

Versor Cheat Sheet

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Graphic Symbol	Geometric State	Grade(s)	Algebraic Form	Abbr.
	Scalar	0	α	Sca
	Vector	1	$\mathbf{a} = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 + \gamma e_3$	Vec
	Bivector	2	$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}$	Biv
	Trivector	3	$\mathbf{I}_3 = \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c}$	Tri
	Point	1	$p = o + \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}^2 \infty$	Pnt
	Point Pair	2	$\tau = p_a \wedge p_b$	Par
	Circle	3	$\kappa = p_a \wedge p_b \wedge p_c$	Cir
	Sphere	4	$\Sigma = p_a \wedge p_b \wedge p_c \wedge p_d$	Sph
	Flat Point	2	$\Phi = p \wedge \infty$	Flp
	Line	3	$\Lambda = p_a \wedge p_b \wedge \infty$	Lin
	Dual Line	2	$\lambda = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{d} \infty$	Dll
	Plane	4	$\Pi = p_a \wedge p_b \wedge p_c \wedge \infty$	Pln
	Dual Plane	1	$\pi = \mathbf{n} + \delta \infty$	Dlp
	Minkowski Plane	2	$E = o \wedge \infty$	Mnk
	Direction Vector	2	$t \infty$	Drv
	Direction Bivector	3	$\mathbf{B} \infty$	Drb
	Direction Trivector	4	$\mathbf{I}_3 \infty$	Drt
	Tangent Vector	2	$o\mathbf{t}$	Tnv
	Tangent Bivector	3	$o\mathbf{B}$	Tnb
	Tangent Trivector	4	$o\mathbf{I}_3$	Tnt
	Rotor	0, 2	$\mathcal{R} = e^{-\frac{\theta}{2} \mathbf{B}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \mathbf{B}$	Rot
	Translator	0, 2	$\mathcal{T} = e^{\frac{d}{2} \infty} = 1 - \frac{d}{2} \infty$	Trs
	Motor	0, 2, 4	$\mathcal{M} = e^{\mathbf{B} + d \infty}$	Mot
	Dilator	0, 2	$\mathcal{D} = e^{\frac{\lambda}{2} E} = \cosh \frac{\lambda}{2} + \sinh \frac{\lambda}{2} E$	Dil
	Boost	0, 2	$\mathcal{B} = e^{o\mathbf{t}} = 1 + o\mathbf{t}$	Trv

Table 1: Basic elements of conformal geometric algebra and their algebraic constructions. The graphic symbols on the left are introduced to help reference the appendix of operations. Bold symbols represent Euclidean elements, with lowercase letters representing 1-blade vectors as is the custom in geometric algebra texts.

Operation	Operator or Method	Expression	Notation
Geometric Product	*	$A * B$	AB
Inner Product	<=	$A <= B$	$A \rfloor B$
Outer Product	^	$A \wedge B$	$A \wedge B$
Commutator	%	$A \% B$	$A \times B$
Inverse	!	$!A$	A^{-1}
Reverse	~	$\sim A$	\tilde{A}
Conjugate	conjugation()	$A.conjugation()$	\bar{A}
Involute	involution()	$A.involution()$	\hat{A}

Table 2: How to perform basic operations on multivectors in *Versor*

Function	Output	Notation
<code>Op::sp(A,B)</code> or <code>A.sp(B)</code>	Spin A by B	$\mathcal{B}A\mathcal{B}^{-1}$
<code>Op::re(A,B)</code> or <code>A.sp(B)</code>	Reflect A by B	$\mathcal{B}\hat{A}\mathcal{B}^{-1}$
<code>Op::rj(A,B)</code>	Rejection of A from B	$(A \wedge B)B^{-1}$
<code>Op::pj(A,B)</code>	Projection of A onto B	$(A \rfloor B)B^{-1}$
<code>Op::dl(A)</code> or <code>A.dual()</code>	The Dual of A	A^*
<code>Op::ud(A)</code> or <code>A.undual()</code>	The Undual of A	A^{-*}
<code>Op::dle(A)</code> or <code>A.duale()</code>	The Euclidean Dual of A	A^\star
<code>Op::ude(A)</code> or <code>A.unduale()</code>	The Euclidean Undual of A	$A^{-\star}$

Table 3: Some useful functions operating on one or two arguments.

