

FUSION CATEGORIES & TQFT OVERVIEW

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MOTIVATION
FUSION RINGS

IDEA OF A
FUSION
CATEGORY

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FUSION CATEGORIES
STRING DIAGRAMS
PIVOTAL, SPHERICAL, UNITARY STRUCTURES
MODULE CATEGORIES OVER FUSION CATEGORIES

LECTURE 2

SKELETAL FUSION CATEGORIES
↳ TURAEV-VIRO STATE SUM TQFT
↳ LEVIN-WEN HAMILTONIAN FOR LATTICE TQFT

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↳ TUBE ALGEBRAS
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↳ RESHETIKHIN-TURAEV TQFT
↳ TOPOLOGICAL ORDER
- BOSONIC, FERMIONIC

LECTURE 4

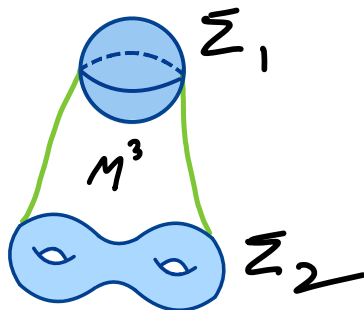
SYMMETRIES OF MODULAR FUSION CATS
↳ SYMMETRY PROTECTED,
SYMMETRY ENRICHED
TOPOLOGICAL ORDER
↳ SYMMETRY GAUGING
SYMMETRY TQFTs
ENRICHED FUSION CATEGORIES } ?
HIGHER FUSION CATEGORIES } ?

MOTIVATION: FUSION CATEGORIES AND TQFT

$d=2$

$$Z: \text{BORD} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{S}$$

SYMMETRIC
MONOIDAL
FUNCTOR

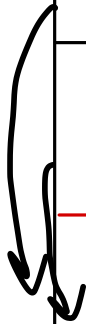


• \longrightarrow FULLY-DUALIZABLE
OBJECT $X \in \mathfrak{S}$

FUSION CATEGORIES ARE FULLY-DUALIZABLE
OBJECTS IN SOME $X \in \mathfrak{S}$

$$3D = \underbrace{(2+1)}_d$$

TYPE OF FUSION CATEGORY	TYPE OF TQFT
(SPHERICAL) FUSION	3D ^(FULLY-EXTENDED) TURAEV-VIRO TQFT
MODULAR FUSION	3D RESHETIKHIN-TQFT
Gx MODULAR FUSION CATEGORIES	3D HOMOTOPY QUANTUM FIELD THEORY
	4D INVERTIBLE THEORY CRANE-YETTEL TQFT



LECTURE 0

~~OVERVIEW~~

~~MOTIVATION~~

FUSION RINGS

HOLISTIC IDEA OF A FUSION CATEGORY:

a fusion category is like
a "quantum" finite group

ALGEBRA $C[G]$

FINITE GROUP (G, \times) \rightsquigarrow

FINITE # OF ELEMENTS $g \in G$ \rightsquigarrow
 $g_1 = g_2$

BINARY OPERATION $G \times G \rightarrow G$ \rightsquigarrow
 $gh = k$

• IDENTITY

$\exists e \in G$ s.t. $eg = g = ge \quad \forall g \in G$

• INVERSES

$\forall g \in G \exists g^{-1}$ s.t. $g^{-1}g = e = gg^{-1}$

• ASSOCIATIVITY

$(gh)k = g(hk) \quad \forall g, h, k \in G$

"QUANTUM" FINITE GROUP (\mathcal{F}, \otimes)

$X \oplus Y \in \mathcal{F}$

FINITELY MANY INDECOMPOSABLE OBJECTS*, $X \in \mathcal{F}$
 $X \cong Y$ & $\text{HOM}_{\mathcal{F}}(X, Y)$ FINITE HILBERT SPACE

BIFUNCTOR $\otimes : \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

$X \otimes Y \cong Z_1 \oplus Z_2 \oplus \dots \oplus Z_n$

• IDENTITY*

$\exists 1 \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $1 \otimes X \cong X \cong X \otimes 1 \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{F}$

• INVERSES* (DUALITY)

$\forall X \in \mathcal{F} \exists X^*, {}^*X$ s.t. $1 \in X^* \otimes X$, etc.

• ASSOCIATIVITY*

$(X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \cong X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{F}$

* UP TO ISOMORPHISM

AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE THE ANALOGY

$$S_3 = \{(), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$$



IRREDUCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS OF S_3
 $\{1, \text{sgn}, \text{std}\}$

	$()$	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
$()$						
(12)		$()$	(123)	(132)	(23)	(13)
(13)			$()$			
(23)				$()$		
(123)					(132)	$()$
(132)					$()$	(123)

COMES FROM $\text{Vec } S_3$

	1	sgn	std
1	1	sgn	std
sgn	sgn	1	std
std	std	std	$1 \oplus \text{sgn} \oplus \text{std}$

COMES FROM $\text{Rep}(S_3)$

WE'VE ALREADY MET TWO FAMILIES OF FUSION CATEGORIES: $\text{Vec } G$ & $\text{Rep}(G)$ AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN DEFINED IT YET!

