

Chapter V

The Clifford Algebras

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1 Construction of Clifford Algebras

In this section, a quadratic space (V, q) **need not be regular**.

Definition 1.1. Suppose (V, q) is a quadratic space. Let A be an F -algebra with $V \subseteq A$. We say that A is **compatible** with (V, q) , if

$$x \in V \implies x^2 = q(x).$$

1. In this case,

$$\forall x, y \in V \quad 2B(x, y) = q(x+y) - q(x) - q(y) = (x+y)^2 - x^2 - y^2 = xy + yx.$$

2. In particular,

$$\forall x, y \in V \quad x \perp y \iff xy = -yx.$$

Lemma 1.2. *For A as above and $0 \neq x \in V$, x is invertible in A if and only if x is anisotropic in V .*

Proof. Suppose x is anisotropic. Then, $q(x) = x^2 \neq 0$. So, $x^{-1} = \frac{x}{q(x)}$. Conversely, suppose x is invertible and $xy = 1$ for some $y \in A$. Then, $q(x)y = x^2y = x \neq 0$. ■

Lemma 1.3. *let A be as above and $0 \neq u \in V$ be anisotropic. Then, the hyperbolic reflection*

$$\tau_u(x) = -uxu^{-1} \quad \forall x \in V.$$

So, τ_u is negative of the conjugation by u .

Proof. Straight forward computation:

$$\tau_u(x) = x - \frac{2B(x, u)}{q(u)} \cdot u = x - \frac{xu + ux}{u^2} \cdot u = -uxu^{-1}$$

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Definition 1.4. Given a quadratic form (V, q) , the **Clifford algebra** C of (V, q) is the universal object in the category of all F -algebras A containing V . That means, given any F -algebra A containing V , there is a unique algebra homomorphism $\varphi : C \rightarrow A$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \hookrightarrow C & \text{commutes.} & \text{That means } \varphi(x) = x \quad \forall x \in V. \\ & \downarrow \exists! \varphi & \\ & A & \end{array}$$

1. Since, it is defined by the universal property, "any two" Clifford algebras are naturally isomorphic.
2. **Construction:** Define the tensor algebra

$$T(V) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n V \quad \text{where } T^n V = V \otimes V \otimes \cdots \otimes V \quad n\text{-fold tensor product.}$$

Let $\mathcal{I}(q)$ be the two sider ideal of $T(V)$ generated by $\{x \otimes x - q(x) : x \in V\}$. Now define, $C(q) = \frac{T(V)}{\mathcal{I}(q)}$. Then, $C(q)$ has the universal property of the definition. We also use the notations $C(q) = C(V) = C(V, q)$. ■

3. Note, V generates $C(q)$.
4. The product in $C(q)$ is expressed by juxtaposition.
5. Write $T(V) = T_0(V) \oplus T_1(V)$, where $T_0(V) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} T^{2n}V$ and $T_1(V) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} T^{2n+1}V$. This gives $T(V)$ a \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading.
6. $\mathcal{I}(q)$ is a \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded ideal.
7. So, $C(q) = C_0(q) \oplus C_1(q)$ has a \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading. That means $C_i(q)C_j(q) \subseteq C_{i+j}(q)$.
8. $C_0(q)$ is called the even part of $C(q)$, which is a subalgebra.

Examples. Here is a list of examples.

1. Let $(V, q) = \langle x \rangle$. Write $V = Fx$. Then, $C(q) = \frac{F[x]}{(x^2-a)} = F(\sqrt{a})$, if $a \neq 0$.
2. If $q = 0$ on V , then $\mathcal{I}(q)$ is generated by $x \otimes x$ with $x \in V$. So, $C(q)$ is the exterior algebra.
3. Let $q = \langle a, b \rangle$ with $a, b \in F$. Write Let $V = Fx \perp Fy$ with $q(x) = a, q(y) = b$. Then,

$$C(q) = \left\langle \frac{a, b}{F} \right\rangle = \text{The graded quaternion}$$

with usual basis $\{1, i, j, k\}$ and $\partial(1) = \partial(k) = 0$ and $\partial(i) = \partial(j) = 1$.

Proof. The map $V \rightarrow C(q)$ with $x \mapsto i, y \mapsto j$ has th universal property.

Alternately: One can check that the ideal \mathcal{I} of the definition of the quaternion algebra and $\mathcal{I}(q)$ are same. ■

4. It follows from above $C(\mathbb{H}) = \left\langle \frac{1, -1}{F} \right\rangle$, where $\mathbb{H} = \langle 1, -1 \rangle$ is the hyperbolic plane. Hence also, $C(\mathbb{H}) = \mathbb{M}_2(F)$.

