

STRONG-WEAK DUALITY AND QUANTUM MODULARITY OF RESURGENT TOPOLOGICAL STRINGS

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MOTIVATIONS

Enumerative invariants from resurgence

Resurgent asymptotic series arise naturally as perturbative expansions in quantum theories.

The machinery of resurgence uniquely associates them with a non-trivial collection of complex numbers, known as **Stokes constants**, capturing information about the **non-perturbative sectors** of the theory.

In some remarkable cases, the Stokes constants can be (conjecturally) interpreted in terms of **enumerative invariants** based on the counting of BPS states.

- Seiberg–Witten curve of 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ super Yang-Mills theory
[Grassi, Gu, Mariño, 2019]
- Complex Chern–Simons theory on Seifert fibered homology spheres
[Andersen, Mistegård, 2018]
- Complex Chern–Simons theory on complements of hyperbolic knots
[Garoufalidis, Gu, Mariño, 2020]
- Standard topological string theory on (toric) Calabi–Yau 3-folds for $g_s \rightarrow 0$
[Gu, Mariño, 2021 - 2022 - Rella, 2022 - Gu, Kashani-Poor, Klemm, Mariño, 2023]
- Nekrasov–Shatashvili topological string theory on toric Calabi–Yau 3-folds for $\hbar \rightarrow 0$
[Gu, Mariño, 2022 - Rella, 2022]

FROM TOPOLOGICAL STRINGS TO QUANTUM OPERATORS AND BACK

From topological strings to quantum operators

Let X be a toric Calabi-Yau (CY) 3-fold.

Local mirror symmetry pairs X with an algebraic curve $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ of genus g_Σ , whose Weyl quantization leads to **quantum-mechanical operators**

$$\rho_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, g_\Sigma,$$

acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$. They are conjectured to be positive-definite and of trace class, under some assumptions on the mass parameters $\vec{\xi}$.

[Grassi, Hatsuda, Mariño, 2014 - Codesido, Grassi, Mariño, 2015]

Their **generalized Fredholm determinant** $\Xi(\vec{\kappa}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar)$ is an entire function of the true complex deformation parameters κ_j . Its local expansion at the orbifold point $\vec{\kappa} = 0$ is

$$\Xi(\vec{\kappa}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar) = \sum_{N_1 \geq 0} \cdots \sum_{N_{g_\Sigma} \geq 0} \overbrace{Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar)}^{\text{analytic function of } \hbar \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}} \kappa_1^{N_1} \cdots \kappa_{g_\Sigma}^{N_{g_\Sigma}},$$

where the coefficient functions $Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar)$ are the **fermionic spectral traces**.

We will consider their analytic continuation to $\hbar \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$.

From quantum operators to topological strings

The conjectural **Topological Strings/Spectral Theory** (TS/ST) correspondence states that

$$Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{g_\Sigma}} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} d\mu_1 \cdots \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} d\mu_{g_\Sigma} e^{J(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar) - \vec{N} \cdot \vec{\mu}},$$

where the chemical potentials μ_j are defined by $\kappa_j = e^{\mu_j}$.

[Hatsuda, Moriyama, Okuyama, 2012 - Grassi, Hatsuda, Mariño, 2014 - Codesido, Grassi, Mariño, 2015]

The **total grand potential** of the A-model topological string theory on X can be written as

$$J(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar) = \underbrace{J^{\text{WS}}(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar)}_{\text{worldsheet grand potential}} + \underbrace{J^{\text{WKB}}(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar)}_{\text{WKB grand potential}},$$

where J^{WS} and J^{WKB} encode the contributions from the total free energies of the standard and Nekrasov-Shatashvili (NS) topological strings on X , respectively.

[Hatsuda, Mariño, Moriyama, Okuyama, 2013]

The string coupling constant g_s is related to the quantum deformation parameter \hbar by the

strong-weak coupling duality $g_s = \frac{4\pi^2}{\hbar}$.

THE RESURGENCE TOOLBOX

Basic notions in resurgence — I

Let $\varphi(z)$ be a (simple) **resurgent Gevrey-1** asymptotic series of the form

$$\varphi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in \mathbb{C}[[z]], \quad a_n \sim A^{-n} n! \quad n \gg 1, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Its **Borel–Laplace resummation** is the two-step process

