

# What is the next number in the sequence?

(or, Sublattice counting and orbifolds)

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# Motivation

- Brane tilings have met with a lot of interest in the past few years.
- A brane tiling is the dual description of a quiver gauge theory,
- D3 branes probing a toric Calabi–Yau-three singularity
- M2 branes probing a toric Calabi–Yau-four singularity
- We would like to have a classification of all possible tilings.

# Today's talk

- For the moment a complete classification seems too ambitious
- We consider a simpler problem: counting Abelian orbifolds of a given theory
- An orbifold is described by a repetition of the fundamental domain
- This is the definition of a sublattice of the initial lattice
- We map our orbifold counting problem to a sublattice enumeration. We can use methods from crystallography
- We find a number theoretical description for the generating functions. Asymptotically

$$f(n) \sim \frac{\sigma(n)}{|G|}$$

# How do you do that?

- Find the **symmetries** of a given lattice (cycle index)
- **Decompose** the counting function on the symmetries (Burnside's lemma)
- **Count** the sublattices for each symmetry (Hermite normal form)
- Study the **structure** (Dirichlet convolution)
- Write in a **compact form** (Dirichlet series)
- **Analysis** (Asymptotic behaviour)

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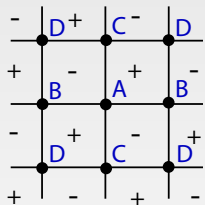
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# String theory setup

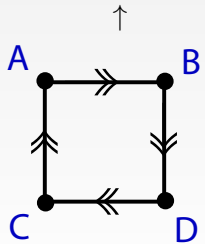
- Consider a Calabi-Yau three-fold  $X$  and let  $S \subset X$  be a surface shrinking to a point
- Placing  $D$ -branes on  $S$  we expect:
  - An enhanced gauge symmetry because some open strings will shrink to zero length
  - The branes are marginally stable against the decay into fractional branes
- These fractional branes are rigid branes generating the BPS states in the theory as bound states.
- The description of the brane as a manifold breaks down
- Geometric description: language of categories.
- For our purposes we can use quiver gauge theories.



# D-branes at singularities

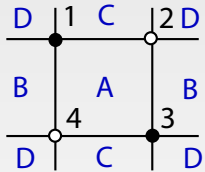


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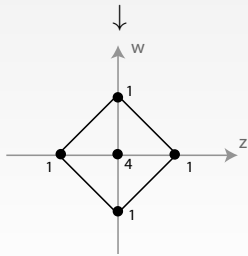


quiver gauge theory

graph dual



brane tiling



toric diagram

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# Orbifolds: algebraic construction

- Let us consider  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifolds of  $\mathbb{C}^3$
- Let us denote the coordinates of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  by  $\{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$ , and the orbifold action by  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ :

$$\{z_1, z_2, z_3\} \sim \{\omega^{a_1} z_1, \omega^{a_2} z_2, \omega^{a_3} z_3\}$$

with  $\omega^n = 1$  and  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0 \pmod n$ .

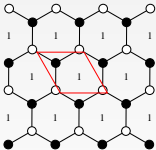
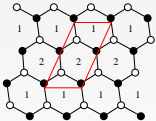
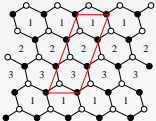
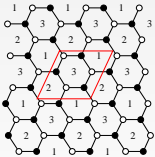
- In this notation, the problem is to find all triples  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  that give inequivalent orbifolds of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .

# Orbifolds: toric diagrams

- An alternative way of formulating the problem is by looking at the **toric diagrams** of these orbifolds.
- The toric diagram of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  is a **triangle of unit area**
- the toric diagram of an **orbifold of  $\mathbb{C}^3$**  by an Abelian group of order  $n$  is again a **triangle** but with an area which is  **$n$  times larger**.
- The problem of counting all inequivalent orbifolds of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  is therefore equivalent to the problem of finding all triangles with vertices on integral points and area  $n$ .
- Since these are toric diagrams, two triangles which are related by a  **$GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$**  are equivalent

# Orbifolds: brane tilings

- Think of the brane tiling as forming a **bipartite hexagonal lattice**
- the problem of finding inequivalent toric diagrams is mapped to the problem of finding its **sublattices**

	$n$	1	2	3	3
brane tiling					
geometry		$\mathbb{C}^3$	$\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$

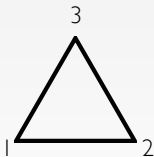
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# Cycle notation

We need a way to capture the symmetries of a given lattice.

