

A development document for Geometric Algebra using wxMaxima

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

Initialization

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

the pseudoscalar and its inverse
the lowest useable dimension pseudoscalar should be $\{e_1, e_2\}$ i.e. $\text{Plen} = 2$
e.g. for four dimensions edit Pseudos: $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ to Pseudos: $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$

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

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

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

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

end of Initialization

```
set derivabbrev:false$
```

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

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

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

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

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

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

form the vector valued function

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

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

Exercise 5.14, part a)

```
(%i21) Fstr:"fx"$
      divF:mdivdiv(Fstr,xlst)$
      ldisplay(divF)$
```

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

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

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

Exercise 5.14, part b)

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

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

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

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

N.B. $\text{grad}F = \text{div}F + \text{curl}F$ for vectors, so test the function `mvgrad()` once again

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

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

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

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

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

```
(%o39) true
```