

## Direct Construction of Clifford and Geometric Algebras and their basic algebraic Structures v.2.0.

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### Abstract

This is a simple way rigorously to construct Grassmann, Clifford and Geometric Algebras, allowing degenerate bilinear forms, infinite dimension, using fields or modules (characteristic 2 with limitations for certain Clifford algebras), and characterize the algebras in a coordinate free form.

The construction is done in an orthogonal basis, and the algebras characterized by universality.

Most properties are with short proofs provides a clear foundation for application of the algebras.

A comprehensive formula collection is established.

Various conditions for non-universality are established. For such algebras conditions for reversion and Clifford conjugation are found.

Some properties or proofs might be new in this context, e.g. factor expansion and parallel projection.

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## Chapter 1 Definition of Clifford algebras

### Introduction

Often proof of the existence of Grassmann or Clifford algebras are bypassed, or Chevalley's tensor approach is taken. Pure mathematical books may present a lot of structures before coming to these algebras [2,3,5]. Here a direct approach is described.

## Preliminaries

Our starting-point may e.g. be the real number field  $\mathbb{R}$ , a linear space  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  with basis  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$  ..., and indices  $M = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  usually ordered by  $<$ . Also used is a quadratic mapping  $q(i) = B(e_i, e_i)$ , where  $B$  is a bilinear form on  $V$  with diagonal form in the basis  $(e_i \mid i \in M)$ .

The basic idea behind Grassmann and Clifford algebras is, that products may give new elements, e.g.  $e_1 e_2 = e_{\{1,2\}}$ . Here a common construction will cover both algebras.

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the new product should fulfill generator equations  $e_1 e_2 = -e_2 e_1$ ,  $e_i e_i = q(e_i) \in \mathbb{R}$  and be associative. Then a product may be reordered and reduced to get a standard form without repetitions, as in

$$e_{\{1,2\}} e_3 e_1 e_2 = -e_1 e_2 e_1 e_3 e_2 = e_1 e_1 e_2 e_3 e_2 = -e_1 e_1 e_2 e_2 e_3 = -q(e_1) q(e_2) e_3$$

The product properties gives a dimension  $\leq 2^n$ , as there are  $2^n$  subsets of  $M$ .

The first goal of the algebra construction is to equip  $W = \mathbb{R}^{2^n}$  with a Clifford product.

A basis for  $W$  is  $(e_K \mid K \subseteq M)$ . Submodules of  $W$  are the scalars  $R e_\emptyset$  and  $V$  by identifying  $e_i$  with  $e_{\{i\}}$ .

Sets as indices gives a compact construction. It can indeed be used together with multiindex:

$$e_4 e_3 e_5 = e_{\{4,3,5\}} = -e_{\{4,3,5\}} = -e_{\{3,4,5\}}.$$

Also allowed  $e_{43} = -e_{34} = -e_{\{3,4\}}$ , when misunderstanding is not probable.

## Conventions

The following notation and definitions will be used. An algebra  $A$  is a linear space equipped with a bilinear and associative composition having a unit  $1_A$ . An algebra morphism is supposed to map unit to unit. All the algebras are over the same set of scalars,  $R$ . Silently  $x, y$  will be elements in a linear space  $V$  and  $X, Y$  elements in the algebra at hand.

The cardinality of the set  $K$  is denoted  $|K|$ . Multiindices are always subsets taken from a totally ordered set, and as such totally ordered.

For a index set  $H$  we use  $k < H$  in the meaning  $\forall h \in H(k < h)$ , implying  $k < \emptyset$  is true.

A product for increasing indices is marked with  $\uparrow$  and decreasing with  $\downarrow$ .

Moreover  $\uparrow$  and  $\in$  may be omitted like in  $\prod_{i \in I, \uparrow} a_i = \prod_I a_i$ .

$H \Delta J = (H \cup J) \setminus (H \cap J)$  is the symmetric set difference, which is associative.

## Definition of a Clifford algebra

To make the exposition general we may assume

1.  $\mathbb{K}$  is a commutative ring of *scalars* with unit  $1 \neq 0$ , and  $\mathbb{K}^\times = \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$ . Small Greek characters have usually scalar values.
2.  $V$  is a free unitary left  $\mathbb{K}$ -module
3.  $B: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is a bilinear form with diagonal form in the basis  $(e_i \mid i \in M)$ ,  $q(e_i) = B(e_i, e_i)$  and  $M$  is totally ordered by a relation  $<$ .
4.  $W = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of finite subsets of index set  $M$ .

The standard basis for  $W$  is  $(e_K \mid K \in \mathcal{F})$ . By identifying  $e_i$  with  $e_{\{i\}}$  we consider  $V$  a submodule of  $W$ .

The scalars  $\mathbb{K} e_\emptyset$  are identified with  $\mathbb{K}$  where it does not give problems.

NB:  $V = \{0\} \Rightarrow W = \mathbb{K} e_\emptyset = \mathbb{K}$

NB: Instead of  $W$  any other free unitary  $\mathbb{K}$ -module with  $(\Pi_K e_k \mid K \in \mathcal{F})$  as basis can be used.

NB: If  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field with characteristic different from 2, and  $V$  has finite dimension, then any symmetric bilinear form on  $V$  has an orthogonal basis.

*Definition 1.1. A Clifford algebra  $U$  over  $B$ , is an algebra containing  $V$ , such that*

1.  $\forall_{x \in V} : x^2 = B(x, x) 1_U$
2.  $V$  generates  $U$
3.  $V \cap \mathbb{K} 1_U = \{0\}$ .

*Let  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  be the category of Clifford algebras over  $B$ .*

*$U$  is called (initial-) **universal** in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$ , if*

4. *Any linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow A$  into an algebra  $A$ , such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ , has a unique extension to algebra morphism  $F: U \rightarrow A$ . This extension is called the universal extension.*

*Theorem 1.2. Assume algebras  $U_i$  are universal in  $\mathcal{A}(V_i, B_i)$ ,  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear and  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear.*

*Then  $f$  has a unique extension,  $F: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$  to an algebra morphism, which is an isomorphism, if  $f$  is bijective.*

*Proof:* Universality gives a unique extension of  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  to an algebra morphisms  $F: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ .

*If  $f$  is bijective, then from  $f^{-1}$  we likewise get  $G: U_2 \rightarrow U_1$ .*

*As  $F \circ G$  is identity on  $V_2$ , uniqueness of extension by universality implies  $\text{id}_{U_2} = F \circ G$ , and likewise  $\text{id}_{U_1} = G \circ F$ . Thus  $F$  and  $G$  are isomorphisms.*

Now the following two corollaries are obvious.

*Corollary 1.3. An universal algebra in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  is uniquely determined aside from isomorphisms fixing  $V$ .*

*Corollary 1.4. Assume algebras  $U_i$  are universal in  $\mathcal{A}(V_i, B_i)$  and  $f_i: V_i \rightarrow V_{i+1}$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear.*

*Let  $F_i: U_i \rightarrow U_{i+1}$  be the unique extensions to algebra morphisms.*

*Then the unique extension of  $f_k \circ \dots \circ f_1$  to an algebra morphism is  $F_k \circ \dots \circ F_1$ .*

## Chapter 2 Construction of a universal Clifford algebra

### Construction

The construction needs help functions  $\alpha, \beta$ . If  $H, J$  are index sets, then ordering the list concatenation of  $H$  and  $J$  ascending by swapping neighbors contributes a factor to  $\alpha$  of  $-1$  each time. It can be done successively starting in the highest end of  $H$  comparing for swapping from the lowest end of  $J$ . This gives the factor  $\alpha(H, J)$ . Then identical neighbors is multiplied and removed, which gives a factor  $q(e_i)$  absorbed in  $\beta$ .

*Definition 2.1. Let for sets  $H, J \in \mathcal{F}$*

$$\alpha(H, J) = \prod (-1) \text{ for } (h, j) \in H \times J \text{ and } h > j$$

$$\beta(H, J) = \prod q(e_i) \text{ for } i \in H \cap J,$$

$$\sigma = \alpha \beta$$

NB: Allowed here is to use a single element  $i$  in  $M$ , instead of the set  $\{i\}$ .

### Proof of existence of a Clifford algebra over $B$ .

*Theorem 2.2. Define a product  $(X, Y) \rightarrow XY$  in  $W$  by  $e_H e_J = \sigma(H, J) e_{H \Delta J}$  and bilinearity.*

*Then  $W$  becomes a Clifford algebra in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$ .*

Proof: In definition 1.1 properties 2-3 are true by construction. Now to property 1.

As the associative law  $(x y) z = x (y z)$  is multilinear, it needs only be verified for basis elements:

$$(e_H e_J) e_K = \sigma(H, J) e_{H \Delta J} e_K = \sigma(H, J) \sigma(H \Delta J, K) e_{(H \Delta J) \Delta K},$$

$$e_H (e_J e_K) = \sigma(J, K) e_H e_{J \Delta K} = \sigma(H, J \Delta K) \sigma(J, K) e_{H \Delta (J \Delta K)}$$

Equality of the two expression follow from  $\Delta$  being associative, and the lemma below.

As  $e_\emptyset e_K = \sigma(\emptyset, K) e_K = e_K = \sigma(K, \emptyset) e_K = e_K e_\emptyset$ , we get  $e_\emptyset = 1_W = 1$ .

Moreover and  $e_i e_i = \sigma(i, i) e_\emptyset = q(e_i) e_\emptyset$  and  $i < j \Rightarrow (e_i e_j = \sigma(i, j) e_{\{i,j\}} = e_{\{i,j\}})$  and  $e_j e_i = -e_{\{i,j\}} = -e_i e_j$ .

Hence  $x = \sum_i \lambda_i e_i$  imply  $x^2 = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_i \lambda_j e_i e_j = \sum \lambda_i^2 e_i^2$  and finally

$$B(x, x) = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_i \lambda_j B(e_i, e_j) = \sum \lambda_i^2 B(e_i, e_i) = \sum \lambda_i^2 e_i^2 = x^2.$$

*Lemma 2.3.*  $\sigma(H, J) \sigma(H \triangle J, K) = \sigma(H, J \triangle K) \sigma(J, K)$ ,

Proof: As  $\alpha^2 = 1$  we get  $\alpha(H \triangle J, K) = \alpha(HJ, K) \alpha(J \setminus H, K) \alpha(J \cap H, K)^2 = \alpha(H, K) \alpha(J, K)$  and likewise  $\alpha(H, J \triangle K) = \alpha(H, J) \alpha(H, K)$ . Thus the equation is obvious for the  $\alpha$ -part of  $\sigma$ .

Using the temporary notation like  $\bar{K} = MK$  and  $[HJK]$  for the product of  $q(e_i)$  for  $i \in H \cap J \cap K$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(H, J) &= [HJK][HJ\bar{K}], & \text{and} \\ \beta(H, J) \beta(H \triangle J, K) &= [HJK][HJ\bar{K}][H\bar{J}K][\bar{H}JK] = \beta(H, J \triangle K) \beta(J, K). \end{aligned}$$

*Corollary 2.4.*  $e_I = \Pi_I e_i$ .

Proof: Use induction and  $H < j \Rightarrow e_H e_j = \sigma(H, \{j\}) e_{H \cup \{j\}} = e_{H \cup \{j\}}$ .

### Proof of existence of a *universal* Clifford algebra over $B$ .

*Theorem 2.5. 1.*  $W$  is universal in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$ .

Hence  $W$  is uniquely determined by universality in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  aside from isomorphism.

$W$  is denoted  $C\ell(B, V)$  or  $C\ell(B)$ .

2. If  $(a_i \mid i \in M')$  be an orthogonal basis for  $V$ , then  $(a_K \mid K \subseteq M', K \text{ finite})$  is a basis for  $C\ell(B, V)$ .
3. The Clifford product is independent of selection of orthogonal basis, if the product is constructed in  $C\ell(B, V)$ .

Proof: 1. We shall prove that to any algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and any linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ , there exists a unique algebra morphism  $F: W \rightarrow A$  that extends  $f$ .

Therefore define a linear mapping  $F: W \rightarrow A$  necessarily by  $F(e_\emptyset) = 1_A$ , and  $F(e_K) = \Pi_{k \in K} f(e_k)$ .

For  $i \neq j$  and  $x = e_i + e_j$ , we get  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A \Rightarrow f(e_i) f(e_j) = -f(e_j) f(e_i)$  by expansion.

Let  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_p\}$  and  $K = \{k_1, \dots, k_q\}$  with increasing indices. Then

$$F(e_H) F(e_K) = f(e_{h_1}) \dots f(e_{h_p}) f(e_{k_1}) \dots f(e_{k_q}).$$

If  $h_p > k_1$ , then  $f(e_{k_1})$  is swapped with  $f(e_{h_p})$ , and so on for decreasing  $h$ -indices.

This is compensated with a factor  $\alpha(H, k_1)$ . Reducing for two identical elements gives a factor  $\beta(H, k_1)$ .

The same proces is next done with  $f(e_{k_2})$ , and this continues until  $f(e_{k_q})$ . The total factor becomes  $\sigma(H, K)$ .

$$\text{Thus } F(e_H) F(e_K) = \sigma(H, K) F(e_{H \triangle K}) = F(e_H e_K).$$

2. Construct a new Clifford algebra  $C\ell(B, V)'$  from the basis  $(a_i)$ . Then  $(a_K \mid K \subseteq M', K \text{ finite})$  is a basis for  $C\ell(B, V)'$ .

By corollary 1.3 there exists a unique algebra isomorphism  $F: C\ell(B, V)' \rightarrow C\ell(B, V)$  fixing  $V$ .

Therefore, as  $(F(a_K)) = (\Pi_K F(a_k)) = (a_K)$ , we get  $(a_K \mid K \subseteq M', K \text{ finite})$  is a basis for  $C\ell(B, V)$ .

3. The construction of  $C\ell(B, V)'$  can be transferred by  $F$  to  $C\ell(B, V)$ . By this isomorphism the

Clifford product in  $\mathcal{C}\ell(B, V)'$  is transferred to that of  $\mathcal{C}\ell(B, V)$ .

NB: In proofs it is often a simplification to use  $W$  for  $\mathcal{C}\ell(B, V)$

*Definition 2.6. Let  $\mathbb{R}^{p,q,r}$  be a real vector space of dimension  $n = p + q + r$  with a symmetric bilinear-form  $B$  that in diagonal form has  $(p, q, r)$  times  $(1, -1, 0)$ 's respectively in that order. To this correspond a Clifford algebra  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q,r}$ . If  $r = 0$ ,  $r$  can be omitted. The complex case  $\mathbb{C}_{p,r}$  is defined likewise, but without  $q$  and  $-1$ .*

Example. (Generators). Let a real universal Clifford algebra is given by generators:  $e_1^2 = e_2^2 = -1$ ,  $e_1 e_2 = -e_2 e_1$ . It just gives a little extra work to find a suitable bilinearform  $B$ . Here in basis  $(e_1 e_2)$  we get  $B$  as a diagonal matrix  $(-1, -1)$ . It turns out that  $\mathcal{C}\ell(B, \mathbb{R}^2) = \mathbb{R}_{0,2}$ , and this is a version of the quaternions,  $\mathbb{H}$ , with  $e_0 = 1$ ,  $e_1 \rightarrow i$ ,  $e_2 \rightarrow j$ ,  $e_{12} \rightarrow k$ .

