

A POISSON ALGEBRA STRUCTURE OVER THE EXTERIOR ALGEBRA OF A QUADRATIC SPACE

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ABSTRACT. We construct a Poisson algebra structure of degree -2 over the exterior algebra of a quadratic space. Here we do not use Clifford algebra as in [4].

1. INTRODUCTION

A graded Lie algebra of degree $-\tau$, where $\tau \geq 0$ is an integer, over a commutative field $\mathbb{K}$, is a graded vector space $\mathcal{G} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}^n$ together with a bilinear map

$$[,] : \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}, (x, y) \longmapsto [x, y],$$

called bracket and which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $[\mathcal{G}^p, \mathcal{G}^q] \subset \mathcal{G}^{p+q-\tau}$;
- (2) $[x, y] = -(-1)^{(p-\tau)(q-\tau)} [y, x], x \in \mathcal{G}^p, y \in \mathcal{G}^q$;
- (3) $(-1)^{(p-\tau)(r-\tau)} [x, [y, z]] + (-1)^{(q-\tau)(p-\tau)} [y, [z, x]] + (-1)^{(r-\tau)(q-\tau)} [z, [x, y]] = 0, x \in \mathcal{G}^p, y \in \mathcal{G}^q, z \in \mathcal{G}^r$.

The identity (3) is equivalent to the following:

$$[x, [y, z]] = [[x, y], z] + (-1)^{(p-\tau)(q-\tau)} [y, [x, z]].$$

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A commutative algebra structure over $\mathcal{G}$ of degree $-\tau$ is the data of a multiplication, denoted by $\cdot$, over $\mathcal{G}$ satisfying

$$x \cdot y = (-1)^{(p-\tau) \cdot (q-\tau)} y \cdot x,$$

with $x \in \mathcal{G}^p, y \in \mathcal{G}^q$.

A Poisson algebra structure of degree $-\tau$ over $\mathcal{G}$ is simultaneously the data of a graded Lie algebra structure of degree $-\tau$ and a graded commutative algebra of degree $-\tau$ over $\mathcal{G}$ satisfying

$$[x, y \cdot z] = [x, y] \cdot z + (-1)^{(p-\tau) \cdot q} y \cdot [x, z],$$

with $x \in \mathcal{G}^p, y \in \mathcal{G}^q$.

The goal of the present paper is to show that the exterior algebra of a quadratic space admits a Poisson structure of degree -2 .

We organize this paper as follows. In Section 2, we present the notion of extension of the Lie bracket. In Section 3, we recall the definition of a quadratic space. Finally Section 4 deals with Poisson bracket on $\bigwedge(E)$.

2. EXTENSION OF THE LIE BRACKET

Let V be a finite-dimensional (complex or real) vector space, and let V^* be its dual vector space.

We consider the exterior algebra of the direct sum of V and V^*

$$(2.1) \quad \bigwedge(V \oplus V^*) = \bigoplus_{n=-2}^{\infty} \left(\bigoplus_{p+q=n} (\bigwedge^{q+1} V^* \oplus \bigwedge^{p+1} V) \right).$$

We say that an element of $\bigwedge(V \oplus V^*)$ is of bidegree (p, q) and of degree $n = p + q$ if it belongs to $\bigwedge^{q+1} V^* \oplus \bigwedge^{p+1} V$. Thus elements of the base field are of bidegree $(-1, -1)$, elements of V (resp. V^*) are of bidegree $(0, -1)$ (resp. $(-1, 0)$), and a linear map $\mu : \bigwedge^2 V \rightarrow V$ (resp. $\gamma : V \rightarrow \bigwedge^2 V$) can be considered to be an element of $\bigwedge^2 V^* \oplus V$ (resp. $V^* \oplus \bigwedge^2 V$) which is of bidegree $(0, 1)$ (resp. $(1, 0)$).

Proposition 2.1. [3] *On the graded vector space $\bigwedge(V \oplus V^*)$ there exists a unique graded Lie bracket, called the big bracket, such that*

- (i) if $x, y \in V$, $[x, y] = 0$,
- (ii) if $\zeta, \eta \in V^*$, $[\zeta, \eta] = 0$,

- (iii) if $x \in V, \eta \in V^*, [x, \eta] = \langle \eta, x \rangle$,
- (iv) if $u, v, w \in \bigwedge (V \oplus V^*)$ are of degree $|u|, |v|, |w|$ respectively, then

$$(2.2) \quad [u, v \wedge w] = [u, v] \wedge w + (-1)^{|u||v|} v \wedge [u, w].$$

This last formula is called the graded Leibniz rule. The following proposition lists important properties of the big bracket.

