

# How are (co)ends related to pseudo-traces?

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# Modular invariance

- A central theme in vertex operator algebras (VOAs) is modular invariance.
- An early breakthrough in this topic is Zhu's theorem (96): Assume that  $\mathbb{V}$  is " **$C_2$ -cofinite** and rational". Then the set of all  $\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}} q^{L_0 - \frac{c}{24}}$  span a  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -invariant space (where  $\mathbb{M} \in \mathrm{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ ).
- More generally: Let  $Y(v, z)$  denote the vertex operators (where  $v \in \mathbb{V}$ ). Then  $(v, \tau) \in \mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}} Y(v, 1) q_{\tau}^{L_0 - \frac{c}{24}}$  (over all  $\mathbb{M} \in \mathrm{Irr}$ ) span an  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -invariant space with dimension  $\#\mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{V})$ . Here  $q_{\tau} = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ .
- Note: " $C_2$ -cofinite" is a finiteness condition ensuring, e.g., that  $\mathrm{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is a finite abelian category. **We always assume  $C_2$ -cofinite in the talk.** "Rational" means that  $\mathrm{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is semi-simple.

# Modular invariance beyond rationality

- However, this modular invariance does not hold when rationality is dropped:  $\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}} q_{\tau}^{L_0 - c/24}$  is a fractional power of  $q_{\tau} = e^{2i\pi\tau}$ . However, without rationality (e.g. triplet algebras  $\mathcal{W}_p = \mathcal{W}_{1,p}$  and their generalizations  $\mathcal{W}_{q,p}$ , symplectic fermions  $SF(d)^+$ ), an  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  action of  $\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}} q_{\tau}^{L_0 - c/24}$  will contain factors such as  $\tau = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \log q_{\tau}$ .
- To rescue modular invariance, Miyamoto (04) introduced the **pseudo- $q$ -trace** construction  $(v, \tau) \in \mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}}^{\omega} Y(v, 1) q_{\tau}^{L_0 - \frac{c}{24}}$ . For  $\mathbb{M} \in \mathrm{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ , a pseudo-trace  $\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{M}}^{\omega}$  is a symmetric linear functional on a suitable subalgebra of  $\mathrm{End}(\mathbb{M})$ . This was later simplified by Arike-Nagatomo (11).
- Miyamoto showed that the pseudo- $q$ -traces form an  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -invariant space whose dimension is characterized by the higher Zhu's algebras of  $\mathbb{V}$ .

# Goal of the talk

- In the categorical and TFT approach, genus-1 data and modular invariance are understood in terms of ends and coends.

TQFT	ends and coends
VOA	pseudo-traces

The goal of this talk is to explain how these two approaches are related under the framework of VOA conformal blocks and their sewing-factorization property.

- In the first part of the talk, I will explain how (co)ends naturally appear in VOA conformal blocks. In the second part, I will relate them to pseudo-traces.

# Conformal blocks (CB)

- Recall that  $\mathbb{V}$  is always a  $C_2$ -cofinite  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded VOA.
- Fix a  $N$ -pointed compact Riemann surface with local coordinates  $\mathfrak{X} = (C; x_1, \dots, x_N; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_N)$ .
  - $C$  is a (possibly disconnected) compact Riemann surface with distinct marked points  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ .  $\eta_i$  is a local coordinate at  $x_i$  (i.e., an injective holomorphic function on a neighborhood of  $x_i$  sending  $x_i$  to 0).
- Associate  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$  to the *ordered* marked points  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ .
- A **conformal block** (CB) is a linear map  $\psi : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  invariant under the action defined by  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mathbb{V}$  (Zhu 94, Frenkel&Ben-Zvi 04). The spaces of conformal blocks is denoted by  $CB(\mathfrak{X}, \mathbb{W})$ , or

$$CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{W} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \text{Diagram of a genus-2 surface with marked points } x_1, x_2, x_3 \end{array}\right)$$

# Pictorial illustration of CB

- Suppose that  $\mathfrak{X}$  has two groups of marked points  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_K$ . We can associate  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$  to  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  in order, and associate  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K})$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_K$  in order.
  - This means associating  $\mathbb{W} \otimes \mathbb{M}$  to  $x_1, \dots, x_N, y_1, \dots, y_K$ .
- A CB  $\psi : \mathbb{W} \otimes \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  can equivalently be viewed as a linear map  $\psi^\# : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{M}'}$  satisfying certain intertwining property.



