

3d Modularity

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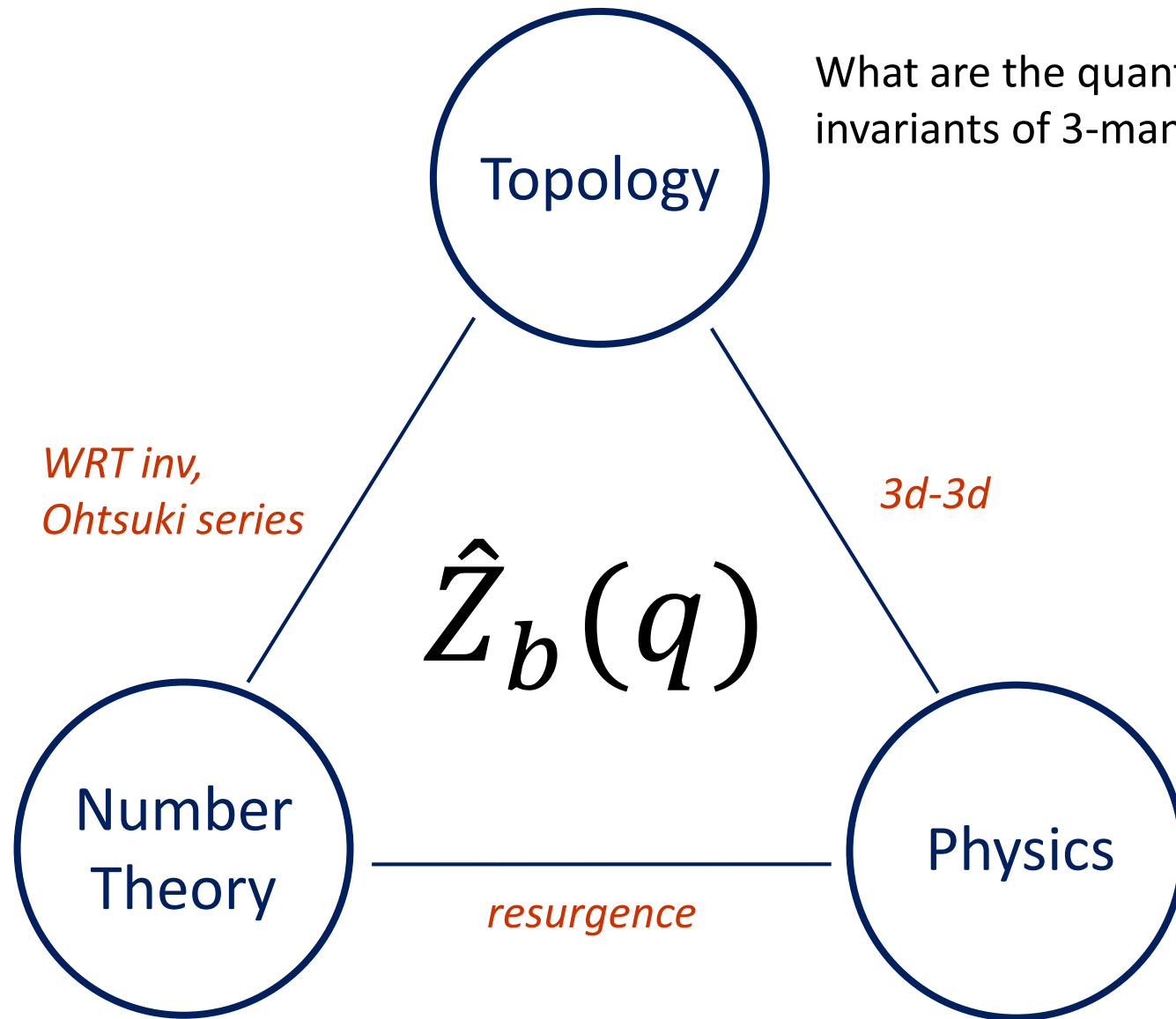
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What are the quantum invariants of 3-manifolds?

Why are quantum modular forms natural?

What are the properties of 3d $N=2$ theories?

