

Recall: Hael defined monoidal, braided monoidal, symmetric categories

- $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is invertible if both ev:  $X^* \otimes X \xrightarrow{\sim} 1$   
coev:  $1 \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes X^*$   
*satisfy snake equations*

Example: ① Pointed (all simple objects are invertible)  
 $\hookrightarrow V_G^\omega$

- ② Pointed braided  $\mathcal{C}(A, q)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  quadratic form
- ③  $\text{Rep}(G), \text{Rep}(H)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  (locally finite)

Defn: Tensor category =  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear rigid monoidal, abelian,  $\mathbb{1}$  is simple  
(Hom space are finite dim.)

Defn: Fusion category = tensor category, semi-simple  
finitely many iso-classes of simple objects

Goal for today: come up with many examples  
of above

Two ideas:

- $\mathcal{C}$  - given category (fusion or tensor)
  - (I) We can do algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$   
algebra:  $(A, m, i)$  where  $A \in \mathcal{C}$   
 $m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$   
 $i: \mathbb{1} \rightarrow A$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A \otimes A) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m \otimes I} & A \otimes A \\ A \otimes (A \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\quad a \quad} & \\ \downarrow m & & \\ A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{1} \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \xleftarrow{m} A \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ & \parallel & \\ & \downarrow \varphi & \\ & A & \end{array}$$

Example : ①  $\in \text{Vec}_G$  - Gr graded vector spaces

$$A = \bigoplus_{g \in G} A_g$$

$$m: A_g \otimes A_h \rightarrow A_{gh}$$

Algebras in  $\text{Vec}_G$  are Gr-graded algebras.

Examples of Gr-graded algebras:

(i)  $\mathbb{k}[G] = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathbb{k}g$  is a Gr-graded algebra

(ii)  $\mathbb{k}[G]_\psi = (\mathbb{k}[G])$  twisted by a 2-cocycle  $\psi$

(it gives a skew graded algebra)

(iii)  $H \leq G$

$\mathbb{k}[H]_\psi \rightsquigarrow$  still Gr-graded but in a slightly degenerate way

## ② $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$

(i) For  $H \leq G$ ,

$\mathbb{k}[H]_\psi$  where  $\psi$  is st.  
 $2\psi = \omega|_H$

$\mathbb{k}[H]_\psi$  is an algebra in  $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$

Exercise: associativity corresponds to exactly the condition  $2\psi = \omega|_H$

Given an algebra  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

We can form  $\mathcal{C}_A$  ( $\text{or } A\text{-mod}(\mathcal{C})$ )

= category of (right)  
 $A$ -modules in  $\mathcal{C}$

- $(M, \mu) \in \mathcal{C}$  is called right  $A$ -module if  
 $\mu: M \otimes A \rightarrow M$  satisfies

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M \otimes A) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes I} & M \otimes A \\ \downarrow \alpha & \lrcorner & \downarrow \mu \\ M \otimes (A \otimes A) & & \\ \downarrow I \otimes \mu & \longrightarrow & M \end{array}$$

- $A$  semisimple  $\iff \mathcal{C}_A$  is <sup>(right)</sup> semisimple category

Exercise: Right semisimple  $\iff$  left semisimple  
(Proof uses rigidity)

(Can also form category of Hopf modules, right?)  
in  $\mathcal{C}$

II

$\mathcal{C}$  is itself a "ring"  
modules categories over  $\mathcal{C}$

are categories  $M$  with  
bifunctor  $\boxtimes: \mathcal{C} \times M \rightarrow M$

$$(X, M) \mapsto X \boxtimes M$$

$M$  is  
 $\mathbb{k}$ -linear,  
abelian  
(later want  
s-s as well)

need associativity constraint

$$(X \otimes Y) \otimes M \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes (Y \otimes M)$$

+ need this constraint to satisfy a  
pentagon axiom

Example:  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}$   
any additive  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear category  $M$   
is a module category of  $\mathcal{C}$   
(Using just tensor product?)

Eg:  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(G)$   
 $H \leq G$ , take  $M = \text{Rep}(H)$

want  
bifunctor  $\text{Rep}(G) \times \text{Rep}(H) \longrightarrow \text{Rep}(H)$   
 $X, M \mapsto X \otimes M$

where  $X \otimes M := (\text{Res}_H^G X) \otimes M \in \text{Rep}(H)$

Eg:  $\Psi$ : 2-cocycle on  $H$   
 $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{k}[H]_\Psi)$  is a module category  
over  $\text{Rep}(G)$

$$X \otimes M := (\text{Res}_H^G X) \otimes H$$

Eg: for algebra  $A \in \mathcal{C}$   
 $\mathcal{C}_A$  is a <sup>(left)</sup>module category over  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_A$$

$$X \otimes M := X \otimes M$$

Ex: check that  $X \otimes M \in \mathcal{C}_A$  and  
associativity is true

$A$  semisimple  $\iff \mathcal{C}_A$  semisimple

(today all module cats. are semisimple)

Theorem If  $\mathcal{C}$  is fusion cat. &  $M$  is a semisimple (left) module category over  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $\exists A \in \mathcal{C}$  s.t.

$$M \cong {}_{\mathcal{C}A}$$

↑  
as  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules      (make this precise)  
categorically

**WARNING:** This thm says that  $A$  exists,  
but  $A$  is not unique.

Defn:  $A_1, A_2$  algebras in  $\mathcal{C}$  are called Morita equivalent if

$$\mathcal{C}_{A_1} \cong \mathcal{C}_{A_2}$$

↑ as  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories

- We can restrict to indecomposable algs. and simple  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories

Eg:  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(G)$

What are semisimple indec. algebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ ?

