

Lecture 2

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# **Operator Algebras and Conformal Field Theory**

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**Jones index.**  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  inclusion of factors.  $\mathcal{M}$  to be finite, namely there exists a (unique) tracial state  $\omega = (\cdot, \Omega)$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ . With  $e$  the projection onto  $\overline{\mathcal{N}\Omega}$ , the von Neumann algebra generated by  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $e$

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle \mathcal{M}, e \rangle = J_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{N}' J_{\mathcal{M}}$$

is a semifinite factor ( $\exists$  unbounded trace).

$\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  has finite *index*  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{M}_1$  is finite. The index is defined as

$$[\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}] = \omega(e)^{-1}$$

with  $\omega$  also denoting the trace of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ .

*Jones thm.*

$$[\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}] \in \left\{ 4 \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{n}, n \geq 3 \right\} \cup [4, \infty].$$

A *probabilistic definition* of the index was given by Pimsner and Popa through the inequality

$$\varepsilon(x) \geq \lambda x, \quad x \in \mathcal{M}^+,$$

$\lambda = [\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}]^{-1}$  where  $\varepsilon : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is the trace preserving conditional expectation.

$\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  any inclusion of factors,  $\varepsilon : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  normal expectation:

$[\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}]_\varepsilon$  defined by Popa, Kosaki (e.g. by Pimsner-Popa inequality)

*Minimal index* (Hiai, L.)

$$[\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}] = \inf_{\varepsilon} [\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}]_{\varepsilon} = [\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{N}]_{\varepsilon_0}$$

where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the unique *minimal conditional expectation*.

**Joint modular structure. Sectors.**  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  type III factors.  $J_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $J_{\mathcal{M}}$  modular conjugations of  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ .

The unitary  $\Gamma = J_{\mathcal{N}}J_{\mathcal{M}}$  implements a *canonical endomorphism* of  $\mathcal{M}$  into  $\mathcal{N}$

$$\gamma(x) = \Gamma x \Gamma^*, \quad x \in \mathcal{M}.$$

*Proof.*  $\Gamma\mathcal{M}\Gamma = J_{\mathcal{N}}J_{\mathcal{M}}\mathcal{M}J_{\mathcal{M}}J_{\mathcal{N}} = J_{\mathcal{N}}\mathcal{M}'J_{\mathcal{N}} \subset J_{\mathcal{N}}\mathcal{N}'J_{\mathcal{N}} = \mathcal{N}$ .

$\gamma$  depends on  $J_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $J_{\mathcal{M}}$  only up to inners of  $\mathcal{N}$ ;  $\gamma$  is canonical as a sector of  $\mathcal{M}$ :

The *sectors of  $\mathcal{M}$*  are

$$\text{Sect}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{End}(\mathcal{M})/\text{Inn}(\mathcal{M})$$

$\rho, \rho' \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $\rho \sim \rho'$  iff there is a unitary  $u \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\rho'(x) = u\rho(x)u^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ .

$\text{Sect}(\mathcal{M})$  is a *\*-semiring*

*Addition* (direct sum): Let  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$ ; then  $\rho \equiv \rho_1 \oplus \rho_2$

$$\rho : x \in \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1(x) & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_2(x) \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Mat}_2(\mathcal{M}) \simeq \mathcal{M}$$

naturally up to inners, thus in  $\text{Sect}(\mathcal{M})$ .

*Composition* (monoidal product). Usual composition of maps

$$\rho_1 \cdot \rho_2(x) = \rho_1(\rho_2(x)), \quad x \in \mathcal{M}$$

passes to the quotient  $\text{Sect}(\mathcal{M})$ .

*Conjugation.* With  $\rho \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$ , choose a canonical endomorphism  $\gamma_\rho : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \rho(\mathcal{M})$ . Then

$$\bar{\rho} = \rho^{-1} \cdot \gamma_\rho$$

well-defines a conjugation in  $\text{Sect}(\mathcal{M})$ . Thus have

$$\boxed{\gamma_\rho = \rho \cdot \bar{\rho}}$$

*Connes bimodules and sectors.*  $L^2(\mathcal{M})$  is a normal bimodule for  $\mathcal{M}$

$$x, y \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \xi \in L^2(\mathcal{M}) \mapsto x\xi y \equiv xJy^*J\xi$$

If  $\rho \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$  the bimodule  $L^2_\rho(\mathcal{M})$  is  $L^2(\mathcal{M})$  with left-right actions

$$x, y \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \xi \in L^2(\mathcal{M}) \mapsto \rho(x)\xi y \equiv xJy^*J\xi$$

All normal bimodules on  $\mathcal{M}$  arise in this way up to unitary equivalence.

