

SKEW COPAIRED BIALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let $\sigma: k \rightarrow A \otimes B$ be a skew copairing on (A, B) , where A and B are Hopf algebras of the same dimension n . Skew dual bases of A and B are introduced. If σ is an invertible skew copairing then we can give a 2-cocycle bilinear form $[\sigma]$ on $A \otimes B$ and define a new Hopf algebra.

Let k be a field. All unadorned tensor products are over k and all maps are k -linear. For $f, g \in \text{Hom}(C, A)$, where C is a coalgebra and A is an algebra, $f * g$ is its convolution product $m_A(f \otimes g)\Delta_C$. Let $\tau: V \otimes W \rightarrow W \otimes V$ be the twist map given by $\tau(v \otimes w) = w \otimes v$. We use the sigma notation[6]; for $x \in C$, $\Delta(x) = \sum x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}$.

LEMMA 1. Let A be a bialgebras with invertible linear form under convolution product, $\sigma: k \rightarrow A \otimes A$ where $\sigma(1) = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$ and $\sigma^{-1}(1) = \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)$. Assume that σ satisfies $\sigma_{12}(\Delta \otimes id)\sigma(1) = \sigma_{23}(id \otimes \Delta)\sigma(1)$, where $\sigma_{12} = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \otimes 1$ and $\sigma_{23} = \sum 1 \otimes \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) \quad \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(1)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\
 = \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) &= 1 \otimes 1, \\
 \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2(1) &= 1 \otimes 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

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- (2) $\sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) = 1 \otimes 1$, $\sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) = 1 \otimes 1$.
(3) $\sum (\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)$
 $= \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1)$.
(4) $\sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) = 1 \otimes 1$, $\sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) = 1 \otimes 1$.
(5) $\sum \sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) = 1 \otimes 1$,
 $\sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) = 1 \otimes 1$.
(6) if A has an antipode S then
 $\sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) = 1$,
 $\sum S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) = 1$.

Proof. (1) : $1 \otimes 1 = u_{A \otimes A} \varepsilon_k(1) = (\sigma * \sigma^{-1})(1) = \sigma(1) \sigma^{-1}(1)$ and
 $1 \otimes 1 = u_{A \otimes A} \varepsilon_k(1) = (\sigma^{-1} * \sigma)(1) = \sigma^{-1}(1) \sigma(1)$.

(2) : Apply $id \otimes \varepsilon \otimes id$ to both sides of (*),

$$\sum \sigma_1(1) \sigma_1(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \sigma_2(1).$$

Multiply $\sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1 \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)$ to both sides of above,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) \otimes 1 \otimes 1 &= \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) \otimes 1 \\ &= \sum 1 \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ &= \sum 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1) = 1 = \sum \sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)).$$

(3),(4) : From the definition of σ^{-1} .

(5) : From (1),(2) and (4).

$$\begin{aligned} (6) : & \sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \sigma_1(1)) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ & \quad \sigma_2(1)) \\ &= \sum S(\sigma_2(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))) \sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1))) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ & \quad \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

PROPOSITION 1. *Let A be a bialgebra with invertible $\sigma : k \rightarrow A \otimes A$. Assume that σ satisfies $(*)$. Define $A_\sigma = A$ as an algebra. The coproduct Δ_σ is defined by*

$$\Delta_\sigma(a) = \sum \sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1), \quad a \in A.$$

Then A_σ is a bialgebra. Moreover, when A has an antipode S , A_σ is a Hopf algebra and its antipode is given by

$$S_\sigma(a) = \sum S(\sigma_2(1))\sigma_1(1)S(a)S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))\sigma_1^{-1}(1).$$

Proof. For all $a \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Delta_\sigma \otimes id)\Delta_\sigma(a) \\ &= (\Delta_\sigma \otimes id)(\sum \sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)} \\ & \quad \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(1)}a_{(1)(1)}(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(2)} \\ & \quad a_{(1)(2)}(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(1)}a_{(2)(1)}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ & \quad \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1))_2a_{(2)(1)}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ & \quad \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= (id \otimes \Delta_\sigma)(\sum \sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\ &= (id \otimes \Delta_\sigma)\Delta_\sigma(a), \text{ where fourth equality follows from } (*) \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1, (3).

For all $a \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)a_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1))\sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1))\varepsilon(a_{(1)})\varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))\sigma_2(1)a_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1))\sigma_2(1) \cdot \varepsilon(a_{(1)})a_{(2)} \cdot \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= a, \text{ where fourth equality follows from Lemma 1,(2) and (4).} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\sum \sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1)) = a$. Hence A_σ is coassociative and counitary with the Δ_σ comultiplication.

