

34.9. Grothendieck ring of s.s. tensor categories.

• \mathbb{K} is an algebraically closed field.

prop 4.9.1 If \mathcal{C} is a s.s. multitensor category, then $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$ is a based ring. s.s. tensor category, then $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$ is a unital based ring.

If \mathcal{C} is a (multi) fusion category, then $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$ is a (multi) fusion ring.

proof: locally finite abelian cat. \mathcal{C} . $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$ is a \mathbb{Z}_+ -ring wrt \otimes .

\mathbb{Z}_+ -basis: simple obj. (also classes). To: class of simple subobjects of 1.

The multiplication $*$ is the duality map.

(by prop 4.8.1. ${}^*V \cong V^*$, $\Rightarrow V = V^{**}$)

$$\text{Hom}(V_i, V_j) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{K} & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Hom}(V_i \otimes V_j, 1) \cong \text{Hom}(V_j, V_i^*) = \text{Hom}(V_j, V_{i*}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{K}, & j=i \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

• 1 : simple.

rem 4.9.2: The conclusion of prop 4.9.1. fails for non-s.s. tensor categories.

example 3.1.9 (v) PSL.

$$(3.2) \quad \text{Hom}(V_i, V_j) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{K} & i=j^* \\ 0 & i \neq j^* \end{cases} \quad \text{fails.}$$

i.e. $[X \otimes X^* : 1] > 1$ for a simple object X .

Consider X the 2-dim irreducible rep. of the group S_3 over field char. 2.

$$[X \otimes X^* : 1]$$

$$\text{Hom}(X, X) = \mathbb{K}.$$

$$\frac{X \otimes X^*}{\text{standard rep.}} = \begin{matrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{matrix}$$

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Example 4.9.3

Let \mathcal{C} be the category of finite dimensional rep. of the Lie alg $\text{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$. Then simple objects of this category are irreducible rep. V_m of dim $m+1$ for $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$; $V_0 = 1$.

The Grothendieck ring of \mathcal{C} is determined by Clebsch-Gordan rule:

$$(4.11) \quad V_i \otimes V_j = \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\min(i,j)} V_{i+j-2l}.$$

duality map: identity. unital based ring.

• Let \mathcal{C} be a s.s. multitensor cat. with simple objects $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$.

$$1 = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i, \quad \text{let } H_{ij}^p := \text{Hom}(X_p, X_i \otimes X_j)$$

$$H_{ij}^p = \text{Hom}(X_p, X_p \otimes X_j) = \mathbb{K} \\ = \text{Hom}(X_p, X_p).$$

$$H_{ip}^p = \text{Hom}(X_p, X_i \otimes X_p) = \mathbb{K}.$$

where $x_p \in \text{Hom}(x_i \otimes x_j)$, $p \in I$ and $i, j \in I_0$.

$$x_r \otimes x_p \otimes x_j = x_p$$

$$x_p = x_i \otimes x_j \otimes x_l$$

$$x_r \otimes x_i = x_i, \quad \forall i \in I_0$$

we have $x_i \otimes x_j = \bigoplus_l H_{ij}^l \otimes x_l$ Define tensor product.

$$\begin{aligned} x_i \otimes x_j &= \bigoplus_l (\bigoplus_k \text{Hom}(x_i \otimes x_j : x_k) x_k) x_l = \bigoplus_l \dim \text{Hom}(x_i, x_i \otimes x_j) x_l \\ &= \bigoplus_l n_i x_l \stackrel{\cong}{=} \bigoplus_l k \otimes x_l = \bigoplus_l H_{ij}^l \otimes x_l. \end{aligned}$$

$$(x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}) \otimes x_{i_3} \cong \bigoplus_{j_4} \bigoplus_l H_{i_1 i_2}^j \otimes H_{j_4 i_3}^{j_4} \otimes x_{i_4}$$

$\text{Hom}(x_l, x_i \otimes x_j)$

$$x_{i_1} \otimes (x_{i_2} \otimes x_{i_3}) \cong \bigoplus_{j_4} \bigoplus_l H_{i_1 i_2}^{j_4} \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{j_4} \otimes x_{i_4}.$$

$\text{Hom}(x_l, x_i \otimes x_j)$

The associativity constraint \Rightarrow

$$(4.12) \quad \Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{j_4} : \bigoplus_l H_{i_1 i_2}^j \otimes H_{j_4 i_3}^{j_4} \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_l H_{i_1 i_2}^{j_4} \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{j_4} \quad H_{ij}^l \otimes x_l \longrightarrow H_{ij}^l \otimes x_l$$

The matrix blocks of these sum.

$$(4.13) \quad (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{j_4})_{jl} : H_{i_1 i_2}^j \otimes H_{j_4 i_3}^{j_4} \longrightarrow H_{i_1 i_2}^{j_4} \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{j_4}$$

are called by -symbols.

