

LECTURE 3

BRAIDED FUSION CATEGORIES

DRINFELD CENTERS OF FUSION CATEGORIES

↳ FROM TURAEV-VIRO TO
RESHETIKHIN-TURAEV TQFT

BUT FIRST, SOME EXAMPLES OF SKELETAL FUSION CATEGORIES

FIB

$$\mathcal{L} = \{1, \tau\}$$

$$\{\tau \otimes \tau = 1 \oplus \tau, \quad \tau$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} F^{\tau\tau\tau} \\ F_{\tau} \end{array} \right] = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \tau \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{-1} & \phi^{-1/2} \\ \phi^{-1/2} & \phi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

ALL OTHER ADMISSIBLE
F-SYMBOLS = 1

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma \otimes \sigma = 1 \oplus \psi \\ \sigma \otimes \psi = \psi \otimes \sigma = \sigma \\ \psi \otimes \psi = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} F^{\sigma\sigma\sigma} \\ F_{\sigma} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{\sigma}^{\psi\sigma\psi} = F_{\psi}^{\sigma\psi\sigma} = -1$$

ALL OTHER ADMISSIBLE
F-SYMBOLS = 1

MOTIVATION: FROM FUSION CATEGORIES TO BRAIDED FUSION CATEGORIES

3D TQFT

1-CATEGORICAL VERSION

(∞,3)-CATEGORICAL VERSION

$$Z: \text{BORD}_3 \rightarrow \text{Vec}$$

$$Z: \text{BORD}_3 \rightarrow \text{Alg}(\text{Cat})$$

IN PARTICULAR



$$\xrightarrow{\quad} Z_e(X^3, T) = Z_{Z(e)}(X^3, L)$$

TURAEV-VIRO STATE-SUM

RESHETIKHIN-TURAEV INVARIANT
DRAINFELD CENTER

TRIANGULATION SURGERY DIAGRAM ON LINK

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$$\xrightarrow{\quad} \text{END}_{e\text{-bimod}}(e \otimes e)$$

$$\simeq Z(e)$$



$$\xrightarrow{\quad} e \otimes e \text{ (BIMODULE)}$$



$$\xrightarrow{\quad} e$$

Quantum

ALGEBRA

BFCs ARE "LIKE" FINITE ABELIAN GROUPS

TOPOLOGY

INVARIANTS (QUANTUM) OF KNOTS/LINKS

BRAIDED MONOIDAL CATEGORIES

A MONOIDAL CAT. $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbb{1}, \alpha)$ IS BRAIDED IF \exists
NATURAL ISOMORPHISMS

