

# **Topological Strings on Local Calabi-Yau Manifolds and Instantons in Gauge Theories**

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An overview of the recent developments

A report of work in progress

## 0. Why Topological String ?

1. **Exactly solvable models** in string theory : Toy models for investigating various dualities, that might be compared with **sine-Gordon model** in 2D QFT (for soliton and boson/fermion correspondence) and **Ising model** in statistical physics (for phase transition)
2. **Counting of instantons (BPS states)** : Microscopic state counting of (extremal) black-hole, Low energy effective action of 4-dim  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetric (8 SUSY) theories (**Seiberg-Witten prepotential**)
3. **Amusing Laboratory** to enjoy and develop deep ideas in mathematics (**Donaldson, Langlands, . . . . .**)

**Plan of my talk** — (The numbering refers to the previous slide)

1. **Art of Topological Vertex**

Topological vertex as building block of topological string amplitudes on (local) toric Calabi-Yau 3-folds – Toric geometry, Link invariants (Schur functions)

2. **Seiberg-Witten Prepotential**

Geometric Engineering – Asymptotic growth of Gromov-Witten invariants of local Hirzebruch surface

3. **Experiments on "Non-Nef" cases**

$$(1) \mathcal{O}(-p) \oplus \mathcal{O}(p-2) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \quad (p \neq 0, 1, 2)$$

$$(2) K_{\mathbf{F}_n} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_n = \mathbf{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(-n) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}) \quad (n \neq 0, 1, 2)$$

# 1. Art of Topological Vertex

With a proposal of **Topological Vertex**, we have an algorithm of computing *all genus* ( $A$ -model) topological string amplitudes on (local) toric Calabi-Yau 3-fold; we can compute the partition function, that is supposed to be a generating function of (local) Gromov-Witten invariants, by a diagrammatic way.

Remark :

There are no (non-trivial) compact toric Calabi-Yau manifold. A typical example of toric Calabi-Yau 3-fold is  $K_S$ ; the canonical bundle of toric (Fano) surface  $S$ .

The proposal (in a complete form) was made in

[M. Aganagic, A. Klemm, M. Mariño and C. Vafa, [hep-th/0305132](#)]

based on the idea of open/closed string duality, or the duality between Chern-Simons theory and Gromov-Witten theory. Some related works that led to the proposal are

[M. Aganagic, M. Mariño and C. Vafa, [hep-th/0206164](#),

A. Iqbal, [hep-th/0207114](#)]

There is an attempt at formulating the algorithm in more rigorous manner, based on relative Gromov-Witten theory and virtual localization w.r.t. toric action;

[J. Li, C.-C. M. Liu, K. Liu and J. Zhou, [math-AG/0408426](#)]

## Toric Calabi-Yau Geometry

$X^i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k + 3$ ) : affine coordinates

with  $U(1)^k$  charges  $Q_i^a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, k$ )

Moment map w.r.t.  $U(1)^k$  action :  $\mu(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+3} Q_i^a |X^i|^2$

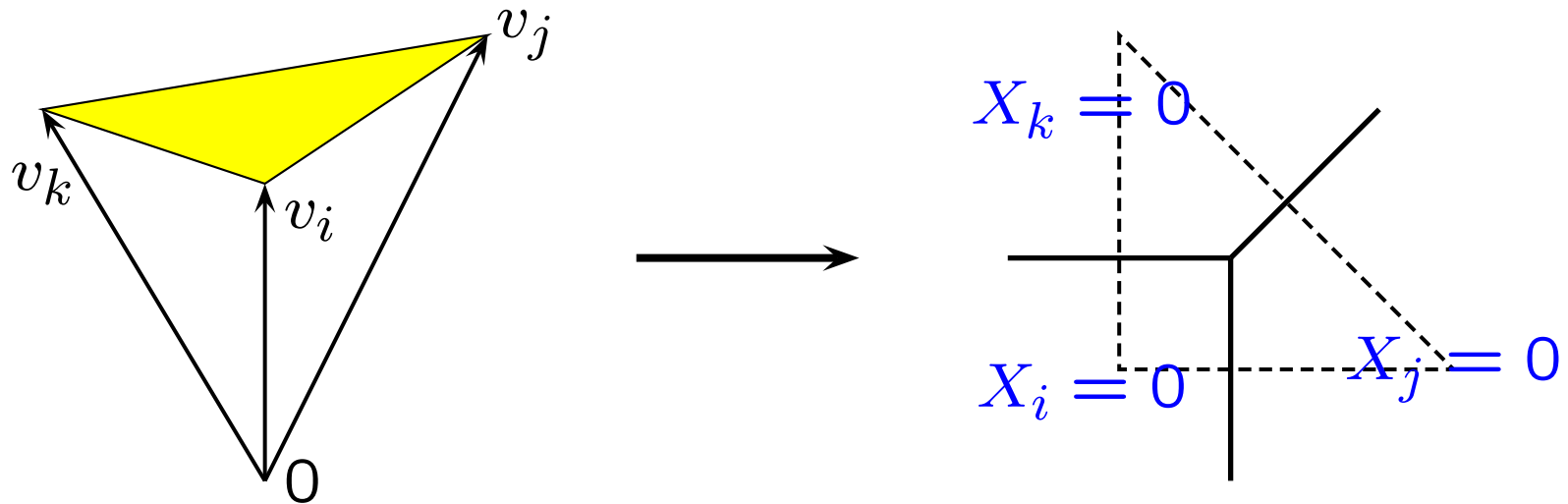
$$CY_3(r^a) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k+3} Q_i^a |X^i|^2 = r^a \right\} / U(1)^k$$

