

# { 3D PROJECTIVE GEOMETRIC ALGEBRA }

3D PGA CHEAT SHEET SIGGRAPH 2019 COURSE NOTES

## BASICS

Basis & Metric: <sup>(1)</sup>

$$\mathbb{R}_{3,0,1}^*$$

	VECTOR				BIVECTOR						TRIVECTOR				I = PSS
1	e <sub>0</sub>	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	e <sub>3</sub>	e <sub>01</sub>	e <sub>02</sub>	e <sub>03</sub>	e <sub>12</sub>	e <sub>13</sub>	e <sub>23</sub>	e <sub>021</sub>	e <sub>013</sub>	e <sub>032</sub>	e <sub>123</sub>	e <sub>0123</sub>
+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
	PLANE <b>p</b>				LINE <b>ℓ</b>						POINT <b>P</b>				

Multiplication Table:

1	e <sub>0</sub>	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	e <sub>3</sub>	e <sub>01</sub>	e <sub>02</sub>	e <sub>03</sub>	e <sub>12</sub>	e <sub>13</sub>	e <sub>23</sub>	e <sub>021</sub>	e <sub>013</sub>	e <sub>032</sub>	e <sub>123</sub>	I
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Operators: <sup>(6)</sup>

ab		Geometric Product	
a*		Dual <sup>(2)</sup>	
a <sup>⊥</sup>	aI	Polarity	
ã		Reverse <sup>(3)</sup>	
⟨a⟩ <sub>n</sub>		Select grade <i>n</i>	
a ∧ b	⟨ab⟩ <sub>s+t</sub>	Outer Product	meet
a ∨ b	(a* ∧ b*)*	Regressive Product	join
a · b	⟨ab⟩ <sub> s-t </sub>	Inner Product	
a × b	$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{ab} - \mathbf{ba})$	Commutator Product	
	abã	Sandwich Product	

Dual, Reverse: <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>

	1	e <sub>0</sub>	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	e <sub>3</sub>	e <sub>01</sub>	e <sub>02</sub>	e <sub>03</sub>	e <sub>12</sub>	e <sub>13</sub>	e <sub>23</sub>	e <sub>021</sub>	e <sub>013</sub>	e <sub>032</sub>	e <sub>123</sub>	I
MV	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p
MV*	p	o	n	m	l	k	j	i	h	g	f	e	d	c	b	a
MṼ	a	b	c	d	e	-f	-g	-h	-i	-j	-k	-l	-m	-n	-o	p

Sub-algebras:

{1}	ℝ	Real	{1, e <sub>12</sub> }	ℂ	Complex
{1, e <sub>0</sub> }	℔	Dual	{1, e <sub>1</sub> }	℔	Hyperbolic
{1, e <sub>12</sub> , e <sub>31</sub> , e <sub>23</sub> }			℔	Quaternions / rotors	
{1, e <sub>01</sub> , e <sub>02</sub> , e <sub>03</sub> }				translators	
{1, e <sub>12</sub> , e <sub>31</sub> , e <sub>23</sub> , e <sub>01</sub> , e <sub>02</sub> , e <sub>03</sub> , I}				Dual Quaternions / motors	

## GEOMETRY

Points, Lines, Planes :

Euclidean point  $(x, y, z)$   $\mathbf{P} = xe_{032} + ye_{013} + ze_{021} + e_{123}$

Ideal point (direction)  $(x, y, z)$   $\mathbf{P} = xe_{032} + ye_{013} + ze_{021}$

Plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$   $\mathbf{p} = ae_1 + be_2 + ce_3 + de_0$

Incidence: <sup>(4)</sup>

Join points/directions  $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$  in line  $\ell$   $\ell = \mathbf{P}_1 \vee \mathbf{P}_2$

Meet planes  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$  in line  $\ell$   $\ell = \mathbf{p}_1 \wedge \mathbf{p}_2$

Join points  $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{P}_3$  in plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{P}_1 \vee \mathbf{P}_2 \vee \mathbf{P}_3$

Meet planes  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3$  in point  $\mathbf{P}$   $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p}_1 \wedge \mathbf{p}_2 \wedge \mathbf{p}_3$

Join line  $\ell$  and point  $\mathbf{P}$  in plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $\mathbf{p} = \ell \vee \mathbf{P}$

Meet line  $\ell$  and plane  $\mathbf{p}$  in point  $\mathbf{P}$   $\mathbf{P} = \ell \wedge \mathbf{p}$

Project, Reject:

Plane  $\perp$  to plane  $\mathbf{p}$  through line  $\ell$   $\mathbf{p} \cdot \ell$

Line  $\perp$  to plane  $\mathbf{p}$  through point  $\mathbf{P}$   $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P}$

Plane  $\perp$  to line  $\ell$  through point  $\mathbf{P}$   $\ell \cdot \mathbf{P}$

Project plane  $\mathbf{p}$  onto point  $\mathbf{P}$  <sup>(5)</sup>  $(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P})\mathbf{P}$

