

# Topological quantum computation

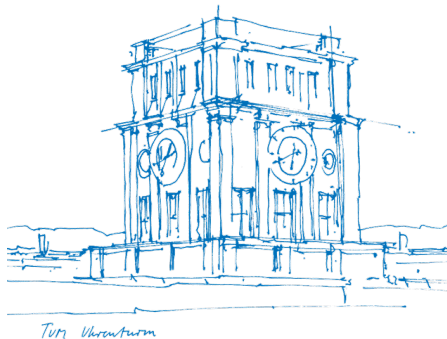
## using Fibonacci anyons

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- Classical quantum computing suffers from decoherence caused by interactions with the environment
- Idea: local perturbations do not affect topological structures
- First mentioned by Kitaev in 1997<sup>1</sup>



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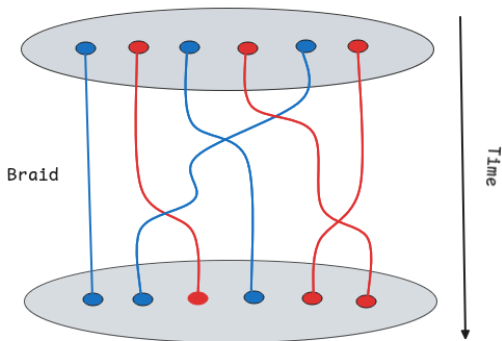
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# Topological quantum field theories

Topological quantum field theories depend on the topology (not the geometry!) of the spacetime-history of the particles' locations in the space.

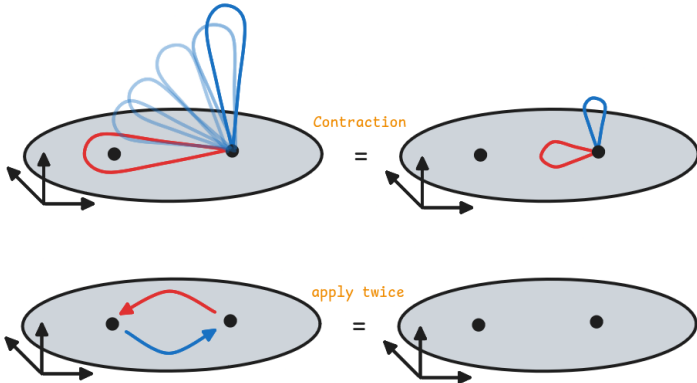


# Particles

## Traditional statistics

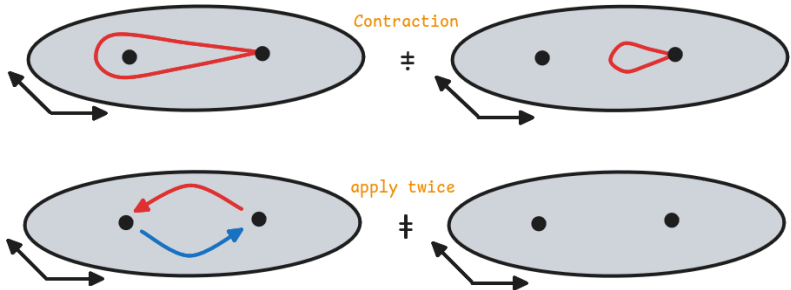
All particles are identical (up to position).

- In 3D systems, exchanging twice does not change the wavefunction
- Exchange operation is square root of identity (1 or -1)
- Topologically, this is allowed because of:



# Exchange in 2D

- In 2 dimensions, we cannot contract the loop to the identity



- Naive approach: Fractional particle exchange with

$$\psi(x_1, x_2) = e^{i\theta} \psi(x_2, x_1)$$

# Particles

## Fractional statistics

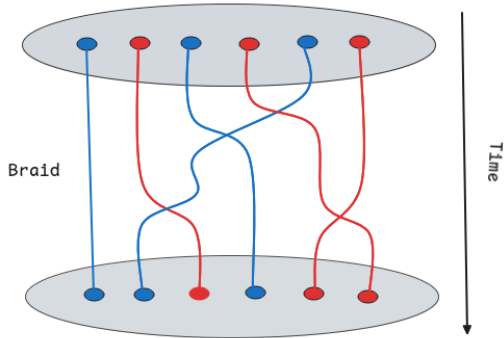
- Particle exchange:  $\psi(x_1, x_2) = e^{i\theta}\psi(x_2, x_1)$
- 1-Dimensional representation because of nondegenerate groundstate
- This type of quasiparticle is called an abelian "Anyon"
  