Example. (Non-universality). In the real universal Clifford algebra  $\mathbb{R}_{0,3}$ ,  $q = (1 + e_{123})/2$  belong to the center, and thus commutes with any other element. Let  $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{R}_{0,3} q = q \mathbb{R}_{0,3}$ .  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal, as  $q^2 = q$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{0,3} \mathcal{I} = \mathbb{R}_{0,3} \mathbb{R}_{0,3} q = \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \mathbb{R}_{0,3} = q \mathbb{R}_{0,3} \mathbb{R}_{0,3} = \mathcal{I}$ .  $\mathcal{I}$  is proper, as  $q(1 - e_{123})/2 = 0$  and  $q \in \mathcal{I}$ . It turns out (theorem 6.6) that  $\mathbb{R}_{0,3}/\mathcal{I}$  is a non-universal Clifford algebra. It is also a version of the quaternions with  $e_0 = 1$ ,  $e_1 \rightarrow i$ ,  $e_2 \rightarrow j$ ,  $e_3 \rightarrow k$ .

The examples show that universality can not be determined from an algebra alone, it also requires knowledge of the underlying vector space or module.

## Chapter 3 The Grassmann algebra over $V$

### The Grassmann algebra over $V$ . Blades

In the case  $B = 0$ , we have an exterior or a Grassmann algebra  $\Lambda(V) = \mathcal{C}\ell(0, V)$  where the product is denoted  $\wedge$  and named the outer product. Outer products of elements in  $V$  is called *blades*, when they are non-zero.

*Theorem 3.1. In  $\Lambda(V)$  define the submodule of elements of grade  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  by*

$$\Lambda_r(V) = \text{span} \{ \wedge_{i=1}^r a_i \mid a_i \in V \} \text{ for } r \geq 0 \text{ and otherwise } \Lambda_r(V) = \{0\}.$$

*This makes  $\Lambda(V)$  a graded algebra, as obviously  $\Lambda_r(V) \wedge \Lambda_s(V) \subseteq \Lambda_{r+s}(V)$ .*

*Also define  $x \rightarrow \langle x \rangle_r$ , as the projection on  $\Lambda_r(V)$  along  $\bigoplus_{i \neq r} \Lambda_i(V)$ , and  $\langle x \rangle = \langle x \rangle_0$ .*

*Set  $\Lambda_{<p}(V) = \bigoplus_{i < p} \Lambda_i(V)$ , and also  $x \rightarrow \langle x \rangle_R = \bigoplus_{r \in R} \langle x \rangle_r$ , where  $R$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Then*

$$1. \quad \Lambda(V) = \bigoplus_r \Lambda_r(V) \text{ and } \Lambda_r(V) \wedge \Lambda_s(V) = \Lambda_{r+s}(V).$$

*If  $|M|$  is finite, then  $\text{rank}(\Lambda_{|M|}(V)) = 1$  and  $\Lambda_r(V) = 0$  for  $r > |M|$*

$$2. \quad x \wedge x = 0 \text{ and } x_1 \wedge x_2 = -x_2 \wedge x_1$$

3.  $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p$  is multilinear and alternating in the  $x$ -variables

NB: 0 is associated with any grade.

Proof: 1. In  $\Lambda(V)$  define  $\Omega_r = \text{span}\{e_K \mid |K| = r, K \in \mathcal{F}\}$  for  $r \geq 0$  and otherwise  $\Omega_r = \{0\}$ . Then clearly  $\Omega_r \subseteq \Lambda_r$

$\Lambda(V) = \bigoplus_r \Omega_r$  and  $\Omega_r \wedge \Omega_s = \Omega_{r+s}$ , which implies  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^r \Omega_1 = \Omega_r$  and therefore  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^r a_i \in \Omega_r$ . Thus  $\Omega_r = \Lambda_r$ .

If  $|M|$  is finite, then  $\Omega_{|M|} = \{\mathbb{K} e_M\}$  and  $r > |M| \Rightarrow \Omega_r = \{0\}$

2. In  $x \wedge x = B(x, x) = 0$  set  $x = x_1 + x_2$ .

3. The expression is multilinear by definition. Alternating means it is 0, if two arguments are identical. If  $x_i = x_j$ , then by swapping neighbors  $x_k = x_{k+1}$  can be obtained, and by (2) the product is 0.

Example: Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M = \{1\}$  and  $x_1 = 2e_1$ . Then  $x_1$  is linear independent, but can not be extended to a basis.

*Theorem 3.2. (Extension by outermorphism). A  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear mapping  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  has a unique extension,  $f_\wedge: \Lambda(V_1) \rightarrow \Lambda(V_2)$  to an algebra morphism, which is grade preserving. Moreover  $f_\wedge$  is bijective, if  $f$  is.*

Proof: As  $f(x) \wedge f(x) = 0$ , the assertion follows from universal extension, which is grade preserving, as a Grassmann algebra morphism.

## Universality, basis and rank

In the next theorem the work is done with Grassmann algebras to ensure the arbitrary base is orthogonal so the construction is possible.

*Theorem 3.3 (The Invariant basis property). Two bases for  $V$  have the same finite size or are both infinite.*

Proof: Construct Grassmann algebras  $\Lambda(V)$  and  $\Lambda'(V)$  from the bases  $(e_i \mid i \in M)$  and  $(a_i \mid i \in M')$ .

From theorem 2.5  $(e_K \mid K \in \mathcal{F})$  and  $(a_{\wedge K} \mid K \subseteq M', K \text{ finite})$  are bases for  $\Lambda(V)$  and  $\Lambda'(V)$ .

From theorem 3.2 by extension of  $\text{id}_V: V \rightarrow V$  follows  $f_\wedge$  gives a linear isomorphism

$$\Lambda_r(V) \rightarrow \Lambda'_r(V).$$

If  $|M|$  is finite, then  $|M| = \max\{r \mid \Lambda_r(V) \neq \{0\}\} = \max\{r \mid \Lambda'_r(V) \neq \{0\}\} = |M'|$ , and likewise if  $|M'|$  is finite.

*Theorem 3.4. Assume  $M$  is finite. Then with respect to any basis*

1.  $|M| = \text{rank}(V)$  and  $|M| = \max \{r \mid \Lambda_r(V) \neq 0\}$
2.  $\Lambda_{|M|}(V) = \mathbb{K} e_M$
3.  $\text{rank}(\Lambda_r(V)) = \binom{|M|}{r}$
4.  $\text{rank}(\Lambda(V)) = 2^{|M|}$  and  $\text{rank}(\Lambda(V)^+) = \text{rank}(\Lambda(V)^-) = 2^{|M|-1}$

Proof: Follows from theorem 3.1 (1,2) .

3. As  $\{e_K \mid |K| = r\}$  is a basis for  $\Lambda_r(V)$ , it has size equal to the number of subsets of  $M$  with  $r$  elements.
4. Apply the binomial formula to  $(1 + 1)^{|M|}$  and  $(1 - 1)^{|M|}$ . Then the first gives (4a), the sum (4b) and the difference (4c).

*Theorem 3.5. From  $Cl(B, V)$  any non isomorphic Clifford algebra  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  can be found as a quotient  $Cl(B, V) / \mathcal{I}$  with ideal  $\mathcal{I} \neq \{0\}$ .*

*If  $M$  is finite, then  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  is non-universal  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 2^k$  and  $k < |M|$ .*

Proof: Define by universality a morphism  $F : Cl(B, V) \rightarrow A$ . Here  $F$  is surjective since  $A$  is generated by  $V$ .

Thus  $A \simeq Cl(B, V) / \mathcal{I}$  where  $\mathcal{I} \neq \{0\}$ , as otherwise  $F$  is an isomorphism. In the finite case  $\text{rank}(A) < 2^{|M|}$  and a divisor in this number.

## The Geometric algebra $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$

By making the constructions in  $Cl(B, V)$ , it is possible to work with several different Clifford algebras all in the same space. A universal Clifford algebras  $Cl(B, V)$  can in this way always be supplemented with a Grassmann algebra  $\Lambda(V)$ .

*Definition 3.6. The geometric algebra  $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$  or  $\mathcal{G}(V)$  is the double algebra of  $Cl(B, V)$  and  $\Lambda(V)$  in the same space.*

*For  $x_i \in V$  set  $x_I = \prod_{i \in I, \uparrow} x_i$  and  $x_{\wedge I} = \wedge_{i \in I, \uparrow} x_i$ . By construction  $e_{\wedge I} = e_I$ .*

We may silently consider  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q,r}$  and  $\mathbb{C}_{p,q,r}$  extended to geometric algebras. If  $r$  is omitted, then  $r = 0$ .

## Chapter 4 Morphisms

### Anti-morphisms

*Definition 4.1. To every algebra  $A$  is in the same linear space associated an opposite algebra  $A^0$*



with multiplication  $X \circ Y = YX$ .

The linear identity  $A \rightarrow A^0$  is an anti-automorphism, and is also denoted  $o: A \rightarrow A^0$ . Moreover  $A^{00} = A$  and  $o^2 = \text{id}_A$ .

That this multiplication makes  $A^0$  an algebra is easily verified, and also that  $A^{00} = A$  and  $o^2 = \text{id}_A$ .

*Theorem 4.2.* For any algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and any linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ , there exists a unique algebra anti-morphism  $F^0: Cl(B, V) \rightarrow A$ , which extends  $f$ . This extension is also called the universal anti-extension.

Proof: Let  $F$  be the universal extension of  $f$ . Clearly  $F^0 = F \circ o$  is a solution, and  $F^0$  is unique, as  $F^0 \circ o$  is the universal extension of  $f$ .

This idea also proves the corollary.

Now the following is obvious.

*Corollary 4.3.* Assume algebras  $U_i$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(V_i, B_i)$  and  $f_i: V_i \rightarrow V_{i+1}$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear.

Then  $f_i$  has a unique extension,  $U_i \rightarrow U_{i+1}$  to an algebra anti-morphism, which is an anti-isomorphism, if  $f_i$  is bijective.

Let  $F_i: U_i \rightarrow U_{i+1}$  be a morphism or an anti-morphism and  $F = F_k \circ \dots \circ F_1$ . If the number of anti-morphism in the composition is odd, then  $F$  is anti-morphism, and otherwise a morphism.

### The three main commuting involutions.

*Definition 4.4.* Let  $U$  be a Clifford algebra in  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$ , not necessarily universal.

As proved a linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow V$  has at most one extension to an automorphism or anti-automorphism of  $U$ .

If they exists,

the main or grade automorphism  $X \rightarrow \hat{X}$  is the extension of  $f: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $f(x) = -x$  to an automorphism of  $U$ .

the reversion  $X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is the extension of  $f: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $f(x) = x$  to an anti-automorphism of  $U$ .

the Clifford conjugation  $X \rightarrow \bar{X}$  is the extension of  $f: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $f(x) = -x$  to an anti-automorphism of  $U$ .

*Theorem 4.5.*  $Cl_V(B)$  is extended to a geometric algebra to make the grade concept available.

1. In  $Cl_V(B)$  the main automorphism, the reversion, and the Clifford conjugation exists.

2. For the main automorphism holds  $\text{grade}(X) = r \Rightarrow \hat{X} = (-1)^r X$

3. For the reversion holds  $(XY)^\sim = \tilde{Y}\tilde{X}$ ,  $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_r)^\sim = a_r \dots a_2 a_1$  for  $a_i \in V$  and  $\text{grade}(X) = r \Rightarrow \tilde{X} = (-1)^{r(r-1)/2} X$

4. For the Clifford conjugation holds  $\bar{X} = \hat{X}^\sim$  and  $\text{grade}(X) = r \Rightarrow \bar{X} = (-1)^{r(r+1)/2} X$
5. These three mappings are grade preserving, involutions, commuting and independent of the  $B$ . Each one is the composition of the two others.

Proof: 1. Universality secures the existence.

2. As  $f^2$  is the identity, the extension is bijective. In the standard basis for  $W$  we get  $\hat{e}_K = \Pi_K(-e_k) = (-1)^{|K|} e_K$ .

3. In the standard basis for  $W$  by swapping  $(|K| - 1) + \dots + 2 + 1$  neighbors starting from one end we get  $\tilde{e}_K = \Pi_{k \in K, \downarrow} e_k = (-1)^{|K|(|K|-1)/2} e_K$ .

4. Follows from corollary 4.3.

5. Obvious from the graded expressions.

NB: Complex conjugation denoted  $X^{\text{conj}}$  to distinguish it from Clifford conjugation.

## Chapter 5 Basic structure of Geometric algebra

### Geometric algebra basic formula collection

*Definition 5.1. Set  $\chi_S = 1$ , if the proposition  $S$  is true, and else zero. Define in  $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$  compositions  $\cdot, \rfloor$  and  $\lrcorner$  by bilinearity by*

*$e_H \cdot e_J = \chi_{H=J} e_H e_J$ , the scalar product,*

*$e_H \rfloor e_J = \chi_{H \subseteq J} e_H e_J$ , the left contraction,*

*$e_H \lrcorner e_J = \chi_{H \supseteq J} e_H e_J$ , the right contraction.*

*We already know from the product definition based on the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  functions that*

*$e_H \wedge e_J = \chi_{H \cap J = \emptyset} e_H e_J$*

NB: In case of  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  the scalar product is  $\mathbb{C}$ -bilinear, not hermitian.

