

# Superstring compactification and Frobenius manifold structures.

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# Introduction.

To obtain the low-energy Lagrangian of String theory compactified on a CY manifold, one needs to know the so-called Special Kähler geometry on the moduli space of CY manifold  $X$ .

A way to compute this was proposed in the famous work by Candelas et al.

Kähler potential of the metric on the moduli space is expressed bilinearly in terms of periods of the CY 3-form  $\Omega$ .

$$\omega_\mu := \oint_{q_\mu \in H_3(X, \mathbb{Z})} \Omega,$$

Computation is performed in two steps.

First step is to compute periods  $\omega_\mu$  in a special basis of cycles  $q_\mu$ .

Second, highly non-trivial step is to compute a transition matrix from  $\omega_\mu$  to the symplectic basis of periods  $\Pi_\mu$ .

We present an alternative approach to the computation of Kähler potential for the case when CY manifold is given by a hypersurface  $W_0(x) = 0$  in a weighted projective space.

Our approach is based on the connection of CY manifold with a Frobenius manifold (FM) structure arising on the deformations of the singularity defined by the LG superpotential  $W_0(x)$ .  
The moduli space of CY manifold is a subspace of FM.

This allows computing two bases of periods called  $\omega_\mu$  and  $\sigma_\mu$ .  
Since both  $\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  and  $\sigma_\nu^\pm(\phi)$  are bases of periods defined as the integrals over the cycles in the same space, they are connected by some constant matrix  $T_\mu^\nu$ :

$$\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi) = T_\mu^\nu \sigma_\nu^\pm(\phi).$$

Kähler potential is then given in terms of the periods  $\sigma_\mu$ , the holomorphic FM metric  $\eta_{\mu\rho}$  and the matrix  $T_\mu^\nu$ :

$$e^{-K} = \sigma_\mu^+ \eta^{\mu\rho} M_\rho^\nu \overline{\sigma_\nu^-}, \quad M = T^{-1} \bar{T}.$$

The basis  $\omega_\mu$  has the advantage of being taken over homology cycles  $q_\mu$  with real coefficients. Therefore Kähler potential and FM metric are expressed in terms of the same intersection matrix

$$e^{-K(\phi)} = \omega_\mu(\phi) C^{\mu\nu} \bar{\omega}_\nu(\phi),$$

$$h_{\alpha\beta} = \omega_{\alpha\mu}(0) C^{\mu\nu} \omega_{\beta\nu}(0),$$

$(C^{-1})_{\mu\nu} = q_\mu \cap q_\nu$  and  $\omega_{\alpha\mu}(\phi)$  are the different periods for the different  $\alpha$  defined by integration over the same cycles.

Periods of the basis  $\sigma_\mu$  and the additional periods  $\sigma_{\alpha\mu}^\pm$  are integrals over different homology cycles  $\Gamma_\mu^\pm$ , cycles with complex coefficients. They have more sophisticated connection with FM metric  $\eta_{\mu\rho}$  but the final expression for the Kähler potential in their terms has got a simple and easy computable form.

We demonstrate our method on the famous Quintic hypersurface, Fermat surfaces and special more general CY, which are given by an equation with minimal number of monomials.

Recall the basic facts about the special Kähler geometry and how it arises on the CY moduli space.

Moduli space  $\mathcal{M}$  of complex structures of a given CY manifold is a special Kähler manifold.

$\mathcal{M}$  is  $n$ -dimensional, there are special (projective) coordinates  $z^1 \dots z^{n+1}$

and a holomorphic homogeneous function  $F(z)$  of degree 2 in  $z$  called a prepotential such that the Kähler potential  $K(z)$  of the moduli space metric is given by

$$e^{-K(z)} = z^a \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial \bar{z}^{\bar{a}}} - \bar{z}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial z^a}$$

This metric on the moduli space of complex structures is a metric that naturally arises from deWitt metric on a space of metrics on CY manifolds.

# Special geometry on moduli spaces

Let  $X$  is CY three-fold. CY moduli space of  $X$  is the space of metric perturbations of  $X$  that preserve Ricci-flatness.

The metric on the complex structure CY moduli space obtained from natural metric for pure holomorphic CY metric deformations is

$$\delta_a g_{\mu\nu}, \delta_{\bar{b}} g_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$$

$$G_{a\bar{b}} = \int_X d^6y g^{1/2} g^{\mu\bar{\sigma}} g^{\nu\bar{\rho}} \delta_a g_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\bar{b}} g_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\rho}}.$$

The CY metric deformation with two indices of the same holomorphicity that leave the metric Ricci flat corresponds to elements in  $H^{2,1}(X)$ :

$$\delta g_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} \rightarrow \chi_{\mu\nu\bar{\beta}} \sim \Omega_{\mu\nu\lambda} g^{\lambda\bar{\alpha}} \delta g_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}$$

We can then rewrite the above metric as

$$G_{a\bar{b}} = \frac{\int_X \chi_a \wedge \bar{\chi}_{\bar{b}}}{\int_X \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}}.$$

Here indices  $a, \bar{b}$  are indices in the deformation space, that is in  $H^{2,1}(X)$ .

