

# Cohomology of Homogeneous Spaces $H_1/H_2$

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $H_1$  a normal subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1$ , and  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$  a normal subgroup with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_2$ . This paper establishes an isomorphism between the de Rham cohomology of the quotient manifold  $H_1/H_2$  and the Lie algebra cohomology of the quotient Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ . By constructing explicit isomorphisms of cochain complexes, we prove

$$H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2) \cong H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \left( (\Lambda^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2))^* \right)^{\mathfrak{g}}, \text{ where } \left( (\Lambda^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2))^* \right)^{\mathfrak{g}}$$

denotes the space of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant elements. This result transforms the geometric problem of computing the de Rham cohomology of the quotient  $H_1/H_2$  into an algebraic computation on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ .

## Keywords

Homogeneous Space, Cochain Complex, de Rham Cohomology, Lie Algebra Cohomology, Invariant Forms

## 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $H_1$  a normal subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1$ , and  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$  a normal subgroup of  $H_1$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_2$ . Chevalley and Eilenberg [1] established a fundamental bridge between the geometry of Lie groups and the algebra of their Lie algebras by proving that the de Rham cohomology of  $G$  is isomorphic to the cohomology of its Lie algebra:

$$H^*(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{R}) \cong H_{dR}^*(G) \cong \left( (\Lambda^*\mathfrak{g})^* \right)^{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

This isomorphism allows one to translate geometric problems into tractable algebraic ones.

This paper investigates the cohomology of the quotient manifold  $H_1/H_2$ .

Specifically, we study the relationship between the de Rham cohomology  $H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2)$  of the quotient and the Lie algebra cohomology  $H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$  of the quotient Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , which provides a powerful tool for analyzing the topology and geometry of such spaces. We establish the following isomorphism, generalizing the Chevalley-Eilenberg result:

$$H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \cong H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2) \cong \left( (\Lambda^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2))^* \right)^{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

Here, the group  $G$  acts on  $H_1/H_2$  via left multiplication, and  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$  via the adjoint representation. Our approach constructs explicit isomorphisms of cochain complexes linking invariant differential forms on  $H_1/H_2$  to cochains on  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ . These isomorphisms collectively yield the main theorem (Theorem 1). This result extends the foundational work of Chevalley and Eilenberg to a broader class of quotient manifolds and provides a concrete algebraic framework for computing their cohomology.

This paper is organized as follows: In Sec. 2, we recall basic concepts of de Rham cohomology and Lie algebra cohomology. In Sec. 3, we give a detailed proof of the isomorphism between de Rham cohomology of the quotient manifold and its Lie algebra cohomology.

## 2. Preliminary Knowledge

We recall the definitions and basic properties of Lie group cohomology and Lie algebras cohomology.

**Definition 1.** [2] Let  $K$  be a field. A Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a vector space over  $K$  with a bilinear bracket  $[-, -]$ :

$$\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g},$$

satisfying the following axioms for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$ :

- 1) *Bilinearity.*  $[\lambda_1 X + \lambda_2 Y, Z] = \lambda_1 [X, Z] + \lambda_2 [Y, Z]$ ;
- 2) *Antisymmetry.*  $[X, X] = 0$ ;
- 3) *Jacobi identity.*  $[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$ .

**Definition 2.** [2] Let  $K$  be a field and  $A$  be a unital ring. If the additive group of  $A$  forms a  $K$ -vector space, and

$$\lambda(ab) = (\lambda a)b = a(\lambda b)$$

for all  $\lambda \in K$ , and  $a, b \in A$ , then  $A$  is called an associative algebra over  $K$ , or simply a  $K$ -algebra.

Let  $A$  be an associative algebra over a field  $K$ . The commutator bracket  $[a, b] = ab - ba$  defines a Lie algebra structure on the underlying  $K$ -vector space of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.** [2] A subspace  $\mathfrak{h}$  of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$  if it satisfies  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}] \subset \mathfrak{h}$ .

**Definition 4.** [2] Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be an ideal of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Define a Lie bracket operation in the quotient space  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  as follows:

$$[X + \mathfrak{h}, Y + \mathfrak{h}] = [X, Y] + \mathfrak{h},$$

then the quotient space  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  is a Lie algebra, called the quotient algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  by  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

**Definition 5.** [3] Let  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_2$  be Lie algebras over a field  $K$ . A  $K$ -linear map  $\mathcal{A} : \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism if for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}_1$

$$[\mathcal{A}(X), \mathcal{A}(Y)] = \mathcal{A}([X, Y]).$$

A canonical example is a homomorphism from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  to  $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ , the general linear Lie algebra on a vector space  $V$ .

**Definition 6.** [3] A representation of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  over a field  $K$  is a pair  $(V, \rho)$ , where  $V$  is a  $K$ -vector space and  $\rho : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

**Definition 7.** [3] For any Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the adjoint representation is the homomorphism  $ad : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$ , defined by  $ad(X)(Y) = [X, Y]$ .

