

Modular factorization of superconformal indices

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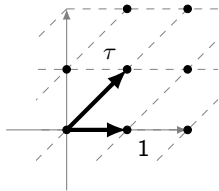
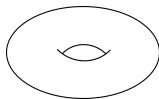
What is the nature of the **microstates** counted by $S_{BH} = \frac{A}{4G_N}$?

Central question in **quantum gravity**.

Within string theory, **AdS/CFT** provides a (partial) answer.

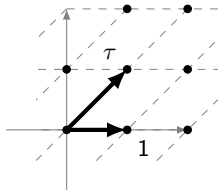
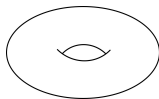
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Quantum gravity interpretation:

- * S_{Cardy} computes S_{BH} for a special class of black holes. [Strominger-Vafa]
- * $\Gamma_\infty \backslash SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ labels black hole saddles in (Euclidean) AdS_3 .
 $\Rightarrow Z_{\text{CFT}}(\tau)$ as grav. path integral. [Dijkgraaf-Maldacena-Moore-Verlinde, (Maloney-)Witten]

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New insight: exact S_{BH} from index!

[Cabo-Bizet-Cassani-Martelli-Murthy, Choi-Kim-Kim-Nahmgoong, Benini-Milan]

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Aim: a **physical interpretation** akin to 2d.

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\Rightarrow **Modular factorization** of superconformal indices.

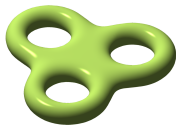
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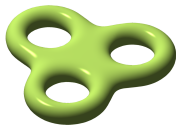
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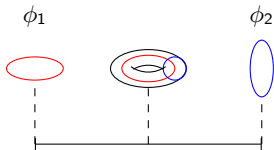
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Example of genus 1 Heegaard splitting:

- * $S^3 \subset \mathbb{C}^2$: $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = 1$.
- * $H_1 = D_2 \times S^1$.
- * $f = S\mathcal{O}$, where $S \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \text{MCG}[\Sigma_1]$.



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$\Gamma_\infty: (\mu, \lambda) \rightarrow (\mu, \lambda + k\mu)$. Then for $\gamma, \tilde{\gamma} \in \Gamma_\infty$:

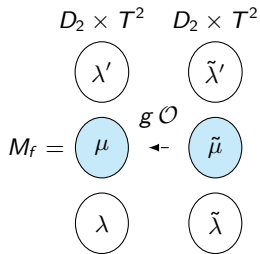
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Implies $L(p, q) \cong L(p, q + p)$, consistent with quotient defn.

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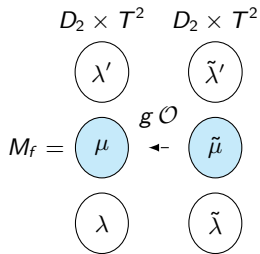
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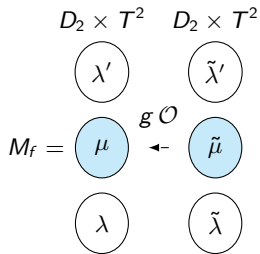
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For any $g \in SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ there exist $h, \tilde{h} \in H$ for some (p, q) such that:

$$f_{p,q} = h f \tilde{h}^{-1}, f_{p,q} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -r \\ 0 & p & -q \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M_f \cong L(p, q) \times S^1.$$

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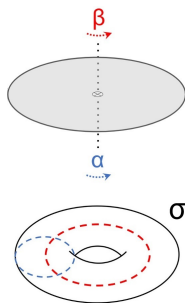
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On RHS:

- * $M_{f_{p,q}}(\rho) \equiv D_2 \times T^2(\rho) \sqcup_{f_{p,q}} D_2 \times T^2(f_{p,q}^{-1}\rho)$
- * $\rho \equiv (z_a; \tau, \sigma) = \left(\frac{z_a}{x_1}; \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \frac{x_3}{x_1} \right)$, $\tau = \alpha\sigma - \beta$.
- * $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ acts on \vec{x} by left multiplication.
- * ρ is related linearly to $\hat{\rho}$.