Representation concepts make sense.

$$\text{Bimod}(\mathcal{M}) / \sim = \text{Sect}(\mathcal{M})$$

$$\text{Ind}(\rho) \equiv [\mathcal{M} : \rho(\mathcal{M})].$$

*Prop.*  $\rho \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$  irreducible.

$$\text{Ind}(\rho) < \infty \Leftrightarrow \rho\bar{\rho} \succ \iota \ \& \ \bar{\rho}\rho \succ \iota$$

Analytic def. of conjugate = algebraic def. of conjugate

One may represent objects with non-integral dimension  $d(\rho) = \sqrt{\text{Ind}(\rho)}$  as quantum groups, loop groups, infinite-dimensional Lie algebras, superselection sectors, ...

## The tensor category $\text{End}(M)$ .

Tensor category = category equipped with monoidal product (internal tensor product) on objects and arrows (+ natural compatibility conditions).

*Tensor  $C^*$ -category* = tensor category + arrows form a Banach space with an involution reversing directions.  $C^*$  property  $\|T^* \circ T\| = \|T\|^2$  (Doplicher, Roberts).

$\mathcal{M}$  an infinite factor  $\rightarrow \text{End}(M)$  is a *tensor  $C^*$ -category*:

*Objects*:  $= \text{End}(M)$

$\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho') \equiv \{a \in M : a\rho(x) = \rho'(x)a \ \forall x \in M\}$

*Composition of intertwiners (arrows)*: operator product

$C^*$  property: obvious

Tensor product of objects:  $\rho \otimes \rho' = \rho\rho'$

Tensor product of arrows:  $\sigma, \sigma' \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $t \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho')$ ,  $s \in \text{Hom}(\sigma, \sigma')$ ,

$$t \otimes s \equiv t\rho(s) = \rho'(s)t \in \text{Hom}(\rho \otimes \sigma, \rho' \otimes \sigma') .$$

If  $\rho$  is irreducible (i.e.  $\rho(M)' \cap M = \mathbb{C}$ ) and has finite index, then  $\bar{\rho}$  is the unique sector such that  $\rho\bar{\rho}$  contains the identity sector.

$\rho, \bar{\rho} \in \text{End}(M)$  are conjugate as sectors iff  $\exists$  isometries  $v \in \text{Hom}(\iota, \rho\bar{\rho})$  and  $\bar{v} \in \text{Hom}(\iota, \bar{\rho}\rho)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{v}^* \otimes 1_{\bar{\rho}}) \cdot (1_{\bar{\rho}} \otimes v) &\equiv \bar{v}^* \bar{\rho}(v) = \frac{1}{d}, \\ (v^* \otimes 1_{\rho}) \cdot (1_{\rho} \otimes \bar{v}) &\equiv v^* \rho(\bar{v}) = \frac{1}{d}, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $d > 0$ .



The *minimal d* is the *dimension*  $d(\rho)$ ; it is related to the minimal index by

$$[M : \rho(M)] = d(\rho)^2$$

(tensor categorical definition of the index)

$$d(\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2) = d(\rho_1) + d(\rho_2)$$

$$d(\rho_1 \rho_2) = d(\rho_1)d(\rho_2)$$

$$d(\bar{\rho}) = d(\rho).$$

Every subset of  $\text{End}(M)$  having finite-index generate (by composition, subobjects, direct sum) a  $C^*$ -tensor category with conjugates.

*Example 1.* (Connes)  $G$  discrete (or locally compact) group,

$\pi$  finite-dimensional unitary rep. of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{H}$

$\lambda \otimes \pi$  acts on the left on  $\ell^2(G) \otimes \mathcal{H}$

$\rho \otimes \iota$  acts on the right on  $\ell^2(G) \otimes \mathcal{H}$

$\lambda \otimes \pi \sim \lambda$  (absorbing property of  $\lambda$ )  $\implies \ell^2(G) \otimes \mathcal{H}$  is a  $\text{vN}(G)$  bimodule with dimension  $\dim \mathcal{H}$ .

