

$\mathbb{Z}G$ is a commutative alg over \mathbb{C} with also
 an inner product. $(a, b)_{\text{herm}} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{a(g)} b(g)$

There is a related complex bilinear, non-deg form

defined as follows:

On characters $\overline{\chi_V(g)} = \chi_V(g^{-1})$ since eigenvals
 are roots of unity. so ~~on~~ the bilinear form

$$(a, b)_{\text{herm}} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g a(g^{-1}) b(g)$$

agrees with $(,)_{\text{herm}}$ on chars ^{which span} V so it is non-degenerate
 (but obviously, it is different from $(,)_{\text{herm}}$).

Def'n A (symmetric, commutative) Frobenius alg
 over \mathbb{C} is a commutative algebra A over \mathbb{C}
 equipped with a symmetric, non-deg pairing \langle , \rangle
 satisfying $\langle ab, c \rangle = \langle a, bc \rangle$.

so $\mathbb{R}G \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{Z}G$ is an example.

Frobenius algebras have a beautiful interpretation
 in terms of topology which is important in physics

We will explain $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Frobenius} \\ \text{algs over } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{1+1 dim} \\ \text{TQFTs} \end{array} \right\}$

Categorical description of Frobenius algebras:

If A is the underlying \mathbb{C} -vector space of an algebra, we can regard the algebra structure as defined by two ~~elements~~ maps:

$$m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A \quad (\text{multiplication})$$

$$1_A: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A \quad (\text{unit})$$

satisfying various axioms: all the usual properties of multiplication and unit can be formulated in terms of maps:
e.g.:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Associativity: } A \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\text{Id} \otimes m} & A \otimes A \\ \downarrow m \otimes \text{Id} & \nearrow & \downarrow m \\ A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Unit: } & A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & A \otimes \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\text{Id} \otimes 1_A} & A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \\ & & & & & \searrow \text{Id}_A & & \end{array}$$

etc...

The non-deg. pairing gives an isomorphism

$$A \rightarrow A^* \quad \text{so dualizing } m \text{ and } 1_A \text{ gives}$$

co-unit and co-multiplication

$$\mu: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \Delta: A \rightarrow A \otimes A$$

example in ZCG $\mu(a) = (a, 1) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_i a(\mathbb{I}d)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, b \rangle = \mu(ab) &= \mu\left(\sum_{g, g'} a(g) b(g') g g'\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g a(g^{-1}) b(g) \end{aligned}$$

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(Symmetric, commutative) Frobenius algebras have an entirely topological formulation which is easy to understand, even if you don't know much topology.

First the abstract definition:

Def'n A $(1+1)$ -dim'l topological quantum field theory (TQFT) is functor \mathbb{Z} of symmetric, monoidal, tensor categories:

$$\mathbb{Z}: 2\text{Cob} \longrightarrow \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

from the category of oriented 2dim cobordisms to the category of \mathbb{C} -vector spaces.

This amounts to the following data

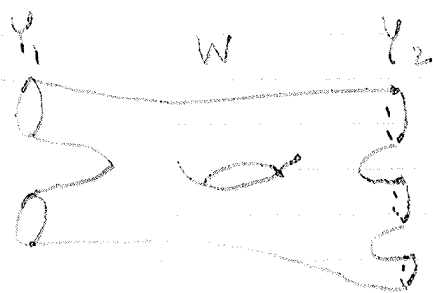
- ① $Z(-)$ assigns to each compact, oriented 1-manifold a \mathbb{C} -vector space and disjoint unions should correspond to tensor products. i.e

$$Z(S^1) = A, \quad Z(\underbrace{S^1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup S^1}_r) = Z(S^1) \otimes \dots \otimes Z(S^1) = A^{\otimes r}$$

$$Z(\emptyset) = \mathbb{C}$$

- ② To each oriented cobordism W from Y_1 to Y_2

$$Z(W): Z(Y_1) \rightarrow Z(Y_2) \quad \text{linear map}$$



"Incoming" versus "Outgoing" boundaries distinguished by whether or not orientation agrees with induced orientation

$$A \otimes A \xrightarrow{Z(W)} A \otimes A \otimes A$$

- ③ if $W \cong W'$ diffeomorphic by a boundary preserving oriented diffeomorphism, then $Z(W) = Z(W')$

$$Z\left(\text{Diagram 1}\right) = Z\left(\text{Diagram 2}\right)$$

(4) $Z(W_1 \sqcup W_2) = Z(W_1) \otimes Z(W_2)$

$$Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right) = Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right) \otimes Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right)$$

