

# Conformal blocks and associative algebras in logarithmic conformal field theory

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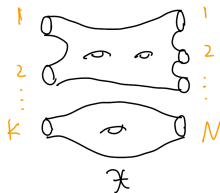
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# Goal of the talk

- What is conformal field theory (CFT)? What are conformal blocks?
- The factorization property for conformal blocks in the semi-simple setting (i.e. rational CFT).
- Difficulties in the non semi-simple setting (i.e. logarithmic CFT).
- How to overcome the difficulties?

# What is Conformal Field Theory (CFT)?

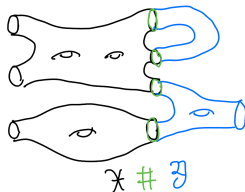
- A  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space  $\mathbb{A}$  (the space of quantum states with finite energies).
- For each compact Riemann surface  $\mathfrak{X}$  with parametrized boundary, divided into two groups ( $K$  outgoing and  $N$  incoming boundaries)



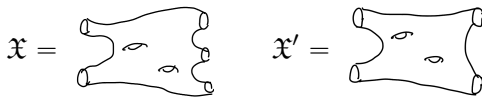
- A linear map (**correlation function**)  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}} : \mathbb{A}^{\otimes N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{A}^{\otimes K}}$  (where  $\overline{\mathbb{A}^{\otimes K}}$  is a certain “completion” of  $\mathbb{A}^{\otimes K}$ , e.g. Hilbert space completion in the unitary case).
- $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}}$  relies real-analytically on  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# What is Conformal Field Theory (CFT)?

- **Composition law:**  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X} \# \mathfrak{Y}} = \Phi_{\mathfrak{X}} \circ \Phi_{\mathfrak{Y}}$  (sometimes up to multiplication by  $\lambda_{\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{Y}} \in \mathbb{C}$  depending real-analytically on  $\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{Y}$ ).




- There is a “vacuum vector”  $\mathbf{1}$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}}(- \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes -) = \Phi_{\mathfrak{X}'}$  if



# What is a Vertex Operator Algebra (VOA)

The rigorous definition of VOA is due to Borchers and Frenkel-Lepowsky-Meurman in the 1980s. Physically:

- A vertex operator algebra (**VOA**) is the space  $\mathbb{V}$  consisting of all  $v \in \mathbb{A}$  such that for each  $\mathfrak{X}$ , the map  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}}(- \otimes v \otimes -)$  is holomorphic with respect to the position and the parametrization of the boundary circle for  $v$ . (Namely,  $\mathbb{V}$  is the space of **chiral fields**.)
- $\mathbb{V}$  form an “algebra” if the “multiplication” is defined by  $\Phi_{\Sigma} : \mathbb{V} \otimes \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{V}}$  where  $\Sigma$  is a pair of pants 
- The vacuum vector  $\mathbf{1}$  can be viewed as the identity.
- $\mathbb{A} \supset \mathbb{V} \otimes \mathbb{V}'$  where  $\mathbb{V}'$  is the space of **anti-chiral fields**.
- In this talk we assume  $\mathbb{V}' \simeq \mathbb{V}$ . Then  $\mathbb{A} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2})$ .

# What is a rational CFT?

- $\mathbb{A} = \bigoplus_{i,j} \mathbb{M}_i \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{M}_j$  is a finite direct sum, where  $\mathbb{M}_i, \mathbb{M}_j \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{V})$ .
- The restriction of  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}} : \mathbb{A}^{\otimes N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{A}^{\otimes K}}$  to

$$(\mathbb{M}_{i_1} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{j_1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (\mathbb{M}_{i_N} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{j_N}) \rightarrow \overline{(\mathbb{M}_{s_1} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{t_1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (\mathbb{M}_{s_K} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{t_K})}$$

is a finite sum  $\sum_{\alpha} \varphi_{\alpha}^{\#} \otimes \psi_{\alpha}^{\#}$  where

$$\varphi_{\alpha}^{\#} : \mathbb{M}_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{i_N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{M}_{s_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{s_K}}$$

$$\psi_{\alpha}^{\#} : \mathbb{M}_{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{j_N} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{M}_{t_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{t_K}}$$

are also viewed as linear functionals

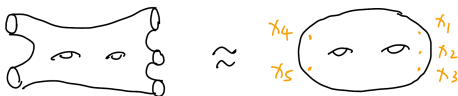
$$\varphi_{\alpha} : \mathbb{M}_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{i_N} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{s_1}^{\vee} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{s_K}^{\vee} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\psi_{\alpha} : \mathbb{M}_{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{j_N} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{t_1}^{\vee} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{t_K}^{\vee} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

- The linear functionals  $\varphi_{\alpha}$  and  $\psi_{\alpha}$  are **conformal blocks** associated to  $\mathfrak{X}$  and the conjugate  $\mathfrak{X}^{\dagger}$ . They rely holomorphically on  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mathfrak{X}^{\dagger}$ , respectively.

