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how shall we count bound states at threshold?

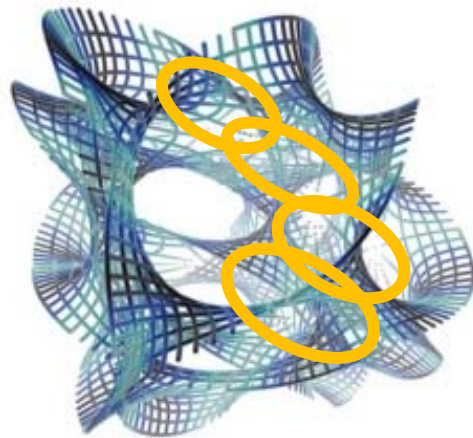
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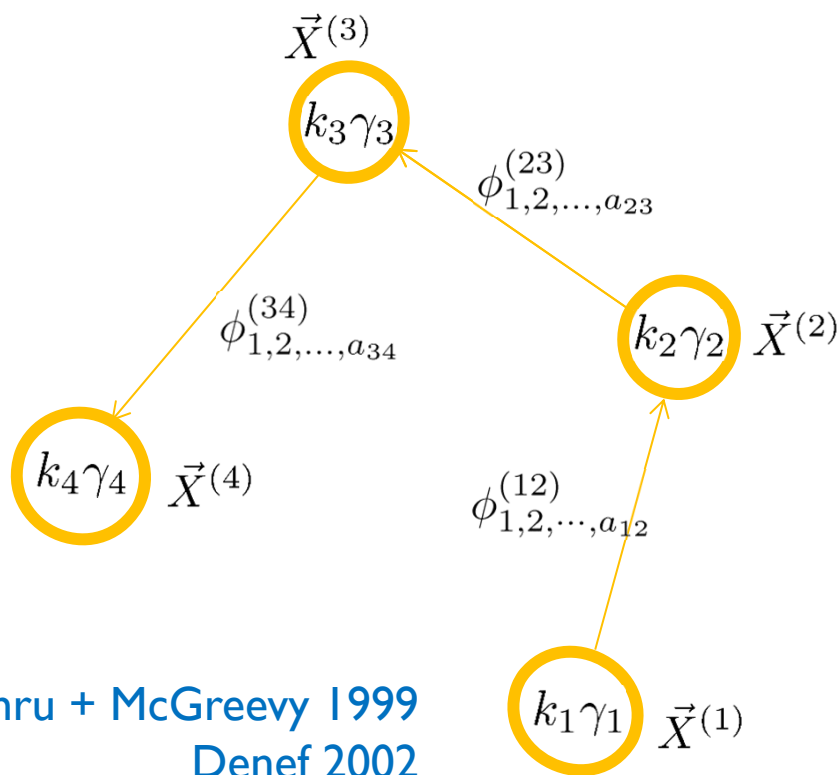
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how do we count supersymmetric objects/particles in this picture ?

$$R^{1+d} \times$$

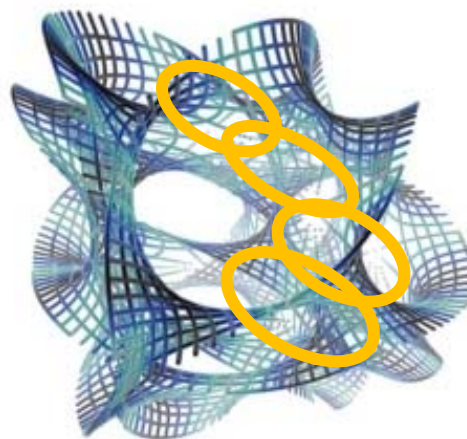


e.g., quiver quantum mechanics on wrapped D-branes



$$\begin{array}{cccc} \vec{X}^{(1)} & \vec{X}^{(2)} & \vec{X}^{(3)} & \vec{X}^{(4)} \\ U(k_1) \times U(k_2) \times U(k_3) \times U(k_4) \\ \phi_{1,2,\dots,a_{12}}^{(12)} & \phi_{1,2,\dots,a_{23}}^{(23)} & \phi_{1,2,\dots,a_{34}}^{(34)} \end{array}$$

$$a_{ik} = \langle \gamma_i, \gamma_k \rangle$$



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also to **wall-crossing-safe sector (GLSM/quiver invariant)** and, from
this, even the entire **Hodge diamonds** of the moduli space

Lee, Wang, P.Y. /

Bena, Berkooz, deBoer, El Showk, Van den Bleeken /

Manschot, Pioline, Sen

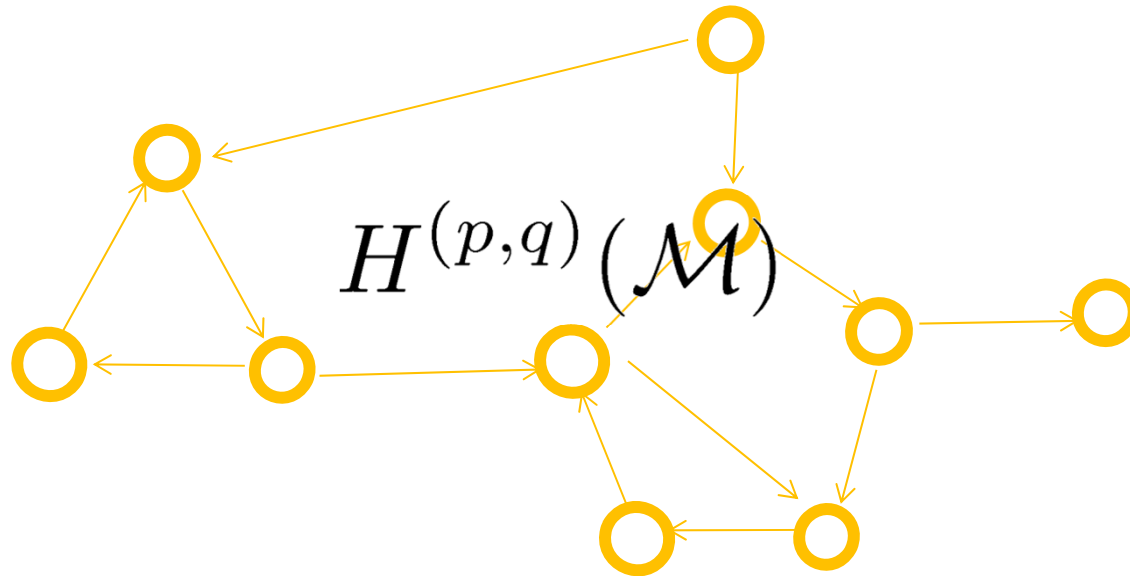
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Witten index via path integral

