K3 Surfaces with $\mathcal{S}_4$ Symmetry

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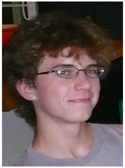
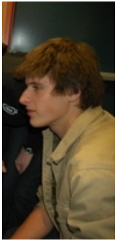


Outline

K3 surfaces

- A K3 surface is a simply connected compact complex surfacewith trivial canonical bundle.
- All K3 surfaces are diffeomorphic.

Example

The hypersurface in $\mathbb{P}^3$ defined by

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + w^4 = 0$$

is a K3 surface.

More examples of K3 surfaces

- Smooth quartics in $\mathbb{P}^3$
- Double covers of $\mathbb{P}^2$ branched over a smooth sextic
- Hypersurfaces in 3-dimensional Fano toric varieties

Hodge structure

The Hodge diamond of a K3 surface:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 1 & & \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ 1 & & 20 & & 1 \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

Thus, any K3 surface X admits a nowhere-vanishing holomorphic two-form ω which is unique up to scalar multiples.

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- We may identify $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$ with the Néron-Severi group of algebraic curves using Poincaré duality.
- $\mathrm{Pic}(X) \subset \omega^{\perp}$
- $\mathrm{rank}\ \mathrm{Pic}(X)$ can jump within a family of K3 surfaces

A class of manifolds

- Elliptic curves
- K3 surfaces
- Calabi-Yau three-folds
- ...
- Calabi-Yau *n*-folds

Mirror symmetry

- In string theory, the extra, compact dimensions of the universe are Calabi-Yau varieties.
- Mirror symmetry predicts that Calabi-Yau varieties should occur in paired or mirror families.
- Varying the complex structure of one family corresponds to varying the Kähler structure of the other family.

Varying complex structure for K3 surfaces

Let X_α be a family of K3 surfaces, and let M be a free abelian group. Suppose

$$M \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(X_\alpha).$$

Then:

- $\omega \perp M$ for each X_α
- If M has rank 19, then the variation of complex structure has 1 degree of freedom.

Picard-Fuchs equations

- A period is the integral of a differential form with respect to a specified homology class.
- Periods of holomorphic forms encode the complex structure of varieties.
- The Picard-Fuchs differential equation of a family of varieties is a differential equation that describes the way the value of a period changes as we move through the family.
- Solutions to Picard-Fuchs equations for holomorphic forms on Calabi-Yau varieties define a mirror map.

Picard-Fuchs equations for rank 19 families

let M be a free abelian group of rank 19, and suppose $M \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(X_t)$.

- The Picard-Fuchs equation is a rank 3 ordinary differential equation.
- The PicardFuchs equation is the symmetric square of a second order homogeneous linear Fuchsian ODE. (See [D00].)

Some Picard rank 19 families

- Hosono, Lian, Oguiso, Yau:

$$x + 1/x + y + 1/y + z + 1/z - \Psi = 0$$

- Verrill:

$$(1 + x + xy + xyz)(1 + z + zy + zyx) = (\lambda + 4)(xyz)$$

- Narumiya-Shiga:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0 + Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3 - 4tY_4 \\ Y_0 Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 - Y_4^4 \end{aligned}$$

Lattices

Let N be a lattice isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}^n$. The dual lattice M of N is given by $\mathrm{Hom}(N, \mathbb{Z})$; it is also isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}^n$. We write the pairing of $v \in N$ and $w \in M$ as $\langle v, w \rangle$.

Cones

A cone in N is a subset of the real vector space $N_{\mathbb{R}} = N \otimes \mathbb{R}$ generated by nonnegative $\mathbb{R}$-linear combinations of a set of vectors $\{v_1, \ldots, v_m\} \subset N$. We assume that cones are strongly convex, that is, they contain no line through the origin.

Fans

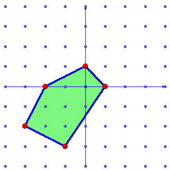
A fan Σ consists of a finite collection of cones such that:

- Each face of a cone in the fan is also in the fan
- Any pair of cones in the fan intersects in a common face.

