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# Near-group fusion categories and their doubles

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## Abstract

A near-group fusion category is a fusion category  $\mathcal{C}$  where all but 1 simple objects are invertible. Examples of these include the Tambara-Yamagami categories and the even sectors of the  $D_5^{(1)}$  and  $E_6$  subfactors, though there are infinitely many others. We classify the near-group fusion categories, and compute their doubles and the modular data relevant to conformal field theory. Among other things, we explicitly construct over 40 new finite depth subfactors, with Jones index ranging from around 6.85 to around 14.93. We expect all of these doubles to be realised by rational conformal field theories.

**keywords:** near-group fusion category; subfactors; tube algebra; modular data

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# 1 Introduction

Considerable effort in recent years has been directed at the classification of subfactors of small index. Subfactors of index  $\leq 5$  are now all known (see e.g. [25]). The classification for index  $\leq 4$  was established some time ago. The Haagerup subfactor [15] with Jones index  $(5 + \sqrt{13})/2 \approx 4.30278$ , the Asaeda-Haagerup subfactor [1] with index  $(5 + \sqrt{17})/2 \approx 4.56155$ , and the extended Haagerup subfactor [2] with index  $\approx 4.37720$ , arose in Haagerup's classification [15] of irreducible finite depth subfactors of index between 4 and  $3 + \sqrt{3} \approx 4.73205$ . A Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones subfactor [13], coming from the even sectors of the subfactor corresponding to the  $A_{1,10} \subset C_{2,1}$  conformal embedding, has index  $3 + \sqrt{3}$ . Then comes the Izumi-Xu subfactor 2221 [21] with index  $(5 + \sqrt{21})/2 \approx 4.79$  and principal graph in Figure 1, coming from the  $G_{2,3} \subset E_{6,1}$  conformal embedding.

The punchline is that, at least for small index, there are unexpectedly few subfactors. Does this continue with higher index? Are the aforementioned subfactors exotic, or can we put them into sequences? In [21], Izumi realised the Haagerup and Izumi-Xu subfactors using endomorphisms in Cuntz algebras, and suggested that his construction may generalise. More precisely, to any abelian group  $G$  of odd order, Izumi wrote down a nonlinear system of equations; any solution to them corresponds to a subfactor of index  $(|G| + 2 + \sqrt{|G|^2 + 4})/2$ . He showed the Haagerup subfactor corresponds to  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$ , and that there also is a solution for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_5$ . In [12] we found solutions for the next several  $G$ , explained that the number of these depends on the prime decomposition of  $|G|^2 + 4$ , and argued that the Haagerup subfactor belongs to an infinite sequence of subfactors and so should not be regarded as exotic.

Izumi in [21] also associated a second nonlinear system of equations to each finite abelian group; to any solution of this system he constructs a subfactor of index  $(|G| + 2 + \sqrt{|G|^2 + 4|G|})/2$  and with principal graph  $2^{|G|}1$ , i.e. a star with one edge of length 1 and  $|G|$  edges of length 2 radiating from the central vertex (Figure 1 is an example). Izumi then found solutions for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  ( $n \leq 5$ ) and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .  $G = \mathbb{Z}_1$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  correspond to the index  $< 4$  subfactors  $A_4$  and  $E_6$ , respectively; his solution for  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  provides his construction for Izumi-Xu. An alternate construction of 2221, involving the conformal embedding  $G_{2,3} \subset E_{6,1}$ , is due to Feng Xu as described in the appendix to [5] (see also [16]). As we touch on later in the paper, there may be

a relation between the series containing the Haagerup subfactor, and that containing the Izumi-Xu subfactor.

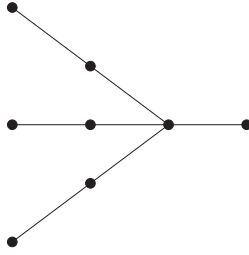


Figure 1. The  $2^3 1$  principal graph

One of our tasks in this paper is to construct several more solutions to Izumi's second family of equations, strongly suggesting that this family also contains infinitely many subfactors. But more important, in this paper we study a broad class of systems of endomorphisms, the *near-group fusion categories*, including the Izumi-Xu series as a special case. We obtain a system of equations, generalising those of Izumi, providing necessary and sufficient conditions for their existence. We identify the complete list of solutions to the first several of these systems, which permits us the construction of over 40 new finite-depth subfactors of index  $< 15$ ,

A *fusion category*  $\mathcal{C}$  [11] is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear semisimple rigid monoidal category with finitely many simple objects and finite-dimensional spaces of morphisms, such that the endomorphism algebra of the neutral object is  $\mathbb{C}$ . The Grothendieck ring of a fusion category is called a fusion ring. Perhaps the simplest examples are associated to a finite group  $G$ : the objects are  $G$ -graded vector spaces  $\bigoplus_g V_g$ , with monoidal product  $V_g \otimes V'_h = (V \otimes V')_{gh}$ . Its fusion ring is the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}G$ . We call such examples *group categories*. The category  $\text{Mod}(G)$  of finite-dimensional  $G$ -modules is also a fusion category.

We're actually interested in certain concrete realisations of fusion categories, which we call *fusion  $C^*$ -categories*: the objects are endomorphisms (or rather *sectors*, i.e. equivalence classes of endomorphisms under the adjoint action of unitaries) on some infinite factor  $M$ , the spaces  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \sigma)$  of morphisms are intertwiners, and the product is composition. Two fusion  $C^*$ -categories are equivalent iff they are equivalent as fusion categories — all that matters for us is that the factor  $M$  exists, not which one it is. Every finite-depth subfactor  $N \subset M$  gives rise to two of these, one corresponding to the principal, or  $N$ - $N$ , sectors and the other to the dual principal, or  $M$ - $M$ , ones. For example, given an outer action  $\alpha$  of a finite group  $G$  on an infinite factor  $N$ , we get a subfactor  $N \subset N \rtimes G = M$  coming from the crossed product construction: the  $N$ - $N$  system realises the group category for  $G$ , while the  $M$ - $M$  system realises  $\text{Mod}(G)$ .

Not all fusion categories can be realised as fusion  $C^*$ -categories (e.g. the modular tensor categories associated to the so-called nonunitary Virasoro minimal models are not fusion  $C^*$ -categories). Restricting to  $C^*$ -categories is very convenient as it allows us to avoid considering unpleasanties like  $6j$ -symbols. It also doesn't seem to lose much generality: we know of only one near-group category which lacks a  $C^*$ -category

realisation (namely, the Yang-Lee model). Incidentally, it is possible to realise e.g. the Yang-Lee model using nonunitary and (non\*)-algebras of operators.

Perhaps the simplest nontrivial example of the extension of a fusion category is when the category  $\mathcal{C}$  has precisely 1 more simple object than the subcategory  $\mathcal{C}_0$ , and the latter corresponds to a finite abelian group. More precisely, simple objects  $[g]$  in  $\mathcal{C}_0$  correspond to group elements  $g \in G$ , with tensor product  $[g][h] = [gh]$  corresponding to group multiplication. The simple objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  consist of the  $[g]$ , together with some object we'll denote  $[\rho]$ . Then  $[\rho]$  must be self-conjugate,  $[g][\rho] = [\rho] = [\rho][g]$ , and  $[\rho]^2 = n'[\rho] + \sum_{g \in G} [g]$  (the multiplicities  $n'_g$  in the second term must be independent of  $g$  because of equivariance  $[g][\rho] = [\rho]$ ; because  $[\rho]$  is its own conjugate, the multiplicity of  $[1]$  must be 1).

We call these *near-group categories of type  $G + n'$* . In this paper we restrict to abelian  $G$ , and we reserve  $n$  always for the order of  $G$ . Examples of these have been studied in the literature:

- the Ising model and the module category of the dihedral group  $D_4$ , which are of type  $\mathbb{Z}_2 + 0$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 + 0$ , respectively;
- more generally, the Tambara-Yamagami systems are by definition those of type  $G + 0$ ;
- the  $A_4, E_6$  and Izumi-Xu subfactors are of type  $G + n$  for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_1, \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3$  respectively;
- more generally, Izumi's second hypothetical family would be of type  $G + n$ ;
- the  $D_5^{(1)}$  subfactor and the module category of groups  $S_3$  and  $A_4$  are of type  $\mathbb{Z}_2 + 1, \mathbb{Z}_2 + 1$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_3 + 2$ , respectively;
- more generally, the representation category of the affine group  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathbb{F}_q \rtimes \mathbb{F}_q^\times$  of a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is of type  $\mathbb{Z}_{q-1} + (q - 2)$ .

More precisely,  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is the group of all affine maps  $x \mapsto ax + b$  where  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$  and  $b \in \mathbb{F}_q$ . It has precisely  $q = p^k$  conjugacy classes, with representatives  $(a, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . It has precisely  $q - 1$  1-dimensional representations, corresponding to the characters of  $\mathbb{F}_q^\times$ . The remaining irrep is thus of dimension  $\sqrt{q(q-1)} - q - 1 = q - 1$ , and is the nontrivial summand of the natural permutation representation of  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  on  $\mathbb{F}_q$  given by the affine maps:  $(a, b).x = ax + b$ .

In this paper we classify the near-group C\*-categories  $G + n'$ , in the sense that we obtain polynomial equations in finitely many variables, whose solutions correspond bijectively to equivalence classes of the near-group C\*-categories. Given any near-group C\*-category  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $n' > 0$ , we identify a natural subfactor  $\rho(M) \subset M$  whose even systems are both identified with  $\mathcal{C}$ . We also work out the principal graph of the closely related subfactor  $\rho(M) \subset M^G$ . By contrast, we can realise some but not all  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $n' = 0$ , as the even sectors of a subfactor.

There is a fundamental dichotomy here:  $n'$  either equals  $n - 1$ , or is a multiple of  $n$ , where as always  $n = |G|$ . When  $n' < n$ , we have a complete classification:

**Fact.** *Let  $G$  be any abelian group of order  $n$ .*

**(a)** *There are precisely two  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + 0$ .*

**(b)** *When  $n'$  is not a multiple of  $n = |G|$ , the only  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n'$  are  $\text{Mod}(\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_{n+1}))$ , except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$  which have  $1, 2, 1, 1$  additional  $C^*$ -categories. In all cases here,  $n + 1$  is a prime power,  $n' = n - 1$ , and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ .*

This is our Corollary 4 and Proposition 5 respectively, proven below. Type  $G + 0$  and type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n - 1$  fusion categories were classified by Tambara-Yamagami [32] and Etingof-Gelaki-Ostrik [10], respectively; we find that for these types, all fusion categories can be realised as  $C^*$ -categories. Our proof of (a) is independent of and much simpler than [32].

**Conjecture 1.** *For every nontrivial cyclic group  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , there are at least 2 inequivalent subfactors with principal graph  $2^n 1$  whose principal even sectors satisfy the near-group fusions of type  $G + n$ .*

We have verified this for  $n \leq 13$ . For those  $n$ , the complete classification is given in Table 2 below. In the process, we construct dozens of new finite depth subfactors of small index with principal even sectors of near-group type. This classification for  $n = 3$  yields a uniqueness proof (up to complex conjugation) for the principal even sectors of the Izumi-Xu 2221 subfactor; this can be compared to Han's uniqueness proof [16] of the 2221 subfactor. Again, our proof is independent of and both considerably shorter and simpler than the original one. We do not yet feel confident speculating on systems with  $n' > n$ ; the corresponding subfactors would have principal graph as in Figure 3 below.

Two morals can be drawn from this paper together with our previous one [12]. One is that there is surely a plethora of undiscovered finite-depth subfactors, of relatively small index. This is in marked contrast to the observations of e.g. [26], who speak of the 'little desert' in the interval  $5 < [M : N] < 3 + \sqrt{5}$ . The situation here is probably very analogous to the classification of finite groups, which also is very tame for small orders. The second moral is that, when the fusions are close to that of a group, a very promising approach to the classification and construction of corresponding systems of endomorphisms, equivalently  $C^*$ -categories, or the corresponding subfactors, is the Cuntz algebra method developed in e.g. [21] and championed here. This approach also makes the computation of the tube algebra and corresponding modular data etc (to be discussed shortly) completely accessible. In contrast, the technique of planar algebras is more robust, able to handle subfactors unrelated to groups, such as Asaeda-Haagerup and the extended Haagerup. But planar algebra techniques applied to e.g. the Haagerup fail to see that it (surely) lies in an infinite family. In a few minutes the interested computer can construct several more subfactors of the type described in Conjecture 1, using the Cuntz algebra method here, each of which would be a serious challenge for the planar algebra method.

The underlying presence of groups here begs the question of  $K$ -theory realisations of these fusion rings. For example, the fusion ring of the near-group  $C^*$ -categories when  $n' = n - 1$  can be expressed as  $K_0^{\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)}(1)$ . Is there a  $K$ -theoretic expression in the other class, i.e. when  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ ?

An important class of fusion categories are the *modular tensor categories* [34], which are among other things braided and carry a representation (called *modular data*) of the modular group  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of dimension equal to the rank of the category, from which e.g. the fusion coefficients can be computed. These arise from braided systems of endomorphisms on an infinite factor, from representations of completely rational conformal nets, or from the modules of a rational vertex operator algebra. Few near-group categories are modular, or even braided [33].

There is a standard construction, called the *quantum* or *Drinfeld double*, to go from fusion categories (with mild additional properties) to modular tensor categories [27]. We construct the doubles of our  $C^*$ -categories, following the tube algebra approach [20], and in particular explicitly compute its modular data. As with the Haagerup series, our formulae are unexpectedly simple. This simplicity also challenges the perceived exoticness of these subfactors. Work on the Witt group ([7] etc) is beginning to suggest that all exoticness in the list of modular tensor categories arises solely through the doubles of exotic fusion categories; we're finding (somewhat to our disappointment) that there isn't much exoticness there either.

A natural question is, are these modular tensor categories realised by conformal nets of factors, or by rational vertex operator algebras (VOAs)? Ostrik (see Appendix A in [5]) shows that the double of Izumi-Xu 2221 has a VOA interpretation, in fact it is the affine algebra VOA corresponding to  $G_{2,3} \oplus A_{2,1}$ . No construction is known for the large  $G$ . Curiously, this VOA conformally embeds into that of  $E_{6,1} \oplus A_{2,1}$  (which realises the fusions of the double of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ), and this was where [12] suggests to look for the VOA associated to the double of the Haagerup. Could there be a relation between Izumi-Xu 2221 and the Haagerup? Other reasons suggest a relationship between  $2^9 1$  and the Haagerup. We discuss this latter possibility briefly in Subsections 3.5 and 4.4.

More generally we could consider quadratic extensions of a group category. More precisely, let  $G$  be a finite group (not necessarily abelian) and suppose  $[\rho]^* = [\rho][g_\rho]$  for some  $g_\rho \in G$ . Let  $N$  be any subgroup of  $G$ : we require  $[g][\rho] = [\rho]$  iff  $g \in N$ . Then  $[\rho][g] = [\rho]$  iff  $g \in g_\rho N g_\rho^{-1} =: N'$ . The simple objects in this category are  $[g]$  for  $g \in G$  as well as  $[g_i][\rho]$  for representatives  $g_i$  of cosets  $G/N$ . Let  $\phi$  be any isomorphism  $G/N \rightarrow G/N'$ ; we require  $[g][\rho] = [\rho][g']$  iff  $g' \in \phi(gN)$ . Then  $[\rho]^2 = \sum_{g \in N} [g] + \sum_i n'_i [g_i][\rho]$ . We require  $\phi$  to satisfy  $g_\rho^{-1} \phi(\phi(g)) g_\rho = g$  for all  $g \in G$ . This large class of examples should be accessible to a similar treatment. The near-group categories correspond to the choice  $N = G$  and  $g_\rho = 1$ ; the Haagerup-Izumi series [21, 12] corresponds to  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{2n+1}$ ,  $N = 1$ ,  $\phi(g) = -g$ ,  $n'_i = 1$ ; in particular, the Haagerup subfactor at index  $(5 + \sqrt{13})/2$  corresponds to  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$ . It would be very interesting to extend the analysis in this paper to this larger class. (An alternate generalisation of the Tambara-Yamagami categories is considered in [8].)

Here is a summary of our main results. Theorem 1 associates numerical invariants to a near-group  $C^*$ -category, which according to Corollary 1 completely characterise the category. Corollary 2 (and the end of Subsection 2.2) associate to each  $C^*$ -category two subfactors and work out their principal graphs. Theorem 2 establishes the fundamental dichotomy of near-group  $C^*$ -categories: either  $n' = n - 1$  or  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ . When  $n' = n - 1$ , Theorem 3 lists the identities necessarily obeyed by the numerical invariants and shows they are also sufficient. Theorem 4 does the same when  $n|n'$ . In Proposition 5 we find all near-group  $C^*$ -categories with  $n' = n - 1$ ; we see that almost all of these are known. In Table 2 we list the first several with  $n' = n$ , and find that almost none of these are known. In Theorem 5 and Corollary 6 we work out the tube algebra and modular data for any near-group  $C^*$ -category with  $n' = n - 1$ . [21] had found a very complicated expression for the modular data when  $n' = n$ ; we notice in Subsection 4.4 that it collapses to cosines.

*Note added in proof.* After completing this manuscript, we received in July 2012 [23] from Masaki Izumi, which overlaps somewhat the contents of our paper. In particular, he also obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for the Cuntz algebra construction to realise a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$ . On the one hand, unlike us, he does not require  $G$  to be abelian, and he allows the possibilities of an  $H^2$ -twist. On the other hand, unlike us, he does not address principal graphs of associated subfactors, nor the tube algebra, nor the modular data (simplified or otherwise) for the doubles, and he does not construct new solutions of the resulting equations and hence does not construct new subfactors.

## 2 The near-group systems

### 2.1 The numerical invariants

Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group (written additively) with order  $n = |G|$ , and as usual write  $\widehat{G}$  for its irreps. Let  $M$  be an infinite factor,  $\rho$  a self-conjugate irreducible endomorphism on  $M$  with finite statistical dimension  $d_\rho < \infty$ , and  $\alpha$  an outer action of  $G$  on  $M$ . Suppose the following fusion rules hold:

$$[\alpha_g \rho] = [\rho] = [\rho \alpha_g], \quad (2.1)$$

$$[\rho^2] = \bigoplus_g [\alpha_g] \oplus n'[\rho], \quad (2.2)$$

for some  $n' \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then the  $d_\rho$  satisfies  $d_\rho^2 = n'd_\rho + n$  so

$$d_\rho = \frac{n' + \sqrt{n'^2 + 4n}}{2} =: \delta. \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}(G, \alpha, \rho)$  denote the fusion  $C^*$ -category generated by  $\alpha, \rho$ . We call these,  *$C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n'$* .



**Definition 1.** By a pairing  $\langle g, h \rangle$  on  $G$  we mean a complex-valued function on  $G \times G$  such that for all fixed  $g \in G$ , both  $\langle g, * \rangle, \langle *, g \rangle \in \widehat{G}$ . By a symmetric pairing we mean a pairing satisfying  $\langle g, h \rangle = \langle h, g \rangle$ . By a nondegenerate pairing we mean a pairing for which the characters  $\langle g, * \rangle$  are distinct for all  $g$ .

Note that a nondegenerate pairing is equivalent to a choice of group isomorphism  $G \rightarrow \widehat{G}$ ,  $g \mapsto \phi_g$ , by  $\phi_g(h) = \langle g, h \rangle$ . The nondegenerate symmetric pairings for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  are  $\langle g, h \rangle = e^{2\pi i m g h / n}$  for some integer  $m$  coprime to  $n$ .

In the following theorem,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a set of labels with cardinality  $n'$ , on which  $G$  acts by permutation. We say isometries  $S_i$  satisfy the Cuntz relations if  $S_i^* S_j = \delta_{i,j}$  and  $\sum_i S_i S_i^* = 1$ . The assumption below that  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$  for abelian  $G$  is equivalent to requiring that  $G$  is cyclic, and is made for simplicity; if it is dropped, the following properties and equations will be sufficient for the existence of near-group categories but no longer necessary.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G, \alpha, \rho$  be a  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$ . Suppose in addition that  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ . Then there are  $n + n'$  isometries  $S_g, T_z$  ( $g \in G, z \in \mathcal{F}$ ) satisfying the Cuntz relations, such that  $\alpha_g \rho = \rho$ ,  $\rho \alpha_g = \text{Ad}(U_g) \rho$ , for a unitary representation  $U_g$  of  $G$  of the form

$$U_g = \sum_h \langle g, h \rangle S_h S_h^* + \sum_z u_{z,g} T_z T_z^*, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $G$  permutes the  $z \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is a pairing on  $G$ . Moreover,  $\alpha_g(S_h) = S_{g+h}$  and  $\alpha_g(T_z) = \tilde{z}(g) T_z$  for some  $\tilde{z} \in \widehat{G}$ . Finally,

$$\rho S_g = \left( s \delta^{-1} \sum_h \langle g, h \rangle S_h + \sum_{x,z} u_{x,g} a_{gx,z} T_x T_z \right) U_g^*, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\rho(T_z) = \sum_{h,x} \overline{\tilde{x}(h)} b_{z,x} S_h T_x^* + \sum_{x,h} \tilde{x}(h) b'_{z,x} T_x S_h S_h^* + \sum_{w,x,y} b''_{z;w,x,y} T_w T_x T_y^*, \quad (2.6)$$

for some sign  $s \in \{\pm 1\}$  and complex parameters  $a_{y,z}, b_{z,x}, b'_{z,x}, b''_{z;w,x,y}$ , for  $w, x, y, z \in \mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof.* Our argument follows in part that of the first theorem of [22]. Because  $[\alpha_g \rho] = [\rho]$ , there exists a unitary  $W_g \in U(M)$  for each  $g \in G$ , satisfying  $\alpha_g \rho = \text{Ad}(W_g) \rho$ . But

$$\text{Ad}(W_{g+h}) \rho = \alpha_h \alpha_g \rho = \text{Ad}(\alpha_h(W_g) W_h) \rho \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $g, h \in G$ , so  $\alpha_h(W_g) W_h = \xi(g, h) W_{g+h}$  for some 2-cocycle  $\xi \in Z^2(G; \mathbb{T})$ . Because  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ , we can require that  $\xi$  be identically 1, by tensoring  $W_g$  with the appropriate 1-coboundary. Since  $G$  is a finite group and  $\alpha$  is outer, the  $\alpha$ -cocycle  $W_g$  is a coboundary, so there exists a unitary  $V \in U(M)$  so that  $W_g = \alpha_g(V^*) v$  for all  $g \in G$ . This means  $\text{Ad}(\alpha_g(V)) \alpha_g(\rho) = \text{Ad}(V) \rho$ , i.e.  $\alpha_g(\text{Ad}(V) \rho) = \text{Ad}(V) \rho$ . Thus if we replace  $\rho$  by  $\text{Ad}(V) \rho$  we obtain  $\alpha_g \rho = \rho$  as endomorphisms, not just as sectors.

This has exhausted most of the freedom in choosing  $\rho$ . The fusion  $[\rho \alpha_g] = [\rho]$  means  $\rho \alpha_g = \text{Ad}(U_g) \rho$  for some unitaries  $U_g$ ; because  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ , we can in

addition insist that  $g \mapsto U_g$  defines a unitary representation of  $G$ . Note that we still have a freedom in replacing  $U_g$  with  $\psi(g)U_g$  for any character  $\psi \in \widehat{G}$ .

The fusion (2.2) means

$$\rho^2(x) = \sum_{g \in G} S_g \alpha_g(x) S_g^* + \sum_{z \in \mathcal{F}} T_z \rho(x) T_z^*, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $S_g$  and  $\{T_z\}_{z \in \mathcal{F}}$  are bases of isometries for the intertwiner spaces  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  and  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  respectively (so  $\rho^2(x)S_g = S_g \alpha_g(x)$  etc). Then (2.8) implies  $S_g, T_z$  obey the Cuntz relations. Since  $\text{Ad}(U_g)\rho^2 = \rho \alpha_g \rho = \rho^2$ ,  $U_h$  maps  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  to itself and  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  to itself, i.e.  $U_h S_g = \mu_g(h) S_g$  and  $U_h T_z = \sum_w u(h)_{z,w} T_w$  for some  $\mu_g(h), u(h)_{z,w} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $U_{h+h'} = U_h U_{h'}$ , we have that  $\mu_g \in \widehat{G}$  for each  $g \in G$ , and the matrices  $u$  define a unitary representation on  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ . This gives us

$$U_g = \sum_h \mu_h(g) S_h S_h^* + \sum_{z,y} u(g)_{z,y} T_z T_y^*. \quad (2.9)$$

Define  $U'_g = \overline{\mu_0(g)} U_g$ . Then  $\rho \alpha_g = \text{Ad}(U'_g) \rho$  and  $U'_g$  is still a unitary representation of  $G$ . For this reason we may assume that  $\mu_0$  is identically 1.

Similarly,  $\alpha_h$  maps  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  to  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_{g+h}, \rho^2)$  and  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  to itself, as  $\alpha_h \rho = \rho$ . This means  $\alpha_h(S_g) = \psi_{g,h} S_{g+h}$  for some nonzero  $\psi_{g,h} \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $\alpha_h$  defines an  $n'$ -dimensional unitary  $G$ -representation on  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ . Because  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$  we can choose  $\psi_{g,h}$  to be identically 1. Because  $G$  is abelian, we can diagonalise the  $n'$ -dimensional representation, i.e. choose our basis  $T_z$  so that  $\alpha_g T_z = \tilde{z}(g) T_z$  for some  $\tilde{z} \in \widehat{G}$ .

Because  $\rho$  is self-conjugate and  $S_0 \in \text{Hom}(\text{id}, \rho^2)$ , the isometry  $S_0$  will satisfy  $S_0^* \rho(S_0) = s/\delta$  for a sign  $s$ . Hence  $S_g^* \rho(S_0) = \alpha_g(S_0^* \rho(S_0)) = s/\delta$ .

For any  $T \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ , define the right and left Frobenius maps  $\mathcal{R}(T) = \sqrt{\delta} T^* \rho(S_0)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(T) = \sqrt{\delta} \rho(T^*) S_0$ , as in Section 3.2 of [4]. Then  $\rho^2(x) \mathcal{R}(T) = T^* \rho^3(x) \rho(S_0) = T^* \rho(\rho^2(x) S_0) = T^* \rho(S_0 x) = \mathcal{R}(T) \rho(x)$  and  $\rho^2(x) \mathcal{L}(T) = \rho(T^* \rho^2(x)) S_0 = \mathcal{L}(T) \rho(x)$  so both  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}$  are conjugate-linear on the space  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ .  $\mathcal{R}$  is surjective:  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{R}(T)) = \delta \rho(S_0)^* T \rho(S_0) = \delta \rho(S_0^* \rho S_0) T = sT$ . A similar calculation shows that for any  $T, T', T'' \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ ,  $T^* \rho(T') T'' \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ :  $(T^* \rho(T') T'') \rho(x) = T^* \rho(T' \rho(x)) T'' = \rho^2(x) T^* \rho(T') T''$ .

Since  $1 = \sum_g S_g S_g^* + \sum_z T_z T_z^*$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(S_0) &= \sum_g S_g S_g^* \rho(S_0) + \sum_z T_z T_z^* \rho(S_0) = s\delta^{-1} \sum_g S_g + \sum_z T_z \mathcal{R}(T_z) \\ &= s\delta^{-1} \sum_h S_h + \sum_{z,y} a_{z,y} T_z T_y \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

for some complex numbers  $a_{z,y}$ , and covariance  $\rho(S_g) = \rho(\alpha_g(S_0)) = \text{Ad}(U_g) \rho(S_0)$  forces (2.5).

