

# Attractor Points and Modular CY Threefolds

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## Attractor Mechanism

# Review of Attractor Mechanism

Consider IIB supergravity with BPS black hole in 4 dimensions and a CY 3-fold  $X$  in the remaining 6.

$$ds^2 = -e^{2U(r)} dt^2 + e^{-2U(r)} (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

Black hole has charge vector (dual to homology class wrapped by D3 brane)

$$\Gamma = p^a \alpha_a - q_a \beta^a \in H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

and central charge given by

$$Z(\Gamma, \varphi) = e^{\frac{\kappa}{2}} \int_X \Gamma \wedge \Omega(\varphi)$$

where  $\Omega$  is the holomorphic 3-form and  $\varphi$  a coordinate on CS moduli space. We're assuming  $h^{2,1}(X) = 1$  so  $a, b, \in \{0, 1\}$ .

# Review of Attractor Mechanism

Preservation of SUSY requires that

$$\frac{dU(\rho)}{d\rho} = -e^{U(\rho)} |Z(\Gamma, \varphi)|$$

$$\frac{d\varphi(\rho)}{d\rho} = -2e^{U(\rho)} G_{\varphi\bar{\varphi}} \partial_{\bar{\varphi}} |Z(\Gamma, \varphi)|$$

where  $\rho$  is inverse of distance from horizon,  $\varphi$  is a coordinate on CS moduli space and  $G_{\varphi\bar{\varphi}}$  is the metric on CS moduli space. Can solve this after computing periods  $\Pi$  of  $\Omega$ .

# Review of Attractor Mechanism

Each component of

$$\Pi(\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{A^a} \Omega(\varphi) \\ \int_{B^b} \Omega(\varphi) \end{pmatrix}$$

is the solution of an ODE (Picard-Fuchs equation)  $\mathcal{L}\Pi = 0$ . This follows from the fact that

$$\{\Omega, \partial_\varphi \Omega, \partial_\varphi^2 \Omega, \partial_\varphi^3 \Omega, \partial_\varphi^4 \Omega\}$$

is linearly dependent in cohomology.

For example, operator AESZ 34 (math/0507430) is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = S_4 \theta^4 + S_3 \theta^3 + S_2 \theta^2 + S_1 \theta + S_0$$

where  $\theta = \varphi \frac{d}{d\varphi}$  and  $S_i$  are polynomials in  $\varphi$ .

# Review of Attractor Mechanism

## Aside:

The Picard-Fuchs equation AESZ 34 appears in the study of Feynman integrals. For example,  $\int_{B_1} \Omega$  is the maximally cut four loop banana graph integral with  $m_i^2 = 1$  and  $p^2 = \frac{1}{\varphi}$

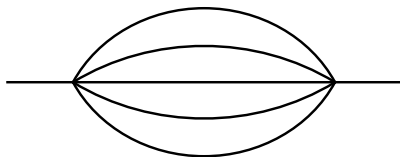
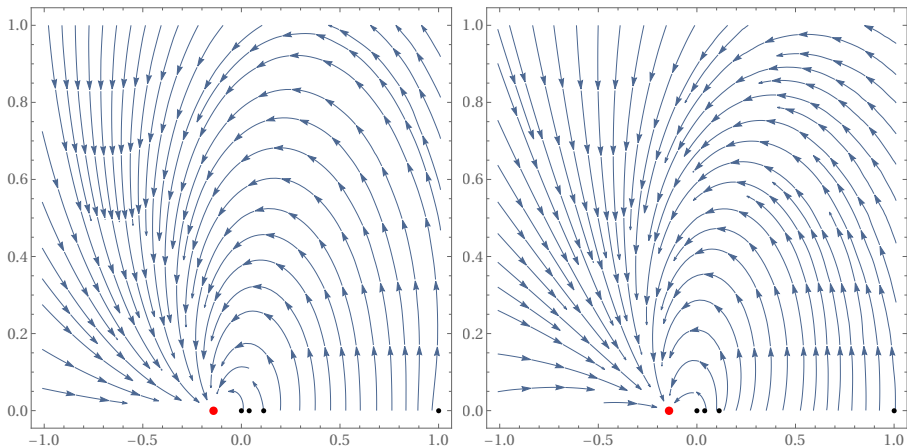


Figure: Four-loop banana graph.