Simplicial fans

We say a fan Σ is simplicial if the generators of each cone in Σ are linearly independent over $\mathbb{R}$.

Lattice polytopes



A lattice polytope $\diamond$ is the convex hull of a finite set of points in a lattice. We assume that our lattice polytopes contain the origin.

Definition

Let Δ be a lattice polytope in N which contains $(0,0)$. The polar polytope Δ° is the polytope in M given by:

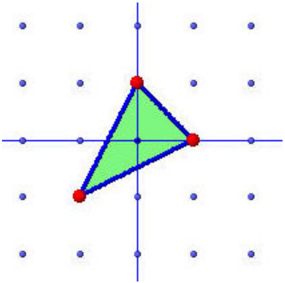
$$\{(m_1,\ldots,m_k) : (n_1,\ldots,n_k)\cdot(m_1,\ldots,m_k) \geq -1 \text{ for all } (n_1,n_2) \in \Delta\}$$

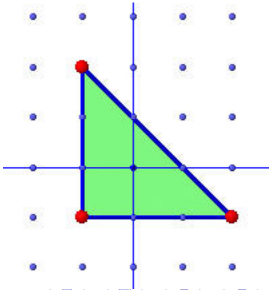
Reflexive polytopes

Definition

A lattice polytope Δ is reflexive if Δ° is also a lattice polytope.

If Δ is reflexive, $(\Delta^\circ)^\circ = \Delta$.





Fans from polytopes

We may define a fan using a polytope in several ways:

1. Take the fan R over the faces of $\diamond \subset N$.
2. Refine R by using other lattice points in $\diamond$ as generators of one-dimensional cones.
3. Take the fan S over the faces of $\diamond^\circ \subset M$.

Toric varieties as quotients

- Let Σ be a fan in $\mathbb{R}^n$.
- Let $\{v_1, \ldots, v_q\}$ be generators for the one-dimensional cones of Σ.
- Σ defines an n-dimensional toric variety V_Σ.
- V_Σ is the quotient of a subset $\mathbb{C}^q - Z(\Sigma)$ of $\mathbb{C}^q$ by a subgroup of $(\mathbb{C}^*)^q$.

Example

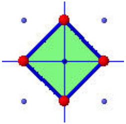


Figure: Polygon $\diamond$

Let R be the fan obtained by taking cones over the faces of $\diamond$. $Z(\Sigma)$ consists of points of the form $(0, 0, z_3, z_4)$ or $(z_1, z_2, 0, 0)$.

$$V_R = (\mathbb{C}^4 - Z(\Sigma))/\sim$$

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \sim (\lambda_1 z_1, \lambda_1 z_2, z_3, z_4)$$
$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \sim (z_1, z_2, \lambda_2 z_3, \lambda_2 z_4)$$

where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}^*$. Thus, $V_R = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$.

Blowing up

- Adding cones to a fan Σ corresponds to blowing up subvarieties of V_Σ
- We can use blow-ups to resolve singularities or create new varieties of interest

K3 hypersurfaces

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The following polynomial defines a K3 surface in V_Σ:

$$f = \sum_{x \in \diamond^\circ \cap M} c_x \prod_{k=1}^{q} z_k^{\langle v_k, x \rangle + 1}$$

Quasismooth hypersurfaces

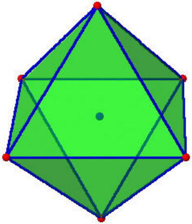
Let Σ be a simplicial fan, and let X be a hypersurface in V_Σ. Suppose that X is described by a polynomial f in homogeneous coordinates.

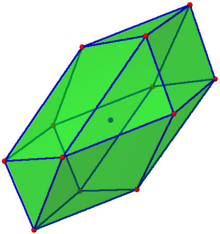
Definition

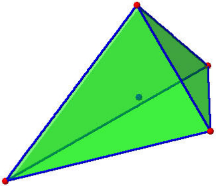
If the derivatives $\partial f / \partial z_i$, $i = 1 \ldots q$ do not vanish simultaneously on X, we say X is quasismooth.

