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## Topological gravity on a lattice

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I review the connection between Chern Simons theory and three dimensional Einstein-Hilbert gravity. I point out that both the moduli space and topological observables in the gravitational theory are shared with a twisted super Yang-Mills theory. The latter possesses a lattice formulation which preserves many features of this topological structure. We thus conjecture that the lattice theory provides a non-perturbative regularization for three dimensional quantum gravity - free from the usual problems of path integral approaches to Euclidean quantum gravity.

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