

On cohomology operations of the second kind.

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Introduction.

Let A, B be abelian groups and $n, p \geq 1$ be two integers. A cohomology operation $\theta_1(A, B, n, p)$ of the first kind is a function θ_1 , defined for every c. s. s. pair (K, L) , of the cohomology group $H^n(K, L; A)$ into $H^p(K, L; B)$, which satisfies the naturality condition. Given such a cohomology operation $\theta_1(A, B, n, p)$, an abelian group C and an integer $q \geq 1$, a *cohomology operation of the second kind relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$* ¹⁾ is a function

$$\theta_2: H^n(K, L; A) \supseteq \text{Ker}(\theta_1) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\theta_2}(K, L),$$

defined for every c. s. s. pair (K, L) , of $\text{Ker}(\theta_1)$ into a factor group of $H^q(K, L; C)$ by a subgroup $G_{\theta_2}(K, L)$, where $G_{\theta_2}(K, L)$ are determined by θ_2 in such a way that

$$G_{\theta_2}(K, L) \supseteq f^*G_{\theta_2}(K', L')$$

for every simplicial map $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (K', L')$. Furthermore, we require that θ_2 satisfies the naturality condition, i. e. the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n(K', L'; A) \supseteq \text{Ker}(\theta_1) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{Ker}(\theta_1) \subseteq H^n(K, L; A) \\ \downarrow \theta_2 & & \downarrow \theta_2 \\ H^q(K', L'; C)/G_{\theta_2}(K', L') & \xrightarrow{f^*} & H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\theta_2}(K, L). \end{array}$$

The cohomology operations introduced by J. Adem [2], N. Shimada [8] and T. Yamanoshita [9] are of the second kind.

It is well known that there exists a 1-1 correspondence between the cohomology operations relative to $\{A, B, n, p\}$ and the elements of the Eilenberg-MacLane cohomology group $H^p(A, n; B)$ (n°14, [3]), i. e. in the terminology of J. F. Adams [1], the example-spaces of the first kind²⁾ exemplify the cohomology operations of the first kind. Our purpose of this note is to show that the example-spaces of the first and the second kind exemplify the cohomology operations of the second kind defined in the above.

1) Cf. § 3. 6, [6].

2) An example-space of the n -th kind is a space with precisely n non-vanishing homotopy groups and is simple in all dimensions.

1. Preliminaries. A c. s. s. complex X is a direct sum $\sum_{q \geq 0} X_q$ of free abelian groups together with face and degeneracy operators $\partial_i: X_q \rightarrow X_{q-1}$, $s_i: X_q \rightarrow X_{q+1}$ ($0 \leq i \leq q$) which are homomorphisms and satisfy the following conditions: (i) For each q , the base of the group X_q is given (the elements of this base are called q -simplices and are denoted by σ_q, ρ_q etc.). (ii) The operators ∂_i and s_i map each simplex into a simplex and satisfy the *FD*-commutation rules (§ 2, [4]). A simplicial map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of a c. s. s. complex X into another Y is a homomorphism which transforms a q -simplex into a q -simplex for each q and commutes with ∂_i and s_i . Throughout this paper, simplicial maps will be referred to simply as maps. Two maps f and $g: X \rightarrow Y$ are called homotopic if there is a map $h: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that $hk_0 = f, hk_1 = g$, where k_0 and $k_1: X \rightarrow X \times I$ are maps of X into the base and the top of $X \times I$ respectively. We shall denote by Δ_n the c. s. s. complex whose p -simplices are $(p+1)$ -tuples of integers (i_0, i_1, \dots, i_p) with $0 \leq i_0 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_p \leq n$. The operators ∂_i and s_i of Δ_n are defined by the usual manner. The non-degenerate n -simplex will be denoted by the same letter Δ_n .

