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\csname $\langle token\ list \rangle$ \endcsname

This command produces a control sequence from $\langle token \ list \rangle$. It provides a way of synthesizing control sequences, including ones that you can't normally write. $\langle token \ list \rangle$ can itself include control sequences; it is expanded in the same way as the replacement text of an \edge definition (p. '\edge'). If the final expansion yields anything that isn't a character, TEX will complain. \csname goes from a list of tokens to a control sequence; you can go the other way with \string (p. '\string').

Example:

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