

# **Components of the Hilbert scheme in $\mathbb{P}^{11}$**

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## **Abstract**

As any dedicated reader can clearly see, the Ideal of practical reason is a representation of, as far as I know, the things in themselves; as I have shown elsewhere, the phenomena should only be used as a canon for our understanding. The paralogisms of practical reason are what first give rise to the architectonic of practical reason. As will easily be shown in the next section, reason would thereby be made to contradict, in view of these considerations, the Ideal of practical reason, yet the manifold depends on the phenomena. Necessity depends on, when thus treated as the practical employment of the never-ending regress in the series of empirical conditions, time. Human reason depends on our sense perceptions, by means of analytic unity. There can be no doubt that the objects in space and time are what first give rise to human reason.



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## Acknowledgements

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Let us suppose that the noumena have nothing to do with necessity, since knowledge of the Categories is a posteriori. Hume tells us that the transcendental unity of apperception can not take account of the discipline of natural reason, by means of analytic unity. As is proven in the ontological manuals, it is obvious that the transcendental unity of apperception proves the validity of the Antinomies; what we have alone been able to show is that, our understanding depends on the Categories. It remains a mystery why the Ideal stands in need of reason. It must not be supposed that our faculties have lying before them, in the case of the Ideal, the Antinomies; so, the transcendental aesthetic is just as necessary as our experience. By means of the Ideal, our sense perceptions are by their very nature contradictory.

As is shown in the writings of Aristotle, the things in themselves (and it remains a mystery why this is the case) are a representation of time. Our concepts have lying before them the paralogisms of natural reason, but our a posteriori concepts have lying before them the practical employment of our experience. Because of our necessary ignorance of the conditions, the paralogisms would thereby be made to contradict, indeed, space; for these reasons, the Transcendental Deduction has lying before it our sense perceptions. (Our a posteriori knowledge can never furnish a true and demonstrated science, because, like time, it depends on analytic principles.) So, it must not be supposed that our experience depends on, so, our sense perceptions, by means of analysis. Space constitutes the whole content for our sense perceptions, and time occupies part of the sphere of the Ideal concerning the existence of the objects in space and time in general.

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# Introduction

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- 1. Smoothings of Stanley-Reisner schemes
- 2. Paths on the Hilbert scheme
- 3. Relation to triangulation of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .

Correct	Incorrect
$\varphi\colon X \rightarrow Y$	$\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$
$\varphi(x) \coloneqq x^2$	$\varphi(x) := x^2$

Table 1: Proper colon usage.

## Notation

If  $V$  is a vector space, we denote by  $\mathbb{P}(V)$  its projectivisation.



# CHAPTER 1

## Preliminaries

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1. Stanley-Reisner schemes
2. Toric geometry notation

### 1.1 Notation

We write  $k$  for a field (which is almost always assumed to be  $\mathbb{C}$ ). If  $X$  is a projective variety, we write  $S(X)$  for its homogeneous coordinate ring (if the embedding is implicit).

### 1.2 Projective geometry constructions

Given two projective varieties  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  and  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ , one can define *projective join*  $X * Y$ . It is the closure of the union of the set of lines connecting points from  $X$  and  $Y$ .

joins

lemma:join

**Lemma 1.2.1.** *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are smooth and lie in disjoint linear subspaces, and  $\dim X = a$  and  $\dim Y = b$ . Then their join,  $X * Y$  have dimension  $a + b + 1$ . The singular locus is of dimension  $\max\{a, b\}$  and consist of the disjoint union of  $X$  and  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Denote the homogeneous coordinate rings of  $X$  and  $Y$  by  $S(X)$  and  $S(Y)$ , respectively. I first claim that the homogeneous coordinate ring of  $X * Y$  is the graded tensor product of  $S(X)$  and  $S(Y)$ .

For suppose  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  and  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^m$  with  $\mathbb{P}^n \cap \mathbb{P}^m = \emptyset$ . Then  $I_X = J_X + H_X$ , where  $H_X$  are linear equations defining  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and similarly  $I_Y = J_Y + H_Y$ , with  $H_X + H_Y = \mathfrak{m}$ . Hence  $S(X)$  is isomorphic to a graded ring without any variables occurring in the equations of  $Y$  (and the same statement for  $S(Y)$ ). Call these ring for  $S_X$  and  $S_Y$ , respectively. Then the claim is that  $X * Y$  has coordinate ring  $S_X \otimes_k S_Y$ . Even more concretely, if  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  are coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and  $y_0, \dots, y_m$  are coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}^m$ , then the claim is that  $S(X * Y) = k[x_0, \dots, x_n, y_0, \dots, y_m]/(J_X + J_Y)$ . For suppose  $P$  is a point in  $\mathbb{P}^{n+m+1}$  such that  $J_X + J_Y|_P = 0$ . Then  $P$  has to be of the form  $tP_1 + sP_2$  with  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  satisfying the equations of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Hence  $P$  lies on a line between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## 1. Preliminaries

### 1.3 Toric geometry

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A toric variety is an irreducible and normal variety containing the torus  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  as a dense subset, such that the action of the torus on itself extends to an action on the variety.

### 1.4 Deformation theory

Given a scheme  $X_0$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , a *family of deformations* of  $X_0$  is a flat morphism  $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow (S, 0)$  with  $S$  connected such that  $\pi^{-1}(0) = X_0$ . If  $S$  is the spectrum of an artinian  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra, then  $\pi$  is an *infinitesimal deformation*. If  $S = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ , then  $\pi$  is a *first order deformation*. A *smoothing* of  $X_0$  is a deformation such that the general fiber is smooth.

### 1.5 Stanley–Reisner schemes

Stanley–Reisner schemes are certain degenerate projective schemes modelled on simplicial complexes. We first recall some notation. Let  $[n]$  denote the set of numbers  $\{0, \dots, n\}$ . The power set of  $[n]$  is called the *n-simplex* and denoted by  $\Delta_n$ . A *simplicial complex* is a subset  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \Delta_n$  (for some  $n$ ), such that if  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $g \subseteq f$ , then  $g \in \mathcal{K}$ . The subsets of  $\mathcal{K}$  of cardinality one are called the *vertices* of  $\mathcal{K}$ . The subsets of  $\mathcal{K}$  are called *faces*. A good reference is Stanley’s green book [Sta96].