Using the Kodaira Lemma:

$$\partial_a \Omega = k_a \Omega + \chi_a,$$

we easily verify that this metric is a Kähler :

$$G_{a\bar{b}} = -\partial_a \partial_{\bar{b}} \ln \int_X \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$$

To obtain the bilinear formulae written above , we choose Poincare dual symplectic bases  $A^a, B_b \in H_3(X, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha_a, \beta^b \in H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A^a \cap B_b &= \delta_b^a, & A^a \cap A^b &= 0, & B_a \cap B_b &= 0. \\ \int_{A^a} \alpha_b &= \delta_b^a, & \int_{A^a} \beta^b &= 0, & \int_{B_a} \alpha_b &= 0, & \int_{B_a} \beta^b &= \delta_a^b, \\ \int_X \alpha_a \wedge \beta^b &= \delta_a^b, & \int_X \alpha_a \wedge \alpha_b &= 0 & \int_X \beta^a \wedge \beta^b &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

With this, we decompose  $\Omega$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= z^a \alpha_a + F_b \beta^b, \\ z^a &= \int_{A^a} \Omega, \quad F_b = \int_{B_b} \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$e^{-K} = \int_X \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} = z^a \cdot \bar{F}_{\bar{a}} - \bar{z}^{\bar{a}} \cdot F_a.$$

From the same lemma we obtain

$$0 = \int_X \Omega \wedge \partial_a \Omega = F_a - z^b \partial_a F_b \implies F_a(z) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_a (F(z)),$$

where  $F(z) = 1/2 z^b F_b(z)$ .

Therefore,  $G_{a\bar{b}}$  is the special Kähler metric with prepotential  $F(z)$  and with special coordinates given by the periods.

Using the notation for the vector of periods,

$$\Pi = (F_a, z^b)$$

we write the expression for the Kähler potential as

$$e^{-K(z)} = \Pi_a \Sigma^{ab} \bar{\Pi}_{\bar{b}},$$

where  $\Sigma$  is a symplectic unit, which is an inverse intersection matrix for cycles  $A^a$  and  $B_b$ .

## Hypersurface in a weighted projective space

Further, we concentrate on the case where the CY manifold is realized as a zero locus of a single polynomial equation in a weighted projective space.

In this case, we establish the crucial relationship with the FM structure.

Let  $x_1, \dots, x_5$  be homogeneous coordinates in a weighted projective space and

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_5 \in \mathbb{P}_{(k_1, \dots, k_5)}^4 \mid W_0(x) = 0\}.$$

$W_0(x)$  is some quasi-homogeneous polynomial,

$$W_0(\lambda^{k_i} x_i) = \lambda^d W_0(x_i)$$

and

$$\deg W_0(x) = d = \sum_{i=1}^5 k_i.$$

The last relation ensures that  $X$  is a CY manifold.

Here  $W_0(x)$  is the superpotential for the corresponding LG model.  $W_0(x)$  defines an isolated singularity in the origin.

The only possible singularities are given by the polynomials of the underlying weighted projective space.

The moduli space of complex structures is then given by homogeneous polynomial deformations of this singularity:

$$W(x, \phi) = W_0(x) + \phi_0 \prod x_i + \sum_{s=0}^{\mu} \phi^s e_s(x),$$

where  $e_s(x)$  are monomials of  $x$  with the same weight as  $W_0(x)$ . In this case, the holomorphic 3-form  $\Omega$  is given as a residue of a 5-form in the underlying affine space  $\mathbb{C}^5$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{x_5 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3}{\partial W(x)/\partial x_4} = \text{Res}_{W(x)=0} \frac{x_5 dx_1 \cdots dx_4}{W(x)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x_5|=\delta} \text{Res}_{W(x)=0} \frac{dx_1 \cdots dx_5}{W(x)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality is due to the homogeneity of the integrand.

## A basis of periods $\omega_\mu(\phi)$

Having explicit expression for  $\Omega$ , we can compute a basis of periods  $\omega_\mu(\phi)$  as follows. We take a so-called fundamental cycle  $q_1$ , which is a torus in the large complex structure limit  $\phi_0 \gg 1$  and for simplicity other  $\phi^s = 0$  :

$$W(x, \phi) = W_0(x) + \phi_0 \prod x_i .$$

In this limit, we can define an 5-dimensional torus  $Q_1 = |x_i| = \delta_i$  surrounding the hypersurface  $W(x) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}^5$ . It corresponds to an 3-dimensional torus  $q_1 \subset X$ . Then the fundamental period is defined as an integral over this cycle

$$\omega_1(\phi) := \int_{q_1} \Omega = \int_{Q_1} \frac{dx^1 \dots dx^5}{W(x, \phi)}$$

and is given by a residue in its large  $\phi_0$  expansion.