$A \otimes A \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes A \otimes A$

(5) concatenation of cobords \mapsto composition of maps.

$$Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right) \circ Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right) = Z \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \text{diagram 2} \\ \text{diagram 3} \end{array} \right)$$

$A \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow I$ $A \rightarrow I$

(6) $Z(\text{cylinder}) = \text{Id}_A$

Rk. $(n+1)$ -dim'l TQFT. Some idea using n manifolds and $n+1$ dim'l boundaries

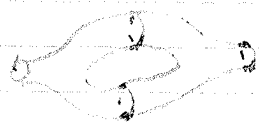
Rk. If W is a closed 2 manifold then it can be regarded as a cobordism from \emptyset to \emptyset

$$Z(\text{closed mfd}) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ determined by invariant } \lambda = \text{tr}$$

by axiom (3) $Z(\text{closed mfd})$ is a topological invariant of manifold.

string theory: $Z(s') = A$ is the "Hilbert space of 1-particle states"

$Z(W)$ gives evolution of states through a world sheet.



strings inside and relative

$$A \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow A$$

(Turaev, Dijkgraaf) There is a bijective correspondence:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lil. (mod) TRFT} \\ \text{over } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric, commutative,} \\ \text{Frobenius alg's mod } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\}$$

pt. Given a TRFT Z define a Frobenius algebra as follows. Let $A = Z(s')$

$$Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{in} \\ \text{out} \end{array}\right) : A \otimes A \rightarrow A \quad \text{multiplication}$$

$$Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{in} \\ \text{out} \end{array}\right) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A \quad \text{unit}$$

$$Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{in} \\ \text{out} \end{array}\right) : A \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{pairing.}$$

check axioms of Frob. algebra:

commutativity:

$$Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with two crossings} \end{array}\right) = Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with two crossings} \end{array}\right)$$

Associativity:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with three inputs and one output} \end{array} \cong \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with three inputs and one output} \end{array}$$

-Unit axiom:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with one input and one output} \end{array} \cong \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with one input and one output} \end{array}$$

$$A \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow A$$

$$x \mapsto x \otimes 1_A \mapsto x \cdot 1_A$$

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with three inputs and one output} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with three inputs and one output} \end{array}$$

Pairing is non-deg. $\Leftrightarrow A \rightarrow A^*$ is an isomorphism

$$a \mapsto \langle a, - \rangle$$

i.e. it has an inverse $A^* \rightarrow A \Leftrightarrow$ a capping $\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with one input and one output} \end{array}$

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{cap}} A \otimes A \otimes A \xrightarrow{\text{cap}} A$$

such that

in a basis g_{ij}
has inverse g^{nm}

$$\sum_n g^{nm} g_{mk} = \delta^n_k$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with one input and one output} \end{array} \cong \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with one input and one output} \end{array}$$

Converse: a TQFT is determined by its values

on pair of pants, cap, tube

(Morse theory, every Riemann surf has a pair of pants)

Goal: find a geometric interpretation of $Z_G(-)$
 the TQFT corresponding to ZCG, use our theory of
 characters to deduce nice geometric results.

We have an obvious basis for ZCG labelled
 by conjugacy classes $\{e_\alpha\}$ $e_\alpha = \sum_{g \in \alpha} g$

Tensor
 calculus:

Given a basis for A we can express a linear
 map $f: A^{\otimes r} \rightarrow A^{\otimes s}$ via tensor coefficients:

$$f(e_{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{\alpha_r}) = \sum_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s} f_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r}^{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s} e_{\beta_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{\beta_s}$$

we use summation convention: repeated indices, one up one down,
 are summed over $f(e_{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{\alpha_r}) = f_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r}^{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s} e_{\beta_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{\beta_s}$

f is determined by tensor coeffs $f_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r}^{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s} \in \mathbb{C}$

e.g. $f: A \rightarrow A$ f_a^b matrix entries.

