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Transition of a three-dimensional Z_N topologically ordered phase to a trivial phase CHING-YU HUANG, TZU-CHIEH WEI , C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics, Stony Brook University — Topologically ordered quantum systems have robust physical properties, such as quasiparticle statistics and ground-state degeneracy, which do not depend on the microscopic details of the Hamiltonian. We consider a three-dimensional Z_N topological phase under a string tension g . First we calculate the modular matrices S and T using tensor network methods and these matrices can serve as order parameters to determine the critical string tension g_c . The obtained transition agrees with results from a mapping to a three-dimensional classical N-state Potts model.

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