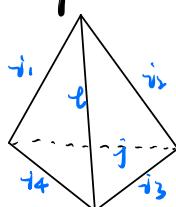
Groth Categorical fusion cat.
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Example 4.9.4.

Q: the cat. of f.d. rep of $\text{SL}(2)$.

Then H_{ij}^l are 0- or 1-dim by (4.11). $v_i \otimes v_j = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\min(i,j)} v_{i+j-2k}$.

Fact: the map $(\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{j_4})_{jl}$ is a map between nonzero (i.e. 1-dim) spaces iff:



+ every face's perimeter is even.

$$v_i \otimes v_j = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\min(i,j)} v_{i+j-2k}.$$

$$H_{ij}^l = \text{Hom}(x_l, \bigoplus_k x_{i+j-2k}). \neq 0.$$

① even odd odd.

② even even even

x_l appears x_{i+j}, \dots, x_{i-j}

Racah coefficients or classical by -symbols.

Exercise 4.9.5.

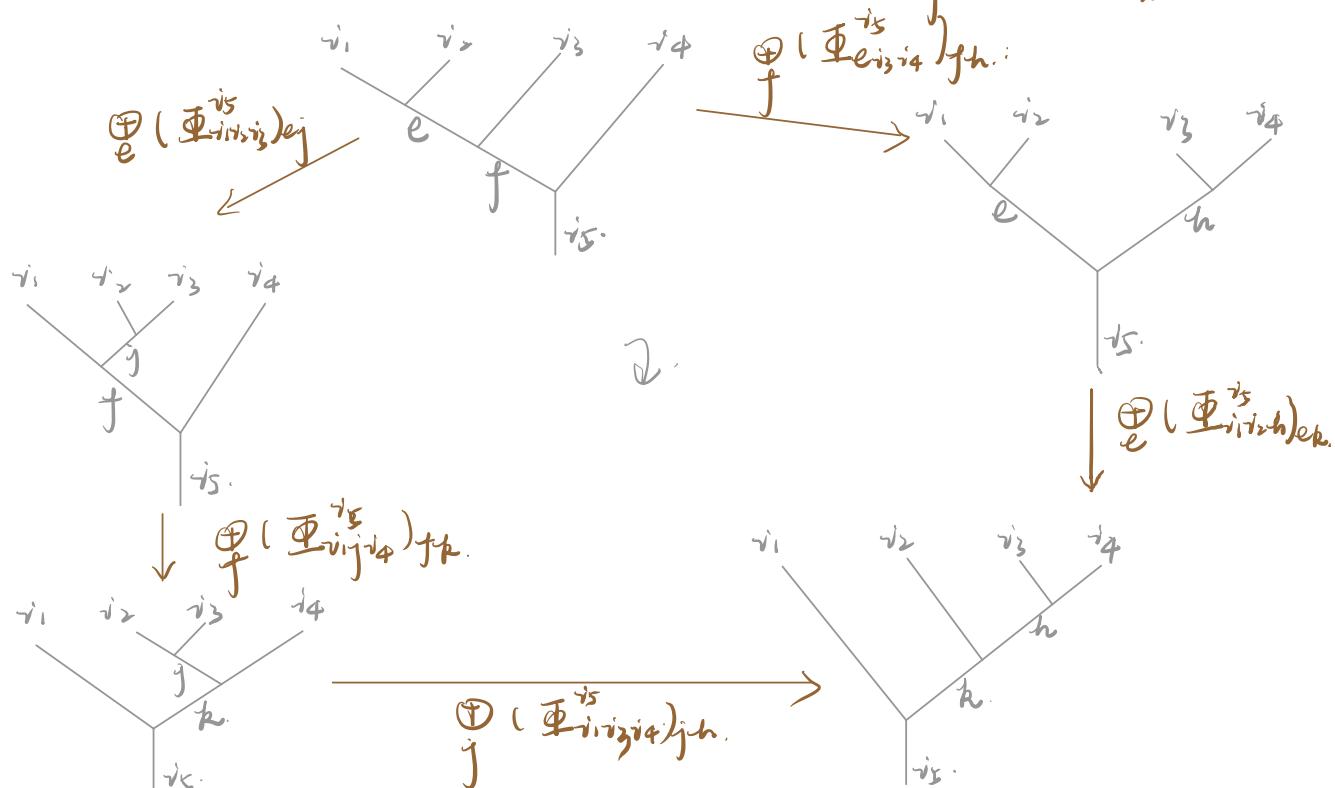
write down explicitly the relation on b_{ij} -symbols coming from the pentagon identity. If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}))$, the relation is called the **Biblie-Biedenharn relation**.

prof: "The pentagon arrow"

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ((x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}) \otimes x_{i_3}) \otimes x_{i_4} & & \\
 \searrow & & \searrow \alpha_{x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}} \\
 (x_{i_1} \otimes (x_{i_2} \otimes x_{i_3})) \otimes x_{i_4} & \rightarrow & (x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}) \otimes (x_{i_3} \otimes x_{i_4}) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 x_{i_1} \otimes ((x_{i_2} \otimes x_{i_3}) \otimes x_{i_4}) & \longrightarrow & x_{i_1} \otimes (x_{i_2} \otimes (x_{i_3} \otimes x_{i_4}))
 \end{array}$$

Note that.