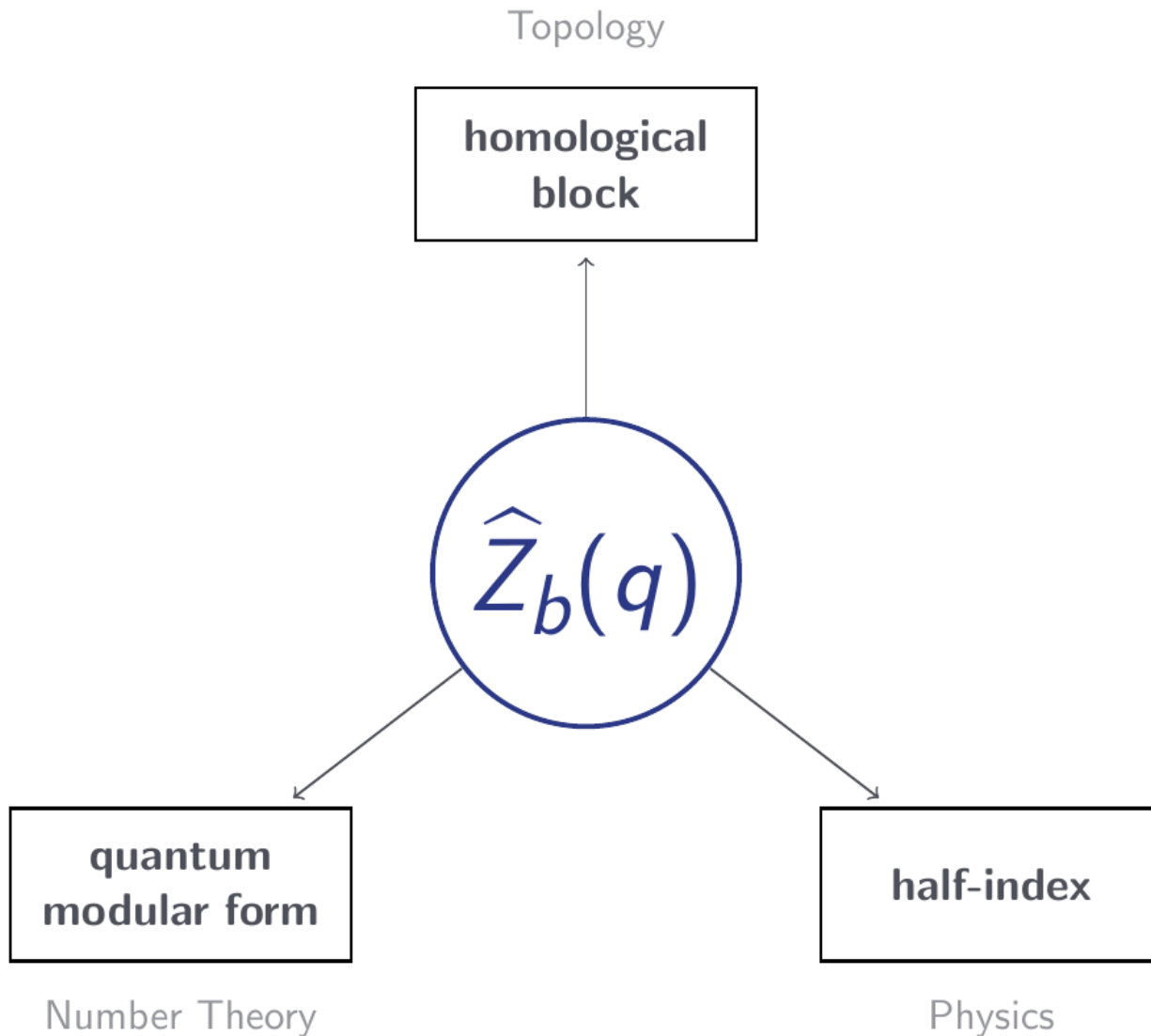
Outline

I. What is $\widehat{Z}_b(q)$?

II. What are *False Theta Functions*?

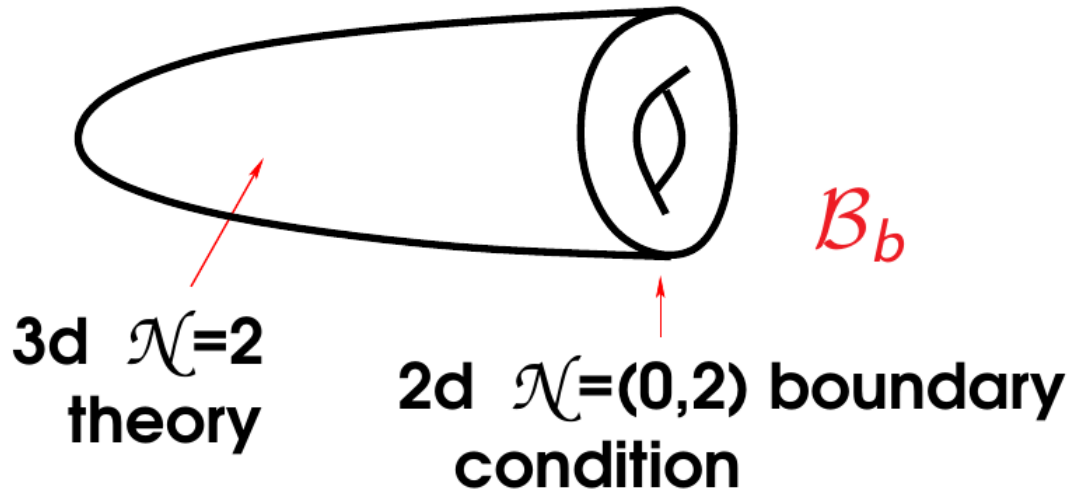
III. The *False-Mock Pair* and *Quantum Modular Forms*

