Mock modularity of Calabi-Yau threefolds

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BPS indices in Type IIA/CY Type IIA string theory on a Calabi-Yau threefold \mathfrak{Y} Effective theory in 4d — N=2 SUGRA **BPS indices** $\Omega(\gamma) = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}(\gamma)}(-1)^{F}$ electro-magnetic charge $\gamma = (p^0, p^a, q_a, q_0)$ due to $b_2(\mathfrak{Y}) + 1$ gauge fields $a = 1, \ldots, b_2(\mathfrak{Y})$ from b_2 vector multiplets + graviphoton **Mathematics Physics** #states of ¹/₂ BPS black holes generalized **Donaldson-Thomas** (bound states of D6, D4, D2, D0-branes =

wrapping 6, 4, 2, 0-dimensional cycles)

invariant of CY

While for *non-compact* CYs there are various techniques to compute BPS indices (localization, quivers, relation to Vafa-Witten topological theory, ...), it is a tremendous problem to compute them for *compact* CYs.

D4-D2-D0 BPS states

We consider D4-D2-D0 bound states, i.e. no D6-brane charge $(p^0 = 0)$

 $\Omega(\gamma)$ — rank 0 DT invariant

Due to "spectral flow" symmetry it depends only on:

• D4-brane charge
$$p^{a}$$

• residue class $\mu \in H_{2}(\mathbb{Z})/H_{4}(\mathbb{Z})$
(runs over det κ_{ab} values)
• invariant D0-charge $\hat{q}_{0} \equiv q_{0} - \frac{1}{2} \kappa^{ab} q_{a} q_{b}$
• intersection
 $\kappa_{ab} = \kappa_{abc} p^{c}$ intersection
numbers
 $\overline{\Omega}(\gamma) := \sum_{d|\gamma} \frac{1}{d^{2}} \Omega(\gamma/d)$
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possess nice modular properties!!!

The simplest case: D4-brane wraps an *irreducible* divisor $\Gamma_4 = p^a \gamma_a \subset \mathfrak{Y}$

 $h_{p,\mu}(au)$ — weakly holomorphic vector valued modular form of weight $-rac{1}{2}b_2-1$

[Maldacena,Strominger,Witten '97]

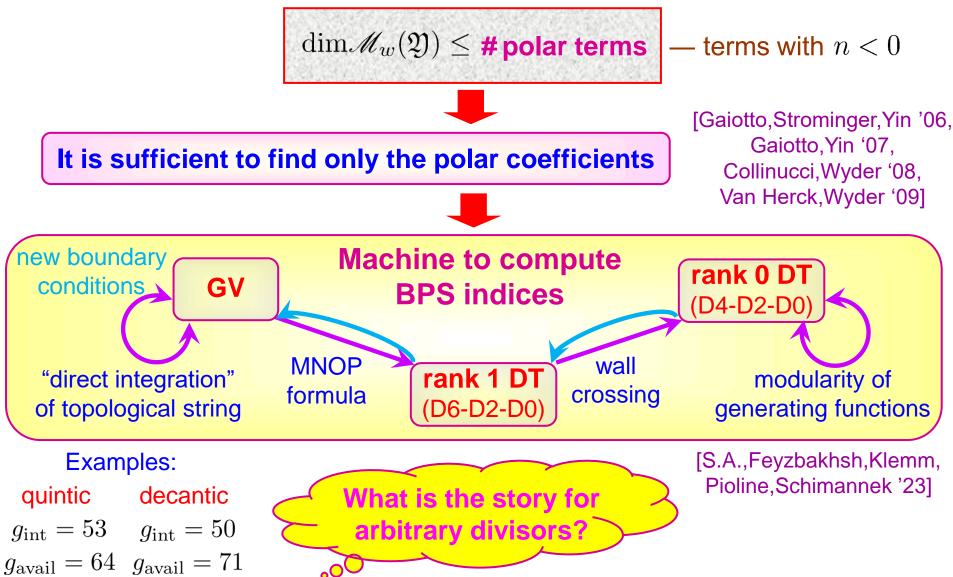
$$h_{p,\mu}(\tau) = \sum_{n \ge n_{\min}} c_{p,\mu}(n) q^n \qquad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

$$n_{\min} < 0$$

$$h_{p,\mu}\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^{-\frac{1}{2}b_2 - 1} \sum_{\nu} M_{\mu\nu} h_{p,\nu}(\tau)$$