*Theorem 5.2. In a geometric algebra  $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$  holds*

1.  $xX = x \rfloor X + x \wedge X$  and  $XX = X \wedge x + X \lrcorner x$

$$x \cdot y = B(x, y) 1_{\mathcal{G}},$$

2. If  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ , then

$$X \cdot Y = \langle X Y \rangle = \langle Y X \rangle = Y \cdot X, \quad X \rfloor Y = \langle X Y \rangle_{s-r}, \quad X \lrcorner Y = \langle X Y \rangle_{r-s} \quad \text{and} \quad X \wedge Y = \langle X Y \rangle_{r+s}$$

The three main involutions are symmetric,  $\hat{X} \cdot Y = X \cdot \hat{Y}$ ,  $\tilde{X} \cdot Y = X \cdot \tilde{Y}$ ,  $\bar{X} \cdot Y = X \cdot \bar{Y}$

3. If  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ , then

$$r \neq s \Rightarrow X \cdot Y = 0, \quad Y \lrcorner [X = (\tilde{X} \rfloor \tilde{Y})^\sim = (-1)^{(s+1)r} X \rfloor Y] \quad \text{and} \quad XY = \sum_{i=|r-s|}^{r+s} \langle X Y \rangle_i$$

4.  $(X \wedge Y) \rfloor Z = X \rfloor (Y \rfloor Z)$  and  $(X \wedge Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y \rfloor Z)$

5.  $x \rfloor (X Y) = (x \rfloor X) Y + \hat{X} (x \rfloor Y)$

- $$x \wedge (X Y) = (x \rfloor X) Y + \hat{X} (x \wedge Y)$$
- $$x \wedge (X Y) = (x \wedge X) Y - \hat{X} (x \rfloor Y)$$
- $$x \rfloor (X Y) = (x \wedge X) Y - \hat{X} (x \wedge Y)$$
6.  $x \rfloor (X \wedge Y) = (x \rfloor X) \wedge Y + \hat{X} \wedge (x \rfloor Y)$   
 $x \wedge (X \rfloor Y) = (x \rfloor X) \rfloor Y + \hat{X} \rfloor (x \wedge Y)$
  7.  $x \rfloor (x_1 x_2 \dots x_p) = \sum_{k=1}^p (-1)^{k-1} x_1 x_2 \dots (x \rfloor x_k) \dots x_p$
  8.  $x \rfloor (x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p) = \sum_{k=1}^p (-1)^{k-1} x_1 \wedge x_2 \dots \wedge (x \rfloor x_k) \dots \wedge x_p$
  9.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$  are pairwise orthogonal  $\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^p x_i = \wedge_{i=1}^p x_i$
  10.  $x X - \hat{X} x = 2 x \rfloor X$  and  $x X + \hat{X} x = 2 x \wedge X$
  11.  $\forall_{x \in V} (x \wedge A = 0) \Leftrightarrow (A \in \mathbb{K} e_M, \text{ if } |M| \text{ is finite, and otherwise } A = 0).$   
 Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field or the weaker condition  $\mu e_i^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (\mu = 0 \text{ or } e_i^2 = 0)$  for  $i \in M, \mu \in \mathbb{K}$ .

Then

- $$\forall_{x \in V} (x \rfloor A = 0) \Leftrightarrow A \in \mathcal{G}(V_0), \text{ where } V_0 \text{ is the radical or kernel of } B. \text{ (NB: Always } \mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathcal{G}(V_0))$$
12.  $(x_1 \wedge x_2 \dots \wedge x_r) \cdot (y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_2 \wedge y_1) = \sum_{\sigma} s_{\sigma} (x_1 \cdot y_{\sigma(1)}) \dots (x_r \cdot y_{\sigma(r)})$   
 where summation is over all permutations  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, \dots, r\}$ .
  13. Factor expansion of  $x_{\wedge K}$ : Let  $X = x_{\wedge K}$  and  $B \in \Lambda_s(V)$ . If  $\tau_H = \alpha(H, K \setminus H) (B \cdot x_{\wedge H}) \in \mathbb{K}^*$ , then

$$B \rfloor X = \sum_{H \subseteq K, |H|=s} \tau_H x_{\wedge K \setminus H}$$

\*)  $\alpha$  is from definition 2.1:  $\alpha(H, J) = \prod (-1)$  for  $(h, j) \in H \times J$  and  $h > j$

Proof:

By linearity it is sufficient to sketch proofs of the statements for basis elements.

As we may assume  $x = e_i, X = e_H \in \Lambda_r, Y = e_J \in \Lambda_s, Z = e_K \in \Lambda_t$ , we get

1. (1a)  $h \in H \Rightarrow e_h \wedge e_H + e_h \rfloor e_H = e_h e_H$  and similar for  $h \notin H$ . (1b) Likewise.  
 (1c)  $e_i \rfloor e_j = B(e_i, e_j) 1_{\mathcal{G}}$  is obvious in the two cases  $i = j$  and  $i \neq j$
2. (2a)  $e_H \cdot e_J = \chi_{H=J} e_H e_J = e_J \cdot e_H$  and  $H \neq J \Rightarrow e_H e_J$  is not a scalar.  
 (2b)  $e_H \rfloor e_J = \chi_{H \subseteq J} e_H e_J = \chi_{H \subseteq J} e_H \Delta J = \chi_{H \subseteq J} e_J \setminus H$  which has grade  $s - r$ .  
 (2c) Like (2b)  
 (2d)  $e_H \wedge e_J = \chi_{H \cap J = \emptyset} e_H e_J$  which has grade  $s + r$ .  
 (2e) If  $r \neq s$  it is obvious. Otherwise clear from graded expressions.
3. (3a) Follows from the definition of the scalar product  
 (3b) Set  $\tau_K = (-1)^{|K|(|K|-1)/2}$ , as temporary set function.

$$(e_H \rfloor e_J) \sim = \chi_{J \subseteq H} (e_H e_J) \sim = \chi_{J \subseteq H} \tilde{e}_J \tilde{e}_H = \tau_J \tau_H \chi_{J \subseteq H} e_J e_H = \tau_J \tau_H e_J \rfloor e_H = \tilde{e}_J \rfloor \tilde{e}_H$$

and with some work  $\tau_J \tau_H \tau_{H \setminus J} = (-1)^{(s+1)r}$ .

(3c) From a Venn-diagram obviously  $|H \Delta J| = |J| - |H| + 2|H \setminus J|$ . Thus  $|H \Delta J| = |H| - |J| + 2|J \setminus H|$ .

Hence the grade of  $e_H e_J$  is an even number or zero higher than  $\|J\| - \|H\|$ . The upper limit comes from  $e_H \wedge e_J$ .

4. (4a) We have  $\chi_{H \cap J = \emptyset} \chi_{H \cup J \subseteq K} = \chi_{H \subseteq (K \setminus J)} \chi_{J \subseteq K}$ , as both represents the situation:  $K$  including disjunct  $H$  and  $J$ .

Multiplying the equation with  $e_H e_J e_K$  gives  $(e_H \wedge e_J) \rfloor e_K = e_H \rfloor (e_J \rfloor e_K)$ .

(4b) Likewise  $\chi_{H \cap J = \emptyset} \chi_{H \cup J = K} = \chi_{H = (K \setminus J)} \chi_{J \subseteq K}$ , as both represents the situation:  $K$  equal to union of disjunct  $H$  and  $J$ .

Multiplying the equation with  $e_H e_J e_K$  gives  $(e_H \wedge e_J) \cdot e_K = e_H \cdot (e_J \rfloor e_K)$ .

5. (5a) The equation  $e_i \rfloor (e_H e_J) = (e_i \rfloor e_H) e_J + \hat{e}_H (e_i \rfloor e_J)$  can be reduce to

1. If  $i \in H \cap J$ :  $0 = e_i e_H e_J + \hat{e}_H e_i e_J$ , as  $e_H e_J = \sigma(H, J) e_{H \Delta J}$  and  $\hat{e}_H e_i = -e_i e_H$
2. If  $i \in H \setminus J$ :  $e_i e_H e_J = e_i e_H e_J + 0$
3. If  $i \in J \setminus H$ :  $e_i e_H e_J = 0 + \hat{e}_H e_i e_J$ , as  $\hat{e}_H e_i = e_i e_H$
4. If  $i \notin H \cup J$ :  $0 = 0 + 0$

(5b) The equation  $e_i \wedge (e_H e_J) = (e_i \rfloor e_H) e_J + \hat{e}_H (e_i \wedge e_J)$  can be reduce to

1. If  $i \in H \cap J$ :  $e_i e_H e_J = e_i e_H e_J + 0$
2. If  $i \in H \setminus J$ :  $0 = e_i e_H e_J + \hat{e}_H e_i e_J$  and  $\hat{e}_H e_i = -e_i e_H$
3. If  $i \in J \setminus H$ :  $0 = 0 + 0$
4. If  $i \notin H \cup J$ :  $e_i e_H e_J = 0 + \hat{e}_H e_i e_J$  and  $\hat{e}_H e_i = e_i e_H$

(5c) From  $x(XY) = (xX)Y$  subtract (5a) and use (1)

(5d) From  $x(XY) = (xX)Y$  subtract (5b) and use (1)

6. If  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ , then for (6a) take  $\text{grade } r + s - 1$  in (5a) or (5d), and for (6b) take  $\text{grade } s - r + 1$  in (5b) or (5c)

7,8. Follows from (5a, 6a) with induction step, as e.g.

$$x \rfloor (x_1(x_2 \dots x_p)) = (x \rfloor x_1) (x_2 \dots x_p) - x_1(x \rfloor (x_2 \dots x_p))$$

9. Follows from (1a, 7) with induction step, as e.g.

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_p = x_1 \wedge (x_2 \dots x_p) + x_1 \rfloor (x_2 \dots x_p) = x_1 \wedge (x_2 \dots x_p)$$

10. From (1) and (3) follows  $\hat{X}x = \hat{X} \wedge x + \hat{X} \rfloor x = x \wedge X - x \rfloor X$ . This and (1a) gives the assertion.

11. The radical  $V_0 = \text{span}(\{e_i \mid e_i^2 = 0, i \in M\})$ . Let  $A = \sum \mu_K e_K$  in the standard basis. Then

(11a) If  $x \wedge A = 0$ , then  $e_h \wedge A = \sum \mu_K e_{K \cup \{h\}} = 0$  summing over  $\{K \mid h \notin K\}$ .

As  $e_{K \cup \{h\}}$  in the sum are different, we have  $h \notin K \Rightarrow \mu_K = 0$

(11b) If  $x \rfloor A = 0$ , then  $e_h \rfloor A = \sum \pm \mu_K e_h^2 e_{K \setminus \{h\}} = 0$  summing over  $\{K \mid h \in K\}$ .

As  $e_{K \setminus \{h\}}$  in the sum are different, if  $(h \in K \text{ and } \mu_K \neq 0)$ , then

$$e_h^2 \mu_K = 0 \Leftrightarrow e_h^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow e_h \in \mathcal{G}(V_0).$$

12.  $(x_1 \wedge x_2 \dots \wedge x_r) \cdot (y_r \wedge \dots \wedge y_2 \wedge y_1) = \sum_{\sigma} s_{\sigma} (x_1 \cdot y_{\sigma(1)}) \dots (x_r \cdot y_{\sigma(r)})$  for some sign factors  $s_{\sigma}$ , since by (8) each  $x$  is paired with each  $y$  once. This is done systematically permuting the  $y$ -set with  $\sigma$ , and then contracting successively each  $x$  for descending  $x$ -indices with the nearest remaining  $y$ . If the permutation  $\sigma$  requires  $k$  neighbor swaps, the sign change is  $s_{\sigma} = (-1)^k$ , which is the sign of the

permutation,  $\text{sign}(\sigma)$ .

13. If  $s > k$ , the formula clearly becomes  $0 = 0$ .

Otherwise assuming  $B = b_1 \wedge b_2 \wedge \dots \wedge b_s$  we get from (4) that  $B \rfloor X = b_1 \rfloor (b_2 \rfloor \dots \rfloor (b_s \rfloor X) \dots)$ .

Equation (7) applied  $s$  times gives  $k(k-1) \dots (k-s+1)$  terms of form  $\prod_{k=1}^s \pm (b_k \rfloor x_{h_k}) x_{\wedge K \setminus H}$ , where  $H = \bigcup_{k=1}^s \{h_k\}$ .

Hence  $B \rfloor X = \sum_{H \subseteq K, |H|=s} \tau_H x_{\wedge K \setminus H}$  with some scalar factor  $\tau_H$ .

Focusing here on the terms with  $x_{\wedge K \setminus H}$  in  $B \rfloor X = \alpha(H, K \setminus H) (B \rfloor (x_{\wedge H} \wedge x_{\wedge K \setminus H}))$ , as  $x_{\wedge K \setminus H}$  does not influence the  $\pm 1$  factors in (7), now follows  $\tau_H = \alpha(H, K \setminus H) (B \rfloor x_{\wedge H}) = \alpha(H, K \setminus H) (B \cdot x_{\wedge H})$ .

*Determinant Theorem 5.3. Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be linear mapping.*

1. If  $V$  has a finite basis, then the determinant  $\det(f)$  is defined by  $F(e_M) = \det(f) e_M$  independent of basis.

2. Moreover  $(f \circ g)_{\wedge} = f_{\wedge} \circ g_{\wedge}$ ,  $\det(f \circ g) = \det(g) \det(f)$ , and  $\det(f^{-1}) \det(f) = 1$  when  $f$  is bijective.

3. Assume  $m = |M|$ ,  $M = \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $f(a_s) = \sum_i \theta_s^i a_i$  in some basis  $(a_i \mid i \in M)$ . Then  $\det(f) = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sign}(\sigma) (\theta_{\sigma(1)}^1 \dots \theta_{\sigma(m)}^m)$ , where summation is over all permutations  $\sigma$  of  $M$ .

Proof: 1. Let  $(a_i \mid i \in M)$  be another basis. As  $\Lambda_{|M|}(V) = \mathbb{K} e_M$ , we get  $a_M = \lambda e_M$  and  $f_{\wedge}(a_M) = \det(f) a_M$  from the definition.

2. Equality of  $f_{\wedge} \circ g_{\wedge}$  and  $(f \circ g)_{\wedge}$  follow from uniqueness of universal extension.

From  $\det(f \circ g) e_M = (f \circ g)_{\wedge}(e_M) = f_{\wedge}(g_{\wedge}(e_M)) = f_{\wedge}(\det(g) e_M) = \det(g) \det(f) e_M$  (b, c) follows.

3. Introduce a Clifford algebra by letting  $(a_i \mid i \in M)$  be orthonormal.

Then  $\theta_s^i = a_i \cdot f(a_s)$  and  $\det(f) = e_M \cdot F(e_M)^{\sim}$ , and the assertion follows from (12).

*Automorphism Theorem 5.4. Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be linear mapping, such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ . Then  $f$  has two universal extensions:*

*To an outermorphism  $f_{\wedge} : \Lambda(V) \rightarrow \Lambda(V)$ , and to Clifford algebra isomorphism  $F : Cl_V(B) \rightarrow Cl_V(B)$ .*

*Assume  $B(f(x), f(y)) = B(x, y)$ , or  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field not of characteristic 2. Then  $f_{\wedge}$  is called the universal extension of  $f$  to  $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$ , as*

*$F = f_{\wedge}$ , and thus is an outermorphism, and furthermore grade preserving, an orthogonal isomorphism, an isomorphism for  $\rfloor$  and  $\lrcorner$ , and commutes with the three main involutions.*

Proof: For  $i \neq j$  and  $x = e_i + e_j$ , we get  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A \Rightarrow f(e_i) f(e_j) + f(e_j) f(e_i) = 0$  by expansion. From theorem 5.2 (1) now follows

$0 =$

$$f(e_i) f(e_j) + f(e_j) f(e_i) = f(e_i) \wedge f(e_j) + f(e_i) \cdot f(e_j) + f(e_j) \wedge f(e_i) + f(e_j) \cdot f(e_i) = 2 f(e_i) \cdot f(e_j)$$

Hence  $(f(e_k) \mid k \in K)$  are pairwise orthogonal, and by theorem 5.2 (9)

$f_{\wedge}(e_K) = \wedge_{k \in K} f(e_k) = \prod_{k \in K} f(e_k) = F(e_K)$ , and by linearity  $F = f_{\wedge}$ .