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$$\{Q, (-1)^F\} = 0$$

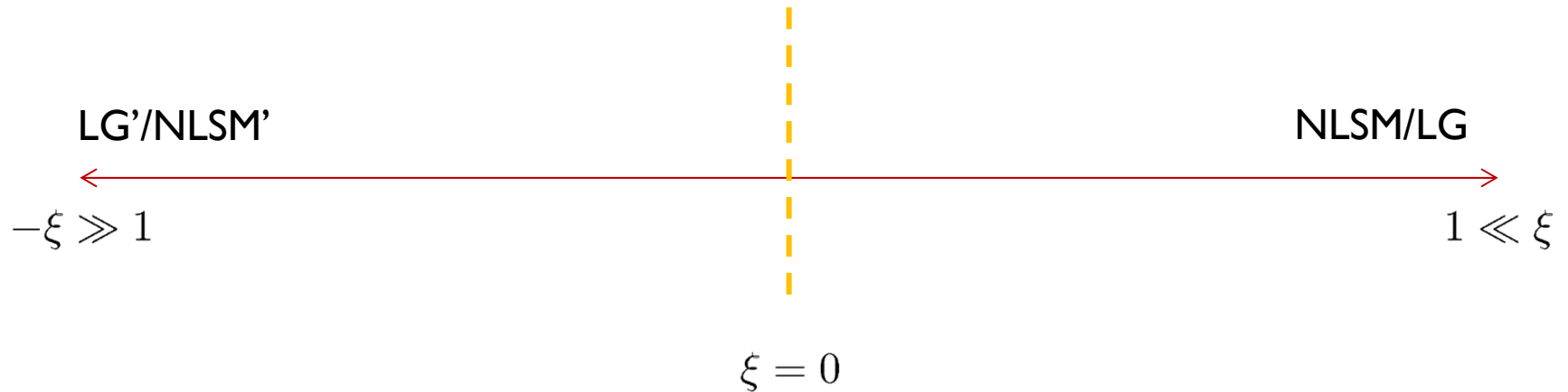
$$[Q, G_F] = 0$$

refined Witten index of $d=1$ $N \geq 2$ GLSM

$$\mathcal{I}(x) \equiv \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^F x^{G_F} e^{-\beta H} \right]$$

we will mainly show processes & results for 1d N=4 Gauged Linear Sigma Models

$SU(2)_R \times U(1)_R$	gauge fields	$(A_\mu, \lambda_\alpha, \sigma, D)^a$	FI constants ξ^i for U(1)'s
$J_{1,2,3}$ R	chirals	$(X, \psi_\alpha, F)^I$	



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$$[Q, G_F] = 0$$

$$[Q, R + J_3] = 0$$

refined Witten index of d=1 N \geq 4 GLSM

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}; x) \equiv \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2(R+J_3)} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta H} \right]$$

$N \geq 4$ compact
and geometric

$$\mathrm{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2(R+J_3)} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta H} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow = \sum_{p,q} (-1)^{p+q-d} \mathbf{y}^{2p-d} \dim H^{(p,q)}(\mathcal{M})$$

$$= (-\mathbf{y})^{-d} \mathcal{I}_{\mathrm{Hirzebruch}}(z = -\mathbf{y}^2)$$

x -independent

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Hirzebruch}}(z) = \sum_p z^p \sum_q (-1)^q h^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})$$

$$h^{d,d}$$

$$h^{d,d-1}$$

$$h^{d-1,d}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\dots$$

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$$h^{d,0}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\dots$$