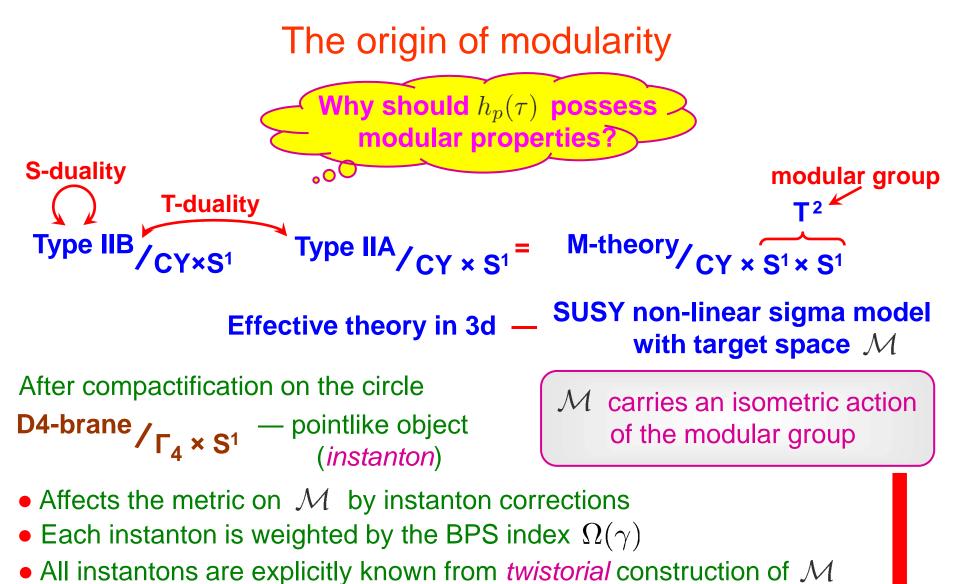
Modular bootstrap

The space of weakly holomorphic modular forms is finite dimensional!



The plan of the talk

- 1. The origin of modularity and modular anomaly
- 2. Reducible divisors: Mock modular case Solution of the anomaly, polar terms and results for BPS indices
- 3. Reducible divisors: Higher depth case Solution of the anomaly via indefinite theta series
- 4. Conclusions



[S.A., Pioline, Saueressig, Vandoren '08, S.A. '09]

Restriction on (the generating function of) BPS indices $\Omega(\gamma)$

S.A., Pioline '18

Modular anomaly

The restriction specifies a function that must transform as a vector valued modular form of weight $-\frac{1}{2}b_2 - 1$

$$\widehat{h}_{p,\mu}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) = h_{p,\mu}(\tau) + \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\max}} \sum_{\substack{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i = p}} \sum_{\{\mu_i\}} R_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{p_i\})}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) \prod_{i=1}^{n} h_{p_i,\mu_i}(\tau)$$

• $R_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{p_i\})}(\tau,\bar{\tau})$ — non-holomorphic indefinite theta series with kernels constructed from (derivatives of) generalized error functions

• the sum over n is bounded by $n_{\max} = \#$ irreducible components in $\Gamma_4 \equiv r$

If the divisor is *reducible*, $h_p(\tau)$ has a *modular anomaly* cancelled in $\hat{h}_p(\tau, \bar{\tau})$

 $h_p(\tau)$ are (higher depth) *mock* modular forms

modular completion

Mixed Mock modular form — a holomorphic function which has a modular anomaly controlled by another modular form (shadow) such that its (non-holomorphic) modular completion is given by $\hat{h}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) = h(\tau) - \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{\overline{g(\bar{z})}}{(\tau-z)^w} f(\tau) \frac{1}{z} \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{\overline{g(\bar{z})}}{(\tau-z)^w} f(\tau) \frac{1}{z} \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{\overline{g(\bar{z})}}{(\tau-z)^w} f(\tau) \frac{1}{z} \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{1}{(\tau-z)^w} \frac{1}{(\tau-z)^w} \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{1}{(\tau-z)^w} \frac{1}{(\tau-z)^w} \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} dz \frac{1}{(\tau-z)^w} \frac{1}{($

Mock modular case

From now on, restrict to one-modulus CY $(b_2(\mathfrak{Y}) = 1)$. Then D4-charge p = r degree of reducibility.

