

A development document for Geometric Algebra using wxMaxima

Exercise 5.14, VAGC page 67 for the gradient of a vector function in 2D only

Initialization

(%i26) ext:["wxm"]\$
file_type_maxima:append(ext,file_type_maxima)\$
batchload("initialize_fns")\$

the pseudoscalar and its inverse
the lowest useable dimension pseudoscalar should be {e1,e2} i.e. Plen = 2
e.g. for four dimensions edit Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3}\$ to Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3,e4}\$

(%i1) Pseudos:{e1,e2}\$
Pvar:listofvars(Pseudos)\$
Plen:length(Pvar)\$
I:Pseudos\$
ni:(Plen-1)*Plen/2\$
Ii:(-1)^ni*I\$
kill(ni)\$
ldisplay(Pvar)\$

(%t8) Pvar=[e1,e2]

(%i9) batchload("initialize_lsts")\$

(%t9) lstblds=[[{ e1 } , { e2 }],[{ e1,e2 }]]
(%t10) allblds=[{ e1 } , { e2 } , { e1,e2 }]
(%t11) invblds=[{ e1 } , { e2 } , - { e1,e2 }]

end of Initialization

set derivabbrev:false\$

(%i12) derivabbrev:false\$

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form the coordinate vector, x from the lists of coefficients in 2D only!

(%i13) xstr:"x"\$
xlst:lstvector(xstr)\$
ldisplay(xlst)\$

(%t15) xlst=[x1,x2,0]

(%i16) x:makevector(xlst)\$
ldisplay(x)\$

(%t17) x={e2}*x2+{e1}*x1

form the vector valued function

(%i18) f(x1,x2):=f1(x1,x2)*{e1}+f2(x1,x2)*{e2}\$
fx:ev(f(x1,x2))\$
ldisplay(fx)\$

(%t20) fx={e2}*f2(x1,x2)+{e1}*f1(x1,x2)

Exercise 5.14, part a)

(%i21) Fstr:"fx"\$
divF:mvdiv(Fstr,xlst)\$
ldisplay(divF)\$

(%t23) divF={e2}&.*\left(\frac{d}{d*x2}*fx\right)+{e1}&.*\left(\frac{d}{d*x1}*fx\right)

(%i24) divf:ev(divF,diff)\$
ldisplay(divf)\$

(%t25)/R/ divf=-\frac{d}{d*x1}*f1(x1,x2)+\frac{d}{d*x2}*f2(x1,x2)

Exercise 5.14, part b)

(%i26) Fstr:"fx"\$
curlF:mvcurl(Fstr,xlst)\$
ldisplay(curlF)\$

(%t28) curlF={e2}&^\left(\frac{d}{d*x2}*fx\right)+{e1}&^\left(\frac{d}{d*x1}*fx\right)

(%i29) ev(curlF,diff)\$
curlf:facsum(%,allblds)\$
ldisplay(curlf)\$

(%t31) curlf={e1,e2}*\left(\frac{d}{d*x1}*f2(x1,x2)-\frac{d}{d*x2}*f1(x1,x2)\right)

N.B. gradF = divF + curlF for vectors, so test the function mvgrad() once again

(%i32) Fstr:"fx"\$
gradF:mvgrad(Fstr,xlst)\$
ldisplay(gradF)\$

(%t34) gradF={e2}&.*\left(\frac{d}{d*x2}*fx\right)+{e1}&.*\left(\frac{d}{d*x1}*fx\right)

(%i35) ev(gradF,diff)\$
gradf:facsum(%,allblds)\$
ldisplay(gradf)\$

(%t37) gradf=-\frac{d}{d*x2}*f2(x1,x2)+{e1,e2}*\left(\frac{d}{d*x1}*f2(x1,x2)-\frac{d}{d*x2}*f1(x1,x2)\right)+\frac{d}{d*x1}*f1(x1,x2)

(%i38) divf+curlf\$
is(equal(gradf,%));

(%o39) true