We now recall some fundamental concepts of smooth manifolds and establish the correspondence between Lie groups and Lie algebras.

**Definition 8.** [4] Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional topological manifold. If a smooth structure  $\Sigma$  is specified on  $M$ , then  $(M, \Sigma)$  is called an  $n$ -dimensional smooth manifold.

**Definition 9.** [4] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. A function  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called smooth if it is smooth with respect to the smooth structure of  $M$ . The set of all smooth functions on  $M$  is denoted by  $C^\infty(M)$ .

**Definition 10.** [5] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $p \in M$ . Denote by  $C_p^\infty$  the algebra of germs of smooth functions at  $p$ . A tangent vector at  $p$  is a linear map  $v : C_p^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following axioms: for all  $f, g \in C_p^\infty$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- 1)  $v(f + \lambda g) = v(f) + \lambda v(g)$ ;
- 2)  $v(f \cdot g) = v(f)g(p) + f(p)v(g)$ .

The tangent space at  $p$ , denoted  $T_p M$ , is the vector space of all tangent vectors.

**Definition 11.** [5] A cotangent vector at  $p \in M$  is a linear functional  $\alpha : T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The cotangent space  $T_p^* M$  is the dual space of  $T_p M$ .

**Definition 12.** [5] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. The tangent bundle of  $M$  is defined as  $TM = \bigcup_{p \in M} T_p M$ , equipped with a natural smooth structure that makes it a smooth manifold.

**Definition 13.** [6] A smooth vector field on a smooth manifold  $M$  is a smooth map  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  such that  $\pi \circ X = id_M$ , where  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$  is the canonical projection. In other words,  $X$  is a smooth section of the tangent bundle.

The set of all smooth vector fields on  $M$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

**Definition 14.** [7] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. A differential  $k$ -form on  $M$  is a smooth section of the  $k$ -th exterior power of the cotangent bundle, i.e., a smooth map

$$\omega : M \rightarrow \Lambda^k T^* M = \bigcup_{p \in M} \Lambda^k (T_p^* M),$$

such that  $\omega(p) \in \Lambda^k (T_p^* M)$  for each  $p \in M$ . The set of all differential  $k$ -

forms on  $M$  is denoted by  $\Omega^k(M)$ .

**Property 1.** [6] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. There exists a unique operator  $d : \Omega^r(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{r+1}(M) (r \geq 0)$ , called the exterior derivative, satisfying the following properties:

- 1)  $d : \Omega^r(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{r+1}(M)$  is a linear map.
- 2)  $d(\varphi \wedge \psi) = d\varphi \wedge \psi + (-1)^r \varphi \wedge d\psi$ ,  $\varphi \in \Omega^r(M)$ ,  $\psi \in \Omega^s(M)$ .
- 3) For  $f \in C^\infty(M) = \Omega^0(M)$ ,  $df$  is the ordinary differential of  $f$ .
- 4)  $d \circ d = 0$ .

**Proposition 1.** [6] The space  $\Omega^k(M)$  of differential  $k$ -forms on a smooth manifold  $M$  is isomorphic as a  $C^\infty(M)$ -module to the space of alternating  $C^\infty(M)$ -multilinear maps  $\mathfrak{X}(M)^k \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$ .

**Proposition 2.** [8] (Invariant formula) For any  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  and  $X_0, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,

$$d\omega(X_0, \dots, X_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i X_i \left( \omega(X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_k) \right) + \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq k} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([X_i, X_j], X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_k),$$

where  $\hat{X}_i$  denotes that the element  $X_i$  is omitted.

**Definition 15.** [6] Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifolds and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  a smooth map. For each  $p \in M$ , the pushforward of  $f$  at  $p$  is the linear map  $f_{*p} : T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N$  defined by

$$(f_{*p}(X))(g) = X(g \circ f)$$

for all  $X \in T_p M$  and  $g \in C^\infty_{f(p)}$ .

**Definition 16.** [6] Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map. The pullback induced by  $f$  is the map  $f^* : \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$  defined by

$$f^*(\omega)(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \omega(f_*(X_1), \dots, f_*(X_k))$$

for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(N)$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

**Property 2.** [6] Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map. The pullback  $f^* : \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$  satisfies the following properties:

- 1)  $f^*$  is a linear map.
- 2) For all  $\omega \in \Omega^r(N)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^s(N)$ ,  $f^*(\omega \wedge \eta) = f^*\omega \wedge f^*\eta$ .
- 3)  $f^*(d\omega) = d(f^*\omega)$ .

**Definition 17.** [9] A Lie group is a group  $G$  that is also a smooth manifold such that the group operations  $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow G, (g, h) \mapsto gh$  and inversion  $\tau : G \rightarrow G, g \mapsto g^{-1}$  are smooth maps.