More periods  $\omega_\mu$  may be obtained as analytic continuations of  $\omega_1$  in  $\phi$ . This can be conveniently done by continuing  $\omega_1(\phi)$  in a small  $\phi_0$  region using Mellin–Barnes integrals and using the symmetry of  $W_0(x)$  afterward.

Namely, there is a group of *phase* symmetries  $\Pi_X$  acting diagonally on  $x_i$  and preserving  $W_0(x)$ .

When  $W_0(x)$  is deformed, this group acts on a parameter space with an action  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$W(g \cdot x, \mathcal{A}(g) \cdot \phi_0) = W(x, \phi).$$

The moduli space is then at most a factor of the parameter space  $\{\phi^s\}/\mathcal{A}$ .

This allows defining a set of other periods by analytic continuation,

$$\omega_{\mu_g}(\phi) = \omega_1(\mathcal{A}(g) \cdot \phi_0), \quad g \in G_X$$

In many cases this construction gives the whole basis of periods for the manifold  $X$ .

# Periods as oscillatory integrals

The next important step is to transform the integrals for the periods  $\int_{q_\mu} \Omega$  to the complex oscillatory form. First we have

$$\omega_\mu(\phi) := \int_{q_\mu} \Omega = \int_{Q_\mu} \frac{d^5x}{W(x)},$$

where  $q_\mu \in H_3(X)$ ,  $Q_\mu \in H_5(\mathbb{C}^5 \setminus W(x) = 0)$ , and  $Q_\mu$  is given by a tubular neighbourhood of  $q_\mu$ . Now we can present them in the form

$$\int_{Q_\mu} \frac{d^5x}{W(x)} = \int_{Q_\mu^\pm} e^{\mp W(x)} d^5x$$

where  $Q_\mu^\pm \in H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \operatorname{Re} W_0(x) = \pm\infty)$ .

The map  $Q_\mu \rightarrow Q_\mu^\pm$  is given by a contour deformation. This deformation can be performed due to the existence of a natural isomorphism

$$H_3(X) \rightarrow H_5(\mathbb{C}^5 \setminus W(x) = 0) = H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \operatorname{Re} W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$$

Here

$$H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$$

is a subgroup of  $H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)$  defined below.  
Using this property, we rewrite the periods as

$$\omega_\mu = \omega_\mu^\pm = \int_{Q_\mu^\pm} e^{\mp W(x)} d^5x$$

and obtain

$$e^{-K} = \omega_\mu^+ C^{\mu\nu} \bar{\omega}_\nu^-,$$

where  $C^{\mu\nu} = q_\mu \cap q_\nu = Q_\mu^+ \cap Q_\nu^-$  and  $Q_\mu^\pm \cap Q_\nu^\pm = 0$ .

The basis  $\omega_\mu$  of periods has been found for a large class of CY manifolds. So we need only to know the matrix  $C^{\mu\nu}$  to obtain the Kähler potential for the Moduli space of CY in these cases.

To find  $C^{\mu\nu}$  we use the fact that the CY moduli space is the marginal subspace of FM which arises on the deformations of the singularity  $W_0(x)$ .

# Frobenius manifold structure on the deformation space

Compactifications of superstring theory on CY manifolds are equivalent to compactifications on  $N = 2$  SCFT.

In the cases considered now they are LG models with superpotential  $W_0(x)$ .

The polynomial  $W_0(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^5$ , which defines CY hypersurface in 4-dimensional weighted projective space, is a quasi-homogeneous polynomial:

$$W_0(\lambda^{k_i} x_i) = \lambda^d W_0(x)$$

with an isolated singularity in the origin.

Consider the Milnor ring of this singularity

$$R_0 = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_5]}{\partial_1 W_0(x) \cdot \dots \cdot \partial_5 W_0(x)}.$$

Let  $e_\mu(x)$  be a basis of this ring that consists of homogeneous monomials of the least possible degree. There is a natural multiplication in  $R_0$ , and there is also a metric, turning the space of  $e_\mu(x)$  into a Frobenius algebra.

The metric and structure constants are given by

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{Res} \frac{e_\mu \cdot e_\nu}{\partial_1 W_0(x) \cdots \partial_5 W_0(x)},$$

$$C_{\mu\nu\lambda} = C_{\mu\nu}^\sigma \eta_{\sigma\lambda} = \text{Res} \frac{e_\mu \cdot e_\nu \cdot e_\lambda}{\partial_1 W_0(x) \cdots \partial_5 W_0(x)}.$$

The FM structure appears on the space of deformations of this singularity

$$W(x) = W_0(x) + \sum t^\mu e_\mu(x).$$

The space of parameters  $t^\mu$  then possesses a structure of a Frobenius manifold  $\mathcal{M}_F$ . There are a multiplication and a flat metric  $h_{\mu\nu}(t)$  on the ring  $R$  of the deformed singularity  $W(x)$ :

$$R = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_5]}{\partial_1 W(x) \cdots \partial_5 W(x)}.$$

The metric  $h_{\mu\nu}(t=0)$  equal to  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ . The structure constants are derivatives of Frobenius potential  $F(t)$ ,

$$C_{\mu\nu}^\rho(t) h_{\rho\sigma} = \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\sigma F(t),$$

where  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection for  $h_{\mu\nu}(t)$ .