- Anabelian anyons:  $\psi(x_1, x_2) = U\psi(x_2, x_1)$  for some  $U \in U(k), k \geq 2$
- 2 or higher dimensional representation with a degenerate groundstate
- Anabelian anyons allow universal computation
  
- This interpretation is consistent with quantum mechanics<sup>3</sup>
- Anyons are not really particles, but rather defects in the ground state.

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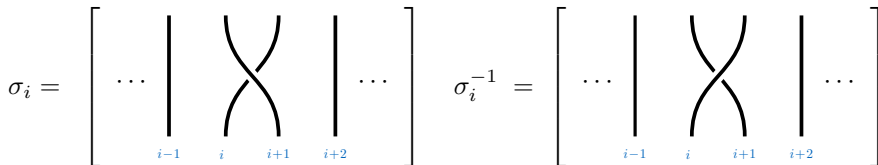


**Figure 1** Time slices of 6 particles in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

- The braid group on  $n$  points is generated by the Artin relations:

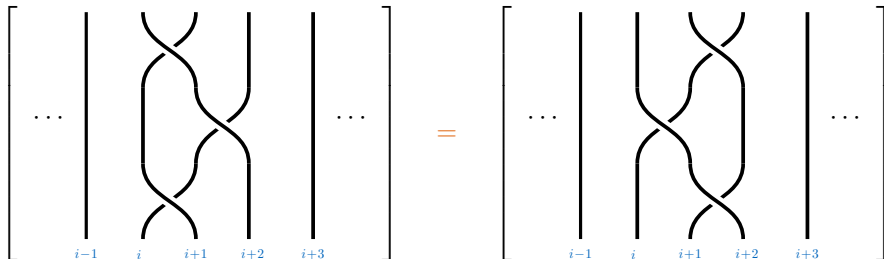
$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i \quad |i - j| > 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \quad ; i \in [0, n - 1] \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_i = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \cdots & \text{strand } i-1 & \text{strand } i \text{ over } i+1 & \text{strand } i+2 & \cdots \end{array} \right] \quad \sigma_i^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \cdots & \text{strand } i-1 & \text{strand } i \text{ under } i+1 & \text{strand } i+2 & \cdots \end{array} \right]$$


# Yang Baxter equation

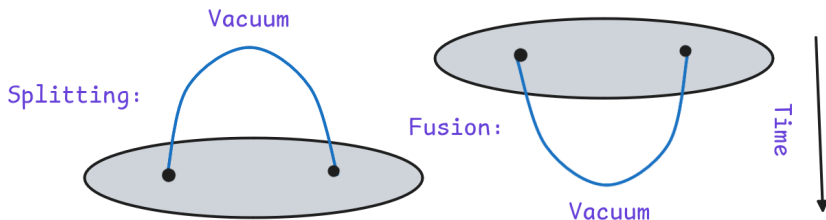
$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$$



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# Fusion and splitting

- Anyons can be created from a vacuum in pairs
- All anyons carry a charge  $q_i$ , classified into  $n$  types
- Every class of anyons have a trivial "vacuum" type 1
- Anyons can be fused together to create a new anyon with a superposition of types



**Figure 2** Splitting and Fusion of anyons

# Fibonacci anyons

## Fusion rules

- Two types:  $\{1, \tau\}$
- Fusion rules:

$$1 \otimes 1 = 1$$

$$1 \otimes \tau = \tau$$

$$\tau \otimes 1 = \tau$$

$$\tau \otimes \tau = 1 \oplus \tau$$

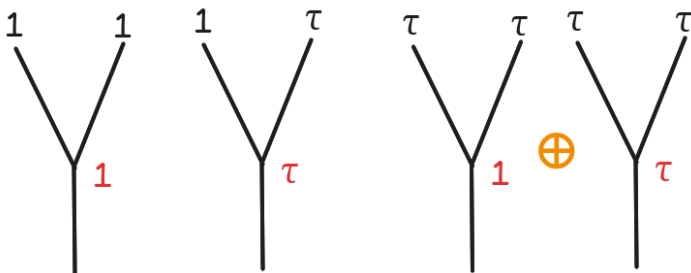
- $\otimes$ : fusion operator tensor product
- $\oplus$ : superposition operator
- Probabilities of fusing to 1 or  $\tau$  are  $\frac{1}{\phi^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{\phi}$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \otimes \tau &= 1 \oplus \tau \\ (\tau \otimes \tau) \otimes \tau &= (1 \oplus \tau) \otimes \tau \\ &= \tau \oplus (\tau \otimes \tau) \\ &= \tau \oplus \tau \oplus 1 \\ &= 1 \oplus 2\tau \\ \tau^{\otimes 4} &= 2 \cdot 1 \oplus 3\tau \\ \tau^{\otimes 5} &= 3 \cdot 1 \oplus 5\tau\end{aligned}$$



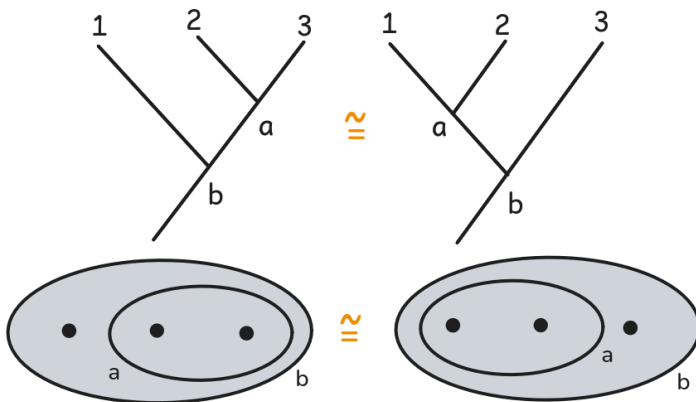
# Fusion diagrams

We can denote the fusion rules in graphical calculus as:



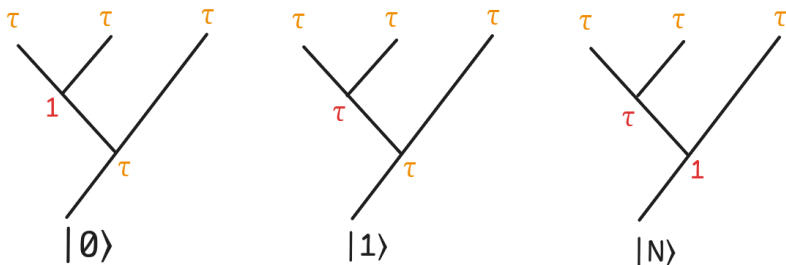
**Figure 3** Fusion rules for Fib Anyons in graphical calculus

## Fusion diagrams (cont.)



**Figure 4** Top: Fusion trees are isomorphic  
Bottom: "qubit" notation for fusion trees

There are 3 unique fusion trees with  $3\tau$  anyons:

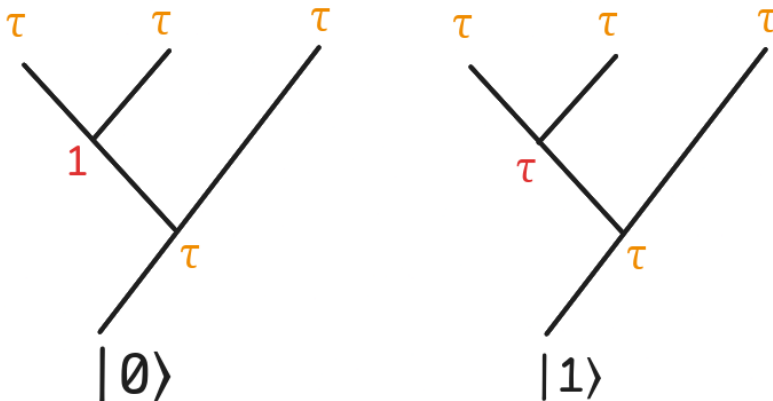


**Figure 5** Basis trees for 3 anyons

$$|\psi\rangle_{Fib} = \frac{1}{\phi}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi}}|1\rangle$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{\phi^2} + \frac{1}{\phi} \right| = 1$$

