

Anomaly AND Generalized statistics on lattices



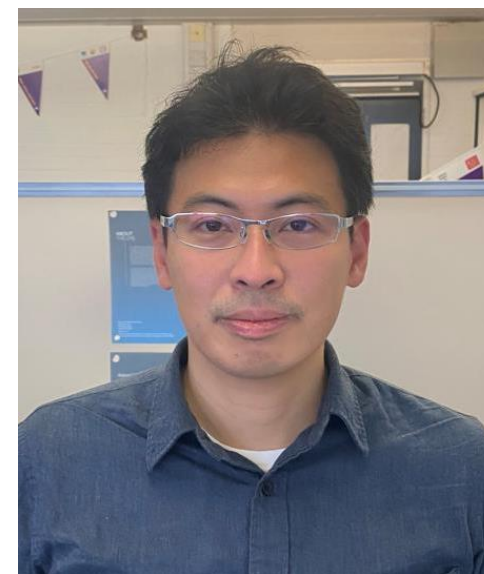
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Generalized Symmetries in HEP and CMP

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Statistics of particles and extended excitations

Statistics of quasiparticles (**anyons**): crucial properties of phases of matter; topological order, spin liquids

[Levin-Gu, Wen, Wang-Senthil,...]

Nontrivial statistics often implies **nontrivial low-energy spectrum**, as only bosons can condense.

Typically associated with 't Hooft **anomalies** of higher-form symmetries.

Dynamical constraints e.g. forbids confined phases

Anyons can be non-invertible, but in this talk we are mostly interested in **invertible** excitations and symmetries.

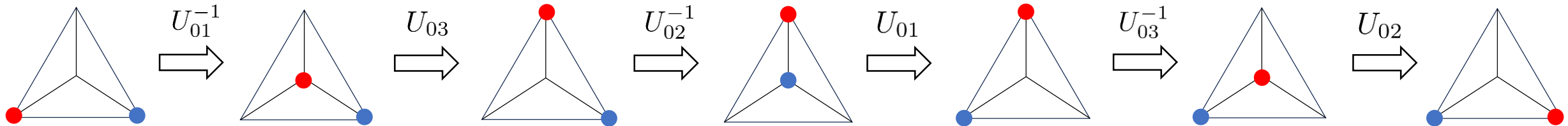
Microscopic definition of statistics

Gapped local Hamiltonian system: How to define statistics of quasiparticles in **microscopic** lattice models?

T-junction: [Levin-Wen]

$$U_{02}U_{03}^{-1}U_{01}U_{02}^{-1}U_{03}U_{01}^{-1} \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \triangle \\ 1 \text{ (red)} \quad 2 \text{ (red)} \end{array} \right\rangle = e^{i\Theta} \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \triangle \\ 1 \text{ (red)} \quad 2 \text{ (red)} \end{array} \right\rangle = \exp \left[i \left(-\theta(U_{01}, \triangle_{\text{red}}) + \theta(U_{03}, \triangle_{\text{red}}) - \theta(U_{02}, \triangle_{\text{red}}) + \theta(U_{01}, \triangle_{\text{blue}}) - \theta(U_{03}, \triangle_{\text{blue}}) + \theta(U_{02}, \triangle_{\text{blue}}) \right) \right] \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \triangle \\ 1 \text{ (red)} \quad 2 \text{ (red)} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

This process indeed does half-braiding of two identical particles:



To be qualified as invariants, we further need to check the stability against perturbations.

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- ✓ Invariant under redefinitions of unitary by phases
- ✓ Invariant under **perturbations** nearby the ends of unitaries
- ✓ Invariant under choices of initial excitation configurations

Question: Spins of Abelian anyons should be quantized. Is this T junction a **quantized** invariant?

Quantization of T-junction

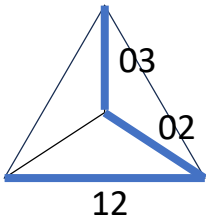
T junction is a **quantized** invariant. Let’s see this explicitly for Abelian anyons with Z2 fusion rule.

$$U_{02}U_{03}^{-1}U_{01}U_{02}^{-1}U_{03}U_{01}^{-1}\left|\begin{array}{c}3\\ \triangle\\ 1\quad 2\end{array}\right\rangle = \exp[i(-\theta(U_{01},\triangle)+\theta(U_{03},\triangle)-\theta(U_{02},\triangle) +\theta(U_{01},\triangle)-\theta(U_{03},\triangle)+\theta(U_{02},\triangle))]\left|\begin{array}{c}3\\ \triangle\\ 1\quad 2\end{array}\right\rangle$$

Key observation is that the **triple commutator** of operators with no common overlap must vanish:

(follows from assumption that unitaries are finite depth local circuit.)

