

(Baez - Dolan)

- GOAL: • Introduce (extended) TQFT & COBORDISM HYPOTHESIS.
- Related concepts, idea & Get motivation.
- (Next) • Proof (Outline), Examples.

(Setting)

$\mathcal{M}$ : Smooth, cpt. (ovt) mfd (with boundary).

$\text{Cob}(d)$ : obj:  $(d-1)$  cd-mfds

$\text{Mor}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) \cong \{B \mid \partial B \cong \tilde{M} \sqcup N\} / \text{diffeo}$

Composition  $\rightarrow$  gluing. (some issue is involved here)

"Smooth str."

$\otimes$ : disjoint union.

(Def)

(Atiyah). A TQFT (of dim  $d$ ) is a  $\otimes$ -functor  $z: \text{Cob}(d) \rightarrow \text{Vect}$ .

(ex)

$(d=2)$ . •  $z(S^1) = A$

•  $z(\text{pair of pants}) = m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ . ( $A$ : comm. asso)

•  $z(\text{circle}) = \text{tr}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .  $z(\text{disk}) = \text{tr}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

$\rightarrow$  Trace pairing  $A \otimes A \xrightarrow{m} A \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} \mathbb{C}$  non-deg.

In particular,  $A$  is f.d.

(thm)

$\text{Fun}^{\otimes}(\text{Cob}(d), \text{Vect}) \cong \text{Cat}(\mathcal{L}A)$

$A$  f.d. •  $z(S^2) \sim$  number.

$z(g=1) \sim \text{dim } A$ .

① (diffeo) Inv

② Computational tool.  $\sim$  Not easy.

( $\because$ )  $d=2$  totally depend on classification of manifold.

idea of 'build up' so that get a nicer (unambiguous) tool.

For this, we need categorical formalism.

Explain - Cobordism Hypothesis.

(Write this)  $\rightarrow$  Explain 2 issues.

## Two Issues

① Non-fractal tangent bundle.

(Def)  $M: m$ -dim manifold.

$\forall u \geq m$ , define an  $u$ -framing of  $M$  to be a stabilized tangent bundle  $TM \oplus \mathbb{R}^{u-m}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Cob}_n^{\text{fr}}(u)$  is defined the same way.

(CH)  $\mathcal{C}: \text{S.M. } d\text{-cat w/ tensor factor.}$

①  $\mathcal{Z}: \text{Cob}_d^{\text{fr}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

② Ob in  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $\mathcal{Z}(\ast) \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Finite condition = fully dualizable.

) TFAE

Higher Category.

why  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{easier to define.} \\ \text{Useful to contemplate TQFT.} \end{array} \right.$

Want to use the language of  $(\infty, n)$  Cat. instead of  $n$ -Category

$X \text{ top} \rightarrow \prod_{\leq \infty}$  associative up to homotopy.

It has every good property we want to involve in the definition of  $(\infty, 0)$  Category.

Define  $(\infty, 0)$  Cat =  $\prod_{\leq \infty} X$ .

Inductively, say  $(\infty, 1)$  Category =  $(\infty, 0)$  Cat enriched category.

Chain

Complexed-valued TQFT.

We don't actually care about this TQFT, however, it is helpful to understand the idea.

$\rightarrow$  Reason ①.  $\mathcal{Z}(M)$  given by hom or Cohomology

One try to think - visualize  $\mathcal{Z}(M)$  homology & Cohomology  $\rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(M)$ .

(Forget about extending down)

$\mathcal{Z}(M) \rightarrow \text{Ch.}$

$\mathcal{Z}(B) \rightarrow \text{Chain-map.}$

$B \simeq B' \Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(B) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(B')$  Rather homotopy.

① Too strong

② In some cases, Chain-homotopy is not diff-invariant.

So, what we want is the following rules

old (n-1) mfd.  $\rightsquigarrow$  Chain-complex

Bord  $\rightsquigarrow$  Chain-map

diff-co.  $\rightsquigarrow$  Chain-homotopic

Isotopy. " of "

⋮

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→ Extending up extension of TQFT.

(∞,1) Cat.

$$\mathcal{F}^{\otimes} : \text{Cob}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

To understand, need to precise def of (∞,1) Cat.

Before talking about this, two ideas are combined together to give Bord<sub>n</sub> or Bord<sub>n</sub><sup>fr</sup>. (∞,1) Category.

(∞,1) Category Bord<sub>n</sub>.

ob	— pt	⋮	u-mor	: m with corners
1-Mor	— Bor.	⋮	u+1.	diff.
2-	Bor		u+2	: isotopic diff.

u-mor: classifying space of (u-1)-manifolds w/ corners

(CCH) (∞,1)

$$\text{Fun}^{\otimes}(\text{Bord}_n^{\text{fr}}, \mathcal{C}) \cong \{ \text{Fully dualizable obj} \}$$

(Runk) Non-trivial even if n=1. (See later)

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(Optional) Complete Segal Space. *throwing out non-inv. 1-mor.*

Assum  $(\infty, 1)$  Cat  $\mathcal{C} \longrightarrow (\infty, 0)$  Cat  $X_0$

Similarly  $(\infty, 1)$  Fun  $([1], \mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow (\infty, 0)$  Cat  $X_1$  *called classifying space of obj's*

Fun  $([n], \mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow (\infty, 0)$  Cat  $X_n$ .