We can identify the shape of  $\rho(T)$  similarly. Choose some  $T_z \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ ; then surjectivity of  $\mathcal{R}$  implies there is some  $T'_z \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  such that  $T_z = \mathcal{R}(T'_z)$ . We

find

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho(T_z) &= \sum_g S_g S_g^* \rho(T_z) + \sqrt{\delta} \sum_{w,g} T_w T_w^* \rho(T_z^*) \rho^2(S_0) S_g S_g^* + \sum_{w,x} T_w T_w^* \rho(T_z) T_x T_x^* \\
&= \sum_g S_g \alpha_g(\mathcal{L}(T_z)^*) + \sum_{w,g} T_w T_w^* \alpha_g(\mathcal{L}(T_z)) \alpha_g(S_0) S_g^* + \sum_{w,x} T_w (T_w^* \rho(T_z) T_x) T_x^* \\
&= \sum_{g,x} b_z(g,x) S_g T_x + \sum_{g,x} b'_z(x,h) T_x S_g S_g^* + \sum_{w,x} T_w (T_w^* \rho(T_z) T_x) T_x^*.
\end{aligned}$$

$\alpha_g \rho(T_z) = \rho(T_z)$  forces  $b_z(h,x) = b_{z,x} \overline{\tilde{x}(h)}$  and  $b'_z(x,h) = b'_{z,x} \tilde{x}(h)$ , which gives (2.6).

All that remains is to show that a basis  $T_z$  of  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  can be found for which  $u(g)$  in (2.9) is a generalised permutation matrix. For each  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$  let  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$  denote the (possibly zero) subspace of  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  on which  $\alpha_g$  acts as  $\phi$ , so  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2) = \bigoplus_\phi \mathcal{T}_\phi$ . Note that  $\alpha_g \rho(S_h) = \rho(S_h)$  implies (among other things) the selection rule:  $u(g)_{x,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{y} = \tilde{x} \mu^g$  for  $\mu^g \in \widehat{G}$  defined by  $\mu^g(k) = \mu_k(g)$ . This means there is a pairing  $\langle g, h \rangle$  on  $G$  such that  $\mu_h(g) = \mu^g(h) = \langle g, h \rangle$ . Each  $u(g)$  defines a linear isomorphism from  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$  to  $\mathcal{T}_{\mu^g \phi}$  (with inverse  $u(-g)$ ).

Define  $H$  to be the set of all  $h \in G$  such that  $\mu^h = 1$ ; then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Choose a set  $O$  of orbit representatives of this  $G$ -action  $\phi \mapsto \mu^g \phi$  on  $\widehat{G}$ , and a set  $C$  of coset representatives for  $G/H$ . Note that  $u$  restricts to a unitary representation of  $H$  on each space  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$ ; for each representative  $\phi \in O$  choose a basis  $\mathcal{F}_\phi$  of  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$  diagonalising this  $H$ -representation. For any  $\psi \in \widehat{G}$  there will be a unique choice of representatives  $\phi^\psi \in O, k_\psi \in C$  such that  $\mu^{k_\psi} \phi^\psi = \psi$ ; let the basis  $\mathcal{F}_\psi$  on  $\mathcal{T}_\psi$  be the image under  $u(k_\psi)$  of the basis for  $\mathcal{T}_{\phi^\psi}$ . Our basis  $\mathcal{F} = \{T_z\}$  of the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  will be the union of these bases  $\mathcal{F}_\psi$  for the subspaces  $\mathcal{T}_\psi$ . For any basis vector  $T_x \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $g \in G$ , write  $T_x = u(k_x) T_y$  for some representative  $k_x \in C$  and basis vector  $T_y \in \mathcal{F}_\phi$  for  $\phi \in O$ , and  $g + k_x = h + k'$  for  $k' \in C$  and  $h \in H$ . Then because  $G$  is abelian we have  $u(g)_{xx'} = u(g + k_x)_{yy'} = u(h)_{yy} \delta_{T_{x'}, u(k') T_y}$ . Now write  $u_{x,g} = u_{y,h}$  and define  $gx$  to label the basis vector  $T_{gx} = u(k') T_z$ . Then  $gx$  defines a  $G$ -action on  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $u(h)$  is diagonal  $\forall h \in H$  for this basis, and the matrix entries  $u(g)_{x,y}$  equal  $u_{x,g} \delta_{y,gx}$  as desired. *QED to Theorem 1*

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$  and choose any  $C^*$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  of type  $G + n'$ . Then the sign  $s$ , pairing  $\langle *, * \rangle$ , and complex numbers  $u_{x,g}, a_{x,y}, b_{z,x}, b'_{z,x}, b''_{z,w,x,y}$  form a complete invariant of  $\mathcal{C}$ , up to gauge equivalence and automorphism of  $G$ .*

By *gauge equivalence* we mean equivalence up to a change of basis on  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  (in contrast, relative rescaling of the  $S_h$  would wreck (2.10) so isn't allowed). More precisely, for each representative  $\phi \in O$  and  $\psi \in \widehat{H}$  let  $\mathcal{T}_{\phi,\psi}$  denote the subspace of  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  spanned by  $T_x \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\tilde{x}(g) = \phi(g)$  for  $g \in G$ , and  $u_{x,h} = \psi(h)$  for  $h \in H$ . Then gauge equivalence amounts to a change-of-basis  $P_{\phi,\psi} \in U(\mathcal{T}_{\phi,\psi})$ . Let  $P \in U(\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2))$  be the direct sum of  $\|O\|$  copies of each  $P_{\phi,\psi}$  and define  $T_x^{old} = \sum_w P_{x,w} T_w^{new}$ . Then  $a^{new} = P^T a^{old} P$ ,  $b^{new} = P^{-1} b^{old} P$ ,  $b'^{new} = P^{-1} b'^{old} P$ ,

$b''_{z;w,x,y}{}^{new} = \sum_{z',w',x',y'} b''_{z';w',x',y'}{}^{old} \overline{P}_{z',z} P_{w',w} P_{x',x} \overline{P}_{y',y}$ . An automorphism  $\phi$  of  $G$  acts by permuting  $S_h \mapsto S_{\phi h}$ ,  $T_x \mapsto T_{\phi x}$  where  $\widetilde{\phi x} = \phi \widetilde{x}$ ,  $\langle g, h \rangle \mapsto \langle \phi g, \phi h \rangle$ , etc.

The requirement that  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$  is made for simplicity; dropping it would introduce more possibilities (e.g.  $U_g$  need only be a projective representation). We will see shortly that either  $n' = n - 1$  or  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ ; when  $n' = n - 1$   $G$  must be cyclic and therefore in this case the hypothesis  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$  in Theorem 1 etc is redundant and can be dropped.

**Corollary 2.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$  for  $n' > 0$ . Then  $\rho(M) \subset M$  is a subfactor with index  $d_\rho^2$ , whose  $M$ - $M$  and  $N$ - $N$  systems are both type  $G + n'$ , with (dual) principal graph consisting of  $n$  vertices attached to a left vertex,  $n$  other vertices attached to a right vertex, and the left and right vertices attached with  $n'$  edges (see Figure 2 for an example). This has the intermediate subfactors  $\rho(M) \subset M^G \subset M$  (where the  $G$ -action is given by  $\alpha_g$ ) and  $\rho(M) \subset \rho(M) \rtimes G \subset M$  (using the  $G$ -action  $\rho \alpha_g \rho^{-1}$ ).*

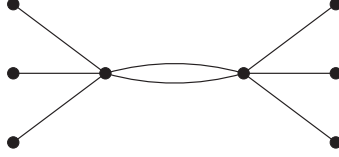


Figure 2. The principal graph for  $\rho_{3,2}(M) \subset M$

The subfactor  $\rho(M) \subset M$  is self-dual because  $\rho = \bar{\rho}$ ; the principal graphs for  $\rho(M) \subset M^G$  match those of  $\rho(M) \rtimes G \subset M$  because of the basic construction applied to  $\rho(M) \subset \rho(M) \rtimes G \subset M$ . At the end of next subsection we compute the principal graph of  $\rho(M) \rtimes G \subset M$  in all cases.

$G$  acts on  $M$  through the  $\alpha_g$ ; the relation  $\alpha_g \cdot \rho = \rho$  says  $\rho(M) \subset M^G$ . When  $n' = 0$ , we see  $\rho(M) = M^G$  by an index calculation. The index of  $\rho(M) \subset M^G$  is  $1 + n'n^{-1}\delta$ .

Recall the near-group  $C^*$ -categories listed in the Introduction. For example:

- The Tambara-Yamagami categories [32], which are of type  $G + 0$ , correspond to  $\delta = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $\mu_h(g) = \langle g, h \rangle$ , and  $s = \pm 1$ .
- The hypothetical Izumi-Xu family of subfactors (Section 5 of [21]) correspond to the parameter choices  $s = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \widehat{G}$ ,  $n' = n$ ,  $\delta = (n + \sqrt{n^2 + 4n})/2$ ,  $\mu_h(g) = \langle g, h \rangle = \mu^h(g)$ ,  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} \delta_{x,\bar{y}} a(x)$ ,  $u_{x,g} = 1$ ,  $b_{z,x} = c\sqrt{n\delta}^{-1} \langle z, x \rangle$ ,  $b'_{z,x} = \overline{a(z)} c \sqrt{n}^{-1} \langle z, x \rangle$ ,  $b''_{z;w,x,y} = \delta_{y,wx} a(x) b(z\bar{x}) \langle z, y \rangle$  for some complex numbers  $c, a(x), b(x)$  where  $a(z)^2 = \langle z, z \rangle$  and  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is a nondegenerate symmetric pairing on  $G$ . We extend this pairing to  $\widehat{G}$  through the group isomorphism  $G \rightarrow \widehat{G}$ :  $\langle x_g, x_h \rangle := \langle g, h \rangle$ .
- The  $D_5^{(1)}$  subfactor (Example 3.2 of [19]) has  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \widehat{G} \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $n' = 1$ ,  $\delta = 2$ ,  $s = 1$ ,  $\mu_h(g) = \mu^h(g) = 1$ ,  $u_{x,g} = (-1)^g$ ,  $a_{x,x} = \sqrt{2}^{-1}$ ,  $b_{x,x} = \bar{a}\sqrt{2}^{-1}$ ,  $b'_{x,x} = a$ ,  $b''_{x;x,x} = 0$  for some complex number  $a$  satisfying  $a^3 = 1$ .

## 2.2 Generalities

There is a fundamental bifurcation of the theory of near-group  $C^*$ -categories:

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$ , and suppose  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ . Let  $\langle *, * \rangle, u_x, s, a, b, b', b''$  be the parameters which Corollary 1 associates to  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

(a) *Either  $n' = n - 1$ , or  $n' = kn$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .*

(b) *Suppose  $n' = n - 1$ . Then  $\delta = n$ , the pairing  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is identically 1,  $gx = x \forall x \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $g \in G$ . The assignment  $x \mapsto \tilde{x}$  bijectively identifies  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\widehat{G} \setminus \{1\} =: \widehat{G}^*$ . There is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\widehat{G}^*$  such that  $u_{x,g} = (\sigma(x))(g)$  for all  $x$  and  $g$ . Finally,  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} \delta_{y,\bar{x}}$ .*

(c) *Suppose  $n' = kn$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then the pairing  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is nondegenerate, and for any  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  there is a unique  $g_x \in G$  such that  $\widetilde{g_x x} = 1$ . Moreover,  $u_{x,g}$  is identically 1, and  $a_{x,y} \neq 0$  implies  $\tilde{x}\tilde{y} = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(G, \alpha, \rho)$  be of type  $G + n'$ , and let  $s, \dots, b''$  be its numerical invariants, and  $\langle *, * \rangle$  its pairing. Define subgroups  $H, H'$  of  $G$  by  $H = \{h \in G \mid \langle h, g \rangle = 1 \forall g\}$  and  $H' = \{h' \in G \mid \langle g, h' \rangle = 1 \forall g\}$ . Let  $n'' = |H|$ . Write  $\mu^g(h) = \langle g, h \rangle = \mu_h(g)$  as before. Note that the orders  $|H|$  and  $|H'|$  must be equal, since the row-rank of the matrix  $\langle g, h \rangle$  will equal its column-rank.

Let us review some observations contained in the proof of Theorem 1. Recall the coset representatives  $k \in C$  and orbit representatives  $\phi \in O$  introduced in the proof of Theorem 1. We saw there that the phases  $u_{x,h}$  restricted to  $h \in H$  forms a representation of  $\widehat{H}$ , which we'll denote by  $\ddot{x}$ . Then we found there the formula  $u_{x,g} = \ddot{x}(g + k_x - k')$  valid for any  $g \in G$  and  $x \in \mathcal{F}$ , where  $k_x, k' \in C$  satisfy  $\mu^{-k} \tilde{x} \in O$  and  $g + k_x - k' \in H$ . Recall the partition  $\mathcal{F} = \cup \mathcal{F}_{\phi, \psi}$  where  $\phi \in \widehat{G}, \psi \in \widehat{H}$ ; the  $G$ -action  $x \mapsto gx$  on  $\mathcal{F}$ , contained in  $U_g$ , bijectively relates  $\mathcal{F}_{\tilde{x}, \ddot{x}}$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\phi, \ddot{x}}$  where  $\phi \in O$  is the unique representative with  $\phi|_H = \tilde{x}|_H$ .

Recall the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$  generated by  $S_g$  and the  $T_z$ . Being an endomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$ ,  $\rho$  preserves the Cuntz relations. Firstly,  $\rho(S_g)^* \rho(S_h) = \delta_{g,h}$  for  $g \in H$  is equivalent to

$$\delta_{g,0} = n\delta^{-2} \delta_{g+H,H} + \sum_{x,z} \ddot{x}(g) \overline{a_{x,z}} a_{gx,z}. \quad (2.11)$$

Putting  $g = 0$  gives  $\sum_z |a_{x,z}|^2 = \delta^{-1}$  for all  $x$ . Hitting both sides with  $\overline{\psi(g)}$  for any  $\psi \in \widehat{H}$  and summing over  $g \in H$ , (2.11) is equivalent to

$$1 - nn'' \delta^{-2} \delta_{1,\psi}^H = \delta^{-1} n'' \ddot{n}_\psi, \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\ddot{n}_\psi$  denotes the number of  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\ddot{x} = \psi$ . The  $T_x S_0 S_0^* T_y$  and  $S_0 S_g^*$  coefficients of completeness  $1 = \sum_g \rho S_g \rho S_g^* + \sum_z \rho T_z \rho T_z^*$  give unitarity of the matrix  $b'$  together with

$$\delta_{g,0} = n\delta^{-2} \delta_{g+H',H'} + \sum_{z,x} |b_{z,x}|^2 \tilde{x}(g). \quad (2.13)$$

Putting  $g = 0$  into (2.13) tells us  $\sum_z |b_{z,x}|^2 = \delta^{-1}$ , so (2.13) becomes

$$1 - nn''\delta^{-2}\delta_{1,\phi}^H = \delta^{-1}n\tilde{n}_\phi \quad (2.14)$$

for any  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$ , where  $\tilde{n}_\phi$  denotes the number of  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\tilde{x} = \phi$ .

Now suppose  $H \neq 0$ . Then there exist  $\psi \in \widehat{H}$  and  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$  such that  $\psi \neq 1$  and  $\phi|_H \neq 1$ , so (2.12),(2.14) say  $\delta = n''\ddot{n}_\psi = n\tilde{n}_\phi \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $n = \delta^2 - n'\delta$  tells us  $\delta$  divides  $n$ , but  $\delta = n\tilde{n}_\phi \geq n$ , so  $\delta = n$ . Hence  $n' = n - 1$ , so some  $\ddot{n}_\psi$  must vanish, so  $\ddot{n}_1 = 0$ , so  $1 - nn''\delta^{-2} = 0$  so  $n'' = n$ , i.e.  $H = G$ . Since  $|H'| = |H|$ , we know  $H'$  would also equal  $G$ . This means  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is identically 1, so  $gx = x$  for all  $g, x$ . We've just proved  $\tilde{n}_\phi = 1 - \delta_{\phi,1} = \ddot{n}_\phi$  for all  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$ ; in particular we can (and will) identify  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\widehat{G}^*$  via  $x \mapsto \tilde{x}$ , and then the assignment  $x \mapsto u_x$  corresponds to a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\widehat{G}^*$ .

On the other hand, when  $H = 0$ ,  $\langle g, h \rangle$  will be nondegenerate, and  $H'$  also equals 0. The element  $g_x$  is then the unique one with  $\mu^{g_x} = \tilde{x}$ . We know from the proof of Theorem 1 that the cardinalities  $\tilde{n}_\phi$  and  $\tilde{n}_{\mu^g\phi}$  must be equal for any  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$  and  $g \in G$ , and so in this case they all equal  $\tilde{n}_1 =: k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Thus  $n' = \sum_{\phi \in \widehat{G}} \tilde{n}_\phi = nk$ . Now,  $u_{x,g}$  is uniquely defined by its values at  $g \in H$ , where it is a character, so in this case it is identically 1 for all  $g \in G$ .

Return to the general case (i.e. arbitrary  $n'$ ). The equivariance  $\alpha_g\rho = \rho$  yields the selection rule:  $a_{x,y} \neq 0$  implies  $\tilde{x}\tilde{y} = 1$ . When  $n' = n - 1$ , this means  $a_{x,y} = a'(x)\delta_{y,\bar{x}}$  for some  $a'(x) \in \mathbb{C}$ . But  $\sum_z |a_{x,z}|^2 = \delta^{-1}$  then implies  $|a'(x)|^2 = \delta^{-1}$ , so  $a(x) := a'(x)\sqrt{\delta} \in \mathbb{T}$ . *QED to Theorem 2*

For the convenience of the next two subsections, let us run through the identities which must be satisfied by the numerical invariants  $s, a, b, b', b''$ , in order that they define a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $n'$ . Let  $H = G$  respectively 0, and  $K = 0$  respectively  $G$ , for  $n' = n - 1$  and  $n|n'$  respectively. Then we know from Theorem 2 that  $\langle *, * \rangle$  is symmetric and nondegenerate on  $K$ . Write  $u_{x,g} = \ddot{x}(g)$ , where  $\ddot{x} \in \widehat{G}$  equals 1 on  $K$ . Assume that  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} a_x \delta_{y,\bar{x}}$  for some order-2 permutation  $x \mapsto \bar{x}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  (we already know this when  $n' = n - 1$ , and will prove it in subsection 2.3 when  $n$  divides  $n'$ ).

Define endomorphisms  $\rho, \alpha_g, U_g$  on the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$ , as in Theorem 1. It is immediate that  $\alpha_g$  defines a well-defined  $G$ -action on  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$ , and  $U_g$  a unitary representation of  $G$ . In order for  $\rho$  to be a well-defined endomorphism on  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$ , we need it to preserve the Cuntz relations  $S_g^*S_h = \delta_{g,h}$ ,  $S_g^*T_z = 0 = T_z^*S_g$ ,  $T_z^*T_{z'} = \delta_{z,z'}$  and  $\sum_g S_g S_g^* + \sum_z T_z T_z^* = 1$ .  $(\rho S_g)^*(\rho S_h) = \delta_{g,h}$  reduces to (2.11).  $(\rho S_g)^*(\rho T_z) = 0$  (or its adjoint) is equivalent to

$$-sn\delta_{\bar{w},\mu^g} b_{z,w} = \sqrt{\delta} \sum_x \overline{\ddot{x}(g)} \overline{a_{gx}} b''_{z;x,\overline{gx},w}, \quad (2.15)$$

while the relation  $(\rho T_z)^*(\rho T_{z'}) = \delta_{z,z'} (\sum S_h S_h^* + \sum T_x T_x^*)$  gives

$$\delta_{z,z'} \delta_{y,y'} = n\delta_{\tilde{y},\tilde{y}'} \overline{b_{z,y}} b_{z',y'} + \sum_{w,x} \overline{b''_{z;w,x,y}} b''_{z';w,x,y'} \quad (2.16)$$

and the unitarity of  $b'$ :  $\sum_x \overline{b'_{z,x}} b'_{z',x} = \delta_{z,z'}$ . Finally, completeness  $1 = \sum_g \rho S_g \rho S_g^* + \sum_z \rho T_z \rho T_z^*$  is equivalent to (2.13) (with  $H' = H$ ), unitarity of  $b'$ , and

$$-\delta^{-3/2} a_z \sum_g \ddot{x}(g) \delta_{gx, \bar{z}} \overline{\mu_h(g)} = \sum_{w,y} \tilde{y}(h) \overline{b_{w,y}} b''_{w;x,z,y}, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\delta_{x,x'} \delta_{z,z'} = \delta^{-1} a_z \overline{a_{z'}} \sum_g \ddot{x}(g) \delta_{gx, \bar{z}} \overline{\ddot{x}'(g)} \delta_{gx', \bar{z}'} + \sum_{w,y} b''_{w;x,z,y} \overline{b''_{w;x',z',y}}. \quad (2.18)$$

To establish  $\alpha_g \rho(x) = \rho(x)$  and  $\rho(\alpha_g(x)) = \text{Ad}U_g(\rho(x))$  for all  $x$ , it suffices to prove both for  $x = S_h$  and  $x = T_z$ . The first follows from the bilinearity of  $\langle g, h \rangle$ , that  $\widetilde{g\bar{x}} = \mu^g \widetilde{x}$ , and that  $\widetilde{\bar{x}} = \widetilde{\bar{x}}$ . The second follows from the factorisations of  $b_z(g, x)$  and  $b'_z(x, g)$  given in Theorem 1, and the selection rule  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{y} = \widetilde{w\bar{x}}$ . The identity  $\rho(\alpha_g S_h) = U_g \rho(S_h) U_g^*$  is built into (2.5), while  $\rho(\alpha_g T_z) = U_g \rho(T_z) U_g^*$  is implied by the covariances

$$b_{z,gx} = \tilde{z}(g) \ddot{x}(g) b_{z,x}, \quad (2.19)$$

$$b'_{z,gx} = \tilde{z}(g) \overline{\ddot{x}(g)} b'_{z,x}, \quad (2.20)$$

$$b''_{z;gw,x,gy} = \tilde{z}(g) \overline{\ddot{w}(g)} \ddot{y}(g) b''_{z;w,x,y}. \quad (2.21)$$

All that remains is to consider are the fusion rules. We require  $S_g$  to be in the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$ . We will follow as much as we can the proof of Lemma 5.1(a) in [21]. Thanks to Lemma 2.2 in [21],  $S_g \in \text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  iff  $S_g^* \rho^2(x) S_g = \alpha_g x$  for all generators  $x$ . Hitting with  $\alpha$  we see that this is true iff  $S_0^* \rho^2(x) S_0 = x$  for all generators  $x$ . Because  $S_0^* \rho(U_g) = S_g^*$ , the calculation in the middle of p.625 of [21] still goes through and  $S_0^* \rho^2(S_h) S_0 = S_h$  will follow once we know it for  $h = 0$ . So we have learned that  $S_g \in \text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  iff both  $S_0^* \rho^2(S_0) S_0 = S_0$  and  $S_0^* \rho^2(T_z) S_0 = T_z$  for all  $z$ . Those two identities are equivalent to

$$n' \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} = \sum_{w,x} a_x b_{x,w} b'_{\bar{x},w}, \quad (2.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{z,w} &= sn \delta^{-1} \sum_x b_{z,x} \overline{b_{x,w}} + n \delta^{-3/2} \sum_x b'_{z,x} b_{x,\bar{w}} a_w \\ &+ \sum_{x,y,x',y',z'} b''_{z;x',x,y} b_{x',y'} b''_{x;y',w,z'} \overline{b_{y,z'}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

respectively, where we use (2.45) to simplify (2.23).

Clearly, if  $T_z$  is in the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ , then  $\rho(y^* \rho(x)) T_z = \rho(y^*) T_z \rho(x)$  for all generators  $x, y$ . Conversely, if  $\rho(y^* \rho(x)) T_z = \rho(y^*) T_z \rho(x)$  for all generators  $x, y$ , then the calculation

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^2(x) T_z &= \sum_g \rho(S_g S_g^*) \rho^2(x) T_z + \sum_w \rho(T_w T_w^*) \rho^2(x) T_z \\ &= \sum_g \rho(S_g) \rho(S_g^*) T_z \rho(x) + \sum_w \rho(T_w) \rho(T_w^*) T_z \rho(x) = T_z \rho(x) \end{aligned}$$

shows that  $T_z^* \rho^2(x) T_z = \rho(x)$  for all generators  $x$ , and Lemma 2.2 of [21] then would imply  $T_z \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ . We compute

$$T_w^* \rho(U_g) = \sum_{x,y,z} V_{wxyz}(g) T_x T_y^* T_z^* + \sum_{h,y} W_{why}(g) S_h S_h^* T_y^* + \sum_{h,z} X_{wzh}(g) T_z S_h^*,$$

where

$$V_{wxyz}(g) = \delta^{-1} a_x \overline{a_y} \sum_k \langle k, g \rangle \ddot{w}(k) \overline{\ddot{z}(k)} \delta_{kw, \bar{x}} \delta_{kz, \bar{y}} + \sum_{z', y'} \ddot{z}'(g) b''_{z'; w, x, y'} \overline{b''_{g z'; z, y, y'}},$$

$$W_{why}(g) = \overline{\tilde{y}(h)} \tilde{w}(h) \sum_z \ddot{z}(g) b'_{z, w} \overline{b'_{gz, y}},$$

$$X_{wzh}(g) = \delta^{-3/2} a_z \sum_k \langle k, g - h \rangle \delta_{kw, \bar{z}} \ddot{w}(k) + \sum_{x, y} \ddot{x}(g) b''_{x; w, z, y} \tilde{y}(h) \overline{b_{gx, y}}.$$

The identity  $\rho(S_h^* \rho(S_g)) T_w = \rho(S_h^*) T_w \rho(S_g)$  gives

$$\langle g, h \rangle \overline{W_{wky}(g)} = s \delta \langle g, k \rangle \sum_z \ddot{z}(g) \overline{a_{hw, z}} a_{gz, hy}, \quad (2.24)$$

$$s \langle g, h \rangle \overline{V_{wxyz'}(g)} = \delta_{w, gz'} \delta_{y, gx} \ddot{z}(h) \overline{hw}(g) \overline{\ddot{x}(g)} \overline{w}(h) a_{(h-g)w} \overline{a_{hw}}, \quad (2.25)$$

$$X_{wzh}(g) = 0. \quad (2.26)$$

Using (2.26), the identity  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(S_g)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(S_g)$  gives

$$\overline{\tilde{w}(k)} \langle g, k - h \rangle \overline{b'_{x, w}} = s \sqrt{\delta} a_{gx} \ddot{x}(g) \sum_y b_{\overline{gx}, y} \overline{\tilde{y}(k)} \overline{W_{why}(g)}, \quad (2.27)$$

$$\overline{b'_{x, w}} \overline{\tilde{w}(h)} \langle h, g \rangle \overline{\ddot{z}(g)} \delta_{y, gz} = s \sqrt{\delta} \ddot{x}(g) \sum_{x'} a_{gx} b_{\overline{gx}, x'} \overline{\tilde{x}'(h)} \overline{V_{wzyx'}(g)}, \quad (2.28)$$

$$s \overline{\langle g, h \rangle} \overline{b''_{x; w, \overline{gx'}, w'}} \overline{\ddot{gx}'(g)} a_{x'} = \ddot{x}(g) a_{gx} \sum_y b''_{\overline{gx}; w', x', y} \overline{W_{why}(g)}, \quad (2.29)$$

$$s \delta_{y, gy'} \overline{\ddot{y}'(g)} \overline{b''_{x; w, \overline{gx'}, w'}} \overline{\ddot{x}'(g)} a_{x'} = \ddot{x}(g) a_{gx} \sum_{z'} b''_{\overline{gx}; w', x', z'} \overline{V_{wy'yz'}(g)}. \quad (2.30)$$



$\rho(S_g^* \rho(T_z)) T_x = \rho(S_g^*) T_x \rho(T_z)$  and  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(T_z)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(T_z)$  now simplify to

$$\sqrt{\delta} \sum_w \overline{\tilde{w}(g)} b_{z,w} \overline{b'_{w,x}} = \overline{\ddot{x}(g)} \overline{a_{gx}} b'_{z,-g\bar{x}}, \quad (2.31)$$

$$\sqrt{\delta} \sum_{x'} \overline{\tilde{x}'(g)} b_{z,x'} \overline{b''_{x';x,w,y}} = \ddot{y}(g) \overline{\ddot{x}(g)} \overline{a_{gx}} b''_{z;\overline{gx},gy,w}, \quad (2.32)$$

$$\overline{b'_{x,w}} b_{z,y} - \delta^{-3/2} \overline{a_y} b'_{z,x} \sum_k \overline{\tilde{x}(k)} \overline{\ddot{w}(k)} \delta_{ky,\bar{w}} = \sum_{w',z',x'} b''_{z;x,w',z'} b_{w',x'} \overline{b''_{z';w,y,x'}}, \quad (2.33)$$

$$\sum_{y',w',x'} \overline{b'_{y',z}} b''_{y';x,w',x'} b'_{w',y} \overline{b'_{x',w}} = \overline{b''_{x';w,z,y}}, \quad (2.34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y'} \overline{b''_{x';w,y',x'}} b''_{z;y',y,z'} - \delta^{-1} a_y \overline{a_{z'}} b'_{z,x} \sum_h \overline{\tilde{x}(h)} \overline{\ddot{x}'(h)} \overline{\ddot{w}(h)} \delta_{hy,\bar{x}'} \delta_{hz',\bar{w}} \\ = \sum_{w',y',w''} b''_{z;x,w',w''} b''_{w';x',y,y'} \overline{b''_{w'';w,z',y'}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

where (2.33) was simplified using the selection rules  $a_{kw,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mu_k \tilde{w} \tilde{y} = 1$  and  $b''_{z';w,y,x'} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{x}' = \tilde{w} \tilde{y}$ , both obtained earlier. (2.34) was simplified using unitarity of  $b'$  and the selection rule for  $b''$ .

