# Fourier-transformed gauge theory models of three-dimensional topological orders with gapped boundaries

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we apply the method of Fourier transform and basis rewriting developed in [1] for the two-dimensional quantum double model of topological orders to the three-dimensional gauge theory model (with a gauge group G) of three-dimensional topological orders. We find that the gapped boundary condition of the gauge theory model is characterized by a Frobenius algebra in the representation category  $\Re ep(G)$  of G, which also describes the charge splitting and condensation on the boundary. We also show that our Fourier transform maps the three-dimensional gauge theory model with input data G to the Walker-Wang model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$  on a trivalent lattice with dangling edges, after truncating the Hilbert space by projecting all dangling edges to the trivial representation of G. This Fourier transform also provides a systematic construction of the gapped boundary theory of the Walker-Wang model. This establishes a correspondence between two types of topological field theories: the extended Dijkgraaf-Witten and extended Crane-Yetter theories.

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#### 1 Introduction

Exactly solvable lattice models are a useful tool for studying topologically ordered matter phases (topological orders for short). For instances, the Kitaev quantum double (QD) model [2], the Levin-Wen (LW) model [3], and the twisted quantum double (TQD) model [4] describe two-dimensional topological orders, while the Walker-Wang (WW) model [5] and the twisted gauge theory (TGT) model [6] describe three-dimensional topological orders. In two dimensions, the QD model and LW model are related by Fourier transform and basis rewriting [1,7,8], while the relationship between the TGT model and WW model is still less understood.

#### 1.1 Key results

In this paper, we apply the method of Fourier transform and basis rewriting developed in [1] for the two-dimensional QD model of topological orders to the three-dimensional untwisted gauge theory (GT) model of three-dimensional topological orders. The following are the key results.

- The Fourier-transformed GT model with input data G and the WW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$  are exactly identical by comparing their Hilbert spaces and Hamiltonians. A full set of gapped boundaries, including rough boundaries which has not been explored in the existing literature, can thus be constructed for the WW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$  through the Fourier transform method.
- Similar with the two-dimensional cases, the gapped boundaries of the WW model and the Fourier-transformed GT model are specified by the Frobenius algebra A<sub>G,K</sub>, where finite groups G and K are the bulk and boundary input data of the original GT model respectively. The Frobenius algebra A<sub>G,K</sub> explicitly indicates charge condensation and splitting at the boundary.

#### 1.2 Backgrounds and motivations

Two-dimensional topological orders have been well studied though the QD model, which is the Hamiltonian extension of the untwisted Dijkgraaf-Witten theory [9], and the LW model. Despite the apparent differences between the QD model and LW model, the two are intimately related: They are dual to each other in the sense that the QD model with a finite gauge group G as its input data can be mapped to the LW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$  (the representation category of G) via Fourier transform [1,7,8]. Both the QD and

LW models have been extended to the case with gapped boundaries, called the extended QD [10–13] and LW models [14–16]. While the gapped boundary of the extended QD model is specified by a subgroup  $K \subseteq G$  of the bulk gauge group G, that of the extended LW model is specified by a Frobenius algebra object of the input fusion category of the bulk. The extended QD and LW models can also be mapped to each other via Fourier transform and basis rewriting [1]. The boundary input data  $K \subseteq G$  of the extended QD model is mapped to the boundary input Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K} \in Obj(\Re ep(G))$ . The gapped boundaries of two-dimensional topological orders are well understood through anyon condensation [12, 14, 22–28], where the charge condensation at the boundary is observed from the input data of the boundary via the Fourier transform [1]. This Fourier transform and basis rewriting also manifest the full electromagnetic (EM) duality in these models [1]. It is believed that the understanding of the relationship between the QD model and the LW model is now complete. The EM duality in the TQD model is also studied [28].

In contrast to two dimensions, the models of three-dimensional topological orders and their exact relations are less understood. It is believed that the TGT model describes all possible three-dimensional topological orders with bosonic point-like excitations [29]. The TGT model is specified by an input finite gauge group G and a 4-cocycle  $\omega \in H^4[G,U(1)]$ , and the gapped boundary of the TGT model is specified by a subgroup K and a 3-cochain  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^3[G,U(1)]$  [30]. We will explore the charge condensation in the untwisted TGT model, i.e., the GT model, which reveals the relationship between the bulk and the gapped boundary of the GT model. In two dimensions, the bulk charges may split and partially or fully condense at the boundary, depending on the gapped boundary condition [1]. In three dimensions, however, the phenomenon of boundary charge condensation has not been fully understood from lattice model perspective [31]. While layer construction offers another approach to understanding charge condensation at the boundary of certain threedimensional topological orders [32, 33], most current understandings of this phenomenon are either categorical and abstract or limited to specific cases [31,34]. Therefore, investigating the splitting and partial condensation phenomena in concrete lattice models of three-dimensional topological orders with general input data would be worthwhile. In this paper, we generalize the method of Fourier transform and basis rewriting developed in [1] from two to three dimensions to investigate the gapped boundaries of a three-dimensional GT model. We prove that the boundary theory of the Fourier-transformed model is also characterized by the Frobenius algebra. Then similar to the two-dimensional extended LW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$ , the charge of the condensates is described by Frobenius algebra, and the splitting process origins from the multiplicity of the objects of  $\Re ep(G)$ . Thus we explain these phenomena using only the input data of the three-dimensional model.

On the other hand, the three-dimensional WW model is specified by an input unitary braided fusion category (UBFC) and describes a family of three-dimensional topological orders [35, 36]. In this paper, we show that our Fourier transform, extending the mapping process from QD models to LW models into three dimensions, indeed maps a three-dimensional GT model with input data G to a WW model with UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$  as its input data on the level of Hilbert spaces and Hamiltonians. Furthermore, the Fourier transform of the gapped boundaries of the three-dimensional GT model also gives a full systematic construction of the gapped boundaries of the WW model with UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$  as its input data. Prior to our work, a canonical smooth boundary was described explic-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The underlying mathematics of anyon condensation was firstly presented in RCFT [17]. Then, the concept of anyon condensation was firstly introduced in the context of (2+1)-dimensional TQFT [18, 19]. The first works discussing anyon condensation in lattice models were [20, 21].

itly in three-dimensional toric code and double-semion, with a detailed discussion of the resulting boundary excitations [37], and a second class of gapped boundary conditions for WW models was discussed in detail and in full generalty [38]. Nevertheless, no systematic construction of the rough boundary Hamiltonian of the WW model has been established. Our understanding of the relationship between the TGT model and the WW model is also limited to some special cases, such as the example of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  twisted gauge theory model, which is shown to share the same modular matrices with a corresponding WW model [36].

In this paper, we focus on three-dimensional GT models defined on cubic lattices with boundaries, with input data being a finite group G in the bulk and a subgroup  $K \subseteq G$ within the boundary. The more complicated cases, i.e., the twisted gauge theory models and twisted boundaries, are our ongoing work and will be reported elsewhere. The Fouriertransformed basis of the Hilbert space of the GT model leads us to rewrite the model on a slightly different trivalent lattice  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  with a tail (dangling edge) attached to each vertex. This lattice is precisely where the WW model lives on with an enlarged Hilbert space. This enlargement is necessary since the original WW model has a Hilbert space insufficient for accommodating the full spectrum of charge excitation. After the Fourier transform, the bulk input data becomes a UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$ , while the boundary degrees of freedom are projected into Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K}$ , as in the case of Fourier-transformed QD model in two dimensions. We also show that the Fourier-transformed GT model with input data G on the revised lattice  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  can be mapped to a WW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$  on the same lattice after truncating the Hilbert space by projecting all dangling edges to trivial representation. Since both GT and WW models with gapped boundaries serve as Hamiltonian extensions of the extended untwisted Dijkgraaf-Witten and extended Crane-Yetter topological field theories, our results also establish a correspondence between these two types of topological field theories.

It is worth briefly discussing the relationship between our three-dimensional GT model and the lattice gauge theory firstly introduced in [39]. Although the gauge theory model in our paper and the lattice gauge theory are both gauge invariant, they differ in the following aspects. Firstly, the gauge theory model in our paper is topological, which implies that the ground state degeneracy of our model is independent of the size of the lattice on which the model is defined — a characteristic absent in the lattice gauge theory. Secondly, our model hosts topological excitations which cannot be created locally, whereas the lattice gauge theory solely presents local excitations. Finally, excitations in lattice gauge theory must be gauge invariant, which means that all the excitations of the gauge field are color flux. On the contrary, our GT model, as a pure gauge theory without any coupled matter field, extends beyond flux to accommodate excitations which violate the gauge invariance, specifically referred to as charges. In summary, although the gauge theory model in our paper and the lattice gauge theory bear certain resemblances, they are fundamentally different models, and the latter is not discussed in our paper.

Our paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries. Section 3 Fourier transforms and rewrites the extended GT model. Section 4 verifies the emergent Frobenius algebra structure on the boundary. Section 5 proves that our Fourier transform indeed maps the three-dimensional GT model to the WW model. Finally, the appendices collect a review of the WW model and certain details to avoid clutter in the main text.

# 2 Three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries

The GT model with gapped boundaries is a Hamiltonian extension of the Dijkgraaf-Witten topological gauge theory with a finite gauge group. Without taking twist into consideration, the model can be defined on an arbitrary lattice with one or multiple boundaries. Topological invariance enables us to define the model on a specific lattice for simplicity. In this paper, we consider an oriented cubic lattice  $\Gamma$  which boundaries, part of which is shown in Figure 1.

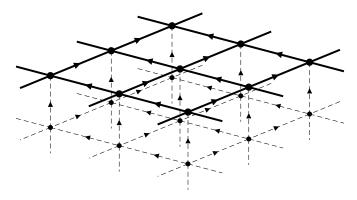


Figure 1: A part of an oriented cubic lattice, on which the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries is defined. Each edge of the lattice is assigned with a group element of a finite gauge group G. The thick lines comprise the boundary while the dashed lines comprise the bulk.

The input data of the bulk theory is a finite gauge group G. The total Hilbert space is the tensor product of the local Hilbert spaces of each edge of  $\Gamma$ , which is spanned by the basis  $\{|g\rangle\}_{g\in G}$ . The total Hilbert space is thus given by

$$\mathcal{H}_G^{GT} = \bigotimes_{e \in \Gamma} \mathcal{H}_e = \bigotimes_{e \in \Gamma} \operatorname{span}_{g_e \in G} \{ |g_e \rangle \}, \tag{1}$$

where e is an edge in  $\Gamma$ . The local basis vector  $|g_e\rangle$  is invariant if we reverse the direction of the edge e and take the inverse of  $g_e$  as  $\bar{g}_e = g_e^{-1}$  simultaneously. In this paper, we will work with the fixed orientation shown in Figure 1. The inner product in the local Hilbert space is simply  $\langle g'_e|g_e\rangle = \delta_{g'g}$ . The Hamiltonian of the model is the sum of a bulk Hamiltonian and a boundary Hamiltonian:

$$H_{G,K}^{\text{GT}} = H_G^{\text{GT}} + \overline{H_K^{\text{GT}}}.$$
 (2)

Here and hereafter, an operator with an overline is a boundary operator. The bulk Hamiltonian consists of the sum of vertex operators and that of plaquette operators:

$$H_G^{\text{GT}} = -\sum_{v \in \Gamma \setminus \partial \Gamma} A_v^{\text{GT}} - \sum_{p \in \Gamma \setminus \partial \Gamma} B_p^{\text{GT}}, \tag{3}$$

where the sums run over all vertices and plaquettes in the bulk of  $\Gamma$ . The vertex operator  $A_v^{\text{GT}}$  acts locally on the six-valent vertex v:

$$A_{v}^{\text{GT}} \middle| \begin{array}{c} i \\ j \\ k \\ \end{array} \middle\rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{x \in G} A_{v}^{x} \middle| \begin{array}{c} i \\ j \\ y \\ k \\ \end{array} \middle\rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{x \in G} \middle| \begin{array}{c} i\overline{x} \\ i\overline{x} \\ xg \\ xk \\ \end{array} \middle\rangle, \quad (4)$$

where  $A_v^x$  is a local discrete gauge transformation given by the group element  $x \in G$ , and thus  $A_v$  is the gauge transformation averaged over G. Clearly,  $A_v^{GT}$  is a projector which projects out local states that are not invariant under the gauge transformation. The plaquette operator acts locally on the four edges bounding the plaquette p:

$$B_p^{\text{GT}} \middle| \begin{matrix} g & j \\ p & i \end{matrix} \middle\rangle = \delta_{g\overline{j}ih,e} \middle| \begin{matrix} g & j \\ p & i \end{matrix} \middle\rangle, \tag{5}$$

which is also a projector that projects out local states with non-vanishing flux through the plaquette p. All plaquette operators and vertex operators commute.

