

An application document for Geometric Algebra using wxMaxima

Ref: The Survey, para.4.1.2,

investigate the use of the fourth axis,  $g_4 = e_4$  to imitate  $G(1,3)$

Initialization

```
(%i42) 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  $\{e_1,e_2\}$  i.e.  $Plen = 2$   
e.g. for four dimensions edit `Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3}$` to `Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3,e4}$`

```
(%i1) Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3,e4}$
      Pvar:listofvars(Pseudos)$
      Plen:length(Pvar)$
      I:Pseudos$
      ni:(Plen-1)*Plen/2$
      li:(-1)^ni*I$
      kill(ni)$
      ldisplay(Pvar)$
```

```
(%t8) Pvar=[e1,e2,e3,e4]
```

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

```
(%t9) lstblds=[[{e1},{e2},{e3},{e4}],[{e1,e2},{e1,e3},{e1,e4},{e2,e3},{e2,e4},{e3,e4}],[{e1,e2,e3},{e1,e2,e4},{e1,e3,e4},{e2,e3,e4}],[{e1,e2,e3,e4}]]
(%t10) allblds=[[{e1},{e2},{e3},{e4},{e1,e2},{e1,e3},{e1,e4},{e2,e3},{e2,e4},{e3,e4},{e1,e2,e3},{e1,e2,e4},{e1,e3,e4},{e2,e3,e4},{e1,e2,e3,e4}]]
(%t11) invblds=[[{e1},{e2},{e3},{e4},-{e1,e2},-{e1,e3},-{e1,e4},-{e2,e3},-{e2,e4},-{e3,e4},-{e1,e2,e3},-{e1,e2,e4},-{e1,e3,e4},-{e2,e3,e4},{e1,e2,e3,e4}]
```

end of Initialization

```
set derivabbrev:false$
```

```
(%i12) derivabbrev:false$
```

The Survey, ref. para 4.1.2  
investigate the use of the fourth axis with  $g_4 = e_4$

in order to imitate  $G(1,3)$  use these gammas

```
(%i13) g1:%i*{e1}$
      g2:%i*{e2}$
      g3:%i*{e3}$
      g4:{e4}$
```

allocate the inner products to definite axes for  $G(1,3)$  using  $g_4$  as the time axis

```
(%i17) g1&.g1;
      g2&.g2;
      g3&.g3;
      g4&.g4;
```

```
(%o17)/R/ - 1
(%o18)/R/ - 1
(%o19)/R/ - 1
(%o20)/R/ 1
```

the spacetime coordinate vector using these gammas

```
(%i21) x:x1*g1+x2*g2+x3*g3+t*g4;
```

```
(%o21) %i*{e3}*x3+%i*{e2}*x2+%i*{e1}*x1+{e4}*t
```

examine a spacetime split using  $g_4 = e_4$

```
(%i22) x&^g4$
      space:collectterms(%,%i);
```

```
(%o23) %i*({e3,e4}*x3+{e2,e4}*x2+{e1,e4}*x1)
```

```
(%i24) time:x&.g4;
```

```
(%o24)/R/ t
```

now specify some "sigma" bivectors (printed bold although they are bivectors)

```
(%i25) s1:g1&^g4;
      s2:g2&^g4;
      s3:g3&^g4;
```

```
(%o25)/R/ {e1,e4}*%i
(%o26)/R/ {e2,e4}*%i
(%o27)/R/ {e3,e4}*%i
```

b(old)x space using the sigmas

```
(%i28) x1*s1+x2*s2+x3*s3$
      bx:collectterms(%,%i)$
      is(equal(bx,space))$
      ldisplay(%,bx)$
```

```
(%t31) %=true
(%t32) bx=%i*({e3,e4}*x3+{e2,e4}*x2+{e1,e4}*x1)
```

typical sigma products

```
(%i33) s1&*s1;
      s2&.s3;
```

```
(%o33)/R/ 1
(%o34) 0
```

```
(%i35) s1&*s3;
      s3&*s1;
```

```
(%o35)/R/ {e1,e3}
(%o36)/R/ -{e1,e3}
```

using the spacetime coordinate vector, x from above;  
compute...to find the spacetime interval used in para.4.1.2;

```
(%i37) x&*x;
```

```
(%o37)/R/ -x3^2-x2^2-x1^2+t^2
```

so the above coordinate vector, x could be used to imitate  $G(1,3)$   
with  $g_4$  as the worldline tangent vector