Lattice Polytopes and Orbifolds in Quiver Gauge Theories

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Compactification of Extra Dimensions

- Superstring theory predicts (9+1) spacetime dimensions \implies 6 must be undetectable!
- Calabi-Yau compactifications
- D-branes and gauge theories

Orbifold Compactifications

• Manifold of equivalence classes of orbits of a finite group (quotient group)

- Most general Abelian action constructible from $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}$
- Let g generate \mathbb{Z}_{n_i} ; action on \mathbb{C}^3 given by the following representation:

$$
\text{diag}\left(e^{\frac{i2\pi a_1}{n_i}},e^{\frac{i2\pi a_2}{n_i}},e^{\frac{i2\pi a_3}{n_i}}\right)
$$

• Orbifold action encoded by (a_1, a_2, a_3) , with $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{n_i}$.

- However, orbifold actions are not uniquely identified by a single 3-tuple (scaling, permutation)
- Example: $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$ has two unique actions given by: $(0,1,2)$ and $(1,1,1)$. The former has action $\mathrm{diag}(1,\zeta,\zeta^2)$ for $\zeta^3=1$, whereas the second has action $diag(\zeta, \zeta, \zeta)$.

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- A toric Calabi-Yau orbifold can be represented by a lattice polytope
- Lattice polytopes correspond to the same physical orbifold if and only if they are related to each other by a $GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ transformation
	- Diffeomorphism invariance of Polyakov string action
- The area, volume, etc. of the lattice polytope equals the order of the orbifold group.

Theorem: every integer-valued 2×2 matrix is the product of a matrix in $GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and a Hermite normal form:

$$
H = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad a_{12} < a_{22}
$$

- Physically unique toric diagrams can thus be identified with Hermite normal forms
- **Hermite normal forms** \iff sublattices
	- Given a lattice basis $\Lambda = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots\}$, $H\Lambda$ yields sublattice
	- Can also be obtained from counting lattice points contained in scaled toric diagrams

Example: $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$ Orbifolds

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Let g in the permutation representation of G be composed of α_1 1-cycles, α_2 2-cycles, up to α_k k-cycles. We can write:

$$
\zeta_g = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_k^{\alpha_k}
$$

The cycle index of a group G is obtained by averaging the ζ_g :

$$
\mathsf{Z}_\mathsf{G} = \frac{1}{|\mathsf{G}|}\sum_\mathsf{g} \zeta_\mathsf{g} = \frac{1}{|\mathsf{G}|}\sum_\alpha \mathsf{c}(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_k) x_1^{\alpha_1}\ldots x_k^{\alpha_k}
$$

where $c(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ denotes the degeneracy of each cycle structure and the sum is taken over cycle structures.

Burnside's Lemma: The number $N(G)$ of orbits of G under the group action on X is given by the size of the fixed sets F_{g} under each element $g \in G$:

$$
N(G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |F_g|
$$

- G symmetry group of toric diagram, X set of sublattices
- Number of inequivalent sublattices of index $n \iff$ number of orbits of G on X
- \bullet Only need one $g \in G$ for each cycle structure (conjugacy class)

Motivation for Platonic Solids

- ADE classification of discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$:
	- \bullet A_n: binary cyclic group of order 2*n*
	- \bullet D_n : binary dihedral group of order 4n
	- \bullet E_6 : binary tetrahedral group of order 24
	- \bullet E_7 : binary octahedral group of order 48
	- \bullet E_8 : binary icosahedral group of order 120
- Unique set of quivers with only finitely many isomorphism classes of indecomposable representations
- Connection to quiver gauge theories: quivers represent matter content of gauge theory for D-branes on orbifolds, where nodes \iff factors of the gauge group and links \iff fields in particular representations

Tetrahedral Symmetries

- Symmetry group given by S_4
	- Permutation action on vertices

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Tetrahedron Data

$$
Z_{S_4}=\frac{1}{24}\left(x_1^4+6x_1^2x_2+3x_2^2+8x_1x_3+6x_4\right)
$$

Table 1: Number of sublattices of index n invariant under representative symmetries from each conjugacy class of S_4 .