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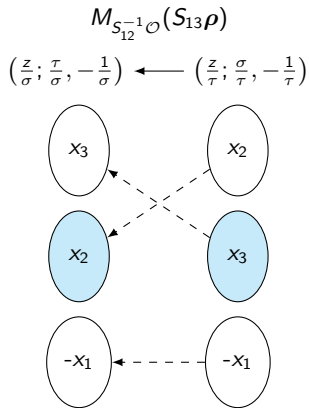
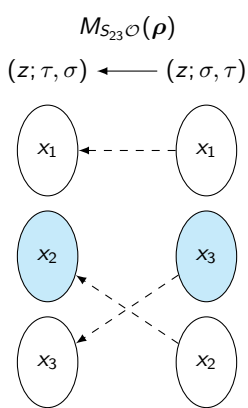
Claim: a given Hopf surface can be split into any such $M_{f'}(\rho')$:

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$H \times H$ action reflect **ambiguities in Heegaard splitting**.

Example: two Heegaard splittings of $\mathcal{M}_{(1,0)}(\hat{\rho}) \cong S^3 \times S^1$.

Take $f_{1,0} = S_{23} \mathcal{O}$ and $h = \tilde{h} = S_{13} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_{\lambda' \lambda}$ such that $f' = S_{12}^{-1} \mathcal{O}$.



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Path integral on Hopf surface \Leftrightarrow lens **index**:

$$\mathcal{I}_{(p,q)}(\hat{\rho}) \equiv \text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{(p,q)}} (-1)^F \hat{\rho}^{j_1+j_2-\frac{r}{2}} \hat{q}^{j_1-j_2-\frac{r}{2}} \hat{\chi}_a^{q_a} e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}^\dagger\}}$$

- * $\mathcal{H}_{(p,q)}$ is Hilbert space on $L(p, q)$.
- * $j_{1,2}$ angular momenta and q_a global symmetry charges.
- * Fugacities in index are exponentiated moduli $\hat{\rho}$.
- * Counts BPS states with $\{\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}^\dagger\} = \Delta - 2j_1 + \frac{3}{2}r = 0$; RG invariant.

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Defined in terms of **elliptic Γ function**:

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Similar expressions for $L(p, 1) \times S^1$ and $S^2 \times T^2$ index.

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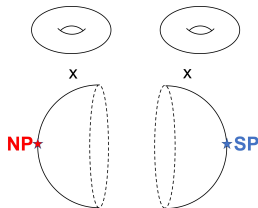
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2. Supersymmetric path integral:

[Peelaers]

- * Equivariant localization on “north and south poles”.
- * $\prod_{m,n}$ from 1-loop determinants of T^2 mode expansion.
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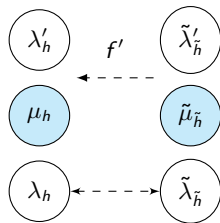
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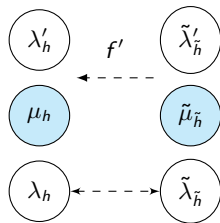
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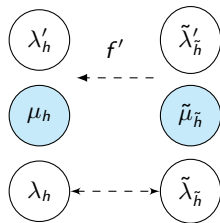
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Since $F_h \subset SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ maximal, $\hat{Z}_g^\alpha(\rho)$ is **non-trivial** in cohomology.

Overview

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Summary:

- * Ambiguities in Heegaard splitting lead to modular factorization of indices.
- * Compatible blocks parametrized by possible embeddings of S_{β}^1 .
- * When $S_f \subset H \times H$ embeds as a subgroup, modular factorization can be interpreted as a covariance under a combined action on f and ρ .
- * Restricted compatibility of blocks relates to non-triviality of cohomology class.

Future directions (gravitational dual):

- * Bulk modular factorization through gravitational blocks?
- * Original modular property connects with BPS AdS₅ back hole.
Can we view $\Gamma'_\infty \times \Gamma'_\infty \backslash \mathcal{S}_{f_{1,0}}$ as a classification of bulk solutions?
- * Analogue of the Poincaré series expansion for modular factorization?

