THE REAL AND RATIONAL COHOMOLOGY OF DIFFERENTIAL FIBRE BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. Consider a differential fibre bundle $(E, \pi, X, G/H, G)$. Under certain reasonable hypotheses, the cohomology of the total space E is computed in terms of the cohomology of the base space X and algebraic invariants of the imbedding of H into G.

0. Introduction. Consider a differential fibre bundle

$$\sigma = (E, \pi, X, G/H, G),$$

where G is a compact, connected Lie group and H is a compact, connected subgroup of G, E and X are differentiable manifolds, and π : $E \to X$ is a differentiable map. One would like to compute the cohomology of the total space E in terms of the cohomology of the base space X and certain algebraic invariants of the imbedding of H into G. Specifically, there exists a universal bundle

$$B\sigma(G, H) = (BH, f, BG, G/H, G),$$

and a classifying diagram

$$G/H = G/H$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$E \rightarrow BH$$

$$\pi \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow f$$

$$X \stackrel{g}{\Rightarrow} BG$$

One would like to obtain some sort of isomorphism

$$H^*(E; K) \cong \text{tor}_{H^*(BG; K)}(H^*(X; K), H^*(BH; K)),$$

where $H^*(X; K)$ is regarded as a right $H^*(BG; K)$ -module via the multiplicative map g^* and $H^*(BH; K)$ is regarded as a left $H^*(BG; K)$ -module via the multiplicative map f^* .

One does have the following result, due to Eilenberg and Moore [4], [5]:

THEOREM 1. Given a differentiable fibre bundle

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$$\sigma = (E, \pi, X, G/H, G),$$

there exists an algebra isomorphism

$$\phi: H^*(E; K) \cong \text{Tor}_{C^*(BG; K)}(C^*(X; K), C^*(BH; K)),$$

where $C^*(X; K)$ is regarded as a right differential $C^*(BG; K)$ -module via the differential multiplicative map g^* and $C^*(BH; K)$ is regarded as a right differential $C^*(BG; K)$ -module via the differential multiplicative map f^* .

In this paper we prove the following result.

THEOREM. Given a differential fibre bundle

$$\sigma = (E, \pi, X, G/H, G),$$

where K is the reals \mathbf{R} or the rationals \mathbf{Q} , and X = G'/H' is a homogeneous space formed as the quotient of a compact, connected Lie group G' by a compact, connected subgroup H' of deficiency 0 in G', then there is an algebra isomorphism

$$H^*(E; K) \cong \text{tor}_{H^*(BG; K)}(H^*(X; K), H^*(BH; K)).$$

This result is a generalization of the results of Baum and Smith [2], and is in the same spirit. See also Wolf [7], [8] for related results.

- §1 contains the necessary preliminaries. §2 contains the proof of the Theorem.
- 1. tor, Tor, and the two-sided Koszul construction. In this section we shall define $tor_A(M, N)$ and $Tor_A(M, N)$ in the special case where

$$A = P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$$

is a polynomial algebra. The definition is in terms of the so-called two-sided Koszul construction.

Fix K to be a field, and suppose $P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ is a polynomial algebra over K. Consider the exterior algebra

$$E[\mu_1,\ldots,\mu_n]$$

over K, where μ_i has INTERNAL degree $Deg(x_i)$, EXTERNAL degree -1, and hence bidegree $(Deg(x_i), -1)$ and degree $Deg(x_i) - 1$ in the associated graded algebra over K.

(a) tor. Suppose that $A = P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$, M is a right A-module, and N is a left A-module. We form the complex $M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N$ with the natural differential d_E given by

$$d_E(m \otimes 1 \otimes n) = 0,$$

$$d_E(m \otimes \mu_i \otimes n) = mx_i \otimes 1 \otimes n + m \otimes 1 \otimes x_i n,$$

$$d_E \text{ a derivation.}$$

 d_E is called the EXTERNAL differential, since it acts on external degree. We call the complex

$$(M \otimes E(\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n) \otimes N, d_E)$$

the FIRST TWO-SIDED KOSZUL CONSTRUCTION. Observe that the composition $d_E \circ d_E \equiv 0$. The first two-sided Koszul construction thus has the structure of a differential graded module over K.

