

On automorphisms of G -structures

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Introduction

The purpose of the present paper is to investigate the properties concerning automorphisms of G -structures. §1 contains definitions and notations. In §2, we shall prove some lemmas which will be used in the remaining sections. In §3, we shall study infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structures. Conditions that a vector field to be an infinitesimal automorphism of G -structure will be given. We consider the set \mathcal{A} of all infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structure. Under certain condition, \mathcal{A} is a finite dimensional Lie algebra. In §4, we shall give a condition that an infinitesimal automorphism of G -connexion is also an infinitesimal automorphism of G -structure. The last section is devoted to the study of invariant G -structures on reductive homogeneous spaces.

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§1. Preliminaries and notations

1. Throughout this paper, all manifolds, mappings, vector fields and differential forms are understood to be of class C^∞ .

Let M be a differentiable manifold. We shall denote by $T(M)$ the tangent bundle of M and by $T_u(M)$ the tangent space of M at $u \in M$. Suppose $f: M \rightarrow N$ to be a differentiable mapping of M into a differentiable manifold N . Then f induces a mapping $f_*: T(M) \rightarrow T(N)$. Let F be a vector space over reals. We denote by $\phi_F(M)$ the set of all F -valued differential forms on M . The

dual of f_* gives a mapping $f_*: \phi_F(N) \rightarrow \phi_F(M)$.

Let G be a Lie subgroup of the general linear group $GL(n, R)$ in n variables, and \mathcal{G} be its Lie algebra. Let E be an n -dimensional vector space over reals, and E^* be the dual space of E . We define the representation (ρ, E) of $GL(n, R)$ on a vector space E as follows :

$$\rho(g)e_i = \sum_j g^j_i e_j \quad \text{for } g = (g^j_i) \in GL(n, R),$$

where e_1, \dots, e_n is a base of E . If we consider the restriction of ρ to the subgroup G , then we obtain a representation of G which we denote by the same notation (ρ, E) . Then we obtain two representation $(\rho^* \otimes \text{ad}, E^* \otimes \mathcal{G})$ and $((\rho^* \wedge \rho^*) \otimes \rho, (E^* \wedge E^*) \otimes E)$ of G , where (ρ^*, E^*) is the dual representation of (ρ, E) and (ad, \mathcal{G}) is the adjoint representation of G . For brevity, we shall denote these representations by $(\alpha_1, E^* \otimes \mathcal{G})$ and $(\alpha_2, (E^* \wedge E^*) \otimes E)$ respectively.

Let (\tilde{e}_σ) ($\sigma=1, \dots, \dim G$) be a base of \mathcal{G} , and let (e_1, \dots, e_n) be a base of E and (e^1, \dots, e^n) its dual base. The representation (ρ, E) of G induces the representation $(\bar{\rho}, E)$ of the Lie algebra \mathcal{G} . Then $\bar{\rho}(\tilde{e}_\sigma)$ can be represented by a matrix $\|a^i_{\sigma j}\|$:

$$\bar{\rho}(\tilde{e}_\sigma) \cdot e_j = \sum_i a^i_{\sigma j} e_i.$$

In the following we shall write $\bar{\rho}(A)\xi = A \cdot \xi$ for $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$, $\xi \in E$.

We define the linear map $\omega: E^* \otimes \mathcal{G} \rightarrow (E^* \wedge E^*) \otimes E$ as follows :

$$\omega\left(\sum_{\sigma, k} \xi_k^\sigma e^k \otimes \tilde{e}_\sigma\right) = \sum_{\sigma, i, j, k} (a^i_{\sigma j} \xi_k^\sigma - a^i_{\sigma k} \xi_j^\sigma) e^j \wedge e^k \otimes e_i$$

for any $g \in G$, we see immediately that $\alpha_2(g)$ leaves $\text{Im } \omega$ invariant, and hence we obtain an automorphism $\alpha_3(g)$ of $\text{Coker } \omega$. Thus we obtain the representation $(\alpha_3, \text{Coker } \omega)$ of G .

DEFINITION 1.1. We say that the group G has the *property* (\mathcal{P}) if the following conditions are satisfied

1. $\text{Ker } \omega = 0$.
2. There exists a linear map $k: \text{Coker } \omega \rightarrow (E^* \wedge E^*) \otimes E$ such that
 - (i) $q \circ k = 1$.
 - (ii) $k \circ \alpha_3(g) = \alpha_2(g) \circ k$ for any $g \in G$,

where q denotes the natural projection $(E^* \wedge E^*) \otimes E \rightarrow \text{Coker } \omega$.

2. Let M be an n -dimensional differentiable manifold and $\mathcal{F}(M)$ be the frame bundle of M whose projection is π . Let E be an n -dimensional vector space over reals. Recalling that every element x of $\mathcal{F}(M)$ is considered as a linear isomorphism of E onto $T_{\pi(x)}(M)$, we define a tensorial 1-form θ of type (ρ, E) on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ ¹⁾, called basic form, as follows [7]

$$\theta_x(Z) = x^{-1} \cdot \pi_* Z \quad \text{for any } Z \in T_x(\mathcal{F}).$$

Suppose that a connexion Γ is given in $\mathcal{F}(M)$ and denote by ω the connexion form of Γ . For any vector field Z on $\mathcal{F}(M)$, we denote by hZ (resp. vZ) the horizontal (resp. vertical) component of Z with respect to Γ . We denote by X^* the lift of $X \in T(M)$ with respect to Γ . For each point x of $\mathcal{F}(M)$, we denote by \mathfrak{H}_x the set of all points which can be joined to x by horizontal curves. These \mathfrak{H} 's are submanifold of $\mathcal{F}(M)$ which we call *horizontal manifolds*.