$$B_{X,Y} : X \otimes Y \longrightarrow Y \otimes X$$

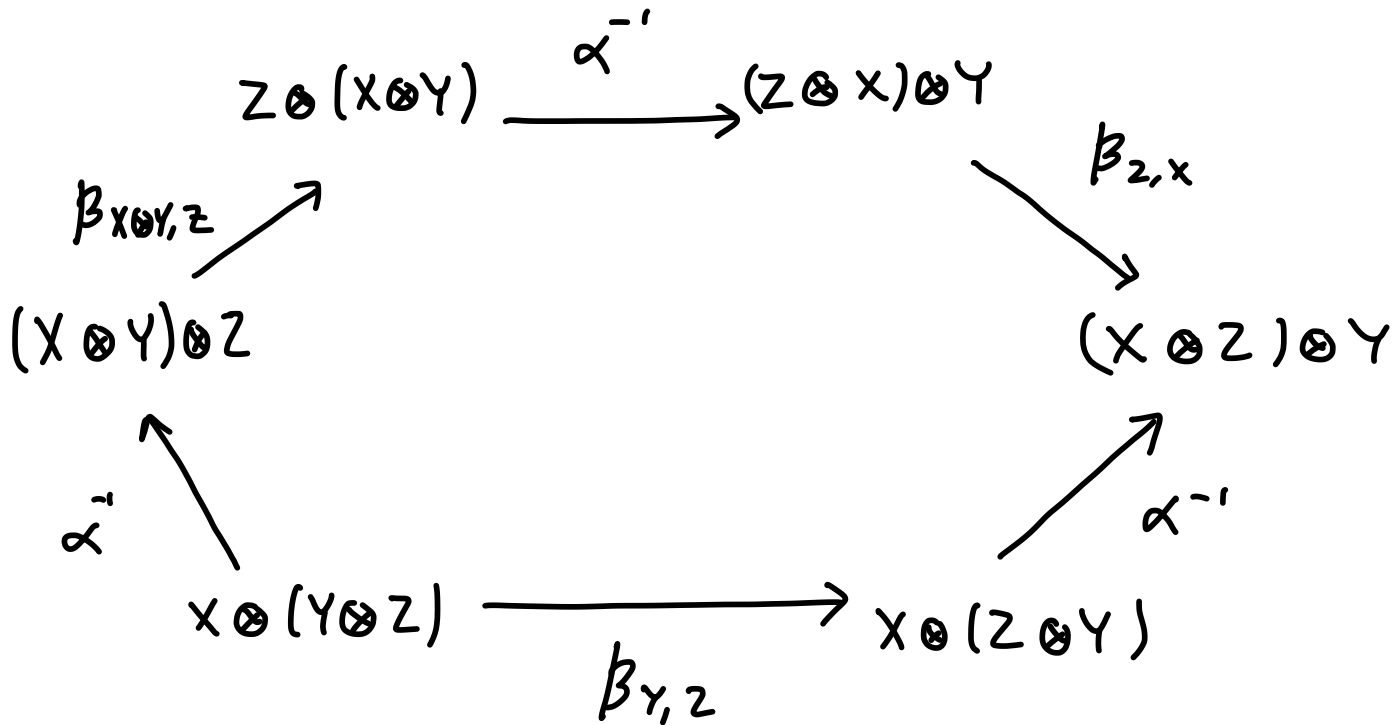
SATISFYING HEXAGON AXIOMS

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{X,Y,Z}} & X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{B_{X,Y \otimes Z}} & (Y \otimes Z) \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{Y,Z,X}} & & \\ & & & & & & Y \otimes (Z \otimes X) & \\ (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z & & & & & & & \\ & \searrow B_{X,Y} & & & & & & \\ & & (Y \otimes X) \otimes Z & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{Y,X,Z}} & Y \otimes (X \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{B_{X,Z}} & & \\ & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