Let  $M$  be the weak closure of the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$  in the GNS representation of a KMS state (as in [19], Remark 4.8). Then the endomorphisms  $\alpha_g$  and  $\rho$  extend to  $M$  and obey the same fusions as sectors. Note that the  $\alpha_g$  are outer because if they were implemented by a unitary, it would have to commute with  $\rho$  since  $\alpha_g \rho = \rho$ , but as  $\rho$  is irreducible only the scalars can commute with it.

We have proved:

**Proposition 1.** *Fix an abelian group  $G = H \times K$ , where  $H = G$  or  $H = 0$ , and a symmetric pairing  $\langle g, h \rangle$  nondegenerate on  $K$ . Let  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} a_x \delta_{y,\bar{x}}$  for some permutation  $x \mapsto \bar{x}$  of the index set  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\bar{\bar{x}} = x$  and  $\tilde{\bar{x}} = \tilde{x}$ , and suppose  $b''$  obeys the selection rule  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{y} = \tilde{w} \tilde{x}$ . Suppose the quantities  $s, a, b, b', b''$  satisfy the equations (2.11), unitarity of  $b'$ , (2.13), (2.15)-(2.35). Then  $\alpha_g, \rho$  defined as in Theorem 1 yield a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$  for  $n' = \|\mathcal{F}\|$ .*

We can now identify the principal graph of the subfactor  $\rho(M) \rtimes G \subset M$  of index  $d_\rho^2/n = 1 + n'n^{-1}d_\rho$ , introduced at the end of Section 2.1. Write the inclusions as  $\iota : \rho(M) \subset \rho(M) \rtimes G$  and  $j : \rho(M) \rtimes G \rightarrow M$ . Then as  $M$ - $M$  sectors the canonical endomorphism  $j\bar{j}$  is a subsector of the canonical endomorphism  $j\iota\bar{j} = \rho^2$ , i.e. of  $\sum_g [\alpha_g] + n'[\rho]$ , which contains  $[\alpha_0]$ .

Consider first  $n' = n - 1$ ; then  $d_\rho = n$  is the desired index, so the only possibility for  $[j\bar{j}]$  is  $\sum_g [\alpha_g]$ . We see that the principal graph matches that of the orbifold  $M^G \subset M$ . This means this subfactor is isomorphic to  $M^G \subset M$ , up to a 3-cocycle. Could this 3-cocycle be related to the 3-cocycle appearing at the end of Subsection 4.2?

Now consider  $n'$  a multiple of  $n$ . When  $n' = 0$  there is nothing to say: the subfactor has index 1 so is trivial. When  $n' > 0$ , there is only one possibility for  $[j\bar{j}]$ ,

namely  $[\alpha + 0] + n'n^{-1}[\rho]$ . We recover the graph as in Figure 3, i.e. the  $2^n 1$  graph but with the  $n$  valence-2 vertices attached to the central vertex with  $n'n^{-1}$  edges. This generalises the paragraph concluding Section 5 of [21], which in the  $G + n$  case considered there associates a subfactor  $M \supset \rho(M) \rtimes G$  with canonical endomorphism  $[\alpha_0] \oplus [\rho]$ , index  $\delta + 1$  and principal graph  $2^n 1$ .

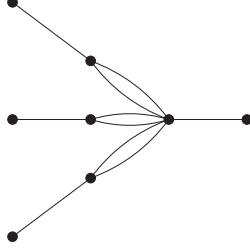


Figure 3. Principal graph for the intermediate subfactor for type  $\mathbb{Z}_3 + 6$

### 2.3 First class: Near-group categories with $n' = n - 1$

Theorem 2 says that there are two classes of near-group  $C^*$ -categories:  $n' = n - 1$  and  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ . In this subsection we focus on the former, and identify a complete set of relations satisfied by the numerical invariants  $s, \dots, b''$  of Corollary 1. We know from Corollary 2 that these systems are always realised by the even part of a subfactor.

**Theorem 3(a)** *Let  $G$  be an abelian group of order  $n$ . Put  $\delta = n$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \widehat{G}^* := \widehat{G} \setminus \{1\}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation of  $\widehat{G}^*$  satisfying*

$$\sigma(\bar{a}) = \overline{\sigma^{-1}a}, \quad \sigma^3 = id, \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(\sigma a \sigma \bar{b}) = \sigma^2 a \sigma(b\bar{a}), \quad (2.36)$$

for all  $a \neq b \in G$ . Put  $\tilde{x} = x$ ,  $u_{x,g} = (\sigma x)(g)$ ,  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{n}^{-1} \delta_{y,\bar{x}} a(x)$ ,  $b_{x,y} = \sqrt{n}^{-1} \delta_{y,\sigma \bar{x}} b(x)$ ,  $b'_{x,y} = s \delta_{y,\sigma^2 x} \overline{b(\bar{x})} a(x)$ , and  $b''_{z;w,x,y} = \delta_{z,\sigma w \sigma \bar{y}} \delta_{y,wx} b''(w,x)$  for quantities  $a(x) \in \{1, s\}$ ,  $b(x), b''(x,y) \in \mathbb{T}$  (provided  $xy \neq 1$ ). Suppose these parameters satisfy  $a(x) = a(\sigma x) = sa(\bar{x})$ ,  $b(\sigma \bar{x}) = sb(x)$ ,  $b(x)b(\sigma x)b(\sigma^2 x) = sa(x)$  and

$$b''(x,y) = s a(y) a(\sigma(xy) \sigma \bar{x}) \overline{b''(xy, \bar{y})} \quad \forall xy \neq 1, \quad (2.37)$$

$$b''(x,y) = s a(x) b(\sigma x \sigma(xy)) \overline{b''(\bar{x}, xy)} \quad \forall xy \neq 1, \quad (2.38)$$

$$b''(x,y) = s b(\bar{x}) \overline{b(y)} b(xy) b(\sigma^2 x \sigma \bar{y}) \overline{b''(\sigma^2 x, \sigma \bar{y})} \quad \forall xy \neq 1, \quad (2.39)$$

$$b''(\sigma w \sigma \bar{x}, \sigma x \sigma(xy)) b''(x,y) b''(w, x\bar{w}) = b''(w, xy\bar{w}) b''(x\bar{w}, y), \quad (2.40)$$

where the last equation requires  $w \neq xy$ ,  $xy \neq 1$ , and  $w \neq x$ . Then  $\alpha_g$ ,  $U_g$ , and  $\rho$  defined as in Theorem 1 constitute a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + (n - 1)$ .

**3(b)** *Conversely, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a near-group  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + (n - 1)$ , and assume  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $C^*$ -tensor equivalent to one in part 3(a).*

*Proof.* We'll prove part (b) first. Theorem 2(b) tells us  $\delta = n$ , we can identify  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\widehat{G}^*$  through  $x \mapsto \tilde{x}$ ,  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{n}^{-1} a(x) \delta_{y,\bar{x}}$ , and there is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\widehat{G}^*$  obtaining  $u_{x,g}$  as  $(\sigma x)(g)$ .

Recall the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$  generated by the  $S_g$  and  $T_z$ . Select representatives  $z \in \mathcal{R}$  of each  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -orbit  $\{z, \bar{z}\}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ ; then by rescaling the  $T_z$  appropriately we can fix the values of  $a_{z,\bar{z}}$  to be 1 for  $z \in \mathcal{R}$ . Now, if  $T_w$  is in the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ , then  $\rho(y^* \rho(x)) T_w = \rho(y^*) T_w \rho(x)$  for all generators  $x, y$ . In particular, the  $T_y S_k S_k^*$  coefficient of  $\rho(S_h^* \rho(S_g)) T_w = \rho(S_h^*) T_w \rho(S_g)$  reads

$$s \delta^{-1} \sum_z \overline{\check{z}(g)} \overline{b'_{z,w}} b'_{gz,y} = \overline{\check{w}(h)} \check{y}(h) \sum_z \check{z}(g) \overline{a_{hw,z}} a_{gz,hy}. \quad (2.41)$$

Putting  $g = h = 0$  in (2.53) gives  $\overline{a_x} a_{\bar{x}} = s$ , and hence  $a_{\bar{z}} = s$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{R}$ .

We get selection rules for  $b, b', b''$  through the equivariance  $\alpha_g \rho = \rho$  and the identity  $\rho(\alpha_g T_z) = U_g \rho(T_z) U_g^*$ , namely:  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0$  implies  $y = wx$  and  $z = \sigma w \bar{\sigma} y$ ;  $b_{z,x} \neq 0$  implies  $z \sigma x = 1$ ; and  $b'_{z,x} \neq 0$  implies  $z = \sigma(x)$ . Therefore we can write  $b_{x,y} = \sqrt{n}^{-1} \delta_{y,\bar{\sigma} x} b(x)$ ,  $b'_{x,y} = \delta_{y,\sigma x} b'(x)$ , and  $b''_{z;w,x,y} = \delta_{z,\sigma w \bar{\sigma} y} \delta_{y,wx} b''(w, x)$  for quantities  $b(x), b'(x), b''(w, x) \in \mathbb{C}$ . Note that  $b''(w, x) = 0$  when  $wx = 1$  because 1 is a forbidden value for  $y = wx$ . (2.13) forces  $b_x \in \mathbb{T}$ .  $g = h = 0$  in (2.53) forces unitarity of the matrix  $b'$ . The  $S_0 S_0 S_0^*$  coefficient of the identity  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(S_0)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(S_0)$  (again coming from  $T_w \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ ) gives  $b'(x) = sa(x) \overline{b(\bar{x})}$ . The  $T_x T_y T_y^* T_x^*$  coefficient of  $1 = \sum_g \rho S_g \rho S_g^* + \sum_w \rho T_w \rho T_w^*$  collapses now to

$$\delta_{x,x'} \delta_{y,y'} = \delta_{y,\bar{x}} \delta_{y',\bar{x}'} \delta_{x,x'} + b''(x, y) \overline{b''(x', y')} \sum_{w,z} \delta_{w,\sigma x \bar{\sigma} y} \delta_{z,xy} \delta_{w,\sigma x' \bar{\sigma} y'} \delta_{z,x'y'}. \quad (2.42)$$

Choose any  $x, y \in \widehat{G}^*$  with  $xy \neq 1$ ; we claim that the only solution  $x', y' \in \widehat{G}^*$  with  $xy = x'y'$  and  $\sigma x \bar{\sigma} y = \sigma x' \bar{\sigma} y'$  is  $x = x'$  and  $y = y'$ : otherwise (2.42) would force  $b''(x, y) \overline{b''(x', y')} = 0$ , which contradicts (2.42) with  $x = x'$  and  $y = y'$ . Thus each  $b''(x, y) \in \mathbb{T}$  (provided  $xy \neq 1$ ).

The  $S_0 S_0^*$  respectively  $T_y T_w^*$  coefficients of  $\rho(S_g^* \rho(T_z)) T_x = \rho(S_g^*) T_x \rho(T_z)$ , together with  $b' = s \delta \overline{ab}$ , gives  $\sigma^2 z = \sigma \bar{z}$  and  $b(z) b(\bar{z}) b(\sigma z) = a(z) a(\sigma z) a(\sigma^2 z)$ , respectively  $\sigma(\sigma a \bar{\sigma} b) = \sigma^2 a \sigma(b \bar{a})$  and (2.38). Taking  $\sigma$  of the complex conjugate of  $\sigma(\sigma a \bar{\sigma} b) = \sigma^2 a \sigma(b \bar{a})$ , we obtain  $\sigma^3 = 1$ ; iterating (2.38) twice gives  $b(y) = s b(\bar{\sigma} y)$ . The  $T_y T_{z'} S_0 S_0^*$  coefficient of  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(S_0)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(S_0)$  recovers (2.37). The  $T_y S_0 S_0^*$  and  $T_y T_{z'} S_0 S_0^*$  coefficients of  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(T_z)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(T_z)$  give (2.39) and (2.40).

Now that we know  $\sigma$  has order dividing 3, we know we can choose the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -orbit representatives  $\mathcal{R}$  so that  $a_z$  is constant on  $\sigma$ -orbits. Indeed, if  $\sigma^i x = \bar{x}$  for some  $i$  and  $x$ , then  $\overline{\sigma^{-i} x} = \sigma^{-i} x$  and  $s$  must equal 1, so there is nothing to do; when there is no such  $i, x$ , there is no obstruction to putting all of  $x, \sigma x, \sigma^2 x$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $s, a(x), b(x), b''(x, y)$ , and  $\sigma$  are as in Theorem 3(a). We need to verify the conditions of Proposition 1 are satisfied. For this purpose note that: (i)  $\sum_x x(g) = n \delta_{g,0} - 1$  since  $x$  runs over  $\widehat{G}^*$ ; (ii) that given a pair  $w, x \in \widehat{G}^*$ , there will be  $y, z \in \widehat{G}^*$  with  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0$  (namely  $y = wx$  and  $z = \sigma w \bar{\sigma} y$ ) iff  $x \neq \bar{w}$ ; and (iii) that given a pair  $y, z \in \widehat{G}^*$ , there will be  $w, x \in \widehat{G}^*$  with  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0$  (namely  $w = \sigma^2((\sigma y)z)$  and  $x = y \bar{w}$ ) iff  $\bar{z} \neq \sigma y$ .

The permutation in Proposition 1 is the usual complex-conjugation  $\bar{x}$  of characters. One easily computes  $W_{why}(g) = \delta_{w,y}(\sigma^2 w)(g)$  and  $V_{wxyz}(g) = \delta_{w,z}\delta_{x,y}(\sigma^2 w)(g)(\sigma x)(g)$ . In the last term of (2.23),  $x, y, y', z'$  are determined from  $x', z, w$ , and is nonzero precisely when  $z = w \neq x'$ . That the second term in  $X_{wzh}(g)$  vanishes, follows because  $\sigma^2(w)\sigma(z) = \overline{wz}$  implies  $wz = 1$ ; this can be seen directly from (2.36) but is trivial once we have Proposition 2 below. Both (2.57),(2.30) follow from (2.37), (2.48) comes from (2.38), and both (2.33),(2.34) follow from (2.39). (2.35) follows from (2.40) and (when  $y = \overline{x'}$ ) (2.37),(2.38). *QED to Theorem 3*

When such a permutation  $\sigma$  exists, we get a solution by taking  $s = 1$ ,  $a(x) = b(x) = b''(x, y) = 1$ . This solution corresponds to  $\text{Mod}(\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q))$ , as we explain at the end of Subsection 4.3. It is possible to classify all solutions  $\sigma$  to (2.36) — they are essentially unique when they exist. The key observation in the following proof (the relation to finite fields) is due to Siehler [31]. (Incidentally, an implicit unwritten hypothesis throughout [31] is that  $G$  is abelian.)

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group which possesses a solution  $\sigma$  to (2.36). Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$  for some prime power  $q = p^k$ . Moreover, if  $\sigma'$  is any other solution to (2.36), then  $\sigma' = \alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1}$  for some group automorphism  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . Conversely, any  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$  for  $q = p^k$  has exactly  $|\text{Aut}(G)| = \phi(q-1)$  solutions  $\sigma$  to (2.36).*

*Proof.* Suppose  $G$  has a solution  $\sigma$ . For convenience in the following proof, write  $G$  multiplicatively. Then [31] explains how to give  $G \cup \{0\}$  the structure of a field  $\mathbb{F}$ : the multiplicative structure of  $\mathbb{F}$  is the multiplication in  $G$ , supplemented by  $0x = x0 = 0$ ; let  $-1$  be the unique element in  $G$  of order  $\text{gcd}(2, 1 + |G|)$  and write  $-x = -1x$ ; addition in  $\mathbb{F}$  is defined by  $x + y = (\sigma(-x^{-1}y))^{-1}x$  when  $x, y \in G$  and  $x \neq -y$ , supplemented by  $0 + x = x + 0 = x$  and  $x + (-x) = 0$ . This means  $G$  is the multiplicative group of the finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and thus is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$  for some power  $q$  of a prime.

Call this field  $\mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . Suppose there is a second solution  $\sigma'$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the field isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}_\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{\sigma'}$ . Then  $\alpha$  restricts to a group isomorphism from  $\mathbb{F}_\sigma^\times = G$  to  $\mathbb{F}_{\sigma'}^\times = G$ , i.e.  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . Conversely, given any solution  $\sigma$  to (2.36) and  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , we get a new additive structure on  $\mathbb{F}_\sigma$  given by  $x + y = ((\alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1})(-x^{-1}y))^{-1}x$  etc, corresponding to a solution  $\alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1}$  to (2.36). This is a bijection, since  $\alpha$  can be recovered from  $\sigma' = \alpha\sigma\alpha^{-1}$ .

Conversely, any  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$  with  $q$  a power of a prime, can be regarded as the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{F}^\times$  of a finite field with  $q$  elements (so  $0 \in G$  corresponds to  $1 \in \mathbb{F}^\times$ ). Then  $\sigma(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$  works. *QED to Proposition 2*

**Corollary 3.** *Consider any equivalence class of  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n - 1$ . Fix any finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}$ , identify  $G = \mathbb{F}_{n+1}^\times$  and define  $\sigma'x = 1/(1-x)$ . Fix any assignment of signs  $a'(x) \in \{1, s\}$  such that  $a'(x) = a'(\sigma x) = sa'(\bar{x})$ . There is a set  $\mathcal{L}$  of functions  $f : \widehat{G}^* \times \widehat{G}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , defined in the proof below, such that any  $C^*$ -category is equivalent to one with:*

- $a(x) = a'(x)$  and  $\sigma x = \sigma'x$  for all  $x$ ;

- $b(x) = sa(x)$  for all  $x \neq -1$ ; in addition,  $b(-1) = sa(-1)$  unless  $n + 1$  is a power of 3 in which case  $b(-1)$  must be a third root of unity  $\omega$ ;
- $\prod_{(x,y)} b''(x,y)^{f(x,y)} = 1$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Conversely, any two  $C^*$ -categories with numerical invariants satisfying these constraints, and with identical  $b(x)$  and  $b''(x,y)$ , will be equivalent. Finally,  $s = 1$  unless  $n + 1 = q$  is a power of 2.

*Proof.* Note that gauge equivalence by a diagonal matrix  $P$  with entries in  $\mathbb{T}$ , permits us to change  $a(x)^{new} = P_x P_{\bar{x}} a(x)^{old}$ ,  $b^{new}(x) = \overline{P_x P_{\sigma x}} b^{old}(x)$ , and  $b''^{new}(w,x) = \overline{P_{\sigma w} \overline{P_{\sigma(wx)}}} P_w P_x \overline{P_{wx}} b''^{old}(w,x)$ . First note that, for any given  $x$ , we can change both signs  $a(x)$  and  $a(\bar{x})$  (and leave all other  $a(y)$  unchanged) by taking  $P_x = P_{\bar{x}} = i$  and all other  $P_y = 1$ . Now choose any  $x$  with  $\sigma x \neq x$ . Without loss of generality assume both  $x \neq -1$  and  $\sigma^2(x) \neq -1$ . Then  $\bar{x} \neq x$  and  $\overline{\sigma^2 x} \neq \sigma^2 x$ , so take  $P_x = sa(x)b^{old}(x) = \overline{P_{\bar{x}}}$ ,  $P_{\sigma x} = 1 = \overline{P_{\sigma \bar{x}}}$ ,  $P_{\sigma^2 x} = sa(x)b^{old}(\sigma x) = \overline{P_{\sigma^2 \bar{x}}}$  and all other  $P_y = 1$ . This gives  $b^{new}(x) = sa(x) = b^{new}(\sigma x)$ . Then  $b(x)b(\sigma x)b(\sigma^2 x) = sa(x)$  forces  $b(\sigma^2 x) = sa(x)$ , and  $b(\overline{\sigma y}) = sb(y)$  forces  $b(\sigma^i \bar{x}) = a(x) = a(\bar{x})$ .

$-1 \in \widehat{G}^*$  precisely when  $G$  has even order, i.e. precisely when  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}$  has odd characteristic. In this case,  $a(-1) = sa(-1) = sa(-1)$  so  $s = +1$ . This forces all  $a(x) = 1$ , and by the previous paragraph we know  $b(x) = 1$  unless  $\sigma x = x$ . When  $\sigma x = x$ , the relation  $b(x)b(\sigma x)b(\sigma^2 x) = sa(x)$  says  $b(x)$  will be a third root of 1.

Thanks to Proposition 2, we can find a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with  $G = \mathbb{F}_q^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  for which  $\sigma x = 1/(1-x)$ . Suppose  $\sigma x = x$ . Then  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , so  $x^3 = -1$ . If 3 does not divide  $n$ , the only solution to  $x^3 = -1$  is  $x = -1$ , but  $\sigma(-1) = -1$  iff  $q$  is a power of 3, i.e.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . When 3 divides  $n$ , there are thus exactly 2 fixed-points of  $\sigma$ . Let  $f$  be one of these. Then we calculate  $b''(f,f) = \overline{b''(\bar{f},\bar{f})}$  from (2.37), and  $b''(f,f) = b(\bar{f})b''(\bar{f},\bar{f})$  from (2.38), so  $b(\bar{f}) = b(f) = 1$ .

By Corollary 1, two  $C^*$ -categories are equivalent, if they have identical numerical invariants  $s, a, b, b', b''$  modulo gauge equivalence and automorphism of  $G$ . Fixing  $\sigma$  fixes the automorphism of  $G$ . Suppose we also fix  $a$  and  $b$ . The remaining gauge freedom are the quantities  $P_z = P_{\sigma z} = \overline{P_{\bar{z}}} \in \mathbb{T}$ . Note that  $\bar{z} = \sigma^i z$  iff  $\sigma^{-i}(z) = -1$  (the only order-2 element in  $\mathbb{F}_q^\times$ ). Together,  $\sigma$  and complex-conjugation form a group isomorphic to  $S_3$ ; the even-length orbits in  $\widehat{G}^*$  are precisely those which don't contain  $-1$ . Let  $\ell$  be the number of even-length orbits; the point is that for each of these, the gauge phase  $P_z \in \mathbb{T}$  is arbitrary. Associate to each pair  $(x,y) \in \widehat{G}^* \times \widehat{G}^*$ ,  $xy \neq 1$ , a vector  $\vec{v}(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$  such that the gauge action is  $b''(x,y) \mapsto b''(x,y) \prod_z P_z^{\vec{v}(x,y)_z}$ . The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of these  $\vec{v}(x,y)$  is a lattice (of dimension  $\leq \ell$ ), and thus will have a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis;  $\mathcal{L}$  consists of those linear combinations  $\sum_{(x,y)} f(x,y) \vec{v}(x,y)$ ,  $f(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , corresponding to such a basis. *QED to Corollary 3*

We will show in Proposition 5 below that  $s = a = b = b' = b'' = 1$  except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$ . One can see from the data in Subsection 3.4 that for all  $n < 32$ , the basis defining  $\mathcal{L}$  consists of exactly  $\ell$  of the  $\vec{v}(x,y)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}(b, b'')$  denote the equivalence class corresponding to the constraints of Corollary 3 (we suppress the choice of field  $\mathbb{F}$  and subset  $\mathcal{L}$ , though these are implicit). Note that there is an obvious product structure on the collection of equivalence classes of type  $G + n - 1$  C\*-categories:  $\mathcal{C}(b_1, b'_1) * \mathcal{C}(b_2, b'_2) = \mathcal{C}(b_1 b_2, b'_1 b'_2)$  where  $(b_1 b_2)(x) = b_1(x) b_2(x)$  and  $(b'_1 b'_2)(x, y) = b'_1(x, y) b'_2(x, y)$ . (Of course  $s = s_1 s_2$ ,  $a(x) = a_1(x) a_2(x)$  and  $b'(x) = b'_1(x) b'_2(x)$ ). Then  $s, a, b, b', b''$  will obviously also satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3(a) and Corollary 3, and thus uniquely determine an equivalence class of type  $G + n - 1$  C\*-categories. Likewise, the identity is  $s = a = b = b' = b'' = 1$ , and the inverse is complex-conjugation. We find this abelian group structure very useful in Section 4.2 (though we will find in Section 3.4 that this group is usually trivial!).

In any case, this group of equivalence classes should be closely related to the set  $H^2((\mathbb{Z}_p^k, \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}); \mathbb{T})/\sim$  defined in Chapter III of [24], as suggested by their Theorem IX.8 (see also [17]). Those equivalence classes parametrise deformations of Kac algebras (equivalently, depth-2 subfactors) possessing what we would call near-group fusions of type  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}} + p^k - 2$ . We return to this briefly in Section 4.2.

