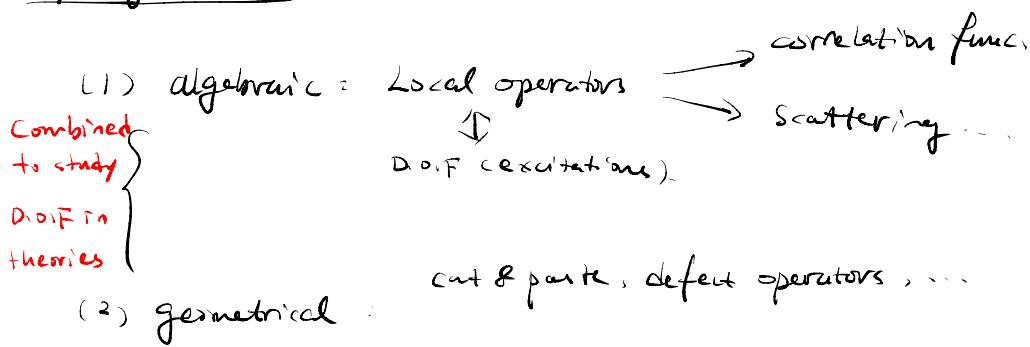


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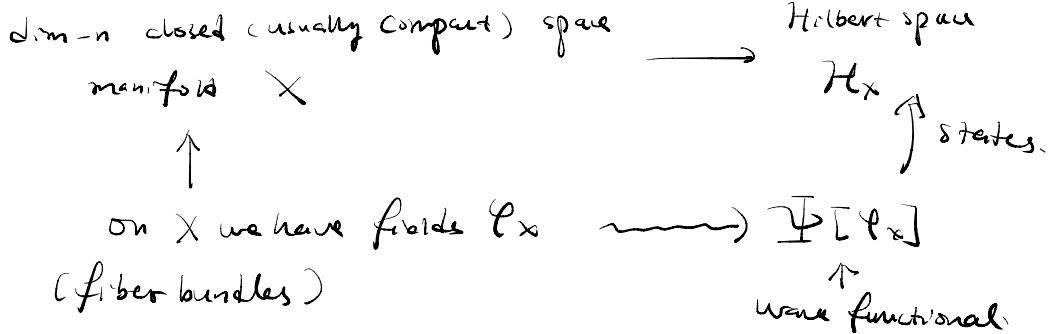
Why TQFT :

- ① describe approximate ground state
- ② skeleton of more physical/rich QFTs like 2d CFT
- ③ Some theory have no exact solution, but the topological properties can be computed exactly
(helps understanding D.o.F in system)
- ④ Toy models for studying geometrical properties of QFT
- ⑤ connection to deep mathematics
(each \mathbb{Z}_2 , a nontrivial sign is of great significance)

Defining TQFT :



$(n+1)$ id :



Axioms : $\mathcal{H}_\emptyset = \mathbb{C}$, $\mathcal{H}_{-X} = \mathcal{H}_X$, $\mathcal{H}_{X \sqcup Y} = \mathcal{H}_X \otimes \mathcal{H}_Y$

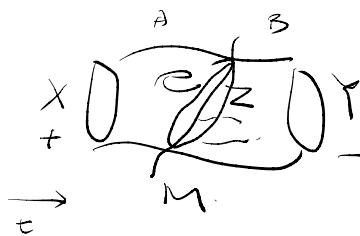
\uparrow
reversed
orientation

\uparrow
disjoint
(or connected in pt.).

$\stackrel{\text{wrt}}{\rightarrow}$ rotation \rightarrow more physical $\text{Iso}(M)$

time evolution:

consider Euclidean here, there's problem with putting on metric.



$$\Phi_n : \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Y$$

cut into pieces
try to find building
 \uparrow blocks

$$\Phi_n = \Phi_A \circ \Phi_B = \Phi_{A \cup B}$$

generalization of e^{-tH} , + cut into slices.