# A slight modification of the geometric setting

- Compact Riemann surfaces with parametrized boundaries  $\approx$  Compact Riemann surfaces with marked points and local coordinates.



- RHS:  $\mathfrak{X} = (C; x_1, \dots, x_n; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_n)$  where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in C$  are distinct, and  $\eta_j$  is a **local coordinate** at  $x_j$ , i.e. a biholomorphism  $\eta_j : U_j \xrightarrow{\cong} \varphi(U_j) \subset \mathbb{C}$  where  $U_j$  is a neighborhood of  $x_j$  and  $\eta_j(x_j) = 0$ .
- LHS  $\rightsquigarrow$  RHS: Attach  $\mathbb{D} = \{|z| \leq 1\}$  to the holes.
- RHS  $\rightsquigarrow$  LHS: Remove  $B_j = \{x \in C : |\eta_j(x)| \leq 1\}$ . Then  $\eta_j|_{\partial B_j}$  is the parametrization of the  $j$ -th boundary  $\partial B_j$ .

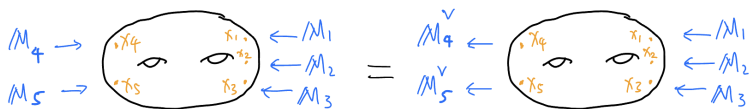
# Conformal Blocks (CB)

- Given a VOA  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathfrak{X} = (C; x_1, \dots, x_N; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_N)$  and  $\mathbb{M}_1, \dots, \mathbb{M}_N \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  associated to  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ , a **conformal block (CB)** is a linear functional

$$\varphi : \mathbb{M}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

that is “invariant under the action of  $\mathbb{V}$ ”.

- Both figures denote CB of this type:



- Rigorous definition: Tsuchiya-Ueno-Yamada (89), Zhu (94), Frenkel–Ben-Zvi (01).

## $C_2$ -cofinite Rational VOAs

- Physics: Rational CFT = Math:  $C_2$ -cofinite and rational.
- Examples: Affine VOAs of positive integer levels, lattice VOAs, etc. Their tensor products, extensions, relative commutants, fixed point subalgebras under finite (solvable groups), etc.
- $C_2$ -cofinite (Zhu 96): It implies  $\dim \text{CB}(\mathfrak{X}, \mathbb{M}_\bullet) < +\infty$  and is a topological invariant of  $\mathfrak{X}$ ,  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is a finite abelian category, etc. (In particular,  $\#\text{Irr}(\mathbb{V})$  is finite.)
- Rational:  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is semi-simple.
- Zhu's algebra  $A(\mathbb{V})$  (Zhu 96): It is a unital associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra.
  - $\text{Irr}(\mathbb{V}) \simeq \text{Irr}(A(\mathbb{V}))$  in general.
  - $C_2$ -cofinite  $\implies \dim A(\mathbb{V}) < +\infty$ .
  - $C_2$ -cofinite and rational  $\implies \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \simeq \text{Mod}^L(A(\mathbb{V}))$  where  $\text{Mod}^L(A(\mathbb{V}))$  is the category of finite-dimensional left  $A(\mathbb{V})$ -modules.

# Conformal blocks for $C_2$ -cofinite rational VOAs

Assume that  $\mathbb{V}$  is  $C_2$ -cofinite and rational.

- Corresponding to the composition law  $\Phi_{x\#y} = \Phi_x \circ \Phi_y$  in the full CFT, we have the **factorization property** (Tsuchiya-Ueno-Yamada 89, Zhu 96, Huang 05, Nagatomo-Tsuchiya 05, Damiolini-Gibney-Tarasca 19):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \\ \text{with 2 punctures} \end{array} \right) &\simeq \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \\ \text{with 1 puncture and 1 boundary} \end{array} \right) \\ &\simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{V})} \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{torus} \\ \text{with 1 puncture and 1 boundary} \\ \text{with boundary labels } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } \mathbb{X}^\vee \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Conformal blocks for $C_2$ -cofinite rational VOAs

Assume that  $\mathbb{V}$  is  $C_2$ -cofinite and rational.