Composition: $A \otimes A \xrightarrow{f} A \otimes A \xrightarrow{g} A$

$$e_a \otimes e_b \mapsto f_{ab}^{\gamma\delta} e_\gamma \otimes e_\delta \mapsto f_{ab}^{\gamma\delta} g_{\gamma\delta}^\epsilon e_\epsilon$$

$$\text{i.e. } (g \circ f)_{ab}^\epsilon = f_{ab}^{\gamma\delta} g_{\gamma\delta}^\epsilon$$

$$\text{Kronecker } \delta \quad \delta_a^b = \begin{cases} 1 & a=b \\ 0 & a \neq b \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } f: A \rightarrow A \text{ has inverse } g \Leftrightarrow f_a^b g_b^c = \delta_a^c$$

Non-degenerate form $g: A \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $g_{\alpha\beta}$

Non-deg means induced map $A \rightarrow A^*$ is an iso.

The inverse map $A^* \rightarrow A$ corresponds to co-pairing $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow A \otimes A$ given by $g^{\alpha\beta}$; the inverse condition is $g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta\gamma} = \delta^\alpha_\gamma$.

The form g (or metric g) gives us a way of raising and lowering indices:

$$m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A \iff A \otimes A \otimes A^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ then}$$

$$\text{via } g: A^* \rightarrow A \text{ we get } A \otimes A \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ v \otimes w \otimes u \mapsto g(m(v \otimes w), u)$$

in tensor language:

$$m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A \text{ is given by } m_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$$

$$A \otimes A \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is given by } m_{\alpha\beta\gamma} := m_{\alpha\beta}^{\delta} g_{\delta\gamma}$$

so for example co-multiplication $A \rightarrow A \otimes A$

$$\text{is given by } m_{\beta}^{\alpha\gamma} := m_{\alpha\delta}^{\gamma} g_{\delta\beta} g^{\alpha\epsilon} g_{\epsilon\gamma}$$

Any Frobenius alg. is determined by, m, g, μ mult, pairing, unit.

$$A \otimes A \otimes A \xrightarrow{m} \mathbb{C} \quad A \otimes A \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{C} \quad A \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{C}$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta\gamma}, g_{\alpha\beta}, \mu_{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \mathbb{Z} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \mathbb{Z} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

In the case of $z \in G$ $\{x\}$ conj. classes of G

$$e_x = \sum_{g \in x} g$$

recall $\mu(\sum a(g)g) = \frac{1}{|G|} \chi(x)$

i.e. $\mu_x = \mu(e_x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|G|} & x = \{1\} \\ 0 & x \neq \{1\} \end{cases}$

$$f(\sum a(g)g, \sum b(h)h) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum a(g) b(g^{-1})$$

$$f_{\alpha\beta} = f(e_\alpha, e_\beta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha \neq \bar{\beta} \quad \bar{\beta} \text{ conj class of inverse elts of } \beta \\ \frac{|\alpha|}{|G|} & \alpha = \bar{\beta} \end{cases}$$

let $z(x) = |\text{Centralizer}|$ $f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{z(x)} \delta_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$

$$f^{\alpha\beta} = z(x) \delta_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= f(m(e_\alpha \otimes e_\beta) \otimes e_\gamma) = \langle e_\alpha \cdot e_\beta, e_\gamma \rangle = \langle e_\alpha \cdot e_\beta \cdot e_\gamma, 1 \rangle \\ &= \mu(e_\alpha \cdot e_\beta \cdot e_\gamma) = \frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \left\{ \text{id. term of } \sum_{g \in \alpha} \sum_{h \in \beta} \sum_{k \in \gamma} ghk \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \left\{ g \in \alpha, h \in \beta, k \in \gamma : ghk = 1 \right\}$$

Idea: make these numbers geometric - they should count something.

