

Hopf-algebraic structures inspired by Kitaev models

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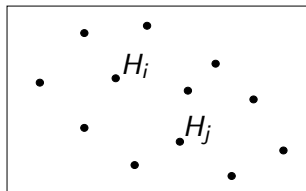
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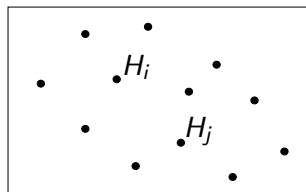
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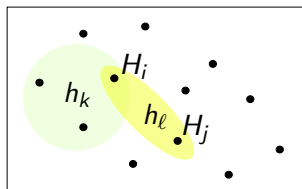


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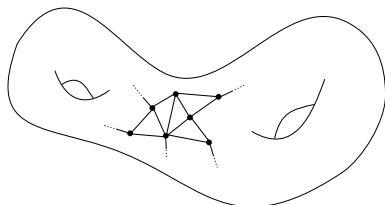


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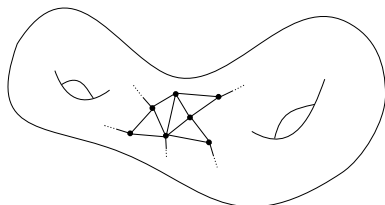


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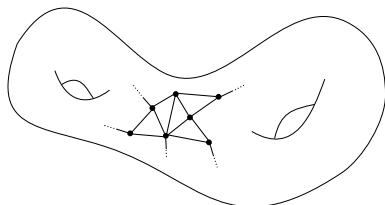
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The representation category $H\text{-mod}$ is a tensor category. Conversely, the Hopf algebra H can be reconstructed from the tensor category $H\text{-mod}$ with the forgetful functor $H\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{vect}(\mathbb{k})$.

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Let G be a finite group.

Then the Haar integral of $\mathbb{k}G$ is $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g$.

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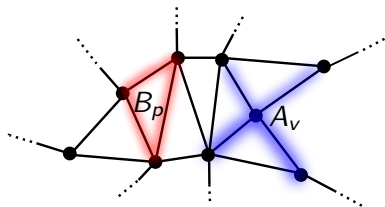
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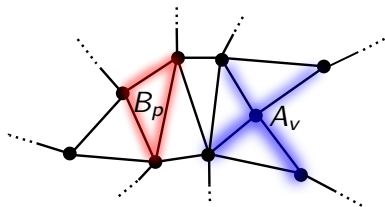
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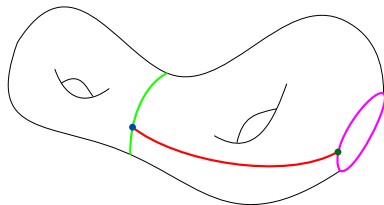
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In applications to topological quantum computing, information is encoded in the subspace $\mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}$. Sufficiently local errors are dynamically corrected by the Hamiltonian. Quantum gates are implemented by the mapping class group action.

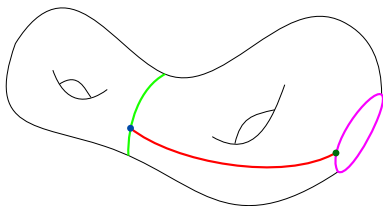
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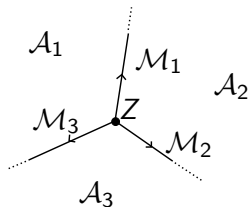


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- \mathcal{A}_i : tensor category
 - \mathcal{M}_i : bimodule category over the adjacent tensor categories
 - Z : object in a cyclic relative Deligne product
- $$\otimes_{\mathcal{A}_1} (\mathcal{M}_1 \boxtimes_{\mathcal{A}_2} \cdots \boxtimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} \mathcal{M}_n)$$

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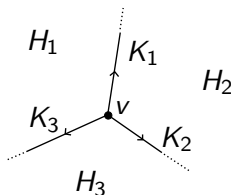
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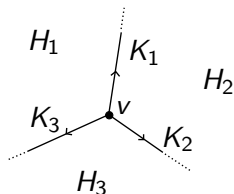
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we define a \mathbb{k} -algebra $C_v := (H_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes H_n^*) \oplus (K_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes K_n)$, which we call the *vertex algebra* for v .

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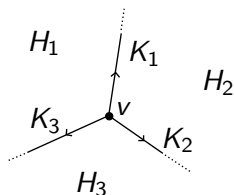
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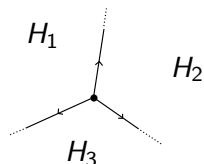
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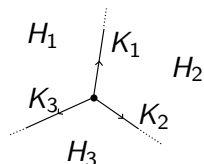
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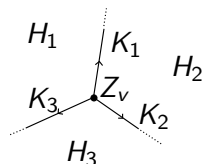
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If H is a Hopf algebra and A is an H -comodule algebra, then the symmetric separability idempotent $\sum p^1 \otimes p^2$ is contained in the H -coinvariant subspace $(A \otimes A^{\text{op}})^{\text{co}H} \subseteq A \otimes A^{\text{op}}$.

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Further work can be:

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where $\ell \in H$ is the Haar integral, $(S_i)_i$ are the isomorphism classes of simple H -modules and $(\chi_i)_i$ their characters.

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Our idea is hence to replace ℓ by p :

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Question: Does this still give orthogonal idempotents?

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More generally: A Hopf algebra H is said to have the *Chevalley property* if the tensor product of any two semisimple H -modules is again semisimple.

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This motivates:

Conjecture

Let H be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over \mathbb{k} with the Chevalley property. Then we conjecture that the elements

$$p_i := \dim(S_i)\chi_i(S(p_{(1)}))p_{(2)} \in H,$$

for $i \in I$, where I is the set of isomorphism classes of simple H -modules, define a set of orthogonal idempotents of H such that

$$H = \bigoplus_{i \in I} Hp_i$$

is an isotypic decomposition of the regular H -module, i.e. Hp_i is a projective cover of $S_i^{\oplus \dim(S_i)}$.

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- *We have computed an example of a 72-dimensional Hopf algebra, for which the conjecture holds, which is Chevalley but not basic. For this we used the computer algebra system Magma.*

Two natural open problems remain:

- Full proof the conjecture
- Application to the construction of a Kitaev model in the non-semisimple case

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