THEOREM 2. $tor_A(M, N)$ is the homology of the first two-sided Koszul construction:

$$tor_A(M, N) \cong H(M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N, d_E).$$

PROOF. Simply check that the first two-sided Koszul construction is a projective resolution. See, for example, Baum and Smith [2].

(b) Tor. Suppose again that $A = P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ but now suppose also that M is a right differential A-module, and N is a left differential A-module. We again form the complex $M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N$, this time with the natural differential $d_T = d_E + d_I$, where

$$d_{I}(m \otimes 1 \otimes n) = dm \otimes 1 \otimes n + (-1)^{\text{Deg}(m)} m \otimes 1 \otimes dn,$$

$$d_{I}(m \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes n) = -dm \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes n - (-1)^{\text{Deg}(m)} m \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes dn,$$

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 d_I is called the INTERNAL differential, since it acts on internal degree. We call the complex

$$(M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N, d_T)$$

the SECOND TWO-SIDED KOSZUL CONSTRUCTION. Observe that the signs have been chosen so that $d_T \circ d_T \equiv 0$. The second two-sided Koszul construction thus has the structure of a differential graded module over K.

THEOREM 3. $Tor_A(M, N)$ is the homology of the second two-sided Koszul construction:

$$\operatorname{Tor}_{A}(M, N) \cong H(M \otimes E[\mu_{1}, \dots, \mu_{n}] \otimes N, d_{T}).$$

PROOF. Simply check that the second two-sided Koszul construction is a differential projective resolution. See, for example, Baum and Smith [2].

Now let us recall two important naturality results for torsion products. The first is simply functoriality:

THEOREM 4. Consider the following commutative diagram:

Suppose A_1 , A_2 , M_1 , M_2 , N_1 , N_2 are differential graded algebras over K while f, g, h, α , β , γ , δ are differential multiplicative maps. Then:

(i) If $g_{\star}: H(A_2) \to H(A_1)$ is an isomorphism, then so is

$$Tor_{a_1}(1,1): Tor_{A_1}(M_1, N_1) \to Tor_{A_1}(M_1, N_1).$$

(ii) If $f_*: H(N_2) \to H(N_1)$ is an isomorphism, then so is

$$Tor_1(1,f): Tor_{A_1}(M_2, N_2) \to Tor_{A_2}(M_2, N_1).$$

(iii) If h_* : $H(M_2) \to H(M_1)$ is an isomorphism, then so is $\operatorname{Tor}_{1}(h,1)$: $\operatorname{Tor}_{4}(M_2, N_2) \to \operatorname{Tor}_{4}(M_1, N_2)$.

And the second is a comparison theorem:

THEOREM 5. Suppose $P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ is a polynomial algebra over K, M and N are differential graded algebras over K, and f, g: $P[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \rightarrow N$ and h: $P[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \rightarrow M$ are differential multiplicative maps. If f and g are chain homotopic, then $\text{Tor}_{P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]}(M, N)$ is unambiguously defined; that is, $\text{Tor}_{P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]}(M, N)$ is the same whether N is regarded as a left differential $P[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ -module via f or via g:

$$(\operatorname{Tor}_{P[x_1,\ldots,x_n]}(M,N))_f \cong (\operatorname{Tor}_{P[x_1,\ldots,x_n]}(M,N))_g$$

An analogous result is true for $Tor_{P[x_1,\ldots,x_n]}(N,M)$:

$$(\operatorname{Tor}_{P[x_1,\ldots,x_n]}(N,M))_f \cong (\operatorname{Tor}_{P[x_1,\ldots,x_n]}(N,M))_g$$

PROOF. We form $M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N$ with the differential d_f obtained via f and with the differential d_g obtained via g. Now construct the map

$$T: (M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N, d_f) \rightarrow (M \otimes E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes N, d_g)$$

as follows: Since f and g are chain homotopic, there exists, for each $i = 1, \ldots, n$, an element $h_i \in N$ such that

$$f(x_i) = g(x_i) - d(h_i).$$

Therefore set

$$T(m \otimes 1 \otimes n) = m \otimes 1 \otimes n,$$

$$T(1 \otimes \mu_i \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes \mu_i \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes 1 \otimes h_i.$$