The covariant differential of an l -form Ξ on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad D\Xi(Z_1, \dots, Z_{l+1}) = d\Xi(hZ_1, \dots, hZ_{l+1})$$

for any vector fields Z_1, \dots, Z_{l+1} on $\mathcal{F}(M)$. Moreover, if Ξ is a tensorial form of type (r, F) , then $D\Xi$ is given by ([10])

$$(1.2) \quad D\Xi = d\Xi + \bar{r}(\omega) \cdot \Xi,$$

where (\bar{r}, F) denotes the induced representation of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$.

We shall denote by Ω and Θ the curvature form and torsion form of a given connexion Γ respectively, that is, $\Omega = D\omega$ and $\Theta = D\theta$. Concerning the curvature form and the torsion form, we have the following structure equations ([7]):

$$(1.3) \quad d\omega = -\frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega] + \Omega.$$

$$(1.4) \quad d\theta = -\bar{p}(\omega) \cdot \theta + \Theta.$$

1) As to the definition of tensorial forms, see [10].

Let X be a vector field on M . For a differential form Ξ , the Lie derivative $\mathcal{L}_X\Xi$ of Ξ with respect to X is defined by

$$(1.5) \quad \mathcal{L}_X\Xi = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \{ \varphi_t^* \Xi - \Xi \},$$

where φ_t denote the local transformations generated by X ([8]).

For X and $Y \in T(M)$, we have ([8])

$$(1.6) \quad X \cdot \Xi(Y) = (\mathcal{L}_X\Xi)(Y) + \Xi([X, Y]).$$

$$(1.7) \quad 2d\Xi(X, Y) = X \cdot \Xi(Y) - Y \cdot \Xi(X) - \Xi([X, Y]).$$

$$(1.8) \quad 2d\Xi(X, Y) = (\mathcal{L}_X\Xi)(Y) - (\mathcal{L}_Y\Xi)(X) + \Xi([X, Y]).$$

A vector field X on M induces a vector field \tilde{X} on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ in the following manner ([7]). For each $x \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ and $u = \pi(x)$, X generates a local 1-parameter group of local transformations φ_t in a neighborhood U of u . Each φ_t induces a local 1-parameter group of transformations $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ in $\pi^{-1}(U)$ and $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ induce a vector field \tilde{X} on $\pi^{-1}(U)$. Since $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ commute with right translation R_g ($g \in GL(n, R)$), the induced vector field \tilde{X} is invariant under right translations;

$$(1.9) \quad R_{g*}\tilde{X} = \tilde{X}.$$

It can be shown by straightforward calculation that $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ leave the basic form θ invariant. Hence we have from (1.5)

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\theta = 0.$$

§2. Several lemmas

3. Keeping the notation of the preceding section, we shall prove several lemmas which will be used in the following.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let f be a tensor on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ of type (r, F) , then for any $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ and $x \in \mathcal{F}(M)$, we have*

$$\sigma(A)_x f = -\bar{r}(A)f(x),$$

where $\sigma(A)$ is the fundamental vector field²⁾ corresponding to A and

2) Cf. [7].

(\bar{r}, F) is the induced representation of (r, F) .

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(A)_x f &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \{f(R_{\exp tA} \cdot x) - f(x)\} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \{r((\exp tA)^{-1})f(x) - f(x)\} = -\bar{r}(A)f(x). \quad \text{q.e.d.}\end{aligned}$$

For any vector field X on M , we define the differentiable functions β_X and γ_X on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ as follows

$$\beta_X(x) = \omega_x(\tilde{X}) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{F}(M),$$

and

$$\gamma_X(x) = \theta_x(\tilde{X}) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{F}(M).$$

From (1.9) we see that

$$(2.1) \quad \beta_X \text{ is a tensor of type } (ad, \mathfrak{gl}(n, R)) \text{ on } \mathcal{F}(M).$$

$$(2.2) \quad \gamma_X \text{ is a tensor of type } (\rho, E) \text{ on } \mathcal{F}(M).$$

Let Z be any vector field on $\mathcal{F}(M)$ and A be the element of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ such that $\sigma(A)_x = vZ_x$. From (2.2) and Lemma 2.1, it follows that

$$\sigma(A)_x \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) = -\bar{\rho}(A)\theta(\tilde{X}) = -A \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}),$$

and hence

$$(2.3) \quad vZ \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) = -\omega(Z) \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}).$$

Since $\overline{ad}(A)B = [A, B]$ for $A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$, we have similarly

$$(2.4) \quad vZ \cdot \omega(\tilde{X}) = -[\omega(Z), \omega(\tilde{X})].$$

LEMMA 2.2. For any vector fields X and Y on M ,

$$\theta([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = 2d\theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \omega(\tilde{Y}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) - \omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{Y}) + 2\Theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}).$$

Proof. From (1.10) it follows that $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\theta = 0$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{Y}}\theta = 0$. Therefore, making use of (1.6) and (1.7), we have

$$2d\theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \theta([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]).$$

The right hand side is nothing but the structure equation (1.4).

LEMMA 2.3. For any vector fields X and Y on M ,

$$\omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = h\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) - h\tilde{Y}\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) - [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})] - 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}).$$

Proof. From (1.3), (1.7) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) &= 2d\omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) + [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})] \\ &= \tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) - \tilde{Y}\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) - \omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) + [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})] \\ &= h\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) - h\tilde{Y}\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) - \omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) + v\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) - v\tilde{Y}\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) \\ &\quad + [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})] \\ &= h\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) - h\tilde{Y}\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) - ([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) - [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})]. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.4. Let X be a vector field on M and Z be a vector field on $\mathcal{F}(M)$, then we have

$$hZ\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}) = \omega(\tilde{X})\cdot\theta(Z) - 2\Theta(\tilde{X}, Z).$$