Note that in all cases in Corollary 3,  $b(\sigma x) = b(x) = sb(\bar{x})$ . In the following we fix a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , identify the labels  $x \in \widehat{G}^*$  with the entries of  $\mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , and choose  $\sigma x = (1 - x)^{-1}$ , so that (when  $\mathbb{F}_q$  has odd characteristic, i.e.  $n$  is even)  $\sigma(-1) = 1/2$  and  $\sigma(2) = -1$ . Note from the proof that  $\sigma$  will have exactly 0,1,2 fixed-points respectively, for  $n \equiv 1, 2, 0 \pmod{3}$ .

By Corollary 2, the principal graph for  $\rho(M) \subset M$  when  $n = 2$  is  $D_5^{(1)}$ , the McKay graph for binary  $S_3$ . This suggests an alternate construction of the subfactor  $\rho(M) \subset M$ , at least when  $b = b'' = 1$ . Construct a central extension  $\text{BAff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  of  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  — it will have precisely 2  $n$ -dimensional irreps (one of which, denoted  $\rho'$ , is faithful) and  $2n$  1-dimensional irreps, and its McKay graph (which consists of a node for each irrep and  $m$  edges connecting node  $i$  and  $j$  if  $k$  is the multiplicity of irrep  $j$  in the tensor product of irrep  $i$  with  $\rho'$ ) is the desired principal graph. The irreps of  $\text{BAff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  are separated into even and odd ones, depending on whether or not the centre is in the kernel; the even vertices are precisely the irreps of  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$ . To construct the subfactor, start with the index- $n^2$  subfactor

$$\mathbb{C}I \otimes M_{n \times n} \otimes M_{n \times n} \otimes \cdots \subset M_{n \times n} \otimes M_{n \times n} \otimes M_{n \times n} \otimes \cdots, \quad (2.43)$$

identifying  $\text{BAff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  with its image  $K \subset M_{n \times n}$  using the faithful irrep  $\rho'$ , and then take fixed-points:

$$\mathbb{C}I \otimes M_{n \times n}^K \otimes M_{n \times n}^K \otimes \cdots \subset M_{n \times n}^K \otimes M_{n \times n}^K \otimes M_{n \times n}^K \otimes \cdots. \quad (2.44)$$

The principal graph is constructed as in [13]; for this purpose it is important that  $\rho'$  is self-conjugate, as explained in [35].

## 2.4 The remaining class: $n'$ a multiple of $n$

In this section we identify a complete set of relations satisfied by the numerical invariants  $s, \dots, b''$  of Corollary 1, for the remaining class of near-group C\*-categories,

namely where the fusion coefficient multiplicity  $n'$  is a multiple of the order  $n$  of the abelian group  $G$ . Corollary 2 tells us that when  $n'$  is a positive multiple of  $n$ , the system will be realised by the even parts of a subfactor. There seems no reason to expect all solutions with  $n' = 0$  to arise from subfactors.

The main result in Theorem 4 is part (b). As usual, we identify the basis  $\{T_z\} = \mathcal{F}$  of  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  found in Theorem 1, with the set of labels  $\{z\}$ . For a given symmetric pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  for  $G$ , fix a function  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  satisfying  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(-g) = \epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g)$  and  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g+h) = \overline{\langle g, h \rangle} \epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g) \epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(h)$ . An immediate consequence is that  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g)^2 = \overline{\langle g, g \rangle}$ . For example, if  $n = |G|$  is odd, the unique such function is  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g) = \langle g, g \rangle^{(n-1)/2}$ , while if  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{2k}$  and  $\langle g, h \rangle = \exp(m\pi i gh/k)$  one of the two is  $\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g) = \exp(-m\pi i g^2/(2k))$ .

**Theorem 4(a)** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group. Let  $\langle k, k' \rangle = \langle k', k \rangle \in \mathbb{T}$  be a nondegenerate symmetric pairing on  $G$ . For each  $\psi \in \widehat{G}$  let  $\mathcal{F}_1^\psi$  be a (possibly empty) parameter set and define  $\mathcal{F}_\phi^{\phi\psi} = \mathcal{F}_1^\psi$  for all  $\phi, \psi \in \widehat{G}$ ; then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of all triples  $x = (\tilde{x}, \dot{x}, \check{x})$  where  $\tilde{x}, \dot{x} \in \widehat{G}, \check{x} \in \mathcal{F}_x^{\check{x}}$ . Let  $n' = \|\mathcal{F}\| = n \sum_\psi \|\mathcal{F}_1^\psi\|$  and define  $\delta$  by (2.3). Let  $S_g, T_z$  be standard Cuntz generators, for  $g \in G$  and  $z \in \mathcal{F}$ . Define  $\alpha_g$  and  $U_g$  as in Theorem 1, where  $u_{x,g} = 1$  and  $gx = (\mu^g \tilde{x}, \mu^{-g} \dot{x}, \check{x})$  for  $\mu^g(k) = \langle g, k \rangle$ . Define  $\rho(S_g)$  and  $\rho(T_z)$  by (2.5), (2.6) where  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} a_x \delta_{y,\bar{x}}$  and  $b'_{x,y} = s \sqrt{\delta} \overline{a_x} \overline{b_{\bar{x},y}}$ , for  $a_x = s_x \dot{x}(g_x) \overline{\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g_x)}$ , where  $g_x \in G$  is as in Theorem 2(c), for some signs  $s_x \in \{1, s\}$  and some permutation  $x \mapsto \bar{x}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  as in Proposition 1. Then  $\mathcal{C}(G, \alpha, \rho)$  is a  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$ , provided the following equations are satisfied:  $s_{gx} = s_x$ ,  $s_{\bar{x}} = s s_x$ ,  $\tilde{\bar{x}} = \tilde{x}$ ,  $b_{y,x} = s b_{x,y}$ ,*

$$b_{z,gx} = \tilde{z}(g) b_{z,x}; \quad (2.45)$$

$$\overline{\tilde{z}(g)} b''_{z;gw,x,gy} = b''_{z;w,x,y} = \overline{\dot{w}(g)} \overline{\epsilon_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}(g)} b''_{-gz;gw,-gx,y}; \quad (2.46)$$

$$\delta \sum_y b_{x,y} \overline{b_{z,y}} = \delta_{x,z} = s \sum_{y,w} b'_{x,y} b'_{y,w} b'_{w,z}; \quad (2.47)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{-1} b''_{z;w',x',y} &= s \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} a_{w'} \sum_w b_{z,w} \overline{b''_{w';y,x'}} = \delta^{-1} a_{x'} \overline{a_z} \overline{b''_{\tilde{z};y,x',w'}} \\ &= \sum_{w,x} b_{y,w} \overline{b_{w',x}} \overline{b''_{x';x,z,w}}; \end{aligned} \quad (2.48)$$

$$n^{-1} \sum_y b''_{z;y,x,y} = -\delta^{-1} \delta_{z,x} \delta_{\tilde{x},1} = \delta_{\tilde{x},1} \delta_{\tilde{z},\tilde{x}} \sum_y b''_{y;x,y,z}; \quad (2.49)$$

$$\sum_{w,y} b''_{z;w,x,y} \overline{b''_{z';w,x',y}} = \delta_{z,z'} \delta_{x,x'} - n \delta^{-1} \delta_{\tilde{x},x'} \delta_{z,x} \delta_{z',x'}; \quad (2.50)$$

$$\sum_{w,y} b''_{w;y,z,x} \overline{b''_{w;y,z',x'}} = \delta_{x,x'} \delta_{z,z'} - \delta^{-1} \delta_{g_x x, g_z z} \delta_{g_x x', g_z z'}; \quad (2.51)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\tilde{y},\tilde{x}} \sum_{y'} \overline{b''_{x;w,y',x'}} b''_{z;y',y,z'} - \delta^{-1} b'_{z,x} a_{x'} \delta_{y,\bar{x}} \overline{a_w} \delta_{z',\bar{w}} \\ = \delta_{\tilde{y},\tilde{x}} \sum_{w',y',w''} b''_{z;x,w',w''} b''_{w';x',y,y'} \overline{b''_{w'';w,z',y'}}; \end{aligned} \quad (2.52)$$

as well as the selection rules  $b_{x,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}y = \widetilde{x\dot{y}}$ , and  $b''_{z;w,x,y} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \widetilde{y} = \widetilde{w}\widetilde{x}$ .

(b) Conversely, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $C^*$ -category of type  $G + n'$  for  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$  and suppose  $H^2(G; \mathbb{T}) = 1$ . Then there exist quantities  $\langle *, * \rangle, s, a, b, b', b''$  satisfying the above equations and relations, such that the corresponding  $\mathcal{C}(G, \alpha, \rho)$  is tensor-equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof.* We will prove part (b) first. Recall the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$  generated by the isometries  $S_g$  and  $T_z$ . The desired selection rule for  $b''$  follows from the equivariance  $\alpha_g \rho = \rho$ . The identity  $\rho(\alpha_g T_z) = U_g \rho(T_z) U_g^*$  implies the covariances for  $b, b', b''$ , namely the left-sides of (2.45) and (2.46), along with  $b'_{z,gx} = \widetilde{z}(g) b'_{z,x}$ . The  $S_0 S_0^*$ -coefficient of the Cuntz relation  $\delta_{z,z'} = \rho T_z^* \rho T_{z'}$  forces the unitarity of  $b'$ .

The  $T_y S_k S_k^*$  coefficient of the identity  $\rho(S_h^* \rho(S_g)) T_w = \rho(S_h^*) T_w \rho(S_g)$  (which holds because  $T_w$  lies in the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ ) reads

$$\langle g, h \rangle s \delta^{-1} \sum_z \overline{b'_{z,w}} b'_{gz,y} = \sum_z \overline{a_{hw,z}} a_{gz,hy}. \quad (2.53)$$

Putting  $g = h = 0$  in (2.53) gives  $\sum_y \overline{a_{x,y}} a_{y,z} = s \delta^{-1} \delta_{x,z}$ . Applying the triangle inequality to this, and comparing with  $\sum_y |a_{x,y}|^2 = \delta^{-1}$ , yields  $a_{y,x} = s a_{x,y}$ .

For each  $\phi \in \widehat{G}$ , recall the subspace  $\mathcal{F}_\phi$  consisting of all  $T \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$  with  $\alpha_g(T) = \phi(g) T \forall g \in G$ . Using the gauge freedom discussed after Corollary 1, we can now simplify the form of  $a$ . We need this unitary change-of-basis  $P$  to commute with each  $U(g)$ , i.e. to satisfy  $P(\mathcal{F}_\phi) = \mathcal{F}_\phi$  and  $P_{kx,ky} = P_{x,y}$  for all  $k \in G$ . For any  $g \in G$  define  $A(g)_{x,y} = \delta \sum_z a_{x,gz} \overline{a_{y,z}}$ . Then (2.53) tells us for any  $g, k \in G$  the covariance  $A(g)_{x,y} = \langle g, k \rangle A(g)_{kx,ky}$  and the selection rule  $A(g)_{x,y} = 0$  unless both  $\widetilde{y} = \mu^g \widetilde{x}$ . The latter tells us each  $A(g)$  is a map from  $\mathcal{F}_\phi$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu^g \phi}$ . We verify that  $A(0) = I$ ,  $A(g) A(k) = A(g+k)$  and  $A(-g) = A(g)^*$  so  $g \mapsto A(g)$  defines a unitary representation of  $G$ . Moreover, covariance yields  $A(g) U_k = \langle g, k \rangle U_k A(g)$ . Hence the set of unitary operators  $A(g) U_{-g}$  for all  $g \in G$  commute and so can be simultaneously diagonalised; choose  $P$  so that all  $A(g) U_{-g}$  are diagonal on  $\mathcal{F}_1$ , and  $P$  is defined on arbitrary  $\mathcal{F}_\phi$  by requiring  $P_{kx,ky} = P_{x,y}$ . This means  $A(g)_{x,y} = \epsilon_x(g) \delta_{y,gx}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{F}$ , for some  $\epsilon_x(g) \in \mathbb{T}$ . Hence the properties of  $A$  reduce to  $\epsilon_{kx}(g) = \langle g, k \rangle \epsilon_x(g)$  and  $\epsilon_x(g) \epsilon_{gx}(h) = \epsilon_x(g+h)$ . We see that  $\psi_x := \epsilon_x \epsilon_{\langle \cdot \rangle}$  lies in  $\widehat{G}$ . The triangle inequality applied to  $A(g)_{x,gx}$ , together with  $\delta \sum_z |a_{xz}|^2 = 1$ , gives us the covariance  $a_{gx,-gy} = \overline{\epsilon_x(g)} a_{x,y}$ . We need to refine this  $P$  further.

Define an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $x \sim x'$  iff there exists a sequence  $x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m = x'$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_m$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that the entries  $a_{x_{i-1}, y_i}$  and  $a_{x_i, y_i}$  are nonzero for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Let  $\mathcal{X}_x$  denote the equivalence class containing  $x$  and write  $\mathcal{T}_x$  for  $\text{span}_{w \in \mathcal{X}_x} \{T_w\}$ . Then whenever  $a_{x,y} \neq 0$ ,  $a$  restricts to the indecomposable blocks  $\mathcal{T}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_y$ , where it is unitary. An induction argument (the base step of which was done in the previous paragraph) verifies that any  $w \in \mathcal{X}_x$  has  $\widetilde{w} = \widetilde{x}$ . Moreover, the invertibility of  $a$  says  $a_{x,y} \neq 0$  implies the cardinalities  $\|\mathcal{X}_x\| = \|\mathcal{X}_y\|$  are equal.

Choose any  $x \in \mathcal{F}_1$ , and suppose  $a_{x,y} \neq 0$ . Consider first the case where  $\mathcal{X}_x$  and  $\mathcal{X}_y$  are disjoint, and fix some bijection  $\pi : \mathcal{X}_y \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_x$ . Define a unitary  $u$  on  $\mathcal{T}_x + \mathcal{T}_y$



to be the identity on  $\mathcal{T}_x$  and to be  $a|_{\mathcal{T}_x} \circ \pi$  on  $\mathcal{T}_y$ , and replace  $a$  on  $\mathcal{T}_x + \mathcal{T}_y$  with  $u^T a u$ . Otherwise we have the case  $\mathcal{X}_x = \mathcal{X}_y$ , so we can make use of some facts from linear algebra (see section 4.4 of [18]) which say that: (i) when a complex matrix  $B$  is both symmetric and normal, then there exists a real orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $B = Q D Q^T$ ; (ii) when a complex matrix  $B$  is both skew-symmetric and normal, then there exists a real orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^T B Q = 0 \oplus \cdots \oplus 0 \oplus \bigoplus_j \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z_j \\ -z_j & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $z_j \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Our matrix  $B$  here (namely  $a|_{\mathcal{T}_x}$ ) is in fact unitary, so both the  $z_j$  and the diagonal entries of  $D$  lie in  $\mathbb{T}$  and we can adjust  $Q$  by the square-roots of those numbers and maintain unitarity. The result is a matrix  $a$  in the form described in the statement of Theorem 4, where we write  $\pi x = \bar{x}$  and  $\dot{x}(g) = \overline{\psi_x(g)}$ , and decompose each  $\mathcal{F}_\phi$  into  $\bigoplus_\psi \mathcal{F}_\phi^\psi$  where  $\dot{x} = \psi$  for  $x \in \mathcal{F}_\phi^{\psi_x}$ . This means we write  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  as a triple  $(\tilde{x}, \dot{x}, \check{x})$  where  $\check{x} \in \mathcal{F}_{\tilde{x}}^{\dot{x}}$ ; then for any  $g, x$ ,  $\epsilon_x(g) = \overline{\dot{x}(g)} \epsilon_{\langle \cdot \rangle}(g)$  and  $g(\tilde{x}, \dot{x}, \check{x}) = (\mu^g \tilde{x}, \mu^{-g} \dot{x}, \check{x})$  as desired.

Because  $S_h \in \text{Hom}(\alpha_h, \rho^2)$ , we have

$$S_g^* \rho^2(S_0) S_g = S_g = S_0^* \rho^2(S_g) S_0 = S_0^* \rho(U_g \rho(S_0) U_g^*) S_0 = (\rho(U_g)^* S_0)^* \rho^2(S_0) (\rho(U_g)^* S_0).$$

But the intertwiner space  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2)$  is one-dimensional, and thus

$$\beta(g) S_g^* = S_0^* \rho(U_g) \tag{2.54}$$

for some scalars  $\beta(g)$  with  $|\beta(g)| = 1$ . Because  $\rho(U_{g+h}) = \rho(U_g) \rho(U_h)$ , we have from (2.54) and  $\alpha_h$ -covariance that  $\beta \in \widehat{G}$ . The  $S_h^*$ -coefficient of (2.54) reads

$$\beta(g) \delta_{g,h} = \frac{n}{\delta^2} \delta_{\mu^g, \mu_h} + \sum_{x,z} b_{z,x} \overline{b_{gz,x}} \tilde{x}(h). \tag{2.55}$$

The triangle inequality applied to (2.55) with  $g = h$  forces  $\beta = 1 = \overline{\mu^g} \mu_g$  on  $G$  (i.e. the pairing  $\langle *, * \rangle$  is symmetric).

Putting  $g = h = 0$  in (2.27) gives  $b'_{z,w} = s \delta \overline{a_z} \overline{b_{z,w}}$ . Hence the unitarity of  $b'$  implies the left-side of (2.47).  $\rho(S_g^* \rho(T_z)) T_x = \rho(S_g^*) T_x \rho(T_z)$  holds because  $T_x \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ ; its  $S_0 S_0^*$  and  $T_y T_w^*$  coefficients, together with  $b' = s \delta \overline{a b}$ , gives the right-side of (2.47) and the left-side of (2.48). Combining the left-side of (2.48) with  $a_{y,x} = s a_{x,y}$  and the unitarity of  $\sqrt{\delta} b$ , gives

$$\sum_{z'} b_{z,z'} \overline{b'_{z';x,y,w}} = s \sum_{z'} b_{z',z} \overline{b'_{z';x,y,w}}. \tag{2.56}$$

Choose  $g \in G$  so that  $\tilde{w} \mu^g = 1$ ; replacing  $y$  with  $\overline{g x}$  and applying  $\sum_x a_{gx}$  to (2.56), this simplifies by (2.15) to  $\sum_{z'} b_{z,z'} \overline{b_{z',w}} = s \sum_{z'} b_{z',z} \overline{b_{z',w}}$ , i.e.  $b_{y,x} = s b_{x,y}$ . Substituting the value for  $A(g)$  and our expression for  $b'$  into (2.53) with  $h = 0$ , and applying the triangle inequality and  $\delta \sum_x |b_{x,y}|^2 = 1$ , yields  $b_{gw,gy} = \epsilon_w(g) \epsilon_y(g) b_{w,y}$ ; comparing with covariance (2.45) yields the selection rule for  $b$  given in the theorem.

Because  $T_w \in \text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2)$ , we get  $\rho(T_x^* \rho(S_g)) T_w = \rho(T_x^*) T_w \rho(S_g)$ . Using (2.53) and our formula for  $A(g)$ , the  $T_y T_{z'} S_0 S_0^*$  coefficient of this identity gives

$$\overline{b''_{x;w,-gz',y}} a_{z'} = a_{gx} b''_{\overline{gx;y,z'},-gw} \langle g, g \rangle \epsilon_w(g), \quad (2.57)$$

which simplifies to the second equality of (2.48) (for  $g = 0$ ) and the right-side of (2.46). The left-side of (2.49) comes from (2.15), while its right-side comes from the  $T_w^* T_z^*$  coefficient of (2.54). (2.50) follows by multiplying (2.16) by  $\sum_{z,z'} b_{z,u} \overline{b_{z',v}}$  and using the left-side of (2.48) twice. (2.51) is a simplification of (2.18). Equations (2.34),(2.35) simplify to the right-side of (2.48) (after applying the other parts of (2.48)) and (2.52), respectively. (2.50) follows directly from (2.16) and (2.48). This concludes the proof of part (b).

To prove part (a), we need to verify the conditions of Proposition 1, given the equations listed in Theorem 4. Unitarity of  $b'$  follows from that of  $\sqrt{\delta}a$  and  $\sqrt{\delta}b$ . The covariances (2.45),(2.46),  $a_{gx} = \epsilon_{(\cdot)}(g) \dot{x}(g) a_x$  and  $b'_{gz,hw} = \langle g, h \rangle \tilde{z}(h) \tilde{w}(g) \epsilon_z(g) b'_{z,w}$  (covariance for  $b'$  follows from that for  $a$  and  $b$ ) are used repeatedly to simplify the expressions of Section 2.2. For example, these covariances immediately give  $W_{why}(g) = \langle g, h \rangle \dot{y}(g) \epsilon_{(\cdot)}(g) \delta_{w,gy}$ .

(2.15) follows from multiplying the left-side of (2.49) by  $\sum_z \overline{b_{z',z}}$  and replacing  $x$  with  $gx$  and  $y$  with  $gy$ . (2.17) involves the right-side of (2.49). (2.27) involves the selection rule  $b'_{x,w} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}\tilde{x} = \dot{w}\tilde{w}$ . Verifying (2.28) requires the selection rule for  $b_{\overline{x},w}$ . (2.34) involves all three identities in (2.48). To obtain (2.35) from (2.52), use three times the left-side of (2.46) with  $g = g'_x g_y$ , as well as the selection rule for  $b''$ .

Equation (2.50) and the left-side of (2.49) tells us that the inverse of the matrix  $b_{(w,y),(z,x)} := b''_{z;w,x,y}$  is  $b'_{(w,y),(z,x)} := \overline{b''_{z;w,x,y}} - \dot{w}(g_x) \epsilon_{(\cdot)}(g_x) \delta_{w,g_x y} \delta_{z,x}$ . Hence we obtain another form of (2.50):

$$\sum_{z,x} b''_{z;w,x,y} \overline{b''_{z;w',x,y'}} = \delta_{w,w'} \delta_{y,y'} - \delta^{-1} \delta_{g_w w', g_y y'} \delta_{g_w w, g_y y}. \quad (2.58)$$

(2.16) arises from  $\sum_{z,z'} \overline{b_{y',z}} b_{w',z'}$  applied to (2.50), while (2.18) follows from (2.58). (2.23) comes from (2.50) and the formula for  $\delta$ . To see (2.33), hit it with  $\sum_{w,y} \overline{b_{y',w}} b_{z'',y}$  and use (2.48), (2.16), and both sides of (2.47). From (2.18) we compute  $V_{wxyz}(g) = \dot{z}(g) \epsilon_{(\cdot)}(g) \delta_{w,gz} \delta_{gx,y}$ . *QED to Theorem 4*

### 3 Explicit classifications

Recall that  $G$  is the abelian group formed by the group-like simple objects, so  $n = |G|$  is the number of  $S$ 's in the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n,n'}$  of Section 2. The fusion coefficient  $n' = N_{\rho\rho}^\rho = \|\mathcal{F}\|$  will be the number of  $T$ 's. We know that either  $n' = n - 1$  ('first class') or  $n'$  is a multiple of  $n$  (second class). In this subsection we explicitly solve our equations for small  $n$  or  $n'$ . But first we address the question of the direct relation of near-group systems to character rings of groups  $K$ , a question begged by the examples in the Introduction.

### 3.1 Which finite group module categories are near-group?

We have seen several examples of finite groups  $K$  whose module categories are near-group. For example, the module categories  $\text{Mod}(D_4)$  and  $\text{Mod}(Q_8)$  for the order-8 dihedral and quaternion groups, are both of type  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 + 0$ , and those examples apparently motivated Tambara-Yamagami to study their class of categories [32]. Similarly, the even sectors of the  $D_5^{(1)}$  subfactor satisfies the  $S_3$  fusions and, more generally, the module categories for the affine groups  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  are of type  $\mathbb{Z}_{q-1} + q - 2$ . The complete list of groups whose representation rings possess the near-group property has been rediscovered several times, but perhaps originated with Seitz:

**Proposition 3.** [30] *The complete list of all finite groups  $K$  whose module category  $\text{Mod}(K)$  is a near-group category of type  $G + n'$ , for some abelian group  $G$  and some  $n' \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , is:*

- (a)  $|K| = 2^k$  for  $k$  odd, its centre is order 2, and  $G/Z \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . In this case,  $G = K/Z(K)$ ,  $d_\rho = \delta = 2^{(k-1)/2}$ , and  $n' = 0$ .
- (b)  $K \cong \text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  for some finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . In this case,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$ ,  $d_\rho = q - 1$ , and  $n' = q - 2$ .

The groups in part (a) are called *extraspecial 2-groups*; there are precisely 2 of them for each odd  $k > 1$ . We will see next subsection that most  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + 0$  are not  $\text{Mod}(K)$  for some  $K$ . In contrast, Proposition 5 below says that all but 5  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n - 1$  will be  $\text{Mod}(K)$  for  $K$  in part (b).

### 3.2 The type $G + 0$ classification

As a special case of Theorem 4, we recover the Tambara-Yamagami classification [32]:

**Corollary 4.** *The equivalence classes of  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + 0$  are in one-to-one correspondence with either choice of sign  $s$  and any choice of nondegenerate symmetric pairing  $\langle, \rangle$  on  $G$ , up to automorphism of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Because  $n' = 0$ , the parameters  $a, b, b', b''$  must be dropped from all equations in Proposition 1. All that remains is the sign  $s$  and the symmetric pairing  $\langle *, * \rangle$ , which will be nondegenerate for  $G$ . *QED to Corollary 4*

The proof in [32] is independent and much longer, involving a detailed study of the pentagon equations in the category. It is worth remarking that [32] prove that  $G$  must be abelian (whereas we assume it).

These usually don't seem to be realised by a subfactor. As explained after Corollary 2, for both choices of signs the subfactors  $\rho_\pm(M) \subset M$  are equivalent to the  $M^G \subset M$  subfactor.

### 3.3 The near-group categories for the trivial group $G$

It is generally believed that there are a finite number of fusion categories of each rank, so in particular one would expect that for each finite  $G$ , there are only finitely

many near-group  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n'$  for arbitrary  $n'$ . In fact, we are led to expect that only finitely many cyclic groups  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , when  $n + 1$  is not a prime power, will have  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n'$  for  $n' > 0$ .

Nevertheless, until we can bound  $n'$  given a  $G$ , it seems to be nontrivial to classify all near-group  $C^*$ -categories whose group-like objects form a given group  $G$ . The only example we can fully work out is  $G = \{0\}$  (although we expect the tube algebra analysis for  $n' > n$  should yield classifications for other groups of small orders).

**Proposition 4.** *Up to equivalence, there are precisely 3 near-group  $C^*$ -categories of type  $\{0\} + n'$ : namely, two of type  $\{0\} + 0$ , and one of type  $\{0\} + 1$ .*

The possibility  $n' = 0$  is Tambara-Yamagami and so is covered by Corollary 4, while  $n' = 1$  is most easily handled using Corollary 5 below. The reason there can be no examples with  $n' > 1$  is that such a solution would yield a fusion category with rank 2 and a fusion coefficient  $= n' \geq 2$ , and no such fusion category can exist [29].

There are precisely 4 rank 2 fusion categories (2 of type  $\{0\} + 0$  and 2 of type  $\{0\} + 1$ ). The one which is not realised as a fusion  $C^*$ -category is known as the Yang-Lee model, corresponding to one of the nonunitary Virasoro minimal models. The *nonunitary* minimal models can never be realised as  $C^*$ -categories, so it is no surprise that Yang-Lee is missing from Proposition 4.