For all $a \in A$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum S_\sigma(\sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1)) \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S_\sigma(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S_\sigma(a_{(1)}) S_\sigma(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \cdot S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) \\
&\quad S(a_{(1)}) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \cdot S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S(\sigma_1(1)) \\
&\quad S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \cdot \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S(a_1) S(\sigma_1(1)) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\
&\quad \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1(1) S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S(a_1) S(\sigma_1(1)) S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\
&\quad \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \sigma_1(1)) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \sigma_2(1)) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_2(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))) \sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S(a_{(1)}) S(\sigma_1(1)) \\
&\quad S^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) S(a_{(1)}) S(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) S(a_{(1)}) S(\sigma_1(1)) \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&\quad \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1) \sigma_1^{-1}(1)) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1) \sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\
&= \sum S(\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1))) S(a_{(1)}) S(\sigma_1(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))) \sigma_2(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\
&\quad a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) \\
&= \sum S(a_{(1)}) a_{(2)} \\
&= \varepsilon(a) 1_A, \text{ where third, sixth and ninth equalities follow from}
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1,(5) and fourth and seventh equalities follow from Lemma 1,(1).

Similarly,

$$\sum \sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) S_\sigma(\sigma_2(1)) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) = \varepsilon(a) 1_A, \quad \forall a \in A.$$

Hence S_σ is antipode of A_σ . For all $a, b \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_\sigma(ab) &= \sigma_1(1)(ab)_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(ab)_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} b_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} b_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_\sigma(a) \Delta_\sigma(b) = (\sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1)) (\sigma_1(1) b_{(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) b_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ = & \sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \sigma_1(1) b_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ & a_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \sigma_2(1) b_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ = & \sigma_1(1) a_{(1)} b_{(1)} \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) a_{(2)} b_{(2)} \sigma_2^{-1}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\Delta_\sigma(ab) = \Delta_\sigma(a)\Delta_\sigma(b)$, $\forall a, b \in A$. Trivially $\varepsilon(ab) = \varepsilon(a)\varepsilon(b)$. □

Let A be a bialgebra, recall the definition of quasitriangular bialgebra in [3] and [4], which is the dual concept of a co-quasitriangular bialgebra in [1].

DEFINITION 1. A quasitriangular bialgebra over k is a pair (A, σ) where A is a bialgebra over k and $\sigma : k \rightarrow A \otimes A$, $1 \mapsto \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$ is an invertible (with respect to convolution product) linear form such that the following conditions hold :

(i) $\sigma(1)\Delta(a) = \Delta^{op}(a)\sigma(1)$ for all $a \in A$, i.e.,

$$\sum \sigma_1(1)a_1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)a_2 = \sum a_2\sigma_1(1) \otimes a_1\sigma_2(1) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

(ii) $(\Delta \otimes id)\sigma(1) = \sigma_{13}\sigma_{23}$, where $\sigma_{13} = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes 1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)$ and $\sigma_{23} = \sum 1 \otimes \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$, i.e. ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (\sigma_1(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_1(1))_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1) &= \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ \sigma_2(1) \dots \dots \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $(id \otimes \Delta)\sigma(1) = \sigma_{13}\sigma_{12}$, where $\sigma_{12} = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \otimes 1$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes (\sigma_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_2(1))_{(2)} &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \otimes \\ \sigma_2(1) \dots \dots \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

A is triangular if also $\sigma^{-1}(1) = \tau(\sigma(1))$.

PROPOSITION 2 [2]. If (A, σ) is quasitriangular, then

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(1)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\sigma_{12}\sigma_{13}\sigma_{23} = \sigma_{23}\sigma_{13}\sigma_{12} , \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

THEOREM 1. *If A is a cocommutative quasitriangular with non-trivial invertible $\sigma : k \rightarrow A \otimes A$ then $(A_\sigma, \hat{\sigma}(1))$ is a triangular bialgebra, where $\hat{\sigma}(1)$ is defined by*

$$\hat{\sigma}(1) = \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\hat{\sigma}(1)) \cdot \hat{\sigma}(1) &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ &\quad \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= 1 \otimes 1 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 1,(1). Similarly,

