

Diagrammatics for real supergroups



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Outline

Goal: Develop a simple and intuitive graphical calculus for real representations of real supergroups

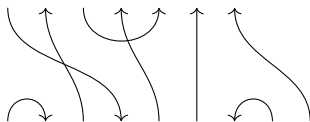
Overview:

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The oriented Brauer category

The **oriented Brauer category** $\mathcal{OB}(d)$ is the free rigid symmetric \mathbb{C} -linear monoidal category on a generating object \uparrow of dimension d .

Morphisms are linear combinations of **oriented Brauer diagrams**:



There is a **full** monoidal functor

$$\mathcal{OB}(m) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(m, \mathbb{C})\text{-mod}, \quad \uparrow \mapsto V = \mathbb{C}^m.$$

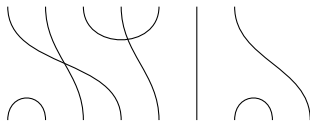
In particular, there is a surjective algebra homomorphism (half of Schur–Weyl duality)

$$\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_r \cong \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{OB}(m)}(\uparrow^{\otimes r}) \twoheadrightarrow \mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{GL}(m, \mathbb{C})}(V^{\otimes r}).$$

The unoriented Brauer category

The **unoriented Brauer category** $\mathcal{B}(d)$ is the free rigid symmetric \mathbb{C} -linear monoidal category on a symmetrically self-dual object I of dimension d .

Morphisms are linear combinations of unoriented Brauer diagrams:



There are **full** monoidal functors

$$\mathcal{B}(m) \rightarrow \mathrm{O}(m, \mathbb{C})\text{-mod} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B}(-2m) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{C})\text{-mod}.$$

Here the endomorphism algebras are **Brauer algebras**.

Observations

Super unifies

In fact, there are full functors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{OB}(m-n) &\rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(m|n, \mathbb{C})\text{-smod} && \text{and} \\ \mathcal{B}(m-2n) &\rightarrow \mathrm{OSp}(m|2n, \mathbb{C})\text{-smod}. \end{aligned}$$

Trivial yet important observation

Functors induce isomorphisms

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \mathrm{Span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\uparrow\} = \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{OB}(m-n)}(\uparrow) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{GL}(m|n, \mathbb{C})}(V)$$

and

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \mathrm{Span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{|\} = \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{B}(m-2n)}(|) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{OSp}(m|2n, \mathbb{C})}(V)$$

Schur's lemma

Fix a ground field \mathbb{k} . All supermodules are assumed to be **finite dimensional** over \mathbb{k} .

Let R be an associative superalgebra or Lie superalgebra over \mathbb{k} .

Schur's lemma

If V is a **simple** R -supermodule, then $\text{End}_R(V)$ is a finite-dimensional division \mathbb{k} -superalgebra.

Non-super world

- There is one **complex** division algebra: \mathbb{C} .
- There are three **real** division algebras: \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , and \mathbb{H} .

Complex division superalgebras

If $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$, then there are two **complex division superalgebras**:

- the complex numbers \mathbb{C} ,
- the complex Clifford superalgebra $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}) := \mathbb{C} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{C}$, with $\bar{\varepsilon} = 1$,

$$\varepsilon^2 = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad z\varepsilon = \varepsilon z \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Consequence

When $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$, there are two types of simple supermodule V over a superalgebra R :

- **Type M** : $\text{End}_R(V) = \mathbb{C}$,
- **Type Q** : $\text{End}_R(V) = \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})$.

Real division superalgebras

Theorem (Wall 1964)

Every **real** division superalgebra is isomorphic to exactly one of the following, where $\bar{\varepsilon} = 1$, and \star denotes complex conjugation:

- $\text{Cl}_0(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$;
- $\text{Cl}_1(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{R} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{R}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = 1$;
- $\text{Cl}_2(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{C} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{C}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = 1$ and $z\varepsilon = \varepsilon z^\star$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$;
- $\text{Cl}_3(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{H} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{H}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = -1$ and $z\varepsilon = \varepsilon z$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$;
- $\text{Cl}_4(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{H}$;
- $\text{Cl}_5(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{H} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{H}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = 1$ and $z\varepsilon = \varepsilon z$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$;
- $\text{Cl}_6(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{C} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{C}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = -1$ and $z\varepsilon = \varepsilon z^\star$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$;
- $\text{Cl}_7(\mathbb{R}) := \mathbb{R} \oplus \varepsilon\mathbb{R}$, with $\varepsilon^2 = -1$;
- \mathbb{C} ;
- $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})$.

