

# Two-dimensional Ising model revisited

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- No choice of embedding of  $n$ -gons
- Loops are disallowed by the conditions
- Faces may share multiple edges

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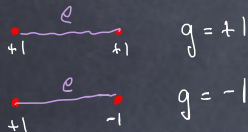
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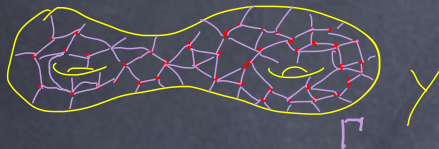
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Y closed:

$$I(Y, \Gamma) = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}_{(Y, \Gamma)}} \prod_{e \in \text{Edges}(\Gamma)} \theta_\beta(g(s; e))$$

This is the Ising *partition function*. Note limits  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ .

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The model can be defined for more general data:

$$G$$

finite group

$$\theta: G \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$$

admissible function (later!)

Probabilistic interpretation:

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Expectation value of a function

$$f: \mathcal{S}_{(Y, \Gamma)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

such as  $f(s) = s(v_1)s(v_2)$  for vertices  $v_1, v_2$  (*order operator*):

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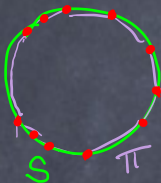
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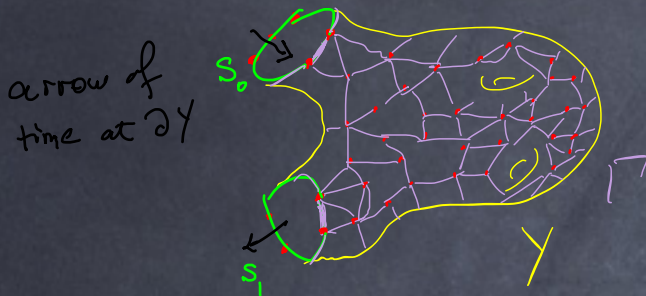
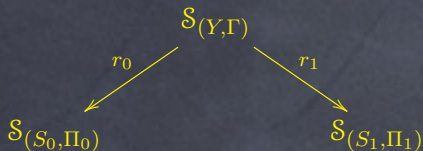
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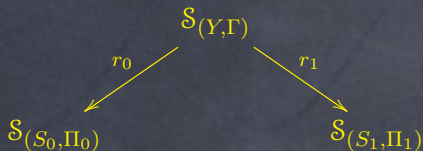


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Define the linear map by push-pull

$$I(Y, \Gamma) = (r_1)_* \circ K \circ (r_0)^*: I(S_0, \Pi_0) \longrightarrow I(S_1, \Pi_1)$$

where the “kernel”  $K$  is the weight function

$$K(s) = \prod_e \theta_\beta(g(s; e)), \quad e \text{ incoming or interior}$$

Wick-rotated discrete time evolution via product bordism (“prism”)

$$(Y, \Gamma) = [0, 1] \times (S, \Pi)$$



The resulting endomorphism of  $I(S, \Pi)$  is called the *transfer matrix*. We write it as  $e^{-H}$ , where  $H$  is the *Hamiltonian*. Eigenvalues of  $H$  are energies (possibly infinite).

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- higher dimensional abelian models (stable homotopy theory)

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$G$ -Ising model on  $Y^2$ : *background* lattice  $\Gamma \subset Y$  and  $G$ -bundle  $Q \rightarrow Y$   
*fluctuating* field a “discrete gauged  $\sigma$ -model”

$$\mathcal{S}_{(Y,\Gamma)}[Q] = \text{sections of } Q \rightarrow Y \text{ over Vertices}(\Gamma)$$

The ratio of spins defined via parallel transport

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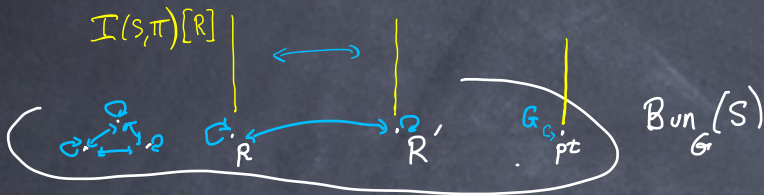
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$$I(S, \Pi) \longrightarrow \text{Bun}_G(S)$$

These are “twisted sectors”; the old state space is the fiber at  $\text{pt} \in BG$



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This is a general picture of symmetry in field theory. The novelty is to apply full force of  $F_G$  as an *extended* field theory.



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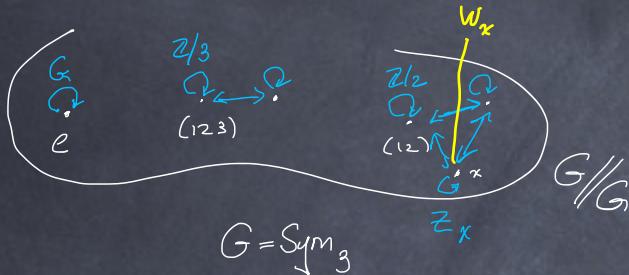
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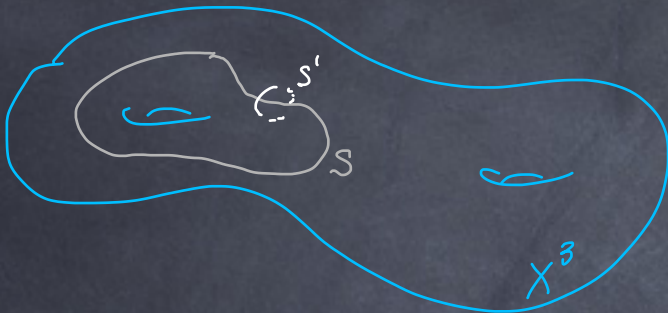
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*'t Hooft loops*: Full subcategory of  $\text{Vect}_G(G)$  in which centralizers  $Z_x$  act trivially on fiber at  $x \in G$ . Classical model sums bundles on  $X \setminus S$  with specified holonomy about  $S$ .