For instance,



$$\langle \triangle | [[U_{02},U_{03}],U_{12}] | \triangle \rangle = 1 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \begin{aligned} &\theta(U_{03},\triangle)+\theta(U_{02},\triangle)+\theta(U_{03}^{-1},\triangle) \\ &+\theta(U_{02}^{-1},\triangle)+\theta(U_{02},\triangle)+\theta(U_{03},\triangle) \\ &+\theta(U_{02}^{-1},\triangle)+\theta(U_{03}^{-1},\triangle) = 0 \pmod{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Quantization of T-junction

(4 x T junction) for \mathbb{Z}_2 Abelian anyons is the combination of triple commutators:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp[4i \left(\theta(U_{01}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{03}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{02}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) \right. \\ \left. + \theta(U_{01}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{03}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{02}, \text{triangle with red dots}) \right)] \\ = \langle [[U_{02}, U_{03}], U_{12}] \rangle \times \langle [[U_{01}, U_{02}], U_{13}] \rangle \times \langle [[U_{03}, U_{01}], U_{23}] \rangle \\ \times \langle [[U_{02}^{-1}, U_{03}^{-1}], U_{12}] \rangle \times \langle [[U_{01}^{-1}, U_{02}^{-1}], U_{13}] \rangle \times \langle [[U_{03}^{-1}, U_{01}^{-1}], U_{23}] \rangle \\ \times \langle [[U_{03}, U_{02}], U_{23}] \rangle^2 \times \langle [[U_{02}, U_{01}], U_{12}] \rangle^2 \times \langle [[U_{01}, U_{03}], U_{13}] \rangle^2 \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the spin of \mathbb{Z}_2 Abelian anyons through T-junction must be quantized as 0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 (\mathbb{Z}_4 statistics).

$$\mathbb{Z}_N \text{ Abelian anyons} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(2,N) \times N} \text{ statistics}$$

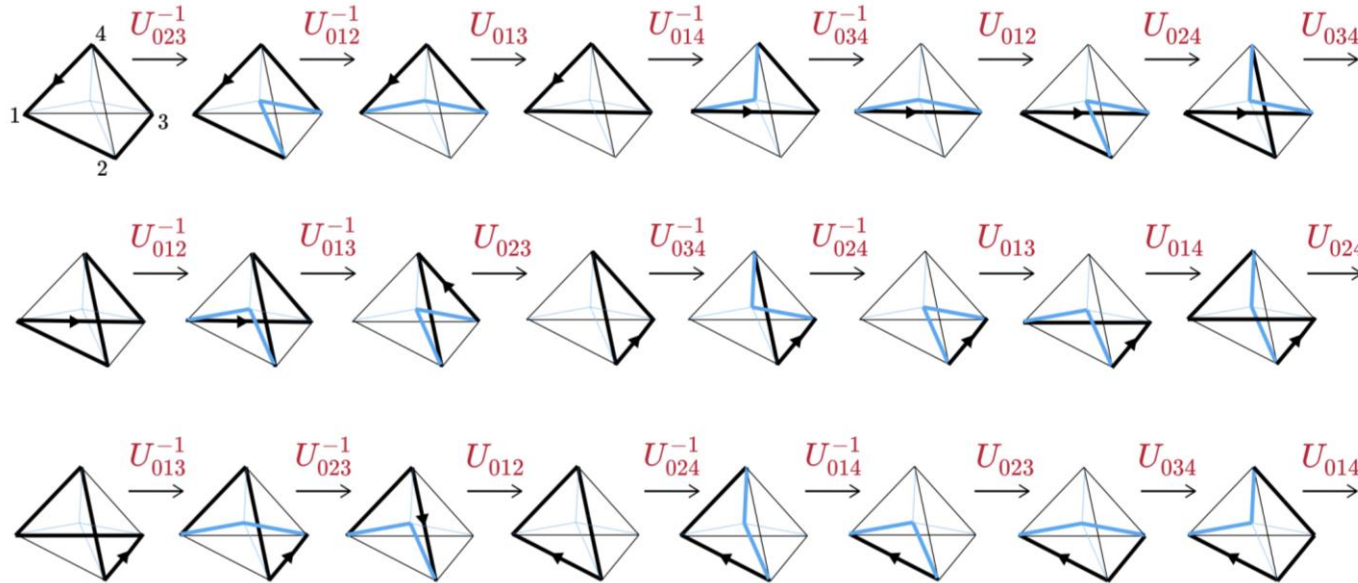
We will see that such mechanism for quantization is observed in a very general setup.

Generalized statistics: loop excitation in (3+1)D

Such invariants can be defined in generic space dimensions, with generic invertible extended excitations.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_2 1-form symmetry in (3+1)D. 24 step unitaries:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{24} := & U_{014} U_{034} U_{023} U_{014}^{-1} U_{024}^{-1} U_{012} U_{023}^{-1} U_{013}^{-1} \\ & \times U_{024} U_{014} U_{013} U_{024}^{-1} U_{034}^{-1} U_{023} U_{013}^{-1} U_{012}^{-1} \\ & \times U_{034} U_{024} U_{012} U_{034}^{-1} U_{014}^{-1} U_{013} U_{012}^{-1} U_{023}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



“Fermionic loops”

Ryan Thorngren (2014):
 w_3 -obstruction

Theo Johnson-Freyd (2021):
Klein bottle invariant of fusion 2-categories

Chen-Hsin (2023):
Lattice $w_2 w_3$ (4+1)D TQFT

Fidkowski-Haah-Hastings (2023):
Loop-flipping process

We will give the framework for such invariants with generic dimensionality, and discuss physical consequences.

