RESURGENCE, STOKES CONSTANTS, AND ARITHMETIC FUNCTIONS IN TOPOLOGICAL STRING THEORY

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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.

- 4d $\mathcal{N}=2$ supersymmetric gauge theory in the Nekrasov-Shatashvili limit of the Omegabackground [Grassi, Gu, Mariño, 2019]
- Complex Chern-Simons theory on the complement of a hyperbolic knot [Garoufalidis, Gu, Mariño, 2020]
- Standard topological string theory on a Calabi-Yau threefold for $g_s \to 0$ [Gu, Mariño, 2021]
- Refined topological string theory in the Nekrasov-Shatashvili limit on a Calabi-Yau threefold for $\hbar \to 0$

[Rella, 2022]

FROM TOPOLOGICAL STRINGS TO QUANTUM OPERATORS AND BACK

From topological strings to quantum operators

Let *X* be a toric Calabi-Yau (CY) threefold.

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

$$\rho_j, \quad j=1,\ldots,g_{\Sigma} \ ,$$

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_i .

Its local expansion at $\vec{\kappa} = 0$ is

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

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

From quantum operators to topological strings

The Topological Strings/Spectral Theory (TS/ST) correspondence gives

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

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** $J(\overrightarrow{\mu}, \overrightarrow{\xi}, \hbar)$ can be written as

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

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

[Hatsuda, Mariño, Moriyama, Okuyama, 2013]

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

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



Resurgence in quantum theories — I

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

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

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

$$\phi(z) \longrightarrow \hat{\phi}(\zeta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} \zeta^k \longrightarrow s_{\theta}(\phi)(z) = \int_{\rho_{\theta}} e^{-\zeta} \hat{\phi}(\zeta z) \, d\zeta \,,$$

$$\text{locally analytic} \qquad \text{locally analytic}$$

$$\text{at the origin } \zeta = 0 \qquad \text{in the complex z-plane}$$

$$\text{with singularities at} \qquad \text{with discontinuities at}$$

$$\zeta = \zeta_{\omega}, \omega \in \Omega \qquad \text{arg}(z) = \text{arg}(\zeta_{\omega}), \omega \in \Omega$$

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

$$\hat{\phi}(\zeta) = -\frac{S_{\omega}}{2\pi \mathrm{i}} \log(\zeta - \zeta_{\omega}) \quad \hat{\phi}_{\omega}(\zeta - \zeta_{\omega}) \quad + \dots, \quad S_{\omega} \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{(Stokes constant)}.$$

$$\mathrm{locally\ analytic}$$

$$\mathrm{at}\ \zeta - \zeta_{\omega} = 0$$

Resurgence in quantum theories — II

When $\theta = \arg(\zeta_{\omega})$ for some $\omega \in \Omega$, the line ρ_{θ} is a **Stokes ray**.

The **discontinuity** across the Stokes ray ρ_{θ} is given by

$$\operatorname{disc}_{\theta}\phi(z) = s_{\theta_{+}}(\phi)(z) - s_{\theta_{-}}(\phi)(z) = \sum_{\omega} S_{\omega} e^{-\zeta_{\omega}/z} s_{\theta_{-}}(\phi_{\omega})(z),$$

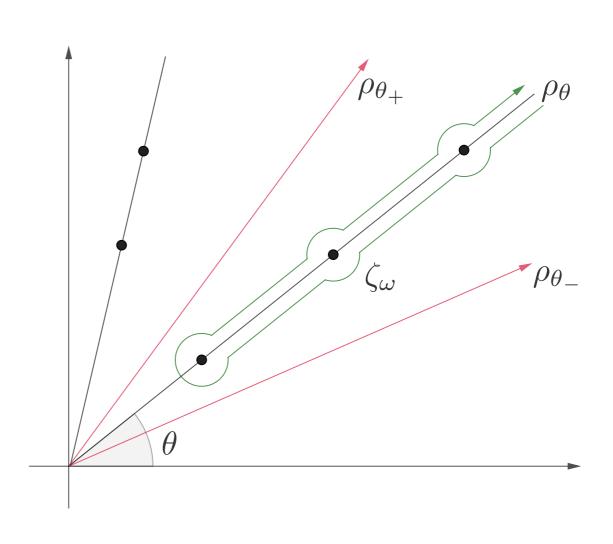
where $\theta_{\pm} = \theta \pm \epsilon$ for some small positive angle ϵ , and the sum is performed over the singularities ζ_{ω} with

$$arg(\zeta_{\omega}) = \theta$$
.