Algebras in  $\text{Rep}(G)$  are algebras in  $\text{Vec}$  with action of  $G$  s.t.  $m, i$  are  $G$ -module maps.

- (i)  $A$  has to be semisimple in  $\text{Vec}$   
(ii) By A.W.,  $A = \bigoplus_i \text{Mat}_{n_i}(\mathbb{K})$

$\{e_i\}$  - primitive central idempotents

↳ one for each summand

$G$  acts on  $\{e_i\}$ .

- for the algebra to be indecomposable,  $G$  action on  $\{e_i\}$  should be transitive
- this action should be same as  $G \supseteq G/H$  for some  $H \leq G$ ,  
 $(H = \text{stabilizer of action})$
- $H$  acts on one particular summand  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{k})$   
 $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{k}) = V \otimes V^*$   
&  $H$  acts projectively on  $V$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  2-cocycle on  $H$  &  
 $V = \mathbb{k}[H]_\psi$  - module

To summarize:

We need  $H \subset G$ ,  $\psi = 2\text{-cocycle on } H$   
 $V = \text{module over } \mathbb{k}[\psi]_H$

then,  $V \otimes V^* \in \text{Rep}(H)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ind}_H^G(V \otimes V^*)$$

$$V \otimes V^* = \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{k})$$

$\hookrightarrow$  is algebra

then  $\text{Ind}_H^G(V \otimes V^*)$   
is also an algebra

(with  $H, \psi$  fixed if we change  $V$ , we  
get something Morita eq.)  
(we can conjugate  $H$ , that too gives  
something Morita eq.)

with  $A = \text{Ind}_H^G(V \otimes V^*)$ , one gets

$$C_A \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}(\mathbb{k}[H]_\psi)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{k}\text{-module}$

turns out,  $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{k}[H]_{\psi})$  are all  $E$ -modules !!

given  $(H, \psi)$

$(H, \psi) \& (H', \psi')$  are  $M$ - $E$ - if they are "conjugates"

Eg: If  $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\sim}_{\text{monoidal}} \mathcal{D}$ , then module categories are the same.

Question: When does  $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{k}[H]_{\psi})$  have only 1-simple object isomorphisms?

Ans: This is classical alg question.  
When does  $\mathbb{k}[H]_{\psi}$  have 1-irr representation?

want  $\mathbb{k}[H]_{\psi} \simeq \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{k})$   
 $\Rightarrow |H|$  has to be a square.

Eg: i)  $H = C_2 \times C_2$   $C_2 = \{g \mid g^2 = 1\}$   
can be twisted to get  $\text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{k})$

ii)  $H = C_4$  second cohomology is trivial  
 $\therefore$  can't be twisted to  $\text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{k})$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(D_8)$   $\mathcal{D} = \text{Rep}(D_8)$   
 ~~$D_8$~~  What are modules with exactly 1 object?

$D_8 : \{e\}$

subgroups of order 4 want those of type  $C_2 \times C_2$  not  $C_4$

$\mathbb{Q}_8$  has only 1 element of order 2  
 $\Rightarrow$  has no subgroup of type  $C_2 \times C_2$   
 but there are some of this type in  $D_8$

$\therefore \text{Rep}(D_8)$  and  $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Q}_8)$  are not equivalent.

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endofunctors form a monoidal category

Given  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M}$ , one can form

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* := \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{k-linear functions}$$

$\uparrow$  monoidal !  
 $\downarrow$  k-linear

Thm (Etingof - Nikshych - O.) If char  $k = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  fusion,  $\mathcal{M}$  semisimple, indecomposable then  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^*$  is fusion.

(this is good way of producing new monoidal categories)

Example: Take  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(G)$   
 $\mathcal{M} = \text{Rep}(k[H])$

take  $H = \{e\}$

then  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* = \text{Vec}_G$  !!

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$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}_A$ , then  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* = {}_A\mathcal{C}_A = A\text{-bimodules}$   
 in  $\mathcal{C}$

Eg: Take  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}_G$ ,  
 $A = \mathbb{K}[H]_{\psi}$        $H \subseteq G$ ,  $\psi$ -2 cocycle  
Take  $\psi = \text{Id}$

then  $\mathcal{C}_{e_A} = {}_A\mathcal{C}_A$

There is a geometric way to think about this

$\mathcal{C}_{e_A} = {}_A\mathcal{C}_A = H\text{-equivariant sheaves}$   
on  $G/H$

This gives new understanding

Eg:  $G = S_n$        $H = S_{n-1}$

then  $G/H = \{ \underbrace{1, 2, \dots, n-1, n} \}$

↑  
2 orbits

$H$ -equivariant sheaves

$$= \text{Rep}(S_{n-1}) \oplus \text{Rep}(S_{n-2})$$

(there is a way to impose fusion structure on it)

But  $\text{Rep}(S_{n-1})$  has a structure of fusion category.

$M$  is module category for  $\mathcal{C}_M^*$

and it turns out

$$\text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}_M^*}(M, M) \cong \mathcal{C}$$

Thm: Module categories over  $\mathcal{C}$

↑  
Module categories over  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{in}}^*$   $M$  is  
s.l.  
indecom.  
module

[ $\therefore \text{Vec}_G$  module categories  $\longleftrightarrow \text{Rep}(G)$ -module categories]

Defn:  $\mathcal{C}$  is (<sup>weak</sup>) Morita equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{in}}^*$

want this to be

reflexive  $\rightarrow$  exercise

symmetric  $\rightarrow$  we discussed

transitive  $\rightarrow$  requires work

so that it becomes a relation.