$$\hat{\sigma}(1)\tau(\hat{\sigma}(1)) = 1 \otimes 1. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$(\hat{\sigma}(1))^{-1} = \tau(\hat{\sigma}(1)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}(1)\Delta_\sigma(a) &= (\sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1))(\sum \sigma_1(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \\ &\quad \sigma_2(1)a_2\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2(1)a_2 \\ &\quad \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)a_2\sigma_2^{-1}(1). \\ \Delta_\sigma^{op}(a)\hat{\sigma}(1) &= (\sum \sigma_2(1)a_2\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1))(\sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \\ &\quad \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)a_2\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)a_2\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)a_1\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum \sigma_2(1)a_1\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)a_2\sigma_2^{-1}(1),$$

where the last equality holds since A is cocommutative. Therefore

$$\Delta_\sigma^{op}(a)\hat{\sigma}(1) = \hat{\sigma}(1)\Delta_\sigma(a).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta \otimes id)\hat{\sigma}(1) &= (\Delta_\sigma \otimes id)(\sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad (\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(1)}(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad (\sigma_2(1))_{(2)}(\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(2)} \\ &\quad (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1^{(-1)}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)} \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_2(1)\sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_2(1)\sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)}\sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)}\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_2(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \sum \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1)\sigma_2^{-1}(1)\sigma_1(1) \\ &\quad \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ &= \hat{\sigma}_{13}\hat{\sigma}_{23}, \end{aligned}$$

where fourth equality follows from Proposition 2 and Lemma 1, (3) and fifth equality follows by multiplying $1 \otimes \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$ to both sides of (3) and sixth, seventh and ninth equalities follow from (1)

and eighth equality follows from (4) and tenth equality follows from (3).

Similarly,

$$(id \otimes \Delta_\sigma)\hat{\sigma}(1) = \hat{\sigma}_{13}\hat{\sigma}_{23},$$

as desired. \square

Let H and K be bialgebras, recall the definition of skew copairing in [5], which is the dual concept of skew pairing in [7].

DEFINITION 2. Let H and K be bialgebras. We say that H and K are *copaired* if there exists a k -linear map $\sigma : k \rightarrow H \otimes K$, $\sigma(1) = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$ (called the skew copairing) such that the diagrams below commute :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & H \otimes K & \xrightarrow{id \otimes \Delta_k} & H \otimes K \otimes K \\ \Delta_k \downarrow & & & & \uparrow \mu_H \otimes id \otimes id \\ k \otimes k & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes \sigma} & H \otimes K \otimes H \otimes K & \xrightarrow{id \otimes \tau \otimes id} & H \otimes H \otimes K \otimes K \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & H \otimes K & \xrightarrow{\Delta_H \otimes id} & H \otimes H \otimes K \\ \Delta_k \downarrow & & & & \uparrow id \otimes id \otimes \mu_K \\ k \otimes k & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes \sigma} & H \otimes K \otimes H \otimes K & \xrightarrow{id \otimes \tau \otimes id} & H \otimes H \otimes K \otimes K \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{id} & k & \xrightarrow{id} & k \\ \downarrow 1_H \otimes & & \downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow \otimes 1_K \\ H \otimes k & \xleftarrow{id \otimes \epsilon_K} & H \otimes K & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_H \otimes id} & k \otimes K \end{array}$$

The commutativity of the diagrams above can be expressed equationally in the following way:

$$\sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes (\sigma_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_2(1))_{(2)} = \sum \sigma_1(1) \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \cdot (1)'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum(\sigma_1(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_1(1))_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1) &= \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1) \sigma_2(1) \cdots (2)' \\ \sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1) &= 1 \otimes 1, \quad \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2(1)) = 1 \otimes 1 \cdots \cdots (3)' \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma(1) = \sum \sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)$.

Note that condition (3)' follows from (1)' and (2)' if σ is invertible in $Hom(k, H \otimes K)$.

EXAMPLE 1. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space with basis $\{v_i\}$. The dual vector space V^* has the dual basis $\{v^i\}$. Let us express the isomorphism

$$\lambda_{U,V} : V \otimes U^* \rightarrow Hom(U, V), \quad v \otimes \alpha \mapsto \lambda_{U,V}(v \otimes \alpha)$$

where $\lambda_{U,V}(v \otimes \alpha)(u) = \alpha(u)v$, $\forall u \in U$. Let $f : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear map. Using bases for U and V , and have

$$f(u_j) = \sum_i f_j^i v_i$$

for some family $(f_j^i)_{ij}$ of scalars. It is easily check that

$$f = \lambda_{U,V} \left(\sum_{ij} f_j^i v_i \otimes u^j \right).$$

In particular, taking for f the identity of V , we get

$$id_V = \lambda_{V,V} \left(\sum_i v_i \otimes v^i \right).$$

This allows us to define the *coevaluation map* of any finite dimensional vector space V as the linear map $\delta_V : k \rightarrow V \otimes V^*$ defined by

$$\delta_V(1) = \lambda_{V,V}^{-1}(id_V) = \sum_i v_i \otimes v^i.$$

Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. Define σ as the coevaluation map

$$\sigma : k \rightarrow H^{op} \otimes H^*, \quad \sigma(1) = \sum h_i \otimes h_i^*.$$

Then we see that σ is skew copairing on H^{op} and H^* .