$$h^{0,d}$$

$$\dots$$

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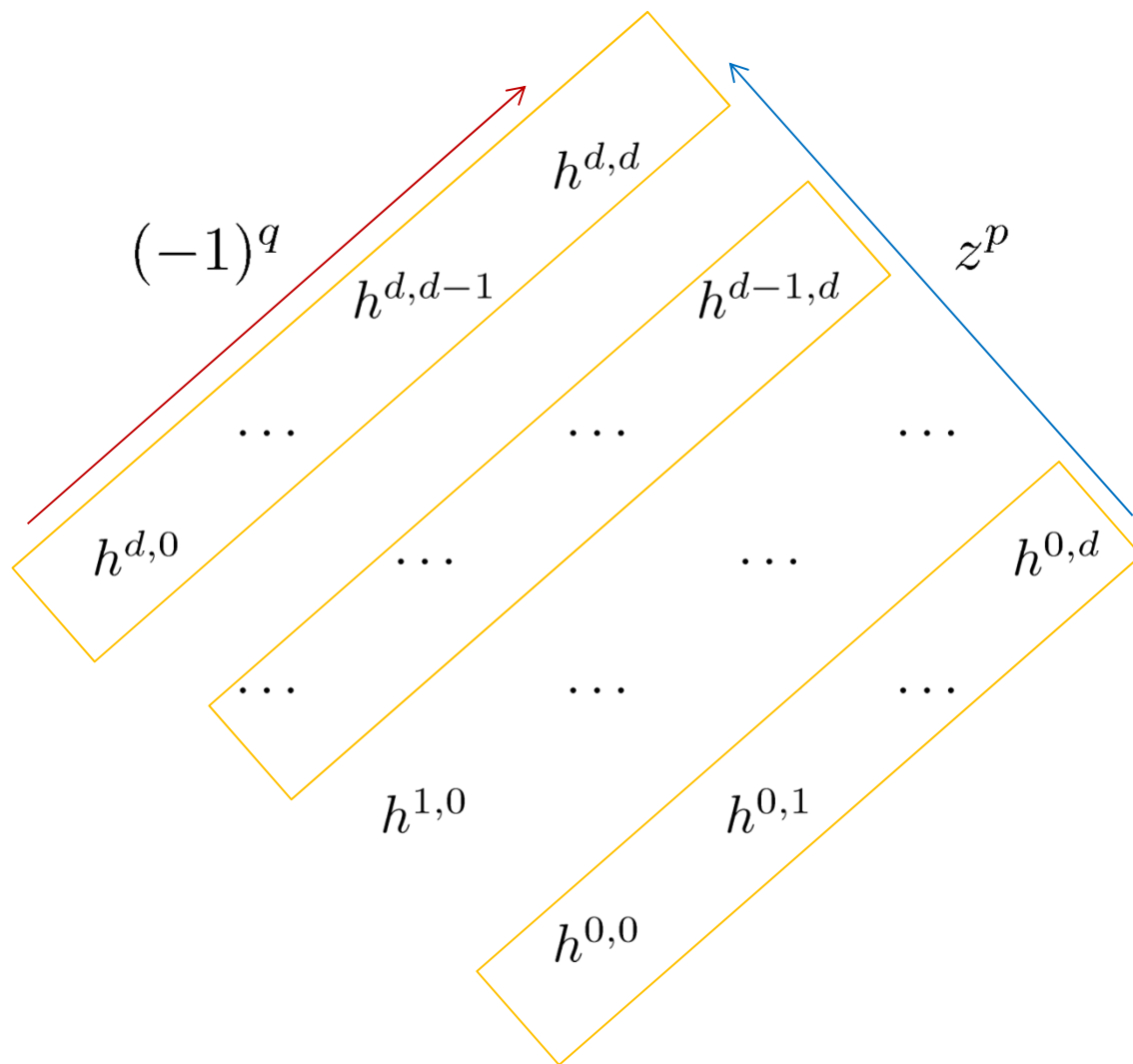
$$\dots$$

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$$h^{0,1}$$

$$h^{0,0}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Hirzebruch}}(z) = \sum_p z^p \sum_q (-1)^q h^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})$$



the most complete and general method known so far
is via localization of the path integral

$$Z_t(\mathcal{O}) = \int e^{-S-tQ\Psi} \mathcal{O}$$

$$\partial_t Z_t(\mathcal{O}) = 0$$

$$[Q, \mathcal{O}] = 0$$

$$Q^2 = G$$

$$[G, \mathcal{O}] = 0$$

the localization we perform is a deformation

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FI}} = \xi \int d\theta^2 d\bar{\theta}^2 \operatorname{tr} V$$

Benini + Eager + Hori + Tachikawa 2013
Hori + Kim + P.Y. 2014

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &\equiv \lim_{e^2 \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta Q^2} \right] & [Q, J_3 + R] = 0 \\ &= \lim_{e^2 \rightarrow 0} \int_{\text{periodic}} [dX \cdots d\phi \cdots] e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \mathcal{L}_E} \Big|_{\partial_\tau \rightarrow \partial_\tau + (2J_3+2R) \log(\mathbf{y})/\beta + \cdots}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cf) } \mathcal{I} \equiv \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta Q^2} \right]$$

localization

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$$= \int_{M_u} du \, d\bar{u} \int_{\mathbf{R}+i\delta} dD \left[h(u, \bar{u}; D) \cdot g(u, \bar{u}; D) \cdot e^{-\frac{D^2}{e^2} + i\xi D} \right]$$



zero mode
of gauge multiplets



from integral over
gaugino zero mode




one-loop determinants
of everything else

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$$= \int_{\partial M_u} du \int_{\mathbf{R}+i\delta} \frac{dD}{D} g(u, \bar{u}; D) \cdot e^{-\frac{D^2}{e^2} + i\xi D}$$


$$g(u, \bar{u}; D) \sim \prod_Q \prod_n \frac{(2\pi n i + Qu - (R-2) \log(\mathbf{y} + \cdots)) \cdot (-2\pi n i + Qu - R \log(\mathbf{y}) + \cdots)}{|2\pi n i + Qu - R \log(\mathbf{y}) + \cdots|^2 - iQD}$$

scale up FI to send $e\xi$ to infinite,
then, after a long, long, long song and dance,

reduces to a contour integral of JK type,
which, in the presence of FI constant, looks like

$$\Omega \equiv \lim_{e^2 \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta Q^2} \right] = \sum \text{JK-Res}_{\eta: \{Q_i\}} g(u; 0)$$

$$\partial M_u = \partial M_\infty + \cup_Q \partial \Delta^Q \quad M_u = (C^*)^{\text{rank}} \setminus \cup H_*^Q$$

$$\{Q_i\} = \{Q^{\text{chiral}}\} \cup \{Q^{\text{vector}}\} \cup \{Q_\infty = -\xi\}$$

$$\text{JK-Res}_{\eta: \{Q_i\}} \frac{d^r u}{(Q_1 \cdot u)(Q_2 \cdot u) \cdots (Q_r \cdot u)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{|\text{Det} Q|} & \eta = \sum a_i^{>0} Q_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

can be simplified further if the **FI constant is generic**

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cf) Cordova, Shao /
Hwang, Kim, Kim, Park 2014

