

[11.11] Recall that $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$ where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

$$\text{So } \binom{n}{0} = 1, \binom{n}{1} = n, \binom{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1), \binom{n}{3} = \frac{1}{3!}n(n-1)(n-2) = \frac{1}{6}n(n-1)(n-2),$$

$$\binom{n}{4} = \frac{n!}{(4!(n-4)!)} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{4!} = \frac{1}{24}n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)$$

Note that if you start with ordered subscripts p, q, r, s , as in $a_p b_q c_r d_s$, that any simple swap, like p, q, r , reverses sign; i.e. you get $-a_p b_q c_s d_r$.

Similarly for a, b, c, d . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} a \wedge b \wedge c \wedge d &= -a \wedge b \wedge d \wedge c = -a \wedge c \wedge b \wedge d = a \wedge c \wedge d \wedge b = a \wedge d \wedge b \wedge c = -a \wedge d \wedge c \wedge b \\ &= -b \wedge a \wedge c \wedge d = b \wedge a \wedge d \wedge c = b \wedge c \wedge a \wedge d = -b \wedge c \wedge d \wedge a = -b \wedge d \wedge a \wedge c = b \wedge d \wedge c \wedge a \\ &= c \wedge a \wedge b \wedge d = -c \wedge a \wedge d \wedge b = -c \wedge b \wedge a \wedge d = c \wedge b \wedge d \wedge a = c \wedge d \wedge a \wedge b = -c \wedge d \wedge b \wedge a \\ &= -d \wedge a \wedge b \wedge c = d \wedge a \wedge c \wedge b = d \wedge b \wedge a \wedge c = -d \wedge b \wedge c \wedge a = -d \wedge c \wedge a \wedge b = d \wedge c \wedge b \wedge a \end{aligned}$$

and for the coefficient of $\eta_p \eta_q \eta_r \eta_s$, where $q \neq p, r \neq p, q$, and $s \neq p, q, r$:

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{[p} b_q c_r d_{s]} \\ &= \frac{1}{24} (a_p b_q c_r d_s - a_p b_q c_s d_r - a_p b_r c_q d_s + a_p b_r c_s d_q + a_p b_s c_q d_r - a_p b_s c_r d_q \\ &\quad - a_q b_p c_r d_s + a_q b_p c_s d_r + a_q b_r c_p d_s - a_q b_r c_s d_p - a_q b_s c_p d_r + a_q b_s c_r d_p \\ &\quad + a_r b_p c_q d_s - a_r b_p c_s d_q - a_r b_q c_p d_s + a_r b_q c_s d_p + a_r b_s c_p d_q - a_r b_s c_q d_p \\ &\quad - a_s b_p c_q d_r + a_s b_p c_r d_q + a_s b_q c_p d_r - a_s b_q c_r d_p - a_s b_r c_p d_q + a_s b_r c_q d_p) \end{aligned}$$

and, if, for example

$$\begin{aligned} a &= a_1 \eta_1 + a_2 \eta_2 + a_3 \eta_3 + a_4 \eta_4 + 0 \eta_5 + \dots + 0 \eta_n \\ b &= b_1 \eta_1 + b_2 \eta_2 + b_3 \eta_3 + b_4 \eta_4 + \dots \\ c &= c_1 \eta_1 + c_2 \eta_2 + c_3 \eta_3 + c_4 \eta_4 + \dots \\ d &= d_1 \eta_1 + d_2 \eta_2 + d_3 \eta_3 + d_4 \eta_4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

then

$$a \wedge b \wedge c \wedge d = \sum_{p=1}^4 \sum_{q=1}^4 \sum_{r=1}^4 \sum_{s=1}^4 a_{[p} b_q c_r d_{s]} \eta_p \wedge \eta_q \wedge \eta_r \wedge \eta_s$$

(Note: Terms are zero unless p, q, r , and s are distinct.)

[11.11. P2]

In general, if

$$a = a_1 n_{11} + a_2 n_{12} + a_3 n_{13} + a_4 n_{14} = \sum_{p=1}^4 a_p n_{1p}$$

$$b = b_1 n_{21} + b_2 n_{22} + b_3 n_{23} + b_4 n_{24} = \sum_{q=1}^4 b_q n_{2q}$$

$$c = c_1 n_{31} + c_2 n_{32} + c_3 n_{33} + c_4 n_{34} = \sum_{r=1}^4 c_r n_{3r}$$

$$d = d_1 n_{41} + d_2 n_{42} + d_3 n_{43} + d_4 n_{44} = \sum_{s=1}^4 d_s n_{4s}$$

(where possibly some $n_{ij} = n_{kl}$ when $(i,j) \neq (k,l)$);

$$a \wedge b \wedge c \wedge d = \sum_{p=1}^4 \sum_{q=1}^4 \sum_{r=1}^4 \sum_{s=1}^4 a_p b_q c_r d_s n_{1p} \wedge n_{2q} \wedge n_{3r} \wedge n_{4s}$$