For any fixed  $g \in G$ , the maps

$$L_g : G \rightarrow G, L_g(h) = gh$$

and

$$R_g : G \rightarrow G, R_g(h) = hg^{-1}$$

are smooth diffeomorphisms, called left multiplication and right multiplication,

respectively.

The group  $G \times G$  acts smoothly on  $G$  via

$$(g, h) \cdot x = R_h L_g(x) = gxh^{-1}, \quad g, h, x \in G.$$

If  $g = h$ , this action gives the conjugation by  $g$ , denoted  $c_g = R_g L_g$ .

**Definition 18.** [7] Let a Lie group  $G$  acts smoothly on a smooth manifold  $M$  via a map  $G \times M \rightarrow M$ . For each  $g \in G$ , denote by  $g$  the smooth map  $M \rightarrow M$  given by the action. A differential form  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  is called  $G$ -invariant if  $g^* \omega = \omega$ , for all  $g \in G$ .

The space of all  $G$ -invariant  $k$ -forms on  $M$  is denoted by  $\Omega^k(M)^G$ .

**Definition 19.** [9] Let  $G$  be a Lie group. A vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)$  is left-invariant if for all  $g, h \in G$ ,

$$(L_g)_* (X(h)) = X(gh).$$

The set of all left-invariant vector fields on  $G$  forms a Lie algebra under the Lie bracket of vector fields. This Lie algebra is denoted by  $\mathfrak{g}$  and is isomorphic to the tangent space  $T_e G$  at the identity element  $e \in G$ . It is called the Lie algebra of  $G$ . Next, we introduce the basic concepts of homology.

**Definition 20.** [10] A chain complex  $C$  of  $R$ -modules is a family  $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $R$ -modules together with  $R$ -modules map  $d_n : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$  such that the sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

satisfies  $d_n \circ d_{n+1} = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 21.** [10] Let  $(C_\bullet, d_\bullet)$  and  $(C'_\bullet, d'_\bullet)$  be chain complexes. A chain map

$$f = f_\bullet : (C_\bullet, d_\bullet) \rightarrow (C'_\bullet, d'_\bullet)$$

is a family of morphisms  $\{f_n : C_n \rightarrow C'_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  such that diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & C'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d'_{n+1}} & C'_n & \xrightarrow{d'_n} & C'_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

commutes, i.e.,  $f_{n-1} \circ d_n = d'_n \circ f_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 22.** [10] Let  $C : \cdots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots$  be a chain complex. Its  $n$ -th homology is defined as the quotient module

$$H_n(C) = \frac{\ker d_n}{\text{Im } d_{n+1}}.$$

**Definition 23.** [10] A chain map  $f : (A, d) \rightarrow (C, \delta)$  is called a quasi-isomorphism if for every integer  $n$  the induced map  $f_* : H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(C)$  are an isomorphism.

**Definition 24.** [11] Let  $K$  be a field,  $\mathfrak{g}$  a Lie algebra over  $K$ , and  $\Gamma$  a  $\mathfrak{g}$

-module. Define

$$C^n(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) := \text{Hom}_K(\Lambda^n \mathfrak{g}, \Gamma), \quad n > 0, \quad C^0(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) := \Gamma.$$

The space  $C^n(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma)$  can be identified with the space of alternating  $n$ -linear maps  $\mathfrak{g}^n \rightarrow \Gamma$ . For  $c \in C^n(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma)$ , define  $dc \in C^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma)$  by

$$dc(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+1} X_i \left( c(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_{n+1}) \right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (-1)^{i+j} c([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{n+1})$$

for all  $X_1, \dots, X_{n+1} \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

One can verify that  $d \circ d = 0$ , so we obtain a cochain complex

$$\dots \rightarrow C^{n-1}(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} C^n(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) \xrightarrow{d^n} C^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) \rightarrow \dots$$

The Lie algebra cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $\Gamma$  is

$$H^n(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma) := H^n((C^*(\mathfrak{g}, \Gamma), d)) = \frac{\ker d^n}{\text{Im } d^{n-1}}.$$

### 3. Isomorphisms between de Rham Cohomology and Lie Algebra Cohomology for $H_1/H_2$

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $H_1$  a normal subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1$ , and  $H_2$  a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_2$ .  $G$  acts by multiplication on the quotient  $H_1/H_2$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts on  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , the Lie algebra of  $H_1/H_2$ , by the adjoint action. The section establishes an isomorphism between the de Rham cohomology of the quotient space  $H_1/H_2$  and the cohomology of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ . This is achieved by constructing chain complex isomorphisms via evaluation at the identity  $\bar{e} \in H_1/H_2$ . This construction links  $G$ -invariant and  $G \times G$ -invariant differential forms to  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant Lie algebra cochains.