Proof. Making use of (1.10), (1.6), (1.7), (1.4) and (2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\theta)(Z) = \tilde{X}\cdot\theta(Z) - \theta([\tilde{X}, Z]) \\ &= 2d\theta(\tilde{X}, Z) + Z\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}) \\ &= \omega(Z)\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}) - \omega(\tilde{X})\cdot\theta(Z) + 2\Theta(\tilde{X}, Z) + hZ\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}) \\ &\quad - \omega(Z)\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}) \\ &= -\omega(\tilde{X})\cdot\theta(Z) + 2\Theta(\tilde{X}, Z) + hZ\cdot\theta(\tilde{X}), \quad \text{q.e.d.} \end{aligned}$$

We say that a vector field X on M is an *infinitesimal automorphism of a given connexion* ω , if the local transformations φ_t generated by X are all local automorphisms of the given connexion ω ([7]). Concerning infinitesimal automorphisms of a connexion, we shall prove the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 2.5. If X is an infinitesimal automorphism of a connexion ω , then it holds that, for any vector field Z on $\mathcal{F}(M)$,

$$hZ\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) = 2\Omega(Z, \tilde{X}),$$

where Ω denotes the curvature from of ω .

Proof. Since the local transformations $\tilde{\varphi}_t$ induced by \tilde{X} leave the connexion form ω invariant, we see from (1.5) that $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\omega = 0$. Hence, by virtue of (1.6), (1.7), (1.3) and (2.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= (\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\omega)(Z) = \tilde{X}\cdot\omega(Z) - \omega([\tilde{X}, Z]) \\
 &= 2d\omega(\tilde{X}, Z) + Z\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) \\
 &= -[\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(Z)] + 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, Z) + hZ\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) + vZ\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}) \\
 &= 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, Z) + hZ\cdot\omega(\tilde{X}).
 \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.6. *If X and Y are infinitesimal automorphisms of a connexion ω , then it holds that*

$$\omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) - [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})].$$

Proof. From the fact that $(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}\omega)(\tilde{Y})=0$ and from (1.6), it follows that

$$\omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = \tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}).$$

Using (2.4) and Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) = h\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) + v\tilde{X}\cdot\omega(\tilde{Y}) = 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) - [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})].$$

This proves our lemma.

Now we shall study the tensor β_X .

LEMMA 2.7. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of tensors κ of type $(ad, \mathfrak{gl}(n, R))$ on $\mathcal{S}^-(M)$ and the set of $(1, 1)$ -tensor fields³⁾ K on M . The correspondence is given by*

$$\kappa(x)\cdot\theta(X^*) = x^{-1}\cdot K_{\pi(x)}(X),$$

where X is a tangent vector at $u=\pi(x)$ and X^* is the lift of X . Moreover it holds that

$$(\nabla_X K)_{\pi(x)}(Y) = x\cdot(X^*\kappa)\cdot x^{-1}Y, \quad X, Y \in T_{\pi(x)}(M),$$

where $\nabla_X K$ denotes the covariant derivative of K with respect to X .

Proof. The first half of lemma is obvious. We shall prove the second part. Using the formula for the definition of $\nabla_X Y$ ([7]):

$$(\nabla_X Y)_u = x\cdot(X^*\cdot\theta(Y^*)), \quad \pi(x) = u,$$

we obtain

$$x^{-1}\cdot[\nabla_X(K(Y))] = X^*_x\cdot\{\kappa\cdot\theta(Y^*)\} = (X^*_x)\theta(Y^*) + \kappa(x)\cdot X^*_x\theta(Y^*).$$

3) As to the definition of tensor fields, see [7].

On the other hand, it is known⁴⁾ that

$$(\nabla_X K)(Y) = \nabla_X(K(Y)) - K(\nabla_X Y).$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X K)(Y) &= x \cdot (X_x^* \kappa) \cdot x^{-1} Y + x \cdot \kappa(x) \cdot x^{-1} (\nabla_X Y) - K(\nabla_X Y) \\ &= x \cdot (X_x^* \kappa) \cdot x^{-1} Y, \end{aligned}$$

because $x \cdot \kappa(x) \cdot x^{-1} (\nabla_X Y) = K(\nabla_X Y)$. Thus we have proved the lemma.

Now, for any vector field X on M , we define the $(1, 1)$ -tensor fields B_X and T_X on M as follows :

$$B_X(Y) = -\nabla_Y X,$$

and

$$T_X(Y) = T(X, Y),$$

where T denotes the torsion tensor field. We define the $(1, 1)$ -tensor field A_X ⁵⁾ on M by

$$A_X = T_X - B_X.$$

Then A_X corresponds to the tensor β_X of type $(ad, \mathfrak{gl}(n, R))$ in the sense of Lemma 2.7. In fact, according to Lemma 2.4, we see that $\omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot \theta(Y^*) = Y^* \cdot \theta(X^*) + 2\Theta(X^*, Y^*)$, for any vector fields X and Y on M . From the definition of torsion tensor field T , it follows that $2x \cdot \Theta_x(X^*, Y^*) = T_{\pi(x)}(X, Y)$. On the other hand, we have

$$x \cdot (Y^* \cdot \theta(X^*)) = \nabla_Y X = -B_X(Y).$$

Thus we conclude that

$$x \cdot \omega_x(\tilde{X}) \cdot x^{-1} Y = A_{X, \pi(x)}(Y).$$

Suppose X to be an infinitesimal automorphism of a connexion. By Lemma 2.7, the formula in Lemma 2.5 is written in the following form

$$\nabla_Y A_X = R(Y, X),$$

4) Cf. [7].

