A Recipe for Quantum Graphical Languages

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Abstract

Different graphical calculi have been proposed to represent quantum computation. First the ZX-calculus [4], followed by the ZW-calculus [12] and then the ZH-calculus [1]. We can wonder if new ZX-like calculi will continue to be proposed forever. This article answers negatively. All those language share a common core structure we call Z^* -algebras. We classify Z^* -algebras up to isomorphism in two dimensional Hilbert spaces and show that they are all variations of the aforementioned calculi. We do the same for linear relations and show that the calculus of [2] is essentially the unique one.

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1 Introduction

The most common formalization of quantum computing is the circuit model, a diagrammatical language representing unitary matrices in a two dimensional Hilbert space, see [20] for an introduction. Verification of quantum processes requires a sound and complete equational theory for quantum circuits, i.e. a complete presentation of unitaries by generators and relations. This is known to be a difficult open problem.

By relaxing the unitarity condition and allowing all linear maps, at least three different complete equational theories were found. The ZX-calculus was introduced in [4] and was designed as a part of the categorical quantum mechanics program. It relies on the interaction between two complementary observables. The ZX-calculus has proven to be a good language to reason about quantum processes [7, 11]. However, finding a set of rules to make it complete has been open for a long time, and part of the solution [15] involved a secondary graphical language: the ZW-calculus [12, 5]. This calculus is built on two tripartite entanglement classes (GHZ and W-states) unraveling new structures. Yet another complete graphical language was later introduced, the ZH-calculus [1], inspired by hyper-graph states.

Compared to quantum circuits, these three languages share an important advantage. Processes and matrices are not represented merely by diagrams, but by *graphs* (hence the term *graph*ical language). Isomorphic graphs represent the same quantum evolution. This peculiarity is embedded in the *only topology matters* paradigm. This is a subtle feature: a usual diagrammatic language (like quantum circuits) starts with a given set of primitives (usually quantum gates) for which the notion of inputs and outputs is significant. When *only topology matters*, one can readily switch an input into an output, and conversely.

This property follows from some specificities of the building blocks of those languages. One goal of this article is to give a formal definition of these specificities.

Then, we will be able to prove that the three existing graphical calculi for quantum computing, ZX, ZH and ZW, are essentially the only possible graphical calculi of their kind.

To do this, we identify in this paper a common structure underlying the already defined calculi, that we call a Z^* -algebra. Formally, the structure consists of two Frobenius algebras interacting via a bialgebra rule. To this, we add one additional property, called compatibility, to ensure the $only\ topology\ matters$ paradigm. We then describe all the Z^* -algebras in two dimensional Hilbert spaces and show that they all happen to be phase-shifted versions of four structures we call ZX, ZH, ZW and ZZ. The first three appear respectively in the ZX, ZH and ZW-calculus. The last one corresponds to a degenerate calculus arising from only one self-interacting special Frobenius algebra.

It is important to note that languages for quantum computing are not the only known to enjoy these nice properties. In particular Bonchi and his coauthors [2] gave in 2017 a graphical language for linear relations, with striking similarities to the ZX, ZH and ZW calculi. In fact, we will prove that their language is the only Z^* -algebra for linear relations.

There exist some other formalisms trying to unify ZX-like languages, in particular in the context of interacting Frobenius algebras [10] or Hopf-Frobenius algebras [6]. However, these formalisms usually require too much structures, and fail to capture all three examples simultaneously. Typically they do not capture the ZW-calculus.

Some of our work indirectly has to do with the classification of finite dimensional algebras, bialgebras and Frobenius algebras. In the general case, an exact classification of algebras is not known, even in the commutative case. It is known that there is an infinite number of algebras up to isomorphism of dimension d for any d > 6. All of them are known for $d \le 6$ [22]. We find a classification of low dimension bialgebras in [8]. We can find some constructions related to Z^* -algebras in [17] and [9].

This paper starts by introducing the *prop formalism* for graphical languages. The second section introduces various algebraic structures culminating in the definition of Z^* -algebras. The third section provides a classification of Z^* -algebras up to isomorphism for qubits. The last section gives some hint towards classification in higher dimension and provides a classification of Z^* -algebras in the context of linear relations. All the proofs are in the complete version of the paper.

2 Diagrammatical quantum computing

In this paper all processes are represented by a combinatorial structure called a prop [26].