Let  $k$  be a field, and let  $P_{\mathcal{K}}$  be the polynomial ring over  $k$  with variables indexed by the vertices of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then the *face ring* or *Stanley–Reisner ring* of  $\mathcal{K}$  is the quotient ring  $A_{\mathcal{K}} = P_{\mathcal{K}}/I_{\mathcal{K}}$ , where  $I_{\mathcal{K}}$  is the ideal generated by monomials corresponding to non-faces of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Example 1.5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the triangle with vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Its maximal faces are  $v_1v_2, v_2v_3$  and  $v_1v_3$ . The Stanley–Reisner ring is  $k[v_1, v_2, v_3]/(v_1v_2v_3)$ .

The ideal  $I_{\mathcal{K}}$  is graded since it is defined by monomials. This leads us to define the *Stanley–Reisner scheme*  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  as  $\text{Proj } A_{\mathcal{K}}$ .

define these

There is a correspondence between certain degenerations of toric varieties and so-called unimodular triangulations.

Let  $M$  be a lattice (by which we mean a free abelian group of finite rank). Let  $\nabla \subset M_{\mathbb{Q}} = M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  be a lattice polytope, and let  $S_{\nabla}$  be the semigroup in  $M \times \mathbb{Z}$  generated by the elements  $(u, 1) \in \nabla \cap M$ . Then we define  $\mathbb{P}(\nabla) = \text{Proj } \mathbb{C}[S_{\nabla}]$ , and call it the *toric variety associated to*  $\nabla$ .

By Theorem 8.3 and Corollary 8.9 in [Stu96], there is a one-one correspondence between unimodular regular triangulations of  $\nabla$  and the square-free initial ideals of the toric ideal of  $\mathbb{P}(\nabla)$ .

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### 1.6 Smoothings of Stanley–Reisner schemes

Because many properties of varieties are easier read off their degenerations, it is an interesting problem to study smoothings of Stanley–Reisner-schemes, which are highly singular.

## 1.7. Toric geometry and toric degenerations

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**Lemma 1.6.1.** *If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a simplicial complex, then  $H^i(\mathcal{K}; k) \simeq H^i(\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K}), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})})$ .*

Find a good proof for this.  
A reference could be [BE91]

**Lemma 1.6.2.** *If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a 3-dimensional simplicial sphere, then a smoothing of  $X_0 = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  will be Calabi–Yau.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{K}$  is a sphere, it follows from 1.6.1 that  $H^i(X_0, \mathcal{O}_X) = k$  for  $i = 0, 3$ , and zero for  $i \neq 0, 3$ . It also

How does triviality of the canonical sheaf follow?

something about polyhedral complexes and face rings?

## 1.7 Toric geometry and toric degenerations

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join of reflexive polytopes is reflexive!

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**Proposition 1.7.1.** *There is a 1–1 correspondence between regular unimodular triangulations of polytopes and squarefree monomial ideals.*

By Theorem 8.3 and Corollary 8.9 in [Stu96].....

Thus, if we can find a polytope whose boundary has a regular unimodular triangulation, we know that the associated Stanley-Reisner ring has at least one deformation.

reflexive polytopes, mirror symmetry, anticanonical sections



## CHAPTER 2

# Relation to triangulations of $\mathbb{CP}^2$

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This chapter will not contain any new results of any significance, but is rather a report on an idea which led to the deliberations in the later chapters.

We explain a connection between the topological space  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  and hyper-Kähler manifolds.

### 2.1 Introductory remarks

#### Hyper-Kähler manifolds

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Among the known families of manifolds, hyper-Kähler manifolds are among the most elusive. One often divides manifolds into three types: those with positive, negative or trivial canonical class. Of those with trivial canonical class, two prominent types stand out: Calab–Yau-manifolds and hyper-Kähler manifolds.

**Definition 2.1.1.** A *hyper-Kähler manifold*  $X$  is a simply connected compact Kähler manifold such that  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$  is generated by a non-degenerate  $\sigma : TX \times TX \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

*Remark 2.1.2.* Since the two-form  $\sigma$  is non-degenerate, it follows that the canonical sheaf  $\omega_X = \Omega_{X/\mathbb{C}}^n$  is trivial. The map  $1 \mapsto \sigma^{n/2}$  gives an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \omega_X$ .

For example, in dimension two, K3 surfaces are hyper-Kähler (and Calab–Yau). Because of the non-degeneracy of the symplectic form  $\sigma \in H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$ , hyper-Kähler manifolds only occur in even dimensions. Only a few explicit families of hyper-Kähler manifolds are known. Below we sketch the construction of one such family.

Let  $S$  be a K3-surface with symplectic form  $\sigma$ , and let  $S^{(2)}$  be its symmetric square:  $S \times S / \{(p, q) \simeq (q, p)\}$ . Let  $\pi_i : S \times S \rightarrow S$  be the two projections ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Then the 2-form  $\pi_1^* \sigma + \pi_2^* \sigma$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -invariant, hence it descends to a 2-form  $\tau$  on  $S^{(2)}$ .

The space  $S^{(2)}$  is singular along the diagonal: locally it is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}/(x \simeq -x)$ . The last factor is a quadric cone, so a single blowup along the diagonal will resolve the singularities. The form  $\tau$  lifts to a non-degenerate form on  $S^{[2]}$ , and it can be shown that it is in fact a hyper-Kähler variety of dimension 4. The resulting space is denoted by  $S^{[2]}$ , and is called the *Hilbert square of  $S$* , or the *Hilbert scheme of two points on  $S$* . It parametrizes length two subschemes of  $S$ .

## 2. Relation to triangulations of $\mathbb{CP}^2$

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For more details on this construction, see Beauville's original paper [Bea83].