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}) \otimes x_{i_3}) \otimes x_{i_4} &= \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger} \otimes H_{i_3 i_4}^{i_5} \otimes x_{i_5} \\
 &\quad \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger} \otimes H_{i_3 i_4}^{i_5} \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger} \otimes H_{i_3 i_4}^{i_5}} \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \\
 (x_{i_1} \otimes x_{i_2}) \otimes (x_{i_3} \otimes x_{i_4}) &= \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger} \otimes H_{i_3 i_4}^h \otimes x_{i_5} \\
 &\quad \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger} \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^{\dagger}} \bigoplus_{e \in i_1} H_{i_1 i_2}^e \otimes H_{i_2 i_3}^h
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_e (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{i_5})_{e,k} \circ f (\Phi_{e i_3 i_4}^{i_5})_{f,h} = \bigoplus_j (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{i_5})_{j,h} \circ f (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_4}^{i_5})_{f,k} \circ \bigoplus_e (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{i_5})_{e,j}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{i_5})_{e,k} \circ (\Phi_{e i_3 i_4}^{i_5})_{f,h} = \bigoplus_j (\Phi_{i_2 i_3 i_4}^{i_5})_{j,h} \circ (\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_4}^{i_5})_{f,k} \circ (\Phi_{i_1 i_3 i_4}^{i_5})_{e,j}$$

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Example 4.9.6. $\mathcal{C}_q = \text{Rep}(U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n))$ q vs a root of unity.

$(\Phi_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{i_5})_{j,e}$ are called q -Racah Coefficients or quantum 6j-sym.

Further, evaluation and coevaluation maps define elements.

(4.14) $\alpha_{ij} \in (H_{i,i+1}^j)^*$ and $\beta_{ij} \in H_{i,i+1}^j$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}_0$

coeval: $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ \downarrow \\ n \end{matrix} \longrightarrow X_i \otimes (X_{i+1})^* = X_i \otimes X_{i+1}$

$\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_0} X_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_j H_{i,i+1}^j \otimes X_j$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}_0$

defines $\beta_{ij} \in H_{i,i+1}^j$

evaluation: $(X_{i+1})^* \otimes X_i \longrightarrow 1$.

$\bigoplus_j H_{i,i+1}^j \otimes X_j \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_0} X_i$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}_0$

defines $\alpha_{ij} \in H_{i,i+1}^j = (H_{i,i+1}^j)^*$, $j^* = j$. $(j^*)^* = -j$ & s.s.

3.4.10. Categorification of based rings.

Def 4.10.1. Given a based ring R , its categorification over \mathbb{k} is a 3-s. multivector cat over \mathbb{k} , together with an item of based rings

$$R \cong \text{Gr}(\mathcal{C}_q).$$

Let $\mathbb{Z}G$ be the unital based group ring of a group G , with basis $\{g\}_{g \in G}\}$ and $g^* = g^{-1}$.

prop 4.10.3. The categorifications of $\mathbb{Z}G$ are Vec_G^w and they are parametrised by $H^3(G, \mathbb{k}^\times)$.

prop: $\text{Rep } G \rightarrow$ monoidal cat Vec_G^w (s.s. tensor cat.).

w is a 3-cocycle.

invertible prop. w is in Vec_G^w

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Rem 4.10.4. The tensor equivalence classes of categories \mathcal{V}_{ctg} are parametrized by $H^3(G, k^\times)/\text{Out}(G)$.

Example 4.10.5 (Tannaka — Yamagami fusion rings).

Let G : finite group, $TY_G := \mathbb{Z}G \oplus \mathbb{Z}X$

where X is a new basis vector with $gx = xg = X$, $X^2 = \sum_{g \in G} g$

$X^* = X$. \Rightarrow fusion ring.

$$\text{Fpdim}(g) = 1, \quad \text{Fpdim}(X) = |G|^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Fpdim}(gg^{-1}) = \text{Fpdim}(g)\text{Fpdim}(g^{-1}) = 1$$

These rings are categorifiable iff G is abelian.

