

Relative mirror symmetry and the proper Landau–Ginzburg potential

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A big picture

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Symplectic Geometry of X $\xrightleftharpoons{\text{Mirror Symmetry}}$ Complex geometry of X^\vee

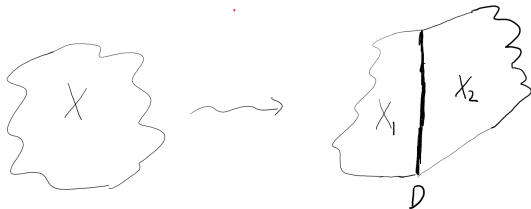
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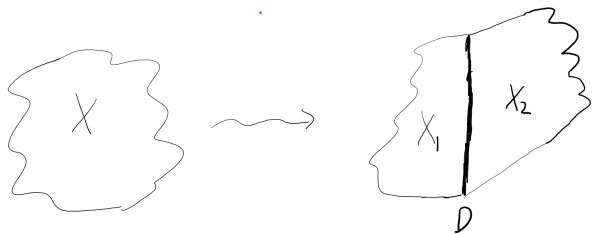
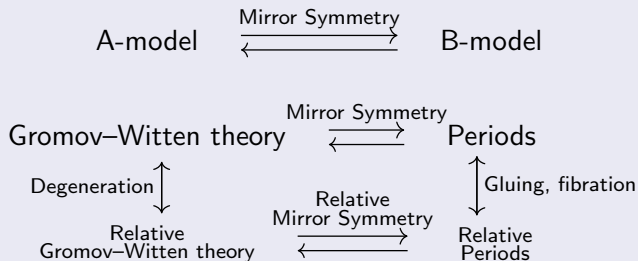
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\updownarrow Fibration

Complex geometry of $(X_1, D)^\vee$ and $(X_2, D)^\vee$



Enumerative mirror symmetry



Moduli Space of Stable Maps

$\overline{M}_{g,n}(X, d)$: the moduli space of stable maps of degree d from genus g nodal curves with n -markings to a smooth projective variety X . It consists of

$$(C, \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n) \xrightarrow{f} X,$$

where

- C is a projective, connected, nodal curve of genus g ;
- p_1, \dots, p_n are distinct non-singular points of C ;
- $f_*[C] = d \in H_2(X)$;
- stable: automorphisms of the maps are finite

Definition

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Given cohomological classes $\gamma_i \in H^*(X)$, and $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, one can define the Gromov–Witten invariant

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \tau_{a_i}(\gamma_i) \right\rangle_{g,n,d}^X := \int_{[\overline{M}_{g,n}(X,d)]^{\text{vir}}} \prod_{i=1}^n (\text{ev}_i^* \gamma_i) \psi_i^{a_i}.$$

Enumerative mirror symmetry

- The A-model data is a generating function of genus zero Gromov–Witten invariants called the J -function $J_X(\tau, z)$:

$$J_X(\tau, z) = z + \tau + \sum_{\substack{(\beta, l) \neq (0,0), (0,1) \\ \beta \in \text{NE}(X)}} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q^{\beta}}{l!} \left\langle \frac{\phi_{\alpha}}{z - \psi}, \tau, \dots, \tau \right\rangle_{0, 1+l, \beta}^X \phi^{\alpha},$$

where $\tau = \tau_{0,2} + \tau' \in H^*(X)$; $\tau_{0,2} = \sum_{i=1}^r p_i \log q_i \in H^2(X)$; $\tau' \in H^*(X) \setminus H^2(X)$; $\text{NE}(X)$ is the cone of effective curve classes in X ; $\{\phi_{\alpha}\}$ is a basis of $H^*(X)$; $\{\phi^{\alpha}\}$ is the dual basis under the Poincaré pairing.

- The B-model data is period integrals called the I -function $I_X(y, z)$

Mirror theorem (Givental 1996, Lian–Liu–Yau 1997, ...)

$$J_X(\tau(y), z) = I_X(y, z)$$

where $\tau(y)$ is called the mirror map.

For quintic threefold the I -function is

$$\begin{aligned} I_X(y) &= \sum_{d \geq 0} y^{H+d} \frac{\prod_{a=1}^{5d} (5H+a)}{\prod_{a=1}^d (H+a)^5} \\ &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \frac{(5d)!}{(d!)^5} y^d H^0 + O(H). \end{aligned}$$

Remark

Such a mirror theorem has been proved in many cases including toric stacks, Grassmannians, partial flag varieties etc.

Relative Gromov–Witten invariants

Relative Gromov–Witten theory is the enumerative theory of counting curves with tangency condition along a divisor (a codimensional one subvariety).