Generalized statistics: particle fusion in (1+1)D

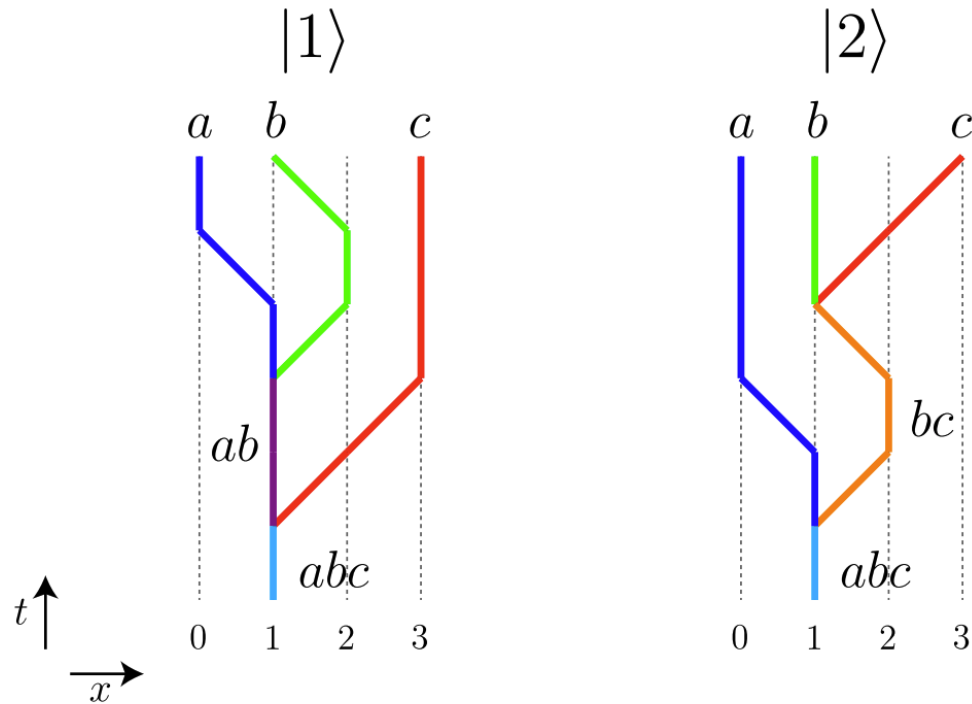


FIG. 4. The two processes that are compared in the microscopic definition of the F -symbol.

Kawagoe-Levin (2020)

For \mathbb{Z}_2 particle s , the “statistics” is equal to:

$$Z_3 = F(s, s, s)F(s, 1, s).$$

We can further simplify this expression into hopping operators:

$$Z_3 = [U_{01}^2, U_{12}]$$

where $[A, B] \equiv ABA^{-1}B^{-1}$ and U_{ij} is the hopping operator that moves particle from i to j .

Therefore, in (1+1)D, **bosons and fermions have trivial statistics**, while **semions exhibit nontrivial statistics**.

This is why **higher gauging** of fermions is possible within a (1+1)D subspace.

Framework for Generalized statistics

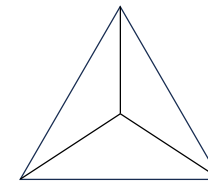
- Setup:
- Local gapped lattice system, with tensor product Hilbert space
 - Finite invertible p-form **symmetry** with fusion group G , generated by a **finite depth unitary circuit** (G can be non-abelian when $p=0$)

End of symmetry operators correspond to the extended excitations.

- Input:
- Possible **configurations of excitations** \mathcal{A} (on a simplicial complex embedded in space): finite group
 - Set of **patch symmetry operators** \mathcal{S} : symmetry generators creating excitation configurations

Example... T junction

- \mathcal{A} : G ($=\mathbb{Z}N$) anyon configurations on a triangulation of 2d sphere:



$$\mathcal{A} = G^3$$

(anyons on four vertices
fuse to vacuum)

- \mathcal{S} : set of anyon string operators on edges. Six generators of G^6 (# of edges) $\partial : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

Framework for Generalized statistics

Invariant is a sequence of unitaries acting on a state, getting back to the original one

$$U_{02}U_{03}^{-1}U_{01}U_{02}^{-1}U_{03}U_{01}^{-1} \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \triangle \\ 1 \quad 2 \end{array} \right\rangle = \exp[i(-\theta(U_{01}, \triangle) + \theta(U_{03}, \triangle) - \theta(U_{02}, \triangle) + \theta(U_{01}, \triangle) - \theta(U_{03}, \triangle) + \theta(U_{02}, \triangle))] \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \triangle \\ 1 \quad 2 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

In general, it is sum of the phases $\theta(s, a)$ $s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}$

$$U(s) |a\rangle = \exp(i\theta(s, a)) |a + \partial s\rangle$$

It is convenient to introduce a formal sum of the objects $E = \bigoplus_{s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{Z}\theta(s, a)$

The invariant is formulated as a specific subgroup $E_{\text{inv}} \subset E$

(Let us restrict ourselves to the **Abelian** fusion group G in this talk. Can be safely generalized to **non-Abelian** groups.)