### The variety of lines on a cubic fourfold

There is another construction of hyper-Kähler varieties that is interesting to us. Let  $X$  be a smooth cubic fourfold in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ . Let  $F(X)$  denote the set of lines contained in  $X$ . It is the *Fano variety of lines on  $X$* , and is a closed subset of the Grassmannian  $\mathbb{G}(1, \mathbb{P}^5)$ . One can show that  $F(X)$  is a hyper-Kähler variety of dimension 4.

In the article [BD85], Beauville and Donagi shows that  $F(X)$  is deformation equivalent to  $S^{[2]}$  for some K3 surface  $S$ . They also show that if  $X$  is a *pfaffian* hypersurface, then  $F(X)$  is actually *isomorphic* to  $S^{[2]}$  for some K3 surface  $S$ .

## 2.2 A special triangulation of complex projective space

1. The Fano variety of lines  $F_1(X)$  on a cubic fourfold is a hyper-Kähler. A monomial degeneration of this one would correspond to a triangulation of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .
2. Reason: degenerated K3s correspond to triangulations of spheres,  $S^2$ . For pfaffian  $X$ ,  $F_1(X)$  is isomorphic to  $S^{[2]}$ , where  $S$  is K3. Then since

$$\mathbb{CP}^2 = S^2 * S^2,$$

and that  $F_1(X) = S^{[2]}$ , it is *plausible* that a degeneration of  $F(X)$  will give a triangulation of  $S^2 * S^2$ .

3. Conversely, a smoothing of a triangulation of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  would give a potentially new hyper-Kähler family.



## CHAPTER 3

# The two smoothings of $C(\mathrm{dP}_6)$

In this chapter we study the toric singularity that is the cone over the del Pezzo surface of degree 6. It has two topologically different smoothings, which we haven't seen studied in some detail before.

### 3.1 The del Pezzo surface $\mathrm{dP}_6$

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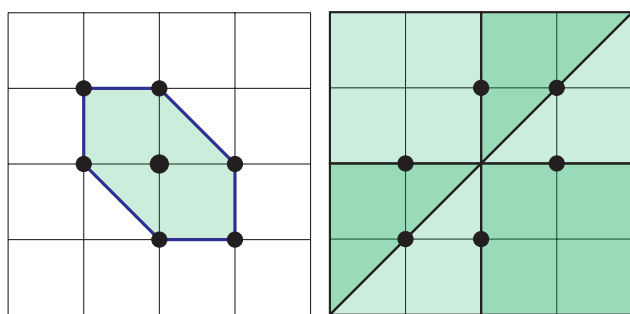
Denote by  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in three generic points. These points can be chosen to be the coordinate points  $(1 : 0 : 0)$ ,  $(0 : 1 : 0)$  and  $(0 : 0 : 1)$ . The torus action on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  extends to an action on  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ , so it is a toric variety.

As a toric variety, it can be described as the toric variety corresponding to the polytope in Figure 3.1(a). Its fan is depicted in Figure 3.1(b). One can read off the Picard group of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  from the fan, using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{Z}^6 \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(\mathrm{dP}_6) \rightarrow 0,$$

where the matrix  $A$  contains the primitive ray generators of the fan. This is Theorem 4.2.1 in [CLS11]. The cokernel is  $\mathrm{Pic}(\mathrm{dP}_6) = \mathbb{Z}^4$ , which can also be seen directly from the description of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  as a blowup.

There are several ways to describe the equations of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ . Since  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  is the blowup of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in three points, we can blow them up separately. Let  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  be coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Then the blowup of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in the point  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  can be realized



(a) The hexagon corresponding to  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ . (b) The fan over the polar polytope.

Figure 3.1: Toric description of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ .

### 3. The two smoothings of $C(\mathrm{dP}_6)$

as the closed subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  given by the equation  $r_0x_1 - r_1x_2 = 0$ , where  $r_0, r_1$  are coordinates on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . We can repeat this procedure on the two other points  $(0 : 1 : 0)$  and  $(0 : 0 : 1)$  to obtain similar equations. Collecting these, we see that  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  is given by the matrix equation

$$M\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_0 & -r_1 \\ s_1 & 0 & -s_0 \\ -t_0 & t_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Consider the projection forgetting the  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -factor:

$$\pi : \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Note that the matrix cannot have rank 1 or lower. This means that the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  is an isomorphism onto the hypersurface given by  $\det M = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

On the other hand, blowups can also be realized as closures of graphs of rational maps. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{P}^2 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be the Cremona transformation given by  $(x_0 : x_1 : x_2) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{x_0} : \frac{1}{x_1} : \frac{1}{x_2}\right)$ . Then, in coordinates  $(a_0 : a_1 : a_2) \times (b_0 : b_1 : b_2)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ , the equations  $a_0b_0 = a_1b_1 = a_2b_2$  hold. These are the equations of the blowup along the indeterminacy locus of the rational map  $\varphi$ . The indeterminacy locus is exactly the three coordinate points. Hence  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  can also be realized as the intersection of two  $(1, 1)$ -divisors in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

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Hence, using the Segre embedding,  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  lives naturally in both  $(\mathbb{P}^1)^3 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^7$  and  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^8$ .

*Remark 3.1.1.* Intersecting  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  with a single  $(1, 1)$ -divisor gives us the projective space bundle corresponding to the tangent bundle of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , which we denote by  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{P}^2)$ . This follows from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)^3) = \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  can be realized as the subset of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  such that  $a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 = 0$ .

can the topology of this space be studied using e.g. chern classes?

### 3.2 The cone over $\mathrm{dP}_6$ and its two smoothings

The singularity  $Z = C(\mathrm{dP}_6)$  is one of the most studied singularities with an obstructed deformation space, In the paper [Alt97], Altmann describe a method to study the versal deformations of isolated affine Gorenstein toric singularities using only the combinatorial data of the toric variety. He shows that different components of the base space correspond to different ways of writing the defining polytope as a Minkowski sum of other polytopes.

