

Pullback of the splitting to \mathbb{E}^*

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We use notation of [1]. Let $\widetilde{\mathbb{E}^*}$ be the pullback of the cover of \mathbb{E}^1 to \mathbb{E}^* via the map $z \rightarrow z/\bar{z}$. The cocycle for $\widetilde{\mathbb{E}^*}$ is

$$c'(z, w) = c(z/\bar{z}, w/\bar{w})$$

Then any splitting ζ of the cocycle on \mathbb{E}^1 pulls back to a splitting ζ' of c' :

$$\zeta'(z) = \zeta(z/\bar{z})$$

In fact given ζ , every splitting of c' is of the form

$$\zeta'(z) = \zeta(z/\bar{z})\phi(z)$$

for a character ϕ of \mathbb{E}^* .

Recall ζ has a μ_n splitting where $n = 2, 4$ or 8 , depending on \mathbb{F} and \mathbb{E} .

Lemma 0.1 *The cocycle $c'(z, w)$ on \mathbb{E}^* has a μ_2 splitting.*

Proof. Let ζ be any splitting of the cocycle on \mathbb{E}^1 . Then $\alpha(z) := \zeta(z)^2$ is a character of \mathbb{E}^1 . This is an immediate consequence of the definition of a splitting, and the fact that $c(z, w) \in \mu_2$. Choose a character ϕ of \mathbb{E}^* satisfying:

$$\phi(z)^2 = \alpha(z/\bar{z})^{-1} \quad (z \in \mathbb{E}^*).$$

This is possible, since $\alpha((-z)/\overline{(-z)}) = \alpha(z/\bar{z})$. (That is, define $\phi(z^2) = \alpha(z/\bar{z})^{-1}$. This defines ϕ on \mathbb{E}^{*2} . Extend arbitrarily to \mathbb{E}^* .) Let

$$\zeta'(z) = \zeta(z/\bar{z})\phi(z)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'(z)^2 &= \zeta(z/\bar{z})^2\phi(z^2) \\ &= \alpha(z/\bar{z})\phi(z^2) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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References

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