A LARGE PART OF FUSION CATEGORY
THEORY IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH
THINGS "UP TO ISOMORPHISM"

FUSION RINGS (DEFINITION)

A FUSION RING (F, \times, \dagger) IS A ^{UNITAL, ASSOCIATIVE} RING WHICH IS FREE AS A \mathbb{Z} -MODULE W.R.T. A BASIS $L = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$ SUCH THAT L IS FINITE

- $1 \in L$

- $a \times b = \sum_{c \in L} N_{ab}^c c$, $N_{ab}^c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

- \exists INVOLUTION $\dagger : L \rightarrow L$ WHICH EXTENDS TO AN ANTI-INVOLUTION ON F

label set

fusion coefficients

$(ab)^\dagger = b^\dagger a^\dagger$

EXAMPLES & DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRESENT A FUSION RING

TRIVIAL FUSION RING

$$L = \{1\}$$

FUSION RULES

$$\{1 \times 1 = 1\}$$

FUSION TABLE

	1
1	1

ISING FUSION RING

$$L = \{1, \sigma, \psi\}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \psi \\ \sigma \times \psi = \psi \times \sigma = \sigma \\ \psi \times \psi = 1 \end{cases}$$

	1	σ	ψ
1	1	σ	ψ
σ	σ	$1 + \psi$	σ
ψ	ψ	σ	1

(TORIC CODE)

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ FUSION RING

$$L = \{1, e, m, f\}$$

$$\begin{cases} e^2 = 1 \\ m^2 = 1 \\ f^2 = 1 \\ em = f \end{cases}$$

MORE

" $\frac{1}{2} E_6$ " FUSION RING
 $L = \{1, x, y\}$

$$\begin{cases} x^2 = 1 + 2x + y \\ xy = yx = x \\ y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

NON-EXAMPLE
BECAUSE $|L| = \infty$



CLEBSCH-GORDON FUSION RULES

$$L = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\begin{cases} i \times j = \sum_{l=0}^{\min(i,j)} i + j - 2l \end{cases}$$

FUSION RINGS (COMBINATORIAL DATA)

$$L = \{1, a, a^*, b, b^*, \dots\}, \quad N_{ab}^c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\bullet \sum_x N_{ab}^x N_{xc}^d = \sum_x N_{bc}^x N_{ax}^d \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$\bullet N_{1a}^b = \delta_{ab} = N_{a1}^b \quad (\text{unitality})$$

$$\bullet N_{a^*b}^1 = \delta_{ab} = N_{ba^*}^1 \quad (\text{duality})$$

$$\bullet N_{ab}^c = N_{a^*c}^b = N_{cb}^{a^*}$$

THE ONLY WAY TO GET 1 IN THE
FUSION PRODUCT OF a^* AND b
IS IF $b = a$
(Frobenius reciprocity)

PROPERTIES

~~INVARIANTS~~ OF FUSION RINGS

(ILLUSTRATED BY THE EXAMPLE OF $TY(A)$)

ABELIAN GROUP \downarrow

$L = \sum a \exists a \in A, \cup \{m\}$

$a \otimes m = m = m \otimes a$

$m \otimes m = \bigoplus_{a \in A} a$

TAMBARA-YAMAGAMI

LET F BE A FUSION RING w/ LABEL SET L

RANK: $\text{rank}(F) = |L|$

$\text{rank}(TY(A)) = |A| + 1$

MULTIPLICITY: WHETHER $N_{ab}^c > 1$
FOR ANY $a, b, c \in L$

MULTIPLICITY-FREE

FROBENIUS-PERRON DIMENSIONS*:

$FPdim(a) =$ FROBENIUS-PERRON EIGENVALUE OF THE MATRIX $a \in L$

$[N_a]_{bc} := N_{ab}^c$

$FPdim(a) > 0 \quad \forall a \in A$

* FACT: $FPdim$ DEFINES A RING HOMOMORPHISM $\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^x$

e.g. ∴ BECAUSE FPdim IS A RING HOMOMORPHISM

$$\text{FPdim}(m)^2 = \sum_{a \in A} \text{FPdim}(a) + \text{FPdim}(m)$$

⇒ FPdims ARE ALGEBRAIC #'S

FUSION CATEGORIES (NON-DEFINITION)

A FUSION CATEGORY IS A CATEGORIFICATION OF A FUSION RING

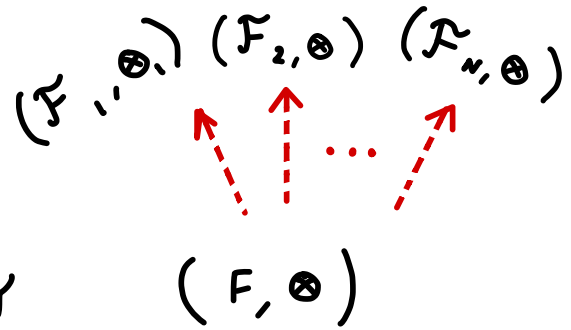
$$(F, +, \times) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{"CATEGORIFICATION"}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{DECATEGORIZES}} \end{array} (F, \oplus, \otimes)$$