Function	Output	Notation
Gen::log(Rot r)	The Bivector Generator of input \mathcal{R}	$\log(\mathcal{R})$
Gen::log(Mot m)	The Dual Line Generator of input \mathcal{M}	$\log(\mathcal{M})$
Gen::mot(Dll d)	The exponential \mathcal{M} of input Dual Line $\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{d}\infty$	$e^{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{d}\infty}$
Gen::rot(Biv b)	The exponential \mathcal{R} of input Bivector $\theta \mathbf{I}$	$e^{-\frac{\theta}{2} \mathbf{I}}$
Gen::ratio(Vec a, Vec b)	The Rotor \mathcal{R} that takes input Vec \mathbf{a} to input Vec \mathbf{b}	$\frac{(1 + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a})}{\sqrt{2(1 + \mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{b})}}$
Gen::ratio(Dll da, Dll db)	The Motor \mathcal{M} that takes input Dll A to input Dll B	
Gen::trs	The exponential \mathcal{T} of input Direction Vector $\mathbf{d}\infty$	$e^{-\frac{\mathbf{d}}{2}\infty}$
Gen::dil	The exponential \mathcal{D} of input E plane $\lambda \mathbf{E}$	$e^{\frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{E}}$
Gen::trv	The exponential \mathcal{B} of input tangent vector	$e^{\frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{t}}{2}}$
Gen::mat	The 4x4 matrix of input Rotor \mathcal{R}	$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 & y_0 & z_0 & 0 \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Gen::aa	The axis angle rep of input Rotor \mathcal{R}	$[\theta \ x \ y \ z]$

Table 4: Common functions for dealing with versors and their generators.

Function	Output
Ro::null	Point p map of input Vector \mathbf{v}
Ro::dls	Dual Sphere from input Vector \mathbf{v} and radius α
Ro::split1	Point p of input Point Pair $p \wedge q$
Ro::split2	Point q of input Point Pair $p \wedge q$
Ro::sur	Dual Sphere Surrounding input
Ro::cen	Center point p of input Round
Ro::car	Carrier Plane or Line of Input Circle or Point Pair
Ro::size	Squared Radius (+ or -) of input Round
Ro::wt	Weight α of input Round

Table 5: Common functions for creating and querying round elements

Function	Output
F1::car	Carrier Plane or Line of Input Circle or Point Pair
F1::loc	Point p on input line or plane closest to input point
F1::wt	Weight α of input Flat
F1::dir	Direction of input Flat

Table 6: Common functions for creating and querying flat elements

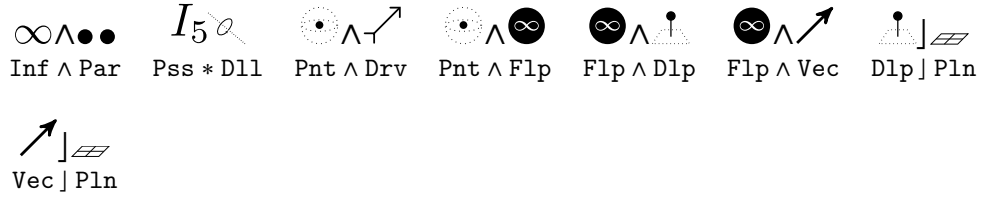
Function	Output
Ta::at	Tangent to input State at input point p
Ta::wt	Weight α of input Tangent

Table 7: Common functions for creating and querying tangent elements

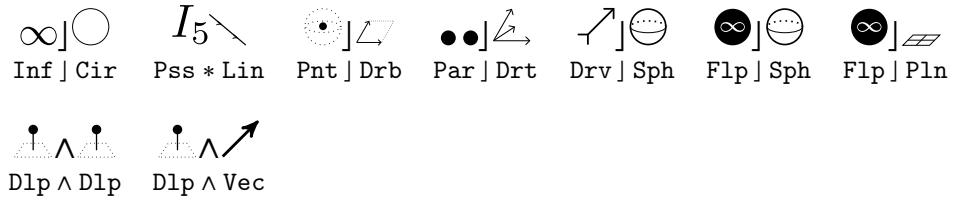
Appendix A: List of Operators By Return Type