Let Π be an abelian group and $n \geq 0$ be an integer. The c. s. s. complex $M(\Pi, n)$ is defined as the complex whose q -simplices are the normalized cochains of $C_N^n(\Delta_q, \Pi)$. The Eilenberg-MacLane complex $K(\Pi, n)$ is a subcomplex of $M(\Pi, n)$. Let X be a c. s. s. complex. For a normalized cocycle $k \in Z_N^{n+1}(X, \Pi)$, the c. s. s. complex $K(X, \Pi, n; k)$ is a subcomplex of the cartesian product $X \times M(\Pi, n)$ defined as follows: For a q -simplex σ of X , there is a unique map $\hat{\sigma}: \Delta_q \rightarrow X$ with $\hat{\sigma}(\Delta_q) = \sigma$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ induces $\hat{\sigma}^*: C^*(X, \Pi) \rightarrow C^*(\Delta_q, \Pi)$. Then the q -simplices of $K(X, \Pi, n; k)$ are the q -simplices $(\sigma, \rho) \in X \times M(\Pi, n)$ satisfying $\delta\rho + \hat{\sigma}^*k = 0$ in $C^{n+1}(\Delta_q, \Pi)$. Define a simplicial map $\lambda: K(X, \Pi, n; k) \times K(\Pi, n) \rightarrow K(X, \Pi, n; k)$ by $\lambda((\sigma, \rho) \times \rho') = (\sigma, \rho + \rho')$. For maps $f: K \rightarrow K(X, \Pi, n; k)$ and $g: K \rightarrow K(\Pi, n)$, a map $\lambda(f \times g): K \rightarrow K(X, \Pi, n; k)$ is defined by $\lambda(f \times g)(\sigma) = \lambda(f(\sigma) \times g(\sigma))$.

Let A, B be abelian groups and $n \geq 1, p \geq 1$ be integers. We put $X = K(K(A, n), B, p-1; k)$, $k \in Z^p(A, n; B)$, and $X' = K(B, p-1)$. Denote by the same letter 1_0 the 0-simplex of X' or $K(A, n)$ defined by $1_0(\Delta_0) = 0$. Also, denote by 1_0 the 0-simplex $(1_0, 1_0)$ of X and by D the subcomplex of X, X' or $K(A, n)$ generated by all $1_q = s_{q-1} \dots s_0 1_0$ with $q \geq 0$. Let (K, L) be a c. s. s. pair and $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ and $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (X', D)$ be maps. Define a chain map

$$R(f, g): (K, L) \rightarrow X$$

as the composite of three chain maps:

$$(K, L) \xrightarrow{e} (K, L) \times (K, L) \xrightarrow{R(f) \times R(g)} X \times X' \longrightarrow X,$$

where e is the diagonal map, $R(f) \times R(g)$ is the cartesian product of $R(f)$

and $R(g)$ which are defined by

$$R(f)(\rho_q) = f(\rho_q) - 1_q, \quad R(g)(\rho_{q'}) = g(\rho_{q'}) - 1_{q'},$$

and λ is the map defined in the above. Let C be an abelian group, $q \geq 1$ be an integer and $\eta \in H^q(X, C)$ be a cohomology class. We shall define an element $\eta(f, g) \in H^q(K, L; C)$ by

$$\eta(f, g) = R(f, g)^* \eta.$$

Corresponding to this notation, we shall denote by $\eta(f)$ for the element $R(f)^* \eta$. Since the element $\eta(f, g)$ depends only on the homotopy classes of maps f and g , and the homotopy class of g is determined by the element $\xi = g^* \mathbf{b}_{p-1} \in H^{p-1}(K, L; B)$, where $\mathbf{b}_{p-1} \in H^{p-1}(B, p-1; B)$ is the basic cohomology class, then we shall denote by $\eta(f, \xi)$ for $\eta(f, g)$. The proofs of the following lemmas are analogous to that of Theorems 7.1 and 10.2 of [5] respectively.

LEMMA 1. (*Naturality*) Let (K, L) and (K', L') be c. s. s. pairs and $U: (K', L') \rightarrow (K, L)$ be a map. Then

$$U^*(\eta(f, \xi)) = \eta(fU, U^*\xi), \quad U^*(\eta(f)) = \eta(fU).$$

LEMMA 2. (*Additivity*) $\eta(\lambda(f \times g)) = \eta(f, \xi) + \eta(f) + i^* \eta \vdash \xi$, where $\xi = g^* \mathbf{b}_{p-1}$, $i^*: H^q(X, C) \rightarrow H^q(X', C)$ is induced by the inclusion map $i: X' \rightarrow X$ and \vdash is the operation of Eilenberg-MacLane [5].

Let $\eta: X \rightarrow K(A, n)$ be the projection and $c_{p-1} \in C^{p-1}(X, B)$ be the basic cochain which is defined by $c_{p-1}((\sigma, \rho)) = \rho(\Delta_{p-1})$. A map $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ is determined by the map ηf and the cochain $c_f = c_{p-1} f \in C^{p-1}(K, L; B)$ which satisfy the condition:

$$(1) \quad k(\eta f(\sigma_p)) + \delta c_f(\sigma_p) = 0 \quad (\text{cf. Lemma 1.1, [7]}).$$