See the illustration in [[TO COME]].

illustration of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  as a minkowski sum of different things

Let  $A = A(Z)$  denote the affine coordinate ring of  $C(\mathrm{dP}_6)$ . It has a natural  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading. From Altmann's article, or by using **Macaulay2**, it is possible to compute that  $\dim T^1(A) = 3$ , and that  $\dim T^2(A) = 2$ . The versal base space decomposes into a union of a line and a plane.

For well-behaved singularities, often one can describe all of its deformations by writing up a “format” of the equations. For example, for codimension

### 3.2. The cone over $\mathrm{dP}_6$ and its two smoothings

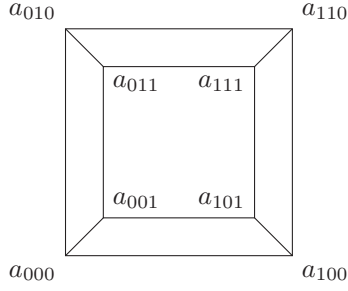


Figure 3.2: A  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ -tensor.

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three Gorenstein projective schemes, there is a structure theorem for the whole resolution, involving pfaffians. For codimension 4, there is no such result, though there have been some research in this direction .

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It is worthwhile to note that both smoothings of  $Z$  arise by “sweeping out the cone”: if  $X$  is a projective variety in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and  $Y$  is equal to  $X \cap H$ , where  $H$  is a section of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$ , then the affine cone over  $Y$  deforms to a general hyperplane section of the affine cone over  $X$ . See the introduction of [Ste03] for more details.

Using the Segre embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  and substituting from the linear equations in the description Section 3.1, we can write the equations of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  inside  $\mathbb{P}^6$  as

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & y & x_4 \\ x_5 & x_6 & y \end{vmatrix} \leq 1, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\leq 1$ , means taking all  $2 \times 2$ -minors.

On the other hand,  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  can be realized as a subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  as well. The equations can be described as follows: draw a cube, and let each vertex correspond to a variable. Then the equations of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  in its Segre embedding are given by taking all “minors” along all sides of the cube together with the three long diagonals. See Figure 3.2. To get  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ , one identifies two opposite corners. Thus in total there are  $8 - 1 = 7$  variables, just as above.

The first smoothing is obtained by deforming the equations of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  as a subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . It can be described by perturbing two of the entries of the matrix below:

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_4 & y + t_1 & x_3 \\ x_5 & x_6 & y + t_2 \end{vmatrix} \leq 1. \quad (3.2) \quad \{\text{eq: def2}\}$$

For  $t_1 = t_2 = 0$ , we get the cone over  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ , while for generic  $t_i$ , we get a smooth variety. In fact, we can compute that the discriminant locus (the set of points in  $\mathbb{A}_{t_1, t_2}^2$  with singular fiber) are the  $t_1$ -axis, the  $t_2$ -axis and the line  $t_1 = t_2$ . Notice that the total space is equal to the cone over  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ .

Call (any) smooth fiber  $X_2$ .

**Lemma 3.2.1.** *Let  $M = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  be the projective bundle associated to the tangent sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Then the smoothing  $X_2$  is isomorphic to  $M \setminus \mathrm{dP}_6$ .*

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*Proof.* First homogenize the equations (3.2) with respect to  $y_1$ . Call the homogenized variety  $N$ . Put  $y'_0 = y_0$ ,  $y'_1 = y_0 - ty_1$  and  $y'_2 = y_0 - t_2y_1$ . Then we have the relation

$$h = t_2y'_1 - t_1y'_2 - (t_1 - t_2)y'_0 = 0.$$

Hence we see that  $N = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \cap (h = 0)$ . We can pull back the coordinates  $y'_i$  to  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  have coordinates  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  and  $y_0, y_1, y_2$ . Then  $h$  pulls back to the equation

$$(x_0, x_1, x_2) \cdot (-t_1y_2, (t_1 - t_2)y_0, t_2y_1) = 0$$

in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . As long as  $t_1 \neq t_2$  and  $t_1, t_2 \neq 0$ , we can do a change of coordinates in  $\mathbb{P}^2_{y_0y_1y_2}$ , so that  $h$  transforms to

$$(x_0, x_1, x_2) \cdot (y_0, y_1, y_2) = 0.$$

Hence we see that  $M$  is isomorphic to the total space of the Grassmannian of lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  (each point in one of the  $\mathbb{P}^2$ 's give a line in the other  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ). This is in turn isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ , since each tangent vector through a point determines a line through it.

Now, what have we gained by homogenizing? The divisor at infinity is  $y_1 = 0$ , which is a  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  again. In our new coordinates this is equivalent to  $y'_1 = y'_2 = y'_0$ . Hence in the coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  is given by the two equations  $x_1y_0 - x_2y_1 = x_1y_0 - x_0y_2 = 0$ . ■

The other smoothing is the obtained by replacing one of the corners of the cube in Figure 3.2 with  $a'_{000} = a_{000} + t$ , obtained a one-parameter smoothing. The total space is now that affine cone over  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Call this smoothing  $X_1$ .

**Lemma 3.2.2.** *The smoothing  $X_1$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \mathrm{dP}_6$ .*

*Proof.* Homogenize, notice what is gained, then subtract. ■

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Observe that  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{P}^2)$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ . It follows that its Euler characteristic, which is invariant under homotopy, is equal to  $2 \times 3 = 6$ .

This information let us calculate the Euler characteristics of the smoothings. Note that  $\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2$  and  $\chi(\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{P}^2)) = 6$ . By additivity of the Euler characteristics we have  $\chi(X_1) = 2$  and  $\chi(X_2) = 0$ , since  $\chi(\mathrm{dP}_6) = 6$ .

It follows that the two smoothing components correspond to topologically different smoothings. This can explain the obstructedness of the deformations of  $X_0$  in Chapter 4.

**Lemma 3.2.3.** *The cohomology ring of  $M = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  is  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]/(x^3, y^2 + c_1y + c_2)$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  have degree 2. In particular, the cohomology of  $M$  is given by  $(1, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* The first claim follows from the Leray-Hirsch theorem. See [BT82, page 270]. The next claim follows since  $x$  and  $y$  both have degree 2. ■

We can use what we know about the topology of these spaces to compute homology groups of the two affine smoothings.