**Proposition 3.** [11] Suppose  $G$  acts on a manifold  $H_1/H_2$  via an action  $\alpha : G \times H_1/H_2 \rightarrow H_1/H_2$ . Then the inclusion  $\varphi : \Omega^*(H_1/H_2)^G \hookrightarrow \Omega^*(H_1/H_2)$  is a quasi-isomorphism.

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\pi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  a representation of  $G$ , with derivative  $\rho = D_e \pi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$ . Recall that for all  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$X = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \exp(tX)$$

where  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} = T_e G \rightarrow G$  is the exponential map, defined by  $X \mapsto \theta_X(1)$ . Here  $\theta_X$  is the maximal integral curve of the left-invariant vector field defined by  $X$ , satisfying  $\theta_X(0) = 1$ . Then, by the chain rule,

$$\rho(X) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \pi(\exp(tX)).$$

**Definition 25.** [12] A vector  $v \in V$  is called  $G$ -invariant if  $\pi(g)(v) = v$  for all  $g \in G$ . The subspace of all  $G$ -invariant elements is denoted by  $V^G$ . A vector

$v \in V$  is called  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant if  $\rho(X)(v) = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . The subspace of all  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant elements is denoted by  $V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

We shall now prove that these two subspaces are equal.

**Proposition 4.**  $V^G = V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

*Proof.* We establish the equality by proving two inclusions.

1)  $V^G \subseteq V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Let  $v \in V^G$ . Then  $\pi(g)(v) = v$  for all  $g \in G$ . For any  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$\rho(X)(v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \pi(\exp(tX))(v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} v = 0,$$

so  $v \in V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

2)  $V^{\mathfrak{g}} \subseteq V^G$ .

Let  $v \in V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Then  $\rho(X)(v) = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Define the evaluation map  $\text{ev}_v : \text{Aut}(V) \rightarrow V$  by  $\text{ev}_v(A) = A(v)$ . Then

$$D_e(\text{ev}_v \circ \pi)(X) = \text{ev}_v \circ D_e \pi(X) = \text{ev}_v(\rho(X)) = \rho(X)(v) = 0.$$

Since  $G$  is connected,  $\text{ev}_v \circ \pi$  is constant. As  $\text{ev}_v \circ \pi(e) = \pi(e)(v) = v$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ . We obtain  $\text{ev}_v \circ \pi(g) = \pi(g)(v) = v$ . Thus,  $v \in V^G$ . Combing (1) and (2), we conclude that  $V^G = V^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

We now construct an isomorphism relating the invariant differential forms to the Lie algebra chain complex, thereby linking de Rham cohomology with Lie algebra cohomology.

**Proposition 5.** The evaluation map at the identity  $\bar{e} = e + H_2 \in H_1/H_2$ ,  $\varepsilon : \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G \rightarrow C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\omega \mapsto \omega_{\bar{e}}$ , defines an isomorphism of chain complexes.

*Proof.* First, we verify that  $\varepsilon$  is well-defined. Identifying  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$  with the tangent space  $T_{\bar{e}}(H_1/H_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\omega) &= \omega_{\bar{e}} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(\Lambda^m(T_{\bar{e}}(H_1/H_2)), \mathbb{R}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(\Lambda^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2), \mathbb{R}) \\ &= C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varepsilon$  is well-defined.

We consider the sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \Omega^{m-1}(H_1/H_2)^G \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G \xrightarrow{d^m} \Omega^{m+1}(H_1/H_2)^G \rightarrow \cdots$$

For any  $\omega \in \Omega^{m-1}(H_1/H_2)^G$  and  $g \in G$ , we have

$$g^*(d^{m-1}\omega) = d^{m-1}(g^*\omega) = d^{m-1}\omega,$$

which shows that  $d^{m-1}\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G$ . Let  $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}$  be left-invariant vector fields on  $H_1/H_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & d^m(d^{m-1}\omega)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( d^{m-1}\omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} d^{m-1}\omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j] \left( \omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{r < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+r} \bar{X}_r \left( \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_r, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < r < j} (-1)^{i+j+r-1} \bar{X}_r \left( \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_r, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j < r} (-1)^{i+j+r-2} \bar{X}_r \left( \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \hat{X}_r, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{s < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+s} \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_s, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < s < j} (-1)^{i+j+s+1} \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_s, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j < s} (-1)^{i+j+s} \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \hat{X}_s, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{k < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{k < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+k+l+1} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], \bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{k < i < j < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < k < l < j} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < k < j < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l-1} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j < k < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} \omega([\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \hat{X}_k, \dots, \hat{X}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain  $d^m \circ d^{m-1} = 0$ . Thus,  $(\Omega^*(H_1/H_2)^G, d^\bullet)$  is a chain complex.

