

When  $m = 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ , check that

$$(f \wedge g)(u_1, \dots, u_{m+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{i-1} f(u_i) g(u_1, \dots, \widehat{u_i}, \dots, u_{m+1}),$$

where the hat over the argument  $u_i$  means that it should be omitted.

Here is another explicit example. Suppose  $m = 2$  and  $n = 1$ . Given  $v_1^*, v_2^*, v_3^* \in E^*$ , the multiplication structure on  $\bigwedge(E^*)$  implies that  $(v_1^* \wedge v_2^*) \cdot v_3^* = v_1^* \wedge v_2^* \wedge v_3^* \in \bigwedge^3(E^*)$ . Furthermore, for  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3(v_1^* \wedge v_2^* \wedge v_3^*)(u_1, u_2, u_3) &= \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_3} \text{sgn}(\sigma) v_{\sigma(1)}^*(u_1) v_{\sigma(2)}^*(u_2) v_{\sigma(3)}^*(u_3) \\ &= v_1^*(u_1) v_2^*(u_2) v_3^*(u_3) - v_1^*(u_1) v_3^*(u_2) v_2^*(u_3) \\ &\quad - v_2^*(u_1) v_1^*(u_2) v_3^*(u_3) + v_2^*(u_1) v_3^*(u_2) v_1^*(u_3) \\ &\quad + v_3^*(u_1) v_1^*(u_2) v_2^*(u_3) - v_3^*(u_1) v_2^*(u_2) v_1^*(u_3). \end{aligned}$$

Now the  $(2, 1)$ -shuffles of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  are the following three permutations, namely

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $f \cong \mu_2(v_1^* \wedge v_2^*)$  and  $g \cong \mu_1(v_3^*)$ , then  $(**)$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (f \cdot g)(u_1, u_2, u_3) &= \sum_{\sigma \in \text{shuffle}(2,1)} \text{sgn}(\sigma) f(u_{\sigma(1)}, u_{\sigma(2)}) g(u_{\sigma(3)}) \\ &= f(u_1, u_2) g(u_3) - f(u_1, u_3) g(u_2) + f(u_2, u_3) g(u_1) \\ &= \mu_2(v_1^* \wedge v_2^*)(u_1, u_2) \mu_1(v_3^*)(u_3) - \mu_2(v_1^* \wedge v_2^*)(u_1, u_3) \mu_1(v_3^*)(u_2) \\ &\quad + \mu_2(v_1^* \wedge v_2^*)(u_2, u_3) \mu_1(v_3^*)(u_1) \\ &= (v_1^*(u_1) v_2^*(u_2) - v_2^*(u_1) v_1^*(u_2)) v_3^*(u_3) \\ &\quad - (v_1^*(u_1) v_2^*(u_3) - v_2^*(u_1) v_1^*(u_3)) v_3^*(u_2) \\ &\quad + (v_1^*(u_2) v_2^*(u_3) - v_2^*(u_2) v_1^*(u_3)) v_3^*(u_1) \\ &= \mu_3(v_1^* \wedge v_2^* \wedge v_3^*)(u_1, u_2, u_3). \end{aligned}$$

As a result of all this, the direct sum

$$\text{Alt}(E) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \text{Alt}^n(E; K)$$

is an algebra under the above multiplication, and this algebra is isomorphic to  $\bigwedge(E^*)$ . For the record we state