Partition function (amplitude)

$$Z \sim \langle 0 | \overline{\psi} \psi | 0 \rangle$$

Closed M:

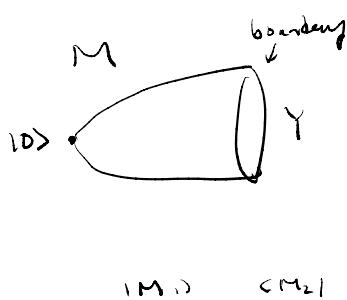


$$\Phi_M: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

$$\Phi_M = \int D\phi e^{-S[\phi]} \in \mathcal{C}$$

* general field theory
not necessarily unitary

Boundary states



$$\Phi_M: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Y \quad \Phi_M(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{H}_Y$$

$$\Phi_M \equiv |M\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_Y$$

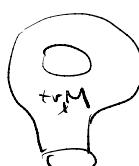
$$\Phi_M[\psi_Y] = \int D\phi e^{-S}$$

by boundary condition

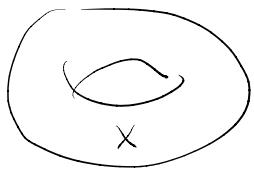


$$\Phi_M = \langle M_2 | M_1 \rangle$$

Trace general periodic boundary conditions



$$\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_X} \Phi_M$$



$$\Phi_m = \text{tr}_X e^{-tH} \quad \text{partition function.}$$

$$M = X \times S^1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ X \times I \\ \hline M \end{array} \quad \Phi_m : \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_X$$

$$\underline{\alpha^M} : \mathbb{C}^{d+1,d}$$

$$M = \{*\} \times I$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \longrightarrow & \\ p^+ & & p^+ \end{array} \quad \Phi_+ = e^{-tH} : \mathcal{H}_* \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_X$$



$$\Phi_{S'} = \text{tr} e^{-tH}$$

Supersymmetric α^M :

$$\begin{array}{c} X^{(+)}, \text{ on } \Sigma \\ \uparrow \text{ particles} \end{array} + \text{fermions}$$

hint: antisymmetrize
wave functions ✓

\Rightarrow differential forms

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Sigma} = \mathcal{S}_{\Sigma}^*(\Sigma)$$

$$H = -\nabla^2 = -(\partial \partial^* + \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^*)$$

ground state = harmonic forms, topological QM.

$$\text{Harm}^*(\Sigma) \cong \underline{H^*(\Sigma)}$$
 cohomology

Partition function = Witten index

$$0 \quad \text{Tr}(-1)^F = \text{Tr} \left((-1)^{\deg} e^{+H} \right) = \text{Euler}(\Sigma)$$

(Euler number!)

assumption:

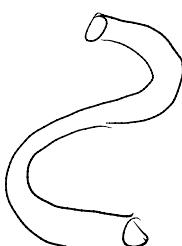
$$(1+i)d : \text{space} : S^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \text{span} \{ \phi_i, i=1, \dots, N \} \text{ finite-dim}$$

special states: $\bigcirc \overset{(D)}{\curvearrowleft} \phi_0 = |0\rangle = 1 \in \mathcal{H}$

$$0 \quad \langle \phi_1 | \dots \rangle \in \mathcal{H}^* : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Bilinear form:

$$q : \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad q_{ij} = \langle \phi_i | \phi_j \rangle$$

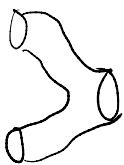


$$\eta^{-1}$$

$$= \eta^* \eta = 0 \quad \square$$

= \eta \phi_H

Pair of pants : (building blocks of 2d Riemann surfaces)



$$c: \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

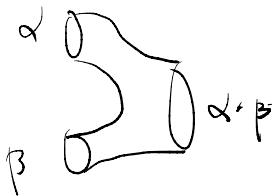
multiplication.

$$\phi_i \cdot \phi_j = c_{ij}^k \phi_k$$

(algebra)



e.g. Feynman
Diagram.



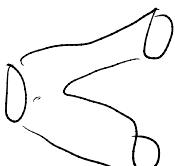
Anyon
algebra.

Hilbert space = commutative, associative

algebra ($c_{ij}^k = c_{ji}^k$)

associative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \beta & \text{---} & \alpha \\ \beta \circ \alpha & = & \alpha \circ \beta \end{array}$$
$$(\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma).$$