- $\mathbb{M}'$  is the contragredient of  $\mathbb{M}$ , and  $\overline{\mathbb{M}'}$  is the algebraic completion of  $\mathbb{M}$ .  
So  $\overline{\mathbb{M}'} = \mathbb{M}^*$ .

# The fusion product $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}$ and the canonical CB $\mathbb{J}_{\mathfrak{X}}$


- The CB functor is left exact.
- Any left exact functor from a finite  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear category to  $\mathcal{Vect}$  is representable (Douglas-SchommerPries-Snyder 19). So, fixing  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ , there exists  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K})$ , called the **fusion product** of  $\mathbb{W}$  along  $\mathfrak{X}$ , yielding an equivalence of linear functors  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Vect}$ :

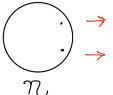
$$CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{blue } \mathbb{W} \text{ with } N \text{ punctures} \\ \text{red } \mathbb{M} \text{ with } K \text{ punctures} \end{array}\right) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M})$$


- The element  $\mathbb{J}_{\mathfrak{X}} \in CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{blue } \mathbb{W} \text{ with } N \text{ punctures} \\ \text{red } \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W} \text{ with } K \text{ punctures} \end{array}\right)$  corresponding to  $\text{id} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}, \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W})$  is called the **canonical CB**.
  - $\mathbb{J}_{\mathfrak{X}}$  can be viewed as a linear map  $\mathbb{J}_{\mathfrak{X}}^{\#} : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \overline{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}}$ .

# Examples of fusion products

•  $\begin{matrix} W_1 \rightarrow \\ W_2 \rightarrow \end{matrix}$    $\rightarrow \boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}} (W_1 \otimes W_2)$  Huang-Lepowsky-Zhang

•  $W \rightarrow$    $\rightarrow \boxtimes_{\text{Li}} W$  Li

•   $\rightarrow \boxtimes_{\tau} \mathbb{C}$  The coevaluation object  $\int_{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M'$

•   $\rightarrow \boxtimes_{\tau} \mathbb{C} \simeq$  Lyubashenko construction

$$\boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}} \left( \int_{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M' \right)$$



# Ends and coends

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a category. Let  $F : \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}) \times \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a covariant bi-functor. Let  $A \in \mathcal{D}$ .

## Definition

A family of morphisms  $\varphi_{\mathbb{W}} : A \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}')$  (for all  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ ) is called **dinatural** if for any  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$  and  $T \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}}(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{W})$ , the following diagram commutes:

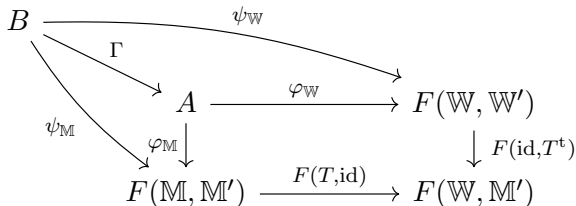
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathbb{W}}} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}') \\ \varphi_{\mathbb{M}} \downarrow & & \downarrow F(\text{id}, T^t) \\ F(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{M}') & \xrightarrow{F(T, \text{id})} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M}') \end{array}$$

Reversing arrows defines dinatural transformation  $F(\mathbb{W}', \mathbb{W}) \rightarrow A$ .

# Ends and coends

## Definition

A dinatural transformation  $\varphi_{\mathbb{W}} : A \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}')$  (for all  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ ) is called an **end** if it satisfies the universal property that for any dinatural transformations  $\psi_{\mathbb{W}} : B \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}')$  there is a unique  $\Gamma \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(B, A)$  such that  $\psi_{\mathbb{W}} = \varphi_{\mathbb{W}} \circ \Gamma$  for all  $\mathbb{W}$ . We write  $A = \int_{\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})} F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}')$ .