The resurgent Gevrey-1 asymptotic series $\phi_{\omega}(z)$ is the inverse Borel transform of $\hat{\phi}_{\omega}(\zeta - \zeta_{\omega})$.

The Stokes automorphism \mathfrak{S}_{θ} across ρ_{θ} is defined by

$$s_{\theta_{+}} = s_{\theta_{-}} \circ \mathfrak{S}_{\theta}$$
.



Resurgence in quantum theories — III

We can repeat the procedure with each of the series obtained in this way. Schematically,

$$\phi \longrightarrow \{\phi_{\omega}, S_{\omega}\} \longrightarrow \{\phi_{\omega'}, S_{\omega\omega'}\}.$$

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

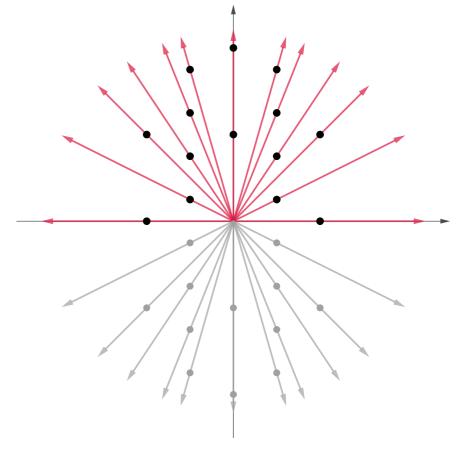
$$\Phi_{\omega}(z) = e^{-\zeta_{\omega}/z} \phi_{\omega}(z).$$

The **minimal resurgent structure** of $\phi(z)$ is

$$\mathfrak{B}_{\phi} = \ \left\{ \Phi_{\omega}(z) \right\}_{\omega \in \bar{\Omega}} \ , \quad \bar{\Omega} \subseteq \Omega \, .$$
 smallest subset closed under \mathfrak{S}

The matrix of Stokes constants is

$$\mathcal{S}_{\phi} = \{S_{\omega\omega'}\}_{\omega,\omega'\in\bar{\Omega}}.$$



Peacock patterns are expected in theories controlled by quantum curves. [Grassi, Gu, Mariño, 2019 - Garoufalidis, Gu, Mariño, 2020 - 2022 - Gu, Mariño, 2021 - Rella, 2022]

TOPOLOGICAL STRINGS BEYOND PERTURBATION THEORY

Resurgence in topological string theory — I

We assume that $Z(\overrightarrow{N}, \overrightarrow{\xi}, \hbar)$ can be analytically continued to $\hbar \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$.

Consider the semiclassical perturbative expansion

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

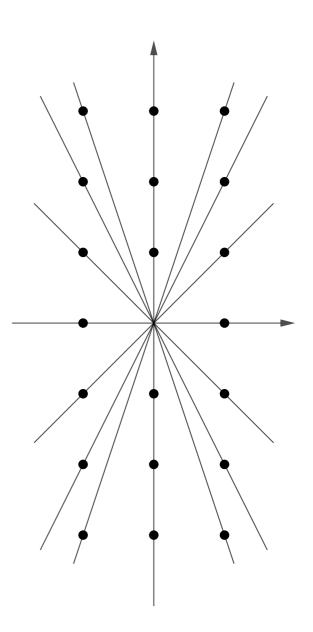
which is a (simple) resurgent Gevrey-1 asymptotic series.

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

$$\Phi_{\sigma,n;\overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar) = \underbrace{\mathrm{e}^{-n\frac{A}{\hbar}}}_{\text{non-analytic}} \Phi_{\sigma;\overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar) ,$$
 infinite family of basic trans-series
$$\hbar\text{-corrections}$$
 asymptotic series

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

The series $\phi_{\sigma; \overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar)$ resurge from $\phi_{\overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar) = \phi_{0; \overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar)$ at the singular points in the Borel plane.



Resurgence in topological string theory — II

The basic trans-series $\Phi_{\sigma,n;\overrightarrow{N}}(\hbar)$ capture **additional**, **non-perturbative sectors** of the theory.

