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Yang-Mills connections of cohomogeneity one on SO(n)bundles over Euclidean spheres

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We construct Yang-Mills connections on SO(n)-bundles over spheres equipped with the Euclidean metric. We use a cohomogeneity one group action on the bundle to reduce the Yang-Mills-equation to a system of ordinary differential equations. The system is shown to have solutions by variational methods, using ideas from harmonic map theory. Examples include Yang-Mills connections on each of the countably many principal SO (6)-bundles over \$S^6\$, and countably many Yang-Mills connections on \$TS^n\$ for \$n\in\{5,...,9\}\$.

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