Remarks

The $\text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R})$, $0 \leq r \leq 7$, are real Clifford superalgebras. They are the only **central** real division superalgebras (i.e. with even center \mathbb{R}).

The notation $\text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R})$ is inspired by the fact that (subscripts mod 8)

$$\text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \text{Cl}_s(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{is Morita equivalent to} \quad \text{Cl}_{r+s}(\mathbb{R}).$$

The **opposite superalgebra** of an associative superalgebra A is

$$A^{\text{op}} := \{a^{\text{op}} : a \in A\}$$

with multiplication

$$a^{\text{op}}b^{\text{op}} = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}(ba)^{\text{op}}.$$

We have

- $\text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R})^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Cl}_{-r}(\mathbb{R})$, with subscripts considered modulo 8,
- $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})$, $\varepsilon \mapsto \varepsilon i$,
- $\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \cong \mathbb{C}$.

Motivating idea

The tenfold way

Suppose R is a **real** associative superalgebra or a real Lie superalgebra.

There are **ten types** of simple R -supermodule:

$$\text{End}_R(V) \in \{\text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{C}, \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}) : 0 \leq r \leq 7\}.$$

We want to modify the oriented Brauer category so that

$\text{End}(\uparrow)$ is a division superalgebra A .

This amounts to adding morphisms

$$\uparrow a, \quad a \in A.$$

For the **unoriented Brauer category**, we'll need an anti-involution on A corresponding to

$$\downarrow a \mapsto \uparrow a.$$

Real general linear Lie superalgebras

Let's look at $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D})$ for \mathbb{D} a real division superalgebra.

Simplification

- If $\mathbb{D}_1 \neq 0$, then $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D}) \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m+n, \mathbb{D})$.
- We have $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D}) \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D}^{\text{op}})$.

Thus, the general linear Lie superalgebras over real division superalgebras are:

- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_1(\mathbb{R})) = \mathfrak{q}(m, \mathbb{R})$ is the **split real isomeric Lie superalgebra** (a.k.a. the **split real queer Lie superalgebra**),
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})) = \mathfrak{q}(m, \mathbb{C})$ is the **complex isomeric Lie superalgebra**,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_2(\mathbb{R}))$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_3(\mathbb{R}))$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{R})$, $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{C})$, $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{H})$.

Complexification of general linear Lie superalgebras

The complexifications of all central real division superalgebras are

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{C}} &\cong \mathbb{C}, & \mathbb{H}^{\mathbb{C}} &\cong \text{Mat}_2(\mathbb{C}), \\ \text{Cl}_1(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} &\cong \text{Cl}_7(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}), \\ \text{Cl}_2(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} &\cong \text{Cl}_6(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \text{Mat}_{1|1}(\mathbb{C}), \\ \text{Cl}_3(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} &\cong \text{Cl}_5(\mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \text{Mat}_2(\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})).\end{aligned}$$

If \mathbb{D} is a real division superalgebra, we have

$$\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D}^{\mathbb{C}}).$$

Hence

- $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{R})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{C})$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{H})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(2m|2n, \mathbb{C})$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_1(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_7(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})) = \mathfrak{q}(m, \mathbb{C})$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_2(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_6(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m|m, \mathbb{C})$,
- $\mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_3(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m, \text{Cl}_5(\mathbb{R}))^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{gl}(2m, \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})) = \mathfrak{q}(2m, \mathbb{C})$.

Motivation for anti-involutions

Fix an associative \mathbb{R} -superalgebra A and a **right** A -supermodule V .