Next, we consider the sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{d^m} C^{m+1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \dots$$

For  $c \in C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ , the differential  $d^{m-1}c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^{m-1}c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) &= \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m \in \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d^m(d^{m-1}c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( d^{m-1}c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} d^{m-1}c([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &= \sum_{r < i} (-1)^{i+r} \bar{X}_i \bar{X}_r \left( c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_r, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{i < r} (-1)^{i+r+1} \bar{X}_i \bar{X}_r \left( c \left( \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{r < s < i} (-1)^{i+r+s+1} \bar{X}_i \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_r, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{r < i < s} (-1)^{i+r+s} \bar{X}_i \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_r, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < r < s} (-1)^{i+r+s+1} \bar{X}_i \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_r, \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j] \left( c \left( \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{r < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+r} \bar{X}_r \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < r < j} (-1)^{i+j+r-1} \bar{X}_r \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < j < r} (-1)^{i+j+r-2} \bar{X}_r \left( c \left( [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_r, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{s < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+s} c \left( [[\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < s < j} (-1)^{i+j+s+1} c \left( [[\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < j < s} (-1)^{i+j+s} c \left( [[\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_s], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_s, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{k < l < i < j} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{k < i < l < j} \checkmark (-1)^{i+j+k+l+1} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{k < i < j < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < k < l < j} \checkmark (-1)^{i+j+k+l} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < k < j < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l-1} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i < j < k < l} (-1)^{i+j+k+l} c \left( [\bar{X}_k, \bar{X}_l], [\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_k, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_l, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 & = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain  $d^m \circ d^{m-1} = 0$ . Thus,  $C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}, d^*)$  is a chain complex.

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \longrightarrow & \Omega^{m-1}(H_1/H_2)^G & \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} & \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G & \xrightarrow{d^m} & \Omega^{m+1}(H_1/H_2)^G \longrightarrow \dots \\
 & & \downarrow \varepsilon^{m-1} & & \downarrow \varepsilon^m & & \downarrow \varepsilon^{m+1} \\
 \dots & \longrightarrow & C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} & C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{d^m} & C^{m+1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

Next, we show that  $\varepsilon$  is a chain map, i.e.,  $\varepsilon^{m+1} \circ d^m = d^m \circ \varepsilon^m$ . Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G$  and  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1} \in T_{\bar{e}}(H_1/H_2)$ . Let  $\bar{X}_i$  be the left-invariant vector field on  $H_1/H_2$  with  $\bar{v}_i = v_i + \mathfrak{h}_2 = \bar{X}_i(e)$ . Since  $\omega$  and all the  $\bar{X}_i$  are

left-invariant, we have  $\omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m)$  is left-invariant and therefore is constant.

Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon^{m+1}(d^m \omega)(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= (d^m \omega)_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) = d^m \omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1})(\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( \omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) (\bar{e}) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1})(\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([\bar{X}_i, \bar{X}_j], \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1})(\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}([\bar{v}_i, \bar{v}_j], \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} d^m(\varepsilon^m \omega)(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) &= d^m(\omega_{\bar{e}})(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{v}_i \left( \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \right) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}([\bar{v}_i, \bar{v}_j], \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}([\bar{v}_i, \bar{v}_j], \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\varepsilon^{m+1} \circ d^m = d^m \circ \varepsilon^m$ , so  $\varepsilon$  is a chain map.

Next, we prove that  $\varepsilon$  is an isomorphism. Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G$ ,  $\bar{g} \in H_1/H_2$  and  $\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m \in T_{\bar{g}}(H_1/H_2)$ . We have

$$\omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = (L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}^* \omega)_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = \omega_{\bar{e}}(D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)).$$

Hence  $\ker \varepsilon = \{ \omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G \mid \varepsilon(\omega) = \omega_{\bar{e}} = 0 \} = 0$ . It follows that  $\varepsilon$  is injective.

Let  $c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ , there exists  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)$  such that

$$\omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = c(D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)).$$

For any  $\bar{g} = g + H_2 \in H_1/H_2, h \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ((L_h)^* \omega)_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) &= \omega_{\bar{hg}}((L_h)_{* \bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, (L_h)_{* \bar{g}}(\bar{u}_m)) \\ &= \omega_{\bar{hg}}(D_{\bar{g}} L_h(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_h(\bar{u}_m)) \\ &= c(D_{\bar{hg}} L_{(\bar{hg})^{-1}}(D_{\bar{g}} L_h(\bar{u}_1)), \dots, D_{\bar{hg}} L_{(\bar{hg})^{-1}}(D_{\bar{g}} L_h(\bar{u}_m))) \\ &= c(D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)) \\ &= \omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G$ . Additionally, since

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\omega)(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m) &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m) \\ &= c(D_{\bar{e}}L_{e^{-1}}(\bar{v}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{e}}L_{e^{-1}}(\bar{v}_m)) \\ &= c\left(\left(L_{e^{-1}}\right)_{*\bar{e}}\left(\overline{X_1(e)}\right), \dots, \left(L_{e^{-1}}\right)_{*\bar{e}}\left(\overline{X_m(e)}\right)\right) \\ &= c\left(\overline{X_1(e^{-1} \cdot e)}, \dots, \overline{X_m(e^{-1} \cdot e)}\right) \\ &= c\left(\overline{X_1(e)}, \dots, \overline{X_m(e)}\right) \\ &= c(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\varepsilon(\omega) = c$ . Thus,  $\varepsilon$  is surjective. We conclude that  $\varepsilon$  is an isomorphism.