It follows from (1) that, for any two maps f and $f': (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ such that $\eta f = \eta f'$, the cochain $z = c_{f'} - c_f$ is a cocycle, and if $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (X', D)$ is a map such that $g(\rho_{p-1})(\Delta_{p-1}) = z(\rho_{p-1})$, then $f' = \lambda(f \times g)$. Conversely, for a cocycle $z \in Z^{p-1}(K, L; B)$, if $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (X', D)$ is a map such that $g(\rho_{p-1})(\Delta_{p-1}) = z(\rho_{p-1})$, then $c_{\lambda(f \times g)} = c_f + z$. Now, consider the set $\{\eta(\lambda(f \times g), \xi)\} \subseteq H^q(K, L; C)$ consisting of all elements $\eta(\lambda(f \times g), \xi)$ with a map $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (X', D)$. It is easy to see that, if $\mathbf{b}_n \in H^n(A, n; A)$ is the basic cohomology class, this set depends only on the cohomology class $\zeta = (\eta f)^* \mathbf{b}_n$ and ξ . Then we shall denote by $\eta(\zeta, \xi)$ for this set. The definition of the set $\eta(\zeta)$ is similar.

2. Classification of cohomology operations of the second kind.

Let A, B be abelian groups and $n \geq 1, p \geq 1$ be integers. A cohomology operation of the first kind $\theta_1(A, B, n, p)$ is determined by an element $\mathfrak{R}_{\theta_1} \in H^p(A, n; B)$, i. e. for each element $\zeta \in H^n(K, L; A)$, there is a map $f: (K, L) \rightarrow$

$(K(A, n), D)$ such that $\zeta = f^*b_n$ and $\theta_1\zeta = \mathfrak{R}_{\theta_1}\vdash\zeta$. We choose a cocycle k_{θ_1} , representing \mathfrak{R}_{θ_1} , and construct the complex $X = K(K(A, n), B, p-1; k_{\theta_1})$.

Let C be an abelian group and $\eta \in H^q(X, C)$, $q \geq 1$, be a cohomology class. For any c. s. s. pair (K, L) , we shall define a subgroup $G_{\eta}(K, L) \subseteq H^q(K, L; C)$ as the subgroup generated by all the sets $\eta(\zeta, \xi) + i^*\eta \vdash \xi$ with elements $\xi \in H^{p-1}(K, L; B)$ and $\zeta \in H^n(K, L; A)$ such that $\theta_1\zeta = 0$. From the naturality of the operations $\eta(*, *)$ and \vdash , we have

$$f^*G_{\eta}(K', L') \subseteq G_{\eta}(K, L)$$

for every map $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (K', L')$.

Two cohomology classes η and $\beta \in H^q(X, C)$ will be called to be *equivalent* if

$$G_{\eta}(X) = G_{\beta}(X) \quad \text{and} \quad \eta - \beta \in G_{\eta}(X).$$

It is clear that this relation is an equivalence relation. We shall denote by $[\eta]$ the equivalent class containing η and call it a *characteristic class*.

LEMMA 3. *The group $G_{\eta}(K, L)$ is generated by all elements $\lambda(f \times g)^*\eta - f^*\eta$ with maps $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ and $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (K(B, p-1), D)$.*

PROOF. Since $\lambda(f \times g)^*\eta = \eta(\lambda(f \times g))$ and $f^*\eta = \eta(f)$, it follows from the additivity formula that $\eta(\lambda(f \times g)) - \eta(f) = \eta(f, g) + i^*\eta \vdash g$.

LEMMA 4. *Let $\eta, \beta \in H^q(X, C)$ be two cohomology classes. If $\eta - \beta \in G_{\eta}(X)$, then $G_{\eta}(K, L) = G_{\beta}(K, L)$. Especially, η and β are equivalent.*

PROOF. This readily follows from Lemma 3, the naturality of $G_{\eta}(K, L)$ and the relation:

$$(\lambda(f \times g)^* - f^*)(\eta + \alpha) = (\lambda(f \times g)^* - f^*)\eta + \lambda(f \times g)^*\alpha - f^*\alpha,$$

for $\alpha \in G_{\eta}(X)$ and maps $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ and $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (K(B, p-1), D)$.

LEMMA 5. *An element $\eta \in H^q(X, C)$ defines a cohomology operation of the second kind relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$. If η and $\beta \in H^q(X, C)$ are equivalent, they define a same cohomology operation of the second kind.*

PROOF. Define a transformation

$$\theta_2: H^n(K, L; A) \cong \text{Ker}(\theta_1) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\eta}(K, L)$$

by

$$\theta_2(\zeta) = \text{the element of } H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\eta}(K, L) \text{ containing } \eta(\zeta).$$

The naturality of θ_2 is clear. The last proposition follows from Lemma 4.

