

Title: Mirror symmetry for moduli spaces of Higgs bundles via p-adic integration

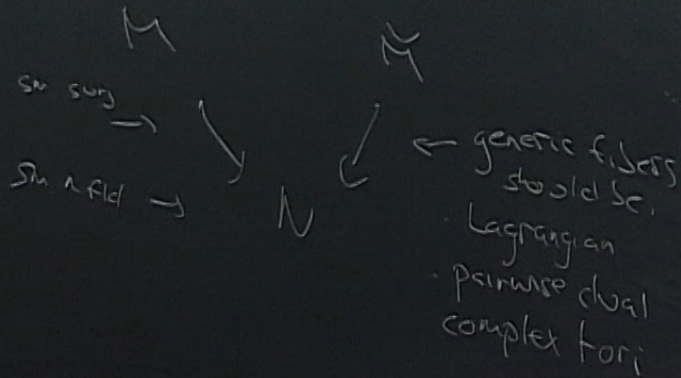
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Abstract: <p>I will talk about a recent proof, joint with M. Gr $\ddot{a}$ nichenig and D. Wyss, of a conjecture of Hausel and Thaddeus which predicts the equality of suitably defined Hodge numbers of moduli spaces of Higgs bundles with  $SL(n)$ - and  $PGL(n)$ -structure. The proof, inspired by an argument of Batyrev, proceeds by comparing the number of points of these moduli spaces over finite fields via p-adic integration.</p>

SYZ - duality:

mirror pairs  $(M, \check{M})$  should look like:



joint /  
 M Grosschenus  
 + D. Wyss

•  $\exists$  generalization for orbifolds involving  $G_m$ -gerbes

Expect:  $h^{Pis}(M) = h^{\dim - Pis}(\check{M})$

• For  $M$  hyperkähler

$h^{Pis}(M) = h^{\dim - Pis}(M)$

$\Rightarrow$  can expect  $h^{Pis}(M) = h^{Pis}(\check{M})$

## Higgs bundles:

$X$  sm. proj. curve /  $\mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{K}$  = can bundle

Def: A Higgs bundle is a pair  
 $(E, \phi)$ ,

$E$  v.b. on  $X$

$\phi: E \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{K}$

Rule:  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$\nabla: E \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{K}$

$f \in \mathcal{O}_X, e \in E:$

$\nabla(fe) = f\nabla e + \lambda e \otimes df$

Fix  $n, d \geq 1$   $(n, d) = 1$

$\rightarrow \exists M_{GL_n}^d$  mod. space of  
semistable Higgs bundles  
of rk  $n$ , deg  $d$ ,  
a smooth,  $q$ -proj. variety

Hitchin fibration:

$(E, \phi) \rightsquigarrow$  char. poly

$$X^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i X^i$$

$$a_i \in H^0(X, \mathcal{K}^{n-i})$$

Thm: (Hitchin)

$$\pi: \mathcal{M}_{GL_n}^d \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} H^0(X, \mathcal{K}^{\otimes i})$$

$\pi$  is proper + surj,  $i$  gen  
fibers are torsor under  
ab. varieties

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General str. groups

$G$  red grp scheme /  $X$   
 $A$   $G$ -Higgs bundle:  
 $(E, \phi)$ ,  
 $E$   $G$ -torsor /  $X$   
 $\phi \in \text{End}(E) \otimes \mathcal{K}$

$\leadsto$  twist  $SL_n$ :  
Fix  $L$  line bundle on  $X$  of deg  $d$

$\leadsto$   $SL_n^L$ -Higgs b:

$(E, \phi)$   $SL_n$ -Higgs b

$$+ \det(E) \cong L$$

$$\text{st } \text{Tr}(\phi) = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  sm. q-proj. moduli space

$$\mathcal{M}_{SL_n^L}$$

$PGL_n$ :

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SM. q-proj. moduli space  
variety

$M_{SL_n}^L$

$PGL_n$ :

$M_{PGL_n}^d$  SM. q-proj stack

$\Gamma = \text{Pic}^0(X)[n] \hookrightarrow M_{SL_n}^L$  by  $\otimes$

$M_{PGL_n}^d = \left[ M_{SL_n}^L / \Gamma \right]$

$\mathcal{M}_{SL_n}$   $\mathcal{M}_{PGL_n}^d$   
 proper + surj.  $\rightarrow$   
 $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{l=0}^{n-2} H^0(X, K^{n-l})$   
 + gen fibers are torsors under  $g$  which are pairwise dual in the sense of  $g$  var.

"Stringy coh"  


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 $L/X$  is



"Stringy coh":

L/K is

$$\leadsto \alpha^L \text{ } \mathcal{G}_m\text{-gerbe on } M_{\text{PGL}_n}^d \\ \in H^2(M_{\text{PGL}_n}^d, \mathcal{G}_m)$$

$\leadsto H_c^i(M_{\text{PGL}_n}^d, \alpha^L)$  "stringy" coh  
gp equipped w/ H str.

