

On Some of the Math for Continuous Symmetries

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- (O) Objects are $\mathbb{E}_n$ -monoidal k -linear ∞ -categories.
- (M_1) 1-Morphisms between two such A, B are $\mathbb{E}_{n-1}$ -monoidal A - B -bimodule categories.
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- ▶ *Geometric categories for continuous gauging* [Stockall-Yu, 25]
- ▶ *Classical SymTFTs for Continuous Symmetries via Higher Symplectic Geometry* [Xu, 26]

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Idea

Develop a good theory of *quasi-coherent sheaves* on manifolds. For M a manifold, we should roughly have

$$\mathrm{QCoh}(M) = \{\text{Derived } \infty\text{-category of modules for the ring } C^{\infty}(M) \text{ in } \mathrm{TopVect}\}$$

enriched in $\mathrm{TopVect}$. Then set

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$$\text{Ind}(-),$$

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$$l^1(S) \widehat{\otimes} l^1(T) \cong l^1(S \times T).$$

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Goal

Let G be a compact Lie group. Find an $(n + 1)$ -dualizable object

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of *aggregated (smooth) G -representations*, containing *at least* all smooth G -representations on Fréchet spaces, like

$$C^\infty(G),$$

the regular representation, but also

$$\mathcal{D}(G),$$

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Corollary (Generalizing (Brochier-Jordan-Snyder, '18))

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Corollary (Generalizing (Brochier-Jordan-Snyder, '18))

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Hard work by Calaque-Haugsgeng-Scheimbauer.

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