Then the **dual** $V^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(V, \mathbb{R})$ is a **left** A -supermodule, with action

$$(af)(v) = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{f} + \bar{a}\bar{v}} f(va), \quad a \in A, f \in V^*, v \in V.$$

We want to examine the situation where V is **self dual**:

$$V \cong V^* \quad \text{as **right** } A\text{-supermodules.}$$

In order for this to make sense, we need to turn V^* into a **right** A -supermodule.

Recall that a **right** A -supermodule is the same as a **left** A^{op} -supermodule.

So, if we have an isomorphism $A^{\text{op}} \cong A$, we can convert left A -supermodules into right A -supermodules.

Involutive superalgebras

Definition

An **involutive superalgebra** is a pair (A, \star) , where

- A is an associative superalgebra, and
- $\star: A \rightarrow A$, $a \mapsto a^\star$, is an **anti-involution**:

$$(a^\star)^\star = a, \quad (ab)^\star = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} b^\star a^\star.$$

An anti-involution \star gives an isomorphism $A^{\text{op}} \cong A$.

So, if V is a **right** supermodule over an involutive superalgebra (A, \star) , then V^\star is a **right** A -supermodule via

$$(fa)(v) = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{v}} f(va^\star), \quad a \in A, f \in V^\star, v \in V.$$

Involutive real division superalgebras

Recall that

$$\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \cong \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}), \quad \text{Cl}_r(\mathbb{R})^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Cl}_{-r}(\mathbb{R}).$$

So the real division superalgebras admitting anti-involutions are \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , \mathbb{H} , and $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C})$.

In particular, we have

- (\mathbb{R}, id) ,
- (\mathbb{C}, id) ,
- (\mathbb{C}, \star) , where \star is complex conjugation,
- (\mathbb{H}, \star) , where \star is quaternionic conjugation,
- $(\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}), \star)$, where

$$(a + \varepsilon bi)^\star = a^\star + \varepsilon b^\star i, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Superhermitian forms

Let V be a right supermodule over an involutive real division superalgebra (\mathbb{D}, \star) .

Definition

Let $\nu \in \{\pm 1\}$. A (ν, \star) -superhermitian form on V is a homogeneous \mathbb{R} -bilinear map

$$\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

such that

- $\varphi(va, wb) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{\varphi} + \bar{v})} a^* \varphi(v, w) b$ for all $a, b \in A$, $v, w \in V$,
- $\varphi(v, w) = \nu (-1)^{\bar{v}\bar{w}} \varphi(w, v)^*$ for all $v, w \in V$.

Remarks

- A superhermitian form gives an isomorphism $V \cong V^*$.
- A superhermitian form can be even ($\bar{\varphi} = 0$) or odd ($\bar{\varphi} = 1$).

Examples

Assume everything is even (i.e., all odd parts are zero).

Example

If $(\mathbb{D}, \star) = (\mathbb{C}, \text{id})$, then

- an $(1, \text{id})$ -superhermitian form is a symmetric form,
- an $(-1, \text{id})$ -superhermitian form is skew-symmetric form.

Example

If $(\mathbb{D}, \star) = (\mathbb{C}, \star)$, where \star is complex conjugation, then

- a $(1, \star)$ -superhermitian form is a hermitian form in the usual sense,
- a $(-1, \star)$ -superhermitian form is a skew-hermitian form.

Lie superalgebras associated to a superhermitian form

Suppose

- (\mathbb{D}, \star) is an involutive real division superalgebra,
- φ is a (ν, \star) -superhermitian form.

Let

$$\mathfrak{g}(\varphi) = \{X \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) : \varphi(Xv, w) = -(-1)^{\bar{X}\bar{v}} \varphi(v, Xw) \forall v, w \in V\}.$$

be the Lie sub-superalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ preserving φ .

Let $G(\varphi)$ be the supergroup preserving φ .

Real forms

A real Lie superalgebra \mathfrak{g} is a **real form** of the complex Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}}$.