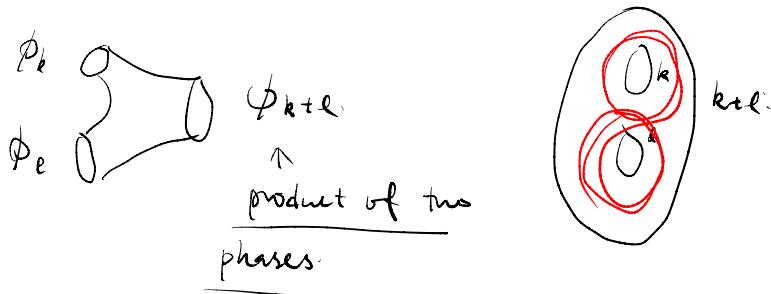
coproduct

Example: \mathbb{Z}_N gauge field



$\Phi_k = e^{2\pi i k/N}$

Holonomy around circle: $\Phi_k = e^{2\pi i k/N}$



Frobenius algebra ($i + Id$)

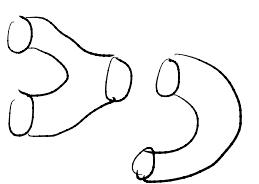
unit $\textcircled{1} \in H \quad 1 \cdot \alpha = \alpha$

Frobenius
algebra



$$c_{ijk} = c_{ij} \eta_{ik} = c_{jki} = \dots$$

$$\eta(\alpha \cdot \beta, \gamma) = \eta(\alpha, \beta \cdot \gamma)$$



$$\eta(\alpha \cdot \beta) = \langle \alpha \cdot \beta \rangle_0$$

$\exists e_i$

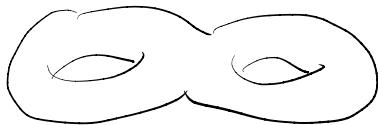
If semi-simple, then $\eta(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij} \cdot e_i \cdot e_j = \lambda_i \delta_{ij} e_i$

(no idempotents $e^2 = e$)
 \uparrow
 states $\in H$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_i \cdot e_i = \lambda_i e_i \\ 0 \end{array} \right.$$

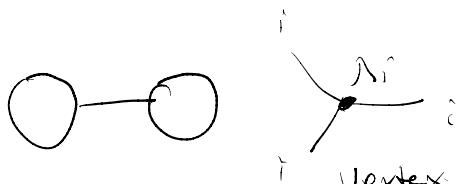
this algebra is simple and can be solved.

Example :

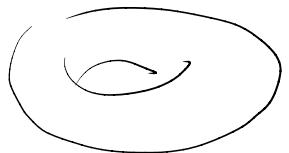


$$\phi_g = \sum_i \lambda_i^{2g-2}$$

Cut into pieces.
gluing together again



$$g=1 \Rightarrow \phi_g = \sum_{i \in H} 1$$



$$\begin{matrix} S^1 \times S^1 \\ \cong T^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\phi_1 = \text{tr } \mathbb{1} = \dim \mathcal{H}.$$

$$\underline{\phi(T^2) = \dim \mathcal{H}}.$$

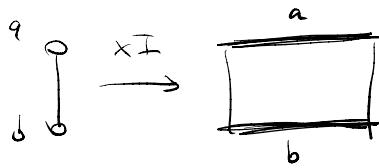
Example : 2d sigma model with superpotential $W(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/(\partial W)$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{chiral ring.} \end{matrix}$$

Semi-simple = massive model = non-deg critical pts.
(TQFT)

Boundaries: extended TQFT



H will depend on
boundary conditions!

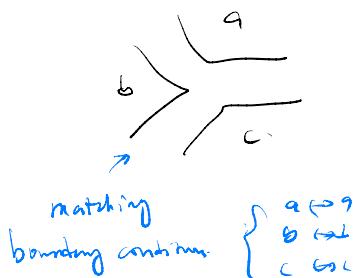
H_{ab}

L/R boundary

conditions

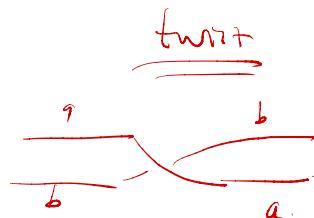
what's the boundary contours?

\Rightarrow category of boundary conditions = C



$$H_{ab} \odot H_{bc} \rightarrow H_{ac}$$

↑
no longer
commutative.
(we will have
+ introduce



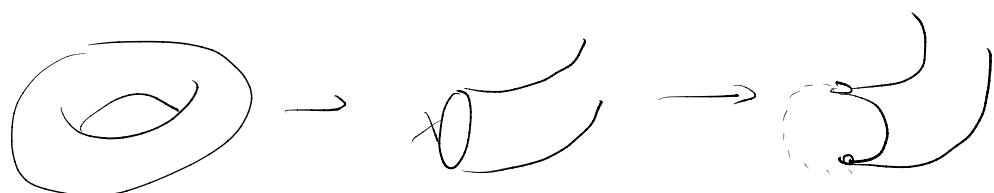
Codim 0 : closed spacetime manifold

Codim 1 : spacelike boundary : Hilbert space.