The corresponding infinitely-many Stokes constants are conjectured to be

$$S_{\sigma,\sigma',n;\overrightarrow{N}} \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad \sigma,\sigma' \in \{0,...,l\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

They have natural generating functions

$$S_{\sigma,\sigma';\overrightarrow{N}}(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_{\sigma,\sigma',n;\overrightarrow{N}} q^n,$$

which can be expressed in closed form as q-series.

We expect that the Stokes constants $S_{\sigma,\sigma',n;\vec{N}}$ are closely related to non-trivial **enumerative** invariants of the geometry.

In summary,

$$\phi(\hbar) = \log Z(\hbar \to 0) \ \longrightarrow \ \mathfrak{B}_{\phi} = \{ \Phi_{\sigma,n}(\hbar) = \mathrm{e}^{-n\frac{A}{\hbar}} \phi_{\sigma}(\hbar) \} \ \longrightarrow \ \mathcal{S}_{\phi} = \{ S_{\sigma,\sigma',n} \in \mathbb{Q} \} \ .$$

Resurgence in topological string theory — III

Consider the dual weakly-coupled regime $g_s \propto \hbar^{-1} \rightarrow 0$.

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

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

is conjectured to have the same resurgent structure described before:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{peacock pattern} \\ \text{in the Borel plane} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{infinitely-many} \\ \text{Stokes constants in } \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{integer invariants} \\ \text{of the geometry} \end{array}$$

Some remarks:

- 1. The asymptotic expansion $Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \to \infty)$ 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 $Z(\vec{N}, \vec{\xi}, \hbar \to 0)$ has no exponential pre-factor of the form $e^{-1/\hbar}$ (new analytic prediction of the TS/ST correspondence), and its Stokes constants are generally complex numbers.

 [Rella, 2022]

LOCAL \mathbb{P}^2 — A CASE STUDY

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

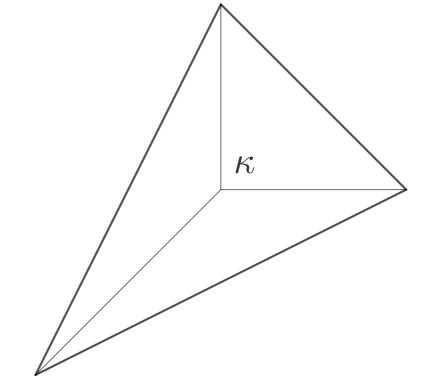
Local \mathbb{P}^2 is the total space of the canonical bundle over the projective surface \mathbb{P}^2 , that is,

$$X = \mathcal{O}(-3) \to \mathbb{P}^2$$
.

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

The mirror curve is

$$\Sigma : e^x + e^y + e^{-x-y} + \kappa = 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{C},$$



and its Weyl quantization gives a **quantum-mechanical operator** acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, that is, [Grassi, Hatsuda, Mariño, 2014]

$$O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(x,y) = e^x + e^y + e^{-x-y}$$
, $[x,y] = i\hbar$ (self-adjoint Heisenberg operators).

The inverse operator $\rho_{\mathbb{P}^2} = \mathsf{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}^{-1}$ is positive-definite and of **trace class**. [Kashaev, Mariño, 2015]

The fermionic spectral traces $Z_{\mathbb{P}^2}(N,\hbar), N \in \mathbb{N}$, can be expressed as **matrix model integrals**. [Mariño, Zakany, 2015 - Kashaev, Mariño, Zakany, 2015]

Exact solution to the resurgent structure at weak coupling — I

The first spectral trace is known in **closed form**, showing an explicit factorization into holomorphic/anti-holomorphic blocks.

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

We obtain the all-orders perturbative expansion

$$Z_{\mathbb{P}^{2}}(1,\hbar\to 0) = \frac{\Gamma(1/3)^{3}}{6\pi\hbar} \exp\left(3\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{B_{2n}B_{2n+1}(2/3)}{2n(2n+1)!} (3\hbar)^{2n}\right).$$

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

We present a **fully analytic solution** to the resurgent structure of $\phi(\hbar)$. [Rella, 2022]

The coefficients of $\phi(\hbar)$ grow factorially for $n \gg 1$ as

$$a_{2n} \sim (-1)^n (2n)! (4\pi^2/3)^{-2n}$$
 (Gevrey-1 asymptotic series).