5) A_X is defined by Kostant [4] in Riemannian case.

where R is the curvature tensor field, that is, $R_{\pi(x)}(X_1, X_2)X_3 = 2x \cdot \Omega_x(X_1^*, X_2^*)x^{-1}X_3^*$, $X_1, X_2, X_3 \in T_{\pi(x)}(M)$. Thus we have the well-known formulae

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} \nabla_Y X = A_X(Y) - T(X, Y). \\ \nabla_Y A_X = R(Y, X). \end{cases}$$

§ 3. Infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structures

4. We say that an n -dimensional differentiable manifold M possesses a G -structure when the structure group of the frame bundle $\mathcal{F}(M)$ of M is reducible to a Lie subgroup G of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

Suppose that M possesses a G -structure and denote by $H(G)$ the reduced bundle. From the definition of the reduced bundle, there is the injection $\iota: H(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(M)$. We call a connexion Γ' in $H(G)$ a *reduced G -connexion*. Given a reduced G -connexion Γ' in $H(G)$, the injection ι maps Γ' into a connexion Γ in $\mathcal{F}(M)$ (see [7]). The linear connexion thus obtained is called a *G -connexion* in $\mathcal{F}(M)$.

The following proposition follows immediately from the definition of G -connexion.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *A G -connexion Γ has the following properties:*

- (I) *The holonomy group Ψ_b with reference point $b \in H(G)$ of Γ is contained in G .*
- (II) *Each Γ -horizontal manifold through $b \in H(G)$ is a submanifold of the reduced bundle $H(G)$.*
- (III) *If ω is the connexion form of Γ , then the connexion form of reduced G -connexion Γ' is $\iota^*\omega$.*
- (IV) *If Ξ is a differential form on $\mathcal{F}(M)$, then*

$$\iota^*(D\Xi) = D'(\iota^*\Xi),$$

where D (resp. D') denotes the covariant differentiation operator with respect to Γ (resp. Γ'). In particular, if Ω is the curvature form of Γ , then the curvature form of Γ' is $\iota^*\Omega$.

Thus the curvature form Ω of a G -connexion restricted to $H(G)$ has its values in \mathcal{Q} , the Lie algebra of G .

Let φ be a differentiable transformation of M onto itself. Then φ induces naturally a differentiable transformation $\tilde{\varphi}$ of $\mathcal{F}(M)$ in the following manner. Any frame $x=(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ at $u=\pi(x)$ is mapped into the frame $\tilde{\varphi}(x)=(\varphi_*t_1, \dots, \varphi_*t_n)$. The induced transformation $\tilde{\varphi}$ is an automorphism of $\mathcal{F}(M)$, that is, $\tilde{\varphi}$ satisfies the conditions: $\pi \circ \tilde{\varphi} = \varphi \circ \pi$ and $\tilde{\varphi} \circ R_g = R_g \circ \tilde{\varphi}$ for every $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

Given a G -structure on a differentiable manifold M , a differentiable transformation φ of M is called an *automorphism of the G -structure* if the induced transformation $\tilde{\varphi}$ maps each element of $H(G)$ into an element of $H(G)$.

DEFINITION 3.1. We say that a vector field X on M is an *infinitesimal automorphism of a given G -structure*, if the local transformations φ_t generated by X are all local automorphisms of the given G -structure.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *A vector field X on M is an infinitesimal automorphism of a G -structure if and only if the vertical component of \tilde{X} with respect to any G -connexion is tangent to $H(G)$ at every point of $H(G)$.*

Proof. X is an infinitesimal automorphism of the G -structure if and only if $\tilde{X}_b \in T_b(H(G))$ for every $b \in H(G)$. On the other hand, according to Proposition 3.1, (II), the horizontal component $h\tilde{X}$ of \tilde{X} with respect to any G -connexion is tangent to $H(G)$ at $b \in H(G)$. Hence we have proved the proposition.

From Proposition 3.2, it follows immediately

PROPOSITION 3.3. *A vector field X on M is an infinitesimal automorphism of a G -structure if and only if*

$$\omega_b(\tilde{X}) \in \mathcal{G}$$

for every point b of $H(G)$, where ω is the connexion form of a G -connexion.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *The set of all infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structure forms a Lie algebra under the usual bracket operation for vector fields.*

Proof. Let X and Y be infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structure and let \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} be the induced vector fields on $\mathcal{S}^-(M)$. Let ω be the connexion from of a G -connexion and Ω its curvature form. We first remark that $[\widetilde{X, Y}] = [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]$. It follows from Proposition 3.3 that $\omega_b(\tilde{X}) \in \mathcal{G}$ and $\omega_b(\tilde{Y}) \in \mathcal{G}$ for every $b \in H(G)$, and hence

$$(i) \quad [\omega_b(\tilde{X})\omega_b(\tilde{Y})] \in \mathcal{G} \quad \text{for every } b \in H(G).$$

Since the horizontal component $h\tilde{X}$ of \tilde{X} is tangent to $H(G)$ at $b \in H(G)$, we see that

$$(ii) \quad h\tilde{X}_b \cdot \omega(\tilde{Y}) \in \mathcal{G} \quad \text{for every } b \in H(G).$$

Finally, from Proposition 3.1, (IV), we have

$$(iii) \quad \Omega_b(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \in \mathcal{G} \quad \text{for every } b \in H(G).$$

Thus from (i), (ii), (iii) and Lemma 2.3, we conclude that

$$\omega_b([\widetilde{X, Y}]) \in \mathcal{G} \quad \text{for every } b \in H(G),$$

which proves our Proposition 3.4.