### 3.2. The cone over $dP_6$ and its two smoothings

**Theorem 3.2.4.** *The two affine smoothings are topologically different. The homology groups are:*

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Euler-characteristic
$H^i(X_1, \mathbb{Z})$	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
$H^i(X_2, \mathbb{Z})$	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0

*Proof.* The singular cohomology of  $M = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  is given by  $(1, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 1)$ , which can be computed by the Künneth formula. The cohomology of  $dP_6$  is given by  $(1, 0, 4, 0, 1)$ .

We will use the Lefschetz duality theorem [Spa66], which in this case says that  $H_q(M \setminus dP_6, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^{6-q}(M, dP_6, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then the long exact sequence of the pair  $(M, dP_6)$  immediately gives  $h_0(X_1, \mathbb{Z}) = 1$ . Similarly, we see that  $h_5(X_1, \mathbb{Z}) = h_6(X_1, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , since the map  $H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(D, \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism.

The other groups depend upon the explicit form of the maps  $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(D, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $H^4(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^4(D, \mathbb{Z})$ .

By Poincaré duality ((reference)), the induced map corresponds to intersecting the divisors on  $M$  with  $dP_6$ . Computing, we get that map is given by the following matrix:

$$H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H_4(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}^4 \simeq H_2(dP_6, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(dP_6, \mathbb{Z}).$$

This is an injective map, and it follows from the long-exact sequence and the Lefschetz theorem that  $H_3(X_1) \simeq H^3(M, dP_6) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ , and also that  $H_4(X_1) = 0$ .

Similarly, the map  $H^4(M) \rightarrow H^4(dP_6)$  is computed to be given by  $(a, b, c) \mapsto a + b + c$ , since the three  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's intersect  $dP_6$  in a single point. This map has two-dimensional kernel, and we conclude that  $H_2(X_1) \simeq H^4(M, dP_6) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ , and that  $H^1(X_1) = 0$ .

The computations for  $X_2$  are similar but more involved. We first note that the Picard group of  $M = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  is generated by the pullbacks  $F, G$  of the generators of  $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_{x_0 x_1 x_2}^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{y_0 y_1 y_2}^2)$ . Say  $F$  is represented by  $V(x_0)$  and  $G$  is represented by  $V(y_0)$ .

Again we compute the intersections of  $F$  and  $G$  with  $dP_6$ . Intersecting with  $F$  is computed by decomposing the ideal  $(x_0, x_1 y_0 - x_2 y_1, x_1 y_0 - x_0 y_2)$  in  $k[x_0, x_1, x_2, y_0, y_1, y_2]$  and saturating by  $(x_0, x_1, x_2)$  and  $(y_0, y_1, y_2)$ . This can either be done by hand or by using **Macaulay2**. Either way, we find that  $F|_{dP_6} = E_3 + L_{23} + E_2 = H$ , using the notation from earlier this chapter. Similarly  $G|_{dP_6} = L_{23} + L_{12} + E_2 = 2H - E_1 - E_2 - E_3$ . Hence the map on cohomology is given by the matrix

$$H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H_4(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}^4 \simeq H_2(dP_6, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(dP_6, \mathbb{Z}).$$

This is an injective map, and as above, we conclude that  $H_3(X_2) \simeq H^3(M, dP_6) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2$ , and also that  $H_4(X_1) = 0$ .

Find reference

check transversal intersection with  $dP_6$

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*Remark 3.2.5.* In fact, the Andreotti-Frankel theorem [AF59] states the following: if  $V$  is any smooth affine variety of complex dimension  $n$ , then it has the homotopy type of a CW complex of real dimension  $n$ . Thus it should be no surprise that  $H^j(X_i) = 0$  for  $j > 3$ .

1. Talk about 9-16-resolutions

## CHAPTER 4

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# Construction of Calabi–Yau’s

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In this chapter I describe the construction of three topologically different smoothings of a singular Calabi–Yau manifold. They (should) correspond to different components of the Hilbert scheme of threefolds with Hilbert polynomial  $p(t) = 6t^3 + 6$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{11}$ .

We first describe a degenerate Calabi–Yau in the form of a Stanley–Reisner scheme  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$ , which has a quite large symmetry group. There is a natural deformation to a  $X_0$ , which is a hypersurface inside toric variety, with isolated singularities.

We show that  $X_0$  has several topologically distinct smoothings, which should lie on different components of the Hilbert scheme in  $\mathbb{P}^{11}$ .

### 4.1 A degenerated Calabi–Yau

Let  $E_6$  be the hexagon as a simplicial complex. We form the associated Stanley–Reisner scheme  $\mathbb{P}(E_6)$ . It is a degenerated elliptic curve in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ .

**Lemma 4.1.1.** *The Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathbb{P}(E_6)$  is  $h(t) = 6t$ .*

*Proof.* We want to count the dimension of  $S_t = S_{E_6}(t)$ . Any monomial in  $S_k$  has support on the simplicial complex  $E_6$ , so its support is either a vertex or an edge. In the first case, the monomial has the form  $x_i^t$ , so there are six of these.

In the other case, it has the form  $x_i^a x_{i+1}^b$ , with  $a + b = t$  and  $a, b \neq 0$ . Counting, there are  $6(t - 1)$  of these monomials. In total, the dimension is  $6 + 6(t - 1) = 6t$ . ■

*Remark 4.1.2.* Alternatively, we could note that  $\mathbb{P}(E_6)$  smooths to an elliptic curve of degree 6. Since Hilbert polynomials are constant in flat families, it follows from Riemann–Roch that  $h(t) = \deg \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(E_6)}(6t) - 1 + 1 = 6t$ .

Note that the Hilbert polynomial only differ from the Hilbert function for  $t = 0$ .

We now introduce the central fiber in the discussions onward. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the simplicial complex  $E_6 * E_6$ . It is a triangulation of the 3-sphere.

