

Dennis-Stern symbols

Matrices: $X_{ij}, i, j \geq 0$

$$a, b \in A; 1-ab \in A^\times \Leftrightarrow 1-ba \in A^\times \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in GL_2(A)$$

In fact:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-ba \end{bmatrix}$$

Get paths:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\langle a, b \rangle_q} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\langle a, b \rangle_r} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-ba \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank Paths in what sense? | a path \sim a sequence of multiplying by elem. matr.

$$1) \text{ In } GL(A \langle \Delta^* \rangle): A \langle \Delta^n \rangle = A \langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle / \langle \sum t_i, -1 \rangle$$

Simplicial group;

$$\langle a, b \rangle_q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & at \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ bt & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ etc.}$$

Or:

2) In the two-sided Volodin construction:

$$W_{\text{un}} \ni (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m; g; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$$

$$\exists \sigma: \gamma_i \in T^\sigma, \forall i; \exists \tau: \delta_j \in T^\tau, \exists \tau; g \in GL(A)$$

$\langle a, b \rangle:$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\langle a, b \rangle_l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\langle a, b \rangle_r} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-ba \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we get two paths

$\langle a, b \rangle \langle a, c \rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1-ab)(1-ac) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Claim: } \underline{\text{homotopic}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-ba)(1-ca) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\langle a, b+c-bac \rangle$

What we will show:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{matrix} \langle a, c \rangle_l \\ \langle a, b \rangle_r \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \langle a, b \rangle_l & \\ \begin{bmatrix} (1-ab)(1-ac) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \text{homotopic} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-ba)(1-ca) \end{bmatrix} \\ & \langle a, b+c-bac \rangle_l & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -(b+c-bac) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$\langle a, b+c-bac \rangle_r$

Proof We have

Notation:

$$X_{ij} = a_j$$

$$e_{ij}^a = \text{matrix } X: X_{kl} = \delta_{kl}, \quad \#_{(kl)} \neq_{(ij)}$$

$$e_{0,1}(a,b) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad i,j, \dots \geq 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-ac & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (1-ab)(1-ac) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b(1-ac) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a(1-ca)^{-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -(b+c-bac) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{Ad}_{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a(1-ca)^{-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

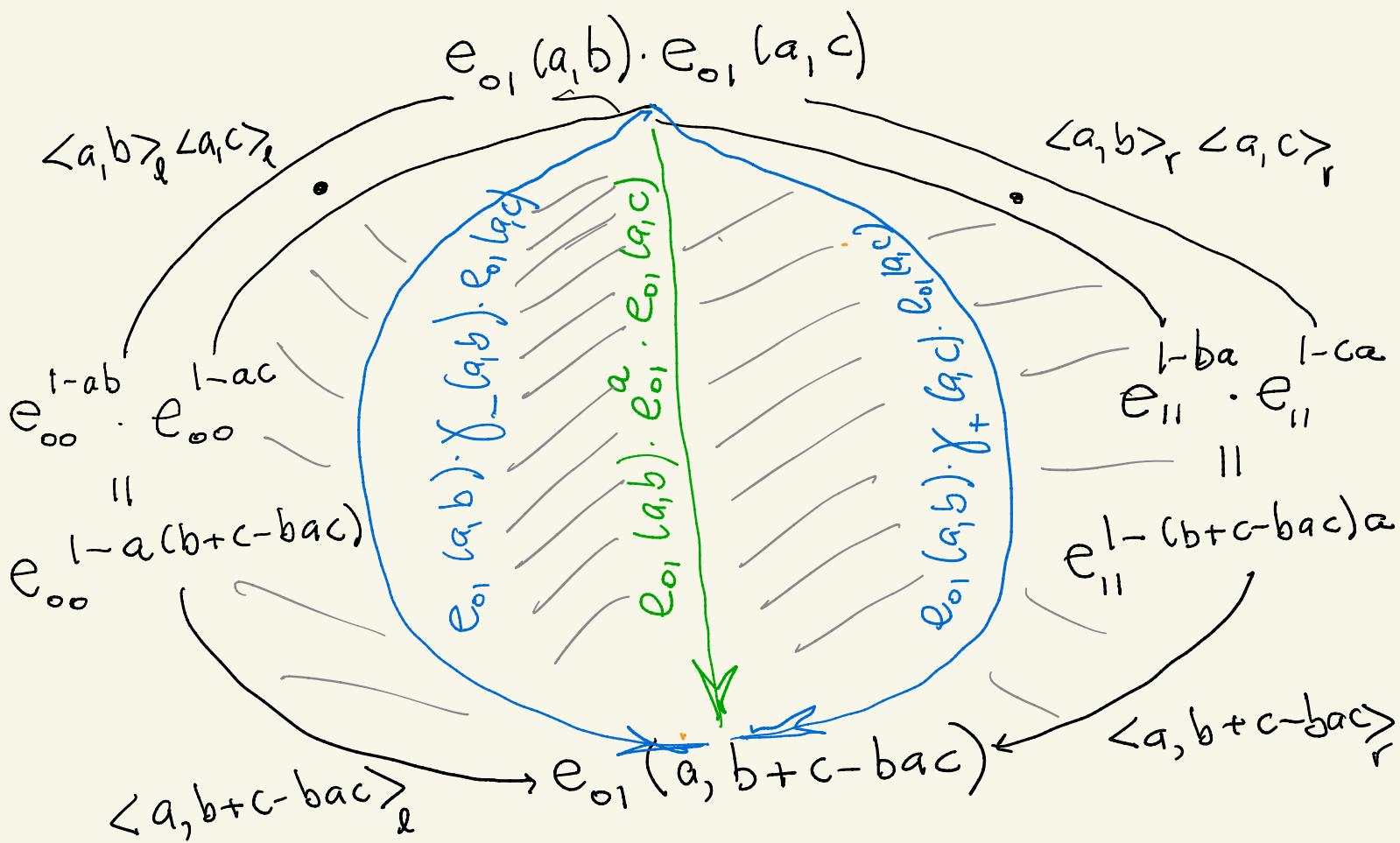
$$\langle a, b \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}} \langle a, c \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}} = \langle a, b+c-bac \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}} + (a, c)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-ba \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-ca \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -(1-ab)^{-1}a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -(1-ba)c & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-ba)(1-ca) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \text{Ad}_{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a(1-ba)^{-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -(b+c-bac) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}} \langle a, c \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}} = X_{-}(a,b) \cdot \langle a, b+c-bac \rangle_{\mathfrak{g}}$$