Symplectic Quotient ( $r^a$  : Kähler parameters)

Toric fan (diagram) in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is generated by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k+3}\}$

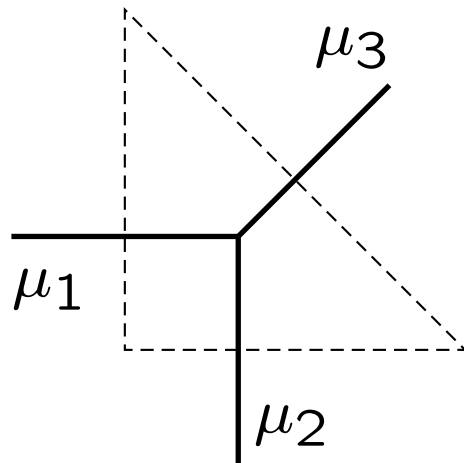
with  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+3} Q_i^a v_i = 0$ . Due to the Calabi-Yau condition

$\sum_{i=1}^{k+3} Q_i^a = 0$ , they are on the same plane (say,  $z = 1$ ).



Building block of toric fan (diagram) representing an affine local patch  $\simeq \mathbb{A}^3$  with local coordinates  $X^i, X^j, X^k$  and its dual trivalent vertex, (where the toric action degenerates at face=divisor [4-cycle], edge=curve [2-cycle] and vertex=point [0-cycle])

For each edge ( $\simeq$  invariant rational curve) we assign a Young tableau (or a partition)  $\mu_i$ .



Topological Vertex

$$\rightarrow C_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q), \quad q = \exp(-g_s)$$

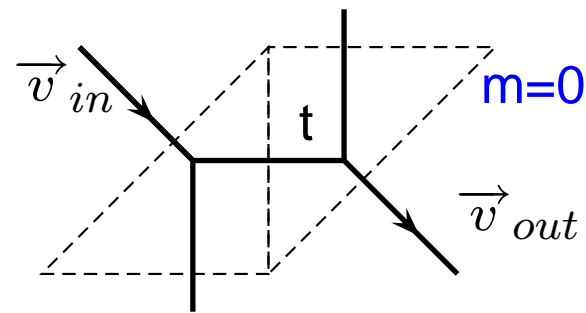
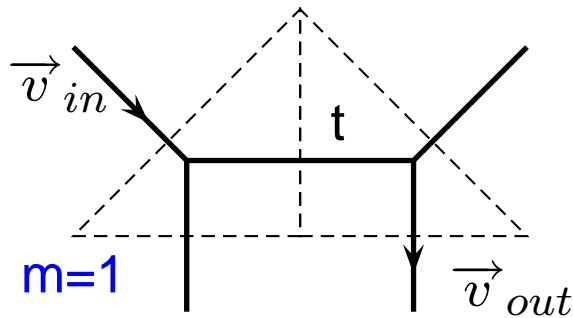
$g_s$  : a parameter of genus expansion

Topological string amplitude is obtained by "gluing" topological vertices  $C_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q)$ , according to the gluing of affine local patches to make a given toric Calabi-Yau 3-fold.