- Label the vertices of the fundamental cell by the numbers  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ .
- We want to describe the group of permutations  $G$  of the set  $X = \{1, \dots, m\}$  which result in the same fundamental cell.



- identity
- 3 reflections
- 2 rotations by  $2\pi/3$

# Cycle notation

- **Cycles** of  $g \in G$  are the orbits of the elements  $\varepsilon \in X$  under  $g$ .
- For each group element  $g$  we start with  $\varepsilon_1 \in X$  and write down its **orbit** in parentheses,  $(\varepsilon_1 g(\varepsilon_1) g^2(\varepsilon_1) \dots g^{k-1}(\varepsilon_1))$ , where  $g^k(\varepsilon_1) = \varepsilon_1$ .
- We continue with the next element that has not yet appeared in an orbit until we have exhausted all the elements of  $X$ .
- Each  $g \in G$  can be expressed in terms of  $a_k$  **disjoint cycles of length  $k$**
- The **type** of  $g$  is given by the **partition** of  $m$   $[1^{a_1} 2^{a_2} \dots l^{a_l}]$ , where  $m = a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + la_l$ .
- The partition is represented by the expression

$$\zeta_g(x_1, \dots, x_l) = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_l^{a_l}.$$

# Cycle index



	$g$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$c(a_i)$	$\zeta$
	$(1)$	3	-	-	1	$x_1^3$
	$(12)$	1	1	-	3	$x_1 x_2$
	$(123)$	-	-	1	2	$x_3$

## The cycle index of $G$

$$Z_G(x_1, \dots, x_l) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \zeta_g(x_1, \dots, x_l) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\alpha} c(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l) x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_l^{\alpha_l}$$



# Cycle index, examples

- Cyclic group  $C_m$ : symmetries of a circular object without reflections:

$$Z(C_m) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{d|m} \varphi(d) x_d^{m/d},$$

where  $\varphi(d)$  is the totient function.

- Dihedral group  $D_m$ : symmetries of a circular object:

$$Z(D_m) = \frac{1}{2} Z(C_m) + \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} x_1 x_2^{(m-1)/2}, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{1}{4} \left( x_1^2 x_2^{(m-2)/2} + x_2^{m/2} \right), & \text{if } m \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

- The symmetric group  $S_m$  is the group of all permutations:

$$Z(S_m) = \sum_{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + \dots + k\alpha_k = m} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^m k^{\alpha_k} \alpha_k!} \prod_{k=1}^m x_k^{\alpha_k}.$$

# Central point

## Burnside's lemma

Let  $G$  be a group of permutations of the set  $X$ . The number  $N(G)$  of *orbits* of  $G$  is given by the average over  $G$  of the sizes of the fixed sets:

$$N(G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |F_g| ; \quad F_g = \{x \in X \mid g(x) = x\} .$$

- The **number  $f(n)$  of sublattices** of index  $n$  is the number of orbits of the symmetry group  $G$  when acting on the set  $X_n$  of sublattices of index  $n$ .
- This can be written as the average of the number of elements in  $X_n$  that are left invariant by the action of  $g \in G$ :

$$f(G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} f_g(n) ; \quad f_g(n) = |\{x \in X_n \mid g(x) = x\}|$$

# Decomposition of the counting function

- Using the **cycle decomposition** we can rewrite this expression as a sum over the types of the elements  $g$ , indexed by partitions  $\alpha$ :

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\alpha} c(\alpha) f_{x^{\alpha}}(n).$$

- there is a **subsequence for each monomial** in the cycle index  $Z_G$ .

$$Z_G(x_1, \dots, x_l) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\alpha} c(\alpha) x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_l^{\alpha_l}$$

- we have **decomposed the counting problem** into subproblems fixed by the symmetry groups.

## Recipe

For a given lattice, find the symmetry group  $G$ , write the cycle index  $Z_G$  and identify the counting functions for each of the terms.