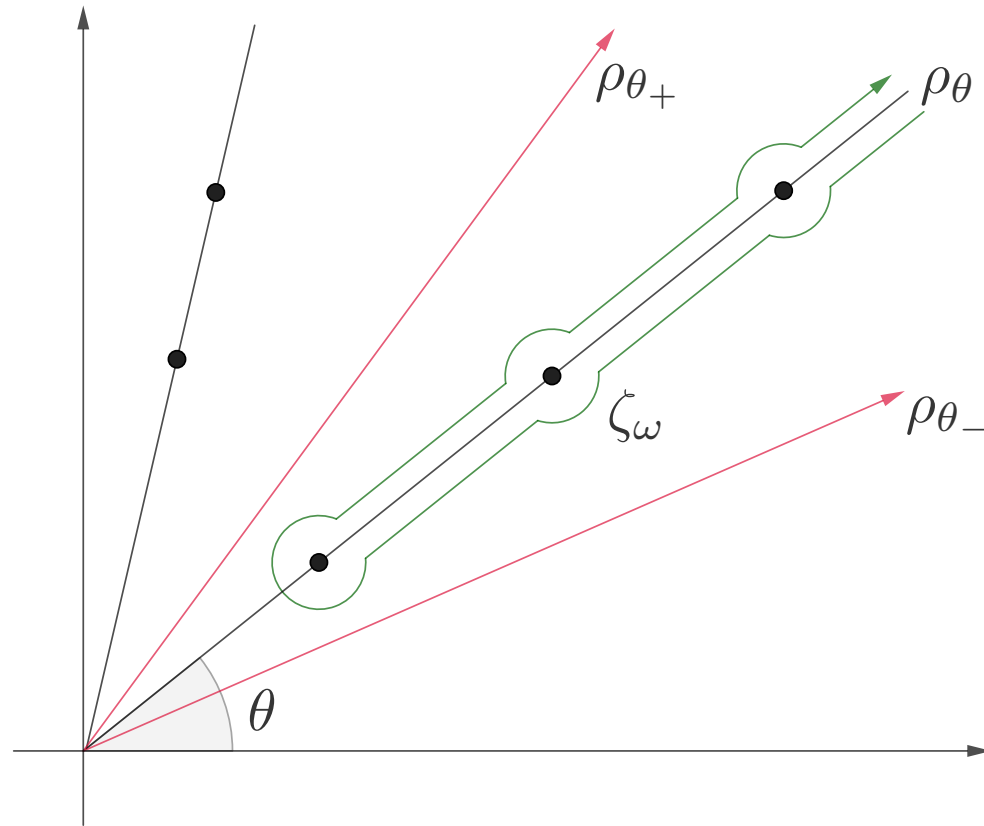
$$\varphi(z) \longrightarrow \underbrace{\hat{\varphi}(\zeta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} \zeta^k}_{\substack{\text{locally analytic at } \zeta = 0 \\ \text{with singularities at } \zeta = \zeta_\omega}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{s_\theta(\varphi)(z) = \int_{\rho_\theta} e^{-\zeta} \hat{\varphi}(\zeta z) d\zeta}_{\substack{\text{locally analytic in the complex } z\text{-plane} \\ \text{with discontinuities at } \arg(z) = \arg(\zeta_\omega)}},$$

where $\rho_\theta = e^{i\theta} \mathbb{R}_+$, $\theta = \arg(\zeta)$. If ζ_ω is a logarithmic branch point, we have

$$\hat{\varphi}(\zeta) = -\frac{S_\omega}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta - \zeta_\omega) \quad \underbrace{\hat{\varphi}_\omega(\zeta - \zeta_\omega)}_{\text{locally analytic at } \zeta - \zeta_\omega = 0} + \dots,$$

where $S_\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ is the **Stokes constant**. When $\theta = \arg(\zeta_\omega)$, the line ρ_θ is a **Stokes ray**.

Basic notions in resurgence — II



The **discontinuity** across ρ_θ is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{disc}_\theta \varphi(z) &= s_{\theta_+}(\varphi)(z) - s_{\theta_-}(\varphi)(z) = \\ &= \sum_{\omega} S_{\omega} e^{-\zeta_{\omega}/z} s_{\theta_-}(\varphi_{\omega})(z). \end{aligned}$$

The **median resummation** across ρ_θ is

$$\mathcal{S}_{\theta}^{\text{med}} \varphi(z) = \frac{s_{\theta_+}(\varphi)(z) + s_{\theta_-}(\varphi)(z)}{2}.$$

The **Stokes automorphism** \mathfrak{S}_{θ} across ρ_θ is defined by $s_{\theta_+} = s_{\theta_-} \circ \mathfrak{S}_{\theta}$.

Schematically, $\varphi \longrightarrow \{\varphi_{\omega}, S_{\omega}\} \longrightarrow \{\varphi_{\omega'}, S_{\omega\omega'}\}$.

Each series in this process can be promoted to **basic trans-series** as

$$\Phi_{\omega}(z) = e^{-\zeta_{\omega}/z} \varphi_{\omega}(z).$$

The **minimal resurgent structure** is the smallest subset of $\{\Phi_{\omega}(z)\}$ closed under \mathfrak{S} .

TOPOLOGICAL STRINGS BEYOND PERTURBATION THEORY

Resurgence in topological string theory — I

Consider the **semiclassical perturbative expansion**

$$\phi_{\vec{N}}(\hbar) = \log Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \rightarrow 0), \quad \vec{N} \in \mathbb{N}^{g_\Sigma},$$

which is a (simple) resurgent Gevrey-1 asymptotic series.

We describe a conjectural proposal for the **minimal resurgent structure** of $\phi_{\vec{N}}(\hbar)$ at fixed \vec{N} :

$$\Phi_{\sigma,n;\vec{N}}(\hbar) = e^{-nA/\hbar} \phi_{\sigma;\vec{N}}(\hbar) \quad (\text{peacock patterns}),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sigma \in \{0, \dots, l\}$, $l \in \mathbb{N}_+$, and $A \in \mathbb{C}$.