Proposition 2.2. [3] *Let $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denote the big bracket. Then*

- (i) $\mu : \bigwedge^2 V \longrightarrow V$ is a Lie bracket if and only if $[\mu, \mu] = 0$.
- (ii) ${}^t\gamma : \bigwedge^2 V^* \longrightarrow V^*$ is a Lie bracket if and only if $[\gamma, \gamma] = 0$.
- (iii) Let $\mathcal{G} = (V, \mu)$ be a Lie algebra. Then γ is a 1-cocycle of $\mathcal{G}$ with values in $\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{G}$, where $\mathcal{G}$ acts on $\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{G}$ by the adjoint action, if and only if $[\mu, \gamma] = 0$.

By the graded commutativity of the big bracket,

$$(2.3) \quad [\mu, \gamma] = [\gamma, \mu].$$

By the bilinearity and graded skew-symmetry of the big bracket, one has

$$(2.4) \quad [\mu + \gamma, \mu + \gamma] = [\mu, \mu] + 2[\mu, \gamma] + [\gamma, \gamma].$$

Using the bigrading of $\bigwedge (V \oplus V^*)$, we see that the conditions

$$(2.5) \quad [\mu + \gamma, \mu + \gamma] = 0$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad [\mu, \mu] = 0, [\mu, \gamma] = 0, [\gamma, \gamma] = 0$$

are equivalent.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{G} = (V, \mu)$ be a Lie algebra. Then:*

- (i) The map $d_\mu : a \longmapsto [\mu, a]$ is a derivation of degree 1 and of square 0 of the graded Lie algebra $\bigwedge (V \oplus V^*)$.
- (ii) If $a \in \bigwedge V$, then $d_\mu a = -\delta a$, where δ is the Lie algebra cohomology operator.
- (iii) For $a, b \in \bigwedge V$, let us set

$$(2.7) \quad [[a, b]] = [[a, \mu], b].$$

Then $[[\cdot, \cdot]]$ is a graded Lie bracket of degree 1 on V extending the Lie bracket of $\mathcal{G}$.

3. QUADRATIC SPACE

In the following E denotes a vector space over a commutative field $\mathbb{K}$ with a characteristic different from 2 and $\bigwedge(E) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigwedge^n(E)$ denotes the exterior algebra of E .

Recall that a derivation of $\bigwedge(E)$ of degree r , with $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, is a linear map

$$d : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$$

of degree r satisfying

$$d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d(\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^{p \cdot r} \alpha \wedge d(\beta)$$

for all $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$ and for all $\beta \in \bigwedge(E)$.

It is the same to say that a linear map

$$d : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$$

is a derivation of degree r if and only if d is of degree r and that

$$(3.1) \quad d(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) = \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{(j-1) \cdot r} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge d(y_j) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q$$

for all $q \in \mathbb{N}$.

Recall that a quadratic form on E is a map $q : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$ such that:

- 1) $q(\lambda \cdot x) = \lambda^2 \cdot q(x)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$, $x \in E$;
- 2) the map

$$E \times E \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}, (x, y) \longmapsto \frac{1}{2} [q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)],$$

is a symmetric bilinear form.

A quadratic space structure on E is given by a symmetric bilinear form f on E .

In this case we say that the pair (E, f) is a quadratic space.

Proposition 3.1. *If (E, f) is a quadratic space, then the map*

$$q_f : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}, x \longmapsto f(x, x),$$

is a quadratic form.

Proof. Simple check. □

4. POISSON BRACKET ON $\bigwedge(E)$

In the following (E, f) is a quadratic space. For $x \in E$ and for $q \geq 1$ an integer, we have:

Proposition 4.1. *The map*

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} E^q &\longrightarrow \bigwedge^{q-1}(E), \\ (y_1, \dots, y_q) &\longmapsto \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f(x, y_j) y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \end{aligned}$$

is alternating multilinear. So there is a unique linear map

$$(4.2) \quad f_x^q : \bigwedge^q(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge^{q-1}(E)$$

such that

$$(4.3) \quad f_x^q(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) = \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f(x, y_j) y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q.$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. □

For $x = 0$, one has $f_x^q = 0$.

We set

$$f_x = f_x^1 + f_x^2 + \dots + f_x^q + \dots.$$

Thus $f_x : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$ is a linear map of degree -1 with $f_x|_{\bigwedge^q(E)} = f_x^q$.

Proposition 4.2. *The linear map*

$$(4.4) \quad f_x : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$$

is a derivation of degree -1 .