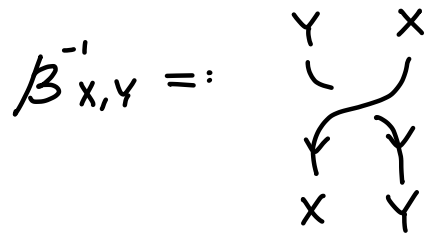
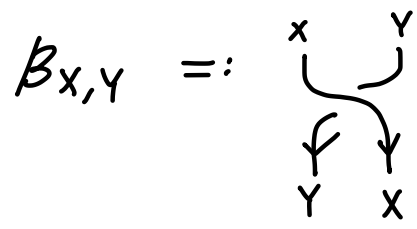
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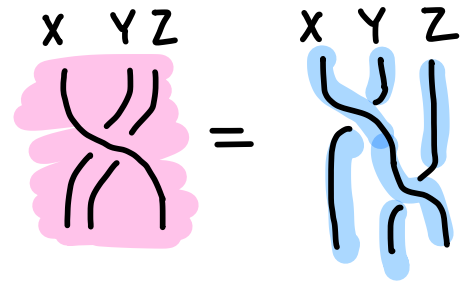
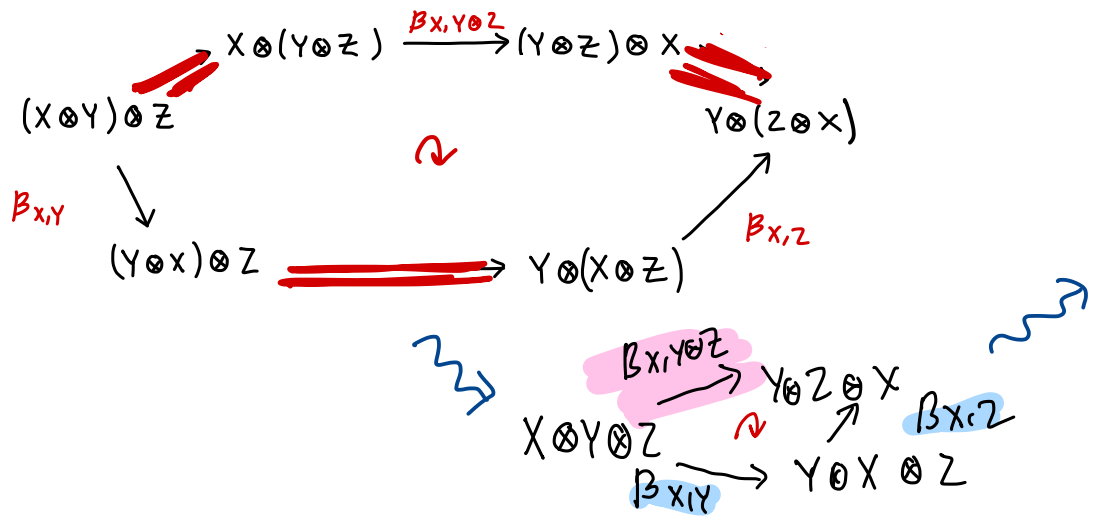


STRING DIAGRAMS IN A (STRICT) BRAIDED MONOIDAL CATEGORY

REPRESENT

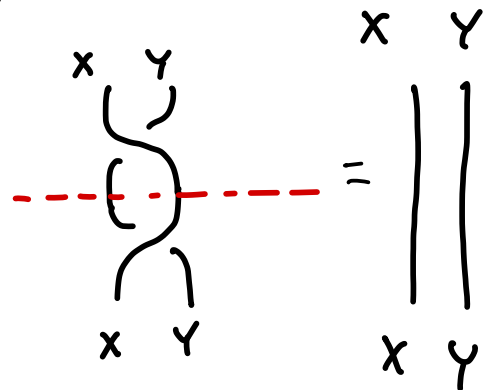


NOW TRANSLATE COMMUTATIVE DIAGRAM INTO STRING DIAGRAM
(HEXAGON COLLAPSES TO TRIANGLE)

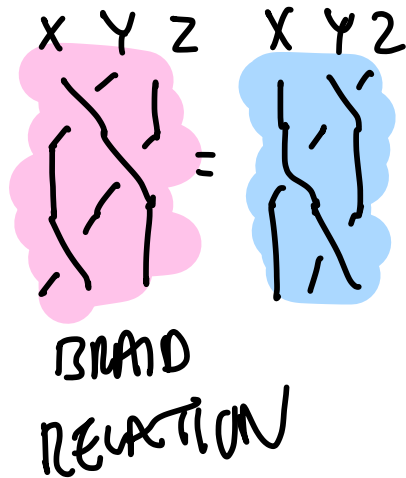
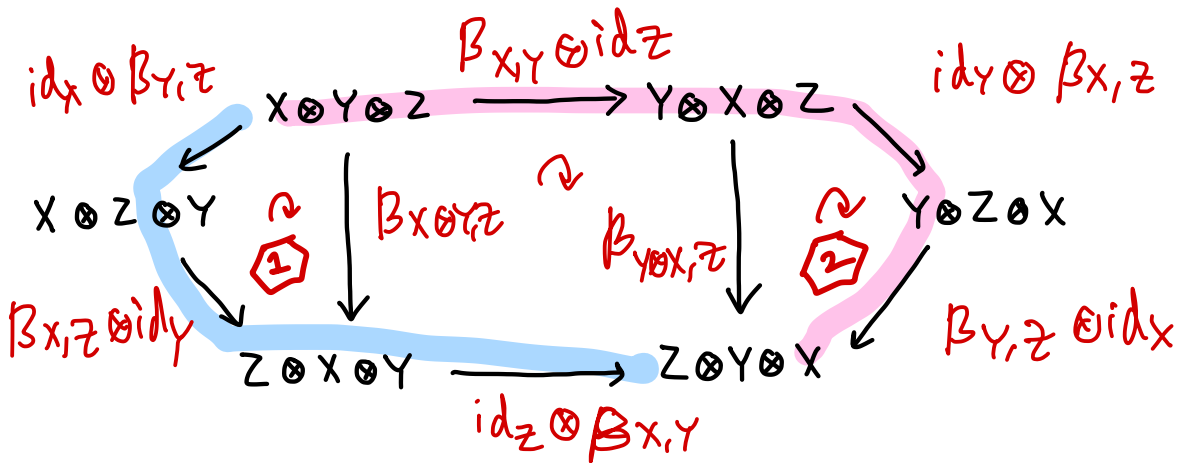


