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**Congruence sheaves  
and congruence differential equations**

**Beyond hypergeometric functions**

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# Plan of talk

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## Report on joint work in progress with Anton Mellit and Duco van Straten

- Hypergeometric monodromy
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- Langlands Correspondence
- Idea of Congruence sheaves
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Fano: complex projective variety  $F$  with positive  $-K$ .

Classification:

dim 1:  $\mathbb{P}^1$

dim 2: del Pezzo surfaces

dim 3:  $H^2(F, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ : Iskovskikh, 17 families;  
higher rank: Mori–Mukai, 105 families

# New approach to classification

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Classify Fanos by classifying mirror dual objects:  
Landau–Ginzburg models; respective Picard–Fuchs differential equations

Golyshev, ‘Classification problems and mirror duality’  
Corti, Coates, Galkin, Golyshev, Kasprzyk, ‘Mirror symmetry and Fano manifolds’

Pioneered for CY by van Straten – van Enckevort.

# A famous hypergeometric series

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$$\phi(t) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5n!}{n!^5} t^n$$

Satisfies hypergeometric differential equation

$$\mathcal{P}\phi(t) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P} := D^4 - 5^5 t \left(D + \frac{1}{5}\right) \left(D + \frac{2}{5}\right) \left(D + \frac{3}{5}\right) \left(D + \frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$D := t \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

Three singular points  $\Sigma := \{0, 1/5^5, \infty\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$

# Candelas, de la Ossa, Green, Parkes (1991)

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- Picard-Fuchs equation of family

$$\pi : Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

of Calabi-Yau threefolds.

- $\text{rank} H^3(Y_t) = 4, h^{3,0} = h^{2,1} = h^{1,2} = h^{0,3} = 1$
- Defines symplectic local system  $R^3\pi_*(\mathbb{Z})$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \Sigma$
- Contains *enumerative information* of general quintic  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ :  
numbers of lines, conics, etc on  $X$ .

Logarithmic solution:

$$\phi_1(t) := \log(t) \cdot \phi(t) + f_1(t), \quad f_1(t) \in t\mathbb{Q}[[t]]$$

$q$ -coordinate:

$$q := \exp(\phi_1(t)/\phi(t)) = t + 770t^2 + 101475t^3 + \dots$$

Express  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $q$ -coordinate

$$P \sim D^2 \frac{5}{K(q)} D^2$$

$$K(q) = 5 + \sum_d \frac{n_d d^3 q^d}{1 - q^d}$$

$$n_1 = 2875, \quad n_2 = 609250, \quad n_3 = 317206375, \dots$$

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$$D^4 - Nt(D + \alpha_1)(D + \alpha_2)(D + \alpha_3)(D + \alpha_4)$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_4 = 1 = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3$$

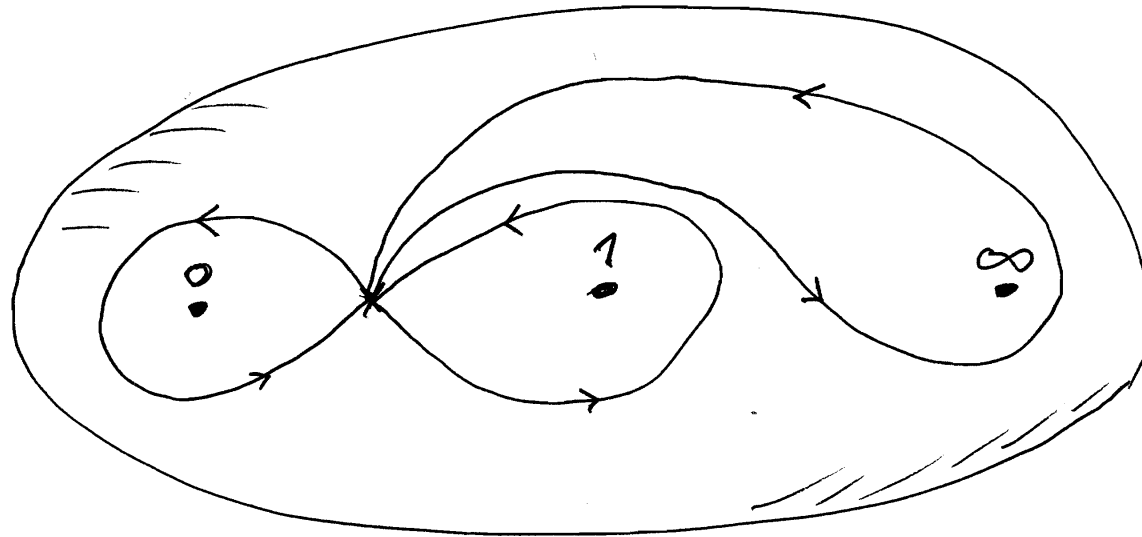
Mirror to complete intersections in weighted projective spaces.