Here $\gamma_-(a, b) = Ad_{e_{01}(a, b)}^{-1} X_-(a, b)$

$\gamma_+(a, c) = Ad_{e_{01}(a, c)}^{-1} X_+(a, c)$

Claim: Both $\gamma_-(a, b), \gamma_+(a, c)$ are paths $1 \rightarrow e_{01}^a$.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1-ba \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -c & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ b-bc & 1 \\ +bac & \end{bmatrix}$$

Claim: Both paths $1 \rightarrow e_{01}^a$ are homotopic to the standard path.

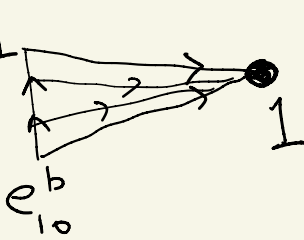
We use notation: e_{ij}^a if e_{ij} is an edge in the path, and e_{ij}^a if it is used as a factor in a matrix such as $e_{01}(a, b)$.

$$\gamma_{(a,b)} = \text{Ad}_{e_{10}^{-b} \cdot e_{11}^{1-ba} \cdot e_{01}^{-a}} \text{Ad}_{e_{10}^{-b}} \left(e_{01}^{\frac{a(1-ba)^{-1}}{}} \right)$$

$$= \text{Ad}_{e_{01}^a \cdot e_{11}^{(1-ba)^{-1}} \cdot e_{10}^{b-b}} \left(e_{01}^{\frac{a(1-ba)^{-1}}{}} \right) = \text{Ad}_{e_{01}^a} \left(\text{Ad}_{e_{10}^{\tilde{b}-\underline{b}}} \left(e_{01}^{\frac{a}{}} \right) \right)$$

where $\tilde{b} = (1-ba)^{-1}b$

Finally, (for any \tilde{b}) $\text{Ad}_{e_{10}^{\tilde{b}-\underline{b}}} \left(e_{01}^{\frac{a}{}} \right)$ is homotopic to e_{01}^a : just deform $e_{10}^{\tilde{b}-\underline{b}}$ to 1 within paths



Dennis-Stern symbols in K_2 .

When $ab=ba$ and $1-ab \in A^\times$:

$$e_{00}^{1-ab} \text{-----} e_{11}^{1-ba} \text{-----} e_{00}^{1-ba}$$

gives a loop in $GL(A)$, therefore an elt $\langle a, b \rangle \in K_2(A)$. We get from the above:

$$\langle a, b \rangle \langle a, c \rangle = \langle a, b+c-bac \rangle$$

as well as $\langle a, b \rangle \langle b, a \rangle = 1$.