Future directions (SCFT):

- * Better matching of physically and mathematically natural objects?
- * $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ property Schur index as remnant of modular factorization?

Extra slides

Hopf surfaces

Hopf surface: $\mathcal{M}_{(p,q)}(\hat{\rho})$, $\hat{\rho} = (\hat{z}_a; \hat{\tau}, \hat{\sigma})$ holonomies and moduli.

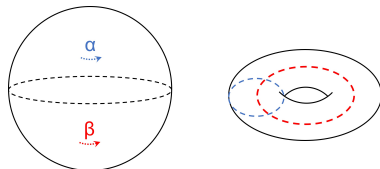
Primary: $\mathcal{M}_{(1,0)}(\hat{\rho})$ is quotient of $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$:

$$(z_1, z_2) \sim (\hat{\rho}z_1, \hat{q}z_2), \quad 0 < |\hat{\rho}| \leq |\hat{q}| < 1, \quad \hat{\rho} = e^{2\pi i \hat{\tau}}, \quad \hat{q} = e^{2\pi i \hat{\sigma}}.$$

Topologically $S^3 \times S^1$.

Secondary: $\mathcal{M}_{(p,q)}(\hat{\rho})$ from additional lens quotient; topologically $L(p,q) \times S^1$.

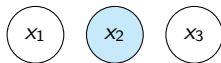
Also: $\mathcal{M}_{(0,-1)}(\hat{\rho}) \equiv S^2 \times T^2$ with $\hat{\tau} = \hat{\alpha}\hat{\sigma} - \hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ complex structure T^2 .



Endow $D_2 \times T^2$ with complex structure moduli:

$$\rho \equiv (z_a; \tau, \sigma) = \left(\frac{Z_a}{x_1}; \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \frac{x_3}{x_1} \right), \quad \tau = \alpha\sigma - \beta.$$

x_i (complexified) **cycle lengths** of T^3 :



Gluing group consists of large diffeos and gauge transformations of T^3 :

$$\mathcal{G} \equiv SL(3, \mathbb{Z}) \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^{3r}.$$

Action on ρ :

$$\begin{aligned} g \in SL(3, \mathbb{Z}) : & \quad \mathbf{x} \mapsto g \cdot \mathbf{x}, \\ \mathbf{t}_i^{(a)} \in \mathbb{Z}_a^3 : & \quad Z_a \mapsto Z_a + x_i. \end{aligned}$$

Heegaard splitting

Heegaard splitting of Hopf surface:

$$\mathcal{M}_{(p,q)}(\hat{\rho}) \cong M_f(\rho) \equiv D_2 \times T^2(\rho) \overset{f}{\sqcup} D_2 \times T^2(f^{-1}\rho),$$

where for $g_{(p,q)} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_{\mu\lambda}$, $\hat{\rho}$ is related to ρ through:

$$(z_a; \tau, \sigma) = \begin{cases} (\hat{z}_a; \hat{\tau}, \hat{\sigma}), & \text{for } p = r = 0, q = s = -1, \\ (\hat{z}_a; \hat{\tau} + s\hat{\sigma}, p\hat{\sigma}), & \text{for } p \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Ambiguities in the Heegaard splitting:

$$\mathcal{M}_{(p,q)}(\hat{\rho}) \cong M_{f'}(\rho'), \quad f' = hf\tilde{h}^{-1}, \quad \rho' = h\rho \quad \text{for any } h, \tilde{h} \in H,$$

Note that: $f^{-1}\rho \rightarrow (f')^{-1}\rho' = \tilde{h}(f^{-1}\rho)$.

Combined action in general **not** a diffeomorphism!

