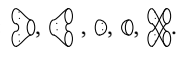


## Sheet 13

**Problem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{0}$  denote the empty 1-manifold,  $\mathbf{1}$  a fixed oriented circle and  $\mathbf{n}$  the disjoint union  $n$  circle  $\mathbf{1}$ . We consider  $\text{Cob}'(2)$  the full sub category of  $\text{Cob}(2)$  where objects are  $\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \dots$

1. Prove that  $\text{Cob}'(2)$  and  $\text{Cob}(2)$  are equivalent as monoidal categories.
2. Remark that the category  $\text{Cob}'(2)$  is strict monoidal. We admit that the category  $\text{Cob}'(2)$  is generated as a strict monoidal category by the following morphisms: . What does mean *generated as a monoidal category*?
3. We admit that the diffeomorphism type of a connected oriented surface is characterized by the number of component of its boundary and its genus. We admit as well that a connected cobordism from  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{n}$  has a unique representation of the form: How to interpret this surface whenever  $m = 0$  or  $n = 0$  ?

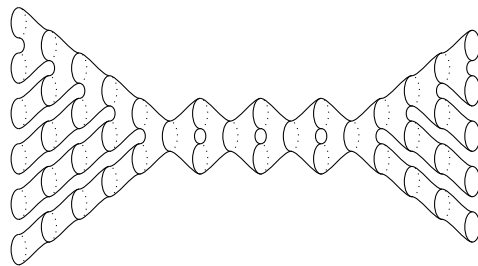


Figure 1: Example for  $m = 6, n = 5$  and  $g = 3$ .

4. What does mean for a strict monoidal category to be presented by generators and relations?
5. Proves that  $\text{Cob}'(2)$  is presented by the relations given on figures 2 to 7.

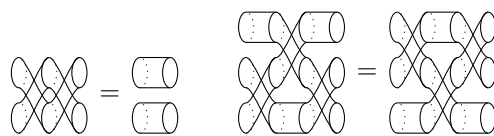


Figure 2: Braid-like relations.



Figure 3: Twist and unit or counit.

6. Let  $\mathcal{F} : \text{Cob}'(2) \rightarrow \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}$  be a TQFT. Prove that  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{1})$  has a natural structure of Frobenius algebra.
7. Prove on the other hand that if  $A$  is a Frobenius algebra, this defines a  $(1 + 1)$ -TFT.

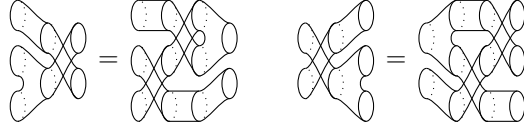


Figure 4: Twist and pair of pants.

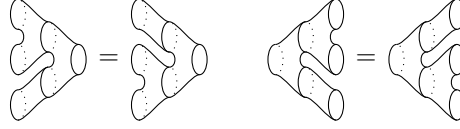


Figure 5: Associativity and coassociativity



Figure 6: Unity and counity

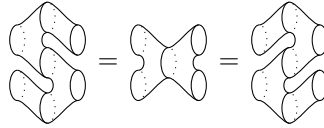


Figure 7: Frobenius-like relations

8. Prove that if

$$\mathcal{F} \left( \text{Diagram} \right) = 0,$$

then

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Prove that the same holds for  $\left( \text{Diagram} \right)^k$  for any integer  $k$ .

**Problem 2.** Let  $A$  be a commutative Frobenius algebra and  $F_A : \text{Cob}(2) \rightarrow \text{vect}_{\mathbb{K}}$  the TFT that sends the generators of  $\text{Cob}(2)$  to the corresponding structure morphisms of  $A$ . We denote the closed surface of genus  $g$  by  $\Sigma_g$ .

1. Show that the  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear map  $\omega : A \rightarrow A$  defined by  $\mu\Delta$  is an  $A$ -bimodule homomorphism, where we consider  $A$  as the bimodule with action given by left and right multiplication.
2. Show that there is an element  $w \in A$  such that  $\omega(a) = wa = aw$  for all  $a \in A$ .
3. Compute  $F(\Sigma_g) \in \mathbb{K}$  for every  $g \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $G$  be a finite group (and hence endowed with the discrete topology) and  $M$  be a manifold (with or without boundary). A *principal  $G$ -bundle* over  $M$  is a smooth manifold  $X$  with a right  $G$ -action (by smooth maps) and a map smooth map  $\pi : X \rightarrow M$  such that:

For all point  $m$  in  $M$  there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $m$ , such that  $\phi_U : \pi^{-1}(U) \simeq U \times G$  and the following

diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\phi_U} & U \times G \\
 \pi \downarrow & \swarrow p_U & \\
 U & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $p_U$  is the projection on the first coordinate. We require as well that all the maps are compatible with the action of  $G$  where  $G$  acts by multiplication on  $G$  and trivially on  $U$ .

Two principal  $G$ -bundle  $(X, \pi)$  and  $(X', \pi')$  are isomorphic if there exists a diffeomorphism  $\psi : X \rightarrow X'$  which commutes with the  $G$ -action and such that  $\pi' \circ \psi = \pi$ .

1. Find two non-isomorphic  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -bundle of the circle  $\mathbb{S}^1$ . Find three non-isomorphic  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ -bundle of the circle  $\mathbb{S}^1$ . Find 6 non-isomorphic  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ -bundle of the circle  $\mathbb{S}^1$ .
2. Suppose that  $M$  is connexe. Prove that there is a bijection:

$$\{\text{principal } G\text{-bundle of } M\}/\text{isomorphisms} \simeq \text{hom}(\pi_1(M), G)/G.$$

where  $G$  acts by conjugation. Let us recall that the fundamental group of a compact manifold is always finitely presented<sup>1</sup>

3. We consider the category  $\text{Cob}(n+1)$ . If  $M$  is a closed  $n$ -manifold, we set:

$$\mathcal{F}(M) = \mathbb{K}\{\text{principal } G\text{-bundle of } M\}/\text{isomorphisms}$$

and if  $W : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is a cobordism between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  two  $n$ -manifolds, we set:

$$\mathcal{F}(W)([X_1]) = \sum_{[X_2] \in \{\text{principal } G\text{-bundle of } M_2\}/\sim} \sum_{\substack{[X] \in \{\text{principal } G\text{-bundle of } W_2\}/\sim \\ \text{with } [X] \text{ induces } [X_1] \text{ on } M_1 \\ \text{and } [X] \text{ induces } [X_2] \text{ on } M_2}} \frac{[X_2]}{|\text{Aut}(X)|}$$

Prove that this defines a functor. Is it monoidal?

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<sup>1</sup>This follows from the fact that any compact manifold can be given a structure of finite CW-complex.