Also (next): $\langle ca, b \rangle \langle a, bc \rangle^{-1} \langle ab, c \rangle = 1$

Next:

$$e_{012}(a,b,c) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -b \\ -c & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also,

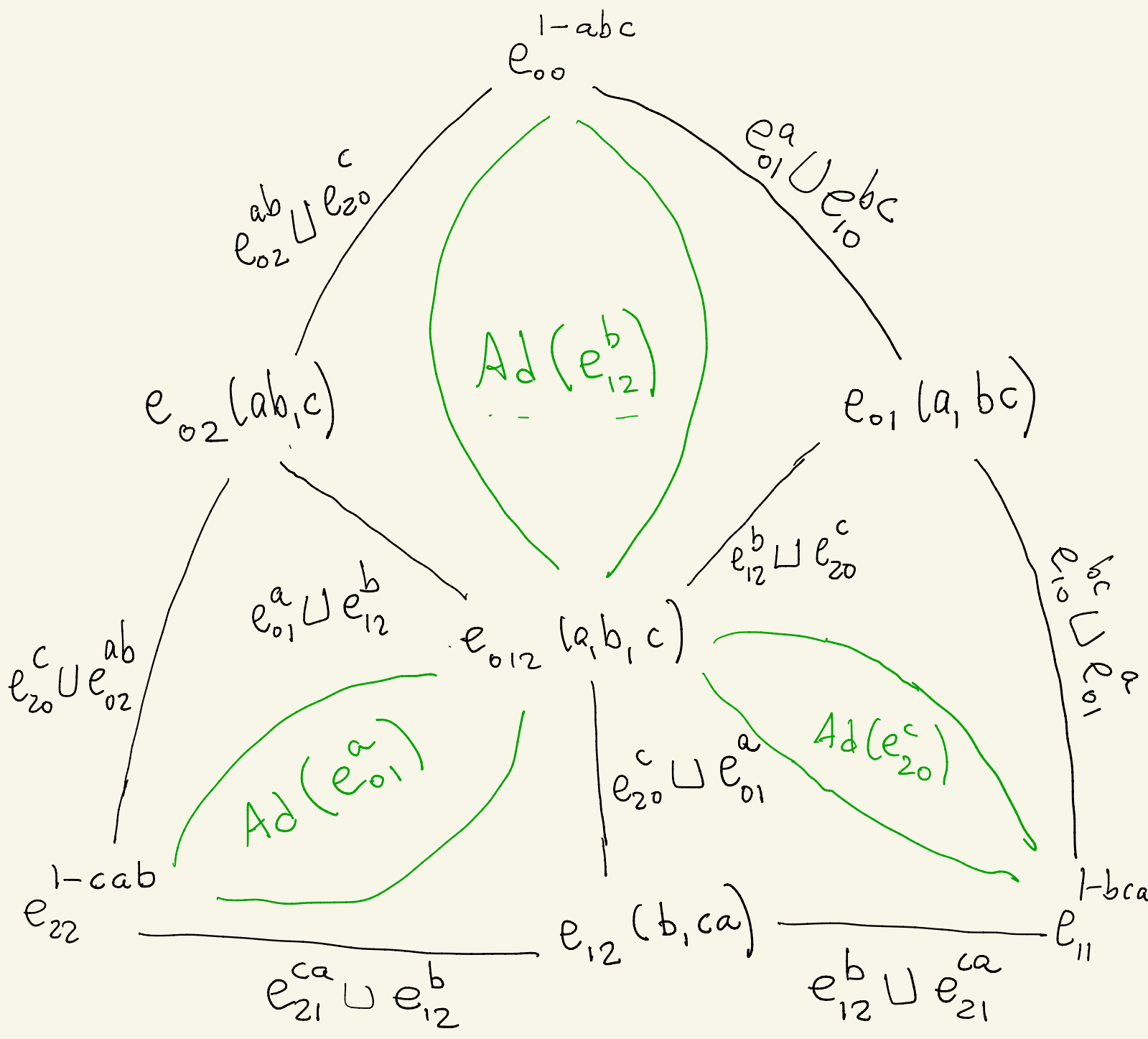
$$e_{ij}(a,b) := \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \vdots & & & & \\ \vdots & 1 & & & \\ \vdots & & 1 & -a & \\ \vdots & & & 1 & \\ \vdots & & & & 1 \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ i & & j & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{array} \right]$$

Then

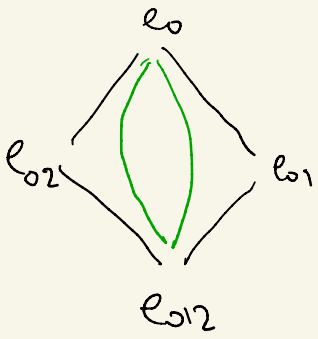
$$e_{12}^b \cdot e_{012}(a,b,c) \cdot e_{20}^c = e_{01}(a,bc)$$

$$e_{20}^c \cdot e_{012}(a,b,c) \cdot e_{01}^a = e_{12}(b,ca)$$

$$e_{01}^a \cdot e_{012}(a,b,c) \cdot e_{12}^b = e_{02}(ab,c)$$



Meaning:



$$e_{02}^{ab} e_{01}^a \cup e_{12}^b e_{20}^c = e_{12}^{-b} (e_{01}^a e_{12}^b \cup e_{20}^c e_{10}^{bc}) e_{12}^b$$

