

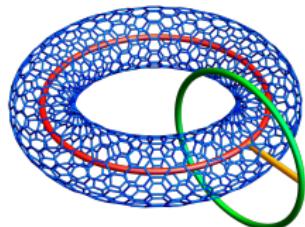
Partition function of the Levin-Wen model

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In this talk

Two-dimensional gapped quantum systems with:

- Topology-dependent ground-state degeneracy
- Anyonic excitations

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Output: Unitary Modular Tensor Category $D(\mathcal{C})$ (Drinfel'd center)

- Doubled achiral topological phase
- Other objects, other fusion rules, other...
- Fusion + Braiding + Modularity \rightarrow Anyon theory

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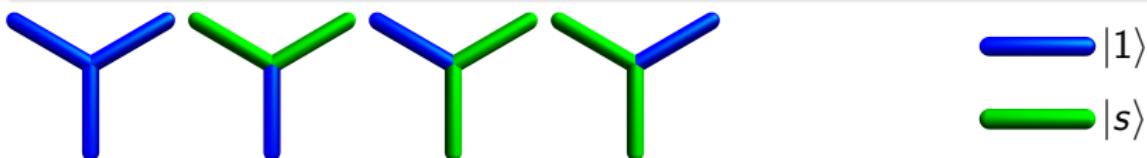
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Ex: \mathbb{Z}_2 category

- Two labels: $\{1, s\}$
- Fusion rules: $1 \times 1 = 1$, $1 \times s = s$, $s \times s = 1$



Hilbert space for N_v trivalent vertices on any graph

- $\text{Dim } \mathcal{H} = 2^{\frac{N_v}{2} + 1}$

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Hilbert space dimension for any trivalent graph with N_v vertices

- $\dim \mathcal{H} = (1 + \varphi^2)^{\frac{N_v}{2}} + (1 + \varphi^{-2})^{\frac{N_v}{2}}$, $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (golden ratio)

The Levin-Wen model in a nutshell

The string-net Hamiltonian

$$H = - \sum_p P_p$$

- H is a local commuting projector Hamiltonian: $[P_p, P_{p'}] = 0$
- P_p : projector onto the vacuum of $D(\mathcal{C})$ in the plaquette p

$$P_p \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{a} \\ | \\ \text{f} \text{---} \zeta \text{---} \alpha \text{---} \text{b} \\ | \\ \text{e} \text{---} \delta \text{---} \beta \text{---} \text{c} \\ | \\ \text{d} \end{array} = \sum_s \frac{d_s}{D^2} \sum' F_{s\alpha'\zeta'}^{a\zeta\alpha} F_{s\beta'\alpha'}^{b\alpha\beta} F_{s\gamma'\beta'}^{c\beta\gamma} F_{s\delta'\gamma'}^{d\gamma\delta} F_{s\epsilon'\delta'}^{e\delta\epsilon} F_{s\zeta'\epsilon'}^{f\epsilon\zeta}$$



- d_s : quantum dimension of the string $s \in \mathcal{C}$
- $D = (\sum_s d_s^2)^{1/2}$: total quantum dimension of \mathcal{C}

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Ground-state degeneracy

On a genus- g orientable compact surface (sphere, torus,...)

- Ground-state degeneracy: $\mathcal{D}_0 = \sum_{i \in D(\mathcal{C})} \left(\frac{d_i}{D^2} \right)^\chi =$ Turaev-Viro invariant
- D^2 : total quantum dimension of $D(\mathcal{C})$
- Euler-Poincaré characteristic: $\chi = 2 - 2g$
- $g = 0$: $\mathcal{D}_0 = 1$
- $g = 1$: $\mathcal{D}_0 = \text{Number of objects in } D(\mathcal{C})$
- $g \geq 2$: \mathcal{D}_0 depends (non trivially) on $D(\mathcal{C})$

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Ground-state degeneracy

Ex: \mathbb{Z}_2 category (commutative, braided, non-modular)

- Objects of \mathcal{C} : $\{1, s\}$
- $d_1 = 1, d_s = 1$
- Objects of $D(\mathcal{C})$: $\{(1, 1), (1, s), (s, 1), (s, s)\}$
- $d_{(i, j)} = d_i d_j$

$$g = 0$$



$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 1$$

$$g = 1$$



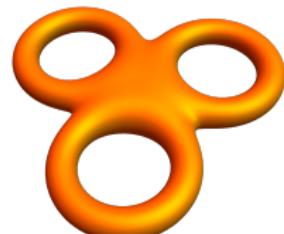
$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 4$$

$$g = 2$$



$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 16$$

$$g = 3$$



$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 64$$

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Ex: Fibonacci category (commutative, braided, modular)

