Geometry of *G*-structures via intrinsic torsion

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We consider a G-structure on a manifold, i.e. the (oriented) Riemannian manifold such that the orthonormal frame bundle SO(M) has the reduction P of the structure group to $G \subset SO(n)$. We additionally assume that the quotient SO(n)/G is reductive. We study the geometry of P in SO(M). Mainly we consider extrinsic geometry. We show that minimality is equivalent to harmonicity of induced section of homogeneous bundle with respect to some modification of the Riemannian metric on the base manifold M. This may lead to the slightly new concept of harmonic G-structure [1]. We give relevant examples [3].

Considerations are based on the study of properties of intrinsic torsion of G-structure, i.e. the section of adjoint bundle, which can be identified with the difference of the Levi-Civita connection and the G-connection [2, 4].

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