

DT/PT CORRESPONDENCE USING MOTIVIC HALL ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. A DT/PT correspondence for projective Calabi-Yau threefolds was proved by Bridgeland in 2011 and for orbifolds by Beentjes-Calabrese-Rennemo in 2018. We will state the necessary results about motivic Hall algebras and then discuss the DT/PT correspondence.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathcal{X} be a proper smooth Deligne-Mumford stack with $\omega_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$, $H^1(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}) = 0$, and projective coarse moduli space X . Note here that X is Gorenstein, Calabi-Yau, and has at worst quotient singularities. We will also impose that \mathcal{X} satisfies the hard Lefschetz condition, which says that age is invariant under the map $I: I\mathcal{X} \rightarrow I\mathcal{X}$ taking $(x, g) \mapsto (x, g^{-1})$.

Now let $N(\mathcal{X})$ denote the numerical K-theory of \mathcal{X} , that is $K(D(\mathcal{X}))$ modulo the Euler pairing

$$\chi(E, F) = \sum (-1)^i \dim \operatorname{Ext}_{\mathcal{X}}^i(E, F).$$

Then denote $N_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$ denote the classes with support in dimension at most 1 and $N_0(\mathcal{X})$ be the classes with 0-dimensional support. Then choose¹ a splitting

$$N_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X}) = N_1(\mathcal{X}) \oplus N_0(\mathcal{X}) \ni (\beta, c).$$

Finally, we call a class $\beta \in N_1(\mathcal{X})$ *effective* if it is represented by an actual sheaf $F \in \operatorname{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$.

Now let $Y = \operatorname{Quot}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}, [\mathcal{O}_x])$ for a non-stacky point $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Then Y is a smooth projective Calabi-Yau threefold and there is a map $f: Y \rightarrow X$, which is a crepant resolution. Then, if we consider the universal sheaf on $Y \times \mathcal{X}$ by \mathcal{O}_Z , the Fourier-Mukai transform

$$\Phi = p_{X*}(\mathcal{O}_Z \otimes p_Y^*(-)): D(Y) \rightarrow D(\mathcal{X})$$

is a derived equivalence, called the *McKay correspondence*. Then there is a map $N_{\leq 1}(Y) \rightarrow N_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$, and thus we obtain a splitting $N_{\leq 1}(Y) = N_{n\text{-exc}}(Y) \oplus N_{\text{exc}}(Y)$. Finally, write $N_{\text{mr}}(\mathcal{X}) = \Phi(N_{\leq 1}(Y))$ and $N_{1,\text{mr}}(\mathcal{X}) = \Phi(N_{n\text{-exc}}(Y))$. Also, write $\Psi := \Phi^{-1}$.

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¹For a manifold, ch_3 defines a canonical splitting, but this cannot always be done for orbifolds.

Then define following DT and PT generating series:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_\beta &= \sum_{c \in \mathbb{N}_0(\mathcal{X})} \text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_{(\beta, c)} q^c; \\ \text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_0 &= \sum_{c \in \mathbb{N}_0(\mathcal{X})} \text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_{(0, c)} q^c; \\ \text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_\beta &= \sum_{c \in \mathbb{N}_0(\mathcal{X})} \text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{(\beta, c)} q^c. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.1 (DT/PT correspondence). *Let $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_{1, \text{mr}}(\mathcal{X})$. Then there is an equality of generating series*

$$\text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_\beta = \frac{\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_\beta}{\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_0}.$$

2. CATEGORICAL PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. Let \mathcal{B} be an abelian category. Then a *torsion pair* is a pair of full subcategories $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ such that $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}, F \in \mathcal{F}$ and every $E \in \mathcal{B}$ fits into a (unique) short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T_E \rightarrow E \rightarrow F_E \rightarrow 0$$

with $T_E \in \mathcal{T}, F_E \in \mathcal{F}$.

This can be naturally generalized to the notion of a *torsion n -tuple* $(\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_n)$.

Example 2.2. Let $\mathcal{T} = \text{Coh}_{\leq d}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\mathcal{F} = \text{Coh}_{\geq d+1}(\mathcal{X})$ be the category of sheaves with no subsheaves of dimension $\leq d$. Then $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ is a torsion pair on $\text{Coh}(\mathcal{X})$.

For a torsion pair $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$, we can define a new abelian category

$$\mathcal{B}^b = \left\{ E \in D^{[-1, 0]}(\mathcal{B}) \mid H^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{F}, H^0(E) \in \mathcal{T} \right\}.$$

This is called *tilting* at the torsion pair $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$.

Example 2.3. Define the category $\text{Coh}^b(\mathcal{X})$ by tilting at the torsion pair of the previous example for $d = 1$.