$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$
$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
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# Hypergeometric Monodromy

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$$h_{\infty} h_1 h_0 = \text{Id}$$

$$G = \langle h_0, h_1, h_{\infty} \rangle \subset GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

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Differential operator of type D3 can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} &D^3 + t\left(D + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(a_3(D^2 + D) + b_1\right) \\ &+ t^2(D + 1)\left(a_2(D + 1)^2 + b_0\right) \\ &+ a_1 t^3(D + 2)\left(D + \frac{3}{2}\right)(D + 1) \\ &+ a_0 t^4(D + 3)(D + 2)(D + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Th. [–, Przyjalkowski] Regularized quantum differential equations of rank 1 Fano threefolds of index  $d$  and degree  $2d^2N$  are exactly  $(N,d)$  – modular D3's: given by the expansions of level  $N$  weight 2 modular forms with respect to the  $d'$ th root of the Hauptmodul on  $X_0(N)^{+N}$ .

# Calabi-Yau Operators

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Abstraction of Picard-Fuchs operators for families

$$Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

of Calabi-Yau 3-folds/motives defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition:**  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{Z}[t, D]$  is called *Calabi-Yau*, when:

- Fuchsian of order four.
- MUM (maximal unipotent monodromy) at 0.
- Monodromy  $\subset Sp_4(\mathbb{Z})$ .
- Integrality:  $\phi(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[[t]]$ ,  $n_d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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Simplest family of operators with *four* singular points

$$D^4 + t(aD^4 + 2aD^3 + bD^2 + cD + e) + ft^2(D + \alpha_1)(D + \alpha_2)(D + \alpha_3)(D + \alpha_4)$$

singularities are at the roots of  $1 + at + ft^2 = 0$ .

$b, c, e$ : *accessory parameters*.

# A project

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*Find all such operators with*

- *coming from geometry.*
- or: with monodromy  $\subset Sp_4(\mathbb{Z})$
- or: with an *integral solution*  $\phi \in \mathbb{Z}[[x]]$

Seems very difficult:

- we do not know position of the the four points: *j-invariant*
- we do not know the value of the accesory parameters
- ....but we know many examples ( $\sim 85$  cases). List complete?

**Example:** Coming from a Calabi-Yau 3-fold in  $Grass(3, 6)$ :

$$D^4 - t(65D^4 + 130D^3 + 105D^2 + 40D + 6) + 4^3 t^2 (D + 1/4)(D + 1)^2 (D + 3/4)$$

Solution holomorphic at 0:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \sum_{k,l,m} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{l} \binom{m}{k} \binom{m}{l} \binom{k+l}{k} \binom{n}{m}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{k,l} \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n}{l}^2 \binom{k+l}{n}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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## A step back

### Special Heun equations:

$$D^2 + t(aD^2 + aD + \lambda) + bt^2(D + 1)^2$$

singularities are at the roots of  $1 + at + bt^2 = 0$ ,  $\lambda$ : accessory parameter.  
Basically *four* cases; studied by **F. Beukers**, **A. Beauville**, **D. Zagier** and others.

