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- Part 1

What is topological order ?

Fractionalization and topological orders.

MS, M. Kohmoto and Y.-S.Wu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 010601 (2006)

- Part 2

Quark (De)confinement as a Topological Order

MS, Phys. Rev. D77, 045013 (2008) + alpha

# Physics of topological orders

- Bulk-edge correspondence
  - holographic relation
  - index theorem
- fractionalization
  - fractional charge
  - fractional statistics (anyon, non-abelion)
  - fractional QHE
- topology-changing phase transition
- (topological) entanglement entropy
  - quantum computer

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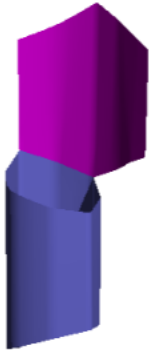
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# ① What is topological order ?

Orders: conventionally understood in terms of SSB

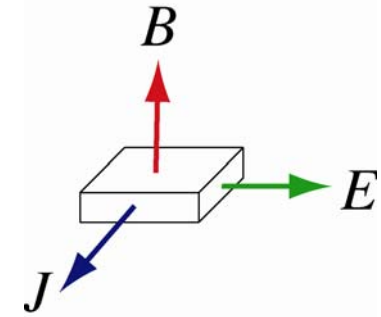
**spontaneous symmetry breaking**

$$\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$$

But, recently it is recognized that there exist orders which cannot be described by spontaneous symmetry breaking

## Example

### fractional quantum Hall system

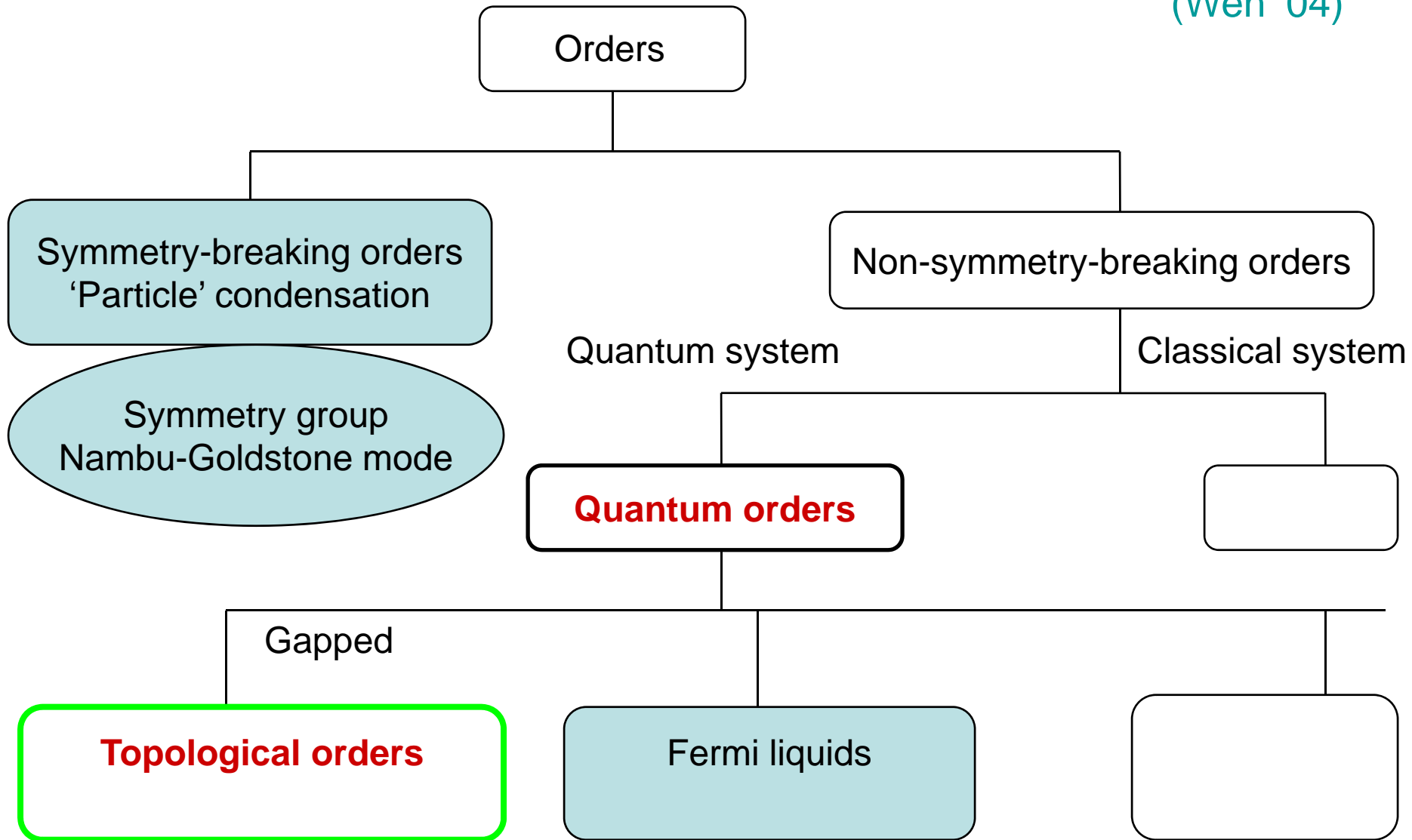


$$\sigma_{xy} \equiv \frac{J}{E} = \frac{e^2}{h} \nu$$

$$\nu = 2\pi n_e / eB$$

R.Willett et al. '87

- Phase transitions (jumps of Hall conductance) occur by changing the magnetic field
- The FQH states do not break the symmetry of the Hamiltonian (quantum liquid state).
- They have excitations with different fractional charges.  $e^* = e\nu$