Project point  $\mathbf{P}$  onto plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{P})\mathbf{p}$

Project plane  $\mathbf{p}$  onto line  $\ell$   $(\mathbf{p} \cdot \ell)\ell$

Project line  $\ell$  onto plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $(\mathbf{p} \cdot \ell)\mathbf{p}$

Project line  $\ell$  onto point  $\mathbf{P}$   $(\ell \cdot \mathbf{P})\mathbf{P}$

Project point  $\mathbf{P}$  onto line  $\ell$   $(\ell \cdot \mathbf{P})\ell$

Direction  $\perp$  to plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $\mathbf{p}^\perp = \mathbf{p}\mathbf{I}$

Ideal line  $\perp$  to line  $\ell$   $\ell^\perp = \ell\mathbf{I}$

Metric relations: (Some 2D-similar formulas omitted.)

Distance of 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 inters. planes  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$   $\cos^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2), \sin^{-1}(\|\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 \wedge \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2\|)$

Dist. between  $\parallel$  planes  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$   $\|\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 \wedge \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2\|_\infty$

Angle of plane  $\mathbf{p}$  and line  $\ell$   $\sin^{-1}(\|\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\ell} \rangle_3\|)$

Dist. between parallel  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\ell$   $(\|\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\ell} \rangle_3\|_\infty)$

Oriented distance  $\mathbf{P}$  to  $\mathbf{p}$   $\hat{\mathbf{P}} \vee \hat{\mathbf{p}}, \|\hat{\mathbf{P}} \wedge \hat{\mathbf{p}}\|_\infty$

Oriented distance  $\mathbf{P}$  to  $\ell$   $\|\hat{\mathbf{P}} \vee \hat{\ell}\|$

Angle bisector of  $\mathbf{p}_1$  and  $\mathbf{p}_2$   $(\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2)$  or  $(\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2)$

Common normal line to  $\ell_1, \ell_2$   $\widehat{\ell_1 \times \ell_2}$

Angle  $\alpha$  between  $\ell_1, \ell_2$   $\alpha = \cos^{-1}(\hat{\ell}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2)$

Distance between  $\ell_1, \ell_2$   $d_{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \csc \alpha (\hat{\ell}_1 \vee \hat{\ell}_2)$

## NORMS & MOTORS

Norms: (Planes, points, and pss like 2D analogs) <sup>(7)</sup>

Line  $\ell = \dots + de_{12} + ee_{31} + fe_{23}$ :  $\|\ell\| := \sqrt{\ell\ell} = \sqrt{d^2 + e^2 + f^2}$

Ideal  $\ell = ae_{01} + be_{02} + ce_{03}$ :  $\|\ell\|_\infty := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$

Normalize line  $\ell$   $\hat{\ell} = \frac{\ell}{\|\ell\|}$  (eucl.) or  $\frac{\ell}{\|\ell\|_\infty}$  (ideal)

Sandwiches and motors:

Rotator  $\alpha$  around line  $\ell_E$   $e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}\ell_E} = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}\ell_E$

Translator  $d \perp$  to  $\ell_\infty$   $e^{\frac{d}{2}\ell_\infty} = 1 + \frac{d}{2}\ell_\infty$

Screw axis  $\ell$  + pitch  $p = \frac{d}{\alpha}$   $e^{t(1+p\mathbf{I})\ell} = e^{t\ell}e^{tp\mathbf{I}\ell} = e^{tp\mathbf{I}\ell}e^{t\ell}$

Motor between lines  $\ell_1, \ell_2$   $\sqrt{\ell_2 \hat{\ell}_1} = 1 + \hat{\ell}_2 \hat{\ell}_1$

Logarithm of motor  $\mathbf{m}$  <sup>(8)</sup>  $\mathbf{b} = \langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_2, s = \sqrt{-\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}}, p = \frac{-\mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{b}}{2s}$

$\log \mathbf{m} = (\tan^{-1}(\frac{s}{\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_0}) + \frac{p}{\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_0})\mathbf{b} \frac{s-p}{s^2}$

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 simple motor  $\mathbf{m}$   $\sqrt{\mathbf{m}} = (1 + \mathbf{m})$

Square root general motor  $\mathbf{m}$   $\sqrt{\mathbf{m}} = (1 + \mathbf{m})(1 + \langle \mathbf{m} \rangle) - \frac{1}{2}\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_4$

Reflect element  $\mathbf{X}$  in plane  $\mathbf{p}$   $\mathbf{p}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{p}$

Transform  $\mathbf{X}$  with motor  $\mathbf{m}$   $\mathbf{m}\mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{m}}$

## MORE

Volumes and areas:

Volume of tetra.  $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_3\mathbf{P}_4$   $\frac{1}{6}(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_1 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_2 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_3 \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_4)$

Circum./area of edge loop <sup>(9)</sup>  $c = \sum \|\ell_i\|, a = \frac{1}{2\mathbf{I}} \|\sum \ell_i\|_\infty$