Reversing arrows defines **coend**  $F(\mathbb{W}', \mathbb{W}) \rightarrow A = \int^{\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})} F(\mathbb{W}', \mathbb{W})$ .

# The fusion product $\bigcirc_{\mathfrak{N}}$ is an end



- Since  $CB\left(\bigcirc_{\mathfrak{N}}\right) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{X})$ ,  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$  is the unique object in  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}) \simeq \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \otimes^{\text{Del}} \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  (equivalence due to McRae 21, RHS denotes Deligne product) giving a natural equivalence

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{X}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{Y}')$$

- Setting  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ , the identity morphism  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{M}}$  corresponds to a  $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}$ -module morphism  $\pi_{\mathbb{M}} : \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{M} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}'$ .
- The family  $(\pi_{\mathbb{M}})_{\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})}$  of morphisms is dinatural. Moreover, it is an end by a result on finite linear categories (Fuchs-Schaumann-Schweigert 16). Thus

$$\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \int_{\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{M} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}'$$

# The sewing-factorization (SF) theorem

View the canonical  $\mathfrak{I}_x \in CB(\mathbb{W} \rightrightarrows \text{disk with eye and } x, \text{red arrows } \boxtimes_x \mathbb{W})$  as a linear map  $\mathfrak{I}_x^\# : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \overline{\boxtimes_x \mathbb{W}}$ .

Theorem (SF theorem, G.-Zhang arXiv:2503.23995)

We have a linear isomorphism (called the **SF isomorphism**)

$$CB(\boxtimes_x \mathbb{W} \rightrightarrows \text{disk with eye and } x, \text{red arrows } \rightrightarrows \mathbb{M}) \xrightarrow{\cong} CB(\mathbb{W} \rightrightarrows \text{disk with eye and } x, \text{blue arrows } \rightrightarrows \mathbb{M})$$

defined by  $\phi^\# \mapsto \phi^\# \circ \mathfrak{I}_x^\#$

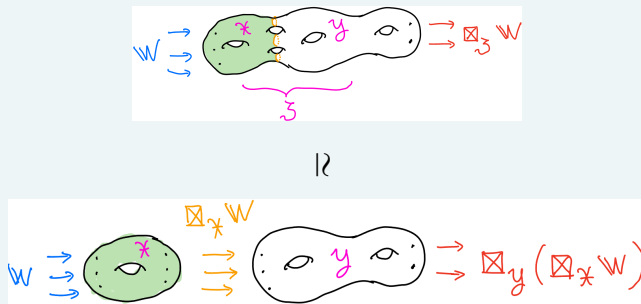
- The well-definedness of this map (proved by G.-Zhang in arXiv:2411.07707) means that  $\phi^\# \circ \mathfrak{I}_x^\#$  is convergent and is also a CB.

# Transitivity of fusion products as an SF theorem

- The **transitivity of fusion products** is an easy consequence and an equivalent form of the previous SF theorem.

Theorem (G.-Zhang arXiv:2503.23995)

We have an isomorphism  $\boxtimes_3 \mathbb{W} \simeq \boxtimes_y(\boxtimes_x \mathbb{W})$ , pictorially



and, accordingly,  $\mathfrak{J}_3^\# \simeq \mathfrak{J}_y^\# \circ \mathfrak{J}_x^\#$

# Application of the transitivity of fusion product

Recall  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{M}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \int_{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M'.$

- Applying  $\boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}} : \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  to both sides of this isomorphism, we get  $\boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{M}} \mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathbb{L}$  where  $\mathbb{L} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is the **Lyubashenko construction** (Brochier-Woike 22) defined by

$$\mathbb{L} := \boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}} \left( \int_{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M' \right)$$

- When  $\mathbb{V}$  is strongly-finite and rigid, then  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is modular (McRae 21). Then  $\int_{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M' \simeq \int^{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M' \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M$ . Since  $\boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}}$  is a left adjoint and hence commutes with coends, we get

$$\mathbb{L} \simeq \int^{M \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} M' \boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}} M$$

where the RHS is the **Lyubashenko coend** (Lyubashenko 96).