The case r = 2: $h_{2,\mu}$ — *mixed mock* modular form of weight -3/2 with a completion having the holomorphic anomaly:

$$\partial_{\bar{\tau}}\hat{h}_{2,\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa}}{16\pi i \tau_2^{3/2}} \sum_{\mu_1=0}^{\kappa-1} \overline{\theta_{\mu-2\mu_1+\kappa}^{(2\kappa)}(\bar{\tau})} h_{1,\mu_1}(\tau) h_{1,\mu-\mu_1}(\tau)$$

where

 $\begin{array}{l} \mu = 0, \dots, 2\kappa - 1 \\ \kappa \quad - \text{ intersection number} \\ \theta_{\mu}^{(2\kappa)}(\tau) = \sum e^{\frac{\pi i \tau}{2\kappa} k^2} \end{array} \end{array}$

$$e^{2\kappa}(\tau) = \sum_{k \in 2\kappa \mathbb{Z} + \mu} e^{2\kappa}$$

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For *mixed mock* modular functions, the polar terms are not enough to fix them uniquely. We first need to solve the modular anomaly:

fixed by polar terms

 $h_{2,\mu} = h_{2,\mu}^{(0)} + h_{2,\mu}^{(\mathrm{an})}$ usual modular form fixed by polar termsthe above modular anomaly

The form of the completion $\hat{h}_{2,\mu}$ implies that $h_{2,\mu}^{(an)} = \sum_{\mu_1=0}^{\kappa-1} G_{\mu-2\mu_1+\kappa}^{(\kappa)} h_1$ where $G_{\mu}^{(\kappa)}$ is a *usual* mock modular form with completion $\hat{G}_{\mu}^{(\kappa)}$ having the holomorphic anomaly

Solution constructed in [Dabholkar, Murthy, Zagier '12]

$$= \sum_{\mu_1=0}^{\infty} G_{\mu-2\mu_1+\kappa}^{*} n_{1,\mu_1} n_{1,\mu-\mu_1} \\ \partial_{\bar{\tau}} \widehat{G}_{\mu}^{(\kappa)} = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa}}{\sqrt{\kappa}} \overline{\theta_{\mu}^{(2\kappa)}}$$

 $16\pi i \tau_{2}^{0/2}$

Mock modular forms of optimal growth

[Dabholkar,Murthy,Zagier '12] constructed a class of mock modular forms, with shadows given by $\theta_{\mu}^{(2\kappa)}(\tau)$, distinguished by the *slowest growth* of their Fourier coefficients

$$G_{\mu}^{(\kappa)} \sim \sum_{\substack{d \mid \kappa \\ \mu(d) = 1}} \left(\mathcal{V}_{\kappa/d}^{(d)} \left[\mathcal{Q}_d \right] \right)_{\mu}$$

Möbius
function $\mu(d) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } d \text{ is a square-free with an even } \# \text{ of prime factors} \\ -1 & \text{if } d \text{ is a square-free with an odd } \# \text{ of prime factors} \\ 0 & \text{if } d \text{ has a squared prime factor} \end{cases}$

 $\mathcal{V}_r^{(d)}$ — Hecke-like operator (rescales the lattice of theta series by r)

 \mathcal{Q}_d — a set of "seed" functions: $\mathcal{Q}_1, \ \mathcal{Q}_6, \ \mathcal{Q}_{10}, \ \mathcal{Q}_{14}, \ \mathcal{Q}_{15}, \ \dots$

 Q_1 coincides with the generating series of *Hurwitz class numbers*, which is also the (normalized) generating function of *SU(2) Vafa-Witten invariants* on \mathbb{CP}^2 . It is enough to account for all κ which are *powers of prime number*.



Polar terms

The polar terms can be found using *wall-crossing* — jumps of BPS indices across co-dimension 1 walls in the moduli space.