Unfortunately, this category is too large for our purposes, so we will define a new category. First, if $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n \subset D(\mathcal{X})$ are full subcategories, let $\langle \mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n \rangle_{\text{ex}} \subset D(\mathcal{X})$ be the smallest full subcategory of $D(\mathcal{X})$ containing all of the \mathcal{C}_i and closed under extensions. Now we may define

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}[1], \text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X}) \rangle_{\text{ex}} \subset \text{Coh}^b(\mathcal{X}).$$

This is a Noetherian abelian category with the inclusions $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X}) \subset \mathcal{A} \subset D(\mathcal{X})$ being exact. In addition, \mathcal{A} contains all ideal sheaves $I_C[1]$, PT stable pairs, and Bryan-Steinberg pairs.

Definition 2.4. Let \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F} be full subcategories of $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$. Write $\text{Pair}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ for the full subcategory on objects E such that $\text{rk } E = -1$, $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{T}, E) = 0$ for $T \in \mathcal{T}$, and $\text{Hom}(E, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ for $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

Example 2.5. For example, if $T_{PT} = \text{Coh}_0(\mathcal{X})$ and $F_{PT} = \text{Coh}_1(\mathcal{X})$, then a (T_{PT}, F_{PT}) -pair is a PT stable pair.

For a pair of full subcategories as above, we may also define

$$V(T, F) := \{E \in \mathcal{A} \mid \text{Hom}(T, E) = \text{Hom}(E, F) = 0\}.$$

If (T, F) and (\tilde{T}, \tilde{F}) are torsion pairs, then $(T, V(T, \tilde{F}), \tilde{F})$ is a torsion triple on \mathcal{A} .

3. MODULI STACK

There is a stack \mathfrak{Mum}_Y parameterizing objects $E \in D(Y)$ such that $\text{Ext}^{<0}(E, E) = 0$ which is an Artin stack locally of finite type, which was constructed by Lieblich in 2006.² Because Fourier-Mukai transforms behave well in families, by the McKay correspondence, we have a corresponding stack $\mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$. In addition, there is a decomposition

$$\mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}} = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in N(\mathcal{X})} \mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}, \alpha}$$

into open and closed substacks by the numerical K-theory class. If $\mathcal{C} \subset D(\mathcal{X})$ is a full subcategory of objects with vanishing self- $\text{Ext}^{<0}$ and defines an open substack of $\mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$, then we will call the corresponding open substack $\underline{\mathcal{C}} \subset \mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$.

Definition 3.1. A torsion pair (T, F) on $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$ is *open* if T, F are open subcategories.

Lemma 3.2. *The following conditions define open substacks of $\mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$ for full, open subcategories T, F of $\text{Coh}(\mathcal{X})$:*

- (1) $H^0(E) \in T$ and $E \in D^{[-1, 0]}(\mathcal{X})$;
- (2) $H^{-1}(E) \in F$ and $E \in D^{[-1, 0]}(\mathcal{X})$.

In particular, if (T, F) is an open torsion pair, then the objects of the tilt of $\text{Coh}(\mathcal{X})$ at (T, F) form an open substack of $\mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$

Proposition 3.3. *Let (T, F) be open torsion pairs on $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$. Suppose that $\text{Coh}_0(\mathcal{X}) \subset T$. Then the substack $\underline{\text{Pair}}(T, \tilde{F}) \subset \mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is open.*

In particular, $\text{Coh}^b(\mathcal{X})$ is an open subcategory. In addition, the category $\text{Ar}_{\geq -1} \subset \text{Coh}^b(\mathcal{X})$ is open. This means that

$$\text{Ar}_{\geq -1} \subset \underline{\text{Coh}}^b(\mathcal{X}) \subset \mathfrak{Mum}_{\mathcal{X}}$$

are inclusions of open substacks, and in particular, the first two stacks are Artin stacks locally of finite type.

²As with all students of Johan, this was actually done in maximal generality for a proper morphism of algebraic spaces.

4. MOTIVIC HALL ALGEBRAS

Recall the Grothendieck ring of varieties $K(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$ (taken with \mathbb{Q} -coefficients), which is spanned by isomorphism classes of varieties with the relations $[X] = [Z] + [X \setminus Z]$ for a closed subvariety $Z \subset X$ and $[X] \cdot [Y] = [X \times Y]$. This will not be helpful when we consider stacks, so instead we will consider the following two relations.

Definition 4.1. Let Y be connected. Then a morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a *Zariski fibration* if there is an open cover $Y = \bigcup U_i$ such that $f^{-1}(U_i) = U_i \times F_i$.³

Definition 4.2. A morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a *geometric bijection* if f induces a bijection on \mathbb{C} -points.