Thus  $F$  is grade preserving, also expressed as  $F(\langle Z \rangle_k) = \langle F(Z) \rangle_k$ . Let  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ . Then from theorem 5.2 (2d) follows

$$F(X \wedge Y) = F(\langle X Y \rangle_{r+s}) = \langle F(X Y) \rangle_{r+s} = \langle F(X) F(Y) \rangle_{r+s} = F(X) \wedge F(Y)$$

Likewise can the other compositions be treated with use of theorem 5.2.2, e.g.

$$F(X \cdot Y) = F(\langle X Y \rangle) = \langle F(X Y) \rangle = \langle F(X) F(Y) \rangle = F(X) \cdot F(Y),$$

$$F(X \downarrow Y) = F(\langle X Y \rangle_{s-r}) = \langle F(X Y) \rangle_{s-r} = \langle F(X) F(Y) \rangle_{s-r} = F(X) \downarrow F(Y)$$

The involution statement follow from the explicit graded expressions.

*Anti-automorphism Theorem 5.5. Define  $G^\sim(X) = G(X^\sim)$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be linear mapping, such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ . Then  $f$  has two unique universal anti-extensions: To an anti-outermorphism  $f_\wedge^\sim : \Lambda(V) \rightarrow \Lambda(V)$ , and to Clifford algebra anti-isomorphism  $F^\sim : Cl_V(B) \rightarrow Cl_V(B)$ .*

*Assume  $B(f(x), f(y)) = B(x, y)$ , or  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field not of characteristic 2. Then  $f_\wedge^\sim$  is called the universal anti-extension of  $f$  to  $\mathcal{G}(B, V)$ , as*

1.  $F^\sim = f_\wedge^\sim$ , and thus is an anti-outermorphism, grade preserving, an orthogonal isomorphism and commutes with the three main involutions. Furthermore  $F^\sim(X \downarrow Y) = F^\sim(Y) \downarrow F^\sim(X)$  and  $F^\sim(Y \downarrow X) = F^\sim(X) \downarrow F^\sim(Y)$ .

2. If  $V$  has a finite basis, then  $F^\sim(e_M) = (-1)^{|M|(|M|-1)/2} \det(f) e_M$ .

Proof: 1. Using the Automorphism Theorem and reversion all becomes obvious. E.g. if  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ , then

$F^\sim(X \downarrow Y) = F^\sim(\langle X Y \rangle_{s-r}) = F^\sim(\langle \tilde{Y} \tilde{X} \rangle_{s-r}) = \langle F(\tilde{Y}) F(\tilde{X}) \rangle_{s-r} = F(\tilde{Y}) \downarrow F(\tilde{X}) = F^\sim(Y) \downarrow F^\sim(X)$ , and likewise for  $\downarrow$  and the inner product.

2.  $F^\sim(e_M) = \det(f) e_M = (-1)^{|M|(|M|-1)/2} \det(f) e_M$

Examples. The three main involutions.

*Theorem 5.6. Assume  $B$  is regular and  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . Then*

$$A \text{ is universal in } \mathcal{A}(V, B) \Leftrightarrow A \text{ has a main automorphism}$$

Proof: The way  $\Rightarrow$  has been proved, so assume  $A$  is non-universal and a main automorphism  $\psi : A \rightarrow A$  exists. Thus  $\psi(x) = -x$ .

From universality of  $Cl_V(B)$ , we get a unique algebra morphism  $F : Cl_V(B) \rightarrow A$ , such that  $x^2 = F(x)^2$ ,  $x \in V$ , and with kernel ideal  $\mathcal{I} \neq \{0\}$ .

Also from  $B$  is regular follows  $\mathcal{I} \cap V = \emptyset$ .

As  $x \rightarrow \psi(F(\hat{x})) = \psi(-F(x)) = F(x)$ , the universal extension of this gives  $\psi(F(\hat{X})) = F(X)$ .

Hence  $\psi(F(\hat{\mathcal{I}})) = F(\mathcal{I}) = \{0\} \Rightarrow F(\hat{\mathcal{I}}) = \{0\}$ , and therefore  $\hat{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$

Choose  $X \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{0\}$  with lowest highest grade term. Then  $X_0 = (X + \hat{X})/2 \in \mathcal{I}$  and

$$X_1 = (X - \hat{X})/2 \in \mathcal{I}.$$

We have  $xX_r \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $X_r x \in \mathcal{I}$ , and theorem 5.2 (10a) gives  $2x \rfloor X_r \in \mathcal{I}$  for  $r = 0, 1$ .

From  $2x \rfloor X$  has lower highest grade term than  $X$  follows the contradiction  $X = 0$ , and we are done.

## Linear independency in Grassmann algebras

*Definition 5.7. A list of elements in a module is linear independent, if the only (finite) linear combination of the elements giving zero is that with zero factors. Linear dependent means not linear independent.*

*Obviously holds: A list of elements is linear independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  every finite sublist is linear independent*

Examples. 1) 0 is linear dependent. 2)  $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$  is linear independent, iff  $\lambda x = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$ . 3) A basis is linear independent.

*Theorem 5.8. Let  $H$  be finite. Then*

*A:  $(x_h \mid h \in H)$  is linear independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  B:  $x_{\wedge H}$  is linear independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  C:  $(x_{\wedge K} \mid K \subseteq H)$  is linear independent*

Proof: 1. Assume (A). Define a geometric algebra structure on  $\Lambda(V)$  by letting  $(e_i)$  be an orthonormal basis and  $q(i) = 1$ .

Also define a induction proposition  $\theta(j) : (x_{\wedge J} \mid J \subseteq H, |J| < j)$  is linear independent.

$\theta(j)$  is proved by induction after  $j$ .  $\theta(0)$  is obvious and  $\theta(1)$  holds for  $j = 1$  by assumption, so assume  $\theta(j)$  holds and  $j \geq 1$ .

Let  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $|J| = j$  and  $J \subseteq H$ . Then  $0 \neq \lambda x_{\wedge J} = \sum_{K \subseteq J} \lambda_K e_K$  and pick one  $\lambda_K \neq 0$ .

If  $h \in H \setminus J$ , then by factor expansion from theorem 5.2.13

$$\tilde{e}_K \rfloor (\lambda x_{\wedge J} \wedge x_h) = \lambda_K x_h + \sum_{k \in J} \mu_k x_k \neq 0 \text{ and thus } \lambda x_{\wedge J} \wedge x_h \neq 0. \text{ This proves } \theta(j+1).$$

Now  $\theta(|H|)$  follows from the induction principle. This imply (B).

2. Assume not(C), i.e.  $X = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_{\wedge K_i} = 0$ , where each  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ ,  $K_i \subseteq H$  and  $i \neq j \Rightarrow K_i \neq K_j$ .

Select  $k$  with  $x_{\wedge K_k}$  of lowest grade. This imply  $K_i \subseteq K_k \Rightarrow K_i = K_k$  and  $X \wedge x_{\wedge H \setminus K_k} = \lambda_k x_{\wedge H} = 0$ , which shows not(B).

3. (A) is a special case of (C)

NB: In (C) it is not only one element, but a list of  $2^{|H|}$  elements.

Following corollaries are easy consequences of the theorem:

*Corollary 5.9.  $S = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$  is linear independent  $\Leftrightarrow S_{\wedge} = x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p$  is linear independent*

*Corollary 5.10. Allow  $H_0 \subseteq M$  to be infinite. Then*

*$(x_h | h \in H_0)$  is linear independent  $\Leftrightarrow (x_{\wedge K} | K \subseteq H_0, K \text{ finite})$  is linear independent*

## Inclusion

**Many statements from this section on have analogous versions created with obvious use of reversion.**

*Definition 5.10. If  $U$  is a submodule of  $V$ , then set  $\Lambda(U) = \text{span} \{ \wedge_{i=0}^m U | m \in \mathbb{N} \}$ , which obviously is the Grassmann-algebra generated by  $U$ .*

*Also set  $\Lambda_{>0}(U) = \text{span} \{ \wedge_{i=1}^m U | m \in \mathbb{N} \}$ .*

*Theorem 5.11. Let  $A = a_{\wedge H}$  be a blade.*

*Define modules  $V_A = \{x \in V | x \wedge A = 0\}$ ,  $V_{A\perp} = \{x \in V | \forall_{h \in H} x \cdot a_h = 0\}$  and set  $A^\parallel = \Lambda(V_A)$ ,  $A^\perp = \Lambda_{>0}(V_{A\perp})$ .*

*Obviously  $\text{span} \{a_h | h \in H\} \subseteq V_A$  implying  $\Lambda(\text{span} \{a_h | h \in H\}) \subseteq A^\parallel$ . Moreover also  $V_1 = \{0\}$  and  $V_{1\perp} = V$  and  $1^\parallel = \{0\}$ ,  $1^\perp = \Lambda_{>0}(V)$ .*

*Omitting  $\parallel$  like in  $X \subseteq A$  instead of  $X \subseteq A^\parallel$  can be used, if it is clear that  $A$  means an algebra and not a blade.*

*Inclusions like  $X \subseteq A^\parallel$  or  $X \subseteq A^\perp$  may be used for elements, as in  $e_1 \subseteq A^\parallel$  meaning  $\{e_1\} \subseteq A^\parallel$*

*Then*

1.  $X \in \text{span} \{a_{\wedge H_1}, \dots, a_{\wedge H_k} | \forall_{h \in H} H_h \subseteq H\} \Rightarrow X \subseteq A^\parallel$

NB: The opposite inclusion is true, if  $V$  is a vectorspace; but not generally for modules.

2.  $B \rfloor A \subseteq A^\parallel$

3.  $C \rfloor A = C A$ , when  $C \subseteq A^\parallel$

4.  $A^2 = A \rfloor A = A \cdot A$  and  $A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A \cdot A$  invertible  $\Rightarrow A^{-1} = A / (A \cdot A)$

5. Assume  $A$  is invertible. Then  $\text{span} \{a_h | h \in H\} = V_A$ .

NB: In Corollary 6.2.5 is proved:  $A$  invertible  $\Rightarrow V = V_A \oplus V_{A\perp}$

**Proof:**

1. Obvious.

2. Obvious from factor expansion and linearity.

3. By linearity we may assume  $C = c_K$  with all parts  $c_r \subseteq A^\parallel$ , and proceed by induction after  $p = |K|$ . It is obvious for  $p = 0$ , and true for  $p = 1$ , as by  $c_r \rfloor A = c_r A - c_r \wedge A = c_r A$  from theorem 5.1.1.

Now the induction step.

$$(c_s \wedge c_{\wedge K}) \rfloor A = c_s \rfloor (c_{\wedge K} \rfloor A) = c_s \rfloor (c_{\wedge K} A) = (c_s \rfloor c_{\wedge K}) A + c_{\wedge K} (c_s \rfloor A) = (c_s \rfloor c_{\wedge K}) A + c_{\wedge K} c_s A =$$

$$(c_s \rfloor c_{\wedge K}) A + (c_{\wedge K} \wedge c_s) A + (c_{\wedge K} \rfloor c_s) A = (c_s \wedge c_{\wedge K}) A, \text{ as } (c_{\wedge K} \rfloor c_s) = (-1)^{p+1} (c_s \rfloor c_{\wedge K}) = -(c_s \rfloor c_{\wedge K})$$



The induction principle finishes this part.

4. Follows from (3) that  $A \rfloor A = A A$  and the remaining is obvious.

5. Assume  $x \in V_A$ . Then  $x \subseteq A^n$ ,  $x A = x \rfloor A$  and from factor expansion, theorem 5.2.13, follows  $x \rfloor A$  is a linear combination of  $(h-1)$ -blades of form  $a_{\wedge H_i}$ . Therefore  $x = \sum \lambda_i a_{\wedge H_i} A = \sum \lambda_i (a_{\wedge H_i} \rfloor A)$ , and again from factor expansion  $x = \sum \mu_j a_j$ . Thus  $V_A \subseteq \text{span} \{a_h \mid h \in H\} \subseteq V_A$ .

Examples: 1. Assume a blade  $C = c_{\wedge K}$ . Then  $C \in A^+ \Leftrightarrow \forall h \in H, k \in K (c_k \cdot a_h = 0) \Leftrightarrow A \in C^+$ .

2. Clearly  $C \in A^+ \Rightarrow C \rfloor A = 0$ , but the opposite is not true, as  $\exists h \in H \forall k \in K (c_k \cdot a_h = 0) \Rightarrow C \rfloor A = 0$  which only needs one element  $a_h$ .

3. Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Z}_9$ ,  $M = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $e_1^2 = 1$ ,  $e_2^2 = 1$ ,  $e_3^2 = 1$ , such that  $B$  is regular. Set  $A = e_1 \wedge 3 e_2$ . Then  $V_A = \text{span} \{e_1, e_2\}$ , though  $e_2$  is not generated by  $\{e_1, 3 e_2\}$ .

Furthermore  $V_{A^\perp} = \text{span} \{3 e_2, e_3\}$ .

*Lemma 5.12. Let  $A$  be a blade. Then*

1. If  $C \subseteq A^n$ :

$$(C \rfloor B) A = C \wedge (B A)$$

$$(C \rfloor B) \rfloor A = C \wedge (B \rfloor A)$$

$$(C \wedge B) A = C \rfloor (B A)$$

$$(C B) \rfloor A = C (B \rfloor A)$$

2. If  $C \subseteq \mathbb{K} + A^+$ :

$$(C \rfloor B) A = C \rfloor (B A)$$

$$(C \rfloor B) \wedge A = C \rfloor (B \wedge A)$$

$$(C \wedge B) A = C \wedge (B A)$$

$$(C B) \wedge A = C (B \wedge A)$$

Proof: By linearity, it is sufficient to consider blades. Assume the grades of  $A, B, C$  are respectively  $r, s, t$ .

The proofs are induction after the grade of  $C = c_1 \wedge \dots \wedge c_t$ . Clearly all equations are true for scalar  $C$ .

Plenty use is made of theorem 5.2 (1a) and 5.2 (4a).

1. Assume  $c \wedge A = 0$  for each  $c = c_i$ .

$$(C \rfloor B) A = C \wedge (B A)$$

1a. Case  $r = 1$ . From theorem 5.2 (5b):  $c \wedge (B A) = (c \rfloor B) A + \hat{B} (c \wedge A) = (c \rfloor B) A$ , i.e. case  $t = 1$ .

This with  $B \rightarrow C \rfloor B$  and the induction

assumption gives  $((c \wedge C) \rfloor B) A = (c \rfloor (C \rfloor B)) A = c \wedge ((C \rfloor B) A) = c \wedge (C \wedge (B A))$  and use of the induction principle gives the assertion.