The gapped boundary condition of the three-dimensional GT model is characterized by a subgroup  $K \subseteq G$ . The boundary Hamiltonian consists of respectively the sums of boundary vertex, plaquette, and edge operators:

$$\overline{H_K^{\text{GT}}} = -\sum_{v \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{A_v^{\text{GT}}} - \sum_{p \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{B_p^{\text{GT}}} - \sum_{e \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{C_e^{\text{GT}}}, \tag{6}$$

where the sums run over all the boundary vertices, plaquettes, and edges on the boundary  $\partial \Gamma$  of  $\Gamma$ . The definition of the boundary vertex operators and plaquette operators are similar to the bulk operators:  $\overline{A_v^{\rm GT}}$  is again defined as a gauge transformation averaged instead in the subgroup K, and the definition of  $\overline{B_p^{\rm GT}}$  is just the same as  $B_p^{\rm GT}$ . The edge operator  $\overline{C_e^{\rm GT}}$  is a projector:

$$\overline{C_e^{\text{GT}}} \middle| e \middle| e \middle| e \middle| e \middle| (7)$$

which projects the boundary degrees of freedom into the subgroup K. The boundary vertex, plaquette, and edge operators are all commute with each other and with the bulk vertex and plaquette operators. Therefore, the total Hamiltonian (2) is exactly solvable. The ground states are the common +1 eigenstates of all operators in the total Hamiltonian. The ground state degeneracy (GSD) can be computed by

$$GSD = Tr \left( \prod_{v \in \Gamma \setminus \partial \Gamma} A_v^{GT} \prod_{p \in \Gamma \setminus \partial \Gamma} B_p^{GT} \prod_{v \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{A_v^{GT}} \prod_{p \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{B_p^{GT}} \prod_{e \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{C_e^{GT}} \right), \tag{8}$$

where the trace is taken over the total Hilbert space (1). The elementary excitations in the model without boundary are charges on the vertices and loop-like excitations. A charge at vertex v arises when  $A_v = 0$ ; a loop-like excitation occurs when  $B_p = 0$  on a series of plaquettes which forms a loop [40,41]. If the gapped boundary is included, there still exists one more type of elementary excitations, that is, the bulk string-like excitations that terminate at gapped boundaries (see Figure 2). In three dimensions, the braiding between point-like charges is trivial, while the braiding with loop-like excitations or string-like excitations is highly non-trivial. Thus, despite some recent progress [29,41–43], our understanding of the elementary excitations in three-dimensional topological orders is still incomplete.

# 3 Fourier transform the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries

In this section, we Fourier-transform the basis of the Hilbert space of the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries from the group space to the representation space. This

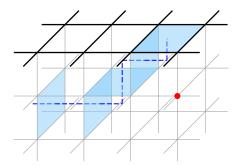


Figure 2: Charge excitation (red dot) and string-like excitation (deep blue dashed line, consisting of a series of light blue plaquettes where the local flatness condition is violated) that terminat on the boundary in the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries.

transformation then allows us to rewrite the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries on a trivalent lattice. We then Fourier-transform the boundary Hamiltonian of the three-dimensional GT model.

#### 3.1 A graphical tool for group representation theory

To make derivations easier in this paper, especially the Fourier transform, we employ the subsequent graphical tools for group representation theory as put forth in [44]. Denote by  $L_G$  the collection of every unitary irreducible representation  $V_{\mu}$  (up to equivalence) of a finite group denoted by G. We will use Greek indices  $\mu$  to label irreducible representations, and use Latin indices  $m_{\mu}$  to label the basis of the representation space  $V_{\mu}$ .

**Duality map** The duality map  $\omega_{\mu}$  is an intertwiner

$$\omega_{\mu}: \mathbb{C} \to V_{\mu} \otimes V_{\mu}; \quad 1 \mapsto \sum_{m_{\mu}, n_{\mu^*}} \Omega^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu^*}} e_{m_{\mu}} \otimes e_{n_{\mu^*}}, \tag{9}$$

where  $\mu^* \in L_G$  is the dual of the irreducible representation  $\mu \in L_G$ . The dual representation  $\mu^*$  is equivalent (but not necessarily identical) to the complex conjugate representation of  $\mu$ . The intertwining property of  $\omega_{\mu}$  implies that the complex matrix  $\Omega^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu^*}}$  maps  $\mu$  to  $\mu^*$  by similarity transformation

$$(\Omega^{\mu})^{-1}D^{\mu}(g)\Omega^{\mu} = (D^{\mu^*}(g))^*, \tag{10}$$

where  $D^{\mu}(g)$  is the representation matrix of group element g. We also require that  $\Omega^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu^*}}$  satisfies the normalization condition  $\Omega^{\dagger}\Omega=\mathbb{1}$ .

Within the normalization condition, the matrix  $\Omega^{\mu}$  can only be determined up to a phase factor. If  $\mu$  is self-dual, then the transpose of  $\Omega^{\mu}$  is also a duality map, which implies that  $\Omega^{\mu} = \beta_{\mu}(\Omega^{\mu})^{T}$  with  $\beta_{\mu} = \pm 1$ . It can be proved that  $\beta_{\mu}$  is completely determined by  $\mu$  and thus can be viewed as an intrinsic property of  $\mu$ , called the Forbenius-Schur (FS) indicator. Moreover, if  $\mu$  is not self-dual, we always set  $\beta_{\mu} = 1$ .

Graphically, the duality map and its inverse has presentations

$$\frac{m_{\mu}}{\mu^{*}} \equiv \Omega^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu^{*}}}, \quad \frac{\mu^{*}}{m_{\mu^{*}}} \equiv [(\Omega^{\mu})^{-1}]_{m_{\mu^{*}}n_{\mu}}. \tag{11}$$

Being an intertwiner, the duality map commutes with group actions, namely

$$\frac{m_{\mu}}{g} \underbrace{g}_{\mu^{*}}^{n_{\mu^{*}}} = \underbrace{m_{\mu}}_{\mu^{*}}^{n_{\mu^{*}}}, \qquad (12)$$

where we have introduced the graphical presentation for group actions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
m_{\mu} \\
\mu \\
g \\
g \\
n_{\mu}
\end{array} = D^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu}}(g), \tag{13}$$

and the contraction of Latin indices is presented by concatenating two lines. Note that the direction of all lines in our graphical presentation are upward by default. A line with label  $\mu$  directed downward should always be regarded as the line with label  $\mu^*$  directed upward.

Since all irreducible representations  $\mu \in L_G$  are unitary,

$$[D^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu}}(g)]^* = D^{\mu}_{n_{\mu}m_{\mu}}(\bar{g}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} m_{\mu} \\ \mu \downarrow \\ g \\ n_{\mu} \end{bmatrix}^* = \begin{matrix} n_{\mu} \\ \bar{g} \\ m_{\mu} \end{matrix}. \tag{14}$$

Then, (10) can be graphically presented as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mu^* & & m_{\mu^*} \\
g & & \mu^* \\
g & & m_{\mu^*} \\
\hline
\mu^* & & g
\end{array} .$$
(15)

3*j*-symbol Frequently in later derivations, we will need 3*j*-symbols to deal with the coupling of three representations of G. A 3*j*-symbol is a tensor  $C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}}$  that is defined as an intertwiner:

$$C_{\mu\nu\rho}: V_{\mu} \otimes V_{\nu} \otimes V_{\rho} \to \mathbb{C}, \quad |\mu m_{\mu}, \nu m_{\nu}, \rho m_{\rho}\rangle \mapsto C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}}.$$
 (16)

A 3j-symbol is depicted as

$$m_{\mu} \stackrel{\rho}{\underset{m_{\nu}}{ \longrightarrow}} m_{\rho} \equiv C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}}, \qquad m_{\mu} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\underset{\rho}{ \longrightarrow}} m_{\rho} \equiv (C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}})^{*}. \tag{17}$$

The normalization condition of 3j-symbols can then be presented as

$$\sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}} C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}} (C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}})^* = \mu \qquad \qquad \nu \qquad \rho = 1.$$
 (18)

Being an intertwiner, a 3j-symbol is invariant under group actions, namely

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & \mu & \rho \\
g & g & p \\
m_{\nu} & m_{\rho} & m_{\rho} & m_{\rho}
\end{array}$$
(19)

In this paper, we will also use a lot of Clebsch-Gordan (CG) coefficients  $C^{\rho}_{\mu\nu}: V_{\mu} \otimes V_{\nu} \to V_{\rho}$ and  $C_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}: V_{\rho} \to V_{\mu} \otimes V_{\nu}$ , which can be defined using 3*j*-symbols and duality maps:

$$C_{\mu\nu;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}}^{\rho^{*}m_{\rho^{*}}} \equiv M_{\mu} \qquad M_{\nu} \qquad M_{\nu} \qquad M_{\mu} \qquad M_{\nu} \qquad$$

$$C_{\rho^* m_{\rho^*}}^{\mu \nu; m_{\mu} m_{\nu}} \equiv \mu \qquad p^* \qquad m_{\mu} \qquad m_{\nu} \qquad m_{\nu}$$

The CG coefficients enable the following basis transformation:

$$|\mu m_{\mu}\rangle \otimes |\nu m_{\nu}\rangle = \sum_{\rho, m_{\rho}} C_{\rho m_{\rho}}^{\mu \nu; m_{\mu} m_{\nu}} |\rho m_{\rho}\rangle,$$
 (22)

which is the foundation of rewriting the basis of the Fourier-transformed Hilbert space on a trivalent lattice.

For later convenience, we list a few properties of 3j-symbols as follows. For a generic group G, we can always construct such 3j-symbols satisfying the following properties [44]:

$$\Gamma_{\text{closed}} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mu \nu \rho = \mu \nu \rho,$$

$$m_{\mu} m_{\nu} m_{\rho} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mu \nu \rho \rho = \mu \nu \rho,$$

$$m_{\mu} m_{\nu} m_{\rho} m_{\rho} m_{\mu} m_{\nu} m_{\rho}$$
(23)

where  $\Gamma_{closed}$  means that the part of the graph does not have any open edges. Moreover, we have the following orthogonality conditions:

$$\sum_{\rho} d_{\rho} \int_{m_{\mu}}^{\mu} \int_{\nu}^{m_{\nu}} = \delta_{m_{\mu}m_{\mu}'} \delta_{m_{\nu}m_{\nu}'}, \quad \mu \int_{m_{\rho}}^{\mu} \int_{m_{\rho}}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{d_{\rho}} \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{m_{\rho}'m_{\rho}}, \quad (24)$$

where  $d_{\mu} = \beta_{\mu} d_{\mu}$  is the quantum dimension of the representation  $\mu$ .

Similar to the duality maps, a 3j-symbol  $C_{\mu\nu\rho}$  is also determined up to a complex number. In order to construct symmetrized 6j-symbols via 3j-symbols, we further require that

$$C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}} = \beta_{\rho}C_{\rho\mu\nu;m_{\rho}m_{\mu}m_{\nu}} \tag{25}$$

and that

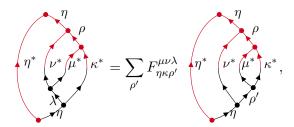
$$(C_{\mu\nu\rho;m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\rho}})^* = \sum_{m_{\mu^*}m_{\nu^*}m_{\rho^*}} C_{\rho^*\nu^*\mu^*;m_{\rho^*}m_{\nu^*}m_{\mu^*}} \Omega_{m_{\rho^*}m_{\rho}}^{\rho^*} \Omega_{m_{\nu^*}m_{\nu}}^{\nu^*} \Omega_{m_{\mu^*}m_{\mu}}^{\mu^*}.$$
(26)

Combining the two requirements above and the definition of 3j-symbols, we can completely determine all the 3j-symbols for a given finite group G. Note that (25) yields that  $\beta_{\mu}\beta_{\nu}\beta_{\rho} = 1$  if  $C_{\mu\nu\rho}$  does not vanish. Some examples are listed in [44].

**Symmetrized** 6*j*-symbol A 6*j*-symbol  $F: L_G^6 \to \mathbb{C}$  is defined by

$$\frac{\nu^*}{\mu^*} \mu^* = \sum_{\rho} F_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda} \nu^* \mu^* \kappa^* , \qquad (27)$$

where we have omited Latin indices  $m_{\mu}, m_{\nu}, \cdots$ . The above expression relates the two equivalent ways of decomposing the tensor product representation  $V_{\nu^*} \otimes V_{\mu^*} \otimes V_{\kappa^*}$ . Composing the both sides of the above equation by the duality maps and the 3j-symbols in an appropriate way as:



which by the second equation of (24) becomes

$$F_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = \mathrm{d}_{\rho} \eta^{*} \qquad \qquad \nu^{*} \mu^{*} = \mathrm{d}_{\rho} G_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda}. \tag{28}$$

The symmetrized 6j-symbols are thus given by  $G_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = F_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda}/d_{\rho}$ . In terms of 3j-symbols and duality maps, we have

$$G_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = \sum_{\text{all } m\text{'s and } n\text{'s}} \Omega_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu^*}}^{\mu} \Omega_{m_{\nu}n_{\nu^*}}^{\nu} \Omega_{m_{\lambda}n_{\lambda^*}}^{\lambda} \Omega_{m_{\eta}n_{\eta^*}}^{\eta} \Omega_{m_{\kappa}n_{\kappa^*}}^{\kappa} \Omega_{m_{\rho}n_{\rho^*}}^{\rho} \times C_{m_{\kappa}n_{\lambda^*}m_{\eta}}^{\kappa\lambda^*\eta} C_{n_{\eta^*}n_{\nu^*}m_{\rho}}^{\eta^*\nu^*\rho} C_{n_{\rho^*}n_{\mu^*}n_{\kappa^*}}^{\rho^*\mu^*\kappa^*} C_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}m_{\lambda}}^{\mu\nu\lambda}.$$

$$(29)$$

Graphically, symmetrized 6j-symbol can be presented either by a planar graph or a tetrahedron

**Other conventions** The great orthogonality theorem of finite group representations will be often used in our paper; it can be presented graphically as

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \begin{array}{c}
 m_{\mu} & m_{\nu} \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 m_{\mu} & \nu \downarrow \\
 \bar{g} & \bar{g}
\end{array} = \frac{1}{d_{\mu}} \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{m_{\mu}n_{\nu}} \delta_{n_{\mu}m_{\nu}}, \tag{31}$$

which yields

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & g \\ & & \\ \hline g \\ & \nu \end{array} = \frac{1}{d_{\mu}} \delta_{\mu\nu} \begin{array}{c} & \\ \mu \\ & \mu \end{array}$$

Here and hereafter, the horizontal lines should be understood through the following convention:

#### 3.2 Fourier transform on the Hilbert space

The Fourier transform of the operators in the Hamiltonian requires defining the Fourier transform of the Hilbert space of a three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries with G as its input data.