EXAMPLE 2. Let $H = H_4$ be Sweedler's four-dimensional Hopf algebra over k with char $k \neq 2$. As an algebra over k , H is generated by g and x with relations

$$g^2 = 1, \quad x^2 = 0, \quad xg = -gx.$$

The coalgebra structure and antipode are determine by

$$\Delta(g) = g \otimes g, \quad \Delta(x) = (x \otimes g) + (1 \otimes x),$$

$$\varepsilon(g) = 1, \quad \varepsilon(x) = 0, \quad S(g) = g = g^{-1}, \quad S(x) = gx.$$

H has a basis $\{1, g, x, gx\}$. Let $A = kZ_2$, where Z_2 is written multiplicatively as $\{1, a\}$. Now let

$$\sigma(1) = \frac{1}{2}(1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes a + g \otimes 1 - g \otimes a) \in H \otimes A.$$

Then one can easily check that σ is a skew copairing of (H, A) with $\sigma^{-1} = \sigma$.

PROPOSITION 3. *Let σ be a skew copairing on (A, B) , where A and B are bialgebras.*

(i). *If σ is invertible in $\text{Hom}_k(k, A \otimes B)$ which has the convolution product, then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \sigma(1) \sigma^{-1}(1) = 1 \otimes 1, \quad \sigma^{-1}(1) \sigma(1) = 1 \otimes 1, \\ (2) \quad & \sum (\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_1^{-1}(1))_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \\ & = \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \sigma_2^{-1}(1), \\ (3) \quad & \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(1)} \otimes (\sigma_2^{-1}(1))_{(2)} \\ & = \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1), \\ (4) \quad & \sum \varepsilon(\sigma_1^{-1}(1)) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1) = 1 \otimes 1, \\ & \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \varepsilon(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)) = 1 \otimes 1 \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma^{-1}(1) = \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)$.

(ii). If both A and B are Hopf algebras, we have

$$(1) \quad \sigma^{-1}(1) = \sum S_A(\sigma_1(1)) \otimes \sigma_2(1),$$

$$(2) \quad \sigma(1) = \sum \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes S_B(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))$$

where S_A, S_B are antipodes of A and B respectively.

The proof is easy.

DEFINITION 3. Let A and B finite dimensional Hopf algebras and $\dim_k A = \dim_k B = n$ and σ be a skew copairing on (A, B) . If $\{a_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ is a basis of A and $\{b_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ is a basis of B , and $\{a_i^*\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ and $\{b_i^*\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ are dual bases of $\{a_i\}$ and $\{b_i\}$ respectively, $\{a_i\}$ and $\{b_i\}$ are called *skew dual bases* of A and B if

$$\sum a_i^*(\sigma_1(1)) b_j^*(\sigma_2(1)) = \delta_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

EXAMPLE 3. Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. Define σ as the coevaluation map $\sigma : k \rightarrow H^{op} \otimes H^*$, $\sigma(1) = \sum h_i \otimes h_i^*$. Then we see that σ is an invertible skew copairing on H^{op} and H^* . Since H^{op} is a Hopf algebra with antipode S^{-1} , by Proposition 2, $\sigma^{-1}(1) = \sum S^{-1}(h_i) \otimes h_i^*$. By the definition $\sum h_i^*(h_k) h_j(h_k^*) = \delta_{ij}$. So the dual basis of H^{op} and H^* is the skew dual basis of them.

In the remainder of this paper, we assume that B and H are finite dimensional and $\dim_k A = \dim_k B = n$.