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_x(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) &= f_x^q(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f(x, y_j) y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge f(x, y_j) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge f_x(y_j) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Considering (3.1), we deduce that f_x is a derivation of degree -1 . $\square$

For a decomposable element $x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, $p \geq 1$, we have:

Proposition 4.3. *The map*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.5) \quad E^q &\longrightarrow \bigwedge^{q-2}(E), (y_1, \dots, y_q) \\
 &\longmapsto -(-1)^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f_{y_j}^p(x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q
 \end{aligned}$$

being alternating multilinear, then there exists a unique linear map

$$(4.6) \quad f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q : \bigwedge^q(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge^{q-2}(E)$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.7) \quad &f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) \\
 &= -(-1)^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f_{y_j}^p(x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for $p \geq 1$ and $q \geq 1$, we have

$$(4.8) \quad f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q(y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) = -(-1)^{pq} \cdot f_{y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q}^p(x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p).$$

Proof. The proof of the existence and uniqueness of the linear map $f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q$ is obvious.

On the other hand, for the proof of the last assertion, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q (y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) \\
&= (-1)^p \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{i+j-1} f(x_i, y_j) \cdot x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{x}_i \wedge \dots \wedge x_p \wedge y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y}_j \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&= (-1)^p \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{i+j-1} \cdot (-1)^{(p-1)(q-1)} f(y_j, x_i) \cdot y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y}_j \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&\quad \wedge x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{x}_i \wedge \dots \wedge x_p \\
&= -(-1)^{pq} \cdot (-1)^q \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{i+j-1} f(y_j, x_i) \cdot y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y}_j \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&\quad \wedge x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{x}_i \wedge \dots \wedge x_p \\
&= -(-1)^{pq} \cdot f_{y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q}^p (x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p),
\end{aligned}$$

as desired. $\square$

We set $f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} = f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^1 + f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^2 + \dots + f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q + \dots$. From (4.8), we deduce by linearity the following result:

Corollary 4.1. *For $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$ and $\beta \in \bigwedge^q(E)$, with $p \geq 1$ and $q \geq 1$, we have:*

$$(4.9) \quad f_\alpha(\beta) = -(-1)^{p \cdot q} f_\beta(\alpha).$$

Thus $f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$ is a linear map of degree $p - 2$ with

$$f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} \big|_{\bigwedge^q(E)} = f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q.$$

Proposition 4.4. *The linear map*

$$f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$$

is a derivation of degree $p - 2$.

Proof. One has

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} (y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) \\
&= f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^q (y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) \\
&= -(-1)^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{j-1} f_{y_j}^p (x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) \wedge y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{y_j} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&= -(-1)^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{(j-1) \cdot p} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge f_{y_j}^p (x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&= -(-1)^p \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{(j-1) \cdot p} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge [-(-1)^p f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}^1 (y_j)] \wedge y_{j+1} \\
&\quad \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{(j-1) \cdot p} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} (y_j) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{(j-1)(p-2)} y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_{j-1} \wedge f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p} (y_j) \wedge y_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge y_q,
\end{aligned}$$

as required. $\square$

We denote, $Der_{\mathbb{K}} [\bigwedge(E)]$, the space of derivations (of all degrees) of $\bigwedge(E)$.

Proposition 4.5. *The map*

$$E^p \longrightarrow Der_{\mathbb{K}} [\bigwedge(E)], (x_1, \dots, x_p) \longmapsto f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p},$$

is alternating multilinear. Thus there exists a unique linear map

$$(4.10) \quad \widetilde{f}^p : \bigwedge^p(E) \longrightarrow Der_{\mathbb{K}} [\bigwedge(E)]$$

such that

$$(4.11) \quad \widetilde{f}^p (x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) = f_{x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p}.$$

Proof. The proof is obvious. $\square$

We set $\widetilde{f} = \widetilde{f}^1 + \widetilde{f}^2 + \dots + \widetilde{f}^p + \dots$. So when $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, then $\widetilde{f}(\alpha)$ is a derivation of $\bigwedge(E)$ of degree $p - 2$.

For $\alpha \in \bigwedge(E)$ and $\beta \in \bigwedge(E)$, we set

$$(4.12) \quad [\alpha, \beta]_f = [\tilde{f}(\alpha)](\beta).$$

We will, subsequently, show that this bracket defines a Poisson structure of degree -2 on $\bigwedge(E)$.

Note that when $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, then

$$(4.13) \quad \tilde{f}(\alpha) = f_\alpha.$$

By construction, we have:

$$(4.14) \quad \left[\mathbb{K}, \bigwedge(E) \right]_f = 0.$$

Theorem 4.1. *The map*

$$(4.15) \quad \bigwedge(E) \times \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E), (\alpha, \beta) \longmapsto [\alpha, \beta]_f,$$

is bilinear and of degree -2 .