# Frobenius manifold and cohomology of $D^\pm$

We consider the differentials

$$D^\pm = D_{W_0}^\pm = d \pm dW_0 \wedge .$$

The fifth cohomology groups  $H_{D^\pm}^5(\mathbb{C}^5)$  of this differentials as linear spaces are isomorphic to the Milnor ring  $R$

$$e_\mu(x) \rightarrow e_\mu(x) d^5 x .$$

Cohomology group  $H_{D^\mp}^5(\mathbb{C}^5)$  is dual to the homology group  $H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \mp\infty)$  if pairing between the groups defined as

$$\langle \Gamma_\mu^\pm, e_\nu d^5 x \rangle = \int_{\Gamma_\mu^\pm} e_\nu \cdot e^{\mp W_0(x)} d^5 x .$$

Then  $H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}} \subset H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)$ , is a subgroup which consists of elements of dual to  $e_\mu(x) d^5 x \in H_{D^\pm}^5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$  such that weight of  $e_\mu(x)$  is divisible by weight of the singularity:  $[e_\mu(x)] \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}$ .

This is precisely the subgroup invariant under  $x_i \rightarrow e^{2\pi i k_i/d} x_i$ .  
 Using this duality, we define a set of cycles  $\Gamma_\mu^\pm$  in the group  $H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$  by requiring that

$$\int_{\Gamma_\mu^\pm} e_\nu \cdot e^{\mp W_0(x)} d^5 x = \delta_\nu^\mu.$$

The convenient computation technique in  $H_{D^\pm}(\mathbb{C}^5)$  can be used to compute the integrals

$$\int_{\Gamma_\mu^\pm} e_\nu \cdot e^{\mp W(x, \psi)} d^5 x.$$

This technique is based on the fact that

$$\int_{\Gamma_\mu^\pm} P(x) e^{-W_0(x)} d^5 x = \int_{\Gamma_\mu^\pm} \tilde{P}(x) e^{-W_0(x)} d^5 x$$

if the differential forms are equivalent in  $D^\pm$  cohomology

$$\left( P(x) - \tilde{P}(x) \right) d^5 x = D^\pm U.$$

This reduces the problem to a system of linear equations.

# Moduli space as a subspace of the Frobenius manifold

For a generic deformation  $W(x) = W_0(x) + \sum t^\mu e_\mu(x) = 0$  does not define a surface in a projective space.

This only occurs when  $W(x)$  is quasihomogeneous, i.e. in a case of marginal deformations or deformations that have the same scaling property as  $W_0(x)$ .

We let  $\{\phi^s\} \subset \{t^\alpha\}$  to denote the marginal deformation parameters.

Thus, the marginal deformations  $W_0(x) + \sum \phi^s e_s(x)$  define a subspace of a total Frobenius manifold connected with  $W_0$ .

This subspace of the FM coincides with the moduli space of the CY manifold.

# Computing the Kähler potential

We use the connection of the CY moduli space to the corresponding FM to find the inverse intersection matrix of the cycles  $C^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $q_\mu \cap q_\nu = Q_\mu^+ \cap Q_\nu^-$ .

For this, we define a few additional bases of periods  $\omega_{\alpha,\mu}^\pm(\phi)$  as integrals of  $e_\alpha(x)d^5x \in H_{D^\pm}^5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$  over the cycles  $Q_\mu^\pm \in H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$  that have been defined earlier:

$$\omega_{\alpha\mu}^\pm(\phi) = \int_{Q_\mu^\pm} e_\alpha(x) e^{\mp W(x,\phi)} d^5x.$$

In particular, the periods  $\omega_{1\mu}^\pm(\phi)$  coincide with the periods  $\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  defined above since we assume that  $e_1(x) = 1$  denotes the unity in the ring  $R$ .

The crucial fact for possibility to compute  $C^{\mu\nu}$  is its connection with the FM metric  $h_{\alpha\beta}(t=0)$  as:

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \omega_{\alpha,\mu}^+(t=0) C^{\mu\nu} \omega_{\beta,\nu}^-(t=0)$$

To prove this relation, that is

$$\begin{aligned} h_{ab}(t=0) &= \text{Res} \frac{e_a \cdot e_b d^n x}{\partial_1 W_0 \cdots \partial_n W_0} = \\ &= \int_{Q_\mu^+} e_a e^{-W_0} d^n x C^{\mu\nu} \int_{Q_\nu^-} e_b e^{W_0} d^n x \end{aligned}$$

To do this consider a small perturbation  $W(x, t) = W_0(x) + e_a t_a$ , so that 0 - critical point of  $W$  becomes a set of Morse points  $p_1, \dots, p_\mu$  and consider a bilinear form

$$h_{ab}(t, z) = \int_{Q_\mu^+} e_a e^{-W(x,t)/z} d^n x C^{\mu\nu} \int_{Q_\nu^-} e_b e^{W(x,t)/z} d^n x$$

Notice, that

$$h_{ab}(t=0, z) = z^k \cdot h_{ab}(t=0, z=1),$$

because if  $t=0$ , we can absorb  $z$  by coordinate transform  $x_i \rightarrow z^{k_i/d} x_i$ .