# Topological order

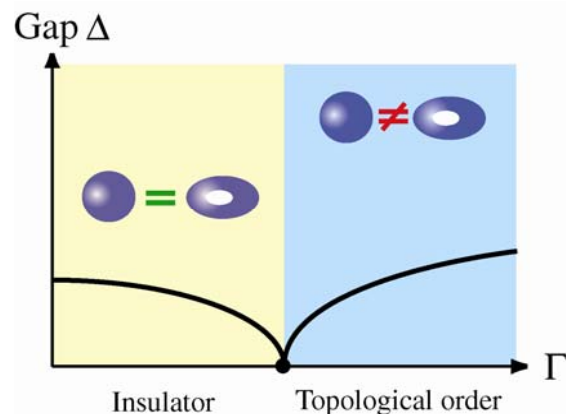
◆ Topological orders are conventionally characterized by the ground-state degeneracy depending on the topology of the space (topological degeneracy)

Wen '90

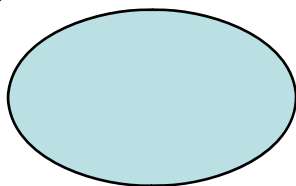
fractional quantum Hall systems

ex.) Laughlin state

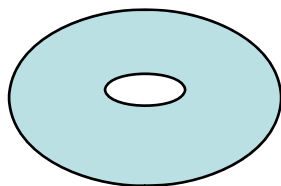
$$\nu = \frac{1}{q}$$



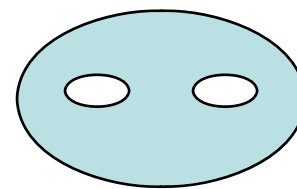
degeneracy



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$q$



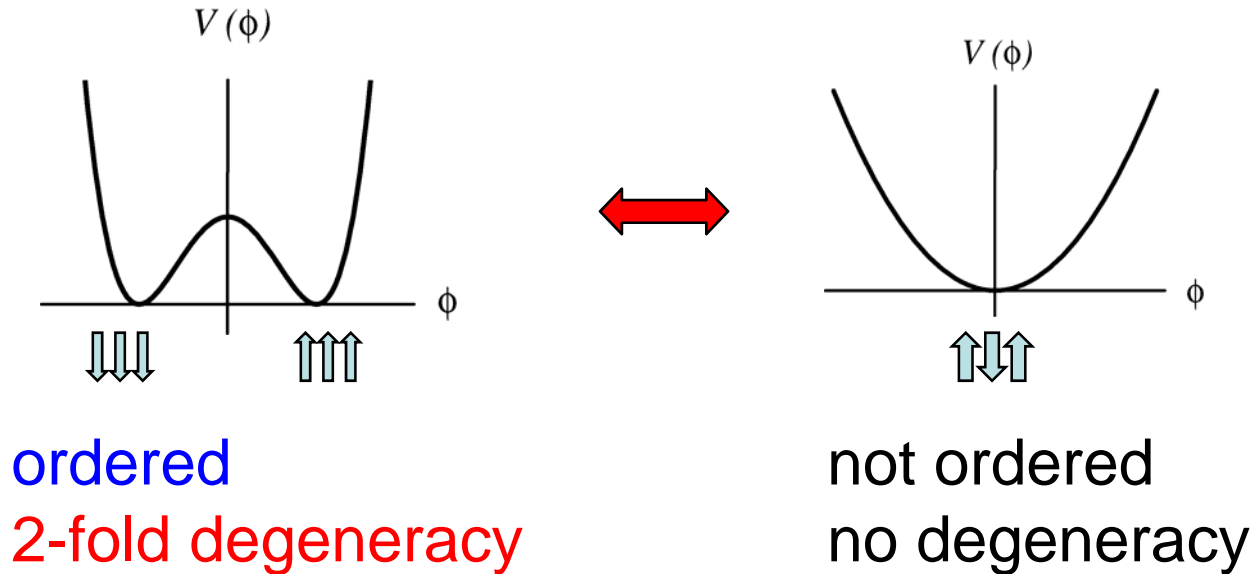
$q^2$



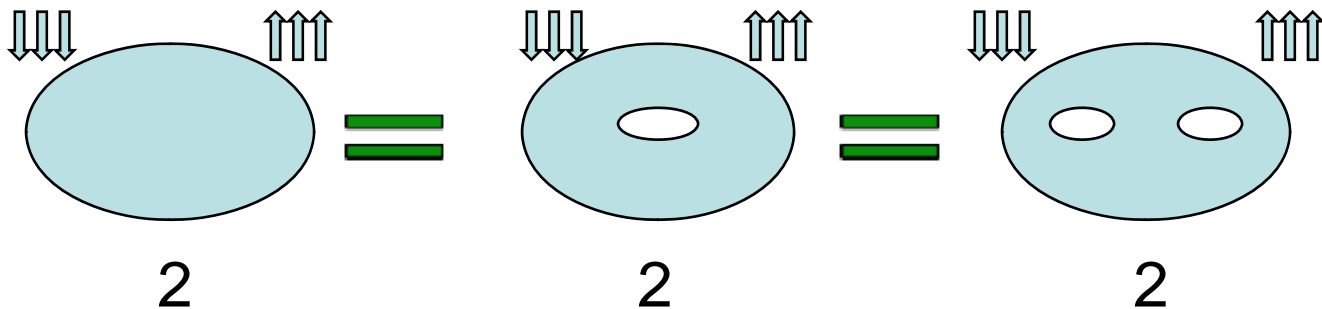
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The ground state degeneracy is useful even for symmetry breaking orders



But, the degeneracy is **independent of the topology !**



At present, several different systems are known to exhibit topological orders.

- ◆ boson system
- ◆ fermion system
- ◆ in the presence or in the absence of magnetic field (without or with time-reversal invariance)
- ◆ 2+1 and 3+1 dim. system

- fractional quantum Hall systems
- insulators
- (frustrated) spin systems
- unconventional superconductors  $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$
- superfluid  $^3\text{He}$  A-phase

X.G.Wen '91,  
Read-Sachdev '91,  
Senthil-Fisher '00,  
Moessner-Sondhi '01,  
Misguichi-Serban-Pesquir '02,  
Balents-Fisher-Girvin '02,  
Motrunich-Senthil '02,  
Kitaev, '97,  
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# Common characteristics

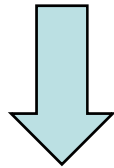
- ① All the known models have an excitation with **fractional charge**.