Higgs branch formula

To make factorization manifest, one first performs the contour integral:

[Yoshida, Peelaers, Chen-Chen, Nieri-Pasquetti]

$$\mathcal{I}_{(1,0)}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{Z}_{1\text{-loop}}^{\alpha}(\hat{\rho}) \mathcal{Z}_v^{\alpha}(\hat{z}, \hat{\tau}; \hat{\sigma}) \mathcal{Z}_v^{\alpha}(\hat{z}, \hat{\sigma}; \hat{\tau}).$$

Known as Higgs branch formula. In this language:

- * α labels a finite set of Higgs branch vacua.
- * \mathcal{Z}_v^{α} captures vortices localized at NP and SP respectively.
- * $\mathcal{Z}_{1\text{-loop}}^{\alpha}(\hat{\rho})$ captures 1-loop fluctuations around the vortices.

Observation: $\mathcal{Z}_{1\text{-loop}}^{\alpha}(\hat{\rho})$ can be factorized:

[Nieri-Pasquetti]

$$\mathcal{Z}_{1\text{-loop}}^{\alpha}(\hat{\rho}) = e^{-i\pi\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho})} b^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{\hat{\sigma}}; \frac{\hat{\tau}}{\hat{\sigma}}, -\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}} \right) b^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{\hat{\tau}}; \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\hat{\tau}}, -\frac{1}{\hat{\tau}} \right),$$

Follows from:

$$\Gamma(z; \tau, \sigma) = e^{-i\pi Q(z; \tau, \sigma)} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{\sigma}; \frac{\tau}{\sigma}, -\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{\tau}; \frac{\sigma}{\tau}, -\frac{1}{\tau}\right)$$

BPS boundary conditions

A vector and chiral multiplet admit two $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS boundary conditions on $\partial D_2 \times T^2$.

We assume Neumann boundary conditions for the vector multiplet.

For the (anti-)chiral multiplets, we assume Dirichlet (Robin-like) or vice versa.

Denote the full blocks by $\mathcal{B}^\alpha(\rho)$ and $\mathcal{C}^\alpha(\rho)$ respectively.

Coupling to a boundary theory changes the boundary conditions:

$$\mathcal{B}^\alpha(\rho) = Z_\partial^\alpha(\vec{z}; \tau) \mathcal{C}^\alpha(\rho),$$

$Z_\partial^\alpha(\vec{z}; \tau)$ transforms simply under $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^{2r}$:

$$Z_\partial^\alpha\left(\frac{\vec{z}}{m\tau+n}; \frac{k\tau+l}{m\tau+n}\right) \cong Z_\partial^\alpha(\vec{z}; \tau), \quad Z_\partial^\alpha\left(\vec{z} + \vec{a}\tau + \vec{b}; \tau\right) \cong Z_\partial^\alpha(\vec{z}; \tau).$$

Consistency condition

The consistency condition:

$$\mathcal{B}_h^\alpha(\rho)\mathcal{B}_h^\alpha(f^{-1}\rho) \cong \mathcal{C}_h^\alpha(\rho)\mathcal{C}_h^\alpha(f^{-1}\rho),$$

is satisfied when:

$$Z_\partial^\alpha(z'_a; \tau') \tilde{Z}_\partial^\alpha(\tilde{z}'_a; \tilde{\tau}') \cong 1,$$

where:

$$\rho' \equiv (z'_a; \tau', \sigma') = h\rho, \quad \tilde{\rho}' \equiv (\tilde{z}'_a; \tilde{\tau}', \tilde{\sigma}') = \tilde{h}f^{-1}\rho.$$

Due to properties of $Z_\partial^\alpha(\vec{z}; \tau)$, this follows from:

$$\tilde{z}'_a + \tilde{\mu}_a \tilde{\tau}' + \tilde{\nu}_a = \frac{z'_a + \mu_a \tau' + \nu_a}{\gamma \tau' + \delta}, \quad \tilde{\tau}' = -\frac{\alpha \tau' + \beta}{\gamma \tau' + \delta}, \quad \alpha \delta - \beta \gamma = 1,$$

Constrains (h, \tilde{h}) for some integers $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu_a, \tilde{\mu}_a, \nu_a$ and $\tilde{\nu}_a$.

Group cohomology

Abstraction of automorphic forms: group cohomology.