Hori + Kim + P.Y. 2014
Szenes + Vergne 2004
Brion + M.Vergne 1999
Jeffrey + Kirwan 1993

the derivation is closely related to that for 2d elliptic genus
 when the 2d version of GLSM is free of axial anomaly

$$\mathrm{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_A + 2J_V} \dots \right] = \int_{\text{periodic}} [dX \dots d\phi \dots] e^{-S_E^{\mathbf{y}} + \dots}$$

but with very different behavior in the end

$$M_u = (C^*)^{\text{rank}} \setminus \cup H_*^Q \quad \text{vs.} \quad M_u = (T^2)^{\text{rank}} \setminus \cup H_*^Q$$

2d GLSM Elliptic Genera

Benini + Eager + Hori + Tachikawa / Gadde + Gukov 2013

$\leftarrow \xi < 0 \quad \xi = 0 \quad 0 < \xi \rightarrow$

1d GLSM Equivariant Index

Hori + Kim + P.Y. 2014

$$N=4 \text{ CP}_{(N-1)}$$

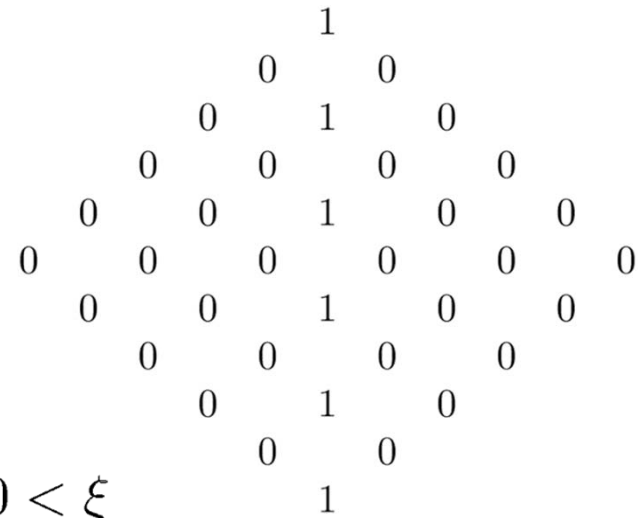
chirals	$U(1)$	$U(N)_F$
X	1	N

null

$$\xi < 0$$

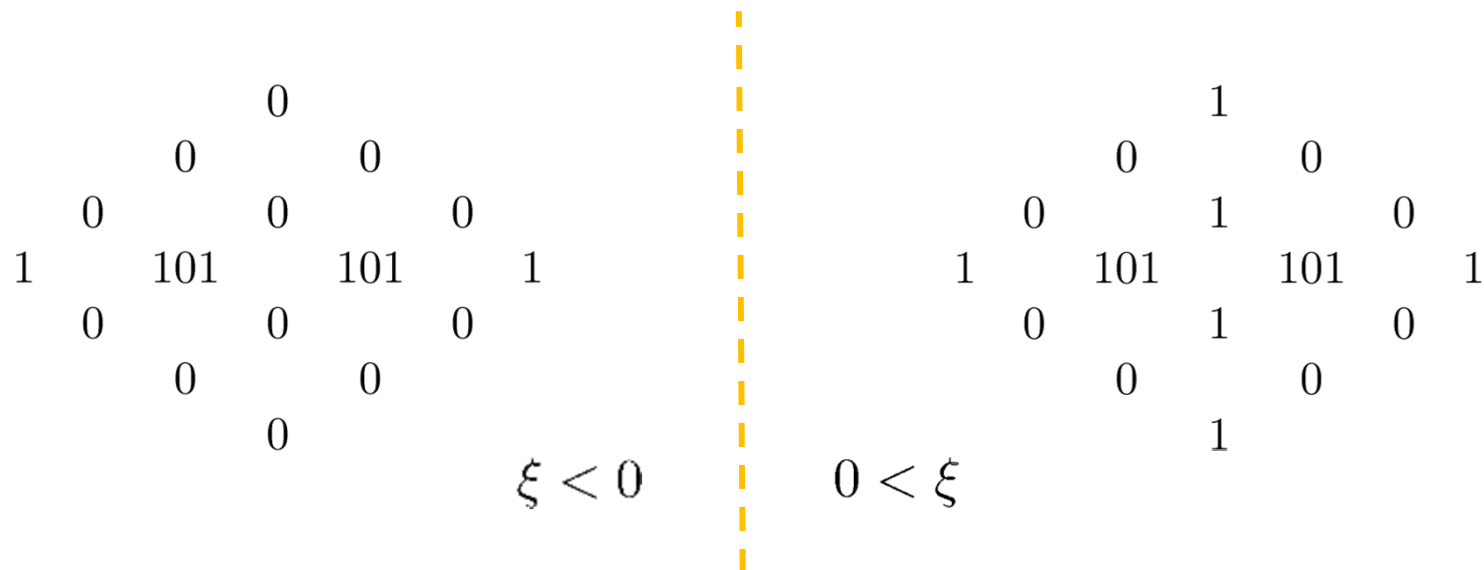
$$0 < \xi$$

$$N = 6$$



quintic CY3 hypersurface in CP4

	P	$X_{1,2,3,4,5}$
$U(1)$	-5	1



N=4 rank 2 GLSM Q.M. for CY3 in $WCP_{(1|1222)}$

	P	$X_{1,2}$	$Y_{1,2,3}$	Z
$U(1)_1$	-4	0	1	1
$U(1)_2$	0	1	0	-2

			0		
		0		0	
	0	0	0		0
1	86		86		1
	0	0		0	
		0	0		
		0			

hybrid

Landau-Ginsburg

			0		
		0		0	
	0	0	0		0
1	83		83		1
	0	0		0	
		0	0		
		0			

			1		
		0		0	
	0	2		0	
1	86		86		1
	0	2		0	
		0	0		
		1			

geometric

orbifold

			1		
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		0	0		
		1			

examples displayed above, where the spectrum is discrete,
flavor chemical potentials were merely innocuous tools