1.1 Dimension and Basis of $C(q)$

Corollary 1.5. Let (V, q) be any quadratic form, with $\dim V = n$. Then $\dim C(q) \leq 2^n$.

Proof. Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be an orthogonal basis of V .

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 + x_2)^2 - q(x_1 + x_2) = 0, &\implies x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_1 - q(x_1) - q(x_2) = 0 \\ &\implies x_1x_2 + x_2x_1 = 0. \quad \text{hence } x_i x_j = x_j x_i \quad \forall i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $C(q)$ is generated, as a vector space, by

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1\}$$

The proof is complete. ■

In fact, we will prove,

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1\} \quad \text{is a basis of } C(q).$$

Following is a more general lemma.

Lemma 1.6. Let $(V, q), (W, Q)$ be quadratic spaces. Then, there is an isomorphism

$$C(V \perp W) \xrightarrow{\sim} C(V) \hat{\otimes} C(W) \quad \text{as } \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-graded algebras.}$$

Proof. Since $V \hookrightarrow C(V), W \hookrightarrow C(W)$ there is a homomorphism of vector spaces $V \oplus W \rightarrow C(V) \hat{\otimes} C(W)$. By universal property, this map extends to a F -algebra homomorphism $C(V \perp W) \rightarrow C(V) \hat{\otimes} C(W)$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \oplus W & \hookrightarrow & C(V \perp W) & \text{commutes.} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \varphi & \\ & & C(V) \hat{\otimes} C(W) & \end{array}$$

In proof of lemma 1.5 generators of these algebras were given. From this it follows that φ is surjective. It follows from theorem 1.7 that φ is an isomorphism. ■

Theorem 1.7. *Suppose (V, q) is a quadratic space and $\dim V = n$. Then, $\dim C(q) = 2^n$. In particular, if $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is an orthogonal basis of V , then*

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1\} \quad \text{is a basis of } C(q).$$

Proof. The latter statement follows from the first one. We prove the first statement, by induction. In $\dim V = 1$ then, by the example above $\dim C(q) = 2^1$. If $n > 1$, take an orthogonal basis of V and write $V = U \perp W$, where $\dim W = 1$. Since $C(V)$ maps onto $C(U) \hat{\otimes} C(W)$, we have

$$\dim C(V) \geq \dim(C(U) \hat{\otimes} C(W)) = \dim(C(U)) \dim(C(W)) = 2^n.$$

Also $\dim C(V) \leq 2^n$. The proof is complete. ■

Corollary 1.8. $\dim C_0(q) = \dim C_1(q) = 2^{n-1}$.

Proof. Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be an orthogonal basis of V . Then,

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1\} \quad \text{is a basis of } C(q).$$

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1 \quad \sum \epsilon_i \in 2\mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{is a basis of } C_0(q).$$

$$\{x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots x_n^{\epsilon_n} : \epsilon_i = 0, 1 \quad \sum \epsilon_i \in 1 + 2\mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{is a basis of } C_1(q).$$

If q is totally isotropic, $C(q)$ is the exterior algebra. In this case the corollary holds. Assume q is not totally isotropic. So, we can assume $q(x_1) = a_1 \neq 0$. Consider two multiplication maps

$$x_1 : C_0(q) \longrightarrow C_1(q), \quad x_1 : C_1(q) \longrightarrow C_0(q).$$

Two compositions of these two maps is multiplication by a_1 . So, each one is an isomorphism. So,

$$\dim C_0(q) = \dim C_1(q) = \frac{\dim C(q)}{2} = 2^{n-1}$$

The proof is complete. ■

Corollary 1.9. $C(m\mathbb{H}) \cong \mathbb{M}_2(F) \hat{\otimes} \mathbb{M}_2(F) \hat{\otimes} \cdots \hat{\otimes} \mathbb{M}_2(F)$.