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Bulk 3d Coupled to Boundary 2d Systems

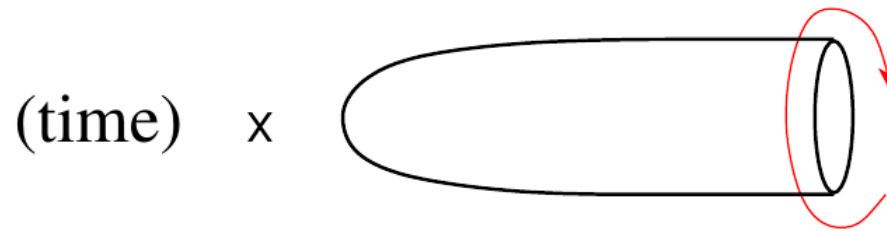


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($q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$, $\tau =$ complex structure of the boundary T^2)

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Counts BPS States

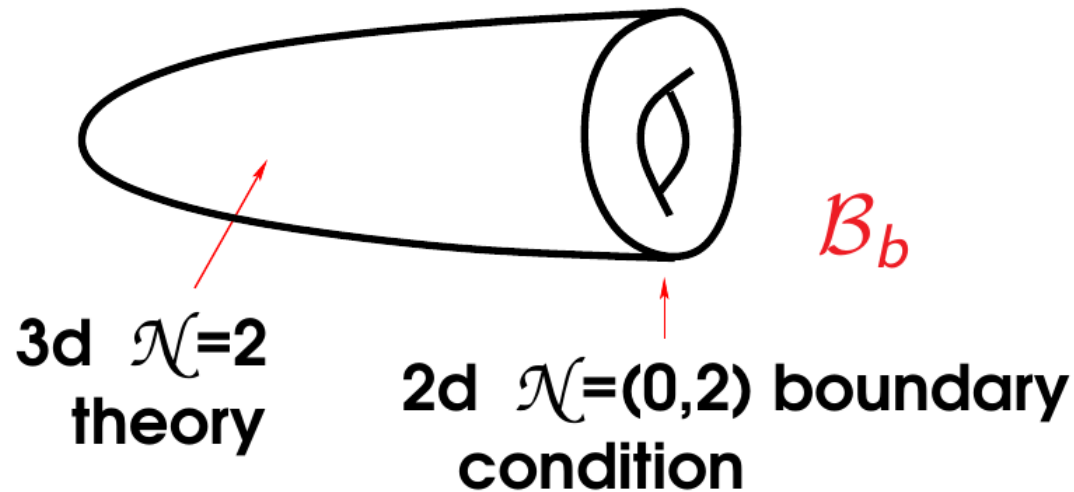


$\widehat{Z}_b(q) = \text{“Half-Index”}$

$$\in q^\Delta \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$

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Localisation \Rightarrow Contour integral



$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{Z}_b(q) &:= Z_{\mathcal{T}}(D^2 \times_q S^1; \mathcal{B}_b) \\ &= \int \frac{dx}{2\pi i x} F_{3d}(x) \Theta_{2d,(b)}(x; q)\end{aligned}$$

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bulk theory	$\widehat{Z}_b(q)$
gapped and trivial	modular
gapped but in top. non-trivial phases	modified modularity
not gapped	??

✓
this talk

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6d (2,0) G -theory on $Cigar \times \mathbb{R}_t \times M_3$



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B.C. \mathcal{B}_b



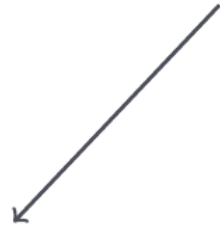
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B.C. $\mathcal{B}_b \xleftarrow{S^{(A)}} \rightarrow$ **Ab. G flat connections**
 $SU(2)$

$\widehat{Z}_b(q)$ with $b \in (\text{Tor}H_1(M_3, \mathbb{Z}))/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \pi_0 \mathcal{M}_{\text{flat}}^{\text{Ab.}}$

M2- $\overline{\text{M2}}$ pair

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$$\widehat{Z}_b(q) \xrightarrow[\text{summed over}]{\text{radial limit}} Z_{\text{CS}}$$

WRT inv.

$$\underline{Z_{\text{CS}}(M_3; k)} = \sum_a e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(a)} \left(\lim_{q \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/k}} \sum_b \underline{S_{ab}^{(A)}} \widehat{Z}_b(q) \right) \parallel \cdot Z_a$$

↑ CS level summing over b.c./Ab. flat connections ↑ "Abelian S-matrix"

