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Computing modular data for pointed fusion categories. (English) [Zbl 07360772](#)

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Fusion categories are a significant arena of investigation, occurring frequently in category theory as well as their applications in physics. An important current arena of investigation in condensed matter physics is *topological phases of matter*, an approach to which is *topological quantum field theories* (TQFTs). The *cobordism hypothesis* [J. Lurie, in: Current developments in mathematics, 2008. Somerville, MA: International Press. 129–280 (2009; [Zbl 1180.81122](#))] claims that TQFTs are classified by higher categorical data. In particular, C. L. Douglas et al. [Dualizable tensor categories. Providence, RI: American Mathematical Society (AMS) (2021; [Zbl 07363185](#))] identified fully extended TQFTs in 2+1 dimensions with fusion categories.

It is well known that every *pointed* fusion category is equivalent to $\text{Vec}^\omega G$ for some group G and three-cocycle ω . The principal objective in this paper is to study the *Drinfeld centers* $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^\omega G)$ which are *modular tensor categories* arising also as representation categories of the *ribbon quasi-Hopf algebra* $D^\omega G$ known as the *twisted Drinfeld double* of a finite group, which first appeared in [R. Dijkgraaf et al., Nucl. Phys., B, Proc. Suppl. 18B, 60–72 (1990; [Zbl 0957.81670](#))], having been extensively studied in mathematical physics owing mainly to its appearance in *Dijkgraaf-Witten theory* [R. Dijkgraaf and E. Witten, Commun. Math. Phys. 129, No. 2, 393–429 (1990; [Zbl 0703.58011](#))]. Especially, in 2+1 dimensions, Dijkgraaf-Witten theory corresponds under the cobordism hypothesis to $\text{Vec}^\omega G$, while the invariants of S^1 is no other than $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^\omega G)$. A formula for the modular data of $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^\omega G)$ was given without proof in [A. Coste et al., Nucl. Phys., B 581, No. 3, 679–717 (2000; [Zbl 0984.81055](#))].

Although the categories $\text{Vec}^\omega G$ are relatively straightforward, the centers $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^\omega G)$ are hard to pin down. M. Mignard and P. Schauenberg [*Modular categories are not determined by their modular data*, Preprint, [arXiv:708.02796](#)] identified infinitely many finite groups G , for which there are at least two 3-cocycles ω and ω' with

$$\mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^\omega G) \not\cong \mathcal{Z}(\text{Vec}^{\omega'} G)$$

though they have equivalent modular data. The smallest examples appear at

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$$

The corresponding sets of modular data in both cases are to be found in the authors' database. It is currently unknown whether the sets and matrices are completely invariant when $G < 55$, concerning which the authors' database is to point to the cases left to check.

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