# The hexagonal lattice



- Consider the **bipartite hexagonal lattice** corresponding to the geometry of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .
- Because of the bipartiteness, **the symmetry group is  $S_3$**  (equilateral triangle)
- From the cycle decomposition above:

$$Z_{S_3} = \frac{1}{6} \left( x_1^3 + 3x_1x_2 + 2x_3 \right).$$

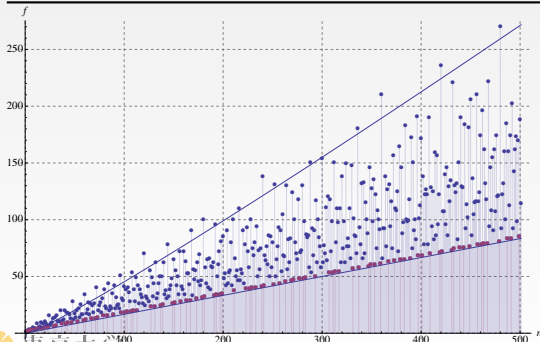
- Using Burnside's lemma, **the number of sublattices of index  $n$**  can be decomposed as:

$$f^\Delta(n) = \frac{1}{6} \left( f_{x_1^3}^\Delta(n) + 3f_{x_1x_2}^\Delta(n) + 2f_{x_3}^\Delta(n) \right)$$

# The hexagonal lattice



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$f_{x_1^3}$	1	3	4	7	6	12	8	15	13	18	12	28	14	24	24	31
$f_{x_1 x_2}$	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	5	3	2	2	6	2	2	4	7
$f_{x_3}$	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
$f^\Delta$	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	5	4	4	3	8	4	5	6	9



Scatter plot of the sequence  $f^\Delta$  for a hexagonal lattice. Prime numbers are emphasized in red. The two lines correspond to  $n/6$  and  $e^\gamma n \log \log n/6$ .

# Hermite normal form

- The problem of counting sublattices with a given symmetry can be mapped to the problem of **counting a set of matrices**
- We learn what is the **general structure**
- We obtain an **algorithm** to count the sublattices
- Consider a lattice  $L_d$  generated by the  $d$  vectors  $\langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$ . Any sublattice  $L'$  of  $L_d$  is generated by  $d$  vectors  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_d \rangle$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = a_{11}y_1 \\ x_2 = a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2 \\ \dots \\ x_d = a_{d1}y_1 + a_{d2}y_2 + \dots + a_{dd}y_d, \end{cases}$$

- The integer coefficients  $a_{ij}$  satisfy the conditions

$$0 \leq a_{ij} < a_{ii} \quad \forall j < i \quad n = \prod_{i=1}^d a_{ii}.$$

# Hermite normal form

- For a **two dimensional lattice** the coefficients are  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ .
- From the condition  $a_{11}a_{22} = n$  we choose  $a_{22} = m$  and  $a_{11} = n/m$ , where  $m$  is a **divisor of  $n$** .
- To count the number of sublattices invariant under the symmetry  $x^\alpha$  we **enumerate the possible values of  $a_{21}$** .
- The constraint  $a_{21} < a_{22}$  introduces a **dependence of the number of possible values of  $a_{21}$** ,  $\# \{ a_{21} \} = g_{x^\alpha}(a_{22})$ , on  $a_{22}$
- The **total number of sublattices  $f_{x^\alpha}(n)$**  is given by summing  $g_{x^\alpha}(m)$  over all the divisors of  $n$ :

$$f_{x^\alpha}(n) = \sum_{m|n} g_{x^\alpha}(m).$$

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# Multiplicative functions

- Prime numbers play a special role.
- This is one of the clues that point to the sequences being **multiplicative**.

## Multiplicative sequence

A sequence  $f$  is multiplicative if

$$f(nm) = f(n)f(m), \quad \text{when } (n, m) = 1,$$

where  $(n, m)$  is the *greatest common divisor* between  $n$  and  $m$ .

- $f$  is **completely determined by its values for primes** and their powers
- for any  $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ , the sequence decomposes as

$$f(n) = f(p_1^{a_1})f(p_2^{a_2}) \dots f(p_r^{a_r})$$

# Dirichlet convolution

## Dirichlet convolution

The *Dirichlet convolution* of two sequences  $g$  and  $h$  is

$$f(n) = (g * h)(n) = \sum_{m|n} g(m) h\left(\frac{n}{m}\right),$$

where the sum runs over all the divisors  $m$  of  $n$ .