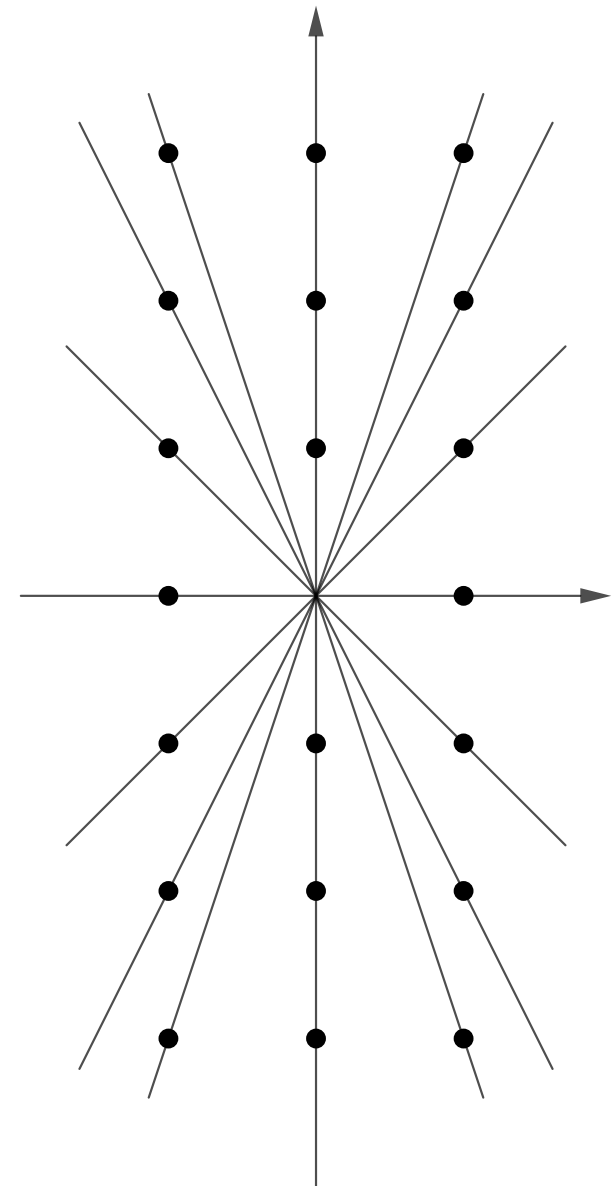
The corresponding **Stokes constants** satisfy

$$S_{\sigma,\sigma',n;\vec{N}} \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad S_{\sigma,\sigma';\vec{N}}(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_{\sigma,\sigma',n;\vec{N}} q^n \quad (q\text{-series}),$$

and they give non-trivial **enumerative invariants** of the geometry.

Peacock patterns are expected in theories controlled by quantum curves.

[Grassi, Gu, Mariño, 2019 - Garoufalidis, Gu, Mariño, 2020 - 2022 - Gu, Mariño, 2021 - Rella, 2022]



Resurgence in topological string theory — II

Consider the **dual weakly-coupled regime** $g_s = 4\pi^2/\hbar \rightarrow 0$ of the topological string.

At fixed \vec{N} , the (simple) resurgent Gevrey-1 asymptotic series

$$\psi_{\vec{N}}(g_s) = \log Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \rightarrow \infty), \quad \vec{N} \in \mathbb{N}^{g_\Sigma},$$

is conjectured to have the same resurgent structure described before:



Some remarks:

1. The asymptotic expansion $Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \rightarrow \infty)$ has an exponential pre-factor of the form e^{-1/g_s} (*conifold volume conjecture for toric CYs*). Its Stokes constants are **integers**.
[Gu, Mariño, 2021]
2. The asymptotic expansion $Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \rightarrow 0)$ has no exponential pre-factor of the form $e^{-1/\hbar}$ (*new analytic prediction of the TS/ST correspondence*). Its Stokes constants are generally **complex numbers**.
[Rella, 2022]

LOCAL \mathbb{P}^2 — A CASE STUDY

Introduction to the local \mathbb{P}^2 geometry

Local \mathbb{P}^2 is the total space of the canonical bundle over the projective surface \mathbb{P}^2 .

It is a **toric del Pezzo CY 3-fold** with one complex modulus κ and no mass parameters.

The Weyl quantization of its mirror curve gives

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(x, y) = e^x + e^y + e^{-x-y}, \quad [x, y] = i\hbar \quad (x, y \text{ self-adjoint Heisenberg operators}),$$

acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$. The inverse operator $\rho_{\mathbb{P}^2} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}^{-1}$ is positive-definite and of trace class.