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- Multiplicative sequences: $f(nm) = f(n)f(m)$ for n, m coprime.
- Multiplicative sequences form a group under Dirichlet convolution:

$$
f(n) = (g * h)(n) = \sum_{m|n} g(m)h\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)
$$

where the notation $m|n$ means that the sum runs over all the divisors m of n.

Analytic Sublattice Enumeration

Define the unit, number, and square sequences:

$$
u = \{1, 1, 1, \ldots\}
$$

$$
N = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}
$$

$$
N^2 = \{1, 4, 9, \ldots\}
$$

The Dirichlet characters $\chi_{k,n}$ of modulus k and index n form an Abelian group of order $\varphi(k)$:

$$
\chi_{1,1} = u
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\chi_{2,1} = \{1, 0, \ldots\}
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\chi_{3,1} = \{1, 1, 0, \ldots\}
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\chi_{3,2} = \{1, -1, 0, \ldots\}
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Tetrahedron Analytics

$$
f_{x_1^4}^{\triangleleft} = u * N * N^2
$$

$$
f_{x_1^2x_2^1}^{\triangleleft} = \{1, -1, 0, 4\} * u * u * N
$$

$$
f_{x_2^2}^{\triangleleft} = \{1, -1, 0, 4\} * u * u * N
$$

$$
f^{\triangleleft}_{x_1^1x_3^1} = \{1,0,-1,0,0,0,0,0,3\} * u * u * \chi_{3,2}
$$

$$
f_{x_4^1}^{\triangleleft} = \{1, -1, 0, 2\} * u * u * \chi_{4,2}
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Tetrahedron Numbers

Figure 1: Scatter plot of the number of invariant sublattices of index n for the tetrahedral lattice. Primes are given in purple. The blue line corresponds to $n^2/24$.

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Cubic Symmetries

- Symmetry group given by $S_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
	- One copy for each embedded tetrahedron
	- Permutation representation describes action on four space diagonals

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$$
\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{S}_4\times\mathbb{Z}_2}=\frac{1}{24}\bigg(x_1^{4+}+6x_1^2x_2^{1+}+3x_2^{2+}+8x_1^1x_3^{1+}+6x_4^{1+}\bigg)
$$

Table 2: Number of sublattices of index n invariant under representative symmetries from each conjugacy class of $S_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

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Cube Analytics

$$
f_{x_1^{4+}}^{\square}=u*N*N^2
$$

$$
f_{x_1^2x_2^{1+}}^{\square} = \{1, -1, 0, 4\} * u * u * N
$$

$$
f_{x_2^{2+}}^{\square} = \{1,3\} * u * u * N
$$

$$
f_{x_1^1x_3^{1+}}^{\square} = \{1,0,-1,0,0,0,0,0,3\} * u * u * \chi_{3,2}
$$

$$
f_{x_4^{1+}}^{\square} = \{1,1\} * u * u * \chi_{4,2}
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Figure 2: Scatter plot of the number of invariant sublattices of index n for the cubic lattice. Primes are given in purple. The blue line corresponds to $n^2/24$.

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Dodecahedral Symmetries

 \bullet $A_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry with permutation action on five embedded cubes

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Z_{A_5\times\mathbb{Z}_2}=\frac{1}{60}\bigg(x_1^5+12x_5^1+12x_5^{1\prime}+20x+15x\bigg)
$$

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- Crystallographic restriction in 3D prevents 5-fold lattice symmetry
- Largest 3D space group of order 48
- Embedding in higher dimensions

Alternative Route: Projective Geometry

• Surprising correspondence between symmetry groups of lattice polytopes and projective groups over finite fields:

 $S_3 \simeq \mathrm{PGL}(2,\mathbb{F}_2)$

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A_5\simeq \mathrm{PGL}(2,\mathbb{F}_4)
$$

• Rephrase invariant sublattice question in terms of projective spaces

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- Number of inequivalent orbifolds on a variety of spaces counted by symmetry analysis
	- Toric diagrams with symmetries of S_3 , D_4 , D_6 , S_4 , $S_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- Projective geometry or higher-dimensional embedding methods
- Representations of Lie algebras, orbifold enumeration, and quiver gauge theories

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