
Algebra Collection

In 2010, David Curcurito at the US edition of *Esquire* was looking to replace the burly warmth of Stag with a more elegant slab serif. With this aim in mind, Susana Carvalho and Kai Bernau drew Algebra, which they describe as a Grotesk, but with serifs and contrast: constructed logically, with compact vertical proportions and a regular rhythm.

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26 STYLES
2 FAMILIES

FAMILIES
ALGEBRA DISPLAY
ALGEBRA

Algebra makes a highly effective text face, with its simplified details and loose spacing giving an inviting texture. The bracketed serifs soften the harshness of the blunt terminals, and the crispness and relatively low contrast makes the family and excellent fit for newsprint and reading on screen. Where Algebra has a quiet and sophisticated tone, Algebra Display has a much more expressive quality in its unusual combination of thin strokes and thick, chunky serifs, with brutally simplified details.

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Algebra Display was drawn for the US edition of *Esquire* in 2013, adding a gracefully aggressive tone to large headlines and initials.

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14 STYLES
7 WEIGHTS W/ ITALICS

FEATURES
PROPORTIONAL LINING FIGURES
FRACTIONS (PREBUILT AND ARBITRARY)
SUPERScript/SUBSCRIPT

Like its all-purpose sibling Algebra, Algebra Display was inspired by the construction and proportions of Grotesks. Its details are influenced by many of the superelliptical serif families that helped define the aesthetic of the mid 20th century, particularly in central Europe. While many of these typefaces were quite staid, Algebra Display has a contemporary air of brutality, with terminals and serifs abruptly sheared off. Compared to Algebra, Algebra Display is both higher and lower in contrast: the serifs gain weight, while the thin strokes are thinner, giving an unexpectedly active texture compared to a typical low-contrast slab serif. The serif bracketing is tight, giving subtle elegance without introducing softness. Algebra Display covers many tones across its range of seven weights: icily pretty in the light weights, bracingly strange in the heaviest weights, and sophisticated in between, with a refreshing simplicity in the italics.

Subtracts
MITTELS
Overgrote

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 100 PT

Svårlösligt
MARKING
Telescope

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 100 PT

Revitalize
MEMBER
Innilokuð

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 100 PT

Nominate
İSIKŪREŞ
Arcipelagi

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 100 PT

Precisión
ŽARKOM
Resonate

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 100 PT

Diffirenza
VOYAGES
Interação

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 100 PT

Xemilkirî
BEWEGT
Released

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 100 PT

Særdeles
FIXTURE
Vantages

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 100 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

Excavate
MODÉLE
Išvystyta

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 100 PT

Množství
SHIFTED
Integrate

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 100 PT

Tændrør
CIRCUIT
Létrejött

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 100 PT

Quarters
MÜTZEN
Hilagang

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 100 PT

**National
PHASED
Analysis**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 100 PT

***Château
YAPTIĞI
Körgeim***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 100 PT [ALTERNATE a]

MIDDEPLUM
Aggregazione

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 70 PT

BRAZILWOOD
Regenwäldern

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

REALIZEAZĂ
Intarpriteghja

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 70 PT

DÉLNYUGATI
Supersaturate

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

TREATMENT
Safeguarding

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 70 PT

EVALUATION
Reünificación

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 70 PT

TLĀCATIYĀN
Zastupničkih

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 70 PT

KÖNIGREICH
Dialectologie

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

PRASARANA
Cittadinanza

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 70 PT

INVENTIONS
Marškinėlius

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

KÆDETRÆK
Culmination

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 70 PT

NEUROLOGY
Enthusiastic

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

PRZEŁOŻENÍ
Afpreyingar

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 70 PT

PÄDAGOGIK
Clandestine

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 70 PT

Brushed Linen Mélange
MODERN COSMOLOGY
L'altitude est de 71 mètres

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, THIN ITALIC, 40 PT

Quinn Kane's final novel
18 MILJARDIA VUOTTA
Eight full-length portraits

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, LIGHT ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

Shapes & Configuration
DISTINCTIVE ARTICLE
Un clasificación general

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 40 PT

Crítica à teoria atômico
SITUADO AL SUDESTE
Die größte Insel aber ist

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 40 PT

Universului observabil
ZEMLJEPISNA ŠIRINA
Electrones de valencia

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE a]

Origins of the concept
DEFINITIONS & BASIS
L'economisti classici

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT

Corse di lunga durata
KUPTIMI TEOLOGJIK
Ośrodkowego układu

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 40 PT

Arbeitsmedium

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 60 PT

Pancyclopaedic

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 60 PT

Xeroradiograph

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 60 PT

Quartziferously

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 60 PT

Responsabilità

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 60 PT

Elektronicznej

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 60 PT

Manufactures

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 60 PT

Geomorphogeny

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE g]

Kasvatusfilosofia

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 60 PT

Controversialist

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE a]

Quadrumanous

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 60 PT

Interconversão

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 60 PT

Çalışmalarının

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 60 PT

Gemäßigteres

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 60 PT

Algebra

Algebra evolved from Granger, a headline typeface designed by Susana Carvalho and Kai Bernau for the US edition of *Esquire* in 2010. This broad-shouldered slab serif typeface is built on superelliptical forms. Its loose spacing gives a remarkably comfortable texture in long passages of text, with its even rhythm working well on screen, on newsprint, and for magazine and book design.