- X : a smooth projective variety.
- D : a smooth divisor of X .
- For $d \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Q})$, we consider a partition $\vec{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_m)$ of $\int_d [D]$. That is,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m k_i = \int_d [D], \quad k_i > 0$$

- $\overline{M}_{g, \vec{k}, n, d}(X, D)$: the moduli space of $(m+n)$ -pointed, genus g , degree $d \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Q})$, relative stable maps to (X, D) such that the relative conditions are given by the partition \vec{k} .

Evaluation Maps

There are two types of evaluation maps.

$$\text{ev}_i : \overline{M}_{g, \vec{k}, n, d}(X, D) \rightarrow D, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m;$$

$$\text{ev}_i : \overline{M}_{g, \vec{k}, n, d}(X, D) \rightarrow X, \quad \text{for } m+1 \leq i \leq m+n.$$

The first m markings are relative markings with contact order k_i , the last n markings are interior markings.

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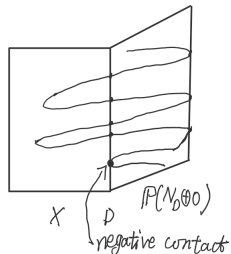
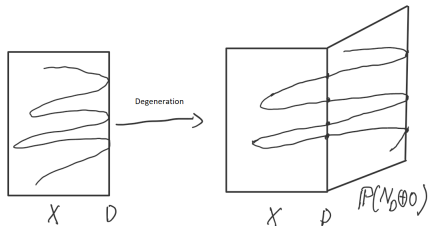
- $\delta_i \in H^*(D, \mathbb{Q})$, for $1 \leq i \leq m$.
- $\gamma_{m+i} \in H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

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Relative Gromov–Witten invariants of (X, D) are defined as

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^m \tau_{a_i}(\delta_i) \left| \prod_{i=1}^n \tau_{a_i}(\gamma_{m+i}) \right. \right\rangle_{g, \bar{k}, n, d}^{(X, D)} := \int_{[\bar{M}_{g, \bar{k}, n, d}(X, D)]^{\text{vir}}} \prod_{i=1}^m \text{ev}_i^*(\delta_i) \bar{\psi}_i^{a_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{ev}_{m+i}^*(\gamma_{m+i}) \bar{\psi}_i^{a_i}. \quad (1)$$

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For those who are familiar with Gross–Siebert program, similar invariants also appear in their program where they are called punctured Gromov–Witten invariants.

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Mirror symmetry for Fano varieties

The mirror of a Fano variety X is a Landau–Ginzburg model (X^\vee, W) consisting of a Kähler manifold X^\vee satisfying $h^1(X^\vee) = 0$ and a proper map $W : X^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, where W is called the superpotential.

Furthermore, the generic fiber of W should be mirror to the smooth anticanonical divisor of X .

Therefore, a proper LG model (X^\vee, W) is actually mirror to a smooth log Calabi–Yau pair (X, D) .

Givental’s LG model is actually mirror to a toric variety with its toric boundary.

Mirror symmetry for log Calabi–Yau pairs

For a smooth log Calabi–Yau pair (X, D)

$$\text{Log Calabi–Yau } (X, D) \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Mirror}} \\ \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} \end{array} \quad \text{LG model } (X^\vee, W)$$

$$\text{Noncompact Calabi–Yau } X \setminus D \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Mirror}} \\ \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} \end{array} \quad X^\vee \text{ (without } W)$$

$$\text{Smooth anticanonical divisor } D \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Mirror}} \\ \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} \end{array} \quad W^{-1}(t) \text{ for generic } t \in \mathbb{C}$$

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The mirror X^\vee : the projective spectrum of the degree zero part of the relative quantum cohomology $QH_{\log}^0(Y, D')$ of (Y, D') , where D' is a certain divisor that contains $g^{-1}(0)$.

The proper LG potential from intrinsic mirror symmetry

The LG potential is also constructed from the intrinsic mirror symmetry.

Theta function

Let $QH_{\log}^0(X, D)$ be the degree zero subalgebra of the relative quantum cohomology ring $QH_{\log}^*(X, D)$ of a smooth log Calabi–Yau pair (X, D) . The set

$$\{\vartheta_p\}, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

of theta functions form a canonical basis of $QH_{\log}^0(X, D)$.

The construction

The base of the Landau–Ginzburg mirror of (X, D) is $\text{Spec } QH_{\log}^0(X, D) = \mathbb{A}^1$ and the superpotential is $W = \vartheta_1$, the unique primitive theta function of $QH_{\log}^0(X, D)$.