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta H} \right] \\ &= \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} e^{-\beta H} \right] \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{I} vs. Ω

but all four pieces are individually Q-exact for some supercharge Q

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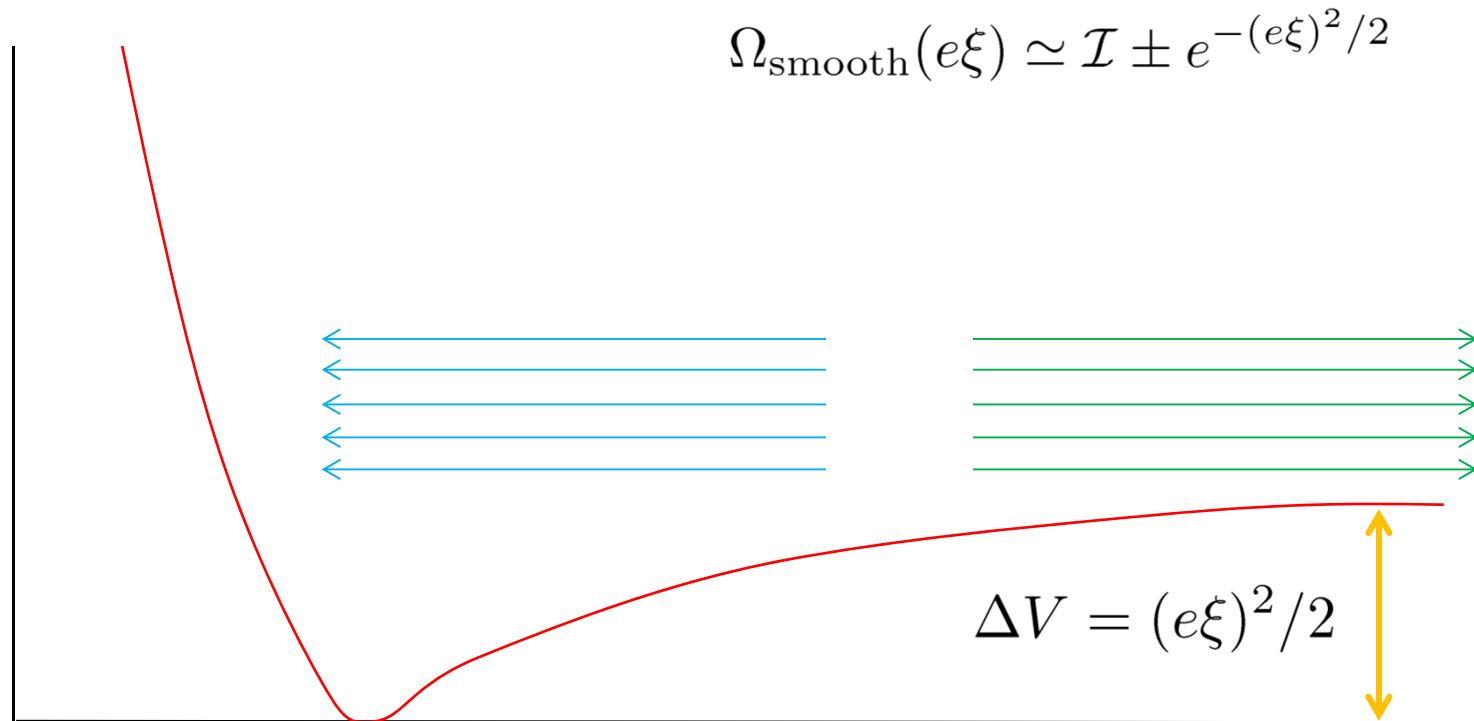
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so, whatever happened to the subsequent ξ -independence?

such a naïve invariance argument always assumes
“small” deformation of the parameters,
meaning, nothing drastic should happen

however, vanishing FI constants $\xi = 0$ always implies new
asymptotic runaway direction along vector multiplets

nonintegral contributions from the continuum, interpolating
across $\xi = 0$ which is why we had to scale up $e\xi$



this reminds us of many subtleties that can appear
when such an asymptotic direction is unavoidable

for example, the entire classes of ADHM or of D-brane probe theories for noncompact Calabi-Yau's fall under this category

can we still count the relevant Witten index,
say, under some physical boundary condition such as L2,
reliably via this type of localization computation ?

the only generic answer to the last question has to be “NO”

yet, this never stopped people from computing Ω for problems with noncompact dynamics, such as ADHM, where one is forced to introduce flavor chemical potentials

chemical potentials translated to extra mass terms,
so **cannot be small** deformation for **noncompact** theories,
as seen easily here for a single free chiral theory

$$\text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta H} \right]$$

e.g., NLSM onto C

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and the result of the computation is clearly nonsense:

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?