At large  $p^2$ , this integral is given by

$$\int_{B_1} \Omega(\varphi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \varphi^m \quad \text{where} \quad a_m = \sum_{n_1+n_2+n_3+n_4+n_5=m} \left( \frac{m!}{n_1!n_2!n_3!n_4!n_5!} \right)^2$$

# Rank - 2 Attractors



**Figure:** Flow in  $\varphi$  plane for  $Q = (0, 0, 2, 1)^T$  (left) and  $Q = (-4, 15, 5, 0)^T$  (right) leading to attractor point at  $\varphi = -1/7$ . Singularities are indicated in black.

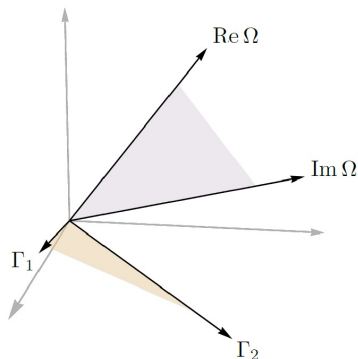


# Rank - 2 Attractors

An attractor point is characterised by

$$\Gamma \in H^{3,0} \oplus H^{0,3}$$

at the attractor point. It's helpful to visualise this as follows.



We find that

$$Q = \left( -\frac{4}{5}p^0 + \frac{8}{5}p^1, 3p^0 - 6p^1, p^0, p^1 \right)^T$$

leads to the attractor point  $\varphi = -\frac{1}{7}$  for AESZ 34  $\forall p^0, p^1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Another way of saying this is

$$H^3(X_{-\frac{1}{7}}, \mathbb{Z}) \supset \Lambda \oplus \Lambda^\perp$$

where

$$\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{3,0} \oplus H^{0,3} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\perp \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{2,1} \oplus H^{1,2}.$$

## Zeta Functions

# Review of Zeta Functions

Consider the following polynomial defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$x_0^5 + x_1^5 + x_2^5 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 - 5\psi x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4.$$

Can count number of points  $N_{p^r}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  and define Artin-Weil Congruent Zeta Function

$$Z_p(T) = \exp\left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_{p^r}}{r} T^r\right).$$

This was the subject of the Weil Conjectures.

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## Theorem (Weil Conjectures)

① *Rationality:*

$$Z_p(T) = \frac{P_1^{(p)}(T) \dots P_{2n-1}^{(p)}(T)}{P_0^{(p)}(T) \dots P_{2n}^{(p)}(T)}$$

for integral polynomials  $P_i^{(p)}(T)$  with (if  $p$  is a prime of good reduction)  $\deg(P_i^{(p)}(T)) = b_i$  where  $b_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Betti number.

$$P_i^{(p)} = \det(I - TFrob_p); \quad Frob_p : H^i(X) \rightarrow H^i(X)$$

# Examples

Can define the related Hasse-Weil L-function for each polynomial e.g. for middle cohomology

$$L(X, s) = \prod_{\text{good } p} \frac{1}{P_n^{(p)}(p^{-s})} .$$

## Example 1 - a point

Let  $X$  be a point.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_p(T) &= \exp\left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{N_{p^r}}{r} T^r\right) = \frac{1}{1-T} \\ \implies L(X, s) &= \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \zeta(s). \end{aligned}$$

## Example 2 - an elliptic curve

Similarly, we can study the Zeta/L-function of an elliptic curve (defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). Can show that

$$Z_p(E, T) = \frac{(1 - a_p T + pT^2)}{(1 - T)(1 - pT)} \quad \text{and} \quad L(E, s) = \prod_{\text{good } p} \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{1-2s}}.$$

The  $a_p$ 's are the Fourier coefficients of a modular form  $f$  i.e.

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n; \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

that satisfies

$$f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^k f(\tau); \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  known as the *weight* of the modular form.

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## Modularity Theorem

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  then, for all but finitely many primes  $p$ ,  $a_p$  is the  $p^{\text{th}}$  Fourier coefficient of a weight 2 cusp form for a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma_0(N)$ .