Fusion state has to result in same charge



**Figure 6** Orthogonal fusion basis

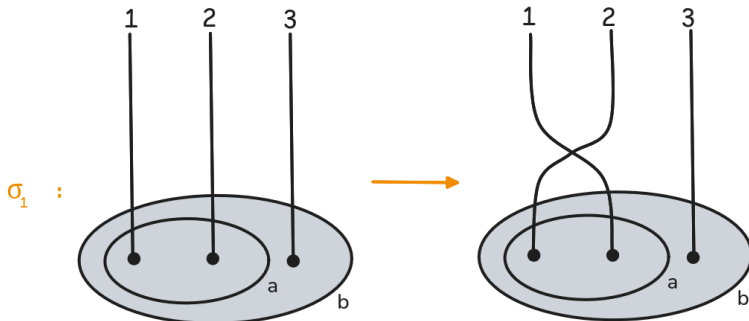
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# Representation

- We want to find a representation of  $B_n$ , specifically its generators  $\sigma_i$ , in some unitary group  $U(k)$ .
- Operations on single topological qubit  $\in B_3$ :  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_1^{-1}, \sigma_2^{-1}$
- Operation on a single classical qubit  $\in U(2)$
- to find:

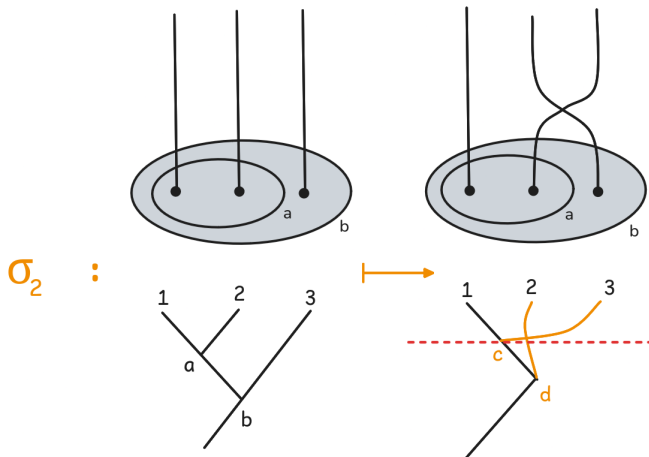
$$\rho(B_3) \rightarrow U(2)$$

- Example:



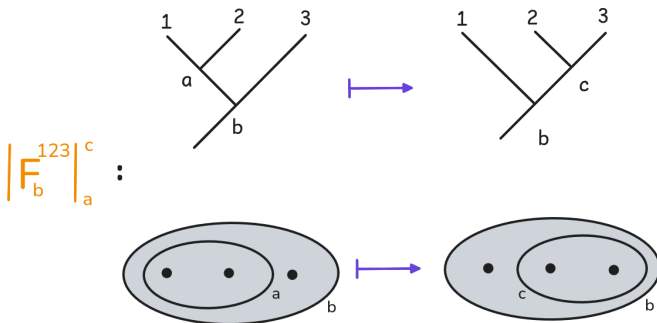
# Braiding on fusion trees

- Braiding in the designated fusion channel is trivial.
- Braiding 2 and 3 "violates" the fusion order / channel, so we have to do a change of base.



The  $F$ -move:

$$[F_b^{123}]_a^c : ((1 \otimes 2) \otimes 3, b) \rightarrow (1 \otimes (2 \otimes 3), b)$$

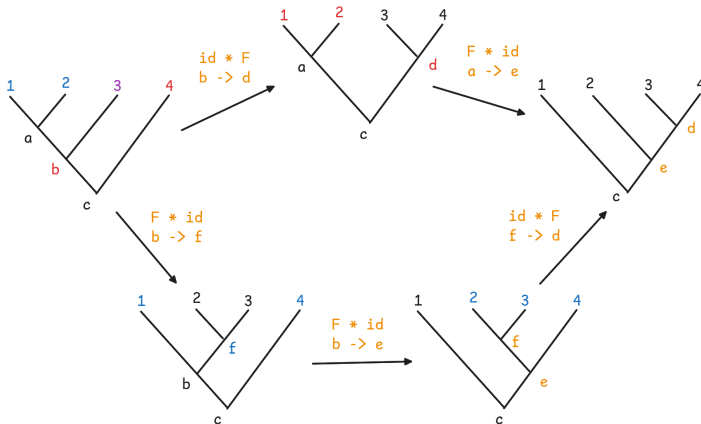




# Braiding

## F-move : pentagon

There are many ways to describe the same space over fusion channels. In fact, for 4 anyons, we can derive the following identity:



# Braiding

## F-move : pentagon 2

This is the strongest constraint on  $F$ -moves there is. Guaranteed by the *MacLane Coherence theorem*<sup>4</sup>.