Tensor product of reps.  $\leftrightarrow$  tensor product of sectors.

*Embedding an abstract tensor  $C^*$ -category  $\mathcal{T}$ .*  
(Popa, Yamagami)

Every countable rigid tensor  $C^*$ -category is equivalent to a full sub-tensor  $C^*$ -category of  $\text{End}(\mathcal{M})$  for some factor  $\mathcal{M}$ .

$\text{End}(\mathcal{M})$  “universal” tensor  $C^*$  tensor category

## Conformal Nets

**Möbius covariants nets on  $S^1$ .** A (local) Möbius covariant net  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $S^1$  is a map

$$I \in \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(I) \subset B(\mathcal{H})$$

$\mathcal{I} \equiv$  family of proper intervals of  $S^1$ , that satisfies:

**A. Isotony.**  $I_1 \subset I_2 \implies \mathcal{A}(I_1) \subset \mathcal{A}(I_2)$

**B. Locality.**  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset \implies [\mathcal{A}(I_1), \mathcal{A}(I_2)] = \{0\}$

**C. Möbius covariance.**  $\exists$  unitary rep.  $U$  of the Möbius group Möb on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$U(g)\mathcal{A}(I)U(g)^* = \mathcal{A}(gI), \quad g \in \text{Möb}, \quad I \in \mathcal{I}.$$

**D. Positivity of the energy.** Generator  $L_0$  of rotation subgroup of  $U$  (conformal Hamiltonian) is positive.

**E. Existence of the vacuum.**  $\exists!$   $U$ -invariant vector  $\Omega \in \mathcal{H}$  (vacuum vector), and  $\Omega$  is cyclic for  $\bigvee_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(I)$  and unique  $U$ -invariant.

**Sectors of  $\mathcal{A}$ .** A representation  $\pi$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is a map  $I \in \mathcal{I} \mapsto \pi_I$ , with  $\pi_I$  a normal representation of  $\mathcal{A}(I)$  on  $B(\mathcal{H})$  such that

$$\pi_{\tilde{I}}|_{\mathcal{A}(I)} = \pi_I, \quad I \subset \tilde{I}, \quad I, \tilde{I} \in \mathcal{I}.$$

$\pi$  is Möbius *covariant* if there is a projective unitary representation  $U_\pi$  of Möb on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\pi_{gI}(U(g)xU(g)^*) = U_\pi(g)\pi_I(x)U_\pi(g)^*$$

for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{A}(I)$  and  $g \in \text{Möb}$ .

*Every rep. on a separable Hilbert space is equivalent to a DHR localised endomorphism, hence we may compose them.*

Localised end. naturally form a tensor  $C^*$ -category

Equivalence classes of localised endomorphisms are the *sectors* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**DHR statistics.**  $\rho$  localized rep. in  $I \in \mathcal{K}$ , i.e.  $\rho$  acts identically on each  $\mathcal{A}(I_1)$ ,  $I_1 \subset I'$ .

Choose  $\rho_1 \sim \rho$  localized in  $I_1 \subset I'$ :  $\rho_1 = u\rho(\cdot)u^*$  with  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\tilde{I})$ . Two choices  $\pm$  of  $\tilde{I} \supset I \cup I_1$  are possible up to deformation.

$\rho\rho_1 = \rho_1\rho$  gives  $\epsilon = u^*\rho(u) \in \rho^2(\mathcal{A})'$  ( $\epsilon^{+*} = \epsilon^-$ )

$\epsilon_i \equiv \rho^{i-1}(\epsilon)$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_i\epsilon_j = \epsilon_j\epsilon_i & \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2, \\ \epsilon_i\epsilon_{i+1}\epsilon_i = \epsilon_{i+1}\epsilon_i\epsilon_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

unitary rep. of  $\mathbb{B}_\infty$ , the *statistics* of  $\rho$ .

There is an expectation  $\varepsilon : \mathcal{A}(I) \rightarrow \rho(\mathcal{A}(I))$ .