Lemma 4.3. $K(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is spanned by isomorphism classes of varieties with the following relations:

- (1) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a geometric bijection, then $[X] = [Y]$;
- (2) $[X_1] + [X_2] = [X_1 \sqcup X_2]$.

Now we say that a morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of stacks is a Zariski fibration if for any scheme T , the base change $f_T: X \times_Y T \rightarrow T$ is a Zariski fibration of schemes. Of course, the definition of geometric bijection should be changed to that of inducing an equivalence on groupoids of \mathbb{C} -points.

Definition 4.4. The *Grothendieck ring of stacks* $K(\text{St}_{\mathbb{C}})$ is the \mathbb{Q} -vector space spanned by symbols $[X]$ for finite type Artin stacks with affine stabilizers X with the following relations:

- (1) $[X \sqcup Y] = [X] + [Y]$;
- (2) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a geometric bijection, then $[X] = [Y]$;
- (3) If $X_1, X_2 \rightarrow Y$ are Zariski fibrations with the same fibers, then $[X] = [Y]$.

For any Artin stack S locally of finite type with affine stabilizers, then there is a relative version $K(\text{St}_S)$, which is a module over $K(\text{St}_{\mathbb{C}})$. For our purposes, we will take $\mathbb{C} = \text{Coh}^b(\mathcal{X})$ and let $S = \underline{\mathbb{C}}$.

Proposition 4.5. *There exists an Artin stack $\underline{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}$ locally of finite type parameterizing short exact sequences in \mathbb{C} . This stack is equipped with maps*

$$\pi_i: \underline{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{C}} \quad [0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow E_3 \rightarrow 0] \mapsto E_i$$

for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Then the morphism $(\pi_1, \pi_3): \underline{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{C}} \times \underline{\mathbb{C}}$ is of finite type.

Now, for $[X_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{C}}], [X_2 \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{C}}] \in K(\text{St}_{\underline{\mathbb{C}}})$, define the stack $X_1 * X_2$ as the fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_1 * X_2 & \longrightarrow & \underline{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)} \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \underline{\mathbb{C}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow (\pi_1, \pi_3) \\ X_1 \times X_2 & \longrightarrow & \underline{\mathbb{C}} \times \underline{\mathbb{C}}. \end{array}$$

³Given our assumptions, all F_i are isomorphic.

This defines an associative product on $K(\text{St}_{\mathbb{C}})$, and we define the *motivic Hall algebra* $H(\mathbb{C}) := (K(\text{St}_{\mathbb{C}}), *)$.

There is an inclusion $K(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})[\mathbb{L}^{-1}, (1 + \dots + L^n)^{-1} \mid n \geq 1] \rightarrow K(\text{St}_{\mathbb{C}})$. Then we define the subalgebra of *regular elements* $H_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{C})$ to be the $K(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})[\mathbb{L}^{-1}, [\mathbb{P}^n]^{-1} \mid n \geq 1]$ -submodule generated by schemes $[Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}]$.

Proposition 4.6. $H_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{C})$ is closed under $*$ and the quotient $H_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{C})/(\mathbb{L} - 1)H_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{C})$ is commutative with Poisson bracket given by $\{f, g\} = \frac{f * g - g * f}{\mathbb{L} - 1}$. This is called the *semi-classical Hall algebra*.

Let $\mathbb{Q}[N(\mathcal{X})]$ with product $t^{\alpha_1} \star t^{\alpha_2} = (-1)^{\chi(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} t^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$ be the *Poisson torus*. The Poisson bracket is defined by $\{t^{\alpha}, t^{\beta}\} = (-1)^{\chi(\alpha, \beta)} \chi(\alpha, \beta) t^{\alpha + \beta}$. Then there is a Poisson algebra homomorphism

$$I: H_{\text{sc}}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[N(\mathcal{X})] \quad [s: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\alpha} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}] = e(Y, s^{-1}\nu),$$

where $\nu: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is the Behrend function.

We will not be considering the motivic Hall algebra but rather a completed version $H_{\text{gr}}(\mathbb{C})$ which is analogous to the completion from Laurent polynomials to Laurent series. There is an algebra $H_{\text{gr,reg}}(\mathbb{C})$ of regular elements and a semi-classical algebra $H_{\text{gr,sc}}(\mathbb{C})$, which comes with an integration morphism

$$I: H_{\text{gr,sc}}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}\{N(\mathcal{X})\} = \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in N(\mathcal{X})} n_{\alpha} t^{\alpha} \right\}.$$

5. WALL-CROSSING AND THE DT/PT CORRESPONDENCE

Definition 5.1. A torsion pair (T, F) on $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$ is called *numerical* if whenever $[T \in T] = [F \in F]$ in $N(\mathcal{X})$, then $T = F = 0$.