Operations that Construct a Point							
$I_5 \circlearrowleft$	$\bullet \bullet \mid \bigcirc$	$\bullet \bullet \mid \diagdown$	$\bigcirc \mid \circlearrowleft$	$\bigcirc \mid \parallel$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \bigcirc$	$\triangle \mid \bullet \bullet$	
Pss * Sph	Par Cir	Par Lin	Cir Sph	Cir Pln	D11 Cir	Dlp Par	
$\nearrow \mid \bullet \bullet$	$\searrow \mid \bigcirc$						
Vec Par	Biv Cir						
Operations that Construct a Sphere							
$I_5 \circlearrowright$	$\circlearrowleft \wedge \bigcirc$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \bullet \bullet$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \circlearrowleft$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \searrow$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \nearrow$	$\bigcirc \wedge \triangle$	$\bigcirc \wedge \nearrow$
Pss * Pnt	Pnt ^ Cir	Par ^ Par	Par ^ D11	Par ^ Biv	Cir ^ Dlp	Cir ^ Vec	
Operations that Construct a Point Pair							
$I_5 \bigcirc$	$\circlearrowleft \wedge \circlearrowleft$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \bigcirc$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \diagdown$	$\circlearrowleft \wedge \triangle$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \circlearrowleft$	$\triangle \mid \bigcirc$	
Pss * Cir	Pnt ^ Pnt	Pnt Cir	Pnt Lin	Pnt ^ Dlp	D11 Sph	Dlp Cir	
$\nearrow \mid \bigcirc$							
Vec Cir							
Operations that Construct a Circle							
$I_5 \bullet \bullet$	$\circlearrowleft \wedge \bullet \bullet$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \circlearrowleft$	$\circlearrowleft \mid \parallel$	$\circlearrowleft \wedge \circlearrowleft$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \triangle$	$\bullet \bullet \wedge \nearrow$	
Pss * Par	Pnt ^ Par	Pnt Sph	Pnt Pln	Pnt ^ D11	Par ^ Dlp	Par ^ Vec	
$\triangle \mid \circlearrowleft$							
Dlp Sph							