1b. Follows from extracting grade  $r - s + t$  in (1a)

1c. From theorem 5.2.5 (d):  $c \rfloor (BA) = (c \wedge B)A - \hat{B}(c \wedge A) = (c \wedge B)A$ , i.e. case  $t = 1$ . This with  $B \rightarrow C \wedge B$  and the induction

assumption gives  $(c \wedge (C \wedge B))A = c \rfloor ((C \wedge B)A) = c \rfloor (C \rfloor (BA)) = (c \wedge C) \rfloor (BA)$ , and the induction principle finishes this part.

1d. To (2b)  $(c \rfloor B) \rfloor A = c \wedge (B \rfloor A)$  add  $(c \wedge B) \rfloor A = c \rfloor (B \rfloor A)$  to get  $(cB) \rfloor A = c(B \rfloor A)$ , i.e. case  $t = 1$ . This with  $B \rightarrow CB$  and the induction

assumption gives  $(cCB) \rfloor A = c((CB) \rfloor A) = c(C(B \rfloor A))$  and also  $((c \rfloor C)B) \rfloor A = (c \rfloor C)(B \rfloor A)$

By subtraction we get  $((c \wedge C)B) \rfloor A = (c \wedge C)(B \rfloor A)$ , and the induction principle leads to the assertion.

2. Assume  $C \subseteq A^+$ . Assume  $c \rfloor A = 0$  for each  $c = c_i$ .

2a. Follows from theorem 5.2 (5b)  $c \rfloor (BA) = (c \rfloor B)A + \hat{B}(c \rfloor A) = (c \rfloor B)A$ , i.e. case  $t = 1$ . This with  $B \rightarrow C \rfloor B$  and the induction

assumption                      gives

$((c \wedge C) \rfloor B)A = (c \rfloor (C \rfloor B))A = (c \rfloor (C \rfloor B))A = c \rfloor ((C \rfloor B)A) = c \rfloor (C \rfloor (BA)) = (c \wedge C) \rfloor (BA)$  , and the induction principle gives

the assertion.

2b. Follows from extracting grade  $r + s - t$  in (2a)

2c. From  $(cB)A = c(BA)$  subtract (2a):  $(c \rfloor B)A = c \rfloor (BA)$  to get  $(c \wedge B)A = c \wedge (BA)$ , i.e. case  $t = 1$ . This with  $B \rightarrow C \wedge B$  and the

induction assumption gives  $(c \wedge C \wedge B)A = c \wedge ((C \wedge B)A) = c \wedge (C \wedge (BA))$ , and the induction principle gives the assertion.

2d. To  $(c \wedge B) \wedge A = c \wedge (B \wedge A)$  add (2b)  $(c \rfloor B) \wedge A = c \rfloor (B \wedge A)$  and to get  $(cB) \wedge A = c(B \wedge A)$ .

This with  $B \rightarrow CB$  and the induction assumption gives

$(c(CB)) \wedge A = c((CB) \wedge A) = cC(B \wedge A)$  and also  $((c \rfloor C)B) \wedge A = (c \rfloor C)(B \wedge A)$

Subtracting these two equation gives  $(c \wedge C)(B \wedge A) = ((c \wedge C)B) \wedge A$ , and the induction principle closes the proof.

## Chapter 6 Geometric transformations

### Projections

Here are four types of projections treated:

Projection  $P_A$  on a blade.

Rejection  $Q_A$  by a blade.

Projection  $P^A$  along a blade.

Projection  $P_A^B$  on  $A$  along  $B$ .

**Short writing** like  $P(X)$ ,  $Q(X)$  is wide used, when it is clear which mapping it stands for.

The standard formula for projection on  $u$  is  $x = (x \cdot u) u / (u \cdot u)$ , and this is generalized here.

NB: Building up from this formula with *outermorphism* is natural, but proofs seems easier starting from a general formula.

*Theorem 6.1. For a  $h$ -blade  $A$  assume  $\rho = A \cdot A$  is invertible, thus  $A^{-1} = \rho^{-1} A$ .*

*Define the projection on  $A$  as  $P_A(X) = P(X) = (X \rfloor A) \rfloor A^{-1}$ .*

*1. Then  $P$  is grade preserving,*

$$2. P(X) = (X \rfloor A) A^{-1}, \quad P(X) = \rho^{-1} A (A \llbracket X) = \rho^{-1} A \llbracket (A \llbracket X)$$

$$3. X \subseteq A \Rightarrow P(X) = X, \quad P(X) \subseteq A, \quad P^2(X) = P(X)$$

$$4. P(\Lambda(V)) = A^n, \quad P(V) = V_A, \quad P(A^+) = \{0\}.$$

$$5. P \text{ is symmetric, } X \cdot P(Y) = P(X) \cdot Y$$

*6. Moreover  $P$  is an outermorphism.*

**Proof:** Assume  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ . Then

$$1. \text{grade}(X \rfloor A) = h - r \text{ and } \text{grade}(P(X)) = h - (h - r) = r.$$

$$2. (2a) P(X) = (X \rfloor A) A^{-1}, \text{ as } (X \rfloor A) \subseteq A \text{ which imply } P(X) = \rho^{-1} (X \rfloor A) A.$$

$$(2b) \text{ Also } \rho P(X) = (X \rfloor A) \rfloor A = (-1)^{(h+1)(h-r)} A \llbracket (X \rfloor A) = (-1)^{(h+1)(h-r)+(h+1)r} A \llbracket (A \llbracket X) = A \llbracket (A \llbracket X)$$

$$3. \text{ From } X \subseteq A, \text{ follows } P(X) = (X \rfloor A) A^{-1} = X A A^{-1} = X.$$

$$\text{As } (X \rfloor A) \subseteq A, \text{ the } P(X) = (X \rfloor A) A^{-1} \subseteq A \text{ and } P^2(X) = P(P(X)) = P(X) \text{ using (3a).}$$

$$4. (4a) \text{ follows from (3a,b)}$$

$$(4b) \text{ follows from } P \text{ gradepreserving and (4b), as } P(V) = \langle A^n \rangle_1 = V_A.$$

$$(4c) \text{ If } X \subseteq A^+, \text{ then by lemma 5.12 (2a) } P(X) = (X \rfloor A^{-1}) A = X \rfloor (A^{-1} A) = X \rfloor 1 = 0, \text{ as } \mathbb{K} \cap A^+ = \emptyset.$$

5. As  $P$  is grade preserving and elements of different grades are orthogonal, we may assume  $r = s$  and get

$$X \cdot P(Y) = \langle X P(Y) \rangle = \langle X A^{-1} (A \llbracket Y) \rangle = \langle (X \rfloor A^{-1}) (A \llbracket Y) \rangle = \langle (X \rfloor A^{-1}) A Y \rangle = P(X) \cdot Y$$

6. Use is made of the inclusion property theorem 5.12 (1b) several times:

$$P(X) \wedge P(Y) = P(X) \wedge ((Y \rfloor A) \rfloor A^{-1}) = (P(X) \rfloor (Y \rfloor A)) \rfloor A^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$P(X) \rfloor (Y \rfloor A) = (P(X) \wedge Y) \rfloor A = (-1)^{r s} (Y \wedge P(X)) \rfloor A = (-1)^{r s} Y \rfloor (P(X) \rfloor A)$$

$$= (-1)^{r s} Y \rfloor (P(X) A) = (-1)^{r s} Y \rfloor (X \rfloor A) = (-1)^{r s} (Y \wedge X) \rfloor A = (X \wedge Y) \rfloor A$$

$$\text{Thus } P(X) \wedge P(Y) = P(X \wedge Y).$$

*Corollary 6.2. Define the rejection of  $X$  by  $A$  as  $Q_A(X) = Q(X) = X - P_A(X)$ . Then*

$$1. Q_A(x) = A^{-1} \rfloor (A \wedge x) = A^{-1} (A \wedge x) = (x \wedge A) A^{-1}.$$

$$2. Q \circ P = P \circ Q = 0, \quad Q^2(X) = Q(X) \text{ and symmetry, } X \cdot Q(Y) = Q(X) \cdot Y.$$

$$3. Q \text{ is gradepreserving, and } \Lambda_r(V) = P(\Lambda_r(V)) \oplus Q(\Lambda_r(V))$$

4.  $x \in V_{A^\perp} \Rightarrow Q(x) = x$ ,  $Q(A^\parallel) = \{0\}$ ,  $Q(V) = V_{A^\perp}$
5.  $V = P(V) \oplus Q(V) = V_A \oplus V_{A^\perp}$

NB:  $Q(X)$  is not an outermorphism, but this is a commonly used definition. Below is extension of  $Q(x)$  by outermorphism covered.

Proof: Let  $P = P_A$ .

1. Follows from theorem 5.2 (6b), as  
 $\rho Q(x) = x \wedge (A \rfloor A) - (x \rfloor A) \rfloor A = \hat{A} \rfloor (x \wedge A) = A \rfloor (A \wedge x) = A (A \wedge x)$ , as  $A \subseteq (A \wedge x)^\parallel$ .  
 Theorem 5.2 (3b) gives  $A \rfloor (A \wedge x) = (-1)^{h(h+2)} (A \wedge x) \rfloor A = (x \wedge A) \rfloor A = (x \wedge A) A$
2. Obvious from the definition of  $Q$  and theorem 6.1 (3c), (5), e.g.  $Q \circ P(X) = P(X) - P(P(X)) = 0$ .
3. Gradepreserving is obvious from the definition.  $\Lambda_r(V) = P(\Lambda_r(V)) + Q(\Lambda_r(V))$ , as  
 $P(X) + Q(X) = X$ .

If  $X = P(Y) = Q(Z)$ , then  $X = P(X) + Q(X) = P(Q(Z)) + Q(P(Y)) = 0$ . Thus  
 $P(\Lambda_r(V)) \cap Q(\Lambda_r(V)) = \{0\}$ .

4. (4a)  $x \in V_{A^\perp} \Rightarrow x = P(x) + Q(x) = Q(x)$ , as  $P(A^\perp) = \{0\}$ .

$$(4b) X \subseteq A \Rightarrow Q(X) = X - P(X) = 0.$$

(4c) If  $A = a_{\wedge H}$ , we get  $Q(x) \cdot a_i = x \cdot Q(a_i) = 0$ . Thus  $Q(x) \in V_{A^\perp}$ , and  $Q(V) \subseteq V_{A^\perp} \subseteq Q(V)$  by (4a).

5. Now obvious.

*Corollary 6.3. Define the projection **along**  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{P}^A$ , as the extension of  $Q_A(x)$  by outermorphism. Then  $\mathcal{P}^A$  is grade preserving, and*

1.  $\mathcal{P}^A(X) = \mathcal{P}(X) = A^{-1} \rfloor (A \wedge X) = A^{-1} (A \wedge X) = (X \wedge A) A^{-1} = (X \wedge A) \rfloor A^{-1} \subseteq A^+$
2.  $X \subseteq A^+ \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) = X$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(X) \subseteq A^+$ ,  $\mathcal{P}^2(X) = \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(A^\parallel) = \{0\}$ , and  $P_A \circ \mathcal{P}^A = \mathcal{P}^A \circ P_A = 0$
3. Symmetry  $X \cdot \mathcal{P}(Z) = \mathcal{P}(X) \cdot Z$

Example: In  $\mathbb{R}_{4,0}$  let  $X = (e_1 + e_3) \wedge (e_2 + e_4)$  and  $A = e_{12}$ . Then  $Q_A(X) = X - P_A(X) = X - e_{12} = e_{14} - e_{23} + e_{34}$ . This is even not a blade, as  $Q(X) \wedge Q(X) = -2 e_{1234}$ .

However  $\mathcal{P}(X) = e_3 \wedge e_4$ .

Proof: Assume  $X = x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_r$ .

When  $Q$  is extended by outermorphism  $w_i = P_A(x_i)$  and  $y_i = Q_A(x_i) = \mathcal{P}(x_i)$ , then  $x_i = y_i + w_i$  and  
 $Y = \mathcal{P}(X) = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_r \subseteq A^\perp$ .

1. From  $w_i \subseteq A^\parallel \Rightarrow A \wedge w_i = 0$  and lemma 5.12 (2b) follows

$$A^{-1} \rfloor (A \wedge X) = A^{-1} (A \wedge (y_1 + w_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (y_r + w_r)) = \rho^{-1} A \rfloor (A \wedge Y) = \rho^{-1} (A \rfloor A) \wedge Y = Y = \mathcal{P}(X).$$

Finally  $A \rfloor (A \wedge X) = (-1)^{(h+r+1)h} (-1)^{hr} (X \wedge A) \rfloor A = (X \wedge A) \rfloor A$ .

2. Follows easily from corollary 6.2 and  $\mathcal{P}$  being an outermorphism.

3. We may assume  $\text{grade}(Z) = r$ . Then

$$X \cdot \mathcal{P}(Z) = \langle X A^{-1}(A \wedge Z) \rangle = \langle (X \wedge A^{-1}) (A \wedge Z) \rangle = \langle (X \wedge A^{-1}) A Z \rangle = \mathcal{P}(X) \cdot Z$$

*Theorem 6.4* Projection  $P_A^B$  on  $A$  along  $B$  (with  $(A \wedge B)^+$  fixed). Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field not of characteristic 2.

For a  $r$ -blade  $A$  and a  $s$ -blade  $B$  let  $C = A \wedge B$  and assume  $C$  is invertible and set  $\eta = (B \wedge A) \cdot C$ . Then  $C^{-1} = (-1)^{rs} \eta^{-1} C$  and

1.  $V = V_A \oplus V_B \oplus V_{\perp C}$  as direct sum of vectorspaces, and this defines projections.  $P_A^B$  is the projection on  $V_A \oplus V_{\perp C}$  along  $V_B$ .

2.  $P_A^B$  extended by outermorphism gives  $P_A^B(X) = \eta^{-1}(A \rfloor C) \rfloor (B \wedge X)$

3.  $X \subseteq \Lambda(V_A + V_{\perp C}) \Rightarrow P(X) = X$ ,  $X \subseteq B \Rightarrow P(X) = 0$ ,  $P(X) \subseteq \Lambda(V_A + V_{\perp C})$ ,  $P^2(X) = P(X)$ ,  $P_A^B \circ P_B^A = P_B^A \circ P_A^B = \mathcal{P}^C$ ,  $P_B^A + P_A^B - \mathcal{P}^C = \text{id}_{\Lambda(V)}$

Proof: As all holds for  $r = 0$  or  $s = 0$  where  $P_A^B(X) = \mathcal{P}^B(X)$  and  $P_A^1(X) = X$ , assume  $r, s > 0$ .

1.  $V_C \oplus V_{\perp C}$  from corollary 6.2. Let  $(a_i, i \in I)$ ,  $(b_j, j \in J)$  be bases for  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ , such that  $A = a_{\wedge I}$  and  $B = b_{\wedge J}$ .

As  $C = a_{\wedge I} \wedge b_{\wedge J} \neq 0$ , the combined list of bases is a basis for  $V_C$ , and  $V_C = V_A \oplus V_B$ .