Area/vol of triangle mesh <sup>(10)</sup>  $a = \frac{1}{2\mathbf{I}} \|\sum \mathbf{f}_i\|, v = \frac{1}{3\mathbf{I}} \|\sum \mathbf{f}_i\|_\infty$

Rigid body mechanics: (Valid in euclidean, elliptic & hyperbolic space)

Velocity, momentum (lin. + ang.!) bivectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{m}$

Element in the body/space frame  $\mathbf{x}_b/\mathbf{x}_s$

Path of  $\mathbf{x}$  under the motion  $\mathbf{g}$   $\mathbf{x}_s = \mathbf{g}\mathbf{x}_b\tilde{\mathbf{g}}, \mathbf{x}_b = \tilde{\mathbf{g}}\mathbf{x}_s\mathbf{g}$

Velocity  $\mathbf{v}_b$  in the body  $\mathbf{v}_b = \tilde{\mathbf{g}}\dot{\mathbf{g}}$

Inertia tensor  $\mathbf{A} : \wedge^2 \rightarrow \wedge^2$   $\mathbf{m}_b = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v}_b), \mathbf{v}_b = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{m}_b)$

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: ( $\mathcal{F}_b$  = ext. forces)  $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_b = 2\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_b + (\mathbf{m}_b \times \mathbf{v}_b))$

Time derivative of energy  $E$   $\dot{E} = -2\mathcal{F}_b \vee \mathbf{v}_b$

Work  $w(t) = E(t) - E(0)$   $= \int_0^t \dot{E} ds = -2 \int_0^t \mathcal{F}_b \vee \mathbf{v}_b ds$

## FOOTNOTES

**1. Euclidean, Elliptic, Hyperbolic space:** By choosing different values for  $e_0^2$  you obtain PGA also for elliptic and hyperbolic metric spaces. Many formulas on this sheet also apply to these spaces; the differences can be traced back to the differences in the ideal elements.

### $\mathbb{R}_{3,0,1}^*$ - Euclidean PGA

	VECTOR				BIVECTOR						TRIVECTOR				I = PSS
1	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_{01}$	$e_{02}$	$e_{03}$	$e_{12}$	$e_{31}$	$e_{23}$	$e_{021}$	$e_{013}$	$e_{032}$	$e_{123}$	$e_{0123}$
+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
PLANE $\mathbf{p}$					LINE $\ell$						POINT $\mathbf{P}$				

### $\mathbb{R}_{4,0,0}^*$ - Elliptic PGA

	VECTOR				BIVECTOR						TRIVECTOR				I = PSS
1	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_{01}$	$e_{02}$	$e_{03}$	$e_{12}$	$e_{31}$	$e_{23}$	$e_{021}$	$e_{013}$	$e_{032}$	$e_{123}$	$e_{0123}$
+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1
PLANE $\mathbf{p}$					LINE $\ell$						POINT $\mathbf{P}$				

### $\mathbb{R}_{3,1,0}^*$ - Hyperbolic PGA

	VECTOR				BIVECTOR						TRIVECTOR				I = PSS
1	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_{01}$	$e_{02}$	$e_{03}$	$e_{12}$	$e_{31}$	$e_{23}$	$e_{021}$	$e_{013}$	$e_{032}$	$e_{123}$	$e_{0123}$
+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1
PLANE $\mathbf{p}$					LINE $\ell$						POINT $\mathbf{P}$				

**2. Duality:** See § 5.10 of the Course Notes.

**3. Reverse:** The reverse  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  of an element  $\mathbf{X}$  is the element obtained by reversing all the products of 1-vectors that occur in it.

**4. Intersecting lines:** See § 8.1.2 of the Course Notes.

**5. Remarks on projection:** See § 7.2 of the Course Notes.

**6. Outer and Inner product:**  $s$  and  $t$  are the grades of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , respectively.

**7. Ideal norm:** See § 7.1 of the Course Notes.

**8. Logarithm of a motor:** if  $s = 0$ , the motor is a pure translation and its logarithm  $\log \mathbf{m} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_0} - 1$ . Else if  $\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_0 = 0$ , the motor is a *turn* with logarithm  $\log \mathbf{m} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\langle \mathbf{m} \rangle_4}{s}$ . See § 8.1.6 of the Course Notes.

**9. Edge loop:** the edges (lines)  $\ell_i$  of an edge loop are found by joining adjacent normalized points,  $\ell_i = \hat{\mathbf{P}}_i \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{i+1}$ , where the  $n + 1$ -th point is the same as the first (the area formula works for edge loops contained in a single plane).

**10. Triangle mesh:** the faces (planes)  $f_i$  of a triangle mesh are found by joining the three points of each triangle (with consistent winding order),  $f_i = \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{i1} \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{i2} \vee \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{i3}$ .

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## IMPLEMENTATION

C++, C#, Rust, Python and javascript implementations, updated course notes and cheat-sheets on [bivector.net](http://bivector.net)