Algebraically, we can write it as

$$F_c^{a34} F_c^{12e} = \sum_f F_e^{234} F_c^{afd} F_b^{123}$$

Given

$$F_1^{\tau\tau\tau} = F_\tau^{1\tau\tau} = F_\tau^{1\tau 1} = F_\tau^{\tau\tau 1} = 1$$

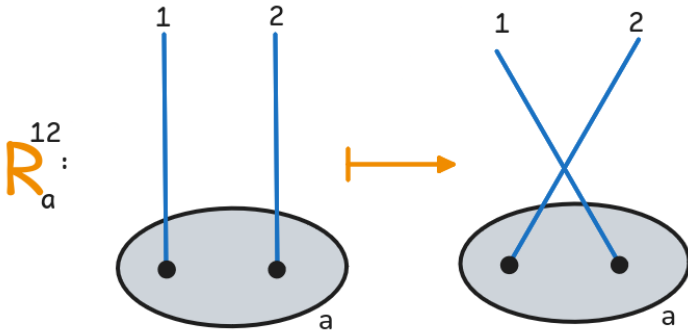
Using the pentagon we can derive the braid matrix for any theory of anyons, here for Fibonacci anyons:

$$F_\tau^{\tau\tau\tau} := \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{-1} & \phi^{-1/2} \\ \phi^{-1/2} & \phi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

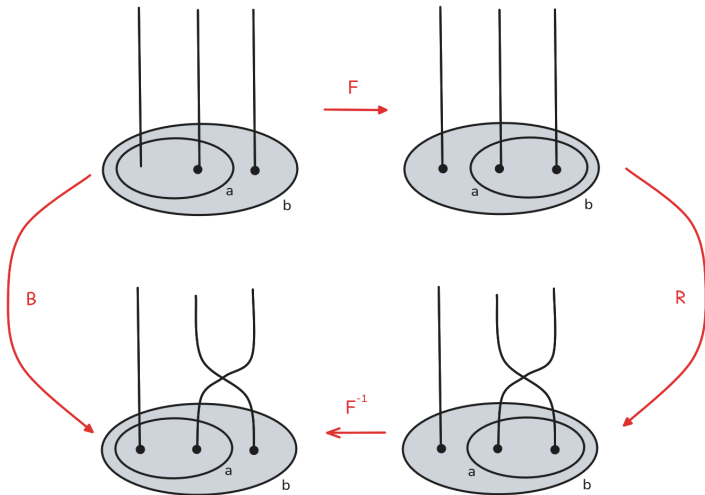
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- The  $R$ -move exchanges two particles
- This is defined if they are in the same fusion channel



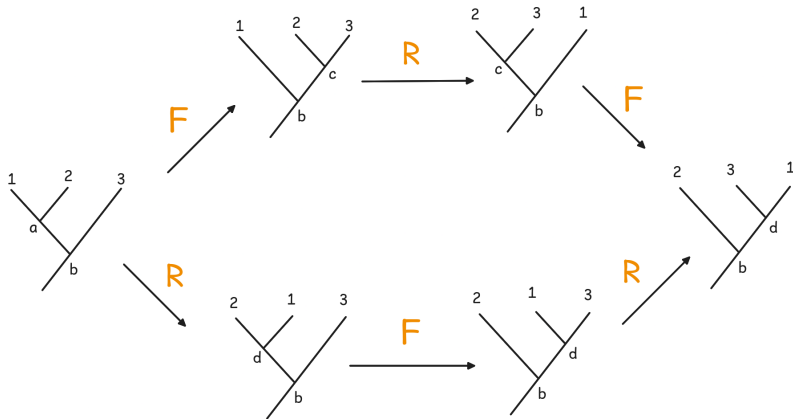
**Figure 7** The  $R$ -move on two anyons



