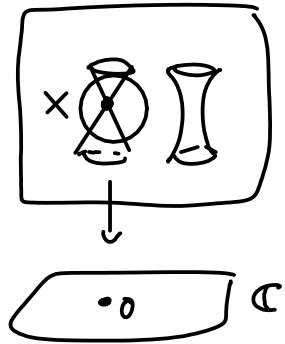


1. Context: $w: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ polynomial with isolated sing. at 0



Milnor '69: || for $t \neq 0$, fiber $X_t \sim_{\text{h.e.}} \bigvee_{\mu} S^{n-1}$

Milnor number $\mu = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]] / \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_n} \right)$
(Jacobian ring = Milnor ring).

Algebraic setup: • $R = \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ regular local ring $\supset \mathfrak{m}$ max. ideal
• $w \in \mathfrak{m}^2$ isolated singularity, ie. $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_n} \right)$ is regular
• $S = R/w$

\Rightarrow nc-geometry by studying the dg-category $\mathcal{D}_{\text{sing}}^b(S) = \mathcal{D}_{\text{coh}}^b(S) / \text{Perf}(S)$
(Buchweitz, Orlov: category of singularities).

In hypersurface case there's also a nice model, namely matrix factorizations.

2. Homological algebra of hypersurfaces (Eisenbud 80's)

a) warmup: R regular local ring, M coherent R -module
 $\Rightarrow \text{proj dim}(M) = \dim(R) - \text{depth}(M)$ (Auslander-Buchsbaum)

Conj.: • every such M has a finite free resolution
• if $\dim(R) = \text{depth}(M)$ then M is free.

b) singular hypersurface: $S = R/w$.

M coh. S -module with $\dim S = \text{depth } M$ (maximal Cohen-Macaulay)
 $\Rightarrow M$ is also an R -module, annihilated by w

$\text{proj dim}_R(M) = 1$, so \exists free resolution $(X^1 \xrightarrow{\varphi} X^0) \simeq M$

Moreover,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X^1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X^0 \\
 \omega \downarrow & \exists \psi \swarrow & \downarrow \omega \\
 X^1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X^0
 \end{array}$$

$\omega = 0$ on M
 $\Rightarrow \exists \psi$ hom. hpy str.
 $\varphi \circ \psi = \psi \circ \varphi = \omega \cdot \text{id}$
 i.e. matrix factorization!

This induces a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -periodic free resolution in category of S -modules:

$$(\dots \rightarrow \bar{X}^1 \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} \bar{X}^0 \xrightarrow{\bar{\psi}} \bar{X}^1 \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} \bar{X}^0) \simeq M.$$

Thm: (Eisenbud)

Every coherent S -module has an S -free resolution which eventually becomes 2-periodic.

\Rightarrow define $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -dg category of matrix factorizations $\text{MF}(R, \omega)$.

• extend it to a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -periodic, \mathbb{Z} -graded category: $\text{MF}(R, \omega)$

Then: $\text{MF}(R, \omega) \simeq \mathcal{D}_{\text{sing}}^b(S)$ $k[u, u^{-1}] \curvearrowright$
deg $u = 2$

3. nc-geometry

X variety/ $k \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\text{qcoh}}(X)$

dg-derived cat. of unbounded complexes of qcoh. sheaves.

Properties: properness, smoothness

Invariants: De Rham cohom.
Hodge cohomology
Hodge filtration

can be extracted in a natural way from $\mathcal{D}_{\text{qcoh}}(X)$
(cf. Toën's talks)

\Rightarrow forget X and work purely with categories.

Do this in the context of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{sing}}^b$ (& MF in case of hypersurfaces)

Postulate: \mathcal{X} nc-space $\Rightarrow D_{\text{qcoh}}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq MF^\infty(R, w)$

↑
infinite rank matrix fact.

This is = modules over MF !!

(\Rightarrow Karoubi-closed, no issues w/ completion)

(NB: for isolated sing, MF is already Karoubi-closed ??)

Thm: (1) $MF^\infty(R, w)$ has a compact generator, namely the field k^{stab} (stabilized, viewed as matrix fact? by resolution...)
 $\Rightarrow MF^\infty(R, w) \simeq D(A)$, $A = R\text{End}(k^{\text{stab}})$.
 $H^*(A) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ -Clifford algebra over k .
Hence \mathcal{X} is proper over $k[u, u^{-1}]$

• 2-periodic variant of Toën/Tabuada's homotopy theory of dg-cat's:

$\Rightarrow (Ho(\text{dgcats}/k[u, u^{-1}]), - \otimes_{k[u, u^{-1}]} -, \underline{RHom}(-, -))$
internal hom.

is a closed symmetric monoidal category

Thm (cont.): (2) $\underline{RHom}_{\text{continuous}}(MF^\infty(R, w), MF^\infty(R', w'))$
 $\simeq MF^\infty(R \otimes R', -w \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes w')$

(map in direction \leftarrow is: given a MF over $(R \otimes R', -w + w')$ and a MF over (R, w) , tensor them together, then w 's cancel out and get a MF over (R', w')).

(3) $\text{id} \in \underline{REnd}_c(MF^\infty(R, w))$ can be explicitly constructed as the stabilized diagonal bimodule Δ^{stab} and it is compact \Rightarrow hence \mathcal{X} is smooth.

Thm (cont.)

(4) $A^! \cong A[n]$ i.e. Calabi-Yan category

$$(5) \text{MH}_*^{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{MF}(R, w)) \cong R/(\partial_1 w, \dots, \partial_n w)[n]^{\mathbb{Z}/2}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\text{HP}_*(\text{MF}(R, w))$$

4. Dessert: (w/ D. Aurifant) explanation of pairing on $\text{Hom}_{\text{MC}}(X, Y)$.

X is a proper smooth CY

Conj. \Downarrow should follow from Lurie's work on top. field theories
 Conj. (Kontsevich-Schubman)

\exists trace map $\text{tr}: A \longrightarrow k$ which factors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \nearrow 1 \\ & \downarrow & \\ & A \otimes_{A^e}^L A & \\ & \downarrow & \\ & (A \otimes_{A^e}^L A)_{\text{HS}} & \end{array}$$

homologically non-degenerate

(\Rightarrow cyclic symmetry)

$T := \text{MF}(R, w)$

$T(X, Y) \otimes T(Y, X[n]) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ pairing:

$$(G, F) \longmapsto \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \oint_{\left\{ \left| \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_i} \right| = \epsilon \right\}} \frac{\text{tr}(F \circ G \circ (dQ)^m)}{\partial_1 w \dots \partial_n w}$$

where $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varphi \\ \psi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ on X .

derived by Kapustin-Li using path integrals

(formula doesn't involve MF for Y , but could do it the other way around)

$$Z = T(x, y) \Rightarrow R\Gamma_{\{m\}} Z \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(\underbrace{\text{Hom}(Z, R)}_{\cong T(y, x)}, \underbrace{R\Gamma_{\{m\}} R}_{H_n^n(R)[-n]})$$

$$\downarrow ?$$

$$Z$$

i.e. $R\Gamma_{\{m\}}(T(x, y)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(T(y, x), H_n^n(R))$

homological petubⁿ lemma $\uparrow \downarrow \cong$ Res_{*} $\downarrow \cong$ Residue

+ Koszul model $T(x, y) \dashrightarrow \text{Hom}(T(y, x), k)$

\uparrow
the duality pairing we want

Looking at this carefully motivates the Kapustin-Li formula from homological algebra perspective.