**New systematic approach: Congruence sheaves.**

Works very nicely for this case.

# Langlands Correspondence: ...very rough sketch...

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## Number field case:

$$K \supset \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)\text{-representations}} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{Automorphic representations}}$$

$$\boxed{\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \longrightarrow G} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\pi_\rho \in L^2({}^L G(\mathbb{A})/{}^L G(\mathbb{Q}))}$$

## Example: Elliptic curve $E/\mathbb{Q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(E, \mathbb{Q}_l) &\leftrightarrow \text{Hecke Eigenform } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n \\ \text{Tr}(F_p) &\leftrightarrow a_p \end{aligned}$$



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## Function field case:

$$K = k(C), \quad C \text{ curve over } k := \mathbb{F}_p$$

$$\boxed{\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)\text{-representations}} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{Automorphic representations}}$$

$$\boxed{l\text{-adic sheaves on } C} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{Hecke-Eigensheaves on Bun.}}$$

**Example:** Family of elliptic curves  $\pi : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow C = \mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{F}_p$

$$\mathcal{L} = R^1\pi_*(\mathbb{Q}_l)$$

is an  $l$ -adic sheaf:

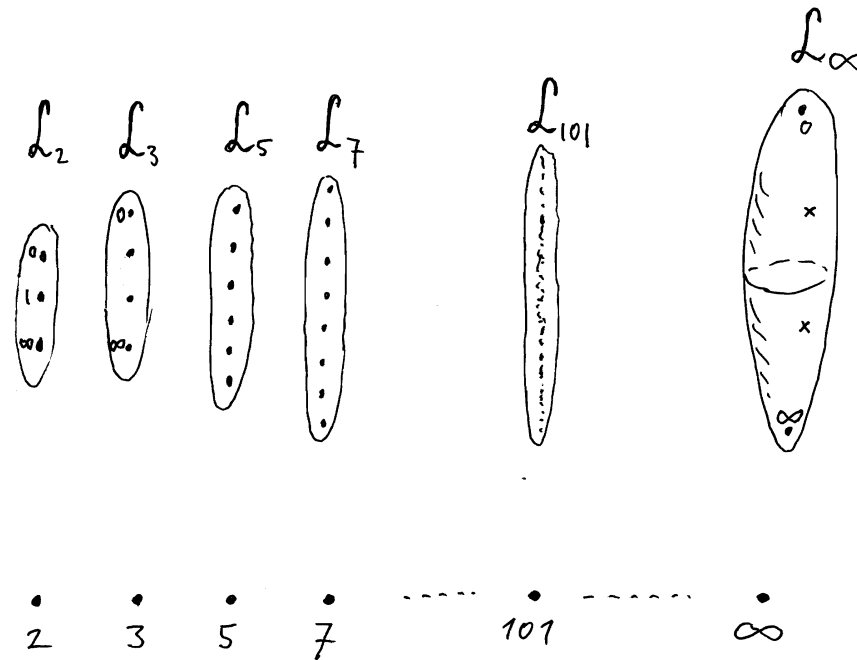
- $x : \text{Spec}(k) \longrightarrow C$  point (in the scheme sense),  $|k| = q = p^r$ .
- $x^*(\mathcal{L})$  is  $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ -representation.
- Frobenius  $F_x \in \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$  (inverse to)  $a \longrightarrow a^q$ .
- $F_x \in \text{Aut}(x^*(\mathcal{L}))$ .

$$\boxed{\text{Frobenius } F_x} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{Hecke-operator } H_x}$$

# The glueing problem

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Families over  $\pi : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1$



For  $p$  prime get  $X \bmod p \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \bmod p$  and thus  $l$ -adic sheaves  $\mathcal{L}_p$ .  
 Relation between  $\mathcal{L}_p$ ?