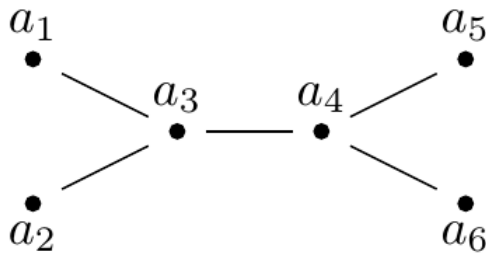
transseries
expansion

$$\sim \sum_{\alpha} e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(\alpha)} \underline{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{pert}}(k)}$$

summing over all $SU(2)$ flat connections

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Plumbed Three-Manifolds

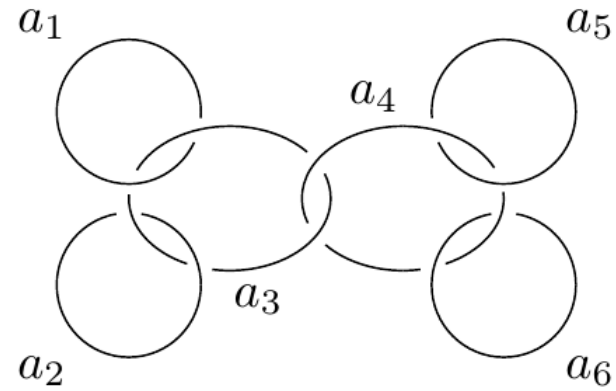


Adjacency Matrix

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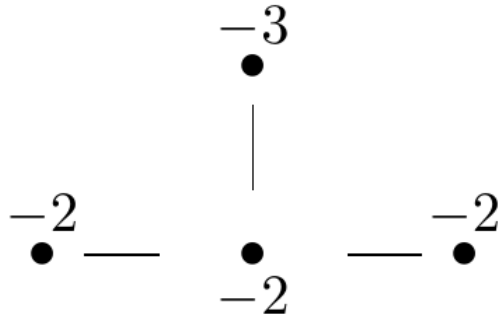
$\widehat{Z}_b(M_3)$



**Plumbed M_3 inc.
all Seifert man.**

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eg.



$$\widehat{Z}_1(M_3; q) = q^{-\frac{3}{8}}(1 - q + q^2 + \dots) = q^{-\frac{5}{12}}(\Psi_{6,1} - \Psi_{6,5})(\tau)$$

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II. What are false theta functions?

$$\widehat{Z}_b(q) \sim \Psi_{m,r}$$

??

II. What is false θ ? **Eichler int./folding reps./resurgence & flat conn.**

$$\Psi_{m,r}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{\ell \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \ell = r \pmod{2m}}} \underline{\text{sgn}(\ell)} q^{\ell^2/4m}$$

“false”

Relation to modular forms:

weight w mod. form $\xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}}$ another q series

$$g = \sum_{n>0} a_g(n)q^n \xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}} \tilde{g}(\tau) := \sum_{n>0} n^{1-w} a_g(n)q^n$$

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(usual θ -function, $r \in \mathbb{Z}/2m$)

$$\theta_{m,r}(\tau, z) = \sum_{\ell=r \bmod 2m} q^{\ell^2/4m} y^\ell, \quad y = e^{2\pi iz}$$

$$\downarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\dots)|_{z=0}$$

$$\theta_{m,r}^1(\tau) = \sum_{\ell=r \bmod 2m} \ell q^{\ell^2/4m} \xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}}$$

$$\Psi_{m,r} = \widetilde{\theta_{m,r}^1}$$

(weight 3/2 θ -function)

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$\theta_m = (\theta_{m,r})$ $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ “Weil” representation
in general *not* irrep

Consider **eigen-spaces** of the orthogonal group:

$$O_m := \{a \in \mathbb{Z}/2m \mid a^2 = 1 \pmod{4m}\}$$

$$a : \theta_{m,r} \mapsto \theta_{m,ar}$$


A useful label:

$$O_m \cong \text{Ex}_m = \text{group of exact divisors of } m$$

K : labels the $+1$ eigenspace

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$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_1^{\underline{42+6,14,21}}(\tau) &= (\Psi_{42,1} - \Psi_{42,13} - \Psi_{42,29} + \Psi_{42,41})(\tau) \\ &= q^{1/168}(1 - q - q^5 + O(q^{10}))\end{aligned}$$


$m = 42, K = \{1, 6, 14, 21\}$, 3-dim irrep

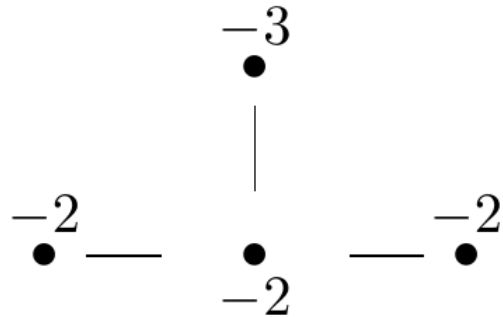
$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{Z}_0(M_3; q) &\sim \Psi_1^{\underline{42+6,14,21}}(\tau) \\ \text{for } M_3 &= \Sigma(2, 3, 7) \text{ Brieskorn sphere .}\end{aligned}$$

Somehow 3-manifolds like **irreps**.

The other components of the vector will come to life as **non-Ab flat conn**.

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ψ_2^{6+2}

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Resurgence: pert. asympt. series \rightarrow an actual func. inc. non-pert.