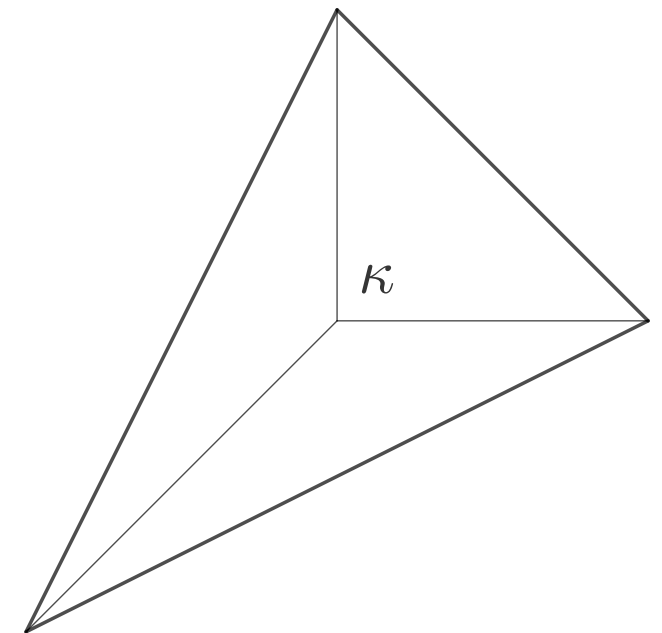
[Grassi, Hatsuda, Mariño, 2014 - Kashaev, Mariño, 2015]

The **first spectral trace** $Z_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1, \hbar) = \text{Tr}(\rho_{\mathbb{P}^2})$ is known in closed form as

$$\text{Tr}(\rho_{\mathbb{P}^2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}b} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{36}b^2 + \frac{\pi i}{12}b^{-2} + \frac{\pi i}{4}} \frac{(q^{2/3}; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q^{1/3}; q)_{\infty}} \frac{(w; \tilde{q})_{\infty}}{(w^{-1}; \tilde{q})_{\infty}^2}, \quad 2\pi b^2 = 3\hbar,$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i b^2}$, $\tilde{q} = e^{-2\pi i b^{-2}}$, and $w = e^{2\pi i/3}$, showing an explicit factorization into **holomorphic/anti-holomorphic blocks**.

[Kashaev, Mariño, 2015 - Mariño, Zakany, 2015 - Gu, Mariño, 2021]



Exact solution to the resurgent structure at weak coupling

We obtain an **all-orders perturbative expansion** for $\log Z_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1, \hbar \rightarrow 0)$, which gives a Gevrey-1 asymptotic series

$$\phi(\hbar) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{2n} \hbar^{2n} \in \mathbb{Q}[[\hbar]],$$

$$a_{2n} \sim (-1)^n (2n)! A_0^{-2n}, \quad n \gg 1, \quad A_0 = 4\pi^2/3.$$

We present a **fully analytic solution** to the resurgent structure of $\phi(\hbar)$.

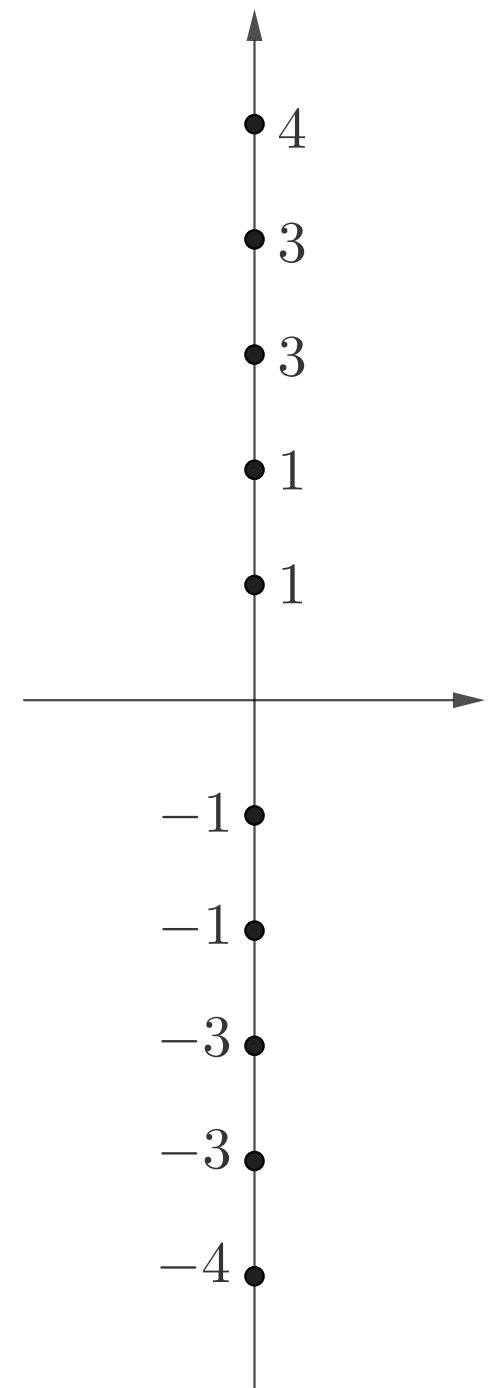
[Rella, 2022]