Codim 2 : corners : category of boundary conditions.

⋮

richer & richer mathematics.



M

$X = \partial M$

$B = \partial X$

$M^{n+1} \rightarrow \phi_M$

$X^n \rightarrow H_X$

$B^{n-1} \rightarrow C_B \in \text{Cat}$

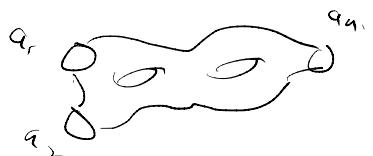
$(2+1)d$

e.g.

space closed
(Riemann surfaces).



+ boundary



Riemann
surfaces with holes

boundary conditions ; hole \longleftrightarrow canyon !

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ Hilbert space depend on
B.C. \sim Hilbert space of
canyon.

Action of diffeomorphisms

$$\varphi: X \rightarrow X \quad \varphi \in \text{Diff}(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\varphi}: \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_X \quad \hat{\varphi} \in \underline{\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_X)}$$

(+ 1d).

2D CFT :

TQFT depend only on topology
not on metric, ...

CFT depend on metric up to scale

trace anomaly \leftarrow (traceless $\overline{T^{\mu\mu}} = 0$)

chiral stress tensors : Virasoro
algebra

$$T(z) = T_{zz} \quad \bar{T}(z) = T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} \quad \partial T = \bar{\partial} \bar{T} = 0$$

holomorphic fields

only sensitive to complex structure or Riemann surface.

Laurent series.

$$T(z) = \sum L_n z^{-n-2} \Rightarrow [L_m, L_n] = (m-n)L_{m+n}$$
$$+ \frac{c}{12}(m^3 - m) \delta_{m,-n}$$

Category point of view

$$\lambda \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\quad s_1 \quad} \mathcal{H}_{s_1} \quad \text{infinite-dim representation.}$$

\Downarrow representations on \mathcal{H}_{s_1}

\Downarrow constructed on \mathcal{H} .

$\text{Vir} \otimes \overline{\text{Vir}} \xrightarrow{\text{PUR}} \text{Diff}(s')$

$\text{diffeomorphism of } s'$

\Rightarrow Action of $\text{Vir} \otimes \overline{\text{Vir}}$ on \mathcal{H} reproduces $\text{Diff}(s')$

(endowed with complex structure)

Consider Riemann surface with genus g and



M

$$n = p + g \text{ punctures}$$

(boundary
condition/composite)

$$\Phi_m : H^{\otimes p} \rightarrow H^{\otimes g}$$

Finite number of $3g - 3 + n$ of moduli

Finite dimension moduli

space of complex structures.

complex
structures
↓

(non rigorously: space of all metrics up to local

rescaling)

CFT

finite dim.

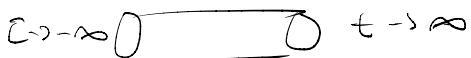
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space of all metric infinite dim.

CFT : [metric] \hookrightarrow complex structures
equivalent
classes.

Cylinder, plane, spheres

e.g. CFT on S^1



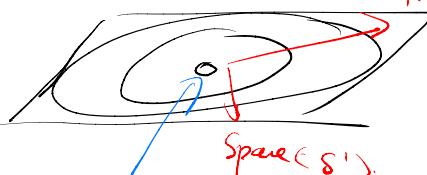
$$\downarrow \quad \omega = \tau e^{i\theta}$$

$$z = e^\omega$$

) crush =



plane.



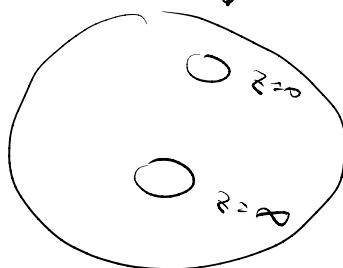
$$z \in \mathbb{C}$$

time (radial).

Space (S^1).

add a singularity
in ∞ .

Riemann sphere



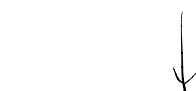
here all Euclidean
(Riemann).



