Two-dimensional — four-dimensional duality: Towers of kinks $\leftrightarrow$ towers of monopoles in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theories

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Two-dimensional models have interesting similarities to 4-d gauge theories

CP^{N-1} theory has been shown to have chiral symmetry breaking, mass gap, asymptotic freedom, *etc* and all these properties are much easier to show in two dimensions

In general, two-dimensional theories are simpler and two-dimensional methods are more powerful

There is also a two-dimensional — four-dimensional duality of their BPS spectra

$\mathcal{N}=2$ $N_c = N_f$ SYM in four dimensions at the root of the first baryonic Higgs branch	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\mathcal{N}=(2,2)$ CP^{N-1} theory in two dimensions
$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$
supports non-Abelian vortex strings		kinks interpolate between worldsheet vacua
monopoles	$\longleftrightarrow$	kinks
strings	$\longleftrightarrow$	vacua

At weak coupling the Seiberg-Witten theory contains Quarks, W-bosons, Monopoles, Dyons and bound states

At strong coupling — we consider CP^{N-1} theory
Strong coupling spectrum is accessible via the mirror theory

CP^{N-1} theory with *twisted* masses:

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CP^{N-1} model with $\mathcal{Z}_N$ twisted masses

$$m_l = m_0 \cdot e^{2\pi i l/N}$$

in this case $\mathcal{Z}_N \subset U_R(1)$ remains unbroken

Exact superpotential

The theory possesses an “exact” superpotential of Veneziano-Yankielowicz type

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{eff}} \;=\; -\, i\,\tau\hat{\sigma} \;+\; \frac{1}{2\pi}\sum_{l}\left(\hat{\sigma} - m_l\right)\left(\ln\frac{\hat{\sigma} - m_l}{\mu} - 1\right)$$

μ = UV cut-off scale

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where

$$\sigma_p \;=\; \sigma_0 \cdot e^{2\pi i p/N}$$

$$\sigma_0 \;=\; \sqrt[N]{1 + m_0^N}$$

vacuum equation

$$\prod_l \left(\sigma - m_l\right) \;=\; 1\,.$$

Mirror dual of CP^{N-1}

The mirror dual is the affine Toda theory

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{mirror}}^{\mathrm{CP}^{N-1}} \;=\; -\,\frac{1}{2\pi}\Big(x_1 + x_2 + \ldots + x_n + \sum m_l \ln x_l\Big)\,,$$

$$x_1\, x_2 \ldots x_n \;=\; 1$$

Only the superpotential is known in that theory

The vacuum values coincide with $\mathcal{W}_{\text{eff}}(\sigma_p)$ upon identification

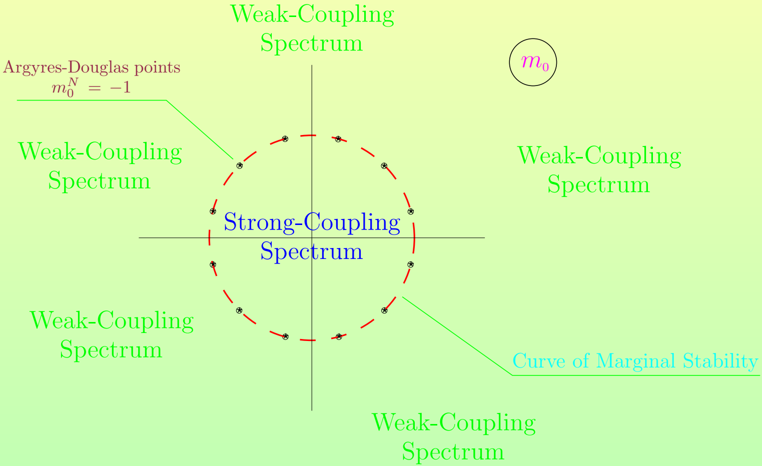
$$x_l^{(p)} \;=\; \sigma_p - m_l$$

Based on work of K.Hori and C.Vafa, N mirror kinks can be found at strong coupling

$$|m_k| \;\leq\; 1$$

Limiting to the sector interpolating between 0^{th} and 1^{st} vacua

$$\mathcal{Z} \;=\; \mathcal{W}(\sigma_1) \,-\, \mathcal{W}(\sigma_0) \,+\, i\,m_k\,, \qquad\qquad k \,=\, 0\,, ..., N-1,$$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What states do they correspond to?