5. In the rest of this section, we shall confine ourselves to the case where G has property (\mathcal{P}) and we shall consider the canonical G -connexion whose existence has been proved in [1]. We shall prove the following

LEMMA 3.1. *If an automorphism φ of G -structure is an automorphism of reduced G -connexion, then φ is an automorphism of G -connexion.*

Proof. Let Q_x be the horizontal subspace at $x \in \mathcal{S}^-(M)$ with respect to the G -connexion. Every element x of $\mathcal{S}^-(M)$ can be written as $x = R_g \cdot b$ with $g \in GL(n, R)$, $b \in H(G)$. Taking account of the fact that $\tilde{\varphi} \circ R_g = R_g \circ \tilde{\varphi}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_* Q_x &= \tilde{\varphi}_* Q_{bg} = \tilde{\varphi}_* R_g Q_b = R_{g*} \tilde{\varphi}_* Q_b = R_{g*} Q_{\tilde{\varphi}(b)} = Q_{\tilde{\varphi}(b)g} \\ &= Q_{\tilde{\varphi}(x)}, \quad \text{q.e.d.} \end{aligned}$$

In the previous paper [1] we have proved that when G has property (\mathcal{P}) an automorphism of G -structure is an automorphism

of the canonical reduced G -connexion. Hence, from the above Lemma 3.1, we have

PROPOSITION 3.5. *Assume that G has the property (\mathcal{P}) . Then an automorphism of the G -structure is an automorphism of the canonical G -connexion.*

For a moment, we shall use the symbol \mathcal{T}_u to denote the tangent space of M at $u \in M$. Let b be an element of $H(G)$ such that $\pi(b)=u$. Taking account of the fact that b gives a linear isomorphism of E onto \mathcal{T}_u , we see that $b \cdot \bar{\rho}(\mathcal{Q}) \cdot b^{-1}$ is a Lie algebra of endomorphisms of \mathcal{T}_u . We put $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{T}_u) = b \cdot \bar{\rho}(\mathcal{Q}) \cdot b^{-1}$, which is independent of the choice of $b \in H(G)$ such that $\pi(b)=u$.

We introduce into $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{T}_u) + \mathcal{T}_u$ a bracket operation by setting

$$\begin{aligned} [A_1, A_2] &= A_1 \cdot A_2 - A_2 \cdot A_1, & [A, t] &= -[t, A] = A(t), \\ [t_1, t_2] &= 2b \cdot \Omega_b(t_2^*, t_1^*) \cdot b^{-1} + 2b \cdot \Theta_b(t_2^*, t_1^*), \end{aligned}$$

for $A, A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{T}_u)$ and $t, t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{T}_u$, where Ω and Θ denote the curvature form and torsion form of the canonical G -connexion and t_1^*, t_2^* denote the horizontal vector at b such that $\pi_* t_1^* = t_1, \pi_* t_2^* = t_2$.

We note that $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{T}_u) + \mathcal{T}_u$ is not in general a Lie algebra under this bracket.

Let \mathcal{A} be the Lie algebra of infinitesimal automorphisms of G -structure and let \mathcal{B} be the set of all infinitesimal automorphisms of the canonical G -connexion. \mathcal{B} is a Lie algebra under the usual bracket operation for vector fields [7]. According to Proposition 3.5, if G has property (\mathcal{P}) , then \mathcal{A} is a subalgebra of \mathcal{B} .

PROPOSITION 3.6. *Let M be a connected differentiable manifold with a G -structure. Assume that G has the property (\mathcal{P}) . Let $\Delta: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{T}_u) + \mathcal{T}_u$ be the mapping defined by*

$$\Delta(X) = -b \cdot \omega_b(\tilde{X}) \cdot b^{-1} - b \cdot \theta_b(\tilde{X}) \quad \text{for } X \in \mathcal{A},$$

where ω denotes the connexion form of the canonical G -connexion and θ denotes the basic form. Then Δ is an isomorphism of \mathcal{A} onto $\Delta(\mathcal{A})$.

Proof. We first remark that, under our assumption, an in-

finitesimal automorphism of the G -structure is an infinitesimal automorphism of the canonical G connexion. Let $\tau(t)$ be a differentiable curve in M and $Y(t)$ be the tangent vector to the curve at $\tau(t)$. According to (2.5), an infinitesimal automorphism X of the G -structure satisfies the following system of differential equations along the curve $\tau(t)$:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{Y(t)}X(t) = A(t)Y(t) - T(X(t), Y(t)) \\ \nabla_{Y(t)}A(t) = R(Y(t), X(t)), \end{cases}$$

where $X(t) = X_{\tau(t)}$, $A(t) = A_{X_{\tau(t)}}$ and ∇ denotes the covariant differential with respect to the canonical G -connexion. Therefore, an infinitesimal automorphism X of the G -structure is uniquely determined by the values of X and A_X at any single point of M . This implies that Δ is one-to-one.

We shall show that Δ is a homomorphism. Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$. Since $[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}] = [\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{Y}]$, we have

$$\Delta([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = -b \cdot \omega_b([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) \cdot b^{-1} - b \cdot \theta([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]).$$

But since X and Y are infinitesimal automorphisms of the canonical G -connexion, we have by Lemma 2.6 that

$$\omega([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = 2\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) - [\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})].$$

Moreover, by Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\theta([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) = \omega(\tilde{Y}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) - \omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{Y}) + 2\Theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}).$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta([Y, Y]) &= -2b \cdot \Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \cdot b^{-1} + b \cdot \{[\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})]\} \cdot b^{-1} \\ &\quad - b \cdot \omega(\tilde{Y}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) + b \cdot \omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{Y}) - 2b \cdot \Theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from the definition of the bracket operation in $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{S}_u^-) + \mathcal{S}_u^-$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta(X), \Delta(\tilde{Y})] &= [-b \cdot \omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot b^{-1} - b \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}), -b \cdot \omega(\tilde{Y}) \cdot b^{-1} - b \cdot \theta(\tilde{Y})] \\ &= b \cdot \{[\omega(\tilde{X}), \omega(\tilde{Y})]\} \cdot b^{-1} + b \cdot \omega(\tilde{X}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{Y}) - b \cdot \omega(\tilde{Y}) \cdot \theta(\tilde{X}) \\ &\quad - 2b \cdot \Omega(X^*, Y^*) \cdot b^{-1} - 2b \cdot \Theta(X^*, Y^*). \end{aligned}$$

