

Orbifold equivalence for simple, unimodal and bimodal singularities

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Motivation

What is “orbifold equivalence”?

- A particular kind of QFT: **Landau-Ginzburg models**.
- [Vafa-Warner,'88] A 2 dimensional, $(2, 2)$ -supersymmetric sigma model characterized by a **potential**.
- **Wanted**: an equivalence relation between two Landau-Ginzburg models described by different potentials.
- ‘Orbifold’? Inspired by the study of orbifolds via defects in 2d QFTs.
- Way to go: via **matrix factorizations**.

Why?

- Interesting applications for the (so-called) Landau-Ginzburg/conformal field theory correspondence (AMA!).
- (Seems to be) Related to mirror symmetry, strange duality of singularities à l’Arnold, et al.

Introducing: matrix factorizations

Let \mathbb{k} be a field ($= \mathbb{C}$), $S := \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ polynomial ring. Assign $|x_i| \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$ to each x_i . Consider $W \in S$.

Definition

- W is called a **potential** if it has an isolated singularity at the origin.
Equivalently: $\dim_{\mathbb{k}} \left(\frac{S}{\langle \partial_{x_0} W, \dots, \partial_{x_n} W \rangle} \right) < \infty$.
- We say that a potential W is **homogeneous of degree $d \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$** if it satisfies $W(\lambda^{|x_0|} x_0, \dots, \lambda^{|x_n|} x_n) = \lambda^d W(x_0, \dots, x_n)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times$.

From now on: potential = “homogeneous potential of degree 2”. To any potential W we can associate a **central charge**, defined as: $c_W = \sum_{i=0}^n (1 - |x_i|)$.
Denote as $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}$ the set of potentials with coefficients in \mathbb{k} and any number of variables.

GOAL: define an equivalence relation in $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}$!
HOW? Matrix factorizations!

Definition

Given (S, W) , a **matrix factorization** of W consists of a pair (M, d^M) where:

- M free, \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded ($= M_0 \oplus M_1$) S -module, and
- $d^M: M \rightarrow M$ degree 1 ($= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d_1^M \\ d_0^M & 0 \end{pmatrix}$) S -linear endomorphism satisfying that

$$d^M \circ d^M = W \cdot \text{id}_M$$

(“twisted differential”).

Example: let $S = \mathbb{C}[x]$, $W = x^d$. Possible matrix factorization:

$$\left(\mathbb{C}[x]^{\oplus 2}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x^m \\ x^{d-m} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \text{ for } 0 < m < d.$$

Remark

We can use bimodules instead of left modules. Given $(S_1, W_1), (S_2, W_2) \rightsquigarrow (S_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} S_2, W_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} 1_{S_2} - 1_{S_1} \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} W_2)$ (or simply: $W_1 - W_2$).

Using bimodules...

Definition

Let:

$(S_1, W_1), (S_2, W_2), (S_3, W_3);$

(M, d^M) matrix factorization of $W_1 - W_2$, and

(N, d^N) matrix factorization of $W_2 - W_3$.

The **tensor product matrix factorization** $(M \otimes_{S_2} N, d^{M \otimes N})$ is the matrix factorization of $W_1 - W_3$ with:

- base module over $S_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} S_3$,
- twisted differential: $d^{M \otimes N} = d^M \otimes \text{id}_N + \text{id}_M \otimes d^N$.

Construct a category: **hmf(W)**

Objects: matrix factorizations of W ,

Morphisms: given $(M, d^M), (N, d^N)$, $f: M \rightarrow N$ satisfying that $d^N \circ f = f \circ d^M$ (up to some homotopy relation).

Warning: categorical nonsense!

Theorem

- [Carqueville-Runkel, '09]: $\text{hmf}(W \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes W)$ is a monoidal category.
- [Carqueville-Murfet, '12]: every object in $\text{hmf}(W_1 - W_2)$ has a left and a right adjoint and its evaluation and coevaluation morphisms can be described in a very explicit way.

Remark

Results obtained from the study of Landau-Ginzburg models from a higher categorical perspective.

A particular example of a composition of these evaluation and coevaluation maps:

left and right quantum dimension (qdim_l , qdim_r resp.)