Example ($\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$)

The Lie superalgebras of the form $\mathfrak{g}(\varphi)$ are:

- the **orthosymplectic Lie superalgebras** $\mathfrak{osp}(m|2n, \mathbb{C})$ (when φ is even),
- the **periplectic Lie superalgebras** $\mathfrak{p}(m, \mathbb{C})$ (when φ is odd).

Now suppose $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{R}$. We have

- the Lie superalgebras $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D})$ for a real division superalgebra \mathbb{D} ,
- the Lie superalgebras $\mathfrak{g}(\varphi)$ for φ a (ν, \star) -superhermitian form for an involutive real division superalgebra (\mathbb{D}, \star) .

These correspond to **all real forms** of the complex Lie superalgebras

$$\mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{C}), \quad \mathfrak{osp}(m|2n, \mathbb{C}), \quad \mathfrak{p}(m, \mathbb{C}), \quad \mathfrak{q}(m, \mathbb{C}).$$

Strict monoidal supercategories

Fix a ground field \mathbb{k} .

A **strict monoidal supercategory** is a category \mathcal{C} enriched in the category of vector superspaces:

- each morphism space is a \mathbb{k} -supermodule,
- composition of morphisms is \mathbb{k} -bilinear and parity preserving,

together with

- a bifunctor (the **tensor product**) $\otimes: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, and
- a **unit object** $\mathbb{1}$,

such that, for objects A, B, C and morphisms f, g, h ,

- $(A \otimes B) \otimes C = A \otimes (B \otimes C)$,
- $\mathbb{1} \otimes A = A = A \otimes \mathbb{1}$,
- $(f \otimes g) \otimes h = f \otimes (g \otimes h)$,
- $1_{\mathbb{1}} \otimes f = f = f \otimes 1_{\mathbb{1}}$,
- tensor product of morphisms is \mathbb{k} -bilinear and parity preserving.

String diagrams

Fix a strict monoidal supercategory \mathcal{C} .

We will denote a morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ by:



The **identity map** $1_A: A \rightarrow A$ is a string with no label:



We sometimes omit the object labels when they are clear.

String diagrams

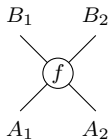
Composition is **vertical stacking** and tensor product is **horizontal juxtaposition**:

The diagram shows two equations. The first equation shows two circles labeled 'f' and 'g' stacked vertically on a single vertical line, followed by an equals sign, and then a single circle labeled 'fg' on a vertical line. The second equation shows a circle labeled 'f' on a vertical line, followed by a circle with a cross inside, followed by a circle labeled 'g' on a vertical line, followed by an equals sign, and then two vertical lines side-by-side, each with a circle labeled 'f' and 'g' respectively.

The **super interchange law** is:

The diagram shows an equation between three string diagrams. The first diagram has a vertical line with a circle 'f' on the left and a vertical line with a circle 'g' on the right. The second diagram has two vertical lines side-by-side, with circles 'f' and 'g' on them respectively. The third diagram has a vertical line with a circle 'f' on the left and a vertical line with a circle 'g' on the right, but the 'f' circle is positioned lower than the 'g' circle. The equation is: $(f \text{ over } g) = (f \text{ and } g \text{ side-by-side}) = (-1)^{\bar{f}\bar{g}} (f \text{ and } g \text{ side-by-side, } f \text{ below } g)$

A morphism $f: A_1 \otimes A_2 \rightarrow B_1 \otimes B_2$ can be depicted:



The oriented supercategory

For an associative superalgebra A , we define $\mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{k}}(A)$ to be the strict monoidal supercategory generated by objects \uparrow and \downarrow and morphisms

$$\overrightarrow{\bowtie} : \uparrow \otimes \uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow \otimes \uparrow, \quad \uparrow_a : \uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow, \quad a \in A,$$

$$\downarrow : \downarrow \otimes \uparrow \rightarrow \mathbb{1}, \quad \uparrow : \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \uparrow \otimes \downarrow, \quad \downarrow : \uparrow \otimes \downarrow \rightarrow \mathbb{1}, \quad \uparrow : \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \downarrow \otimes \uparrow,$$

subject to the relations

$$\uparrow_1 = \uparrow, \quad \lambda \uparrow_a + \mu \uparrow_b = \uparrow_{\lambda a + \mu b}, \quad \begin{matrix} a \\ \uparrow \\ b \end{matrix} = \uparrow_{ab},$$