Since $h\tilde{X}=X^*$ and $hY=Y^*$, we see that $\Omega(X^*, Y^*)=\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$ and $\Theta(X^*, Y^*)=\Theta(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$. Hence we conclude that

$$\Delta([X, Y]) = [\Delta(X), \Delta(Y)].$$

COROLLARY 1⁶⁾. *Under the same assumption as in Proposition 3.6, it holds that*

$$\dim \mathcal{A} \leq \dim G + \dim M.$$

Making use of Palais's theorem [8, Theorem VII, Chap. IV], we have from the finite dimensionality of \mathcal{A}

COROLLARY 2⁶⁾. *Under the same assumption as in Proposition 3.6, the group of all automorphisms of a G -structure is a Lie group.*

§4. Holonomy and infinitesimal automorphisms

6. We consider the holonomy group Ψ_x with reference point x of a connexion. The holonomy theorem [7] states: The holonomy algebra σ_x , the Lie algebra of Ψ_x , is the subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ which is generated by all elements of the form $\Omega_y(X^*, Y^*)$, $y \in \mathfrak{D}_x$, where Ω denotes the curvature form and X^* and Y^* are arbitrary horizontal vectors at y .

We shall prove the following

LEMMA 4.1. *Let M be a simply-connected differentiable manifold of dimension n . If the holonomy algebra σ_x with reference point $x \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ of a connexion ω in $\mathcal{F}(M)$ is weakly reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$, then, for any infinitesimal automorphism X of the connexion, we have*

$$\omega_y(\tilde{X}) \in N(\sigma_x) \quad \text{for } y \in \mathfrak{D}_x,$$

where $N(\sigma_x)$ denotes the normalizer of σ_x in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ and \mathfrak{D}_x denotes the holonomy manifold through x .

Proof. Since σ_x is weakly reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$, there exists a subspace \mathfrak{n} of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ such that $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R) = \sigma_x + \mathfrak{n}$ (direct sum) and $[\sigma_x, \mathfrak{n}] \subset \mathfrak{n}$. For any element A of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$, we denote by $A_{\mathfrak{n}}$ (resp.

6) Cf. [5].

A_{σ_x}) the \mathfrak{n} -component (resp. σ_x -component) of A . It is well known that the structural group of the principal bundle \mathfrak{H}_x is the holonomy group Ψ_x with reference point x . The simply-connectedness of M implies that Ψ_x is connected. Therefore from the weak reductivity of σ_x , it follows that $\omega(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}}$ is a tensor of type (ad, \mathfrak{n}) on \mathfrak{H}_x . From the holonomy theorem, we know that $\Omega_y(X^*, Y^*) \in \sigma_x$, where $y \in \mathfrak{H}_x$ and $X, Y \in T(M)$. Since $Y^* \cdot \omega(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}} \in \mathfrak{n}$ and $Y^* \cdot \omega(\tilde{X})_{\sigma_x} \in \sigma_x$, it follows from Lemma 2.5 that $Y^* \cdot \omega(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}} = 0$, that is, $\omega(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}}$ is constant on \mathfrak{H}_x . Consequently we have for any $a \in \Psi_x$

$$\omega_y(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}} = \omega_{y_a}(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}} = ad(a^{-1})\omega_y(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}},$$

and hence, for any $A \in \sigma_x$, $[A, \omega_y(\tilde{X})_{\mathfrak{n}}] = 0$. Thus we have

$$[\omega_y(\tilde{X}), A] = [\omega_y(\tilde{X})_{\sigma_x}, A] \in \sigma_x \quad \text{for } A \in \sigma_x,$$

which proves our assertion.

We shall seek for the condition that an infinitesimal automorphism of a G -connexion is an infinitesimal automorphism of a G -structure.

We recall that $\mathfrak{H}_b \subset H(G)$ and $\sigma_b \subset \mathcal{G}$ for $b \in H(G)$. Every point z of $H(G)$ can be written in the form $z = y \cdot g$, where $g \in G$ and $y \in \mathfrak{H}_b$. Then from Lemma 4.1 we see that $\omega_{yg}(\tilde{X}) = ad(g^{-1})\omega_y(\tilde{X}) \in ad(g^{-1})N(\sigma_b)$. Thus if $\sigma_z = N(\sigma_b)$ for a single point $b \in H(G)$, then $\omega_z(\tilde{X}) \in \mathcal{G}$ for every $z \in H(G)$.

On the other hand, S. Kobayashi [3] has proved the following

(4.1) *Suppose that the subalgebra σ_b of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ satisfies the following conditions: (i) $\overline{ad}(\sigma_b)$ is irreducible, (ii) σ_b is reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ in the sense of Koszul, (iii) σ_b does not contain any non-trivial ideal of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$. Then $N(\sigma_b) = \sigma_b$.*

If σ_b is reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ in the sense of Koszul, then σ_b is weakly reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$. Consequently, we have, combining these facts with Proposition 3.3

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let M be a simply-connected differentiable manifold with a G -structure. Suppose that the holonomy group Ψ_b*

with reference point $b \in H(G)$ of a G -connexion satisfies the following conditions: (i) $\overline{ad}(\sigma_b)$ is irreducible, (ii) the holonomy algebra σ_b is reductive in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, R)$ in the sense of Koszul, (iii) σ_b does not contain any non-trivial ideal. Then an infinitesimal automorphism of the G -connexion is also an infinitesimal automorphism of the G -structure.