It happens because $\Omega(\gamma)$ counts not only single centered black holes, but also their bound states which become stable/unstable after crossing a wall. Stability condition is determined by the central charge $Z_{\gamma} = q_{\Lambda} z^{\Lambda} - p^{\Lambda} F_{\Lambda}$

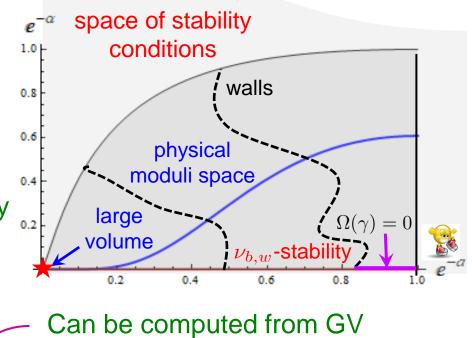
Idea: take F_{Λ} to be independent parameters

For $\nu_{b,w}$ -stability there is a chamber where (for some γ) BPS indices vanish

Recipe: start in this chamber and using wall-crossing formulae, go to the large volume chamber where the $\nu_{b,w}$ -stability coincides with the physical one

[Feyzbakhsh '22]

Explicit formula for rank 0 DT in terms of rank 1 DT invariants where $F_{\Lambda}(z) = \partial_{z^{\Lambda}} F(z)$ — holomorphic $\Lambda = 0, \dots, b_2(\mathfrak{Y})$ prepotential



invariants using MNOP formula

Results

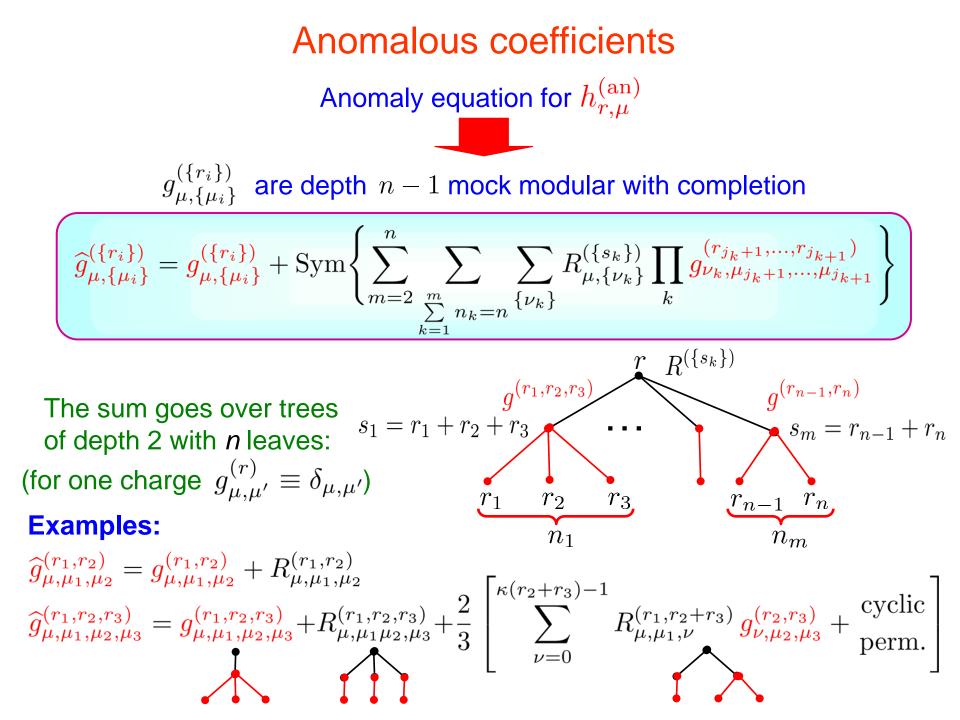
Problem: one needs to know GV invariants at large genus. So far we have found generating functions of $\overline{\Omega}_{2,\mu}(\hat{q}_0)$ for two CICY: X_{10} and X_8 degree 10 hypersurface degree 8 hypersurface in $\mathbb{P}_{5,2,1,1,1}$ with $\kappa = 1$ in $\mathbb{P}_{4,1,1,1,1}$ with $\kappa = 2$ $h_1 = \frac{203E_4^4 + 445E_4E_6^2}{216\,\eta^{35}} = q^{-\frac{35}{24}} \left(3 - 575q + 271955q^2 + 206406410q^3 + 21593817025q^4 + \cdots\right)$ polar terms $h_{2,\mu} = \frac{5397523E_4^{12} + 70149738E_4^9E_6^2 - 12112656E_4^6E_6^4 - 61127530E_4^3E_6^6 - 2307075E_6^8}{46438023168\eta^{100}} \theta_{\mu}^{(2)}$ $+ \frac{-10826123E_4^{10}E_6 - 14574207E_4^7E_6^3 + 20196255E_4^4E_6^5 + 5204075E_4E_6^7}{100}D_{1/2}\theta_{\mu}^{(2)}$ $1934917632\eta^{100}$ + $H_{\mu}(\tau) h_1(\tau)^2$ generating series of Hurwitz class numbers E_4, E_6 — Eisenstein series $D_w = q\partial_q - \frac{w}{12}E_2 - \frac{\text{Serre}}{\text{derivative}}$ (mock modular) $\begin{cases} h_{2,0} = q^{-\frac{19}{6}} \left(7 - 1728q + 203778q^2 - 13717632q^3 - 23922034036q^4 + \dots \right) \\ h_{2,1} = q^{-\frac{35}{12}} \left(-\frac{21}{4} + 1430q - \frac{4344943}{4}q^2 + 208065204q^3 - \frac{199146131237}{4}q^4 + \dots \right) \end{cases}$