Group of invariants: $E_{\text{inv}} \subset E$

The condition for being an invariant: Linear constraints on integer coefficients $\epsilon(s, a)$ of

$$e = \bigoplus_{(s,a)} \epsilon(s, a) \theta(s, a) \in E = \bigoplus_{s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{Z} \theta(s, a)$$

1. The invariant corresponds to sequence of unitaries, with same initial and final state (Berry phase).

$$\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \epsilon(s, a) - \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \epsilon(s, a - \partial s) = 0, \quad \text{for any } a \in \mathcal{A} .$$

2. The invariant has to be stable against phase redefinitions of the unitary operators.

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \epsilon(s, a) = 0, \quad \text{for any } s \in \mathcal{S} .$$

3. The invariant has to be stable against perturbations nearby the boundaries of unitary operators.

$$\sum_{\substack{a \in \mathcal{A} \\ a|_{\sigma_j} = a_*^{(j)}}} \epsilon(s, a) = 0, \quad \sigma_j \in \text{supp}(s) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(Stability against perturbations within a j-simplex } \sigma_j \text{)} \\ \text{(uses exponentially decaying correlation length = gapped)} \end{array}$$

The three types of linear constraints together define $E_{\text{inv}} \subset E$

Trivial invariants from locality: $E_{\text{id}} \subset E_{\text{inv}}$

Some invariants $e \in E_{\text{inv}}$ correspond to the trivial invariants (identity).

Trivial invariants originate from **higher commutator**:

$$\langle a | [[[U(s_1), U(s_2)], \dots], U(s_n)] | a \rangle = 1 \quad \text{supp}(s_1) \cap \dots \cap \text{supp}(s_n) = \emptyset$$

Let $E_{\text{id}} \subset E_{\text{inv}}$ be the group of higher commutators. Then define **generalized statistics** as

$$T = E_{\text{inv}} / E_{\text{id}}$$

Though E_{inv} is an infinite group (direct sum of integers), the genuine invariant T is a **finite Abelian group**.

Invariants are torsions, and **quantized**.

Quantization of Generalized statistics

Let's explicitly show that the invariant $T = E_{\text{inv}}/E_{\text{id}}$ is a **finite group** (torsion).

First, one can show that the equivalence class $[e] \in E_{\text{inv}}/E_{\text{id}}$ **doesn't depend on initial state**, i.e., the ratio

$$\frac{\langle a_0 | \prod U(s_j)^\pm | a_0 \rangle}{\langle a'_0 | \prod U(s_j)^\pm | a'_0 \rangle} \in E_{\text{id}} \quad \text{for any pair of initial states.}$$

In other words, it is equal to product of **higher commutators**, and actually
$$\frac{\langle a_0 | \prod U(s_j)^\pm | a_0 \rangle}{\langle a'_0 | \prod U(s_j)^\pm | a'_0 \rangle} = 1$$

Then, sum up the phase over all choices of initial states:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}|[e] &= \sum_{a_0 \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{(s,a)} \epsilon(s, a) \theta(s, a + a_0) \\ &= \sum_{a_0 \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{(s,a)} \epsilon(s, a - a_0) \theta(s, a) = \sum_{(s,a)} \left(\sum_{a_0 \in \mathcal{A}} \epsilon(s, a_0) \right) \theta(s, a) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} [e] \text{ has finite order,} \\ \text{Showing } T \text{ is a } \textbf{finite group} \end{array}$$

Computation of invariants: Smith normal form

One can systematically compute $T = E_{\text{inv}}/E_{\text{id}}$ based on a simple algorithm.

The idea is to first list all possible **higher commutators**:

$$\langle \text{triangle} \mid [[U_{02}, U_{03}], U_{12}] \mid \text{triangle} \rangle = 1 \qquad \Rightarrow$$

and many other $\langle [U, [U, U]] \rangle = 1$ type equations

$$\begin{aligned} &\theta(U_{03}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{02}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{03}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) \\ &+ \theta(U_{02}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{02}, \text{triangle}) + \theta(U_{03}, \text{triangle with red dots}) \\ &+ \theta(U_{02}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) + \theta(U_{03}^{-1}, \text{triangle with red dots}) = 0 \pmod{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

and many equations $\sum_{s,a} \epsilon(s,a) \theta(s,a) = 0$

Then, some linear combinations of higher commutators happen to have overall integer N factor:

$$\langle [U, [U, U]] \rangle \times \langle [U', [U', U']] \rangle \times \dots \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad N \sum_{s,a} \epsilon'(s,a) \theta(s,a) = 0$$

This implies the existence of **invariant quantized in \mathbb{Z}_N** : $\sum_{s,a} \epsilon'(s,a) \theta(s,a) \in E_{\text{inv}}$