The cohomology operation θ_2 defined in the proof in the above, which is fully determined by the characteristic class $[\eta]$, is called to be defined by η or $[\eta]$.

Let

$$\psi_2: H^n(K, L; A) \cong \text{Ker}(\theta_1) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\psi_2}(K, L)$$

be a cohomology operation of the second kind relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$.

We say that ψ_2 is *minimal* if the following condition is satisfied:

(M) If there is a cohomology operation of the second kind ϕ_2 relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$ such that

$$(2) \quad G_{\phi_2}(K, L) \subseteq G_{\psi_2}(K, L) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2 = \tau \circ \phi_2,$$

where $\tau: H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\phi_2}(K, L) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\psi_2}(K, L)$ is the factorization homomorphism, then we always have

$$G_{\phi_2}(K, L) = G_{\psi_2}(K, L).$$

THEOREM 1. Let θ_2 be a cohomology operation of the second kind relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$. Then there is a minimal cohomology operation ϕ_2 relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$ such that

$$G_{\phi_2}(K, L) \subset G_{\theta_2}(K, L) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2 = \tau \circ \phi_2,$$

where $\tau: H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\phi_2}(K, L) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; C)/G_{\theta_2}(K, L)$ is the factorization homomorphism.

PROOF. Let $\mathbf{c} \in H^n(X, C)$ be the cohomology class of the cocycle c which is defined by $c((\sigma, \rho)) = \sigma(A_n)$. Since $\mathbf{c} = \eta^* \mathbf{b}_n$, it follows from the definition that $\theta_1 \mathbf{c} = \eta^* \mathfrak{B}_{\theta_1}$. Since, for each p -simplex $(\sigma, \rho) \in X$, we have $k_{\theta_1} \eta(\sigma, \rho) = k_{\theta_1}(\sigma) = -\delta c_{p-1}((\sigma, \rho))$, where c_{p-1} is the basic cochain of X , then we have $\theta_1 \mathbf{c} = 0$. We choose an element $\eta \in \theta_2 \mathbf{c}$ and denote by ϕ_2 the cohomology operation defined by η . Let $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (X, D)$ and $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (K(B, p-1), D)$ be maps. It follows from the naturality of θ_1 that $\theta_1 \zeta = 0$, where $\zeta = (\eta f)^* \mathbf{b}_n = (\eta(\lambda(f \times g)))^* \mathbf{b}_n$. Furthermore, from the naturality of θ_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 \zeta &= \theta_2 (\eta f)^* \mathbf{b}_n = \theta_2 f^* \eta^* \mathbf{b}_n = \theta_2 f^* \mathbf{c} = f^* \theta_2 \mathbf{c}, \\ \theta_2 \zeta &= \lambda(f \times g)^* \theta_2 \mathbf{c}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f^* \eta \in f^* \theta_2 \mathbf{c}$ and $\lambda(f \times g)^* \eta \in \lambda(f \times g)^* \theta_2 \mathbf{c}$, it follows from Lemma 3 that $G_{\eta}(K, L) \subset G_{\theta_2}(K, L)$ and $\theta_2 = \tau \circ \phi_2$. Then the proof is complete from the following lemma.

LEMMA 6. The cohomology operation ψ_2 defined by an element η of $H^q(X, C)$ is *minimal*.

PROOF. Since ψ_2 is the cohomology operation defined by η , we see that

$$(3) \quad \eta \in \psi_2 \mathbf{c},$$

from the definition. Let ϕ_2 be the cohomology operation of the second kind satisfying the condition (2). As was shown in the proof of Theorem 1, the cohomology operation θ_2 defined by an element $\mathfrak{z} \in \phi_2 \mathbf{c}$ satisfies the condition

$$(4) \quad G_{\theta_2}(K, L) \subseteq G_{\phi_2}(K, L) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_2 = \tau \circ \theta_2.$$

It follows from (3), (4) and $\mathfrak{z} \in \theta_2 \mathbf{c}$ that $\eta - \mathfrak{z} \in G_{\theta_2}(X)$. Then, from Lemmas 4 and 5, η and \mathfrak{z} are equivalent and $G_{\eta}(K, L) = G_{\mathfrak{z}}(K, L)$. This completes the proof.

The following theorem follows from Lemmas 5 and 6.

THEOREM 2. *There exists a 1-1 correspondence between the minimal cohomology operations relative to $\{\theta_1(A, B, n, p), C, q\}$ and the characteristic classes of elements of $H^q(K(K(A, n), B, p-1; k_{\theta_1}), C)$.*

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