# Congruence Sheaves

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## Provisional definition:

Condition on  $P_x(t) = \det(F_x - t)$  characteristic polynomial of  $F_x$ .  
For  $\mathcal{L}$  of **rank 2 and weight 1**:

$$P_x(t) = (t - \alpha_0)(t - \alpha_1)$$

$$\alpha_0 = 1 \pmod{N}, \quad \alpha_1 = p \pmod{N}$$

If this happens for *almost all*  $p$  and  $x \in C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , we say:  
 $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $N$ -congruence sheaf.

$$1 + p - \text{Tr}(F_x) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

For  $\mathcal{L}$  of rank 4 and weight 3:

$$P(t) = (t - \alpha_0)(t - \alpha_1)(t - \alpha_2)(t - \alpha_3)$$

$$\alpha_0 = 1 \pmod{N_1}, \quad \alpha_3 = p^3 \pmod{N_1}$$

$$\alpha_1 = p \pmod{N_2}, \quad \alpha_2 = p^2 \pmod{N_2}$$

If this happens for *almost all*  $p$  and  $x \in C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , we say:  
 $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $(N_1, N_2)$ -congruence sheaf.

**Works as glue between various  $\mathcal{L}_p$**

# A special Hecke-algebra

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**Kontsevich (2005)** *Notes on motives in finite characteristic*

Makes Langlands correspondence **explicit** for

- $SL_2$  -local systems
- on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{\text{four points}\}$
- with unipotent local monodromies

From data  $\Sigma = \{\text{roots of } t^3 + at^2 + bt + c = 0, \infty\}$  get a polynomial in three variables:

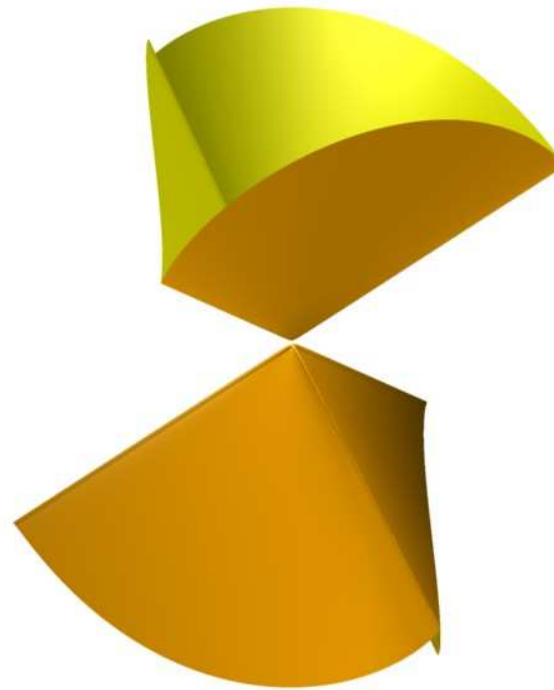
$$P(x, y, z) = (b - xy - yz - xz)^2 - 4(xyz + c)(x + y + z + a)$$

It is the **discriminant** of the polynomial

$$(t^3 + at^2 + bt + c) - (t - x)(t - y)(t - z)$$

# Picture of the surface $P(x, y, z) = 0$

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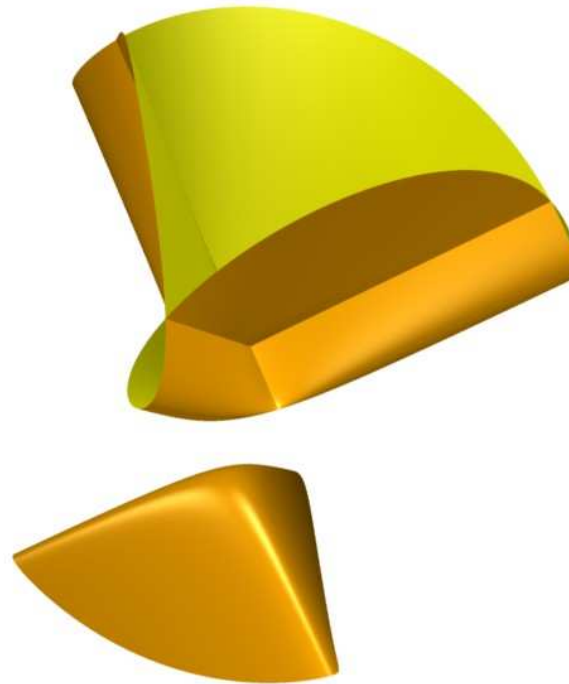