Computation of invariants: Smith normal form

The combination of higher commutators with overall integer factor can be obtained by **Smith normal form**

Let's say we have higher commutators

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 + 2\theta_2 + 3\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}, \\ 4\theta_1 + 5\theta_2 + 6\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}, \\ 7\theta_1 + 8\theta_2 + 9\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}\end{aligned}$$

Then make an integer matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Linear combination
of eqs (**row**)

 \Rightarrow

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Redefinition of theta
by linear combinations
(**column**)

 \Rightarrow

$$\begin{matrix} & \theta'_1 & \theta'_2 & \theta'_3 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{SNF} \end{matrix}$$

$\begin{aligned}\theta'_1 &= \theta_1 + 2\theta_2 + 3\theta_3, \\ \theta'_2 &= \theta_2 + 2\theta_3, \\ \theta'_3 &= \theta_3.\end{aligned}$

$1\theta'_1 = 0, \quad 3\theta'_2 = 0, \quad 0\theta'_3 = 0$ correspond to **quantized invariants** (single nontrivial one is Z3)

Computation of invariants: Smith normal form

Summarizing, the algorithm for computing the statistics is as follows:

1. First fix the **simplicial complex** and **fusion group** G , the configurations of excitations \mathcal{A} , and unitaries \mathcal{S}

2. Enumerate all possible **higher commutators** of unitaries which evaluates trivially

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 + 2\theta_2 + 3\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}, \\ 4\theta_1 + 5\theta_2 + 6\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}, \\ 7\theta_1 + 8\theta_2 + 9\theta_3 &= 0 \pmod{2\pi}\end{aligned}$$

3. Put the higher commutators into a matrix, and compute its **Smith normal form**

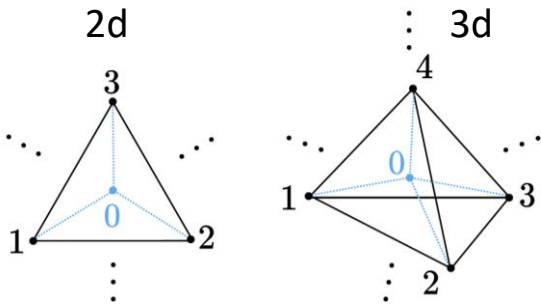
4. Invariants are classified by the entries of Smith normal form: $T = E_{\text{inv}}/E_{\text{id}} = \bigoplus_{a_{ii} \neq 0,1} \mathbb{Z}_{a_{ii}}$

Conjecture: Generalized Statistics = Group Cohomology

Take a **triangulation on a sphere** embedded in d dimensional space.

p-dimensional excitation ((d-p-1)-form symmetry) with fusion group G.

Then, computation results imply the correspondence with the **group cohomology**: $T = H^{d+2}(B^{d-p}G, U(1))$



	G -particles with $G = \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{N_i}$	G -loops with $G = \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{N_i}$	G -membranes with $G = \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{N_i}$
(1+1)D	$H^3(BG, U(1))$ $= \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{N_i} \prod_{i < j} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j)}$ $\prod_{i < j < k} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k)}$		
(2+1)D	$H^4(B^2G, U(1))$ $= \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, 2) \times N_i} \prod_{i < j} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j)}$	$H^4(BG, U(1))$ $= \prod_{i < j} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j)}^2 \prod_{i < j < k} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k)}^2$ $\prod_{i < j < k < l} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k, N_l)}$	
(3+1)D	$H^5(B^3G, U(1))$ $= \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, 2)}$	$H^5(B^2G, U(1))$ $= \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, 2)} \prod_{i < j} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j)}$	$H^5(BG, U(1))$ $= \prod_i \mathbb{Z}_{N_i} \prod_{i < j} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j)}^2$ $\prod_{i < j < k} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k)}^4$ $\prod_{i < j < k < l} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k, N_l)}^3$ $\prod_{i < j < k < l < m} \mathbb{Z}_{(N_i, N_j, N_k, N_l, N_m)}$

⇒ Verified for small groups G.

For instance, $d = 2, p = 0, \quad G = \mathbb{Z}_N$ (anyons):
 $T = \mathbb{Z}_{2N}$ even N
 $T = \mathbb{Z}_N$ odd N
 Spin quantization rule of anyons;
 Checked up to N = 10 on laptop.