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1})(x + x^2 + \dots) \\ & \mathbf{y}^{-1} + (\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y})(x^{-1} + x^{-2} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

this can be regarded as a special case of U(1) GLSM with

chirals	$U(1)$	$[U(N) \times U(K)]_F$
X	$+1$	$(N, 1)$
Y	-1	$(1, K)$

$$\Omega^{\xi>0}(\mathbf{y}) \Big|_{x \rightarrow 0} = (-1)^{N-K-1} (\mathbf{y}^{1+K-N} + \mathbf{y}^{3+K-N} + \dots + \mathbf{y}^{N+K-1})$$

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vs.

$$\mathcal{I}^{\xi>0}(\mathbf{y}) = (-1)^{N-K-1} (\mathbf{y}^{1+K-N} + \mathbf{y}^{3+K-N} + \dots + \mathbf{y}^{N-K-1})$$

$$N > K$$

do things get better with higher supersymmetry?

not really

a single instanton ADHM for U(N)

$N = 8$ $U(1)$ GLSM with N Fundamental Hypers and a Single Adjoint Hyper

\mathbf{y} \mathbf{z} x

$$\Omega(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, x) \Big|_{\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}}^{x \text{ flavor singlet}} = 1 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \cdots + \mathbf{y}^{2N-2}$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, x) \Big|_{1/\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}}^{x \text{ flavor singlet}} = \mathbf{y}^{2-2N} + \cdots + \mathbf{y}^{-2} + 1$$

vs.

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}) = 1$$

A_k ALE

$$\Omega(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, x) \Big|_{\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}}^{x \text{ flavor singlet}} = k + \mathbf{y}^2$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, x) \Big|_{1/\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}}^{x \text{ flavor singlet}} = \mathbf{y}^{-2} + k$$

vs.

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}) = k$$

these examples are among the better-behaved in that some inkling of true Witten index can be found, *a posteriori*

for asymptotically conical geometry

Hausel, Hunsicker, Mazzeo 2002

$$H_{L^2}^n(M) = \begin{cases} H^n(M, \partial M) & n < d = (\dim_R M)/2 \\ \operatorname{Im} (H^n(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H^n(M)) & n = d \\ H^n(M) & n > d \end{cases}$$

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however, no known & general dictionary exists
for counting physical ground states when
flavor chemical potentials is introduced as infrared-regulator

\mathcal{I} from Ω

yet, an interesting phenomena occurs when the gapless asymptotic directions comes from the vector multiplets

where Ω produces rational & fractional functions of y
which organize themselves in a simple manner
that allows one to extract integral refined index \mathcal{I} effortlessly

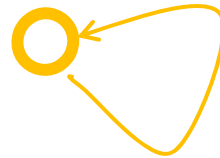
back to the basic:

$$\mathcal{N} = 4, 8, 16$$

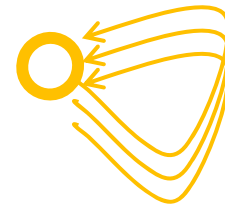
supersymmetric Yang-Mills quantum mechanics



$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G = 0$$



$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=8}^G = 0$$



$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G \neq 0$$

pure $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills quantum mechanics

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G = 0$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum'_w \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)}$$

Weyl group

elliptic Weyl elements only
 $0 \neq \text{Det}(1 - w)$

elliptic Weyl elements for some classical groups

G	W	Elliptic Weyl Elements
$SU(N)$	S_N	$(123 \cdots N)$
$SO(4)$	$Z_2 \times S_2$	$(\dot{1})(\dot{2})$
$SO(5)/Sp(2)$	$(Z_2)^2 \times S_2$	$(1\dot{2}), (\dot{1})(\dot{2})$
$SO(6)$	$(Z_2)^2 \times S_3$	$(1\dot{2})(\dot{3})$
$SO(7)/Sp(3)$	$(Z_2)^3 \times S_3$	$(\dot{1}\dot{2}\dot{3}), (12\dot{3}), (1\dot{2})(\dot{3}), (\dot{1})(\dot{2})(\dot{3})$
$SO(8)$	$(Z_2)^3 \times S_4$	$(\dot{1}\dot{2}\dot{3})(\dot{4}), (12\dot{3})(\dot{4}), (1\dot{2})(3\dot{4}), (\dot{1})(\dot{2})(\dot{3})(\dot{4})$

pure $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills quantum mechanics



$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SU(p)}(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{p!} \sum'_{p\text{-cyclic } w} \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \\ &= \frac{(p-1)!}{p!} \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{y} \rightarrow 1 \quad \downarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{p^2}$$

for general gauge groups : rank 2 examples



$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SU(3)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-2} + 1 + \mathbf{y}^2)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SO(4)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})^2}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SO(5)/Sp(2)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{2}{\mathbf{y}^{-2} + \mathbf{y}^2} + \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})^2} \right]$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{G_2}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{12} \left[\frac{2}{\mathbf{y}^{-2} - 1 + \mathbf{y}^2} + \frac{2}{\mathbf{y}^{-2} + 1 + \mathbf{y}^2} + \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})^2} \right]$$

for general gauge groups : more examples



$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SU(4)/SO(6)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-3} + \mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^3)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SO(7)/Sp(3)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{48} \left[\frac{8}{\mathbf{y}^{-3} + \mathbf{y}^3} + \frac{6}{(\mathbf{y}^{-2} + \mathbf{y}^2)(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})} + \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})^3} \right]$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SO(8)}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{192} \left[\frac{32}{(\mathbf{y}^{-3} + \mathbf{y}^3)(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})} + \frac{12}{(\mathbf{y}^{-2} + \mathbf{y}^2)^2} + \frac{1}{(\mathbf{y}^{-1} + \mathbf{y})^4} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{I} \quad = \quad \mathcal{I}_{\text{bulk}} \quad + \quad \delta \mathcal{I}$$



$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^{2J_3} \mathbf{y}^{2J_3+2R} x^{G_F} e^{-\beta Q^2} \right]$$



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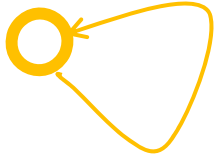
$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4;\text{bulk}}^G$$

pure $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills quantum mechanics



$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G &= \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4;\text{bulk}}^G = -\delta \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^G \\ &= -\delta \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{U(1)^r/W} \\ &= \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4;\text{bulk}}^{U(1)^r/W}\end{aligned}$$