A sketch of the Fourier transform on the Hilbert space In this subsection, we describe this Fourier transform step by step. The explicit transformation will be dealt with a little later. Our focus here lies in the logic and physics of the basis transformations.

Step 1: Fourier transform the local Hilbert space

The total Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  of the model is the tensor product of all local Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_e$  on the edges. The basis vector  $|g\rangle$  of  $\mathcal{H}_e$  Fourier-transforms as:

$$|\mu, m_{\mu}, n_{\mu}\rangle = \frac{v_{\mu}}{\sqrt{G}} \sum_{g \in G} D^{\mu}_{m_{\mu}n_{\mu}}(g)|g\rangle, \tag{32}$$

where  $v_{\mu}=d_{\mu}^{1/2}$ . We dub the Fourier-transformed basis  $\{|\mu,m_{\mu},n_{\mu}\rangle\}$  the local rep-basis. The local rep-basis  $\{|\mu,m_{\mu},n_{\mu}\rangle\}$  and the group-basis  $\{|g\rangle\}$  have the same dimension due to  $\sum_{\mu\in L_G}d_{\mu}^2=|G|$ . Additionally, using the great orthogonality theorem, we can prove that

the rep-basis is also orthonormal:  $\langle \mu', m', n' | \mu, m, n \rangle = \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{m'm} \delta_{n'n}$ . We can Fourier-transform  $\mathcal{H}_e$  on each individual edge independently, resulting in a linear superposition of the rep-basis states, shown in Figure 3. Here, the orientations of the rep-basis states inherit from those of the group-basis states.

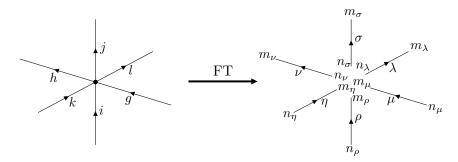


Figure 3: The Fourier transform of a six-valent vertex in the bulk of the lattice  $\Gamma$  on which the three-dimensional GT model is defined.

Step 2: Rewrite the rep-basis to get a trivalent lattice

Although the rep-basis is orthonormal and has the same dimension as the group basis  $\{|g\rangle\}$ , it cannot describe the states of a lattice model because it doesn't contain vertices. Therefore, we need to rewrite the rep-basis state and identify it as a trivalent lattice.

Recall the definition of CG coefficients (22), which can be graphically presented as a basis rewriting:

$$\begin{vmatrix} m_{\mu} & m_{\nu} \\ \mu & \downarrow \nu \\ n_{\mu} & n_{\nu} \end{vmatrix} \propto \sum_{\lambda, m_{\lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\mu} & m_{\nu} \\ \mu & \nu \\ m_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ \mu & \nu \\ n_{\mu} & n_{\nu} \end{vmatrix}. \tag{33}$$

The orthonormality of the rewritten basis still comes from the normalization condition of the 3j-symbol. The rewritten basis also has the same dimension as the rep-basis due to the defining property of the 3j-symbol. By the equation above, we can fuse the six representations and six Latin indices in a specific order at the vertex, as depicted in Figure 4.

#### Step 3: Add a dangling edge

As shown in Figure 4, we first fuse  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  by contracting there indices  $m_{\mu}$  and  $n_{\lambda}$ , which results in a linear combination of irreducible representations  $\{\alpha\}$  with a free end labeled by  $m_{\alpha}$ . Then, we fuse  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma$  by contracting there indices  $m_{\alpha}$  and  $n_{\sigma}$ , which results in another linear combination of irreducible representations  $\{\beta\}$  with another free end. Repeating this procedure and in the end, we need to fuse  $\nu$  and  $\delta$ . As  $\nu$  and  $\delta$  are not always the same, in order to maintain the correct number of local degrees of freedom, we need to add an extra dangling edge s with a free end labeled by  $m_s$ , as shown in the final result in Figure 4. Such a dangling edge will be labeled by  $\{s, m_s\}$  and called a tail for short.

So far we have rewritten the basis of the total Hilbert space as defined on an actual trivalent lattice  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ , with a tail attached to each of the original vertices. Note that these tails do not belong to any plaquette in  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . If we restrict the total Hilbert space to a subspace

wherein the degrees of freedom on the tails are all projected to the trivial representation, the newly obtained lattice  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  can serve as a suitable lattice for defining a WW model. We will discuss the relationship between our Fourier-transformed GT model and the WW model in section 5 and revisit this point therein.

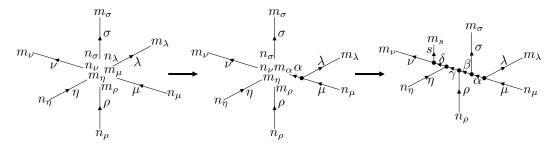


Figure 4: Rewrite the rep-basis as defined on a trivalent lattice. In the first step, we fuse  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  by contracting there indices  $m_{\mu}$  and  $n_{\lambda}$ , which results in a linear combination of irreducible representations  $\{\alpha\}$  with a free end and labeled by  $m_{\alpha}$ . Repeating this procedure and in the end, we fuse  $\delta$  and  $\nu$  and obtain a tail attached to the original vertex with an free end, labeled by  $(s, m_s)$ .

The Fourier transform of a boundary 5-valent vertex To better understand the Fourier transform and basis rewriting illustrated in Figure 3 and Figure 4, let us consider the local Hilbert space of a boundary 5-valent vertex in detail. By doing so, we aim to obtain a precise linear transformation of the basis with commensurate coefficients. In our graphical representation and by (32), the Fourier transform of the group-basis to the rep-basis of the local Hilbert space reads

$$=\frac{v_{\mu}v_{\nu}v_{\rho}v_{\eta}v_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{|G|^{5}}}\sum_{jikgh\in G}\begin{pmatrix}m_{\nu}(i)&m_{\nu}&n_{\lambda}\\i&m_{\eta}&m_{\eta}\\i&m_{\eta}&m_{\eta}\\i&m_{\eta}&m_{\eta}\\i&m_{\eta}&m_{\eta}\\i&m_{\eta}&m_{\mu}\\i&m_{\rho}\\i&m_{\rho}\end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(34)$$

Here, the edges i, j, g, and h are lying on the boundary, while the edge k lies in the bulk. We denote the group-basis and rep-basis states in the above equation as  $|jikgh\rangle$  and  $|\mu\nu\rho\eta\lambda\rangle$ . Then, we can rewrite the rep-basis by first fusing  $\mu$  and  $\rho$ , resulting in a set of representations  $\{\alpha\}$ , and then fuse  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  to get  $\beta$ , and then fuse  $\beta$  and  $\eta$  to get  $\gamma$ , and finally we fuse  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$ , resulting in a dangling edge  $\{s, m_s\}$ . Using (33), this procedure

yields four 3j-symbols with some indices contracted, yielding the expansion coefficients:

$$|\mu\nu\rho\eta\lambda\rangle = \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\in L_G} \sum_{s,m_s} v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}v_{\gamma}v_s \begin{pmatrix} m_{\mu} & m_{\mu} & m_{\sigma} & m_{\sigma}$$

where the coefficients  $v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}v_{\gamma}v_{s}$  are introduced such that the rewritten basis is still orthonormal. We denote the rewritten rep-basis state at the vertex by  $|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle$  and write down the inverse transformation as:

$$|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle = \sum_{\substack{m_{\mu}m_{\rho}m_{\eta}\\n_{\lambda}n_{\nu}m_s}} v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}v_{\gamma}v_s \begin{pmatrix} n_{\nu}\\ \nu\\ m_{\overline{\eta}} & \gamma\\ m_{\overline{\rho}} & \gamma\\ m_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} |\mu\nu\rho\eta\lambda\rangle. \tag{36}$$

The linear transformation (35) rewrites the subspace spanned by  $\{m_{\mu}, m_{\rho}, m_{\eta}, n_{\nu}, n_{\lambda}\}$  of the local Hilbert space spanned by  $\{\mu\nu\rho\eta\lambda\}$ . Under this transformation, the degrees of freedom  $m_{\mu}$ ,  $m_{\rho}$ ,  $m_{\eta}$ ,  $n_{\nu}$ , and  $n_{\lambda}$ , which are all independent of each other, are transformed into  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , s, and  $m_s$ , which are not all independent, while other degrees of freedom remain unchanged. In fact, as the 3j-symbol ensures an intertwiner space at each vertex,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are determined by the choice of all the irreducible representations labeling those edges with an open end in the local Hilbert space spanned by  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$ , i.e.,  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\lambda$ , and s. Thus, we may simplify by labeling the new transformed basis as  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$ , while keeping all the other labels in the graph unobvious, which causes no confusion because in the actual calculation, e.g., in computing the inner product of two such local basis states, i.e.,  $\langle \Psi'_{s'm'_s}|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$ , the prime in  $\Psi'$  indicates that the hidden labels in  $\Psi$  should all be primed as well. In the next subsection, we will see another advantage of this simplified notation.

Equations (36) and (34) then lead to the following inner product:

$$\langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle = \frac{v_{\mu}v_{\nu}v_{\rho}v_{\eta}v_{\lambda}v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}v_{\gamma}v_{s}}{\sqrt{|G|^{5}}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu} \\ \vdots \\ n_{\overline{\eta}} & y \\ n_{\overline{\eta}} & y \\ n_{\overline{\rho}} & h \\ \vdots \\ n_{\mu} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (37)$$

which directly defines a transformation between the rewritten rep-basis and the group-basis at a boundary vertex. We prove in Appendix B that the local basis states  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$  are orthonormal and complete so that the inner product defined above is indeed a well-defined basis transformation of the local Hilbert space.

The Fourier transform when edges cross with each other So far, our description of the Fourier transform on the Hilbert space is still incomplete, because the total Hilbert space of the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model cannot be trivially viewed as the tensor product of the Fourier-transformed local Hilbert spaces of single vertices defined above. Actually, as will be explained in the following context, a braiding structure must be added.

Without loss of generality, let us consider the state in the Hilbert space with a whole plaquette in the bulk, as shown in Figure 5. One can observe that when a larger Hilber space is considered, edges unavoidably cross with each other in the rewritten rep-basis. Therefore, defining the inner product between the states that include crossing edges in the rewritten rep-basis and those in the group-basis becomes necessary. To achieve this, let us consider the following inner product.

$$\left\langle \frac{- \uparrow h}{|g|} \left| m_{\overline{\mu}} \stackrel{n_{\nu}}{|h|} n_{\mu} \right\rangle \equiv \frac{v_{\mu} v_{\nu}}{|G|} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{m_{\mu} - g} \stackrel{?}{|h|} n_{\mu} \stackrel{v_{\mu} v_{\nu}}{|G|} D_{m_{\mu} n_{\mu}}^{\mu}(g) D_{m_{\nu} n_{\nu}}^{\nu}(h), \tag{38} \right\rangle$$

where the first equivalence comes from the Fourier-transformation of the basis vector of  $\mathcal{H}_e$  (32), and the equality with a question mark " $\stackrel{?}{=}$ " is the evaluation of the graphical presentation if edge crossing is treated trivially.

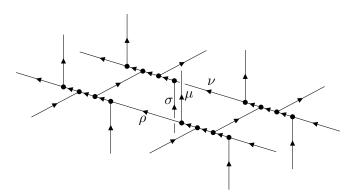


Figure 5: A whole plaquette in the bulk, where the edges labeled by  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are crossing with each other, as are edges labeleds by  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$ .

Clearly, the convention given by " $\stackrel{?}{=}$ " is insufficient because it cannot distinguish the over- and under-crossing relation between the two edges. Nonetheless, we can indeed find a reasonable convention to evaluate the graphical presentation in (38) that encodes the crossing information of the edges in the inner product by introducing a braiding structure. Using the F-move given by the first equation in (24), formally we have:

$$\frac{m_{\nu}}{h} = \sum_{\rho} d_{\rho} m_{\overline{\mu}} g_{\overline{\mu}} n_{\mu} = \sum_{\rho} d_{\rho} m_{\overline{\mu}} g_{\overline{\mu}} n_{\mu}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{\rho, m_{\rho} m'_{\mu} m'_{\nu}} d_{\rho} D^{\mu}_{m_{\mu} m'_{\mu}} (g) D^{\nu}_{m_{\nu} m'_{\nu}} (h) \overline{R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho}} C^{\mu\nu; m'_{\mu} m'_{\nu}}_{\rho m_{\rho}} C^{\rho m_{\rho}}_{\nu \mu; n_{\nu} n_{\mu}}, \tag{39}$$

where we have introduced new equivalences in the second row above. Namely

$$\frac{m_{\mu}}{\nu} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\nu} \equiv R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\rho} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\nu} = R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu} C_{\rho m_{\rho}}^{\mu\nu; m_{\mu} m_{\nu}}, \quad \stackrel{m_{\mu}}{\nu} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\nu} \equiv \overline{R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}} \stackrel{m_{\mu}}{\nu} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\nu}. \tag{40}$$

Here,  $R: L_G^3 \to \mathbb{C}$  is called an R-matrix, which cannot be expressed explicitly in terms of the duality maps and 3j-symbols of the representations of a finite group G. To determine the R-matrix, we impose the following symmetry constraint of the rewritten rep-basis (where Latin indices  $m_{\mu}, m_{\nu}, \cdots$  are omitted):

$$\left|\begin{array}{c} \mu & \sigma \\ \nu \end{array}\right\rangle = \left|\begin{array}{c} \mu & \nu \\ \sigma & \rho \end{array}\right\rangle. \tag{41}$$

As a result, the R-matrix elements must be a complex phase and satisfy the Hexagon identity [5]. Moreover, as the topological spins of simple objects in  $\Re ep(G)$  are always 1, the R-matrix elements must must satisfy  $R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}R_{\rho}^{\nu\mu}=1$ . Such an R-matrix can always be found for a gauge theory [3]. We will see in section 5 and Appendix A that, with the R-matrix defined above, we can properly evaluate the matrix elements of the plaqette operator acting on the local Hilbert space shown in Figure 5 in the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model, just as what was done in the WW model [5].