2. Let  $X = x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_r$ ,  $x_i = a_i + b_i + z_i$  and  $y_i = a_i + z_i$ , where  $a_i \in V_A$ ,  $b_i \in V_B$  and  $z_i \in V_{\perp C}$ .

$P_A^B(x)$  extended by outermorphism gives  $P_A^B(X) = Y = \wedge_i y_i$ .

Expanded as a sum of blades,  $X - Y = \Sigma \dots \wedge b_k \wedge \dots$ , where each blade contain at least one factor  $b_k$ .

Hence  $B \wedge (X - Y) = 0$  and  $B \wedge X = B \wedge Y$ . By factor expansion

$(A \rfloor C) \rfloor (B \wedge Y) = ((A \rfloor C) \rfloor B) \wedge Y + \Sigma$  (terms of form  $k_j((A \rfloor C) \cdot (B_j \wedge Y_j)) \wedge B'_j \wedge Y'_j$ ), where  $B$  and  $Y$

are split and  $\text{grade}(Y_j) \geq 1$ . Let  $Z = \wedge_i z_i$  split like  $Y$ . Now

$(A \rfloor C) \cdot (B_j \wedge Y_j) = (B_j \wedge Y_j) \rfloor (A \rfloor C) = (B_j \wedge Y_j \wedge A) \rfloor C = \pm((B_j \wedge A) \wedge Z_j) \rfloor C = 0$  by lemma 5.12 (2b) and as  $Z \subseteq C^+$ .

Collected we get  $(A \rfloor C) \rfloor (B \wedge X) = (A \rfloor C) \rfloor (B \wedge Y) = ((A \rfloor C) \cdot B) Y = (B \rfloor (A \rfloor C)) Y = \eta P_A^B(X)$ , as  $(A \rfloor C) \subseteq Y^+$  and lemma 5.12 (2b).

3. An easy consequence of (1) for  $X$  of grade 1, and then by outermorphism extension.

Example: In  $\mathbb{R}_{1,1}$  let  $A = e_1 - e_2$ ,  $B = e_1 + e_2$ . Then  $C = A \wedge B = 2 e_1 \wedge e_2 = 2 e_1 e_2$ , which is invertible, but  $A$  and  $B$  not, as  $A^2 = B^2 = 0$ .

A formula for the reflection  $R_A^B(x)$  in  $A$  along  $B$  with  $(A \wedge B)^+$  fixed is easily obtained as

$$P_A^B(x) - P_B^A(x) = \eta^{-1}(A \rfloor C) \rfloor (B \wedge x) - (-1)^{rs} \eta^{-1}(B \rfloor C) \rfloor (A \wedge x)$$

$R_A^B(x)$  can be extended by outermorphism to  $R_A^B(X)$ ; but a simplification is not at hand.

## Orthogonal isomorphisms. Reflections

In  $\mathbb{R}_{3,0}$  the reflection along a vector  $a$  is  $\mathcal{R}^a(x) = Q_a(x) - P_a(x)$  and the reflection in  $a$  is  $R_a(x) = P_a(x) - Q_a(x) = -\mathcal{R}^a(x)$ .

As  $x = Q_a(x) + P_a(x)$ , we get  $\mathcal{R}^a(x) = x - 2P_a(x) = x - 2(x \rfloor a) a^{-1} = x - (x a - \hat{a} x) a^{-1} = -a x a^{-1}$ , and this formula will be generalized.

NB: Building up from this formula with *outermorphism* is natural, but proofs seems easier starting from a general formula.

*Theorem 6.5. For a h-blade  $A$  assume  $\rho = A \cdot A$  is invertible, such that  $A^{-1} = \rho^{-1} A$ .*

*Define the reflection **along**  $A$  by linearity and*

$$\mathcal{R}^A(X) = \mathcal{R}(X) = (-1)^{hr} A X A^{-1}, \text{ when } \text{grade}(X) = r. \text{ Then}$$

$$1. \mathcal{R}^A(x) = \hat{A} x A^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = x - 2 P(x)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(P(x)) = -P(x) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}(Q(x)) = Q(x) \text{ justify the words "along } A \text{"}$$

$$2. \text{ Also } \mathcal{R}^2(X) = X, \text{ and } \mathcal{R}(X) \cdot \mathcal{R}(Y) = X \cdot Y.$$

3. Moreover  $\mathcal{R}^A$  is a Clifford algebra isomorphism and universal extension of its restriction to  $V$ .

$\mathcal{R}$  is e.g. grade preserving and an outermorphism, as the Automorphism Theorem 5.4 apply to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

$$4. \text{ Also } \mathcal{R}(P(X)) = P(\hat{X}), \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{P}^A(X)) = \mathcal{P}^A(X), \mathcal{R} \text{ is symmetric, } \mathcal{R}(X) \cdot Y = X \cdot \mathcal{R}(Y)$$

$$5. \text{ If } V \text{ has a finite basis, then } \det(\mathcal{R}^A) = (-1)^h$$

Proof: Assume  $\text{grade}(A) = h$ ,  $\text{grade}(X) = r$  and  $\text{grade}(Y) = s$ . Then

1. 1a. Obvious.

(1b)  $\mathcal{R}$  gives a transformation  $V \rightarrow V$ , as

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = \hat{A} x A^{-1} = x + (-x A + \hat{A} x) A^{-1} = x - 2(x \rfloor A) A^{-1} = x - 2 P(x) \in V.$$

$$(2b) \mathcal{R}(Q(x)) = Q(x) - 2 P(Q(x)) = Q(x) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}(P(x)) = P(x) - 2 P(P(x)) = -P(x)$$

$$2. (2a) \mathcal{R}^2(X) = (-1)^{hr} A ((-1)^{hr} A^{-1} X A) A^{-1} = X$$

(2b) It is clearly zero for  $r \neq s$ , and for  $r = s$  by theorem 5.2 (2a)

$$\mathcal{R}(X) \cdot \mathcal{R}(Y) = (-1)^{hr+hs} \langle A X A^{-1} A Y A^{-1} \rangle = \langle A (X Y A^{-1}) \rangle = \langle (X Y A^{-1}) A \rangle = X \cdot Y$$

3. By (1b)  $\mathcal{R}$  gives a transformation  $V \rightarrow V$ . Also  $\mathcal{R}(1) = 1$ .

From (2a) follows  $\mathcal{R}$  is bijective and from (2b) that  $B(\mathcal{R}(x), \mathcal{R}(y)) = B(x, y)$ .

$$\mathcal{R}(X) \mathcal{R}(Y) = (-1)^{hr+hs} A X Y A^{-1} = \mathcal{R}(X Y), \text{ as } \text{grade}(X Y) \equiv r + s \pmod{2} \text{ imply } (-1)^{h(r+s)} = (-1)^{h \text{grade}(X Y)}, \text{ which}$$

shows  $\mathcal{R}$  is an Clifford algebra homomorphism. By the uniqueness of the universal extension this proves (3).

4. (4a,b) Follows from uniqueness of extensions to outermorphisms of (1c).

The formula is trivial, if  $r \neq s$ , and otherwise

$$\mathcal{R}(X) \cdot Y = \rho^{-1} (-1)^{hr} \langle A (X A Y) \rangle = \rho^{-1} (-1)^{hr} \langle (X A Y) A \rangle = (-1)^{hr-hs} X \cdot \mathcal{R}(Y) = X \cdot \mathcal{R}(Y)$$

5. Counting swappings gives  $e_i e_M = (-1)^{|M|-1} e_M e_i$  and  $e_H e_M = (-1)^{(|M|-1)|H|} e_M e_H$ .

$$\text{Therefore } A e_M = (-1)^{(|M|-1)h} e_M A \text{ and } \mathcal{R}^A(e_M) = (-1)^{h|M|} A e_M A^{-1} = (-1)^h e_M$$

Example. If  $|M|$  is finite and  $e_M$  invertible, then  $(-1)^{|M|} e_M x e_M^{-1} = -x$ , and otherwise  $x \rightarrow -x$  is not a reflection along a blade. However

it is a reflection **in** 1.

*Corollary 6.6. Define the reflection **in**  $A$  as  $R_A(X) = R(X) = \mathcal{R}^A(\hat{X})$ . Then*

1.  $R_A(X) = (-1)^{hr} A \hat{X} A^{-1}$  and, if  $x \in V$ , then

$$R_A(x) = -\mathcal{R}^A(x) = -\hat{A} x A^{-1}$$

$$R(x) = -x + 2P(x)$$

$$R(P(x)) = P(x) \text{ and } R(Q(x)) = -Q(x) \text{ supports the words "in } A\text{"}$$

2. Also  $R^2(X) = X$ , and  $R(X) \cdot R(Y) = X \cdot Y$ .

3. Moreover  $R_A$  is a Clifford algebra isomorphism and universal extension of its restriction to  $V$ .

$R$  is e.g. grade preserving and an outermorphism, as the Automorphism Theorem 5.4 apply to  $R$ .

4.  $R(P(X)) = P(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{P}^A(X)) = \mathcal{P}^A(\hat{X})$ ,  $R^2(X) = X$ ,  $R$  is symmetric,  $R(X) \cdot Y = X \cdot R(Y)$

5. If  $V$  has a finite basis, then  $\det(R_A) = (-1)^{h+|M|}$

NB:  $\mathcal{R}^A(X) + R_A(X) = 2 \langle X \rangle_{\text{even}}$  and not  $X$ .

Proof: Obvious from the theorem and earlier results, as e.g.  $X \rightarrow \hat{X}$  is a symmetric automorphism.

## Orthogonal isomorphisms. Rotations

*Definition 6.7 A versor of order  $h$  or a  $h$ -versor,  $U = u_1 \dots u_h$ , as a product of invertible elements  $u_i \in V$ .*

1. As  $U^{-1} = u_h^{-1} \dots u_1^{-1}$  a versor transformation of  $\text{Cl}(B, V)$  is defined by linearity and

$$S(X) = S_U(X) = (-1)^{hr} U X U^{-1}, \text{ when } \text{grade}(X) = r, \text{ e.g. } S(x) = \hat{U} x U^{-1}$$

1. As  $S_U = \mathcal{R}^{u_1} \circ \dots \circ \mathcal{R}^{u_h}$  the Automorphism Theorem apply to  $S_U$ , and, if  $V$  has a finite basis, then  $\det(S_U) = (-1)^h$

2. The Clifford group  $\Gamma$  is the multiplicative group of versors.

Define  $\Gamma^+$ , the rotation versors, as the versors of even order, which obviously is a subgroup of  $\Gamma$  of index 2.

The orthogonal isomorphisms  $V \rightarrow V$  is a group under composition  $\circ$ , the orthogonal group  $O(B)$ .

The mapping  $\Psi : U \rightarrow S_U$  is a multiplicative morphism from  $\Gamma$  into the orthogonal group  $O(B)$ .

NB: The form  $x \rightarrow U x U^{-1}$  also gives orthogonal isomorphisms, but fewer and not with the same sort of uniqueness.

*Lemma 6.8. The mapping  $\Psi : U \rightarrow S_U$  is a multiplicative morphism from  $\Gamma$  into the orthogonal group  $O(B)$ .*

Proof: Follows from

$$\Psi(T) \circ \Psi(U) = (-1)^{ks} T (-1)^{hs} U X U^{-1} T^{-1} = (-1)^{(h+k)s} (T U) X (T U)^{-1} = \Psi(T U).$$

*Theorem 6.9. Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field not of characteristic 2,  $V$  has a finite basis and  $B$  is regular.*

*1. Then from the Cartan-Dieudonne theorem follows that any orthogonal isomorphism of  $V$  can be expressed as  $S(x) = \hat{U} x U^{-1}$ , where  $U$  is a  $h$ -versor with  $h \leq n = \dim(V)$ .*

*2.  $\forall_{x \in V} \hat{U} x U^{-1} = \hat{T} x T^{-1}$  imply  $T \in \mathbb{K}^\times U$ .*

*3.  $\Psi : \Gamma \rightarrow O(B)$  is onto  $O(B)$  with kernel  $\Psi^{-1}(\text{id}_V) = \mathbb{K}^\times$*

*Also  $\Psi$  maps  $\Gamma^+$  onto  $O^+(B)$ , the orthogonal isomorphisms with determinant 1 called rotations.*

*4. Moreover, if  $\forall_{x \in V} \psi(x) = \hat{T} x T^{-1} \in V$ , then  $T$  is a versor.*

Proof: 1. The Cartan-Dieudonne theorem states that an orthogonal isomorphism can be expressed as a composition of at most  $n$  reflections  $\mathcal{R}^u$ .

2. If  $\hat{U} x U^{-1} = \hat{T} x T^{-1}$  and  $A = U^{-1} T$ , then  $x A = \hat{A} x$ , which gives  $2x]A = 0$ . Thus  $A \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$ .

3. From (2) and last theorem.

4. Like the proof for Theorem 6.5 (2b), we get  $\psi(x) \cdot \psi(y) = x \cdot y$ , and  $\psi \in O(B)$ , as  $\psi^{-1}(x) = T^{-1} x \hat{T}$ .

Now from (1) follows  $\psi = S_U$  for some  $U$ , and from (2)  $T/U \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ .

It is possible to remove some of the redundancy of the versor  $U$  without spoiling the group properties by using the mapping  $\Phi$  below.

*Corollary 6.10. The mapping  $\Phi : U \rightarrow U \tilde{U} \in \mathbb{K}^\times$  is a multiplicative morphism,  $\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a multiplicative group, and  $\Phi(\Gamma) = \Phi(\Gamma) \mathbb{K}^{\times 2}$ .*

*2. Assume  $\mathbb{K}^\times = S \times (\mathbb{K}^\times)^2$  as direct product of multiplicative subgroups  $S$  and  $(\mathbb{K}^\times)^2$ , like e.g.*

*$\mathbb{R}^\times = \{\pm 1\} \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2$  or  $\mathbb{C}^\times = \{1\} \times (\mathbb{C}^\times)^2$ .*

*Then each  $U \in \Gamma$  can be normalized as  $tU$ , such that  $\Phi(tU) \in S$ , and  $t$  is unique apart from a factor  $\pm 1$ .*

*Define  $\text{pin}(B) = \Phi^{-1}(S)$  and  $\text{spin}(B) = \text{pin}(B) \cap \Gamma^+$ ,  $\text{pin}^+(B) = \Phi^{-1}(1)$  and  $\text{spin}^+(B) = \text{pin}^+(B) \cap \Gamma^+$ .*

*If  $U \in \text{pin}(B)$ , then  $S_U(x) = s^{-1} \hat{U} x \tilde{U}$ , where  $s = \Phi(U) \in S$*

Proof: 1.  $U \tilde{U} = \tilde{U} U = \langle U \tilde{U} \rangle$ , and

$\Phi(U T) = \langle (U T) (U T)^\sim \rangle = \langle (U T) (\tilde{T} \tilde{U}) \rangle = \langle \tilde{U} (U T \tilde{T}) \rangle = \Phi(U) \Phi(T)$

If  $U = u_1 \dots u_h$ , then  $U \tilde{U} = u_1^2 \dots u_h^2 \in \mathbb{K}^\times$  and is invertible, as each  $u_k$  is. Also

$\Phi(U^{-1}) = (u_h^{-1} \dots u_1^{-1}) (u_1^{-1} \dots u_h^{-1})^\sim = u_1^{-2} \dots u_h^{-2} \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ , and  $\Phi(U) \Phi(U^{-1}) = \Phi(U^{-1}) \Phi(U) = 1$ . Thus

$\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a group, as  $s, t \in \Phi(\Gamma) \Rightarrow s^{-1}, s t \in \Phi(\Gamma)$ .