1. Exact, explicit resummation of $\hat{\phi}(\zeta)$ as a simple resurgent function.
2. Logarithmic branch points at $\zeta_n = nA_0 i$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$.
3. Local expansion at $\zeta = \zeta_n$:

$$\hat{\phi}(\zeta) = -\frac{S_n}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta - \zeta_n) + \dots \longrightarrow \hat{\phi}_n(\zeta) = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0},$$

Proposition: $S_1 = 3\sqrt{3}i$, $\frac{S_n}{S_1} = \frac{\alpha_n}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0,1},$

$$\alpha_n = -\alpha_{-n}, \quad \alpha_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$



Exact solution to the resurgent structure at strong coupling

We obtain an **all-orders perturbative expansion** for $\log Z_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1, \hbar \rightarrow \infty)$, which gives a Gevrey-1 asymptotic series

$$\psi(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{2n} \tau^{2n-1} \in \mathbb{Q}[\pi, \sqrt{3}][[\tau]], \quad \tau = -\frac{A_{\infty}}{\hbar}.$$

$$b_{2n} \sim (-1)^n (2n)! A_{\infty}^{-2n}, \quad n \gg 1, \quad A_{\infty} = 2\pi/3 = A_0/2\pi.$$

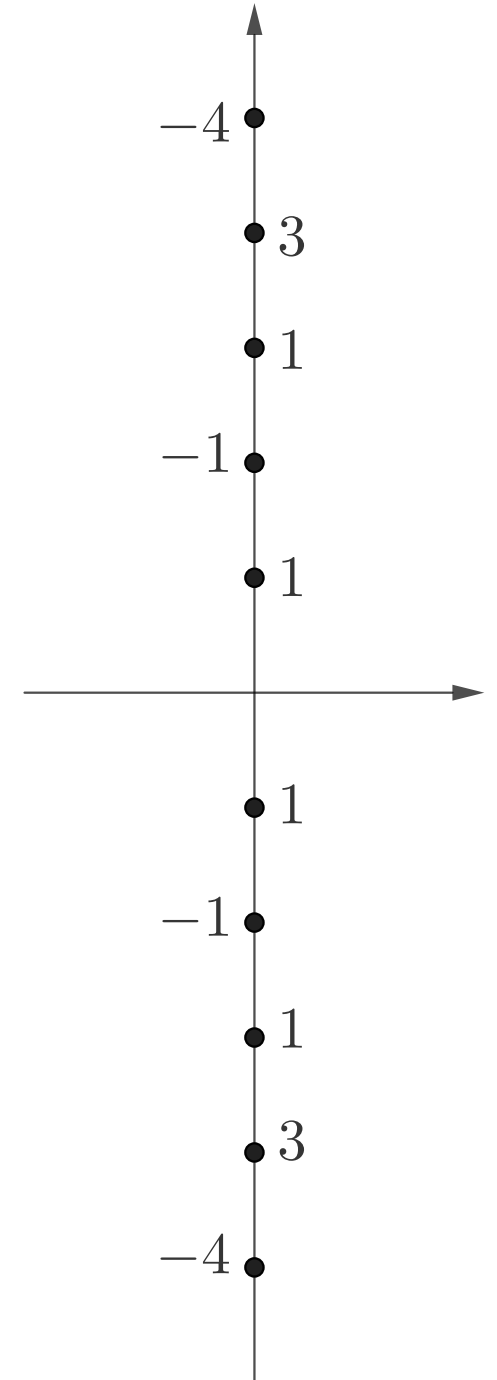
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[Rella, 2022]

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3. Local expansion at $\zeta = \zeta_n$:

$$\hat{\psi}(\zeta) = -\frac{R_n}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta - \zeta_n) + \dots \longrightarrow \hat{\psi}_n(\zeta) = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}.$$

Proposition: $R_1 = 3$, $\frac{R_n}{R_1} = \frac{\beta_n}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}_{\neq 0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0,1},$

$$\beta_n = \beta_{-n}, \quad \beta_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$



Analytic formulae for the Stokes constants

We present **exact number-theoretic statements** on the Stokes constants $S_n, R_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.
[Rella, 2022]

Proposition 1: The normalized Stokes constants are **divisor sum functions**:

$$\frac{S_n}{S_1} = \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} \chi_{3,2}(d), \quad \frac{R_n}{R_1} = \sum_{d|n} \frac{d}{n} \chi_{3,2}(d),$$

where $\chi_{3,2}(n) = [n]_3$ is the unique non-principal Dirichlet character modulo 3. They are **multiplicative arithmetic functions**.

Proposition 2: The Stokes constants are **generated by the q, \tilde{q} -series appearing in the holomorphic and anti-holomorphic blocks** of the spectral trace:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \phi(\hbar) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \tilde{q}^n = -i\pi - 3 \log \frac{(w; \tilde{q})_{\infty}}{(w^{-1}; \tilde{q})_{\infty}}, \quad \tilde{q} = e^{-4\pi^2 i/3\hbar}, \quad w = e^{2\pi i/3}, \\ \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \psi(\tau) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n q^{n/3} = 3 \log \frac{(q^{2/3}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{1/3}; q)_{\infty}}, \quad q = e^{-2\pi i/\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

giving exact expressions for the discontinuities of the series $\phi(\hbar), \psi(\tau)$.