### 3.4 The type $G + n - 1$ $C^*$ -categories

By Corollary 3, the only parameters we need to identify are a sign  $s$  when  $n + 1$  is a power of 2, a third root of unity  $\omega$  when  $n + 1$  is a power of 3, and the  $b''_{x,y}$  when  $xy \neq 1$ . The complete classification for  $n < 32$  is collected in Table 1; the only value for the entries  $n \neq 1, 2, 3, 7$  is the permutation  $\sigma$ . Recall  $n + 1$  must be a power of a prime and  $G$  must be cyclic. In Table 1 we identify  $\mathcal{F}$  with the subset  $G \setminus \{0\}$ .  $\omega$  there is any third root of 1. In the  $\sigma$  column of the table we use cycle notation, writing A for 10, B for 11, etc. For  $G = \mathbb{Z}_7$ ,  $a(x) = 1, 1, s, 1, s, s$  for  $x = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  respectively, and  $b''$  is given by

$$b''(i, j) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s & s & 1 & s & * \\ 1 & 1 & s & s & * & s \\ s & s & 1 & * & 1 & 1 \\ s & 1 & * & 1 & s & s \\ s & * & 1 & s & 1 & 1 \\ * & s & 1 & s & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.1)$$

It is elementary to verify from Corollary 3 that each entry in Table 1 yields an inequivalent solution to the equations of Theorem 3.

$G$	$\#$	$\sigma$	$s$	$a$	$b$	$b''$
$\mathbb{Z}_1$	2	(1)	$\pm 1$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	3	(1)	1	1	$\omega$	$\emptyset$
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	2	(1)	$\pm 1$	$1, s$	$sa$	$b''_{xx} = a_x$
$\mathbb{Z}_4$	1	(123)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_6$	1	(234)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_7$	2	(142)(365)	$\pm 1$	$11s1ss$	$sa$	(see above)
$\mathbb{Z}_8$	1	(165)(273)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{10}$	1	(159)(276)(843)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	1	(16B)(378)(459)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{15}$	1	(1B3)(276)(4EC)(8D9)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{16}$	1	(1AD)(2E8)(36F)(4B9)(5C7)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{18}$	1	(19H)(2EB)(4G7)(5CA)(6D8)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{22}$	1	(1EI)(236)(48L)(5FD)(7H9)(ACB)(GJK)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{24}$	1	(129)(3EJ)(5AL)(6CI)(7GD)(8HB)(FMN)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{26}$	1	(139)(2LG)(4FK)(5OA)(6BM)(7EI)(8CJ)(HNP)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{28}$	1	(1ER)(293)(4FN)(5DO)(6KG)(7HI)(8MC)(ABL)(JQP)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{30}$	1	(1LN)(23A)(4JM)(6OF)(79T)(8BQ)(CHG)(DIE)(KRS)	1	1	1	1
$\mathbb{Z}_{31}$	1	(1HD)(23Q)(46L)(5ST)(7F9)(8CB)(APR)(EUI)(GOM)(JNK)	1	1	1	1

**Table 1.** The  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n'$  for  $|G| = n' + 1 \leq 31$

**Proposition 5.** *If a  $C^*$ -category is of type  $G + n'$  with  $n' \notin n\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $n + 1 =: q$  is a prime power, and  $n' = n - 1$ . There is precisely one  $C^*$ -category of type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n - 1$ , namely  $\text{Mod}(\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q))$ , except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$  which have precisely  $1, 2, 1, 1$  additional  $C^*$ -categories, collected in Table 1.*

*Proof.* We know  $n' = n - 1$  from Theorem 2, and  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  where  $n = q - 1$  for some prime power  $q = p^k$ , by Proposition 2. Corollary 7.4 of [10] tells us that the only fusion categories of type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n - 1$  are  $\text{Mod}(\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q))$ , except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$  where there are precisely  $1, 2, 1, 1$  additional fusion categories. There always is at least one  $C^*$ -category of type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n - 1$ , namely the one corresponding to the solution  $b = b'' = 1$ , so it suffices to find  $1, 2, 1, 1$  additional solutions the the equations of Theorem 3, when  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$  respectively. These are collected in Table 1. *QED*

Combining [10] and Proposition 5, we find that each near-group fusion category with  $n' = n - 1$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  has a  $C^*$ -category structure, i.e. a system of endomorphisms (unique up to equivalence). To our knowledge, this gives the first construction of the extra  $C^*$ -categories for  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . As pointed out in Section 2.3, the collection of (equivalence classes of) type  $G + n - 1$   $C^*$ -categories for a given  $G$  will form an abelian group. We find that this group is always trivial, except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$  when it is  $\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2$  respectively.

Recall the discussion of the deformation parameters  $H^2((\mathbb{Z}_p^k, \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}); \mathbb{T}) / \sim$  near the end of Section 2.3. We expect the group  $H^2((\mathbb{Z}_p^k, \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}); \mathbb{T})$  is trivial for all  $n$ . It

should be possible to verify this from the results of [24], at least for  $n \leq 4$  and  $n = 6$ . Certainly it says there is a unique depth-2 subfactor with principal even fusions of type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n - 1$  for those  $n$ , namely  $M^H \subset M \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_{n-1}$  for  $H = \mathbb{Z}_p^k$  (see [3] for a complete analysis of these subfactors). It is easy to compute  $H^2((\mathbb{Z}_p^k, \mathbb{Z}_{p^k-1}); \mathbb{T})$  directly from the definition, for  $n = 1, 2$ , and we find indeed that it is trivial. In particular, this means that only the  $s = 1$  solution at  $n = 1$ , and only  $\omega = 1$  at  $n = 2$ , are realised by depth-2 subfactors. The triviality of this for  $n = 5$  follows from uniqueness results for subfactors of index 5.

### 3.5 At least as many $T$ 's as $S$ 's

Consider now type  $G + n'$ , where  $n' \geq n$  (and therefore must be a multiple of  $n$ ). We don't know of any examples where  $n' > n$ . A natural approach to bounding  $n'$ , given  $n$ , would be carrying through the tube algebra analysis for  $n' > n$ . After all, we find in Section 4.2 below that this strategy is effective in pruning the possibilities for type  $G + n - 1$ . Likewise, Ostrik's analysis [29], which eliminated  $n' > n$  for  $G = \{0\}$ , investigated the modular data for the double. We will pursue this thought in future work.

**Corollary 5.** *Any solution to the equations of Proposition 1, for arbitrary  $G$  and  $n' = n$ , has  $s = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \widehat{G}$ ,  $H = 0$ ,  $u_{x,g} = 1$ , and is of the form  $a_{x,y} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} \delta_{x,\bar{y}} a(x)$ ,  $b_{z,x} = c\sqrt{n\delta}^{-1} \langle z, x \rangle$ ,  $b'_{z,x} = \overline{a(z)}c\sqrt{n}^{-1} \langle z, x \rangle$ ,  $b''_{z;w,x,y} = \delta_{y,wx} a(x) b(z\bar{x}) \langle z, y \rangle$  for some complex numbers  $c, a(x), b(x)$  satisfying*

$$a(1) = 1, \quad a(x) = a(\bar{x}), \quad a(xy) \langle x, y \rangle = a(x) a(y), \quad \sum_x a(x) = \sqrt{n} c^{-3}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$b(1) = -1/\delta, \quad \sum_y \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} b(y) = \sqrt{n} c \overline{b(x)}, \quad a(x) b(\bar{x}) = \overline{b(x)}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sum_x b(xy) \overline{b(x)} = \delta_{y,1} - \delta^{-1}, \quad \sum_x b(xy) b(xz) \overline{b(x)} = \overline{\langle y, z \rangle} b(y) b(z) - \frac{c}{\delta\sqrt{n}}. \quad (3.4)$$

*Conversely, any  $a(x), b(x), c$  satisfying (3.2)-(3.4) yields a solution to the equations of Proposition 1 in this way. Two  $C^*$ -categories  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  of type  $G + n$  are equivalent iff  $c_1 = c_2$  and there is a  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$  such that  $\langle g, h \rangle_2 = \langle \phi g, \phi h \rangle_1$ ,  $a_2(x) = a_1(\phi x)$ , and  $b_2(x) = b_1(\phi x)$ .*

*Proof.* Through the pairing  $\langle *, * \rangle$  we may identify  $\widehat{G}$ , and hence  $\mathcal{F}$ , with the group  $G$ . More precisely, let  $x_0$  denote the  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\tilde{x}_0 = 1$ ; then  $x_g = gx_0$  has  $\overline{gx_0}(h) = \mu^g(h) = \langle g, h \rangle$ . So the action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  corresponds to addition in  $G$ :  $hx_g = x_{h+g}$ .

Equivariance (2.45) forces  $b_{x_g, x_h} = c\sqrt{\delta}^{-1} \langle g, h \rangle$  for some  $c$  with  $|c| = 1$ . Write  $a_{x_g, x_h} = \sqrt{\delta}^{-1} a(g) \delta_{g, -h}$  for some numbers  $a(g)$  with  $|a(g)| = 1$ . Then  $a(-g) = sa(g)$ , so we get  $s = +1$  by looking at  $g = 0$ . We get  $b'_{x_g, x_h} = \bar{c} \langle g, h \rangle \overline{a(g)}$  and covariance

(2.46) says  $b''_{x_g; x_h, x_k, x_l} = \delta_{l, h+k} \langle g, h \rangle b''_{g, k}$  for some numbers  $b''_{g, k}$ . The left-side of (2.48) now reduces to

$$c \sum_g \langle g, h - k \rangle \overline{b''_{g, l}} = \overline{a(k)} \overline{\langle h, k \rangle} b''_{h, k+l} \quad (3.5)$$

and hence

$$b''_{h, k} = c a(k) \langle h, k \rangle \sum_g \langle g, h - k \rangle \overline{b''_{g, 0}} = a(k) \langle h, k \rangle b''_{h-k, 0}. \quad (3.6)$$

Writing  $b''_{g, 0} = b(g)$ , it is now easy to verify that all equations of [21] are recovered.  
*QED to Corollary 5*

This Corollary says that the case  $n' = n$  reduces to the generalisation of  $E_6$  introduced in Section 5 of [21].

**Proposition 6.** *There are (up to equivalence) precisely 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2, 8, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4 systems for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 13$ , respectively. There is 1 solution each for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ , 2 solutions for  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ , 4 solutions for  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ , and no solutions for  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .*

$G$	$c$	$\langle, \rangle$	$a$	$Q'$	$(j_1, \dots, j_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})$
$\mathbb{Z}_1$	1	1	1	2	$\emptyset$
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\xi_{24}^{17}$	1	1	$(-1, -5)$	$(0.78539816)$
	$\xi_{24}^7$	1	-1	$(1, 5)$	$(-0.78539816)$
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	$\xi_{12}^{-1}$	1	1	1	$(-2.8484536)$
	$\xi_{12}$	-1	1	-1	$(2.8484536)$
$\mathbb{Z}_4$	$\xi_8^3$	1	1	$(3, -3)$	$(-0.60623837, -1.5707963)$
	$\xi_8^{-3}$	-1	1	$(-3, 3)$	$(-1.39163653, 1.57079632)$
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	1	1	1		$(-2.356194490, 2.356194490, 0)$
$\mathbb{Z}_5$	-1	1	1	$(1, 1)$	$(-1.256637, 1.256637)$
	$\xi_3$	2	1	2	$(-1.0071249, 0.3425266)$
	$\xi_3^{-1}$	2	1	-2	$(-0.3425266, -2.263762)$
$\mathbb{Z}_6$	$\xi_{24}^{-1}$	1	1	$(-1, -19)$	$(-2.9552611, -0.055354168, 0.78539816)$
	$\xi_{24}^{-5}$	-1	1	$(3, 13)$	$(-2.915033694, 1.5909100, -2.3561944)$
	$\xi_{24}^3$	1	-1	$(-3, -13)$	$(2.9150336, -1.590910, 2.3561944)$
	$\xi_{24}$	-1	-1	$(1, 19)$	$(2.9552611, 0.055354168, -0.78539816)$
$\mathbb{Z}_7$	$i$	1	1	-2	$(-1.05169, 1.7936250, -0.3143315)$
	$-i$	-1	1	2	$(1.0516925, -1.793625, 0.31433)$
$\mathbb{Z}_8$	$\xi_{24}$	1	1	$(-5, -7)$	$(-0.87227636, 2.7042615, -2.9767963, 3.1415926)$
	$\xi_{24}$	1	-1	$(-5, 17)$	$(-2.9767963, -1.1334651, -0.87227635, 3.1415926)$
	$\xi_{24}^{-1}$	-1	1	$(5, 7)$	$(0.87227636, -2.7042615, 2.9767963, 3.1415926)$
	$\xi_{24}^{-1}$	-1	-1	$(5, -17)$	$(2.9767963, 1.1334651, 0.87227635, 3.1415926)$
	$\xi_{24}$	3	1	$(1, 11)$	$(2.4640490, -3.0755747, -0.49188699, 0)$
	$\xi_{24}^3$	3	-1	$(1, -13)$	$(-0.49188700, 1.5047784, 2.4640490, 0)$
	$\xi_{24}^7$	-3	1	$(-1, -11)$	$(-2.4640490, 3.0755747, 0.49188699, 0)$
	$\xi_{24}^{17}$	-3	-1	$(-1, 13)$	$(0.49188700, -1.5047784, -2.4640490, 0)$
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	$\xi_{12}^3$	1	$(1, 1)$		$(0.7853981, 1.77783, -2.497219, 1.570796, -0.7853981)$
	$\xi_{12}^{-5}$	1	$(-1, 1)$		$(-0.785398, 0.9924406, 1.42977, -1.57079, 0.7853981)$
	$\xi_{12}^{-5}$	1	$(1, -1)$		$(0.785398, 1.42977, -1.777838, -1.570796, -0.785398)$
	$\xi_{12}^3$	-1	$(-1, -1)$		$(-0.7853981, -2.497219, -0.9924406, 1.5707963, 0.7853981)$
$\mathbb{Z}_9$	$\xi_3^{-1}$	1	1	-2	$(-2.69568, 1.367012, 1.41882, -2.38374)$
	$\xi_3$	-1	1	2	$(2.695680, -1.3670127, -1.418824, 2.383744)$
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	1	-1	1	2	$(2.9557793, -1.2330109, -2.2802084, 0)$
$\mathbb{Z}_{10}$	$\xi_8^{-1}$	1	1		$(-2.3665026, -3.0894639, 3.077894, 0.00650245, 0.785398)$
	$\xi_8^3$	7	1		$(1.7756309, -0.6115079, -1.030618, 2.8686859, -2.3561944)$
	$\xi_8$	1	-1		$(-3.077894, 2.519776, -1.424024, 3.089463, -0.78539816)$
	$\xi_8^{-3}$	7	-1		$(-1.3447773, -2.868685, -1.7756309, 0.64512913, 2.3561944)$
$\mathbb{Z}_{11}$	$\xi_{12}^3$	1	1	2	$(1.9464713, 2.0140743, -1.7487929, 0.3352432, -0.1427077)$
	$\xi_{12}^{-1}$	1	1	1	$(0.53877136, -2.8317431, 0.2827610, 0.46457259, 2.5063157)$
	$\xi_{12}$	-1	1	-1	$(-2.8884206, 2.3090448, 0.85395967, 2.1781685, -1.4920749)$
	$\xi_{12}^3$	-1	1	-2	$(-1.4807206, 0.87167704, -1.1775942, 2.0488391, 2.1420869)$
$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	$\xi_{24}$	1	1		$(3.0822445, -0.3494640, -3.0450322, -0.7241984, -0.38234715, 1.570796)$
	$\xi_{24}^{-5}$	1	-1		$(-0.6247574, -3.044463, -2.3415376, 0.4718634, 0.99777419, 1.5707963)$
	$\xi_{24}^{-7}$	-1	1		$(-3.0822445, 0.34946402, 3.0450322, 0.7241984, 0.3823471, -1.570796)$
	$\xi_{24}^3$	-1	-1		$(0.6247574, 3.0444636, 2.3415376, -0.47186343, -0.99777419, -1.5707963)$
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$	$\xi_3^{-1}$	-1	$(1, 1)$		$(-2.35619, 0.0611997, 2.469129, 0.89833, -1.88433, 0.785398, 1.57079)$
	$\xi_3$	1	$(-1, 1)$		$(2.356194, -0.0611997, -2.4691295, -0.8983332, 1.884331, -0.785398, -1.570796)$
$\mathbb{Z}_{13}$	-1	1	1	3	$(-2.4521656, 1.9847836, 0.42579608, 1.4322079, -1.4550587, 1.1404478)$
	-1	1	1	3	$(1.4550587, 1.3924399, -1.9847836, -1.2761619, 0.44776608, -1.4322079)$
	1	2	1	1	$(-2.4805730, 3.0305492, 0.28372451, -0.04125417, 0.44928247, 2.9410534)$
	1	2	1	1	$(-0.44928247, 2.2170122, -3.0305492, -1.892166, -2.9638949, 0.041254182)$

**Table 2.** The  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n$  for  $|G| \leq 13$

All systems for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  ( $n \leq 4$ ) and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ , and the first one for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  were constructed in Section 5 and Appendix A of [21]; the rest are to our knowledge new. The column  $Q'$  will be relevant to subsection 4.4, where it will be explained.

In the table, we write  $\xi_k$  for  $\exp(2\pi i/k)$ . If  $\langle, \rangle$  is a nondegenerate symmetric



pairing for a cyclic group  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , then it equals  $\langle g, h \rangle = \exp(2\pi imgh/n)$  for some integer  $m$  coprime to  $n$ . When  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{n'} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n''}$  in Table 2, any pairing appearing there is of the form  $\langle (g', g''), (h', h'') \rangle = \exp(2\pi ig'h'/n') \exp(2\pi img''h''/n'')$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  coprime to  $n''$ . This  $m$  is the entry appearing in the  $\langle, \rangle$  column.

Note that if  $a_i$  are both solutions of (3.2) for fixed group  $G$  and pairing  $\langle, \rangle$ , then  $a_2 = \psi a_1$  for some  $\psi \in \widehat{G}$  with  $\psi^2 = 1$ . Thus for  $G$  of odd order, the unique  $a$  is  $a(g) = \langle g, g \rangle^{(n-1)/2}$ . For  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  or  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{n'} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n''}$ , for  $n, n', n''$  even, with pairing given by  $m$  as above, then  $a(g) = s_1^g \exp(-\pi mg^2/n)$  or  $a(g', g'') = s_1^{g'} s_2^{g''}$  respectively, for some  $s_1, s_2 \in \{\pm 1\}$ . These signs  $s_1$  or  $(s_1, s_2)$  grace the fourth column of the Table.

For the group  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , the quantities  $b(g)$  are recovered through Table 2 from the formula  $b(g) = e^{ij_g} / \sqrt{n}$ , for  $0 < g \leq n/2$ ,  $b(0) = -1/\delta$ , and  $b(-g) = \overline{a(g) b(g)}$ . For the noncyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{n'} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n''}$ , these parameters  $j$  are taken in order  $(1, 0), \dots, (\lfloor n'/2 \rfloor, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), \dots, (\lfloor n'/2 \rfloor, \lfloor n''/2 \rfloor)$ .

The table lists representatives of equivalence classes of systems. Using Corollary 5, it is easy to determine when numerical invariants determine equivalent systems. Note that taking the complex conjugate of numerical invariants (i.e. the conjugate of  $c$ , and the negatives of the  $\langle, \rangle$  and  $j_i$  columns) will yield another (possibly equivalent) solution to the equations of Corollary 5. For example, consider the first entry for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_5$ : although the complex conjugate solution has different  $j$ 's, it is equivalent as the  $j$ 's are permuted back to each other through the  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  automorphism  $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}_5^\times$ . On the other hand, complex conjugation interchanges the second and third systems for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ ; these two are inequivalent because they have different  $c$ 's.

Apart from  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , the solutions in the Table turn out to be precisely the solutions to the linear equations (3.3) together with  $|b(g)| = 1/\sqrt{n}$  for  $g \neq 1$  (which is a consequence of the equations of Corollary 5). These values for  $j_g$  are floating point; to improve their accuracy arbitrarily is trivial using mathematics packages like Maple (where you would change 'Digits' to say 200, and use 'fsolve' with the provided seed values). The  $b(g)$ 's are in fact all algebraic, but providing the exact algebraic expressions (though possible) would not be very enlightening.

We illustrate our method of establishing Proposition 6 and Table 2, by sketching the hardest case, namely  $n = 13$ . Up to automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , there are two possible pairings:  $\langle g, h \rangle = \xi_{13}^{mgh}$  for  $m = 1$  or  $2$ ; choose  $m = 1$  (this will also yield the solutions for  $m = 2$ ). By (3.2) there are 3 possible values of  $c$ ; choose  $c = -1$  for now. To find a complete list of candidate solutions, first solve the linear equations (3.3) (breaking each  $b(g)$  into its real and imaginary parts). This determines each of the 26 variables  $\text{Re } b(g), \text{Im } b(g)$ , up to 4 real parameters, which we can take to be the real and imaginary parts of  $b(11)$  and  $b(12)$ . The norms  $|b(1)|^2 = \dots = |b(4)|^2 = 1/n$  yield four independent quadratic identities obeyed by those parameters; by Bezout's Theorem they can have at most  $2^k$  (complex) solutions, and as always here this upper bound is realised (i.e. no zeros have multiplicities). We 'solved' these equations using

floating point: our approximate solutions are

$$\begin{aligned}
(\operatorname{Re} b(12), \operatorname{Im} b(12), \operatorname{Re} b(11), \operatorname{Im} b(11)) \in \{ & (-.0277709, .9996143, .7988155, -.601576), (-.022834, -.999739, .585511, -.810664), \\
& (.1154793, .9933099, .1774122, .9841366), (-.2122594, .9772133, -.0413084, .9991464), (-.3498383, .9368100, .9107102, -.4130459), \\
& (.623311, .7819739, .7557187, -.6548963), (-.7923374, .6100831, -.1096719, .9939678), (.8581882, .5133351, .8230236, -.5680071), \\
& (-.9560999, .2930407, .00007002229, .9999999), (.976436, -.2158069, .6983522, -.7157542), (.9014165, -.4329529, .5249502, -.8511329), \\
& (-.8964165, -.4432124, -.1923449, .9813274), (-.7716105, -.6360951, -.402263, .9155241), (.2614237, -.9652241, -.3345549, .9423762), \\
& (.1595449, -.9871906, -.5115023, .8592819), (.08134136, -.9966863, .4166086, -.9090859)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Of these, four also satisfy the remaining norms  $|b(5)|^2 = |b(6)|^2 = 1$ , and indeed all equations (3.4). Two of these are related to the other two by the automorphism  $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}^\times$ ; the resulting two inequivalent solutions are collected in Table 2. Incidentally, had we chosen either of the two remaining possibilities for  $c$ , we would have had 3 parameters from the linear system, 8 solutions to 3 norm equations, but none of these 8 would be solutions to all of the remaining 3 independent norm equations; thus those other values of  $c$  don't yield solutions (floating point calculations suffice, thanks to Bezout).

This gives us a (rigorous) upper bound on the possible solutions  $b(g)$ , but we still need to verify both candidates are indeed solutions, i.e. that they satisfy (3.2)-(3.4) exactly. For this purpose, let  $b_i$  be the 12 roots (in any order) of

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X) = X^{12} + \frac{13 + \sqrt{13} - \sqrt{17} - \sqrt{221}}{2} X^{11} + \frac{106 + 16\sqrt{13} - 13\sqrt{17} - 7\sqrt{221}}{2} X^{10} + \frac{637 + 134\sqrt{13} - 118\sqrt{17} - 43\sqrt{221}}{2} X^9 \\
+ \left( \frac{7531}{4} + \frac{1905\sqrt{13}}{4} - 416\sqrt{17} - \frac{253\sqrt{221}}{2} + \frac{t}{628} \left( \frac{57473}{29} + \frac{15935\sqrt{13}}{29} - \frac{16341\sqrt{17}}{34} - \frac{4531\sqrt{221}}{34} \right) \right) X^8 + \\
\left( \frac{-2587 - 1293\sqrt{13} + 1127\sqrt{17} + 173\sqrt{221}}{8} + \frac{t}{4553} \left( \frac{1057407}{8} + 36663\sqrt{13} - \frac{544973\sqrt{17}}{17} - \frac{1209333\sqrt{221}}{136} \right) \right) X^7 \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \left( -25283 - 7179\sqrt{13} + 6279\sqrt{17} + 1701\sqrt{221} \right) X^6 + \\
\left( \frac{-2587 - 1293\sqrt{13} + 1127\sqrt{17} + 173\sqrt{221}}{8} - \frac{t}{4553} \left( \frac{1057407}{8} + 36663\sqrt{13} - \frac{544973\sqrt{17}}{17} - \frac{1209333\sqrt{221}}{136} \right) \right) X^5 \\
+ \left( \frac{7531}{4} + \frac{1905\sqrt{13}}{4} - 416\sqrt{17} - \frac{253\sqrt{221}}{2} - \frac{t}{628} \left( \frac{57473}{29} + \frac{15935\sqrt{13}}{29} - \frac{16341\sqrt{17}}{34} - \frac{4531\sqrt{221}}{34} \right) \right) X^4 \\
+ \frac{637 + 134\sqrt{13} - 118\sqrt{17} - 43\sqrt{221}}{2} X^3 + \frac{106 + 16\sqrt{13} - 13\sqrt{17} - 7\sqrt{221}}{2} X^2 + \frac{13 + \sqrt{13} - \sqrt{17} - \sqrt{221}}{2} X + 1
\end{aligned}$$

for  $t = i\sqrt{75090 + 2\sqrt{13}}$ . We will shortly identify these  $b_i/\sqrt{13}$  with the desired  $b(g)$ . First note that the base field (i.e. the one generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$  by the coefficients) of  $P(X)$  is clearly  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{13}, \sqrt{17}, t]$ , which has Galois group (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ )  $D_4$  generated by  $t \mapsto si\sqrt{75090} + s'2\sqrt{13}$  and  $\sqrt{17} \mapsto s''\sqrt{17}$ , for all signs  $s, s', s''$ . From this we obtain that the roots  $b_i$  are algebraic integers (because each coefficient is an algebraic integer, in spite of the large denominators — e.g. the minimal polynomial of the  $X^{11}$  coefficient is  $x^4 - 26x^3 + 128x^2 + 312x + 144$ ). Moreover, the  $b_i$  all necessarily have modulus 1 (thanks to the fact that the  $X^i$  and  $X^{12-i}$  coefficients are complex conjugates, and that numerics confirm for each  $i$  the only candidate for  $1/\overline{b_i}$  is  $b_i$  itself). (Now, use resultants to prove the products  $b_i b_j$  of roots will include primitive 13th roots of unity. Use numerics then to identify a pair  $i, i'$  for which  $b_i b_{i'} = \overline{a(1)}$  — we know this will hold exactly. Call  $b(1) = b_i/\sqrt{13}$  and  $b(-1) = b_{i'}/\sqrt{13}$ . Next, note

that the prime  $p = 101$  has  $\sqrt{13}, \sqrt{17}, \sqrt{-75090 - 2\sqrt{13}}$  all in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ;  $P(X)$  reduced modulo 101 is

$$X^{12} + 30X^{11} + 29X^{10} + 56X^9 + 20X^8 + 92X^7 + 41X^6 - X^5 + 18X^4 + 56X^3 + 29X^2 + 30X^1 + 1$$

which is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_{101}[X]$ . This means  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}/\mathbb{K})$  contains an element of order 12. We can now conclude the splitting field  $\mathbb{F}$  of  $P(X)$  is a quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}[\xi_{13}, \sqrt{17}, t]$ , with Galois group  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  sending  $\xi_{13} \mapsto \xi_{13}^{\ell^2}$ . For each automorphism  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}^\times$  define  $\sqrt{13}b(\pm\ell)$  to be its image of  $b_i$  resp.  $b_{i'}$ ; hence  $13b(\ell)b(-\ell) = \overline{a(g)}$  and this assignment is well-defined. The 7 nontrivial automorphisms in  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q})$ , lifted to  $\mathbb{F}$ , map  $b(g)$  to the three other solutions for  $n = 13$  in Table 2, together with 4 analogous ‘shadow’ solutions corresponding to  $\delta' = (13 - \sqrt{221})/2$ , which can also be estimated numerically. To show that  $b(g)$  (as well as the other 3 candidates in Table 2 for  $n = 13$ ) indeed satisfy the remaining identities in (3.2)-(3.4), it suffices to replace each  $\overline{b(g)}$  with  $13/b(g)$ , multiply by  $\delta$  and an appropriate power of  $\sqrt{n}$  to guarantee that the equations are manifestly algebraic integers, and then evaluate the equations numerically for all 8 choices of  $b$  (the 4 from Table 2 and the 4 shadows). We used 200 digits of accuracy — far more than necessary but trivial using Maple — and found that the equations held to accuracy  $10^{-190}$  or so. The errors will therefore be algebraic integers, and from the above we know that all of their Galois associates will have modulus  $\ll 1$ . This means the errors must vanish identically, and we are done. (Incidentally, the polynomial  $P(X)$  was found working backwards: the numerical analysis of the previous paragraph suggested its existence and basic properties.)

