



Projective Geometric Algebra: A Swiss army knife for doing Cayley-Klein geometry

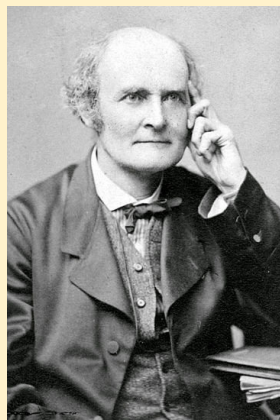
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What is Cayley-Klein geometry?



Example: Given a conic section Q in $\mathbb{R}P^2$.

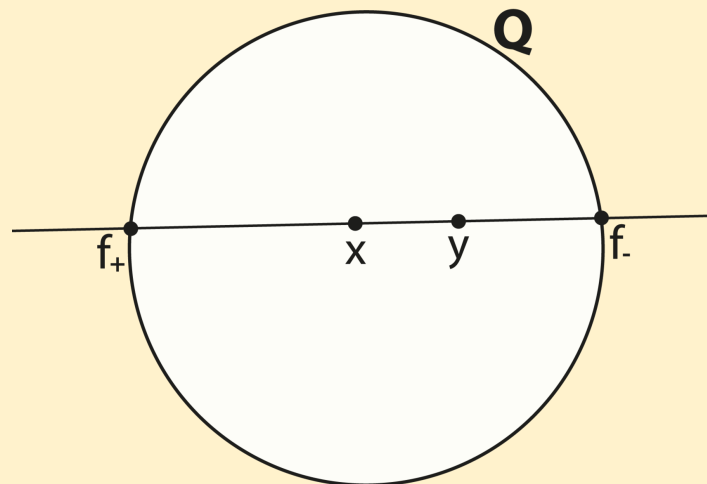
For two points x and y "inside" Q , define

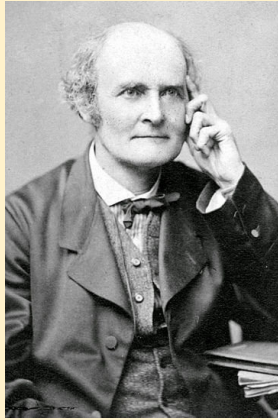
$$d(a, b) = \log(CR(f_+, f_-; x, y))$$

where f_+, f_- are the intersections of the line xy with Q and CR is the cross ratio.

CR is invariant under projectivities

$\Rightarrow d$ is a distance function and the white region is a model for hyperbolic plane \mathbf{H}^2 .





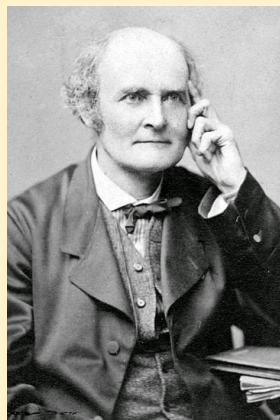
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SIGNATURE of Quadratic Form

Example: $(+ + - 0) = (2, 1, 1)$

$$e_0 \cdot e_0 = e_1 \cdot e_1 = +1, e_2 \cdot e_2 = -1, e_3 \cdot e_3 = 0, e_i \cdot e_j = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j$$

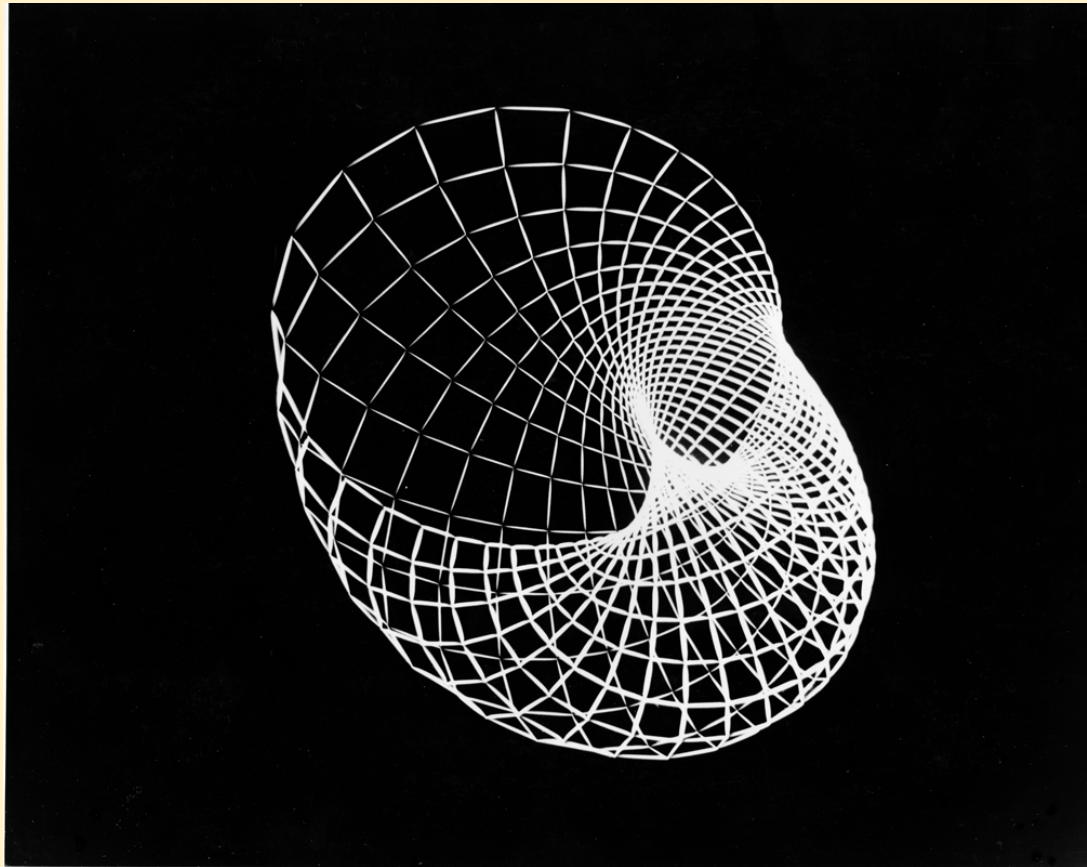


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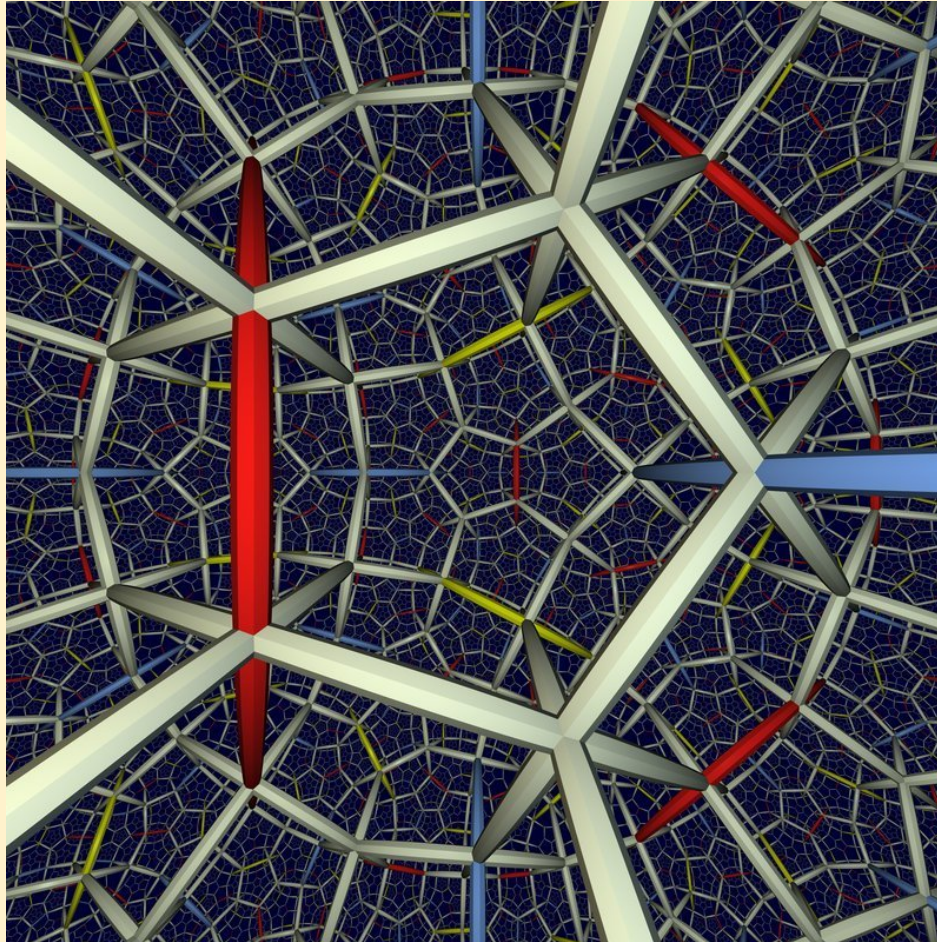
Signature of Q	κ	Space	Symbol
$(n + 1, 0, 0)$	+1	elliptic	\mathbf{Ell}^n, S^n
$(n, 1, 0)$	-1	hyperbolic	\mathbf{H}^n
$”(n, 0, 1)”$	0	euclidean	\mathbf{E}^n

3D Examples



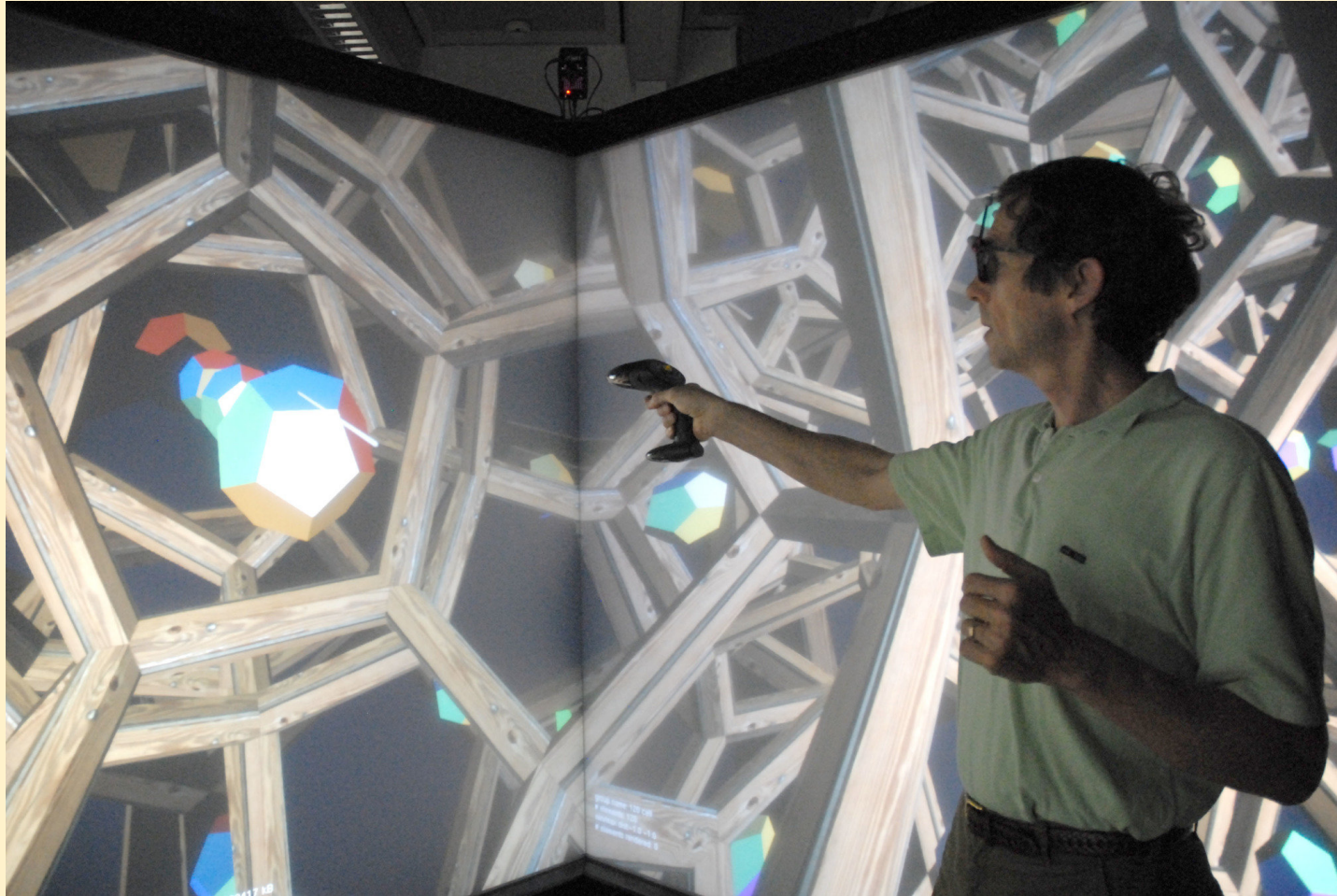
The Sudanese Moebius band in S^3 discovered by Sue Goodman and Dan Asimov, visualized in UNC-CH Graphics Lab, 1979.

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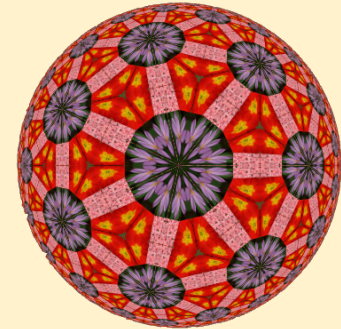
Tessellation of H^3 with regular right-angled dodecahedra
(from "Not Knot", Geometry Center, 1993).

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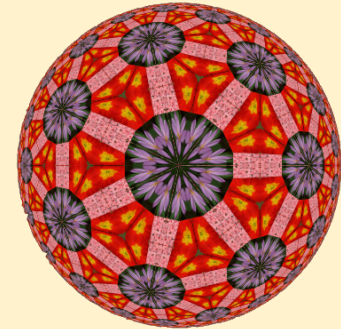
The 120-cell, a tessellation of the 3-sphere S^3
(PORTAL VR, TU-Berlin, 18.09.09)

Cayley-Klein geometries for $n = 2$



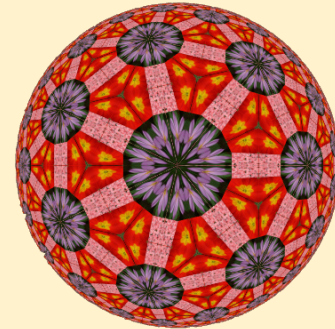
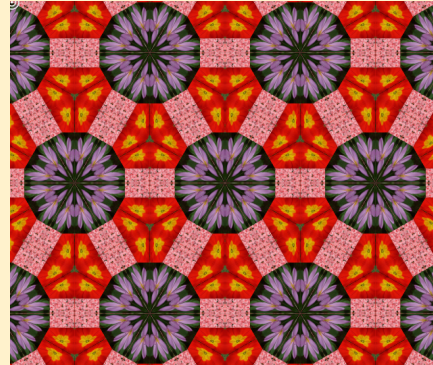
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null lines*	$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0$	$a^2 + b^2 = 0$	$a^2 + b^2 - c^2 = 0$

*The line $ax + by + cz = 0$ has line coordinates (a, b, c) .