Higher ranks

Modular completion in the one-modulus case:

$$\widehat{h}_{r,\mu}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) = h_{r,\mu}(\tau) + \sum_{n=2}^{r} \sum_{\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i = r} \sum_{\{\mu_i\}} R_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{r_i\})}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) \prod_{i=1}^{n} h_{r_i,\mu_i}(\tau)$$

Use the 2-step procedure as in the
$$r = 2$$
 case:
 $h_{r,\mu} = h_{r,\mu}^{(0)} + h_{r,\mu}^{(an)}$
usual modular form
fixed by polar terms
Problem: the anomaly depends on all $h_{r_i,\mu_i}^{(0)}$ with $r_i < r$ remaining unknown
Express $h_{r,\mu}^{(an)}$ in terms of $h_{r_i,\mu_i}^{(0)}$ and find coefficients
 $h_{r,\mu}^{(an)}(\tau) = \sum_{n=2}^{r} \sum_{\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i = r} \sum_{\{\mu_i\}} g_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{r_i\})}(\tau) \prod_{i=1}^{n} h_{r_i,\mu_i}^{(0)}(\tau)$
anomalous coefficients



Two charges

Find a mock modular form satisfying

 $\widehat{g}_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau,\bar{\tau}) = g_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau) + R_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau,\bar{\tau})$

It is sufficient to know that

$$\partial_{\bar{\tau}} R_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})} = \delta_{\mu-\mu_{1}-\mu_{2}}^{(\kappa r_{0})} \frac{r_{0}\sqrt{\kappa_{0}}}{16\pi i \tau_{2}^{3/2}} \overline{\theta_{\mu_{0}}^{(2\kappa_{0})}} \qquad r_{0} = \gcd(r_{1},r_{2})$$

$$\kappa_{0} = \frac{\kappa}{2r_{0}^{2}} r_{1}r_{2}(r_{1}+r_{2})$$

$$\delta_{x}^{(\kappa)} = \delta_{x \bmod \kappa}$$

$$g_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})} = r_{0} \delta_{\mu-\mu_{1}-\mu_{2}}^{(\kappa r_{0})} G_{\mu_{0}}^{(\kappa_{0})}$$
DMZ mock modular form of optimal growth

