

# Attractor invariants for local Calabi-Yau threefolds

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$$S[g, z, \dots] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3,1}} \sqrt{-\det g} d^4x \left[ R(g) + G_{ab}(z) g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu z^a \partial_\nu z^b + \dots \right]$$

where  $g_{\mu\nu}$  is a Lorentzian metric on  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ , and  $z : \mathbb{R}^{3,1} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_K$ .

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- $\Omega_z(\gamma)$  depends on the Chern character  $\gamma = \text{ch}(E) \in K(X)$  and on the **central charge function**  $Z \in \text{Hom}(K(X), \mathbb{C})$ , which is itself determined by the Kähler moduli  $z \in \mathcal{M}_K$ . For sheaves supported on curves,  $\Omega_z(\beta) = N_\beta$ . For skyscraper sheaves,  $\Omega_z(\delta) = -\chi_X$ .

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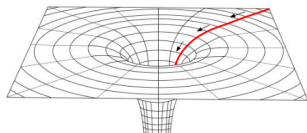


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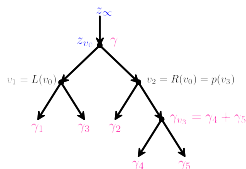
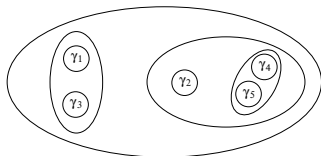
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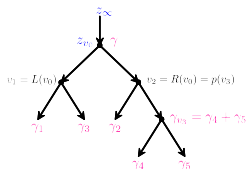
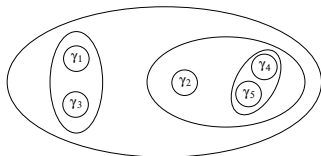
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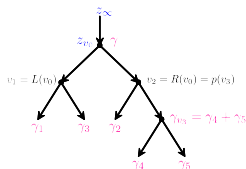
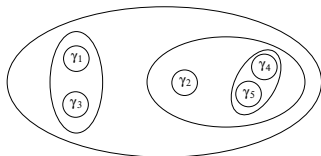
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- Thus, an interesting goal is to compute attractor DT invariants for the category  $D(X)$  of coherent sheaves on a CY threefold.



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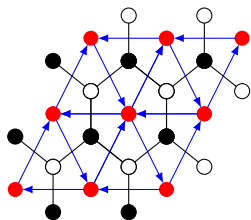
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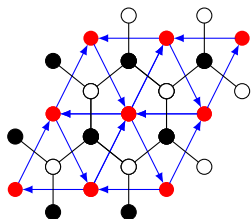


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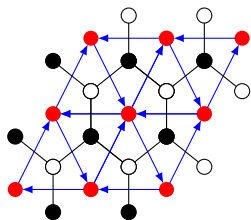


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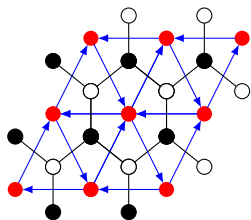
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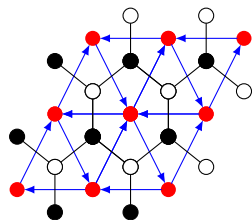
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1 Let  $Q_2 = Q_2^+ \cup Q_2^-$  be the set of white and black **vertices** of  $G$ , or equivalently the set of **faces** of  $Q$

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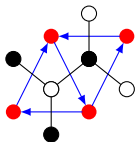
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- The quiver  $(Q, W)$  can be derived from a tilting sequence on  $X$ . Conversely, the toric diagram of  $X$  can be read off from zig-zag paths on the brane tiling.  $X$  arises as the moduli space of representations of  $(Q, W)$  with dimension vector  $\delta = (1, 1, \dots)$ .