The data consisting a label set  $L_G$ , quantum dimension  $d: L_G \to \mathbb{C}$  (where  $d_\mu = \beta_\mu d_\mu$ ), 6j-symbol  $F: L_G^6 \to \mathbb{C}$ , and an R-matrix form a unitary braided fusion category (UBFC)  $\Re ep(G)$ , which are the input data of the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model with input data G. Therefore, as the UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$  is given, we can define the Fourier transform of the total Hilbert space through (39) and the local Hilbert space Fourier transform (37). We verify that (39) preserves the orthonormality and completeness of the rewritten rep-basis in Appendix B.

#### 3.3 Fourier transform of the boundary vertex operators

We are now ready to study how a boundary vertex operator  $\overline{A_v^{\text{GT}}}$  acts on a local basis state  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$ . That is, we need to find the Fourier-transformed version  $\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}$  of  $\overline{A_v^{\text{GT}}}$ . Since the group-basis and the rewritten rep-basis  $\{|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle\}$  are both orthonormal and complete in the local Hilbert space, we can compute the action of  $\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}$  by inserting resolution of identity:

$$\begin{split} & \overline{A_{v}^{\text{GT}}}|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle \\ & = \sum_{\substack{\mu'\nu'\rho'\eta'\lambda'\\ n_{\mu'}n_{\rho'}n_{\eta'}m_{\nu'}m_{\lambda'}}} |\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}\rangle\langle\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}| \sum_{jikgh\in G} \overline{A_{v}^{\text{QD}}}|jikgh\rangle\langle jikgh|\Psi^{sm_{s}}\rangle \\ & = \sum_{\substack{\mu'\nu'\rho'\eta'\lambda'\\ \alpha'\beta'\gamma's'm_{s'}\\ n_{\mu'}n_{\rho'}n_{\eta'}m_{\nu'}m_{\lambda'}}} |\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}\rangle\langle\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}| \sum_{jikgh\in G} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x\in K} |xj,i\bar{x},xk,xg,h\bar{x}\rangle\langle jikgh|\Psi^{sm_{s}}\rangle \,. \\ & = \sum_{\substack{\mu'\nu'\rho'\eta'\lambda'\\ n_{\mu'}n_{\rho'}n_{\eta'}m_{\nu'}m_{\lambda'}}} \sum_{jikgh\in G} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x\in K} (\langle\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}|xj,i\bar{x},xk,xg,h\bar{x}\rangle\langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle)|\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}\rangle \end{split}$$

We leave the simplification of the two inner products in the above expression in Appendix B but present the result here:

$$\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle = \sum_{m_s'} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x \in K} D_{m_s m_s'}^s(x) |\Psi_{sm_s'}\rangle \equiv \sum_{m_s'} (P_K^s)_{m_s m_s'} |\Psi_{sm_s'}\rangle. \tag{42}$$

We observe that the Fourier-transformed vertex operator  $\overline{A}_v^{\text{GT}}$  is automatically diagonalized in the entire local Hilbert space of the considered vertex spanned by  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$  but the small subspace — the representation space  $V_s$  of s, which is spanned by  $m_s$ . Here,  $P_K^s = (1/|K|) \sum_{x \in K} D^s(x)$  is a projector in  $V_s$ . As the eigenvalues of a projector must be 0 or 1, a linear transformation  $V_s \to V_s, |m_s\rangle \mapsto |\tilde{m}_s\rangle$  can be applied to diagonalize the matrix  $P_K^s$ . This transformation will also transform the basis  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$  to  $|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle$ . In such a basis, (42) can be simplified as

$$\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle = P_K^s|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle = \delta_{(s,\tilde{m}_s)\in L_A}|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle,\tag{43}$$

where the set  $L_A$  collects all the +1 eigenstates of  $\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}$  or its representation  $P_K^s$ . More precisely, we can write

$$L_A := \{ (s, \alpha_s) | P_K^s | \Psi_{s\alpha_s} \rangle = | \Psi_{s\alpha_s} \rangle, s \in L_G \}.$$
(44)

The states  $|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle$  with  $(s, \tilde{m}_s) \notin L_A$  are zero eigenstates of  $\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}$ , and are thus excited states. These excitations emerging at the end of the dangling edges, labeled by a pair  $(s, \tilde{m}_s)$ , are point-like charge excitations at the boundary.

#### 3.4 Fourier transform of the boundary edge operators

We then investigate how the Fourier-transformed boundary edge operator  $\overline{\tilde{C}_e^{\text{GT}}}$  acts on a local basis state in the rewritten rep-basis of the Fourier-transformed GT model with gapped boundaries. According to (7),  $\overline{C_e^{\text{GT}}}$  acts on the edge between two vertices. Consequently, in the rep-basis, a local basis state on which  $\overline{\tilde{C}_e^{\text{GT}}}$  acts would involve the two end vertices of edge e. In what follows, we denote the local basis states in the group-basis acted by a boundary edge operator as:

$$|\Psi_l\rangle := \begin{vmatrix} i & h \\ g \uparrow_j & w \\ x \uparrow_z \end{vmatrix}, \tag{45}$$

and denote the local basis states in the rewritten rep-basis as:

$$|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda}\rangle = |\psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\tilde{m}_{s}}\rangle = |\psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\tilde{m}_{s}}\rangle, \tag{46}$$

where we have omitted some Latin indices, and the indices  $\tilde{m}_r$  and  $\tilde{m}_s$  diagonalize the boundary vertex operators acting on the two vertices in (46). In the rewritten rep-basis, the boundary edge operator is not diagonalized only on the subspace spanned by the degrees of freedom  $\tilde{m}_s, s, \nu, \pi, \phi, \lambda, r$ , and  $\tilde{m}_r$ . Thus, the boundary edge operator can be viewed as an operator acting on the open plaquette outlined by these edges.

Similar to the Fourier transform of vertex operators, we can compute the matrix elements of  $\overline{\tilde{C}_e^{\text{GT}}}$  in the local basis by inserting resolution of identity:

$$\langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s'},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\lambda'} | \overline{\tilde{C}_{e}^{GT}} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle 
= \langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\pi'\phi'\lambda'} | \sum_{ghijlxyzw\in G} \overline{C_{e}^{GT}} | \Psi_{l} \rangle \langle \Psi_{l} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle 
= \sum_{ghijlxyzw\in G} \delta_{l\in K} \langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\alpha'\phi'\lambda'} | \Psi_{l} \rangle \langle \Psi_{l} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle 
= \sum_{ghijlxyzw\in G} \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} d_{t} D_{\alpha_{t}\alpha_{t}}^{t}(l) \langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\alpha'\phi'\lambda'} | \Psi_{l} \rangle \langle \Psi_{l} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle,$$
(47)

where use is made of that

$$\delta_{l \in K} = \sum_{(t,\alpha_t) \in L_A} \frac{|K|}{|G|} d_t D_{\alpha_t \alpha_t}^t(l). \tag{48}$$

The proof of the the above equation and the simplification of the two inner products in (47) are left in Appendix B. Here, we just write down the result:

$$\langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s'},r'\tilde{m}'_{r'}}^{\nu'\lambda'} | \tilde{C}_{e}^{GT} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} \mathbf{d}_{t} \mathbf{v}_{\nu} \mathbf{v}_{\pi} \mathbf{v}_{\phi} \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \mathbf{v}_{s} \mathbf{v}_{r} [\mathbf{v}'] R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} C_{s'\tilde{m}_{s'}}^{st;\tilde{m}_{s}\alpha_{t}} C_{tr';\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{r'}}^{r\tilde{m}_{r}}$$

$$\times G_{ts'*\nu'}^{\mu^{*}\nu^{s}} G_{t\nu'*\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\pi'*\phi'}^{r\phi\pi} G_{t\phi'*\lambda'}^{\eta\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{\delta r^{*}r'}^{t\lambda'*\lambda}$$

$$= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} \mathbf{d}_{t} \mathbf{v}_{\nu} \mathbf{v}_{\pi} \mathbf{v}_{\phi} \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \mathbf{v}_{s} \mathbf{v}_{r} [\mathbf{v}'] R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} (C_{r'^{*}t^{*}r,\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}\tilde{m}_{r}})^{*} (\Omega^{r'^{*}})_{\tilde{m}_{r}'\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}}^{-1} (\Omega^{t^{*}})_{\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}}^{-1}$$

$$\times (C_{s'^{*}st,\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}}\tilde{m}_{s}\alpha_{t}})^{*} (\Omega^{s'^{*}})_{\tilde{m}'_{s}\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}}}^{-1} G_{ts'^{*}\nu'}^{\mu^{*}\nu^{s}} G_{t\nu'^{*}\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\pi'^{*}\phi'}^{\sigma^{*}\phi\pi^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{\eta\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{\delta r^{*}r'}^{t\lambda'^{*}\lambda},$$

$$(49)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_{\mu} = \sqrt{\mathbf{d}_{\mu}}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_{\mu} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{\nu} [\mathbf{v}'] := \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{\nu} \mathbf{v}_{\mu'} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{\nu'}$  is introduced as a shorthand notation. The local state  $|\Psi^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda}_{s\tilde{m}_s,r\tilde{m}_r}\rangle$  may be a +1 or zero eigenstate of the boundary vertex operators acting on the relevant vertices. In general, we would like to study the matrix elements of  $\tilde{C}_e^{\text{GT}}$  in the local basis states free of any charge excitations. This is accomplished by acting the boundary vertex operators on the states  $|\Psi^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda}_{s\tilde{m}_s,r\tilde{m}_r}\rangle$  to project out all the charge excitations. Equivalently, we can simply replace the indices  $\tilde{m}_s$  and  $\tilde{m}_r$  in (49) by  $\alpha_s$  and  $\alpha_r$  in (44) and obtain

$$\langle \Psi_{s'\alpha_{s'},r'\alpha_{r'}}^{\nu'\pi'\phi'\lambda'}|\widetilde{C}_{e}^{GT}|\Psi_{s\alpha_{s},r\alpha_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} \mathbf{d}_{t} \mathbf{v}_{\nu} \mathbf{v}_{\pi} \mathbf{v}_{\phi} \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \mathbf{v}_{s} \mathbf{v}_{r}[\mathbf{v}'] R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} (C_{r'*t^{*}r,\tilde{m}_{r'*}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}\alpha_{r}}})^{*} (\Omega^{r'^{*}})_{\alpha_{r},\tilde{m}_{r'*}}^{-1} (\Omega^{t^{*}})_{\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}}^{-1}$$

$$\times (C_{s'^{*}st,\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}\alpha_{s}\alpha_{t}}})^{*} (\Omega^{s'^{*}})_{\alpha'_{s}\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}}}^{-1} G_{ts'^{*}\nu'}^{\mu\nu s^{*}} G_{t\nu'^{*}\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{\sigma^{*}\phi\pi^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{\eta\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{\delta r^{*}r'}^{t\lambda'^{*}\lambda}$$

$$= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} \mathbf{v}_{t} (\mathbf{v}_{\nu}\mathbf{v}_{\pi}\mathbf{v}_{\phi}\mathbf{v}_{\lambda}[\mathbf{v}']) \mathbf{u}_{s}\mathbf{u}_{r}[\mathbf{u}'] R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} G_{ts'^{*}\nu'}^{\mu^{*}\nu s^{*}} G_{t\nu'^{*}\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{\sigma\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{t\lambda'^{*}\lambda}$$

$$\times f_{r'^{*}\alpha_{r'}t^{*}\alpha_{t}r\alpha_{r}} f_{s'^{*}\alpha_{s'}s\alpha_{s}t\alpha_{t}}, \tag{50}$$

where in the last equality we define a map  $f: L_A \times L_A \times L_A \to \mathbb{C}$  as

$$f_{c^*\alpha_c a\alpha_a b\alpha_b} = \sum_{\tilde{m}_{c^*}} \mathbf{u}_a \mathbf{u}_b \mathbf{u}_c (C_{c^*ab;\tilde{m}_{c^*}\alpha_a \alpha_b})^* (\Omega^{c^*})_{\alpha_c \tilde{m}_{c^*}}^{-1}, \text{ with } (a, \alpha_a), (b, \alpha_b), (c, \alpha_c) \in L_A,$$

$$(51)$$

where  $u_a = \sqrt{v_a}$ .

#### 3.5 Fourier transform of the boundary plaquette operators

Finally, we discuss the Fourier transform of the boundary plaquette operators  $\overline{\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}}$ . The local Hilbert space where  $\overline{\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}}$  acts on is shown in Figure 6.