Introduce G -cochains $C^k(G, A)$ consisting of functions $\alpha : G^k \rightarrow A$ such that $\alpha_{g_1, \dots, g_k} = 1$ if $g_i = 1$ for some i . Define $C^0(G, A) \equiv A$.

A is the (multiplicative) abelian group of functions on a complex manifold X with G -action, and the induced action for $g \cdot \alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha(g^{-1}\mathbf{x})$ for $\alpha \in A$ and $\mathbf{x} \in X$.

Define a coboundary operator δ as follows:

$$(\delta\alpha)_{g_1, \dots, g_{k+1}}(\rho) = \alpha_{g_1, \dots, g_k}(\rho) \left(\alpha_{g_2, \dots, g_{k+1}}(g_1^{-1}\rho) \prod_{j=1}^k \alpha_{g_1, \dots, g_j g_{j+1}, \dots, g_{k+1}}(\rho)^{(-1)^j} \right)^{(-1)^{k+1}},$$

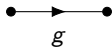
Furthermore, for $k = 0$:

$$(\delta\alpha)_g(\rho) = \frac{\alpha(\rho)}{\alpha(g^{-1}\rho)}.$$

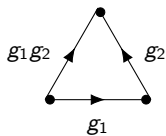
$\delta^2 = 1$, and cohomology is defined as usual:

$$H^k(G, A) = \frac{\ker \delta_k}{\text{im } \delta_{k-1}}, \quad k \geq 1, \quad H^0(G, A) = \ker \delta_0.$$

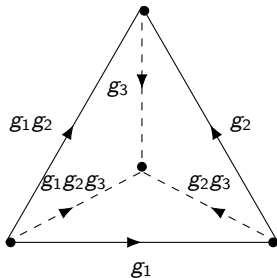
Depiction of action δ



$$(a) (\delta\alpha)_g(\rho) = \frac{\alpha(\rho)}{\alpha(g^{-1}\rho)}$$



$$(b) (\delta\alpha)_{g_1, g_2}(\rho) = \frac{\alpha_{g_1}(\rho)\alpha_{g_2}(g_1^{-1}\rho)}{\alpha_{g_1g_2}(\rho)}$$



$$(c) (\delta\alpha)_{g_1, g_2, g_3}(\rho) = \frac{\alpha_{g_1, g_2}(\rho)\alpha_{g_1g_2, g_3}(\rho)}{\alpha_{g_1, g_2g_3}(\rho)\alpha_{g_2, g_3}(g_1^{-1}\rho)}$$

Example: automorphic form

Consider $\mathcal{J} = SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^2$ and let X be parametrized by $\tau = (z; \tau)$.

There is a standard action of \mathcal{J} on X :

$$(z; \tau) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\bar{z}}{m\tau+n}; \frac{k\tau+l}{m\tau+n} \right), \quad (z; \tau) \rightarrow \left(\bar{z} + \vec{a}\tau + \vec{b}; \tau \right).$$

Let N denote meromorphic functions and M holomorphic, non-zero functions.

A (weak) Jacobi form is an element of $H^0(\mathcal{J}, N/M)$ with:

$$\delta(\chi(\tau))_g \equiv \frac{\chi(\tau)}{\chi(g^{-1}\tau)} = \phi_g(\tau) \quad \chi(\tau) \in N, \phi_g(\tau) \in M.$$

Because of the cohomological structure, we have:

$$(\delta\phi)_{g_1, g_2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\phi_{g_1}(\rho)\phi_{g_2}(g_1^{-1}\rho)}{\phi_{g_1 g_2}(\rho)} = 1.$$

which corresponds to the group homomorphism condition for Jacobi forms.

Example: degree 1 automorphic form

Consider now $\mathcal{G} = SL(3, \mathbb{Z}) \ltimes \mathbb{Z}^{3r}$ and let Y be parametrized by $\rho = (z; \tau, \sigma)$.