<u>Proposition</u>: The Borel transform $\hat{\phi}(\zeta)$ can be explicitly resummed into a well-defined, exact function of $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$.

Exact solution to the resurgent structure at weak coupling — II

<u>Corollary 1:</u> The Borel transform $\hat{\phi}(\zeta)$ is simple resurgent, and its singularities are **logarithmic branch points** at

$$\zeta_n = \frac{4\pi^2 \mathrm{i}}{3} n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}.$$

<u>Corollary 2:</u> The **local expansion** of $\hat{\phi}(\zeta)$ at $\zeta = \zeta_n$ is given by

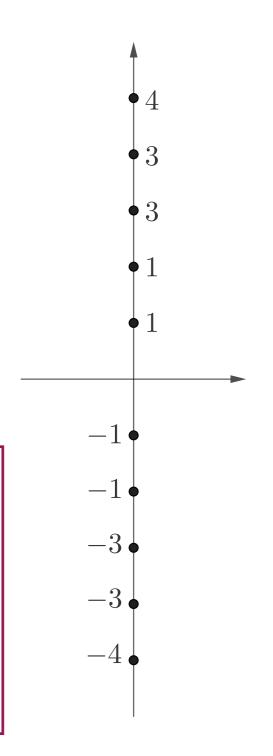
$$\hat{\phi}(\zeta) = -\frac{S_n}{2\pi i} \log(\zeta - \zeta_n) + \dots, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0},$$

where $\hat{\phi}_n(\zeta) = 1$. The Stokes constants S_n are accessible analytically.

<u>Proposition</u>: After being normalized, the Stokes constants S_n are rational numbers and simply related to an **interesting sequence of integers** α_n .

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

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



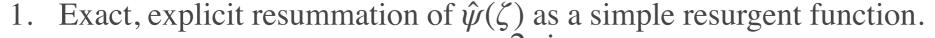
Exact solution to the resurgent structure at strong coupling

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

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

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

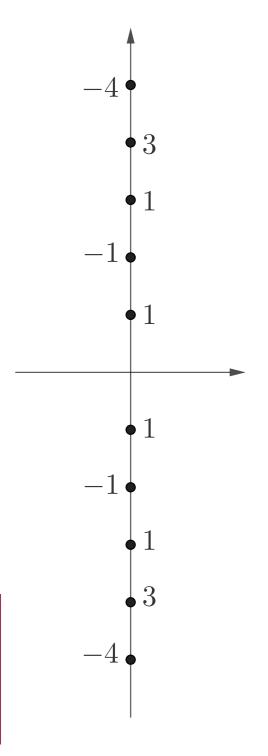
We present a **fully analytic solution** to the resurgent structure of $\psi(\tau)$. [Rella, 2022]



- 2. Logarithmic branch points at $\zeta_n = \frac{2\pi i}{3}n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$.
- 3. Local expansion at $\zeta = \zeta_n$:

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

$$R_1 = 3, \quad R_n = R_1 \frac{\beta_n}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}_{\neq 0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0,1},$$
$$\beta_n = \beta_{-n}, \quad \beta_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$



Closed formulae for the Stokes constants — I

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

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

$$\frac{S_n}{S_1} = \sum_{d \mid n} \frac{1}{d} - \sum_{d \mid n} \frac{1}{d}, \quad \frac{R_n}{R_1} = \sum_{d \mid n} \frac{d}{n} - \sum_{d \mid n} \frac{d}{n}.$$

$$d \equiv_3 1 \qquad d \equiv_3 2 \qquad \qquad d \equiv_3 1 \qquad d \equiv_3 2$$

<u>Corollary 1:</u> The normalized Stokes constants are multiplicative arithmetic functions.

$$\frac{S_n}{S_1} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \frac{S_{p^e}}{S_1}, \quad \frac{R_n}{R_1} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \frac{R_{p^e}}{R_1}, \quad n = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} p^e, \quad e \in \mathbb{N},$$

where S_{p^e} and R_{p^e} are known in closed form.