$\rho$  irreducible: *statistics parameter*  $\lambda_\rho = \varepsilon(\epsilon)$

$\lambda_\rho = \kappa_\rho/d_{\text{DHR}}(\rho)$  with  $d_{\text{DHR}}(\rho) > 0$  and  $\kappa_\rho \in \mathbb{T}$ .

$d_{\text{DHR}}(\rho)$  is the *statistical dimension* of  $\rho$ ;

## Index-statistics thm.

$$\boxed{\text{DHR dim. } d(\rho) = \sqrt{\text{Jones index Ind}(\rho)}}$$

tensor category  $\xrightarrow[\text{restriction}]{\text{full functor}}$  tensor category  
End. local. in  $I$   $\rightarrow$  End. of  $\mathcal{A}(I)$

$$\text{Hom}(\rho, \sigma) = \text{Hom}(\rho_I, \sigma_I)$$

Local intertwiners = global intertwiners (Guido, L.)  
In particular

$$\boxed{\text{Superselection sectors} \longrightarrow \text{Sect}(\mathcal{M}).}$$

Subfactor theory contains all local information.

Index-statistics thm. gives by Jones' thm:

$$\boxed{d(\rho) \in \left\{ 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{n}, n \geq 3 \right\} \cup [2, \infty].}$$

$\rho^2 = \rho_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \rho_n$  irred. decomposition.

$n \leq 3$ , in particular for “small” index, statistics is classified by the braid group rep., that is by Jones and Kauffman knot/link invariants.

We have

$$4 < d(\rho)^2 < 6$$

$$\Rightarrow d(\rho)^2 = 5, 5.049 \dots, 5.236 \dots, 5.828 \dots$$

(Rehren, L.) while Jones index values  $\supset [4, \infty)$ !.

**(Locally normal) universal algebra.**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}(I) & \xrightarrow{\iota_I} & C^*(\mathcal{A}) \\ \pi_I \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ B(\mathcal{H}) & \equiv & B(\mathcal{H}) \end{array}$$

Locally norm. reps of  $\mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \text{Endom. of } C^*(\mathcal{A})$

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Fusion of representations

$\downarrow$

End( $C^*(\mathcal{A})$ ) is braided tensor category

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canonical intertwiners  $\varepsilon(\rho, \sigma) : \rho\sigma \rightarrow \sigma\rho$

(Fredenhagen, Rehren, Schroer)

**Thm.** (Carpi, Conti, Weiner) If  $\mathcal{A}$  is rational (finitely many irr. reps, all with finite index) then

$$C^*(\mathcal{A}) \simeq F_1 \oplus F_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus F_n$$

$F_k$  type  $I_\infty$  factors. So  $C^*(\mathcal{A})$  is a von Neumann algebra, with finite dimensional center!

**Conformal spin-statistics thm.** (Guido, L.)  
 $\pi$  rep. of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\lambda_\rho$  DHR statistics parameter

$$\kappa_\rho \equiv \text{ph}(\lambda_\rho) = e^{2\pi i h_\rho}$$

$h_\rho = \text{spin}$ , i.e. lowest eigenvalue of  $L_\rho$ .

*Proof.* (some argument)  $I_1 =$  upper half-circle,  $I_2 =$  right half-circle  $\rho$  automorphism localized in  $I_1 \cap I_2$ .

$\rho|_{\mathcal{A}(I_i)} \rightarrow$  Araki-Connes-Haagerup unitary standard implementation  $V_i$



$V_1$  and  $V_2$  commute up to a phase

$$V_1 V_2 = \mu V_2 V_1.$$

$\mu$  algebraic invariant & geometric invariant:  
compare the two aspects. . .

**Diff( $S^1$ ) and the Virasoro algebra.** Diff( $S^1$ ) = smooth oriented diffeomorphisms of  $S^1$ . The (complexification of) Lie algebra of Diff( $S^1$ ) is Vect( $S^1$ ) (Witt algebra)

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n}, \quad L_n = ie^{int} \frac{d}{dt}$$

The *Virasoro algebra* is the unique, non-trivial one-dim. central extension of the Witt alg.

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}(m^3 - m)\delta_{m,-n}$$

and  $[L_n, c] = 0$ .  $c$  is called *central charge*.

Unitary irreducible representation  
of Virasoro alg. on Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$

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Irr. family of operators  $L_n$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   
with Virasoro relations and  $L_n^* = L_{-n}$ .