- ▶ **Definition 1** (prop). A prop P is a collection of sets P[n, m], indexed by \mathbb{N}^2 . An element $f \in P[n, m]$ is called a morphism and is usually written $f : n \to m$. These sets are linked by the following operators:
- A composition \circ : $P[b,c] \times P[a,b] \rightarrow P[a,c]$ satisfying: $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$.
- A tensor product \otimes : $P[a,b] \times P[c,d] \rightarrow P[a+c,b+d]$, satisfying: $(f \otimes g) \otimes h = f \otimes (g \otimes h)$ and $(f \circ g) \otimes (h \circ k) = (f \otimes h) \circ (g \otimes k)$.
- An empty morphism $1:0 \to 0$ such that $f \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes f = f$ for all $f:a \to b$.
- An identity $id: 1 \to 1$ such that $f \circ id^{\otimes a} = id^{\otimes b} \circ f = f$ for all $f: a \to b$. With the convention $id^{\otimes 0} = 1$.
- A symmetry $\sigma: 2 \to 2$ satisfying: $\sigma^2 = id^{\otimes 2}$ and such that, $\sigma_a \circ (f \otimes id) = (id \otimes f) \circ \sigma_b$, for all $f: a \to b$, where $\sigma_{n+1} = (1^{\otimes n} \otimes \sigma) \circ (1 \otimes \sigma_n)$, with $\sigma_0 = id$.

In the language of categories [18], a prop is a small strict symmetric monoidal category whose monoid of object is spanned by a unique object. They can be seen as resource sensitive Lawvere theories where multiple outputs are allowed [3].

Props admit a nice diagrammatical representation that gives a topological interpretation to the axioms [23]. A morphism $f:n\to m$ is represented as a box with n inputs and m outputs. Composition is represented by plugging the boxes. The tensor product by drawing the boxes side by side. The identity is represented by a single wire, the empty morphism by an empty diagram and the symmetry by wire crossing.

That choice of notation fits nicely with the axioms of props. The corresponding equations are natural in the diagrammatic notation. In particular the symmetry axioms express that the boxes can move through wires:

This diagrammatical language is sound [16]. So we can equivalently work with equations or diagrams.

- ▶ Example 2 (sets and functions). Let X be a set. In the prop Fun_X , the set $\operatorname{Fun}_X[n,m]$ is exactly the set of functions from X^n to X^m , with composition being the usual composition, and tensor product being the cartesian product.
- ▶ **Example 3** (matrices). For an integer d and a field \mathbb{K} , the prop $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ is defined by $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}[n,m] := \mathcal{M}_{d^m \times d^n}(\mathbb{K})$, the matrices of size d^m by d^n over the field \mathbb{K} . The composition is the matrix product and the tensor is the Kronecker product. Keeping with quantum computing traditions, we will denote by $(|e_i\rangle)_{1 \le i \le d}$ a basis of \mathbb{K}^d .

The main prop of interest for quantum computing is **Qubits** := $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}^2}$. The quantum analog of bits, the qubits, are described by vectors in \mathbb{C}^2 . A register of n qubits is then a vector in the tensor product \mathbb{C}^{2^n} .

3 Graphical structures

While the diagrammatical languages presented in the previous section make reasoning about props easier, it is still somewhat strict: inputs come to the top of the box representing f, outputs goes out at the bottom. *Graphical languages* do not have this restriction, and we will explain here what additional properties should be satisfied to obtain a better framework.

3.1 Half a spider

We start by studying elementary associative binary operations with units: monoids.

▶ **Definition 4.** A monoid is a morphism $\mu: 2 \to 1$ (the product) and a morphism $\eta: 0 \to 1$ (the unit) that satisfy the equations: $\mu \circ (\eta \otimes \mathrm{id}) = \mu \circ (\mathrm{id} \otimes \eta) = \mathrm{id}$ and $\mu \circ (\mu \otimes \mathrm{id}) = \mu \circ (\mathrm{id} \otimes \mu)$.

If we depict the product
$$\Rightarrow$$
 and the unit \Rightarrow , the equations becomes: \Rightarrow = \Rightarrow = and \Rightarrow = \Rightarrow The monoid is commutative if $\mu \circ \sigma = \mu$. In pictures, \Rightarrow = \Rightarrow .

