Conformal Field Theory and Topological Quantum Field Theory

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Modular Functor

MF1. *Disjoint union axiom*: The operation of disjoint union of labeled marked surfaces is taken to the operation of tensor product, i.e. for any pair of labeled marked surfaces there is an isomorphism

$$V((\mathbf{\Sigma}_1, \lambda_1) \sqcup (\mathbf{\Sigma}_2, \lambda_2))) \cong V(\mathbf{\Sigma}_1, \lambda_1) \otimes V(\mathbf{\Sigma}_2, \lambda_2).$$

The identification is associative.

MF2. *Glueing axiom*: Let $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ and $\mathbf{\Sigma}_c$ be marked surfaces such that $\mathbf{\Sigma}_c$ is obtained from $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ by glueing at an ordered pair of points and projective tangent vectors with respect to a glueing map c. Then there is an isomorphism

$$V(\mathbf{\Sigma}_c, \lambda) \cong \bigoplus_{\mu \in \Lambda} V(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \mu, \hat{\mu}, \lambda),$$

Modular Functor

MF3. *Empty surface axiom*: Let $\emptyset$ denote the empty labeled marked surface. Then

$$\mathrm{Dim}\, V(\emptyset) = 1.$$

MF4. *Once punctured sphere axiom*: Let $\mathbf{\Sigma} = (S^2, \{p\}, \{v\}, 0)$ be a marked sphere with one marked point. Then

$$\mathrm{Dim}\, V(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \lambda = 0 \\ 0, & \lambda \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Modular Functor

MF5. *Twice punctured sphere axiom*: Let $\mathbf{\Sigma} = (S^2, \{p_1, p_2\}, \{v_1, v_2\}, \{0\})$ be a marked sphere with two marked points. Then

$$\text{Dim } V(\mathbf{\Sigma}, (\lambda, \mu)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \lambda = \hat{\mu} \\ 0, & \lambda \neq \hat{\mu}. \end{cases}$$

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There is an isomorphism of modular functors

$$I_{N,K} : \mathcal{V}_K^{SU(N)} \to \mathcal{V}_{N,K}^{\dagger},$$

i.e. for each extended labeled marked surface $(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \lambda)$ we have an isomorphism of complex vector spaces

$$I_{N,K}(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \lambda) : \mathcal{V}_K^{SU(N)}(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \lambda) \to \mathcal{V}_{N,K}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \lambda),$$

which is compatible with all the structures of a modular functor.

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