An element in $H^1(\mathcal{G}, N/M)$ satisfies:

$$\delta(X)_{g_1, g_2}(\rho) = \frac{X_{g_1}(\rho) X_{g_2}(g_1^{-1}\rho)}{X_{g_1 g_2}(\rho)} = \xi_{g_1, g_2}(\rho), \quad \xi_{g_1, g_2}(\rho) \in C^2(\mathcal{G}, M).$$

Because of the cohomological structure, we now have:

$$(\delta\xi)_{g_1, g_2, g_3} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\xi_{g_1, g_2}(\rho) \xi_{g_1 g_2, g_3}(\rho)}{\xi_{g_1, g_2 g_3}(\rho) \xi_{g_2, g_3}(g_1^{-1}\rho)} = 1.$$

Finally, there is a notion of trivializable elements:

$$X_g(\rho) = (\delta B)_g(\rho) \quad \text{mod } M = \frac{B(\rho)}{B(g^{-1}\rho)} \quad \text{mod } M.$$

Strategy proof 1-cocycle condition

Given a function $X_g(\rho)$ for $g \in \mathcal{G}$ satisfying $X_1(\rho) = 1$, this defines a 1-cocycle for the free group of generators of \mathcal{G} .

It descends to a 1-cocycle for \mathcal{G} if and only if it satisfies the relations in \mathcal{G} :

$$\begin{aligned} X_{T_{ij}}(\rho) X_{T_{kl}}(T_{ij}^{-1}\rho) &\cong X_{T_{kl}}(\rho) X_{T_{ij}}(T_{kl}^{-1}\rho), & i \neq l, \quad j \neq k, \\ X_{T_{ij}}(\rho) X_{T_{jk}}(T_{ij}^{-1}\rho) &\cong X_{T_{ik}}(\rho) X_{T_{jk}}(T_{ik}^{-1}\rho) X_{T_{ij}}(T_{jk}^{-1}T_{ik}^{-1}\rho), \\ X_{S_{ij}}(\rho) X_{S_{ij}}(S_{ij}^{-1}\rho) X_{S_{ij}}(S_{ij}^{-2}\rho) X_{S_{ij}}(S_{ij}^{-3}\rho) &\cong 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} X_{T_{ij}}(\rho) X_{t_k}(T_{ij}^{-1}\rho) &\cong X_{t_k}(\rho) X_{T_{ij}}(t_k^{-1}\rho), & i \neq k, \\ X_{T_{ij}}(\rho) X_{t_i}(T_{ij}^{-1}\rho) &\cong X_{t_i}(\rho) X_{t_j^{-1}}(t_i^{-1}\rho) X_{T_{ij}}(t_j t_i^{-1}\rho), \\ X_{t_i}(\rho) X_{t_j}(t_i^{-1}\rho) &\cong X_{t_j}(\rho) X_{t_i}(t_j^{-1}\rho). \end{aligned}$$

Here, T_{ij} for $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ are the generators of $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ and $S_{ij} = T_{ij} T_{ji}^{-1} T_{ij}$.

Finally, t_i for $1 \leq i \leq 3$ generate the \mathbb{Z}^3 factor.

$SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ relations and modular properties

Modular properties of elements in $H^1(\mathcal{G}, N/M)$ are labeled by relations in \mathcal{G} .

This is in contrast with automorphic forms, whose properties are labeled by elements.

Modular factorization corresponds to:

$$h g_{p,q} \tilde{h}_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1} = S_{23} h' S_{23}^{-1}, \quad \tilde{h}_{\mathcal{O}} \equiv \mathcal{O} \tilde{h} \mathcal{O}, \quad (h, \tilde{h}) \in S_{f_{p,q}}.$$

Through the 1-cocycle condition, this leads to:

$$\hat{Z}_{g(p,q)}^{\alpha}(\rho) \cong \frac{\hat{Z}_{S_{23}}^{\alpha}(h\rho)}{\hat{Z}_{S_{23}}^{\alpha}(\tilde{h}_{\mathcal{O}} g^{-1} \rho)}.$$

$S_{f_{p,q}}$ family of “modular properties” relating (normalized part of) lens index to (normalized part of) $S^3 \times S^1$ indices.

Technically and conceptually, connection to modular factorization is not obvious.