

# Modularity of Donaldson-Thomas invariants on Calabi-Yau threefolds

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- This is loosely connected to Albert's work with Maxim and Vadim Vologodsky (2006), and later with Johannes Walcher (2013-17).

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- Mirror symmetry allows to compute  $F_0$  and  $F_1$ . **Holomorphic anomaly equations** along with boundary conditions near the discriminant locus and MUM points allow to determine them up to a certain genus  $g_{\text{int}}$  ( $= 51$  for the quintic threefold  $X_5$ ).

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- The formula above arises by a one-loop computation of the effective action in a constant graviphoton background  $W \propto \lambda$  à la Euler-Heisenberg. [*Gopakumar Vafa'98*]

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- The GV invariants  $GV_{\beta}^{(g)}$  can be defined rigorously using perverse cohomology on the moduli stack of stable sheaves, with some choice of orientation *[Maulik Toda'16]*, but the relation to Gromov-Witten invariants is still mysterious.

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- Since  $TN$  is locally  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , one expects the same low energy effective action as in flat space. This suggests a relation of the form

$$\sum_{\beta, n} PT(\beta, n) e^{2\pi i t \cdot \beta} q^n \simeq \exp \left( \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{2g-2} F_g(t) \right)$$

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$$\sum_{\beta, n} DT(\beta, n) e^{2\pi i t \cdot \beta} q^n = M(-q)^{\chi_X} \sum_{\beta, n} PT(\beta, n) e^{2\pi i t \cdot \beta} q^n$$

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- For  $\gamma = (0, 0, \beta, n)$  and  $\gamma = (1, 0, \beta, n)$ ,  $\Omega_\sigma(\gamma)$  coincides with  $GV_\beta^{(0)}$  and  $PT(\beta, n)$  OR  $GV(\beta, n)$  at large volume, respectively.

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- When  $\mathcal{D}$  is very ample, the central charges are

$$c_L = p^3 + c_2(X) \cdot p = \chi(\mathcal{D}), \quad c_R = p^3 + \frac{1}{2}c_2(X) \cdot p$$

Cardy's formula predicts a growth  $\Omega(0, p, \beta, n \rightarrow \infty) \sim e^{2\pi\sqrt{p^3 n}}$  in perfect agreement with Bekenstein-Hawking formula [*Maldacena Strominger Witten'97*].

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- In general, we predict that the generating series of DT invariants  $\Omega_*(0, p, \beta, n)$  at the large volume attractor point  $t^a = \kappa^{ab} \mu_b + i\lambda p^a$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  is a weakly holomorphic **mock modular form of depth  $k - 1$** , where  $k$  is the largest integer such that  $p/k$  is primitive.

*[Alexandrov BP Manschot'16-20]*

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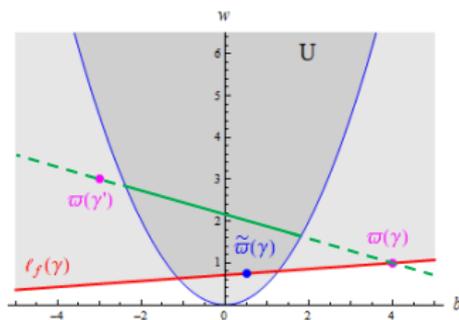
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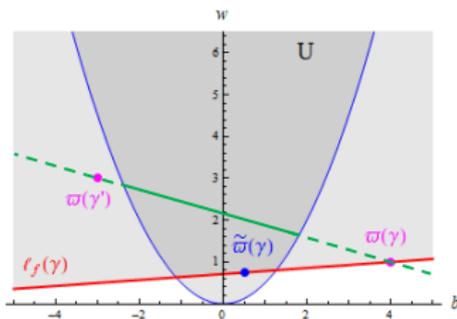
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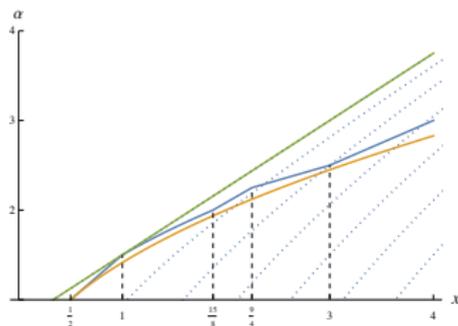
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where

$$\Theta_{\mu}^{(\kappa)} = \frac{(-1)^{\mu}}{8\pi} \sum_{k \in 2\kappa\mathbb{Z} + \mu} |k| \beta\left(\frac{\tau_2 k^2}{\kappa}\right) e^{-\frac{\pi i \tau}{2\kappa} k^2},$$

and  $\beta(x^2) = 2|x|^{-1} e^{-\pi x^2} - 2\pi \operatorname{Erfc}(\sqrt{\pi}|x|)$  such that

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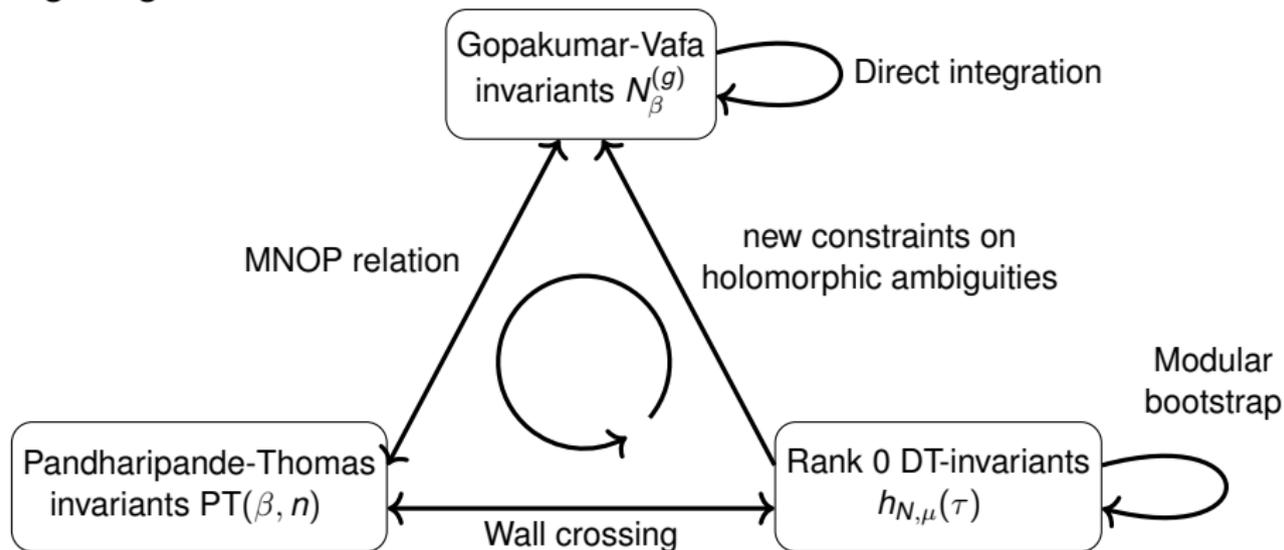
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$\mathfrak{X}$	$\chi_{\mathfrak{X}}$	$\kappa$	type	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{integ}}$	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{mod}}$	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{avail}}$
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$X_{6,6}(1^2, 2^2, 3^2)$	-120	1	$K$	18	22	22
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$X_{4,2}(1^6)$	-176	8	$C$	50	66	50
$X_{6,2}(1^5, 3)$	-256	4	$C$	63	78	49

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# Congratulations Albert Solomonivich !