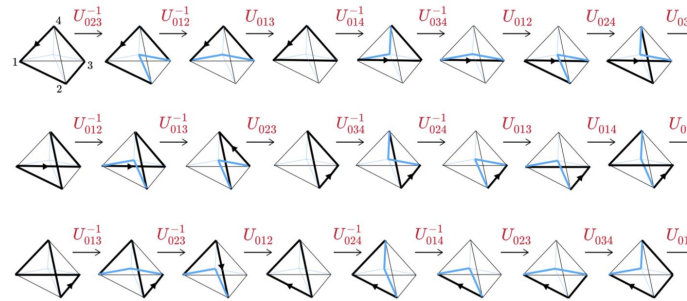
Examples of invariants

- 1+1D: 0-form ZN symmetry $Z_3(g) := [U(g)_{01}^{|g|}, U(g)_{02}] \quad \dots \quad \overset{1}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{0} \overset{2}{\bullet} \quad \dots$

- 2+1D: 0-form ZN x ZN symmetry $Z_4^I(a, b) := (U(a)_{B+C})^{-N} \left(U(a)_{B+C} [U(a)_B, [U(a)_A, U(b)_{A+B+C+D}]] \right)^N,$
 $Z_4^{II}(a, b) := (U(b)_{B+C})^{-N} \left(U(b)_{B+C} [U(b)_B, [U(b)_A, U(a)_{A+B+C+D}]] \right)^N.$

- 3+1D: 1-form ZN symmetry

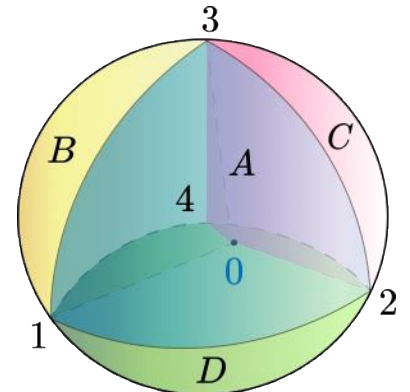
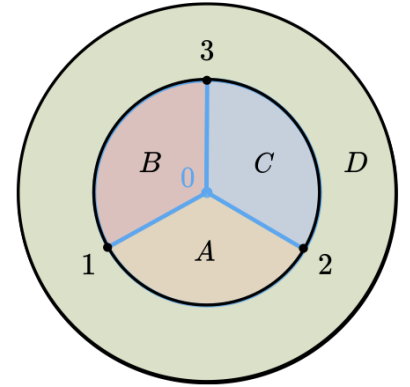
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“Fermionic loops” for N = 2

0-form ZN symmetry

$$Z_5(g) := (U(g)_{0234} U(g)_{0124})^{-N} \left(U(g)_{0234} [U(g)_{0134}, U(g)_{0123}^N]^{-1} U(g)_{0124} [U(g)_{0134}, U(g)_{0123}^N] \right)^N$$



Generalized statistics as anomalies: obstruction to gauging

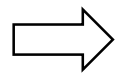
The nontrivial invariant is directly regarded as **obstruction to gauging** the symmetry.

A take is that the product of unitaries $\langle a_0 | U(s_{n-1})^\pm \dots U(s_j)^\pm \dots U(s_0)^\pm | a_0 \rangle$ is the product of **Gauss law operators**.

$$G(\Delta) = 1, \quad U(s) = \prod_{\Delta \in s} G(\Delta)$$

Gauss law operator on local simplex Δ , and the unitary is product of Gauss laws

It means that the invariant obstructs commuting Gauss laws within the initial symmetric state.



Obstruction to gauging the symmetry = Microscopic definition of **'t Hooft anomalies**

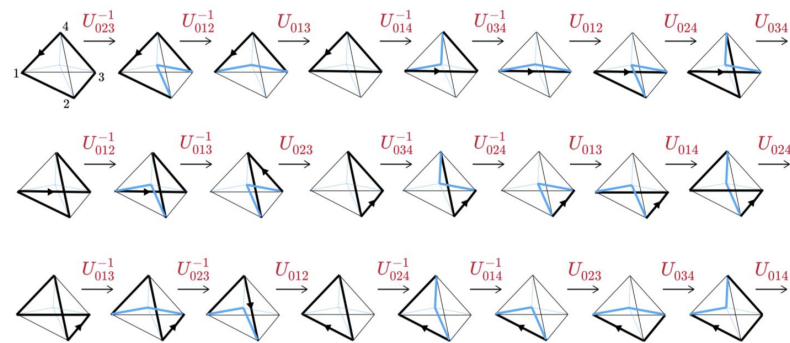
Generalized statistics as anomalies: dynamical consequences

Generalized statistics is understood as the 't Hooft anomaly.

Indeed, generalized statistics has a direct **dynamical consequence** (similar to **Lieb-Schultz-Mattis**):

Generalized statistics $T \neq 1$ on the symmetric state $|\psi\rangle$ implies that the state cannot be **short-range entangled**.
(i.e., cannot be connected to tensor product state by finite depth circuit)

For instance, Z2 1-form symmetry in (3+1)D:



$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{24} := & U_{014}U_{034}U_{023}U_{014}^{-1}U_{024}^{-1}U_{012}U_{023}^{-1}U_{013}^{-1} \\ & \times U_{024}U_{014}U_{013}U_{024}^{-1}U_{034}^{-1}U_{023}U_{013}^{-1}U_{012}^{-1} \\ & \times U_{034}U_{024}U_{012}U_{034}^{-1}U_{014}^{-1}U_{013}U_{012}^{-1}U_{023}^{-1} = -1 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \text{LRE state}$$

Such result has been known for anyons in (2+1)D: T-junction must be trivial on SRE states [Bravyi-Hastings-Verstraete, Li-Lee-Yoshida]

Warm-up (review): Anyons imply long-range entanglement

Let us see how the anyon **T-junction** forbids the short-range entanglement.

