

Intro Topological Quantum Field Theory (TQFT): See

Words: Witten '89; Jones...

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Def (Atiyah '89) A TQFT is

$$Z: (\text{Bord}_n, \mathbb{L}) \longrightarrow (\text{Vect}_k, \otimes)$$

Here  $\text{Bord}_{n, n+1, \dots, n+d}$  is the  
obj. closed  $n$ -mfds  
1-morphs.  $(n+1)$ -cobordisms

$(\text{Vect}_k, \otimes)$   
 $\mathcal{L}$   
 $(\infty, d)$ -category  
w/  $G$ -structure  
(up to  $G$ -diffeo rel boundary)

- WHY? \* Interplay algebra & topology  
\* Manifold invariants  
\* Manageable version of QFT.

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$\mathcal{L}$ -sym. mon. cat  
 $G$ -geometric structure

- eg: \* orientation  
\* framing  
\* Spin structure.

2-morphs:  $(n+2)$ -cobordisms between  $(n+1)$ -cobordisms

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 $d$ -morphs:  $(n+d)$ -cobords (up to  $G$ -diffeo rel. boundary)

$d+1$ -morphs:  $G$ -diffeos of  $(n+d)$ -bords

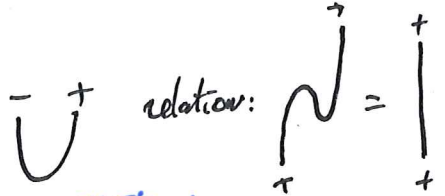
Classification Results:

Oriented 1dimal:  $(n=0, d=1, \mathcal{L} = \text{Vect}_k)$

obj:  $\uparrow, \downarrow, \emptyset$   
 $Z(-)$ :  $V, V^*, k$



ev:  $V \otimes V^* \rightarrow k$



rel:  $V \otimes V^* \rightarrow k$   
 $k \rightarrow V^* \otimes V$

i.e. 1d oriented  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{TQFT}}$  vector spaces w/ choice of dual. "dualizable objects"

Cobordism Hypothesis (Lurie '09, ...)  $\infty$ -setting,  $n=0$ ,  $G = \text{framing}$ :



i.e.  $Z(\text{pt})$  is always fully dualizable & for every fd  $\exists$  TQFT.  
Mark: use this to find TQFTs w/  $G = \text{Oriented}, \dots$

\* 2d Oriented TQFT: ( $n=1, d=1, \mathcal{C} = \text{Vect}_k$ )

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[Idea: generators & relations  $\rightarrow$  representation. WORDS]

Generators:

Objects



1-morphs



$Z(-)$   $V$ -vector space

$Id_V$

$\mu: V \otimes V \rightarrow V$

$\Delta: V \rightarrow V \otimes V$

$Z(-)$   $A$ -linear cat.

$Id_A$

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



$\epsilon: k \rightarrow V$

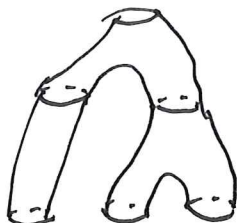
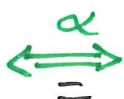
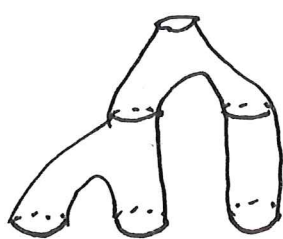
$\eta: V \rightarrow k$

$\text{Vect} \rightarrow A$

Subset of Relations:

2-morphs:

(\*) holds.



$Z(-)$

$\mu$  is associative.

$Z(-)$

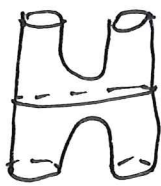
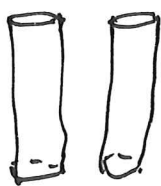
$\otimes$  is associative up to iso.

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$\mu$  is commutative.  
Braiding for  $\otimes$ .