## Feynman diagram like rules

- Vertices  $\Rightarrow$  **trivalent coupling** :  $C_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q)$
- Edges  $\Rightarrow$  **propagator** :  $(-1)^{\ell_\mu} \cdot e^{-t \cdot \ell_\mu}$   
 $t$ : the Kähler parameter of  $\mathbf{P}^1$  ;  $\ell_\mu := \sum_{(i,j) \in \mu} 1$
- Slopes of edges  $\Rightarrow$  **framing** :  $(-1)^{m \cdot \ell_\mu} \cdot q^{\frac{m}{2} \cdot \kappa_\mu}$   
 $m := \vec{v}_{in} \wedge \vec{v}_{out}$  ;  $\kappa_\mu := 2 \sum_{(i,j) \in \mu} (j - i)$



$$\sum_\nu C_{\mu_1\mu_2\nu}(q) \cdot e^{-t \cdot \ell_\nu} \cdot C_{\nu t \mu_3\mu_4}(q) \cdot q^{\frac{\kappa_\nu}{2}}$$

$$\sum_\nu C_{\mu_1\mu_2\nu}(q) \cdot (-e^{-t})^{\ell_\nu} \cdot C_{\nu t \mu_3\mu_4}(q)$$

## REMARKS

The gluing rule of topological vertex is **different** from that of 2D TQFT based on cobordisms of Riemann surfaces.

The algorithm gives all genus amplitudes ( $q = \exp(-g_s)$ ). It is one of surprises in topological vertex formalism that a simple structure of the partition function emerges after summing up all genera.

## Technical Notes

Topological Vertex is derived from the duality to the Chern-Simons theory and expressed in terms of the large  $N$  leading part of **the Hopf link invariants**  $W_{\mu_1\mu_2}(q)$ ;

$$C_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3}(q) = q^{\frac{\kappa\mu_2}{2} + \frac{\kappa\mu_3}{2}} \sum_{\nu_1, \nu_2} N_{\nu_1\nu_2}^{\mu_1\mu_3^t} \frac{W_{\mu_2^t\nu_1}(q)W_{\mu_2\nu_2}(q)}{W_{\mu_2\bullet}(q)}$$

Recall that the Hilbert space of the Chern-Simons theory on  $T^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  can be identified with **the space of conformal blocks**  $\mathcal{H}(T^2)$  of WZW theory on  $T^2$ .

The Hopf link invariants  $W_{PQ}(q, \lambda)$  are obtained as the normalized modular  $S$ -matrix elements on  $\mathcal{H}(T^2)$ ;

$$\frac{S_{PQ}}{S_{\bullet\bullet}} = \frac{\sum_{w \in S_N} (-1)^w q^{-(\Lambda_P + \rho_N) \cdot w(\Lambda_Q + \rho_N)}}{\sum_{w \in S_N} (-1)^w q^{-\rho_N \cdot w(\rho_N)}}$$

$$q := \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{N+k}\right), \quad \lambda := q^N$$

where the symmetric group  $S_N$  is the Weyl group,  $\Lambda_R$  is the highest weight of  $R$  and  $\rho_N$  is the Weyl vector.

By [Weyl's character formula](#)

$$\text{ch}_R \xi = \frac{\sum_{w \in S_N} (-1)^w e^{(\Lambda_R + \rho_N) \cdot w(\xi)}}{\sum_{w \in S_N} (-1)^w e^{\rho_N \cdot w(\xi)}},$$

we see that  $W_{PQ}(q, \lambda)$  can be written by specialization of the character, or **the Schur polynomials** (actually functions since we consider  $N \rightarrow \infty$ );

$$\begin{aligned} W_{PQ}(q, \lambda) &= \text{ch}_P \left( -\frac{2\pi i}{N+k} \rho_N \right) \text{ch}_Q \left( -\frac{2\pi i}{N+k} (\Lambda_P + \rho_N) \right) \\ &= \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}(|P|+|Q|)} s_P(x_i = q^{i-\frac{1}{2}}) s_Q(x_i = q^{-\lambda_i^P + i - \frac{1}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

This formula is proved in more general context in

[H.R.Morton and S.G. Lukac, [math.GT/0108011](#)]

Finally the origin of the the framing factor is the eigenvalues of the  $T$ -transformation ( $T \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ) which is diagonal on conformal blocks.

## 2. Seiberg-Witten Prepotential

**Seiberg-Witten prepotential**  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}(a, \Lambda)$  gives a non-perturbative (including instanton effects) low energy effective action of 4 dimensional  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SUSY Yang-Mills theory.