We can choose basis of cycles :  $L_i^\pm$  to start from  $p_i$  and go along the gradient of  $\text{Re}(W(x, t))$  in positive/negative direction and their intersections  $L_i^+ \cap L_j^- = \delta_{ij}$ .

In this basis rhs becomes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \int_{L_i^+} e_a e^{-W(x,t)/z} d^n x \int_{L_i^-} e_b e^{W(x,t)/z} d^n x$$

Using stationary phase expansion as  $z \rightarrow 0$  we obtain for a period:

$$\int_{L_i^+} e_a(x) e^{-W(x,t)/z} d^n x = \pm \frac{(2\pi z)^{N/2}}{\sqrt{\text{Hess} W(p_i, t)}} (e_a(p_i) + O(z))$$

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} h_{ab}(t, z) &= \pm \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} (2\pi iz)^N \frac{e_a(p_i) \cdot e_b(p_i)}{\text{Hess}(W(p_i, t))} (1 + O(z)) = \\ &= (2\pi iz)^N \left( \text{Res} \frac{e_a \cdot e_b d^n x}{\partial_1 W \dots \partial_N W} + O(z) \right) \end{aligned}$$

By analytic continuation it holds for  $t = 0$ . Also we have  $h_{ab}(0, z) = z^k \cdot h_{ab}(0, 1)$ . The above equality now follows from the previous formula.

This formula helps to obtain the expression for  $C^{\mu\nu}$  if we knew values of  $\omega_{\alpha,\mu}^+(t=0)$  for all  $\alpha$ .

From their definition

$$\omega_{\alpha\mu}^{\pm}(\phi) = \int_{Q_{\mu}^{\pm}} e_{\alpha}(x) e^{\mp W(x,\phi)} d^5x.$$

we can see that  $\omega_{\alpha,\mu}^+(t=0)$  is expressed in terms of a few first derivatives over  $\phi$  of the periods  $\omega_{\mu}^{\pm}(\phi)$  for  $\phi=0$ . Denote

$$\omega_{\alpha,\mu}^{\pm}(\phi=0) := (T^{\pm})_{\mu}^{\alpha}.$$

From the eq-n above we have

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} = (T^+)_{\rho}^{\mu} C^{\rho\sigma} (T^-)_{\sigma}^{\nu}.$$

Expressing the intersection matrix  $C^{\rho\sigma}$  in terms Frobenius metric  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$  and matrix  $T$  we insert it to the Kahler potential formula

$$e^{-K(\phi)} = \omega_{\mu}(\phi) C^{\mu\nu} \bar{\omega}_{\nu}(\phi)$$

to obtain the explicit expression for  $K(\phi)$ .

To get more convenient expression for  $K(\phi)$  we define one more basis of periods  $\sigma_{\mu}^{\pm}(\phi)$  as integrals over the cycles  $\Gamma_{\mu}^{\pm} \in H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$  defined above:

$$\sigma_{\mu}^{\pm}(\phi) = \int_{\Gamma_{\mu}^{\pm}} e^{\mp W(x, \phi)} d^5 x,$$

Once we have an oscillatory representation for the periods  $\sigma_{\mu}^{\pm}(\phi)$  over the corresponding cycles  $\Gamma_{\mu}^{\pm}$ , we can define additional integrals  $\sigma_{\alpha, \mu}^{\pm}(\phi)$  over the same cycles as

$$\sigma_{\alpha, \mu}^{\pm}(\phi) = \int_{\Gamma_{\mu}^{\pm}} e_{\alpha}(x) e^{\mp W(x, \phi)} d^5 x$$

It follows from  $e_1(x) = 1$  that  $\sigma_{1\mu}^{\pm} = \sigma_{\mu}^{\pm}$ . Due to our choice of the cycles  $\Gamma_{\mu}^{\pm}$  we also have  $\sigma_{\alpha, \mu}^{\pm}(t=0) = \delta_{\alpha, \mu}$ .