Draw:

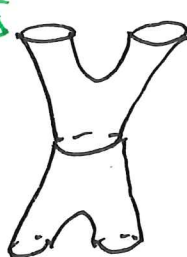
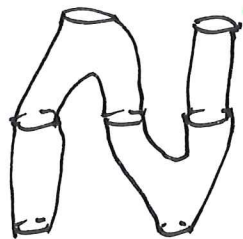
Now-invertible:



$Z(-)$  Witnesses for adjunctions between  $\mathcal{C}$  &  $Z(\mathcal{C})$

Example of relation:

Frobenius:



is invertible.

$\rightsquigarrow$  2d TQFTs  $\iff$  (com) commutative Frobenius algs.

+ more!!!

~~1-2-3~~ 1-2-3 oriented TQFT:  $(n=1, d=2)$   $\mathcal{C} = \text{LinCat}$ : Vect<sub>k</sub>-enriched  
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(Bartlett-Douglas-Schommer-Pries-Vicary '14, '15, ...)

~~Classification of~~

Generators & relations for Bord<sub>1,2,3</sub><sup>or</sup> (Moore 2-theory).

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Interpretation:

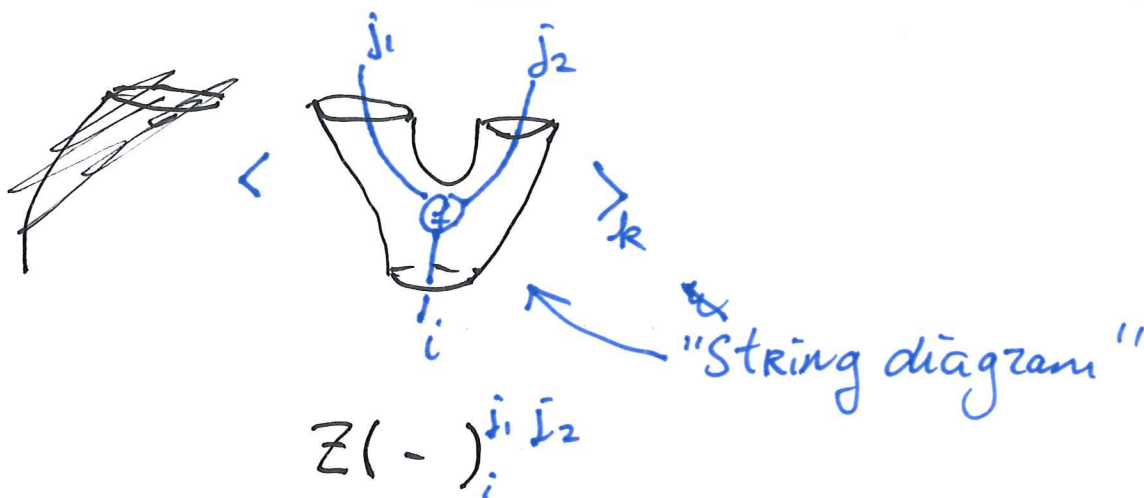
~~Z(S')~~  $Z(S')$  is a modular fusion cat.

$\Rightarrow \text{ob}(Z(S')) = \{\text{Vect-linear combis of simples}\}$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma$  surface,  $Z(\Sigma)$  is determined by vector spaces encoding action on simples.

In existing picture:

Yoneda-like trick:



\* WING: saying that functors  $\Leftrightarrow$  internal string nets.

\* Physicists: "Moving Anyons"

\* Fermions?  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ !

Spin TQFT: Maths: \* Reps of Free Fermion CNET (TQFT)

\* Fusion cats: Witt gps & pivo.

Topology:

Recall:  $\pi_*(0) : \mathbb{Z}_2 \ \mathbb{Z}_2 \ \mathbb{Z} \ \mathbb{Z} \ \mathbb{Z}$

$SO \leftarrow Spin$   
 $\uparrow$  double cover

Def Algebra:  $sVec = \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded v.s.



Idea: mimic ov. case.  $Z$ : Bord  $\xrightarrow{Z}$   $\rightarrow$  slincat  
Grading inv.  
Extras: \* Spin involution  $\xrightarrow{Z}$   
\* Two circles: bounding & non-bounding.

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⚡ Thanks for listening!