The 1 in Proposition 6 for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_1$  corresponds to (i.e. is also implied by) the uniqueness of the  $A_3$  subfactor, and the 2 systems for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$  correspond to the two versions of the  $E_6$  subfactor. Note that our classification for uniqueness (up to complex conjugation) for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$  corresponds to the uniqueness for even sectors of the Izumi-Xu 2221 subfactor. The uniqueness of the Izumi-Xu subfactor was first shown in the thesis of Han [16]. His proof is independent of ours: it involved planar algebras, and was quite complicated.

Note the numerology  $n\delta_{Hn} = \delta_{IXn^2}$ , where  $\delta_{Hn} = (n + \sqrt{n^2 + 4})/2$  is the dimension of the nongrouplike simple objects in the Haagerup system for  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  [21], and  $\delta_{IXn^2}$  is the dimension of  $\rho$  for near-group  $C^*$ -categories of type  $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2} + n^2$ . This suggests comparing the subfactor  $\rho_{Hn}(M) \subset M$  with the subfactor  $\rho_{IXn^2}(M) \subset M^{\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}}$ , as they have the same index, namely  $\delta_{Hn}^2$ . For  $n = 3$ , the principal graph of the former is Figure (4') in Lemma 3.10 of [14], while the principal graph of the latter is the completely different  $2^9 1$ , so the connection (if indeed there is one) is not simply this.

## 4 Tube algebras and modular data

### 4.1 The tube algebras of near-group systems

In this section we compute the tube algebras, for any solution to the equations of Proposition 1. Our notation will be as in [20]. We can assume  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ , i.e.  $n' \neq 0$ , as the tube algebra for the Tambara-Yamagami systems was computed in Section 3 of [21].

Let  $\Delta = \{\alpha_g, \rho\}_{g \in G}$  be a finite system of endomorphisms, as in Section 2. The tube algebra  $\text{Tube } \Delta$  is a finite-dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra, defined as a vector space by

$$\text{Tube } \Delta = \bigoplus_{\xi, \eta, \zeta \in \Delta} \text{Hom}(\xi \cdot \zeta, \zeta \cdot \eta). \quad (4.1)$$

Given an element  $X$  of  $\text{Tube } \Delta$ , we write  $(\xi\zeta|X|\zeta\eta)$  for the restriction to  $\text{Hom}(\xi\zeta|X|\zeta\eta)$ , since the same operator may belong to two distinct intertwiner spaces. For readability we will often write  $g$  for  $\alpha_g$ . In our case the intertwiner spaces are  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_{g+h}, \alpha_g\alpha_h) = \mathbb{C}1$ ,  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \alpha_g\rho) = \mathbb{C}1$ ,  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho\alpha_g) = \mathbb{C}U_g$ ,  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_g, \rho^2) = \mathbb{C}S_g$  and  $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho^2) = \text{span}_{z \in \mathcal{F}}\{T_z\}$ . Denote the elements  $A_{g,h} = (gh|1|hg)$ ,  $B_{g,h} = (g\rho|U_h|\rho h)$ ,  $C_{g,z} = (g\rho|T_z|\rho\rho)$ ,  $D_{g,z} = (\rho\rho|U_g T_z^*|\rho g)$ ,  $E_k = (\rho k|U_k^*|k\rho)$ ,  $E'_k = (\rho\rho|S_k S_k^*|\rho\rho)$ ,  $E''_{wz} = (\rho\rho|T_w T_z^*|\rho\rho)$ . Then the vector space structure of the tube algebra is:

$$\text{Tube } \Delta = \bigoplus_{g,h} \mathcal{A}_{g,h} \oplus \bigoplus_g \mathcal{A}_{g,\rho} \oplus \bigoplus_g \mathcal{A}_{\rho,g} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{\rho,\rho}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_{g,g} = \mathbb{C}B_{g,g} \oplus \text{span}_{k \in G} A_{g,k}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{g,h} = \mathbb{C}B_{g,h}$  (for  $g \neq h$ ),  $\mathcal{A}_{g,\rho} = \text{span}_{z \in \mathcal{F}} C_{g,z}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho,g} = \text{span}_z D_{g,z}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho,\rho} = \text{span}_k E_k \oplus \text{span}_k E'_k \oplus \text{span}_{w,z} E''_{w,z}$ .

The  $C^*$ -algebra structure of  $\text{Tube } \Delta$  is as follows: multiplication is given by

$$(\xi\zeta|X|\zeta\eta)(\xi'\zeta'|Y|\zeta'\eta') = \delta_{\eta,\xi'} \sum_{\nu < \zeta\zeta'} \sum_i (\xi\nu|T(\nu,i)^* \rho_\zeta(Y) X \rho_\xi(T(\nu,i))|\nu\eta'), \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\rho_\rho = \rho$  and  $\rho_g = \alpha_g$ , and: when  $\zeta = g$  and  $\zeta' = h$ , then the unique  $\nu$  is  $g+h$  and the unique  $T(\nu,i)$  is 1; when  $\zeta = g$  and  $\zeta' = \rho$ , the unique  $\nu$  is  $\rho$  and the unique  $T(\nu,i)$  is 1; when  $\zeta = \rho$  and  $\zeta' = g$ , the unique  $\nu = \rho$  and the unique  $T(\nu,i)$  is  $U_g$ ; and when  $\zeta = \zeta' = \rho$ , then  $\nu$  runs over all  $g \in G$ , with  $T(g,i) = S_g$ , as well as  $\nu = \rho$ , with  $T(g,i)$  running over all  $T_z$ . Moreover, the adjoint is

$$(\xi\zeta|X|\zeta\eta)^* = d_\zeta(\eta\bar{\zeta}|\rho_{\bar{\zeta}}(\rho_\xi(\bar{R}_\zeta^*)X^*)R_\zeta|\bar{\zeta}\xi), \quad (4.4)$$

where  $d_g = 1$ ,  $d_\rho = \delta$ ,  $R_g = 1 = \bar{R}_g$ , and  $R_\rho = S_0$ ,  $\bar{R}_\rho = sS_0$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be a finite sum of sectors in  $\Delta$ . A half-braiding for  $\sigma$  is a choice of unitary operator  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\xi) \in \text{Hom}(\sigma\rho_\xi, \rho_\xi\sigma)$  for each  $\xi \in \Delta$ , such that for every  $X \in \text{Hom}(\rho_\zeta, \rho_\xi\rho_\eta)$ ,

$$X\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\zeta) = \rho_\xi(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\eta))\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\xi)\sigma(X). \quad (4.5)$$

For our systems this reduces to

$$\mathcal{E}_\sigma(g+h) = \alpha_g(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(h)) \mathcal{E}_\sigma(g), \quad (4.6)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) = \alpha_g(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho)) \mathcal{E}_\sigma(g), \quad (4.7)$$

$$U_g \mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) = \rho(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(g)) \mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) \sigma(U_g), \quad (4.8)$$

$$S_g \mathcal{E}_\sigma(g) = \rho(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho)) \mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) \sigma(S_g), \quad (4.9)$$

$$T_z \mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) = \rho(\mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho)) \mathcal{E}_\sigma(\rho) \sigma(T_z), \quad (4.10)$$

for all  $g, h \in G$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{F}$ . There may be more than 1 half-braiding associated to a given  $\sigma$ ; in that case we denote them by  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j$ . As we will see shortly, knowing the half-braiding is equivalent to knowing the *matrix units* of the corresponding simple summand of Tube  $\Delta$  (the matrix units  $e_{i,j}$  of a matrix algebra isomorphic to  $M_{k \times k}$  are a basis satisfying  $e_{i,j} e_{m,l} = \delta_{j,m} e_{i,l}$  — e.g. the standard basis of  $M_{k \times k}$ ). If we decompose  $\sigma = \sum_g k_g \alpha_g + k_\rho \rho$  into a sum of irreducibles, then each half-braiding  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j$  will correspond to a distinct matrix subalgebra of Tube  $\Delta$  isomorphic to  $M_{k \times k}$ , where  $k = \sum k_g + k_\rho$ .

The dual principal graph for the Longo-Rehren inclusion of  $\Delta$  can be read off from the collection of half-braidings as follows. On the bottom are the simple sectors of  $\Delta$ ; on the top row are the (inequivalent) half-braidings  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j$ . If we write  $\sigma = \sum k_g \alpha_g + k_\rho \rho$ , connect  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j$  to  $\alpha_g$  with  $k_g$  edges, and to  $\rho$  with  $k_\rho$  edges. This forgetful map  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j \mapsto \sigma$  is called *alpha-induction* and plays a central role in much of the theory. See Figure 4 for an example, which follows from the tube algebra analysis of Subsection 4.2. (The principal graph for the Longo-Rehren inclusion is much simpler: just  $\Delta \times \Delta$  on the bottom and  $\Delta$  on the top, with edge multiplicities given by fusion multiplicities.)

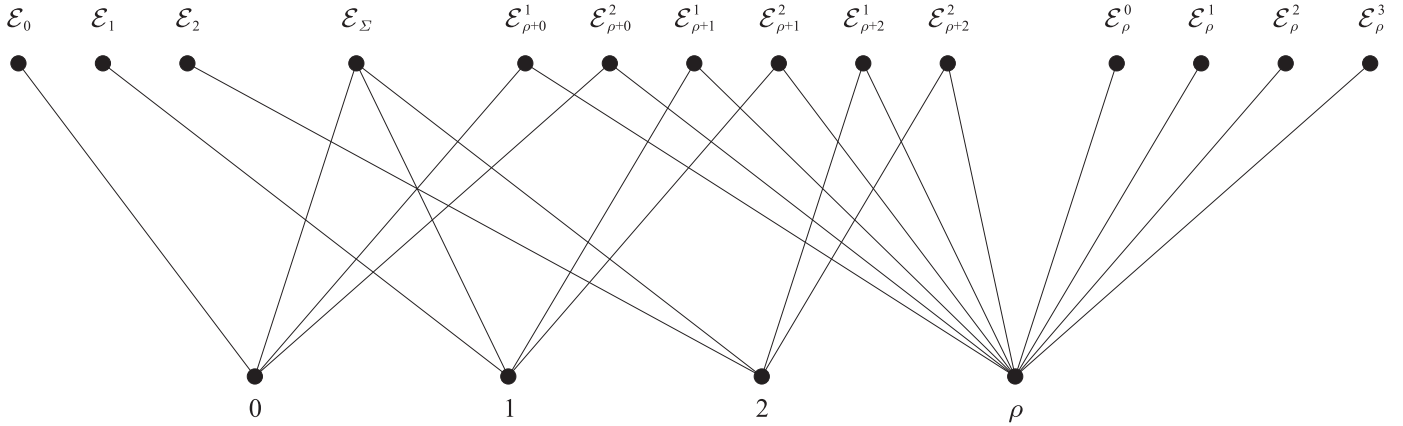


Figure 4. The dual principal graph for the double of  $\Delta(\mathbb{Z}_3 + 2)$

The point is that the centre of the tube algebra is nondegenerately braided. A nondegenerately braided system comes with *modular data*:

**Definition 2.** Unitary matrices  $S = (S_{a,b})_{a,b \in \Phi}$ ,  $T = (T_{a,b})_{a,b \in \Phi}$  are called modular data if  $S$  is symmetric,  $T$  is diagonal and of finite order, the assignment  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto S$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto T$  generates a representation of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , and there is some index  $0 \in \Phi$  such

that  $S_{a,0}^2 > 0 \forall a \in \Phi$  and the quantities

$$N_{a,b,c} := \sum_{d \in \Phi} \frac{S_{a,d} S_{b,d} S_{c,d}}{S_{0,d}} \quad (4.11)$$

are nonnegative integers.

The  $a \in \Phi$  are called *primaries*;  $0 \in \Phi$  is called the *identity*; the  $N_{a,b,c}$  are called *fusion coefficients* and (4.11) is called *Verlinde's formula*.  $S^2$  will necessarily be a permutation matrix, called *charge-conjugation*  $C$ . In the case of modular data associated to nondegenerately braided fusion categories, the primaries  $\Phi$  label the simple objects, the quantities  $N_{a,b}^c := N_{a,b,Cc}$  are the structure constants of the fusion ring. Nondegenerately braided systems of endomorphisms always satisfy the stronger inequality  $S_{a,0} > 0$ , so we will assume this for now. The *quantum-dimension*  $S_{a,0}/S_{0,0}$  in this case is the statistical dimension  $d_a = \sqrt{[M : a(M)]}$  and  $1/S_{0,0} = \sqrt{\sum_a d_a^2}$  is the *global dimension*. When  $S_{a,0} = S_{0,0}$  then  $a$  has an inverse in  $\Phi$  and is called a *simple-current*.

In the case of the centre of Tube  $\Delta$ , the primaries are in one-to-one correspondence with the simple summands of Tube  $\Delta$ , or equivalently with the half-braidings defined above. These matrices can be computed once we know the *matrix entries*  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\eta,\alpha),(\eta',\alpha')} \in \text{Hom}(\rho_\eta \cdot \rho_\xi, \rho_\xi \cdot \rho_{\eta'})$  for each irreducible  $\xi \in \Delta$ , as  $\eta, \eta'$  run over all simple objects (with multiplicities) in  $\sigma$ . In fact, the diagonal entries  $(\eta', \alpha') = (\eta, \alpha)$  suffice to determine  $S, T$ . These matrix entries can be computed from either the half-braidings, or from the diagonal matrix units  $e(\sigma^j)_{i,i}$ , as follows. Let  $W_\sigma(\eta, \alpha)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\text{Hom}(\rho_\eta, \sigma)$ ; then we have

$$\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\eta,\alpha),(\eta',\alpha')} = \rho_\xi(W_\sigma(\eta', \alpha')^*) \mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi) W_\sigma(\eta, \alpha), \quad (4.12)$$

$$e(\sigma^j)_{(\eta,\alpha),(\eta',\alpha')} = \frac{d_\sigma}{\lambda \sqrt{d_\eta d_{\eta'}}} \sum_\xi d_\xi (\eta \xi | \mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\eta,\alpha),(\eta',\alpha')} | \xi \eta'), \quad (4.13)$$

where

$$\lambda = n + \delta^2 = 2n + n'\delta \quad (4.14)$$

is the global dimension. The entries of the diagonal unitary matrix  $T$  and symmetric unitary matrix  $S$  are determined from the matrix entries  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\eta,\alpha),(\eta,\alpha)}$  through:

$$T_{\sigma^j, \sigma^j} = d_\xi \phi_\xi(\mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\xi,\alpha),(\xi,\alpha)}), \quad (4.15)$$

$$S_{\sigma^j, \sigma'^j} = \frac{d_\sigma}{\lambda} \sum_{(\xi,\alpha)} d_\xi \phi_\xi(\mathcal{E}_{\sigma'}^j(\eta)_{(\xi,\alpha),(\xi,\alpha)}^* \mathcal{E}_\sigma^j(\xi)_{(\eta,\alpha'),(\eta,\alpha')}^*), \quad (4.16)$$

where  $\phi_\xi$  is the *standard left inverse* of the endomorphism  $\rho_\xi$ , defined by  $\phi_\xi(x) = R_{\rho_\xi}^* \overline{\rho_\xi(x)} R_{\rho_\xi}$ . In (4.15),  $\xi$  can be any irreducible in  $\sigma$ , and in (4.16) the sum is over all  $\xi$  (counting multiplicities) in  $\sigma'$  while  $\eta$  is any (fixed) irreducible in  $\sigma$ .

## 4.2 The first class near-group $C^*$ -categories: $n' = n - 1$

As before, we will sometimes write  $a_x, b_x, b''_{x,y}$  for  $a(x), b(x), b''(x, y)$ . We will first show that, as a  $C^*$ -algebra,

$$\text{Tube } \Delta \cong \mathbb{C}^{2n+1} \oplus M_{n \times n} \oplus (M_{2 \times 2})^{n^2-n}, \quad (4.17)$$

unless  $s = -1$  and  $n = 7$ , in which case

$$\text{Tube } \Delta \cong \mathbb{C}^7 \oplus M_{7 \times 7} \oplus (M_{2 \times 2})^{44}. \quad (4.18)$$

It will prove useful to know the formulae

$$\rho U_g = \sum_h S_h S_{g+h}^* + \sum_w \sigma^2 w(g) T_w U_g T_w^*, \quad (4.19)$$

$$b''(x, y) = a_x a_y a_{xy} \overline{b(\sigma^2 x \sigma y)} \overline{b''(\bar{y}, \bar{x})}, \quad (4.20)$$

$$b''(\sigma^2(-\sigma x), \sigma(-\sigma x)) = b''(x, \sigma^2 x). \quad (4.21)$$

(4.19) is implicit in Section 2.3. (4.20) follows from the sequence (2.37),(2.39),(2.37). (4.21) is trivial when  $n$  is odd (where  $-1 = 1$ ), so it suffices to take  $s = a = b = 1$ ; then apply the sequence (2.37),(2.39),(2.38) to the left-side. Note also that we always have  $a_{-x} = a_x$  and  $b_{-x} = b_x$  (when both sides are defined).

**Theorem 5.** *Consider any type  $G + n - 1$   $C^*$ -category, i.e. let  $s, a, b, b''$  be any solution of the equations of Theorem 3.*

(a) *There is precisely one half-braiding  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}$  for any  $g \in G$ :  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(h) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\rho) = (-1)^{n'g} U_g$ . We get the diagonal matrix entries  $\mathcal{E}_g(h)_{g,g} = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_g(\rho)_{g,g} = (-1)^{n'g} U_g$ . These half-braidings correspond to central projections*

$$\pi_g = n^{-1}(n+1)^{-1} \sum_h A_{g,h} + (n+1)^{-1}(-1)^{gn'} B_{g,g}. \quad (4.22)$$

(b) *There is precisely one half-braiding  $\mathcal{E}_{\sum_g \alpha_g}$ . It corresponds to the  $n \times n$  matrix algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$ , spanned by  $B_{g,h}$  ( $g \neq h$ ) and*

$$\pi'_g := (n+1)^{-1} \sum_h A_{g,h} + (n+1)^{-1}(-1)^{gn'+1} B_{g,g} \quad \forall g. \quad (4.23)$$

*The corresponding matrix entries are  $\mathcal{E}_{\Sigma}(g)_{h,h} = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{\Sigma}(\rho)_{g,g} = n^{-1}(-1)^{gn'+1} U_g$ .*

(c) *There are precisely  $n - 1$  half-braidings  $\mathcal{E}_{\rho+\alpha_g}^w$  for any  $g \in G$ , one for each  $2 \times 2$  matrix algebra  $\mathcal{A}(g, w) = \text{Span}\{p_{g,w}, C_{g,w}, D_{g,\sigma w}, D_{g,\sigma w} C_{g,w}\}$ . The corresponding matrix entries are  $\mathcal{E}_{\rho+g}^w(h)_{g,g} = \overline{w(h)}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{\rho+g}^w(h)_{\rho,\rho} = (-1)^{n'h} \overline{w(g+h)} U_h^*$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\rho+g}^w(\rho)_{\rho,\rho} &= \sum_h (-1)^{n'h} \overline{w(h)} S_h S_h^* \\ &+ n^{-2} \overline{a_w} \overline{b_w} \sum_x b''_{\sigma^2 w \sigma^2(wx), x} \overline{b''_{\sigma w, x \sigma^2 w \sigma^2(wx)}} \sigma^2(wx)(g) \sigma(\overline{w \sigma(wx)})(g) T_x T_{-\bar{w}x \sigma^2(wx)}^*. \end{aligned}$$

(d) When  $s = \omega = 1$  or  $n \leq 3$ , there are precisely  $n + 1$  half-braidings  $\mathcal{E}_\rho^\psi$ , naturally parametrised by the characters  $\psi \in \widehat{\mathbb{F}_{n+1}^+}$ . The matrix entries are  $\mathcal{E}_\rho^\psi(g)_{\rho,\rho} = (-1)^{gn'} U_g^*$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_\rho^\psi(\rho)_{\rho,\rho} = \zeta_1 \psi(1) \sum_k (-1)^{kn'} S_k S_k^* + \sum_x \zeta_x \psi(\sigma x) T_x T_{\sigma^2 x}^*, \quad (4.24)$$

where  $\zeta_1, \zeta_x$  is any particular solution to the equations (4.41) (when  $b''$  and  $b$  are identically 1, take  $\zeta$  identically 1).

(e) When  $s = -1$  and  $n > 3$ , then  $n = 7$  and there are precisely 2 half-braidings for  $\sigma = 2\rho$ , with matrix entries  $\mathcal{E}_{2\rho}^{s_1}(\rho)_{(\rho,s_2),(\rho,s_2)} = U_g^*$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_{2\rho}^{s_1}(\rho)_{(\rho,s_2),(\rho,s_2)} = i s_1 \sum_g S_g S_g^* + i s_2 T_1 T_5^* + s_1 s_2 i T_6 T_4^*, \quad (4.25)$$

where  $s_1, s_2 \in \{\pm 1\}$ .

(f) There are no  $C^*$ -categories of type  $G + n - 1$  with  $\omega \neq 1$  and  $n > 2$ .

*Proof.* From (4.3) we obtain the formulae

$$\begin{aligned} A_{g,h} A_{k,l} &= \delta_{g,k} A_{g,h+l}, \quad A_{g,h} B_{k,l} = \delta_{g,k} B_{k,l}, \quad B_{g,h} B_{k,l} = \delta_{h,k} \delta_{g,l} \sum_m A_{g,m} + \delta_{h,k} c_{ghl} B_{g,l}, \\ A_{g,h} C_{k,z} &= \delta_{g,k} z(h) C_{k,z}, \quad B_{g,h} C_{k,z} = 0, \quad C_{g,w} D_{k,z} = \delta_{g,k} \delta_{\sigma w, z} a_z b_z \sum_h \overline{w(h)} A_{g,h}, \\ D_{g,z} C_{k,w} &= \delta_{g,k} \delta_{z, \sigma w} n^{-1} a_w b_w \sum_h (-1)^{n'h} \overline{w(h+g)} E_h + \delta_{g,k} \delta_{z, \sigma w} b_w^{-2} \sum_h (-1)^{n'h} \overline{w(h)} E'_h \\ &+ \delta_{g,k} \delta_{z, \sigma w} \sum_x b''_{\sigma^2 w \sigma^2(wx), x} b''_{\sigma w, x \sigma^2 w \sigma^2(wx)} \sigma^2(wx)(g) \sigma(w \overline{\sigma(wx)})(g) E''_{x, -\overline{wx} \sigma^2(wx)}, \\ C_{g,z} E_k &= z(k) (-1)^{n'k} C_{g,z}, \quad C_{g,z} E'_k = s (-1)^{n'k} z(k-g) C_{g,z}, \\ C_{g,z} E''_{w,x} &= C_{g,z} \delta_{x, \sigma(z\overline{w})} x(g) \sigma^2 w(g) b''(x \sigma^2 w, z) \overline{b''(z, x \sigma^2 w)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{ghl} := \sum_z z(g) \sigma z(h) \sigma^2 z(l)$ . Using  $(-1)^{n'h} = z(h) \sigma z(h) \sigma^2 z(h)$ , we get  $c_{ghh} = c_{hgh} = c_{hhg} = (-1)^{n'h} (n \delta_{g,h} - 1)$ . Write  $e = \sum_h (-1)^{n'h} E_h$ ,  $e' = \sum_h (-1)^{n'h} E'_h$ ,  $e''_x = E''_{x, \sigma^2 x}$ . From (4.4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_{g,h}^* &= A_{g,-h}, \quad B_{g,h}^* = B_{h,g}, \quad C_{g,z}^* = s z(g) a_z \overline{b_z} D_{g, \sigma z}, \\ e^* &= e, \quad e'^* = s \delta_{-1,1} e' + s e''_2, \quad e''^* = \delta_{z,2} e' + a_z \overline{b_z} b''(\overline{\sigma z}, \sigma^2(-\overline{\sigma z})) e''_{\sigma^2(-\sigma z)}. \end{aligned}$$

We use in these expressions that  $\sigma(2) = -1$ , where 2 denotes the element  $1 + 1$  in the corresponding field  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}$ ; when the characteristic of  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}$  is 2, then neither  $-1 = 1$  nor  $2 = 0$  lie in  $\mathcal{F}$ , so the corresponding terms should be ignored.

Let's begin by solving the half-braiding equations for (a). For later convenience, we'll solve this for any near-group  $C^*$ -category. Since  $\text{Hom}(\alpha_{g+h}, \alpha_{g+h})$  and



$\text{Hom}(\alpha_g \rho, \rho \alpha_g)$  are both one-dimensional, we need to find numbers  $c_{g,h}, c'_g \in \mathbb{C}$  for each  $g, h \in G$ , such that  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(h) = c_{g,h}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\rho) = c'_g U_g$ . (4.7) and (4.10) give  $c_{g,h}$  and  $c'_g$ , respectively. The remaining three equations are then automatically satisfied. (4.10) becomes

$$-s\delta^{-3/2} \sum_h \langle g+k, h \rangle \overline{(-h\bar{y})}(h) \overline{a_{\bar{y}}} \delta_{-h\bar{y}, z'} = \sum_{z,x} \ddot{z}(g) \overline{x(k)} b_{z,x} \overline{b''_{gz, z', y, x}}, \quad (4.26)$$

$$\overline{\ddot{z}(g)} c'^{-1}_g \overline{z(g)} \langle g, h-g \rangle \delta_{x, gz} = W_{xhz}(g), \quad (4.27)$$

$$c'^{-1}_g \overline{\langle g, g \rangle} \overline{\ddot{z}(g)} \overline{z(g)} \ddot{x}(g) \delta_{w, gz} \delta_{y, gx} = V_{wxyz}(g), \quad (4.28)$$

where  $W, V$  are defined in the proof of Proposition 1. It is easy to see from Theorems 3 and 4 that (4.26) is automatically satisfied for both classes.