We claim that T is a map of differential graded algebras; the proof is a direct calculation:

$$Td_{f}(m \otimes 1 \otimes n) = dm \otimes 1 \otimes n + (-1)^{\text{Deg } m} m \otimes 1 \otimes dn$$

$$= d_{g}T(m \otimes 1 \otimes n); \qquad (i)$$

$$Td_{f}(1 \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes 1) = h(x_{i}) \otimes 1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes f(x_{i})$$

$$= h(x_{i}) \otimes 1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes g(x_{i}) - 1 \otimes 1 \otimes d(h_{i})$$

$$= d_{g}(1 \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes 1 \otimes h_{i}) = d_{g}T(1 \otimes \mu_{i} \otimes 1). \qquad (ii)$$

Since T has an obvious inverse it follows that T_* is the desired isomorphism. The second assertion is proved analogously.

- 2. The real and rational cohomology of differential fibre bundles. In this section we prove the main theorem. For the sake of exposition, let us first make the following additional assumptions:
 - (1) $K = \mathbf{R}$.
 - (2) H' has maximal rank in G'.

The general result then will follow by some elementary remarks at the end of the section.

Notation. If M is a Riemannian manifold modeled on a separable Hilbert space, then we denote by $\mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(M) = \mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(M, d)$ the differential graded algebra of de Rham cochains with exterior derivative. Recall that we have a natural algebra isomorphism

$$H^*(M, \mathbf{R}) \cong H(\mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(M, d)).$$

Consider the following classifying diagrams:

$$G/H = G/H \qquad G'H' = G'/H'$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$G/H \longrightarrow BH \qquad G'/H' \xrightarrow{K} BH'$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow f \qquad \qquad \downarrow h$$

$$* \longrightarrow BG \qquad * * \longrightarrow BG'$$

These give rise to the following diagrams in de Rham cochains:

$$R^{\#}(G/H) = R^{\#}(G/H) \qquad R^{\#}(G'/H') = R^{\#}(G'/H')$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$

$$R^{\#}(G/H) \longleftarrow R^{\#}(BH) \qquad R^{\#}(G'/H') \stackrel{K^{\#}}{\longleftarrow} R^{\#}(BH')$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow f^{\#} \qquad \qquad \uparrow h^{\#}$$

$$R \longleftarrow R^{\#}(BG) \qquad \qquad R \longleftarrow R^{\#}(BG')$$

And these, in turn, give rise to the following diagrams in cohomology:

(We may assume that all spaces are differential manifolds modeled after separable Hilbert spaces, and that all maps are differentiable. See, for example, Eells [3].)

We know that $H^*(BG; \mathbb{R})$, $H^*(BH; \mathbb{R})$, $H^*(BG'; \mathbb{R})$, and $H^*(BH'; \mathbb{R})$ are

polynomial algebras on generators of even degree. In fact, let

$$H^*(BG; \mathbf{R}) = P[x_1, \dots, x_m], \quad H^*(BG'; \mathbf{R}) = P[z_1, \dots, z_p],$$

$$H^*(BH; \mathbf{R}) = P[y_1, \dots, y_n], \quad H^*(BH'; \mathbf{R}) = P[w_1, \dots, w_n].$$

Let us now recall the relevant facts about maximal rank spaces. Since Rank(G') = p and Rank(H') = q, it follows that p = q. It further follows that the sequence

$$\mathbf{R} \to H^*(BG';\mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{h^*} H^*(BH';\mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{K^*} H^*(G'/H';\mathbf{R}) \to \mathbf{R}$$
For further details see Pour [1]

is coexact. For further details see Baum [1].

Construction. Now choose arbitrary representative cocycles μ_1, \ldots, μ_m in $\mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BG)$ for x_1, \ldots, x_m , respectively. Define a map α as follows: for each $i=1,\ldots,m$, define $\alpha(x_i)=\mu_i$. Since $\mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BG)$ is graded commutative, the map extends to a unique differential multiplicative map

$$\alpha: H^*(BG; \mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BG).$$

From its definition it is clear that α induces the identity map in homology.