Oshikawa-Senthil '06

**In addition, some models have the following other fractionalization**

- ② Some models have an excitation with **fractional statistics** or **non-abelian statistics**.
- ③ Some models show **fractional quantum Hall effects**.

All these fractionalizations induce hidden symmetry (topological discrete algebra).



**Fractionalization = Topological order**

# Plan of part1

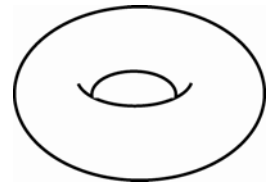
- ① Topological discrete algebra
- ② Ground state degeneracy
- ③ Fractionalization and topological invariant  
(Fractional Quantum Hall effect)

## ② Topological Discrete Algebra (d=2+1)

Our assumptions are the following

definition of charge

- ① The system is on a **torus**.
- ② There exists an **exact U(1) symmetry**.
- ③ The system is **gapped**.
- ④ **Charge fractionalization** occurs.



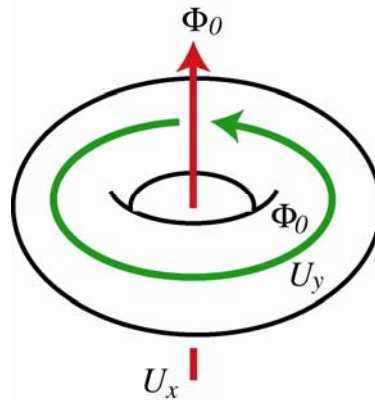
In other words, we assume that there exist a quasi-particle with fractional charge

$$e^* = \frac{p}{q}e \quad p, q \text{ coprime integers}$$

( $e$  charge of the constituent particle)

We start with the following non-trivial processes on a torus  
 (Wu-Hatsugai-Kohmoto '91)

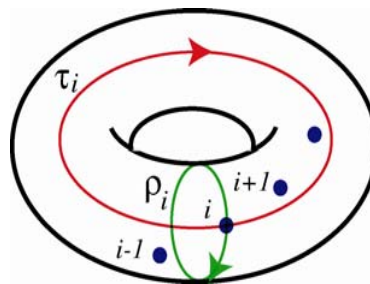
a. adiabatic unit flux insertions through holes of torus



$$U_x, U_y$$

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{2\pi}{e} \quad \text{a unit flux}$$

b. translations of  $i$ -th quasi-particle along loops of torus



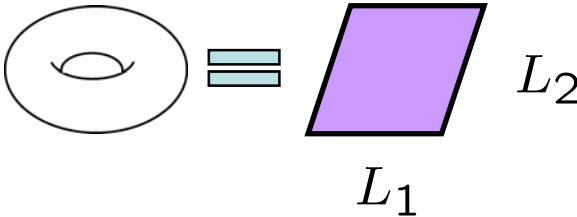
$$\rho_i, \tau_i$$

◆ Note that the unit flux insertions are unitary equivalent to the following adiabatic changes of the boundary conditions.

Consider the twisted boundary condition on the torus

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_n(x_i + L_1) &= e^{i\theta_x} \psi_n(x_i) \\ \psi_n(y_i + L_2) &= e^{i\theta_y} \psi_n(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

phase



phase

By large gauge transformation

$$U(\Phi_x, \Phi_y) = e^{i(e\Phi_x/L_1)(x_1 + \dots + x_N) + i(e\Phi_y/L_2)(y_1 + \dots + y_N)}$$

1. the flux is reduced as 
$$-i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \rightarrow -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - e \frac{\Phi_x}{L_1}$$

2. the boundary conditions are changed as

$$U(\Phi_x, \Phi_y, x_i + L_1) \psi(x_i + L_1) = e^{i(e\Phi_x + \theta_x)} U(\Phi_x, \Phi_y, x_i) \psi(x_i)$$



Using the large gauge transformation, we can delete the inserted unit flux completely, but the boundary condition parameters  $\theta_x$  and  $\theta_y$  change by one period.

◆ Thus  $U_x$  ( $U_y$ ) is unitary equivalent to adiabatic change of  $\theta_x$  ( $\theta_y$ ) by  $2\pi$

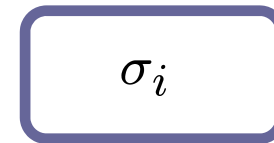
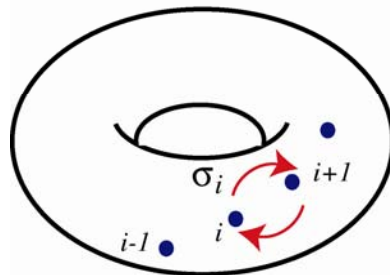
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$$\begin{aligned}\theta_x &\xrightarrow{U_x} \theta_x + 2\pi \\ \theta_y &\xrightarrow{U_y} \theta_y + 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

The spectrum should be invariant under  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  (“gauge invariance due to large gauge transformation”)

We also consider the exchange of quasi-particles.

c. exchange between  $i$ -th and  $(i+1)$ -th quasi-particles



The reason why we take into account this operation is that the translation along the loops are not independent to the exchange of quasi-particles. Indeed they form the braid group algebra.

## Braid Group on torus

$$A_{j,i} \equiv \tau_j^{-1} \rho_i \tau_j \rho_i^{-1}, \quad C_{j,i} \equiv \rho_j^{-1} \tau_i \rho_j \tau_i^{-1}, \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq N),$$

$$\sigma_k \sigma_l = \sigma_l \sigma_k, \quad (1 \leq k \leq N-3, |l-k| \geq 2),$$

$$\sigma_k \sigma_{k+1} \sigma_k = \sigma_{k+1} \sigma_k \sigma_{k+1}, \quad (1 \leq k \leq N-2),$$

$$\underline{\tau_{i+1} = \sigma_i^{-1} \tau_i \sigma_i^{-1}}, \quad \underline{\rho_{i+1} = \sigma_i \rho_i \sigma_i},$$

$$\tau_1 \sigma_j = \sigma_j \tau_1, \quad \rho_1 \sigma_j = \sigma_j \rho_1, \quad \underline{\sigma_i^2 = A_{i+1,i}},$$