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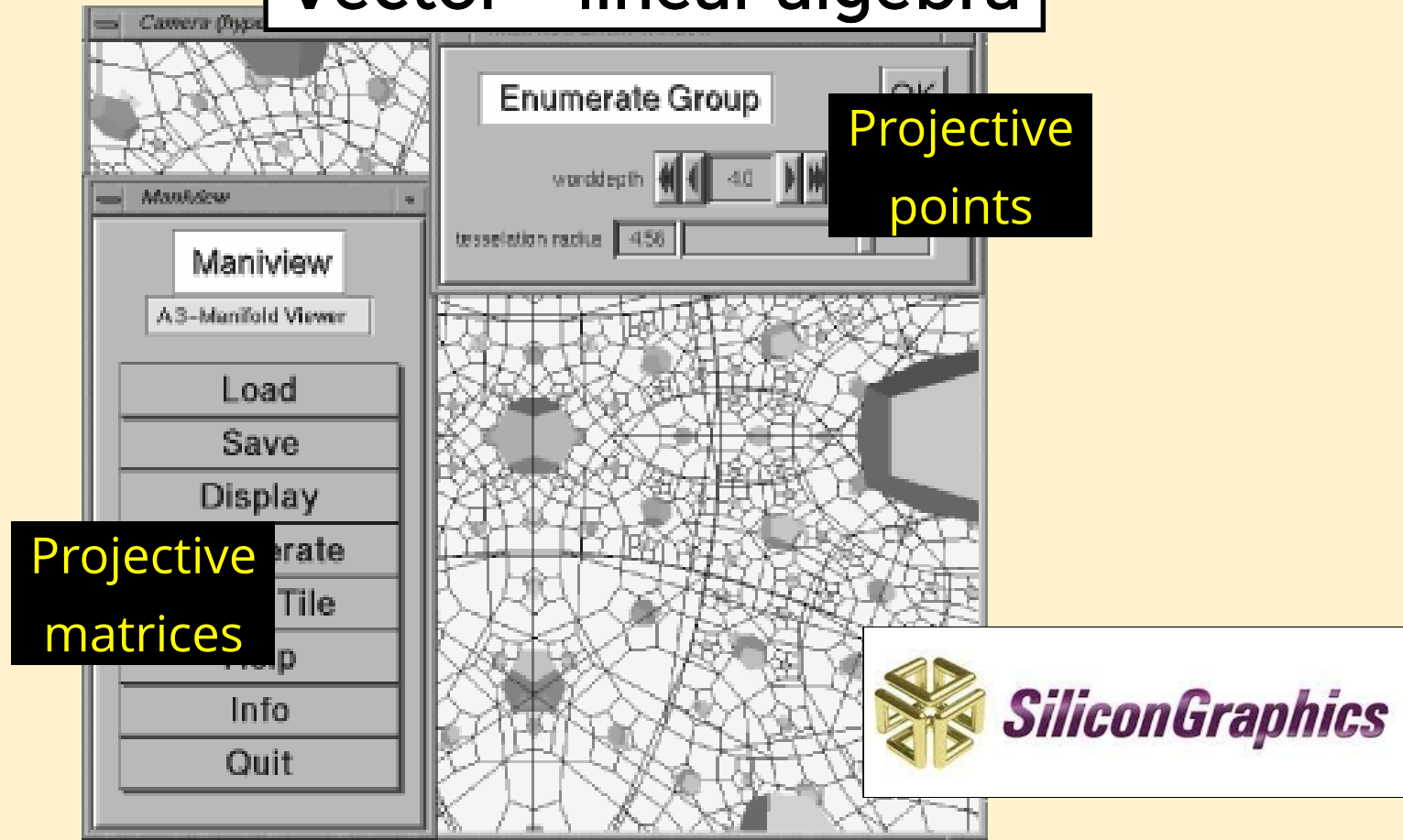
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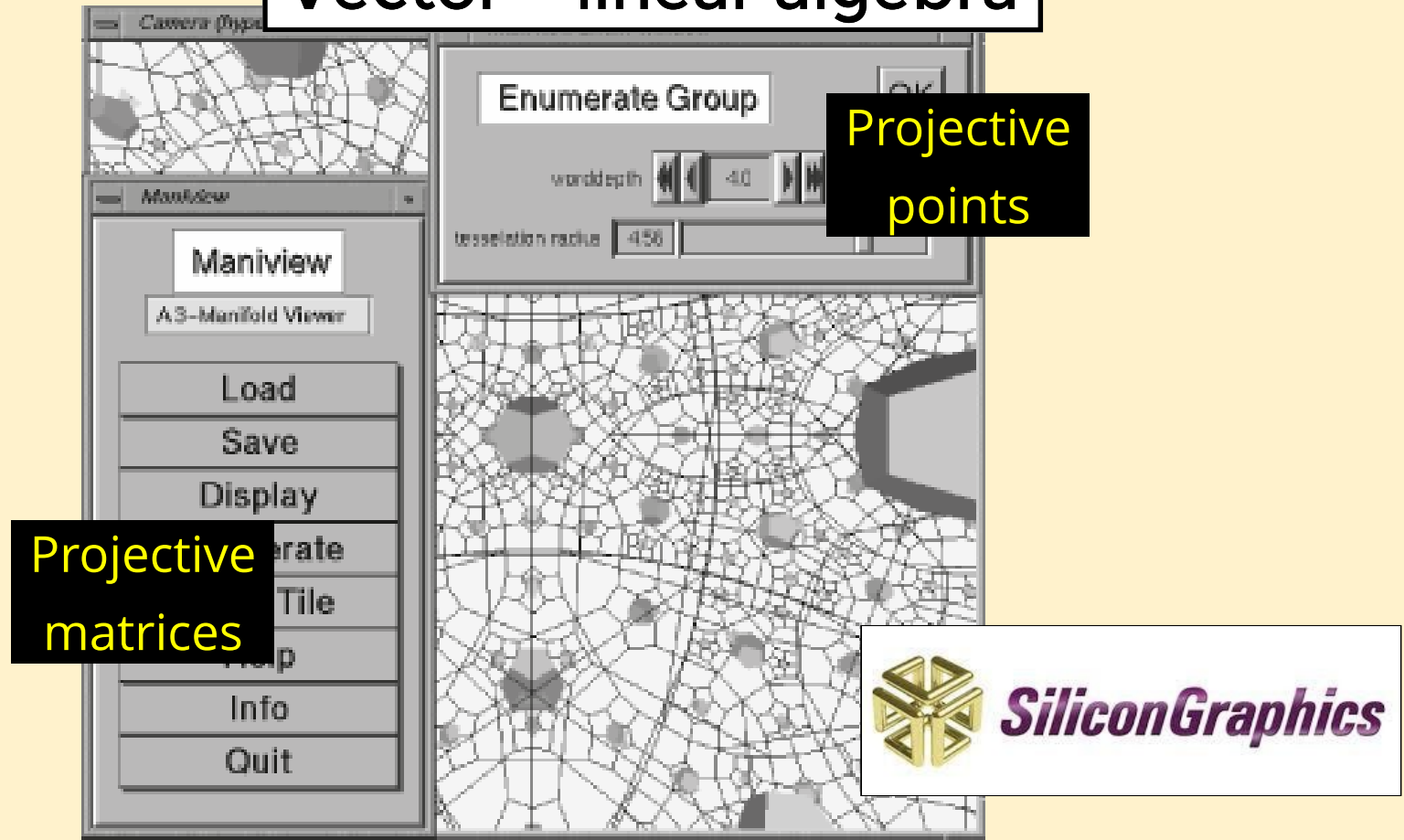
Projective
matrices

Projective
points

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But it's 2019 now. Can we do better?

Cayley-Klein programmer's wish list



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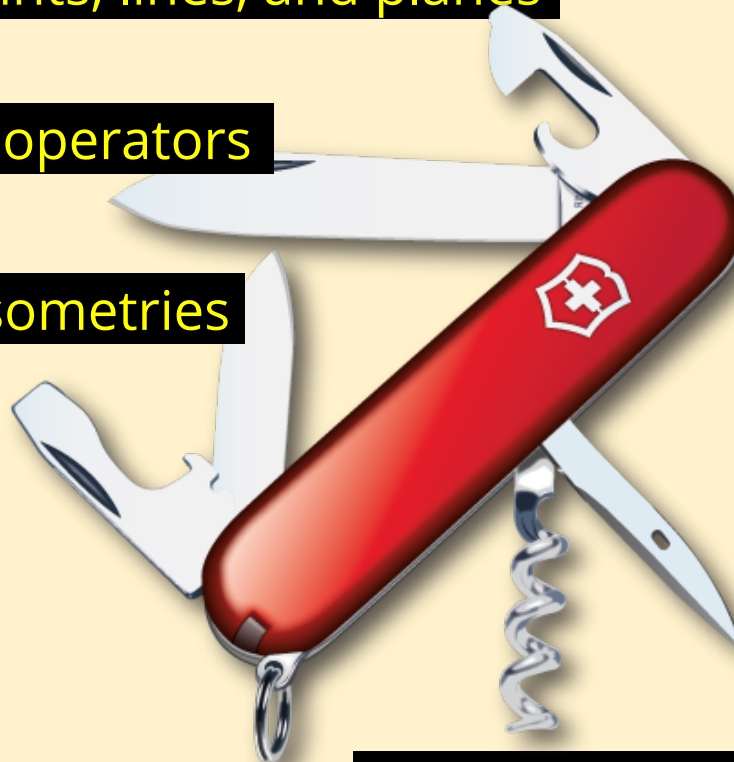
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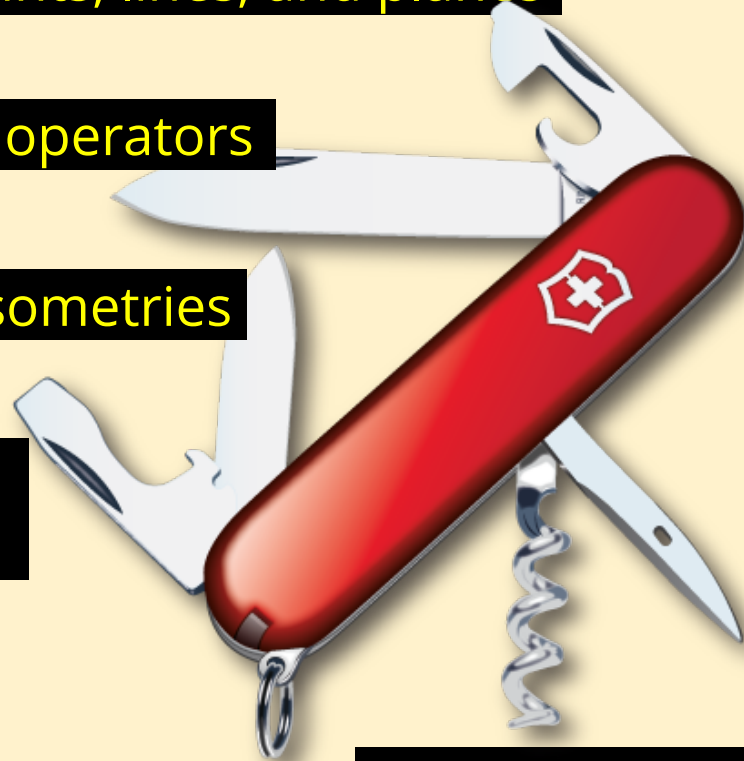
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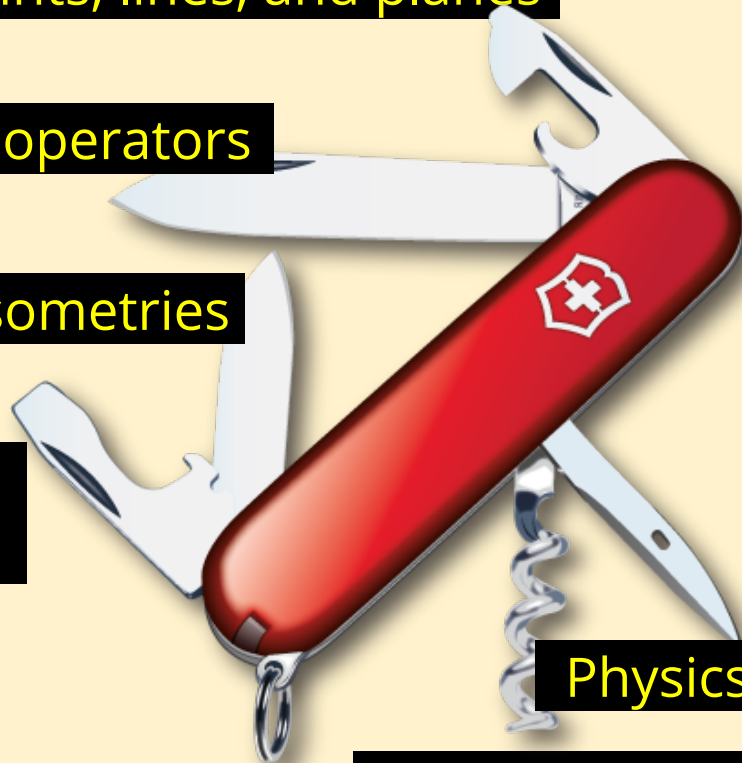
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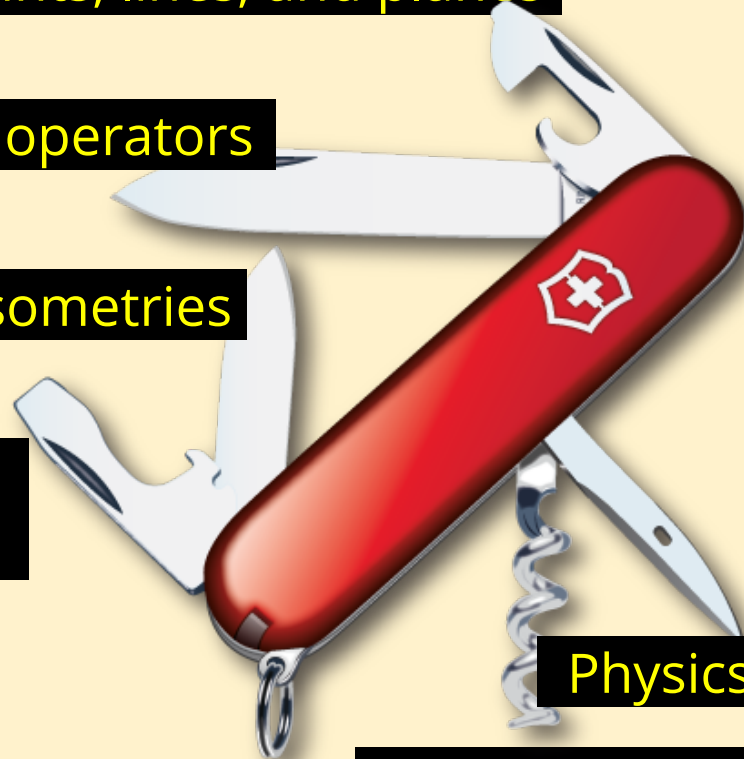
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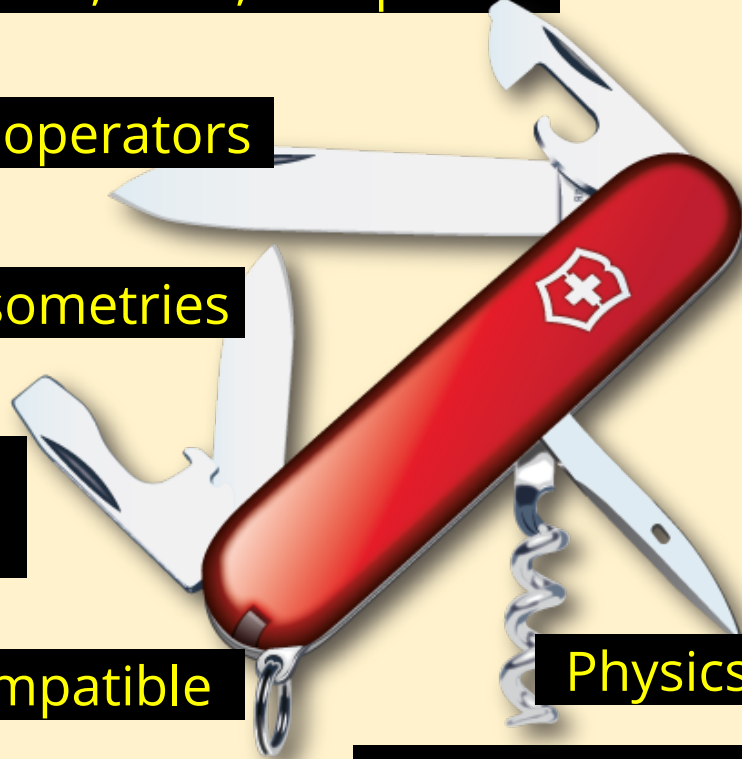
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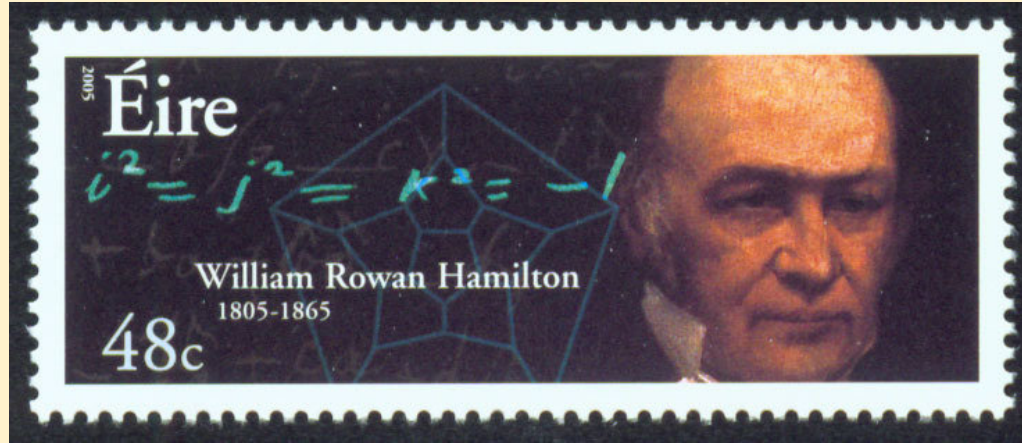
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Partial solutions: Quaternions (1843)