$$a = b = c = 0$$



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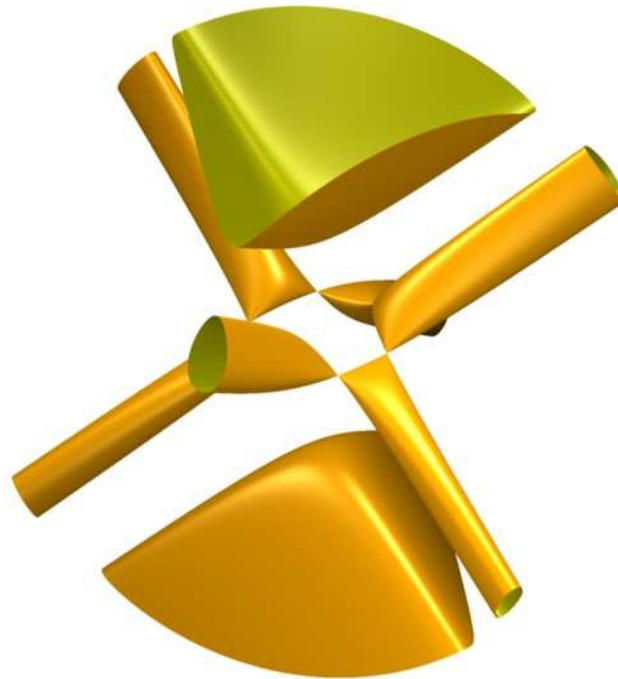
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$$a > 0, b = c = 0$$

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Now take a prime number  $p$  and a point  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

Define a  $(p + 1) \times (p + 1)$ -matrix  $H_x$  by

$$(H_x)_{yz} = 2 + \#\{w \mid w^2 = P(x, y, z)\} + \text{correction}$$

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$  one has (miracle!)

$$[H_x, H_y] = 0$$

**Hecke-algebra:** algebra generated by  $H_x, x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F})$ .

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**Example**  $p = 7, a = 3, b = 4, c = 0.$

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# The trace function of $\mathcal{L}$ is the Hecke-eigenvector

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Hecke-algebra acts on **functions on**  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , written as vectors

$$v = (v_x), \quad x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$(H_x v)_y = \sum_z (H_x)_{yz} v_z$$

Drinfelds theorem tells:  $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ -automorphic representations correspond to normalised common eigenvectors

$$H_x v = v_x \cdot v, \quad v_x v_y = \sum_z H_{xyz} v_z$$

and hence to  $l$ -adic local systems  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \Sigma$ .

$$\mathcal{L} \leftrightarrow v = (Tr(F_x)_{x \in \mathbb{P}^1})$$

# Let's calculate!

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## Strategy

- Run over  $p = 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots$
- ...and all  $f = t^3 + at^2 + bt + c \in \mathbb{F}_p[t]$ .
- Determine rational common eigenvectors for Hecke-algebra.
- Sort them for various  $p$  using congruences.

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## Decomposition of the Hecke-algebra

Example:  $p = 7$

$a, b, c$	
0, 0, 1	1 1 2 2 2
0, 0, 2	1 1 6
0, 0, 3	1 1 6
0, 1, 0	1 1 2 2 2
0, 1, 1	1 7
0, 1, 3	1 3 4
0, 3, 0	1 1 1 1 2 2
0, 3, 1	1 3 4
0, 3, 2	1 7
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The 8 non-trivial rational eigenvectors for  $p = 7$ .