Suppose $|\psi\rangle$ is SRE state in 2d. i.e., $V|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle^n$ with a finite depth circuit V .

$$\langle\psi| U_{02}U_{03}^{-1}U_{01}U_{02}^{-1}U_{03}U_{01}^{-1}|\psi\rangle = \langle 0|^n \tilde{U}_{02}\tilde{U}_{03}^{-1}\tilde{U}_{01}\tilde{U}_{02}^{-1}\tilde{U}_{03}\tilde{U}_{01}^{-1}|0\rangle^n \quad \tilde{U} = V^\dagger UV$$

In this setup, each excited state $\tilde{U}|0\rangle^n$ is trivial product state away from the excitation:

$$|jk\rangle := \tilde{U}_{jk}|0\rangle^n = |j\rangle|k\rangle \otimes |0\rangle_{\overline{j,k}}$$

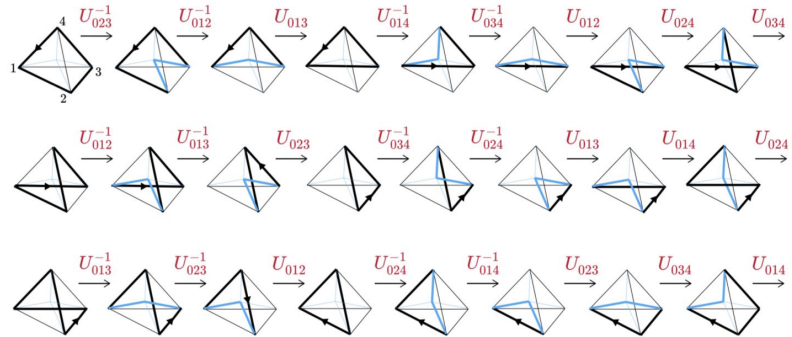
So excitation is just a **disentangled 0d state**. This greatly constrains the property of Berry phase.

The action of \tilde{U}_{kl} is independent of the excitations away from k, l . This leads to cancellation of T-junction:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta &= \theta(U_{02}U_{03}^{-1}U_{01}U_{02}^{-1}U_{03}U_{01}^{-1}, 12) \\ &= -\theta(U_{01}, 02) + \theta(U_{03}, 02) - \theta(U_{02}, 03) \\ &\quad + \theta(U_{01}, 03) - \theta(U_{03}, 01) + \theta(U_{02}, 01) = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Fermionic loops imply long-range entanglement

Such argument can be generalized to extended excitations as well. Let's consider \mathbb{Z}_2 1-form symmetry in (3+1)D



$$\mu_{24} := U_{014}U_{034}U_{023}U_{014}^{-1}U_{024}^{-1}U_{012}U_{023}^{-1}U_{013}^{-1} \\ \times U_{024}U_{014}U_{013}U_{024}^{-1}U_{034}^{-1}U_{023}U_{013}^{-1}U_{012}^{-1} \\ \times U_{034}U_{024}U_{012}U_{034}^{-1}U_{014}^{-1}U_{013}U_{012}^{-1}U_{023}^{-1} = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \text{LRE state}$$

Let's consider 3d SRE state $|\psi\rangle$ w/ \mathbb{Z}_2 1-form symmetry.

Then, each state $U|\psi\rangle$ can be taken to be a trivial product state away from excitations:

$$|\partial s\rangle := U(s)|\psi\rangle = |a\rangle_{\partial s} \otimes |0\rangle_{\overline{\partial s}} \quad (\text{up to finite depth circuit})$$

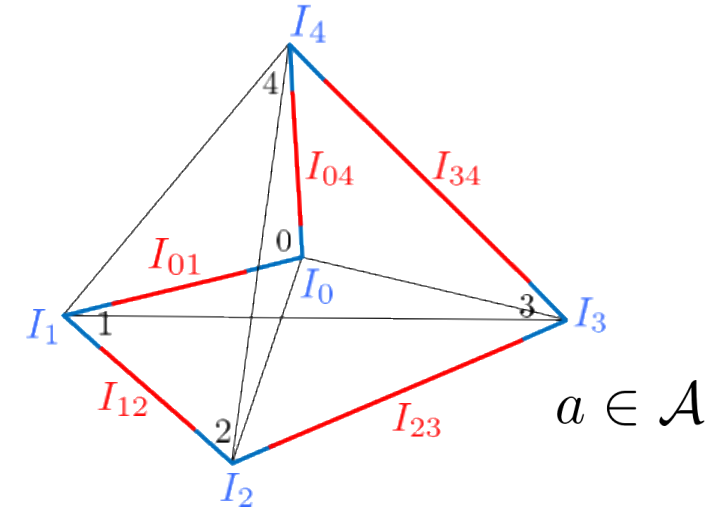
Then, each excited state is essentially a 1d gapped state, which can be described by **matrix product state (MPS)**.

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Each excited state in SRE is the 1d MPS state along excitations.