# The construction

Since both  $\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  and  $\sigma_\nu^\pm(\phi)$  are bases of periods defined as the integrals over the cycles in the same space  $H_5(\mathbb{C}^5, \text{Re}W_0(x) = \pm\infty)_{w \in d \cdot \mathbb{Z}}$ , they are connected by some constant matrix  $(T^\pm)_\mu^\nu$ :

$$\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi) = (T^\pm)_\mu^\nu \sigma_\nu^\pm(\phi).$$

To find  $T$ , it suffices to take a few first terms of the expansion over  $\phi$  of the periods  $\omega_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  and  $\sigma_\mu^\pm(\phi)$ . The same relation connects periods  $\omega_{\alpha\mu}^\pm(\phi)$  and  $\sigma_{\alpha\nu}^\pm(\phi)$  for each  $\alpha$ . Knowing that  $\sigma_{\alpha,\mu}^\pm(\phi = 0) = \delta_{\alpha,\mu}$ , we obtain

$$\omega_{\alpha,\mu}^\pm(\phi = 0) = (T^\pm)_\mu^\alpha.$$

From above eq-n we then obtain

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} = (T^+)_\rho^\mu C^{\rho\sigma} (T^-)_\sigma^\nu.$$

So we express the intersection matrix  $C^{\rho\sigma}$  in terms of the known Frobenius metric  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$  and the also known matrix  $T$ .

Thus we arrive to the main statement that

$$e^{-K(\phi)} = \sigma_\mu(\phi) \eta^{\mu\nu} M_\nu^\lambda \overline{\sigma_\lambda^-(\phi)}$$

where the matrix  $M_b^a = (T^{-1})_c^a \bar{T}_b^c$ .

It gives an explicit expression for the Kähler potential  $K$  in terms of the periods  $\sigma_\mu(\phi)$ , FM metric  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$  and matrix  $M_\nu^\mu$ .

All these data can be computed exactly as it has been explained above.

It makes sense to stress that having the exact expression for  $\omega_\nu^\pm(\phi)$ , we can obtain the exact and explicit expressions for the periods  $\sigma_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  :

$$\sigma_\mu^\pm(\phi) = ((T^\pm)^{-1})_\mu^\nu \omega_\nu^\pm(\phi).$$

In terms of the periods  $\sigma_\mu^\pm(\phi)$  expression for the Kähler potential has a convenient form for calculating the metric on the CY moduli space.

## Example 1: quintic

The one-parameter family of CY manifold is defined as

$$X_\psi = \{x_i \in \mathbb{P}^4 \mid W_\psi(x) = x_1^5 + x_2^5 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5 - 5\psi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 = 0\}.$$

In this case, the phase symmetry is  $\mathbb{Z}_5^3$  and the induced action  $\mathcal{A}$  on the one-dimensional space  $\{\psi\}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_5 : \psi \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/5}\psi$ .

That is the whole complex structure moduli space of the quotient  $X/\mathbb{Z}_5^3 =: \hat{X}$ , that is the mirror manifold of the original quintic. In particular,  $h_{1,1}(\hat{X}) = 101$ ,  $h_{2,1}(\hat{X}) = 1$ .

We choose cycles  $\Gamma_\mu^\pm$  dual to the cohomology classes  $d^5x$ ,  $\prod x_i \cdot d^5x$ ,  $\prod x_i^2 \cdot d^5x$ ,  $\prod x_i^3 \cdot d^5x$ , a basis in the cohomology subgroup invariant under the  $\mathbb{Z}_5^3$ .

For the periods, the recursion procedure gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_\mu^\pm(\psi) &= \frac{(\pm 1)^{\mu-1}}{\Gamma(\mu/5)^5 5^\mu \psi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma^5(n + \mu/5)}{\Gamma(5n + \mu)} (5\psi)^{5n + \mu} = \\ &= \frac{(\pm\psi)^{\mu-1}}{\Gamma(\mu)} + O(\psi^{\mu+3}) \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental period for the quintic is defined as a residue of a holomorphic three-form  $\Omega$

$$\frac{x_5 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3}{\partial P_\psi / \partial x_4},$$

and given by an integral over a cycle  $q_1$ , which is three-dimensional torus. Its analytic continuations as explained give the whole basis of periods in a basis of cycles with integral coefficients:

$$\omega_\mu(\psi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{4\pi i m/5} \Gamma(m/5) (5e^{2\pi i(\mu-1)/5} \psi)^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m) \Gamma^4(1 - m/5)}, \quad |\psi| < 1,$$

Taking the first four terms of the expansion of the periods above we obtain

$$T_\nu^\mu = \frac{5^{\nu-1} e^{2\pi i((\nu-1)(\mu-1)+2\nu)/5} \Gamma(\nu/5)}{\Gamma^4(1 - \nu/5)},$$

The FM holomorphic metric in this case

$$\eta = \text{antidiag}(1, 1, 1, 1).$$

Finally we obtain  $\hat{\eta} = \eta T^{-1} \bar{T}$  and Kähler potential for the metric:

$$e^{-K(\psi)} = \frac{\Gamma^5(1/5)}{125\Gamma^5(4/5)} \sigma_{11}^+ \overline{\sigma_{11}^-} + \frac{\Gamma^5(2/5)}{5\Gamma^5(3/5)} \sigma_{12}^+ \overline{\sigma_{12}^-} + \\ + \frac{5\Gamma^5(3/5)}{\Gamma^5(2/5)} \sigma_{13}^+ \overline{\sigma_{13}^-} + \frac{125\Gamma^5(4/5)}{\Gamma^5(1/5)} \sigma_{14}^+ \overline{\sigma_{14}^-}.$$

In particular,

$$G_{\psi\bar{\psi}}(0) = 25 \frac{\Gamma^5(4/5)\Gamma^5(2/5)}{\Gamma^5(1/5)\Gamma^5(3/5)}$$

that coincides with the famous result by Candelas et al.