A 4D algebra generated by units $\{1, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ satisfying:

$$1^2 = 1, \quad \mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = -1$$

$$\mathbf{ij} = -\mathbf{ji}, \dots$$

Quaternions

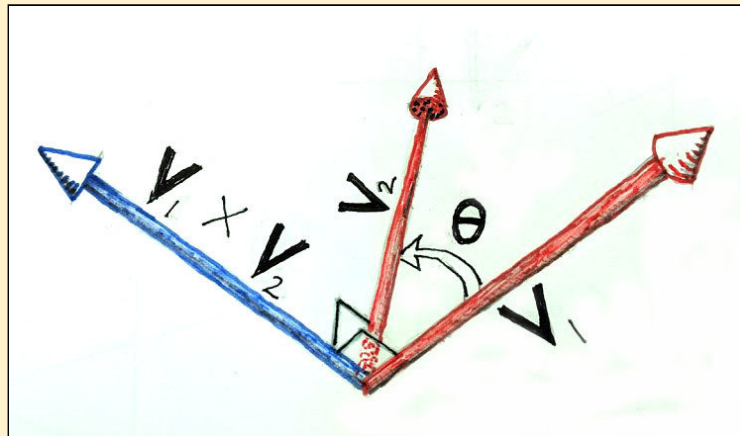
Quaternions \mathbb{H}	$s + x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$
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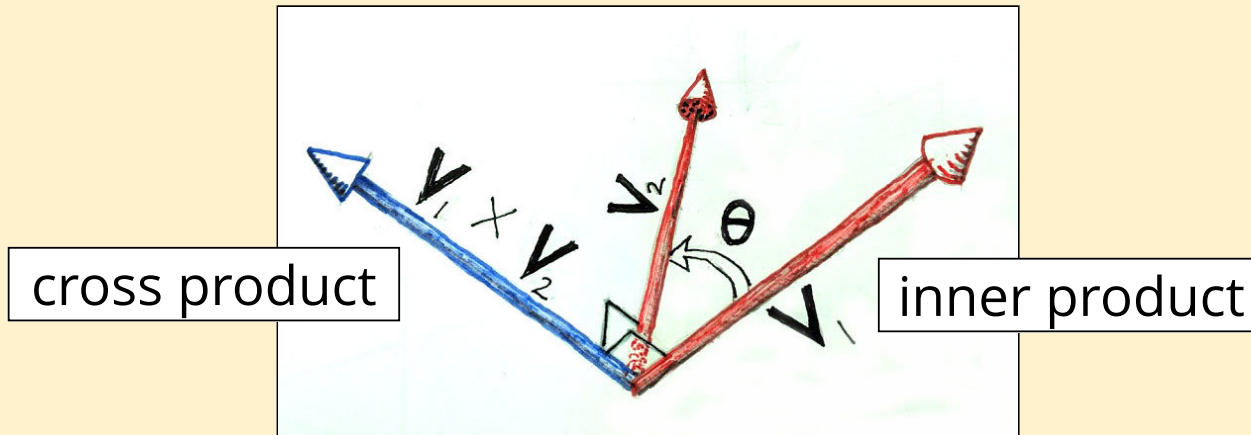


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II. Rotations via sandwiches:

1. For $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{U}$, there exists $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{IH}$ so that

$$\mathbf{g} = \cos(t) + \sin(t)\mathbf{x} = e^{t\mathbf{x}}$$

2. For any $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{IH}$ ($\cong \mathbb{R}^3$), the "sandwich"

$$\mathbf{g}\mathbf{v}\bar{\mathbf{g}}$$

rotates \mathbf{v} around the axis \mathbf{x} by an angle $2t$.

3. Comparison to matrices.

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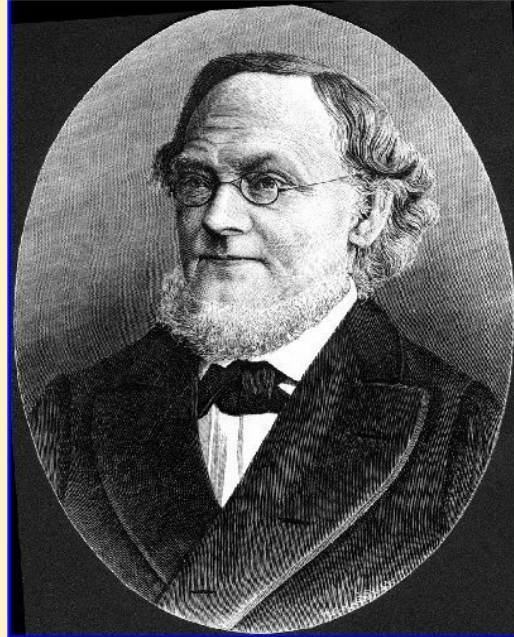
Advantages

- I. Geometric product
- II. Rotations as sandwiches

Disadvantages

- I. Only applies to points/vectors
- II. Special case \mathbb{R}^3

Partial solutions: Grassmann algebra

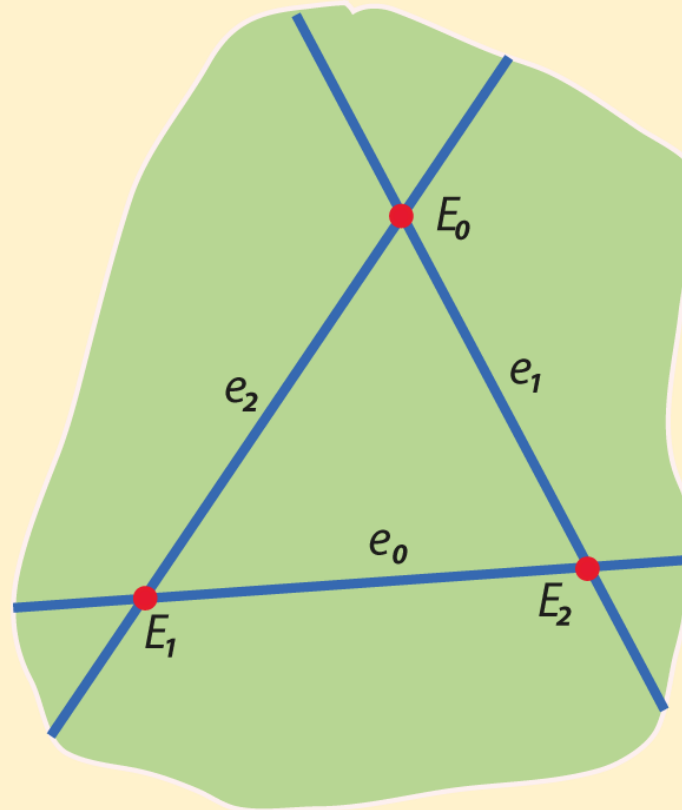


Hermann Grassmann (1809-1877)

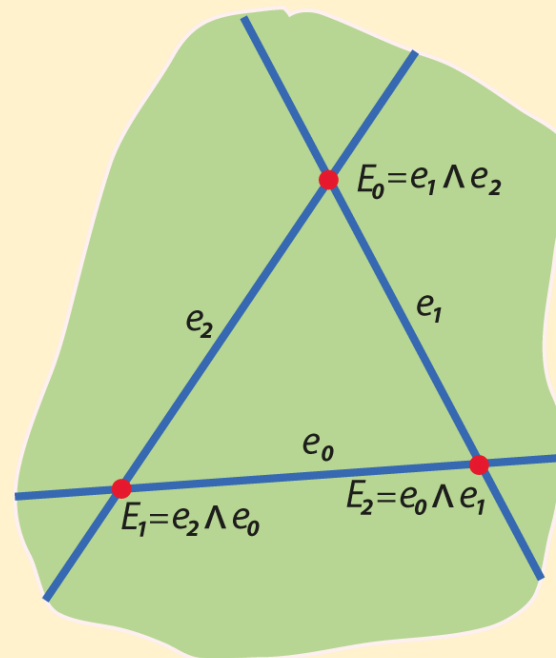
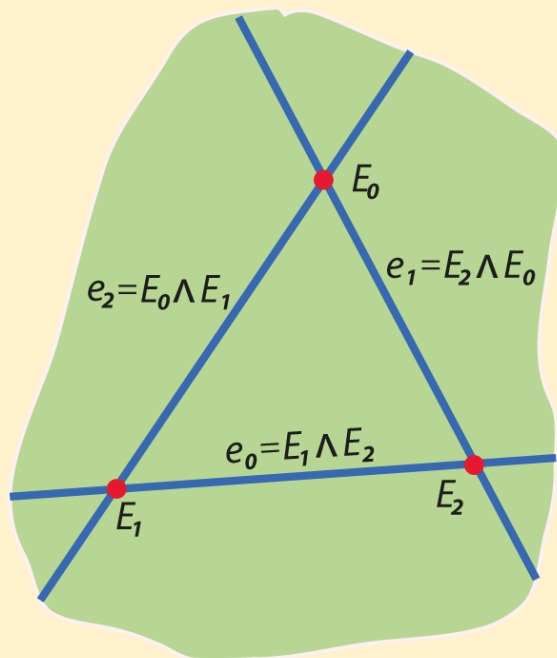
Ausdehnungslehre (1844)

Grassmann algebra

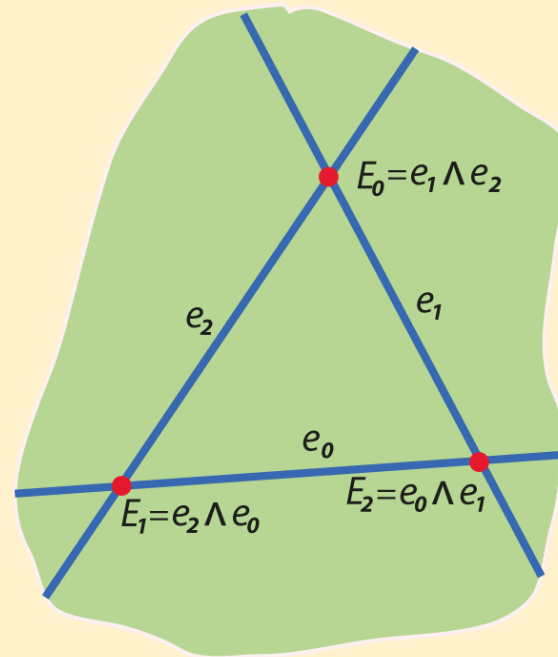
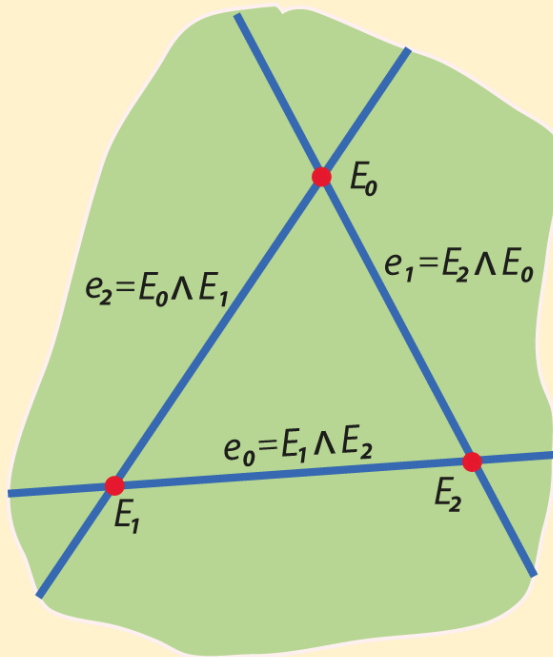
The wedge (\wedge) product in $\mathbb{R}P^2$ and $\mathbb{R}P^{2*}$



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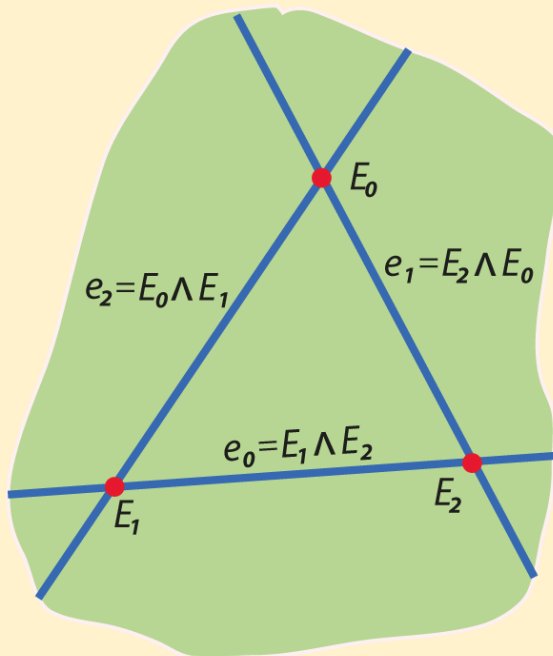


Standard projective

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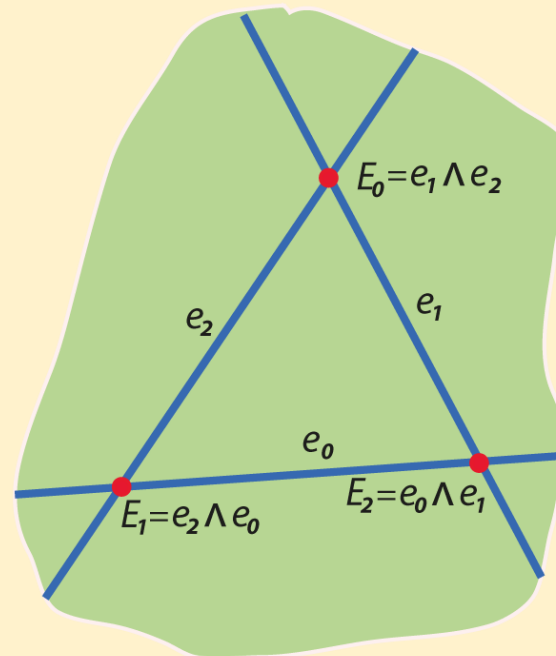
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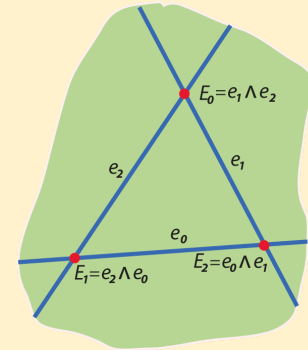
Dual projective

$\mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{y}$ is **meet**

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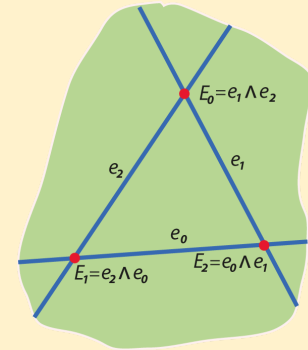
The dual projective
Grassmann algebra $\bigwedge \mathbb{R}P^{2*}$



Grade	Sym	Generators	Dim.	Type
0	\bigwedge^0	1	1	Scalar
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We will be using $\bigwedge \mathbb{R}P^{n*}$ for the rest of the talk.

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The wedge (\wedge) product in $\mathbb{R}P^2$

Properties of \wedge

1. **Antisymmetric:** For 1-vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} :

$$\mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{x} = 0$$

2. **Subspace lattice:** For linearly independent subspaces $\mathbf{x} \in \wedge^k, \mathbf{y} \in \wedge^m, \mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{y} \in \wedge^{k+m}$ is the subspace spanned by \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} otherwise it's zero.

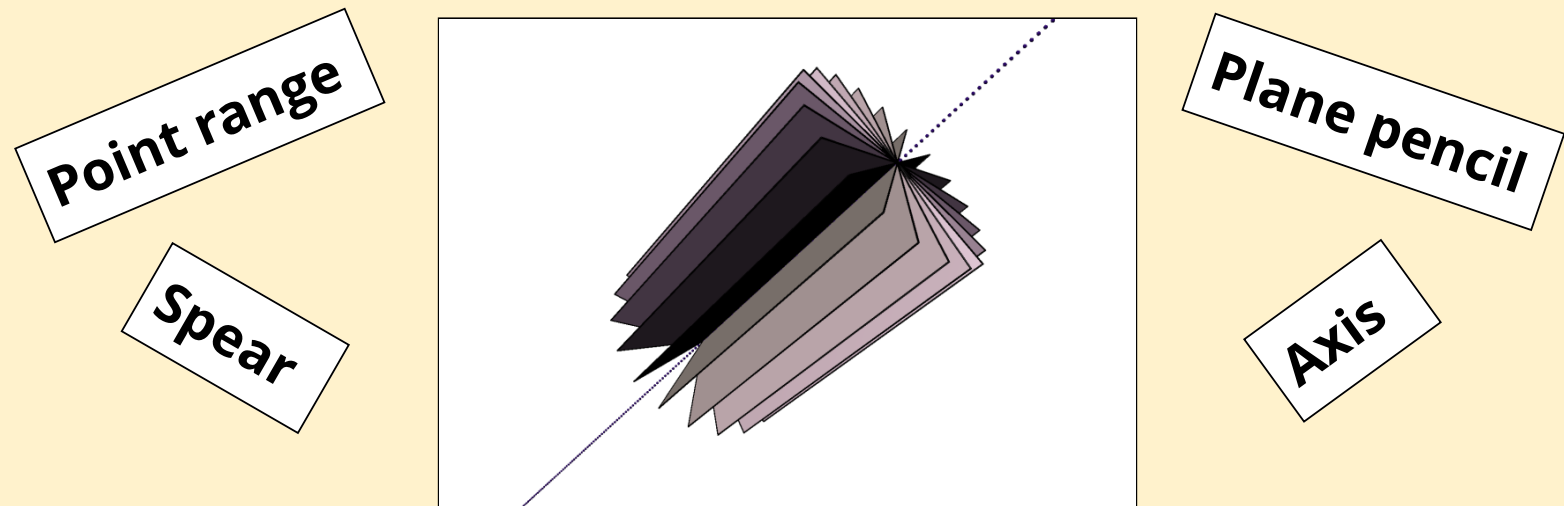
Note: The regressive (join) product \vee is also available.
(Then it's called a Grassmann-Cayley algebra.)