Proof. Follows from (1.6). ■

1.2 Spinor Norm (Skip)

Proposition 1.10. *There is a unique anti-isomorphism $\epsilon : C(q) \xrightarrow{\sim} C(q)$ such that $\epsilon|_V = Id_V$. Also, ϵ stabilizes both $C_0(q)$ and $C_1(q)$.*

Proof. Since $C(q)^{op}$ is a \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra, by universal property, there is an homomorphism ϵ as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C(q) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \epsilon \\ & & C(q)^{op} \end{array} \quad \text{the diagram commutes.}$$

ϵ is clearly surjective. So, it is an isomorphism, by dimension consideration. Clearly, $\epsilon(u_1 \cdots u_m) = u_m \cdots u_1$. ■

Proposition 1.11. *Let (V, q) be a regular quadratic form. Suppose $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r \in V$ are anisotropic. Then,*

$$\tau_{u_1} \tau_{u_2} \cdots \tau_{u_r} = Id \implies q(u_1)q(u_2) \cdots q(u_r) \in \dot{F}^2.$$

Proof. For any anisotropic $u \in V$ let $c(u) : C(q) \xrightarrow{\sim} C(q)$ be conjugation $c(u)(z) = uz u^{-1}$. By (1.3)

$$\tau_u = -c(u)|_V. \quad \text{Also} \quad c(u_i)c(u_j) = c(u_i u_j).$$

Since $(-1)^r = \det(\tau_{u_1} \tau_{u_2} \cdots \tau_{u_r}) = 1$, *r is even*. So, *$x := u_1 u_2 \cdots u_r \in C_0(q)$* . Also,

$$\tau_{u_1} \tau_{u_2} \cdots \tau_{u_r} = Id \implies (-1)^r c(u_1 u_2 \cdots u_r)|_V = Id_V.$$

Hence, $xv x^{-1} = v \quad \forall v \in V$. That means $xv = vx \quad \forall v \in V$. Since V generates $C(q)$, $x \in Z(C(q)) \cap C_0(q)$. We will prove (2.1) $C(q)$ is F -central graded algebra. So,

$$x \in Z(C(q)) \cap C_0(q) = F.$$

We use the anti-isomorphism in (1.10). We have $\epsilon(x) = x$. So,

$$q(u_1)q(u_2) \cdots q(u_r) = (u_1 u_2 \cdots u_r)(u_r u_{r-1} \cdots u_1) = x \epsilon(x) = x^2 \in \dot{F}^2.$$

The first equality holds because $q(u_i) = u_i^\epsilon F$. The proof is complete. ■

Definition 1.12. Let $\sigma \in O(V, q)$. We can write $\sigma = \tau_{u_1} \tau_{u_2} \cdots \tau_{u_m}$ where $u_i \in V$ are anisotropic. Define,

$$\theta(\sigma) := q(u_1)q(u_2) \cdots q(u_r) \dot{F}^2 \in \frac{\dot{F}}{\dot{F}^2}. \quad \text{This is well defined by 1.11.}$$

We say $\theta(\sigma)$ is the *spenoir norm* of σ .

Theorem 1.13. $\theta : O(V, q) \longrightarrow \frac{\dot{F}}{\dot{F}^2}$ is a group homomorphism.

2 Structure Theorem

We have the main theorem:

Theorem 2.1. *Suppose (V, q) is a regular quadratic form. Then, $C(q)$ is a CSGA.*

Proof. If $\dim V = 1$ then $C(q) = F(\sqrt{a})$ where $A = Fx$ and $q(x) = a$. So, $C(q)$ is CSGA. (*Confusing Notations:* By definition $F(\sqrt{a}) = \frac{F[x]}{x^2-a}$, which need not be a field. Also, by notation $\sqrt{a} := \bar{x}$.) Here $\partial(\sqrt{a}) = 1$. It follow, $C(q)$ is CGSA. Not the theorem follows from Theorem IV.2.3 that graded tensor product of CGSA is a CGSA. ■

3 The Clifford Invariant

Let $(V, q), (W, Q)$ be two regular quadratic spaces.

1. By lemma 1.6, $C(q \perp Q) \cong C(q) \hat{\otimes} C(Q)$.
2. Then $(V, q) \mapsto \langle C(q) \rangle \in BW(F)$ is a monoid hemomorphism.
3. So, it indueces a homomorphism Γ so that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M(F) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \widehat{W}(F) & \text{commutes.} \\ & \searrow \zeta & \downarrow \Gamma & \\ & & BW(F) & \end{array}$$

4. In fact $\zeta(\mathbb{H}) = \widehat{M}_2(F) = 0 \in BW(F)$.
5. So, Γ factors through the Witt groups:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M(F) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \widehat{W}(F) & \longrightarrow & W(F) & \text{commutes.} & (\text{We use same notation } \Gamma) \\ & \searrow \zeta & \downarrow \Gamma & & \swarrow \Gamma & & \\ & & BW(F) & & & & \end{array}$$

6. Γ is called the **Clifford Invariant** map.