A bridge to analytic number theory — I

Proposition 1: The perturbative coefficients $a_{2n}, b_{2n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, satisfy **exact large-order relations**:

$$a_{2n} = \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{\pi i (A_0 i)^{2n}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_m}{m^{2n}} \quad (\text{Dirichlet series evaluated at } 2n),$$

$$b_{2n} = \frac{\Gamma(2n-1)}{\pi i (A_{\infty} i)^{2n-1}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m}{m^{2n-1}} \quad (\text{Dirichlet series evaluated at } 2n-1).$$

Proposition 2: The two Dirichlet series defined by the Stokes constants satisfy an **Euler product expansion** indexed by the set of prime numbers \mathbb{P} :

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_m/S_1}{m^{2n}} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_{p^k}/S_1}{p^{k(2n)}}, \quad \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m/R_1}{m^{2n-1}} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{R_{p^k}/R_1}{p^{k(2n-1)}}.$$

The Dirichlet series above are indeed **L-series**.

Corollary: Up to the simple prefactors above, the perturbative coefficients of the series $\phi(\hbar)$ and $\psi(\tau)$ are values of the **L-series encoding the corresponding Stokes constants evaluated at integer points**.

A bridge to analytic number theory — II

Recall that the multiplication of Dirichlet series is compatible with the **Dirichlet convolution** of arithmetic functions, that is,

$$f(m) = (f_1 * f_2)(m), m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \longrightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(m)}{m^s} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_1(m)}{m^s} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_2(m)}{m^s}, s \in \mathbb{C}, \Re(s) > 1.$$

Theorem: The weak and strong coupling L-series **factorise according to the Dirichlet decomposition** of the Stokes constants into the product of two well-known **L-functions**:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S_m}{S_1} &= (\chi_{3,2} F_{-1} * F_0)(m) \longrightarrow L_0(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_m/S_1}{m^s} = L(s+1, \chi_{3,2}) \zeta(s) \quad (\hbar \rightarrow 0), \\ \frac{R_m}{R_1} &= (\chi_{3,2} F_0 * F_{-1})(m) \longrightarrow L_{\infty}(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m/R_1}{m^s} = L(s, \chi_{3,2}) \zeta(s+1) \quad (\hbar \rightarrow \infty), \end{aligned}$$

where $F_{\alpha}(m) = m^{\alpha}$, $\chi_{3,2}(m) = [m]_3$.

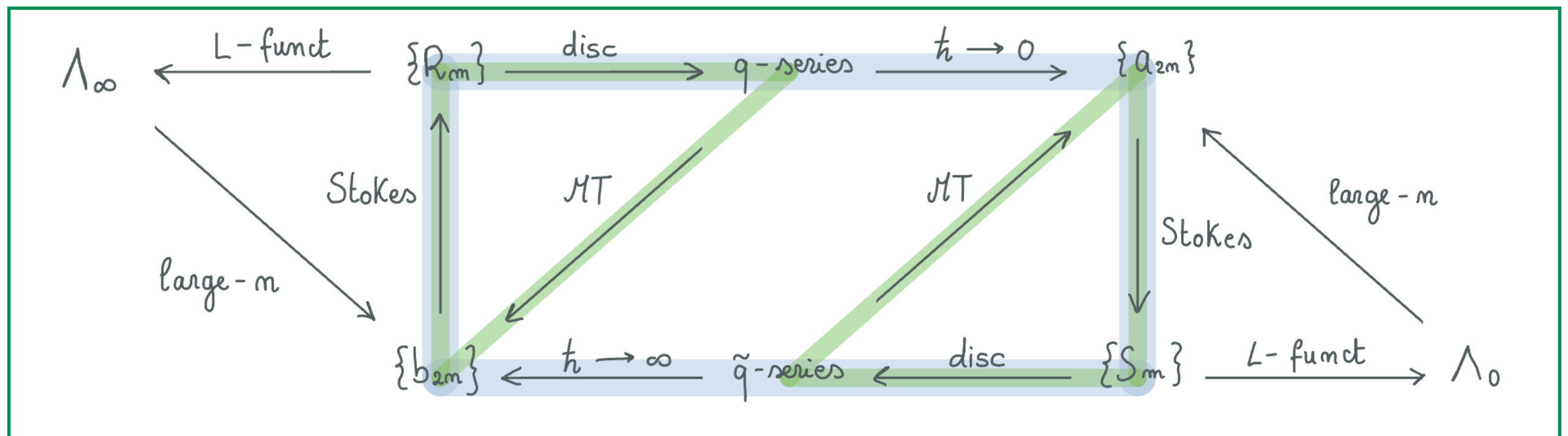
Corollary: The weak and strong coupling L-functions are related by a symmetric **unitary shift** in the arguments of the factors.

A full-fledged analytic number-theoretic symmetry

The number-theoretic properties of the exact resurgent structures of the weak and strong coupling perturbative expansions fit together to compose a full-fledged symmetry.