- A key special case by Zhu (96) is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CB}\left(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \left(\cdot \text{ on a torus with a handle} \right)\right) &\simeq \text{CB}\left(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \left(\cdot \text{ on a genus-2 surface} \right)\right) \\ &\simeq \text{Span}\{\text{characters of irreducibles}\} \end{aligned}$$

- Zhu proved this by proving (rational or  $C_2$ -cofinite not needed)

$$\text{CB}\left(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \left(\cdot \text{ on a genus-2 surface} \right)\right) \simeq \text{SLF}(A(\mathbb{V}))$$

where the space of symmetric linear functionals on a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $A$  is denoted by

$$\text{SLF}(A) = \{\text{linear } \varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \varphi(ab) = \varphi(ba) \text{ if } a, b \in A\}$$

# From rational CFT to logarithmic CFT

- Factorization is the key property ensuring that conformal blocks satisfy the axioms of a modular functor (Bakalov-Kirillov 01, Andersen-Ueno 07, Damoloni-Woike 25).
- Modular functor + rigidity of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  (Huang 08, Etingof-Penneys 24) implies that the spaces of conformal blocks form a 3d topological quantum field theory.
  - Example: If  $\mathbb{V}$ =affine VOAs of positive integer levels, the 3d TQFT=Chern-Simons TQFT. (Witten 89, Reshetikhin-Turaev 91)
- Recent research has been focusing on non-semisimple 3d TQFT, initiated by Lyubashenko in 1994. They come from **logarithmic CFT** of finite-type, the VOA  $\mathbb{V}$  of which is  $C_2$ -cofinite but not rational.
  - Examples: Triplet algebras, symplectic fermions, etc.

# What fails for $C_2$ -cofinite VOAs that are not rational

From now on, we always assume that  $\mathbb{V}$  is  $C_2$ -cofinite, but not (necessarily) rational. (Thus  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$  is finite abelian, but not necessarily semi-simple.)

- In general, we only have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right) &\geq \dim \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} \right) \\ &\geq \sum_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{V})} \dim \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 5} \\ \text{Diagram 6} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the two inequalities could be strict.

- The second **strict** inequality is easy. The first **strict** inequality is more difficult to obtain, and it implies that the spaces of CB form a vector bundle on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ , but not on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ .

# What fails for $C_2$ -cofinite VOAs that are not rational

- In the rational case, the fact that spaces of CB form a vector bundle on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  but not just on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  is crucial for proving the factorization. **In the logarithmic case, conformal blocks on nodal curves are not as effective as in the rational case.**
- The first inequality was proved by Hao Zhang in arXiv: 2509.07720 in genus-0 for some  $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ :

$$\dim \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \leftarrow \mathbb{Y} \end{array} \right) > \dim \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} \leftarrow \mathbb{Y} \end{array} \right)$$

where  $\mathbb{V}$  is a triplet algebra or a symplectic fermion.

- $\mathbb{X}$  is projective indecomposable.  $\mathbb{Y}$  is either projective indecomposable, or irreducible.

# What fails for $C_2$ -cofinite VOAs that are not rational

- Due to the close relationship between nodal CB and  $A(\mathbb{V})$  (Zhu 96, Heluani-van Ekeren 18, Damolini-Gibney-Krashen 22-24, etc.),  $A(\mathbb{V})$  is not enough for the study of CB in logarithmic CFT.

Another difficulty:

- The  $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}$ -module  $\mathbb{A}$  does not decompose as  $\bigoplus_{i,j} \mathbb{M}_i \otimes \mathbb{M}_j$ . Thus,  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}}$  does not factor as  $\sum_{\alpha} \varphi_{\alpha}^{\#} \otimes \psi_{\alpha}^{\#}$ .
- How to overcome: View  $\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}}$  directly as a conformal block associated to  $\mathfrak{X} \sqcup \mathfrak{X}^{\dagger}$  and  $\mathbb{A}, \dots, \mathbb{A}$ , where  $\mathfrak{X}^{\dagger}$  is the conjugate manifold of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

$$\Phi_{\mathfrak{X}} \in \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{A} \\ \text{A} \\ \text{A} \end{array} \right)$$

The diagram shows two genus-2 surfaces, one labeled  $\mathfrak{X}$  (top) and one labeled  $\mathfrak{X}^{\dagger}$  (bottom). Each surface has two holes and a green dot. Four external legs are attached to the surfaces: two blue legs on the left, two orange legs in the middle, and two pink legs on the right. The legs are labeled with 'A' in corresponding colors. The entire diagram is enclosed in large parentheses.

Lesson: Study CB for  $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}$ -modules not necessarily of the form  $\mathbb{M}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{M}_N$  (or a direct sum of those of this form)!