Unit charges and Vafa-Witten

generating series of $\kappa = r_1 = r_2 = 1 \implies \kappa_0 = 1 \implies g_{\mu}^{(1,1)} = H_{\mu}$ Hurwitz class numbers [Vafa,Witten '94] (normalized) generating function of $h_{2,\mu}^{\mathrm{VW}}[\mathbb{CP}^2] = 3 \left(h_1^{\mathrm{VW}}[\mathbb{CP}^2] \right)^2 H_{\mu}$ SU(2) Vafa-Witten invariants on \mathbb{CP}^2 where $h_1^{\text{VW}}[\mathbb{CP}^2] = \eta^{-3}(\tau)$ This is not an accident! The anomaly equation for $g_{\mu}^{(1,...,1)} \equiv g_{n,\mu}$ and $\kappa = 1$ coincides with the anomaly equation for the normalized generating functions of SU(n) Vafa-Witten invariants on \mathbb{CP}^2

$$g_{n,\mu} = 3^{1-n} \frac{h_{n,\mu}^{(\mathrm{VW})}[\mathbb{CP}^2]}{\left(h_1^{(\mathrm{VW})}[\mathbb{CP}^2]\right)^n}$$

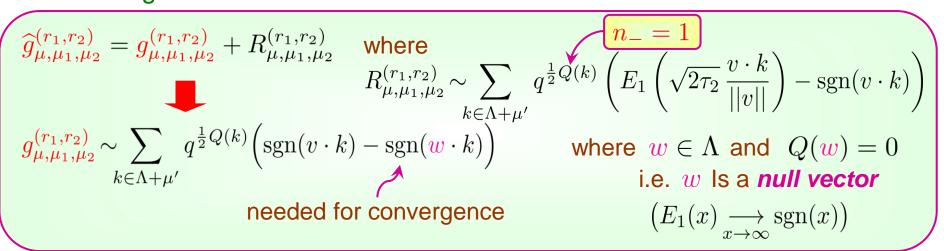
Neither of these solutions generalizes to more general cases

Indefinite theta series

We construct a general solution in terms of *indefinite theta series* Typical indefinite theta series $\sum q^{\frac{1}{2}Q(k)} \Phi(\sqrt{2\tau_2} k)$ $k \in \Lambda + \mu$ $Q(k) = Q_{+}(k) - Q_{-}(k)$ is a quadratic form of signature (n_{+}, n_{-}) Two ways to achieve convergence $\Phi(x)$ piecewise constant $\Phi(x)$ exponentially decaying along negative directions $\Phi(x) \sim \prod \left(\operatorname{sgn}(v_{i,1} \cdot x) - \operatorname{sgn}(v_{i,2} \cdot x) \right)$ **Ex.:** Seigel theta series $\Phi(x) \sim \exp\left(-\pi Q_{-}(x)\right)$ holomorphic, but not modular modular, but not holomorphic construct **mock** (of depth n_{-}) Recipe: [S.A.,Banerjee,Manschot,Pioline '16] replace $\prod \operatorname{sgn}(v_i \cdot x) \mapsto E_n(\{v_i\}; x) \equiv \int_{\mathbb{D}^n} \mathrm{d}x' \, e^{-\pi (x - x')^2} \prod \operatorname{sgn}(v_i \cdot x')$ i=1generalized error functions building blocks of the coefficients $R^{(\{r_i\})}$ $\mu, \{\mu_i\}$

Lattice extension

Consider again the case n = 2:



Problem: in our case $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ with $Q(k) = -2\kappa_0 k^2$ does not have null vectors

Solution: *Extend* the lattice by multiplying by Jacobi theta functions $\hat{\tilde{g}}_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau,z_{1},z_{2}) = \check{g}_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau,z_{1},z_{2}) + R_{\mu,\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{(r_{1},r_{2})}(\tau)\theta_{1}^{\kappa r_{1}}(\tau,z_{1})\theta_{1}^{\kappa r_{2}}(\tau,z_{2})$

