

$$(6.45) \quad \mathbf{aB} = \mathbf{a(b\wedge c)} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{Ba} = (\mathbf{b\wedge c})\mathbf{a}$$

These by (6.40), (6.43) and (6.38) consist of a 1-vector part  $\langle \mathbf{aB} \rangle_1$  plus a trivector part  $\langle \mathbf{aB} \rangle_3$ .

#### 6.2.5.4. The Simple Product of Three 1-vectors

Further by the associative law (5.38), we define a 3-multivector product of three 1-vectors

$$(6.46) \quad \mathbf{abc} = \mathbf{a(bc)} = (\mathbf{ab})\mathbf{c}$$

From the origin 2-vector product (5.59) of two 1-vectors  $\mathbf{ab} = \mathbf{a \cdot b} + \mathbf{a\wedge b}$ , we get

$$(6.47) \quad \mathbf{a(b \cdot c + b\wedge c)} = (\mathbf{a \cdot b} + \mathbf{a\wedge b})\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{abc}$$

and by applying (6.40) with the distributive rules (5.39) and (5.40) we have

$$(6.48) \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{a(b \cdot c)}}_{\langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_1} + \underbrace{\mathbf{a(b\wedge c)}}_{\langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_3} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{a \cdot b})\mathbf{c}}_{pqg-1} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{a\wedge b})\mathbf{c}}_{pqg-3} = \mathbf{abc} \in \mathcal{G}_3^-(\mathbb{R}).$$

*qualities of directions.*

For this simple product  $\mathbf{abc}$ , the scalar  $\langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_0 = 0$  and the bivector  $\langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_2 = 0$  part vanish. At orthogonality  $\langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_1 = 0$ , then we just have  $\mathbf{abc} = \langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_3 = \pm |\mathbf{abc}| \mathbf{i}$  with chiral *direction*.

#### 6.2.5.5. Even and Odd Multivector in general

For the  $\mathfrak{B}$  plane concept, we from (5.162) have resolved a general 2-multivector as

$$(6.49) \quad A = \langle A \rangle_0 + \langle A \rangle_1 + \langle A \rangle_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

For the  $\mathfrak{3}$ -space concept, we resolve a general 3-multivector as

$$(6.50) \quad A = \langle A \rangle_0 + \langle A \rangle_1 + \langle A \rangle_2 + \langle A \rangle_3 \in \mathcal{G}_3(\mathbb{R}).$$

A generalised a  $n$ -multivector in  $\mathcal{G}_n(\mathbb{R})$  we resolve in *grades*  $r$  and write it as

$$(6.51) \quad A = \sum_r^n \langle A \rangle_r = \langle A \rangle_0 + \langle A \rangle_1 + \langle A \rangle_2 + \langle A \rangle_3 + \dots + \langle A \rangle_n \in \mathcal{G}_n(\mathbb{R}).$$

A multivector that is simply *graded* as  $A = \langle A \rangle_r = A_{\bar{r}}$  is called homogeneous of *grade*  $r$  and often named a  $r$ -blade or just a simple  $r$ -vector with a *primary quality of  $r$ 'th grade*.

A  $r$ -blade or a simple  $r$ -vector representing a *pqg- $r$  direction*.

E.g., simply: trivector as 3-blade, bivector as a 2-blade, 1-vector as a 1-blade, and scalar as 0-blade. Later we will introduce a 4-vector as a 4-blade, etc.

The multivector  $A$  is called

- *odd* when  $\langle A \rangle_r = 0$  for all even  $r$ ,  $\langle A \rangle_- = \langle A \rangle_1 + \langle A \rangle_3 + \dots$  or
- *even* when  $\langle A \rangle_r = 0$  for all odd  $r$ ,  $\langle A \rangle_+ = \langle A \rangle_0 + \langle A \rangle_2 + \dots$

In general, all multivectors can be separated

$$(6.52) \quad A = \langle A \rangle_+ + \langle A \rangle_-$$

Now we see that (5.59)  $\mathbf{ab} = \mathbf{a \cdot b} + \mathbf{a\wedge b}$  is even,  $\mathbf{ab} = \langle \mathbf{ab} \rangle_+ = \langle \mathbf{ab} \rangle_0 + \langle \mathbf{ab} \rangle_2$ , and that (6.46)-(6.48) is odd,  $\mathbf{abc} = \langle \mathbf{abc} \rangle_-$ , as well as the 1-vector  $\mathbf{a} = \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle_-$  is odd.

#### 6.2.5.6. Product of Two Bivectors

We look at two bivectors  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_2 \wedge \mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_1$  (where  $\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 = 0$ ). We form the product

$$(6.53) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{AB} &= \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_2 (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{a}_1 \wedge \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{a}_2 \wedge (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{a}_1 \wedge \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{a}_2 \wedge \mathbf{a}_1 \wedge \mathbf{B} \\ &= \mathbf{A \cdot B} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_1) + \mathbf{A \wedge B} = \mathbf{A \cdot B} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA}) + \mathbf{A \wedge B} = \mathbf{A \cdot B} + \mathbf{A \times B} + \mathbf{A \wedge B}. \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used (6.42) and introduced the commutator product

$$(6.54) \quad \mathbf{A \times B} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA}).$$

This deduction works for any simple *grade*  $r$ -blade  $B = \langle B \rangle_r = B_{\bar{r}}$ , special  $\mathbf{B} = \langle \mathbf{B} \rangle_2$ , [13]p.10,(1.37).

The inner product of bivectors is a scalar  $\mathbf{A \cdot B} = \langle \mathbf{AB} \rangle_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , just like two equal grade- $r$ -blades.<sup>296</sup>

In a pure  $\mathfrak{3}$ -space due to (6.35) the outer product of two bivectors vanish  $\mathbf{A \wedge B} = 0$ .

<sup>296</sup> This is taken from [13]p.6,(1.21) for the general definition of the inner product of blades  $A_{\bar{r}} \cdot B_{\bar{s}} \equiv \langle A_{\bar{r}} B_{\bar{s}} \rangle_{|r-s|}$ , if  $r, s > 0$ .

#### 6.2.5.7. Commutator Product of Multivectors in Geometric Algebra

The commutator product of two multivectors  $A$  and  $B$  we in geometric algebra define as

$$(6.55) \quad A \times B = \frac{1}{2} (AB - BA)$$

For further details for higher *grades* please consult the literature, e.g., [10], [13], [18].

Here we mention the Jacobi identity

$$(6.56) \quad A \times (B \times C) + B \times (C \times A) + C \times (A \times B) = 0$$

Special for a bivector  $B$  and a general 1-vector  $a$  we as (6.42) have the commutation

$$(6.57) \quad B \times a = \frac{1}{2} (Ba - aB) = B \cdot a = -a \cdot B = -\frac{1}{2} (aB - Ba) = -a \times B$$

When we later use this (6.55) commuting product in a quantum mechanical context we use the nomenclature

$$(6.58) \quad [A \times B] = \frac{1}{2} (AB - BA) \quad \text{or} \quad 2[A \times B] = AB - BA$$

for multivector commutator relations to keep the correspondence with the quantum mechanical commutator relation we first defined in chapter I. (2.50)  $[b, d] = b d - d b$ .

It is worth noting the difference by the factor of one-half and thinking, what impact does this have on physics?