4 Real Periodicity and Clifford Modules

Let F be any field with $\text{char}(F) \neq 2$. Let

$$\varphi_{p,q} = p\langle -1 \rangle \perp q\langle 1 \rangle = -\sum_{i=1}^p X_i^2 + \sum_{j=1}^q Y_j^2 \quad \text{and} \quad C^{p,q} = C(\varphi_{p,q}).$$

Theorem 4.1. *There is a graded algebra isomorphism*

$$C^{p+n,q+n} \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{2^n}(C^{p,q})$$

Proof. We have

1. Note $\varphi_{n,n} = n\mathbb{H}$. So, $C^{n,n} = \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{2^n}(F)$.
2. $\varphi_{p+n,q+n} \cong \varphi_{p,q} \perp \varphi_{n,n}$
3. So, $C^{p+n,q+n} \cong C^{p,q} \hat{\otimes} C^{n,n} \cong C^{p,q} \hat{\otimes} \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{2^n}(F) \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{2^n}(C^{p,q})$.

The proof is complete. ■

We prove the following lemma that we use latter.

Lemma 4.2 ([ABS]). *We have*

1. $C^{2,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \xrightarrow{\sim} C^{0,4}$.
2. More generally, $C^{p,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \xrightarrow{\sim} C^{0,p+2}$.
3. And $C^{0,q} \hat{\otimes} C^{2,0} \xrightarrow{\sim} C^{q+2,0}$

Proof. Define

$$\psi : F^4 \longrightarrow C^{2,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \quad \text{by} \quad \begin{cases} \psi(e_1) = 1 \otimes e_1 \\ \psi(e_2) = 1 \otimes e_2 \\ \psi(e_3) = e_1 \otimes e_1 e_2 \\ \psi(e_4) = e_2 \otimes e_1 e_2 \end{cases}$$

From the description of the standard bases of $C^{2,0}, C^{0,2}$, we see that ψ is injective. Also

$$\psi(e_1)^2 - \varphi_{0,4}(e_1) = (1 \otimes e_1)(1 \otimes e_1) - 1 = (-1)^{\partial(e_1)\partial(1)} 1 \otimes e_1^2 - 1 = 1 \otimes \varphi_{0,2}(e_1) - 1 = 0.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(e_3)^2 - \varphi_{0,4}(e_3) &= (e_1 \otimes e_1 e_2)(e_1 \otimes e_1 e_2) - 1 = (-1)^{\partial(e_1 e_2)\partial(e_1)} e_1^2 \otimes e_1 e_2 e_1 e_2 - 1 \\ &= \varphi_{2,0}(e_1) \otimes (-e_1^2 e_2^2) - 1 = (-1) \otimes (-\varphi_{0,2}(e_1)\varphi_{0,2}(e_2)) - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, there is a homomorphism

$$\eta : C^{0,4} \longrightarrow C^{2,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \quad \ni \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F^4 & \longrightarrow & C^{0,4} \\ & \searrow \psi & \downarrow \eta \\ & & C^{2,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \end{array} \quad \text{commutes.}$$

It is easy to check that ψ is surjective. Since they have same dimension, η is an isomorphism. The proof is complete. \blacksquare

Proposition 4.3 (Periodicity 8).

$$C^{p+8,q} \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{16}(C^{p,q}) \cong C^{p,q+8}$$

Proof. We prove the first one only. Suppose $p = q = 0$. First note $C^{4,0} \cong C^{4,0}$ (see lemma 4.2). Then

$$C^{8,0} \cong C^{4,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{4,0} \cong C^{4,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,4} \cong C^{4,4} \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{16}(F).$$

Therefore,

$$C^{p+8,q} \cong C^{8,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{p,q} \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{16}(C^{p,q})$$

The proof is complete. \blacksquare

We will compute

$$C^{p,0}, C^{0,q} \quad 0 \leq p, q \leq 7.$$

Denote

$$X \cong F\langle\sqrt{-1}\rangle, \quad Y := C(\langle-1, -1\rangle) = \left\langle \frac{-1, -1}{F} \right\rangle, \quad Z \cong F\langle\sqrt{1}\rangle, \quad W := C(\langle 1, 1\rangle) \cong \left\langle \frac{1, 1}{F} \right\rangle$$

Also note, by (III.2.6)

$$W = \langle \frac{1, 1}{F} \rangle \cong \langle \frac{1, -1}{F} \rangle \cong \hat{M}_2(F)$$

Now, we have the following table of $C^{p,q}$.