Claim:  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  remembers everything about  $\mathcal{C}$ .

- Simplicial space
- str called Segal condition.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & X_n \\ \downarrow \text{h.c.} & \Downarrow & \downarrow \\ X_n & \longrightarrow & X_0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{homotopy pull-back diagram.} \\ \text{i.e. } X_{n+1} \longrightarrow X_n \times_{X_0} X_n \\ \longrightarrow X_n \times_{X_0} X_n \end{array}$$

check homotopy of

(Def) Segal space.

(prop)  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  Segal space. gives  $(\infty, 1)$  Category.

ex)  $\text{ob } \mathcal{C} \cong X_0$ .

$$x, y \in X_0. \quad \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) = \{x\} \times_{X_0}^R X_1 \times_{X_0}^R \{y\}$$

(Remark) Given  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . we get homotopy category  $X_0$  (ordinary) *lx.*

obj:  $X_0$

$$\text{Mor. } \Pi_0(\{x\} \times_{X_0}^R X_1 \times_{X_0}^R \{y\})$$

(Remark) Not one to one!

extract

$$\text{i.e. } \{Y_n\}_{n \geq 0} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$$

$$\exists \text{ a map } Y_0 \longrightarrow X_0 \\ (\infty, 0) \quad (\infty, 0)$$

(1-morphism  $\leftarrow X \rightarrow$  1-morphism, each  $N(\mathcal{C})_n$ .

(ex)  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow$  ordinary Cat  $\Rightarrow N(\mathcal{C})$ . *endowed with discrete top.*

is also segal space

$$\text{By const. } \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_N \xrightarrow{\oplus} X \xrightarrow{\text{const}} \mathcal{C}_N$$

However.  $N(\mathcal{C}) \neq X$ .

*is not discrete. (i)*

( $\therefore$   $X_0$  (even comp)  $\rightarrow$  *two class of obj* )

$N(\mathcal{C})$  no notion of isomorphism

(Def)  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{X}_1 \text{ Inv} \Leftrightarrow \text{hlf (as 1-morphisms in } \mathcal{X}_0) \text{ is invertible.}$   
 $\{\mathcal{X}_i\}$  is complete. if the map  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{X}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_1$  induced by  $\{s_{0,1} \rightarrow s_{0,2}\}$   
 is weak homotopy equivalence.  
 (note) 1-morphisms in  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is actually coming from  $\mathcal{Y}_0$ .

(Def) An  $(\infty, 1)$  Cat is C.S.S.

• Fully dualizable Obj.

(Observation 1)  $\mathcal{C}$  is monoidal.

$V \in \mathcal{C}$  has a right dual  $V^\vee$  if

$$\exists \text{ ev}: V \otimes V^\vee \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{coev}: 1 \rightarrow V^\vee \otimes V.$$

s.t. composition:

$$\begin{aligned} V &\xrightarrow{\text{id}_V \otimes \text{coev}} V \otimes V^\vee \otimes V \xrightarrow{\text{ev} \otimes \text{id}} V = \text{id}_V \\ V^\vee &\xrightarrow{\text{coev} \otimes \text{id}_{V^\vee}} V^\vee \otimes V \otimes V^\vee \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{V^\vee} \otimes \text{ev}} V^\vee = \text{id}_{V^\vee} \end{aligned}$$

(Observation 2)  $\mathcal{C}$  is 2-Category.

Supp.  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightleftharpoons \mathcal{D}: G$  pair of functors are given.

Say  $u: \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow G \circ F$  unit of adj. if  
 $\exists v: F \circ G \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}}$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{\text{id}} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{C} &: F \cong F \cdot \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \cdot u} F \cdot G \cdot F \xrightarrow{v \cdot \text{id}} \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}} \cdot F \cong F \\ \mathcal{D} &: G \cong \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}} \cdot G \longrightarrow \longrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Adjunction  $\Leftrightarrow \{u, v \text{ with } \textcircled{*}\}$ .

So for BC we can say

$$(F, G) \text{ adj} \Leftrightarrow f, g \text{ are dual} \quad \textcircled{\text{ob 3}}$$

In general,  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $(\infty, n)$  Category. we say that

$$f: X \rightleftharpoons Y: g \text{ adj if } \exists u, v \quad (*) \text{ holds up to } \text{Iso}$$

(SM)

(Def)  $\mathcal{A}$   $(\infty, n)$  Cat has adjoints if  $n \geq 1$  Always

$n \geq 2$ : every object

$n > 2$ .  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(x, y)$   $(\infty, n-1)$  has adjoints.