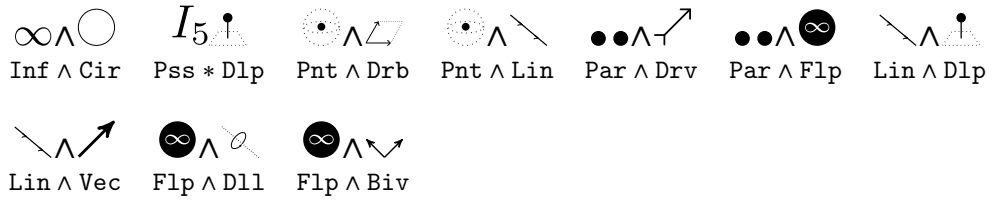
Operations that Construct a Line



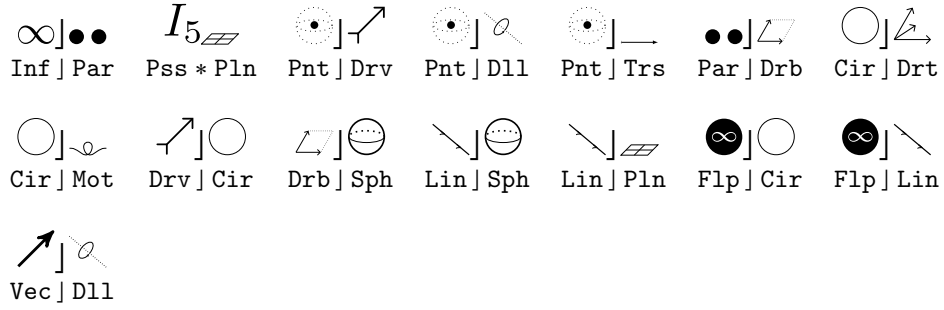
Operations that Construct a Dual Line



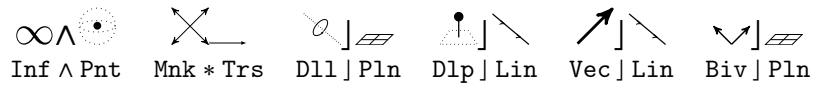
Operations that Construct a Plane



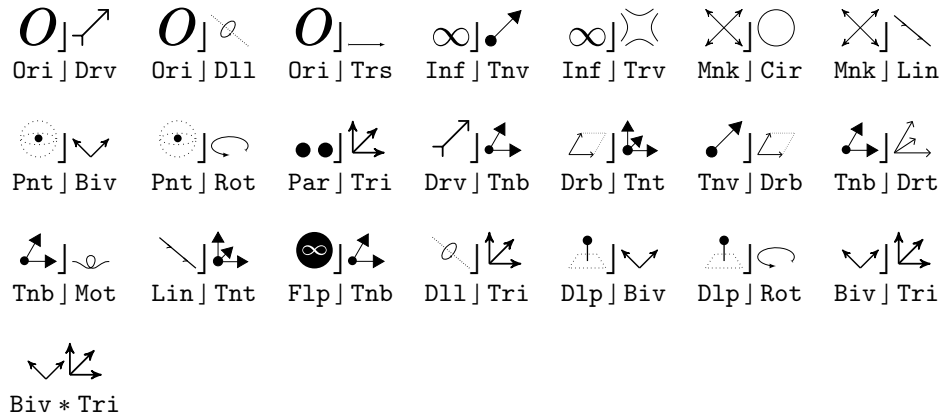
Operations that Construct a Dual Plane



Operations that Construct a Flat Point



Operations that Construct a Vector



Operations that Construct a Bivector

$O \int \triangle$	$\infty \int \rightarrow$	$\times \int \odot$	$\times \int \parallel$	$\odot \int \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \int \rightarrow$	$\bullet \int \rightarrow$
Ori Drb	Inf Tnb	Mnk Sph	Mnk Pln	Pnt Tri	Drv Tnt	Tnv Drt
$\infty \int \rightarrow$	$\bullet \int \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \wedge \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \int \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \int \rightarrow$		
Flp Tnt	Dlp Tri	Vec \wedge Vec	Vec Tri	Vec * Tri		

Operations that Construct a Trivector

$O \int \triangle$	$\infty \int \rightarrow$	$\times \int I_5$	$\times \int I_5$	$\rightarrow \wedge \rightarrow$
Ori Drt	Inf Tnt	Mnk Pss	Mnk * Pss	Vec \wedge Biv

Operations that Construct a Direction Vector

$\infty \int \backslash$	$\infty \int \backslash$	$\infty \wedge \bullet$	$\infty \int \bullet$	$\infty \wedge \rightarrow$	$\infty \int \rightarrow$	$I_5 \int \triangle$
Inf Lin	Inf * Lin	Inf \wedge Dlp	Inf * Dlp	Inf \wedge Vec	Inf * Vec	Pss * Drb
$\triangle \int \rightarrow$	$\triangle \int \parallel$	$\triangle \int \circ$	$\triangle \int \rightarrow$	$\bullet \int \triangle$	$\rightarrow \int \triangle$	
Drb * Tri	Drt * Pln	Drt * Dll	Drt * Biv	Dlp Drb	Vec Drb	

Operations that Construct a Direction Bivector

$\infty \int \parallel$	$\infty \int \parallel$	$\infty \wedge \circ$	$\infty \int \circ$	$\infty \wedge \rightarrow$	$\infty \int \rightarrow$	$I_5 \int \rightarrow$
Inf Pln	Inf * Pln	Inf \wedge Dll	Inf * Dll	Inf \wedge Biv	Inf * Biv	Pss * Drv
$\rightarrow \wedge \bullet$	$\rightarrow \wedge \rightarrow$	$\rightarrow \int \rightarrow$	$\triangle \int \backslash$	$\triangle \int \bullet$	$\triangle \int \rightarrow$	
Drv \wedge Dlp	Drv \wedge Vec	Drv * Tri	Drt * Lin	Drt * Dlp	Drt * Vec	

Operations that Construct a Direction Trivector

$\infty \rfloor I_5$	∞I_5	$\infty \wedge \uparrow \downarrow$	$\infty \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \wedge \downarrow$	$\uparrow \wedge \downarrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \wedge \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$
Inf \rfloor Pss	Inf * Pss	Inf \wedge Tri	Inf * Tri	Drv \wedge D1l	Drv \wedge Biv	Drb \wedge Dlp
$\uparrow \wedge \downarrow \uparrow$	$\downarrow \wedge \uparrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \wedge \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$			
Drb \wedge Vec	D1l \wedge D1l	D1l \wedge Biv	Dlp \wedge Tri			

