

A short development document for Geometric Algebra with wxMaxima just to test some calculus functions within the GAWxM environment, contains...

Initialization

Loading of functions (intrinsic and GA specific)

Pseudoscalar definition (specifies the space dimension) and

Calculation of the inverse pseudoscalar used to generate the dual of a multivector

Enumeration of the standard basis for the specified dimension

Problem 3.5.2, VAGC page 40 for the directional derivative of vector x^{-1} using the multivector notation for direction A and coordinate C

Initialization

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(%i38) 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: $\{e_1,e_2,e_3\}$ to Pseudos: $\{e_1,e_2,e_3,e_4\}$

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(%i1) Pseudos:{e1,e2,e3}$
      Pvar:listofvars(Pseudos)$
      Plen:length(Pvar)$
      I:Pseudos$
      ni:(Plen-1)*Plen/2$
      Ii:(-1)^ni*I$
      kill(ni)$
      ldisplay(Pvar)$
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(%t8) Pvar=[e1,e2,e3]
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(%i9) batchload("initialize_lsts")$
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(%t9) lstblds=[[{e1},{e2},{e3}],[{e1,e2},{e1,e3},{e2,e3}],[{e1,e2,e3}]]
(%t10) allblds=[{e1},{e2},{e3},{e1,e2},{e1,e3},{e2,e3},{e1,e2,e3}]
(%t11) invblds=[{e1},{e2},{e3},-{e1,e2},-{e1,e3},-{e2,e3},-{e1,e2,e3}]
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end of Initialization

set derivabbrev:false\$

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(%i12) derivabbrev:false$
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coefficients of the non-zero grades of the 'direction' multivector, A

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(%i13) Alst:[a1,a2,a3,0,0,0,0]$
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coefficients of the non-zero grades of the 'coordinate' multivector, C

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(%i14) Clst:[c1,c2,c3,0,0,0,0]$
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form the coordinate and direction vectors from the lists of coefficients

```
(%i15) eJ:allblds$
      lenlst:2^Plen-1$
      C:0$
      A:0$
      for j:1 thru lenlst do
      block(C:C+Clst[j]*eJ[j],
      A:A+Alst[j]*eJ[j])$
      ldisplay(C,A)$
```

```
(%t20) C=c3*{e3}+c2*{e2}+c1*{e1}
(%t21) A=a3*{e3}+a2*{e2}+a1*{e1}
```

form the function, F(X) from the Hint in the problem

```
(%i22) F(C):=C*normod(C)^-2$
      FX:ev(F(C))$
      ldisplay(FX)$
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(%t24) FX = 
$$\frac{c_3 \{e_3\} + c_2 \{e_2\} + c_1 \{e_1\}}{c_3^2 + c_2^2 + c_1^2}$$

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show the function mvderiv() in action and form DdF!

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(%i25) Fstr:"F"$
      derivF:mvderiv(Fstr,Clst,Alst)$
      ldisplay(derivF)$
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(%t27) derivF = 
$$a_3 \left( \frac{d}{d \cdot c_3} * F \right) + a_2 \left( \frac{d}{d \cdot c_2} * F \right) + a_1 \left( \frac{d}{d \cdot c_1} * F \right)$$

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(%i28) F:FX$
      DdF:ev(derivF,diff);
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(%o29) a3*
$$\left( \frac{\{e_3\}}{c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2} - \frac{2*c_3*(c_3*\{e_3\}+c_2*\{e_2\}+c_1*\{e_1\})}{(c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2)^2} \right) + a2*$$


$$\left( \frac{\{e_2\}}{c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2} - \frac{2*c_2*(c_3*\{e_3\}+c_2*\{e_2\}+c_1*\{e_1\})}{(c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2)^2} \right) + a1*$$


$$\left( \frac{\{e_1\}}{c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2} - \frac{2*c_1*(c_3*\{e_3\}+c_2*\{e_2\}+c_1*\{e_1\})}{(c_3^2+c_2^2+c_1^2)^2} \right)$$

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confirm that the calculated DdF is the same as the formula given in the Problem

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(%i30) n2:normod(C)^2$
      Q1:A/n2;
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(%o31) 
$$\frac{a_3 \{e_3\} + a_2 \{e_2\} + a_1 \{e_1\}}{c_3^2 + c_2^2 + c_1^2}$$

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(%i32) Q2:-2*A&C/n2^2;
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(%o32)/R/ - 
$$\frac{2*c_3*a_3+2*c_2*a_2+2*c_1*a_1}{c_3^4+(2*c_2^2+2*c_1^2)*c_3^2+c_2^4+2*c_1^2*c_2^2+c_1^4}$$

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(%i33) rhs:Q1+Q2*C$
      is(equal(DdF,rhs));
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(%o34) true
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