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Higher Representations for Extended Operators

Abstract

It is known that local operators in quantum field theory transform in representations of an ordinary symmetry group. In this talk, I will explain now extended operators naturally transform in higher representations e.g., line operators transform in 2-representations, surface operators in 3-representations. The approach will be largely graphical, and I will present simple examples from gauge theory. Based on https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.03789.