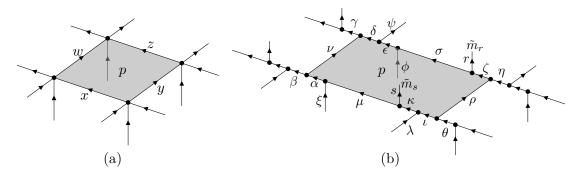


Figure 6: The local Hilbert space where the boundary plaquette operators  $\overline{B_p^{\rm GT}}$  and  $\overline{\tilde{B}_p^{\rm GT}}$  act on. (a) is the group basis, denoted as  $|wxyz\rangle$ , and (b) is the rewritten rep-basis, denoted as  $|\Psi_{r\tilde{m}_r,s\tilde{m}_s}^{\mu\alpha\nu\delta\epsilon\sigma\zeta\rho\iota\kappa}\rangle$ . Here we have ignored all the group element labels and irreducible representation labels which will not appear in the matrix elements of the boundary plaquette operator.

We can calculate the group elements of  $\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}$  through a similar procedure of the calculation in the previous section, resulting in

$$\langle \Psi_{r'\tilde{m}'_{r},s'\tilde{m}'_{s}}^{\mu'\alpha'\nu'\delta'\epsilon'\sigma'\zeta'\rho'\iota'\kappa'} | \overline{\tilde{B}_{g}^{GT}} | \Psi_{r\tilde{m}_{r},s\tilde{m}_{s}}^{\mu\alpha\nu\delta\epsilon\sigma\zeta\rho\iota\kappa} \rangle 
= \sum_{r'\tilde{m}'_{r},s'\tilde{m}'_{s}} \langle \Psi_{r'\tilde{m}'_{r},s'\tilde{m}'_{s}}^{\mu'\alpha'\nu'\delta'\epsilon'\sigma'\zeta'\rho'\iota'\kappa'} | xyzw \rangle \langle xyzw | \Psi_{r\tilde{m}_{r},s\tilde{m}_{s}}^{\mu\alpha\nu\delta\epsilon\sigma\zeta\rho\iota\kappa} \rangle 
= \sum_{t\in L_{G},m_{t}} \frac{1}{|G|} d_{t} D_{m_{t}m_{t}}^{t} (xw\bar{z}\bar{y}) \langle \Psi_{r'\tilde{m}'_{r},s'\tilde{m}'_{s}}^{\mu'\alpha'\nu'\delta'\epsilon'\sigma'\zeta'\rho'\iota'\kappa'} | xyzw \rangle \langle xyzw | \Psi_{r\tilde{m}_{r},s\tilde{m}_{s}}^{\mu\alpha\nu\delta\epsilon\sigma\zeta\rho\iota\kappa} \rangle,$$
(52)

where the first summation is over all the relevant group element labels in the group basis state  $|xyzw\rangle$ , including those that we haven't explicitly specified in Figure 6. Here, we shall focus on the boundary degrees of freedom  $(r, \tilde{m}_r)$  and  $(s, \tilde{m}_s)$ , which will be projected into the set  $L_A$  by boundary vertex operators. We want to find out whether the Fourier-transformed boundary plaquette operators would introduce new structures on the set  $L_A$ , like what we have found in the Fourier transformation of the boundary edge operator where a map  $f: L_A \times L_A \times L_A \to \mathbb{R}$  emerges. The answer is however negative.

Since evaluating (52) is very tedious, and since a similar procedure will be shown in section 5, we simply present the result of (52):

$$\langle \Psi' | \overline{\tilde{B}_{p}^{\text{GT}}} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{t \in L_{G}} d_{t} \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \mathbf{v}_{\alpha} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{\kappa} [\mathbf{v}'] R_{\kappa}^{\mu s} \overline{R_{\sigma}^{\phi \epsilon} R_{\kappa}^{\mu' s}} R_{\sigma'}^{\phi \epsilon'} G_{t \kappa' \iota'}^{\lambda \iota \kappa} G_{t \iota' \rho'^{*}}^{\theta \rho^{*} \iota} \cdots G_{t \mu' \kappa'}^{s \kappa \mu}, \qquad (53)$$

where  $|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi^{\mu\alpha\nu\delta\epsilon\sigma\zeta\rho\iota\kappa}_{r\tilde{m}_r,s\tilde{m}_s}\rangle$ ,  $\langle\Psi'| = \langle\Psi^{\mu'\alpha'\nu'\delta'\epsilon'\sigma'\zeta'\rho'\iota'\kappa'}_{r'\tilde{m}_r',s'\tilde{m}_s'}|$ , and the ellipsis between those 6*j*-symbols represent other 6*j*-symbols corresponding to the vertices along the boundary of plaquette p.

While factors  $R_{\kappa}^{\mu s}$  and  $\overline{R_{\kappa'}^{\mu' s}}$  in (53) depend on s, which labels the tail, these R-matrices do not introduce any new structures on  $L_A$  because s should be viewed as an element of  $L_G$  here. In fact, each Fourier-transformed boundary plaquette operators  $\overline{\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}}$  is an identity operator within the subspace spanned by  $(s, \tilde{m}_s)$  and  $(r, \tilde{m}_r)$ . Hence, unlike  $\overline{\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}}$  and  $\overline{\tilde{C}_e^{\text{GT}}}$ , the boundary plaquette operators  $\overline{\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}}$  do not project out any degrees of freedom

on the tails attached to the relevant boundary vertices, and thus do not provide any new gapped boundary condition for the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model.

So far we have Fourier-transformed and rewritten the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries on a trivalent lattice  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . In the sequel sections, we shall study the physics revealed by the Fourier transform.

# 4 Emergence of Frobenius algebras and boundary charge condensation

In this section, we first examine the gapped boundary condition of the Fourier-transformed GT model, then characterize the gapped boundaries by charge condensation, and finally explain why the Fourier transform makes the physics at the gapped boundaries of the GT model more explicit than it was before the transformation.

#### 4.1 The gapped boundary condition of the Fourier-transformed model

In the previous section, we have found that each Fourier-transformed boundary vertex operator  $\widetilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}$  projects the degrees of freedom  $(s, \tilde{m}_s)$  on the tail attached to the vertex v into a set  $L_A$ . Along with the Fourier-transformed boundary edge operators, an emergent map  $f: L_A \times L_A \times L_A \to \mathbb{R}$  appears. Nevertheless, within the subspace spanned by  $(s, \tilde{m}_s)$ , the relevant boundary plaquette operators behave as identity operators. Hence, the gapped boundary condition of the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model can be specified by a pair  $(L_A, f)$ , which is determined by the input data G and the boundary condition K of the original GT model.

As proved in the two-dimensional case [1], the gapped boundary condition  $(L_A, f)$  indeed forms a Frobenius algebra A, which is an object in the UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$ . Generally, an element of  $L_A$  is denoted as a pair  $(s, \alpha_s)$  (or simply  $s\alpha_s$ ), where s is a simple object of a UBFC  $\mathfrak{F}$ . The multiplicity of s in A is denoted by |s| and refers to the number of different pairs  $(s, \alpha_s)$  with the same s. The multiplication is a map  $f: L_A \times L_A \times L_A \to \mathbb{C}$  that satisfies the following associativity and non-degeneracy:

$$\sum_{c\alpha_c} f_{a\alpha_a b\alpha_b c^*\alpha_c} f_{c\alpha_c r\alpha_r s^*\alpha_s} G_{rs^*t}^{abc^*} \mathbf{v}_c \mathbf{v}_t = \sum_{\alpha_t} f_{a\alpha_a t\alpha_t s^*\alpha_s} f_{b\alpha_b r\alpha_r t^*\alpha_t} 
f_{b\alpha_b b'^*\alpha_{b'} 0} = \delta_{bb'} \delta_{\alpha_b \alpha_b'} \beta_b,$$
(54)

where 0 is the unit element of A and has multiplicity 1, i.e.  $0 \equiv (0,1)$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_c = \sqrt{\mathbf{d}_c}$  with  $\mathbf{d}_c$  the quantum dimension of element c. That the Frobenius algebra A defined above is an object of the corresponding UBFC  $\mathfrak{F}$  is understood by writing A as  $A = \bigoplus_{s|s\alpha_s \in L_A} s^{\oplus |s|}$ , which is generally a non-simple object in  $\mathfrak{F}$ . For computational convenience, one may also write  $A = \bigoplus_{(s,\alpha_s)\in L_A} s_{\alpha_s}$ , explicitly treating different appearances of s as distinct elements of s.

Therefore, we concludes that the gapped boundaries of the Fourier-transformed threedimensional GT model are specified by the Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K} = (L_A, f)_{G,K}$ , which is determined by the input data G and the boundary condition K of the original GT model through (44) and (51).

#### 4.2 Charge condensation at the gapped boundary

We will subsequently see that the boundary input data  $A_{G,K}$  of the Fourier-transformed model precisely mirrors the charge condensation at the boundary. Recalling (43), each

pair  $(s, \alpha_s)$  labels a local +1 eigenstate  $|\Psi_{s\alpha_s}\rangle$  at vertex v of the projector  $\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}$ . All the eigenstates with matching hidden labels form a subspace within the  $d_s$ -dimensional representation space  $V_s$ . The dimension |s| of this subspace is determined by the count of  $(s, \alpha_s)$  pairs with the same s. Following the emergence of the Frobenius algebra, this dimension |s| is identified as the multiplicity of s found in  $A_{G,K}$ . This identification has a strong connection with the charge condensation in three-dimensional topological orders. We quickly summarize this relationship as follows.

In two-dimensional topological orders, there exist only point-like excitations called anyons including charges, fluxes, and dyons. The anyon condensation in two-dimensional topological orders has been extensively studied recently [17–22,24–28,45,46]. On the other hand, point-like excitations in three-dimensional topological orders are pure charges, with additional loop-like and string-like excitations present. Nevertheless, the investigation of charge condensation in three-dimensional topological orders remains limited to specific cases [34].

Generally, in a topological order  $\mathcal{C}$ , certain types of elementary excitations may condense and cause a phase transition that takes the topological order to a simpler child topological order  $\mathcal{U}$ . In an extreme case,  $\mathcal{U}$  could be merely a vacuum (a symmetry-protected topological phase precisely speaking) [28, 45, 47], rendering the original topological order entirely broken. This process can also be viewed from the perspective of creating a gapped domain wall that separates  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  [26]. When  $\mathcal{U}$  is a vacuum, we say certain types of elementary excitations of  $\mathcal{C}$  can move to and condense at the gapped boundary between  $\mathcal{C}$  and the vacuum.

Layer construction offers another interpretation for condensation of charge excitations at the boundary of a three-dimensional topological order [32, 33, 48]. Here, three-dimensional topological orders are achieved by sequentially stacking two-dimensional topological orders. For instance, a three-dimensional GT model with input data G can be built by stacking the QD model with input data G as well. The layers are then glued together by condensing specific types of quasiparticle pairs between them. Nevertheless, at the final layer of the two-dimensional topological order, which is the boundary of the three-dimensional topological order, excitations at the boundary are allowed to condense separately. Different boundary conditions correspond to different condensates at the boundary.

While a general classification of loop-like excitations in three-dimensional topological orders remains unclear, the charge excitations in the three-dimensional GT model are still classified by irreducible representation of the input data G. We can thus investigate the charge condensation in three-dimensional topological orders though the three-dimensional GT model with gapped boundaries with bulk input data G and boundary input data  $K \subseteq G$ . Let's consider the situation where  $K = \{e\}$ , known as the rough boundary condition. Recalling Eqs. (43) and (44), all irreducible representations in  $L_G$  must be included in  $L_A$  as well. This means that  $L_A = \{(s, \alpha_s) | s \in L_G, \alpha_s = 1, 2, \cdots, d_s\}$ . Since the charge excitations in the bulk are labeled by  $s \in L_G$ , and since each pair  $(s, \alpha_s)$  is an independent component of  $A_{G,K}$ , we say that the pure charge s divides into  $d_s$  parts, each of which condenses at the boundary. Consequently, the multiplicity of the charge s in the boundary condensate is  $d_s = |s|$ , which coincides with the multiplicity of s in the Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K}$ . In situations where K is a nontrivial subgroup, it could be that for some s, only a subset  $\{(s,\alpha_s)|\alpha=1,2,\cdots,|s|< d_s\}\subset L_A$  is found. Meaning, even though the pure charge s splits into  $d_s$  pieces, only |s| pieces contribute to the boundary condensate. For example, Let  $G = S_3$  and  $K = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , we have  $L_A = \{(0,1),(2,1)\}$ , where 0 denotes the trivial representation and 2 denotes the two-dimensional irreducible representation of  $S_3$ . We thus have  $|2| = 1 < d_2 = 2$ , which means that the charge labeled by 2 splits into two pieces, only one of which labeled by (2,1) condenses at the boundary.

# 5 Mapping the three-dimensional GT model to WW model

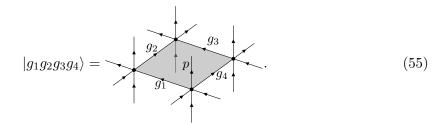
The two-dimensional QD model with group G as its input data has already been proven to be identified with a LW model with UFC  $\Re ep(G)$  as its input data, via Fourier transform [1]. A natural question arises: will the Fourier transform map the GT model, i.e., the three-dimensional version of the QD model, to the WW model, i.e., the three-dimensional version of the LW model? The answer is yes. In this section, we will show that the Fourier transform defined in subsection 3.2 indeed maps the three-dimensional GT model with input data G to the WW model with UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$  as its input data. Since the original WW model doesn't have a boundary Hamiltonian, and since there has not been any fully systematic construction of the gapped boundary of the WW model, we shall consider the bulk first and then the boundary. We also suppose that all the representations of G are self-dual for simplicity, as was done in [5]. It is straightforward to generalize to the case where non-self-dual representations exist. Details of the definition of the WW model can be found in Appendix A.