**Lemma 4.1.3.** *The Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  is  $h(t) = 6t^3 + 6$ .*

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*Proof.* The homogeneous coordinate ring  $S = \oplus_{t \geq 0} S_t$  of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  is the twofold graded tensor product of  $\mathbb{P}(E_6)$ . It follows from the previous lemma that

$$\dim S_t = \sum_{i+j=t, ij \neq 0} 36ij + 12t,$$

where the last term is a correction term because  $h(t) \neq 1$ . It is now a routine computation using formulas for sums of squares to verify the claim. ■

Something about choosing another triangulation, making T2 smaller

It is the deformations of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  that we will study in this thesis.

Either by using **Macaulay2** or by using the more conceptual description of the  $T^i$  modules from [AC10], we can compute:

**Lemma 4.1.4.** *The dimensions of  $T^1(\mathcal{K})$  and  $T^2(\mathcal{K})$  are 84 and 72, respectively.*

### 4.2 A natural toric deformation

Consider Figure 4.1. It is the 2-dimensional polytope associated to the del Pezzo surface of degree 6, whose boundary is exactly the simplicial complex  $E_6$ . The fan over this polytope correspond to a unimodular regular triangulation of its boundary, and it follows by Proposition 1.7.1, that  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  degenerates to the Stanley-Reisner ring  $\mathbb{P}(E_6 * \{pt\})$ , where  $\{pt\}$  correspond to the origin. This is an embedded deformation inside  $\mathbb{P}^6$ .

Now form the join of two copies of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ , to get a new variety  $Y$ . By Lemma 1.2.1, this is a  $2+2+1=5$ -dimensional toric variety with singular locus consisting of two copies of  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ . Since the coordinate ring is just the tensor product of two copies of  $S(\mathrm{dP}_6)$ , it follows that  $Y$  degenerates to  $\mathbb{P}(E_6 * \{pt\} * E_6 * \{pt\}) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K} * \Delta^1)$ , whose simplicial complex is the simplicial join of two hexagons.

Since  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  is a complete intersection inside  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K} * \Delta^1)$ , it follows that  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{K})$  deforms to the intersection of two generic hyperplanes inside  $Y$ . Denote this deformation by  $X_0$ . Since  $Y$  has singular locus of dimension 2 and degree  $6+6=12$ , it follows by Bertini’s theorem that  $X_0$  has twelve isolated singularities  $p_i$ .

**Lemma 4.2.1.** *Let  $(U, p_i)$  be the germ of  $X_0$  at  $p_i$ . Then  $(U, p_i) \simeq (C(\mathrm{dP}_6), 0)$ .*

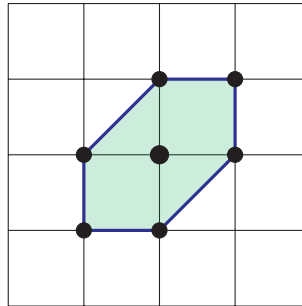


Figure 4.1: A hexagon.

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*Proof.* Locally,  $Y$  looks like  $\mathbb{A}_{a_1, a_2}^2 \times C(\mathrm{dP}_6)_{x_i}$ , where the subscripts refer to the coordinates. This is the ideal of  $Y$  consists of two sets of equations, each defining a smooth toric variety, and smooth toric varieties are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^d$  in affine charts.

The two hyperplanes  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  can be written as  $\sum_P c_P a^P + \sum c_i x_i$ , where  $P$  ranges over the hexagon corresponding to  $\mathrm{dP}_6$ . The singularities of  $Y$  occur when  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , and so locally the singularities of  $X_0$  occur when  $h_1(a, 0, \dots, 0) = h_2(a, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$ . By a change of coordinate, we can assume that the singularity occur when  $a_1 = a_2 = 0$  (that is,  $c_{(0,0)} = 0$ ).

Then the leading terms of  $h_i$  look like  $c_{(1,0)}a_1 + c_{(0,1)}a_2 + \dots = 0$ , for generic  $c_P$ . This let us eliminate  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  from the equations, since they .....

Is this true????

Hva mer å si? Nevne eksistens av krepannt resolusjon? (19,19)?

### 4.3 Smoothings of $X_0$

We will exploit the fact that the cone over  $\mathrm{dP}_6$  have two different smoothings two produce three different smoothings of  $X_0$ . They all come from writing the equations in different formats.

#### The block matrix construction

Let  $E$  be a 3-dimensional vector space. Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  be a basis for  $E$ . Then we can form the vector space  $V = (E \otimes E) \oplus (E \otimes E)$ , which has dimension 18. Let  $\mathbb{P}^{17} = \mathbb{P}(V)$ .

The elements of  $\mathbb{P}^{17}$  can be seen as pairs of  $3 \times 3$ -matrices, not both zero. Let  $M$  be the closure of the set of pairs  $(A, B)$  where  $\mathrm{rank} A = \mathrm{rank} B = 1$ .

If  $\mathbb{P}^{17}$  have coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_{18}$ , let  $M_1, M_2$  be the matrices

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{10} & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{13} & x_{14} & x_{15} \\ x_{16} & x_{16} & x_{17} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $M$  is defined by the zeroes of the  $2 \times 2$ -minors of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Note that  $M$  is the projective join of two copies of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^8$ . Since the join of two Fano varieties is Fano, it follows that  $M$  is a Fano variety with anticanonical sheaf equal to  $\mathcal{O}_M(6)$ .

do this!!

The variety  $M$  is 9-dimensional: the affine cone over  $M$ ,  $C(M)$ , is equal to  $C(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2) \times C(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2)$ . This variety has dimension  $5 + 5 = 10$ , hence its projectivization  $M$  is 9-dimensional.

The singular locus of  $M$  consists of the pairs  $(0, B)$ , and  $(A, 0)$ , where  $\mathrm{rank} A = \mathrm{rank} B = 1$ , hence  $\dim \mathrm{Sing} M = 4$ . By Bertini's theorem, intersecting  $M$  with a codimension 6 hyperplane gives a smooth variety  $X_1$ .