§ 5. Homogeneous G -structures

7. Let K be a connected Lie group, L be a closed subgroup of K . Denote by \mathfrak{K} and \mathfrak{L} the Lie algebra of K and L respectively. Let K/L be a reductive homogeneous space of dimension n . Namely there exists a subspace \mathfrak{m} of \mathfrak{K} such that $\mathfrak{K} = \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{L}$ and $ad(L)\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}$. Let p be the natural projection $K \rightarrow K/L$ and $p(e) = u_0$. Each element k of K defines a differentiable transformation $\tau(k)$ of K/L . Since $\tau(l)u_0 = u_0$ for $l \in L$, $\tau(l)$ induces a linear transformation $\tau(l)_*$ of the tangent space at u_0 onto itself, which is the same as $ad(l)$ on \mathfrak{m} . Thus we obtain the so-called linear isotropy representation α of L , $\alpha: L \rightarrow GL(n, R)$. We shall denote by \tilde{L} the linear isotropy group, that is $\tilde{L} = \alpha(L)$. Each differentiable transformation $\tau(k)$ induces an automorphism $\widetilde{\tau(k)}$ of the frame bundle $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$ of K/L . Thus it holds that

$$(5.1) \quad R_a \circ \widetilde{\tau(k)} = \widetilde{\tau(k)} \circ R_a, \quad a \in GL(n, R).$$

$$(5.2) \quad \tau(k) \circ \pi = \pi \circ \widetilde{\tau(k)},$$

where π is the projection of the frame bundle $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$.

DEFINITION 5.1. A G -structure on a reductive homogeneous space K/L is called an *invariant G structure* if every $\tau(k)$, $k \in K$, is an automorphism of G -structure.

Let x_0 be the frame at $u_0 = p(e)$ such that $x_0 \cdot \xi = p_* \xi$ for $\xi \in \mathfrak{m}$. If we fix a base ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n of \mathfrak{m} , then x_0 may be identified with $(u_0, p_* \xi_1, \dots, p_* \xi_n)$. It is easily verified that $\tau(l)x_0 = R_{\alpha(l)}x_0$ for $l \in L$. Now we define the map $\chi: K \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(K/L)$ as follows

$$(5.3) \quad \chi(k) = \widetilde{\tau(k)}x_0 \quad \text{for any } k \in K.$$

Then we see that

$$(5.4) \quad \chi(kl) = R_{\omega(l)}\chi(k) \quad \text{for } k \in K \text{ and } l \in L,$$

and

$$(5.5) \quad \chi \circ \Phi_k = \widetilde{\tau(k)} \circ \chi \quad \text{for } k \in K,$$

where Φ_k denotes the left translation of K corresponding to $k \in K$. Therefore χ is a homomorphism of the principal bundle $K(K/L, L)$ into the frame bundle $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$. It can be readily verified that $\chi(K)$ is a reduced bundle of $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$ and has the structural group \tilde{L} . Moreover, from (5.5), we see that each $\widetilde{\tau(k)}$ leaves $\chi(K)$ invariant. Thus we obtain

(5.6)⁷⁾ *A reductive homogenous space K/L possesses an invariant \tilde{L} -structure.*

Now we shall prove the following

PROPOSITION 5.1. *In order that a reductive homogeneous space K/L admits an invariant G -structure it is necessary and sufficient that there exists an element a of $GL(n, R)$ such that $aGa^{-1} \supset \tilde{L}$.*

Proof. Suppose that K/L admits an invariant G -structure and denote by $H(G)$ its reduced bundle. Take a frame b_0 of $H(G)$ at u_0 . Then there exists an element a of $GL(n, R)$ such that $b_0 = R_a x_0$. Denote by \tilde{L}_u (resp. G_u) the fibre over u of $\chi(K)$ (resp. $H(G)$). Then $R_a \tilde{L}_{u_0} \subset G_{u_0}$. In fact, any element x of \tilde{L}_{u_0} can be written as $x = R_{\omega(l)} x_0 = \widetilde{\tau(l)} x_0$. Hence

$$R_a x = R_a \widetilde{\tau(l)} x_0 = \widetilde{\tau(l)} R_a x_0 = \widetilde{\tau(l)} b_0 \in H(G).$$

Since $\tilde{L}_{\tau(k)u_0} = \widetilde{\tau(k)} \tilde{L}_{u_0}$ and $G_{\tau(k)u_0} = \widetilde{\tau(k)} G_{u_0}$, we see that

$$R_a \tilde{L}_{\tau(k)u_0} = R_a \widetilde{\tau(k)} \tilde{L}_{u_0} = \widetilde{\tau(k)} R_a \tilde{L}_{u_0} \subset \widetilde{\tau(k)} G_{u_0} = G_{\tau(k)u_0}.$$

Therefore $R_a \chi(K) \subset H(G)$. This implies that $G \supset a^{-1} \tilde{L} a$.

Conversely, let G be a Lie subgroup of $GL(n, R)$ such that $aGa^{-1} \supset \tilde{L}$, $a \in GL(n, R)$. $R_a \chi(K)$ is a principal bundle over K/L

7) Added in Proof. A similar result was obtained independently by D. Bernard. (See D. Bernard: Sur la géométrie différentielle des G -structures, Thèse, (1960)).

with structural group $a^{-1}\tilde{L}a$. Moreover, from (5.2) and (5.5) it follows that $R_a\mathcal{X}(K)$ is invariant by $\tau(k)$, $k \in K$. Let $H(G)$ be the principal bundle over K/L which is obtained from $R_a\mathcal{X}(K)$ by enlarging the structural group from $a^{-1}\tilde{L}a$ to G . Clearly $H(G)$ is invariant by all $\tau(k)$, $k \in K$. Hence K/L admits an invariant G -structure. Thus we have proved the proposition.