#### 5.1 Mapping the bulk Hilbert space

By (33) and the basis rewriting in Figure 4, one can always rewrite a Fourier-transformed six-valent vertex as a trivalent lattice as shown in Figure 8, with an extra tail attached to the vertex. The edges are labeled by irreducible representations  $\mu \in L_G$  of group G. As the representations of a finite group G do form a UBFC  $\Re p(G)$ , the sub Hilbert space of the three-dimensional GT model where all the degrees of freedom on the tails are restricted to the trivial representation, denoted as  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^{\mathrm{GT}}$ , is the same as the Hilbert space of the WW model. Moreover, since (33) requires that each vertex in the rewritten rep-basis of the Fourier-transformed three-dimensional GT model satisfies the fusion rules, all the states in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^{\mathrm{GT}}$  are already the +1 eigenstates of the vertex operators in the WW model. Although the zero eigenstates of vertex operators do not appear in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^{\mathrm{GT}}$ , no loss of information is caused because the WW model does not contain charge and dyon excitations, just like the LW model.

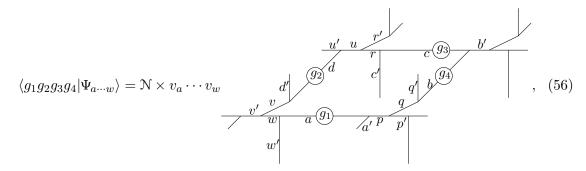
#### 5.2 Mapping the bulk Hamiltonian

In order to Fourier-transform the bulk plaquette operator of the GT model, we consider two plaquette states,  $|\Psi_{abcdpgruvw}\rangle$  defined in (68) and state  $|g_1g_2g_3g_4\rangle$  defined by



As discussed earlier, state (68) can also be viewed as a state in the Hilbert space of the Fourier-transformed GT model. Therefore, by (37), we can construct the inner product

between the two states above as



where we have collected all unimportant coefficients into  $\mathbb{N}$ , and we also neglect all the Latin indices  $m_{q'}, \cdots$ . Note that

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{v_{p'}v_{q'}v_{b'}v_{r'}v_{u'}v_{d'}v_{v'}v_{w'}v_{a'}}{|G|^2}$$

will not be affected by the action of the plaquette operator.

Inserting resolution of identity, we can write the action of the plaquette operator  $\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}$  of the Fourier-transformed GT model as

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$$\tilde{B}_{p}^{\text{GT}}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$$

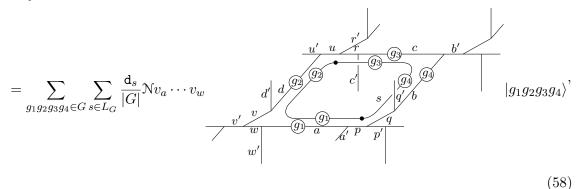
$$= \sum_{g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\in G} B_{p}^{\text{GT}}|g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\rangle\langle g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\in G} \delta_{g_{1}g_{2}\bar{g}_{3}\bar{g}_{4},e}|g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\rangle\langle g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\in G} \sum_{s\in L_{G},m_{t}} \frac{1}{|G|} d_{s} D_{m_{s}m_{s}}^{s}(g_{1}g_{2}\bar{g}_{3}\bar{g}_{4})|g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}\rangle\langle g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$$
(57)

In order to compare  $\tilde{B}_p^{\rm GT}$  to  $B_p^{\rm WW}$ , by means of our graphical tool, we re-express (57) as

$$\tilde{B}_{p}^{\mathrm{GT}}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$$



where use is made of

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
g_{2} & g_{3} \\
g_{2} & g_{4} = \beta_{s} D_{m_{s}m_{s}}^{s} (g_{1}g_{2}\bar{g}_{3}\bar{g}_{4}). \\
g_{1} & s
\end{array} (59)$$

Note that here the braidings between loop s and edges c' and q' are inevitable if we want to place loop s along this plaquette correctly.

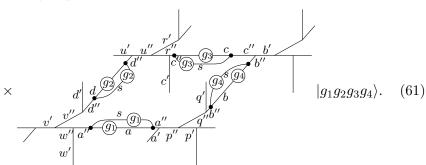
To evaluate the graph in the equation above, we introduce the convention

$$C^{\mu 0, n_{\mu}}_{\mu, m_{\mu}} C^{\nu, n_{\nu}}_{0\nu, m_{\nu}} = \frac{1}{\mathsf{v}_{\mu} \mathsf{v}_{\nu}} \delta_{n_{\mu} m_{\mu}} \delta_{n_{\nu} m_{\nu}}, \tag{60}$$

which can be expressed graphically as

where the dotted line is graced by the trivial representation. It is easy to prove that convention (60) is consistent with the first equation in (24) and the F-move (27). We can then apply F-moves in the graph in (58) and obtain

$$\begin{split} \tilde{B}_{p}^{\text{GT}}|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle &= \sum_{g_{1}g_{2}g_{3}g_{4} \in G} \sum_{s \in L_{G}} \frac{\mathsf{d}_{s}}{|G|} R_{q}^{q'b} \overline{R_{c}^{c'r}} \overline{R_{q''}^{q'b''}} R_{c''}^{c'r''} F_{sa''p''}^{a'pa} F_{sp''q''}^{p'qp} \cdots F_{sw''a''}^{w'aw} \\ &\times \mathsf{d}_{a} \mathsf{d}_{b} \mathsf{d}_{c} \mathsf{d}_{d} \mathcal{N} v_{a} \cdots v_{w} \end{split}$$



Then, applying the second equation in (24) and using the intertwiner property of 3jsymbols, we find that the graph in the above equation is equal to

$$\frac{\langle g_1g_2g_3g_4|\Psi_{a''b''\cdots w''}\rangle}{\mathsf{d}_a\mathsf{d}_b\mathsf{d}_c\mathsf{d}_d\times \mathbb{N} v_{a''}\cdots v_{w''}}.$$

The results above enable us to write the matrix elements of the Fourier-transformed plaquette operators of the three-dimensional GT model explicitly as

$$\langle \Psi_{a''\cdots w''} | \tilde{B}_{p}^{\text{GT}} | \Psi_{a\cdots w} \rangle = \sum_{s \in L_{G}} \frac{\mathsf{d}_{s}}{|G|} \frac{v_{a} \cdots v_{w}}{v_{a''} \cdots v_{w''}} R_{q}^{q'b} \overline{R_{c}^{c'r}} \overline{R_{q''}^{q'b''}} R_{c''}^{c'r''} F_{sa''p''}^{a'pa} F_{sp''q''}^{p'qp} \cdots F_{sw''a''}^{w'aw}$$

$$= \sum_{s \in L_{G}} \frac{\mathsf{d}_{s}}{|G|} \mathbf{v}_{a} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{w} [\mathbf{v}''] R_{q}^{q'b} \overline{R_{c}^{c'r}} \overline{R_{q''}^{q'b''}} R_{c''}^{c'r''} G_{sa''p''}^{a'pa} G_{sp''q''}^{p'qp} \cdots G_{sw''a''}^{w'aw},$$
(62)

where the second equality is due to that  $F_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = d_{\rho}G_{\eta\kappa\rho}^{\mu\nu\lambda}$  (28) is used. Bearing in mind that  $D^2 = \sum_{s \in L_G} d_s^2 = \sum_{s \in L_G} d_s^2 = |G|$ , we find that  $\tilde{B}_p^{\text{GT}}$  is exactly the same as  $B_p^{\text{WW}}$ . Therefore, as far as bulk is concerned, after the Fourier transform and basis rewriting, and finally projecting all the degrees of freedom on the tails to the trivial representation, the three-dimensional GT model with input data G has the same Hilbert space and Hamiltonian term by term as the WW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$ .

We can then discuss the relationship between the ground states and excited states of the three-dimensional GT model and the WW model. As the Hamiltonian and the

Hilbert space of the three-dimensional GT model are exactly mapped to the Hamiltonian and the Hilbert space of the WW model, the ground states of the two models are also related by the Fourier-transform. Hence the ground state degeneracies of the two models are also the same, which indicates that the two models realize the same phases of matter. We then consider the exitation states. One type of bulk excitations in three-dimensional GT model is loop-like excitation, which occurs when  $B_p^{\rm GT}=0$  on a series of plaquettes forming a loop. As the Fourier-transformed plaquette operator  $\tilde{B}_p^{\rm GT}$  is exactly identified with  $B_p^{\rm WW}$ , it follows that the excited states associated with loop-like excitations in the three-dimensional GT model analogously map to the excited states of the WW model, with loop-like excitations living on the same positions of the lattice. A similar argument also holds for charge excitations which occurs when  $A_v^{\rm GT}=0$ .

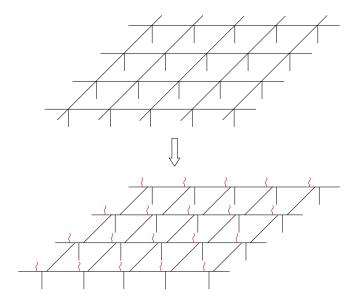


Figure 7: Upper: The original boundary lattice. Lower: The Fourier-transformed boundary lattice. Red wiggly lines are tails attached to original vertices, with degrees of freedom taking value in Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K}$ . The degrees of freedom on the black straight lines still take value in  $\Re ep(G)$ .

#### 5.3 Mapping the boundary

Recall that as aforementioned, the gapped boundary theory of the WW model has not been fully systematically constructed before, except for smooth boundaries and some special cases. Now that we have already mapped the bulk Hilbert space and Hamiltonian to the WW model via Fourier transform, the Fourier-transformed boundary of the three-dimensional GT model with input data G also offers a full systematic construction of the gapped boundary theory of the WW model with input data  $\Re ep(G)$ . The construction is understood as follows. The boundary lattice is shown in Figure 7. The boundary Hilbert space is the tensor product of the local Hilbert spaces on those edges and tails. The black edges are labeled by the objects of the UBFC  $\Re ep(G)$ , while the tails are labeled by elements in the Frobenius algebra  $A_{G,K} \in \Re ep(G)$ . The boundary Hilbert space can thus be expressed as

$$\overline{\mathcal{H}^{\text{WW}}} = \left( \bigotimes_{e \in \partial \tilde{\Gamma}} \operatorname{span}_{j_e \in \mathcal{R}ep(G)} \{ |j_e\rangle \} \right) \otimes \left( \bigotimes_{t \in \text{boundary tails}} \operatorname{span}_{j_t \in A_{G,K}} \{ |j_t\rangle \} \right). \tag{63}$$

The boundary Hamiltonian consists of respectively the sums of boundary vertex, plaquette, and edge operators:

$$\overline{H^{\text{WW}}} = -\sum_{v \in \partial \tilde{\Gamma}} \overline{A_v^{\text{WW}}} - \sum_{p \in \partial \tilde{\Gamma}} \overline{B_p^{\text{WW}}} - \sum_{e \in \partial \Gamma} \overline{C_e^{\text{WW}}}.$$
 (64)

The boundary vertex operator  $\overline{A_v^{\text{WW}}}$  is the identity operator if the labels of the three edges (or tails) around v obey the fusion rules; otherwise it is 0. The boundary plaquette operator  $\overline{B_p^{\text{WW}}}$  is given by (53). The boundary edge operator  $\overline{C_e^{\text{WW}}}$  acts on the local Hilbert space corresponds to edge e of the original cubic lattice, as shown in (46), with its matrix elements given by (50). Since these local operators are obtained from the boundary Hamiltonian of the three-dimensional GT model via Fourier transform, they commute with each other. Therefore, the total Hamiltonian of the WW model is still exactly solvable.

# A The Walker-Wang model

The Walker-Wang model is defined on a three-dimensional trivalent vertex  $\Gamma$ , which is deformed from a three-dimensional cubic lattice. At each six-valent vertex of the cubic lattice, the deformation is depicted in Figure 8.

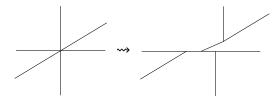


Figure 8: Deform a vertex in a three-dimensional cubic lattice to a trivalent lattice in the WW model.