All the monoids in this paper are supposed to be commutative.

Once we have a monoid (μ, η) , we can define an *n*-ary product inductively by $\mu_0 = \eta, \mu_1 = id$

and
$$\mu_{n+1} = \mu \circ (\mu_n \otimes id)$$
. As an example, here is μ_4 :

Using the equations, we have more generally $\mu_{n+p} = \mu \circ (\mu_n \otimes \mu_p)$, so how to transform the operator μ_n into compositions of μ and η doesn't matter.

▶ **Example 5.** A monoid in \mathbf{Fun}_X is exactly what is usually called a monoid on X. Monoid in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ are exactly the d-dimensional \mathbb{K} -algebras.

In the following we will be mainly interested in the two following examples:

- ▶ Example 6 (co-copy). Given a basis $(|i\rangle)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$ of \mathbb{K}^d , the **co-copy** monoid is define in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ by $\eta: 1 \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^d |i\rangle$ and $\mu: |i\rangle|j\rangle \mapsto \begin{cases} |i\rangle \text{ if } i=j \\ \text{else } 0 \end{cases}$
- ▶ Example 7 (monoid algebra [21]). Given a monoid M = (X, *, e) in Fun_X with X of cardinality d, we can define a monoid $\mathbb{K}[M]$ in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ by indexing each element of a basis by the elements of M. We then take: $\eta: 1 \mapsto |e\rangle$ and $\mu: |a\rangle|b\rangle \mapsto |a*b\rangle$. If M is a group, we will speak of a group algebra.

Starting from a monoid M in \mathbf{Fun}_X with X of cardinality d+1 that contains a zero element (that we note \bot), we can build a contracted algebra $\mathbb{K}M$ in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ by essentially the same construction, but identifying the element \bot with the matrix 0. One can see that the previous example of the co-copy actually fits in this framework: it is exactly $\mathbb{K}M$ for the monoid in $\mathbf{Fun}_{\{\bot,1,\ldots,n\}}$ defined by i*j=i if i=j and \bot otherwise.

Any commutative monoid defines a group of phases:

▶ Definition 8 (phase). Given a commutative monoid (μ, η) , a **phase** is an invertible morphism $\alpha: 1 \to 1$ such that: $\alpha \circ \mu = \mu \circ (\operatorname{id} \otimes \alpha)$. Pictorially: $\Diamond \alpha$.

The phases form an abelian group. In general we will write this group multiplicatively and write $\alpha\beta$ instead of $\alpha\circ\beta$. In the following, the notations α and β will be reserved for elements of the phase group.

▶ Discussion 9. An invertible scalar (a $0 \to 0$ morphism) is obviously a phase. Therefore the group of invertible scalars S is always a subgroup of the phase group G. If it is a direct summand, i.e. if $G = S \times H$ for some group H, then one can simplify the presentation by "dropping out" the scalars and only consider nontrivial phases. This will be the case later on for the Qubit prop, but there are examples for which such a simplification cannot be made.

Once we have phases, we can introduce a new sequence of operators $\mu_n(\alpha)$ and $\eta(\alpha)$ defined

by
$$\mu_n(\alpha) = \alpha \circ \mu_n$$
 and $\eta(\alpha) = \alpha \circ \eta$. Pictorially $\alpha = \alpha \circ \alpha$ and $\alpha = \alpha \circ \alpha$.

These operators satisfy the following equation: $\alpha = \alpha \circ \alpha$.

It is interesting to note that $\mu(\alpha)$ itself defines a monoid, by taking as unit $\eta(\alpha^{-1})$. We will call it a **phase-shifted** monoid of the original monoid.

Monoids dualize to co-monoids:

- All the co-monoids in this paper are supposed to be cocommutative.

Again we can inductively define Δ_n by $\Delta_0 = \epsilon, \Delta_1 = id$ and $\Delta_{n+1} = (\Delta_n \otimes id) \circ \Delta$.

We define phases for co-commutative co-monoids in the same way as phases for commut-

ative monoids, they are the invertible morphisms satisfying:
$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \\ \end{array}$$
 = $\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \\ \end{array}$.

We can also define the morphisms $\Delta(\alpha)$ and $\epsilon(\alpha)$ as well as the phase-shifted co-monoid $(\Delta(\alpha), \epsilon(1/\alpha))$.