Let us consider  $SU(2)$  case for simplicity. Instanton expansion of  $SU(2)$  SW prepotential is;

$$\mathcal{F}_{SW}(a, \Lambda) = \frac{\tau_0}{2} a^2 + \frac{a^2}{2} \left( \log \frac{a}{\Lambda} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + a^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{a} \right)^{4k} \mathcal{F}_k$$

where the coefficients  $\mathcal{F}_k$  are the "symplectic volume"

$\mathcal{F}_k = \int_{\mathcal{M}_k} "1"$ , where  $\mathcal{M}_k$  is the moduli space of (framed)  $SU(2)$  instantons on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with instanton number  $k$ .

Seiberg-Witten theory tells that the prepotential  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}(a, \Lambda)$  is obtained by solving the Picard-Fuchs equation for the period integrals on  $SU(2)$  **Seiberg-Witten curve**;

$$y^2 = (x^2 - u)^2 - 4\Lambda^4 ,$$

where  $u$  is the moduli parameter. (The curve degenerates at  $u = \pm 2\Lambda^2$ , where a massless monopole (dyon) appears.) Consider **the period integral**

$$a(u) := \int_{\alpha} \lambda_{SW} , \quad a_D(u) := \int_{\beta} \lambda_{SW}$$

of SW differential  $\lambda_{SW} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{x^2 dx}{y}$ .

The (rigid) special geometry implies an existence of the prepotential  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}(a, \Lambda)$  that satisfies

$$a_D(u) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_{SW}}{\partial a}$$

Then we can proceed as follows;

Picard-Fuchs equation  $\Rightarrow a = a(u), a_D = a_D(u)$

Inversion  $u = u(a)$  and Integration  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{SW}(a, \Lambda)$



The partition function of topological string

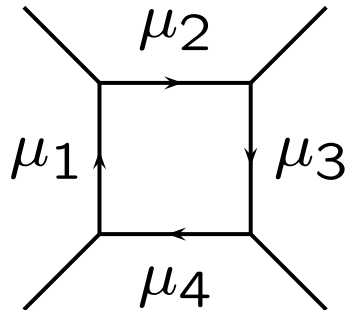
$$Z(t) = \exp \left( \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} g_s^{2g-2} F_g(t) \right)$$

contains the prepotential as the free energy  $F_0(t)$  at genus zero. From the viewpoint of topological string Seiberg-Witten theory gives a “B-model” computation of  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}$ .

We can obtain the SW prepotential from the “double scaling” limit of topological string amplitude on local Hirzebruch surface  $K_{\mathbb{F}_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2$ ), which is regarded as a “A-model” computation of  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}$ .

## Topological string amplitude on local Hirzebruch surface $K_{\mathbb{F}_0}$

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$$Z_{top\ str}^{(\mathbb{F}_0)} = \sum_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_4} W_{\mu_4 \mu_1} W_{\mu_1 \mu_2} W_{\mu_2 \mu_3} W_{\mu_3 \mu_4} \\ \times e^{-t_F \cdot (\ell_{\mu_1} + \ell_{\mu_3}) - t_B \cdot (\ell_{\mu_2} + \ell_{\mu_4})}$$

Recall that the Hirzebruch surface  $\mathbb{F}_n$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^1$  bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . The second homology class  $H_2(\mathbb{F}_n, \mathbb{Z})$  is spanned by the two cycles  $B$  and  $F$ , where their representatives are the base  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and the  $\mathbb{P}^1$  fiber, respectively. The intersection numbers of these cycles are

$$B \cdot B = -n, \quad F \cdot F = 0, \quad B \cdot F = +1.$$

$t_B$  and  $t_F$  are the Kähler parameters of  $B$  and  $F$ .

Define the instanton expansion of free energy as follows

$$(Q_B = e^{-t_B}, Q_F = e^{-t_F}) ;$$

$$\log Z_{top\ str}(Q_B, Q_F, q)$$

$$= \mathcal{F}_{one\ loop}(Q_F, q) + \mathcal{F}_{inst}(Q_B, Q_F, q)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{inst}(Q_B, Q_F, q) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} Q_B^{nk} \mathcal{F}_k(Q_F^n, q^n)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_k(Q_F, q) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \left( \sin \frac{g_s}{2} \right)^{2g-2} f_g^{(k)}(Q_F)$$

where  $f_g^{(k)}$  gives the  $k$ -instanton amplitude at "genus"  $g$  .