The input data of the model is a UBFC, in which the string types will be labeled by Latin letters  $a,b,c,\dots\in L$ , are assigned to the edges of  $\Gamma$ . The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}^{\mathrm{WW}}$  of the model is spanned by all labels of the edges in the lattice  $\Gamma$ . The definition of UBFC also includes a set of symmetrized 6j-symbols  $G:L^6\to\mathbb{C}$  and a set of R-symbols  $R:L^3\to\mathbb{C}$ . The 6j-symbols give the following basis transformation:

$$a b c = \sum_{n} \mathbf{v}_{m} \mathbf{v}_{n} G_{dcn}^{bam} a b c$$

$$d \qquad (65)$$

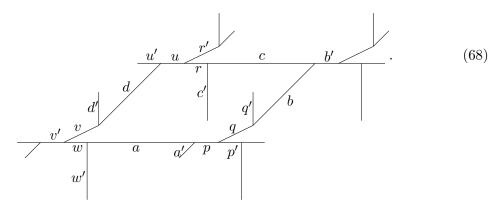
and the R-symbols encode the braidings:

$$\begin{array}{c}
a \\
b \\
c
\end{array} = R_c^{ab} a \\
c
\end{array} .$$
(66)

In the WW model, we also assume multiplicity-free in the fusion rules and self-duality of all labels, so edges in our lattices are not oriented. The Hamiltonian of the model is

$$H = -\sum_{v \in \Gamma} A_v^{WW} - \sum_{p \in \Gamma} B_p^{WW}, \tag{67}$$

where v ranges over all vertices in the trivalent lattice  $\Gamma$ , and p ranges over all plaquettes in  $\Gamma$  which correspond to the original squares of the cubic lattice. For  $|\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{WW}$ , we have  $A_v|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi\rangle$  if the three labels around vertex v obey the fusion rules; otherwise  $A_v|\Psi\rangle = 0$ . In order to derive the plaquette operator  $B_p^{WW}$ , we consider the following plaquette with the relevant labels:



Then, analogous to the LW model, we define  $B_p^{\rm WW} = \sum_s ({\tt d}_s/D^2) B_p^s$ , where  $D^2 = \sum_{s \in L} {\tt d}_s^2$ , and the action of  $B_p^s$  on the state (68) is to fuse a simple loop labeled by s with the edges around the plaquette, through the basis transformation (65), as shown in Figure 9(a). However, things get tricky when we encounter the vertex where q, q', and b meet. As shown in Figure 9(b), explicitly applying the basis transformation (65) results in a state where string s fuses with q', which is not what we want. Thus, we have to twist the vertex using (66) before applying (65), and twist the vertex back finally to recover the original lattice. The same procedure is also applied when dealing with the vertex where c, c', and r meet. Therefore, we get four extra R-symbols in the expression of the matrix elements of  $B_p^s$  comparing with the LW model.

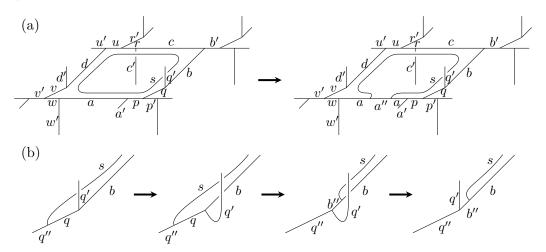


Figure 9: (a) Fusing the simple loop labeled by s with the edge labeled by a. (b) In order to fuse the string labeled by s with edge labeled by b, first we have to act a R-symbol at the vertex and then apply the basis transformation (65); otherwise the string s will fuse with edge labeled by q', which is not in the boundary of the plaquette.

Denote the state (68) as  $|\Psi_{abcdpqruvw}\rangle$ , then the explicit expression of the matrix ele-

ments of  $B_p^s$  is given by

$$\langle \Psi_{a''\cdots w''}|B_{p}^{s}|\Psi_{a\cdots w}\rangle$$

$$= v_{a}\cdots v_{w}[v'']R_{q}^{q'b}\overline{R_{c}^{c'r}}\overline{R_{q''}^{q'b''}}R_{c''}^{c'r''}$$

$$\times G_{sa''p''}^{a'pa}G_{sp''q''}^{p'qp}G_{sq''b''}^{q'bq}G_{sb''c''}^{b'cb}G_{sc''r''}^{c'rc}G_{sr''u''}^{r'ur}G_{su''d''}^{u'du}G_{sd''v''}^{d'vd}G_{sv''w''}^{v'wv}G_{sw''a''}^{w'aw}.$$
(69)

Note that in order to evaluate the above expression, here we use the following convention to remove the bubble:

$$\left| b \underbrace{c}_{a} \right\rangle = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{b} \mathbf{v}_{c}}{\mathbf{v}_{a}} \delta_{a'a} \left| a \right| \right\rangle. \tag{70}$$

which is different from our graphical presentation (24).

# B Some proofs

Here we prove that the rewritten rep-basis defined in (36) is orthonormal and complete.

$$\begin{split} &\langle \Psi'_{s'm'_s} | \Psi_{sm_s} \rangle = \sum_{jikgh \in G} \langle \Psi'_{s'm'_s} | jikgh \rangle \langle jikgh | \Psi_{sm_s} \rangle \\ &= \frac{v_\mu v_\nu v_\rho v_\eta v_\lambda v_\alpha v_\beta v_\gamma v_s[v']}{|G|^5} \sum_{jikgh \in G} \begin{pmatrix} m'_\nu \\ i \\ i'_\eta & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\rho & k) & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} & j'_{\gamma'} \\ n'_\mu & j'_{\gamma'} &$$

$$= \beta_{\alpha} v_{\beta} v_{\gamma} v_{s}[v'] \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{\nu'\nu} \delta_{\eta'\eta} \delta_{\lambda'\lambda} \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{\alpha'\alpha} \delta_{n'\mu n_{\mu}} \delta_{m'\nu m_{\nu}} \delta_{n'\eta n_{\eta}} \delta_{m'\lambda m_{\lambda}} \delta_{n'\rho n_{\rho}} \sum_{m,n} \begin{pmatrix} m_{s} & n \\ s & \gamma & \lambda \\ m & \nu & \eta & \beta \\ m' & \gamma & \lambda \\ m' & \gamma' & \lambda \\ s' & n \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(71)$$

where (24) is used, and the  $\beta_{\alpha}$  comes from  $v_{\alpha}v_{\alpha'}\delta_{\alpha'\alpha}/d_{\alpha}$ . Although the ends labeled by m and n in the graphical presentation in the last line of the above expression are summed, they cannot be connected explicitly. In order to evaluate the above graphical presentation, we use the following trick:

$$\sum_{n} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \lambda = \sum_{n} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \lambda^{*} \lambda^{*} = \sum_{n'} \frac{\beta}{n'^{*}} \lambda^{*} \lambda^{*}$$

$$= \sum_{n'} \frac{\beta}{n'} \lambda^{*} \lambda^{*} = \beta_{\lambda} \sum_{n'} \frac{\beta}{\beta'^{*}} \lambda^{*} \lambda^{*} = \beta_{\lambda} \sum_{n'} \frac{\beta}{\beta'^{*}} \lambda^{*} \lambda^{*}$$

$$(72)$$

where the normalization condition of duality map and (25) are used. Noting that

$$\frac{\eta}{\gamma} \frac{\beta'}{\lambda} \alpha = \frac{\eta}{\gamma'} \frac{\beta'}{\beta'^*} \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = \frac{\eta}{\gamma'} \frac{\beta'^*}{\lambda} \alpha,$$
(73)

we can simplify the graphical presentation in (71) as

Inserting the above expression into (71) yields

$$\langle \Psi'_{s'm'_{s}} | \Psi_{sm_{s}} \rangle = \beta_{\nu} \beta_{\lambda} \beta_{\alpha} \beta_{\beta} \beta_{\gamma} \beta_{s} \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{\nu'\nu} \delta_{\eta'\eta} \delta_{\lambda'\lambda} \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{\alpha'\alpha} \delta_{\beta'\beta} \delta_{\gamma'\gamma} \delta_{s's} \times \delta_{n'_{\mu}n_{\mu}} \delta_{m'_{\nu}m_{\nu}} \delta_{n'_{\eta}n_{\eta}} \delta_{m'_{\lambda}m_{\lambda}} \delta_{n'_{\rho}n_{\rho}} \delta_{m'_{s}m_{s}}.$$

$$(75)$$

Finally, using the fact that  $\beta_{\mu}\beta_{\nu}\beta_{\rho} = 1$  when  $C_{\mu\nu\rho} \neq 0$ , we have  $\beta_{\nu}\beta_{\lambda}\beta_{\alpha}\beta_{\beta}\beta_{\gamma}\beta_{s} = 1$ , and thus it is proved that the basis  $|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle$  is orthonormal.

The proof of completeness is as follows:

$$\sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} \cdots m_s} \langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle \langle \Psi_{sm_s}|j'i'k'g'h'\rangle$$

$$=\sum_{\mu\cdots s}\sum_{m_{\nu}\cdots m_{s}}\frac{d_{\mu}d_{\nu}d_{\rho}d_{\eta}d_{\lambda}d_{\alpha}d_{\beta}d_{\gamma}d_{s}}{|G|^{5}}\begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu} & m_{\nu} & m_{\mu} &$$

where  $\tilde{g}=g\bar{g}',\,\tilde{k}=k\bar{k}',\, {\rm and}\,\,\tilde{j}=j\bar{j}'.$  Then, note that

$$\frac{\alpha}{\widehat{k}} \stackrel{\mu}{\widehat{j}} = \frac{\alpha}{\widehat{k}} \stackrel{\mu^*}{\widehat{j}} \stackrel{\rho}{\widehat{j}} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{l_1 \in G} \stackrel{\alpha}{\underset{l_1 \in G}{\downarrow}} \stackrel{\rho^*}{\underset{l_1 \in G}{\downarrow}} \stackrel{\mu^*}{\underset{\mu}{\downarrow}},$$
(77)

where (23) is used. Using the similar method, we can simplify (76) as

$$\sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} \cdots m_{s}} \langle jikgh | \Psi_{sm_{s}} \rangle \langle \Psi_{sm_{s}} | j'i'k'g'h' \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} m_{\lambda} m_{s}} \frac{d_{\mu} d_{\nu} d_{\rho} d_{\eta} d_{\lambda} d_{\alpha} d_{\beta} d_{\gamma} d_{s}}{|G|^{5}} \sum_{l_{1} l_{2} l_{3} l_{4} \in G} \frac{1}{|G|^{4}}$$

$$\times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu} \\ m_{s} \end{pmatrix}}_{m_{s}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\nu} \end{pmatrix}}_{\eta} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}}_{\eta} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}}_{\eta} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}}_{\eta} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} m_{\lambda} \\ m_{\lambda$$

Let us consider the first term in the graphical representation above, which reads

$$\sum_{m_{\nu},k,l} D^{\nu}_{m_{\nu}k}(i) D^{\nu}_{kl}(l_4) D^{\nu}_{lm_{\nu}}(\bar{i}') = \operatorname{Tr} D^{\nu}(il_4\bar{i}') \equiv \operatorname{Tr}_{\nu}(\tilde{i}'l_4), \tag{79}$$

where  $\tilde{i}' = \bar{i}'i$ . Recalling that

$$\delta_{l,e} = \sum_{\mu \in L_G} \frac{1}{|G|} d_{\mu} \operatorname{Tr} D^{\mu}(l), \tag{80}$$

we find that the term (79) gives a factor of  $\delta_{\tilde{i}'l_4,e}$ . Similarly, the second term of (78) gives  $\delta_{l_4,e}$  and the sixth term gives  $\delta_{\tilde{h}'l_2,e}$  with  $\tilde{h}'=\bar{h}'h$ . The third term of (78) reads

$$\sum_{mnkl} D_{mn}^{\gamma^*}(l_4) (\Omega^{\gamma})_{mk}^{-1} D_{kl}^{\gamma}(l_3) \Omega_{nl}^{\gamma^*} = \sum_{mnkl} \beta_{\gamma} (\Omega^{\gamma^*})_{km}^{-1} D_{mn}^{\gamma^*}(l_4) \Omega_{nl}^{\gamma^*} D_{kl}^{\gamma}(l_3)$$
(81)

$$= \sum_{kl} \beta_{\gamma} [D_{kl}^{\gamma}(l_4)]^* D_{kl}^{\gamma}(l_3) = \beta_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}_{\gamma}(\bar{l}_4 l_3), \tag{82}$$

where (10), the unitarity of  $\Omega^{\mu}$ , and the definition of  $\beta_{\mu}$ ,  $(\Omega^{\mu^*})^{\mathrm{T}} = \beta_{\mu}\Omega^{\mu}$  are used. Therefore, the third term gives  $\beta_{\gamma}\delta_{\bar{l}_{d}l_{3},e}$  in (78). (78) thus can be further simplified as

$$\sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} \cdots m_{s}} \langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle \langle \Psi_{sm_{s}}|j'i'k'g'h'\rangle 
= \sum_{l_{1}l_{2}l_{3}l_{4} \in G} \beta_{\alpha}\beta_{\beta}\beta_{\gamma}\beta_{\mu}\beta_{\rho}\beta_{\eta} \times \delta_{\tilde{l}'l_{4},e}\delta_{l_{4},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{4}l_{3},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{3}\tilde{g},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{3}l_{2},e}\delta_{\tilde{l}_{1}l_{2},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{2}l_{1},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{1}\tilde{k},e}\delta_{\bar{l}_{1}\tilde{j},e}.$$
(83)

Noting that  $\beta_{\alpha}\beta_{\rho}\beta_{\mu}=1$  and  $\beta_{\beta}\beta_{\gamma}\beta_{\eta}=1$ , we finally get

$$\sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} \cdots m_{s}} \langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle \langle \Psi_{sm_{s}}|j'i'k'g'h'\rangle = \delta_{\bar{i}'i,e}\delta_{g\bar{g}',e}\delta_{\bar{h}'h,e}\delta_{k\bar{k}',e}\delta_{j\bar{j}',e} = \langle jikgh|j'i'k'g'h'\rangle,$$
(84)

which implies that

$$\sum_{\mu \cdots s} \sum_{m_{\nu} \cdots m_s} |\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle \langle \Psi_{sm_s}| = 1, \tag{85}$$

i.e., the basis  $|\Psi_{sm_s}\rangle$  is complete.