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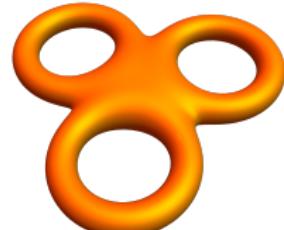
$g = 1$



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$g = 3$



$\mathcal{D}_0 = 1$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 4$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 25$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 225$

Ground-state degeneracy

Ex: $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ category (commutative, braided, non-modular)

- Objects of \mathcal{C} : $\{1, 2, 3\}$
- $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 1, d_3 = 2$
- Objects of $D(\mathcal{C})$: $\{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H\}$
- $d_A = 1, d_B = 1, d_C = 2, d_D = 3, d_E = 3, d_F = 2, d_G = 2, d_H = 2$

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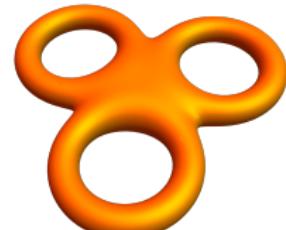
$g = 1$



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$g = 3$



$\mathcal{D}_0 = 1$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 8$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 116$

$\mathcal{D}_0 = 2948$

Ground-state degeneracy

Ex: Haagerup subfactor category \mathcal{H}_3 (non-commutative, non-braided)

- Objects of \mathcal{C} : $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^*, \rho, \rho\alpha, \rho\alpha^*\}$
- $d_1 = d_\alpha = d_{\alpha^*} = 1, d_\rho = d_{\rho\alpha} = d_{\rho\alpha^*} = \frac{3+\sqrt{13}}{2}$
- Objects of $D(\mathcal{C})$: $\{0, \mu^1, \mu^2, \mu^3, \mu^4, \mu^5, \mu^6, \pi^1, \pi^2, \sigma^1, \sigma^2, \sigma^3\}$
- $d_0 = 1, d_\mu = 3d_\rho, d_\pi = 3d_\rho + 1, d_\sigma = 3d_\rho + 2$

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$$g = 0$$



$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 1$$

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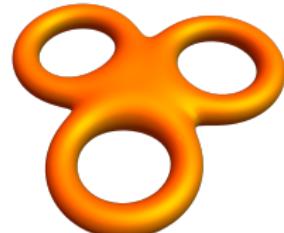
$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 12$$

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$$\mathcal{D}_0 = 1\,603\,329$$

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Old results from CFT (1989)

- Number of states with q fluxons on a genus- g surface with N_p plaquettes:

$$\mathcal{D}_q = \binom{N_p}{q} \sum_{i \in D(\mathcal{C})} \mathbf{S}_{1,i}^{X-q} \left(\sum_{j \in \text{fluxons}} \mathbf{S}_{i,j} \right)^q$$

- \mathbf{S} -matrix: symmetric unitary matrix diagonalizing fusion matrices of $D(\mathcal{C})$

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Energy spectrum of fluxons

- Levin-Wen Hamiltonian: $H = - \sum P_p$
- Ground-state energy: $E_0 = -N_p$
- q -fluxon state energy: $E_q = -N_p + q$

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Exact finite-size and finite-temperature partition function

- Partition function: $\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}) = \sum_{q=0}^{N_p} \mathcal{D}_q e^{-\beta E_q}$ ($\beta = 1/T$)

$$\mathcal{Z} = (e^\beta - 1)^{N_p} \left\{ \mathcal{D}_0 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}} S_{1,j}^{2\chi} \left[\left(1 + \frac{S_{1,j}^{-2}}{e^\beta - 1} \right)^{N_p} - 1 \right] \right\}$$

- \mathcal{Z} depends on input fusion rules ($S_{1,j} = d_j/D$)
- \mathcal{Z} depends on the surface topology ($\chi = 2 - 2g$)
- \mathcal{Z} depends on the number of plaquettes (N_p)
- Infinite-temperature limit: $\mathcal{Z}(\beta = 0) = \dim \mathcal{H} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}} S_{1,j}^{2(\chi - N_p)} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}} S_{1,j}^{-N_v}$

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Specific heat and absence of thermal phase transition

- Specific heat per plaquette : $c = \frac{\beta^2}{N_p} \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta^2}$
- Thermodynamical limit ($N_p \rightarrow \infty$): $c = \frac{e^\beta \beta^2 (D^2 - 1)}{(D^2 - 1 + e^\beta)^2}$

No finite-temperature phase transition in the Levin-Wen model !