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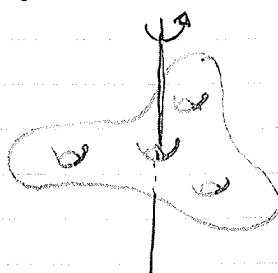
Def'n A free G -space is a topological space P on which G acts freely and continuously, i.e. for all $g \in G$

$$\phi_g: P \rightarrow P \quad \text{continuous map.} \quad \neq$$

such that $\phi_{gh}(x) = \phi_g(\phi_h(x))$, $\phi_{id} = Id_x$

(free $x \neq \phi_g(x)$ unless $g = id$).

e.g. \mathbb{Z}_2 acts freely on:



but similar action on

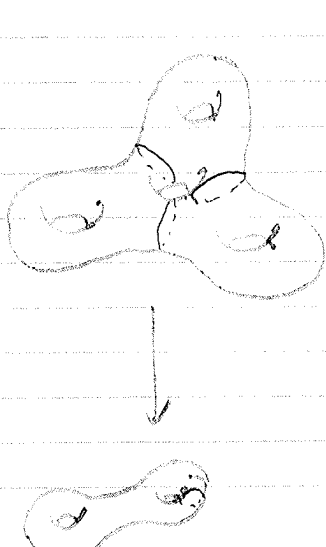


not free (2 fixed pts)

each orbit is a copy of G . let $X = P/G$ be

the orbit space: we identify $x \sim \phi_g(x)$

If P is a manifold then $X = P/G$ is a manifold



\mathbb{Z}_2
quotients

Def'n A principal G -bundle over X is a free G -space P such that $X = P/G$. $P = X \times G$ is called the trivial bundle.

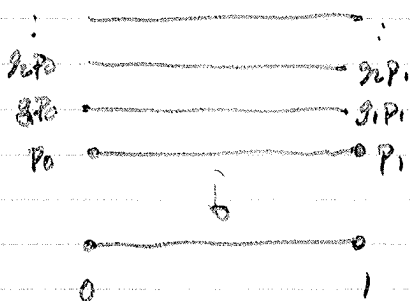
Question: given a Riemann surface X how many Principal G bundles over X are there?

(Related to Galois theory: If $P \rightarrow X$ is a principal G bundle then the field of meromorphic fns on P is a Galois extension of the field of meromorphic fns on X with Galois gp G).

We begin by studying Principal G bundles over S^1 .

We use the fact that all principal G bundles over $[0, 1]$ are trivial. $S^1 = [0, 1] / 0 \sim 1$ so we can

get $P \rightarrow S^1$ by gluing $G \times [0, 1]$ to itself:



we can make a principal bundle on S^1 by gluing p_0 to $g.p_1$ some $g \in G$

once this choice is made all other gluings are determined.

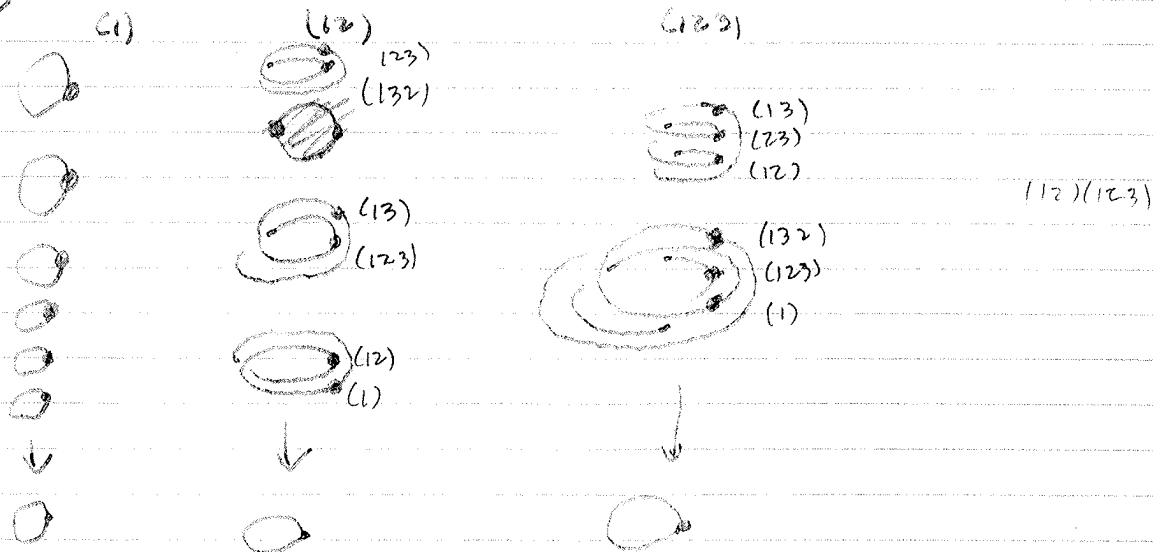
Since we had chosen a different labelling of the fiber over 0, i.e. some other $p'_0 = h.p_0$

then p'_0 is glued to $hgh^{-1}p'_1$:

$$p'_0 = hp_0 \sim hgp_1 = hgh^{-1}hp_1 = hgh^{-1}p'_1$$

so the bundle is determined by a conjugacy class
called monodromy (around the circle) ^{of the bundle}.