Each theta function adds 1 dimension to the lattice, but does *not* change Λ^*/Λ

$$\begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{l} \text{In general} \\ \text{case:} \end{array} & \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}_{-}^{n-1} \mapsto \Lambda_{\text{ext}} = \mathbb{Z}_{-}^{n-1} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} n \\ \oplus \\ i=1 \end{array} \mathbb{Z}_{+}^{\kappa r_{i}} \end{pmatrix} \\ g_{\mu, \{\mu_{i}\}}^{(\{r_{i}\})}(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} n \\ \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\mathcal{D}^{(\kappa r_{i})}(z_{i})}{(-2\pi\eta^{3}(\tau))^{\kappa r_{i}}} \end{pmatrix} \check{g}_{\mu, \{\mu_{i}\}}^{(\{r_{i}\})}(\tau, \{z_{i}\}) \Big|_{z_{i}=0} \end{array} \right)$$
 solve extended anomaly eq. solve extended anomaly eq.
$$\begin{split} \check{g}_{\mu, \{\mu_{i}\}}^{(\{r_{i}\})}(\tau) &= \begin{pmatrix} n \\ \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\mathcal{D}^{(\kappa r_{i})}(z_{i})}{(-2\pi\eta^{3}(\tau))^{\kappa r_{i}}} \end{pmatrix} \check{g}_{\mu, \{\mu_{i}\}}^{(\{r_{i}\})}(\tau, \{z_{i}\}) \Big|_{z_{i}=0} \end{split}$$

Refinement

We also need to introduce *refinement* $z = \alpha - \tau \beta$ $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ Physically, it corresponds to switching on Ω -background

$$g_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{r_i\})}(\tau) \mapsto g_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{r_i\})\operatorname{ref}}(\tau,z) - \operatorname{mock Jacobi-like form}_{\operatorname{under} \tau \mapsto \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \ z \mapsto \frac{z}{c\tau + d}$$

$$\operatorname{under} \tau \mapsto \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \ z \mapsto \frac{z}{c\tau + d}$$

$$\operatorname{regularizes divergences due to null vectors}_{k = k_v v + k_w w + k_\perp} \longrightarrow w \cdot k = 0 \\ w^2 = 0 \longrightarrow k_\perp = 0 \longrightarrow k_v = 0, \ k^2 = 0$$

$$\operatorname{refinement}_{k \in \Lambda + \mu'} q^{\frac{1}{2}k^2} \left(\operatorname{sgn}(v \cdot k) - \operatorname{sgn}(w \cdot k) \right) \supset \sum_{k_w \in \mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{sgn}((v \cdot w) k_w) \\ q^{\frac{1}{2}k^2} y^{\theta \cdot k} \left(\operatorname{sgn}(v \cdot k) - \operatorname{sgn}(w \cdot k + \beta) \right) \\ \supset \sum_{k_w \in \mathbb{Z}} y^{(\theta \cdot w)k_w} \left(\operatorname{sgn}((v \cdot w) k_w) - \operatorname{sgn}(\beta) \right) \operatorname{geometric}_{\text{progression}} \\ \operatorname{convergent, but poles at} z = 0$$

Results

Goal: Find mock Jacobi-like forms on the extended lattice that are regular at z = 0 and then take the unrefined limit

$$\begin{split} g_{\mu,\{\mu_i\}}^{(\{r_i\})\text{ref}}(\tau,z) &= \text{Sym} \begin{cases} \sum_{m=1}^{n} \sum_{\substack{m \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{\{j \in \{s_k\}\}} \prod_{k} \phi_{\nu_k,\mu_{j_k+1},\dots,\mu_{j_{k+1}}}^{(r_{j_k+1},\dots,r_{j_{k+1}})} \end{cases} \\ \text{theta series on } \Lambda_{\text{ext}} \text{ with kernel} \\ \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\text{sgn}(v_i \cdot k) - \text{sgn}(w_i \cdot k + \beta) \right) \\ \text{One can take } \phi \sim \frac{1}{z^{n-1}} \end{cases} \\ \text{unrefined limit } z \to 0 \qquad \text{the most non-trivial step} \\ \\ \text{Explicit expressions for } g_{\mu,\mu_1,\mu_2}^{(r_1,r_2)} \text{ and } g_{\mu,\mu_1,\mu_2,\mu_4}^{(r_1,r_2,r_3)} \end{split}$$

Conclusions

• We derived modular properties of generating functions of D4-D2-D0 BPS indices (rank 0 DT invariants).

new boundary conditions for the direct integration of topological string

Solution of the modular anomaly for r > 2 (consistency of different solutions)
 reduces the problem to finding just a finite number of polar terms

Possibles extensions:

- compute polar terms for r>2
- CYs with two and more moduli
- elliptic and K₃ fibrations …
- DT invariants of higher rank?

new strategy?