Orbifold equivalence

Definition/Proposition

Let $V(x_1, \dots, x_n), W(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}, (M, d^M) \in \text{Ob}(\text{hmf}(W - V))$. Assign to (M, d^M) two numbers,

$$\text{qdim}_l(M) = (-1)^{\binom{m+1}{2}} \text{Res} \left[\frac{\text{str}(\partial_{x_1} d^M \dots \partial_{x_m} d^M \partial_{y_1} d^M \dots \partial_{y_n} d^M) dy_1 \dots dy_n}{\partial_{y_1} W, \dots, \partial_{y_n} W} \right]$$

$$\text{qdim}_r(M) = (-1)^{\binom{n+1}{2}} \text{Res} \left[\frac{\text{str}(\partial_{x_1} d^M \dots \partial_{x_m} d^M \partial_{y_1} d^M \dots \partial_{y_n} d^M) dx_1 \dots dx_m}{\partial_{x_1} V, \dots, \partial_{x_m} V} \right].$$

We say that V and W are **orbifold equivalent** (notation: $V \sim_{\text{orb}} W$) if there exists such an (M, d^M) for which $\text{qdim}_l, \text{qdim}_r \neq 0$. Orbifold equivalence is indeed an equivalence relation in $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}$.

Remark

- $q\dim_l, q\dim_r \in \mathbb{k}$.
- *Value of quantum dimensions are independent of the \mathbb{Q} -grading.*
- *If $V \sim_{\text{orb}} W$, then $c_V = c_W$ and $m - n$ is even.*
- *Apparently not so easy to find...!*

Example: the quantum dimensions of

$$\left(\mathbb{C}[x, y]^{\oplus 2}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x - y \\ \frac{x^d - y^d}{x - y} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

are...

$$\dots \pm 1!$$

Examples of orbifold equivalence

[Arnold, 70s]: **classification of singularities**

Theorem (Carqueville-Runkel-RC, '13)

Consider the subset of $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{C}}$ which describes **simple singularities**. They fall into an **ADE classification** and in 2 variables they look like:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{A_{d-1}} &= x^d + y^2, & W_{D_{d+1}} &= x^d + xy^2, \\
 W_{E_6} &= x^3 + y^4, & W_{E_7} &= x^3 + xy^3, & W_{E_8} &= x^3 + y^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

For d even, $\neq 12, 18, 30$, $W_{A_{d-1}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{D_{\frac{d}{2}+1}}$,

$W_{A_{11}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{D_7} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{E_6}$,

$W_{A_{17}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{D_{10}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{E_7}$, and

$W_{A_{29}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{D_{16}} \sim_{\text{orb}} W_{E_8}$.

An example of a matrix factorization proving orbifold equivalence...

[Carqueville-RC-Runkel,'13]: take $S = \mathbb{C}[u, v, x, y]$ and consider the potential $W = W_{A_{11}} - W_{E_6} = u^{12} + y^2 - x^3 - y^4$.

A matrix factorization of this potential is $(\mathbb{C}[u, v, x, y]^{\oplus 4}, d^M)$, with

$$d_1^M = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad d_0^M = \text{Det} [d_1^M] (d_1^M)^{-1}$$

where

$$d_{11} = y^2 - v + \frac{1}{2}x(su)^2 + \frac{2t+1}{8}(su)^6$$

$$d_{12} = -x + y(su) + \frac{t+1}{4}(su)^4$$

$$d_{21} = x^2 + yx(su) + \frac{t}{4}x(su)^4 + \frac{2t+1}{4}y(su)^5 - \frac{9t+5}{48}(su)^8$$

$$d_{22} = y^2 + v + \frac{1}{2}x(su)^2 + \frac{2t+1}{8}(su)^6$$

(s and t can be any solution of $t^2 = \frac{1}{3}$, $s^{12} = -576(26t - 15)$).

Next on Arnold's classification: **unimodal singularities**. Focus on the exceptional ones.

Type	Potential (v1)	Potential (v2)	Potential (v3)	c_W
Q_{10}	$x^4 + y^3 + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{13}{12}$
Q_{11}	$x^3y + y^3 + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{10}{9}$
Q_{12}	$x^3z + y^3 + xz^2$	$x^5 + y^3 + xz^2$	—	$\frac{17}{15}$
S_{11}	$x^4 + y^2z + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{9}{8}$
S_{12}	$x^3y + y^2z + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{15}{13}$
U_{12}	$x^4 + y^3 + z^3$	$x^4 + y^3 + z^2y$	$x^4 + y^2z + z^2y$	$\frac{7}{6}$
Z_{11}	$x^5 + xy^3 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{16}{15}$
Z_{12}	$yx^4 + xy^3 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{12}{11}$
Z_{13}	$x^3z + xy^3 + z^2$	$x^6 + y^3x + z^2$	—	$\frac{10}{9}$
W_{12}	$x^5 + y^2z + z^2$	$x^5 + y^4 + z^2$	—	$\frac{11}{10}$
W_{13}	$yx^4 + y^2z + z^2$	$x^4y + y^4 + z^2$	—	$\frac{9}{8}$
E_{12}	$x^7 + y^3 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{22}{21}$
E_{13}	$y^3 + yx^5 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{16}{15}$
E_{14}	$x^4z + y^3 + z^2$	$x^8 + y^3 + z^2$	—	$\frac{13}{12}$

Question: which ones could be orbifold equivalent?

