Homological Mirror Symmetry for the Quartic Surface

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- * Example: Hypersurfaces $X \subset \mathbf{P}^{d+1}$ of degree d+2 (d=2): quartic surface, d=3: quintic 3-fold).

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$$A(X) \simeq B(\check{X})$$
 and $B(X) \simeq A(\check{X})$ (mirror symmetry).

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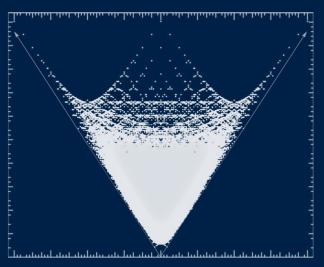
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where n_d is the (virtual) number of curves of degree d on X.



HODGE PLOT



The 'Hodge plot' of Candelas-Constantin-Skarke, which displays $\chi = 2(h^{1,1} - h^{2,1})$ on the horizontal axis and $h^{1,1} + h^{2,1}$ on the vertical axis.

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- * Kontsevich's arguments in favour of HMS: one should be able to recover numerical predictions by taking Hochschild cohomology; Witten's intuition; both categories satisfy the duality $\operatorname{Hom}(C,D) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}(D,C[\dim X])^{\vee}$.

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- * It is a *triangulated category*: it has a shift functor [1] and comes with a class of distinguished triangles $K' \to K \to K'' \to K'[1]$, satisfying some axioms.

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- * At least for L_0 , L_1 transverse $\operatorname{Hom}(L_0, L_1)$ is the free Λ -module generated by the $x \in L_0 \cap L_1$, **Z**-graded by Maslov index. (If L_0, L_1 are not transverse one 'perturbs'.) It carries a Λ -linear map μ^1 defined by counts of pseudoholomorphic 2-gons u in X with boundary in $L_0, L_1, [u] = \beta \in \pi_2(X, L_0 \cup L_1)$:

$$\mu^{1}(x) = \sum_{y,\beta} \# \mathcal{M}(x, y, \beta) y q^{\omega(\beta)}.$$

We pretend that $\omega(\beta) = \int u^* \omega \in \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{Z}$ for some $d = d(L_0, L_1)$.

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* More generally, for any $d \ge 1$ we have Λ -linear maps

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- * So $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{F}(X)$ is an A_{∞} -category. It need not be a category in the ordinary sense. However, its cohomology category $H^*(\mathcal{A})$ (same objects as \mathcal{A} , morphisms given by cohomology groups) is one, and so is $H^0(\mathcal{A})$ (morphisms: H^0). A *quasi-equivalence* between A_{∞} -categories is an A_{∞} -functor such that the induced functor between cohomology categories is an equivalence.

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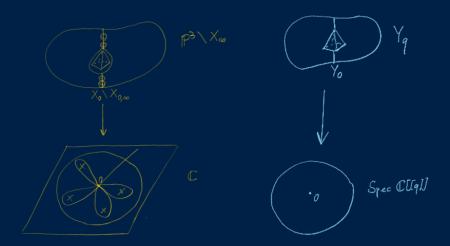
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ACCOMPANYING PICTURE



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- * On the *B*-side we need to introduce a dg enhancement (underlying A_{∞} -category $\mathcal{S}(Z_q^*)$ with $\mu^d=0$ for $d\geqslant 3$) of $D^b\mathrm{Coh}(Z_q^*)$. We then have an A_{∞} -category $\mathcal{S}_{64,q}$ induced by the 64 generators of $D^b\mathrm{Coh}(Z_q^*)$.

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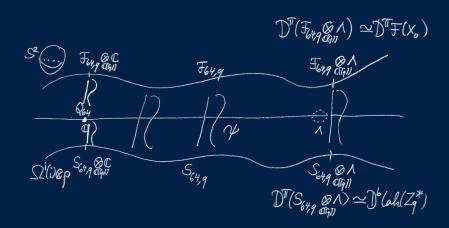
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- * At least the invariant part of the second Hochschild cohomology of \mathbb{Q}_{64} is 1-dimensional, which implies that any two (equivariant) 1-parameter deformation with $\mu_q^1=0$ and nontrivial class are equivalent after reparametrisation by some $\psi: \mathbb{C}[[q]] \to \mathbb{C}[[q]]$. Seidel proves that $\mathcal{F}_{64,q}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{64,q}$ have nontrivial class, hence

$$D^{\pi} \mathcal{F}(X_0) \simeq D^{\pi} (\mathcal{F}_{64,q} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[[q]]} \Lambda) \simeq D^{\pi} (\psi \otimes_{64,q} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[[q]]} \Lambda).$$
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PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROOF



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