Previously known picture

Weak coupling:

$$\mathcal{Q}_{ik}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{ik}, \quad \mathcal{D}^n_{ik}$$

$\mathcal{D}^n_{ik} + Q$ — bound states

$\mathcal{Q}_{ik} = i\,(m_i - m_k)$

$\mathcal{M}_{ik}$ — purely topological kink interpolating from $(k) \rightarrow (i)$

$\mathcal{D}^n_{ik} = \mathcal{M}_{ik} + i\,n\,(m_i - m_k)$ — tower of dyonic kinks upon quasiclassical quantization

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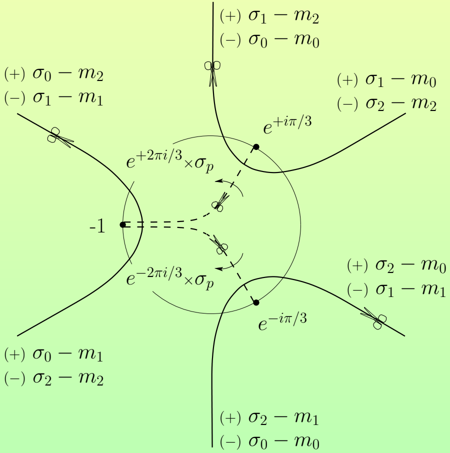
c.m.s. are a supersymmetric version of a "phase transition"

there are practically no phase transitions in supersymmetric theories except for, perhaps, when supersymmetry is broken, or for theories with $N_c \to \infty$

Moduli space of CP^2 — plane of m_0

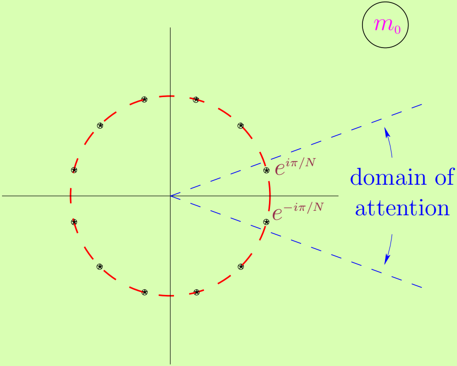


there are three $\mathcal{Z}_3$–equivalent sectors

So we choose only one topological sector:

kinks: $\quad (0) \longrightarrow (1)$

and one sector in m_0-plane:



the other two sectors are completely equivalent

other kinks have the same masses, just central charges shifted by a phase

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build their own tower

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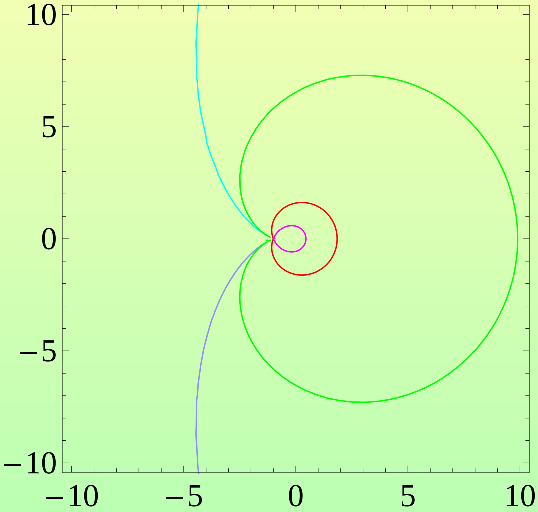

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Topological decays:

$$\mathcal{D}^{(1)}_{10}\,\mathcal{Q} \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{02} + \overline{\mathcal{D}}^{(1)}_{21}$$

$$\mathcal{V}^{2}_{10} \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{02} + \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{21}$$

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We can infer that most likely they decay for *all N*

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Thank you