## Example 2: Fermat hypersurface

The direct generalization of the quintic is a Fermat hypersurface, which is the one given by the equation

$$W_0(x) = \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i^{n_i}, \quad n_i = d/k_i, \quad \sum k_i = d,$$

and the degree  $d$  is equal to the least common multiple of  $\{k_i\}$ . As in the case above, we consider a one-dimensional deformation  $W(x, \phi_0) = W_0(x) + \phi_0 \prod_{i=1}^5 x_i$ . The phase symmetry group is  $\Pi_X = \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_5}$ . The lifted action on  $\phi_0$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_d : \phi_0 \rightarrow \zeta \phi_0$ ,  $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/d}$ . We take the expression for the fundamental period the known result by Berglund et al:

$$\omega_1(\phi_0) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{d-1} A(\mu) \frac{\phi_0^{\mu-1}}{\Gamma(\mu)} + O(\phi_0^{d-1}).$$

and

$$A(\mu) = \frac{(-1)^{\mu-1} e^{\frac{-\pi i \mu}{d}}}{\sin \frac{\mu \pi}{d} \prod_{i=1}^5 \Gamma(1 - \frac{k_i \mu}{d})}$$

We note that  $A(\mu)$  vanishes if  $k_i\mu/d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , i.e.  $\mu/n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . According to the general analytic continuation procedure

$$\omega_\mu(\phi_0) = \sum \zeta^{(\nu-1)(\mu-1)} A(\nu) \frac{\phi_0^{\nu-1}}{\Gamma(\nu)} + O(\phi_0^{d-1}).$$

Using the definitions for  $\sigma_\mu^+(\phi_0)$  we obtain

$$\sigma_\mu^+(\phi_0) = \frac{\phi_0^{\mu-1}}{\Gamma(\mu)} + O(\phi_0^{\mu+d-2}), \quad \mu/n_i \notin \mathbb{Z}, \text{ otherwise } 0$$

This latter condition implies that  $\omega_\mu$  form a basis in the periods of  $\Omega$  deformed by  $\phi_0$ . We obtain the transition matrix

$$T_\nu^\mu = \zeta^{(\mu-1)(\nu-1)} A(\mu), \quad \mu/n_i \notin \mathbb{Z}, \quad \nu/n_i \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(T^{-1})_\mu^\lambda = \frac{\bar{\zeta}^{(\lambda-1)(\nu-1)}}{\tilde{d}-1} \frac{1}{A(\mu)}$$

and the real structure

$$M_\nu^\mu = \frac{\bar{A}(\mu)}{A(d-\mu)} \delta_{\mu+\nu, d}.$$

In this case,  $\eta_{\mu,\nu} = \delta_{\mu+\nu,d}$  and therefore

$$e^{-K(\phi_0)} = \sum_{\mu=1, \mu/n_i \notin \mathbb{Z}}^{d-1} \prod_{i=1}^5 \gamma\left(\frac{k_i \mu}{d}\right) \sigma_{\mu}^+(\phi_0) \overline{\sigma_{\mu}^-(\phi_0)}$$

where  $\gamma(x) = \Gamma(x)/\Gamma(1-x)$  and

$$\sigma_{\mu}^{\pm}(\phi_0) = \pm \sum_{R=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_0^{\mu-1+dR}}{\Gamma(dR+\mu)} \prod_{j=1}^5 \frac{\Gamma(k_j(R+\frac{\mu}{d}))}{\Gamma(\frac{k_j \mu}{d})}$$

From this we get a formula for the metric itself

$$G_{\phi_0 \overline{\phi_0}} = \prod_{i=1}^5 \left( \gamma\left(\frac{k_i \mu_0}{d}\right) \gamma\left(1 - \frac{k_i}{d}\right) \right) \frac{|\phi_0|^{2(\mu_0-1)}}{\Gamma(\mu_0)^2} + O(|\phi_0|^{2\mu_0}),$$

$\mu_0$  is the least integer  $1 \leq \mu_0 < d$  such that  $(\mu_0 + 1)/n_j \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

The last formula reproduces the known results for CY manifolds

$\mathbb{P}_{(2,1,1,1,1)}^4$  [6],  $\mathbb{P}_{(4,1,1,1,1)}^4$  [8] and  $\mathbb{P}_{(5,2,1,1,1)}^4$  [10] obtained by Klemm and Theisen.