We can similarly construct differential multiplicative maps

$$\beta: H^*(BH; \mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BH),$$

 $\gamma: H^*(BH'; \mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BH'),$
 $\delta: H^*(BG'; \mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BG'),$

all inducing the identity in homology.

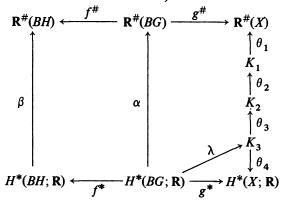
Now consider the following diagram (which we do not claim to be commutative):

$$\mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(BG') \quad \stackrel{h^{\sharp}}{\leftarrow} \quad \mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(BG') \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{R}$$

$$\uparrow_{\gamma} \qquad \qquad \uparrow_{\delta} \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$H^{*}(BH';\mathbf{R}) \quad \stackrel{\leftarrow}{\leftarrow} \quad H^{*}(BG';\mathbf{R}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{R}$$

Using the above we are now able to consider the following diagram (which, again, we do not claim to be commutative):



where

(a) We define K_1 to be the one-sided Koszul construction for computing $\operatorname{Tor}_{H^*(BG';\mathbb{R})}(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BH'))$; in other words,

$$K_1 = E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_p] \otimes \mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(BH'),$$

where

$$d(\mu_i \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes h^{\sharp} \delta(x_i), \qquad d(1 \otimes w) = 1 \otimes d(w).$$

(b) We define K_2 to be the one-sided Koszul construction for computing $\triangle \operatorname{Tor}_{H^{\bullet}(BG';\mathbb{R})}(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BH'))$; in other words,

$$K_2 = E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes \mathbf{R}^{\sharp}(BH'),$$

where

$$d(\mu_i \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes \gamma h^*(x_i), \qquad d(1 \otimes w) = 1 \otimes d(w).$$

(c) We define K_3 to be the one-sided Koszul construction for computing $tor_{H^*(BG';\mathbb{R})}(\mathbb{R}, H^*(BH';\mathbb{R}))$, in other words,

$$K_3 = E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_n] \otimes H^*(BH'; \mathbf{R}),$$

where

$$d(\mu_i \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes h^*(x_i), \qquad d(1 \otimes w) = 0.$$

(d) θ_1 is defined as follows: To define $\theta_1(\mu_i \otimes 1)$, we note that $K^{\sharp}h^{\sharp}\delta(x_i)$ is a coboundary in $\mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(X)$. Therefore choose, for each $i=1,\ldots,p$, an arbitrary element $r_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(X)$ such that $d(r_i) = K^{\sharp}h^{\sharp}\delta(x_i)$. Now set

$$\theta_1(\mu_i \otimes 1) = r_i, \quad \theta_1(1 \otimes w) = K^{\sharp}(w).$$

The proof that θ_1 is a differential multiplicative map is a direct calculation:

$$d\theta_1(\mu_i \otimes 1) = d(r_i) = K^{\sharp}h^{\sharp}\delta(x_i) = \theta_1(1 \otimes h^{\sharp}\delta(x_i)) = \theta_1d(\mu_i \otimes 1).$$
 (i)

$$d\theta_1(1 \otimes w) = d(K^{\sharp}(w)) = K^{\sharp}(d(w)) = \theta_1(1 \otimes d(w)) = \theta_1 d(1 \otimes w). \quad (ii)$$

Observe that θ_1 induces an isomorphism in homology.

(e) θ_2 is defined to be the differential multiplicative map which induces the identity in homology given by Theorem 5; in other words,

$$\theta_2(\mu_i \otimes 1) = \mu_i \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes S_i, \quad \theta_2(1 \otimes w) = 1 \otimes w,$$

where $S_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\sharp}(BH')$ is such that $\gamma h^*(x_i) = h^{\sharp}\delta(x_i) - d(S_i)$.