Fact: The H-str. on  $H_c^i(M_{\text{SL}_n}^d)$   
and  $H_c^i(M_{\text{PGL}_n}^d, \alpha^L)$  are pure

Thm.

$$\forall p \mid q, h^{p,1}(Y_{SL_n}) = h^{p,1}(Y_{GL_n})$$

This was conjectured by  
Hassel-Theddos who proved  
it for  $n=2,3$

Ingredients of proof

Weil conj:

$X$  sm proj. var. /  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$\Rightarrow \# |X(\mathbb{F}_q)|$  finite

Thm (Grothendieck, Deligne, ...):

$$Z_X(T) = \exp \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{|X(\mathbb{F}_q)|}{n} T^n \right) \in \mathbb{Q}[[T]]$$

(1)  $Z_X(T) \in \mathbb{Q}(T)$

(2)  $Z_X(T) = \frac{P_1(T) \cdots P_{2g-1}(T)}{P_0(T) \cdots P_g(T)}$



s.t.  $\exists P_i(T) \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$

(s. term 1)

(2) Every cplx root of  $P_i(T)$  has  $|z| = q^{1/2}$ .

→ this determines the  $P_i$ .

Furthermore:

Let  $\mathbb{Q}_p \subset F$  finite over field

→  $\mathcal{O}_F \subset F$

$k_F = \mathcal{O}_F / \mathfrak{m}_F$  res. field

say  $k_F = \mathbb{F}_q$

$X / \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_F)$  so. proj. scheme

→  $X_i = X_{k_F}$

Choose  $F \subset \mathbb{C}$

→  $X(\mathbb{C})$  cplx mfld

Then,  $\deg P_i(T) = \dim H^1(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$

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How to get these:

Given fin many varieties /  $\mathbb{C}$   
+ some morphisms between  
then

+ some properties

Can describe everything w /  
fin many polynomials w /  
fin. many coeff

$$\leadsto \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

$\uparrow$   
gen. by all coeff

→ the var. + morph  
descend to  $\text{Spec}(R)$

→ By localizing  $R$  get  
properties /  $\text{Spec}(R)$

Can look at  $R \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_F$   
for local fields  $F$

→ by Chebotarev density  
thm + comparison th.  
from p-adic Hodge theory  
(Faltings),

if  $X, Y / \text{Spec}(R)$   
have same H. cont. /  $\mathcal{O}_F$   
for suff. many  $R \subset \mathcal{O}_F$ ,  
 $X(\mathcal{O}_F), Y(\mathcal{O}_F)$  have same H. #.

density  
son th.  
edge theor

→ Reduce to  $X, Y / \text{Spec}(O_F)$ ,  
Want to compare pt. count

Weil:  $X / \text{Spec}(O_F)$   
smooth sch.

$$X(O_F) \text{ locally } \cong O_F^n$$

By locally integrating a  
volume form on  $X/O_F$   
against this Haar measure

get a can measure on  $X/O_F$

$$\rightarrow \text{Vol}(X(O_F)) = \frac{|X(k_F)|}{|k_F|^{\dim X}}$$

→ can compare measures!

Pf of thm

Look at situation /  $O_F$

$$M_1 = M_{SL_n} \quad M_2 = M_{PSL_n}^d$$

Goal . p-adic measure on

$$M_i^c(O_F)$$

$$f_i : M_i^c(O_F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

st. enough to show:

$$\int_{M_1^c(O_F)} f_1 d\mu_1 = \int_{M_2^c(O_F)} f_2 d\mu_2$$

$$M_1 \quad M_2 \\ \pi_1 \downarrow \quad \downarrow \pi_2 \\ A$$

Compute fibrewise:

$$\int_{M_1^c(O_F)} f_1 d\mu_1 = \int_{a \in A(O_F)} \left( \int_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)(O_F)} f_1 d\mu_1 \right)$$

→ Enough to show:

$\forall a \in A(O_F)$  s.t. over  $a|_F \in A(F)$   
have torsors under  $\mathcal{V}_a$

$$\int_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)(F)} f_1 = \int_{\pi_2^{-1}(a)(F)} f_2$$

$$P_1 \subset M_1, \quad M_2 \subset P_2$$

$$\pi_1 \downarrow \quad \downarrow \pi_2$$

$$A$$

Compute fibrewise:

$$\int_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)} f_1 dx = \int_{a \in A(\mathcal{O}_F)} \left( \int_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)} f_1 dx_1 \right)$$

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Fix such  $a \in A(\mathcal{O}_F)$

Say  $\pi_i^{-1}(a)(F) \neq \emptyset$

Fix  $\pi_i^{-1}(a)(F) \cong P_i(F)$

$f_i: P_i(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \{i, i\} = \{1, 2\}$

can be described as follows:

Tate duality  $\left[ \pi_i^{-1}(a) \right]$

$$(\cdot, \cdot)_i: P_i(F) \times H^1(F, P_{i,i}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

perfect pairing



3)

$$f_i(-) = (-, \sum \pi_i^{-1}(A)(F))$$

$$P_i(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

Get eq of integrals

by Chebotarev  
 then + compar  
 from p-adic Hodge  
 (Faltings),  
 $x, y / \mathbb{Q}$  spe  
 ve same pt. con  
 for suff. many  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{C}$  have same