Corollary: The perturbative coefficients of the series $\phi(\hbar)$ and $\psi(\tau)$ are given by the **Mellin transform of the discontinuities**:

$$a_{2n} = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^\infty \hbar^{-2n-1} \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \phi(\hbar) d\hbar, \quad b_{2n} = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^\infty \tau^{-2n} \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$



STRONG-WEAK DUALITY REFORMULATED

[Fantini, Rella, to appear]

From symmetry to unification — I

Theorem 1: The strong and weak coupling normalized Stokes constants are related by:

$$\frac{S_n}{S_1} = \frac{R_n}{R_1} \chi(n), \quad \chi(n) = (f_3 * \chi_{3,2})(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0},$$

where $f_3(n) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} f_3(p)^{k_p}$ for $n = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} p^{k_p}$ and $f_3(p) = \delta_{p,1} + 3\delta_{p,3}$.

The same **arithmetic twist** relates the strong and weak coupling L-functions $L_0(s)$, $L_\infty(s)$, $s \in \mathbb{C}$, $\Re(s) > 1$. We consider their meromorphic continuation to $s \in \mathbb{C}$ and upgrade them to the dual **completed L-functions**

$$\Lambda_0(s) = \frac{3^{s/2}}{4\pi^s} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 L_0(s), \quad \Lambda_\infty(s) = \frac{3^{s/2}}{4\pi^{s+1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right)^2 L_\infty(s).$$

Theorem 2: The strong and weak coupling completed L-functions are related by:

$$s\Lambda_0(s) = 2\pi i \Lambda_\infty(-s), \quad s \in \mathbb{C}.$$

This is a consequence of the remarkable factorisation of the L-functions $L_0(s)$ and $L_\infty(s)$ into the products of $L(s, \chi_{3,2})$ and $\zeta(s)$ with cross-shifted arguments.

From symmetry to unification — II

We introduce the **unified completed L-function**

$$\Lambda(s) = s\Lambda_0(s) + 2\pi i\Lambda_\infty(s-1), \quad s \in \mathbb{C}.$$

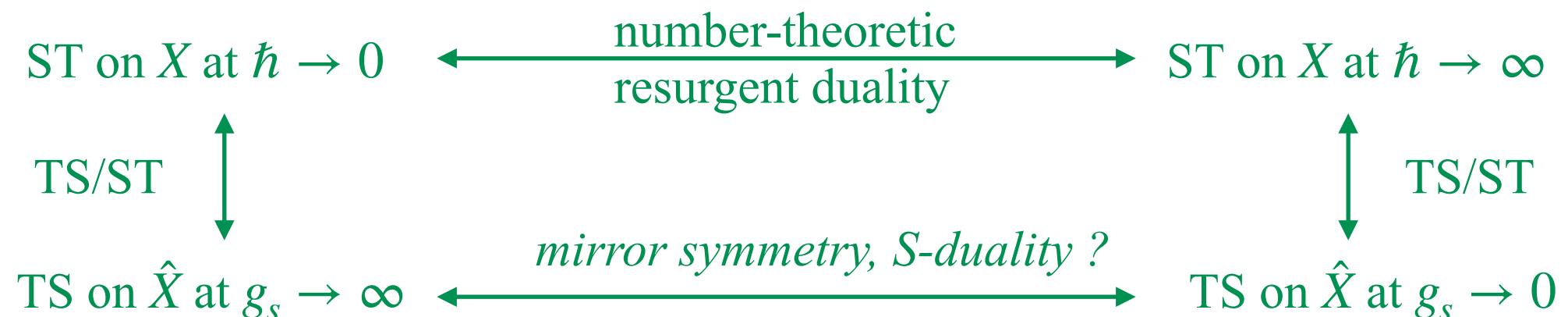
Corollary: The unified completed L-function satisfies the conventional **functional equation**:

$$\Lambda(s) = \Lambda(1-s), \quad s \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The same does not hold for the individual completed L-functions $\Lambda_0(s)$ and $\Lambda_\infty(s)$.

The resurgent behaviours in the weak and strong \hbar -regimes descend from a **unique global number-theoretic structure** with a peculiar symmetry.

The perturbative information content of one regime recovers the non-perturbative content of the other in a mathematically precise way. This is a notable **manifestation of the underlying physical dualities**.