$L_1, L_{-1}, L_0 =$  generators of complex span of  $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$  (Lie algebra of Möbius group):

$$[L_1, L_0] = L_1, [L_{-1}, L_0] = -L_{-1}, [L_1, L_{-1}] = 2L_0.$$

$L_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \textit{conformal Hamiltonian}$  (= generator of rotations).

*Positive energy* unitary rep.  $U$  of  $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ :  
 $L_0 \geq 0$ . Thus  $\text{sp}U \subset \{h, h+1, h+2, \dots\}$ ,  $h \geq 0$ .  
 $h$  is called *lowest weight*.

For every possible value of  $c$  and  $h \exists!$  irr. pos. energy rep.  $V_{c,h}$  of  $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ . Possible values

(Friedan, Qui, Shenker '86):

$$c = 1 - \frac{6}{n(n+1)} \quad \text{or} \quad c \geq 1$$

$$h_{p,q} = \frac{((n+1)p - nq)^2 - 1}{4n(n+1)},$$

$1 \leq p \leq n-1$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq n$ ,  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(p,q) \sim (n-p, n+1-q)$ . All values are taken (Goddard, Kent, Olive '86).

Reps. with the same  $c$  have *fusion* (internal tensor product).

Long standing problem: is there a relation between Jones index discrete series and Virasoro central charge discrete series? We shall see an interplay below.

**Conformal nets.** A local conformal net  $\mathcal{A}$  is a local Möbius covariant net s.t.  $\exists$  proj. unitary rep.  $U$  of  $\text{Diff}(S^1)$ , extending the Möbius rep., s.t.

$$U(g)\mathcal{A}(I)U(g)^* = \mathcal{A}(gI), \quad g \in \text{Diff}(S^1),$$

$$U(g)xU(g)^* = x, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}(I), \quad g \in \text{Diff}(I'),$$

$$\text{Diff}(I) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{g \in \text{Diff}(S^1) : g(t) = t \quad \forall t \in I'\}.$$

$U$  is unique (Carpi,Weiner), hence canonical.

**Virasoro nets  $\text{Vir}_c$ .**

$$\text{Vir}_c(I) \equiv V_c(\text{Diff}(I))''$$

$$V_c \equiv V_{c,h=0} \text{ (vacuum representation).}$$

Buchholz Shultz-Mirbach, Carpi, recently completed by Weiner:

Reps of  $\text{Vir}_c$  net  $\leftrightarrow$  Unitary reps of Virasoro $_c$  algebra

in particular  $V_{c,h}$  and  $V_{c,h'}$  are locally equivalent

$\mathcal{A}$  (local) conformal net, Haag duality implies

$$U(\text{Diff}(I)) \subset \mathcal{A}(I),$$

$U$  is direct sum of reps  $V_{c,h}$  with the same central charge  $c$ : the central charge of  $\mathcal{A}$

$\mathcal{A} \supset \text{Vir}_c$ <p>every local conformal net is an extension of a Virasoro net</p>
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On the other hand  $\text{Vir}_c$  is minimal, no nontrivial subnet (Carpi):

$$\underline{\text{universal role of } \text{Vir}_c}$$

A (irred.) *representation*  $\pi$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  is diffeomorphism *covariant* if  $\exists$  projective unitary rep.  $U_\pi$  of  $\text{Diff}(S^1)$  extending the rep.  $U_\pi$  of Möb s.t.

$$\pi_{gI}(U(g)xU(g)^*) = U_\pi(g)\pi_I(x)U_\pi(g)^*$$

Automatic diff. covariance: D'Antoni, Fredenhagen, Koester,

**Complete rationality.** Problem: characterize intrinsically a “rational” net (= finitely many irr. sectors, all with  $d(\rho) < \infty$ )

**Def.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is *completely rational* if

- The  $\mu$ -index  $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}$  is finite, i.e.

$$\mu_{\mathcal{A}} \equiv [\hat{\mathcal{A}}(E) : \mathcal{A}(E)] < \infty$$

$E = I_1 \cup I_2$ ,  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}(E) = \mathcal{A}(E)'$  (failure of Haag duality for disconnected regions).

$\mu_{\mathcal{A}} < \infty$  for  $SU(N)$  loop group models (F. Xu).  
General theory (Kawahigashi, Müger, L.)