Operations and states

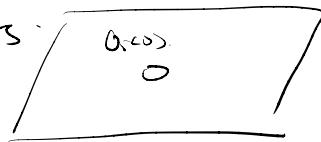
states.

$$|i\rangle \xrightarrow[]{} |f\rangle$$



states at $t=0$

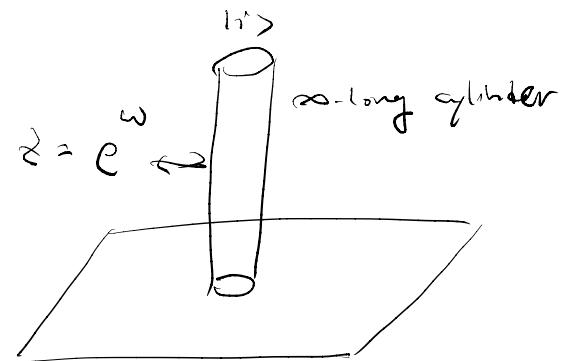
local
operators



put a boundary condition
at origin $\underline{O_{in}(0)}$

\uparrow operator-state
 \downarrow equivalence.

tube
algebra
2



$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} O(z) |i\rangle = |i\rangle$$

Vacuum = Disk.

$$|i\rangle \quad |i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Vacuum amplitude:

$$\langle i | \boxed{0 \leftarrow 0} | f \rangle$$

(this picture only \sim CFT)
different picture have different metric
but equivalent (same complex structure)

$$= \text{ () } = S^2$$

$$\langle \phi | \phi \rangle \equiv \Phi_{S^2}$$

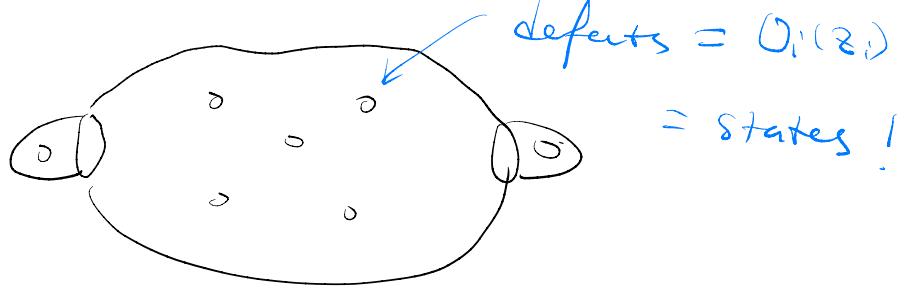
$| \phi \rangle$ state:



$$= \text{ put } \underline{1} = O_i(z=0) \quad (1^{|\phi\rangle} = |\phi\rangle)$$

generally

$$\langle \phi | O_{i_1}(z_1) \dots O_{i_n}(z_n) | \phi \rangle$$



Space \rightarrow cut into pieces
(local \mathcal{H}).

stack together

 \longrightarrow

$\mathcal{H}_{\text{global}}$

↑

Boundary
conditions

twisting, ... entanglement

tensor product state

String theory

B.C. \longrightarrow D-brane, ...

For open string

more richer

further than

boundary conditions

(category^b).-

Codim ↑ complex ↑

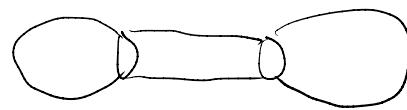
math

Finer

boundary ↑
condition

Part II

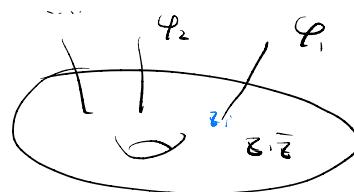
ob: Manifold with boundaries $\times \boxed{M} \rightarrow Y$
 morphism: Cobordism



2D CFT

2-dim manifold with complex structure
 (z, \bar{z}) .

operators inserted



$$\Rightarrow \Phi_M = \langle \dots \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \text{ (indices)}} | \psi_\alpha(z) |^2$$

wave functional of C-S
 (building blocks)

Free bosons Ψ

$\begin{cases} \text{holomorphic} : L\text{-moving (left half)} \\ (\text{anti})- : R\text{-moving} \end{cases}$