Note that we take the expansion of the Gopakumar-Vafa type.

We list the function  $f_0^{(k)}(Q \equiv Q_F)$  up to  $k = 3$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} f_0^{(1)} &= \frac{2}{(1-Q)^2} \\ &= 2 + 4Q + 6Q^2 + 8Q^3 + 10Q^4 + 12Q^5 \\ &\quad + 14Q^6 + 16Q^7 + 18Q^8 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_0^{(2)} &= \frac{2Q(3Q^2 + 4Q + 3)}{(1-Q)^6(Q+1)^2} \\ &= 6Q + 32Q^2 + 110Q^3 + 288Q^4 + 644Q^5 \\ &\quad + 1280Q^6 + 2340Q^7 + 4000Q^8 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_0^{(3)} &= \frac{2Q(4Q^6 + 23Q^5 + 50Q^4 + 62Q^3 + 50Q^2 + 23Q + 4)}{(1-Q)^{10}(Q^2 + Q + 1)^2} \\ &= 8Q + 110Q^2 + 756Q^3 + 3556Q^4 + 13072Q^5 \\ &\quad + 40338Q^6 + 109120Q^7 + 266266Q^8 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients of the Taylor expansion in  $Q_F = e^{-t_F} \ll 1$  (large volume region) are the G-V (or G-W) invariants.

On the otherhand, one can obtain the SW prepotential of 4D  $SU(2)$  pure Yang-Mills theory by the following scaling limit;

$$Q_B = (\epsilon\Lambda)^4, \quad Q_F = e^{-4\epsilon a}, \quad q = e^{-2\epsilon g_s}$$

with  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . In this limit the fiber  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is collapsing,  $t_F \rightarrow 0$ ,  $(1 - Q_F) \sim t_F$  and the instanton sum can be approximated by an integral (Laplace transform)

$$\sum_n N_{g,\beta} \cdot e^{-nt} \sim \int dn N_{g,\beta} \cdot e^{-nt}$$

Thus, it is the asymptotic growth of the Gromov-Witten invariants  $N_{g,\beta}$  ( $\beta = kB + nF$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which is relevant for the computation of  $\mathcal{F}_{SW}$ .

In general  $f_g^{(k)}(Q_F)$  has the following structure;

$$f_g^{(k)}(Q_F) = \frac{P_g^{(k)}(Q_F)}{(1 - Q_F)^{2g+4k-2}},$$

where  $P_g^{(k)}(Q_F)$  is regular at  $Q_F = 1$  and the asymptotic growth is governed by  $P_g^{(k)}(1)$ .

The terms in the topological string amplitude that survive in this limit are

$$a^2 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{a}\right)^{4k} \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} g_s^{2g-2} \frac{P_g^{(k)}(1)}{2^{2g-2+8k} a^{2g}} = g_s^{-2} a^2 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{a}\right)^{4k} \frac{P_0^{(k)}(1)}{2^{8k-2}} + \dots$$

Up to sign flip at odd instanton numbers of  $\mathbb{F}_1$ , we obtain an universal results independent of  $n = 0, 1, 2$ ;

$$P_0^{(1)}(1) = 2, \quad P_0^{(2)}(1) = 5, \quad P_0^{(3)}(1) = 48, \dots$$

which give the coefficients of SW prepotential

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2^5}, \quad \mathcal{F}_2 = \frac{5}{2^{14}}, \quad \mathcal{F}_3 = \frac{3}{2^{18}}, \dots$$

More generally

Topological string  $\implies$  Nekrasov's partition function

A.Iqbal and A.-K. Kashani-Poor : [hep-th/0212279](#) , [hep-th/0306032](#)

T. Eguchi and H.K. : [hep-th/0310235](#)

Nekrasov's partition function  $\implies$  Seiberg-Witten prepotential

proved independently by three *different* approaches.