$a, b, c$	Eigenvector $v$	$N$	$j$
0, 0, 2	[ -4 2 2 -1 2 -1 -1 8]	3	0
0, 0, 3	[ 5 -4 -4 2 -4 2 2 8]	3	0
0, 1, 0	[ -8 0 4 -4 -4 4 0 8]	4	6
0, 3, 3	[ -2 8 -2 3 3 -2 -2 8]	5	4
0, 3, 0	[ 8 -4 8 -4 2 8 2 8]	6	6
0, 3, 0	[ 8 2 8 2 -4 8 -4 8]	6	6
0, 3, 0	[ 8 0 -8 0 0 -8 0 8]	8	6
0, 0, 1	[ -1 -1 -1 8 -1 8 8 8]	9	0

$N$ : the congruence.

$j$ :  $j$ -invariant  $\in \mathbb{F}_p$  of the four points .



## Observations:

Running over  $p = 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots$  we see:

- There are very few  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Hecke-eigenvectors.
- All of these have a non-trivial congruence.
- There are no 7, 10, 11, 12, ... congruences.
- 3, 4, 5, 6, 8-congruences are persistent.

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## Focus on 5-congruence:

$p$	$a, b, c$	$j$	Eigenvector
7	0, 3, 3	4	$[-2, 8, -2, 3, 3, -2, -2, 8]$
11	0, 2, 0	1	$[12, -3, -3, 12, 2, -3, 2, -3, 12, 2, 2, 12]$
	0, 2, 0	1	$[12, 2, 2, 12, -3, 2, -3, 2, 12, -3, -3, 12]$
13	0, 2, 5	4	$[4, 4, -1, -6, -1, -1, -1, 4, 14, 4, 4, -6, -6, 14]$
17	0, 1, 2	1	$[3, -2, -2, 3, -2, -7, -2, -2, -2, 3, -2, -7, 3, 3, 8, 3, 18, 3, 18, 3, 18]$
19	0, 2, 4	15	$[5, 5, -5, 0, 20, 5, 0, -20, -20, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5, 0, 0, 5, -5, -5, 0, 20, 5, 0, -20, -20, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5, 0, 0, 5, -5, -5, 0, 20, 5, 0, -20, -20, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5, 0, 0, 5, -5, -5]$

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## j-invariant for 5-congruence trace function

$p$	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41	43	47	53	59
$j$	4	1	4	1	15	14	12	0	34	5	2	24	13	44

Reconstruct  $j \in \mathbb{Q}$  from reductions mod  $p$  (Wang algorithm):

$$j = \frac{2^{14}31^3}{5^3} !$$

Simplest choice:  $a = 11, b = -1, c = 0$ .

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Special *Heun equation* with Riemann symbol

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & * & * & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = f\partial^2 + f'\partial + t - \lambda$$

where

$$f = t(t^2 + at + b)$$

Singular points: 0, roots of  $t^2 + at + b$ ,  $\infty$ .

$\lambda$ : the accessory parameter.

# Automorphic property of $D2s$

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## Multiplication theorem:

Let

$$\phi(t) = \phi_\lambda(t) = 1 + b_1(\lambda)t + b_2(\lambda)t^2 + \dots$$

be solution of differential equation

$$\mathcal{P}\phi(t) = 0$$

Then one has:

$$\phi(x)\phi(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint K(x, y, z)\phi(z)\frac{dz}{z}$$

where

$$K(x, y, z) = \frac{b}{\sqrt{P(x, y, b/z)}}$$

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## Complete analogy:

### Langlands for $C = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$$v_x v_y = \sum_z H_{xyz} v_z$$

### Geometric Langlands for $C = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ :

$$\phi(x)\phi(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint K(x, y, z) \phi(z) \frac{dz}{z}$$