# Application of the transitivity of fusion product

From the previous page, we have  $\boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{n}} \mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathbb{L}$ .

- The **transitivity of fusion products** implies  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{T}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{n}} \mathbb{C})$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \end{array} \rightarrow \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{T}} \mathbb{C} \quad \simeq \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{pair of pants} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{n}} \mathbb{C}} \begin{array}{c} \text{pair of pants} \end{array} \rightarrow \boxtimes_{\text{HLZ}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{n}} \mathbb{C})$$

Therefore,  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{T}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{L}$ .

- By the definition of  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{T}} \mathbb{C}$ , for  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  we have natural equivalence

$$CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}}\right) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{T}} \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{M}). \text{ Therefore:}$$

Corollary (G.-Zhang arXiv:2503.23995)

*The SF isomorphism yields a natural linear isomorphism*

$$CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}}\right) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{M})$$

The isomorphism  $CB(\text{torus with dot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}} \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{M})$

- In TFT, the torus modular functors are defined by  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{M})$ . The **categorical  $S$ -transform** is defined by the Hopf pairing of  $\mathbb{L}$ .
- **Open problem** (Gainutdinov-Runkel, Creutzig-Gannon, etc.): Prove that at least when  $\mathbb{V}$  is strongly-finite and rigid, *the categorical  $S$ -transform agrees with the modular  $S$ -transform on  $CB(\text{torus with dot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}}$  (defined by  $\tau \mapsto -\frac{1}{\tau}$ )*.
- This conjecture is important for the **construction of logarithmic full CFT**, as shown by Huang-Kong in the rational case.
- The first step toward proving this conjecture must be proving  $CB(\text{torus with dot}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}} \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{M})$ . Our work is the first one establishing such an isomorphism.



We now turn to the second part, relating (co)ends and pseudo-traces.


- The notion of pseudo-traces relies heavily on associative algebra structures.
- We will relate (co)ends with pseudo-traces by showing that the end

$$\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{M}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \int_{\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{M} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}', \text{ which is the fusion product}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \mathcal{T} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{T}} \mathbb{C}, \text{ is an associative } \mathbb{C}\text{-algebra.}$$

# The $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}$ -module $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}$ as an associative algebra

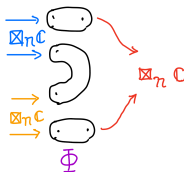
In the following, all 2-pointed spheres are standard, i.e., equivalent to  $(\mathbb{P}^1; 0, \infty; z, 1/z)$ .

- The canonical CB  $\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$  of   $\rightarrow \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}$  can be viewed as a linear  $\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\#} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \overline{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}}$ , equivalently, an element of  $\overline{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}}$ .

- By the SF theorem, there is a unique CB

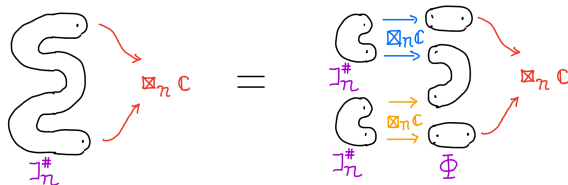
$$\Phi : (\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}) \otimes (\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C}$$

(algebraic closure not needed, since  $\Phi$  intertwines the top and bottom actions of  $L(0)$ ) for the following figure such that  $\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\#} = \Phi(\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\#} \otimes \mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\#})$ .