Nakajima-Yoshioka : [math.AG/0306198](#)

Okounkov-Nekrasov : [hep-th/0306238](#)

Braverman(-Etingof) : [math.AG/0401409](#) , [0409441](#)

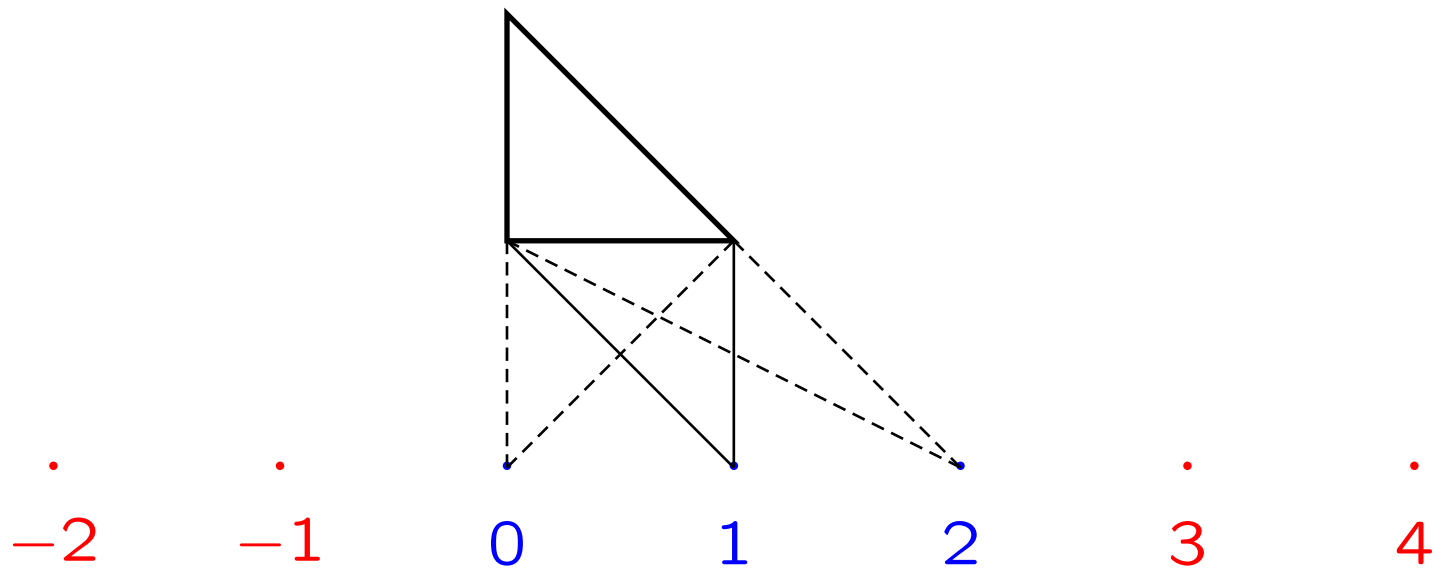


### 3. Comments on Non-Nef cases

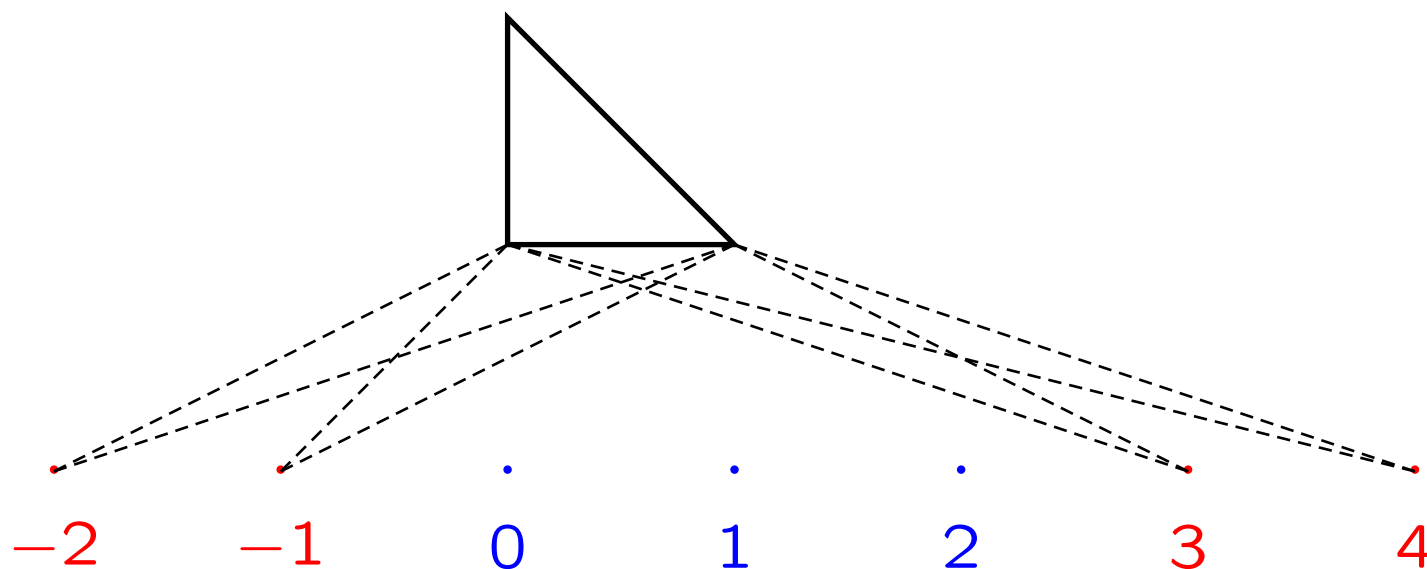
Among rational ruled surfaces (Hirzebruch surfaces)  $F_n$ , only  $F_0, F_1$  and  $F_2$  are nef. That is, for any irreducible curve  $C$ , we have  $(-K_{F_n}) \cdot C \geq 0$ . By the adjunction formula  $C \cdot C + K_S \cdot C = 2g - 2$ , we see that  $F_n, (n \neq 0, 1, 2)$  is not nef, since the self-intersection of the base class  $B$  is  $(-n)$ . For non-nef cases, the toric diagram becomes concave and the dual diagram has external lines crossing each other.