Toric realizations of the rank 19 families

The polar polytopes $\diamond^\circ$ for [HLOY04], [V96], and [NS01].

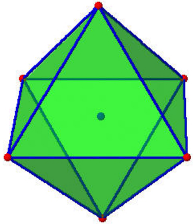


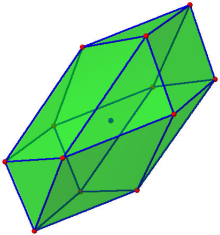


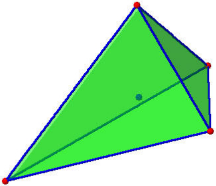


$$f(t) = \left(\sum_{x \,\in\, \mathrm{vertices}(\diamond^\circ)} \prod_{k=1}^{q} z_k^{\langle v_k, x\rangle + 1} \right) + t \prod_{k=1}^{q} z_k.$$

Symmetric polytopes







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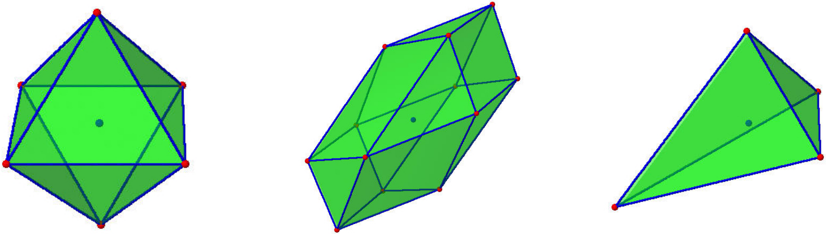

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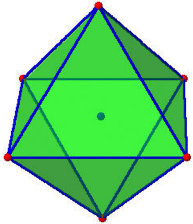

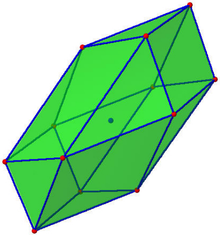

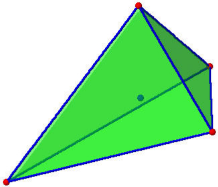

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- The group G of orientation-preserving symmetries of the polytope acts transitively on the vertices.

Another symmetric polytope

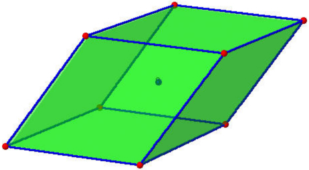


Figure: The skew cube

$$f(t) = \left(\sum_{x \in \text{vertices}(\diamond^\circ)} \prod_{k=1}^{q} z_k^{\langle v_k, x\rangle + 1} \right) + t \prod_{k=1}^{q} z_k .$$

Dual rotations

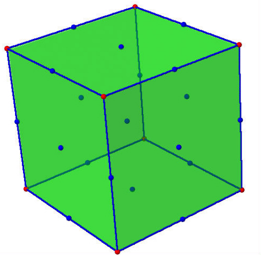


Figure: $\diamond$

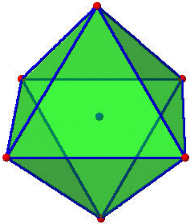


Figure: $\diamond^\circ$

We may view a rotation as acting either on $\diamond$ (inducing automorphisms on X_t) or on $\diamond^\circ$ (permuting the monomials of p_t).

Symplectic Group Actions

Let G be a finite group of automorphisms of a K3 surface. For $g \in G$,

$$g^*(\omega) = \rho\omega$$

where ρ is a root of unity.

Definition

We say G acts *symplectically* if

$$g^*(\omega) = \omega$$

for all $g \in G$.