Techniques: Borel resummation

$$Z_{\text{pert}}(k) = \sum_n \frac{a_n}{k^n} \quad \left(\frac{1}{k} = \hbar\right)$$



$$BZ_{\text{pert}}(z) = \sum_n \frac{a_n}{\Gamma(n)} z^{n-1}$$

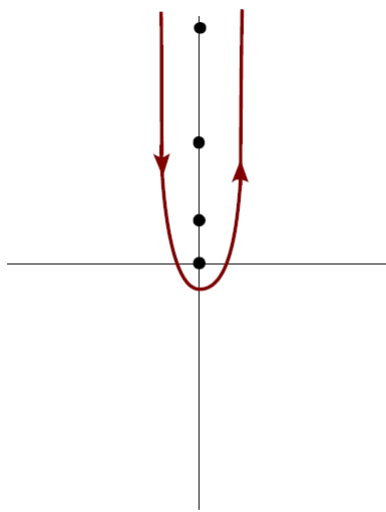


$$Z_{\text{tot}} = \int e^{-\tau z} BZ_{\text{pert}}(z) dz \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Psi_{m,r}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{i}}{2} \left(\int_{e^{i\delta} \mathbb{R}_+} + \int_{e^{-i\delta} \mathbb{R}_+} \right) \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\pi z}} \frac{\sin((m-r)\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})}{\sin(m\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})} e^{-ikz}$$

$$B\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Psi_{m,r}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right)(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi z}} \frac{\sin((m-r)\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})}{\sin(m\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})}$$



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Res. of pole at $z = n^2$: $e^{-2\pi i k \frac{n^2}{4m}} S_{rn}^{(W)}$

$$\text{Recall: } Z_{\text{CS}}(M_3; k) = \sum_a e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(a)} \underbrace{\sum_b S_{ab}^{(A)} \widehat{Z}_b(q)}_{\parallel Z_a}$$

Consider $\widehat{Z}_b \sim \psi_{r_b}^{m+K}$.

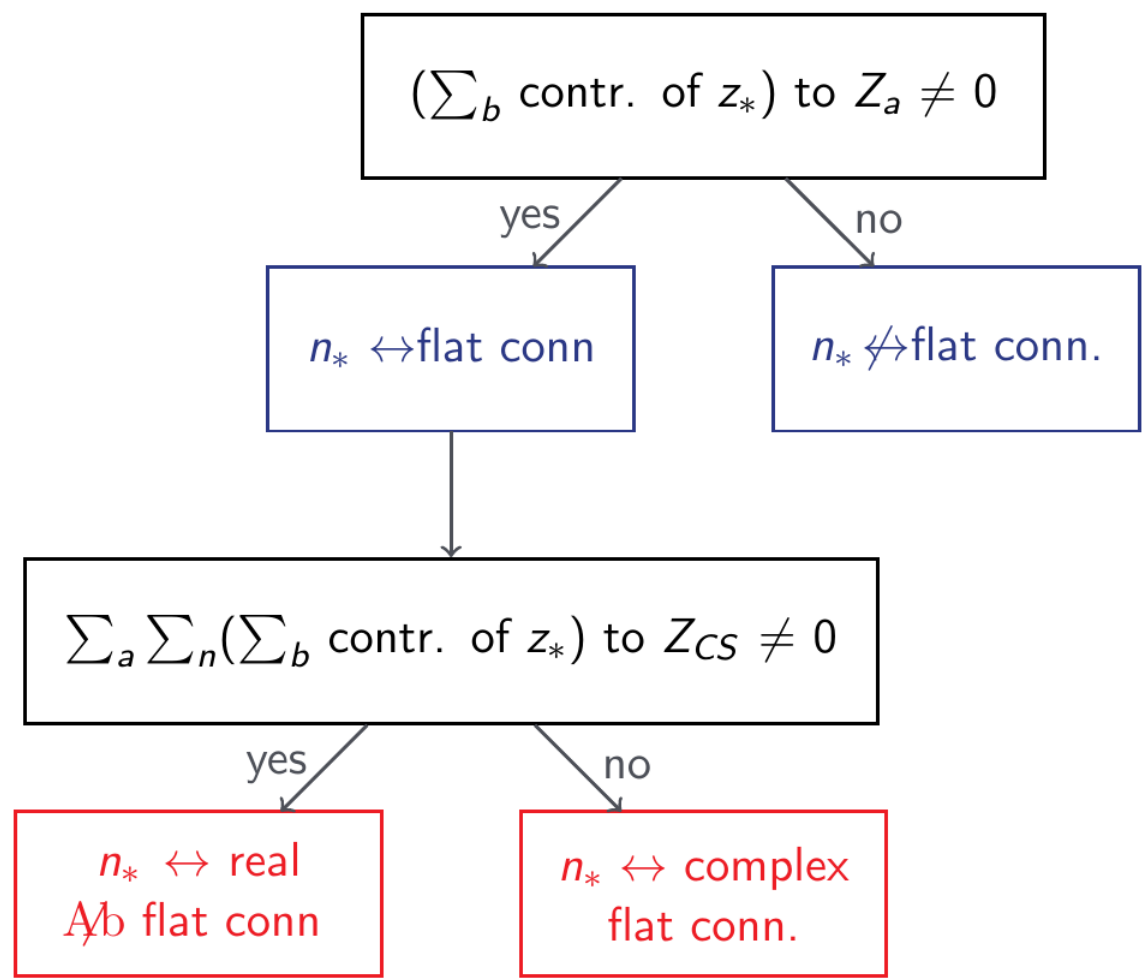
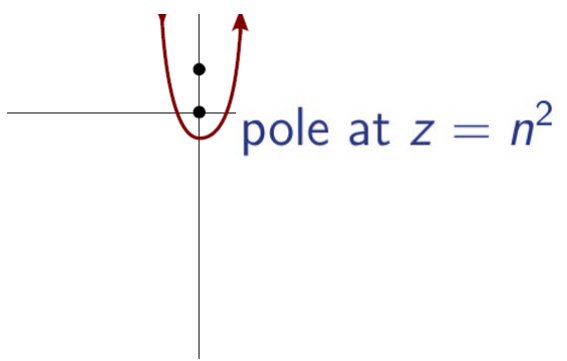
Contribution of the poles to Z_a : $\sum_b \sum_n e^{-2\pi i k \frac{n^2}{4m}} S_{ab}^{(A)} S_{r_b n}^{(W)}$