Operations that Construct a Tangent Vector at Origin

$O \wedge \uparrow$	$O \uparrow$	$I_5 \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$
Ori \wedge Vec	Ori * Vec	Pss * Tnb	Tnb * Tri	Tnt * Biv	Vec \rfloor Tnb

Operations that Construct a Tangent Bivector at Origin

$O \wedge \downarrow \uparrow$	$O \downarrow \uparrow$	$I_5 \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$
Ori \wedge Biv	Ori * Biv	Pss * Tnv	Tnv \wedge Vec	Tnv * Tri	Tnt * Vec

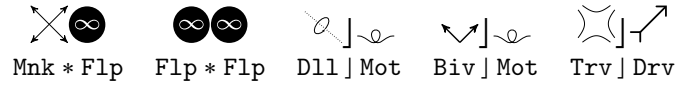
Operations that Construct a Tangent Trivector at Origin

$O \rfloor I_5$	$O I_5$	$O \wedge \uparrow \downarrow$	$O \uparrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \wedge \downarrow$	$\uparrow \downarrow \wedge \uparrow$
Ori \rfloor Pss	Ori * Pss	Ori \wedge Tri	Ori * Tri	Tnv \wedge Biv	Tnb \wedge Vec

Operations that Construct a Rotor

$\uparrow \rfloor \downarrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\downarrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \rfloor \downarrow$
Tnv \rfloor Mot	Vec * Vec	Biv * Biv	Mot \rfloor Biv

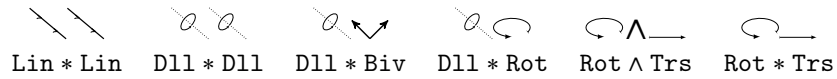
Operations that Construct a Translator



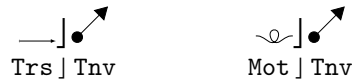
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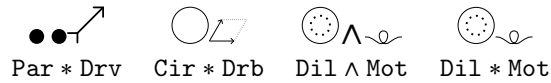
Operations that Construct a Motor



Operations that Construct a Transversor







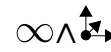


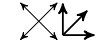













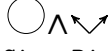


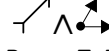
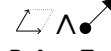

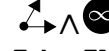
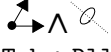
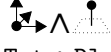

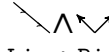



Operations that Construct a Motor Dilator







Operations that Construct a Minkowski Plane





















Operations that Construct a Pseudoscalar

 Ori \wedge Sph	 Ori \wedge Drt	 Ori \wedge Pln	 Inf \wedge Sph	 Inf \wedge Tnt	 Mnk \wedge Cir	 Mnk \wedge Tri
 Mnk $*$ Tri	 Pnt \wedge Sph	 Pnt \wedge Drt	 Pnt \wedge Tnt	 Pnt \wedge Pln	 Par \wedge Cir	 Par \wedge Drb
 Par \wedge Tnb	 Par \wedge Lin	 Par \wedge Tri	 Cir \wedge Drv	 Cir \wedge Tnv	 Cir \wedge Flp	 Cir \wedge Dll
 Cir \wedge Biv	 Sph \wedge Dlp	 Sph \wedge Vec	 Drv \wedge Tnb	 Drb \wedge Tnv	 Tnv \wedge Lin	 Tnb \wedge Flp
 Tnb \wedge Dll	 Tnt \wedge Dlp	 Lin \wedge Dll	 Lin \wedge Biv	 Pln \wedge Dlp	 Pln \wedge Vec	 Flp \wedge Tri

Operations that Construct an Origin

 Pss $*$ Tnt	 Tnt $*$ Tri	 Vec \mid Tnv	 Vec \mid Trv	 Biv \mid Tnb
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Operations that Construct an Infinity

 Pss $*$ Drt	 Drv \mid Lin	 Drb \mid Pln	 Drt $*$ Tri	 Dll \mid Drb	 Dll \mid Lin	 Dlp \mid Mnk
 Dlp \mid Drv	 Dlp \mid Flp	 Dlp \mid Trs	 Dlp \mid Dil	 Vec \mid Drv	 Vec \mid Flp	 Vec \mid Trs
 Biv \mid Drb	 Biv \mid Lin	 Tri \mid Pln	 Tri \mid Mot			