

Some remarks on invariant forms of a sphere bundle with connexion

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Let us consider an $(n-1)$ -sphere bundle $\mathfrak{B}^{n-1}(M, S^{n-1}, O_n^+)$ over a differentiable manifold M with the proper orthogonal group O_n^+ of degree n . Let $\mathfrak{B}^q(M, Y^q, O_n^+)$ ($0 \leq q \leq n-1$) denote the associated bundle of \mathfrak{B}^{n-1} with the Stiefel manifold $Y^q = O_n^+/O_q^+$ as fibre. Then, the associated principal bundle $\mathfrak{B}^0(M, O_n^+)$ can be also regarded as principal bundles $\mathfrak{B}^0(\mathfrak{B}^q, O_n^+)$ over \mathfrak{B}^q with groups O_q^+ . From a connexion defined on $\mathfrak{B}^0(M, O_n^+)$, we can induce naturally connexions on $\mathfrak{B}^0(\mathfrak{B}^q, O_n^+)$. In the present paper we show that by employing these induced connexions, the formulas in our preceding papers¹⁾ and their generalizations can be expressed in a simple manner

§ 1. Let V be an r -dimensional vector space over the real number field R . Its exterior algebra A is a graded ring whose homogeneous elements of degree k constitute the space A^k ($0 \leq k \leq n$) of all exterior k -vectors; in particular $A^0 = R$ and $A^1 = V$. Let M be a differentiable manifold. For the sake of simplicity, we understand that the term "differentiable" means always the differentiability of suitable class. We denote by $T(M)$ and $T_x(M)$ the tangent vector bundle over M and the tangent vector space of M at $x \in M$ respectively. From any differentiable mapping $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$, we can induce a linear map $T_x(M) \rightarrow T_{\varphi(x)}(M')$ which we shall denote by φ^* . We consider a p -form θ with values in A^k : to any set of vectors $t_1, \dots, t_p \in T_x(M)$ $x \in M$, is assigned an element $\theta(t_1, \dots, t_p) \in A^k$

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T. Yagyu; *On the Whitney characteristic classes of the normal bundle.*
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