If  $\partial X \neq \emptyset$  there are line operators for neat 1d submanifolds  $S \subset X$ .  
 Evaluate by cutting out tubular neighborhood  $\nu_S$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & Y' & \\
 S^1 \amalg S^1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \emptyset^1 \\
 & \Downarrow X' & \\
 & \partial_0 \nu_S & 
 \end{array}$$

$$X' = X \setminus \nu_S$$

$$Y' = X' \cap \partial X$$

Can evaluate explicitly on Wilson (parallel transport) and 't Hooft



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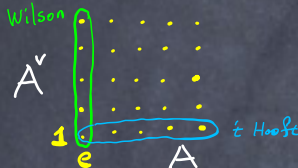
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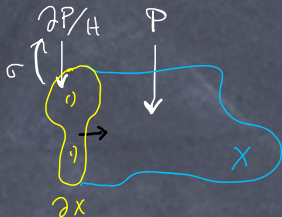
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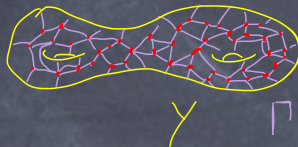
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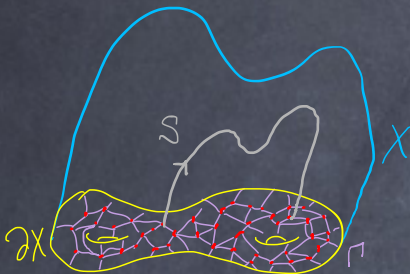
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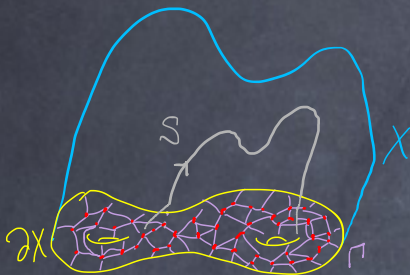
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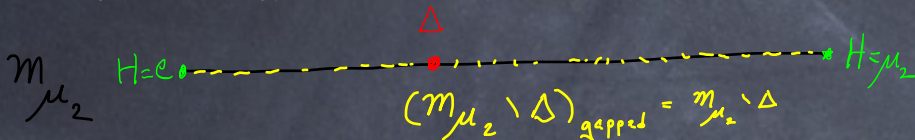
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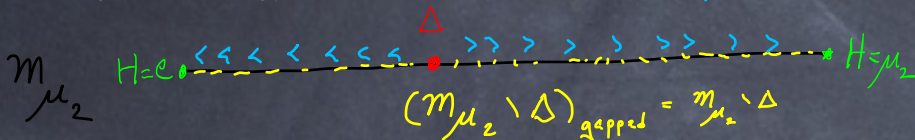
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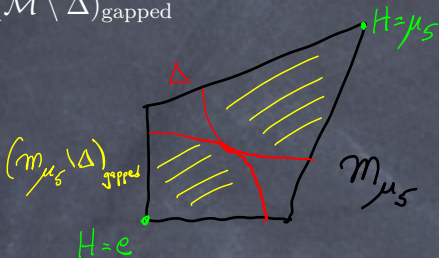
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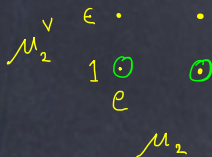
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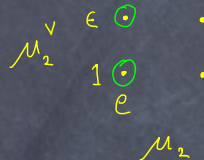
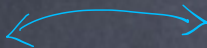
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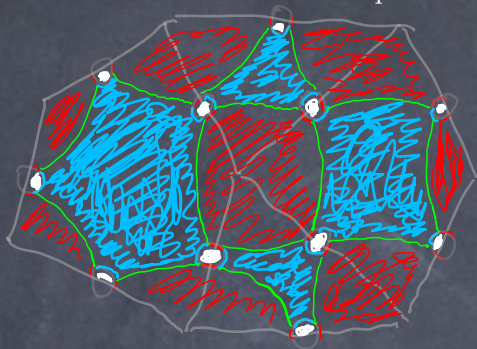
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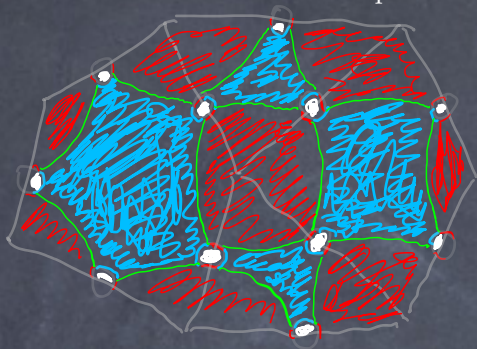
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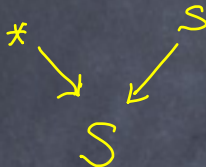
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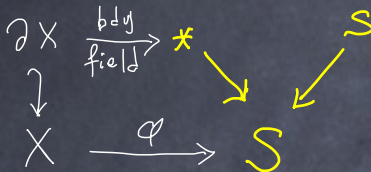
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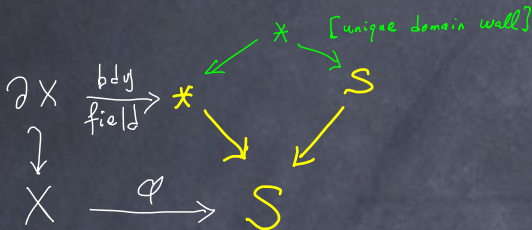
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