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| $C^{n,0}$ | F | X | Y | $Y \hat{\otimes} Z$ | $Y \hat{\otimes} W$ | $\hat{M}_2(X \hat{\otimes} W)$ | $\hat{M}_4(W)$ | $\hat{M}_8(Z)$ |
| $C^{0,n}$ | F | Z | W | $X \hat{\otimes} W$ | $Y \hat{\otimes} W$ | $\hat{M}_2(Y \hat{\otimes} Z)$ | $\hat{M}_4(Y)$ | $\hat{M}_8(X)$ |

We rewrite it:

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------|-----|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| $C^{n,0}$ | F | X | Y | $Y \times Y$ | $\hat{M}_2(Y)$ | $\hat{M}_4(X)$ | $\hat{M}_8(F)$ | $\hat{M}_8(F) \times \hat{M}_8(F)$ |
| $C^{0,n}$ | F | $F \times F$ | $\hat{M}_2(F)$ | $\hat{M}_2(X)$ | $\hat{M}_2(Y)$ | $\hat{M}_2(Y) \times \hat{M}_2(Y)$ | $\hat{M}_4(Y)$ | $\hat{M}_8(X)$ |

Proof. We will establish one by one.

1. $C^{0,0} = F$ is more like a convention. It makes more sense to compute $C^{0,8} \cong \hat{M}_{16}(F)$.
2. $C^{0,1} = C(Y_1^2) = \frac{F[[x]]}{x^2-1} = \frac{F[x]}{x^2-1} = Z$. Similalry, $C^{1,0} \cong X$.
3. $C^{0,2} = C(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2) = \frac{F[[x_1, x_2]]}{(x_1^2-1, x_2^2-1)} \cong W$. Similalry, $C^{2,0} \cong Y$. by one of the examples above.
4. Now $C^{0,3} = C(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + Y_3^3) = C^{1,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \cong X \otimes W$. Similalry, $C^{3,0} \cong Y \otimes Z$.
5. Similarly, $C^{0,4} = C^{2,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,2} \cong Y \otimes W$, Similalry, $C^{4,0} \cong Y \otimes W$. (In fact, we proved $C^{0,4} \cong C^{4,0}$.)
6. Now, for $q \leq 3$ we have

$$C^{0,q+4} \cong C^{0,q} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,4} \cong C^{0,q} \hat{\otimes} C^{4,0} \cong C^{4,q} \cong \hat{M}_{2^q}(C^{4-q,0}) \quad \text{by (4.1).}$$

This completely establishes the last line. We establish the first line similalry. The proof is complete. \blacksquare

Complex Case: More generally, when $-1 \in \hat{F}^2$. In this case

1. $X = F\sqrt{-1} \cong \frac{F[x]}{x^2+1} \cong F \times F$.
2. Also $\varphi_{n,0} \cong \varphi_{0,n}$ and so $C^{n,0} \cong C^{0,n}$.
3. Also, $\varphi_{2,0} = \langle -1, -1 \rangle \cong \langle 1, -1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{H}$. Similarly, $\varphi_{0,2} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cong \langle 1, -(\sqrt{-1})^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{H}$. Therefore

$$Y = W = \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$$

4. So,

$$C^{p+2,0} \cong C^{0,p} \hat{\otimes} C^{2,0} \cong C^{p,0} \hat{\otimes} C(\mathbb{H}) \cong C^{p,0} \hat{\otimes} \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F) \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(C^{p,0}).$$

Therefore,

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------|-----|--------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| $C^{0,n}$ | F | $F \times F$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F)$ |

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Case: $-1 \notin \hat{F}^2$ and $-1 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$ In this case,

1. $X = F\langle\sqrt{-1}\rangle$ is a field.
2. By (I.5.1), since $\langle 1, 1 \rangle \cong \langle -1, -1 \rangle$.
3. So, $Y \cong W \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$.
4. Also $C^{4,0} \cong \langle -1, -1 \rangle \perp \langle -1, -1 \rangle \cong \langle 1, 1 \rangle \perp \langle 1, 1 \rangle = C^{0,4}$.
5. Hence $C^{p+4,0} \cong C^{p,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{4,0} \cong C^{p,0} \hat{\otimes} C^{0,4} \cong \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(C^{p,0})$

The table reduces to:

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------|-----|--------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| $C^{n,0}$ | F | X | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(X)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F)$ |
| $C^{0,n}$ | F | $F \times F$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_2(X)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F) \times \hat{\mathbb{M}}_4(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(F)$ | $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_8(X)$ |

The Real Case: More generally -1 is not sum of two squares: In this case, we have no further simplification of the original table.

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