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(Non-commutative algebra and free probability theory.)

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Groups meets F-theory



- Groups reveal symmetries and simplify problems in physics.
- Gauge Groups:
 - **Lagrangian:** Functional, which determines system dynamics when minimized.
 - Gauge: Regulates redundant degrees of freedom in the Lagrangian.
 - Gauge group: Mappings between gauges.
 - Gauge group of electromagnetism, weak, and strong force: $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$.
 - Quantum field theories and string theory based on group principles.
 - \rightarrow Particles classified by gauge group representation theory.
- \Rightarrow Gauge groups: Key to F-theory.

Groups meet F-theory: Gauge Groups from Elliptic Fibrations (Details: [Weigand '18])

- Axio-dilaton τ : Key to F-theory, a section of a holomorphic $SL(2,\mathbb{Z})$ bundle.
- $\bullet\,$ Value of τ at spacetime point sets complex structure of an elliptic curve.
- \Rightarrow Value of τ /choice of elliptic curve varies with spacetime point.
- \Rightarrow Elliptic fibration: Book-keeping device of axio-dilaton au



• Crucial: Gauge group in F-theory from singularities of elliptic fibration. (Cf. Kodaira classification)

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Groups meet F-theory: Weierstrass Models

- Consider the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}^{2,3,1}$ with coordinates [x : y : z].
- An elliptic curve in Weierstrass form $(f, g \in \mathbb{C})$:

$$C = \{ [x: y: z] \in \mathbb{P}^{2,3,1} \mid y^2 - x^3 - fxz^4 - gz^6 = 0 \}$$

• C becomes singular when $4f^3 + 27g^2 = 0$.

• To construct an elliptic fibration over base *B*, we use sections:

$$f \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes 4}), \quad g \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes 6}).$$

 $\left(\mathsf{This implies} \ x \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes 2}), \ y \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes 3}), \ z \in H^0(B, \mathcal{O}_B).\right)$

- Singularities appear at $\Delta = \{p \in B \mid 4f(p)^3 + 27g(p)^2 = 0\}.$
- Gauge group set by vanishing orders of $(f, g, 4f^3 + 27g^2)$ at Δ :

Weierstrass table in OSCAR documentation.

Groups meet F-theory: Tate Models

Often, we seek elliptic fibration with singularities corresponding to a chosen gauge group G. Typically, this is easier with Tate models:

• Define Tate model similar to Weierstrass model, but use $a_i \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes i})$ and

$$P_T = y^2 + a_1 x y z + a_3 y z^3 - x^3 - a_2 x^2 z^2 - a_4 x z^4 - a_6 z^6 \,.$$

• Recover Weierstrass model:

$$\begin{split} &b_2 = 4a_2 + a_1^2 \,, \quad b_4 = 2a_4 + a_1a_3 \,, \quad b_6 = 4a_6 + a_3^2 \,, \\ &f = -\frac{b_2^2 - 24b_4}{48} \,, \quad g = \frac{b_2^3 - 36b_2b_4 + 216b_6}{864} \,, \quad P_W = y^2 - x^3 - fxz^4 - gz^6 \,. \end{split}$$

(Conversely, expressing a Weierstrass model as a Tate model is generally possible only locally.)

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Groups meet F-theory: An example of a Tate model [Krause Mayrhofer Weigand '11]

- Goal: Engineer an SU(5) Tate model with singularity over $\{w = 0\} \subset B$.
 - Look up vanishing orders from Tate table: (0, 1, 2, 3, 5).
 - Sector $a_i \in H^0(B, \overline{K}_B^{\otimes i})$ accordingly (assuming this is possible):

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⇒ Voila! Global Tate model with SU(5) singularity over $\{w = 0\}$.

• Make a yet more special choice [Krause Mayrhofer Weigand '11]

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 \rightarrow Enhances gauge group to $SU(5) \times U(1)$ (\leftrightarrow Mordell-Weil group of elliptic fibration). \rightarrow This will be our working example for most of this talk. With OSCAR we create this $SU(5) \times U(1)$ global Tate model as follows:

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Note: For t we create a particular geometry as base space – a special toric space.

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See also M.B. & L. Kastner, Toric Geometry in OSCAR, ComputerAlgebraRundbrief #72, 2023.

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- F-theory QSMs [Cvetič Halverson Ling Liu Tian '19]: $\mathcal{O}(10^{15})$ F-theory solutions with attractive pyhsics features.
 - Based on 708 3-dim. reflexive polytopes.
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⇒ **Task:** Find a 3-dim. toric variety without torus factor and such that its Cox ring $S = \mathbb{Q}[a_{10}, a_{21}, a_{32}, a_{43}, a_{65}, w,]$ is graded by base_grading.

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- Vanilla scneario: Sequence of toric blowups is sufficient.
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 - Idea: Set up a database for such findings? Already in place in OSCAR!

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julia> m = literature_model(arxiv_id = "1109.3454", equation = "3.1");
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Roots Count	$ h^0 = 3$	$h^0 \geq 3$	$ h^0 = 4$	$h^0 \ge 4$
12 ⁸	$\left \begin{array}{c} 12^4 \cdot \left(12^4 - 1 \right) \right. \right.$	0	12 ⁴	0

▶ h⁰(C[•], P[•]) may depend on finer than combinatorial data (descent data). For such cases we compute an optimal lower bound an list them in every 2nd column.

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$\Delta_{128}^\circ,\Delta_{130}^\circ,\Delta_{136}^\circ,\Delta_{236}^\circ$	42.0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Δ_{88}°	61.1	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Δ°_{110}	57.8	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Δ°_{272} , Δ°_{274}	57.5	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Δ°_{387}	57.3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
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Δ°_{302}	54.7	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
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Δ°_{762}	51.3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Δ°_{417}	51.3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
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Δ_4°	99.0	1.0						
Δ°_{134}	99.8	0.2						
Δ_{128}° , Δ_{130}° , Δ_{136}° , Δ_{236}°	99.9	0.1						
Δ_{88}°	74.9	22.1	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.0		
Δ°_{110}	82.4	14.1	3.1	0.4	0.0			
Δ°_{272} , Δ°_{274}	78.1	18.0	3.4	0.5	0.0	0.0		
Δ°_{387}	73.8	21.9	3.5	0.7	0.0	0.0		
Δ°_{798} , Δ°_{808} , Δ°_{810} , Δ°_{812}	77.0	17.9	4.4	0.7	0.0	0.0		
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Δ_{417}°	94.8	0.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Δ°_{838}	94.7	0.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
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