- **Commutative**,  $f * g = g * f$ ,
- **Associative**,  $f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$
- Has an **identity**  $f * \text{Id} = f$  defined by

$$\text{Id}(n) = \{1, 0, 0, \dots\}$$

- to each sequence  $f$  one can associate its **inverse**  $f^{-1}$  satisfying

$$f * f^{-1} = f^{-1} * f = \text{Id}.$$

# Möbius function

- We have seen that the counting functions have the structure

$$f_{x^a}(n) = \sum_{m|n} g_{x^a}(m).$$

- In terms of Dirichlet convolution:  $f_{x^a} = g_{x^a} * u$  where:

$$u(n) = \{ 1, 1, 1, \dots \}.$$

- its inverse is the Möbius function defined by

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k & \text{if } n \text{ is square-free,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is the number of distinct prime factors of  $n$ .

- It follows that if  $f = g * u$ , then  $g = \mu * f$ .

# The hexagonal lattice



The sequence  $f_{x_1^3}^\Delta = \{1, 3, 4, 7, 6, 12, 8, 15, \dots\}$  corresponds to the identity permutation  $x_1^3$

$$f_{x_1^3}^\Delta = u * N,$$

where

$$N(n) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

- The sequence  $f_{x_1 x_2}^\Delta = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 5, \dots\}$  can be written as the convolution of a periodic sequence of period 4 and the unit:

$$f_{x_1 x_2}^\Delta = \{1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, \dots\} * u.$$

$g_{x_1 x_2}^\Delta$  is in turn the convolution of a finite sequence and  $u$ :

$$f_{x_1 x_2}^\Delta = \{1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, \dots\} * u = \{1, -1, 0, 2\} * u * u.$$

# The hexagonal lattice



The last sequence  $f_{x_3}^\Delta = \{1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, \dots\}$  also has the form of the convolution of the unity with a periodic sequence of period 3:

$$f_{x_3}^\Delta = \{1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, \dots\} * u .$$

The periodic sequence is the (non-principal) *Dirichlet character* of modulus three:

$$g_{x_3}^\Delta = \chi_{3,2}(n) = \{1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, \dots\} .$$

Putting all together we find that the sequence  $f^\Delta$  can be written as

$$f^\Delta = \frac{1}{6} \left( f_{x_1}^\Delta + 3 f_{x_1 x_2}^\Delta + 2 f_{x_3}^\Delta \right) = \frac{1}{6} \left( N + 3 \{1, 0, -1, 2\} * u + 2 \chi_{3,2} \right) * u$$

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# Generating functions

Now that we have the numbers we need a good way to encode them in a compact form.

- the **formal power series** (partition function)

$$F(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)t^n;$$

- the **Dirichlet series**

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s}.$$

- The corresponding **inverse transformations** are given by

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{F(t)}{t^{n+1}} dt, \quad f(n) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T F(s)n^s |_{s=\sigma+i\tau} d\tau.$$

# Generating functions and Dirichlet convolution

- Both types of generating functions have a **simple behavior under Dirichlet convolution**.
- Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be such that

$$f = g * h.$$

- The power series for  $h$  reads:

$$F(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)t^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m|n} g(m) h\left(\frac{n}{m}\right) t^n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} g(m) h(k) t^{mk}.$$

This can be expressed in two ways, using the generating function for  $g$  or for  $h$ :

$$F(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} g(m)H(t^m) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(k)G(t^k).$$



# Generating functions and Dirichlet convolution

- All our sequences are sums over divisors (or equivalently as Dirichlet convolutions with the unit), we will always write

$$F(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} G(t^k).$$

- It is also possible to write the power series for the inverse of the Dirichlet convolution as follows. Let

$$f(t) = \sum_{k,m=1}^{\infty} g(m) h(k) t^{mk},$$

then

$$H(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(k) t^k = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \mu(m) g(m) F(t^m),$$

where  $\mu$  is the Möbius function.



# Dirichlet series

The Dirichlet series is even more adapted to these structures.

- if  $f$  is **multiplicative**, the series can be expanded in terms of an infinite product over the primes, the **Euler product**:

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{f(p)}{p^s} + \frac{f(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \dots \right).$$

remember that a multiplicative sequence is determined by the values taken for powers of prime numbers.

- the **Dirichlet series of a convolution** is decomposed as

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m|n} \frac{g(m) h(\frac{n}{m})}{n^s} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(m) h(k)}{m^s k^s} = G(s)H(s).$$

The Dirichlet series is the **Laplace transform** of a discrete measure. It exchanges convolution and pointwise products.