We then prove that the rewritten rep-basis with braided edges defined by (38) and (39) is orthonormal and complete. We define

$$|\mu\nu\rangle := \left| m_{\overline{\mu}} \stackrel{m_{\nu}}{\downarrow} n_{\mu} \right\rangle, \quad |gh\rangle := \left| \stackrel{h}{\overline{\phantom{a}}} \stackrel{h}{\downarrow} \right\rangle.$$
 (86)

Thus

$$= \sum_{\rho,\rho'} d_{\rho'} \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{\nu'\nu} \delta_{m_{\mu'}m_{\mu}} \delta_{m_{\nu'}m_{\nu}}$$

$$= \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{\nu'\nu} \delta_{m_{\mu'}m_{\mu}} \delta_{m_{\nu'}m_{\nu}} \delta_{n_{\mu'}n_{\mu}} \delta_{n_{\nu'}n_{\nu}},$$

$$= \delta_{\rho'\rho} \delta_{\mu'\mu} \delta_{\nu'\nu} \delta_{m_{\mu'}m_{\mu}} \delta_{m_{\nu'}m_{\nu}} \delta_{n_{\mu'}n_{\mu}} \delta_{n_{\nu'}n_{\nu}},$$

$$(87)$$

which proves the orthonormality.

To prove the completeness, we need to compute

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}n_{\nu}n_{\nu}} \langle gh|\mu\nu\rangle\langle\mu\nu|g'h'\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}n_{\nu}n_{\mu}} \frac{d_{\mu}d_{\rho}}{|G|^{2}} \sum_{\rho,\rho'} \mathbf{d}_{\rho}\mathbf{d}_{\rho'} \\ &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}n_{\nu}n_{\mu}} \frac{d_{\mu}d_{\rho}}{|G|^{2}} \sum_{\rho,\rho'} \mathbf{d}_{\rho}\mathbf{d}_{\rho'} \overline{R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}} R_{\rho'}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}} \frac{d_{\mu}d_{\rho}}{|G|^{2}} \sum_{\rho,\rho'} \mathbf{d}_{\rho}\mathbf{d}_{\rho'} \overline{R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}} R_{\rho'}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}} \frac{d_{\mu}d_{\rho}}{|G|^{2}} \sum_{\rho,\rho'} \mathbf{d}_{\rho}\mathbf{d}_{\rho'} \overline{R_{\rho}^{\mu\nu}} R_{\rho'}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}} \frac{d_{\mu}d_{\rho}}{|G|^{2}} D_{m_{\mu}m_{\mu}}^{\mu}(g\bar{g}') D_{m_{\nu}m_{\nu}}^{\nu}(h\bar{h}') \\ &= \delta_{g\bar{g}',e} \delta_{h\bar{h}',e} = \delta_{gg'} \delta_{hh'} = \langle gh|g'h'\rangle. \end{split}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{\mu,\nu} \sum_{m_{\mu}m_{\nu}n_{\mu}n_{\nu}} |\mu\nu\rangle\langle\mu\nu| = 1, \tag{88}$$

i.e., the basis  $|\mu\nu\rangle$  is complete.

Details of the action of the operators  $\tilde{A}_v^{\text{GT}}$  are as follows.

$$\begin{split} &\tilde{A}_{v}^{\text{GT}}|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle\\ &=\sum_{\substack{\mu'\cdots s'\\n'_{\mu}\cdots m'_{s}}}\sum_{jikgh\in G}\frac{1}{|K|}\sum_{x\in K}\left(\langle\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}|xj,i\bar{x},xk,xg,h\bar{x}\rangle\langle jikgh|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle\right)|\Psi'_{s'm_{s'}}\rangle\\ &=\sum_{\substack{\mu'\cdots s'\\n'_{\mu}\cdots m'_{s}}}\sum_{jikgh\in G}\frac{1}{|K|}\sum_{x\in K}\frac{v_{\mu}v_{\nu}v_{\rho}v_{\eta}v_{\lambda}v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}v_{\gamma}v_{s}[v']}{|G|^{5}} \end{split}$$

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} m'_{\nu} & m'_{\nu} & m'_{\nu} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ n'_{\eta} & 0 & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' \\ n'_{\rho} & 0 & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' \\ n'_{\rho} & 0 & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' \\ n'_{\rho} & 0 & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' \\ \vdots & \cdots & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' & \gamma' \\ n'_{\mu} & 0 & \gamma' \\ n'_{$$

In the third equality the fact that 3j-symbols are intertwiners is used. Applying the great orthogonality theorem and the trick introduced in (72), we have

$$\overline{\tilde{A}_{v}^{\text{GT}}}|\Psi_{sm_{s}}\rangle = \sum_{\substack{\mu'\cdots s'\\n'_{\mu}\cdots m'_{s}}} \delta_{\mu'\mu}\cdots\delta_{\lambda'\lambda}\delta_{n'_{\mu}n_{\mu}}\cdots\delta_{m'_{\nu}m_{\nu}} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x\in K} \beta_{\lambda}\beta_{\nu} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c}m_{s}\\\nu^{*} & \eta & \rho\\s' & \gamma' & \beta'\end{array}}_{s'} |\Psi'_{s'm'_{s}}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{m'_s} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x \in K} \beta_{\lambda} \beta_{\nu} \beta_{\alpha} \beta_{\beta} \beta_{\gamma} \beta_s D^s_{m_s m'_s}(\bar{x}) |\Psi_{s m'_s}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{m'_s} \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{x \in K} D^s_{m_s m'_s}(x) |\Psi_{s m'_s}\rangle. \tag{89}$$

Details of the action of the operators  $\overline{\tilde{C}_e^{\mathrm{GT}}}$  are as follows. Recall that

$$\langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\pi'\phi'\lambda'} | \overline{\tilde{C}_{e}^{GT}} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle$$

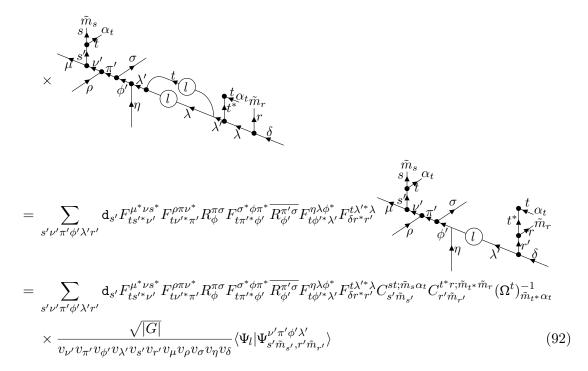
$$= \sum_{g\cdots w\in G} \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} d_{t} D_{\alpha_{t}\alpha_{t}}^{t}(l) \langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'} | \Psi_{l} \rangle \langle \Psi_{l} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{a},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle. \tag{90}$$

Similar to the calculation in section 5, we can firstly evaluate  $D_{\alpha_t \alpha_t}^t(l) \langle \Psi_l | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_a,r\tilde{m}_r}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda} \rangle$ , which reads

$$D_{\alpha_{t}\alpha_{t}}^{t}(l)\langle\Psi_{l}|\Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi\phi\lambda}\rangle = \frac{v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}v_{\mu}v_{\rho}v_{\sigma}v_{\eta}v_{\delta}}{\sqrt{|G|}} \times \frac{\tilde{m}_{s}\alpha_{t}}{\sqrt{|G|}} \times \frac{v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}v_{\mu}v_{\rho}v_{\sigma}v_{\eta}v_{\delta}}{\sqrt{|G|}} , \qquad (91)$$

where some edges and Latin indices irrelevant to the calculation are omitted. Note that the braiding between the lines t and  $\sigma$  is unavoidable if we want to evaluate the expression correctly. Then we can use the convention (60) and apply F-moves to the graph in the equation above and obtain

$$\begin{split} & \tilde{m}_s \alpha_t \\ & \tilde{m}_s \alpha_t \\ & = \sum_{s'\nu'\pi'} \mathbf{d}_{s'} F_{ts'*\nu'}^{\mu^*\nu s^*} F_{t\nu'^*\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^*} R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} F_{t\pi'^*\phi'}^{\pi^*} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} F_{t\phi'^*\lambda'}^{\eta\lambda\phi^*} \mathbf{d}_{\lambda'} \end{split}$$



Substituting the result above back to (90) and using the completeness and orthonormality of our basis, we get

$$\langle \Psi_{s'\tilde{m}'_{s},r'\tilde{m}'_{r}}^{\nu'\lambda'} | \tilde{C}_{e}^{GT} | \Psi_{s\tilde{m}_{s},r\tilde{m}_{r}}^{\nu\pi} \rangle 
= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} d_{t}v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v']^{-1} d_{s'}d_{\nu'}d_{\pi'}d_{\phi'}d_{\lambda'}d_{r'} 
\times R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} G_{ts'*\nu'}^{\mu^{*}\nus^{*}} G_{t\nu'*\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\pi'*\phi'}^{\sigma^{*}\phi\pi^{*}} G_{t\phi'*\lambda'}^{\eta\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{\delta r^{*}r'}^{t\lambda'*\lambda} 
\times (C_{sts'*;\tilde{m}_{s}\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{s'*}})^{*} (\Omega^{s'})_{\tilde{m}_{s'*}\tilde{m}_{s'}}^{-1} (C_{t^{*}rr'^{*};\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}\tilde{m}_{r}\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}})^{*} (\Omega^{t})_{\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}\alpha_{t}}^{-1} (\Omega^{r'})_{\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}\tilde{m}_{r'}}^{-1} 
= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t})\in L_{A}} \frac{|K|}{|G|} d_{t}v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v']^{-1} d_{s'}d_{\nu'}d_{\pi'}d_{\phi'}d_{\lambda'}d_{r'} 
\times R_{\phi}^{\pi\sigma} \overline{R_{\phi'}^{\pi'\sigma}} G_{ts'^{*}\nu'}^{\mu^{*}\nus^{*}} G_{t\nu'^{*}\pi'}^{\rho\pi\nu^{*}} G_{t\pi'^{*}\phi'}^{\sigma\lambda\phi^{*}} G_{t\phi'^{*}\lambda'}^{t\lambda'^{*}\lambda} 
\times (C_{s'^{*}st;\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}}\tilde{m}_{s}\alpha_{t}})^{*} (\Omega^{s'^{*}})_{\tilde{m}_{s'}\tilde{m}_{s'^{*}}}^{-1} (C_{r'^{*}t^{*}r;\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}\tilde{m}_{r}})^{*} (\Omega^{t^{*}})_{\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{t^{*}}}^{-1} (\Omega^{r'^{*}})_{\tilde{m}_{r}/\tilde{m}_{r'^{*}}}^{-1} . \tag{93}$$

Finally, let us check:

$$v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v']^{-1}\mathbf{d}_{s'}\mathbf{d}_{\nu'}\mathbf{d}_{\pi'}\mathbf{d}_{\phi'}\mathbf{d}_{\lambda'}\mathbf{d}_{r'} = v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v']\beta_{\nu'}\beta_{\pi'}\beta_{\phi'}\beta_{\lambda'}\beta_{r'}\beta_{s'}. \tag{94}$$

Keeping mind mind that

$$\beta_{\mu} = \beta_{s}\beta_{\nu} = \beta_{s'}\beta_{\nu'} = \sqrt{\beta_{s}\beta_{\nu}\beta_{s'}\beta_{\nu'}},$$

$$\beta_{\delta} = \beta_{\lambda}\beta_{r} = \beta_{\lambda'}\beta_{r'} = \sqrt{\beta_{\lambda}\beta_{r}\beta_{\lambda'}\beta_{r'}},$$

$$\beta_{\sigma} = \beta_{\pi}\beta_{\phi} = \beta_{\pi'}\beta_{\phi'} = \sqrt{\beta_{\pi}\beta_{\phi}\beta_{\pi'}\beta_{\phi'}},$$

$$(95)$$

we have

$$v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v']\beta_{\nu'}\beta_{\pi'}\beta_{\phi'}\beta_{\lambda'}\beta_{r'}\beta_{s'} = v_{\nu}v_{\pi}v_{\phi}v_{\lambda}v_{s}v_{r}[v'], \tag{96}$$

which completes our proof of (49).

The proof of (48) is as follows: multiplying the both sides of (48) by  $D^t_{\tilde{m}_t\tilde{m}'_t}(\bar{l})$  and then summing over  $l \in G$  will give

$$\frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{l \in G} \delta_{l \in K} D_{\tilde{m}_{t}\tilde{m}'_{t}}^{t}(\bar{l}) = \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t}) \in L_{A}} \frac{d_{t}}{|G|} \sum_{l \in G} D_{\alpha_{t}\alpha_{t}}^{t}(l) D_{\tilde{m}_{t}\tilde{m}'_{t}}^{t}(\bar{l})$$

$$= \sum_{(t,\alpha_{t}) \in L_{A}} \delta_{\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}_{t}} \delta_{\alpha_{t}\tilde{m}'_{t}} \equiv \delta_{(t,\tilde{m}_{t}) \in L_{A}} \delta_{\tilde{m}_{t}\tilde{m}'_{t}}.$$

Recalling the definition of  $L_A$ , we find that the LHS of the equation above is

$$\frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{l \in G} \delta_{l \in K} D^t_{\tilde{m}_t \tilde{m}_t'}(\bar{l}) = \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{l \in K} D^t_{\tilde{m}_t \tilde{m}_t'}(l) = \delta_{(t, \tilde{m}_t) \in L_A} \delta_{\tilde{m}_t \tilde{m}_t'} = \text{RHS}.$$

Thus (48) is proved. Requiring  $K = \{e\}$  in (48) gives (80).

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