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\bar{z} \partial\Psi \bar{\partial}\Psi \quad \stackrel{\text{eqn.}}{\Rightarrow} \quad \partial\bar{\partial}\Psi = 0$$

modes decomposition: $\Psi = e^{\omega z} \quad \omega = \sigma + i\beta$

$$\partial\Psi(z) = \sum \underline{\alpha_n} (z)^{n-1} \quad \bar{\partial}\Psi = \sum \bar{\alpha}_n (\bar{z})^{n-1}$$

canonical quantization $\Rightarrow [\alpha_n, \alpha_m] = n \delta_{n,m}$

$$|\alpha\rangle : \quad \alpha_n |\alpha\rangle = 0 \quad n > 0$$

Fock space:

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = \text{Span} \{ \alpha_{-n_1}, \dots, \alpha_{-n_s} |0\rangle \}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{F}_0 \oplus \overline{\mathcal{F}_0} \quad (L \oplus R)$$

currents: $J(z) = \partial\Psi$



mode-0: $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_r J(z)$

Other states:

$$\alpha_0 |p\rangle = p |p\rangle$$

"charge"

$$\simeq V_p = e^{ip\cdot e}$$

Vertex operator

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{An oval containing } V_{p_1}, \dots, V_{p_n} \\
 & = \langle \prod V_{p_i}(z_i) \rangle_0 \\
 & \stackrel{\text{use}}{\substack{\delta \\ (\text{free boson})}} \langle \phi(z) \phi(w) \rangle \\
 & = -\log |z-w|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

holomorphic current = Stress tensor

$$T(z) = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2$$

For free bosons:

extended chiral algebra by expanded by

$$\begin{cases}
 T(z) = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 \rightarrow \text{Virasoro} \\
 J(z) = \partial\phi
 \end{cases}$$

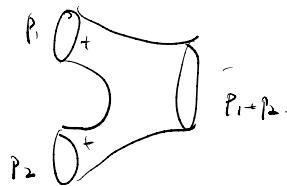
(Kac-Moody) at level 1.

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_p \otimes \mathbb{F}_p$$

↑
states $|p\rangle$

$$P_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint \frac{\partial \phi}{2\pi}$$

building blocks of 2D CFT



example:

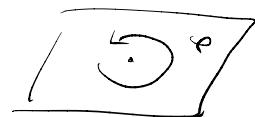
$$g = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$



$$\underline{\Phi}_{T^2} = \int dp \left| \frac{p^2}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - g^n)} \right|^2$$

Consider more generally $\begin{cases} \varphi_0 = p_L \\ \varphi_0 = p_R \end{cases}$

compact scalar : $\varphi \cong \varphi + 2\pi R$



$$\oint (dx + d\varphi) = \oint dy = 2\pi mR$$

$$P = \frac{p_L + p_R}{2} = \frac{n}{R}$$

winding

$$\Rightarrow p_L, p_R = \frac{n}{R} \pm mR$$

extended chiral algebra

$$V_{R=0} \text{ (Z)}$$

$$\text{for } \frac{n}{k} - mR = 0 \Rightarrow R^2 = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$k = m, n$$

the chiral algebra is bigger (more chiral operators) :

$e^{i\sqrt{k}\ell}$ is chiral

$$\Rightarrow \text{representation: } e^{i\frac{n\ell}{\sqrt{k}}} \quad \underline{n = 0, \dots, k-1}$$

\mathbb{Z}_k symmetry

A simple case of
Rational CFT.

RCFT: have a large enough chiral algebra

that have only a finite number of representations

Chern-Simons theory :

$$S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_M \text{tr} \left(A dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right), \quad \text{gauge group } G$$

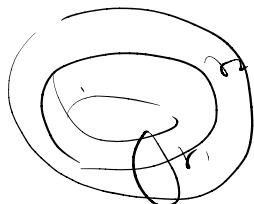


G -bundle over M^3

$\delta S = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{F = 0}$, the gauge
bundle is flat

\Rightarrow Flat connections

holonomy : $\xi_r = \text{P exp}(\oint_r A) \in G$



there's homomorphism

$$\begin{matrix} \Pi_1(M) & \mapsto & G \\ r & \mapsto & \xi_r \end{matrix}$$

up to gauge
transform

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\text{Hom}\{\Pi_1(M) \rightarrow G\}} = \overline{\text{Afflat}/G}$$

$$G \uparrow$$

space of flat
gauge field.

action

$$\boxed{\xi_r \rightarrow g \xi_r g^{-1}}$$

$$M^{\text{flat}} = \text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), G) / \boxed{G_{\text{conjugation}}} \xrightarrow{\downarrow \text{character classes}}$$