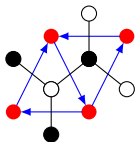
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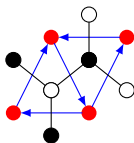


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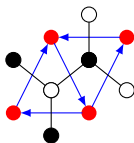
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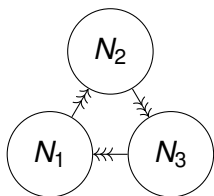
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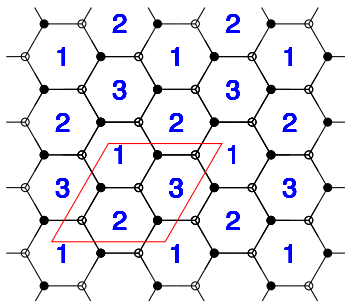


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- More directly, the **attractor tree formula** allows to express  $\bar{\Omega}_\theta(\gamma, y)$  in terms of the attractor indices  $\bar{\Omega}_*(\alpha_i, y)$ :

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*Manschot'10, Alexandrov BP '18; Argüz Bousseau '21*

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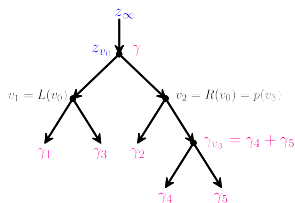
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Here  $T$  runs over all  **$\theta$ -stable** flow trees ending on the leaves  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ ,  $v$  runs over all vertices and  $\gamma_{LR} = \langle \gamma_{L(v)}, \gamma_{R(v)} \rangle$ .



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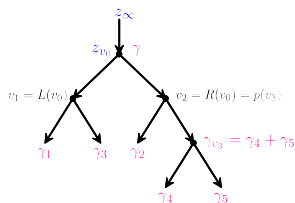
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# Time for a pause !

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Tentative list of speakers:

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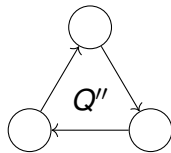
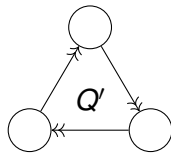
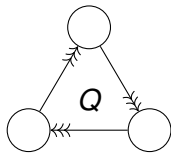
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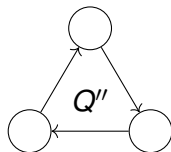
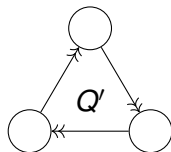
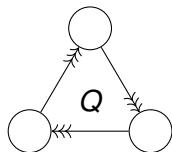
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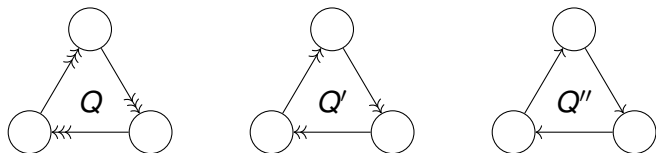
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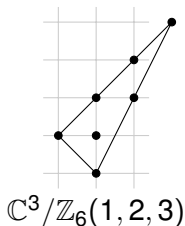
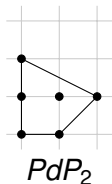
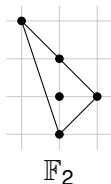
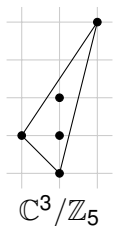
- The same type of computation for  $K_{\mathbb{F}_0}$ ,  $K_{\mathbb{F}_1}$ ,  $K_{dP_2}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_5$ , ... support the conjecture for isolated toric CY3 singularities:

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where  $i$  (resp.  $b$ ) are the number of internal (resp. boundary) lattice points on the toric diagram.

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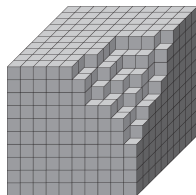
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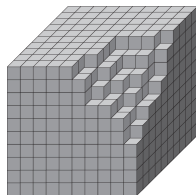
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## Another occurrence of modularity

- Recall the generating series  $\mathcal{A}(x, y) = \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{q_0}} \mathcal{A}_d(y) x^d$  of stacky invariants. Define  $\overline{\mathcal{A}(x, y)} = \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{q_0}} \mathcal{A}_d(y) x^{-d}$ . Let

$$T(\tau, z) = (q)_\infty^r \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{A}(x, y)} \mathcal{A}(x, y) \right], \quad y^2 = e^{2\pi i \tau}, x = e^{2\pi i z}$$

where  $\operatorname{Tr}(x^d) = 0$  whenever  $\langle d, - \rangle \neq 0$  and  $r = \operatorname{Rank}(\langle -, - \rangle)$ .

- Conjecture (Cordova Shao 2015):  $T$  is a character of a VOA
- Examples: for  $K_1$ ,  $T(\tau) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+n}}{(q)_n}$  is the Rogers-Ramanujan function. For  $K_2$ ,  $T(\tau) = \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{4k^2+2k}$  is an ordinary theta series. False theta functions also occur...

Thank you for your attention, and mind the wall !