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## Change from point-basis to power-basis Functions on $\mathbb{F}_p \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$$\delta_x, \quad x \in \mathbb{F}_p \leftrightarrow x^n, \quad n = 0, \dots, p-1$$

$$v \leftrightarrow \phi_p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} a_n x^n$$

### Inverse Vandermonde-Transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & 2^{p-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & p-1 & \dots & (p-1)^{p-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{p-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{p-1} \\ \vdots \\ v_1 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$p = 7$ :

Eigenvector	8	-2	-2	-2	3	3	-2
Transform	1	3	5	0	5	4	1

$p = 13$ :

Eigenvector	14	4	4	-6	-6	4	4	-1	-6	-1	-1	-1	4
Transform	1	3	6	4	3	8	10	5	3	9	6	10	1

$p = 43$ :

44	-6	4	-1	-6	4	4	4	-6	9	-1	-11	4	4	...
1	3	19	18	4	30	39	42	39	21	32	24	9	12	...



$$x = 0 \pmod{7}, \quad x = 4 \pmod{13}, \quad x = 18 \pmod{43}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 147 \pmod{7 \cdot 13 \cdot 43}$$

We get a series

$$\phi(t) = 1 + 3t + 19t^2 + 147t^3 + 1251t^4 + \dots$$

with

$$\phi(t) \equiv \phi_p(t) \pmod{p}$$

## Apéry numbers

1, 3, 19, 147, ...

$$a_n := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}$$

## Generating function

$$\phi(t) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$$

satisfies the differential equation

$$(D^2 - t(11D^2 + 11D + 3) + t^2(D + 1)^2)\phi(t) = 0$$

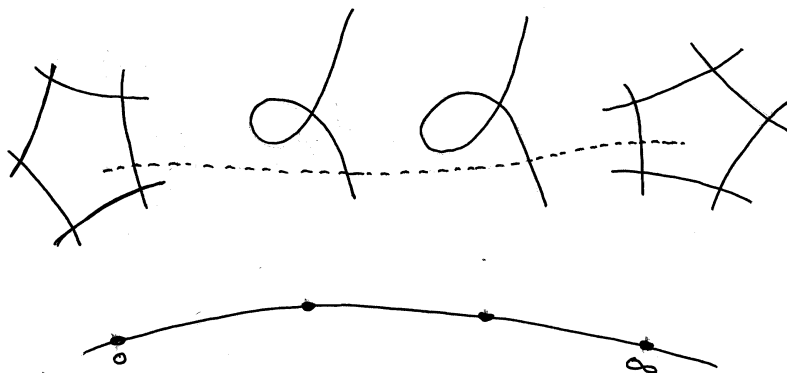
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## F. Beukers (1981) Modular interpretation

Operator arises as Picard-Fuchs operator of modular elliptic surface for  $\Gamma_1(5)$ .

$$\pi : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

with singular four singular fibres of type  $I_1, I_1, I_5, I_5$ .



Number of points in fibre  $X_t(\mathbb{F}_p)$  divisible by 5.

$$1 + p - \text{Tr}(F_p) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

So indeed:  $R^1\pi_*(\mathbb{Q}_l)$  is a 5-congruence sheaf! **What did we do?**

- Use explicit  $SL_2$ -Hecke-algebra.
- Found 5-congruence trace-functions.
- Found from it Apéry sequence.
- Found arithmetic  $D2$ -equation.

It works for all Beukers-Zagier-Beauville operators.

**Bonus:** Get not only differential equation, but also get the Frobenius traces of all fibres!

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- Find explicit Hecke-algebras and multiplication theorems for general Heun-equations.
- Same for  $D3s$
- Find explicit Hecke-algebra for  $Sp_4$ -case.
- Find bi-congruence trace-functions.
- We claim: is substitute for modularity of  $D2$  and  $D3$ !
- Find corresponding differential operators of CY-type.