If  $v \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ , then  $U \in \Gamma \Leftrightarrow vU \in \Gamma$  and therefore  $s^2 \Phi(\Gamma) = \Phi(\Gamma)$

2. (a) Assume  $\Phi(U) = s k^2, s \in S$ , then  $\Phi(tU) = s \Leftrightarrow s (t k)^2 = s \Leftrightarrow t = \pm k^{-1}$ .

(b) Follows from the definition of  $S_U$ , and  $U \in \text{pin}(B) \Rightarrow U \tilde{U} = s \in S \Rightarrow U^{-1} = s^{-1} \tilde{U}, s \in S$ .

NB: The concept covering requires topological spaces, which is not the case here in this general setup.

Example. In  $\Lambda(V)$  any bijective linear transformation is an orthogonal isomorphism, but none has versor forms.

Example. In  $\mathbb{R}^{2,1}$  let  $u = (e_1 + e_2) / \sqrt{2}$ ,  $f_1(x) = u e_2 x e_2 u$  and  $f_2(x) = -u e_3 x e_3 u$ . Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are in  $\text{spin}(B)$ .



## Chapter 7 Finer structures in Clifford algebra

### Some isomorphisms of Clifford algebras

*Theorem 7.1.* Let  $(a_i)$  be an orthogonal basis for  $V$ ,  $V_\kappa = V \oplus \mathbb{K} a_\kappa$ ,  $a_\kappa$  orthogonal to  $V$ ,  $a_\kappa^2 = \varepsilon$  invertible, and  $B_\kappa$  the extension of  $B$  to  $V_\kappa$ . Define a linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow Cl(B_\kappa)^+$  by  $u \rightarrow u a_\kappa$ . Then  $f$  extends uniquely to an algebra isomorphism  $F: Cl(-\varepsilon B) \rightarrow Cl(B_\kappa)^+$ .

Proof: We may assume  $(a_i | i \in M)$  is the standard basis for  $V$ , and in the index ordering makes  $\kappa$  last. From  $f$  linear and  $f(u)^2 = u a_\kappa u a_\kappa = -\varepsilon u^2$  follows the extension of  $f$  by universality to  $F: Cl(-\varepsilon B) \rightarrow Cl(B_\kappa)^+$  as algebra morphism.

Products  $a_i a_\kappa$ ,  $i \in M$  span  $Cl(B_\kappa)^+$  as algebra, as  $a_i a_\kappa a_j a_\kappa = -\varepsilon a_i a_j = -\varepsilon a_{\{i,j\}}$ ,  $i \neq j$ , and any  $a_H \in A^+$  is product of 2-grade basis elements.

$F$  is bijective, as the basis  $(a_K, K \text{ finite } K \subseteq M)$  is mapped bijectively onto the basis  $(\pm \varepsilon^p a_K, K \text{ even or } \pm \varepsilon^p a_{K \cup \{\kappa\}}, K \text{ odd } | K \subseteq M)$  for  $Cl(B_\kappa)^+$ .

Example. In the case  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}$  we get we get  $F: \mathbb{R}_{q,p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{p+1,q}^+$  when  $\varepsilon = 1$ , and  $F: \mathbb{R}_{p,q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{p,q+1}^+$  when  $\varepsilon = -1$ .

Thus  $\mathbb{R}_{q,p-1} \simeq \mathbb{R}_{p,q}^+$  when  $p \geq 1$ , and  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q-1} \simeq \mathbb{R}_{p,q}^+$  when  $q \geq 1$ . Hence  $\mathbb{R}_{q,p-1} \simeq \mathbb{R}_{p,q-1}$  when  $p, q \geq 1$ .

The algebra isomorphism is not as Clifford algebras.

### Center. Simplicity.

*Definition 7.2.* An algebra  $A$  is called simple, if  $A$  has no twosided ideals other than  $0$  and  $A$ .

The center  $Z = Z(A)$  of an algebra  $A$  consists of the elements commuting with all the elements of  $A$ .

*Theorem 7.3.* Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . Then,

if  $|M|$  is finite and odd, then  $Z = Z(Cl(B)) = \mathbb{K} e_M + \mathcal{G}(V_0)^+$ , and otherwise  $Z = \mathcal{G}(V_0)^+$ , where  $V_0$  is the radical or kernel of  $B$ .

Proof: Clearly  $Z$  is a linear subspace of  $Cl(B)$ .

We have  $X \in Z \Leftrightarrow \forall Y \in Cl(B) : YX - XY = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall Y \in Cl(B) : Y\hat{X} - \hat{X}Y = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{X} \in Z$ .

Also from  $X_0 = \langle X \rangle_{\text{even}} = (X + \hat{X})/2$  and  $X_1 = \langle X \rangle_{\text{odd}} = (X - \hat{X})/2$  follows  $X \in Z \Leftrightarrow X_0, X_1 \in Z$ .

1. Assume  $X \in Z$ . As  $\forall_i : 0 = (e_i X_1 - X_1 e_i)/2 = e_i \wedge X_1$ , and using theorem 5.2 (11a) we get, if  $|M|$  is finite and odd, that  $X_1 \in \mathbb{K} e_M$ ,

and otherwise that  $X_1 = 0$ .

Furthermore from  $\forall_i : 0 = (e_i X_0 - X_0 e_i)/2 = e_i \downarrow X_0$  follows  $X_0 \in \mathcal{G}(V_0)^+$  using theorem 5.2 (11b).  
 2. Verification. From  $X \in \mathcal{G}(V_0)^+$  follows  $\forall_i : (e_i X - X e_i)/2 = e_i \downarrow X = 0$  and therefore  $X \in Z$ .  
 Finally  $|M|$  is finite and odd implies  $\forall_i : e_i e_M = e_M e_i$  and therefore that  $e_M \in Z$ .

*Lemma 7.4. For algebra  $A$  and  $f \in A$  assume  $f$  is idempotent,  $f^2 = f$ . Then*

1.  $(1 - f)^2 = (1 - f)$  and  $f(1 - f) = 0$ .

2.  $\mathcal{I}_- = A f$  is a left ideal.

3.  $P_- : X \rightarrow X f$  is an algebraic projection onto  $\mathcal{I}_-$ , such that

(3bcd):  $P_-^2 = P_-$ ,  $(1 - P_-)^2 = (1 - P_-)$  and  $P_-(1 - P_-) = 0$ , all with  $1 = \text{id}_V$ .

Moreover  $X \in \mathcal{I}_- \Rightarrow P_-(X) = X$

4. If  $f \in Z(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_-$  is as a twosided ideal, and  $P_- : A \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_-$  is an algebra homomorphism.

As  $(1 - f)$  has the same properties as those mentioned of  $f$ , it give likewise rise to left ideal

$\mathcal{I}_+ = A(1 - f)$  and  $P_+ = 1 - P_-$ .

Analogous statements to (1-3) holds and furthermore

5.  $\mathcal{I}_- \oplus \mathcal{I}_+ = A$

Proof: 1. Obvious

2.  $A \mathcal{I}_- = A^2 f = A f = \mathcal{I}_-$

3. (3b)  $P_-^2(X) = X f^2 = X f = P_-(X)$  and this imply (3c,d)

(3e)  $X \in \mathcal{I}_- \Rightarrow X = Y f \Rightarrow P_-(X) = Y f^2 = Y f = X$

(3a)  $P_-(X) = X f \in \mathcal{I}_-$  and (3e) imply  $P_-$  is onto  $\mathcal{I}_-$

4.  $P_-(X)P_-(Y) = X f Y f = X Y f^2 = X Y f = P_-(X Y)$ .

5.  $\mathcal{I}_- + \mathcal{I}_+ \supseteq (P_- + P_+)(A) = A$  and by (3e,d)  $X \in \mathcal{I}_- \cap \mathcal{I}_+ \Rightarrow X = P_+(X) = P_-(P_+(X)) = 0$

*Theorem 7.5. Assume  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$  and  $B$  is regular. Then*

1. If  $|M|$  is even or infinite, then  $\text{Cl}_V(B)$  is simple.

2. Assume  $|M|$  finite and odd. Then

$\mathcal{I}$  is a non-trivial ideal  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda : \mathcal{I} = \text{Cl}(B)(1 + \lambda e_M)$  and  $\lambda^2 e_M^2 = 1$ .

3. Assume  $|M|$  finite and odd, and  $\lambda^2 e_M^2 = 1$ . Then

(3a)  $f_{\pm} = (1 \pm \lambda e_M)/2 \in Z(\text{Cl}(B))$ ,  $f_{\pm} f_{\mp} = 0$  and  $f_{\pm}^2 = f_{\pm}$ .

This gives projections and algebra homomorphisms  $P_{\pm}(X) = X f_{\pm}$  onto proper ideals  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm} = P_{\pm}(\text{Cl}(B))$ , such that

$P_- + P_+ = \text{Id}_{\text{Cl}(B)}$ ,  $P_- P_+ = 0$ ,  $P_{\pm}^2 = P_{\pm}$ , and  $\mathcal{I}_- \oplus \mathcal{I}_+ = \text{Cl}(B)$ .

(3b)  $P_{\pm}(X) \cdot Y = X \cdot P_{\pm}(Y)$

(3d)  $\text{Cl}(B)^+$  isomorphic to each ideal  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  by the restriction of  $P_{\pm}$  to  $\text{Cl}(B)^+$ .

(3e)  $\text{Cl}(B)^+$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  are all simple.

(3f) The only non-trivial ideals in  $\text{Cl}_V(B)$  are  $\mathcal{I}_-$  and  $\mathcal{I}_+$ .

Proof: Assume  $X = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda_K e_K \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda_K \neq 0$  belongs to a non-trivial ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Also assume  $X$  is chosen, such that the expansion has a minimal number of nonzero coefficients.

As each  $e_K$  is invertible, then after division with one of them we may assume  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $\lambda_\emptyset = 1$ .

Let  $\theta(X)$  be the proposition:  $X$  has an even term,  $\lambda_H e_H$  with a factor  $e_i$ ,  $i \in H$ , or an odd term,  $\lambda_H e_H$  with a factor  $e_i$ ,  $i \in M \setminus H$ .

If  $\theta(X)$ , then  $X = 1 + \lambda_H e_H + X_{\text{remaining}} \in \mathcal{I}$  and get  $e_i X / e_i = 1 - \lambda_H e_H + e_i X_{\text{remaining}} / e_i \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Therefore  $X + e_i X / e_i$  simplified has fewer terms than  $X$ , as the terms  $\lambda_H e_H$  cancel and each  $e_i \lambda_K e_K / e_i = \pm \lambda_K e_K$ .

This contradiction shows the negation of  $\theta(X)$  holds.

1 (Case  $|M|$  even or infinite). As  $H$  odd  $\Rightarrow M \setminus H \neq \emptyset$ ,  $X$  can only have even terms, and here only 1.

Thus  $\mathcal{I}$  is trivial and  $\mathcal{Cl}_V(B)$  is simple.

2 (Case  $|M|$  odd). Here  $e_M \in Z$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda_M$ . As  $M = H$  is possible,  $X = 1 + \lambda e_M$ . Now  $(1 - \lambda e_M)X = 1 - \lambda^2 e_M^2 \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathbb{K} = \{0\}$ , as the ideal is non-trivial, and  $e_M^2 = \lambda^{-2}$  is necessary for this, and by (3f) below sufficient.

3. (3a) Follows from Lemma 7.4 follows, as  $f_+ = 1 - f_-$

(3b)  $P_\pm$  is symmetric, as  $P_\pm(X) \cdot Y = \langle X(1 \pm \lambda e_M) Y \rangle / 2 = X \cdot P_\pm(Y)$ .

(3d) The restriction of  $P_+$  to  $\mathcal{Cl}(B)^+$  is injective, as the odd part of  $P_+(X) = X f_+$  is  $X/2$ .

If  $|K|$  is odd, then, as  $P_+ P_- = 0$ ,  $P_+(e_K) = P_+(P_+(e_K) - P_-(e_K)) = P_+(\lambda e_K e_M)$ .

Thus  $P_+(e_K) = \lambda \sigma(K, M) P_+(e_{MK})$ , where  $M \setminus K$  is even and  $\lambda \sigma(K, M) \neq 0$ .

Hence  $P_+(\mathcal{Cl}(B)^+) = \text{span}\{P_+(e_K) \mid K \in \mathcal{F}, K \text{ is even}\} = \text{span}\{P_+(e_K) \mid K \in \mathcal{F}\} = \mathcal{I}_+$ .

Likewise can be proved that the restriction of  $P_-$  to  $\mathcal{Cl}(B)^+$  is an algebra isomorphism.

(3e)  $\mathcal{Cl}(B)^+$  is simple follows from theorem 7.1 by the isomorphism  $\mathcal{Cl}(-\varepsilon B) \rightarrow \mathcal{Cl}(B_\kappa)^+$ , as the basis for  $\mathcal{Cl}(-\varepsilon B)$  has even size  $|M - 1|$ .

(3f) Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a non-trivial ideal such that  $f_+ = (1 + \lambda e_M) \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Hence  $f_+ \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I}_+$  implies  $\mathcal{I}_+ \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ . As  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I}_-$  is an ideal and  $\mathcal{I}_-$  is simple, we must have  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I}_- = \{0\}$ .

That  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{I}_+$  follows from  $P_-(\mathcal{I}) = \mathcal{I}(1 - \lambda e_M)/2 \subseteq \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I}_- = \{0\}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow X = P_-(X) + P_+(X) = P_+(X) \in \mathcal{I}_+$ . Thus  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_+$ .

*Theorem 7.6. Assume  $B$  is regular and  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$ , that  $|M|$  is finite  $> 1$  and odd, and also that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  can be found, such that  $\lambda^2 e_M^2 = 1$ . Then*

1. In  $\mathcal{A}(V, B)$  exists besides  $\mathcal{Cl}_V(B)$  only the algebras  $U_\pm = \mathcal{Cl}(B) / \mathcal{I}_\pm$ .

2. If  $\tilde{e}_M = e_M$ , then  $\mathcal{Cl}(B) / \mathcal{I}_\pm$  has reversion and no conjugation.

Otherwise, if  $\bar{e}_M = e_M$ , then  $\mathcal{Cl}(B) / \mathcal{I}_\pm$  has conjugation and no reversion.

Proof: Set  $f_{\pm} = (1 \pm \lambda e_M)/2$ .