# Conformal blocks for $C_2$ -cofinite VOAs

- Given  $\mathfrak{X} = (C; x_1, \dots, x_N; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_N)$  and  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$  associated in order to  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ , a **conformal block (CB)** is a linear functional

$$\varphi : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

that is “invariant under the action of  $\mathbb{V}$ ”.

- The contravariant functor  $\mathbb{W} \mapsto \text{CB}(\mathfrak{X}, \mathbb{W})$  is left exact.
- Suppose  $\mathfrak{X}$  has  $N + K$  marked points, divided into  $N$  inputs and  $K$  outputs. Let  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ ,  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K})$ , then



both denote CB  $\varphi : \mathbb{M}^\vee \otimes \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , equivalently  $\varphi^\# : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{M}}$ .

# The fusion product $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}$

- Any left exact functor from a finite  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear category to  $\mathcal{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is representable (Douglas-SchommerPries-Snyder 19).
- Thus, for each  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ , there is an  $\mathbb{M}$ -natural isomorphism

$$\text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of two genus-1 surfaces with } \mathbb{M} \text{ and } \mathbb{W} \text{ arrows} \end{array} \right) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M})$$

for some  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K})$ , called the **fusion product** of  $\mathbb{W}$  along  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

- The **canonical conformal block** denotes the element

$$\mathbb{J}_{\mathfrak{X}} \in \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of two genus-1 surfaces with } \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W} \text{ and } \mathbb{W} \text{ arrows} \end{array} \right)$$

corresponding to  $\text{id}_{\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes K}}(\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W}, \boxtimes_{\mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{W})$  via the above  $\simeq$ .

# The Sewing-Factorization (SF) theorem

View  $\mathbb{J}_x \in \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \boxtimes_x \mathbb{W} \leftarrow \text{torus} \leftarrow \mathbb{W} \end{array} \right)$  as a linear map  $\mathbb{J}_x^\# : \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \overline{\boxtimes_x(\mathbb{W})}$ .

Theorem (**Sewing-Factorization (SF) theorem** G.-Zhang, arXiv:2503.23995)

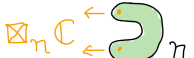
Assuming  $\mathbb{V}$  is  $C_2$ -cofinite, we have a natural (in  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{W}$ ) linear isomorphism (called the **sewing-factorization (SF) isomorphism**)

$$\text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{M} \leftarrow \text{torus} \leftarrow \boxtimes_x \mathbb{W} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{CB} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{M} \leftarrow \text{torus} \leftarrow \text{torus} \leftarrow \mathbb{W} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\varphi^\# \mapsto \varphi^\# \circ \mathbb{J}_x^\#$$

- To show that the above composition is well-defined, we need to check certain convergence property. This is done in our paper arXiv:2411.07707.

# The Sewing-Factorization (SF) theorem

View the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$  as an object of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 0})$ , and let  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$  the fusion product of  $\mathbb{C}$  along a sphere  $\mathfrak{N}$  with 0 inputs and 2 outputs 

## Corollary

Assuming  $\mathbb{V}$  is  $C_2$ -cofinite, we have an  $\mathbb{M}$ -natural linear isomorphism

$$\text{CB} \left( \mathbb{M} \left[ \text{Diagram of a genus-2 surface with a sphere and fusion product} \right] \right) \simeq \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{M} \left[ \text{Diagram of a genus-2 surface with a sphere and shaded region} \right] \right)$$

defined by the SF isomorphism.

- In fact,  $\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{N}} \mathbb{C}$  is the **Cardy state space**, i.e., the state space for the Cardy-type full CFT. Its canonical conformal block is the Cardy state.

$$\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C} = \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^{\vee}$$

Recall that  $\mathbb{V}$  is assumed to be  $C_2$ -cofinite.

- By a result of Fuchs-Schaumann-Schweigert 16, we have a canonical isomorphism

$$\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{X}^{\vee}$$

where the RHS is the end of the bifunctor

$$\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}) \times \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes 2}) \quad (\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}^{\text{op}}) \mapsto \mathbb{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{Y}^{\vee}$$

- In particular, when  $\mathbb{V}$  is rational, we have

$$\boxtimes_{\mathfrak{H}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^{\vee}$$

# What is an end?

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a category. Let  $F : \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}) \times \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a covariant bi-functor. Let  $A \in \mathcal{D}$ .