$\mathcal{C}$  has dual if  $\mathcal{D}$  has adj.

$\textcircled{2}$  every obj. of  $\mathcal{C}$  has a dual (in the sense that observation 1.  
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{BC has adjoints.}$

(Def) Let  $\mathcal{C}^f$  be a largest subcat whose obj's has duals.  
 if  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is fully dualizable obj if  $\exists$  belong to the  $\mathcal{C}^f$

(ex)  $n=1$   $X$ : fully dualizable if  $X$  is dualizable.  
 $n=2$  " if  $X$  is dualizable.  
 coev-ev have adjoints. //

(CH)  $\mathcal{C}$  has a dual.  
 $\text{Fam}^{\otimes}(\text{Bord}^{\text{fr}}, \mathcal{C}) \cong \{\text{obj}\} := C^{\sim}$  (locally topoly space)

(Rank) ①  $\text{Bord}^n, \text{Bord}^{\text{fr}}$  has a dual. Change the orientation.  
 ② eg let  $(\infty, 0)$  category.

(Rank) Non-trivial even if  $n=1$ .  
 $\mathcal{Z}: \text{Bord}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  conn. component  
 $\text{Hom}_{\text{Bord}_1}(\varphi, \varphi) = \text{classifying space of, cld 1-manifold} \supset \mathbb{C}P^{\infty}$   
 $\mathcal{Z} \downarrow$  "  $B\mathbb{O}(1)$   
 $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(1, 1) \leftarrow \text{encode what one-dim } \mathcal{Z} \text{ assigning to the circle.}$   
 $B\mathbb{O}(1) \leftarrow E\mathbb{O}(1)$   
 classifying space for oriented circle-bundle.

As before,  $\mathcal{Z}(*) = X$   $\mathcal{Z}(S^1) = \text{star} X$  not determine.  
 $\mathcal{Z}|_{\text{pt}}$   $\mathbb{C}P^{\infty} \sim$  base point of  $\mathbb{C}P^{\infty}$ .  $\text{star} X$  base point of  $\text{Hom}(1, 1)$   
 What we encodes is the circle action on  $\mathbb{C}P^{\infty}$  by syngp of circle.  
 $\mathbb{Q}: \mathbb{C}P^{\infty} (B\mathbb{O}(1))$  has  $G$ -action.

(ex)  $\mathcal{C}(\alpha, 1)$  Cat. obj:  $\mathbb{C}$ -alg  
 Mor:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B) \cong$  chain-complex of  $A$ - $B$  bimodule

(Rank) Every obj has fully dualizable  $\rightarrow A^{\text{op}}$ .  
 $\mathcal{Z}(S^1) :=$  chain-complex  $\text{CH}^*(A) \supset S^1$ .  
 with obj = complex number  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  bimodule. (Just chain-complex - -)

o General version of M. (str)

(observation)

$O(n) \curvearrowright$   $\{u\text{-framing on any mfd}\}$

$\Rightarrow \in O(n) \curvearrowright \text{Bord}^{fr}$

So,  $\text{Fun}^{\otimes n}(\text{Bord}^{fr}, \mathcal{C}) \cong \{ \text{fully } \}$  underly  $\infty\text{-sp}^{\text{td}}$   
 $\uparrow$   $O(n) \rightsquigarrow O(n) \uparrow$  (topological sp)

(ex)  $n=1$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  has a dual.

$O(1) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

$\therefore \forall \text{ obj } X \in \mathcal{C}$  has a dual  $X^v$

Take constr  $X \mapsto X^v$ .  $\checkmark$  gives  $O(1)$ -action

(ex) ( $G$ -structure)

$\circ G$ : Arbitrary top'l space rep.  $G \rightarrow O(n)$

Define  $G$ -str on  $M$

i.e.  $p$ :  $G$ -bundle with Ass. v. bundle  $p \times \mathbb{R}^n / G \cong Tm \otimes \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$

Similarly define  $\text{Bord}^G$

(ex)  $\text{Bord}^{fr} \cong \text{Bord}^{S^1}$

$\text{Bord}^{or} \cong \text{Bord}^{SO(n)}$

$\text{Bord}^{O(n)} \cong$  un-oriented mfd

$\Rightarrow$  Also,  $G \curvearrowright$  ( $\text{obj. of } \mathcal{C}$ ) if  $\mathcal{C}$  has a dual.

(CH for  $G$ ).

$\text{Fun}^{\otimes}(\text{Bord}^G, \mathcal{C}) \cong \{ \text{obj in } \mathcal{C} \}^G$

$\cong \text{Map}_G(\text{FG}, \{ \text{obj. } \mathcal{C} \})$

(ex)  $G=O(1)$ .

$\text{Fun}(\text{Bord}_1, \mathcal{C}) \cong \{ \text{obj } \}^{\text{horiz}}$

$\cong$  space of 'symmetrically self dual' obj.

$X$  equipped with  $X \otimes X \rightarrow 1$   $\xrightarrow{\text{as a}}$   $X$  with dual of itself