All of the torsion pairs we will consider are numerical.

Proposition 5.2. Let (T, F) be an open numerical torsion pair and suppose that $\mathcal{M} \subset \underline{\text{Pair}}(T, F)$ is an open and finite type substack. Then $(\mathbb{L} - 1)[\mathcal{M}] \in H_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{C})$.

Lemma 5.3. Assume that $\text{Pair}(T_-, F_-), \text{Pair}(T_+, F_+), W$ define elements of $H_{\text{gr}}(\mathbb{C})$ and let $\alpha \in N(\mathcal{A})$. The following are equivalent:

- (1) The stack $\underline{\text{Pair}}(T_+, F_-)_{\alpha}$ is of finite type.
- (2) The stack $(\underline{\text{Pair}}(T_+, F_+) * W)_{\alpha}$ is of finite type.
- (3) The stack $(W * \underline{\text{Pair}}(T_-, F_-))_{\alpha}$ is of finite type.

Definition 5.4. A full subcategory $W \subset \text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$ is *log-able* if

- (1) W is closed under direct sums and summands;
- (2) W defines an element of $H_{\text{gr}}(\mathbb{C})$;
- (3) If $\alpha \in N(\mathcal{X})$, there are only finitely many ways to write $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$, where each α_i represents a nonzero element in W .

Theorem 5.5 (No-poles). *If \mathbb{W} is log-able, then*

$$(\mathbb{L} - 1) \log[\mathbb{W}] \in H_{\text{gr,reg}}(\mathbb{C}).$$

We are finally ready to do wall-crossing, but we need one more definition.

Definition 5.6. Let (T_{\pm}, F_{\pm}) be open torsion pairs on $\text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X})$ such that $T_+ \subset T_-$. Let $\mathbb{W} = T_- \cap F_+$. These torsion pairs are *wall-crossing material* if \mathbb{W} is log-able and the categories $\text{Pair}(T_+, F_-), \text{Pair}(T_-, F_+), \text{Pair}(T_+, F_-)$ define elements of $H_{\text{gr}}(\mathbb{C})$.

Theorem 5.7. *Suppose (T_{\pm}, F_{\pm}) are open torsion pairs with $T_+ \subset T_-$ which are wall-crossing material. Then $w := I((\mathbb{L} - 1) \log[\mathbb{W}])$ is well-defined and*

$$I((\mathbb{L} - 1) [\underline{\text{Pair}}(T_+, F_+)]) = \exp(\{w, -\}) I((\mathbb{L} - 1) [\underline{\text{Pair}}(T_-, F_-)]).$$

Proof of DT/PT correspondence. Let $T_{\text{DT}} = 0, F_{\text{DT}} = \text{Coh}_{\leq 1}(\mathcal{X}), \mathbb{W} = \text{Coh}_0(\mathcal{X})$. Then the torsion pairs $(T_{\text{DT}}, F_{\text{DT}}), (T_{\text{PT}}, F_{\text{PT}})$ are wall-crossing material, so we can apply the previous theorem. Isolating the terms with class β and noting that $(T_{\text{DT}}, F_{\text{DT}})$ -pairs are ideal sheaves $I[1]$, we obtain

$$\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta} z^{\beta} t^{-[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]} = \exp(\{w, -\}) \text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta} z^{\beta} t^{-[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]}.$$

Now let $c \in N_0(\mathcal{X})$. Applying the McKay equivalence, we have $\Psi(c) \in N_{\leq 1}(Y)$. Because β is multi-regular, $\Psi(\beta, c') \in N_{\leq 1}(Y)$ for all $c' \in N_0(\mathcal{X})$. But then the Euler pairing is trivial on $N_{\leq 1}(Y)$, so

$$\chi(c, (\beta, c')) = \chi(\Psi(c), \Psi(\beta, c')) = 0.$$

Next, write $w = \sum_{c \in N_0(\mathcal{X})} w_c q^c$. We then have $\{w, z^{\beta} q^{c'}\} = 0$, so

$$\exp(\{w, -\}) \text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta} z^{\beta} t^{-[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]} = \text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta} z^{\beta} \exp(\{w, -\}) t^{-[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]}.$$

Combining this with the first DT-PT identity, we have

$$\frac{\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta}}{\text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta}} = t^{[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]} \exp(\{w, -\}) t^{-[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}]}.$$

Finally, noting that $\text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_0 = 1$ because $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}[1]$ is the only stable pair with $\beta = 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta}}{\text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_{\beta}} = \frac{\text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_0}{\text{PT}(\mathcal{X})_0} = \text{DT}(\mathcal{X})_0. \quad \square$$