- ▶ **Example 11** (copy in \mathbf{Fin}_X). The functions $\Delta : x \mapsto (x, x)$, with ϵ the only function from X to X^0 , defines a co-monoid in \mathbf{Fin}_X . This is the only co-monoid in this prop.
- ▶ **Example 12** (copy in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$). Given a basis of $(|i\rangle)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$, the **copy** co-monoid is defined in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ by $\epsilon: |i\rangle \mapsto 1$ and $\Delta: |i\rangle \mapsto |i\rangle |i\rangle$.
- ▶ Example 13 (group co-algebra). Given a finite group G of size d we can define a co-monoid in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$ by $|x\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{d} \sum_{a*b=x} |a\rangle |b\rangle$, the co-unit is $|x\rangle \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x=e \\ \text{else } 0 \end{cases}$.

3.2 One spider

A monoid and a co-monoid can interact forming a Frobenius algebra.

▶ **Definition 14.** A monoid (μ, η) and a co-monoid (Δ, ϵ) form a Frobenius algebra iff they satisfy: $(id \otimes \mu) \circ (\Delta \otimes id) = (\mu \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes \Delta) = \Delta \circ \mu$. Pictorially: =

A Frobenius algebra is commutative if the monoid is commutative and the co-monoid is cocommutative. All the Frobenius algebras in this paper are commutative.

In a Frobenius algebra the phases of the monoid coincide with the phases of the co-monoid. Thus we can speak without ambiguity of the phases of a Frobenius algebra.

- **Example 15** (In Fin_X). There are no Frobenius algebras in Fin_X (unless |X| = 1).
- ▶ **Example 16** (copy and cocopy). Given a basis $(|i\rangle)_{1\leq i\leq d}$ of \mathbb{K}^d , the co-copy monoid and copy co-monoid form a Frobenius algebra in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$.
- ▶ Example 17 (group Frobenius algebra). Given a group G of size d, the group algebra and the group co-algebra form a Frobenius algebra in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{K}^d}$.

These new morphisms satisfy the equation: $\begin{array}{c|c} \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \alpha & \cdots & \beta \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \end{array}$

3.2.1 Compact structure

The symmetry in a prop allows various topological moves involving the wires. We can go further by providing a way to bend them. This is done by compact structures.

▶ Definition 18 (compact structure). A compact structure is given by two morphisms $\delta: 0 \to 2$ and $\nu: 2 \to 0$ depicted as and satisfying the snake equation $(\nu \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes \delta) = (id \otimes \nu) \circ (\delta \otimes id) = id$. Pictorially: = = . A compact structure is symmetric if $\nu \circ \sigma = \nu \circ (id \otimes id)$: pictorially, = = . (This implies a similar statement on δ). All compact structures in this paper are symmetric.

A compact structure allows to bend the wire leading to new topological properties. This extends the diagrammatical language [23]. Any Frobenius algebra directly provides a compact

structure given by
$$\delta = \Delta \circ \eta$$
 and $\nu = \epsilon \circ \mu$, pictorially: $=$ and $=$ and $=$

If the Frobenius algebra is commutative then this compact structure is symmetric.

This compact structure behaves well with the Frobenius algebra, we have: $(id \otimes \mu) \circ (\delta \otimes \mu)$

$$id) = \Delta$$
, pictorially: $=$

This equation is interesting from a topological point of view. Bending the wires of a diagram gives a diagram representing the same morphism. This has been referred to as the *only topology matters* paradigm [4]. For us, the only topology matter paradigm is the key property of a graphical language.

In particular, we can by abuse of notation write: which may represent any of the fol-

lowing diagrams :
$$\Rightarrow$$
 = \Rightarrow = \Rightarrow = \Rightarrow

In general, we can give an unambiguous meaning to any multi-graph with input and outputs. We emphasize that this property plays a central role in the elegance of the Z^* calculi.

3.3 Two spiders

The ZX, ZW and ZH-calculii all have two Frobenius algebras. The next step is therefore to have two of them.

In this setting, the *only topology matters* paradigm doesn't apply anymore. Indeed, coloring

the two algebras in white and black, we have:
$$=$$
 and $=$ using the

two compact structures corresponding to the two algebras, but in general $\bigcirc \neq \bigcirc$.

