

## **Skeins, characters and trace**

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We will describe the structure of the Kauffman Bracket Skein Module of a connected sum of  $S^1 \times S^2$ 's and its relationship to  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ -characters of the fundamental group. Structure of the skein module of a compact oriented surface with boundary is needed for a skein theoretic construction of a field theory underlying quantum hyperbolic geometry.