When  $n' = n - 1$  this condition becomes  $c'_g = \overline{z(g)} \overline{\sigma z(g)} \overline{\sigma^2 z(g)}$  is independent of  $z$ . Using the finite field expression  $\sigma x = (1-x)^{-1}$  of Proposition 2,  $z \sigma z \sigma^2 z$  collapses to  $-1 \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , so this expression for  $c'_g$  simplifies to  $c'_g = (-1)^g$  if  $n$  is even, or  $c'_g = 1$  if  $n$  is odd. In this case, (4.9) is automatically satisfied.

Now turn to the proof of (b). We see from (4.3) or the products collected at the beginning of this proof, that  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$  is an  $n^2$ -dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra, so is a direct sum of matrix algebras. The  $\pi'_g$  obey  $\pi'_g{}^* = \pi'_g$ ,  $\pi'_g \pi'_h = \delta_{gh} \pi'_g$ , and  $\pi'_g B_{h,k} = \delta_{g,h} B_{h,k}$ , so the projections  $\pi'_g$  are the diagonal matrix units. For any  $g$ , there is an  $n$ -dimensional space in  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$  satisfying  $\pi'_g x = x$ , namely the span of  $\pi'_g, B_{g,h}$  ( $h \neq g$ ), so  $\pi'_g$  must belong to an  $n \times n$  block and hence  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$  is  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

To show the  $\pi'_g$  are minimal, i.e.  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$  is maximal as a simple  $C^*$ -subalgebra of Tube  $\Delta$ , it suffices to show that  $\pi'_g \pi_k = B_{g,h} \pi_k = \pi'_g C_{k,z} = B_{g,h} C_{k,z} = 0$  for all  $k, z$  and all  $g \neq h$ . This is clear from the products listed earlier.

The  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}_{g,g}$  are each isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ , with projections  $\pi_z$  of Theorem 5(a),  $\pi'_g$  of Theorem 5(b), and for all  $z \in \widehat{G}^*$ ,

$$p_{g,z} = n^{-1} \sum_h \overline{z(h)} A_{g,h}. \quad (4.29)$$

Together with the  $n \times n$  matrix algebra of Theorem 5(b) and the projections  $\pi_g$  of Theorem 5(a), these projections  $p_{g,z}$  span all of  $\sum_{g,h} \mathcal{A}_{g,h}$ . Note that  $p_{g,z} \pi_k = p_{g,z} \pi'_k = 0$  and  $p_{g,z}^* = p_{g,z}$ .

Now turn to (c). Each  $\mathcal{A}(g, w)$  is clearly a 4-dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra, and is noncommutative since  $C_{g,w} D_{g,\sigma w} \in \sum_h \mathcal{A}_{g,h}$  and  $D_{g,\sigma w} C_{g,w} \in \mathcal{A}_{\rho,\rho}$  are distinct. Therefore each  $\mathcal{A}(g, w)$  is isomorphic as a  $C^*$ -algebra to the  $2 \times 2$  matrix algebra. Each  $\mathcal{A}(g, w)$  is readily seen to be orthogonal to  $\pi_g$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$ . Note that  $C_{g,w} D_{g,\sigma w}$  is a scalar multiple of  $p_{g,w}$ . A basis for  $\sum_g \mathcal{A}_{g,\rho} + \sum_g \mathcal{A}_{\rho,g} + \mathcal{A}_{\rho,\rho}$  is  $\cup_{g,w} \{C_{g,w}, D_{g,\sigma w}, C_{g,w} D_{g,\sigma w}, D_{g,\sigma w} C_{g,w}\} \cup \{e, e', e''\}_{x \in \widehat{G}^*}$ . To verify that  $\mathcal{A}(g, w)$  is maximal as a simple  $C^*$ -subalgebra of Tube  $\Delta$ , it suffices to verify that  $C_{g,w} D_{g',w'} = 0 = D_{g',w'} C_{g,w}$  unless  $g = g'$  and  $\sigma w = w'$ ,  $C_{g,w} e = C_{g,w} e' = C_{g,w} e'' = 0$  (the other orthogonalities are either trivial or follow from these). This is elementary.

The diagonal matrix units are  $p_{g,w}$  and  $n^{-1}\overline{a_w}\overline{b_w}D_{g,\sigma w}C_{g,w}$ . From this we obtain the desired quantities.

Now, turn to (d). We compute

$$\begin{aligned} e^2 &= ne, \quad ee' = ne' = e'e, \quad ee''_z = ne''_z = e''_ze, \quad e'e' = n^{-1}s\delta_{-1,1}e + a_2b_2e''_{1/2}, \\ e'e''_z &= n^{-1}\delta_{z,2}e + \overline{b_z}b_{-\sigma z}b''(\overline{\sigma(-\sigma z)}, \overline{\sigma^2(-\sigma z)})e''_{\sigma(-\overline{\sigma z})}, \\ e''_ze' &= n^{-1}\delta_{z,2}e + b''(\overline{\sigma^2z}, \overline{z})e''_{\sigma(-\overline{\sigma z})}, \\ e''_ze''_w &= n^{-1}sb_wa_z\overline{b''_{z,\sigma^2z}}\delta_{\sigma w, -\sigma z}e + a_w\delta_{z,\overline{w}}\overline{b_z}e' + b''_{x,x'}\overline{b''_{z,y}}b''(\overline{\sigma^2z}, y)e''_{\sigma(-\overline{\sigma w}\sigma z\sigma(wz))}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the  $e''_ze''_w$  equation  $x, x', y$  are defined by  $\sigma x = -\overline{\sigma w}\sigma z$ ,  $\sigma x' = x\sigma z$ , and  $\sigma y = \overline{\sigma^2z}\overline{\sigma w}$ . Manifestly, the span of  $e, e'$  and all  $e''_x$  is an  $n+1$ -dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra, which we'll call  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$ . It is immediate now that it is orthogonal to  $\pi_g, \mathcal{A}(\sum \alpha)$  and all  $\mathcal{A}(g, w)$ . Let's identify when it is abelian. First note that

$$\overline{b_x}b_{-\sigma x}b''(\overline{\sigma(-\sigma x)}, \overline{\sigma^2(-\sigma x)}) = b''(\overline{\sigma^2x}, \overline{x}) \quad \text{for } x \neq 2, \quad (4.30)$$

$$sb_wa_z\overline{b''_{z,\sigma^2z}} = sb_z a_w\overline{b''_{w,\sigma^2w}} \quad \text{for } \sigma z = -\sigma w, \quad (4.31)$$

$$a_w\overline{b_z} = a_z\overline{b_w} \quad \text{for } z = \overline{w}. \quad (4.32)$$

Indeed, (4.30) follows by applying (4.20) twice and (4.21) once; any  $b_y$  appearing in these expressions can be replaced with  $sa_y$ . To see (4.31), use (4.21) and the substitution  $-\sigma z = \sigma w$ ; again,  $b = sa$  here. (4.32) is trivial.

Thus to conclude the argument that  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  is commutative, it suffices to verify that  $b''(x, x')\overline{b''(z, y')}\overline{b''(\sigma^2z, y')}$  is invariant under the switch  $z \leftrightarrow w$ . Using (2.37), (2.40), (2.38) and (4.20), we obtain

$$b''_{x,x'} = \overline{b''(w, \sigma z \sigma^2 w)} a_x b_x^2 b_{yz} a_{\sigma^2 w \sigma z} \overline{b_{\sigma^2 w \sigma z}^2} a(\sigma z \overline{\sigma w}) \overline{ab(\sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma^2 w \sigma z))}, \quad (4.33)$$

$$\overline{b''_{z,y}} = \overline{b''(\sigma^2 z, \sigma w)} \overline{ab(z)} \overline{b_w} \overline{b_{yz}} b(\sigma^2 w \sigma z) b(\sigma^2 z \sigma w), \quad (4.34)$$

$$b''(\overline{\sigma^2 z}, y) = \overline{b''(z, \sigma^2 z \sigma w)} b_z b_{x'} b_x \overline{b(\sigma^2 z \sigma w)}, \quad (4.35)$$

where we write  $\overline{ab(z)}$  for  $\overline{a(z)}\overline{b(z)}$  etc. We likewise have

$$\overline{b''(\sigma^2 w, \sigma z)} = \overline{b''(\sigma^2 z, \sigma w)} s ab(z) \overline{ab(w)} \overline{ab(\sigma^2 z \sigma w)} \overline{b(\sigma^2 w \sigma z)^2}. \quad (4.36)$$

Since  $x, x', y$  depend on  $w, z$ , they will be affected by the switch  $w \leftrightarrow z$ : in particular we find  $x$  becomes  $\overline{\sigma^2 x}$ ,  $y$  becomes  $\overline{\sigma^2 w \sigma z}$ , and  $x'$  is unchanged. Thus  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  is commutative iff

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{ab(\sigma^2 w \sigma z)} \overline{ab(\sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma^2 w \sigma z))} = \\ \overline{ab(\sigma^2 z \sigma w)} \overline{ab(\sigma^2 z \sigma(\sigma^2 z \sigma w))} \overline{ab(\sigma^2 z \sigma w)} \overline{b(\sigma^2 w \sigma z)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.37)$$

Consider first the generic case, where  $\omega = 1$ . We find that, provided  $\sigma w \neq -\sigma z$  and  $z \neq \overline{w}$ ,  $e''_ze''_w = se''_we''_z$ . This means  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  will be commutative provided  $s = \omega = 1$  or  $n \leq 3$ .

Much more subtle is when  $\omega$  is a primitive third root of unity. In this case  $-1 = \sigma(-1)$  and  $s = 1$ ;  $a_x = b_x = 1$  except for  $b_{-1} = \omega$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  is commutative iff

$$b(\sigma^2 w \sigma z) b(\sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma^2 w \sigma z)) = b(\sigma^2 z \sigma w) b(\sigma^2 z \sigma(\sigma^2 z \sigma z)) \quad (4.38)$$

for all  $w, z$  with  $\sigma w \neq -\sigma z$  and  $z \neq \bar{w}$ . The only possible way this equation can be violated is if at least one of those  $b$ 's doesn't equal 1.

Suppose first  $\sigma^2 z \sigma(\sigma^2 z \sigma w) = -1$ . Then hitting both sides with  $\sigma$ , we get  $-\sigma z = \bar{x}$ . This implies  $\sigma x' = -1$ , i.e.  $x' = -1$ , and hence  $\sigma w = -\sigma^2 x$ . Therefore

$$-1 = \sigma(-1) = \sigma(\sigma w \overline{\sigma^2 x}) = \sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma x \bar{w}) = \sigma^2 w \sigma(-\sigma z \overline{\sigma w \bar{w}}) \quad (4.39)$$

and thus  $\sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma^2 w \sigma z) = -1$ . Thus in (4.38),  $b(\sigma^2 w \sigma(\sigma^2 w \sigma z))$  and  $b(\sigma^2 z \sigma(\sigma^2 z \sigma z))$  are always equal.

Finally, suppose  $\sigma^2 z \sigma w = -1$ . Then  $\sigma^2 w \sigma z = \bar{x}$  cannot equal  $-1$ . This means that for any pair  $x, z$  with  $\sigma^2 z \sigma w = -1$  and  $\sigma z \neq -\sigma x$  and  $z \neq \bar{x}$ ,  $e_z'' e_x'' = \omega e_x'' e_z''$ .

Consider now the case where  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  is commutative, i.e. where either  $s = \omega = 1$ , or  $n < 7$ . Then the  $n + 1$  minimal central projections in  $\mathcal{A}_{\rho, \rho}$  are scalar multiples of

$$\pi(\vec{\zeta}) = (n^2 + n)^{-1} e + (n + 1)^{-1} \zeta_1 e' + (n + 1)^{-1} \sum_x \zeta_x e_x'' \quad (4.40)$$

for some  $\zeta_1, \zeta_x \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ . These must satisfy  $e' \pi(\vec{\zeta}) = \beta_{e'} \pi(\vec{\zeta})$  and  $e_x'' \pi(\vec{\zeta}) = \beta_x \pi(\vec{\zeta})$  for scalars  $\beta_{e'}, \beta_x \in \mathbb{C}$ . This yields the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_2 = \bar{\zeta}_1, \quad \zeta_{\bar{x}} = s a_x b_x \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_x, \quad \zeta_{\sigma(-\bar{\sigma x})} = \bar{b}_x b_{-\sigma x} \zeta_1 \zeta_x b_{x, \sigma^2 x}'' \quad (x \neq 2), \\ \zeta_{\sigma(-\bar{\sigma z} \bar{\sigma x} \sigma(xz))} = \zeta_x \zeta_z b_{x, x'}'' \bar{b}_{z, y}'' b_{\sigma^2 z, y}'' \quad (z \neq \bar{x}, \sigma^2(-\sigma x)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

as well as  $\zeta_1^2 = s$  when  $n + 1$  is even.

First, note we can solve these equations in the special case that  $b''$  and  $b$  are identically 1. In this case, identify  $G$  with  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}^\times$  and take  $\zeta_1 = \psi(1)$  and  $\zeta_x = \psi(\sigma x)$  for any of the  $n + 1$  characters of the additive group  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}^+ \cong (\mathbb{Z}_p)^k$ : a little effort shows these  $n + 1$  choices of  $\zeta$ 's all work, and so must exhaust all solutions.

Recall that the  $C^*$ -categories with  $n' = n - 1$  form a group:  $\mathcal{C}(b_1, b_2'') * \mathcal{C}(b_2, b_2'') = \mathcal{C}(b_1 b_2, b_1' b_2'')$ . Let  $\pi(\vec{\zeta}(i))$  be solutions of (4.41) for  $b_i''$  respectively; then  $\zeta_x = \zeta(1)_x \zeta(2)_x$  will be a solution for  $\mathcal{C}(b_1 b_2, b_1' b_2'')$ . This implies that if you have any particular solution  $\vec{\zeta}$  for a given  $\mathcal{C}(b, b'')$ , all other solutions for that category  $\mathcal{C}(b, b'')$  are obtained by multiplying that particular solution by the solutions  $\psi(\sigma x)$  for  $\mathcal{C}(1, 1)$ .

Since the sum of the minimal projections of  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  must equal the unit  $n^{-1} e$ , we know now that the  $\pi(\vec{\zeta})$  given in (4.40) are indeed the minimal projections (i.e. the coefficient  $\lambda^{-1}$  for  $e$  is correct).

When  $s = -1$ , both  $e, e'$  are central elements. Suppose the centre is not 2-dimensional. Then there is some  $Z = \sum_x c_x e_x'' \neq 0$  which commutes with all  $e_w''$ . Suppose  $c_x \neq 0$ ; then as long as  $n > 3$  it will be possible to choose a  $z$  not equal to  $0, 1, x, \bar{x}$ . Then  $e_z'' Z$  and  $Z e_z''$  will differ by a sign in at least one coefficient (namely

that of  $e''_{\sigma(\sigma^2 x \sigma^2 z) \sigma(\bar{x} \bar{z})}$ ), which will be nonzero because  $c_x$  is. This contradiction means that  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  will indeed be a sum of two matrix subalgebras. Note that  $\beta e + \gamma e' = (\beta e + \gamma e')^2 = \beta^2 n e + 2\beta\gamma n e' - \gamma^2 n^{-1} e$  forces  $\beta = (2n)^{-1}$  and  $\gamma = \pm i/2$ . Thus the identities in the two matrix subalgebras are  $1_{\pm} := (2n)^{-1} e \pm i e'/2$ , and the two matrix subalgebras will be the images  $e_{\pm}(\mathcal{A}(\rho)) =: \mathcal{A}(\rho)_{\pm}$ , and are of equal dimension.

Let's finish off the proof of (e). The  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)_+$  is spanned by  $1_+$  and  $z_+ := (\gamma_z e''_z - i\bar{\gamma}_z e''_{\bar{z}})/2$  where  $\gamma_z = \sqrt{b''(\sigma z, z)}$  (since  $b''(\sigma z, z) = -b''(\sigma^2 z, \bar{z})$ , we can choose these square-roots so that  $\gamma_{\bar{z}} = i\bar{\gamma}_z$ , so  $z_+ = \bar{z}_+$ ). We compute  $z_+^2 = 1_+$ , so each  $z_+$  is invertible. Provided  $w \notin \{z, \bar{z}\}$ , we have

$$z_+ w_+ = \beta_{z,w} \left( \frac{wz + 1}{w + z} \right)_+ \quad (4.42)$$

for some  $\beta_{z,w} \in \mathbb{C}$ , where we use addition in the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{n+1}$  to simplify notation. But provided  $w \notin \{z, \bar{z}\}$ , we know  $e''_z e''_w = -e''_w e''_z$  and hence  $z_+ w_+ = -w_+ z_+$ . Now choose some  $x \notin \{z, \bar{z}, w, \bar{w}, (wz + 1)/(w + z), (w + z)/(wz + 1)\}$  — this is possible as long as  $n > 7$ . Then

$$-(z_+ w_+) x_+ = x_+ (z_+ w_+) = -z_+ x_+ w_+ = z_+ w_+ x_+, \quad (4.43)$$

so  $z_+ x_+ w_+ = 0$ , which contradicts invertibility of  $z_+, w_+, x_+$ . This contradiction shows that  $s = -1$  requires  $n \leq 7$ .

When  $\omega \neq 1$ , say  $\omega = e^{\pm 2\pi i/3}$ , we see that every  $z \neq -1$  will have precisely one  $x$  such that  $\sigma^2 z \sigma x = -1$ . This means  $e''_z e''_x = e''_x e''_z$  unless  $x \in \{-1/(1+z), -(1+1/z)\}$ , using finite field notation for addition as usual. Note that  $e''_{-1/(1+z)} \in \mathbb{C} e' e''_z$  and  $e''_{-(1+1/z)} \in \mathbb{C} e''_{-1} e_z$ . The centre of  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  manifestly contains  $e, e', e''_{-1}$ , and exactly as in the  $s = -1$  argument, we see that the centre cannot be more than 3-dimensional. Therefore  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  here must be a sum of 3 matrix subalgebras. We compute the corresponding identities as before, obtaining  $1_{\zeta} = (3n)^{-1} e + e^{\mp 2\pi i/9} \zeta e'/3 + e^{\mp 2\pi i/9} \zeta^2 e''_{-1}/3$  for each third root  $\zeta$  of unity. Thus  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)$  will be a sum of the matrix subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)_{\zeta} := 1_{\zeta} \mathcal{A}(\rho) = \text{span}\{1_{\zeta}, 1_{\zeta} e''_z\}$ . Now,  $1_{\zeta} e''_x \in \mathbb{C} 1_{\zeta} e''_z$  iff  $x \in \{z, -1/(1+z), -(1+1/z)\}$ , so we see that  $1_{\zeta} e''_z$  and  $1_{\zeta} e''_x$  will always commute, and thus each subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}(\rho)_{\zeta}$  will be commutative. Since they are also simple, each must be  $\mathbb{C}$ , and we have that  $n+1 = 3$ . This concludes the proof of (f). *QED to Theorem 5*

We already knew (from Proposition 5) that  $s = 1$  for  $n \neq 1, 3, 7$  and  $\omega = 1$  for  $n \neq 2$ , but we wanted to derive it directly to demonstrate the effectiveness of the structure of the tube algebra in constraining the sets of solutions. Let us now give particular solutions for  $\zeta$  in the known cases where  $a, b, b''$  are not all identically 1. When  $n = 1$  and  $s = 1$ , there are no parameters  $\zeta$ . When  $n = 2$  and  $\omega = e^{\pm 2\pi i/3}$ , take  $\zeta_1 = e^{\mp 2\pi i/9} = \bar{\zeta}_{-1}$ . When  $n = 3$  and  $s = -1$ , take  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_{\omega^2} = i$  and  $\zeta_{\omega} = 1$ , where we identify  $\mathbb{F}_4$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_2[\omega]$  for  $\omega^3 = 1$  and identify  $G$  with  $\mathbb{F}_4^{\times}$ .

**Corollary 6.** *Fix any finite field  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_q$  for  $q = n + 1$ , and identify  $G$  with  $\mathbb{F}^{\times}$ . Here is the modular data of the double of any system covered by Theorem 3. The global dimension is  $\lambda = n^2 + n$ . The primaries come in 4 families, parametrised as follows:*

- $g \in G$ ;
- the symbol  $\Sigma$ ;
- $w + h$  for  $w \in \widehat{G}^*$  and  $h \in G$ ;
- either  $\rho^\psi$  for  $\psi \in \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{n+1}$  (when  $s = \omega = 1$  or  $n \leq 3$ ), or  $\rho^{s_1}$  for  $s_1 \in \{\pm\}$  (when  $s = -1$  and  $n = 7$ ).

Then the  $T$  and  $S$  matrices are given in block form by

$$T = \text{diag} \left( 1; 1; \overline{w(h)}; \overline{\zeta_1 \psi(1)} \right), \quad (4.44)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} n^{-1} & 1 & w(g)(n+1)n^{-1} & 1 \\ 1 & n & 0 & -1 \\ w(g)(n+1)n^{-1} & 0 & (n+1)n^{-1}w'(h)w(h') & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}^\times} \overline{\zeta_x^2 \psi(\sigma x) \psi'((\sigma x)^{-1})} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.45)$$

except for  $n = 7$  when  $s = -1$ , when

$$T = \text{diag} \left( 1; 1; \overline{w(h)}; \pm i \right), \quad (4.46)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 7^{-1} & 1 & \frac{8}{7}w(g) & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 & -2 \\ \frac{8}{7}w(g) & 0 & \frac{8}{7}w'(h)w(h') & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -4s_1s_1' \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.47)$$

The primary labelled  $g$  corresponds to the half-braiding with  $\sigma = \alpha_g$  in Theorem 5(a);  $\Sigma$  corresponds to  $\sigma = \sum \alpha_g$  in 5(b);  $w + g$  corresponds to the half-braiding  $\mathcal{E}_{\rho+g}^w$  of 5(c);  $\rho_j$  or  $\rho, \rho'$  or  $\rho, \rho', \rho''$  correspond to the half-braidings with  $\sigma = \rho$  in 5(d). The proof of Corollary 6 is an elementary calculation based on the matrix entries listed in Theorem 5, as well as the formulae of Section 4.1. The most difficult is the bottom-right block in the  $S$  matrix. Consider  $n + 1$  odd (so  $s = 1$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\rho^\psi, \rho^{\psi'}} &= \frac{n^2}{\lambda} S_0^* \left( \overline{\zeta_1 \psi(1)} \sum_g (-1)^g \rho(S_g) \rho(S_g)^* + \sum_z \overline{\zeta_z \psi(\sigma z)} \rho(T_{\sigma^2 z}) \rho(T_z)^* \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \overline{\zeta_1 \psi'(1)} \sum_h (-1)^h \rho(S_h) \rho(S_h)^* + \sum_w \overline{\zeta_w \psi'(\sigma w)} \rho(T_{\sigma^2 w}) S_0 \rho(T_w)^* \right) \\ &= n^{-1} \left( \overline{\zeta_1 \psi(1)} T_2^* T_{1/2}^* + \sum_z \overline{\zeta_z \phi(\sigma z) b_z b''(\sigma^2(-\sigma z), \sigma(-\sigma z))} T_{\sigma(-\sigma z)}^* T_{\sigma^2(-\sigma z)}^* \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \overline{\zeta_1 \psi'(1)} T_{1/2} T_2 + \sum_w \overline{\zeta_w \phi'(\sigma w) b_w b''(\sigma^2(-\sigma w), \sigma(-\sigma w))} T_{\sigma^2(-\sigma w)} T_{\sigma(-\sigma w)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies down to the given expression.

Note that when  $s = \omega = 1$ , this recovers the modular data for the double of the affine group  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_{n+1})$  (see e.g. [9, 6] for the general theory of finite group modular data and its twists by cocycles in  $H^3(G; \mathbb{T})$ ). Recall that the primaries of the (untwisted) double of a finite group are pairs  $(g, \psi)$  of a conjugacy class representative, and an irrep of the centraliser of  $g$  in the full group. The primaries of the double of  $\mathcal{C}(1,1)$  and the double of  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{F}_q \rtimes \mathbb{F}_q^\times$  match up quite nicely as follows: what we call  $g \in G$  corresponds to the pair  $(e, \psi)$  where  $e$  is the identity and  $\psi$  is a 1-dimensional representation of  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_{n+1})$ ;  $\Sigma$  corresponds to  $(e, \rho)$  where  $\rho$  is the  $n$ -dimensional irrep;  $w + h$  corresponds to conjugacy class  $(w, 0)$  and irrep  $g \in \widehat{\mathbb{F}_q^\times}$ ;  $\rho^\psi$  corresponds to conjugacy class  $(1,1)$  and irrep  $\psi$  of the centraliser  $\mathbb{F}_q^+$ .

Note that in each case the modular data is inequivalent for the two systems at  $n = 1$ , the three at  $n = 2$ , the two at  $n = 3$  and at  $n = 7$ . This then verifies that for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$ , the solution  $b = b' = 1$  corresponds to  $\text{Mod}(\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_q))$  (for the other  $n$ , this is clear by the uniqueness in Proposition 5. This inequivalence of the modular data also means that those systems are not Morita equivalent, i.e. there cannot exist a subfactor  $N \subset M$  for which the principal even sectors form say the  $s = +1$  system at  $n = 7$  and the dual principal sectors form the  $s = -1$  system at  $n = 7$ .

The modular data for the 3 systems with  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$  was also computed in Section 4 of [21], where it was remarked that the modular data corresponds to that of the double of  $S_3 \cong \text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{Z}_2)$  and its twists by order-3 cocycles in  $H^3(S_3; \mathbb{T}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_6$ . The order-3 twist arises because all that the twist is allowed to affect is the primary corresponding to conjugacy class  $(1,1)$  and (projective) irreps  $\psi$  of its centraliser  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . In other words the cocycle must be nontrivial on  $\mathbb{Z}_3 < S_3$ , and coboundary on the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  subgroups.

It appears that  $s = -1$  for  $n = 1, 3, 7$  likewise corresponds to twisted modular data. This is clear for  $n = 1$ :  $H^3(\mathbb{Z}_2; \mathbb{T}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $s = \pm 1$  corresponds to  $\pm 1$ -twisted data for  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .  $\text{Aff}_1(\mathbb{F}_4)$  is isomorphic to the alternating group  $A_4$ , and the natural restriction of  $H^3(A_4; \mathbb{T})$  to the subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2 < A_4$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ . The  $s = -1$  modular data appears to agree with the twist by some cocycle in that  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ , although we haven't yet fleshed out the details. For  $n = 7$ , something analogous will hold, except now we want a twist which, when restricted to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3 < \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_7$ , is not 'CT' in the sense of [6] (because the number of primaries for  $s = -1$ ,  $n = 7$  is less than for  $s = 1$ ,  $n = 7$ ). Such cocycles do indeed exist here.