## Example 3 - a one-parameter CY

Expect that the zeta function takes the form

$$Z_p(X, T) = \frac{1 + a_p T + b_p p T^2 + a_p p^3 T^2 + p^6 T^4}{(1 - T)(1 - pT)^{h^{11}}(1 - p^2 T)^{h^{11}}(1 - p^3 T)}. \quad (1)$$

Recall that, at a rank - 2 attractor  $\varphi_*$ , we can find

$$H^3(X_{\varphi_*}, \mathbb{Z}) \supset \Lambda \oplus \Lambda^\perp$$

where

$$\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{3,0} \oplus H^{0,3} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\perp \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{2,1} \oplus H^{1,2}.$$

This would be visible in the zeta function which would take the form

$$Z_p(X_{\varphi_*}, T) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_p p T + p^3 T^2)(1 - \beta_p T + p^3 T^2)}{(1 - T)(1 - pT)^{h^{11}}(1 - p^2 T)^{h^{11}}(1 - p^3 T)}$$

and the  $\alpha_p$ 's and  $\beta_p$ 's would come from weight - 2 and weight - 4 modular forms respectively (arXiv:0902.1466).

Zeta-functions have been computed for one-parameter CY 3-folds by Candelas, de la Ossa, Thorne, van Straten, Villegas,...

**Strategy:**

Look for polynomials

$$G(\varphi) = c_n \varphi^n + c_{n-1} \varphi^{n-1} + \dots + c_0; \quad c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

such that the zeta function factors as above for  $G(\varphi) = 0 \pmod{p}$ .

# Persistent Factorisations

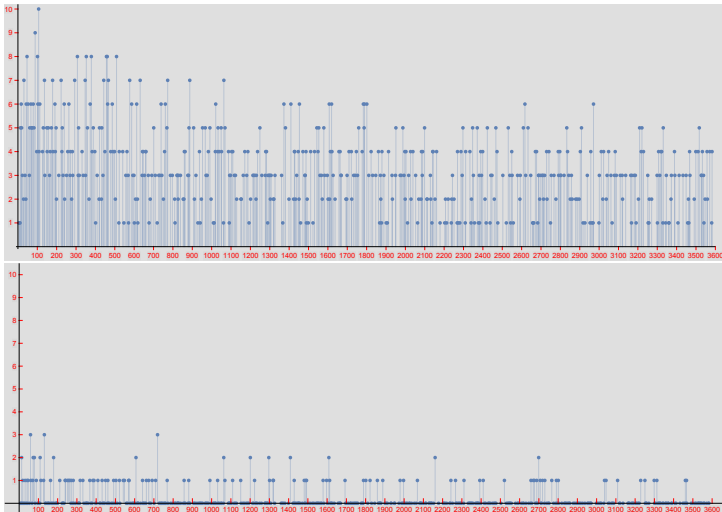


Figure: Number of  $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that the Frobenius polynomial factorises for each prime  $7 \leq p \leq 3583$ . AESZ 34 is plotted above and the mirror quintic below.

We find that the zeta function of AESZ 34 factorises over  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$G(\varphi) = (7\varphi + 1)(\varphi^2 - 66\varphi + 1) = 0 \pmod{p}$$

so there are rank two attractors at

$$\varphi \in \left\{ -\frac{1}{7}, 33 \pm 8\sqrt{17} \right\}$$

# Modularity of AESZ 34 at $\varphi = -\frac{1}{7}$

As expected, at  $\varphi = -\frac{1}{7}$ ,  $\alpha_p$  appears in weight 2 form for  $\Gamma_0(14) \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  with Fourier expansion

$$q - q^2 - 2q^3 + q^4 + 2q^6 + q^7 - q^8 + q^9 - 2q^{12} - 4q^{13} - q^{14} + q^{16} + 6q^{17} - q^{18} + \dots$$

Whereas,  $\beta_p$  appears in Fourier expansion of weight 4 form for  $\Gamma_0(14) \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  with Fourier expansion

$$q - 2q^2 + 8q^3 + 4q^4 - 14q^5 - 16q^6 - 7q^7 - 8q^8 + 37q^9 + 28q^{10} - 28q^{11} + 32q^{12} + \dots$$

The weight 2 and weight 4 modular forms have LMFDB labels **14.2.a.a** and **14.4.a.a** respectively..