Next, we construct a representation of the Lie group  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  on the cochain complex  $C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ , and show that the subspace of  $G$ -invariant cochains coincides with the subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant cochains.

**Proposition 6.**  $(C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G, d) = (C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^{\mathfrak{g}}, d)$ .

*Proof.* First, we construct the action  $\pi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}))$ .

For  $g, h \in G$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m \in \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , recall that  $G$  acts on  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$  via the adjoint action

$$\text{Ad} : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2), \quad \text{Ad}(g)(\bar{X}) = T_{\bar{e}}c_g(\bar{X}).$$

This action extends naturally to the exterior power  $\Lambda^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)$ , which we also denote by  $\text{Ad} : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\Lambda^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2))$ , satisfying

$$\text{Ad}(g)(\bar{X}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{X}_m) := \text{Ad}(g)(\bar{X}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Ad}(g)(\bar{X}_m).$$

Dualising gives an action  $\pi$  of  $G$  on  $C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\pi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}))$ ,

$$g \mapsto \text{Ad}(g)^*, \quad (\text{Ad}(g)^*c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) := c(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_m)).$$

Next we verify that  $\pi$  is a homomorphism. For  $g, h \in G$  and  $c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi(gh)c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) &= \text{Ad}(gh)^*c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= c(\text{Ad}((gh)^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}((gh)^{-1})(\bar{X}_m)) \\ &= c(T_{\bar{e}}c_{(gh)^{-1}}(\bar{X}_1), \dots, T_{\bar{e}}c_{(gh)^{-1}}(\bar{X}_m)), \\ (\pi(g) \circ \pi(h)c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) &= ((\text{Ad}g)^* \circ (\text{Ad}h)^*)c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= (\text{Ad}g)^*((\text{Ad}h)^*c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= (\text{Ad}h)^*c(T_{\bar{e}}c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_1), \dots, T_{\bar{e}}c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_m)) \\ &= c(T_{\bar{e}}c_{h^{-1}}(T_{\bar{e}}c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_1)), \dots, T_{\bar{e}}c_{h^{-1}}(T_{\bar{e}}c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_m))) \\ &= c(T_{\bar{e}}c_{(gh)^{-1}}(\bar{X}_1), \dots, T_{\bar{e}}c_{(gh)^{-1}}(\bar{X}_m)), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\pi(gh) = \pi(g) \circ \pi(h)$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is a representation of  $G$ .

Now we construct the corresponding Lie algebra action  $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}))$ . The adjoint action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$  is

$$\text{ad}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2), \text{ad}(X)(\bar{Y}) = \overline{[X, Y]},$$

which we can extend to an action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\Lambda^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)$  by

$$\text{ad}(X)(\bar{X}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{X}_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m \bar{X}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \overline{[X, X_i]} \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{X}_m.$$

Again this dualises to an action on  $C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})), X \mapsto \text{ad}(X)^*,$$

satisfying

$$(\text{ad}(X)^* c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m).$$

Next we show that  $\rho$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism, i.e.,  $\rho([X, Y]) = [\rho(X), \rho(Y)]$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Recall that  $[\rho(X), \rho(Y)] = \rho(X) \circ \rho(Y) - \rho(Y) \circ \rho(X)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\rho(X) \circ \rho(Y) c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \rho(Y) c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_j, Y]}, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq j = i \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[[X_i, X], Y]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \overline{[X_j, Y]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\rho(Y) \circ \rho(X) c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(X) c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_j, Y]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_j, Y]}, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq j = i \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[[X_j, Y], X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \overline{[X_j, Y]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 &([\rho(X), \rho(Y)]c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= (\rho(X) \circ \rho(Y) - \rho(Y) \circ \rho(X))c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq m} c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{X_i, [X, Y]}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= (\rho([X, Y])c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\rho([X, Y]) = [\rho(X), \rho(Y)]$ . Thus,  $\rho$  is a representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Next we prove that  $\rho(X) = D_e\pi(X)$  for every  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(D_e\pi(X)c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \pi(\exp(tX))c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \text{Ad}(\exp(tX))^* c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} c(\text{Ad}(\exp(tX))^{-1}(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(\exp(tX))^{-1}(\bar{X}_m)) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \text{ad}(-X)(\bar{X}_i), \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{X_i, X}, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= ((\text{ad}X)^* c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= (\rho(X)c)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\rho = D_e\pi$ . According to Proposition 4, we have

$$C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G = C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