Let's consider a “patchwork” of MPS:

For instance, $|a\rangle = \text{Tr} [V^0 E^{01} V^1 E^{12} V^2 E^{23} V^3 E^{34} V^4 E^{40}]$



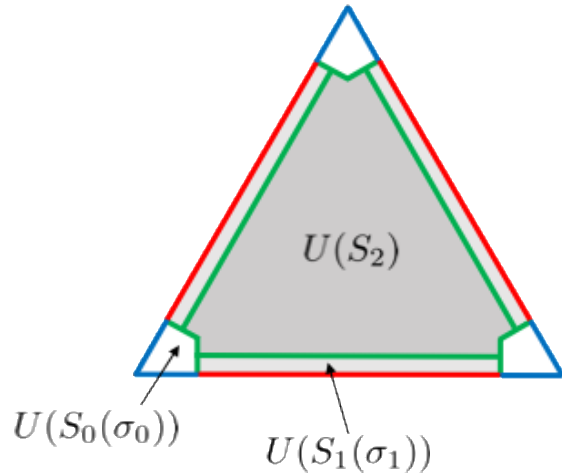
MPS V only depends on excitation configuration **near a vertex**, and E only depends on those **near an edge**.

This patchwork representation allows us to construct a canonical choice of excited state $|a\rangle$ for generic configuration.

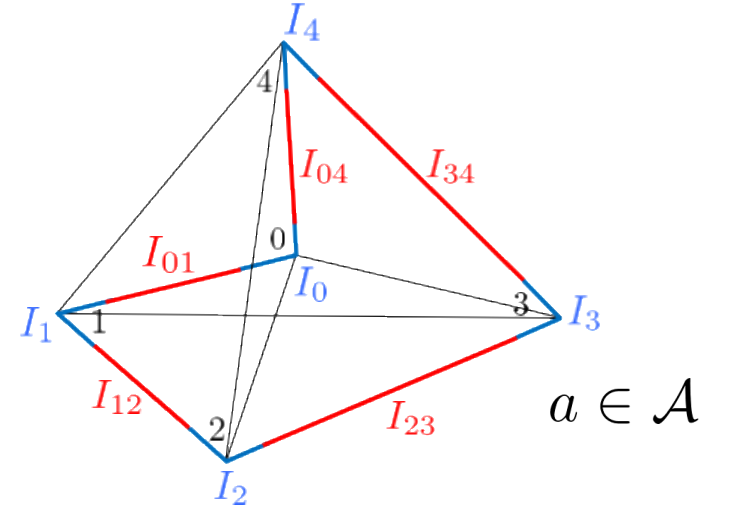
This specific structure of an excited state again greatly constrains the Berry phase $U(s) |a\rangle = \exp(i\theta(s, a)) |a + \partial s\rangle$

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The symmetry operator also decomposes into circuits near vertex, edge, bulk.



$$U_{jkl} = U_j^{(0)} U_k^{(0)} U_l^{(0)} U_{jk}^{(1)} U_{kl}^{(1)} U_{jl}^{(1)} U_{jkl}^{(2)}$$



Berry phase decomposes into smaller part, and each phase only depends on MPS on specific j-simplex:

$$\theta(U_{jkl}, a) = \theta(U_{j;jkl}^{(0)}, a) + \theta(U_{k;jkl}^{(0)}, a) + \theta(U_{l;jkl}^{(0)}, a) + \theta(U_{jk}^{(1)}, a) + \theta(U_{kl}^{(1)}, a) + \theta(U_{jl}^{(1)}, a) + \theta(U_{jkl}^{(2)}, a)$$

Then, invariance under local perturbations at j-simplex enforces the Berry phase on each j-simplex to cancel out.

One can then show $e \in E_{\text{inv}}$ has trivial invariant on SRE.


Generalized statistics imply long-range entanglement

Such argument can be extended to generic setup: Need to assume **tensor network** representation of excited states.

Let's consider SRE state $|\psi\rangle$ w/ G p-form symmetry in generic dimensions.

Then, each state $U|\psi\rangle$ can be taken to be a trivial product state away from excitations:

$$|\partial s\rangle := U(s)|\psi\rangle = |a\rangle_{\partial s} \otimes |0\rangle_{\overline{\partial s}} \quad (\text{up to finite depth circuit})$$


Tensor network at the excitations

Then decompose the **tensor network** and **operators** into the ones **localized nearby j-simplices**.

We can use the conditions of E_{inv} for the stability against perturbations at j-simplex, leads to cancellation of phases.

One can then show $e \in E_{\text{inv}}$ has trivial invariant on SRE.

Summary

- Universal microscopic descriptions for statistics of invertible deconfined excitations
- Generalized statistics is quantized, and systematically computed using Smith normal form
- Generalized statistics gives microscopic definition of anomalies, and constrains low-energy spectrum

Future directions

- Gapless systems? If the perturbation is always symmetric, the definition should also work for gapless systems.
- Non-invertible symmetries / non-Abelian anyons? Is there analogue of higher commutators of unitaries?
- Proof for the correspondence between generalized statistics and group cohomology?