S_3 bundles on S^1 :



Theorem Let $Z_g(-)$ be the TQFT associated to the Frobenius alg. Z_g . Let $Z_g(g_i)_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$ be the tensor coeffs of

$$Z_g\left(\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ i \end{pmatrix} \cup \underbrace{\emptyset \cup \emptyset \cup \dots \cup \emptyset}_{W_g(g_i)}}_{W_g(g_i)}\right) : A^{\otimes r} \rightarrow F$$

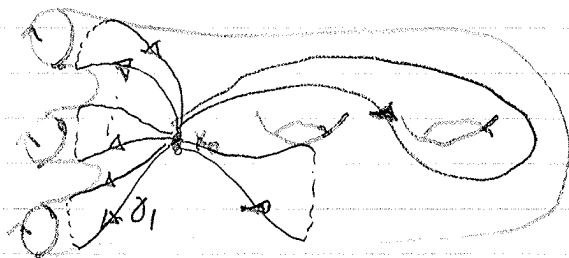
with respect to the basis $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \text{alg. } W_g(g_i)}$ $e_\alpha = \sum_{j \in \alpha} y_j$

Then $Z(g)_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r} = \#$ of principal bundles \mathcal{P} on $W_r(g)$ having monodromy α_i about the i th boundary component. We count each bundle by $\frac{1}{\#Aut-P} = \frac{1}{|G|}$.

In particular $Z_G(g) = \#$ princ. G -bundles on $(\text{disk}) \dots (\text{disk})$.

We sketch the proof. We show this forms a TQFT and we show it agrees with ZEG on pants, tube, and cap.

Pick a base point $x_0 \in W_r(g)$ and choose a point $p_0 \in \pi^{-1}(x_0)$. Then each loop $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow W_r(g)$ with $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = x_0$ determines an element of G by monodromy.



$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r$ are loops homotopic to the loop around boundary components

This defines a homomorphism $\phi \in \text{Hom}(\pi_1(W_r(g)), G)$ such that $\phi(\gamma_i) \in \alpha_i$. This uniquely determines the principal bundle. So

$$Z_G(W_r(g))_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r} = \frac{1}{|G|} \# \{ \phi \in \text{Hom}(\pi_1(W_r(g)), G) : \phi(\gamma_i) \in \alpha_i \}$$

$$Z(\alpha) = |\text{centralizer}(\alpha)| = \frac{|\alpha|}{|\Lambda|}$$

$$:= Z(\beta_1) \cdots Z(\beta_s) Z_g(W_{g+s}(\beta))_{\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_r \beta_1 \cdots \beta_s}$$

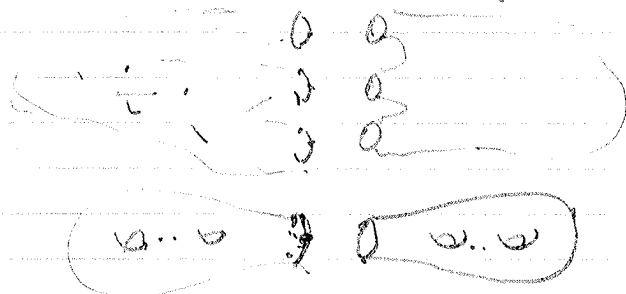
Prop: The above defines a TQFT, i.e. composition law holds

e.g.

$$Z_g(\underbrace{\bigcirc \cdots \bigcirc}_{g_1+g_2}) \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\alpha} Z_g(\underbrace{\bigcirc \cdots \bigcirc}_{g_1})_{\alpha} Z_g(\underbrace{\bigcirc \cdots \bigcirc}_{g_2})_{\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha| Z_g(W_1(g_1))_{\alpha} Z_g(W_1(g_2))_{\alpha}$$

can glue bundles with opposite monodromy $\frac{|\alpha|}{|\Lambda|}$ number of ways to glue.