Example 4.10.6. (Verlinde rings for sl_2)

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Define a unital \mathbb{Z}_q -ring $\mathcal{V}_{\text{ver}} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{ver}}(sl_2)$ with basis v_i , $i = 0, \dots, k$, ($v_0 = 1$), duality : v_d .

truncated Clebsch — Gordan rule :

$$(4.15) \quad v_i v_j = \sum_{l=\max(i+j-k, 0)}^{m(i+j)} v_{i+j-l}.$$

$$k=12, i=8, j=9.$$

$$v_i v_j = v_{17} + v_{15} + v_{13} + v_{11} + v_9 + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_7 + \dots \\ v_5 + v_3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{ver}} = \mathbb{Z}, \quad \mathcal{V}_{\text{ver}} = \mathbb{Z}[z_2], \quad \mathcal{V}_{\text{ver}} = TY_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

Exercise 4.10.7. Show that $\text{Fpdim}(v_j) = [ij+1]_q := \frac{q^{ij+1} - q^{-ij-1}}{q - q^{-1}}$, where $q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k+2}}$ ($q \neq 1$).

proof: ① $[ij+1]_q$ is non-negative real number.

② ring homomorphism.

Assume $i \leq j$. $v_i \otimes v_j$.

$$\text{Case 1: } v_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad \text{Fpdim}(v_i v_j) = \frac{q^{ij+2} - q^{ij-i} + q^{-ij-2} - q^{ij-j}}{(q - q^{-1})^2} = \text{Fpdim}(v_i) \text{Fpdim}(v_j)$$

$$\text{case 2: } r+j > k. \quad v_r \otimes v_j = v_{r+j-2(k-j-k)} + v_{\dots} + v_{r+j-2j}.$$

$$\text{Fpolm}(v_r \otimes v_j) = \frac{q^{-r+j+2k+2} - q^{j-i} + q^{r+j-2k-2} - q^{r-j}}{(q - q^{-1})^2}$$

$$q = e^{\frac{\pi i \tau}{k+2}}, \quad q^{-r+j+2k+2} = q^{-r-j-2}.$$

$$q^{r+j-2k-2} = q^{r+j+2}.$$

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• Subring Fpolm spanned by v_j , j even.

$k=3$. \Rightarrow Yang-Lee fusion basis 1. x , $x^2 = x+1$, $x^3 = x$.

$$\text{Fpolm}(x) = \frac{1+TS}{2} \quad [1, 1]$$

generalized Yang-Lee fusion ring YLn , $x^2 = 1+nx$

Rem: \mathcal{Q} : any \mathbb{Z}_1 -ring R \rightarrow categorification.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{skeletal s.s. cat. } \mathcal{C} &= \mathcal{C}_R, \quad \text{Gr}(C) = R \\ \text{obj}(\mathcal{C}_R) &= \{ \delta_x \mid x \in R \}, \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_R}(\delta_{x_i}, \delta_{x_j}) = \begin{cases} k, & x_i = x_j \\ 0, & x_i \neq x_j \end{cases} \quad \text{basis: } \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{x_i} \otimes \delta_{x_j} = \bigoplus_{l \in I} N_{ij}^l \delta_{x_l}, \quad \text{where } x_i \cdot x_j = \sum_{l \in I} N_{ij}^l x_l.$$

$$\text{id: } (\delta_x \otimes \delta_y) \otimes \delta_z = \delta_x \otimes (\delta_y \otimes \delta_z).$$

"associative law" is not natural.

$$(\text{id}_{\delta_x} \otimes g) \otimes \text{id}_{\delta_z} \neq \text{id}_{\delta_x} \otimes (g \otimes \text{id}_{\delta_z}) \quad g: \delta_y \rightarrow \delta_y.$$

$$\delta_x = \delta_{x_i}, \quad \delta_y = m \delta_{x_j}, \quad \delta_z = \delta_{x_k}.$$

$$\text{End}((\delta_x \otimes \delta_y) \otimes \delta_z) = \text{End}(\delta_x \otimes (\delta_y \otimes \delta_z)) = \bigoplus_s \text{Mat}_{mn_s}(1_R)$$

$$n_s = \sum_p N_{ij}^p N_{jk}^s = \sum_p N_{ij}^s N_{jk}^p$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta_x \otimes \delta_y) \otimes \delta_z &= (\delta_{x_i} \otimes m \delta_{x_j}) \otimes \delta_{x_k} = \bigoplus_{p \in I} m N_{ij}^p \delta_{x_p} \otimes \delta_{x_k} \\ &= \bigoplus_{s,p \in I} m N_{ij}^p N_{jk}^s \delta_{x_p} \otimes \delta_{x_k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{id}_{\delta_x} \otimes g) \otimes \text{id}_{\delta_z} = \bigoplus_p \text{id}_{N_{ij}^p} \otimes g \otimes \text{id}_{N_{jk}^p}$$

$$\text{id}_X \otimes (g \otimes \text{id}_Y) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^q \text{id}_{N_j^1} \otimes g \otimes \text{id}_{N_j^2}$$