$$(1 \leq i \leq N-1, 2 \leq j \leq N-1)$$

$$A_{m,l} \tau_k = \tau_k A_{m,l}, \quad A_{m,l} \rho_k = \rho_k A_{m,l},$$

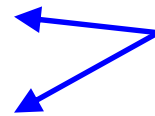
$$\tau_i \tau_j = \tau_j \tau_i, \quad \rho_i \rho_j = \rho_j \rho_i,$$

$$C_{j,i} = (\tau_i \tau_j) A_{j,i}^{-1} (\tau_j^{-1} \tau_i^{-1}), \quad A_{j,i} = (\rho_i \rho_j) C_{j,i}^{-1} (\rho_j^{-1} \rho_i^{-1}),$$

$$C_{j,i} = (A_{j,j-1}^{-1} \cdots A_{j,i+1}^{-1}) A_{j,i}^{-1} (A_{j,i+1} \cdots A_{j,j-1}),$$

$$\tau_1 \rho_1 \tau_1^{-1} \rho_1^{-1} = A_{2,1} A_{3,1} \cdots A_{N-1,1} A_{N,1}$$

$$(1 \leq k < l < m \leq N, 1 \leq i < j \leq N)$$



The commutation relations between the braid group operators and the flux insertions are determined by AB effect.

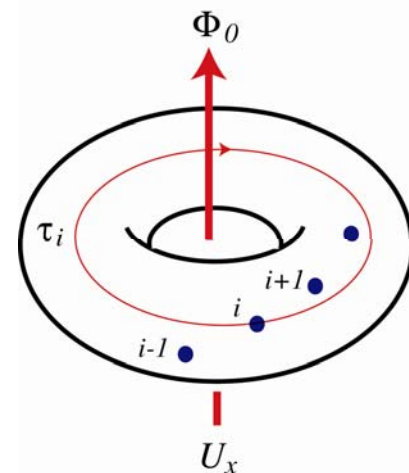
From AB effect, we have

$$U_x \tau_i = e^{-2\pi i p/q} \tau_i U_x$$

AB phase

translation after flux insertion

$$e^* = \frac{p}{q} e$$



In a similar manner, we obtain

$$U_y \rho_i = e^{-2\pi i p/q} \rho_i U_y$$

$$U_x \rho_i = \rho_i U_x, \quad U_x \sigma_i = \sigma_i U_x,$$

$$U_y \tau_i = \tau_i U_y, \quad U_y \sigma_i = \sigma_i U_y.$$

On the other hand, the commutation relation between the flux insertion operators is determined by Schur's lemma

$U_x U_y U_x^{-1} U_y^{-1}$  commutes with all the braid group operators

Schur's lemma



$$U_x U_y U_x^{-1} U_y^{-1} = \text{const} = e^{2\pi i \lambda}$$

To have a finite dimensional representation, we have

$$\lambda = \frac{k}{l} \quad k, l \text{ coprime integers}$$

Thus, our tool to examine the topological order is the following.

① Braid Group

② AB effect

$$U_x \tau_i = e^{-2\pi i p/q} \tau_i U_x, \quad U_y \rho_i = e^{-2\pi i p/q} \rho_i U_y$$

$$U_x \rho_i = \rho_i U_x, \quad U_x \sigma_i = \sigma_i U_x,$$

$$U_y \tau_i = \tau_i U_y, \quad U_y \sigma_i = \sigma_i U_y.$$

③ Schur's lemma

$$U_x U_y = e^{2\pi i \lambda} U_y U_x, \quad \lambda = k/l$$

Topological discrete algebra (1)

If the quasi-particle obeys **abelian statistics**, the algebra is simplified.

$$\sigma_i = e^{i\theta} \mathbf{1}, \text{ (boson, fermion, anyon)}$$

The solution of braid group is



$$\begin{aligned} \tau_j &= e^{-2i\theta(j-1)} T_x, & \rho_j &= e^{2i\theta(j-1)} T_y \\ T_x T_y &= e^{-2i\theta} T_y T_x, & \theta &= \frac{m}{n} \pi \end{aligned}$$

$m, n$  coprime integers

$$\begin{aligned} T_x T_y &= e^{-2\pi i m/n} T_y T_x, & U_x U_y &= e^{2\pi i \lambda} U_y U_x, \\ U_x T_x U_x^{-1} &= e^{-2\pi i p/q} T_x, & U_y T_x U_y^{-1} &= T_x, \\ U_x T_y U_x^{-1} &= T_y, & U_y T_y U_y^{-1} &= e^{-2\pi i p/q} T_y \end{aligned}$$

Topological discrete algebra (2)  $\theta = \pi \frac{m}{n}, e^* = \frac{p}{q} e, \lambda = \frac{k}{l_{23}}$

The statistical property is naturally combined with the charge fractionalization in terms of the topological algebra.

