Exploring Math \sum_{math} with EIGENMATH

Selected Eigenmath Solutions to DAVID BACHMAN's

A Geometric Approach to Differential Forms



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Preface

The book A Geometric Approach to Differential Forms from DAVID BACHMAN gives a wunderful concrete and explicit introduction to the theory and praxis of differential forms. His book focusses on comprehension and illuminates mathematical concepts by pictures and worked examples. Each example is followed by a well choosen set of exercises (problems) to gain a working knowledge of the learner. To control success, the pure results of most of the exercises are presented in an appendix. This makes the book a perfect candidate for an learning environment at an 'action and process level' in the sense of the APOS Theory, cf. the short summary [7] and [8].

Rounding off in the sense of the APOS theory this solution manual shows accompanying activities on the PC. The underlying didactical concept is that of CAS microworlds in the setting of a constructivist learning. To give an action-process-playground for the material presented, I have done the examples and exercises of BACHMAN's book using the language of the CAS EIGENMATH [7]. The solutions are presented in an intermediate precise CAS-language, that lives between the slang, in which mathematical concepts are vivid and roughly explained and the high precision of the formal mathematical language, which is not so easy to grasp at a first attempt. The EIGENMATH language allows to make the mathematical concepts of differential forms executable, to coin math processes (e.g. the concept of a directional or covariant derivative) into 'run'able procedures and therefore to allow own experiments. The results of one's thinking in the CAS language is immediately returned to the screen and helps to check the right understanding. Also, intermediate calculations may be outsourced to the CAS EIGENMATH. But, the presented structure of the EIGENMATH solutions of the exercises of the book admits the possibility of mathematically unfolding or reconstructing the hidden intermediate steps - while the overall plan resp. process of the solution is to be seen. This should help the users understanding.

This collection of small solution scripts not only want to help the reader to dive into the theory of differential forms along BACHMAN's book, but also to be comfortable with the use of the CAS EIGENMATH. The list of solutions is not yet complete, some exercises still need to be enhanced or corrected. Therefore, comments from the readers are very welcome. May this script be a source of help and inspiration for another round of thoughtful activity with respect to differential forms - supplemental to a previous or subsequent paper & pencil calculation, now from a different perspective.

▷ This script is an abridged freely accessible version of the more complete solution collection, which is also available here as a password-protected script. You get the password from the author on request: Dr.W.G.Lindner@gmail.com For the inspection of a solution in the EIGENMATH language, no installation of any software is necessary, *everything runs directly online*: a click on a link in this text is enough to invoke the solution script - and by a click on the RUN button the calculation is made, allowing further free inputs form the user. If you own a Mac or Linux PC, there is the option to install the app EIGENMATH free of charge and run the scripts by *mark-copy-paste* into the EIGENMATH window.

Why EIGENMATH?

EIGENMATH is a small but well designed and powerful computer algebra system (CAS), that can be used to solve problems in mathematics and the natural and engineering sciences. It is a personal resource for students, teachers and scientists. EIGENMATH is compact, capable and free.

EIGENMATH ...

- focuses straight to the point, no frills, no gimmicks,
- makes learning easy: approximately 50 pages manual [12], only 100 commands
 but you will use only a good dozen of them for your work that's all!
- has an intuitive user playground (IDE) with a two window frame,
- has an online version EIGENMATH^{online}[11], which runs in your browser,
- allows distraction-free experiences in Mathematics,
- is ideally suited for rapid prototyping.

Any feedback from the user is very welcome.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The order of the following suite of examples and exercises (problems) follows the presentation in BACHMAN's book.

To unfold an example/exercise, please click the corresponding link

e.g. \triangleright Click like here to run a script.

Sometimes you have to enlarge the Eigenmath window or scroll down inside it in order to view the whole calculation.

It is recommended to look up a semi-automated CAS EIGENMATH solution only after one's own solution steps. At a minimum, the learner should, at least in advance, create a plan of the solution in his mind. Then you can look at the EIGENMATH calculations and, if necessary, expand them into a detailed traditional mathematical computation.

1 Introduction

LEXICON	Bachman's book	this script
	Example 24.	Example 24.
	6.12. (numbered exercise)	P.6.12.

- \triangleright Example 00
- ▷ P.1.1.

2 Prerequisites

- ⊳ **P.2.1.**
- \triangleright Example 1
- ⊳ P.2.8.
- \triangleright Example 2



3 FORMS

- Example 4 \triangleright P.2.17. \triangleright Example 5 \triangleright P.2.21. \triangleright Example 7 \triangleright P.2.27. \triangleright Example 8 \triangleright Example 9 \triangleright P.2.31. \triangleright P.2.35. \triangleright Example 11 \triangleright
- ⊳ **P.2.40**.

3 Forms

- ▷ P.3.2.
- \triangleright Example 13

It follows a suite of theoretical exercises, P.3.6 ... P.3.14. No solution here.

- ▷ P.3.27.
- \triangleright Example 13
- ▷ **P.3.34.**
- \triangleright Example 16

4 Differential Forms

- \triangleright Example 17
- \triangleright Example 18
- ▷ **P.4.1.**
- \triangleright Example 19
- ▷ **P.4.3.d**
- ▷ P.4.7.
- \triangleright Example 20
- ▷ **P.4.11.**
- \triangleright Example 21
- ▷ **P.4.16.**
- \triangleright Example 22
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- \triangleright Example 25
- \triangleright Example 26
- \triangleright Example 27
- \triangleright Example 28

5 DIFFERENTIATION OF DIFFERENTIAL FORMS

▷ P.4.28.

- \triangleright Example 4.7.3, p.66
- \triangleright Example 29
- \triangleright Example 30
- ▷ P.4.32.

5 Differentiation of Differential Forms

- \triangleright Example at p.70
- \triangleright Example at p.71
- ▷ **P.5.2.**
- \triangleright Example 31
- \triangleright Example 32
- ▷ **P.5.12.**

6 Stokes' Theorem

- \triangleright Example 35
- \triangleright Example 37
- \triangleright Example 38
- \triangleright Example 39
- ▷ **P.6.13.**
- \triangleright Example 40
- ▷ **P.6.16.**
- ▷ **P.6.21.**
- \triangleright Example 41
- \triangleright Example 42
- \triangleright Example 43
- \triangleright Example 44
- ▷ **P.6.28.**

7 MANIFOLDS



Fig. 6.31

7 Manifolds

- \triangleright Example 45
- ▷ P.7.1.
- \triangleright Example 46
- ▷ P.7.6.
- \vartriangleright Example 50

8 Differential Geometry via Differential Forms

- \triangleright Example 53
- \triangleright Example 54
- \vartriangleright Example 55
- \vartriangleright Example 56
- ⊳ **P.8.6.**

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