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12 STYLES
6 WEIGHTS W/ ITALICS

FEATURES
PROPORTIONAL LINING FIGURES
TABULAR LINING FIGURES
FRACTIONS (PREBUILT AND ARBITRARY)
SUPERSCRIP/T/SUBSCRIPT

Algebra references such squarish 20th century serif families as Adrian Frutiger's *Egyptienne*, Georg Trump's *Schadow*, and Hermann Zapf's *Melior*, but its clean lines make it appropriate for contemporary use in modern magazine design. Though the flat vertices where diagonals intersect (as in the A or M) are far less dramatic than in *Algebra Display*, these letters have a brutal feeling, playing nicely off of the bulky round shapes. Functionally, the flat vertices keep the letters from clogging even under the worst printing conditions. Simple italics match the directness of the romans, and a handful of alternates allow the italics to take on a softer, more traditionally cursive feeling. Five of the six weights can be used at any scale, for text or display, though we recommend negative tracking at larger sizes. The forceful *Black* weight is designed only for display use, and its tight spacing and tiny counterforms do not work at text sizes.

19,5 kvadratkilometer
INFLUENCE ABROAD
Ringed with pinnacles

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC a g]

Exploration Matériau
İTALYAN AÇILIŞLARI
The Elements Outside

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Scientific researcher
ARTÍCULO GENUINO
Vexing Art Specimens

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE x]

New £24 lunch menu
DELIKATNĄ RZEŹBĄ
Bögen und Wimperge

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Proposição Analítica
ENGELSKSPRÅKIGA
L'attività tradizionale

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Forsætisráðherrann
THE OLD CATALOGS
Rakishly Ambiguous

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE k y]

Serbest hareketler jimnastikçilerin
IDEALTYPISCHER GEGENSPIELER
Early explorations of Conceptual Art

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Since its debut on January 26, 2014
TWO MILES OF UNDERSEA CABLE
Plaukimo varžybos rengiamos 17 bei

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE z]

Populația locală vorbea încă limba
IN THE LOWEST 4% OF THE FIELD
Under 1861-talet fanns planer på att

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Participó en dos Juegos Olímpicos
MÉTHODES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT
Forbundsrådet har sju medlemmer

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC a]

Una superficie di 17 m² costituente
KÜLÖNBÖZŐ ADATSZERKEZETEK
Extensive winter testing yielded an

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC v w x y]

Scorch marks kept on the exterior
IT BECAME A PERMANENT WORK
New understanding of Intelligence

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 24 PT

ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES IN THE VANGUARD
 Yaklaşık 22.600 kilometrekarelik yüzölçümüne
A STRETCH OF OLD-TIME ELEVATED RAIL LINE
Kanalais Baltijos jūra yra sujungta su Baltąja jūra

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 18 PT

AFSTANDSMÅLER KAN VÆLGES VILKÅRLIGT
 Traditional methods eventually gave way to an
AZ INTENCIÓMENTES MŰVÉS ZET ALAPELVE A
La storia più remota del cantone è praticamente

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 18 PT

IS EEN BELANGRIJK VERKEERSKNOOPPUNT
 Stockholm se trouve sur la côte orientale de la
DE DISCIPLINER SVØMNING, CYKLING OG LØB
La otra sílaba correspondiente al nombre viene

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 18 PT

UMA CONFERÊNCIA EM 2003 SOBRE MÚSICA
 Sie wird bis zu 12.600 Meter breit und hat eine
NEPROMJENJIVI ILI TERMINALNI ELEMENTI
Dæmi um orð í íslensku sem eiga rætur að rekja

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 18 PT

CINEMA PROGRAMMING FOR OCTOBER 2016
 På svenska betraktas numera “ä” som en egen
NACHÁZÍ SE TU I NEJVĚTŠÍ MAKETA MOSKVY
It took only 17 months for the yield to be halved

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 18 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC a v y]

LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL TRABAJO CONSISTE
 Past structural modifications to these models
FOUR ELEMENTS OF CRAFT BEER MOVEMENT
Członkowie zasiadający w radzie są wybierani

