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If H is a Hopf algebra over a ground field k, then a multiplicative cocycle on H is a unital linear map $\sigma: H \otimes H \to k$ satisfying the identity

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \sigma) * (\sigma(id \otimes m)) = (\sigma \otimes \varepsilon) * (\sigma(m \otimes id))$$

in the convolution algebra $\operatorname{Hom}_k(H \otimes H \otimes H, k)$. If σ is such a map, then one can construct the cocycle twist H_{σ} of H by conjugating the multiplication m in H by σ , that is, $m_{\sigma} = \sigma * m * \sigma^{-1}$

I will describe various methods for computing multiplicative cocyles. These include exponential and q-exponential maps as well as cleft Hopf algebra extensions. Applications to the Andruskiewitsch-Schneider classification of pointed Hopf algebras will be considered. The talk is based on joint work with Luzius Grunenfelder. (Received September 20, 2010)