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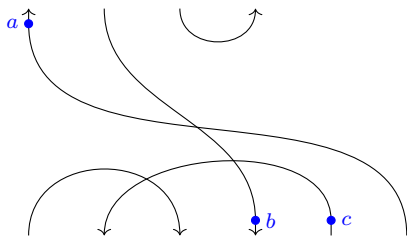
for all $a, b \in A$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{k}$. In the above, the left and right crossings are defined by

$$\overrightarrow{\bowtie} := \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix}, \quad \overleftarrow{\bowtie} := \begin{matrix} \searrow \\ \nearrow \end{matrix}.$$

The parity of \uparrow_a is \bar{a} , and all the other generating morphisms are even.

The oriented supercategory

Morphisms in $\mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{k}}(A)$ are \mathbb{k} -linear combinations of diagrams such as



$a, b, c \in A$.

Composition is vertical stacking; tensor product is horizontal juxtaposition.

Example

- $\mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbb{k})$ is the **oriented Brauer category**.
- $\mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}))$ is the **oriented Brauer–Clifford supercategory** (Brundan–Comes–Kujawa).

The oriented incarnation superfunctor

Suppose that \mathbb{D} is a real division superalgebra. Let $V = \mathbb{D}^{m|n}$.

Theorem (Samchuck–Schnarch–S.)

There exists a unique monoidal superfunctor

$$G: \mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{D}^{\text{op}}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(m|n, \mathbb{D})\text{-smod}$$

such that $G(\uparrow) = V$, $G(\downarrow) = V^*$, and

$$\begin{aligned} G(\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \times \nwarrow \\ \searrow \end{array}): V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V, & v \otimes w \mapsto (-1)^{\bar{v}\bar{w}} w \otimes v, \\ G(\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \cap \\ \uparrow \end{array}): V^* \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, & f \otimes v \mapsto f(v), \\ G(\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \bullet \\ \alpha^{\text{op}} \end{array}): V \rightarrow V, & v \mapsto (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{v}} va. \end{aligned}$$

The superfunctor G is **full**.

Remark

When $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$, the analogous theorem was known.

The unoriented supercategory

Let (\mathbb{D}, \star) be an involutive division superalgebra over \mathbb{k} , and let $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2$.

We define $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{k}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{D}, \star)$ to be the strict monoidal supercategory generated by one object I and morphisms

$$\times: I^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow I^{\otimes 2}, \quad \cap: I^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{1}, \quad \cup: \mathbb{1} \rightarrow I^{\otimes 2}, \quad \bullet_a: I \rightarrow I, \quad a \in \mathbb{D},$$

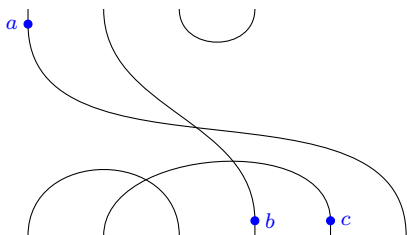
subject to the relations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \bullet &= |, & \lambda \bullet_a + \mu \bullet_b &= \bullet_{\lambda a + \mu b}, & \begin{array}{c} a \\ \bullet \\ b \\ \bullet \end{array} &= \bullet_{ab}, \\ \text{crossing} &= | |, & \text{crossing} &= \text{crossing}, & \cup &= | = (-1)^{\sigma} \cap, \\ \cap &= \cap, & \cup &= \cup, & \bullet_a \cap &= (-1)^{\bar{a}} \cap \bullet_{a^*}, \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, b \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{k}$. The parity of \bullet_a is \bar{a} , the morphisms \cup and \cap both have parity σ , and \times is even.

The unoriented supercategory

Morphisms in $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{k}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{D}, \star)$ are \mathbb{k} -linear combinations of diagrams such as



$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Composition is vertical stacking; tensor product is horizontal juxtaposition.