PROPERTIES OF BRAIDED ISOMORPHISMS

NOTICE $\beta_{X,Y}^{-1} \circ \beta_{X,Y} = \text{id}_{X \otimes Y} \rightsquigarrow$



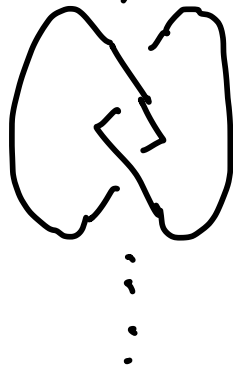
THEOREM: \mathcal{C} STRICT BRAIDED MONOIDAL



NOW CAN DRAW BRAID DIAGRAMS
 IN $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbb{1}, \alpha \equiv \text{id}, \beta)$



WE CAN ALSO CUP/CAP/TRACE OFF BRAIDS
 TO GET KNOT LINK DIAGRAMS



HOPF-LINK
 $\in \text{HOM}(\mathbb{1}, \mathbb{1}) \cong \mathbb{C}$

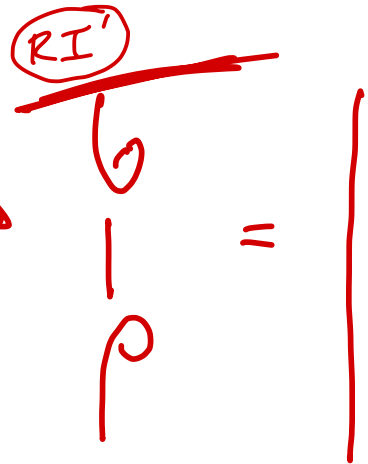
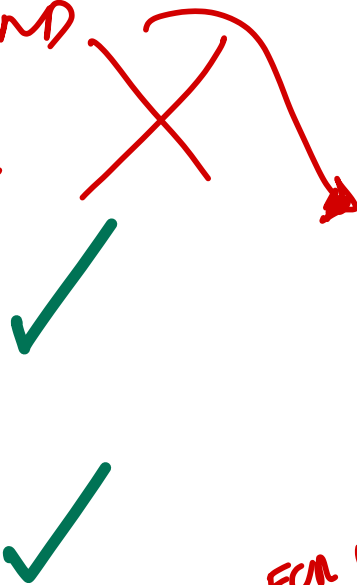
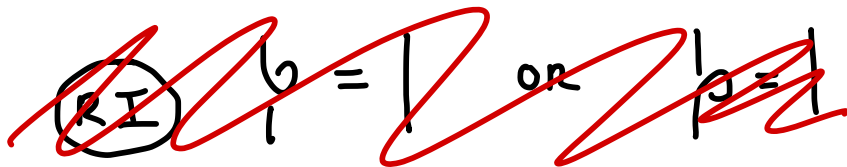
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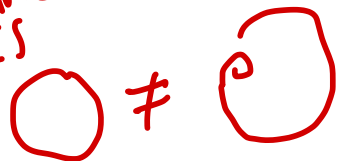
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TWO LINK DIAGRAMS REPRESENT THE SAME LINK IF THEY CAN BE RELATED BY A FINITE # OF REIDEMEISTER MOVES **II & III** AND ISOTOPY AND