1. By theorem 7.4  $C\ell_V(B)$  has proper ideals  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  and only these, and by theorem 3.5, it remains to show properties 1-3 in definition 1.1 for  $U_{\pm}$ .

The natural mapping  $\phi_{\pm} : C\ell(B) \rightarrow U_{\pm}$  has kernel  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ .

Assume e.g.  $k+x \in \mathcal{I}_- \cap (\mathbb{K} \oplus V)$ . Then  $k+x = Y f_-$  giving  $(k+x) f_+ = 0$  or  $k+x + \lambda k e_M + \lambda x e_M = 0$ . As  $|M| > 1$ , these four elements has different grades, if not equal to zero. Likewise for  $k+x \in \mathcal{I}_+ \cap (\mathbb{K} \oplus V)$ .

Hence  $k = x = 0$ , and  $\phi_{\pm}$  is injective on  $\mathbb{K} \oplus V$ , which can be identified with its image by  $\phi_{\pm}$ . This gives property 3 and 1, 2 are now obvious.

2. If  $\tilde{e}_M = e_M$ , then  $\tilde{f}_{\pm} = f_{\pm}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm} = (\mathcal{I}_{\pm})^{\sim}$ , whence  $C\ell(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  may have reversion transferred.

Likewise, if  $\tilde{e}_M = -e_M$ , i.e.  $\overline{e}_M = e_M$ , then  $C\ell(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  may have conjugation transferred.

As by theorem 5.6 a main automorphism does not exists in  $C\ell(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ , only one of the transformations reversion and conjugation can exist.

Example. In  $\mathbb{R}_{1,0,1}$  bilinearform  $B$  is not regular, has diagonal matrix  $(1, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{I} = e_2 \mathbb{R}_{1,0,1}$  is the ideal  $\text{span}(e_2, e_{12})$ .

The algebra  $\mathbb{R}_{1,0,1}/\mathcal{I} \simeq \mathbb{R}_1$  is spanned by  $\{1, e_1\}$ , which has a main automorphism. Thus regularity is essential in theorem 5.6.

Example.  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}$ . If  $p - q \equiv 2h + 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $e_M^2 = (-1)^h$ .

Hence if  $p + q$  is infinite, even or  $p - q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}$  is simple.

Otherwise  $p - q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q} = \mathcal{I}_- \oplus \mathcal{I}_+$ .

If furthermore  $q$  is odd/even, then  $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  has conjugation/reversion according to the parity of  $q$ .

This follows by interger calculation, as  $q = 2r - \delta$  and  $p = q + 1 + 4s$  imply that the reversion exponent  $(p + q)(p + q - 1)/2 \equiv \delta \pmod{2}$ .

Example.  $\mathbb{C}_p$ . If  $p$  is even or infinite  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is simple.

Otherwise, as  $e_M^2 = \lambda^{-2}$  can be solved for  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_p$  has ideals  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ .

If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}_p/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  has a reversion.

If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}_p/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  has a conjugation.

Example.  $\mathbb{C}_3$ . As  $\overline{e}_M = e_M$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\pm} = \mathbb{C}_3(1 \pm e_M)/2 = \overline{\mathcal{I}}_{\pm}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_3/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  has a conjugation transferred from  $\mathbb{C}_3$ .

## Linear independency Clifford products. The quantization transformation

*Lemma 7.7. Let  $x_i \in V$ , then  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_p - x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_p \in \Lambda_{<p}(V)$ .*

Proof: Induction after  $p$  is used. It is trivial for  $p = 0, 1$ . Assume the statement is true for  $1 < p < r$ .

If  $X = x_2 \dots x_r$  and  $Y = x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_r$ , then  $x_1 X - x_1 \wedge Y = x_1 \wedge (X - Y) + x_1 \lrcorner (X - Y) + x_1 \lrcorner Y \in \Lambda_{<r}$ .

The assertion follows now from the induction principle.

*Theorem 7.8. Let  $(x_i \mid i \in I)$  be linear independent in  $V$ .*

1. Then  $(x_K \mid K \subseteq I, K \text{ finite})$  is linear independent.

2. Assume  $(x_i \mid i \in I)$  is a basis for  $V$ , and  $K \subseteq I, K \text{ finite}$ .

Then the quantization transformation  $f : \mathcal{G}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(V)$  is well-defined by linearity and  $f(x_{\wedge K}) = x_K$ . Moreover  $f$  is bijective and  $(x_K)$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{G}(V)$ .

Proof: 1. Assume  $Y = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda_K x_K$  with all  $\lambda_K \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset$ , and set  $X = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda_K x_{\wedge K}$  and  $r = \max \{|K| \mid K \in \mathcal{E}\}$ .

According to lemma 7.7,  $X - Y = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{E}} \lambda_K (x_{\wedge K} - x_K) \in \Lambda_{<r}(V)$ . If  $Y = 0$ , this gives a contradiction, and the assertion follows.

2. As  $(x_{\wedge K})$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{G}(V)$ ,  $f$  is well-defined and by the proof of (1) injective.

If  $f$  is not surjective, select if possible  $X \in \mathcal{G}(V) \setminus f(\mathcal{G}(V))$  with lowest grade of highest grade term. Then  $X \neq 0$ .

If  $X - f(X) \in f(\mathcal{G}(V))$  then  $X \in f(\mathcal{G}(V))$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $X - f(X) \in \mathcal{G}(V) \setminus f(\mathcal{G}(V))$ , and has according to lemma 7.7 lower highest grade than  $X$ , which gives a contradiction. Thus  $f$  is bijective and maps a basis onto a basis.

## Parity. Twisted algebra

*Definition 7.9.* In  $Cl(B)$  define parity of  $X$  by  $\text{par}(X) = p \Leftrightarrow \text{grade}(X) \equiv p \pmod{2}$ .

Also set  $Cl(B)^- = \{X \mid \text{par}(X) = 1\}$  and  $Cl(B)^+ = \{X \mid \text{par}(X) = 0\}$

Parity makes  $Cl(B)$  a graded algebra:  $\text{par}(X) = r$  and  $\text{par}(Y) = s \Rightarrow \text{par}(XY) = r + s \pmod{2}$ .

Proof: Follows from theorem 2.2, as factor reductions for products are even in number.

With a new product,  $X \tau Y$  in  $Cl(B, V)$  we get an algebra  $Cl(B, V)^{\text{tw}}$  isomorphic to  $Cl(-B, V)$ .

*Definition 7.10.* To every Clifford algebra  $Cl(B, V)$  is associated a twisted algebra  $Cl(B, V)^{\text{tw}}$  in the same linear space with multiplication defined by linearity and  $X \tau Y = (-1)^{rs} XY$  when  $\text{par}(X) = r$  and  $\text{par}(Y) = s$

1. This gives an algebra structure, such that  $x \tau x = -x^2$  for  $x \in V$ . The twisted of the twisted algebra is the original.

2. The universal extension of  $\text{id}_V$  is an algebra isomorphism  $F : Cl(-B, V) \rightarrow Cl(B, V)^{\text{tw}}$ .

Proof: Let  $\text{par}(X) = r$ ,  $\text{par}(Y) = s$  and  $\text{par}(Z) = h$ .

1. Most are obvious. As associative law is multilinear, it needs only be verified for homogeneous elements. We get  $(X \tau Y) \tau Z = (-1)^{(r+s)h} ((-1)^{rs} XY) Z = (-1)^{r+s+r h+s h} X Y Z$ , and  $X \tau (Y \tau Z) = (-1)^{r(s+h)} X ((-1)^{sh} Y Z) = (-1)^{r h+r h+s h} X Y Z$ .

2. As  $F(e_K) = \pm e_K$ ,  $F$  maps a basis onto a basis bijectively, and therefore is bijective. Thus  $F$  is an

isomorphism.

## Chapter 8 Chevalley's construction of Clifford algebras from tensor algebras

Chevalley's construction of Clifford algebras is based on tensor algebra and do not require all the properties in definition 1.1.

He start with a quadratic form, but he proves in a short note that it is equivalent to use any bilinear form possible non-symmetric [2, p.76 1.2.2].

In this chapter  $B$  is an arbitrary bilinear form on  $V$ .

This universality statement is a key point:

*Theorem 8.1. Let  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(V, \otimes)$  be the tensor algebra over  $V$ . For any algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and any linear mapping  $\tau : V \rightarrow A$ , there is a unique algebra morphism  $T : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow A$  that extends  $\tau$ .*

*Definition 8.2. Let  $I = I(V, B)$  be the two-sided ideal in  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(V)$  generated by  $S = \{x \otimes x - B(x, x) 1_{\mathcal{T}} \mid x \in V\}$ .*

*The Clifford algebra  $CCl_V(B)$  is then defined as the quotient algebra  $CCl = \mathcal{T} / I$  together with  $\hat{\pi} : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow CCl$ , the canonical algebra morphism.*

Example. Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $V = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $(e_1, e_2)$  the standard basis and  $B = \text{diag}(1, 1)$ . This imply  $3 e_1 = 6 e_2 = 0$ .

Moreover  $\hat{\pi}(3) = 3 1_{CCl} = 3 \hat{\pi}(e_1^2) = 3 \hat{\pi}(e_1) \hat{\pi}(e_1) = \hat{\pi}(3 e_1) \hat{\pi}(e_1) = 0$  and  $\hat{\pi}(3 e_2) = \hat{\pi}(3) \hat{\pi}(e_2) = 0$ , but  $3 \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $3 e_2 \neq 0$  in  $V$ . Thus  $\hat{\pi}$  is neither injective on  $\mathbb{K}$  or on  $V$ .

This simple approach gives the problem that  $\hat{\pi}$  need not to be injective on  $\mathbb{K}$  or on  $V$ , implying  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $V$  can not generally be identified with their images by  $\hat{\pi}$ . Thus the universality principle in definition 1.1 is unusable. However the Chevalley's construction is in harmony with a universality principle, not for the algebras, but for the morphisms  $\hat{\pi} : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow CCl$ .

*Definition 8.3. Let  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$  be the category of linear mappings  $f$  from  $V$  into an algebra  $A$ , such that  $f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A$ .*

*A mapping  $\omega : V \rightarrow U$  in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$  is said to be universal, if for every linear mapping  $f : V \rightarrow A$  in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ , there is a unique algebra morphism  $F : U \rightarrow A$  such that  $F \circ \omega = f$ . (i.e.  $f : V \xrightarrow{\omega} U \xrightarrow{F} A$ )*

As we shall show a Clifford algebra in the version presented in definition 1.1 is also a Chevalley Clifford algebra

*Theorem 8.4.*

1.  $\pi = \hat{\pi} |_V$  from definition 8.2 is a universal object in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ .
2. Assume  $B$  is symmetric.

*Then  $\pi : V \rightarrow CCl$  is injective and has an extension  $G : Cl_V(B) \rightarrow CCl$  to an algebra isomorphism, and therefore  $G(1_{Cl_V(B)}) = 1_{CCl}$ .*

Proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \subset & \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \mathcal{T} / \mathcal{I} = CC\ell \\ id \downarrow & & T \downarrow \quad F \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{f} & A = A \end{array}$$

1.  $\pi$  is an object in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ , as  $\pi(x) = x \otimes x + \mathcal{I} = B(x, x) 1_{\mathcal{T}} + \mathcal{I} = B(x, x) 1_{CC\ell}$ .

If  $f: V \rightarrow A$  is in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ , then by tensor universality there is a unique algebra morphism  $T: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow A$  that extends  $f$ .

As  $T(x \otimes x) = T(x)^2 = f(x)^2 = B(x, x) 1_A = T(B(x, x) 1_{\mathcal{T}})$  implies  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq T^{-1}(0)$  and therefore  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq T^{-1}(0)$ , there exists an algebra morphism  $F: CC\ell \rightarrow A$ , such that  $T = F \circ \hat{\pi}$ . Thus  $F \circ \pi = f$ .

If  $G: CC\ell \rightarrow A$  is an algebra morphism, such that  $f = G \circ \pi$ , then  $G \circ \hat{\pi}$  is an algebra morphism  $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow A$  that extends  $f$ .

Therefore by theorem 8.1  $T = G \circ \hat{\pi}$ . As  $\hat{\pi}$  is onto  $CC\ell$ , we get  $G = F$  showing  $F$  is unique.

2. Assume  $B$  is symmetric.

From (1) follows, that to  $id_V: V \rightarrow Cl_V(B)$  there exists a unique algebra morphism  $F: CC\ell \rightarrow Cl_V(B)$ , such that  $F \circ \pi = id_V$ . Thus  $\pi$  is injective.

From universality of  $Cl_V(B)$  follows, that to  $\pi: V \rightarrow CC\ell$  there exists a unique algebra morphism  $G: Cl_V(B) \rightarrow CC\ell$ , such that  $G|_V = \pi$ .

As  $F \circ G: Cl_V(B) \rightarrow Cl_V(B)$  is an algebra morphism that on  $V$  is the identity, then universality of  $Cl_V(B)$  implies  $F \circ G = id_{Cl_V(B)}$ .

Now  $G \circ F: CC\ell \rightarrow CC\ell$  is an algebra morphism for which  $G \circ F \circ \pi = G \circ id_V = \pi$ . Then by universality of  $CC\ell$  from (1) there is a unique algebra morphism  $H: CC\ell \rightarrow CC\ell$  such that  $H \circ \pi = \pi$ , which of course is  $id_{CC\ell}$ . Thus  $G \circ F = id_{CC\ell}$ .

Hence  $G: Cl_V(B) \rightarrow CC\ell$  is an isomorphism and both  $G|_V = \pi$  and  $G|_{\mathbb{K}}$  are injective

Even for symmetric bilinearforms Chevalley Clifford algebras are more general than the version presented in definition 1.1.

Example. Assume  $B$  is regular and  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$ ,  $M = \{1\}$ , and  $e_1^2 = 1$ .

As  $\dim(Cl(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}) = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{K} \oplus V$  can not be mapped injectively into  $Cl(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ . Thus these algebras do not comply with definition 1.1.

However  $f: V \rightarrow Cl(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ , the quotient mapping of  $id_V$ , belongs to  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ , as  $f(x)^2 = x^2 + \mathcal{I}_{\pm} = B(x, x) + \mathcal{I}_{\pm}$ .

Hence  $Cl(B)/\mathcal{I}_{\pm}$  Chevalley Clifford algebras, and the only besides  $Cl(B)$  and the null-algebra in  $\mathcal{K}(V, B)$ .

## Conclusion

On elementary basis the different algebras are compactly constructed.

An extensive formula collection is proved.

The universality principle is described, and its forcefulness demonstrated in many ways:

To fully define Clifford algebras.

To prove in-dependency of orthogonal basis.

To define the main automorphism and the reversion.

In various proofs.

To establish connection to Chevalley's tensor based Clifford algebras construction.

Non-universal Clifford algebra's.

Several types of projections are treated among which is parallel projection.

A comprehensive formula collection is established.

Precise conditions for simplicity are found.

Various conditions for non-universality is found as well as connections to the main automorphism, the reversion, and the Clifford conjugation.

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