The  $\mu$ -index is equal to global index:

$$\mu_{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_i d(\rho_i)^2$$

sum of the indices of all irreducible sectors

For a completely rational net:

- $\mathcal{A}$  is *rational* and the representation tensor category is *modular* has non-degenerate braiding
- $\mathcal{A}(E) \subset \hat{\mathcal{A}}(E)$  is the quantum double inclusion of Rehren, L.
- All irreducible extensions of  $\mathcal{A}$  have finite Jones index (by Izumi, Popa, L.)
- $\mathcal{A}$  is strongly additive (Xu, L.)

$$\mathcal{A}(I \setminus \{\text{point}\}) = \mathcal{A}(I)$$

**Loop group and coset models.**  $G$  compact Lie group,

$LG$  loop group, i.e.  $LG = \{g : t \in S^1 \rightarrow G\}$  (smooth maps with pointwise multiplication),

$U : LG \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H})$  pos. energy unitary rep. of  $LG$ , i.e. the action of  $\text{Diff}(S^1)$  on  $\text{Aut}(LG)$  is implemented by a pos. energy rep.

Vacuum irr. reps. (pos. energy)  $U$  of  $LG$  (0 eigenvalue of  $L_0$ ) are labeled by a parameter, the *level* of  $U$ . Fix a level  $\ell$  rep.  $U$ :

$$\mathcal{A}(I) \equiv \{U(g), g \in LG : g(t) = t, t \in I'\}''$$

is a conformal net.

$H \subset G$  closed subgroup

$$\mathcal{B}(I) \equiv \{U(g), g \in LH : g(t) = 1, t \in I'\}''$$

conformal subnet.



$C(I) = \mathcal{B}(I)' \cap \mathcal{A}(I)$  coset model of  $H \subset G$ .

$$\boxed{\text{Vir}_c = \text{coset } SU(2)_{m-1} \subset SU(2)_{m-1} \times SU(2)_1}$$

$c = 1 - \frac{6}{m(m+1)}$  (GKO, Xu, Carpi, Kawahigashi, L.).

$\Rightarrow \text{Vir}_c$  is completely rational  $c < 1$

$\Rightarrow$  All extensions of  $\text{Vir}_c$  have finite Jones index

$\Rightarrow$  Sectors of  $\text{Vir}_c$  have finite index (Loke)

## The classification problem for the discrete series (Kawahigashi, L.)

Classify conformal nets with  $c < 1$

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Classify all irreducible extensions of  $\text{Vir}_c$

**Verlinde-Rehren matrices.**  $\mathcal{A}$  rational, i.e. finitely many irr. sectors  $\rho_0 = \text{id}, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_n$

$$Y_{ij} \equiv d_i d_j \Phi_j(\varepsilon(\rho_j, \rho_i)^* \varepsilon(\rho_i, \rho_j)^*)$$

$\varepsilon$  non degenerate  $\Leftrightarrow |\sigma|^2 = \sum d_i^2$  with  $\sigma \equiv \sum \kappa_i^{-1} d_i^2$

$$S \equiv |\sigma|^{-1} Y, \quad T \equiv \left( \frac{\sigma}{|\sigma|} \right)^{1/3} \text{Diag}(\kappa_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} SS^\dagger &= TT^\dagger = \text{id}, \\ STS &= T^{-1}ST^{-1}, \\ S^2 &= C, \\ TC &= CT, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{ij} = \delta_{i\bar{j}}$ . In our case ( $\text{Vir}_c$ )  $C = \text{id}$ .  $\Rightarrow$   
 $T$  and  $S$  generate unitary rep. of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .

**Modular invariants.** Given a unitary, finite-dim. rep. of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , a *modular invariant* is a matrix  $Z \in \text{Mat}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ ,  $Z_{00} = 1$ , s.t.

$$ZU = UZ$$

- Rational net with non-degenerate braiding  $\rightarrow$  unitary rep. of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow$  modular invariants
- Thus (KLM): complete rational nets  $\rightarrow$  modular invariants
- Capelli, Itzykson, Zuber '87: ADE classification of modular invariants for  $\text{Vir}_c$ ,  $c < 1$
- Böckenhaur, Evans, Kawahigashi 2000:  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$  conformal nets,  $[\mathcal{B} : \mathcal{A}] < \infty$ , then

$\alpha$  – induction  $\rightarrow$  modular invariants

$$Z_{\mu\nu} = \dim \text{Hom}(\alpha_\mu^+, \alpha_\nu^-)$$

$\alpha_\mu^\pm$  = extension of DHR sector  $\mu$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  to right/left solitonic sector of  $\mathcal{B}$  (Roberts, Rehren-L., Xu)

**Q-systems.** Recall:  $\mathcal{M}$  factor,  $\rho \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$   
then

$$\gamma_\rho = \rho \bar{\rho}$$

Converse problem: given  $\gamma \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$ , when is  $\gamma$  canonical?

The problem is finding a “square root”  $\rho$ .

The conjugate equations give conditions:

$\gamma$  canonical with finite index

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$\exists$  isometry  $T \in \text{Hom}(\iota, \gamma)$ , and a co-isometry  $S \in \text{Hom}(\gamma^2, \gamma)$

$$\begin{array}{c} SS = S\gamma(S) \\ S\gamma(T) \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad ST \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \end{array}$$

**Def.** A *Q-system* is a triple  $(\gamma, T, S)$  where  $\gamma \in \text{End}(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $T \in \text{Hom}(\iota, \gamma)$  is an isometry,

$S \in \text{Hom}(\gamma^2, \gamma)$  is a co-isometry satisfying the above relations.

*Thm.* Q-system  $(\gamma, T, S) \rightarrow$  finite-index subfactor  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  with  $\gamma : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  canonical endomorphism.

$\exists$  bijection

subfactors  $\leftrightarrow$  Q-systems

*Application 1:* Quantum double (Rehren, L.), see below.

*Application 2:* Duality for finite-dimensional complex semisimple Hopf algebras (L.).

Two Q-systems  $(\rho, T_1, S_1)$  and  $(\rho, T_2, S_2)$  are *equivalent* if  $\exists u \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho)$  satisfying

$$T_2 = uT_1, \quad uS_1 = S_2u\rho(u).$$

Equivalence of  $Q$ -systems  $\Leftrightarrow$  inner conjugacy of subfactors.

$$N \subset M \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Jones construction} \\ \longleftrightarrow \\ \text{can. endomorphism} \end{array} \quad \tilde{M} \supset M$$

Problem: classify  $Q$ -systems up to equivalence when a system of endomorphisms is given and  $\rho$  is a direct sum of endomorphisms in the system.

Izumi-Kosaki cohomology for  $Q$ -systems: finite groups.

## Classification of local extensions of the Virasoro nets (Kawahigashi, L.)

- Consider the Cappelli-Itzykson-Zuber classification of the modular invariants for the Virasoro nets with central charge  $c = 1 - 6/m(m+1) < 1$ ,  $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- Show that each “type I” modular invariant is realized with  $\alpha$ -induction for an extension  $\text{Vir}_c \subset \mathcal{M}$  as in Bockenhauer-Evans-Kawahigashi
- Use  $Q$ -system to detect the local extension of  $\text{Vir}_c$ ,  $c < 1$



Classification of local conformal nets,  $c = 1 - \frac{6}{m(m+1)}$

$m$	Labels for $Z$
$n$	$(A_{n-1}, A_n)$
$4n + 1$	$(A_{4n}, D_{2n+2})$
$4n + 2$	$(D_{2n+2}, A_{4n+2})$
11	$(A_{10}, E_6)$
12	$(E_6, A_{12})$
29	$(A_{28}, E_8)$
30	$(E_8, A_{30})$

*Thm.* (Kawahigashi, L.) Local conformal nets with  $c < 1$  are classified by pair of Dynkin diagrams  $A - D_{2n} - E_{6,8}$  s.t. the difference of Coxeter numbers is 1.

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*The four exceptional cases.*

$(E_6, A_{12}), (E_8, A_{30})$  coset constructions (conjectured by Böckenhauer-Evans)

$(A_{10}, E_6)$  coset construction (Köster)



One *new example*  $(A_{28}, E_8)$ , most probably not constructable as coset.

**Case**  $c = 1$  classified by Xu, Carpi (with a spectral condition, probably always true)

Many new models by mirror symmetry F. Xu.