PROPOSITION 4. Let (B, H, σ) be a skew copair of Hopf algebras, $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ be the skew dual basis of B and H . Then

$$(i) \quad \sum b^*(\sigma_1(1)) h_i^*(\sigma_2(1)) b_i^* = b^*, \quad \forall b \in B,$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum b_i^*(\sigma_1(1)) h^*(\sigma_2(1)) h_i^*, \quad \forall h \in H.$$

Proof. (i): $b^* = \sum b^*(b_j) b_j^*$ where $b_j^*(b_i) = \delta_{ij}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum b^*(\sigma_1(1)) h_i^*(\sigma_2(1)) b_i^* &= \sum b^*(b_j) b_j^*(\sigma_1(1)) h_i^*(\sigma_2(1)) b_i^* \\ &= \sum b^*(b_i) b_i^* \end{aligned}$$

$$= b^*, \quad b \in B.$$

(ii): Similarly, $\sum b_i^*(\sigma_1(1))h^*(\sigma_2(1))h_i^* = h^*$, $\forall h \in H$, as desired. \square

DEFINITION 4. Let (B, H, σ) be a skew copair of Hopf algebra, $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ the bases of B and H respectively. We call the $n \times n$ matrix $A = (b_i^*(\sigma_1(1))h_j^*(\sigma_2(1)))$ the *measure matrix of the skew copairing* σ for the pair of bases $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$.

DEFINITION 5. Let (B, H, σ) be a skew copair of Hopf algebras. The skew copairing σ is called *non-degenerate*, if the measure matrix of skew copairing σ for any pair of bases $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ is invertible.

Following Definitions 4 and 5, we have

PROPOSITION 5. Let (B, H, σ) be a skew copair of Hopf algebra, $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ be the skew dual bases for (B, H, σ) , then the measure matrix of the skew copairing σ for the pair of bases $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ is I_n .

THEOREM 2. Let (B, H, σ) be a skew copair of Hopf algebras, σ be non-degenerate, then there exists bases $\{b_i\}$ and $\{h_i\}$ which are skew dual bases of B and H .

Proof. Let $\{b'_i\}$ and $\{h'_i\}$ be base of B and H . Since σ is non-degenerate, then by definition, the measure matrix A of σ for the pair of bases $\{b'_i\}$ and $\{h'_i\}$ is invertible. By the theory of linear algebra, there exists $n \times n$ matrices P and Q such that

$$P A Q = I_n.$$

Let

$$P \begin{pmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b'_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^T \begin{pmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ h'_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ h_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where Q^T is the transposed matrix of P . Then $\{b_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ and $\{h_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ are bases of B and H , and are skew dual basis for (B, H, σ) . \square

EXAMPLE 4. Define for $\alpha \in k$, $\sigma_\alpha : k \rightarrow H_4 \otimes H_4$ by

$$\sigma_\alpha(1) = (1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes g + g \otimes 1 - g \otimes g) + \alpha(x \otimes x - x \otimes gx + gx \otimes x + gx \otimes gx).$$

Then it is easy to see that $(H_4, H_4, \sigma_\alpha)$ is a skew copaired Hopf algebras. For the pair of bases $\{1, g, x, gx\}$. and $\{1, g, x, gx\}$, the measure matrix of σ_α is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & -\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

A is invertible whenever $\alpha \neq 0$, i.e., σ_α is non degenerate. By the theory of elementary transformation in linear algebra, we can get the invertible matrices P, Q such that $P A Q = I_n$ where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\alpha} & \frac{1}{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking

$$Q^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ g \\ x \\ gx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ g-1 \\ x \\ x+gx \end{pmatrix}, \quad P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ g \\ x \\ gx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{g}{2} \\ \frac{x}{\alpha} \\ -\frac{x}{2\alpha} + \frac{gx}{2\alpha} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then by Theorem 2, $\{1, g-1, x, x+gx\}$, and $\{1, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{g}{2}, \frac{x}{\alpha}, -\frac{x}{2\alpha} + \frac{gx}{2\alpha}\}$, are skew dual bases of H_4 .

LEMMA 2. *Let σ be an invertible skew copairing on (B, H) and let $A = B \otimes H$. Then the bilinear form $[\sigma]$ on A defined by*