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Structure constants

The structure constants $N_{p_1, p_2, -r}^{\beta}$ are defined as the invariants of (X, D) with two “inputs” with positive contact orders given by $p_1, p_2 \in B(\mathbb{Z})$, one “output” with negative contact order given by $-r$ such that $r \in B(\mathbb{Z})$, and a point constraint for the punctured point. Namely,

$$N_{p_1, p_2, -r}^{\beta} = \langle [1]_{p_1}, [1]_{p_2}, [\text{pt}]_{-r} \rangle_{0, 3, \beta}^{(X, D)}. \quad (3)$$

We have the following identity for structure constants.

Proposition (Y, 2022 & Yu Wang, 2022)

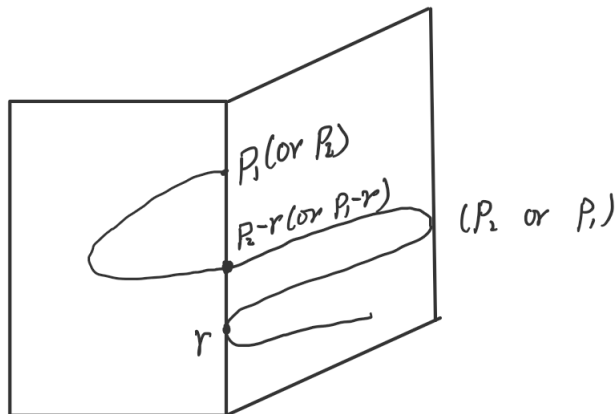
The structure constants $N_{p_1, p_2, -r}^\beta$ can be written as two-point relative invariants (without negative contact):

$$N_{p_1, p_2, -r}^\beta = (p_1 - r) \langle [\text{pt}]_{p_1 - r}, [1]_{p_2} \rangle_{0, 2, \beta}^{(X, D)} + (p_2 - r) \langle [\text{pt}]_{p_2 - r}, [1]_{p_1} \rangle_{0, 2, \beta}^{(X, D)}$$

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Proof by picture:



Theta functions

We define the theta function in terms of two-point relative Gromov–Witten invariants.

Definition

For $p \geq 1$, the theta function is

$$\vartheta_p := x^{-p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n N_{n,p} t^{n+p} x^n, \quad (4)$$

where

$$N_{n,p} = \sum_{\beta} \langle [\text{pt}]_n, [1]_p \rangle_{0,2,\beta}^{(X,D)}.$$

Proposition (Y, 2022)

The above definition of the theta functions satisfy the multiplication rule

$$\vartheta_{p_1} \star \vartheta_{p_2} = \sum_{r \geq 0, \beta} N_{p_1, p_2, -r}^\beta \vartheta_r. \quad (5)$$

Proof.

By the WDVV equation for relative Gromov–Witten theory and the above identity for structure constants. □

Conjecture & Title of the paper by [GRZ]:

"The proper Landau–Ginzburg potential is the open mirror map."

Theorem (GRZ)

For a toric del Pezzo surface X with a smooth anticanonical divisor D , the proper potential is

$$W = \text{open mirror map of } K_X = \sum n_0^{\text{open}}(K_X),$$

a generating function of genus zero open Gromov–Witten invariants of K_X .

The work of Grafnitz–Ruddat–Zaslow

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We will compute the proper potential $W = \vartheta_1$ in general using the relative mirror theorem of [Fan–Tseng–Y, 2019]. Recall,

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A hypersurface construction of root stacks

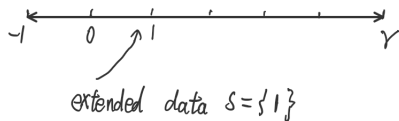
[Fan–Tseng–Y]: the root stack $X_{D,r}$ is a hypersurface of a $\mathbb{P}^1[r]$ -bundle over X .

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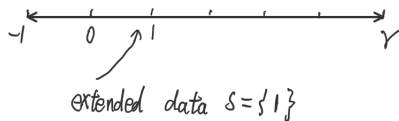


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To compute ϑ_1 , we just need to consider the simplest case of the extended I -function where the extended data is

$$S = \{1\}.$$

The extended I -function

Definition

The S -extended I -function of (X, D) is defined as follows.