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 18 PT

SOMEONE PLACED A METAL BOX UNDERNEATH A STATUE
 La fundación aporta 21,11 millones en un ambicioso proyecto
MEHR ALS 110 OSTEUROPAEXPERTEN WENDEN SICH GEGEN
By the mid-19th century these various industrial zones were at

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC v w y]

FURTHER CHANGES COMING EARLY NEXT YEAR INCLUDE
 Fl-istagun li ġej Kvyat se jkun qed jieħu post l-eks champion
PREJŠNJEGA JE, DENIMO, Z ZNESKOM OKOLI £1,1 MILIJONA
Ecco l'edizione 2015 di «Foodies», la guida del Gambero Rosso

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC z]

CONSERVATORS WILL X-RAY THE COWHIDE TO FIND OUT
 Cztery krótkie filmy fabularne w reżyserii Wojciecha Fiwka
THE IMMORTALITY DRIVE IS A MEMORY DEVICE ON BOARD
Grote musea in steden als Parijs, Londen, New York en Bilbao

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 14 PT

STASHED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STATEHOUSE IN 1765
 Bara 311 plan hade beställts världen över, det borde ha varit
DOS 332 CASOS REUNIDOS PELO SITE AO LONGO DE 8 ANOS
Demand rose significantly from 1.1% to 9.7% this past quarter

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 14 PT

ITS PRIZED INNOVATIVE GARDENS AND MODERN SPACES
 Mussel, clam and oyster recipes from around the world are
FOR NORTHERN HONG KONG, OVER 5% OF THE POPULATION
Quickly exacting only as much regulation in such short time

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC a g k x]

Kömürleştirilmiş

ALGEBRA REGULAR, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Particulièrement

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Avantgardistiska

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Incredulousness

ALGEBRA BOLD, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Administratively

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Verwaltungssitz

ALGEBRA BLACK, 50 PT

Infrapunasaiteilyn

ALGEBRA REGULAR ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Experimentações

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING, ALTERNATE a x]

Autobiographical

ALGEBRA MEDIUM ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Postmodernismã

ALGEBRA BOLD ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Developmentally

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING, ALTERNATE v y]

Instrumentation

ALGEBRA BLACK ITALIC, 50 PT

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, MEDIUM, BOLD, 16/20 PT

REGULAR ALL CAPS

REGULAR

MEDIUM

PROPORTIONAL
LINING FIGURES

REGULAR ITALIC

BOLD

THE SPANISH WAR, which began in 1739, and the French war which soon followed it occasioned further increase of the debt, which, on the 31st of December 1748, after it had been concluded by the **Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle**, amounted to £78,293,313. The most profound peace of the seventeen years of continuance had taken no more than £8,328,354 from it. A war of less than nine years' continuance added £31,338,689 to it (Refer to James Postlethwaite's *History of the Public Revenue*). During the administration of Mr. Pelham, the interest of the public debt was reduced from 4% to 3%; or at least measures were taken for reducing it, from four to three per cent; **the sinking fund** was increased, and some part of the public debt was paid off. In 1755, before the breaking out of the late war, the funded debt of Great Britain amounted to £72,289,673. On the 5th of January 1763, at the conclusion of the peace, the funded debt amounted to £122,603,336. The unfunded debt has been stated at £13,927,589. But the expense occasioned by the war did not end with the conclusion of the peace, so that though, on the 5th of January 1764, the funded debt was increased (partly by a new loan, and partly by funding a part of

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, BOLD, 10/13 PT

The Psychology of Beauty

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Methodologies

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INCLUDED FAMILIES

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SUPPORTED LANGUAGES

Afrikaans, Albanian, Asturian, Basque, Breton, Bosnian, Catalan, Cornish, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Greenlandic, Guarani, Hawaiian, Hungarian, Ibo, Icelandic, Indonesian, Irish, Gaelic, Italian, Kurdish, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Livonian, Malagasy, Maltese, Maori, Moldavian, Norwegian, Occitan, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Romansch, Saami, Samoan, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Serbian (Latin), Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish (Castilian), Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, Walloon, Welsh, Wolof

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ABOUT THE DESIGNERS

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Susana and Kai formed Atelier Carvalho Bernau in 2005. The atelier specialises in the design of reading experiences across all media. To that end they produce typefaces, book and editorial design, interactive and web projects. Their type design work includes the Neutral, Lyon and Atlas retail families, as well as commissions from Esquire, Internazionale, and Munich Re.

Together they have given lectures and workshops at a wide array of international art schools and design conferences, including the Typographic Society of Austria, Typo St. Gallen, ELISAVA in Barcelona and MICA in Baltimore.

In 2014, Susana and Kai co-founded the design collective Open Work together with Dan Powers and Elisabeth Malcolm. Open Work explores ways of reading, modes of collaboration, methods of interaction, and forms of graphic design.