Finally, we prove that for every  $c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ ,  $dc \in C^{m+1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ . Let  $g \in G$  and  $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \in \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , Because  $c$  is  $G$ -invariant,

$$\pi(g)c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) = (\text{Ad}g)^* c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) = c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m).$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 &((\text{Ad}g)^* dc)(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\
 &= dc(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_{m+1})) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_i) \left( c(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \widehat{\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_i)}, \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_{m+1})) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_i), \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_j), \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \\
 &\quad \text{Ad}(\widehat{g^{-1}})(\bar{X}_i), \dots, \text{Ad}(\widehat{g^{-1}})(\bar{X}_j), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_{m+1}))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c \left( \text{Ad}(g^{-1}) \left( \overline{[X_i, X_j]} \right), \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_i), \dots, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_j), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \left( (\text{Ad}g)^* c \right) \left( \overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c \left( \overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \right) \\
 &= dc(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $dc \in C^{m+1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ . We finally obtain  $(C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G, d) = (C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^{\mathfrak{g}}, d)$ .

We now consider the action of  $G \times G$  on the quotient space  $H_1/H_2$  and establish an isomorphism of chain complexes between the  $G \times G$ -invariant differential forms and the  $G$ -invariant space of Lie algebra chain complex.

**Proposition 7.** *Evaluation at  $\bar{e} = e + H_2 \in H_1/H_2$ ,  $\tau : \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G} \rightarrow C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ ,  $\omega \mapsto \omega_{\bar{e}}$  defines an isomorphism of chain complexes.*

*Proof.* Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$ , we show that  $\omega_{\bar{e}} \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ , that is,  $\omega_{\bar{e}}$  is  $G$ -invariant. For any  $g \in G$  and  $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m \in \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , the invariance of  $\omega$  gives  $c_g^* \omega = \omega$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) &= (c_{g^{-1}}^* \omega)_{\bar{e}}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(D_{\bar{e}} c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{e}} c_{g^{-1}}(\bar{X}_m)) \\
 &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_m)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\pi(g)\omega_{\bar{e}})(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) &= ((\text{Ad}g)^* \omega_{\bar{e}})(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m) \\
 &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_1), \dots, \text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\bar{X}_m)) \\
 &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\pi(g)\omega_{\bar{e}} = \omega_{\bar{e}}$ , which shows that  $\omega_{\bar{e}}$  is  $G$ -invariant. Thus,  $\tau$  is well-defined.

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \longrightarrow & \Omega^{m-1}(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G} & \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} & \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G} & \xrightarrow{d^m} & \Omega^{m+1}(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G} & \longrightarrow \\
 & \downarrow \tau^{m-1} & & \downarrow \tau^m & & \downarrow \tau^{m+1} & \\
 \longrightarrow & C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G & \xrightarrow{d^{m-1}} & C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G & \xrightarrow{d^m} & C^{m+1}(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G & \longrightarrow
 \end{array}$$

Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$  and  $g, h \in G$ . Since  $\omega$  is  $G \times G$ -invariant, we have

$$(R_g L_h)^* (d^m \omega) = L_h^* (R_g^* (d^m \omega)) = L_h^* d^m (R_g^* \omega) = d^m (L_h^* R_g^* \omega) = d^m \omega,$$

so  $d^m \omega \in \Omega^{m+1}(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$ .

Next we show that  $\tau$  is a chain map, i.e.,  $\tau^{m+1} \circ d'^m = d^m \circ \tau^m$ . Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$  and  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1} \in T_{\bar{e}}(H_1/H_2)$ . Since  $\omega$  and all the  $\bar{X}_i$  are left-invariant, the function  $\omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m)$  is left-invariant and therefore is constant. Moreover,  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau^{m+1}(d'^m \omega))(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= (d'^m \omega)_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) = d'^m \omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m)(\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( \omega(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) (\bar{e}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega(\overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) (\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega(\overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) (\bar{e}) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}(\overline{[v_i, v_j]}, \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} (d^m(\tau^m \omega))(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) &= d^m(\omega_{\bar{e}})(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{v}_i \left( \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}(\overline{[v_i, v_j]}, \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\bar{e}}(\overline{[v_i, v_j]}, \bar{v}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{v}}_j, \dots, \bar{v}_{m+1}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\tau^{m+1} \circ d'^m = d^m \circ \tau^m$ . Thus,  $\tau$  is chain map.

Next we prove that  $\tau$  is an isomorphism. Let  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$ ,  $\bar{g} \in H_1/H_2$  and  $\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m \in T_{\bar{g}}(H_1/H_2)$ . Since a  $G \times G$ -invariant differential form is in particular left-invariant, it follows that

$$\omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = (L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}^* \omega)_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = \omega_{\bar{e}}(D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)).$$

This gives  $\ker \tau = \{ \omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G} \mid \tau(\omega) = \omega_{\bar{e}} = 0 \} = 0$ . Thus,  $\tau$  is injective.