## Definition

A family of morphisms  $\varphi_{\mathbb{W}} : A \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^{\vee})$  (for all  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ ) is called **dinatural** if for any  $\mathbb{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$  and  $T \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N}}(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{W})$ , the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathbb{W}}} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^{\vee}) \\ \varphi_{\mathbb{M}} \downarrow & & \downarrow F(\text{id}, T^t) \\ F(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{M}^{\vee}) & \xrightarrow{F(T, \text{id})} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M}^{\vee}) \end{array}$$

# What is an end?

## Definition

A dinatural transformation  $\varphi_{\mathbb{W}} : A \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^\vee)$  (for all  $\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})$ ) is called an **end** if it satisfies the universal property that for any dinatural transformations  $\psi_{\mathbb{W}} : B \rightarrow F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^\vee)$  there is a unique  $\Gamma \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(B, A)$  such that  $\psi_{\mathbb{W}} = \varphi_{\mathbb{W}} \circ \Gamma$  for all  $\mathbb{W}$ . We write  $A = \int_{\mathbb{W} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V}^{\otimes N})} F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^\vee)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B & & & & \\ & \searrow^{\Gamma} & & \searrow^{\psi_{\mathbb{W}}} & \\ & A & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathbb{W}}} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{W}^\vee) & \\ & \searrow^{\psi_{\mathbb{M}}} & \downarrow^{\varphi_{\mathbb{M}}} & \downarrow^{F(\text{id}, T^t)} & \\ & F(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{M}^\vee) & \xrightarrow{F(T, \text{id})} & F(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M}^\vee) & \end{array}$$

# The end $\int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee$ in the factorization property

Corollary (G.-Zhang, arXiv:2508.04532)

The SF isomorphism defines an  $\mathbb{M}$ -natural linear isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{M} \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee \end{array} \right) \\ \simeq \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{M} \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- In particular, we have

$$\text{CB} \left( \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee \end{array} \right) \simeq \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee \end{array} \right)$$

- That the factorization property in logarithmic CFT should be understood via ends/coends was proposed by Fuchs-Schweigert (16), following Lyubashenko's approach to non-semisimple TQFT (94).

## The end $\int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee$ as an associative $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra

Theorem (G.-Zhang, arXiv:2508.04532)

*The Cardy state space  $\mathbb{E} := \int_{\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})} \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee$  has a unique structure of an associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra such that the dinatural transform  $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee$  (for all  $\mathbb{X} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ ) are homomorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras.*

$\mathbb{E}$  is in general non-unital, since  $\mathbb{X} \otimes \mathbb{X}^\vee$  is a non-unital subalgebra of  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{X})$  when  $\dim \mathbb{X} = +\infty$ . Thus, not all left  $\mathbb{E}$ -modules are quotients of free modules.

Theorem (G.-Zhang, arXiv:2508.04532)

*Let  $\text{Coh}^{\text{L}}(\mathbb{E})$  be the category of finitely-generated left  $\mathbb{E}$ -modules that are quotients of free modules. Then the dinatural transform of  $\mathbb{E}$  defines an equivalence of linear categories  $\text{Coh}^{\text{L}}(\mathbb{E}) \simeq \text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ .*



# The isomorphism $\text{SLF}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{G})^{\text{op}}) \simeq \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \left( \cdot \text{---} \bigcirc \right) \right)$

- Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a projective generator of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbb{V})$ , graded by generalized eigenspaces of  $L(0)$  as  $\mathbb{G} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}$ .
- Let  $A = \text{End}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{G})^{\text{op}}$ . Then each  $\mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}$  is a projective right  $A$ -module. So there exist

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \text{Hom}_A(A, \mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}) \quad \check{\alpha}^1, \dots, \check{\alpha}^n \in \text{Hom}_A(\mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}, A)$$

satisfying  $\sum_i \alpha_i \circ \check{\alpha}^i = \text{id}_{\mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}}$ .

- For each  $\omega \in \text{SLF}(A)$ , define an SLF  $\text{Tr}_{\lambda}^{\omega} : \text{End}_A(\mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\text{Tr}_{\lambda}^{\omega}(x) = \sum_i \omega(\check{\alpha}^i \circ x \circ \alpha_i(1_A))$$

- The linear isomorphism  $\text{SLF}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{V}}(\mathbb{G})^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{CB} \left( \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \left( \cdot \text{---} \bigcirc \right) \right)$  sends each  $\omega$  to the **pseudo- $q$ -trace** (Ariike-Nagatomo 11)

$$\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad v \mapsto \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \text{Tr}_{\lambda}^{\omega} \left( Y_{\mathbb{G}}(v, z) q^{L(0)} \Big|_{\mathbb{G}_{[\lambda]}} \right)$$