Grassmann algebra

Note: *spanning subspace* means different things in standard and dual setting. In 3D:

Standard: a line is the subspace spanned by two points.

Dual: a line is the subspace spanned by two planes.



Grassmann algebra

Advantages

1. Points, lines, and planes are equal citizens.
2. "Parallel-safe" meet and join operators since projective.

Disadvantages

1. Only incidence (projective), no metric.

Clifford's geometric algebra



William Kingdon Clifford (1845-1879)

"Applications of Grassmann's extensive algebra" (1878):
His stated aim: to combine quaternions with Grassmann algebra.

Clifford's geometric algebra

Geometric product extends the wedge product and is defined for two 1-vectors as:

$$\mathbf{xy} := \underbrace{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}_{\text{0-vector}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{y}}_{\text{2-vector}}$$

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Projective geometric algebra

We call an algebra constructed in this way a *projective geometric algebra* (PGA).

We are interested in $\mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}_{3,0,0}^*)$, $\mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}_{2,1,0}^*)$, $\mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}_{2,0,1}^*)$.

We sometimes write $\mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}_{\kappa}^*)$ and leave the metric open.

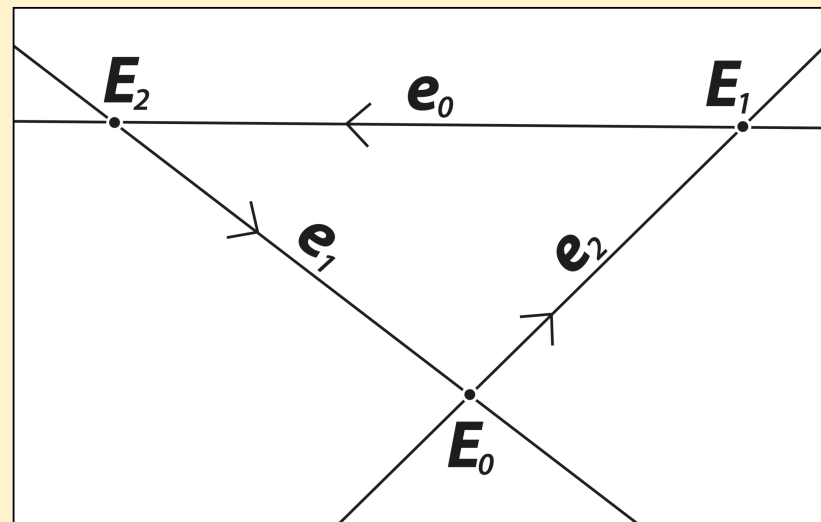
We can choose a fundamental triangle so that:

$$\mathbf{e}_0^2 = \kappa, \mathbf{e}_1^2 = \mathbf{e}_2^2 = 1$$

$$(\kappa \in \{-1, 0, 1\})$$

$$\mathbf{E}_k := \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j = \mathbf{e}_i \wedge \mathbf{e}_j = -\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\mathbf{I} := \mathbf{e}_0 \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_2$$



2D PGA

Example: Two lines, let $e_0^2 = \kappa$

$$\mathbf{a} = a_0e_0 + a_1e_1 + a_2e_2$$

$$\mathbf{b} = b_0e_0 + b_1e_1 + b_2e_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{ab} &= (a_0b_0e_0^2 + a_1b_1e_1^2 + a_2b_2e_2^2) \\ &+ (a_0b_1 - a_1b_0)e_0e_1 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)e_1e_2 + (a_0b_2 - a_2b_0)e_0e_2 \\ &= (a_0b_0\kappa + a_1b_1 + a_2b_2) \\ &+ (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)E_0 + (a_2b_0 - a_0b_2)E_1 + (a_0b_1 - a_1b_0)E_2 \\ &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\uparrow = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}$$

Looks like cross product but is
the point incident to both lines.

2D PGA

Example: $\kappa = 1$ and $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and

$$\mathbf{a} = e_0, \quad \mathbf{b} = ce_0 + ce_1$$

Then $\mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 = 1$.

\mathbf{a} is the equator great circle $z = 0$ and \mathbf{b} is tilted up from it an angle of 45° .

$$\mathbf{ab} = c + E_2$$

Check: $\cos^{-1}(c) = 45^\circ$ and \mathbf{E}_2 is the common point.

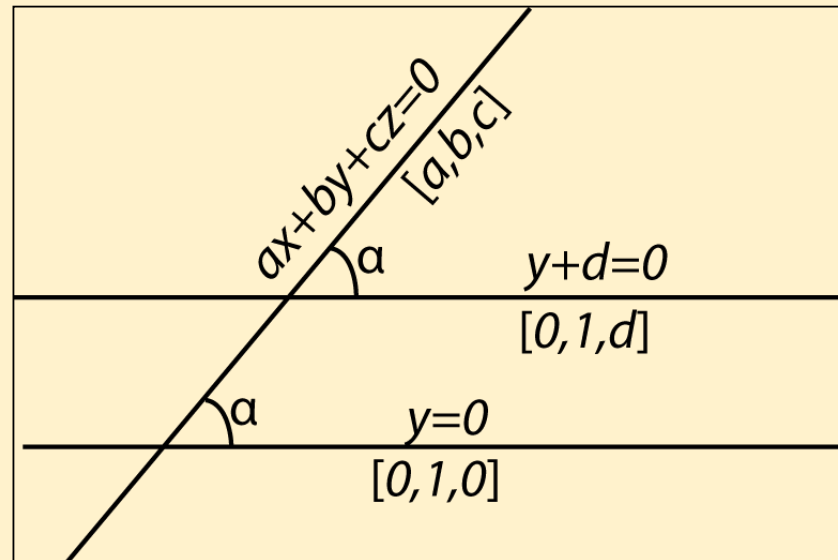
2D Euclidean PGA

We can now explain why $P(\mathbb{R}_{2,0,1}^*)$ is the right choice for the euclidean plane.

The inner product of two lines is

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = (a_0 b_0 \kappa + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2)$$

For a euclidean line changing a_0 or b_0 doesn't change the direction of the line. It just moves it parallel to itself. This means $e_0^2 = 0$.



Clifford's geometric algebra

	1	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{e}_1	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{E}_0	\mathbf{E}_1	\mathbf{E}_2	\mathbf{I}
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\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{e}_0	κ	\mathbf{E}_2	$-\mathbf{E}_1$	\mathbf{I}	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_2$	$\kappa\mathbf{e}_1$	$\kappa\mathbf{E}_0$
\mathbf{e}_1	\mathbf{e}_1	$-\mathbf{E}_2$	1	\mathbf{E}_0	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{I}	$-\mathbf{e}_0$	\mathbf{E}_1
\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{E}_1	$-\mathbf{E}_0$	1	$-\mathbf{e}_1$	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{I}	\mathbf{E}_2
\mathbf{E}_0	\mathbf{E}_0	\mathbf{I}	$-\mathbf{e}_2$	\mathbf{e}_1	-1	$-\mathbf{E}_2$	\mathbf{E}_1	$-\mathbf{e}_0$
\mathbf{E}_1	\mathbf{E}_1	$\kappa\mathbf{e}_2$	\mathbf{I}	$-\mathbf{e}_0$	\mathbf{E}_2	$-\kappa$	$-\kappa\mathbf{E}_0$	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_1$
\mathbf{E}_2	\mathbf{E}_2	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_1$	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{I}	$-\mathbf{E}_1$	$\kappa\mathbf{E}_0$	$-\kappa$	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_2$
\mathbf{I}	\mathbf{I}	$\kappa\mathbf{E}_0$	\mathbf{E}_1	\mathbf{E}_2	$-\mathbf{e}_0$	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_1$	$-\kappa\mathbf{e}_2$	$-\kappa$

Multiplication table for 2D PGA. $\kappa \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

2D PGA Preliminaries

1. We can **normalize** a proper line \mathbf{m} or point \mathbf{P} so that:

$$\mathbf{m}^2 = 1, \quad \mathbf{P}^2 = -\kappa$$

1a. Elements such that $\mathbf{x}^2 = 0$ are called *ideal*.

1b. Formulas given below often assume normalized arguments.

PGA: 2-way products

2. **Multiplication with \mathbf{I} :** For any k -vector \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{x}^\perp := \mathbf{x}\mathbf{I}$ is the *orthogonal complement* of \mathbf{x} .

Example: $\mathbf{e}_0\mathbf{I} = \kappa\mathbf{e}_1\mathbf{e}_2$. The only thing left in \mathbf{I} is what **isn't** in \mathbf{X} .

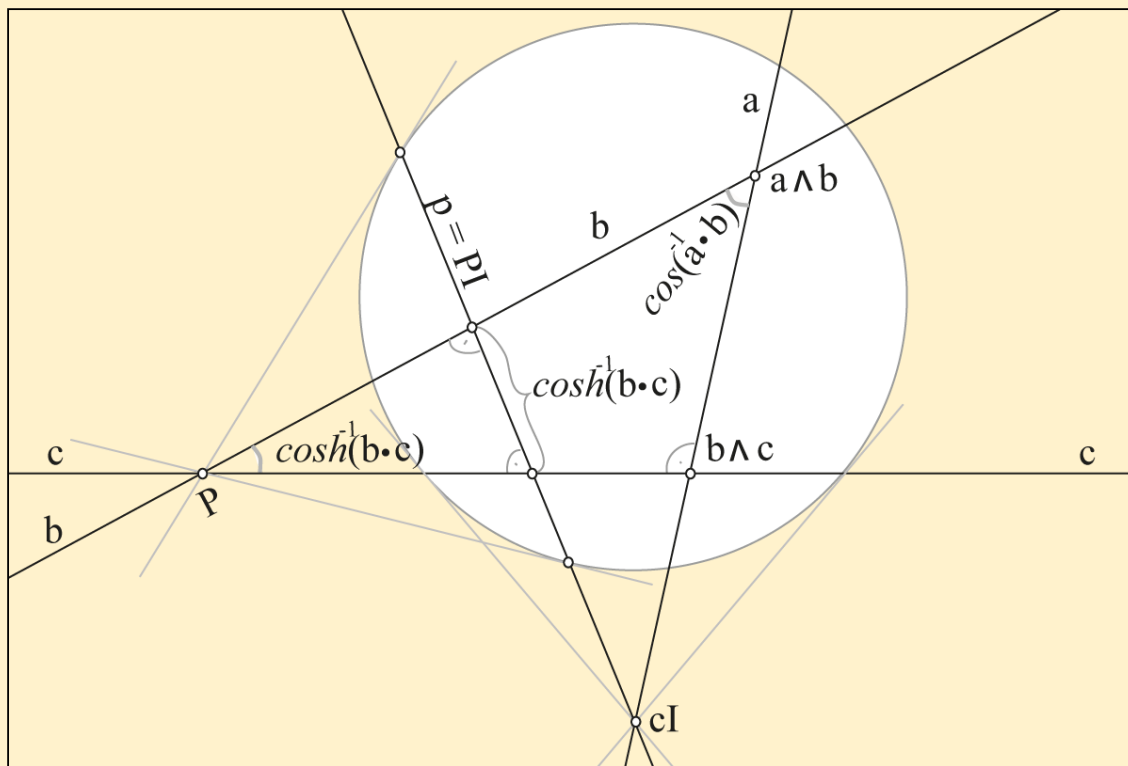
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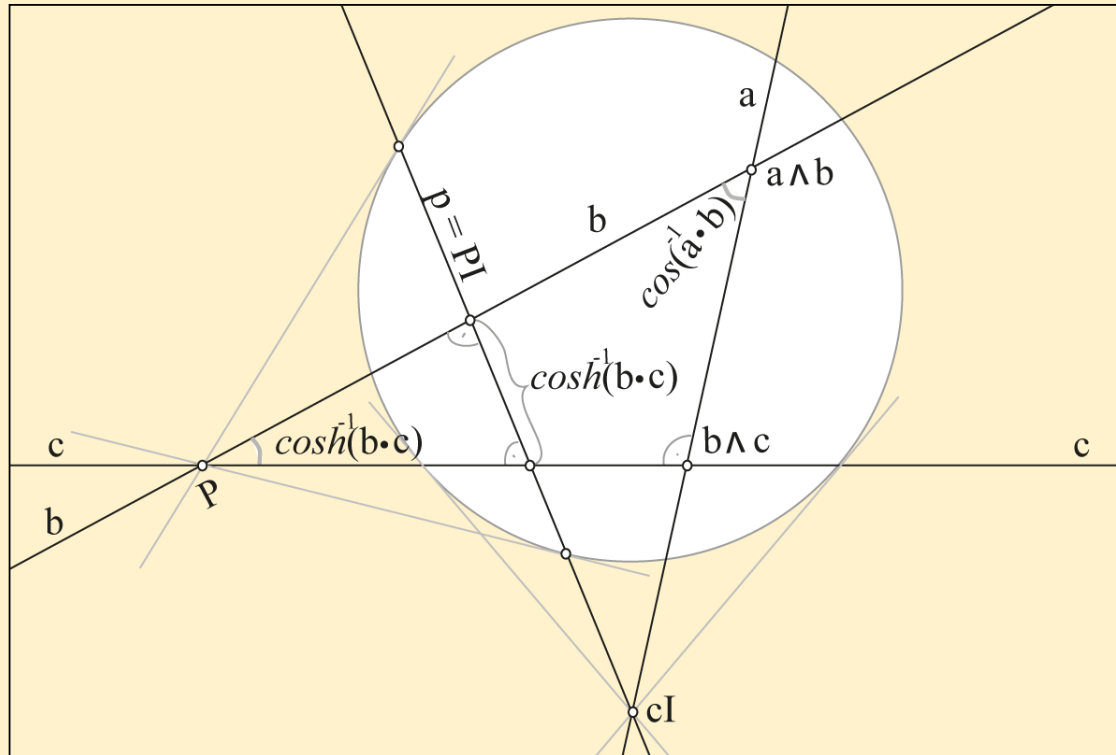


PGA: 2-way products

3. Product of two proper lines a, b that meet at a proper point P :

$$\mathbf{ab} = \cos(t) + \sin(t)\mathbf{P}$$

where t is the angle between the lines (arbitrary κ).

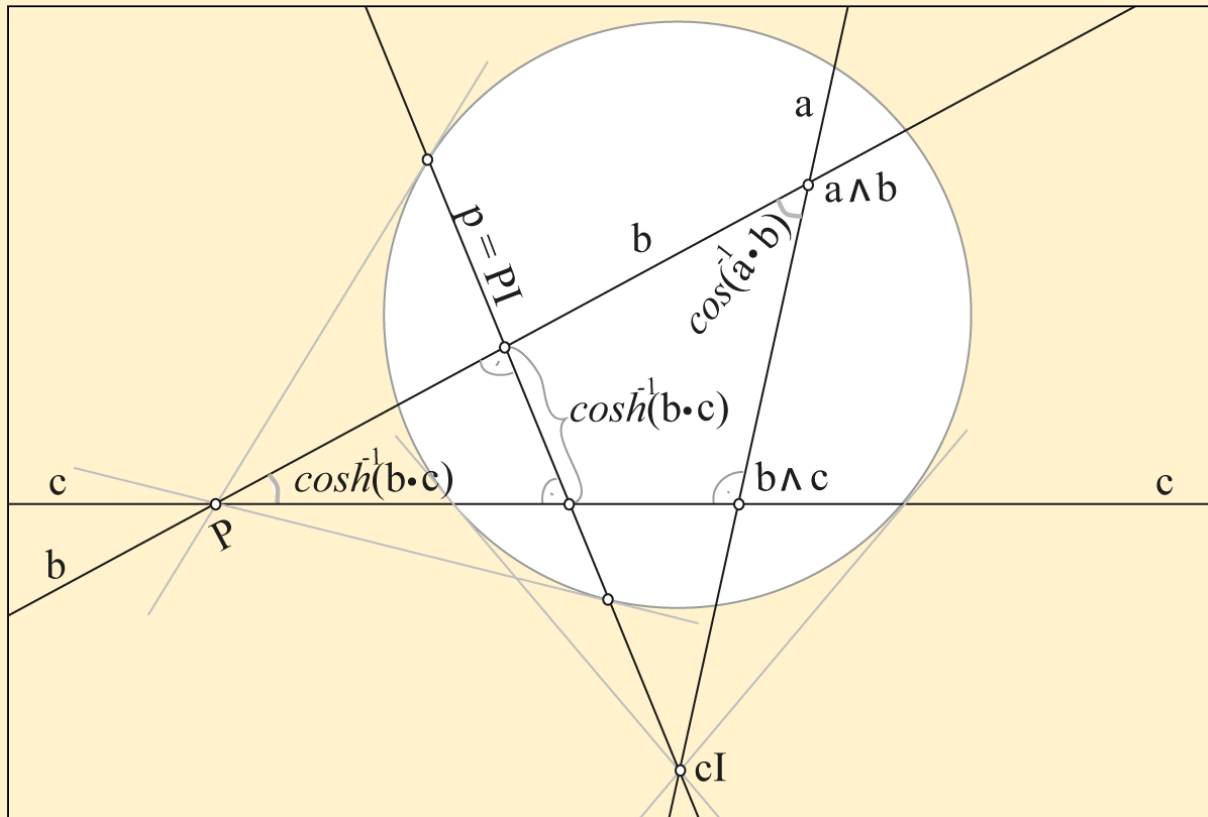


PGA: 2-way products

3a. **Product of two proper lines** $a, b \in \mathcal{K} = -1$, P is hyper-ideal point. Then

$$\mathbf{ab} = \cosh(d) + \sinh(d)\mathbf{P}$$

where d is the hyperbolic distance between the lines.

