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Higgs bundles and mirror symmetry 2



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- Higgs bundle fibration $p: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{B}$
- ullet generic fibre abelian variety A
- \bullet = complex torus + positive line bundle H
- ullet SYZ mirror symmetry \sim replace A by its dual A^{\vee}
- = moduli space of degree zero holomorphic line bundles on A

•
$$x \in A$$
, $L_x(y) = x + y$

• translation action $L_x: A \to A$

• $L_x^*H\otimes H^{-1}$ degree zero line bundle

• $A \mapsto A^{\vee}$ surjective, finite kernel

• A = Jac(S) isomorphism (A principally polarized)

• spectral curve $\pi: S \to \Sigma$

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THE GROUP SU(n)

• $U \in P(S, \Sigma) \Rightarrow \Lambda^n V$ trivial

• structure group SU(n)

•
$$\Phi \in H^0(\Sigma, \mathfrak{sl}(n) \otimes K) \Rightarrow a_1 = 0 \in H^0(\Sigma, K)$$

• generic fibre for SU(n) Higgs bundles \cong Prym variety

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• $\operatorname{Jac}(S)/\operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \operatorname{P}(S,\Sigma)/(\operatorname{P}(S,\Sigma) \cap \pi^*\operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma))$

• Nm $\pi^* x = nx \Rightarrow$

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THE GROUP Sp(m)

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• spectral curve $S \subset |K|$:

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• involution $\sigma(x) = -x$

• $\pi: S \to \Sigma$

 \bullet $E = \pi_* L$

• $x: L \to L \otimes \pi^* K$ and $\Phi = \pi_* x$

 \bullet where $L=U\pi^*K^{m-1/2}$ and $\sigma^*U\cong U^*$

•
$$p: S \to \bar{S} = S/\sigma$$

•
$$\sigma^*U \cong U^* \Leftrightarrow U \in \mathsf{P}(S, \bar{S})$$

• abelian variety = Prym $P(S, \bar{S})$

• dual $P(S, \bar{S})^{\vee} \cong P(S, \bar{S})/p^*H^1(\bar{S}, \mathbf{Z}_2)$

LANGLANDS DUALITY

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Mirror symmetry, Langlands duality, and the Hitchin system

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Abstract. Among the major mathematical approaches to mirror symmetry are those of Batyrev-Borisov and Strominger-Yau-Zaslow (SYZ). The first is explicit and amenable to computation but is not clearly related to the physical motivation; the second is the opposite. Furthermore, it is far from obvious that mirror partners in one sense will also be mirror partners in the other. This paper concerns a class of examples that can be shown to satisfy

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Electric-Magnetic Duality And The Geometric Langlands Program

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- $\mathcal{M}(G)$ Higgs bundle moduli space
- hyperkähler
- holomorphic Lagrangian fibration
- ulletits mirror is $\mathcal{M}(^LG)$ where LG is the Langlands dual group

R.Donagi & T.Pantev, Langlands duality for Hitchin systems, Invent. math. 189 (2012), 653–735.

 \bullet $\,G$ and $^L G$ are Langlands dual groups if..

• ... their root systems are dual

ullet roots \leftrightarrow coroots, characters \leftrightarrow 1-parameter subgroups

•
$${}^{L}U(n) = U(n)$$

 ${}^{L}SU(n) = PSU(n) = SU(n)/\mathbf{Z}_{n}$
 ${}^{L}Sp(m) = SO(2m+1)$

•
$$(LU(n) = U(n))$$
. $Jac(S)^{\vee} \cong Jac(S)$

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$$LSU(n) = PSU(n) = SU(n)/\mathbf{Z}_n$$

• \mathbf{Z}_n action $(V, \Phi) \mapsto (V \otimes L, \Phi)$ where L^n is trivial

 $H^1(\mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{Z}_n)$ quotient of SU(n)-moduli space, PSU(n)-Higgs bundles

• $P(S, \Sigma)^{\vee} \cong P(S, \Sigma)/\pi^*H^1(\Sigma, \mathbf{Z}_n)$

Sp(2m, C) AND SO(2m + 1, C)

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- ullet eigenvalues $0\pm\lambda_i$
- kernel $\sim \Phi^m \in \Lambda^{2m} V \otimes K^m \cong V \otimes K^m$
- reducible spectral curve $S \downarrow \\ 0 = \det(x \Phi) = x(x^{2m} + a_2x^{2m-2} + \cdots + a_{2m})$

• $V = \pi_* L$ where ...

• on
$$x^{2m} + a_2 x^{2m-2} + \dots + a_{2m} = 0$$

$$L = U \pi^* K^m \text{ and } U \in P(S, \bar{S})$$

• on $x = 0 \cong \Sigma$, $L = K^m$

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• $x = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_{2m}(z) = 0$: 4m(g-1) points

• $2^{4m(g-1)}$ covering of $P(S, \bar{S})$

• overall ± 1

SO(2m + 1)-bundle spin/non-spin

• $2^{4m(g-1)-2}$ covering of $P(S, \bar{S})$

$$\bullet = P(S, \bar{S})/p^*H^1(\bar{S}, \mathbf{Z}_2)$$

= dual of $P(S, \overline{S})$

BRANES

• symplectic geometry

A-brane = Lagrangian submanifold + flat vector bundle

holomorphic geometry

B-brane = complex submanifold + holomorphic bundle

• ... or generalizations, sheaves etc.