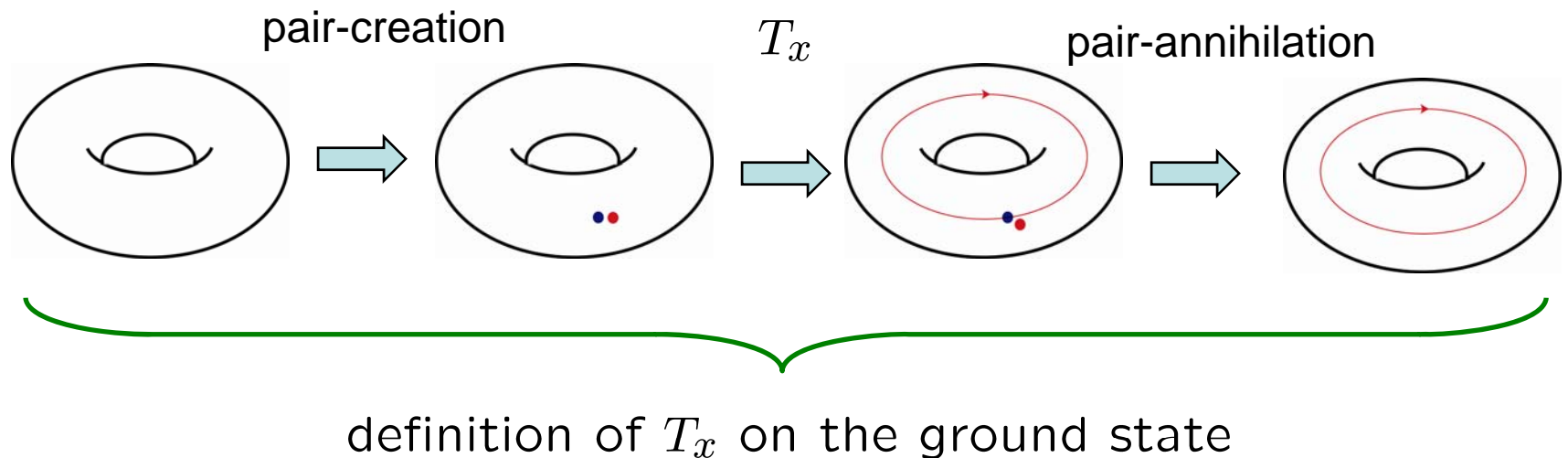
Questions:

1. Can the topological algebra explain the ground state degeneracy ?
2. (What is the physical meaning of the parameter  $\lambda$  ?)



### ③ Ground state degeneracy

To count ground state degeneracy, we define  $T_x$  on the ground state



In a similar manner, we define  $T_y$  on the ground state

Let us take the basis of the ground state to be an eigenstate of  $T_x$

$$T_x|\eta\rangle = e^{i\eta}|\eta\rangle$$

then, we have  $n$  different eigenstates

$$\longrightarrow T_x(T_y^s|\eta\rangle) = e^{i(\eta - 2\pi sm/n)}T_y^s|\eta\rangle \quad s = 1, \dots, n$$

n-fold degeneracy

We can also take the basis to be an eigenstate of  $T_x$  and  $T_y^n$

$$T_x T_y^n = T_y^n T_x$$

$$T_x |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle = e^{i\eta_1} |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle, \quad T_y^n |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle = e^{i\eta_2} |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle$$

In this case, we have  $qQ$  different eigenstates



$$T_x (U_x^s U_y^t |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle) = e^{i(\eta_1 + 2\pi sp/q)} U_x^s U_y^t |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle$$

$$T_y^n (U_x^s U_y^t |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle) = e^{i(\eta_2 + 2\pi tnp/q)} U_x^s U_y^t |\eta_1, \eta_2\rangle$$

**qQ eigenvalues** ( $s = 1, \dots, q, t = 1, \dots, Q, n/q = \mathcal{N}/Q$ ),  
 $\mathcal{N}$  and  $Q$ : co-prime integers

qQ-fold degeneracy

The minimal ground state degeneracy is the least common multiple of  $n$  and  $qQ = nQ^2/N$

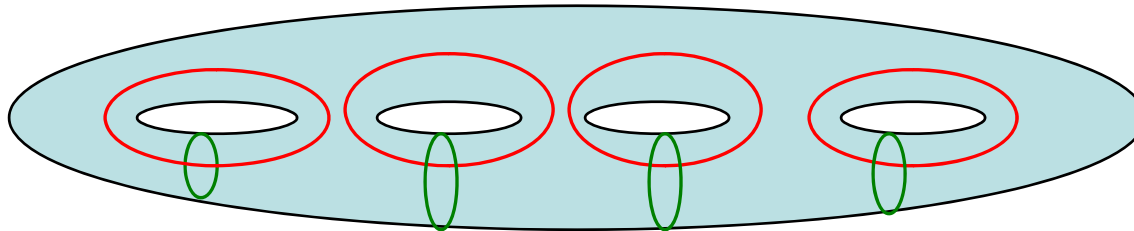
( $n/q = N/Q, N, Q$ : co-prime integers)



$nQ^2$ -fold ground state degeneracy

In general

$$\theta = \pi \frac{m}{n}, \quad e^* = \frac{p}{q} e$$



$(nQ^2)^g$ -fold degeneracy

- Ground state degeneracy is obtained from charge fractionalization and fractional statistics
- It depends on the topology of the space

Test of our result  
(torus)

$nQ^2$ -fold ground state degeneracy  
( $e^* = ep/q, \theta = \pi m/n, n/q = \mathcal{N}/Q$ )

1) Laughlin state (fractional Hall effect)

$e^* = e/q \quad \theta = \pi/q$       D.Arovas, J.Schrieffer, F.Wilczek, '84



$q$ -fold degeneracy

**Agreement with numerical simulation and  
the Chern-Simon effective theory**

W.P.Su '84, Wen-Niu '90

2) Kitaev model (topological computer, RVB state)

$e^* = e/2 \quad \theta = 0$



$2^2$ -fold degeneracy

**Agreement with the exact result**

Kitaev '97

## ④ The physical meaning of $\lambda$

To consider the physical meaning of  $\lambda$ , we calculate the Hall conductance by using the linear response theory

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_x \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_y}_{\text{average over the boundary conditions}} \left[ \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_K}{\partial \theta_y} \middle| \frac{\partial \phi_K}{\partial \theta_x} \right\rangle - (\theta_x \leftrightarrow \theta_y) \right]$$

Niu-Thouless-Wu '84

Here  $\phi_K(\vec{\theta})$  is the ground state with the twisted boundary condition ( $\vec{\theta} = (\theta_x, \theta_y)$ ,  $K$  degeneracy:  $K = 1, \dots, d$ .)

$$\phi_K(x_i + L_1) = e^{i\theta_x} \phi_K(x_i)$$

$$\phi_K(y_i + L_2) = e^{i\theta_y} \phi_K(y_i)$$

The ground state satisfies

$$U_a |\phi_K(\vec{\theta})\rangle = e^{i\gamma_a(\vec{\theta})} |\phi_K(\vec{\theta} + 2\pi\hat{e}_a)\rangle$$

$$\gamma_a(\vec{\theta}) = i \int_{\theta_a}^{\theta_a+2\pi} \langle \phi_K | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_a} | \phi_K \rangle$$