Since the principal bundle TQFT agrees with the one from ZGS on cap, pants, & tube they agree in general.

Our original topological problem:

$$Z_g(g) = \# \text{ Princ. } G\text{-bundles over closed genus } g \text{ surface}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \# \text{ Hom}(\pi_1(\Sigma_g), G)$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \# \left\{ (a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g) \in G^{2g} : \prod_{i=1}^g a_i b_i a_i^{-1} b_i^{-1} = 1 \right\}$$

looks like a very difficult combinatorial group theory problem.

Theorem: $Z_R(g) = \sum_{\substack{\text{irr. repr.} \\ R}} \left(\frac{\dim}{\dim R} \right) g^{\dim R - 1}$

Def'n. A TRFT/Frob alg is semi-simple if the alg. is semi-simple: i.e. \exists a basis V_α s.t.
 $V_\alpha \circ V_\beta = \delta_{\alpha\beta} V_\alpha$.

Exercise. Suppose A is a semi-simple Frob. alg with idempotent basis e_1, \dots, e_n (so $e_i \circ e_j = \delta_{ij} e_i$)
 let $\mu_i = \mu(e_i)$. Show that $\mu_i \neq 0$ and letting $\lambda_i = \mu_i^{-1}$, show that

$$Z\left(\underbrace{\text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}}_g\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i g^{\dim R_i - 1}$$

Hint: compute $\underbrace{\text{---} \circ \text{---}}_g$, then $\underbrace{\text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}}_g \dots \underbrace{\text{---} \circ \text{---}}_g \text{---}$

Theorem. ZCG is semi-simple with idempotent basis

$$V_R = \dim R \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \chi_R(g) g$$

pf: For any repr. W and any irreducible R
 consider $\phi_R: W \rightarrow W$

$$\phi_R(w) = \dim R \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \chi_R(g) g \cdot w$$

ϕ_R is G -linear:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_R(hw) &= \frac{\dim R}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi_R(g)} (h^{-1}g)ghw & g' = h^{-1}gh \\ &= \frac{\dim R}{|G|} \sum_{g' \in G} \overline{\chi_R(g')} h g' w = h \phi_R(w)\end{aligned}$$

By Schur's lemma $\phi_R: R' \rightarrow R'$ is equal to $\lambda \text{Id}_{R'}$

~~ϕ_R~~ if R' is irr. and in this case

$$\text{tr}(\phi_R) = \lambda \dim R' = \dim R \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi_R(g)} \chi_R(g) = \int_{RR'} \dim R$$

so $\lambda = \int_{RR'}$ thus ϕ_R is projection onto R summands of W .

Let $W = R \otimes \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}[G]$ then $\phi_R: \mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[G]$ is just multiplication by V_R and since

$\phi_R \circ \phi_{R'} = \int_{RR'} \phi_R$ we get $V_R \circ V_{R'} = \int_{RR'} V_R$ in $\mathbb{C}[G]$ since V_R are central and span $\mathbb{C}[G]$,

the theorem follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(V_R) &= \mu\left(\dim R \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi_R(g)} g\right) = \dim R \frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \frac{1}{|G|} \overline{\chi_R(1)} \\ &= \frac{\dim^2 R}{|G|^2} \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda_R = \frac{|G|^2}{(\dim R)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise $\Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{C}_G(g) = \sum_R \left(\frac{|G|}{\dim R}\right)^{2g-2}$

verify formula for $g=0$ and $g=1$ "by hand"

$$\chi(\text{circle}) = \frac{1}{|G|} \# \text{Hom}(\pi_1(S^1), G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{the only bundle} \\ \text{is the trivial} \\ \text{bundle} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_R \frac{(\dim R)^2}{|G|^2} = \frac{1}{|G|^2} |G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\chi(\text{torus}) = \frac{1}{|G|} \# \text{Hom}(\pi_1(\text{torus}), G)$$