So we cannot hope for the two compact structures to be equal, but we can hope for some sort of *compatibility*:

Note that the snake equation(s) implies that the left hand side is always the inverse of the right hand side. In compatible case the dualizer is an involution.

When the two Frobenius algebras are compatible, we can adjust the language so that we can bend wires on both structures. This is done at the price of a slight modification of the second algebra. We introduce now a new generator (represented by a black node) that represents the dualizer, and introduce four new generators in place of the original structures:

With the new generators, we succeed in obtaining a new language: Indeed: we can now bend the wires of the new generator, and we keep a form of the spider rule:

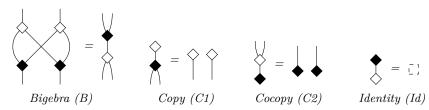


▶ Discussion 20. One could decide similarly to change the first Frobenius algebra rather than the second one. In fact, if there is a preexisting compact structure, it also make sense to search for a compatibility between the preexisting compact structure and the two algebras. This is somehow what has been done in [12].

3.4 Two spiders interacting

We now require the two spiders to interact in a precise way.

▶ **Definition 21** (Bialgebra). A co-monoid and a monoid form a bialgebra iff they satisfy the three following equations:



The four bialgebra laws enforces some kind of commutation property between the comonoid and the monoid. There are conflicting definitions in the literature on which properties one should impose on a bialgebra. The one we take is from Sweedler[25].

We now come to our main definition:

▶ Definition 22 (Z^* -algebra). A Z^* -algebra is formed by two compatible Frobenius algebras such that the co-monoid of the first one satisfies the bigebra rule (B) with the monoid of the second one.

A Z^* -algebra formed by two Frobenius algebras F and G will be denoted FG.

▶ Discussion 23. One could give a different definition of a Z^* -algebra, by imposing all four conditions of the bialgebra law, or even impose it to both monoid/co-monoid pairs. However it turns out that the most important examples (esp. the ZW-calculus) do not satisfy all equations. We isolate the bigebra law as being central.

Using the notations from the previous section, we see that a Z^* -algebra leads to a graphical-calculus, formed by two spiders that are subject to the following rules¹:

¹ The white node is the same as the white lozenge, but represented differently to emphasize that the whole calculus is different

Together with the *only topology matters* paradigm, which means we can bend the wires of any node, changing an input into an output.

The rules we obtain are a common subset of the rules of the Z^* -calculi [2, 4, 12, 1].

4 Classification of Z^* -algebras in Qubits and LinRel

Now that we have defined what we think is a ZX-like calculus, we can proceed to the main theorem: there are essentially only four possible such calculi for quantum computing up to isomorphism: the ZX-calculus, the ZW-calculus, the ZW-calculus, and the (trivial) ZZ-calculus. Before we can give a formal statement of the theorem, we need to explain what we mean by "essentially".

Consider a Z^* -algebra formed of two Frobenius algebras named A and B. Suppose that λ is a invertible scalar (i.e. a $0 \to 0$ morphism). If we multiply, say, the generators of the monoid of A by λ and the generators of the co-monoid of B by $1/\lambda$, then we obtain a new Z^* -algebra. This new algebra is usually not isomorphic to the first one, but for all practical purposes, they behave the same.

More generally, suppose we add a phase α to the monoid of A (replacing μ, η by $\mu(\alpha)$ and $\eta(\alpha)$) and we add similarly a phase β to the co-monoid of B. Then we obtain two new Frobenius algebras that we will call A^{α} and B_{β} which satisfies all axioms of a Z^* -algebra, except possibly the compatibility relations. We call this a phase-shifted versions of the original Z^* -algebra. We will show that all possible Z^* -algebra for quantum computing are phase-shifted version of four basic ones.

Phase-shifted algebras are a bit subtle. To ease the understanding, we provide here the graphical calculus that corresponds to $A^{\alpha}B_{\beta}$ in terms of the original generators, with the caveat that it is a graphical calculus only if the compatibility relation is satisfied (equivalently, the black node below is an involution). n and m denote respectively the number of inputs and outputs and we represent the compact structure of the white algebra differently in both calculi to avoid confusion:

4.1 Z^* -algebras in Qubits

We now investigate the particular case of graphical calculi for quantum computing. This corresponds to the special case $\mathbf{Qubits} = \mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}^2}$.