GIVEN N_{ab}^c , WANT \mathcal{F} WITH

- $|L|$ - MANY ISOMORPHISM CLASSES OF INDECOMPOSABLE OBJECTS
- $\dim(\text{HOM}_{\mathcal{F}}(A \otimes B, C)) = N_{ab}^c$
- AND IS NATURAL

THEOREM ("OCNEANU RIGIDITY"):

THERE ARE ONLY FINITELY MANY
CATEGORIFICATIONS OF A FIXED
FUSION RING TO A FUSION CATEGORY



how to tell different categorifications of the
same fusion ring apart?

(MOST OF THE INVARIANTS WE USE TO STUDY
FUSION CATEGORIES ARE JUST INVARIANTS OF
THEIR FUSION RINGS)

ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF FUSION CATEGORIES

"
GENERALIZED TANNAKA-KREIN RECONSTRUCTION:"

EVERY FUSION CAT IS $\text{Rep}(H)$

H IS A WEAK HOPF ALGEBRA

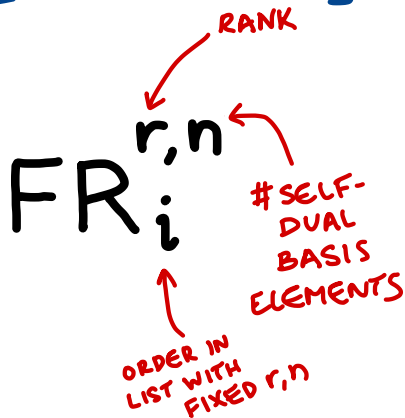
~~WEAK HOPF ALGEBRA~~

CLASSIFICATION OF MULTIPLICITY-FREE FUSION RINGS UP TO RANK 6

@ ANYONWIKI

http://www.thphys.nuim.ie/AnyonWiki/index.php/List_of_small_multiplicity-free_fusion_rings

[PALCOUX, ...]



Names	Rank	Number Selfdual Particles	Number Non-zero Structure Constants	\mathcal{D}_{PF}^2	Commutative	Group	Fusion Categorifiable
$FR_1^{1,0}$: Trivial	1	1	1	1.	True	True	True
$FR_1^{2,0}$: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong SU(2)_1$	2	2	4	2.	True	True	True
$FR_2^{2,0}$: Fib $\cong PSU(2)_3$	2	2	5	3.618	True	False	True
$FR_1^{3,0}$: Ising $\cong SU(2)_2$	3	3	10	4.	True	False	True
$FR_2^{3,0}$: $Rep(D_3) \cong PSU(2)_4$	3	3	11	6.	True	False	True
$FR_3^{3,0}$: $PSU(2)_5$	3	3	14	9.296	True	False	True
$FR_1^{3,2}$: $\mathbb{Z}_3 \cong SU(3)_1$	3	1	9	3.	True	True	True
$FR_1^{4,0}$: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	4	4	16	4.	True	True	True
$FR_2^{4,0}$: $SU(2)_3 \cong Fib \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	4	4	20	7.236	True	False	True
$FR_3^{4,0}$: $Rep(D_5) \cong SO(5)_2/\mathbb{Z}_2$	4	4	22	10.	True	False	True
$FR_4^{4,0}$: $PSU(2)_6 \cong HI(\mathbb{Z}_2)$	4	4	24	13.657	True	False	True
$FR_5^{4,0}$: Fib \times Fib	4	4	25	13.090	True	False	True
$FR_6^{4,0}$: $PSU(2)_7$	4	4	30	19.234	True	False	True
$FR_1^{4,2}$: $\mathbb{Z}_4 \cong SU(4)_1$	4	2	16	4.	True	True	True
$FR_2^{4,2}$: Potts $\cong TY(\mathbb{Z}_3)$	4	2	18	6.	True	False	True
$FR_3^{4,2}$: Fib(\mathbb{Z}_3)	4	2	19	8.303	True	False	False
$FR_4^{4,2}$: Pseudo $PSU(2)_6$	4	2	24	13.657	True	False	True
$FR_1^{5,0}$: $Rep(D_4) \cong TY(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$	5	5	28	8.	True	False	True
$FR_2^{5,0}$: Fib($\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$)	5	5	29	10.562	True	False	False
$FR_3^{5,0}$: $SU(2)_4$	5	5	35	12.	True	False	True
$FR_4^{5,0}$: $Rep(D_7) \cong SO(7)_2/\mathbb{Z}_2$	5	5	37	14.	True	False	True
$FR_5^{5,0}$	5	5	39	16.606	True	False	False
$FR_6^{5,0}$: $Rep(S_4)$	5	5	43	24.	True	False	True
$FR_7^{5,0}$: $PSU(2)_8$	5	5	45	26.180	True	False	True