Poles are grouped into orbits of $K \subset O_m$.

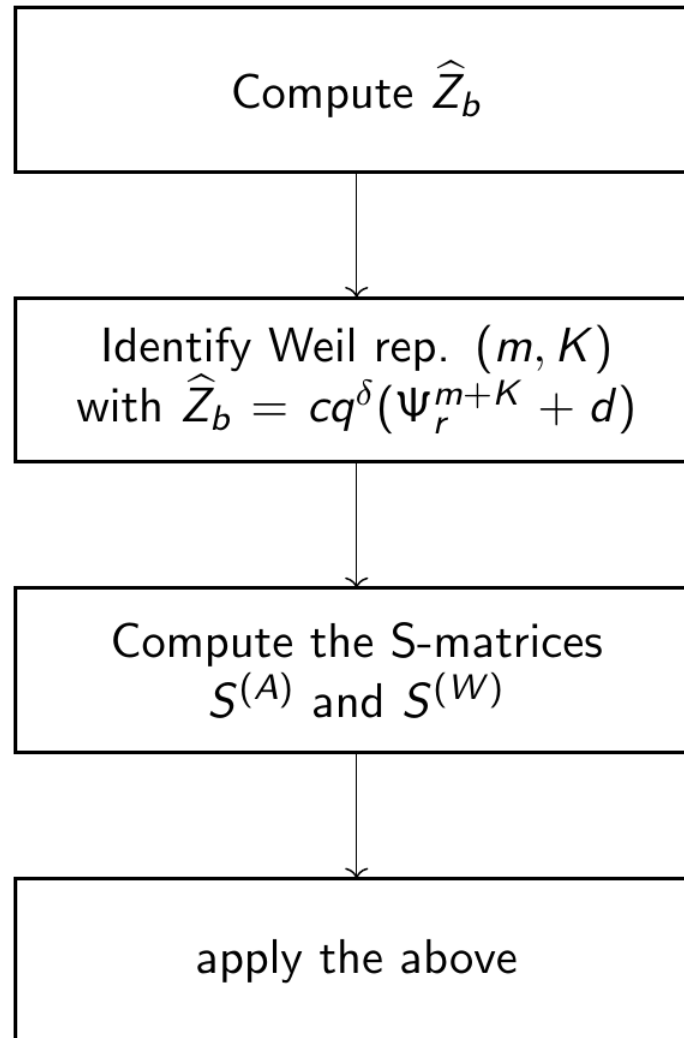
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From plumbing data to flat connections.



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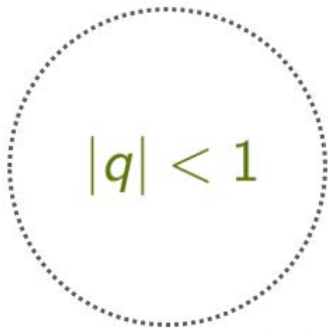
for $M_3 = \Sigma(2, 3, 7)$ Brieskorn sphere

3-dim $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ rep \Rightarrow 3 groups of poles \Rightarrow **3 non-Ab flat conn.:**