A subgroup of the Picard group

Definition

$$S_G = ((H^2(X,\mathbb{Z})^G)^\perp$$

Theorem ([N80a])

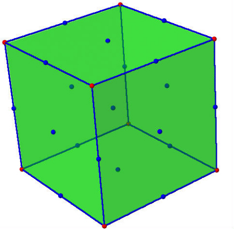
S_G is a primitive, negative definite sublattice of $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$.

The rank of S_G

Lemma

- *If X admits a symplectic action by the permutation group $G = \mathcal{S}_4$, then $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$ admits a primitive sublattice S_G which has rank 17.*
- *If X admits a symplectic action by the alternating group $G = \mathcal{A}_4$, then $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$ admits a primitive sublattice S_G which has rank 16.*

Why is the Picard rank 19?



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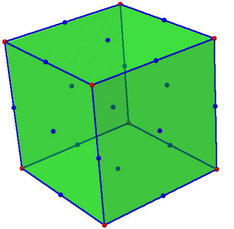

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- For the families of [HLOY04] and [V96], and the family defined by the skew cube, we conclude that $17 + 2 = 19$.
- For the family of [NS01], we conclude that $16 + 3 = 19$.

The Residue map

We will use a residue map to describe the cohomology of a K3 hypersurface X:

$$\mathrm{Res} : H^3(V_\Sigma - X) \to H^2(X).$$

Anvar Mavlyutov showed that Res is well-defined for quasismooth, semiample hypersurfaces in simplicial toric varieties.

The induced residue map

Let Ω_0 be a holomorphic 3-form on V_Σ. We may represent elements of $H^3(V_\Sigma - X)$ by forms $\frac{P\Omega_0}{f^k}$, where P is a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[z_1, \ldots, z_q]$.

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Res_J is injective for $\mathbb{P}^3$, but not in general.

The Griffiths-Dwork technique

Plan

We want to compute the Picard-Fuchs equation for a one-parameter family of K3 hypersurfaces X_t.

- Look for $\mathbb{C}(t)$-linear relationships between derivatives of periods of the holomorphic form
- Use Res_J to convert to a polynomial algebra problem in $\mathbb{C}(t)[z_1, \ldots, z_q]/J$

The Griffiths-Dwork Technique

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3. Use the reduction of pole order formula to compare classes of the form $\mathrm{Res}\left(\frac{P\Omega}{f^k(t)}\right)$ to classes of the form $\mathrm{Res}\left(\frac{Q\Omega}{f^{k-1}(t)}\right)$

The Griffiths-Dwork technique

Advantages and disadvantages

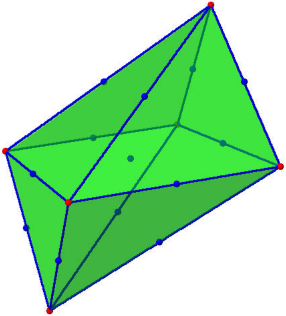
Advantages

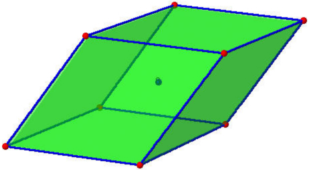
We can work with arbitrary polynomial parametrizations of hypersurfaces.

Disadvantages

We need powerful computer algebra systems to work with $\mathbb{C}(t)[z_1, \ldots, z_{n+1}]/J$.

The Skew Octahedron





- Let $\diamond$ be the reflexive octahedron shown above.
- $\diamond$ contains 19 lattice points.
- Let R be the fan obtained by taking cones over the faces of $\diamond$. Then R defines a toric variety $V_R \cong (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)/(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

The Picard-Fuchs equation

Theorem ([KLMSW10])

Let $A = \int \mathrm{Res}\left(\frac{\Omega_0}{f}\right)$. Then A is the period of a holomorphic form, and satisfies the Picard-Fuchs equation

$$\frac{\partial^3 A}{\partial t^3} + \frac{6(t^2-32)}{t(t^2-64)}\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + \frac{7t^2-64}{t^2(t^2-64)}\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{t(t^2-64)}A = 0.$$

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- As expected, the differential equation is third-order
- The differential equation is a symmetric square

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