FRAMED



FOR FRAMED LINKS



DEGENERACY OF BRAIDED STRUCTURE & EXAMPLES

MOST BORING

LEAST BORING



SYMMETRIC

$$\beta_{X,Y} = \beta_{Y,X}^{-1}$$

e.g. $\text{Rep}(G)$
 e.g. $\text{Rep}(G, z)$
 (SUPER REPS)

NON-DEGENERATE

THM: SYMMETRIC BFCs ARE EITHER $\text{Rep}(G)$ OR $\text{Rep}(G, z)$

NON-DEGENERACY IN MONOIDAL CATEGORY MEASURED BY $Z_2(\mathcal{C})$

SUBCATEGORY OF \mathcal{C} GENERATED BY OBJECTS SYMMETRIC \uparrow

SHERICAL
BRAIDED

$$X \text{ S.T. } \beta_{X,Y} = \beta_{Y,X}^{-1} \forall Y \in X \quad \text{CENTER}$$

IN A FUSION CATEGORY \mathcal{C} CAN MEASURE WITH "S-MATRIX"

$$S_{X,Y} = \text{Tr} (\beta_{Y,X} \circ \beta_{X,Y}) = \text{Tr} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \nearrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \text{ WHERE } X, Y \in \text{IRR}(\mathcal{C})$$

IF $S_{X,Y}$ HAS DETERMINANT 0, SAY \mathcal{C} IS NON-DEGENERATE

generally speaking $Z(\mathcal{C})$ inherits structures from \mathcal{C}

\mathcal{C} monoidal $\otimes \Rightarrow Z(\mathcal{C})$ monoidal \otimes

\mathcal{C} pivotal
(spherical) $\Rightarrow Z(\mathcal{C})$ pivotal
(spherical)

\mathcal{C} fusion $\Rightarrow Z(\mathcal{C})$ fusion

but $Z(\mathcal{C})$ has additional structure,
namely a braiding!

$Z(\mathcal{C})$ IS A WAY TO COOK UP A BRAIDED FUSION
CATEGORY FROM ONE WHICH IS NOT

NOTIONS OF EQUIVALENCE OF FUSION CATEGORIES

MONOIDAL EQUIVALENCE $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ $J_{X,Y}: F(X \otimes Y) \cong F(X) \otimes F(Y)$

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"MORITA EQUIVALENCE"

② IMAGINE 1 MORE \mathcal{C}' WHOSE $Z(\mathcal{C}') \cong Z(\mathcal{C})$

$$Z_{\mathcal{C}}(X) = Z_{Z(\mathcal{C})}(X) = Z_{Z(\mathcal{C}')} (X) = Z_{\mathcal{C}'}(X)$$

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SO $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}'$ DEFINE SAME 3-MFD INVARIANT

TECHNICALLY MORITA EQUIVALENCE IF MOD(\mathcal{C}) \cong MOD(\mathcal{D}) AS 2-CATS, BUT

THM: $\mathcal{C} \cong \mathcal{D} \Leftrightarrow Z(\mathcal{C}) \cong Z(\mathcal{D})$
MORITA AS BRANDED FUSION CATS

EXAMPLE: $\text{Vec}_G \cong \text{Rep}(G)$

MORITA EQUIVALENCE IS WEIRD!

e.g. $\text{Vec } S_3 \underset{\text{MORITA}}{\simeq} \text{Rep}(S_3)$

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SO VERY DIFFERENT THAN MONOIDAL EQUIVALENCE