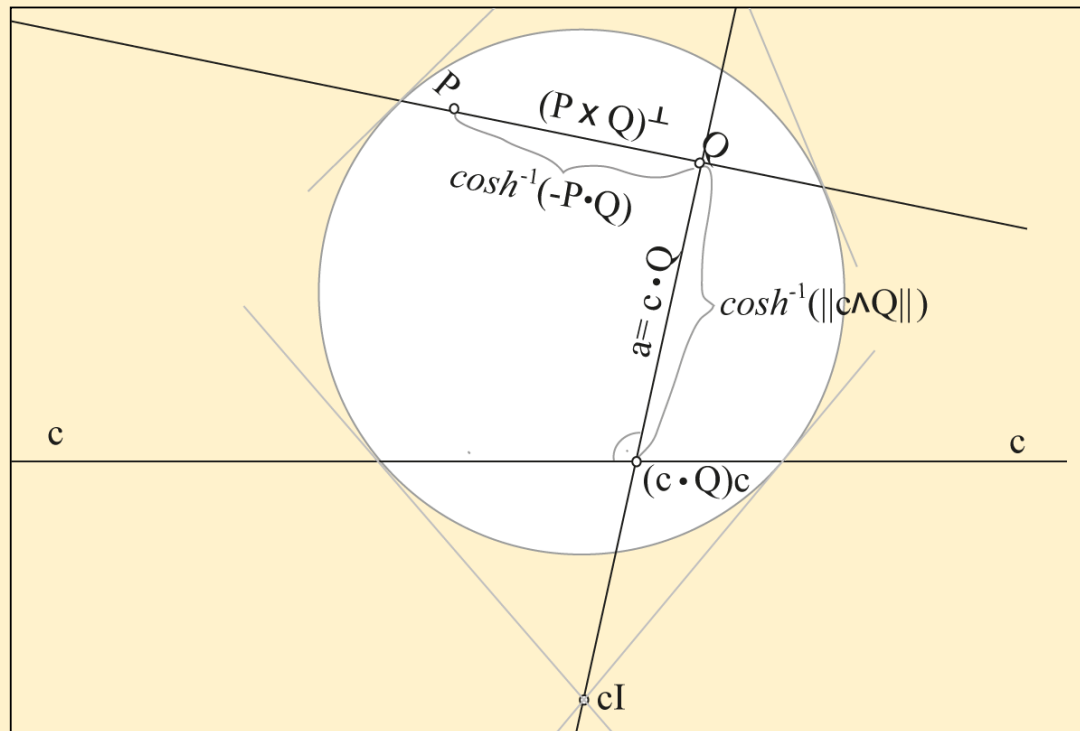


PGA: 2-way products

4. Product of proper line c and proper point Q :

$$cQ = c \cdot Q + (\cosh d)\mathbf{I} (= \langle cQ \rangle_1 + \langle cQ \rangle_3)$$

The first term is the line through Q perpendicular to c , sometimes written a_Q^\perp . d is the distance from point to line.

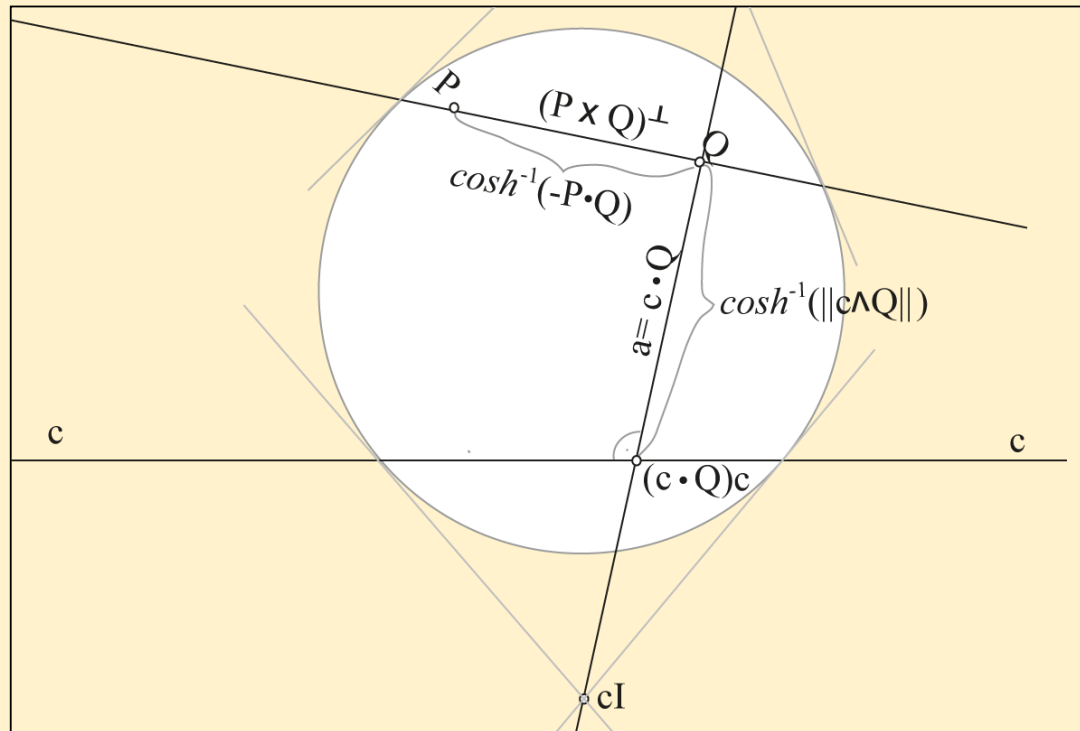


PGA: 2-way products

5. **Product of two proper points P, Q .** Then

$$\mathbf{PQ} = \cosh(d) + \sinh(d)\mathbf{R}$$

d is the distance between the two points and \mathbf{R} is the normalized form of $\langle \mathbf{PQ} \rangle_2$, which is the common orthogonal $(\mathbf{P} \vee \mathbf{Q})^\perp$.

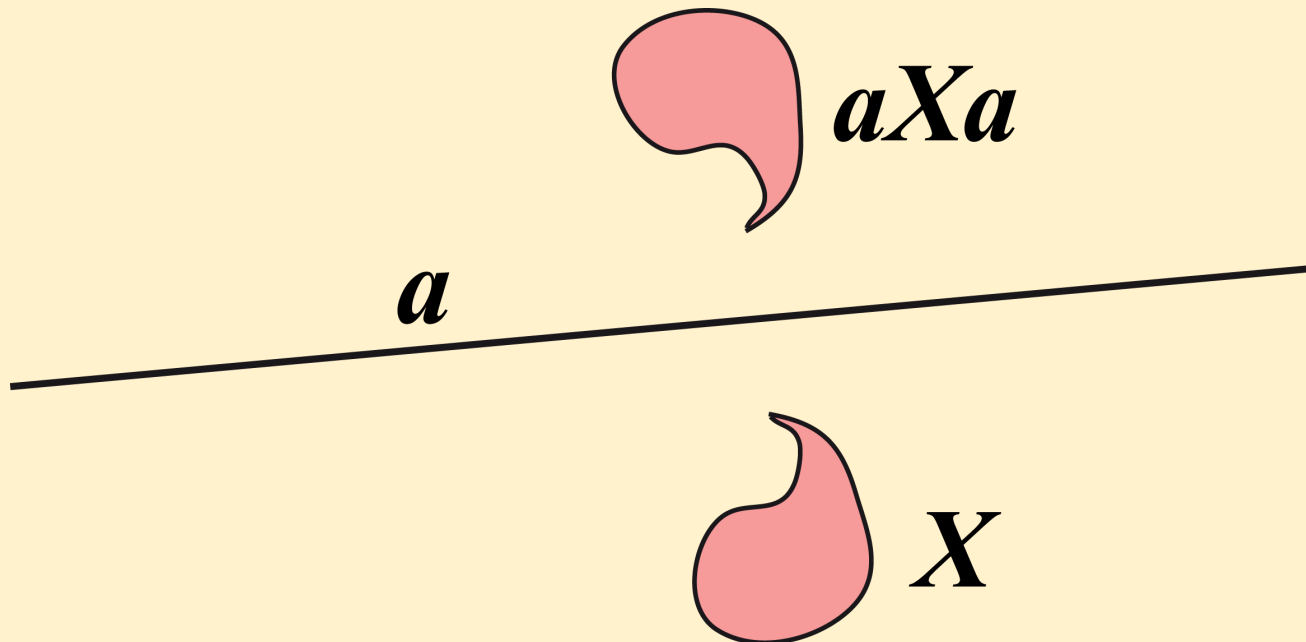


Isometries via 3-way products

Reflections

Consider the 3-way product $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}$, where \mathbf{a} is a proper line and \mathbf{X} is anything.

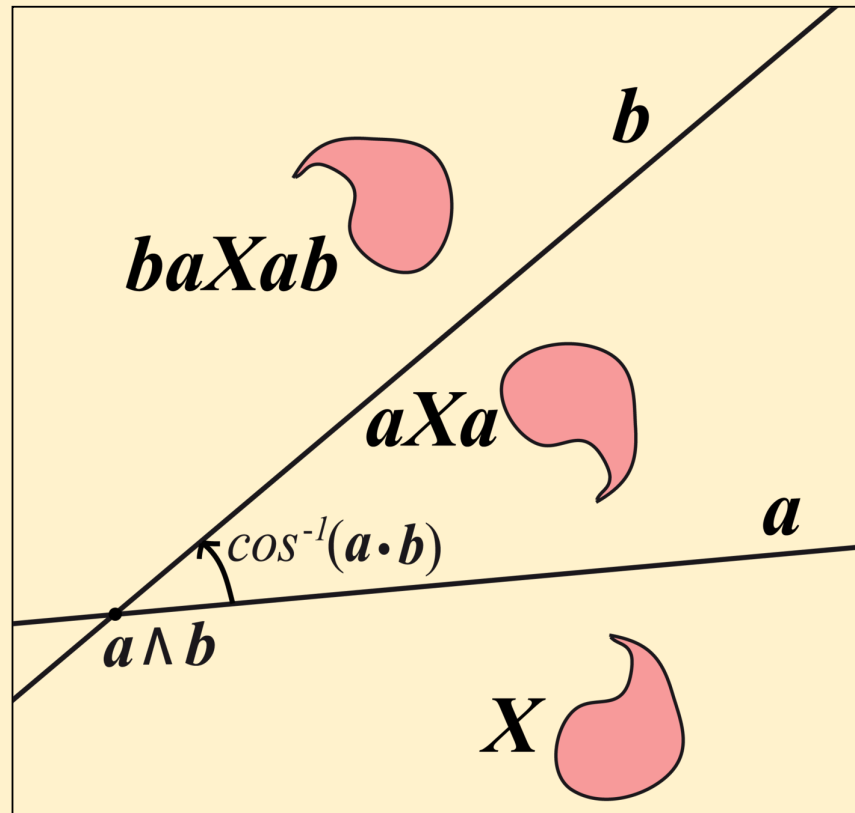
Then \mathbf{X}' is the reflection of \mathbf{X} in the line \mathbf{a} .



Isometries via 3-way products

Rotations

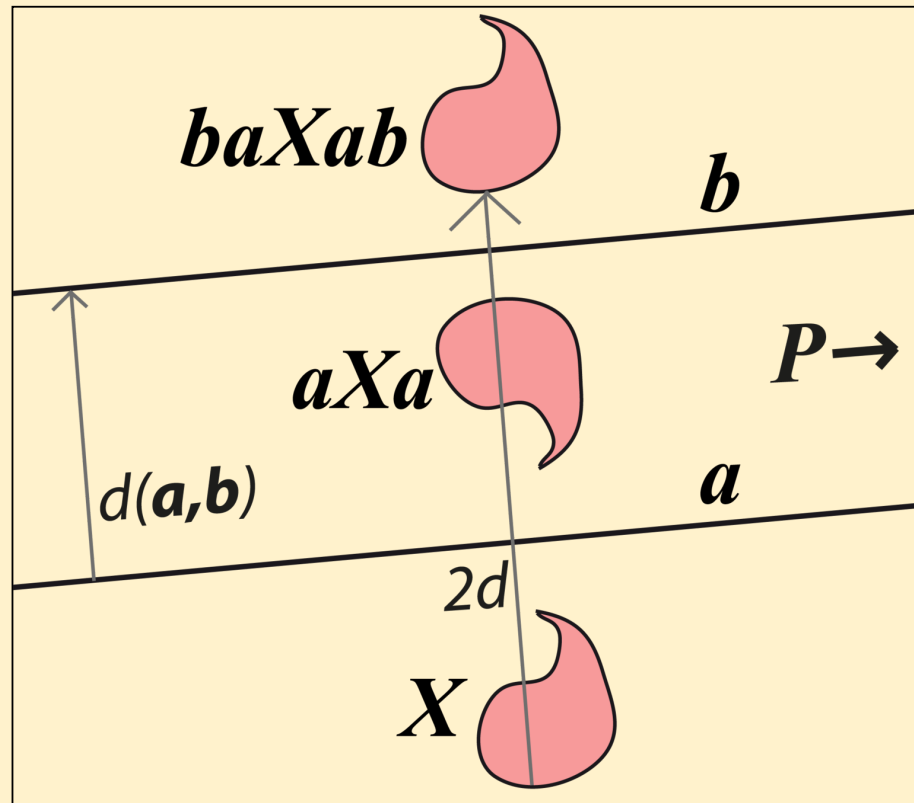
A reflection in a second proper line \mathbf{b} gives $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{aXa})\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{ba})\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{ab})$, by associativity. $\mathbf{r} := \mathbf{ba}$ is called a *rotor* and $\mathbf{X}' = R\mathbf{X}\tilde{R}$ where \tilde{R} is reversal operator.



Isometries via 3-way products

Euclidean translations

If $\kappa = 0$ and \mathbf{P} is ideal, \mathbf{X}' is a translation of distance $2d$, where d is the distance between a and b . Similar results for $\kappa = -1$.

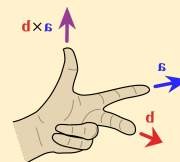
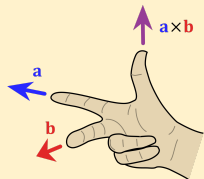


Quaternions in 2D elliptic PGA

	1	e_0	e_1	e_2	E_0	E_1	E_2	I
1	1	e_0	e_1	e_2	E_0	E_1	E_2	I
e_0	e_0	κ	E_2	$-E_1$	I	$-\kappa e_2$	κe_1	κE_0
e_1	e_1	$-E_2$	1	E_0	e_2	I	$-e_0$	E_1
e_2	e_2	E_1	$-E_0$	1	$-e_1$	e_0	I	E_2
E_0	E_0	I	$-e_2$	e_1	-1	$-E_2$	E_1	$-e_0$
E_1	E_1	κe_2	I	$-e_0$	E_2	$-\kappa$	$-\kappa E_0$	$-\kappa e_1$
E_2	E_2	$-\kappa e_1$	e_0	I	$-E_1$	κE_0	$-\kappa$	$-\kappa e_2$
I	I	κE_0	E_1	E_2	$-e_0$	$-\kappa e_1$	$-\kappa e_2$	$-\kappa$

For $\kappa = 1$, the even sub-algebra (shown in red) is isomorphic to \mathbb{H} under the map

$$\{1, E_0, E_1, E_2\} \Leftrightarrow \{1, k, j, i\}$$



Exponentiating bivectors

Every rotor can be produced directly by exponentiation of a bivector. When $\mathbf{P}^2 = -1$ then

$$\mathbf{r} := \exp(t\mathbf{P}) = \cos(t) + \sin(t)\mathbf{P}$$

$\mathbf{rX}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}$ produces a rotation through angle $2t$ around \mathbf{P} .

Analogous results hold for $\mathbf{P}^2 = 0$ or 1 yielding parabolic or hyperbolic isometries.