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Q_{10}	$x^4 + y^3 + xz^2$	–	–	$\frac{13}{12}$
E_{14}	$x^4z + y^3 + z^2$	$x^8 + y^3 + z^2$	–	$\frac{13}{12}$

Next on Arnold's classification: **unimodal singularities**. Focus on the exceptional ones.

Type	Potential (v1)	Potential (v2)	Potential (v3)	c_W
Q_{11}	$x^3y + y^3 + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{10}{9}$
Z_{13}	$x^3z + xy^3 + z^2$	$x^6 + y^3x + z^2$	—	$\frac{10}{9}$

Next on Arnold's classification: **unimodal singularities**. Focus on the exceptional ones.

Type	Potential (v1)	Potential (v2)	Potential (v3)	c_W
S_{11}	$x^4 + y^2z + xz^2$	—	—	$\frac{9}{8}$
W_{13}	$yx^4 + y^2z + z^2$	$x^4y + y^4 + z^2$	—	$\frac{9}{10}$

Next on Arnold's classification: **unimodal singularities**. Focus on the exceptional ones.

Type	Potential (v1)	Potential (v2)	Potential (v3)	c_W
Z_{11}	$x^5 + xy^3 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{16}{15}$
E_{13}	$y^3 + yx^5 + z^2$	—	—	$\frac{16}{15}$

Conjecture ('Arnold strange duality for exceptional unimodal singularities')

$$Q_{10} \sim_{orb} E_{14}, Q_{11} \sim_{orb} Z_{13}, S_{11} \sim_{orb} W_{13} \text{ and } Z_{11} \sim_{orb} E_{13}.$$

Proposition

- (Newton-RC, '15) Indeed $Q_{10} \sim_{orb} E_{14}$. Let (M_1, d^{M_1}) (resp. (M_2, d^{M_2})) be the matrix factorization proving orbifold equivalence between Q_{10} and E_{14} (v1) (resp. (v2)). (M_1, d^{M_1}) (resp. (M_2, d^{M_2})) depends on a set of parameters satisfying a certain set of conditions. The solutions of this system of equations are actually permuted by a Galois group isomorphic to $D_4 \times C_2$ (resp. V_4).
- (Newton-RC, '16) Different potentials describing the same exceptional unimodal singularities are orbifold equivalent. The matrix factorizations proving orbifold equivalence (...) Galois group isomorphic to:

Singularity	Galois group	Singularity	Galois group
E_{14}	D_8	W_{12}	C_2
Q_{12}	$C_2 \times C_5 \rtimes C_4$	W_{13}	D_8
U_{12} (v2 vs v1/v3)	$S_3 \times C_2 / C_2$	Z_{13}	$C_2 \times C_9 \rtimes C_6$

Remaining cases proved by Recknagel et al, '17 - but without Galois groups!

Next on Arnold's classification: **bimodal singularities**.

Conjecture ('Arnold strange duality for bimodal singularities')

$$J_{3,0} \sim_{orb} Z_{13}, Q_{2,0} \sim_{orb} Z_{17}, E_{18} \sim_{orb} Q_{12}, E_{19} \sim_{orb} Z_{1,0}, Z_{19} \sim_{orb} E_{25}, \\ Q_{17} \sim_{orb} Z_{2,0}, Q_{18} \sim_{orb} E_{30}, W_{17} \sim_{orb} S_{1,0}, S_{17} \sim_{orb} X_{2,0}.$$

Proposition (RC '17, in preparation)

Indeed $Q_{18} \sim_{orb} E_{30}$ and $E_{18} \sim_{orb} Q_{12}$.

Sure but - very heavy computational problem. Can we simplify this search?

Result (Cornelissen-Kluck-RC, '18, work in progress)

- Sage algorithm (interface in Julia) capable of deciding if two potentials are orbifold equivalent.
- If so, we can prove orbifold equivalence in finite time.

Open questions

Few examples remaining involving bimodal singularities. More general instances of potentials?

Galois groups: missing ones?

Better, faster, stronger: improving the CKRC algorithm to speed up the search.

Applications to Landau-Ginzburg/conformal field theory correspondence?

Thank you very much for your attention! =)