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- \* Tensor Categories
  - \* Actions between tensor categories
  - \* The crossed product category and the equivariant category.
  - \* Relation with TVO.
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Definition Monoidal categories, associators,  
The pentagon identity.

"strict monoidal categories"  $\Leftrightarrow$  The associator  
is the identity.

Thm (MacLane) Every monoidal category is  
monoidally equivalent to a trivial one.

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Def A tensor category is a  $k$ -linear Abelian  
semi-simple category for which the bifunctor  
 $\otimes: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is exact.

Example  $G$  a group  $w \in Z^3(G, k^*)$ , that is,

$$w(h, k, l)w(g, h, k)w(g, h, k) = w(gh, k, l)w(g, h, k)$$

Let  $\text{Vec}_w^G$  be the category of  $G$ -graded  
finite vector spaces. . . .

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Semi-simple tensor categories are related to

- \* Semi-simple Hopf algebras

- \* Low dimensional topology (1D < 3D)

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- \* Subfactor Theory.
- \* Conformal Field Theory.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{C} = \{A, B, C, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{D} = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{monoidal} \\ \text{categories} \end{array}$$

An action of  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor

$$\triangleright: \mathcal{D} = \text{End}_{\otimes} \mathcal{C} \quad 0:25$$

Ref:

<http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0902.1088>