

Verlinde formulas for nonsimply connected groups

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Basic properties:

- 1) Coxeter elements form a single conjugacy class in W .
- 2) The fixed point set of w on T is discrete: $T^w = Z(G)$.

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one calls the maximal torus U **in apposition to** T .

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$$t_* = \mathrm{diag}(\zeta^{n-1}, \zeta^{n-3}, \dots, \zeta^{1-n}) \in \mathcal{C}^*$$

where $\zeta = \exp(i\pi/n)$. A maximal torus in apposition is

$$U = \{A \in \mathrm{SU}(n) \mid A_{ij} = A_{i+1, j+1}\}$$

with indices taken mod n .

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Conjugacy classes of G are labeled by the Weyl alcove:

$$G/\mathrm{Ad}(G) \cong T/W \cong \mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{t}_+.$$

The conjugacy class $C_* = \mathrm{Ad}(G)t_*$ corresponds to

$$\xi_* = \frac{1}{h}\rho^\vee.$$

Note: $Z(G)$ acts on \mathfrak{A} , fixing ξ_* .

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Symplectic Verlinde formula

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where g is the genus of Σ .

Here

- $T_{k+h^\vee} = \frac{1}{k+h^\vee} \Lambda^* / \Lambda$ finite subgroup of T
- $t_\lambda = \exp\left(\frac{\lambda+\rho}{k+h^\vee}\right) \in T_{k+h^\vee}$ ‘special elements’

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- $k \in \mathbb{N}$ does not suffice for prequantizability
- Prequantization (if exists) not unique: any two differ by some $\text{Hom}(Z^{2g}, U(1))$.

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New proof based on following fact:

Lemma

A q -Hamiltonian G -space (M, ω, Φ) with **abelian** fundamental group is pre-quantizable at level k if and only if

- 1 \tilde{M} is pre-quantizable,
- 2 the following invariant

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(3) Put

$$q(c_1, c_2) = \exp\left(2\pi i k \left(\int_{S^1 \times S^1} f^* \omega + \frac{1}{12} \int_{S^1 \times S^1 \times [0,1]} h^*(\theta^L \cdot [\theta^L, \theta^L]) \right)\right)$$

Let $G' = G/Z$ as before; suppose k is such that $(G')^{2g}$ is prequantized.

To describe $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{M}_{G'}(\Sigma)) = \text{index}(\not{D}_L)$, note

$$Z(G) \circlearrowleft \mathfrak{A} \rightsquigarrow Z(G) \circlearrowleft \Lambda_k^* = \Lambda^* \cap k\mathfrak{A}$$

Fuchs-Schweigert formula

$$Q(\mathcal{M}_{G'}(\Sigma)) = \frac{1}{\#Z^{2g}} \sum_{\underline{c} \in Z^{2g}} \epsilon(c_1, \dots, c_{2g}) \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_k^*, c_i \cdot \lambda = \lambda} \left(\frac{\#T_{k+h^\vee}}{|J(t_\lambda)|^2} \right)^{g-1}$$

Here $\epsilon(c_1, \dots, c_{2g}) \in U(1)$ depend on prequantization.

Proved in arXiv:1706.04045 (with precise formula for $\epsilon(\underline{c})$)

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The prequantization of $(G')^{2g}$ restricts to a prequantization of $(U')^{2g}$, which we can analyse to figure out $\zeta_F(t)^{1/2}$.

- For $G' = \mathrm{PU}(n)$ with n prime, recover formulas of Beauville (1997)
- At some (non-optimal) levels k , the formulas were proved in Alekseev-M-Woodward (1998, unfinished)
- For $G' = \mathrm{SO}(3)$, the formulas were proved in Krepski-M (2012), including cases with boundary.
- For higher rank, case with boundary is much harder (in progress)

Thanks.