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \# \{ a, b \in G \mid \underbrace{ab = ba}_{a = bab^{-1}} \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{a \in G} |C(a)| = \sum_{a \in G} \frac{1}{|\text{conj}(a)|}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{conj classes}} 1 = \# \text{ conj classes.}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_R \left(\frac{|G|}{\dim R} \right)^0 = \# \text{ irr repr} = \# \text{ conj. classes} \quad \checkmark$$

Relationship with covering spaces:

There is a correspondence:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Principal } S_d\text{-bundles} \\ \text{on } X \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{degree } d, \text{ not nec. connected,} \\ \text{covering spaces of } X \end{array} \right\}$$

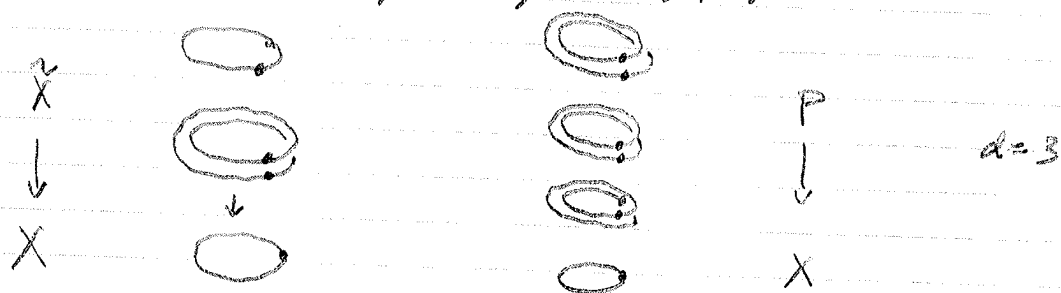
given a principal S_d -bundle $P \rightarrow X$ we can make a degree d cover $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ by $\tilde{X} = (P \times \{1, \dots, d\}) / S_d$

conversely, given a degree d cover $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$

define $P = \{ \phi: \{1, \dots, d\} \hookrightarrow \tilde{X} \text{ s.t. } \pi \phi \text{ maps to a point, i.e. labellings of the fibers } \tilde{X} \rightarrow X \}$

we must give P a topology so that the labellings vary continuously.

S_d acts on P by acting on $\{1, \dots, d\}$.



so

$$\# \deg d \text{ covering spaces of } \Sigma_g = \sum_{\substack{\text{irr} \\ \text{rep of } S_d}} \left(\frac{d!}{\dim R} \right)^{2g-2}$$

not nec. conn.

in particular $\# \text{ of } \deg d \text{ covers of } T^2 = \text{pld}) = \# \text{ of partitions}$

very fun to see this directly from covering space theory:

$$\# \text{ of connected covering spaces of degree } d = \frac{1}{d} \# \text{ index } d \text{ subgps of } \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}.$$

exercise: show RHS is $\frac{1}{d} \sigma(d)$ $\sigma(d) = \# \text{ of divisors of } d$.

let $N_d = \#$ of possibly disc covers $= p(d)$

let $n_d = \#$ of connected covers $= \frac{1}{d} p(d)$

$$\text{let } F(g) = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} n_d g^d$$

$$\text{let } Z(g) = \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} N_d g^d$$

$$\text{show } Z(g) = \frac{1}{g} (1 - g^2)^{-1} = \log \exp(F(g))$$

Handle operator $H: Z\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array}\right): A \rightarrow A$

let $\{\delta_i\}$ be a basis for A

$$H: \delta_i \mapsto m_i^{jk} \delta_j \otimes \delta_k \mapsto m_i^{jk} m_{jk}^n \delta_n$$

let $\{\delta^j\}$ be the dual basis, i.e. $\langle \delta_i, \delta^j \rangle = \delta_i^j$ $\delta^j = g^{jk} \delta_k$

let $\Gamma = \delta_i \otimes \delta^i \in A$

Claim: H is multiplication by Γ

$$\text{pf: } \delta_i \mapsto (\delta_j \otimes \delta^j) \cdot \delta_i$$

$$= \delta_j g^{jk} \delta_k \delta_i$$

$$= g^{jk} \delta_j m_{ki}^e \delta_e$$

$$= g^{jk} m_{ki}^e m_{je}^n \delta_n$$

$$= g^{jk} g_{ka} m_i^{ea} m_{je}^n \delta_n$$

$$= m_i^{aj} m_{je}^n \delta_n$$

□