

[11.13] P is an element of grade p , and Q is an element of grade g .

Thus P , in general, is a sum of expressions with p n 's wedged together

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i n_{i1} \wedge n_{i2} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{ip}$$

$$= a_1 n_{11} \wedge n_{12} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{1p} + a_2 n_{21} \wedge n_{22} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{2p} + \dots + a_n n_{n1} \wedge n_{n2} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{np}$$

and similarly Q

$$Q = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j n_{n+j1} \wedge n_{n+j2} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+jg}$$

$$= b_1 n_{n+11} \wedge n_{n+12} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+1g} + b_2 n_{n+21} \wedge n_{n+22} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+2g}$$

$$+ \dots + b_m n_{n+m1} \wedge n_{n+m2} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+mg}$$

(The reason for using " $n+j$ " instead of just " j " is because, for example, the 1st expression for P is $a_1 n_{11} \wedge n_{12} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{1p}$. but the 1st expression for Q isn't $b_1 n_{11} \wedge n_{12} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{1g}$; rather Q must be free not to have to use n_{11} again. So I label the 1st expression in Q as $b_1 n_{n+11} \wedge n_{n+12} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+1g}$.)

Example:

$$p=2, n=3: P = a_1 n_1 \wedge n_2 + a_2 n_3 \wedge n_4 + a_3 n_5 \wedge n_6$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i n_{i1} \wedge n_{i2}, \text{ where } n_{11}=n_1, n_{12}=n_2, n_{21}=n_3, \text{ etc.}$$

$$g=3, m=2 \quad Q = b_1 n_7 \wedge n_8 \wedge n_9 + b_2 n_{10} \wedge n_{11} \wedge n_{12}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^2 b_j n_{3+j1} \wedge n_{3+j2} \wedge n_{3+j3}$$

$$\text{where } n_{41}=n_7, n_{42}=n_8, n_{43}=n_9, n_{51}=n_{10}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$P \wedge Q = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{[i} b_{j]} n_{i1} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{ip} \wedge n_{n+j1} \wedge \dots \wedge n_{n+jg}$$

Note that $a_{[i} b_{j]} = b_{[j} a_{i]}$. For example,

$$a_{[1} b_{2]} = \frac{1}{2} (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1) = \frac{1}{2} (b_2 a_1 - b_1 a_2) = b_{[2} a_{1]}$$

[11.13, P.2] Observe that

$$a_{[k} b_{j]} \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p} \wedge \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g}$$

$$= (-1)^p a_{[k} b_{j]} \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p} \wedge \eta_{n+j_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g}$$

$$= (-1)^{2p} a_{[k} b_{j]} \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \eta_{n+j_2} \wedge \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p} \wedge \eta_{n+j_3} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g}$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= (-1)^{gp} a_{[k} b_{j]} \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g} \wedge \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p}$$

$$= (-1)^{pg} b_{[j} a_{k]} \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g} \wedge \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p}$$

$$\text{So, } P \wedge Q = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{[k} b_{j]} \eta_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{n+j_g}$$

$$= (-1)^{pg} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n b_{[j} a_{k]} \eta_{n+j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_{k_p}$$

$$= (-1)^{pg} Q \wedge P$$

$$= \begin{cases} Q \wedge P & \text{if } p \text{ or } g \text{ or both are even} \\ -Q \wedge P & \text{if } p \text{ and } g \text{ are both odd} \end{cases}$$

[11.14] If p is odd, then by [11.13],

$$P \wedge P = -P \wedge P$$

$$\Rightarrow P \wedge P = 0$$