# Modularity of AESZ 34 $\varphi = 33 \pm 8\sqrt{17}$

Find that  $\alpha_p$  and  $\beta_p$  appear as Fourier coefficients of modular form for  $\Gamma_1(34) \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .

As expected,  $\alpha_p$  appears in weight 2 form with Fourier expansion

$$q - q^2 + 2\sqrt{-2}q^3 + q^4 - 2\sqrt{-2}q^5 - 2\sqrt{-2}q^6 - q^8 - 5q^9 + 2\sqrt{-2}q^{10} + \dots$$

Whereas,  $\beta_p$  appears in Fourier expansion of weight 4 form with Fourier expansion

$$q - 2q^2 + 2iq^3 + 4q^4 + 8iq^5 - 4iq^6 + 34iq^7 - 8q^8 + 23q^9 - 16iq^{10} - 30iq^{11} + \dots$$

The weight 2 and weight 4 modular forms have LMFDB labels **34.2.b.a** and **34.4.b.a** respectively..

## Fixed Points of Involutions

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Sometimes, the splitting of Hodge structure is due to a symmetry of the moduli space e.g. AESZ 101 with Riemann symbol

$$\mathcal{P} \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} -1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(123 - 55\sqrt{5}) & 1 & \frac{1}{2}(123 + 55\sqrt{5}) & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right\} \varphi$$

admits the involution

$$\frac{1}{\varphi} \Pi \left( \frac{1}{\varphi} \right) = A \Pi(\varphi) \quad \text{where} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 & 15 \\ 7 & 4 & -15 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 7 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in Sp(4, \mathbb{Z}) .$$



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$A$  has eigenvalues  $(1, 1, -1, -1)$  and, at the fixed point  $\varphi = 1$ , its eigenvectors span  $\Lambda_{\pm} \subset H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ . We confirm that the fixed point is a rank two attractor i.e.

$$\Lambda_+ \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{3,0} \oplus H^{0,3} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_- \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{2,1} \oplus H^{1,2}$$

by numerically checking that the following hold to high precision

$$\int_X \Gamma_+ \wedge D_\varphi \Omega = Q_+^T \Sigma D_\varphi \Pi = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_X \Gamma_- \wedge \Omega = Q_-^T \Sigma \Pi = 0$$

## Periods and L-Function Values

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Can compute L-function of modular form via Mellin transform

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad L(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}.$$

We find that

$$\Pi\left(-\frac{1}{7}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{L_4(1)}{2\pi i} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -30 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - 14 \frac{L_4(2)}{(2\pi i)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $L_4$  is the L-function associated to the weight - 4 modular form.

# Periods and L-Function Values

Consider AESZ 34 at  $\varphi = -\frac{1}{7}$ . The periods of the harmonic  $(2, 1)$ -form are given by

$$D_\varphi \Pi\left(-\frac{1}{7}\right) = -\frac{147}{8} \frac{L_2(1)}{(2\pi i)^2} \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 14 \\ -10 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{147}{16} \frac{L_2(1)}{(2\pi i)^2} \frac{1}{i \operatorname{Im} \tau} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $\tau$  is the parameter of the elliptic curve associated to the weight - 2 form and  $L_2$  is it's Mellin transform.

# Bekenstein - Hawking Entropy

Let

$$Q_{k,l} = k(4, -15, -5, 0)^T + l(0, 0, 2, 1)^T \quad k, l \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

A black hole with charge  $Q_{k,l}$  will have horizon area

$$\frac{A(Q_{k,l})}{4} = \frac{\pi(5k - 2l)^2}{8} \left( \frac{\pi L_4(1)}{L_4(2)} \right) + \frac{49\pi k^2}{2} \left( \frac{\pi L_4(1)}{L_4(2)} \right)^{-1}$$

This implies that the growth of black hole degeneracies  $n_{k,l}$  is controlled by L-values i.e.

$$\log(n_{k,l}) \sim \frac{\pi(5k - 2l)^2}{8} \left( \frac{\pi L_4(1)}{L_4(2)} \right) + \frac{49\pi k^2}{2} \left( \frac{\pi L_4(1)}{L_4(2)} \right)^{-1}$$

Thank You!