### 4.3 The tube algebra in the second class

Consider now the near-group systems of type  $G + n'$  where  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ . It is certainly expected that only finitely many  $n'$  will work for a given  $n$ ; in fact to our knowledge all known near-group categories for abelian  $G$  have  $n' \in \{0, n-1, n\}$ . Last subsection, we used the existence and properties of the tube algebra for  $n' = n-1$  to prove that  $s = \omega = 1$  except for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 7$ . Likewise, we expect that the existence of the tube algebra should constrain the possible values  $n' \in n\mathbb{Z}$ .

As a preliminary step towards working out the tube algebra structure here for

$n' > n$ , consider the half-braidings for  $\sigma = \alpha_g$ , when  $n$  divides  $n'$ . We find (following the proof of Theorem 5(a)) that  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}$  exists here iff, whenever  $\tilde{z} = \tilde{w} = 1$ , we have  $\dot{z}(g) = \dot{w}(g)$ . Indeed, when  $n|n'$ , equations (4.27) and (4.28) are both satisfied iff

$$c'_g = \epsilon_{(\cdot, \cdot)}(g) \overline{\dot{z}(g)} \overline{\tilde{z}(g)} \quad (4.48)$$

is independent of  $z$ . In this case, the only condition from (4.9) is  $c'_g{}^2 = \overline{\langle g, g \rangle}$ . Because  $\dot{g}z = \mu^{-g}\dot{z}$  while  $\widetilde{g}z = \mu^g\tilde{z}$ , it suffices to consider  $z$  with trivial  $\tilde{z}$ . Moreover, because  $\overline{\tilde{z}} = \tilde{z}$ , if  $\overline{\dot{z}(g)\tilde{z}(g)}$  is independent of  $z$  then it must be real and hence in  $\pm 1$ . Thus  $c'_g{}^2 = \epsilon_{(\cdot, \cdot)}(g)^2 = \langle g, g \rangle$  and (4.9) is automatic.

This condition (independence of  $z$ ) is automatically true when  $n = n'$  (the case considered in [21]) because then  $\tilde{z}$  uniquely determines  $z$ . At this time, we don't know whether it is also true when  $n' > n$  — for all we know,  $n' > n$  is never realised.

When the half-braiding  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}$  exists, it is unique and defined by  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\alpha_h) = \langle g, h \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\rho) = \epsilon_{(\cdot, \cdot)}(g)\dot{z}(g)\tilde{z}(g)U_g$ , for any choice of  $z$ . This then allows us to compute the corresponding parts of the  $S$  and  $T$  matrices. In particular (assuming all half-braidings  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}$  exist), we have

$$T_{\alpha_g, \alpha_g} = \mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\alpha_g) = \langle g, g \rangle, \quad (4.49)$$

$$S_{\alpha_g, \alpha_h} = \lambda^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha_g}(\alpha_h)^* \mathcal{E}_{\alpha_h}(\alpha_g)^* = \lambda^{-1} \overline{\langle g, h \rangle}^2, \quad (4.50)$$

where  $\lambda$  is given in (4.14).

In the remainder of this subsection we turn to  $n' = 0$  and  $n' = n$ . When  $n' = 0$ , (4.10) no longer applies and we have two half-braidings for  $\alpha_g$  given by choosing either sign in  $c'_g$ . The remaining half-braidings for  $n' = 0$  are for  $\sigma = \rho$ , with precisely  $2n$  half-braidings, and precisely one each for  $\sigma = \alpha_g + \alpha_h$  for each  $g \neq h$ . In this Tambara-Yamagami case, as analysed in Section 3 of [21], Tube  $\Delta$  is isomorphic as a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -algebra to  $\mathbb{C}^{4n} \oplus (M_{2 \times 2})^{n(n-1)/2}$ , and elementary expressions for the modular data fall out directly.

Thanks to Proposition 6, the case  $n = n'$  reduces to that studied in [21], and so its tube algebra is fully analysed in Section 6 of [21]. We find there is a unique half-braiding and simple summand  $\mathbb{C}$  in Tube  $\Delta$  for each  $\sigma = \alpha_g$ , while each  $\sigma = \rho + \alpha_g$  corresponds to a unique summand  $M_{2 \times 2}$  and half-braiding.  $\sigma = \rho + \alpha_g + \alpha_h$  ( $g \neq h$ ) gives a unique braiding and summand  $M_{3 \times 3}$ . Finally, there are exactly  $n(n+3)/2$  half-braidings with  $\sigma = \rho$ , and each contributes a  $\mathbb{C}$  to Tube  $\Delta$ . Thus

$$\text{Tube } \Delta_{n'=n} \cong \mathbb{C}^{n(n+5)/2} \oplus (M_{2 \times 2})^n \oplus (M_{3 \times 3})^{n(n-1)/2}. \quad (4.51)$$

The modular data for  $n' = n$  is described in [21] as follows. First, find all functions

$\xi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  and  $\omega \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\tau \in G$  such that

$$\sum_g \xi(g) = \sqrt{n} \omega^2 a(\tau) c^3 - n\delta^{-1}, \quad (4.52)$$

$$\bar{c} \sum_k b(g+k) \xi(k) = \omega^2 c^3 a(\tau) \overline{\xi(g+\tau)} - \sqrt{n}\delta^{-1}, \quad (4.53)$$

$$\xi(\tau-g) = \omega c^4 a(g) a(\tau-g) \overline{\xi(g)}, \quad (4.54)$$

$$\sum_k \xi(k) b(k-g) b(k-h) = c^{-2} b(g+h-\tau) \xi(g) \xi(h) \overline{a(g-h)} - c^2 \delta^{-1}. \quad (4.55)$$

There will be a total of  $n(n+3)/2$  such triples  $(\omega_j, \tau_j, \xi_j)$ .

The  $n(n+3)$  primaries fall into four classes:

1.  $n$  primaries, denoted  $\mathbf{a}_g$ ,  $g \in G$ ;
2.  $n$  primaries, denoted  $\mathbf{b}_h$  for  $h \in G$ ;
3.  $n(n-1)/2$  primaries, denoted  $\mathbf{c}_{k,l} = \mathbf{c}_{l,k}$  for  $k, l \in G$ ,  $k \neq l$ ;
4.  $n(n+3)/2$  primaries, denoted  $\mathbf{d}_j$ , corresponding to the triples  $(\omega_j, \tau_j, \xi_j)$ .

We can write the  $S$  and  $T$  matrices in block form as

$$T = \text{diag}(\langle g, g \rangle; \langle h, h \rangle; \langle k, l \rangle; \omega_j), \quad (4.56)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} \langle g, g' \rangle^{-2} & (\delta+1)\langle g, h' \rangle^{-2} & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle g, k' + l' \rangle} & \delta\langle g, \tau_{j'} \rangle \\ (\delta+1)\langle h, g' \rangle^{-2} & \langle h, h' \rangle^{-2} & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle h, k' + l' \rangle} & -\delta\langle h, \tau_{j'} \rangle \\ (\delta+2)\overline{\langle k+l, g' \rangle} & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle k+l, h' \rangle} & (\delta+2)(\langle k, k' \rangle \langle l, l' \rangle + \langle k, l' \rangle \langle l, k' \rangle) & 0 \\ \delta\langle \tau_j, g' \rangle & -\delta\langle \tau_j, h' \rangle & 0 & S_{j,j'} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.57)$$

where

$$S_{j,j'} = \omega_j \omega_{j'} \sum_g \langle \tau_j + \tau_{j'} + g, g \rangle + \delta \omega_j \omega_{j'} c^6 a(\tau_j) a(\tau_{j'}) n^{-1} \sum_{g,h} \overline{\xi_j(g) \xi_{j'}(h) \langle \tau_j - \tau_{j'} + h - g, h - g \rangle}. \quad (4.58)$$

This is all perfectly simple, except for the  $n(n+3)/2 \times n(n+3)/2$  block  $S_{j,j'}$ .

#### 4.4 The modular data for the double of $G + n$ when $n$ is odd

The point of this subsection is to compute the mysterious part (4.58). We will show that, rather unexpectedly,  $S_{j,j'}$  is built up from a quadratic form on an abelian group of order  $n+4$ .

**Definition 3.** *Let  $G$  be any finite abelian group. By a nondegenerate quadratic form  $Q$  on  $G$  we mean a map  $Q : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $Q(-g) \equiv Q(g) \pmod{1}$  for all  $g \in G$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_Q : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  defined by  $\langle g, h \rangle_Q = e^{2\pi i(Q(g+h) - Q(g) - Q(h))}$  is a nondegenerate symmetric pairing in the sense of Definition 1.*

For example, when  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  for  $n$  odd, these are precisely  $Q(g) = mg^2/n$  for any integer  $m$  coprime to  $n$ . More generally, for  $|G|$  odd, the nondegenerate quadratic forms and nondegenerate symmetric pairings are in natural bijection. In such a case, we can always write  $G$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$  where  $Q$  restricted to each  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_i}$  is



nondegenerate and  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{n_i}, \mathbb{Z}_{n_j} \rangle = 1$  for  $i \neq j$ . When  $|G|$  is even, things are more complicated but  $G$  will have precisely  $|G/2G|$  nondegenerate quadratic forms for each nondegenerate symmetric pairing  $\langle, \rangle$ . The map  $a : G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  of Corollary 5 is the exponential of a nondegenerate quadratic form.

Given a nondegenerate quadratic form  $Q$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define the *Gauss sum*

$$\alpha_Q(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{k \in G} \exp(2\pi i a Q(k)).$$

For example, note from (3.2) that the quantity  $c^3$  of Corollary 5 is a Gauss sum. Provided  $aQ$  is nondegenerate,  $\alpha_Q(a)$  will be a root of unity (this is a consequence of Proposition 7(a) below). All Gauss sums needed in this paper can be computed from the classical Gauss sums, corresponding to  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $Q(g) = mg^2/n$ , which equal

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} am \\ n \end{pmatrix} & \text{for } n \equiv_4 1 \\ i \begin{pmatrix} am \\ n \end{pmatrix} & \text{for } n \equiv_4 3 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \equiv_4 2 \\ (1 \pm i) \begin{pmatrix} n \\ am \end{pmatrix} & \text{when } n \equiv_4 0 \text{ and } a \equiv_4 \pm m \end{cases},$$

where  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is the Jacobi symbol. For  $n$  even, these classical Gauss sums are not modulus 1, because  $mg^2/n$  is degenerate in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**Proposition 7(a)** *Let  $Q$  be a nondegenerate quadratic form on any abelian group  $G$ . Define matrices*

$$S_{g,h}^Q = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{|G|}} \overline{\langle g, h \rangle}_Q, \quad T_{g,h}^Q = \beta \delta_{g,h} \exp(2\pi i Q(g)), \quad (4.59)$$

for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $S^Q, T^Q$  define modular data iff  $\alpha = \pm 1$  and  $\beta^3 = \alpha \alpha_Q(1)$ . In this case, the identity is  $\mathbf{a}_0$ .

**(b)** *Let  $G, G'$  be abelian groups of odd order  $n$  and  $n+4$  respectively. Choose any nondegenerate quadratic forms  $Q$  and  $Q'$  on them, and write  $\langle g, h \rangle = \langle g, h \rangle_Q^{(n+1)/2}$  and  $\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle' = \langle \beta, \gamma \rangle_{Q'}^{(n+5)/2}$  for all  $g, h \in G, \beta, \gamma \in G'$ , so  $Q(g) = \langle g, g \rangle$  and  $Q'(\gamma) = \langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle'$ . Let  $\Phi$  consist of the following  $n(n+3) = n+n+n(n-1)/2+n(n+3)/2$  elements:  $\mathbf{a}_g \forall g \in G$ ;  $\mathbf{b}_h \forall h \in G$ ;  $\mathbf{c}_{k,l} = \mathbf{c}_{l,k} \forall k, l \in G$  with  $k \neq l$ ; and  $\mathbf{d}_{m,\gamma} = \mathbf{d}_{m,-\gamma} \forall m \in G, \gamma \in G', \gamma \neq 0$ . Define*

$$S^{Q,Q'} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} T^{Q,Q'} = \text{diag}(\langle g, g \rangle; \langle h, h \rangle; \langle k, l \rangle; \langle m, m \rangle \langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle'), \\ \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\langle g, g' \rangle}^2 & (\delta+1)\overline{\langle g, h' \rangle}^2 & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle g, k' + l' \rangle} & \delta\overline{\langle g, m' \rangle}^2 \\ (\delta+1)\overline{\langle h, g' \rangle}^2 & \overline{\langle h, h' \rangle}^2 & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle h, k' + l' \rangle} & -\delta\overline{\langle h, m' \rangle}^2 \\ (\delta+2)\overline{\langle k+l, g' \rangle} & (\delta+2)\overline{\langle k+l, h' \rangle} & (\delta+2)(\overline{\langle k, k' \rangle \langle l, l' \rangle} + \overline{\langle k, l' \rangle \langle l, k' \rangle}) & 0 \\ \delta\overline{\langle m, g' \rangle}^2 & -\delta\overline{\langle m, h' \rangle}^2 & 0 & -\delta\overline{\langle m, m' \rangle} (\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle' + \overline{\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle}') \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\lambda$  is given in (4.14). Then these define modular data iff  $\alpha_Q(1) \alpha_{Q'}(1) = -1$ . The identity is  $\mathbf{a}_0$ .

The straightforward proof is by direct calculation:  $S^2 = C$ ,  $S^* = CS$ ,  $ST^*S = TS^*T$ , and Verlinde's formula (4.11). In (a),  $\alpha^2 = 1$  arises from the requirement that  $S^2$  be a permutation matrix. The conditions  $\alpha^3\beta^3 = \alpha_Q(-1)$  and  $\alpha_Q(-1)\alpha_{Q'}(-1) = -1$  for (a) and (b) respectively both come from  $ST^*S = TS^*T$ . We find that the fusion coefficients of part (a) are  $N_{g,h}^k = \delta_{k,g+h}$ , every primary is a simple-current, and charge-conjugation  $C$  acts by  $-1$ . In (b), charge-conjugation sends  $\mathbf{a}_g \mapsto \mathbf{a}_{-g}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_h \mapsto \mathbf{b}_{-h}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_{k,l} \mapsto \mathbf{c}_{-k,-l}$ ,  $\mathbf{d}_{m,\gamma} \mapsto \mathbf{d}_{-m,\gamma}$ . The nonzero fusion coefficients there are

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{\mathbf{a}_g, \mathbf{a}_h, \mathbf{a}_k} &= N_{\mathbf{a}_g, \mathbf{b}_h, \mathbf{b}_k} = N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{b}_h, \mathbf{b}_k} = N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{b}_h, \mathbf{d}_{k,\gamma}} = \delta(g+h+k); \\
N_{\mathbf{a}_g, \mathbf{c}_{h,k}, \mathbf{c}_{h',k'}} &= \delta(g+h+h')\delta(g+k+k') + \delta(g+h+k')\delta(g+h'+k) \in \{0, 1\}; \\
N_{\mathbf{a}_g, \mathbf{d}_{h,\beta}, \mathbf{d}_{k,\gamma}} &= \delta(g+h+k)\delta_{\beta,\gamma}; \\
N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{b}_h, \mathbf{c}_{k,k'}} &= N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{c}_{k,k'}, \mathbf{d}_{h,\gamma}} = \delta(2g+2h+k+k'); \\
N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{c}_{h,k}, \mathbf{c}_{h',k'}} &= \delta(2g+h+k+h'+k') + \delta(g+h+h')\delta(g+k+k') \\
&\quad + \delta(g+h+k')\delta(g+h'+k) \in \{0, 1, 2\}; \\
N_{\mathbf{b}_g, \mathbf{d}_{h,\beta}, \mathbf{d}_{k,\gamma}} &= \delta(g+h+k)(1 - \delta_{\beta,\gamma}); \\
N_{\mathbf{c}_{g,h}, \mathbf{c}_{g',h'}, \mathbf{d}_{k,\gamma}} &= \delta(g+h+g'+h'+2k); \\
N_{\mathbf{c}_{g,h}, \mathbf{d}_{k,\beta}, \mathbf{d}_{k',\gamma}} &= \delta(g+h+2k+2k'); \\
N_{\mathbf{c}_{g,h}, \mathbf{c}_{g',h'}, \mathbf{c}_{g'',h''}} &= \delta(g+h+g'+h'+g''+h'')(1 + \delta(g+g'+g'') + \delta(g+h'+g'')) \\
&\quad + \delta(g+g'+h'') + \delta(g+h'+h'')) \in \{0, 1, 2\}; \\
N_{\mathbf{d}_{g,\gamma}, \mathbf{d}_{g',\gamma'}, \mathbf{d}_{g'',\gamma''}} &= \delta(g+g'+g'')(1 - \delta(\gamma+\gamma'+\gamma'') - \delta(\gamma-\gamma'+\gamma'') - \delta(\gamma+\gamma'-\gamma'')) \\
&\quad - \delta(\gamma-\gamma'-\gamma'')) \in \{0, 1\},
\end{aligned}$$

where we write  $\delta(g) = 1$  or  $0$  depending on whether or not  $g = 0$ .

The modular data of (b) factorises into a tensor product of modular data from (a) corresponding to  $Q$  (and some choice of  $\alpha, \beta$ ), with modular data possessing  $n+3$  primaries  $\Phi' = \{\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{b}_0, \mathbf{c}_{k,-k} = \mathbf{c}_{-k,k}, \mathbf{d}_{0,\gamma} = \mathbf{d}_{0,-\gamma}\}$  and  $S, T$  matrices

$$\begin{aligned}
T' &= \bar{\beta} \operatorname{diag}(1; 1; \langle k, -k \rangle; \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle), \\
S' &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+4}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta+1 & \delta+2 & \delta \\ \delta+1 & 1 & \delta+2 & -\delta \\ \delta+2 & \delta+2 & (\delta+2)(\langle k, k' \rangle^2 + \overline{\langle k, k' \rangle}^2) & 0 \\ \delta & -\delta & 0 & -\delta(\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle' + \overline{\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle}') \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

We'll let  $\mathcal{MD}_{G,G'}(Q, Q')$  denote the modular data of (b). Of course, associating  $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  representations to quadratic forms is an old story. See for instance [28], who study these in similar generality (though their  $G$  are  $p$ -groups, and they require  $\beta = 1$ ), and call these Weil representations. To our knowledge, Proposition 7(b) is completely new, but what is more important is its relation to near-group doubles:

**Conjecture 2.** *When  $|G| = n$  is odd, the modular data for  $G+n$  is  $\mathcal{MD}_{G,G'}(Q, Q')$ , where  $Q$  is the nondegenerate quadratic form on  $G$  corresponding to  $\langle, \rangle$ , and  $Q'$  is a nondegenerate quadratic form on some abelian group  $G'$  of order  $n+4$ .*

This is true for all groups  $G$  of odd order  $\leq 13$  (recall in Table 2). The easiest way to verify modular datum are equivalent is to first identify their  $T$  matrices (straightforward since they must have finite order) and then compare the floating point values of the  $S$  matrices — see Section 4.1 of [12] for details. In all cases in Table 2,  $G' \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n+4}$ , except for the first entry for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_5$  when  $G' = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ . The quadratic form  $Q'$  is then identified in Table 2 by the integer  $m'$  in the  $Q'$  column. For the first entry of  $G = \mathbb{Z}_5$ ,  $Q'(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = (\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2)/3$ .

Even for  $n = 3$ , this is vastly simpler than the modular data as it appears in Example A.1 of [21]. In fact we have no direct proof that they are equal for  $n = 3$  — our proof that they are the same is that they both yield nonnegative integer fusions, they have the same  $T$  matrices, and their  $S$  matrices are numerically close. The simplicity of this modular data  $\mathcal{MD}_{Q,Q'}(G, G')$  supports our claim that the doubles of these near-group categories  $G + n$  should not be regarded as exotic. We would expect that these doubles are realised by rational conformal nets of factors, and by rational vertex operator algebras.

The quantum-dimensions  $S_{x,0}/S_{0,0}$  are  $1, \delta+1, \delta+2, \delta$  for primaries of type  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}$  respectively. We see from the above that the  $\mathbf{a}_g$  are simple-currents, and obey the fusions  $\mathbf{a}_g * \mathbf{a}_h = \mathbf{a}_{g+h}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_g * \mathbf{b}_h = \mathbf{b}_{g+h}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_g * \mathbf{c}_{h,k} = \mathbf{c}_{g+h,g+k}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_g * \mathbf{d}_{h,\gamma} = \mathbf{d}_{g+h,\gamma}$ . They form a group isomorphic to  $G$ , and act without fixed-points. They supply the ultimate explanation for the  $G$ -action of Proposition 6.7 of [21]. The phases  $\varphi_g(x)$  defined by  $S_{\mathbf{a}_g x, y} = \varphi_g(y) S_{x, y}$  are  $\langle g, h \rangle$  for  $\mathbf{a}_h, \mathbf{b}_h, \mathbf{d}_{h,\gamma}$ , and  $\langle g, k+l \rangle$  for  $\mathbf{c}_{k,l}$ .

The Galois symmetry is useful in understanding the modular invariants. For  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{n(n+4)}^\times$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_g^\ell = \mathbf{a}_{\ell g}$  or  $\mathbf{b}_{\ell g}$  depending on whether or not the Jacobi symbol  $\left(\frac{\ell}{n(n+4)}\right)$  equals 1. Similarly,  $\mathbf{b}_g^\ell = \mathbf{b}_{\ell g}$  or  $\mathbf{a}_{\ell g}$  respectively. Finally,  $\mathbf{c}_{g,h}^\ell = \mathbf{c}_{\ell g, \ell h}$  and  $\mathbf{d}_{g,\gamma}^\ell = \mathbf{d}_{\ell g, \ell \gamma}$ . All parities  $\epsilon_\ell(x) = +1$  except for  $\epsilon_\ell(\mathbf{d}_{g,\gamma}) = \left(\frac{\ell}{n(n+4)}\right)$ . The requirement of a coherent Galois symmetry is what led us to the simplified modular data given above.

A *modular invariant* is a matrix  $Z$  with nonnegative integer entries (often formally written as a generator function  $\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{a,b} Z_{a,b} \overline{ch_a} ch_b$ ), with  $Z_{0,0} = 1$ , which commutes with the modular data  $S, T$ . It is called *type I* if  $\mathcal{Z}$  can be written as a sum of squares. There are exactly 3 type I modular invariants when both  $n$  and  $n+4$  are prime (e.g. for  $n = 3$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_1 &= \sum_g |\mathbf{a}_g|^2 + \sum_g |\mathbf{b}_g|^2 + \sum_{g,h} |\mathbf{c}_{g,h}|^2 + \sum_{g,\gamma} |\mathbf{d}_{g,\gamma}|^2, \\ \mathcal{Z}_2 &= \sum_g |\mathbf{a}_g + \mathbf{b}_g|^2 + 2 \sum_{g,h} |\mathbf{c}_{g,h}|^2, \quad \mathcal{Z}_3 = |\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{b}_0|^2 + \sum_{g \neq 0} |\mathbf{c}_{g,0}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The most important modular invariants are the *monomial* ones, of form  $\mathcal{Z} = |\sum Z_{a,0} ch_a|^2$ , as explained in Section 1.3 of [12], as they give a canonical endomorphism  $\theta$  as a sum of sectors, and can be used to recover the original system from its double. This is Müger's forgetful functor [27]. For example, there are exactly 3 monomial modular invariants for the modular data of the double of the Haagerup subfactor; these should correspond bijectively to the three systems found in [14] which

are Morita equivalent to the principal even Haagerup system (see their Theorem 1.1), as each of those must correspond to a monomial modular invariant.

We see however that for the  $\mathcal{MD}_{G,G'}(Q, Q')$  modular data there is only one generic monomial modular invariant, namely  $\mathcal{Z}_3$ . This suggests that Grossman-Snyder perhaps isn't as interesting here as it was for the Haagerup (at least not for general  $n$ ). On the other hand, recall our comments earlier that the type  $G + n$  systems with  $n = n' = \nu^2$  may be related to the Haagerup-Izumi system for groups of order  $\nu$ . Consider first  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  for  $n = \nu^2$  a perfect square and write  $H = \nu G \cong \mathbb{Z}_\nu$ ; then  $\mathcal{MD}_{G,G'}(Q, Q')$  has at least one other monomial invariant, namely

$$\mathcal{Z}_4 = \left| \sum_{h \in H} \mathbf{a}_h + \sum_{h \in H} \mathbf{b}_h + 2 \sum_{h < h' \in H} \mathbf{c}_{h,h'} \right|^2. \quad (4.60)$$

Alternatively, when  $G = H_1 \times H_2$  where each  $H_i \cong \mathbb{Z}_\nu$ , and  $\langle H_1, H_2 \rangle_Q = 1$  (which can always be arranged), another monomial invariant is

$$\mathcal{Z}'_4 = |\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 + \sum_{h \in H_1, h' \in H_2} \mathbf{c}_{(h,0),(0,h')}|^2. \quad (4.61)$$

We would expect that systems of type  $\mathbb{Z}_{\nu^2} + \nu^2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_\nu \times \mathbb{Z}_\nu + \nu^2$  should have nontrivial quantum subgroups in the sense of [14].

It isn't difficult to see why  $n + 4$  arises here, i.e. why it can't be replaced by some other positive integer  $n'$ . In particular, after some work, the nonzero fusions of the form  $N_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{b},\mathbf{b}}$  are found to be  $4/(n' - n)$ ; and the  $ST^*S = TS^*T$  calculation requires the product of Gauss sums for  $G$  and  $G'$  to be  $-1$ , which forces  $4|(n' - n)$ .

When  $G$  has even order, the situation is similar but (as always with  $n$  even) somewhat messier; we will provide its modular data elsewhere. Again we have  $n$  simple-currents (the  $\mathbf{a}_g$ ), but for each  $g \in G$  of order 2,  $\mathbf{a}_g$  now has  $n/2$  fixed-points, which complicates things. The  $T$  entries for the first several even  $G$  are provided by the pairs  $(m', m'')$  in the  $Q'$  column of Table 2, and from this the  $S$  matrix follows quickly from the equations of the last subsection. In particular,

$$T_{\mathfrak{d}_{g,\gamma}, \mathfrak{d}_{g,\gamma}} = \begin{cases} \xi_n^{(g,g)} \xi_{n+4}^{m'\gamma^2} & \text{if } \gamma + n/2 \text{ is odd} \\ \xi_n^{(m',m-1)} \xi_{n(n+4)}^{m'(1+n\gamma)^2} & \text{if } \gamma + n/2 \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

where  $\tau_\gamma = 0, 1$  for  $\gamma + n/2$  odd respectively even. Here  $1 \leq \gamma \leq (n + 4)/2$  and  $g \in G$  except for  $\gamma = (n + 4)/2$  when  $g \in G/2$ .

Recall our observation in Section 3 of [12] that the modular data of the double of the Haagerup-Izumi series at  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  resembles that of the affine algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(n^2 + 4)^{(1)}$  at level 2. The analogous statement here is that the modular datum of the double of type  $\mathbb{Z}_n + n$  near-group systems resemble that of the affine algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(n + 4)^{(1)}$  at level 2. In particular, for an appropriate choice of  $Q'$  (corresponding to  $m' = (n + 3)/2$ ), this recovers  $T_{\mathfrak{d}_{0,\gamma}, \mathfrak{d}_{0,\gamma}}$  and  $S_{\mathfrak{d}_{0,\gamma}, \mathfrak{d}_{0,\gamma'}}$ . This could hint at ways to construct the corresponding vertex operator algebra.

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