A monoid in Qubit is exactly the same as a C-algebra of dimension 2. Algebras in dimension 2 have been classified [24]: there are only two algebras up to isomorphism.

For our purpose however, we will introduce four algebras (the first three being isomorphic), that we call Z, X, H and W. Working in the basis ($|0\rangle, |1\rangle$). They correspond to contracted algebras $\mathbb{C}M$, see 7.

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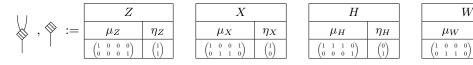
Z	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	X	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	H	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	W	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$
$ 0\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	0	$ 0\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$				
$ 1\rangle$	0	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	0

Those multiplication tables describe the behavior of the algebras on $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$.

We see that Z behaves like a Kronecker delta ensuring equality, X is the XOR gate, H the AND gate and W is the effect algebra on two elements.

 η_W

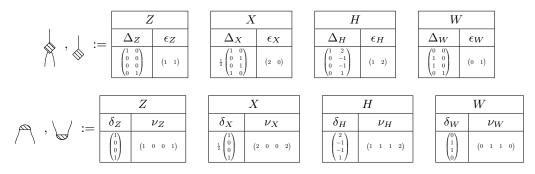
The matricial representation in the computational basis are:



The phase group of Z is \mathbb{C}_{\times}^{*} . The phase group of W is $\mathbb{C}_{\times}^{*} \times \mathbb{C}_{+}$. If we write the phases for our four favorite monoids, they read:

As explained in Discussion 9, in the case of Qubit, we can write² the phase group $G = \mathbb{C}^* \times H$ where the first component \mathbb{C}^* corresponds to the invertible scalars, and H is some commutative group ($H = \mathbb{C}_{\times}^*$ in the first three cases, and $H = \mathbb{C}_{+}$ in the last case). One could then index the phases only by this subgroup H (i.e. always take a = 1), introducing scalars when necessary. This is what has been done in the literature.

All four monoids form Frobenius algebras, with the following co-monoids³, co-units, and compact structures:



We can now state our main theorem:

▶ Theorem 24. The only Z^* -algebras up to isomorphism in Qubits are, with $a,b \in \mathbb{C}^*$: $Z^{(a,\frac{b}{a})}Z_{(\frac{1}{a},\frac{a}{b})}, \ Z^{(a,\frac{b}{a})}Z_{(-\frac{1}{a},\frac{a}{b})}, \ Z^{(a,\frac{b}{a})}Z_{(\frac{1}{a},-\frac{a}{b})}, \ Z^{(a,\frac{b}{a})}Z_{(-\frac{1}{a},-\frac{a}{b})}, \ Z^{(a,1)}X_{(\frac{2}{a},1)}, \ Z^{(a,1)}X_{(-\frac{2}{a},1)}, \ Z^{(a,1)}X_{(-\frac{2}{a},1)}, \ Z^{(a,1)}X_{(\frac{2}{a},1)}, \ Z^{(a,\frac{1}{b^2})}H_{(\frac{b}{a},\frac{1-b^2}{b^2})}$ with $b^2 \neq 1, \ Z^{(a,\frac{1}{b^2})}W_{(\frac{b}{a},0)}$ and $W^{(a,0)}Z_{(\frac{b}{a},\frac{1}{b^2})}.$

² This can be done more generally in any prop if the group of scalars is divisible.

³ The co-monoids have been choosen such that the three first Frobenius algebras are isomorphic, hence the weird $\frac{1}{2}$ factor in X.

The idea is to show that, up to isomorphism, there are only five possible monoids/comonoid pairs satisfying the bigebra rule, and then show how they can possibly extend to Z^* -algebras.

We will now compare the calculi we obtain with the literature.