## Example 3: Sums of 5 monomials

We assume that the above approach is applicable to the case of CY manifold defined in terms of the hypersurface in weighted projective spaces defining polynomial is

$$W_0(x) = \sum_{j=1}^5 \prod_{i=1}^5 x_i^{a_{ij}}, \quad \sum k_i a_{ij} = d,$$

and

$$\sum k_i = d.$$

In this case periods are given in terms of the *mirror* CY manifold  $\hat{X}$ . The polynomial  $W_0(x)$  has a group  $\Pi_X$  of phase symmetries represented as

$$\Pi_X = Q_X \times G_X,$$

where  $Q_X$ , a *quantum symmetry* group  $\simeq (\mathbb{Z}_d : k_1, \dots, k_5)$ , acts as  $x_i \rightarrow e^{2\pi i k_i / d}$ . We note that action of the quantum symmetries on  $X$  is trivial. The complement to  $Q_X$  in  $\Pi_X$  is called a geometric symmetry group  $G_X$ .

For mirror manifolds the total phase symmetry is unchanged whereas roles of quantum and geometric symmetries switch:

$$G_X = Q_{\hat{X}}, \quad Q_X = G_{\hat{X}}.$$

To build such a mirror, we must first to consider a polynomial  $\hat{W}_0(x)$  with a transposed matrix of exponents  $\hat{a}_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ,

$$\hat{W}_0(x) = \sum_{j=1}^5 \prod_{i=1}^5 x_i^{\hat{a}_{ij}}, \quad \sum \hat{k}_i a_{ji} = \hat{d},$$

and

$$\sum \hat{k}_i = \hat{d}.$$

Here  $\hat{k}_i$  and  $\hat{d}$  are uniquely defined by the requirement that the equalities above are satisfied.

This polynomial has the same group of phase symmetries, however generically the needed condition is not fulfilled, i.e. its quantum symmetry is smaller, than geometric symmetry of the original hypersurface.

To get a mirror we need to enlarge quantum symmetry of  $\{\hat{W}_0(x) = 0\}$ . For this purpose we take a quotient of the hypersurface  $\{\hat{W}_0(x) = 0\}/H$ , where  $H$  is some subgroup of phase symmetries which is to be found in each case.

Thus, computing complex moduli space for the manifold  $X$  (or  $\hat{X}$ ) we compute also a complexified Kähler moduli space metric for the mirror CY through the mirror map.

The periods  $\omega_\mu(\phi)$  in this case were computed earlier and, if we set all parameters  $\phi^s$  (but not  $\phi_0$ ) equal to zero for simplicity, then we have:

$$\omega_1(\phi_0) = \sum_{r=1}^{\hat{d}-1} A(r) \frac{\phi_0^{r-1}}{\Gamma(r)} + O(\phi_0^{\hat{d}-1})$$

$$A(\mu) = (-1)^\mu \frac{\pi}{\hat{d} \sin \frac{\pi\mu}{\hat{d}}} \prod_{j=1}^5 \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{\hat{k}_j \mu}{\hat{d}})}.$$

For our general method to work, this must give all relevant periods. Basically we must check that all possible periods are obtained from this one (with all  $\phi^s \neq 0$ ) by phase-symmetry analytic continuations.

In other words it is necessary to verify the relation

$$\dim \langle \omega_0(\mathcal{A}(g) \cdot \phi) \rangle_{g \in G_X} = \dim H_3(X).$$

This was certainly the case in the preceding examples, but not in this case, we are not aware of this fact in general ( it is so in all examples). As in the previous example, in the one-modulus case we obtain

$$e^{-K(\phi_0)} = \sum_{\mu=1, \mu \hat{k}_i / \hat{d} \notin \mathbb{Z}}^{\hat{d}-1} \eta^{\mu, \hat{d}-\nu} \prod_{j=1}^5 \gamma \left( \frac{\hat{k}_j \mu}{\hat{d}} \right) \sigma_{\mu}^{+}(\phi_0) \overline{\sigma_{\nu}^{-}(\phi_0)}.$$

For this formula to hold the number of linearly independent elements  $\prod_{i=1}^5 x_i^n d^5 x \in H_{D^{\pm}}^5(\mathbb{C}^5)$  should be equal to the number of  $1 \leq \mu < \hat{d}$ ,  $\mu k_i / d \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

# Conclusion

A new method for computing the metric of CY moduli space is proposed. This method does not demand using of Picard–Fuchs equations. Instead, the cohomology technique for computing periods can be applied. It can be used for the computations of the CY moduli space geometry in cases when the dimension of the moduli space more than one.

The FM structure naturally arising from an  $N=2$  SCFT plays a significant role. The result is given in terms of the topological metric on FM and two bases of periods, both of which we are able to compute avoiding the complicated direct computation of the symplectic basis of periods.

The method was used here for CY manifolds, given by one polynomial equation, such as the case of Fermat hypersurfaces. We suppose the same approach can be applied to CY manifolds of a more general type.