

Quantum Gravity at the 5th Root of Unity

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- For $SU(2)_q$, where q is a 5th root of unity, $q = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{5}}$, it is possible to find unitary irreducible representations which agree with the lower dimensional classical ones spin-0, spin- $\frac{1}{2}$, spin-1 and spin- $\frac{3}{2}$, being the other reducible ones.

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$$J_{\pm} = J_1 \pm iJ_2, \quad (2)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} [J_3, J_{\pm}] &= \pm J_{\pm} \\ [J_+, J_-] &= 2J_3. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

(This is the usual Cartan-Weyl basis)

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- We can then introduce the deformation generator

$$\mathcal{J} = q^{J_3}. \quad (4)$$

$SU(2)_q$ algebra, which is over the complex numbers, is generated by the three operators \mathcal{J} , J_{\pm} where

$$\begin{aligned} [J_+, J_-] &= 2 \frac{\mathcal{J} - \mathcal{J}^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \\ \mathcal{J} J_{\pm} \mathcal{J}^{-1} &= q^{\pm 1} J_{\pm}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the limit $q \rightarrow 1$ reproduces the classical algebra.

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- The quantum dimension of the representation $d_q(j)$ for $j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}$ is respectively $1, \phi, \phi, 1$, where ϕ is the golden ratio, 1.618...

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- We can recover the quantum symmetry $SU(2)_q$ at the 5th root of unity (I will call it just $SU(2)_5$ in this presentation) in different approaches to quantum gravity and particle physics unification.

$SU(2)_q$ - motivations

- For example, in the quantization of string theory on a group manifold considering the group $SU(2)^2$ and string-net models of gauge field emergence³. It appears too throughout the so-called quantum group conformal field theory duality⁴ and in topological quantum field theory⁵. In quantum gravity it defines a special base for the Hilbert space of loop quantum gravity I will discuss later.

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- There are different proposals with large Lie groups, $SU(5)$, $SO(10)$, E_6 , E_8 for example, which allows for classical formulations, even providing Lagrangians. But yet there are no consensus and the quantization seems very hard. The simplest one, $SU(5)$, where it is possible to do the path integral quantization in more details, has predictions not confirmed and some fundamental issues for example (proton decay, baryon and lepton-number violating processes, Higgs triplet hierarchy problem, incorrect prediction of Weinberg mixing angle)

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- For example we have deep ideas not supported by experiments : a symmetry to unify fermions and bosons, higher spacetime dimensions, large dimensional particles and discretization of spacetime (quantization of geometry).
- From strings and LQG, in language of quantum mechanics, it is conjectured that quantum gravity regime involves quantum amplitudes for geometries and particle/field in the same object – transition amplitudes.

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- The holographic principle is meaningful because it arises in this context of this problem of quantizing spacetime and gravity along with the quest for unification of fundamental quantum fields. The holographic principle was proposed from logical considerations of physical phenomena associated with gravitational collapse and lead to the idea that physics at the Planck scale is constrained to be lower dimensional and possess finite degrees of freedom. At the same time, it is fundamentally a different kind of principle because it is not directly supported by experiments.

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- The last component of a code is its function to express meaning like for example, to express a specific quantum computation. It is well known that some anyonic systems can perform universal quantum computation, such as the simple non abelian anyon – the Fibonacci anyon⁷.

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Fibonacci anyon

- Fibonacci anyon fusion rules are irreducibly simple and can be understood in terms of the representation theory of quantum groups, especially the quantum $SU(2)_5$ discussed in the beginning.
The fusion rules for Fibonacci anyons are in this case :

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where we make use of the label spin to express the representations.

Fibonacci anyon and efficient codes

- The idea of a code brings the requirement of efficiency. The same $SU(2)_r$ above is used to describe different topological phases of matter (with different anyons type). Each root r describe one topological phase. If we rank the topological phases associated with non-abelian anyons described by $SU(2)_r$ in terms of topological order defined as the inverse of topological entanglement entropy⁸, γ , the Fibonacci anyons represent a limit in terms of higher topological order. Another limit is the minimum 2 letters and simple fusion rules in the family on non abelian anyons.

$$\gamma = \log \mathcal{D}$$

where where $\mathcal{D} \geq 1$ is the total quantum dimension. In $SU(2)_r$ theory :

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\sqrt{r/2}}{\sin(\pi/r)}$$

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- The quantization of a phase space which is the cotangent space to a group is standard⁹. We are seeking operators U_I and L_I realizing a commutation relation on a Hilbert space.

$$[U_I, L_{I'}^i] = i\beta\delta_{II'} U_I J^i$$

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$$\mathcal{H}_\Gamma = L_2 [SU(2)^\Gamma]$$

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- For the evolution of Γ we consider an open 2-complex C whose boundary is Γ . It consists of vertices, edges and faces, and to each node and link of Γ there correspond a unique edge and face of the boundary of C . We color it with spins representations j_f the faces and intertwiners i_e the edges.

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- But, interestingly, it doesn't matter if it is 3D or 4D, Euclidean or Lorentzian, the kinematics, doesn't change, the Hilbert space can be described by the same $SU(2)$ spin network. What change is the dynamics, the vertex amplitudes. This allows to implement the code theoretic principle discussed before.