Comparison to Sternberg symbols

$$e_{21}^b e_{12}^{-a} \begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -b & a \\ e_{21} & e_{12} \end{bmatrix} : \text{path } e_{11}^{1-ab} \rightsquigarrow e_{22}^{1-ab}$$

$$e_{21}^b e_{12}^{-a} \begin{bmatrix} 1-ab & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} e_{21}^{-b} e_{12}^a \begin{bmatrix} (1-ab)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : \perp \rightsquigarrow e_{11}^{(1-ab)^{-1}} e_{22}^{1-ab}$$

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$$e_{21}^b e_{12}^{-a} e_{21}^{-b(1-ab)^{-1}} e_{12}^{(1-ab)a}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \langle a, b \rangle_{DS} = x_{21}^b x_{12}^{-a} x_{21}^{-b(1-ab)^{-1}} x_{12}^{(1-ab)a} h_{12}^{(1-ab)}$$

If $b \in A^\times$:

$$\ker \left(\hat{\text{St}}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(A) \right)$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle_{DS} = x_{12}^{b^{-1}} \cdot x_{12}^{-b^{-1}} \cdot x_{21}^b \cdot x_{12}^{-b^{-1}} \cdot x_{12}^{b^{-1}-a} \cdot x_{12}^{-b^{-1}(1-ab)} \cdot x_{12}^{b^{-1}(1-ab)} \cdot x_{21}^{-b(1-ab)^{-1}} \cdot x_{12}^{(1-ab)a}$$

$$= \text{Ad} \left(x_{12}^{b^{-1}} \right) \left[w_{12}(-b^{-1}) \cdot w_{12}(b^{-1}(1-ab)) \cdot x_{12}^{(1-ab)b^{-1}(-1+ab)} \cdot h_{12}(1-ab) \cdot x_{12}^{b^{-1}} \right]$$

$$= \text{Ad} \left(x_{12}^{b^{-1}} \right) \left[w_{12}(-b^{-1}) w_{12}(b^{-1}(1-ab)) x_{12}^{(1-ab)^2(-b^{-1}+b^{-1})} \cdot h_{12}(1-ab) \right]$$

$$= \text{Ad} \left(x_{12}^{b^{-1}} \right) \left[w_{12}(-b^{-1}) w_{12}(b^{-1}(1-ab)) h_{12}(1-ab) \right]$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\left[h_{12}(-b^{-1}) h_{12}(b^{-1}(1-ab))^{-1} h_{12}(1-ab) \right]$$

Up to some sign issues, to be fixed:

$$\langle a, b \rangle_{DS} = \{b, 1-ab\}^{-1} = \{a, 1-ab\}$$

Note that we recover the properties of $\langle \rangle_{DS}$ from the properties of $\{, \}$:

$$\langle ab, c \rangle \langle a, bc \rangle^{-1} \langle ca, b \rangle = \{ab, 1-abc\} \{a, 1-abc\}^{-1} \{ca, 1-abc\}$$

$$= \{abc, 1-abc\} = 1$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle \langle b, a \rangle = \{a, 1-ab\} \{b, 1-ab\} = \{ab, 1-ab\} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, b \rangle \langle a, c \rangle &= \{a, 1-ab\} \{a, 1-ac\} = \{a, 1-a(b+c-bac)\} \\ &= \langle a, b+c-bac \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$v = -b^{-1} \quad u = 1-ab$$

$$h_{12}(v) \cdot h_{12}(uv)^{-1} \cdot h_{12}(u)$$

$$= \cancel{Ad_{h_{12}(v)}} \left[h_{12}(uv)^{-1} \cdot h_{12}(u) h_{12}(v) \right]$$

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$$\cancel{Ad_{h_{12}(uv)}^{-1}} \left[h_{12}(u) h_{12}(v) h_{12}(uv)^{-1} \right]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, b \rangle &= \{1-ab, -b\} \quad \{u, v\}^{-1} = \{1-ab, -b\} \\ \langle a, bc \rangle &= \{1-abc, -bc\} \quad + \{1-ab, -a\} \\ \langle ab, c \rangle &= \{1-abc, -c\} \\ \langle ca, b \rangle &= \{1-abc, -b\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\{1-ab, ab\} = 1$$