The ideal norm

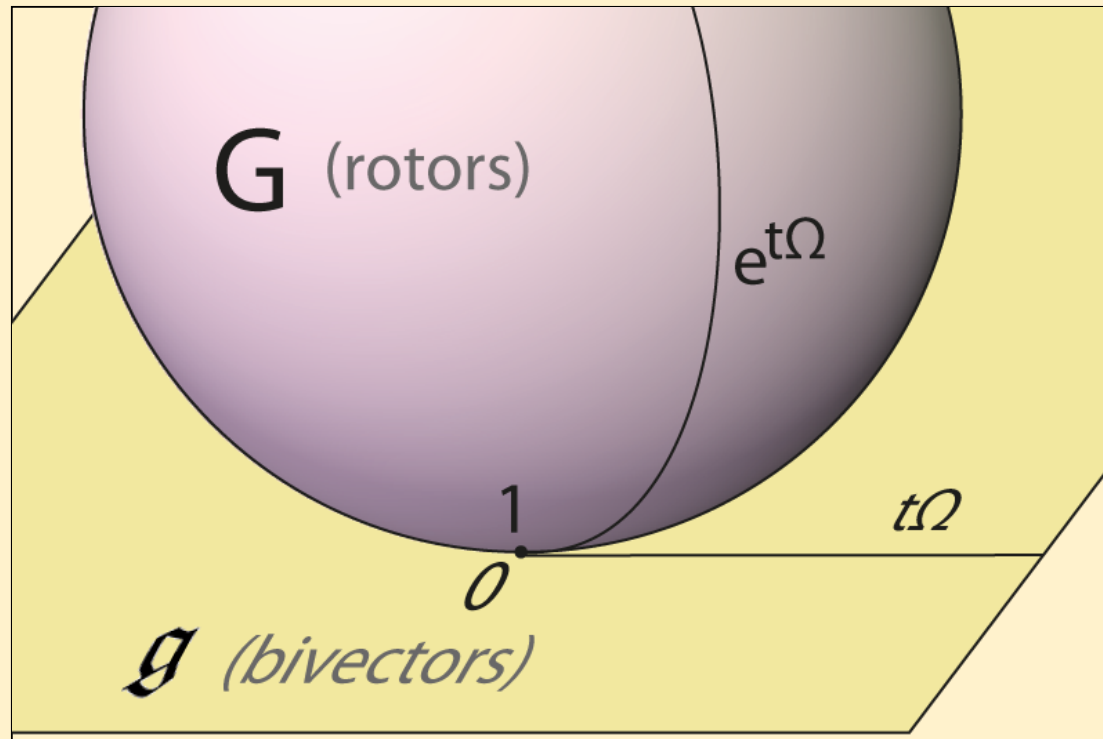
$\mathbf{P}^2 = 0$: how to normalize \mathbf{P} so e^{dP} is a translation of $2d$? Time permitting ...

Lie algebra and Lie group

The bivectors \bigwedge^2 form the **Lie algebra**.

Define **G** to be the elements of the even sub-algebra of norm 1. Then **G** is the **Lie group**.

And $\exp : \bigwedge^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$ is a 1:1 map up to multiples of 2π (for $n = 3$).



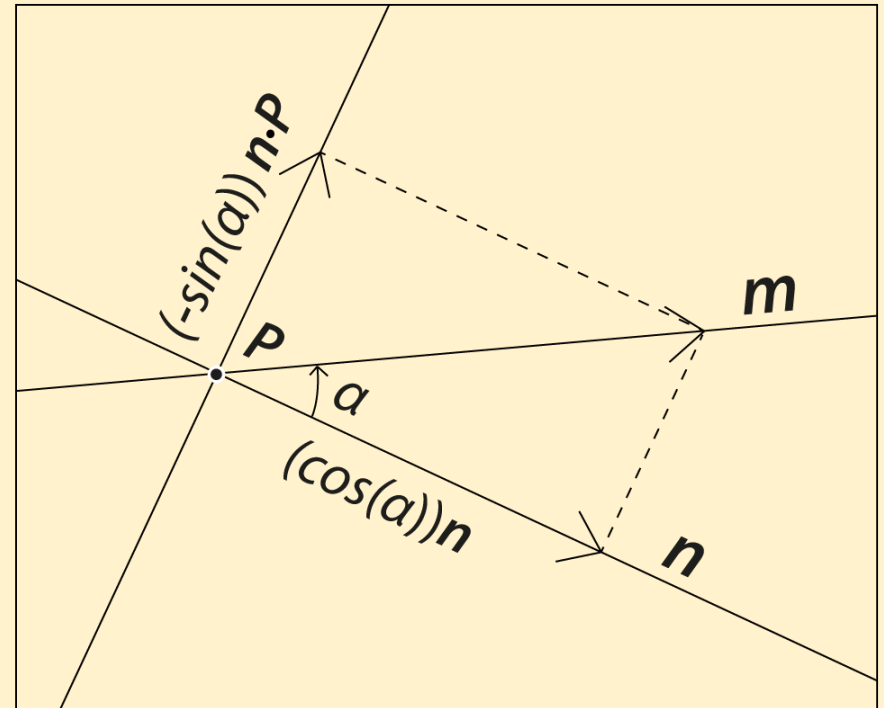
Formula factories via 3-way products

3-way products with a repeated factor of the form \mathbf{YXX} can be used as **formula factories**.

Example: $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}) = (\mathbf{m}\mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}$ since for a proper line $\mathbf{n}^2 = 1$ and associativity. This leads to a decomposition of \mathbf{m} with respect to \mathbf{n} :

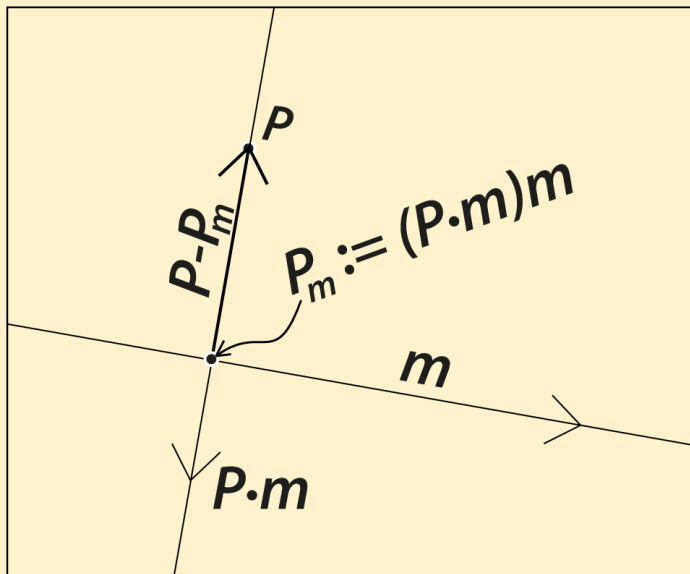
$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{m}\mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} &= (\cos(\alpha) + \sin(\alpha)\mathbf{P})\mathbf{n} \\&= \cos(\alpha)\mathbf{n} + \sin(\alpha)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{n} \\&= \cos(\alpha)\mathbf{n} + \sin(\alpha)\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{n} \\&= \cos(\alpha)\mathbf{n} - \sin(\alpha)\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{P}\end{aligned}$$

The arrows show the orientation of the lines.

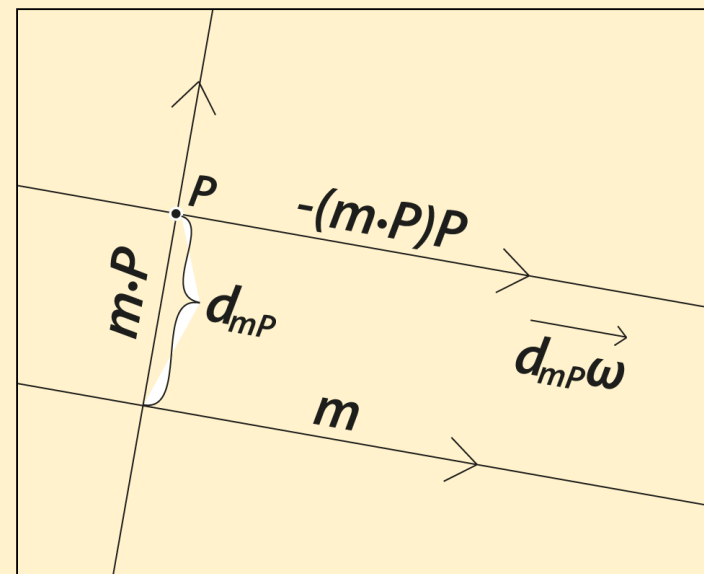


Formula factories via 3-way products

Examples: Anything can be orthogonally decomposed with respect to anything else! For example ...



Decompose point WRT line.

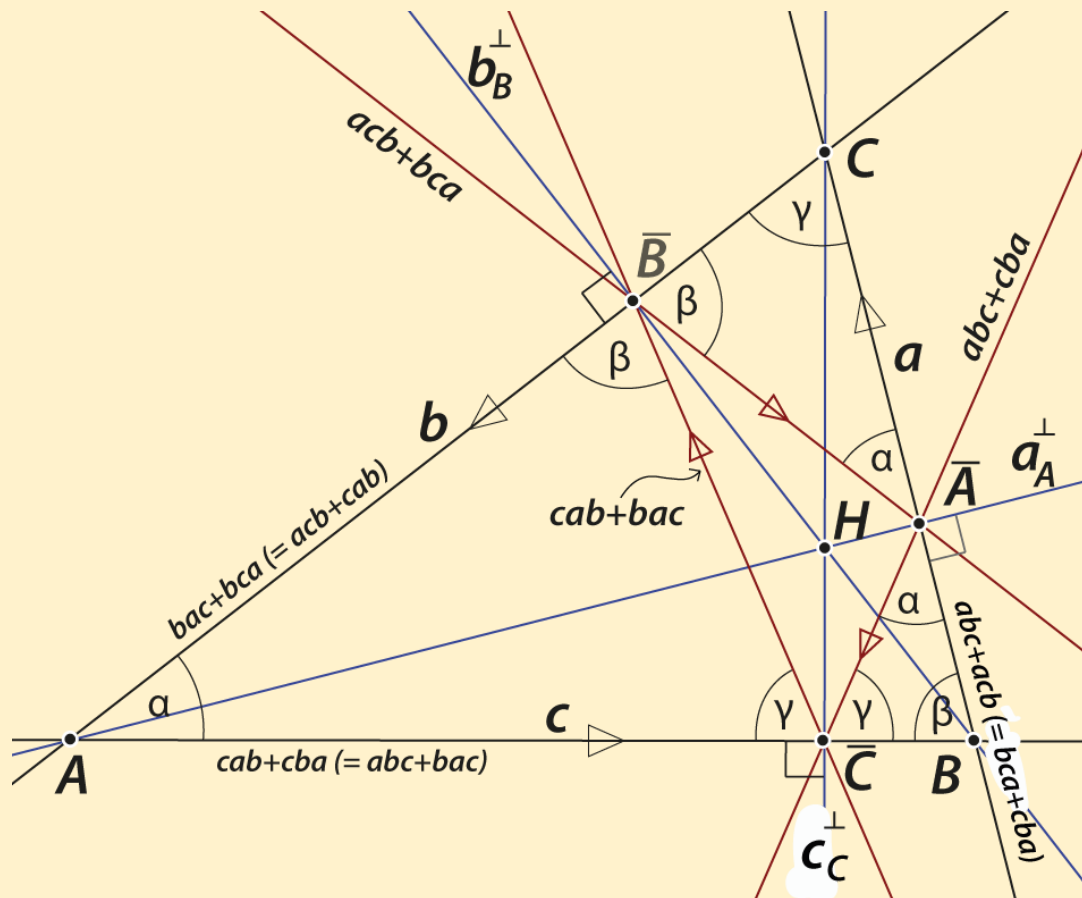


Decompose line WRT point.

The pieces of the decomposition are often interesting in their own right. For example, $(P \cdot m)m$ is closest point to P on m .

Formula factories via 3-way products

General 3-way products \mathbf{abc} of 1-vectors provide a useful framework for a general theory of triangles. Lots left to do!



2D PGA in the browser

A euclidean demo from Steven De Keninck, using his ganja.js Javascript implementation, showing several of the features discussed above.

<https://enkimute.github.io/ganja.js/examples/coffeeshop.html#iAdRREx-M&fullscreen>

ℓ = line (vector)

P = point (bivector)

ℓP = line through P , \perp to ℓ

$\ell P \ell$ = reflection of P in ℓ

$P \ell P$ = reflection of ℓ in P

$(\ell \cdot P) \ell$ = projection of P on ℓ

$(P \cdot \ell) P$ = projection of ℓ on P

These slides are available at <https://slides.com/skydog23/icerm2019/live>

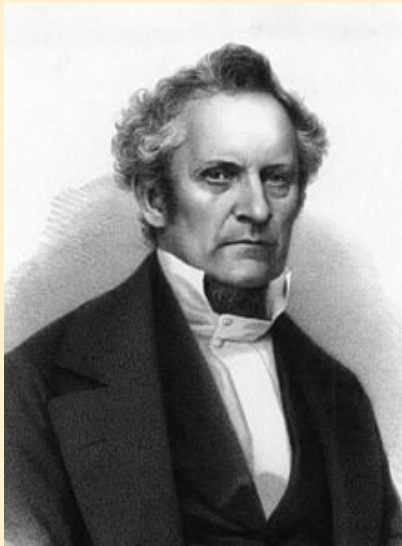
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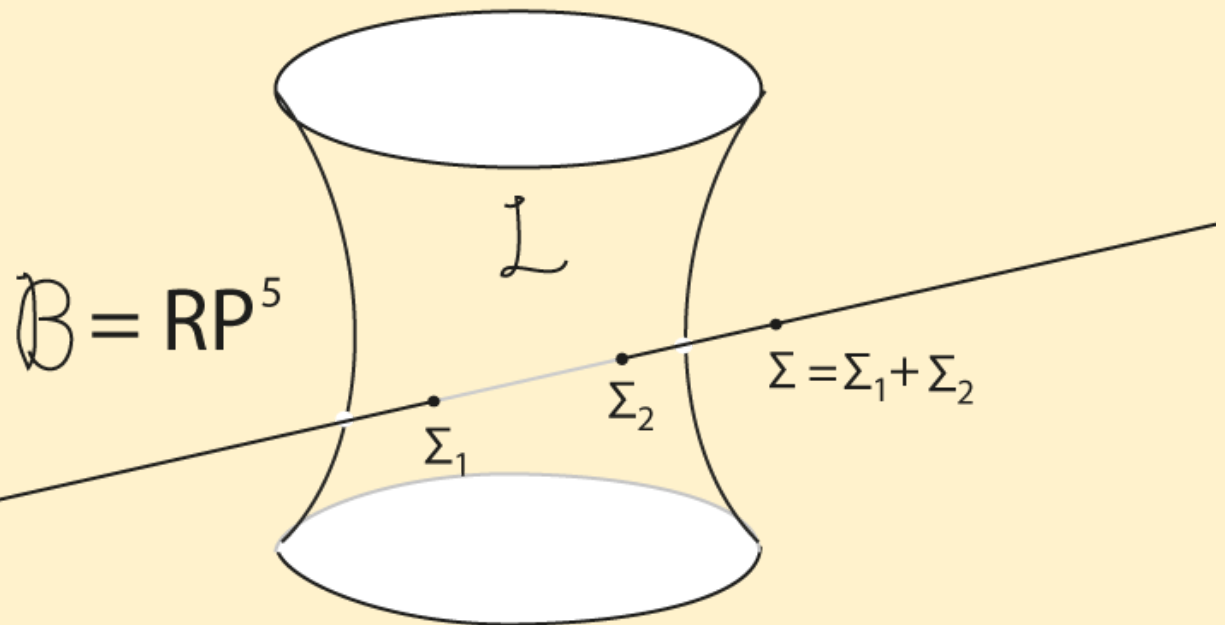
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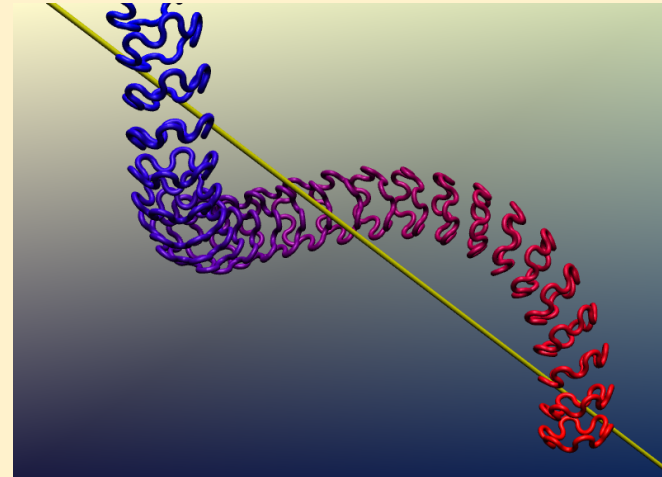
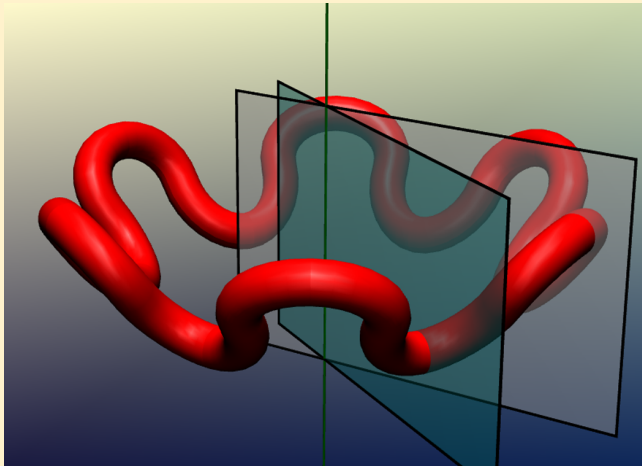
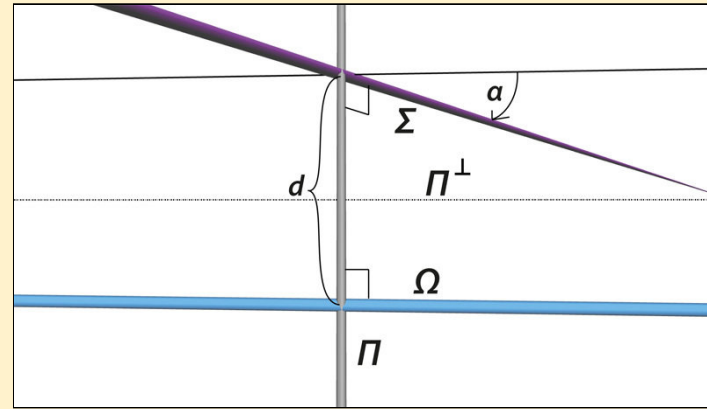
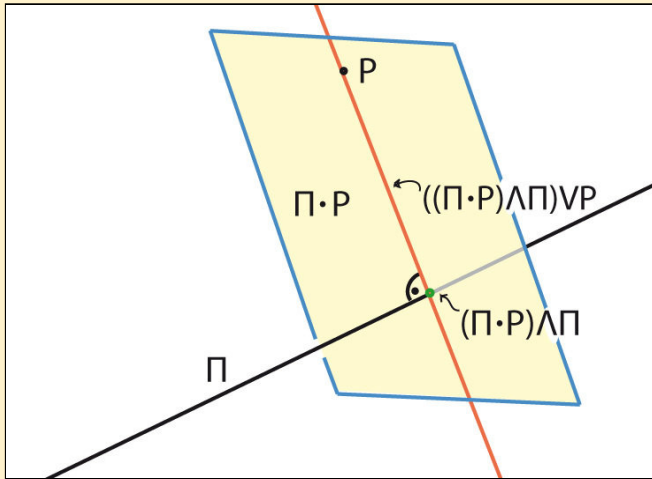
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Glimpse at 3D