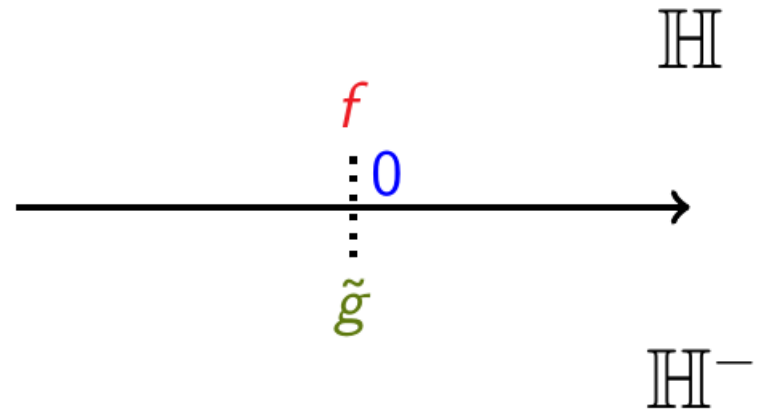
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} n = \pm 1, \pm 13, \pm 29, \pm 41 \pmod{84} & \text{complex, } CS = -\frac{1^2}{4 \times 42} \\ n = \pm 5, \pm 19, \pm 23, \pm 37 \pmod{84} & \text{real, } CS = -\frac{5^2}{4 \times 42} \\ n = \pm 11, \pm 17, \pm 25, \pm 31 \pmod{84} & \text{real, } CS = -\frac{11^2}{4 \times 42} \end{array} \right.$$

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[Zagier 10]



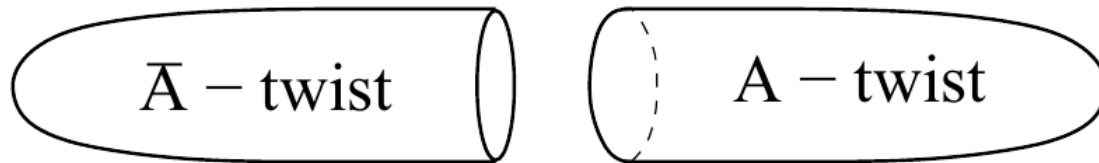
$|q| > 1$



3d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Superconformal Index

$$\mathcal{I}(q) := \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{S^2}} (-1)^F q^{R/2+J_3}$$

$$= Z(S^2 \times_q S^1) \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$



$$\sim \sum_b \hat{Z}_b(q) \hat{Z}_b(q^{-1})$$

[Gukov–Pei–Putrov–Vafa, 17]

What's this?

Re-expand! But how?

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From CS:

$$Z_{\alpha}^{\text{pert}}(M_3; k) = \sum_n a_n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^n$$

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$$q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$$

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Some q -hypergeometric series:

$$\psi(q) := \frac{q^{\frac{1}{24}}}{2} \left(1 - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(1+q)(1+q^2)\dots(1+q^n)} \right)$$

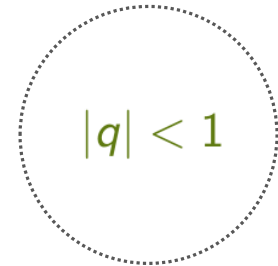
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$$\parallel$$

$$f_R(q^{-1})$$

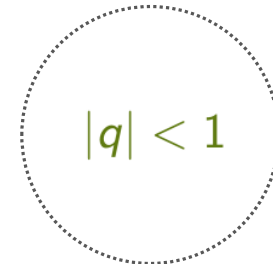


$|q| > 1$

order 3 mock θ -func of Ramanujan

III. False, Mock, Quantum: $q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$ / **mock** / quantum asymptotics

“I discovered very interesting functions recently which I call “Mock” theta functions. Unlike the “False” theta functions they enter into mathematics as beautifully as ordinary theta functions.”,



$|q| > 1$

Def:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \hat{f} = f - g^* \\ g^*(\tau) := C \int_{-\bar{\tau}}^{i\infty} (\tau' + \tau)^{-k} \overline{g(-\bar{\tau}')} d\tau' \\ g = \text{shad}(f) \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{holom., “mock”} \\ \text{—holom., mod.} \\ \text{modular correction} \\ \text{mod.form, “shadow”} \end{array}$$

f is mock θ if $\text{shad}(f)$ is a θ -func.

[Zwegers 02, ..., Zagier 07]

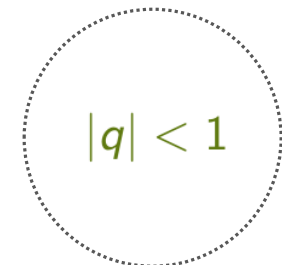
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Example: a q -hypergeometric series

$$\text{false: } \psi(q) = \Psi_1^{6+2}(\tau) = \widetilde{\theta_1^{6+2,1}(\tau)}$$
$$\uparrow \text{shad}(f) = \theta_1^{6+2,1}$$

$$\text{mock: } \psi(q^{-1}) \sim f(q)$$

The 2 ways of $f \leftrightarrow \text{shad}(f)$.



$$|q| > 1$$

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Example: Rademacher sums

a regularised sum over $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ images

Theorem: In weight 1/2, a Rademacher sum defines a function F in \mathbb{H} and \mathbb{H}^- , satisfying

$$F(\tau) = \begin{cases} f(\tau) & \text{when } \tau \in \mathbb{H} \\ \tilde{g}(-\tau) & \text{when } \tau \in \mathbb{H}^- \end{cases}$$

\mathbb{H}

\mathbb{H}^-

Eichler int. of $\text{shad}(f)$ (false θ)

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Recall:

$$\widehat{Z}_b(M_3; q^{-1}) \sim \widehat{Z}_b(-M_3; q)$$

What's this? false–mock pair

How does that compare with expectations from CS?