From  $U_x U_y = e^{2\pi i \lambda} U_y U_x$

$$\gamma_x(\vec{\theta} + 2\pi\hat{e}_y) + \gamma_y(\vec{\theta}) = \gamma_y(\vec{\theta} + 2\pi\hat{e}_x) + \gamma_x(\vec{\theta}) + 2\pi\lambda + 2\pi M$$

$M$ : integer

Using this, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{xy} &= \frac{e^2}{h} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_x d\theta_y}{2\pi i} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_y} \langle \phi_K | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_x} | \phi_K \rangle - (\theta_x \leftrightarrow \theta_y) \right] \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{h} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_y}{2\pi} \frac{\partial \gamma_x(0, \theta_y)}{\partial \theta_y} - (\theta_x \leftrightarrow \theta_y) \right] \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{h} [\lambda + M]\end{aligned}$$



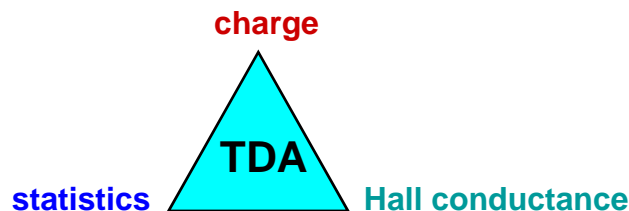
$$U_x U_y = e^{2\pi \sigma_{xy} h / e^2} U_y U_x$$

**Fractional  $\lambda$  implies the fractional quantum Hall effect**



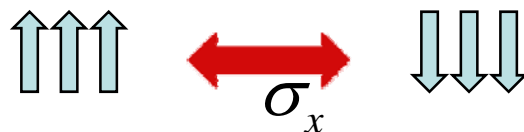
## Part 1. Summary

- ◆ Using the braid group formulation, we found a closed algebraic structure which characterizes topological orders.



- ◆ Topological degeneracy is due to the topological discrete algebra.

cf.) For symmetry breaking orders



The degeneracy is due to broken generators.

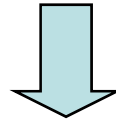
- ◆ The fractionalization implies non-trivial topological invariants

## Part 2.

# ⑤ Quark deconfinement as a topological order

Idea

The Quark has **fractional charges**



The deconfinement implies the topological order ?

yes

But.. the quark is an **elementary particle**, not a collective excitation.

Nevertheless, non-trivial topological discrete algebra can be constructed in a similar manner ..

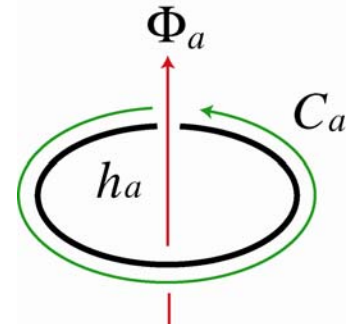
## An important difference

$$T^3 = S^1 \otimes S^1 \otimes S^1$$

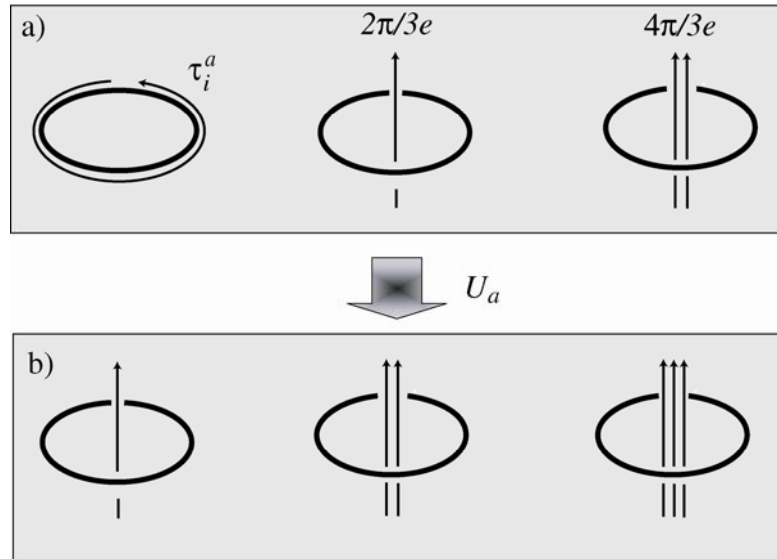
**Due to the existence of gluons, the unit flux is reduced to  $\Phi_a = 2\pi/3e$**

e: the minimal charge of the constitute particle  
(charge of down quark )

cf.) For electron system,  $\Phi_a = 2\pi/e$



Due to gluon fluctuations, there exist center vortices of SU(3) in each holes of three dimensional torus.



$$T^3 = S^1 \otimes S^1 \otimes S^1$$

Thus, the physics is the same after the flux insertion by  $2\pi/3e$   
(not  $2\pi/e$ )



**The unit flux is reduced to  $\Phi_a = 2\pi/3e$**

# permutation group on $T^3$

$$\sigma_k^2 = 1, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N - 1,$$

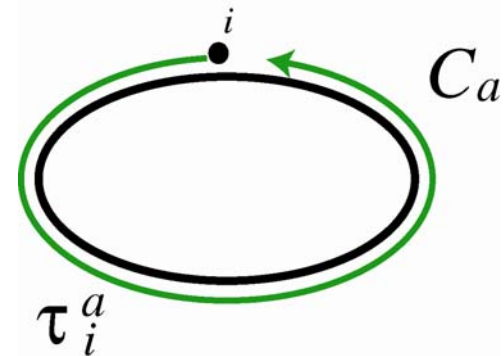
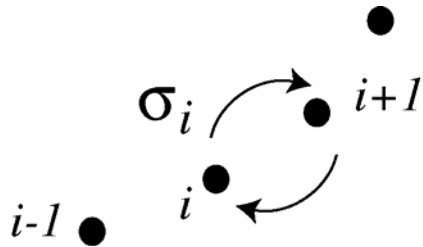
$$(\sigma_k \sigma_{k+1})^3 = 1, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N - 1$$

$$\sigma_k \sigma_l = \sigma_l \sigma_k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq N - 3, \quad |l - k| \geq 2,$$

$$\tau_{i+1}^a = \sigma_i \tau_i^a \sigma_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N - 1, \quad a = 1, 2, 3,$$