SYZ MIRROR SYMMETRY

- Calabi-Yau manifold M^n : ω symplectic form, $\Omega=$ real part of a holomorphic n-form
- special Lagrangian fibration: $p:M\to B$ $(\omega,\ \Omega \ \text{vanish on fibres})$
- ullet fibre M_x is a torus
- ullet mirror = fibration by dual torus = moduli space of flat U(1)-bundles over M_x

• $W \subset T_xM$ Lagrangian subspace

• suppose $W = V \oplus H \subset T_FM \oplus p^*TB \cong p^*(T^*B \oplus TB)$

• Lagrangian $\Rightarrow V = H^0$ (annihilator)

• then $V^0 \oplus H \cong H \oplus iH$ complex

ullet hyperkähler: complex structures I,J,K

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mirror symmetry is supposed to interchange these

BBB-BRANES

hyperkähler submanifold

strong condition

• Kähler \Rightarrow second fundamental form S complex linear S(IX,JY)=IS(X,JY)=IJS(X,Y)=JIS(X,Y)=0

→ totally geodesic

EXAMPLES

- points, whole manifold
- ullet Higgs bundles for subgroup $H\subset G$
- ullet pull-back of Higgs bundles from a map $f: \Sigma \to C$
- \bullet fixed point set of a triholomorphic automorphism of ${\cal M}$ e.g.
 - i) induced action of finite group holomorphic action on Σ
 - ii) $V \mapsto V \otimes L$ where L^n trivial.

BAA BRANES

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- $p:L\to p(L)$ suppose generically $p(L)\subset \mathcal{B}^{\mathrm{reg}}$ $L\cap A\subset A \text{ compact subvariety of abelian variety}$
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• = support of a BBB-brane?

EXAMPLE

- L = a single fibre A
- p(L) a point $a \in \mathcal{B}$
- $(L \cap A) = A \Rightarrow (L \cap A)^0 = 0$
- → BBB-brane is a single point

EXAMPLE

• L =(closure of) a cotangent fibre of $T^*\mathcal{N}$

• $(L \cap A)$ finite set $\Rightarrow (L \cap A)^0 = A^{\vee}$

⇒ BBB-brane is the whole manifold

• How general is this?

C*-INVARIANT LAGRANGIANS

• C*-action $(V, \Phi) \mapsto (V, \lambda \Phi)$ generated by holomorphic vector field X

ullet on $T^*\mathcal{N}$ scales cotangent fibres

• in general preserves conormal bundles

• moves generic fibres ($0 \in \mathcal{B}$ only fixed point)

ullet Suppose L is a ${f C}^*$ -invariant complex Lagrangian

• $i_X(\omega_2 + i\omega_3) = i_X\omega^c$ vanishes on L

- $i_X\omega^c$ nonzero on A (variation of Lagrangian A in the direction X)
- $i_X\omega^c$ holomorphic 1-form on A which vanishes on $L\cap A$

THE ALBANESE VARIETY

- M algebraic variety, $H^0(M,T^*)$ = holomorphic 1-forms
- integration over 1-cycle: $H_1(M, \mathbf{Z}) \to H^0(M, T^*)^*$
- quotient = Alb(M) the **Albanese variety**, an abelian variety
- for a curve $Alb(C) \cong Jac(C)$
- \bullet Universal property: a map $M \to A$ factors through the Albanese variety $M \to \mathsf{Alb}(M) \to A$

$$M \to \mathsf{Alb}(M) \qquad x \mapsto \int_e^x \alpha$$

• $i_X\omega|_A$ holomorphic 1-form on A which vanishes on $L\cap A$

- $\bullet \Rightarrow$ vanishes on $B = \text{image of Alb}(L \cap A)$.
- $H_1(B, \mathbf{Z}) \subset H_1(A, \mathbf{Z})$ over rationals extend a basis
- $i_X \omega^c$ vanishes on $B \Rightarrow$ periods vanish
- $\Rightarrow p(L)$ satisfies $2 \dim_{\mathbf{C}} B = 2k$ real constraints $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{2k} = 0$

• $k \text{ constraints} \Rightarrow \dim p(L) \leq \dim \mathcal{M}/2 - k$

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 \Rightarrow each component of $L \cap A$ is an abelian subvariety

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• but is it a hyperkähler submanifold?

ABELIAN SUBVARIETIES

EXAMPLE

- $B = \pi^* \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \subset \operatorname{Jac}(S)$
- $\theta \in H^0(S, K)$ annihilates B if $a_1 = 0$ $\det(x - \Phi) = x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \ldots + a_n$
- Lagrangian $L = \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \times H^0(\Sigma, K^2) \oplus \cdots \oplus H^0(\Sigma, K^n)$
- $B^0 = P(S, \Sigma) \Rightarrow$ mirror is SU(n) moduli space = hyperkähler submanifold

• $B \subset \operatorname{Jac}(S)$ abelian subvariety

• $S \subset \operatorname{Jac}(S), f : S \to \operatorname{Jac}(S)/B$

ullet image curve, f factors through normalization C and $\mathsf{Alb}(C)$

 $\bullet \ f:S\to C$

• $i_X \omega^c$ vanishes on B

• $\Rightarrow i_X \omega^c$ pulled back from A/B

 $\bullet \ \Rightarrow \theta = f^* \varphi \text{ for a 1-form } \varphi \text{ on } C$

EXAMPLE SU(2)

• spectral curve $x^2 + a_2 = 0$, involution $x \mapsto -x$

- $\pi^* \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \subset B \subset \operatorname{Jac}(S)$, involution on $\operatorname{Jac}(S)/B$
 - \Rightarrow involution on C
 - \Rightarrow C is a spectral curve for a curve $\bar{\Sigma}$, $h: \Sigma \to \bar{\Sigma}$

• pull-back gives a hyperkähler submanifold.