For example, let us look at a simpler case of local rational curve  $X_p : \mathcal{O}(-p) \oplus \mathcal{O}(p - 2) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$

Nef cases ( $p = 0, 1, 2$ )



## Non-nef cases ( $p \neq 0, 1, 2$ )



Although, the toric diagram becomes "ugly", we can formally "extrapolate" computations in terms of topological vertex.

Recently, based on the method of  $J$  function of Coates-Givental, a ( $B$ -model) computation of equivariant local Gromov-Witten invariants for non-nef local rational curve and local Hirzebruch surface is performed; [Forbes-Jinzenji [math.AG/0603728](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0603728)]

They claim that the prepotentials of  $X_p$  for  $2 < p$  are the same as that of  $p = 0, 1, 2$  and for local Hirzebruch case, for example, the Gromov-Witten invariants of  $F_1$  and  $F_3$  are the same up to an appropriate shift of degree.

However, the computation by topological vertex shows rather different feature. We obtain the following partition function of topological string on  $X_p : \mathcal{O}(-p) \oplus \mathcal{O}(p - 2) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ ;

$$Z_{top\ str}^{(X_p)} = \sum_{\mu} (\dim_q R(\mu))^2 q^{\frac{(p-2)\kappa_{\mu}}{2}} e^{-t \cdot \ell_{\mu}}$$

[ $p$  dependence only appears in the framing factor  $q^{\frac{(p-2)\kappa_{\mu}}{2}}$ ]

The quantum dimension  $\dim_q R(\mu)$  is given by a specialization of the corresponding Schur function (the character);

$$\dim_q R(\mu) = s_{\mu}(q^{\rho}), \quad (q^{\rho} : x_i = q^{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

When  $p = 0, 1, 2$  the summation over  $\mu$  can be made in a closed form by using the Cauchy formula for the Schur functions

$$\sum_{\mu} s_{\mu}(x) s_{\mu}(y) = \prod_{1 \leq i, j} (1 - x_i y_j)$$

We obtain

$$Z_{top\ str}^{(X_p)} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{-t} \cdot q^n)^{(-1)^{p-1} \cdot n}$$

and

$$\log Z_{top\ str}^{(X_p)} = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} g_s^{2g-2} F_g(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^p \cdot e^{-t \cdot k}}{k \sinh^2 \left( \frac{k g_s}{2} \right)}$$

which leads the famous trilogarithm (multi-cover structure) at genus zero;

$$F_0(t) = (-1)^p \cdot \text{Li}_3(e^{-t}) = (-1)^p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t \cdot k}}{k^3}$$

The claim in [Forbes-Jinzenji [math.AG/0603728](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0603728)] is that this is valid for all  $p$ .

However, for  $p \neq 0, 1, 2$ , due to the appearance of the framing factor in the topological vertex formalism, we find different results in the instanton expansion;

$$Z_{top\ str}^{(X_p)} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Z_k e^{-tk}$$

Gopakumar-Vafa invariants  $n_g^k$  of  $X_p$ ;

$$n_0^1 = (-1)^p$$

$$n_0^2 = \frac{1}{4}p(p-2) + \frac{1}{8}(1 - (-1)^p)$$

$$n_0^3 = \frac{(-1)^p}{6}p(p-1)^2(p-2)$$

$$n_0^4 = \frac{1}{12}p(p-1)^2(p-2)(2p^2 - 4p + 1)$$

$$n_0^5 = \frac{(-1)^p}{24}p(p-1)^2(p-2)(5p^4 - 20p^3 + 25p^2 - 10p + 2)$$

⋮      ⋮

In general  $n_{g=0}^k$  is a polynomial in  $p$  of order  $2k - 2$ .