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where for $r = 5$ and $q = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{r}}$, $d_q(j)$ for $j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}$ is respectively $1, \phi, \phi, 1$

$$\{6j\}_q = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ j_4 & j_5 & j_6 \end{array} \right\}_q \quad (10)$$

which is the Wigner $6j$ -symbol.

The q -deformed $6j$ symbols for every combination of j_s in $\{0, 1/2, 1, 3/2\}$ has most of the possibilities null, except a few, which take only seven values : $\{0, \pm 1, \pm \phi, \pm i\sqrt{\phi}\}$.

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- But this is not very helpful because a formal path integral for GR would be very hard to compute and we want to understand how nature compute with its underlying Planck scale code. Like I talked before, it is conjectured that quantum gravity regime involves quantum amplitudes for geometries and particle/field in the same object. So now we explore the particle/field side of the amplitude. And start making conjectures on how to fill the gap between quantum gravity regime and unification of quantum fields.

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- It is associated spin quantum number with the Lorentz subgroup of rotations $SO(1, 3)$ and mass quantum numbers with the subgroup of translations of the Poincaré group. Charge (electric, color...) is associated with internal (gauge) groups of symmetry $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$.

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- A general matrix Λ_{ν}^{μ} of $SO(1, 3)$ can be written as

$$\Lambda(w) = e^{\frac{1}{2} w^{\alpha\beta} \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}} \quad (11)$$

where $w^{\alpha\beta}$ are infinitesimal parameters and $\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ the generators.

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- We can rewrite the generators $\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ in terms of generators of two independent $SU(2)$ subalgebras in the standard way (with $M^i = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{ijk}\Sigma_{jk}$, $N^i = \Sigma^{0i}$ and $J^i = \frac{i}{2}(M^i + iN^i)$, $G^i = \frac{i}{2}(M^i - iN^i)$) :

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J^i and G^i obey $SU(2)$ Lie algebra commutation relations and the Lorentz group representation can be written from these two complex $SU(2)$ representations with independent generators J^i, G^i . $SO(1, 3)$ decomposes, as a direct sum, to

$$SO(1, 3) = SU(2)_J \oplus SU(2)_G. \tag{13}$$

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- In particular, for each subalgebra $SU(2)$ there is a Casimir operator, $J^i J^i$, $G^i G^i$, commuting with each element of the algebra and with eigenvalues $j(j+1)$, $g(g+1)$ ($j = g = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$). Being invariants, its eigenvalues are conserved, so they provide good quantum numbers to index the representations of $SO(1, 3)$ by pairs (j, g) with eigenvalues $j(j+1)$ and $g(g+1)$. The total spin of the representation (j, g) is given by $s = j + g$ and its dimension by $dim(j, g) = (2j+1)(2g+1)$. The low dimensional irreducible representations of the Lorentz group are used to model quantum fields.

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$$W_q(j_l) = w_q \sum_{j_f} \prod_f d_q(j_f) \prod_v \{6j\}_q \quad (15)$$

to compute not only geometric observables but matter observable also.

- The transition between two spin network states can be interpreted as an expected value of observable

$$W_{\mathcal{O}}(\Gamma_{j_f}) = \sum_{j_i} W_q(j_i, j_f) \Gamma_{j_i}$$

- Or we can consider an observable to be a graph with edges labeled j_e .

$$W_{\mathcal{O}}(j_e) = \sum_{j_i | j_e} W_q(j_i)$$

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- The q-deformation scheme presented for $SU(2)_5$ works for complex Lie algebras. For the real Poincaré algebras the main approach is to start with a deformation of the conformal algebra and group $SO(4,2)$ and after this, to perform a contraction to Poincaré, the so called kappa-Poincaré algebra¹¹. We are starting study the 5th root of unity case with this deformation, which should provide the mass quantum number for relativistic particles.

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Charge and E8 Lie group at the 5th root of unity

- The procedure to diagonalise one generator of $SU(2)$, usually J_3 and then to re-express the other operators in terms of eigenoperators of the chosen diagonal operator,

$$J_{\pm} = J_1 \pm iJ_2, \quad (17)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} [J_3, J_{\pm}] &= \pm J_{\pm} \\ [J_+, J_-] &= 2J_3. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

can be generalized to large dimensional Lie algebras. The Cartan-Weyl basis.

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- The Cartan-Weyl basis may be written as

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- So the representation theory can be understood in terms of interactions of $SU(2)$ representations, and $SU(2)_5$ quantization can help understand the main role of low dimensional (fundamental and adjoint) representations to characterize charge quantum numbers.

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- Another research is about quantum amplitudes and transition amplitudes, which is an interaction network of quantum dimensions that can be generated by the cut and project method. A clue for this is that the R matrix of $SU(2)_5$, its centralizer, can be used to generate non crystallographic braid groups. So there are a quasicrystalline centralizer code within $SU(2)_5$. The evolution of this quasicrystalline spin network is suitable to simulate with quantum walk, cellular automata, game of life type approaches. Classical $SU(2)$ is addressed in lattice gauge simulations with Monte Carlos techniques for example.

Quantum Gravity at 5th Root of Unity

Thank you.