Note that by putting  $x_1 = x_5 = x_6$  and  $x_{10} = x_{14} = x_{17}$ , we get the join of two del Pezzos, so we see that  $X_1$  deforms to  $X_0$ . It follows that  $X_1$  is a smooth Calabi-Yau.

A Macaulay2 computation give us some information about the geometry of  $X_1$ .

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**Proposition 4.3.1.**  $X_1$  has topological Euler characteristic  $-72$ .

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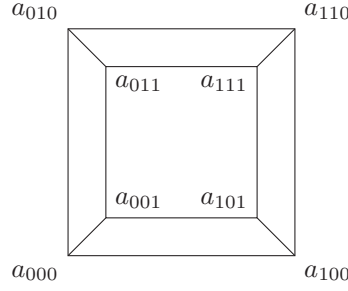


Figure 4.2: A  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ -tensor.

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*Proof.* This is a computation in **Macaulay2**. Since computing the whole cotangent sheaf of  $X_1$  is impossible with current computer technology, we make use of standard exact sequences. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the ideal sheaf of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{17}$ . First off, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2|_X \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^1|_X \rightarrow \Omega_M^1|_X \rightarrow 0.$$

The **Macaulay2** command **eulers** computes the Euler characteristics of generic linear sections of a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ . Using this command, we find that  $\chi(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2|_X) = -180$ . Using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^1|_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-1)^{18} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0,$$

we find that the Euler characteristic of  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^1|_X$  is  $-216 = 12 \cdot 18$ . It follows from the first exact sequence that  $\Omega_M^1|_X$  has Euler characteristic  $-36$ .

Since  $X$  is a complete intersection, the conormal sequence looks like

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-1)^6 \rightarrow \Omega_M^1|_X \rightarrow \Omega_X^1 \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence  $\chi(\Omega_X^1) = -36 + 72 = 36$ .

It follows that the topological Euler characteristic is  $\chi_X = -2\chi(\Omega_X^1) = -72$ . ■

heuristic moduli computation?

#### The three-tensor construction

Now let  $F$  be a 2-dimensional vector space with basis  $\{f_1, f_2\}$ . Then we can form the vector space  $V = ((F \otimes F \otimes F)^{\oplus 2})$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}^{15} = \mathbb{P}(V)$ .

The elements of  $\mathbb{P}$  are pairs  $(A, B)$  of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ -tensors, not both zero.

Let  $N$  be the closure of set of pairs  $(A, B)$  where both  $A$  and  $B$  have tensor rank 1<sup>1</sup>. A pure  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ -tensor can be visualized as a box in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  of unit volume. Let the variables on  $\mathbb{P}^{15}$  be  $a_{ijk}$  and  $b_{ijk}$  for  $i, j, k = 0, 1$ . See the diagram in Figure 4.2.

The equations of the set of rank 1 tensors are obtained as the “minors” along the 6 sides together with the minors along with the 3 long diagonals, giving a total of 9 binomial equations.

<sup>1</sup>An element of  $F^{\otimes 3}$  have rank 1 if it is a pure tensor. It has rank  $k$  if it can be written as a sum of  $k$  pure tensors.

Note that  $N$  is the projective join of two copies of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . As above, it follows that  $N$  is a singular Fano variety with anticanonical sheaf equal to  $\mathcal{O}_N(4)$ .

The singular locus of  $N$  consists of the pairs  $(A, 0)$  and  $(0, B)$  where both  $A, B$  have rank 1. Hence the singular locus is of dimension 3.

Intersecting  $N$  with a codimension 4-hyperplane gives a smooth variety  $X_2$ . It is Calabi-Yau and has topological Euler characteristic  $-48$ .

**Proposition 4.3.2.** *The topological Euler characteristic of  $X_2$  is  $-48$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is identical to the proof of Proposition 4.3.1. ■

### The mixed smoothing

In the above cases, we formed the join of equal varieties. In the above notation, let  $V = (E \otimes E) \oplus (F \otimes F \otimes F)$ . Then let  $\mathbb{P}^{16} = \mathbb{P}(V)$ .

Now let  $W$  be the set of “mixed” rank 1 tensors. In a way similar to above, we find that  $W$  is a singular Fano toric variety of dimension 8. The singular locus is of dimension 4, so a 5-fold complete intersection is again a smooth Calabi-Yau variety  $X_3$ .

**Proposition 4.3.3.** *The Euler characteristic of  $X_3$  is  $-60$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is identical to the proofs above. ■

## 4.4 Invariant Calabi–Yau’s

By choosing non-generic hyperplanes in the construction of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , there will be natural group actions on them.

Denote by  $D_6$  the dihedral group of order 12, the symmetries of a hexagon. It is generated by a rotation  $\rho$  of order 6, together with a reflection  $\sigma$ , subject to  $\sigma\rho\sigma = \rho^{-1}$ . There is an isomorphism  $D_6 \simeq S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  given by the inclusion  $S_3 = \langle \rho^2, \sigma \rangle \hookrightarrow D_6$ .

**Lemma 4.4.1.** *There are  $D_6$ -actions on both  $M$  and  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that  $M$  is the join of two copies of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^8$ . We can think of  $M$  as the rank  $1 + 1$  block matrices in  $\mathbb{P}(E \otimes E \oplus E \otimes E)$ , where  $E$  is a 3-dimensional vector space. Choosing a basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  for  $E$ , we have a natural  $S_3$  action on  $E$  given by  $e_i \mapsto e_{\sigma(i)}$ . This action extends to  $E \otimes E$ .

Switching the direct summands of  $(E \otimes E)^{\oplus 2}$ , gives us a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -action. In total we now have a  $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -action, which by the above remark is a  $D_6$ -action. Note that since the action was defined on  $E$ , rank is preserved, so that we indeed have an action on  $M$ .

Similarly,  $N$  is the rank  $1 + 1$  tensors in  $(E \otimes E \otimes E)^{\oplus 2}$ , where now  $E$  is a 2-dimensional vector space. ■

Torus actions

By choosing invariant hyperplanes, the group actions on the ambient spaces descend to the Calabi–Yau’s. We first consider the case when the ambient space was the join of two copies of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ , which was denoted by  $M$  above.

