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Domain walls in topological phases and the Brauer-Picard ring for $\text{vec}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$. (English)

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The principal objective in this paper is to compute the Brauer-Picard ring for $\text{Vec}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ with p prime, making use of ladder string diagrams [*S. Morrison* and *K. Walker*, *Geom. Topol.* 16, No. 3, 1481–1607 (2012; Zbl 1280.57026); *J. Fröhlich* et al., *Adv. Math.* 199, No. 1, 192–329 (2006; Zbl 1087.18006)]. The string diagram calculus for fusion categories in [*P. Selinger*, “A survey of graphical languages for monoidal categories”, *Lect. Notes Phys.* 813, 289–355 (2011)] allows the authors to interpret fusion categories as disc-like 2-categories, using the ideas in [*S. Morrison* and *K. Walker*, *Geom. Topol.* 16, No. 3, 1481–1607 (2012; Zbl 1280.57026)] to compute relative tensor products. Physically, this fusion category corresponds to the quantum double model of $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, which is significant for both quantum memories and quantum information processing tasks.

Although the authors consider only $\text{Vec}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$, the framework is not restricted to this class of fusion categories and future work is expected.

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