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Up to possibly a “modular correction” G_0 ,
the asymp. series are just right!



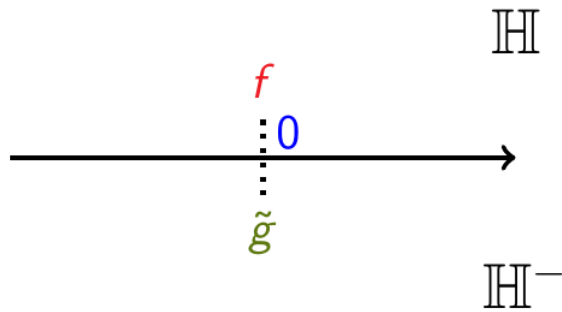
$$(f - G_0)(it) \sim \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n (-t)^n \text{ and } \tilde{g}(it) \sim \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n$$

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Another way to say this :

f and \tilde{g} defines the same *quantum modular form*.

eg. q -hypergeometric



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$$\Psi_1^{(6+2)}(it) = \sum_n a_n t^n; \quad f_R(e^{-2\pi t}) = \sum_n a_n (-t)^n$$

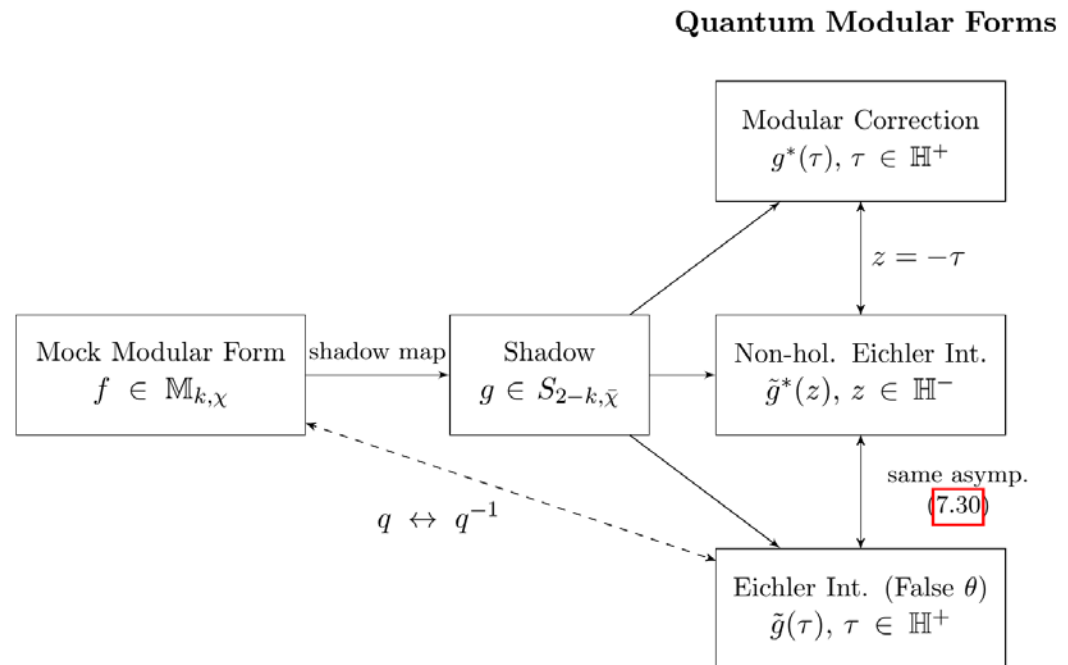
$$\Rightarrow \widehat{Z}_1 \left(-M\left(-2; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right); q \right) \sim f_R(q)$$

Conclusions

- ★ **Resurgence & $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ rep.** help making top. predictions on flat connections.
- ★ **False/mock pairs** help predicting \widehat{Z}_b when other means aren't available.
- ★ **Quantum modular** structure guarantees the Z_{CS} interpretation.
- ★ In this talk we focus on Seifert w 3 singular fibers, but similar treatment applies to other Seifert manifolds. Hyperbolic 3-manifolds aren't expected to have blocks related to false/mock but should still be quantum.

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- ★ The “modular subtraction” is mysterious from the physical point of view. Can we specify this ?

Open Questions

- ★ We observed that in many examples $\widehat{Z}_a(q)$ also coincides (up trivial free-field factors) with characters of certain **log** CFTs. A physical understanding?
- ★ More examples on $3d$ theories not arising from M_3 ?