Kinematics and Mechanics

A velocity state is $\mathbf{V} \in \Lambda^2$ (in this case a point)

A momentum state is $\mathbf{M} \in \Lambda^{n-2}$ (in this case a line)

A rigid body is a collection of Newtonian mass points.

Calculate inertia tensor A for the body, a quadratic form determined by the mass distribution.

$$\mathbf{M} = A\mathbf{V}$$

ODE's for free top:

PGA equations for the free top in $P(\mathbb{R}_\kappa^*)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{g}} &= \mathbf{g}\mathbf{V} \\ \dot{\mathbf{M}} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{V})\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbf{G}$, and \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{V} are in the body frame.

2D Kinematics and Mechanics

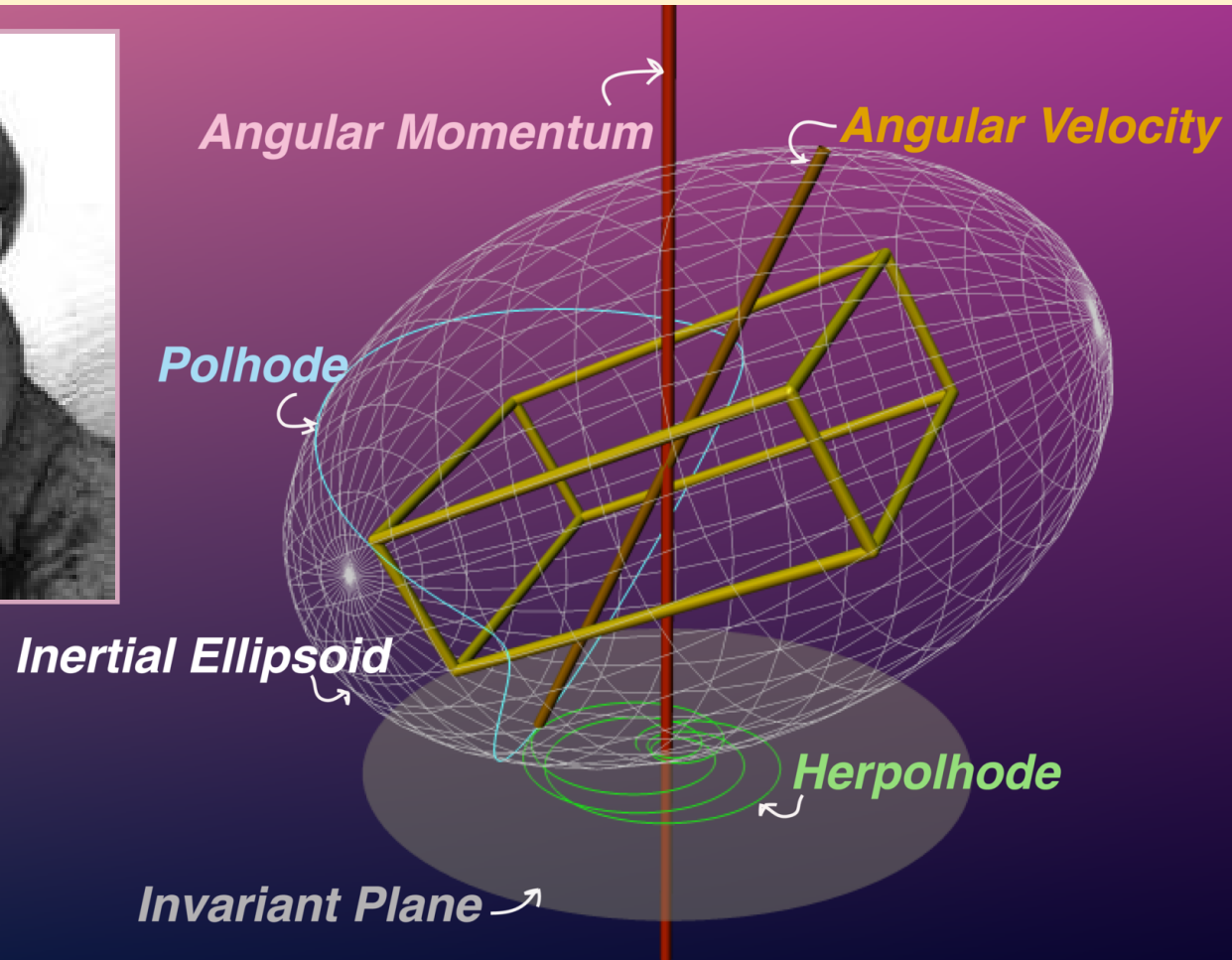
Advantages of PGA:

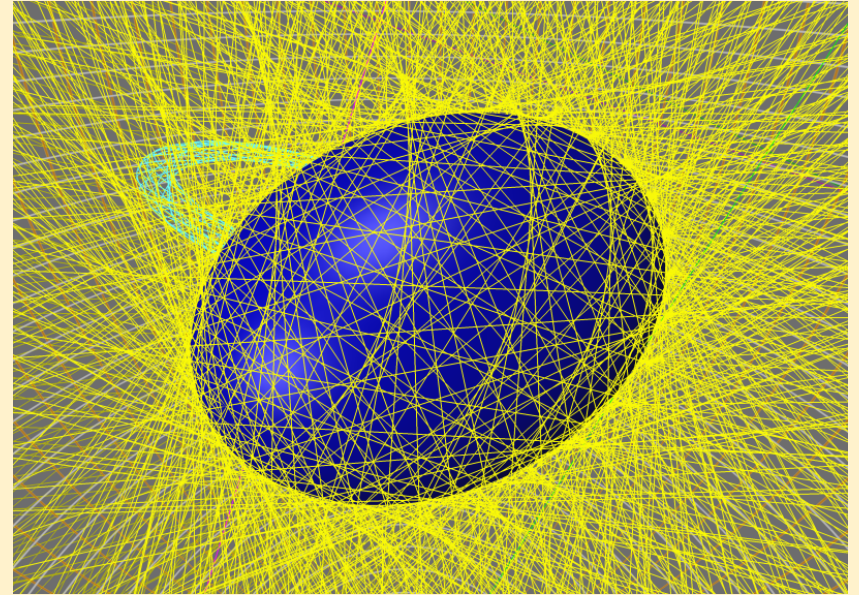
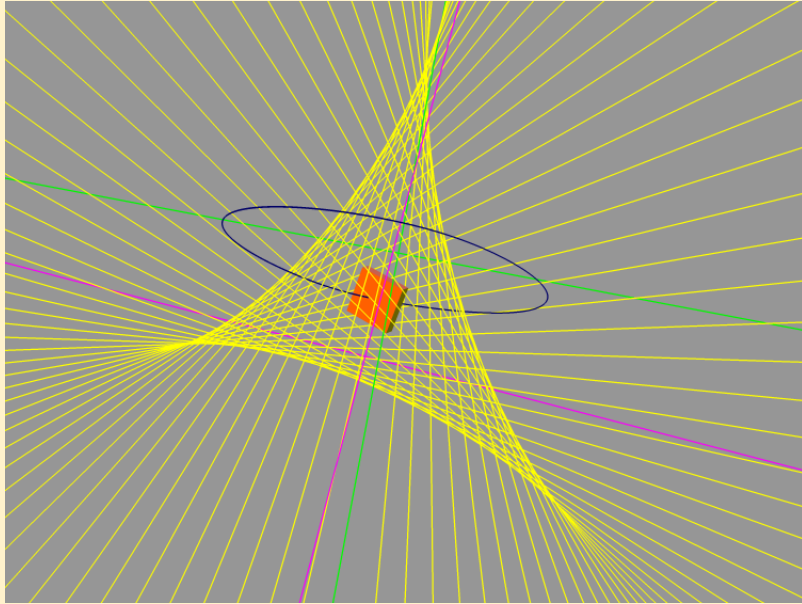
1. **Euclidean case:** No splitting into linear and angular parts. A linear velocity is a velocity carried by an ideal point (euclidean). An angular momentum (or force couple) is one carried by the ideal line.
2. Similar results hold in 3D.
3. The equations are numerically optimal compared to matrix methods. Normalizing \mathbf{g} keeps it on the solution space.

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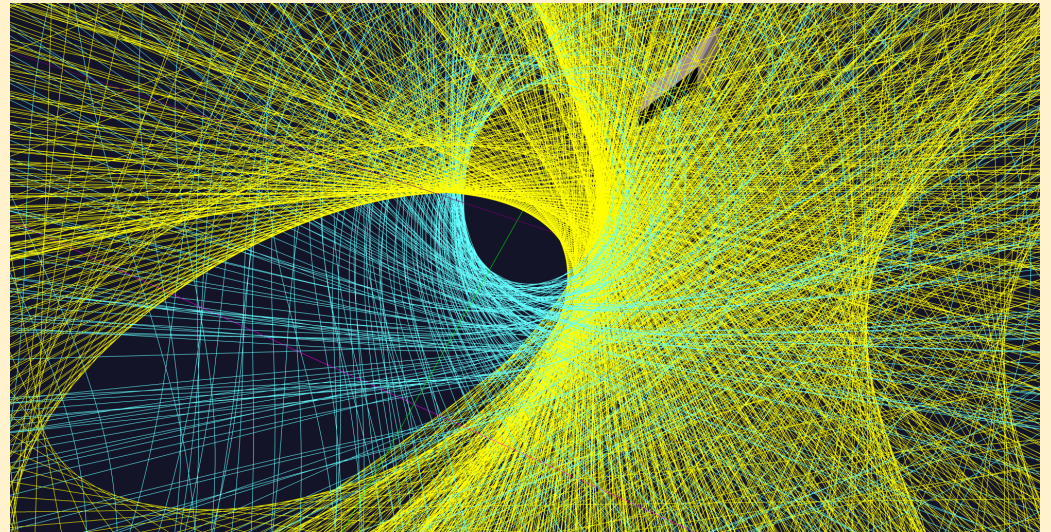
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3D Kinematics and Mechanics





3D
Poincot
motion (?)



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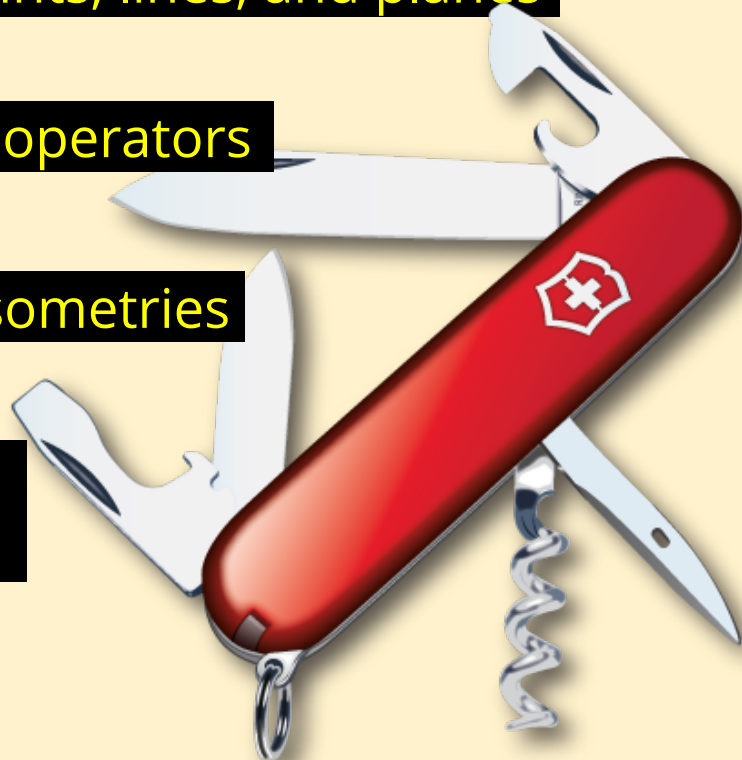
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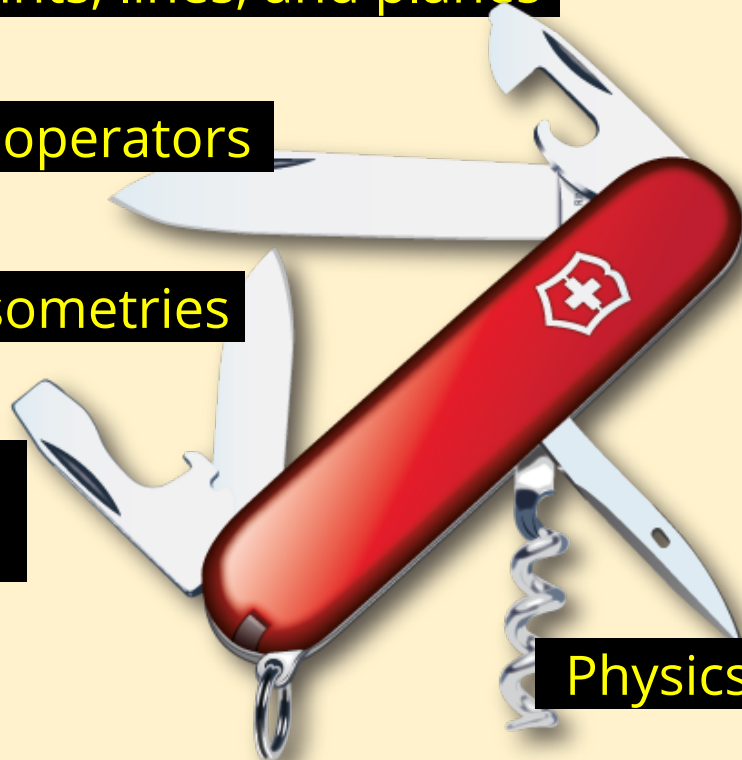
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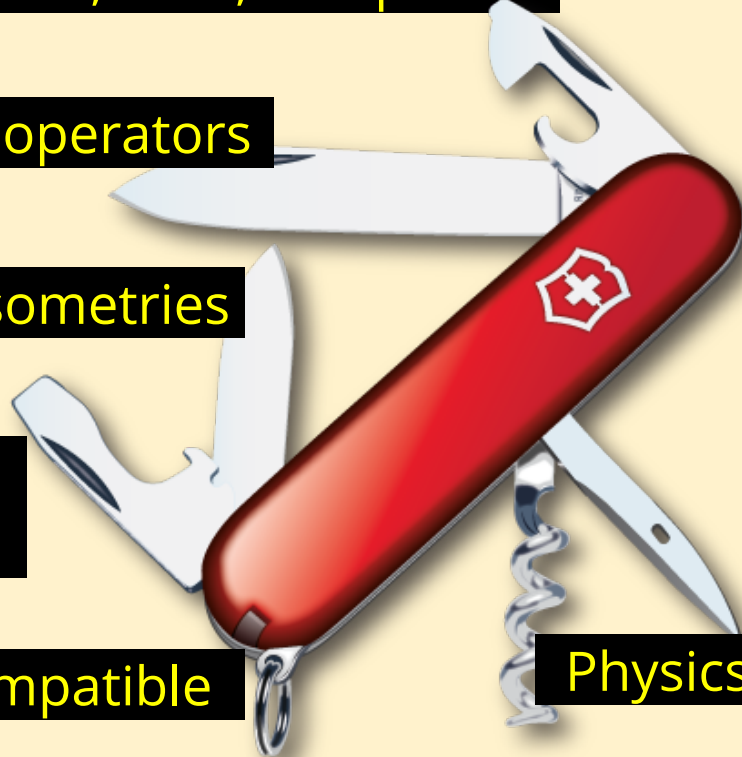
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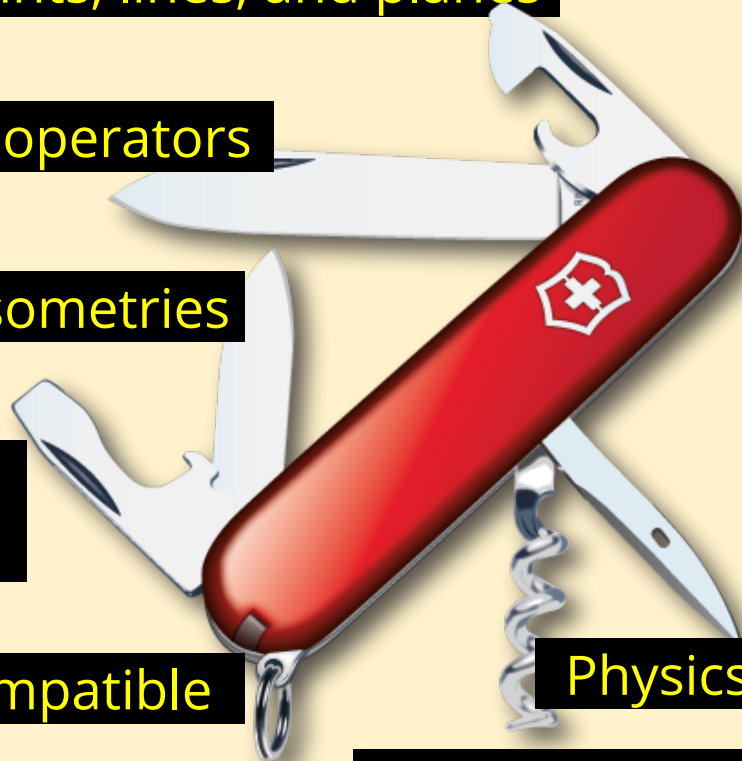
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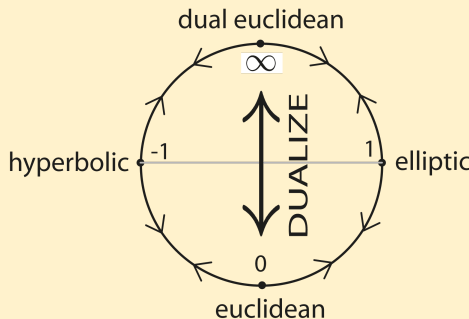
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Conclusions