Quite recently, the genus zero Gromov-Witten invariants of  $X_p$  is estimated, based on the analysis of (a one cut solution to) a corresponding matrix model; [ N. Caporaso, L. Griguolo, M. Mariño, S. Pasquetti and D. Seminara, [hep-th/0606120](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0606120)]

$$N_{0,k} = \frac{1}{k^2 k!} \frac{((p-1)^2 k - 1)!}{(p(p-2)k)!}$$

Using the Stirling's formula  $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} n^n e^{-n}$ , one can obtain the following asymptotic growth for  $p \neq 0, 1, 2$ ;

$$N_{0,k} \sim k^{-\frac{7}{2}} e^{k \cdot t_c}, \quad t_c := \log((p(p-2))^{p(p-2)} (p-1)^{2(p-1)^2})$$

(should be compared with  $N_{0,k} \sim k^{-3}$ ,  $t_c := 0$ )

Physical implication of the difference of the asymptotic behavior is that in the corresponding matrix model, which is also related to two-dimensional ( $q$ -deformed) Yang-Mills theory on  $\mathbf{P}^1$ , a phase transition takes place at  $t = t_c$  for  $2 < p$ .

How does this difference come from?

According to [Bryan and Pandharipande [math.AG/0411037](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0411037)], in the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves, we can introduce equivariant parameters  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  for toric action on the rank two fiber of  $X_p$ .

If we take  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , then we have  $F_0(t) = (-1)^p \cdot \text{Li}_3(e^{-t})$ , independent of  $p$ . But if we take "anti-diagonal" choice  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$ , then the result depends on  $p$  and there is a clear difference between  $p = 0, 1, 2$  and other cases.

How about the case of local Hirzebruch surface  $\mathbb{F}_n$ , which was of our original interest ?

$$Z_{top\ str}^{(\mathbf{F}_n)} = \sum_{\mu_1\mu_2} (K_{\mu_1\mu_2}(Q_F))^2 \cdot Q_B^{\ell_{\mu_1} + \ell_{\mu_2}} Q_F^{n\ell_{\mu_2}} \cdot (-1)^{n(\ell_{\mu_2} - \ell_{\mu_1})} q^{\frac{n}{2}(\kappa_{\mu_2} - \kappa_{\mu_1})}$$

where  $K_{\mu_1\mu_2}(Q) := \sum_{\nu} Q^{\ell_{\nu}} W_{\mu_1\nu}(q) W_{\nu\mu_2}(q)$  can be computed in a closed form by using the Schur function identities and  $Q_B := e^{-t_B}$ ,  $Q_F := e^{-t_F}$ .

We find  $f_g^{(k)}(\mathbf{F}_2) = Q_F^k \cdot f_g^{(k)}(\mathbf{F}_0)$  (independent of  $g$ ), which means a simple relation  $N_{g,kB+nF}^{\mathbf{F}_2} = N_{g,kB+(n+k)F}^{\mathbf{F}_0}$  between the Gromov-Witten invariants of  $\mathbf{F}_0$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$ .

The computation by [Forbes-Jinzenji] claims a similar relation between  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_3$  ;  $N_{0,kB+nF}^{\mathbf{F}_3} = N_{0,kB+(n+k)F}^{\mathbf{F}_1}$ .

However, again, the topological vertex computation shows rather different results; For example,

$$f_0^{(2)}(\mathbf{F}_1) = \frac{2Q^2(3Q^2 + 4Q + 3)}{(1 - Q)^6(1 + Q)^2},$$

$$f_0^{(2)}(\mathbf{F}_3) = \frac{Q^{10} - 2Q^9 - Q^8 + 4Q^7 + 6Q^6 + 4Q^5 + 6Q^4 + 4Q^3 - Q^2 - 2Q + 1}{(1 - Q)^6(1 + Q)^2}$$

It is an open problem to understand the discrepancy of the Gromov-Witten invariants from the viewpoint of the equivariant Gromov-Witten theory, like the case of local curves.