

Tensor categories and orbifold vertex algebras

$V$  - a vertex operator algebra  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \text{ inf dim vec. space} \\ Y_z: V \otimes V \rightarrow \bar{V} \leftarrow \text{completion w.r.t. grading} \end{array} \right.$



single valued func of  $z$

$M_V$  - modules over  $V$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_z: V \otimes M \rightarrow \bar{M} \\ \begin{array}{c} V \\ \circlearrowleft \\ M \end{array} \begin{array}{c} M_\infty \\ \circlearrowright \\ z \end{array} \end{array} \right.$  single valued function of  $z$ .

$G$  - finite group action on  $V$

invariants  $V^G \subset V$  is also a vertex operator algebra

Problem : Given  $V$  and  $G$ ,

- $M_{V^G} = ?$
- Special case :  $M_V = \text{Vec}$  ( $V$  has unique simple module,  $V$  itself) ("holomorphic case")

Want  $M_V$  to be "good", namely,  $\otimes$ , semisimple,  $\times$  (dual) (rigidity) modular.

From now, Assume our VA is good enough so that  $M_V$  has these properties.

- DVVV '89 (Dijkgraaf, Vafa, Verlinde, Verlinde)

In holom. case,  $M_{VG} = D^w(G)\text{-mod}$

$w=1$ :  $D^w\text{-mod} = \text{vector spaces}$   
with two structures

$M = \bigoplus M_g$  graded

action of  $G$  s.t.  $h \cdot M_g \subset M_{hg^{-1}}$

Obvious: ① No action of  $G$  on  $M \in M_V$

But given  $M$ , can form a new module

$$M \rightarrow M^g$$

(=  $M$  as vector space

but action of  $V$  twist by  $g$ )

② We have restriction functor

$$\text{Res}: M_V \rightarrow M_{VG}$$

- not a  $\otimes$  functor (Consider unit  $V$  /  $V_G$  respectively)

- not every  $X \in M_{VG}$  appears as a summand in  $\text{Res}(M)$ ,  $M \in M_V$ .

"untwisted sector": those  $X \in \text{Res}(M)$ ,  $M \in M_V$

Denote:  $M_{VG}^1$

\* Assume:  $M_{V/G}$  is modular. (non holom. case)

Theorem 1  $M'_{V/G} = M_V // G = \left\{ M \in M_V, \left\{ \phi_g: M \xrightarrow{\cong} M^g \right\}_{g \in G} \right\}$

$\phi_{g_1} \phi_{g_2} = \phi_{g_1 g_2}$

(as linear maps on vector space  $M$ )

Note: if  $M^g \not\cong M$ ,  $g \neq 1$  for simple  $M$ , then

(simple obj. in  $M_V // G$ ) = (simple obj. in  $M_V$ ) /  $G$

Ex. If  $M_V = \text{Vec}$ ,

$\text{Vec} // G = \text{Rep } G$  (analog of  $\text{pt} // G = BG$ )

Theorem 2  $M_{V/G} = \left( \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_V^g \right) // G$

where  $M_V^g =$  "g-twisted modules" over  $V$



$Y_2: V \otimes M \rightarrow M$

$V \otimes M \xrightarrow{\cong} M$

if we go around the origin, monodromy.

Theorem 3 If  $M_V = \text{Vec}$ , then

- $\bigoplus_{g \in G} M_V^g \cong G\text{-graded vector spaces}$   
(up to cocycle)
- $(\bigoplus_{g \in G} M_V^g) // G = D^w(G)\text{-mod.}$

### Ideas of proof

Denote  $\mathcal{C} = M_{V^G}$

Consider  $V$  as a module /  $V^G$ . Write  $A = V$   
 $A \in \mathcal{C}$

Then:  $Y_2: V \otimes V \rightarrow \bar{V}$  gives rise to map

$A \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} A \rightarrow A$ , which is comm. assoc,  
and has unit.

We also have:

- $A^G = \mathbb{1}$      $\mathbb{1} = V^G$  - the unit object in  $M_{V^G}$
- $[A: \mathbb{1}] = 1$
- product is "non-degenerate"

Lemma 1 For  $\mathcal{C}$  - BTC (braided tensor category)  
rigid,

$A$  - an algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfying above  
properties

Then  $\mathcal{C} \supset \text{Rep } G$

$\varphi: \text{Rep } G \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

follows from  
duality

$A \rightarrow (1 \otimes A)^G$

Lemma 2: One has natural functors

$$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow A\text{-mod} \quad \text{"induction"}$$

$$M \mapsto A \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} M$$

$$G: A\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \quad \text{"restriction"}$$

$F$  is  $\otimes$  functor;  $G$  is not.

Def  $M \in A\text{-mod}$  is  
 $M \in \mathcal{C}$   
 $A \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} M \rightarrow M$   
 w/ compatibility conditions

Suppose  $M \in A\text{-mod}$ .

It is called  $g$ -twisted if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes M & \longrightarrow & M \\ \downarrow R^2 & & \uparrow \\ A \otimes M & \xrightarrow{g \otimes 1} & A \otimes M \end{array} \quad \text{commutative}$$

Lemma 3:  $A\text{-mod} = \bigoplus_g (A\text{-mod})_{g\text{-twisted}}$

Theorems follow from these lemmas