(f) θ_3 is defined as follows:

$$\theta_3(\mu_i \otimes 1) = \mu_i \otimes 1, \quad \theta_3(1 \otimes w) = 1 \otimes \gamma(w).$$

The proof that θ_3 is a differential multiplicative map is a direct calculation:

$$d\theta_{3}(\mu_{i} \otimes 1) = d(\mu_{i} \otimes 1) = 1 \otimes \gamma h^{*}(x_{i})$$

$$= \theta_{3}(1 \otimes h^{*}(x_{i})) = \theta_{3}d(\mu_{i} \otimes 1).$$

$$d\theta_{3}(1 \otimes w) = d(1 \otimes \gamma(w)) = 1 \otimes d(\gamma(w))$$

$$= 1 \otimes \gamma(d(w)) = 0$$

$$= \theta_{3}(0) = \theta_{3}d(1 \otimes w).$$
(ii)

Observe that θ_3 induces an isomorphism in homology.

(g) θ_A is defined as follows:

$$\theta_{A}(\mu_{i}\otimes 1)=0, \quad \theta_{A}(1\otimes w)=K^{*}(w).$$

The proof that θ_4 is a differential multiplicative map is a direct calculation:

$$d\theta_4(\mu_i \otimes 1) = d(0) = 0 = K^*h^*(x_i) = \theta_4(1 \otimes h^*(x_i)) = \theta_4d(\mu_i \otimes 1). \quad (i)$$

$$d\theta_{4}(1 \otimes w) = d(K^{*}(w)) = 0 = \theta_{4}(0) = \theta_{4}d(1 \otimes w). \tag{ii}$$

(h) We construct a differential multiplicative map

$$\lambda: H^*(BG; \mathbb{R}) \to K_3$$

which induces g^* in homology, by analogy with the maps α , β , γ , δ above. Choose arbitrary cocycles $f_1, \ldots, f_m \in K_3$ representing $g^*(x_1), \ldots, g^*(x_m)$, respectively. Set $\lambda(z_i) = t_i$ and extend.

Now consider the extreme right-hand side of the diagram. We claim that $\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3$ and θ_4 induce the same map in homology. In other words, we claim commutativity in the diagram

$$H^*(X; \mathbf{R}) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{1_*} \\ H^*(X; \mathbf{R}) \\ \theta_{2_*} \\ H^*(X; \mathbf{R}) \\ \theta_{3_*} \\ H^*(X; \mathbf{R}) \end{pmatrix}$$

To see this we examine the effect of applying the maps $\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3$ and θ_4 to a cycle in K_3 . A cycle in K_3 has the form $1 \otimes w$. Now

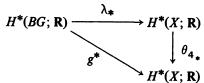
$$\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 (1 \otimes w) = \theta_1 \theta_2 (1 \otimes \gamma(x)) = \theta_1 (1 \otimes \gamma(w)) = K^{\sharp} \gamma(w); \qquad (i)$$

on the other hand

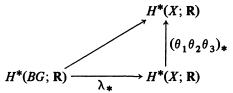
$$\theta_4(1 \otimes w) = K^*(w). \tag{ii}$$

Thus $(\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3)_*([1 \otimes w]) = (K^{\sharp}\gamma)_*([w]) = K^*([w]) = \theta_{4_*}([1 \otimes w])$. So the diagram commutes.

By the definition of λ we know that the following diagram is also commutative:



Thus we can extrapolate commutativity in the following diagram:



Ultimately we have pieced together the fact that our entire original diagram commutes upon passage to homology. Thus utilizing Theorems 1, 4 and 5 we have the following string of algebra isomorphisms.

To extend to the deficiency 0 case, recall that the sequence

$$H^*(BG';\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{h^*} H^*(BH';\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{K^*} H^*(G'/H')$$

will be coexact. For the definition of deficiency and further details see Baum [1].

The proof goes through as before except that θ_4 must be redefined. Write K_3 as

$$K_3 = E[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_s] \otimes E \otimes H^*(BH'; \mathbb{R})$$

where the elements μ_1, \ldots, μ_s are not cycles, and the elements of E are. Define

$$\theta_4 (\mu_i \otimes 1 \otimes 1) = 0,$$

$$\theta_4 (1 \otimes 1 \otimes w) = K^*(w),$$

$$\theta_4 (1 \otimes w \otimes 1) = [\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 (1 \otimes w \otimes 1)].$$

The first diagram in our chase is still commutative, this time by our choice of θ_4 , and the rest of the argument is the same.

Finally we remark that the case $K = \mathbf{Q}$ works equally well by simply using graded commutative rational cochains. See Sullivan [6].

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