Example

- $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{k}}^0(\mathbb{k}, \text{id})$ is the **Brauer category** (Lehrer–Zhang).
- $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{k}}^1(\mathbb{k}, \text{id})$ is the **periplectic Brauer supercategory** (Kujawa–Tharp).

The unoriented incarnation superfunctor

Let (\mathbb{D}, \star) be an involutive real division superalgebra, let $V = \mathbb{D}^{m|n}$, and let φ be a nondegenerate (ν, \star) -superhermitian form of parity σ on V .

Theorem (Samchuck–Schnarch–S.)

There exists a unique monoidal superfunctor

$$F_\varphi: \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^\sigma(\mathbb{D}, \star) \rightarrow G(\varphi)\text{-smod}$$

such that $F_\varphi(\mathbb{1}) = V$ and

$$\begin{aligned} F_\varphi(\otimes) &: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V, & v \otimes w &\mapsto (-1)^{\bar{v}\bar{w}} w \otimes v, \\ F_\varphi(\cap) &: V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, & v \otimes w &\mapsto \operatorname{Re}_0(\varphi(v, w)), \\ F_\varphi(\bullet a) &: V \rightarrow V, & v &\mapsto (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{v}} v a^\star, \end{aligned}$$

where $\operatorname{Re}_0(a)$ is the real part of the even part of $a \in \mathbb{D}$.

The superfunctor F_φ is **full**.

The unoriented incarnation superfunctor

Previous results ($\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$)

- When $\sigma = 0$, so $G(\varphi) = \mathrm{OSp}(m|2n, \mathbb{C})$, the result is due to Lehrer–Zhang, Deligne–Lehrer–Zhang.
- When $\sigma = 1$, so $G(\varphi) = \mathrm{P}(m, \mathbb{C})$, the result is due to Coulembier–Ehrig, with key step by Deligne–Lehrer–Zhang.

Over \mathbb{R} , the proof of fullness is split into cases and involves mapping the complexification $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{D}, \star)^{\mathbb{C}}$ into other supercategories:

- For $(\mathbb{D}, \star) = (\mathbb{R}, \mathrm{id})$, $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \mathrm{id})^{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{C}, \mathrm{id})$,
- For $(\mathbb{D}, \star) \in \{(\mathbb{C}, \star), (\mathrm{Cl}(\mathbb{C}), \star)\}$, we embed $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{D}, \star)^{\mathbb{C}}$ in the superadditive envelope of $\mathcal{OB}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{D})$.
- For $(\mathbb{D}, \star) = (\mathbb{H}, \star)$, we embed $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{H}, \star)^{\mathbb{C}}$ in the superadditive envelope of $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{C}, \mathrm{id})$.

Then we use the known fullness results in the $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$ cases.

Corollary

Corollary of incarnation theorems

If $p, p', q, q' \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfy $p + q = p' + q'$, then we have equivalences of monoidal categories

$$\mathrm{O}(p, q)\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq \mathrm{O}(p', q')\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}},$$

$$\mathrm{U}(p, q)\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq \mathrm{U}(p', q')\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}},$$

$$\mathrm{Sp}(p, q)\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq \mathrm{Sp}(p', q')\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}},$$

sending the natural supermodule to the natural supermodule, where tmod denotes the category of **tensor modules**.

Above corollary is **false** if we replace O by SO or U by SU . E.g.

$$\mathrm{SU}(1, 1)\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathrm{SU}(2)\text{-tmod}_{\mathbb{R}}$$

are **not** equivalent.

Final remarks

Non-super cases

We obtain a diagrammatic calculus for real forms (including the compact forms) of the classical Lie groups $GL_m(\mathbb{C})$, $O_m(\mathbb{C})$, and $Sp_{2m}(\mathbb{C})$.

Schur–Weyl type duality

We obtain Schur–Weyl-type duality statements for real Lie superalgebras/supergroups.

Quantum versions

There exist **quantum versions** of the diagrammatic categories introduced here.

These will provide a diagrammatic calculus for **real** quantum groups analogous to the existing diagrammatics for complex quantum groups.