$$[\sigma] : k \longrightarrow (B \otimes H) \otimes (B \otimes H),$$

$1 \mapsto \sum [\sigma]_1(1) \otimes [\sigma]_2(1) = \sum (\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))$ satisfies $(*)$ with inverse $[\sigma]^{-1}(1) = \sum (\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1))$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{Proof.} \quad \sum [\sigma]_1(1)([\sigma]_1)_{(1)} \otimes [\sigma]_2(1)([\sigma]_2)_{(1)} \otimes [\sigma]_2(1) \\ &= \sum (\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)_{(1)} \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)_{(2)} \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)) \\ &= \sum (\sigma_1(1)(\sigma_1(1))_{(1)} \otimes 1) \otimes (\sigma_1(1)_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)) \\ &= \sum (\sigma_1(1)\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (\sigma_1(1) \otimes \sigma_2(1)) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))\sigma_2(1) \\ &= \sum (\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (\sigma_1(1) \otimes (\sigma_2(1))_{(1)}) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)(\sigma_2(1))_{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))(1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))_{(2)} \\
&= \sum[\sigma]_1(1) \otimes [\sigma]_1(1)([\sigma]_2(1))_{(1)} \otimes [\sigma]_2(1)([\sigma]_2(1))_{(2)},
\end{aligned}$$

where third equality follows from (2)' and fourth equality follows from (2)'. \square

We say 2 - cocycle $[\sigma]$ is associated with σ .

THEOREM 3. *Let σ be an invertible skew copairing of bialgebras and let $[\sigma]$ be the 2 - cocycle in Lemma 2. Then*

(i) $A_{[\sigma]} = B \otimes H$ as algebra.

(ii) The coproduct $\Delta_{[\sigma]}$ of $A_{[\sigma]}$ is given by

$$\Delta_{[\sigma]}(b \otimes h) = \sum(\sigma_1(1)b_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes h_{(1)}) \otimes (b_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)h_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1))$$

for all $b \in B$, $h \in H$.

(iii) If both B and H are Hopf algebras, then $A_{[\sigma]}$ is a Hopf algebras with antipode

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{[\sigma]}(b \otimes h) &= \sum \sigma_1(1)S_B(b)\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes S_H(\sigma_2(1))S_H(h) \\
&\quad S_H^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. (i): It follows by the definition of A_σ .

(ii) : Let $[\sigma] : k \rightarrow (B \otimes H) \otimes (B \otimes H)$, $1 \mapsto \sum[\sigma]_1(1) \otimes [\sigma]_2(1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{[\sigma]}(b \otimes h) &= \sum[\sigma]_1(1)(b \otimes h)_{(1)}[\sigma]_1^{-1}(1) \otimes [\sigma]_2(1)(b \otimes h)_{(2)}[\sigma]_2^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)(b_{(1)} \otimes h_{(1)})(\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes \sigma_2(1)) \\
&\quad (b_{(2)} \otimes h_{(2)})(1 \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\
&= \sum(\sigma_1(1)b_{(1)}\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes h_{(1)}) \otimes (b_{(2)} \otimes \sigma_2(1)h_{(2)}\sigma_2^{-1}(1)).
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) :

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{[\sigma]}(b \otimes h) &= \sum S([\sigma]_2(1))[\sigma]_1(1)S(b \otimes h)S^{-1}([\sigma]_2^{-1}(1))[\sigma]_1^{-1}(1) \\
&= \sum S(1 \otimes \sigma_2(1))(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)S(b \otimes h)S^{-1}(1 \otimes \sigma_2^{-1}(1)) \\
&\quad (\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1) \\
&= \sum(S_B(1) \otimes S_H(\sigma_2(1)))(\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1)(S_B(b) \otimes S_H(h)) \\
&\quad (S_B^{-1}(1) \otimes S_H^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1)))(\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum (1_B \otimes S_H(\sigma_2(1))) (\sigma_1(1) \otimes 1) (S_B(b) \otimes S_H(h)) \\
&\quad (1_B \otimes S_H^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))) (\sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes 1) \\
&= \sum \sigma_1(1) S_B(b) \sigma_1^{-1}(1) \otimes (S_H(\sigma_2(1)) S_H(h) \\
&\quad S_H^{-1}(\sigma_2^{-1}(1))). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 4. Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. In Example 3, the coevaluation map $\sigma : k \rightarrow H^{op} \otimes H^*$, $\sigma(1) = \sum h_i \otimes h_i^*$ is a skew copairing with inverse $\sigma^{-1}(1) = \sum S^{-1}(h_i) \otimes h_i^*$. Let $A = H^{op} \otimes H^*$. Then the comultiplication on $A_{[\sigma]}$ is $\Delta_{[\sigma]}(h \otimes f) = \sum (h_i h_{(1)} S^{-1}(h_i) \otimes f_{(1)}) \otimes (h_{(2)} \otimes h_i^* f_{(2)} h_i^*)$. The antipode is $S_{[\sigma]}(h \otimes f) = \sum h_i S(h) S^{-1}(h_i) \otimes S(h_i^*) S(f) S^{-1}(h_i^*)$.

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