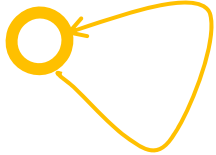
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pure $\mathcal{N} = 8$ Yang-Mills quantum mechanics

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=8}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum'_w \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \cdot \frac{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} x^{1/2} - \mathbf{y} x^{-1/2} \cdot w)}{\text{Det}(x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2} \cdot w)}$$

Weyl group

elliptic Weyl elements only
 $0 \neq \text{Det}(1 - w)$

pure $\mathcal{N} = 8$ Yang-Mills quantum mechanics

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 & &= -\delta \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=8}^{U(1)^r/W} \\
 & &= \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=8;\text{bulk}}^{U(1)^r/W}
 \end{aligned}$$

P.Y. 1997

$\mathcal{N} = 16$ SU(N) theories, a.k.a. D0-brane bound state problem



$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU(N)}(\mathbf{y}, x) = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU(N)} + \sum_{p|N; p < N} \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU(N/p)} \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU(p)}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum'_w \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \cdot \prod_{a=1,2,3} \frac{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a-1} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{1-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}$$

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$$\mathbf{y} \rightarrow 1 \quad \downarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{p|N} 1 \times \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU} = 1$$

P.Y. / Sethi, Stern 1997

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$\mathcal{N} = 16$ with general simple Lie groups



$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G + \sum_{G' \subset G; G' \neq G} \# \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{G'}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum_w' \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \cdot \prod_{a=1,2,3} \frac{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a-1} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{1-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4,8,16}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) \Big|_{\mathbf{y} \rightarrow 1}$$

	$\mathcal{N} = 4, 8$	$\mathcal{N} = 16$
$SU(N)$	$\frac{1}{N^2}$	$\sum_{p N} \frac{1}{p^2}$
$SO(4)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{25}{16}$
$SO(6) = SU(4)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{21}{16}$
$SO(8)$	$\frac{59}{1024}$	$\frac{3755}{1024}$
$SO(5)$	$\frac{5}{32}$	$\frac{53}{32}$
$SO(7)$	$\frac{15}{128}$	$\frac{267}{128}$
$SO(9)$	$\frac{195}{2048}$	$\frac{7555}{2048}$
$Sp(2)$	$\frac{5}{32}$	$\frac{53}{32}$
$Sp(3)$	$\frac{15}{128}$	$\frac{395}{128}$
$Sp(4)$	$\frac{195}{2048}$	$\frac{8067}{2048}$
G_2	$\frac{35}{144}$	$\frac{395}{144}$

cf) Moore, Nekrasov, Shatashvili 1998

Kac, Smilga 1999

Staudacher 2000

Pestun 2002

or, more informatively

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)/Sp(2)} = 1 + 2\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)/Sp(1)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)/Sp(2)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{G_2} = 2 + 2\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SU(2)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{G_2}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(7)} = 1 + 3\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)} + \left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)}\right)^2 + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(7)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(3)} = 2 + 3\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(1)} + \left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(1)}\right)^2 + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(2)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(3)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(8)} = 2 + 4\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)} + 2\left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)}\right)^2 + \left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)}\right)^3 + 3\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(8)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(9)} = 2 + 4\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)} + 2\left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)}\right)^2 + 2\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(3)} \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(7)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(9)}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(4)} = 2 + 5\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(1)} + 2\left(\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(1)}\right)^2 + 2\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(2)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(1)} \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(2)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(3)} + \Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(4)}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G(\mathbf{y}, x) = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum'_w \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \cdot \prod_{a=1,2,3} \frac{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a-1} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{1-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{R_a} x^{F_a/2} - \mathbf{y}^{-R_a} x^{-F_a/2} \cdot w)}$$

even without the full understanding of the recursive structure for the continuum contributions, the results suffice for reading off the Witten index $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^G$ from the unique integral part

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(5)=Sp(2)} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{G_2} = 2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(7)} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(3)} = 2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(8)} = 2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{SO(9)} = 2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=16}^{Sp(4)} = 2$$

\vdots



the fact that these features are not limited to
adjoint-only Yang-Mills quantum mechanics can be
inferred from the appearance of the rational invariant
in the general wall-crossing story

(unrefined) Kontsevich-Soibelman wall-crossing algebra

$$V_\gamma V_{\gamma'} - V_{\gamma'} V_\gamma = (-1)^{\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle} \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle V_{\gamma + \gamma'}$$

$$\omega(\gamma) \equiv \sum_{p|\gamma} \mathcal{I}(\gamma/p)/p^2$$

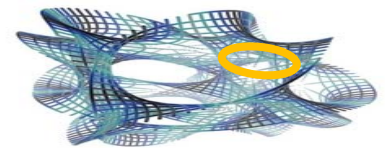
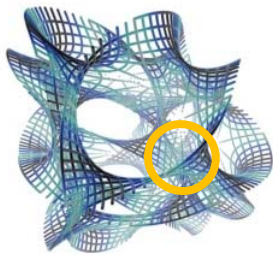
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$$\prod_{\gamma} (e^{V_\gamma})^{\omega^+(\gamma)}$$

=

$$\prod'_{\gamma} (e^{V_\gamma})^{\omega^-(\gamma)}$$

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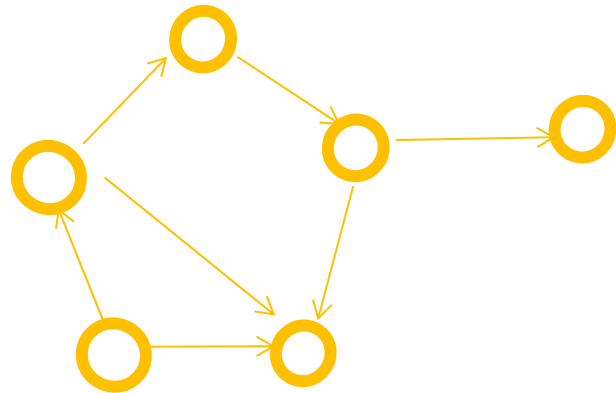


the twisted partition function of N=4 pure SU Yang-Mills is precisely the refined rational invariant $\omega(\Gamma; \mathbf{y})$ of KS algebra

