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- Recall that $F^{*} d f=d F^{*} f$. Moreover, if $\omega=\omega_{i} d x^{i}$, then $F^{*} \omega=\omega_{i} \circ F d F^{i}$.
- For $k$-forms, the pullback is $\mathbb{R}$-linear (why?).
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