# The hexagonal lattice



- The generating series are **linear transformations**. The decomposition in terms of symmetries remains the same.
- We can calculate explicitly the generating series for each term

symmetry	Dirichlet series $G(s)$	power series $G(t)$
$x_1^3$	$\zeta(s-1)$	$\frac{1+t^3}{(1-t)(1-t^2)} - 1$
$x_1 x_2$	$(1-2^{-s}+2^{1-2s}) \zeta(s)$	$\frac{1+t^3}{(1-t)(1+t^2)} - 1$
$x_3$	$L(s, \chi_{3,2})$	$\frac{(1+t)(1-t^2)}{1-t^3} - 1$

# The hexagonal lattice



Collecting all the terms we find:

- For the power series:

$$F^\Delta(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, n_3=0 \\ \neq (0,0,0)}}^{\infty} (-1)^{n_2} t^{m(n_1+2n_2+3n_3)}.$$

- For the Dirichlet series:

$$F^\Delta(s) = \frac{\zeta(s)}{6} \left( \zeta(s-1) + 3 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^s} + \frac{2}{2^{2s}} \right) \zeta(s) + 2L(s, \chi_{3,2}) \right).$$

# Asymptotic behaviour

The asymptotic behavior of a sequence can be derived by looking at the corresponding Dirichlet series.

## Asymptotic behaviour

Let  $F(s)$  be a Dirichlet series with non-negative coefficients that converges for  $\Re(s) > \alpha > 0$ . If  $F(s)$  is holomorphic in all points of the line  $\Re(s) = \alpha$ , except for  $s = \alpha$  and

$$F(s) \sim A(s) + \frac{B(s)}{(s - \alpha)^{m+1}},$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the partial sum of the coefficients is asymptotic to:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N f(n) \sim \frac{B(\alpha)}{\alpha^{m+1}} N^{\alpha} \log^m(N).$$



# Asymptotic behaviour

We just need to know the analytic properties of some functions:

- The Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  is analytic everywhere, except for a simple pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1;
- The  $L$ -function  $L(s, \chi)$  is analytic everywhere, except for a simple pole at  $s = 1$  if  $\chi$  is a principal character.

Also useful is:

## Robin's inequality

$$\sigma(n) < e^\gamma n \log \log n, \quad n \text{ large,}$$

where  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant. This is true for large  $n$ , where large means  $n \geq 5041$ , and if and only if Riemann's hypothesis is true

# Hexagonal lattice



- The rightmost pole of the Dirichlet series  $F^\Delta(s)$  is found for  $s = 2$
- The pole has order 1 and its residue is  $\zeta(2)/6$ .
- The partial sum of the terms in the sequence  $f^\Delta$  behaves asymptotically as

$$\sum_{n=1}^N f^\Delta(n) \sim \frac{\zeta(2)}{12} N^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{72} N^2,$$

- for large  $n$ , the leading term is  $\zeta(s)\zeta(s-1)/6$ , hence

$$f^\Delta(n) < \frac{e^\gamma n \log \log n}{6}, \quad n \text{ large.}$$

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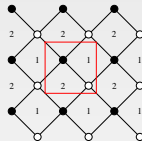
# How do you do that?

- Find the **symmetries** of a given lattice (cycle index)
- **Decompose** the counting function on the symmetries (Burnside's lemma)
- **Count** the sublattices for each symmetry (Hermite normal form)
- Study the **structure** (Dirichlet convolution)
- Write in a **compact form** (Dirichlet series)
- **Analysis** (Asymptotic behaviour)

# Results

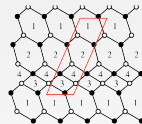
- We have seen the construction for the orbifolds of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .

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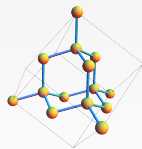


- In the paper:

- $L^{aba}$



- $\mathbb{C}^4$



- These exhausts all the symmetries in the plane

- Classification of string vacua

# Results

- Brane tilings describe **quiver gauge theories** obtained by placing **branes at CY singularities**
- We would like to obtain a complete classification
- We started by studying a subclass: **Abelian orbifolds of a given geometry**
- The problem is the same as **counting sublattices** of a given lattice
- Techniques from **number theory**
- **Generating functions** for any given geometry

The end

*Thank you  
for your attention*