

# Categories, toposes, anabelian geometry, IUT and quantum computing

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**BY FREEMAN J. DYSON**

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**JACQUES HADAMARD**

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a theory of  $\mathbb{R}((t))$ -valued higher translation invariant integral on higher local objects that are not locally compact (e.g.  $\mathbb{C}((x))$ , a formal loop space) was developed in 2001–2004

## **Measure, integration and elements of harmonic analysis on generalized loop spaces**

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Fourier transform in this theory has many similarities to the Feynman integral.

This integration is used to define higher zeta integral whose applications provide entirely new methods to understand several key open problems in number theory

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There are many alternative interpretations of quantum theory:

- The standard Copenhagen interpretation: the state collapses as soon as its degree of macroscopicity becomes so large that we are no longer able to measure the phase between the two terms of the superposition.

The *measurement process*: the quantum object becomes entangled with the macroscopic measurement apparatus and, subsequently, with the experimentalist.

The *instrumental interpretation* of quantum theory that denies the possibility of talking about systems without reference to an external observer.

A 'thing' becomes simply a result of a measurement, physical statements represent our knowledge of events rather than events themselves.

At which point does the superposition collapse into a set of probabilities, a *subjective* phenomenon that only seems to happen when the observer becomes a part of the superposition.

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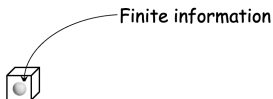


# Real numbers and physics

Gisin: 'Real non-rational numbers have no periodicity in their infinitely many decimal digits, but

## Finite volume $\Rightarrow$ finite information

- A finite volume of space can not contain infinitely many bits of information.
- Hence, the position of a classical particle is not a real number.



Mathematical real numbers are  
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# Intuitionistic math and physics

Statements about the future can be neither true nor false, but indeterminate.  
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Relevance of intuitionistic mathematics for physics

<u>Indeterministic Physics</u>	<u>Intuitionist Mathematics</u>
Past, present and future are <b>not</b> all given at once	Digits of real numbers are <b>not</b> all given at once
Time passes	Numbers are processes
Indeterminism	Numbers contain finite information
The present is thick	The continuum is viscous
The future is open	No law of the excluded middle
Becoming	Choice sequences
Experiencing	Intuitionism

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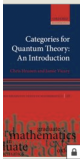
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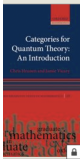
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Since the mid 1950s Grothendieck further developed category theory and its applications in numerous directions.



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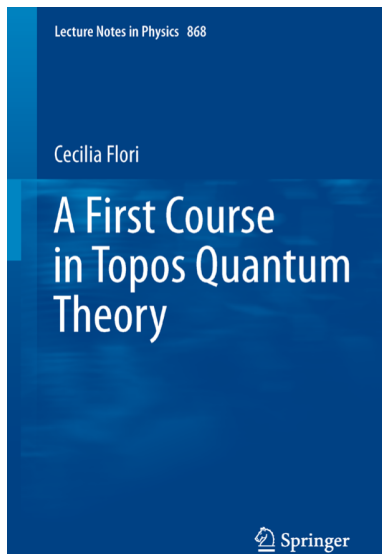
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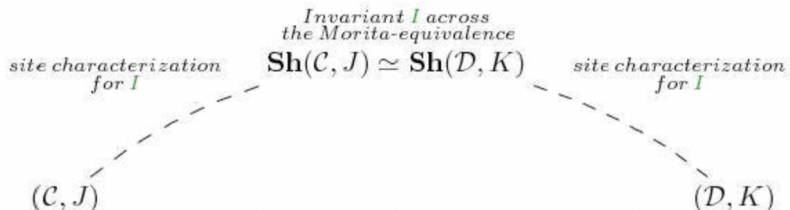
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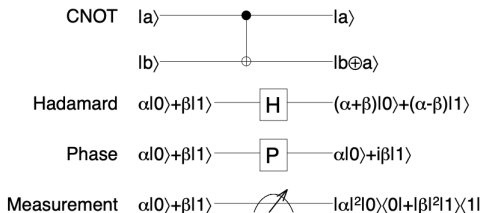


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Foundations

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**EXPLICIT ESTIMATES IN INTER-UNIVERSAL TEICHMÜLLER  
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For every two coprime (i.e. no common prime divisors) positive integer numbers  $a, b$

$$\log(ab(a+b)) < 6 \log \operatorname{rad}(ab(a+b)) \quad \text{if} \quad \log(ab(a+b)) > 1.7 \cdot 10^{30}$$

where the radical  $\operatorname{rad}$  of a number is the product of all distinct prime numbers dividing it.

For example, this effective abc inequality implies that for all sufficiently large  $m$  the number  $2^m + 3^m$  is divisible by (effectively computable) large prime numbers whose power in the factorisation of  $2^m + 3^m$  does not exceed 5. This is a new way to find very large prime numbers.

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