Proof. The proof is immediate. □

Theorem 4.2. *For $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$ and $\beta \in \bigwedge^q(E)$, then*

$$(4.16) \quad [\alpha, \beta]_f = -(-1)^{p \cdot q} [\beta, \alpha]_f.$$

Proof. This follows from (4.13) and Corollary 4.1. □

Theorem 4.3. *For $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, $\beta \in \bigwedge^q(E)$ and $\gamma \in \bigwedge(E)$, then*

$$(4.17) \quad [\alpha, \beta \wedge \gamma]_f = [\alpha, \beta]_f \wedge \gamma + (-1)^{p \cdot q} \beta \wedge [\alpha, \gamma]_f.$$

Proof. Since $\tilde{f}(\alpha)$ is a derivation of degree $p - 2$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha, \beta \wedge \gamma]_f &= [\tilde{f}(\alpha)](\beta \wedge \gamma) \\ &= [\tilde{f}(\alpha)](\beta) \wedge \gamma + (-1)^{(p-2) \cdot q} \beta \wedge [\tilde{f}(\alpha)](\gamma) \\ &= [\alpha, \beta]_f \wedge \gamma + (-1)^{p \cdot q} \beta \wedge [\alpha, \gamma]_f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result. □

Theorem 4.4. *For $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, $\beta \in \bigwedge^q(E)$, then*

$$(4.18) \quad [\tilde{f}(\alpha), \tilde{f}(\beta)] = \tilde{f}([\alpha, \beta]_f)$$

where

$$[\tilde{f}(\alpha), \tilde{f}(\beta)] = \tilde{f}(\alpha) \circ \tilde{f}(\beta) - (-1)^{p,q} \tilde{f}(\beta) \circ \tilde{f}(\alpha).$$

Proof. Taking into account (3.1), for all $z \in E$, we check that

$$[\tilde{f}(\alpha), \tilde{f}(\beta)](z) = \tilde{f}([\alpha, \beta]_f)(z).$$

The result follows. $\square$

Theorem 4.5. *The pair $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f)$ is a Poisson algebra of degree -2 .*

Proof. Theorems 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 mean that the pair $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f)$ is a graded Lie algebra of degree -2 . Theorem 4.3 means that the triple $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f, \wedge)$ is a Poisson algebra of degree -2 . $\square$

As $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f)$ is a graded Lie algebra, we denote $\tilde{f}$ by ad_f . Thus we have $[ad_f(\alpha)](\beta) = [\alpha, \beta]_f$ and for $\alpha \in \bigwedge^p(E)$, the linear map

$$(4.19) \quad ad_f(\alpha) : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E)$$

is simultaneously a derivation (of degree $p - 2$) of graded Lie algebra and graded commutative Lie algebra.

An element $M \in \bigwedge^3(E)$ is said to be a proto-Lie bialgebra of the quadratic space (E, f) when $[M, M]_f = 0$. In this case, we say that the quadruple $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f, \wedge, M)$ is a proto-Lie bialgebra (for further details, we refer to [3] and references therein).

Proposition 4.6. *When the quadruple $(\bigwedge(E), [\cdot, \cdot]_f, \wedge, M)$ is a proto-Lie bialgebra, then the map*

$$(4.20) \quad ad_f(M) : \bigwedge(E) \longrightarrow \bigwedge(E), P \longmapsto [M, P]_f,$$

is a coboundary operator.

Proof. The map $ad_f(M)$ is obviously of degree $+1$. Since $ad_f(M)$ is a derivation of graded Lie algebra, then for $P \in \bigwedge(E)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [ad_f(M)]^2(P) &= [M, [M, P]_f]_f \\ &= [[M, M]_f, P]_f + (-1)^{3 \times 3} [M, [M, P]_f]_f \\ &= -[M, [M, P]_f]_f \\ &= -[ad_f(M)]^2(P). \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that $[ad_f(M)]^2(P) = 0$. Since P is arbitrary, it follows that $[ad_f(M)]^2 = 0$. This means that $ad_f(M)$ is a coboundary operator. $\square$

For $p \in \mathbb{N}$, we denote

$$(4.21) \quad H_f^p(M) = Ker([ad_f(M)]|_{\wedge^p(E)}) / Im([ad_f(M)]|_{\wedge^{p-1}(E)})$$

the cohomology space of degree p .

Proposition 4.7. *We have:*

- (1) $H_f^0(M) = \mathbb{K}$;
- (2) $H_f^1(M) = Ker([ad_f(M)]|_{\wedge^1(E)})$.

Proof. Simple check. $\square$

When V is a vector space over $\mathbb{K}$ and when V^* is the dual of V , then for $E = V + V^*$, the map

$$(4.22) \quad E \times E \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}, (v + \phi, w + \psi) \longmapsto \phi(w) + \psi(v),$$

is a symmetric bilinear form.

The Poisson bracket over $\wedge(E)$ defined by (4.22) is called "Big bracket" [3].

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