<u>Corollary 2:</u> The Stokes constants have **generating functions given by** *q***-series**.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n x^n = -i\pi - 3\log \frac{(e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}}i; x)_{\infty}}{(e^{-\frac{2\pi}{3}}i; x)_{\infty}}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n x^{n/3} = 3\log \frac{(x^{2/3}; x)_{\infty}}{(x^{1/3}; x)_{\infty}}, \quad |x| < 1.$$

Closed formulae for the Stokes constants — II

As a consequence, we obtain **exact expressions for the discontinuities** of $\phi(\hbar)$, $\psi(\tau)$ across the Stokes line on the positive imaginary axis.

$$\operatorname{disc}_{\pi/2}\phi(\hbar) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n e^{-n\frac{4\pi^2}{3}i\hbar} = -i\pi - 3\log(e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}i}; \tilde{q})_{\infty} + 3\log(e^{-\frac{2\pi}{3}i}; \tilde{q})_{\infty}, \quad \tilde{q} = e^{-\frac{4\pi^2}{3\hbar}i},$$

$$\operatorname{disc}_{\pi/2}\psi(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n e^{-n\frac{2\pi}{3}i\tau} = 3\log(q^{2/3}; q)_{\infty} - 3\log(q^{1/3}; q)_{\infty}, \quad q = e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\tau}i} = e^{3i\hbar}.$$

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

$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi i} \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{A^{2n}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_m}{m^{2n}} , \quad b_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(2n-1)}{A^{2n-1}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m}{m^{2n-1}} ,$$
L-series

L-series

$$\sum_{\substack{m=1\\ m = 1}}^{\infty} \frac{S_m/S_1}{m^{2n}} = \frac{\zeta(2n)}{3^{2n+1}} \left(\zeta \left(2n+1, \frac{1}{3} \right) - \zeta \left(2n+1, \frac{2}{3} \right) \right) ,$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m/R_1}{m^{2n-1}} = \frac{\zeta(2n)}{3^{2n-1}} \left(\zeta \left(2n-1, \frac{1}{3} \right) - \zeta \left(2n-1, \frac{2}{3} \right) \right) .$$

A bridge to analytic number theory

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

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

<u>Proposition 1:</u> The perturbative coefficients are particular values of a known L-function, which admits a **remarkable factorization dictated by the Dirichlet decomposition** of the Stokes constants.

<u>Proposition 2:</u> The weak and strong coupling L-functions are related by a symmetric **unitary shift** in the arguments of the factors:

$$\frac{S_m}{S_1} = \left(\chi_{3,2} F_{-1} * F_0\right)(m) \longrightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_m / S_1}{m^s} = \underbrace{L(s+1,\chi_{3,2}) \, \zeta(s)}_{\text{L-function}} \qquad (\hbar \to 0),$$

$$\frac{R_m}{R_1} = \left(\chi_{3,2} F_0 * F_{-1}\right)(m) \longrightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_m / R_1}{m^s} = \underbrace{L(s,\chi_{3,2}) \, \zeta(s+1)}_{\text{L-function}} \qquad (\hbar \to \infty),$$

where $F_{\alpha}(m) = m^{\alpha}$, $\chi_{3,2}(m) = [m]_3$ (non-principal Dirichlet character mod 3).



Final remarks and open questions

The resurgent analysis of the weak and strong coupling perturbative expansions arising naturally in topological string theory unveils a **universal mathematical structure** of hidden non-perturbative sectors (*peacock patterns*) and **infinitely-many rational Stokes constants** (*enumerative invariants*).

A geometric and physical understanding of the non-perturbative sectors and an explicit identification of the Stokes constants as topological invariants are still missing.

The full resurgent structure of the first spectral trace of local \mathbb{P}^2 in both limits is analytically solvable and displays a striking **number-theoretic structure**, which makes the duality between the two regimes manifest.

We would like to test the arithmetic framework for other CY geometries and higher-order spectral traces in support of a potential generalization.

Our asymptotic series can be defined a priori on the topological strings side of the **TS/ST correspondence** directly via the integral representation of the fermionic spectral traces.

A WKB 't Hooft-like regime associated to $\hbar \to 0$ is used to present a new analytic prediction on the semiclassical asymptotics of the fermionic spectral traces from the NS topological string in a suitable symplectic frame. Further work is required to obtain a full geometric picture.

[Rella, 2022]