**Figure 8** Braiding of the second fusion channel

# Hexagon relation

We can derive Coherence relations between  $R$  and  $F$  using the Yang-Baxter equation 8:



**Figure 9** Hexagon relation

Using the hexagon relation and Yang-Baxter gives:

$$R_{\tau}^{\tau 1} = R_{\tau}^{1\tau} = 1$$

and therefore

$$R^{\tau\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-4\pi i/5} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} \end{pmatrix}$$

Giving

$$B = FRF^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{-1}e^{4i\pi/5} & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-i3\pi/5} \\ \phi^{-1/2}e^{-i3\pi/5} & -\phi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Representation acting on the states  $|N\rangle, |0\rangle, |1\rangle$

$$\rho(\sigma_1) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3\pi i/5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-4\pi i/5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho(\sigma_2) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3\pi i/5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi^{-1}e^{4\pi i/5} & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5} \\ 0 & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5} & -\phi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Lower 2x2 matrix braids computational states.

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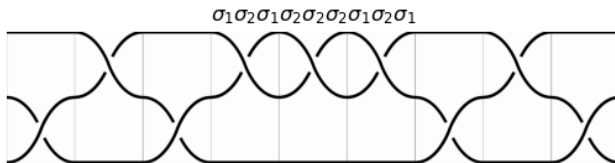
# Single qubit gates

- $\overline{\rho(B_3)} \supset U(2)$  ( $B_3$  is dense in  $U(2)$ ) proven by Freedman et al.<sup>5</sup>
- We can represent every  $U \in U(2)$  with arbitrary accuracy  $\epsilon > 0$
- Example:

$$U_{target} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{target} = \sigma_2 \sigma_1^3 \sigma_2, \epsilon \approx 0.18$$

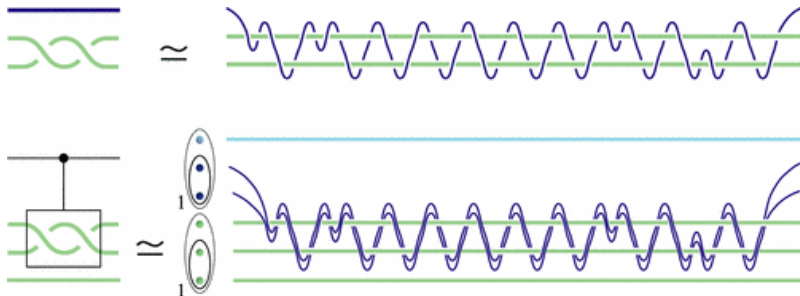
- Braid for the Hadamard gate of length 9 with error  $\epsilon = 0.079$ :



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# Entangling gates

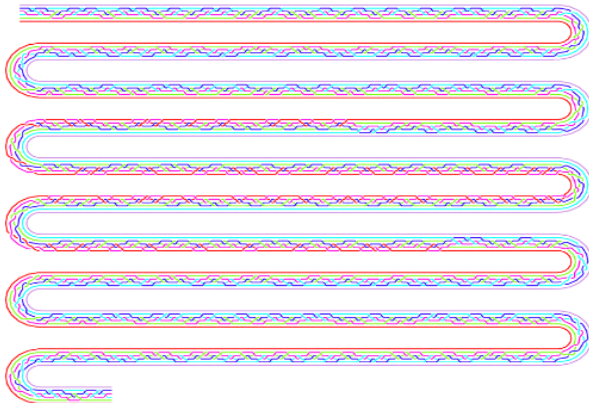
- "Weaving" scheme devised by Bonesteel et al.<sup>6</sup>.
- Universal computation using only one moving particle
- recall that braiding with the 1 type anyon does not affect the system



**Figure 10** An entangling weave

<sup>6</sup>N. E. Bonesteel et al. "Braid Topologies for Quantum Computation". en. In: *Physical Review Letters* 95.14 (Sept. 2005). arXiv:quant-ph/0505065, p. 140503. ISSN: 0031-9007, 1079-7114. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.95.140503. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0505065> (visited on 10/27/2024).

# Solovay-Kitaev Improved CNOT



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