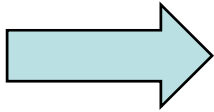
$$\tau_1^a \sigma_j = \sigma_j \tau_1^a, \quad 2 \leq j \leq N, \quad a = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$\tau_i^a \tau_j^b = \tau_j^b \tau_i^a, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N, \quad a, b = 1, 2, 3.$$



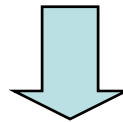
The only allowed representation of the permutation group is boson or fermion.  $\sigma_i = \pm 1$

The unique solution

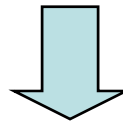


$$\tau_i^a = T_a \text{ with } T_a T_b = T_b T_a$$

If quarks are **deconfined**, the physical states are classified with the permutation group of **quarks**.



Quarks have **fractional charges**, so we have non-trivial AB effects with inserted flux

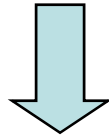


## Topological Discrete Algebra

$$T_a U_b = e^{-(2\pi i/3)\delta_{a,b}} U_b T_a \quad U_a U_b = e^{2\pi i \lambda_{a,b}} U_b U_a$$

$$T_a T_b = T_b T_a$$

From the topological discrete algebra, the ground state degeneracy is found to be  $3^3$ .

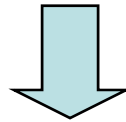


**The quark deconfinement phase is topologically ordered !**

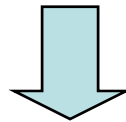


On the other hand, ...

If quarks are **confined**, the physical states are classified with the permutation group of **hadrons**.



Hadrons have **integer charges**, so we have no non-trivial AB effect with the inserted flux.



Topological discrete algebra is trivial

**No topological degeneracy !**

**The confinement and deconfinement phases in QCD are discriminated by the topological ground state degeneracy !**

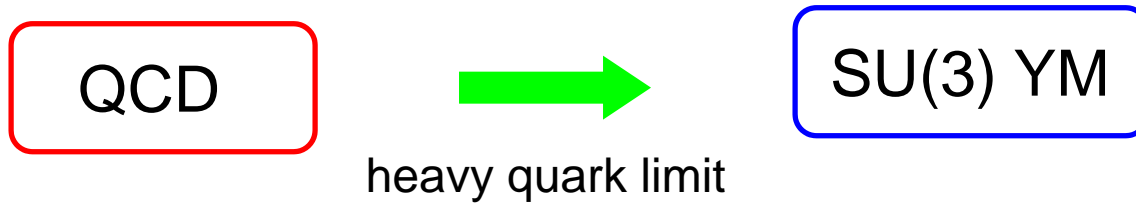
For  $SU(N)$  QCD on  $T^n \times R^{4-n}$

- deconfinement:  $N^n$ -fold ground state degeneracy
- confinement: No topological degeneracy

We check this in the following manners

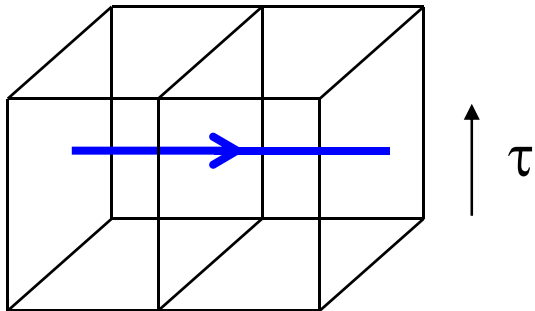
- comparison with the heavy quark limit
- perturbative calculation of the topological ground state degeneracy
- consistency check with Fradkin-Shenker's phase diagram
- comparison with Witten index

# 1. comparison with the heavy quark limit



The pure SU(3) YM has an additional symmetry known as center symmetry

## center symmetry



$$\begin{aligned} W(C_a) &\rightarrow B_a W(C_a) B_a^\dagger \\ &= e^{i2\pi/3} W(C_a) \end{aligned}$$

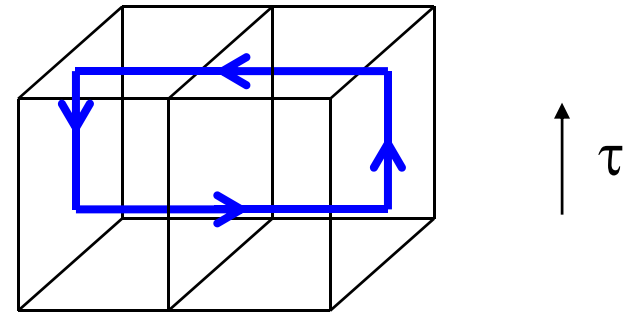
$$B_a : U_a \rightarrow e^{i2\pi/3} U_a$$

# confinement phase

## ① area law

$$\langle W(C_a, \tau) W^\dagger(C_a, \tau') \rangle \sim e^{-\sigma L(\tau - \tau')}$$

temporal gauge



## ② cluster property

$$\langle W(C_a, \tau) W^\dagger(C_a, \tau') \rangle \xrightarrow{|\tau - \tau'| \rightarrow \infty} |\langle W(C_a) \rangle|^2$$



$$\langle W(C_a) \rangle = 0$$

The center symmetry is not broken

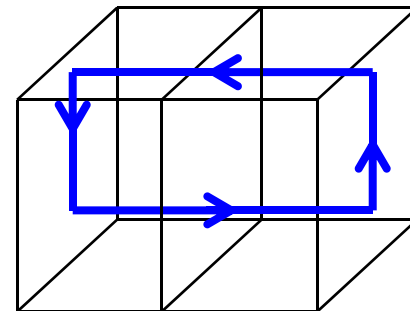


**No ground state degeneracy**

## deconfinement phase

### ① perimeter law

$$\langle W(C_a, \tau) W^\dagger(C_a, \tau') \rangle \sim e^{-mL}$$



→  $\langle W(C_a) \rangle \neq 0$

breaking of the center symmetry



**$3^3$  degeneracy**

**The degeneracy reproduces the one obtained from the topological discrete algebra**

In the static limit, our criterion for confinement coincides with the Wilson's.