Let  $c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G$ , there exists  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G$  such that

$$\omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) = c(D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}} L_{\bar{g}^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)).$$

For any  $x, y \in G$  and  $\bar{g} \in H_1/H_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (R_y L_x)^* \omega \right)_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) \\ &= \omega_{xgy^{-1}}(D_{\bar{g}}(R_y L_x)(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}}(R_y L_x)(\bar{u}_m)) \\ &= c \left( D_{xgy^{-1}} L_{yg^{-1}x^{-1}}(D_{\bar{g}}(R_y L_x)(\bar{u}_1)), \dots, D_{xgy^{-1}} L_{yg^{-1}x^{-1}}(D_{\bar{g}}(R_y L_x)(\bar{u}_m)) \right) \\ &= c \left( D_{\bar{g}}(c_y \circ L_{g^{-1}})(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}}(c_y \circ L_{g^{-1}})(\bar{u}_m) \right) \\ &= c \left( D_{\bar{e}} c_y \circ D_{\bar{g}} L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{e}} c_y \circ D_{\bar{g}} L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= c\left(\text{Ady}\left(D_{\bar{g}}L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1)\right), \dots, \text{Ady}\left(D_{\bar{g}}L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)\right)\right) \\
 &= c\left(D_{\bar{g}}L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{g}}L_{g^{-1}}(\bar{u}_m)\right) \\
 &= \omega_{\bar{g}}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\omega \in \Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^{G \times G}$ . Additionally, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau(\omega)(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m) &= \omega_{\bar{e}}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m) \\
 &= c\left(D_{\bar{e}}L_{e^{-1}}(\bar{v}_1), \dots, D_{\bar{e}}L_{e^{-1}}(\bar{v}_m)\right) \\
 &= c\left(\left(L_{e^{-1}}\right)_{*\bar{e}}\left(\overline{X_1(e)}\right), \dots, \left(L_{e^{-1}}\right)_{*\bar{e}}\left(\overline{X_m(e)}\right)\right) \\
 &= c\left(\overline{X_1(e^{-1} \cdot e)}, \dots, \overline{X_m(e^{-1} \cdot e)}\right) \\
 &= c\left(\overline{X_1(e)}, \dots, \overline{X_m(e)}\right) \\
 &= c(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\tau(\omega) = c$ . Thus,  $\tau$  is surjective. We conclude that  $\tau$  is an isomorphism.

The isomorphisms of chain complexes established in Propositions 5 and 7, together with the quasi-isomorphism in Proposition 3 and the equality in Proposition 6, induce isomorphisms in cohomology.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$ , with corresponding Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{h}_2$ , respectively. The group  $G$  acts on the quotient  $H_1/H_2$  by left multiplication, and its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts on the quotient Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$  via the adjoint action. Then*

$$H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \cong H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2) \cong \left( (\wedge^* (\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2))^* \right)^{\mathfrak{g}},$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* According to Proposition 3, we have  $H^*(\Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G) \cong H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2)$ . Moreover, Proposition 5 also gives an isomorphism of complex  $\Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G \cong C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, R)^G$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H^m\left(\Omega^m(H_1/H_2)^G\right) &\cong H^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, R) \\
 &\cong H^m\left(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, R)^G\right) \\
 &= H^m\left(C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, R)^{\mathfrak{g}}\right) \\
 &= H^m\left(\left(\left(\wedge^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain  $H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \cong H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2) \cong H\left(\left(\left(\wedge^* (\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}\right)$ .

Now we prove that  $d = 0$  of the chain complex

$$\left(C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^G, d\right) = \left(C^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^{\mathfrak{g}}, d\right) = \left(\left(\left(\wedge^* (\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}, d\right).$$

For any  $c \in C^m(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R})^{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1} \in \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ . Because  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $c$  is  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2dc(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i+1} \bar{X}_i \left( c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c(\overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c(\overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} c(\overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_i, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^j c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j < i} (-1)^j c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \overline{[X_i, X_j]}, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (-1)^j (\text{ad} \bar{X}_j)^* c(\bar{X}_1, \dots, \hat{\bar{X}}_j, \dots, \bar{X}_{m+1}) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $d = 0$ . Thus,  $H\left(\left(\left(\wedge^m \mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}\right) = \left(\left(\wedge^m (\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Combining all isomorphisms we finally obtain

$$H^*(\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2, \mathbb{R}) \cong H_{dR}^*(H_1/H_2) \cong \left(\left(\wedge^* (\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2)\right)^*\right)^{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

Our work provides a concrete and effective algebraic framework for computing the de Rham cohomology of the homogeneous space  $H_1/H_2$ . It translates a topological problem into a purely algebraic one concerning the invariant multilinear forms on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_1/\mathfrak{h}_2$ , which is often more tractable.

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