- The ZZ-calculus never has been really considered, as having two spiders that are identical is not useful. However, its existence is not happenstance: in general a Frobenius algebra would not make a bigebra with itself. In this case, it works as Z is a *special* Frobenius algebra.
- The ZX-calculus [4] corresponds to what we call $ZX_{(2,2)}$. This is a particular calculus as the dualizer is trivial: both algebras have the same compact structure (up to scalars). We say that the two algebras are *coflexible*. There are a few substantial differences between our calculus and the ZX-calculus. Instead of using all possibles phases in \mathbb{C}^* , the authors use phases in the unit circle. Subsequent work [19] introduced so-called lambda-boxes to restore all phases. Second, the $ZX_{(2,2)}$ -calculus is a bit awkward as the two Frobenius algebras Z and $X_{(2,2)}$ are not isomorphic, but only isomorphic up to a scalar. By rescaling the X algebra, we can obtain a calculus where both algebras are dual, at the price of a slightly different bigebra rule. The isomorphism corresponds to the Hadamard matrix; as this matrix is symmetric, we can add it to our language without changing the *only topology matters* paradigm, and we obtain this way the ZX-calculus defined in [4].
- The fact that other calculi of the form $Z^{\alpha}X_{\beta}$ exist corresponds to some commutation properties between phases of the two algebras. In fact, they correspond to what is called the π-commutation rule: $(1, \lambda)_Z \circ (1, -1)_X = \lambda(1, -1)_X \circ (1, \frac{1}{\lambda})_Z$ where $(a, b)_Z$ is a phase of Z and $(a, b)_X$ is a phase of X.
- \blacksquare The original rules [4] of the ZX-calculus correspond exactly to:
 - The only topology matters paradigm (rule T)
 - The rules above valid on any graphical calculi (rules S1, S2, B2), including in this case the copy rule (B1) and some form of the identity rule (rule D1)
 - one rule relative to the π -commutation (rule K2)
 - one rule relative to Hadamard, the isomorphism between Z and X (rule C)
 - \blacksquare one rule stating that Z is a special Frobenius algebra (hidden in rule S1)
 - one rule called π -copying (K1), and one rule related to the scalars (rules D2). The second rule is anecdotal. The first one relates to what are the automorphisms of Z.

Therefore, with one omission, all original rules of the ZX-calculus could be rediscovered again in a systematic way using our definition.

- The ZW-calculus as discussed in [13, 14] is exactly what we call ZW. The calculus however do not use phases on the black nodes. The original ZW-calculus introduced in [12] by the same author is slightly different. Intuitively it corresponds to a different kind of graphical languages where the two Frobenius algebras have been made compatible with a third compact structure. The fact that other calculi of the form $Z^{\alpha}W_{\beta}$ exist essentially amounts to the same π -commutation rule as before.
- The ZH-calculus as discussed in [1] is exactly what we call $ZH_{(\sqrt{2},-\frac{1}{2})}$. However the authors do not use phases on the white node, and use a different parametrizations of the phases on the black node. The phase they call x is what we would call the phase $(1,1-2x)_H$. This makes the spider rule more awkward in their calculus. The fact that other calculi of the form $Z^{\alpha}H_{\beta}$ exist is linked to the following rule: $2\frac{\lambda+1}{\lambda}(1,\lambda)_Z \circ H \circ (1,\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\lambda+1})_H = (1,2(\lambda+1))_H \circ H \circ (1,\frac{1}{\lambda})_Z$ where $(a,b)_Z$ is a phase of Z, $(a,b)_H$ is a phase of H and H is the Hadamard gate.

4.2 Generalization for gudits

A similar classification could be theoretically done for other dimensions, i.e. for the prop $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}^d}$. However difficulties arise. Indeed, all possible algebras have been classified only in dimension $d \leq 6$ [22] (in fact there are an infinite number of non isomorphic commutative algebras of dimension 7), and the work is even more terse on bigebras (some work [8] has been done for bialgebras in dimension 2 and 3) or Frobenius algebras (although a theoretical characterization exist).

We will therefore focus here on generalizations of the existing structures of dimension 2 to higher dimension.

The ZX-structure corresponds to an interaction between the two algebras \mathbb{C}^2 and $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}]$. One could readily generalize this to higher dimensions replacing $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ by $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$, or actually any other commutative group of size d. In higher dimension, the dualizer actually becomes non trivial: it corresponds to the morphism $x \mapsto -x$ in $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$, which is trivial only if d=2.

The ZW-structure can also be generalized easily. We again replace the algebra \mathbb{C}^2 by \mathbb{C}^d . and we can generalize the W algebra in dimension 2 to the algebra $\mathbb{C}[X]$ / (X^d) .