## remark

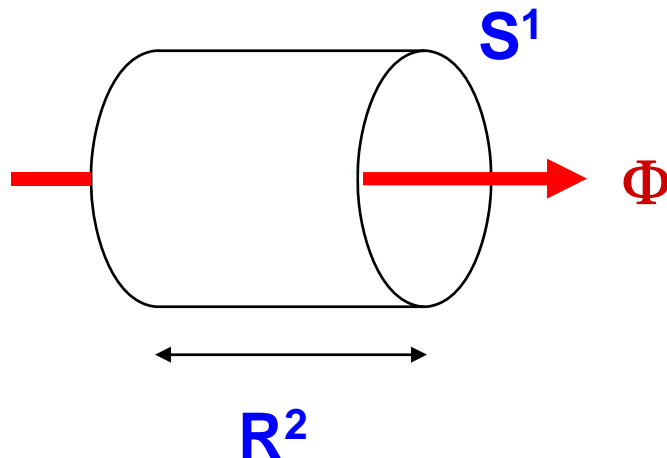
In this limit, topological discrete algebra becomes as follows.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_a \rightarrow W(C_a) \\ U_a \rightarrow B_a \\ U_a T_a = e^{i2\pi/3} T_a U_a \rightarrow B_a W(C_a) = e^{i2\pi/3} W(C_a) B_a \end{array} \right.$$

## 2. perturbative calculation of topological degeneracy

- We can calculate the topological degeneracy in the perturbation theory.
- Since the QCD is deconfined in the weak coupling, there must be the topological degeneracy.

### SU(2) gauge theory on a $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^{1,2}$



**2-fold degeneracy  
should arise.**

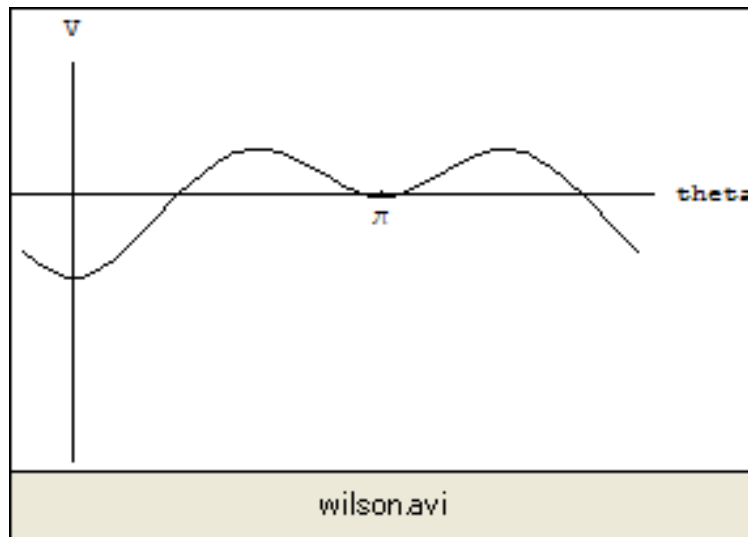


## The Result

$$W(C) = P \exp \left( ig \int_C \langle A_\mu(x) \rangle dx \right) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V(\theta) = K \{ -h(2\theta) + N_f [h(\theta + \Phi/2) - h(\theta - \Phi/2)] \}$$

N.Weiss 81,  
Hosotani 83

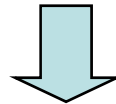


Again, the result is consistent with the topological degeneracy

### 3. comparison with Fradkin-Shenker's phase diagram

#### Fradkin-Shenker's result (79)

- Higgs and the confinement phase are **smoothly connected** when the Higgs fields transform like **fundamental rep (complementarity)**.
- They are **separated by a phase boundary** when the Higgs fields transform like **other than fundamental rep.**



Our topological argument implies that **no ground state degeneracy** exists when Higgs and the confinement phase are **smoothly connected**.

## 4. N=1 SU(N) SYM

- Witten index has information on the ground state degeneracy on the torus  $T^3$
- N=1 SU(N) SYM is in confinement phase, so there must be no topological degeneracy.

We know that there exists degeneracy on  $T^3$



Witten index

$$\text{Tr}(-1)^F = N$$



at least N-degeneracy

But ...

- The theory has a discrete chiral symmetry, which is expected to be spontaneously broken.

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\pi/2N} \psi$$

- The rotation symmetry is expected not to be broken.

$$\psi \rightarrow -\psi$$



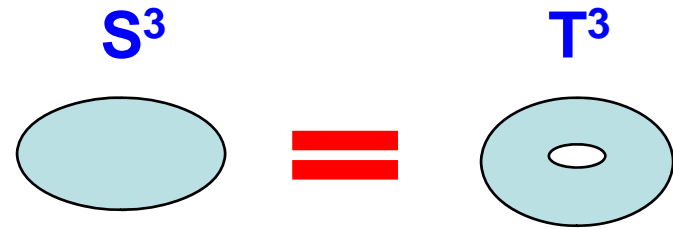
N-fold degeneracy is a consequence of SSB of chiral symmetry

**No topological degeneracy = quark confinement**

## ◆ Summary of Part 2

- ◆ We can generalize the topological discrete algebra to the non-Abelian gauge theories.
- ◆ Topological degeneracy gives a gauge-invariant “order parameter” which distinguishes the quark confinement phase and deconfinement one.

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Tr}_{T^3}(e^{-\beta H})}{\text{Tr}_{S^3}(e^{-\beta H})} = 1$$



- ◆ Topological criterion of the quark confinement is available even in the presence of the dynamical quarks.
- ◆ We can check our idea in various ways.
- ◆ Our topological discrete algebra can be generalized into other systems, (i.e. standard model, SUSY )