- **Dual PGA** fulfills the "programmers wish list" from the beginning.
- It completes Clifford's project (cut short by his death) of combining Grassmann algebra with all biquaternions, not just the elliptic ones.
- There's a lot left to explore, both in non-euclidean and euclidean, 2D and 3D.
- Team members sought to create browser-based metric-neutral PGA scene graph with physics engine.
- Ask me about **ideal norms** and **dual euclidean space**.



Resources

Javascript implementation
Steven De Keninck
[ganja.js](#)



{ 2D PROJECTIVE GEOMETRIC ALGEBRA }

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BASICS

Basis & Metric:

$$\mathbb{R}_{2,0,1}^*$$

	VECTOR			BIVECTOR			I= PSS
1	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{e}_1	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{e}_{01}	\mathbf{e}_{20}	\mathbf{e}_{12}	\mathbf{e}_{012}
+1	0	+1	+1	0	0	-1	0
	LINE : ℓ			POINT : P			

Multiplication Table:

1	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{e}_1	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{e}_{01}	\mathbf{e}_{20}	\mathbf{e}_{12}	\mathbf{e}_{012}
\mathbf{e}_0	0	\mathbf{e}_{01}	$-\mathbf{e}_{20}$	0	0	\mathbf{e}_{012}	0
\mathbf{e}_1	$-\mathbf{e}_{01}$	1	\mathbf{e}_{12}	$-\mathbf{e}_{012}$	\mathbf{e}_{012}	\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{e}_{20}
\mathbf{e}_2	\mathbf{e}_{20}	$-\mathbf{e}_{12}$	1	\mathbf{e}_{012}	\mathbf{e}_0	$-\mathbf{e}_1$	\mathbf{e}_{01}
\mathbf{e}_{01}	0	\mathbf{e}_0	\mathbf{e}_{012}	0	0	$-\mathbf{e}_{20}$	0
\mathbf{e}_{20}	0	\mathbf{e}_{012}	$-\mathbf{e}_0$	0	0	\mathbf{e}_{01}	0
\mathbf{e}_{12}	\mathbf{e}_{012}	$-\mathbf{e}_2$	\mathbf{e}_1	\mathbf{e}_{20}	$-\mathbf{e}_{01}$	-1	$-\mathbf{e}_0$
\mathbf{e}_{012}	0	\mathbf{e}_{20}	\mathbf{e}_{01}	0	0	$-\mathbf{e}_0$	0

Operators:

\mathbf{ab}		Geometric Product	
\mathbf{a}^*		Dual	
\mathbf{a}^\perp	\mathbf{aI}	Polar	
$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}$		Reverse	
$\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_n$		Select grade n	
$\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}$	$\langle \mathbf{ab} \rangle_{s+t}$	Outer Product	meet
$\mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{b}$	$(\mathbf{a}^* \wedge \mathbf{b}^*)^*$	Regressive Product	join
$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$	$\langle \mathbf{ab} \rangle_{ s-t }$	Inner Product	
$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$	$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{ab} - \mathbf{ba})$	Commutator Product	
	$\mathbf{ab}\tilde{\mathbf{a}}$	Sandwich Product	

Dual, Reverse:

Multivector	$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{be}_0 + \mathbf{ce}_1 + \mathbf{de}_2 + \mathbf{ee}_{01} + \mathbf{fe}_{20} + \mathbf{ge}_{12} + \mathbf{he}_{012}$
Dual	$h + \mathbf{ge}_0 + \mathbf{fe}_1 + \mathbf{ce}_2 + \mathbf{de}_{01} + \mathbf{ce}_{20} + \mathbf{be}_{12} + \mathbf{ae}_{012}$
Reverse	$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{be}_0 + \mathbf{ce}_1 + \mathbf{de}_2 - \mathbf{ee}_{01} - \mathbf{fe}_{20} - \mathbf{ge}_{12} - \mathbf{he}_{012}$

Sub-algebras:

$\{1\}$	\mathbb{R}	Real	$\{1, \mathbf{e}_{12}\}$	\mathbb{C}	Complex
$\{1, \mathbf{e}_0\}$	\mathbb{D}	Dual	$\{1, \mathbf{e}_1\}$	\mathbb{D}	Hyperbolic
$\{1, \mathbf{e}_{12}\}$		rotors	$\{1, \mathbf{e}_{01}, \mathbf{e}_{20}\}$		translators
$\{1, \mathbf{e}_{01}, \mathbf{e}_{20}, \mathbf{e}_{12}\}$		motors			

GEOMETRY

Points, Lines:

Euclidean point at (x, y)	$x\mathbf{e}_{20} + y\mathbf{e}_{01} + \mathbf{e}_{12}$
Direction (ideal point) (x, y)	$x\mathbf{e}_{20} + y\mathbf{e}_{01}$
Line with eq. $ax + by + c = 0$	$\ell = a\mathbf{e}_1 + b\mathbf{e}_2 + c\mathbf{e}_0$

Incidence:

Join points $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$ in line ℓ	$\ell = \mathbf{P}_1 \vee \mathbf{P}_2$
Meet lines ℓ_1, ℓ_2 in point P	$P = \ell_1 \wedge \ell_2$

Project, Reject:

Line orthogonal to line ℓ , through point P	$\ell \cdot \mathbf{P} = \ell \times \mathbf{P}$
Project point P on line ℓ	$(\ell \cdot \mathbf{P})\ell$
Project line ℓ on point P	$(\ell \cdot \mathbf{P})\mathbf{P}$
Direction orthogonal to line ℓ	$\ell^\perp := \ell\mathbf{I}$

Norms and numerical values:

Euc. norm of $\ell = c\mathbf{e}_0 + a\mathbf{e}_1 + b\mathbf{e}_2$:	$\ \ell\ := \sqrt{\ell^2} (= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})$
Euc. norm of $\mathbf{P} = x\mathbf{e}_{20} + y\mathbf{e}_{01} + z\mathbf{e}_{12}$:	$\ \mathbf{P}\ := \sqrt{\mathbf{P}^2} (= \sqrt{z^2})$
Ideal norm of ideal $\mathbf{P} = x\mathbf{e}_{20} + y\mathbf{e}_{01}$:	$\ \mathbf{P}\ _\infty := \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
Norm of motor \mathbf{m}	$\ \mathbf{m}\ := \sqrt{\mathbf{m}\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}$

Numerical value of ideal $\ell = c\mathbf{e}_0$:	$\ \ell\ _\infty := c$
Numerical value of pseudoscalar \mathbf{aI}	$\ \mathbf{aI}\ _\infty = a$

Metric:

Distance between points $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$	$\ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2\ , \ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2\ _\infty$
Angle of intersecting lines ℓ_1, ℓ_2	$\cos^{-1}(\hat{\ell}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2), \sin^{-1}(\ \hat{\ell}_1 \wedge \hat{\ell}_2\)$
Distance parallel lines ℓ_1, ℓ_2	$\ \hat{\ell}_1 \wedge \hat{\ell}_2\ _\infty$
Oriented dist. eucl. P to line ℓ	$\hat{\mathbf{P}} \vee \hat{\ell}, \ \hat{\mathbf{P}} \wedge \hat{\ell}\ _\infty$
Angle betw. ideal P and line ℓ	$\sin^{-1} \ \hat{\mathbf{P}} \wedge \hat{\ell}\ _\infty$
Angle bisector of ℓ_1 and ℓ_2	$(\hat{\ell}_1 + \hat{\ell}_2) \circ \hat{\ell}_1 - \hat{\ell}_2$
Perp. bisector of \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2	$(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2)(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2)$
Altitudes of $\Delta \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_3$	$(\mathbf{P}_1 \vee \mathbf{P}_2) \cdot \mathbf{P}_3$, etc.

MOTORS

Rotors & Translators:

Rotator α around point \mathbf{P}_E	$e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}\mathbf{P}_E} = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}\mathbf{P}_E$
Translator d orthogonal to \mathbf{P}_∞	$e^{\frac{d}{2}\mathbf{P}_\infty} = 1 + \frac{d}{2}\mathbf{P}_\infty$
Motor between lines ℓ_1, ℓ_2	$\sqrt{\ell_2 \ell_1}$
Logarithm of motor \mathbf{m}	$\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_2$

Compose & Apply:

Compose motors \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2	$\mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{m}_1$
Normalize motor \mathbf{m}	$\hat{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{\ \mathbf{m}\ }$
Square root of motor \mathbf{m}	$\sqrt{\mathbf{m}} = (1 + \hat{\mathbf{m}})$
Reflect element X in line ℓ	$\ell X \ell$
Transform X with motor \mathbf{m}	$\mathbf{m} X \tilde{\mathbf{m}}$

MORE

Areas:

Area of $\Delta \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_3$	$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_3)$
Length of closed loop $\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \dots \mathbf{P}_n$	$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \ \hat{\mathbf{P}}_i \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{i+1}\ $
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Rigid Body Mechanics: (Valid in euclidean, elliptic & hyperbolic planes)

Kinematics-points, dynamics-lines	linear+angular unified
Element in the body/space frame	$\mathbf{x}_b / \mathbf{x}_s$
Path of x under the motion g	$\mathbf{x}_s = \mathbf{g} \mathbf{x}_b \tilde{\mathbf{g}}, \mathbf{x}_b = \tilde{\mathbf{g}} \mathbf{x}_s \mathbf{g}$
Velocity \mathbf{V}_b in the body	$\mathbf{V}_b = \tilde{\mathbf{g}} \dot{\mathbf{g}}$ (a bivector)
Inertia tensor $\mathbf{A} : \wedge^2 \leftrightarrow \wedge^1$	maps vel. \leftrightarrow mom. in body
Momentum line \mathbf{m}_b in the body	$\mathbf{m}_b = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{V}_b)$
Kinetic energy E	$E = \mathbf{m}_b \vee \mathbf{V}_b$
Euler Eq. of Motion 1:	$\dot{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{g} \mathbf{V}_b$
Euler EoM 2: (\mathbf{f}_b = ext. forces)	$\dot{\mathbf{V}}_b = 2\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_b + (\mathbf{m}_b \times \mathbf{V}_b))$
Time derivative of energy E	$\dot{E} = -2\mathbf{f}_b \vee \mathbf{V}_b$
Work $w(t) = E(t) - E(0)$	$= \int_0^t \dot{E} ds = -2 \int_0^t \mathbf{f}_b \vee \mathbf{V}_b ds$

Resources

Metric-neutral resources

- [My Ph. D. thesis](#)
- [ganja.js](#)

Euclidean resources

- [bivector.net/doc](#) SIGGRAPH 2019 course notes & cheat sheets & course videos + more.
- [Live 2D and 3D PGA demos in JavaScript](#)
- [My ResearchGate PGA project](#)

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Thanks for your attention!

That's all folks

Partial solutions: Quaternions

Quaternions \mathbb{H}	$s + x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$
Im. quaternions \mathbb{IH}	$\mathbf{v} := x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} \Leftrightarrow (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
Unit quaternions \mathbb{U}	$\{\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{H} \mid \mathbf{g}\bar{\mathbf{g}} = 1\}$

III. ODE's for Euler top:

Quaternion equations for the Euler top in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{g}} &= \mathbf{g}\mathbf{V} \\ \dot{\mathbf{M}} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{V})\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{U}$ and $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{IH}$ are the momentum, resp., velocity vectors in the body frame.

($\mathbf{M} = A\mathbf{V}$ for inertia tensor A).

Dual projective Grassmann algebra

	1	e_0	e_1	e_2	E_0	E_1	E_2	I
1	1	e_0	e_1	e_2	E_0	E_1	E_2	I
e_0	e_0		E_2	$-E_1$	I			
e_1	e_1	$-E_2$		E_0		I		
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Multiplication table for $\bigwedge \mathbb{R}P^{2*}$

Geometric algebra notation

- General *multivector* is sum of k -vectors: $\mathbf{a} = \sum_k \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_k$
- Points are large letters (\mathbf{P}) and lines are small (\mathbf{m}).
- The unit pseudoscalar is written \mathbf{I} .
- The product of a k -vector and an m -vector is a sum

$$\mathbf{KM} = \sum_{i=|k-m|}^{k+m} \langle \mathbf{KM} \rangle_i$$

where i increases by steps of 2.

- $\mathbf{K} \wedge \mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{KM} \rangle_{k+m}$
- $\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{M} := \langle \mathbf{KM} \rangle_{|k-m|}$
- $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{M} := \mathbf{KM} - \mathbf{MK}$
- $\mathbf{K} \vee \mathbf{M}$ is the join.

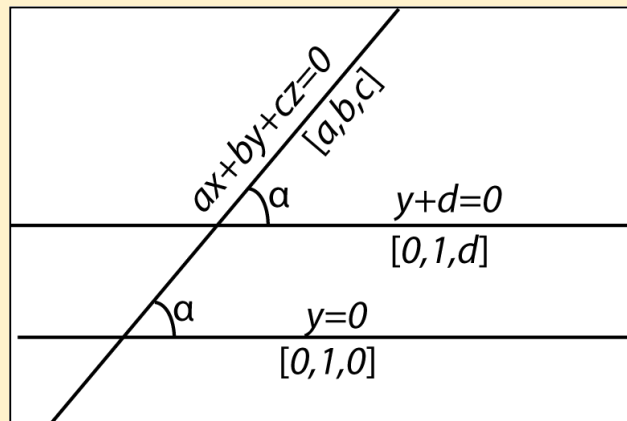
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History: That $\mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}_{2,0,1}^*)$ models euclidean geometry was first published by Jon Selig in 2000.

Question

What is the best way
to do Cayley-Klein geometry
on the computer?