We consider next invariant connexion on K/L . Since K/L is reductive, there exists an invariant connexion $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ in the principal bundle $K(K/L, L)$ (see [7]). Namely $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -horizontal subspace at $k \in K$ is $\Phi_{k*\mathfrak{m}}$. The homomorphism \mathcal{X} of $K(K/L, L)$ into $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$ maps the above invariant connexion $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ in $K(K/L, L)$ into Γ_0 in $\mathcal{F}(K/L)$. Thus the horizontal subspace at $R_a\mathcal{X}(k)$ with respect to Γ_0 is $R_{a*}\mathcal{X}_*\Phi_{k*\mathfrak{m}}$. This connexion Γ_0 is nothing but the canonical connexion of the second kind in the sense of Nomizu [6]. From the construction of Γ_0 , we easily see that Γ_0 is reducible to a connexion in $R_a\mathcal{X}(K)$ which is invariant connexion. Consequently we have the following two propositions.

PROPOSITION 5.2. *The canonical connexion of the second kind on a reductive homogeneous space is an invariant \tilde{L} -connexion.*

PROPOSITION 5.3. *Suppose that a reductive homogeneous space admits an invariant G -structure. Then the canonical connexion of the second kind is an invariant G -connexion.*

It is well known [6] that the canonical connexion of the second kind on a symmetric homogeneous space is without torsion. On the other hand, if there exists a G -connexion without torsion, then the structure tensor of G -structure vanishes (see. [1]). Hence we have

COROLLARY 1. *If a symmetric homogeneous space admits an invariant G -structure, then the structure tensor of the G -structure vanishes.*

Finally we shall prove the following

PROPOSITION 5.4. *Let K/L be a reductive homogeneous space with a fixed decomposition of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{L}$, $ad(L)\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}$.*

Suppose that K/L admits an invariant G -structure. Then there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the set of all invariant G -connexions and the set of all linear maps Λ of \mathfrak{m} into \mathcal{Q} such that

$$\Lambda \circ ad(l) = ad(l) \circ \Lambda \circ ad(l^{-1}) \quad \text{for } l \in L.$$

Proof. Let Γ'_0 be the canonical connexion of the second kind and let ω_0 be the restriction of the connexion form of Γ_0 to the reduced bundle $H(G)$. Take any invariant G -connexion Γ . We denote by ω the restriction of the connexion form of Γ to $H(G)$. Put $\lambda = \omega - \omega_0$. Since ω_0 and ω are both invariant \mathcal{Q} -valued forms on $H(G)$, we see that λ is an invariant tensorial 1-form of type (ad, \mathcal{Q}) on $H(G)$. Conversely, given an invariant tensorial 1-form λ of type (ad, \mathcal{Q}) on $H(G)$, then $\omega_0 + \lambda$ gives rise to an invariant reduced G -connexion. Thus we see that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the set of all invariant G -connexions and the set of all invariant tensorial 1-forms of type (ad, \mathcal{Q}) on $H(G)$.

For an invariant 1-form λ of type (ad, \mathcal{Q}) on $H(G)$, we define

$$\Lambda_u(X)Y = b \cdot \lambda_b(X^*) \cdot b^{-1}Y,$$

where $\pi(b) = u$, and $X, Y \in T_u(K/L)$ and X^* denotes the lift of X with respect to Γ'_0 . Clearly this definition is independent of the choice of $b \in H(G)$ such that $\pi(b) = u$. Then Λ is an invariant $(1, 2)$ -tensor field on K/L :

$$[\Lambda_{\tau(k)u}(\tau(k)_*X)](\tau(k)_*Y) = \tau(k)_*[\Lambda_u(X) \cdot Y].$$

In fact, since $\widetilde{\tau(k)_*}$ maps each Γ_0 -horizontal subspace onto a Γ'_0 -horizontal subspace and $\tau(k) \circ \pi = \pi \circ \widetilde{\tau(k)}$, we obtain $(\tau(k)_*X)^*_{\tau(k)b} = \widetilde{\tau(k)_*X^*}_b$ by the uniqueness of a lift. Therefore we obtain

$$\lambda_{\tau(k)b}((\tau(k)_*X)^*) = \lambda_{\tau(k)b}(\widetilde{\tau(k)_*X^*}) = \lambda_b(X^*)$$

because λ is an invariant tensorial 1-form. On the other hand, for any $\xi \in \mathfrak{m}$, we have $[\widetilde{\tau(k)}b] \cdot \xi = \tau(k)_*(b \cdot \xi)$, $b \in H(G)$, $k \in K$, and hence $[\widetilde{\tau(k)}b]^{-1}\tau(k)_*Y = b^{-1}Y$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\Lambda_{\tau(k)u}(\tau(k)_*X)](\tau(k)_*Y) &= [\widetilde{\tau(k)}b] \cdot \lambda_{\tau(k)b}((\tau(k)_*X)^*) [\widetilde{\tau(k)}b]^{-1}\tau(k)_*Y \\ &= \tau(k)_*[b \cdot \lambda_b(X^*) \cdot b^{-1}Y] = \tau(k)_*[\Lambda_u(X)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the invariance of Λ at $p(e)$ by $\tau(l)$ implies

$$(5.7) \quad \Lambda_{u_0}(\tau(l)_*X)Y = \tau(l)_*\Lambda_{u_0}(X)\tau(l^{-1})_*Y.$$

Conversely, given a $(1, 2)$ -tensor Λ_{u_0} on $T_{u_0}(K/L)$ which satisfies the relation (5.7) and such that $\Lambda_{u_0}(X) \in b_0\mathcal{G}b_0^{-1}$, $\pi(b_0) = p(e)$, then by the transitivity of K we can define the invariant $(1, 2)$ -tensor field Λ on K/L such that $\Lambda_u(X) \in b\mathcal{G}b^{-1}$, $\pi(b) = u$. Hence we obtain the tensorial 1-form of type (ad, \mathcal{G}) on $H(G)$. Remarking that $b \cdot \mathcal{G} \cdot b^{-1}$ is isomorphic to \mathcal{G} and $T_{u_0}(K/L)$ is isomorphic to \mathfrak{m} , we have proved the proposition.

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