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Perturbative TQFTs

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Topological Quantum Field Theories (TQFTs) were axiomatized by Atiyah as symmetric monoidal functors whose domain is a cobordism category. On the other hand, recently developed methods allow for perturbative quantization of field theories on manifolds with boundary. I will review these concepts and then sketch a research program to build a bridge between them, discussing the example of Chern-Simons theory in some detail. One of the goals of this activity is to open new avenues towards the Asymptotic Expansion Conjecture.

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