\uparrow
space of flat
bundles

($S = 0$)
this is the classical configuration
space of Chern-Simons gauge theory
(flat).

quantization :

$$A_0 = 0 \text{ (temporal gauge)} \Rightarrow \tilde{F}_{ij} = 0$$

$$\int \vec{t} \cdot d^2x dt + \text{tr} \left(\epsilon^{ij} A_i \frac{d A_j}{dt} \right)$$

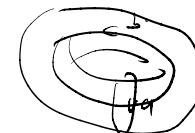
$$X^2 \xrightarrow[\text{canonical conjugation}]{\text{conjugation}} A_2 = i \hbar \frac{\delta}{\delta A_1} \quad \hbar = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

$$\text{phase space} : M^{\text{flat}}(X^2)$$

\uparrow
natural
quantization
symplectic : $\int_X \text{tr}(\delta A \wedge \delta A')$

with symplectic form
form, ($\hbar = \frac{2\pi}{k}$)

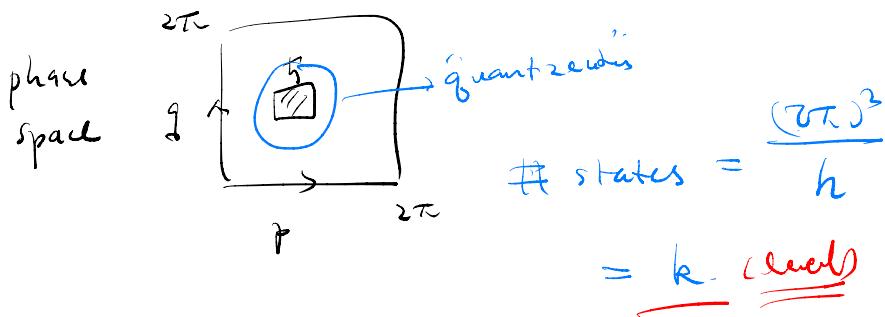
Example: $G = \text{U}(n)$, $X^2 = T^2$



$$p = \oint_a A, \quad q = \oint_b A \quad \text{mod } 2\pi$$

\sim

coordinates of B2 (dual T^2)



$$p = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q} = nh = \frac{2\pi n}{k}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_k$$

$|p\rangle = |0\rangle, \dots, |k-1\rangle$ \mathbb{Z}_k structure
of \mathcal{H}

$(2+1)d$ $(1+1)d$
 $U(1)$ Chern-Simons \longleftrightarrow compactified
boson (CFT)

b

\mathbb{Z}_k

Finite dim Hilbert space

(Chern-Simons)

Finite groups

For finite G , there's no curvature
thus any G -bundle is flat (with flat
connection
pure gauge)

$\xi : G\text{-bundle} \rightarrow M$

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), G)/G$ is finite

$$\overline{\Phi}_M = \sum_{\xi \in M} 1$$

Partition functions:

$$\overline{\Phi}_M = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\xi \in \pi_1 \rightarrow G} 1$$

$$\text{Stab}_G(\xi) = \{g | g\xi g^{-1} = \xi\}$$

↙ G -action
symmetry group
of flat bundle

$$= \text{Aut}(\xi)$$

\uparrow
particular bundle (and gauge transf.).

dividing by equivalence
classes

$$\Phi_m = \sum_{\substack{\xi \in A/G \\ \uparrow}} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut}(\xi)|} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

↑
gauge equivalent
bundles.

Example:

$$M = S^1, \quad \Phi_m = \frac{1}{|G|}$$

$$X \times \mathbb{Z}^{++}$$

phase space: $M_x = \text{Hom}(T_x(x), G)/G$



Finite set

$$\text{Hilbert space } \mathcal{H}_x = \mathbb{C}^N, \quad N = |M_x|$$

Hilbert space.

$$G =$$



$$C_B \rightarrow g_B C_B$$

$$g_B \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow \{C_A\}$$

conjugacy classes.

$$C_K \rightarrow g_A C_K$$

multiplication (up to conjugation)

\Rightarrow states may be labelled by

C_A conjugacy classes of G

quantized

Hilbert space

Recall: $(1+1) = \text{two binary algebra.}$

the algebra :

group algebra: $\mathbb{C}[G]$ but not
commutative.

instead consider:

$$\phi_A = \sum_{g \in G} g \quad \text{then} \quad \underline{\phi_A \phi_B = \phi_B \phi_A}$$

this is the center of the group algebra.