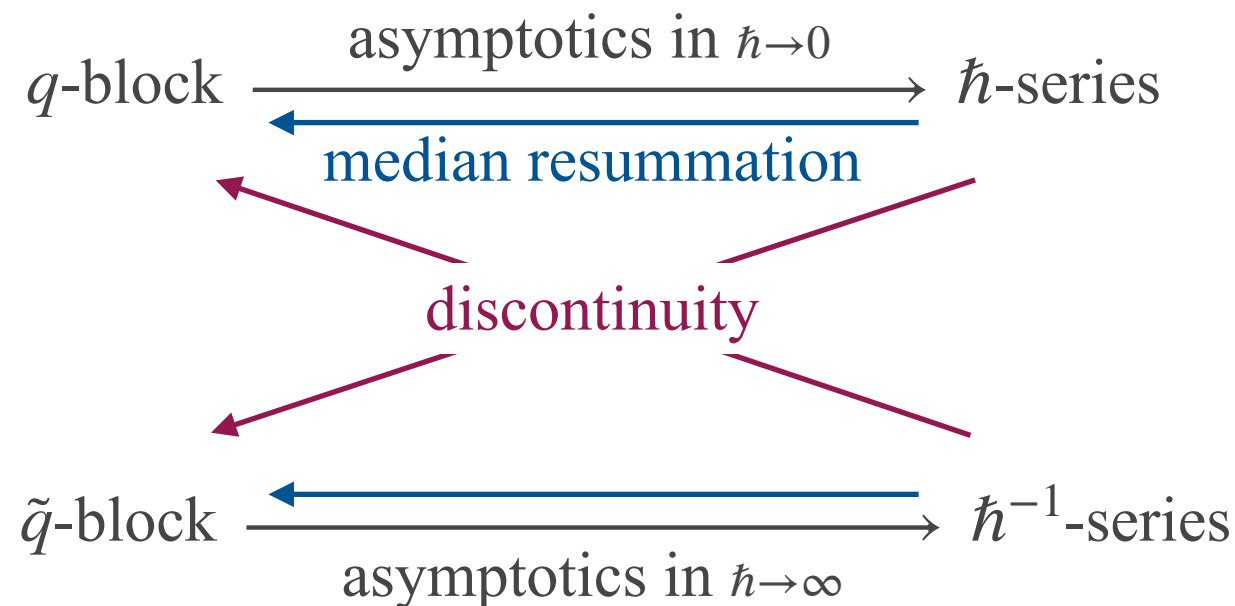


TOWARDS A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

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Median resummation of the q, \tilde{q} -series

The holomorphic and anti-holomorphic blocks are different functions. Yet, the holomorphic block resurges from the perturbative expansion of the anti-holomorphic block and vice versa.



Theorem: The **median resummation** of the perturbative series $S_0(\hbar)$ and $S_\infty(\tau)$ obtained from the asymptotic expansions of the q, \tilde{q} -series generating the Stokes constants returns the same q, \tilde{q} -series:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\text{med}} S_0(\hbar) = 3 \log \frac{(q^{2/3}; q)_\infty}{(q^{1/3}; q)_\infty} = \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \psi(-2\pi/3\hbar),$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\text{med}} S_\infty(\tau) = -\pi i - 3 \log \frac{(w; \tilde{q})_\infty}{(w^{-1}; \tilde{q})_\infty} = \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} \phi(-2\pi/3\tau).$$

Resurgence and quantum modularity

Proposition: The function $f : \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$f(\hbar) = \text{disc}_{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\psi(-2\pi/3\hbar) - \phi(\hbar)] = \mathcal{S}_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\text{med}} [S_0(\hbar) - S_{\infty}(-2\pi/3\hbar)]$$

is a weight-0 **quantum modular form** for $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Work in progress on an underlying quantum modularity for the congruence subgroup $\Gamma_1(3)$.

Definition: Let $\varphi(z), z \in \mathbb{C}$, be a (simple) resurgent Gevrey-1 asymptotic series. We say that φ has a **modular resurgent structure** when:

1. the Borel transform $\hat{\varphi}(\zeta)$ is singular at $\zeta = kA, k \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{Z}, A \in \mathbb{C}$;
2. the Stokes constants $S_k, k \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, are the coefficients of an L-function.

Conjecture: Let $f(z) : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an analytic function which extends to \mathbb{Q} . If its asymptotic expansion $\varphi(z)$ has a modular resurgent structure, then (t.f.a.e.):

1. $f(z)$ is a quantum modular form for some $\Gamma \subseteq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$;
2. $\mathcal{S}_{\theta}^{\text{med}} \varphi(z) = f(z)$.

Further evidence from examples of q -series related to knot invariants.

CONCLUSIONS

Final remarks and open problems

The resurgence of the topological string on a toric CY 3-fold unveils a universal mathematical structure of **non-perturbative sectors** (*peacock patterns*) and **Stokes constants** (*enumerative invariants*).

Their geometric and physical meaning is yet to be understood. Evidence suggests a relation to the Donaldson–Thomas invariants.

[Alim, Saha, Teschner, Tulli, 2021 - Gu, Kashani-Poor, Klemm, Mariño, 2023]

The resurgence of the first spectral trace of local \mathbb{P}^2 displays a **global analytic number-theoretic structure** encompassing and intertwining the regimes of $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ and $\hbar \rightarrow \infty$.

The weak-strong duality between \hbar and g_s (*TS/ST correspondence*) translates it into a statement on the topological string theory. This is a **manifestation of the underlying physical dualities**. Work in progress on the precise formalisation of this intuition.

The interplay of **q -series** (*median resummation*) and **L -functions** (*discontinuity*) plays a central role in the cross-relations between the weak and strong resurgent structures.

Our results fit into a broader research program linking the resurgent properties of q -series and quantum modular forms. Work in progress on the **modular resurgent structures**.

[Fantini, Rella, to appear - Fantini, Goswami, Kontsevich, Kumar, to appear]

THANK YOU!