\Phi_{k-1} = \Phi_I$  and  $\Phi_k = \Phi_{II}$  and its dual sequence.  $\square$

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