We did not find any generalization of ZH that work in arbitrary dimension. The obvious d-dimensional generalization of H would be as a contracted monoid algebra $\mathbb{C}M$ where M is the monoid (\mathcal{F}, \cap) for a family of subsets \mathcal{F} closed under intersection (the 2-dimensional version corresponding to $\mathcal{F} = \{\{1\}, \emptyset\}$). This generalization gives indeed two Frobenius algebra that satisfy a bigebra law, but they usually are not compatible (unless $\mathcal{F} = 2^X$ for some set X).

4.3 In LinRel_™

Quantum computing is not the only place where ZX-like calculi appear: another Z^* -algebra that occurs in the literature is $Graphical\ linear\ algebra\ [2]$ in the prop $\mathbf{LinRel}_{\mathbb{K}}$. In $\mathbf{LinRel}_{\mathbb{K}}$ a map $n \to m$ is a linear subspace of \mathbb{K}^{n+m} .

It turns out that there are only two monoids in $\mathbf{LinRel}_{\mathbb{K}}$, and they are not isomorphic: the monoid given by the subspace $\{(x,x,x),x\in\mathbb{K}\}$ and the monoid given by $\{(x,y,x+y),x,y\in\mathbb{K}\}$. Their respective phase groups are both trivial. Both these monoids, that we call B and N, actually happen to have Frobenius algebra structures.

▶ Proposition 25. There are only four Z^* -algebras in $LinRel_{\mathbb{K}}$: BB, NN, BN and NB.

As these are the only potential candidates, we just have to check that they indeed give Z^* -algebras. BB and NN are trivial, and BN is just a dual version of NB, therefore the graphical calculi of [2] is THE only possible ZX-like calculus for this prop.

5 Future works

We have classified Z^* -algebras in $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}^2}$ and $\mathbf{LinRel}_{\mathbb{K}}$. Further investigations will concern other categories. In the case of $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbf{R}}$ for a semiring \mathbf{R} , generalizations of ZW and ZX exist. A natural question is which other Z^* -algebras exist in this setting. All the monoids and co-monoids we considered were commutative, the non commutative case is also of interest, leading to a more general notion of graphical language involving port graphs or rotation systems. An other direction would be to drop the unit and the compact structure and find what defines a graphical language in this case. This is necessary in infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces for example.

6 All graphical calculi for quantum computing

In this last section we provide a complete description of the Z^* -algebras in **Qubits**.

6.1 The ZZ-calculis

6.1.1 $Z^{(a,b/a)}Z_{(1/a,a/b)}$

This is the first calculus presented in the Theorem, up to a re-parametrization that makes it slightly better looking:

6.1.2 $Z^{(a,b/a)}Z_{(1/a,-a/b)}$

The only difference with the previous calculus is in the following generators:

6.1.3
$$Z^{(a,b/a)}Z_{(-1/a,a/b)}$$
 and $Z^{(a,b/a)}Z_{(-1/a,-a/b)}$

These calculi differ from the previous ones only by the presence of a global scalar "-1" in all matrices corresponding to the black nodes.

6.2 The ZX-calculi

6.2.1 $Z^{(a,1)}X_{(2/a,1)}$

In the case a = 1, this is almost the ZX-calculus of [4]:

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6.2.2 $Z^{(a,1)}X_{(2/a,-1)}$

The only difference with the previous calculus is in the following generators:

6.2.3 $Z^{(a,1)}X_{(-2/a,-1)}$ and $Z^{(a,1)}X_{(-2/a,1)}$

These calculi differ from the previous ones only by the presence of a global scalar "-1" in all matrices corresponding to the black nodes.

6.2.4 $Z^{(a/b,b^2)}X_{(2/a,-1)}$

This is a quite different calculus:

6.2.5 $Z^{(a,-1)}X_{(2b/a,1/b^2)}$

This is a calculus dual to the previous one, but the equations look more intricate:

6.3 The ZH-calculi

6.3.1 The $Z^{(a,1/(b^2-1))}H_{(b/a,(1-b^2)/b^2)}$ calculus

6.4 The ZW-calculi

6.4.1 The $Z^{(a,1/c^2)}W_{(c/a,0)}$

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6.4.2 The $W^{(a,0)}Z_{(b/a,1/b^2)}$ calculus

This is very similar to the previous calculus, except that W is now chosen as the white node, meaning that the black node is actually Z, up to the dualizer.

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