Kim, Park, Wang, P.Y. 2011

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{SU(p)}(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{p!} \sum'_{p\text{-cyclic } w} \frac{1}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{y}^{-1} - \mathbf{y} \cdot w)} \\
 &= \frac{(p-1)!}{p!} \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})} \\
 \omega(\gamma; \mathbf{y}) &\equiv \sum_{p|\gamma} \mathcal{I}(\gamma/p; \mathbf{y}^p) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}
 \end{aligned}$$

proposal : the twisted partition functions of quivers compute these rational invariants rather than Witten indices

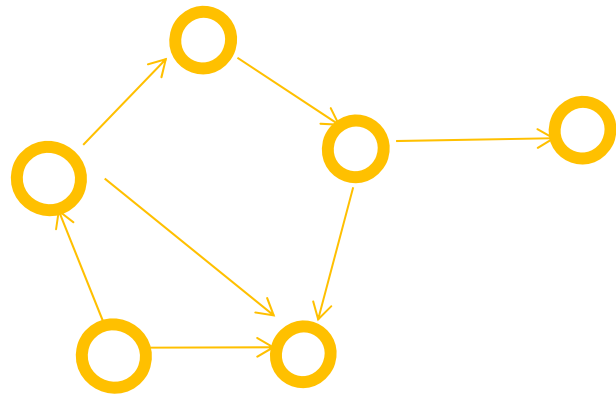


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for quivers, with compact chiral sector

S.J. Lee + P.Y., 2016

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$$\mathcal{I}(\Gamma; \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{p|\Gamma} \mu(p) \cdot \Omega(\Gamma/p; \mathbf{y}^p) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}$$

this allows a systematic extraction of the Witten index \mathcal{I} from the localization computation of Ω , even when the quiver is non-primitive and, thus, when the bound states are at threshold

example : nonprimitive Kronecker quiver

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{n,n}^k; \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{p|n} \mu(p) \cdot \Omega(\mathcal{Q}_{n/p, n/p}^k; \mathbf{y}^p) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{n,n}^1; \mathbf{y}) = 0 \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

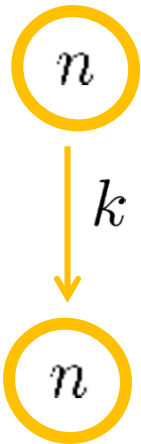
$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{n,n}^2; \mathbf{y}) = 0 \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2}^3; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{3,3}^3; \mathbf{y}) = \chi_5(\mathbf{y}^2) + \chi_3(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2}^4; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2}^5; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{13/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 2\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$



example : nonprimitive 3-node quiver

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{n,n,n}^{k,l}; \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{p|n} \mu(p) \cdot \Omega(\mathcal{Q}_{n/p,n/p,n/p}^{k,l}; \mathbf{y}^p) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}$$



$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,1}; \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,2}; \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,3}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,4}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

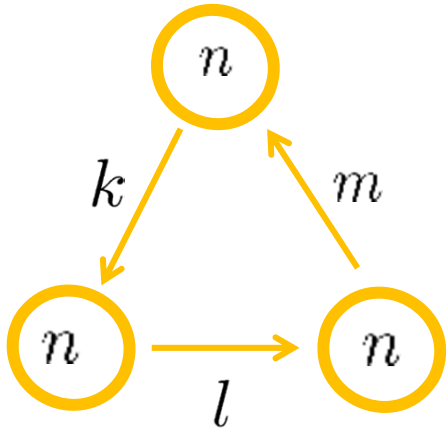
$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,5}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{13/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 2\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,2}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,3}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{7/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 3\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

example : nonprimitive triangle quiver

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{n,n,n}^{k,l,m}; \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{p|n} \mu(p) \cdot \Omega(\mathcal{Q}_{n/p,n/p,n/p}^{k,l,m}; \mathbf{y}^p) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{-1}}{p(\mathbf{y}^p - \mathbf{y}^{-p})}$$



$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,1,-1}; \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,1,-1}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,1,-2}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,2,-1}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{7/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 3\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,1,-2}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{7/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 3\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 2\chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{3,1,-1}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{7/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 3\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 2\chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 2\chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{1,1,-3}; \mathbf{y}) = -\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Q}_{2,2,2}^{2,2,-2}; \mathbf{y}) &= -\chi_{13/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{11/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 4\chi_{9/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) \\ &\quad - 3\chi_{7/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - 4\chi_{5/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{3/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) - \chi_{1/2}(\mathbf{y}^2) \end{aligned}$$

twisted partition function Ω
 \neq equivariant witten index \mathcal{I}

the former is computationally more accessible
but it is the latter that carries physical/mathematical importance

twisted partition function Ω
 \neq equivariant witten index \mathcal{I}

relationships btw them are not universal, but
we identified several that allowed us to extract
 \mathcal{I} from Ω

despite the bound states being at threshold

two immediate, unanswered questions:

systematic understanding of the rational contributions to Ω for noncompact GLSM involving SO/Sp gauge groups?

how to compute \mathcal{I} for a GLSM/quiver at $\xi = 0$, where the asymptotic Coulomb phase opens up, as wall-crossing-safe GLSM/quiver invariant, a.k.a., single center black hole degeneracy ?