# The conformal block $\Phi : (\boxtimes_n \mathbb{C}) \otimes (\boxtimes_n \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \boxtimes_n \mathbb{C}$

- Pictorially,  $\Phi$  is the unique CB such that



Theorem (G.-Zhang arXiv:2508.04532)

For each  $\xi, \eta \in \boxtimes_n \mathbb{C}$ , define  $\xi \star \eta = \Phi(\xi \otimes \eta)$ . Then  $(\boxtimes_n \mathbb{C}, \star)$  is a (non-unital) associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra.

- If  $\mathbb{V}$  is rational, then  $\boxtimes_n \mathbb{C} \simeq \bigoplus_{M \in \text{Irr}} M \otimes M'$  as  $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}$ -modules and as  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras.

# The functor $\mathfrak{F} : \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{Coh}^L(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$

- Recall the  $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}$ -module morphisms  $\pi_{\mathbb{M}} : \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{M} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}'$  which are dinatural and make  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$  an end.
- Let  $\text{Coh}^L(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$  be the category of finitely-generated left  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$ -modules that are quotient modules of free modules.

Theorem (G.-Zhang arXiv:2508.04532)

$\pi_{\mathbb{M}}$  is an algebra homomorphism, and  $(\mathbb{M}, \pi_{\mathbb{M}})$  is an object of  $\text{Coh}^L(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$

Theorem (G.-Zhang arXiv:2508.04532)

The functor  $\mathfrak{F} : \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Coh}^L(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$  sending  $(\mathbb{M}, Y_{\mathbb{M}})$  to  $(\mathbb{M}, \pi_{\mathbb{M}})$  is an isomorphism of linear categories.

# Pseudo-traces for unital finite-dimensional algebras

- Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional unital  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra and  $M$  a finite-dimensional **projective** left  $A$ -module.

- The projectivity is equivalence to the existence of

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \text{Hom}_A(A, M) \quad \check{\alpha}^1, \dots, \check{\alpha}^n \in \text{Hom}_A(M, A)$$

satisfying  $\sum_i \alpha_i \circ \check{\alpha}^i = \text{id}_M$

- We have the **pseudo-trace** construction (Hattori and Stallings, 65)

$$SLF(A) \rightarrow SLF(\text{End}_A(M)) \quad \phi \mapsto \text{Tr}^\phi$$

$$\text{Tr}^\phi(x) = \sum_i \phi(\check{\alpha}^i \circ x \circ \alpha_i(1_A))$$

where **SLF**=symmetric linear functionals (i.e.  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is linear and  $\phi(xy) = \phi(yx)$ ).

- When  $G \in \text{Mod}^L(A)$  is a projective generator, the pseudo-trace map  $SLF(A) \rightarrow SLF(\text{End}_A(G))$  is a linear isomorphism (Beliakova-Blanchet-Gainutdinov 21).

# Pseudo-traces for the end $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$

- Similarly, for each projective generator  $\mathbb{G}$  of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \simeq \text{Coh}^L(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$ , we have a linear isomorphism defined by the pseudo-trace construction:

$$SLF(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} SLF(\text{End}_{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{G})) = SLF(\text{End}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{G}))$$

- $SLF(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C})$  can be identified with  $CB\left(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \end{array}\right)$ , and hence with  $CB\left(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \end{array} \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathbb{V}\right)$  by “propagation of CB”.
- By the SF theorem,  $CB\left(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \end{array} \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathbb{V}\right)$  is linearly isomorphic to  $CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \end{array} \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathbb{V}\right)$ . Therefore:

Theorem (G.-Zhang 2508.04532, conjectured by Gainutdinov-Runkel)

Let  $\mathbb{G} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  be a projective generator. Then the composition of the SF isomorphism and the pseudo-trace map yields a linear isomorphism

$$CB\left(\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \circ \end{array} \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathbb{V}\right) \simeq SLF(\text{End}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{G})).$$

# Conclusion

- **Question:** How are (co)ends related to pseudo-traces?
- **Quick answer:** The end  $\int_{\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{M} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}'$ , which is an object of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2})$ , has a natural associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra structure whose module category is equivalent to  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ , and whose SLF have a conformal-block interpretation.  
Once we have associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras, we can run the pseudo-trace machinery.