$$\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{C}(G)]$$

$$\phi_A \phi_B = \sum N_{AB}^C \phi_C$$



$$\# \{ g_A \cdot g_B = g_C \} / G$$

$$g_i \in G_i$$

Another perspective:

R_α maps of G

equivalent R_α



character: $\chi_\alpha(g) = \text{tr}(R_\alpha(g))$.

conjugacy classes

$$= \chi_\alpha^A \leftarrow \text{conjugacy class}$$

C_A

$$\chi_\alpha(1) = \dim R_\alpha = d_\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow e_\alpha = \sum_{g \in G} \chi_\alpha(g) g$$

$$\underline{e_\alpha e_\beta = \delta_{\alpha,\beta} \lambda_\alpha e_\alpha}. \quad \lambda_\alpha = \frac{|G|}{d_\alpha}$$

Group cohomology : $H^n(G, U(1))$

meaning : $n=1 \Rightarrow \alpha$ is 1D rep

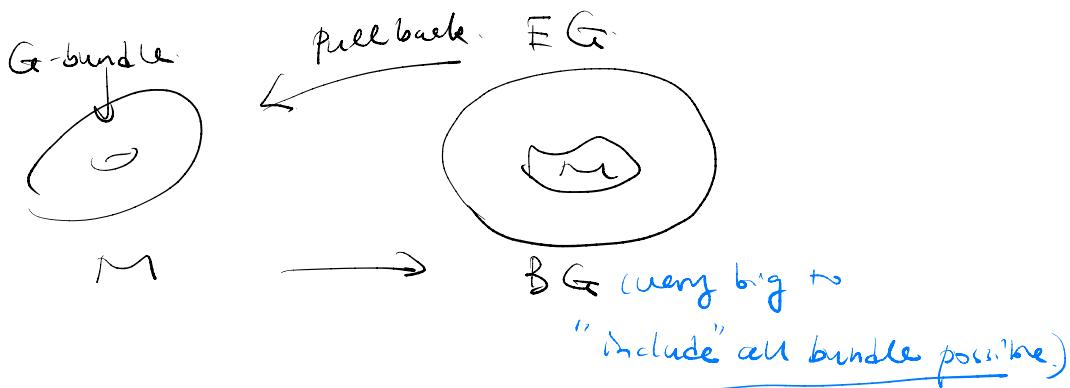
$$\alpha_{(gh)} = \alpha(g)\alpha(h).$$

$n=2 \Rightarrow$ projective rep / central extension.

$$R_{(gh)} = R(g)R(h)\alpha(g,h).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2-cycle: } & \alpha(g,h)\alpha(gh,k) \\ & = \alpha(h,k)\alpha(g,hk) \end{aligned}$$

geometrically view : classifying space.



$$B U(1) = \mathbb{RP}^\infty$$

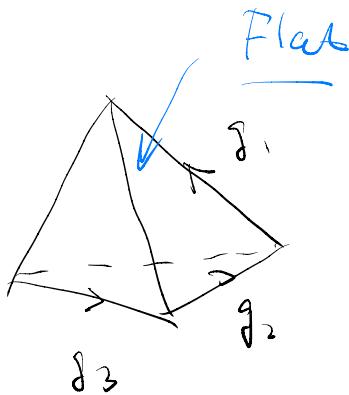
$$\text{Facts} : H^n(G, U(1)) \cong H^n(BG, U(1))$$

physically : $M \xrightarrow{\exists} BG$ $\forall \alpha \in H^*(BG, U(1))$

$$\underline{e^{iS_{\text{CS}}}} = \langle M, \exists^* \alpha \rangle$$

$\in H^n(G, U(1))$

Lattice model :



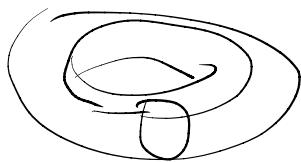
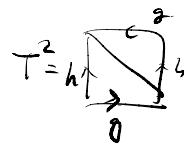
$$e^{iS} = \sum_{g \in G} \prod_{e \in g} \alpha(\triangle)$$

↑ orientation.

coycle condition \iff P-waves
(independent of triangulation).

Example

1+1 d



$$\begin{aligned} \dim H_1^g &= \overleftarrow{\sum_{gh=g}} \frac{\alpha(f \circ h)}{\alpha(h \circ g)} \\ &= \# \text{ PUIR}(G) \end{aligned}$$