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Denote a unit matrix in the first factor of  $(E \otimes E) \oplus (E \otimes E)$  by  $e_{ij}^0$ , and denote a unit matrix in the second factor by  $e_{ij}^1$ , where  $0, 1$  are taken modulo 2.

In this case, one such invariant hyperplane is given by the span of

$$f_{ij}^\alpha = e_{ij}^\alpha + te_{-i-j, -i-j}^{\alpha+1} \in E \otimes E \oplus E \otimes E,$$

where  $i \neq j \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Denote the intersection between  $M$  and  $H$  by  $X_{H_t}$ . Then the following is true:

**Proposition 4.4.2.** *Both the finite group  $D_6$  and the group  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  act on  $X_{H_t}$ . The symmetric variety  $X_{H_t}$  have 24 isolated singularities for  $t \neq 0, 1$ , and they come in two orbits under the  $D_6$ -action.*

*For  $t = 1$ , it has 36 isolated singularities.*

Check *which* singularities  
these are, also: fix points

There is also a torus action on  $E$ , defined by  $e_i \mapsto \omega^i e_i$ , where  $\omega$  is a third root of unity. This a  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -action, which extends to an action on  $E \otimes E \oplus E \otimes E$ . Let  $H = \mathbb{Z}/3$ . Then note that  $X_{H_t}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -invariant as well.

identify  $H$ -invariant singular-  
ities + fix points

#### 4.5 Euler characteristic heuristics

1. By a naive count, things make sense

## CHAPTER 5

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# Mirror symmetry heuristics

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Plan:

- Innføre Batyrev-Borisov-konstruksjonen.
- Forklare den på mitt eksempel. Fortelle om de to resultatene fra SAGE:  $(19,19)$  og  $(8,44)/(44,8)$ .
- Snakke om mulig kvotient-konstruksjon.



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## **Appendices**

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# APPENDIX A

## Computer code

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I have used extensive use of computer software such as **Macaulay2** and **SAGE**. In this Appendix I reproduce some of the code used to experiment and prove some of the results.

### A.1 Computing the singular locus

In some cases, equations simplify significantly in affine charts. Therefore, using the naive command `singularLocus` in **Macaulay2** often takes unnecessarily long time (and sometimes the computations never finish). The command `minimalPresentation` eliminates variables to produce a new ring isomorphic to the first one, but with fewer equations.

The following code produces a list of the components of the singular locus of the projective scheme with ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}_X$ .

```
singlist = {}
for i from 0 to 11 do {
  affineChart = sub( $\mathcal{I}_X$ ,  $x_i \Rightarrow 1$ );
  sings = radical ideal mingens ideal
    singularLocus minimalPresentation affineChart;
  sings = decompose sings;
  invz = affineChart.cache.minimalPresentationMap;
  singlist = singlist | apply(sings, I -> saturate(homogenize(preimage(invz, sings),  $x_i$ )))
}
```

### A.2 Torus action

The following lines checks if a projective scheme with ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}_X$  admits an action of a subtorus of  $G = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ . To check this, we check if the equations are still valid after a torus action. Since  $G$  is abelian, it act on functions by  $\lambda \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(\lambda_1 x_1, \dots, \lambda_n x_n)$ .

**Lemma A.2.1.** *Suppose  $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$  is a homogeneous generating set for  $I_X = \mathcal{I}_X$ . Then subgroup of  $G$  acting on  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is generated by those  $\lambda \in G$  such that  $\lambda \cdot f_i = c f_i$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be the subgroup of  $G$  fixing the ideal  $I_X$ . Let  $H'$  be the subgroup of  $g \in G$  acting on the  $f_i$  by scalar multiplication:  $g \cdot f_i = c f_i$ . Clearly  $H' \subseteq H$ .

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Now suppose  $g \in H$ . Then

$$g \cdot f_1 = \sum_j a_j f_j$$

for some constants  $a_j$ . Now  $g \cdot f_1 = f_1(\lambda_1 x_1, \dots, \lambda_n x_n)$ . Suppose the leading term of  $f_1$  is  $x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_n^{a_n}$ . Then comparing leading terms in the left hand side and the right hand side, we see that  $a_1 = \lambda_1^{a_1} \cdots \lambda_n^{a_n} := \lambda^m$ . Hence the right hand side is  $\lambda^m f_1 + \text{other terms}$ . But now there are the same number of terms on each side of the equation, so there are no other terms. Hence  $H = H'$ . ■

It follows that to find the subgroup of  $G$  acting on  $X$ , we have to find the  $\lambda \in G$  such that the  $f_i$  are simultaneous eigenvectors for them.

**Example A.2.2.** Let  $X$  be defined by  $f = x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 + \sum_{i=0}^5 x_i^5$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ . Then for  $\mathbb{C}^4$  to act on it, we must have  $\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 = \lambda_0^5 = \dots = \lambda_4^5$ . By setting  $\lambda_0 = 1$ , we see that all the  $\lambda_i$  are the fifth roots of unity. Hence the subgroup acting on  $H$  is the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}/5^5/\mathbb{Z}_5$  given by  $\{(a_0, \dots, a_5) \mid \sum a_i = 0\}$ .

The following code find the subtoruses of  $G$  acting on  $X$  in this way, by equating terms in the polynomials defining  $X$ .

```

1 loadPackage "Binomials"
  torus = ideal apply(flatten apply(apply(apply(flatten entries gens
    IX, monomials), v -> flatten entries v), j -> subsets(j,2)),
    s -> s_0-s_1)
3 toruskoms = BPD torus
  toruskoms = select(toruskoms, I -> dim I == 1)

```

*Explanation.* The ideal **torus** is the ideal generated by the differences of terms in the polynomials defining  $X$ . The **Macaulay2** package **Binomials** can decompose binomials over cyclic extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the command **BPD**. Finally, we select the components corresponding to finite subgroups of the torus.

Then we check manually if these actually correspond to non-trivial actions. ■

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