$$I_{(X,D)}^S(y, x_1, z) = I_+ + I_-,$$

where

$$I_+ := \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \text{NE}(X), k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ k < D \cdot \beta}} J_{X,\beta}(\tau_{0,2}, z) y^\beta \frac{x_1^k}{z^k k!} \frac{\prod_{0 < a \leq D \cdot \beta} (D + az)}{D + (D \cdot \beta - k)z} [1]_{-D \cdot \beta + k},$$

and

$$I_- := \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \text{NE}(X), k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ k \geq D \cdot \beta}} J_{X,\beta}(\tau_{0,2}, z) y^\beta \frac{x_1^k}{z^k k!} \left(\prod_{0 < a \leq D \cdot \beta} (D + az) \right) [1]_{-D \cdot \beta + k}.$$

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Theorem (Fan–Tseng–Y, 2019)

Let X be a smooth projective variety and D be a smooth nef divisor such that $-K_X - D$ is nef. Then

$$J(\tau(y, x_1), z) = I(y, x_1, z).$$

via change of variables, called the extended relative mirror map $\tau(y, x_1) =$

$$\sum_{i=1}^r p_i \log y_i + x_1 [1]_1 + \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \text{NE}(X) \\ D \cdot \beta \geq 2}} \langle [\text{pt}] \psi^{D \cdot \beta - 2} \rangle_{0,1,\beta}^X y^{\beta} (D \cdot \beta - 1)! [1]_{-D \cdot \beta}. \quad (6)$$

We need to compute the following invariants.

- Relative invariants with one positive contact order and several negative contact orders:

$$\langle [1]_{-k_1}, \dots, [1]_{-k_l}, [\gamma]_{k_{l+1}} \bar{\psi}^a \rangle_{0, l+1, \beta}^{(X, D)}, k_i > 0;$$

- Relative invariants with two positive contact orders and several negative contact orders of the following form:

$$\langle [1]_1, [1]_{-k_1}, \dots, [1]_{-k_l}, [\gamma]_{k_{l+1}} \rangle_{0, l+2, \beta}^{(X, D)}, k_i > 0;$$

- Degree zero relative invariants with two positive contact orders and several negative contact orders of the following form:

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The proper LG potential is the relative mirror map

After extracting certain coefficients of the J -function and the I -function, take derivatives, and match coefficients, we have

Theorem (Y, 2022)

Let X be a smooth projective variety with a smooth nef anticanonical divisor D . Let $W := \vartheta_1$ be the mirror proper Landau–Ginzburg potential. Set $q^\beta = t^{D \cdot \beta} x^{D \cdot \beta}$. Then

$$W = x^{-1} \exp(g(y(q))),$$

where

$$g(y) = \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \text{NE}(X) \\ D \cdot \beta \geq 2}} \langle [\text{pt}] \psi^{D \cdot \beta - 2} \rangle_{0,1,\beta}^X y^\beta (D \cdot \beta - 1)!$$

and $y = y(q)$ is the inverse of the relative mirror map

$$\sum_{i=1}^r p_i \log q_i = \sum_{i=1}^r p_i \log y_i + g(y)D. \quad (7)$$

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This is a natural expectation from the point of view of relative mirror symmetry. Recall that the proper Landau–Ginzburg model (X^\vee, W) is mirror to the smooth log Calabi–Yau pair (X, D) . The relative mirror theorem [Fan–Tseng–Y] relates relative Gromov–Witten invariants with relative periods (relative I -functions) via the relative mirror map.

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Open Gromov–Witten invariants of $\mathcal{O}_X(-D)$ appear here maybe because there exists an identity between open Gromov–Witten invariants of $\mathcal{O}_X(-D)$ and the open Gromov–Witten invariants of $X \setminus D$, similar to the local-relative correspondence for closed Gromov–Witten invariants.

However, we do not know if such an identity will be true in general.

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For Fano varieties, we observed that the function

$$g(y) = \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \text{NE}(X) \\ D \cdot \beta \geq 2}} \langle [\text{pt}] \psi^{D \cdot \beta - 2} \rangle_{0,1,\beta}^X y^\beta (D \cdot \beta - 1)!$$

is closely related to the regularized quantum periods in the Fano search program.

Theorem (Y, 2022)

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It is expected that regularized quantum periods of Fano varieties coincide with the classical periods of their mirror Laurent polynomials. Therefore, as long as one knows the mirror Laurent polynomials, one can compute the proper Landau–Ginzburg potentials.

For example, the proper Landau–Ginzburg potentials for all Fano threefolds can be explicitly computed.

More generally, there are large databases of quantum periods for Fano manifolds to compute the proper Landau–Ginzburg potentials.

Remark

The Laurent polynomials are considered as the mirror of Fano varieties with maximal boundaries (or as the potential for the weak, non-proper, Landau–Ginzburg models). Therefore, we have an explicit relation between the proper and non-proper Landau–Ginzburg potentials.

Thank you!