




D-brane Masses at Special Fibres of Hypergeometric Families of Calabi–Yau Threefolds, Modular Forms, and Periods

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Abstract: We consider the fourteen families W of Calabi–Yau threefolds with one complex structure parameter and Picard–Fuchs equation of hypergeometric type, like the mirror of the quintic in \mathbb{P}^4 . Mirror symmetry identifies the masses of even-dimensional D-branes of the mirror Calabi–Yau M with four periods of the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form over a symplectic basis of $H_3(W, \mathbb{Z})$. It was discovered by Chad Schoen that the singular fiber at the conifold of the quintic gives rise to a Hecke eigenform of weight four under $\Gamma_0(25)$, whose Hecke eigenvalues are determined by the Hasse–Weil zeta function which can be obtained by counting points of that fiber over finite fields. Similar features are known for the thirteen other cases. In two cases we further find special regular points, so called rank two attractor points, where the Hasse–Weil zeta function gives rise to modular forms of weight four and two. We numerically identify entries of the period matrix at these special fibers as periods and quasiperiods of the associated modular forms. In one case we prove this by constructing a correspondence between the conifold fiber and a Kuga–Sato variety. We also comment on simpler applications to local Calabi–Yau threefolds.

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1. Introduction

In this work we study classical questions concerning fourteen fourth order differential equations of hypergeometric type, with solutions such as

$$\varpi_0(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(5n)!}{(n!)^5} z^n, \tag{1.1}$$

using geometric and arithmetic tools. These differential equations are the unique hypergeometric Picard–Fuchs equations that describe the variation of the Hodge structure in one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds $W \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}} = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, \mu, \infty\}$. In the case that W is the mirror of the quintic hypersurface M in \mathbb{P}^4 , $(2\pi i)^3 \varpi_0 = \int_{T^3} \Omega$ is a period of the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ form Ω over a three-torus. The mirror manifold W can be obtained as a resolved orbifold of a subfamily of M by a group action of $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^3$. The other thirteen differential operators and its solutions have similar geometric interpretations. The manifolds M , their topological invariants and the parameters specifying the differential operators are summarized in Table 1.

All hypergeometric systems have a point of maximal unipotent monodromy (MUM-point) at $z = 0$ and a conifold point at $z = \mu$. At $z = \infty$ the quintic mirror has an orbifold point, which can be made into a regular point by going to a five fold cover, at the expense of introducing five conifold points at the fifths roots of μ . It has been pointed out in [1] that after locally removing this finite branching, one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds can have three types of limiting mixed Hodge structures at their critical points.

Besides the two types mentioned above there are also K-points, see [1]. It can be seen in Table 1 that the fourteen hypergeometric operators exhibit any of the three types of singular points at $z = \infty$.

A classical task in the theory of differential equations is to analyze the global structure of its solutions. The parameter space \mathcal{M}_{cs} can be covered by three patches around the singular points $z \in \{0, \mu, \infty\}$. At any of these, vectors Π_z of local Frobenius solutions can be constructed and have overlapping regions of convergence. Around $z = 0$ a canonical basis Π , corresponding to an integral symplectic basis of cycles, exists and the global solutions are then specified by a choice of branch cuts and the transition matrices T_z (with $\Pi = T_z \Pi_z$). Using a Barnes integral representation, T_∞ can be determined in terms of values of Gamma functions and their derivatives extending a method pioneered in [2] for the mirror quintic. The transition matrix T_μ has been determined in [3] first in terms of nine real numerical constants that were found to be related by quadratic Legendre relations that cut them down to six constants. In Sect. 2.3 we derive these relations from special geometry. In [4] the nine constants were analytically determined and given as infinite sums of special values of hypergeometric functions ${}_3F_2$. In this work we numerically relate, for each of the fourteen hypergeometric models, at least four of these constants to periods and quasiperiods of modular forms determined by arithmetic properties of the conifold fiber W_μ .

Since Π corresponds to an integral symplectic basis of cycles, the monodromy group acts as a subgroup of $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ on Π . Guided by mirror symmetry the authors of [2] obtained a special choice Π for such an integer basis for the quintic, which encodes at the MUM-point the topological data of M and the genus zero Gromov-Witten invariants. This lead to the $\hat{\Gamma}$ -class formalism which identifies periods over an integral symplectic basis of $H_3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ to canonical algebraic K_{alg}^0 -theory classes of coherent sheaves with support on k -dimensional holomorphic submanifolds on the mirror M ([5–8]). In physics this basis is singled out because the K_{alg}^0 -theory classes map naturally to the central charges of $D(2k)$ -branes on M , which determine the masses of the latter.

In Sect. 3.1 we motivate and provide overwhelming numerical evidence for the conjecture¹ that two entries of T_μ , which correspond to periods at the conifold that determine the D4 and D2 brane central charges and masses, are given by two periods ω^\pm associated to weight four Hecke eigenforms f , which in the case of the quintic can be given by

$$f(\tau) = \frac{\eta(5\tau)^{10}}{\eta(\tau)\eta(25\tau)} + 5\eta(\tau)^2\eta(5\tau)^4\eta(25\tau)^2 = q + q^2 + 7q^3 - 7q^4 + 7q^6 + \dots \quad (1.2)$$

with the Dedekind eta function η and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$. The coefficients of f have a precise number theoretical meaning in terms of the number of points of W_μ over finite fields \mathbb{F}_q [9]. More generally, these numbers determine the Hasse–Weil zeta function as reviewed in Sect. A.3.2. For a discussion of the role of mirror symmetry in this context see [10]. The definition of the periods ω^\pm which uses the theory of Eichler integrals and period polynomials is reviewed more generally in “Appendix A.1.3” and exemplified for level 25 in A.1.4. In Sect. 3.1 we also motivate and verify a new conjecture that two other entries in T_μ are given by quasiperiods η^\pm associated to f . The quasiperiods are obtained by associating with f a certain cohomology class represented by meromorphic modular forms, which has the same Hecke eigenvalues as f . For such a class one can again define an Eichler integral and the period polynomials of this give rise to the quasiperiods. This

¹ This can be expected from motivic arguments and was communicated to us by M. Kontsevich and V. Golyshev.

theory is developed in “Appendix A.2” and exemplified for level 25 in A.2.2. The periods and quasiperiods are related by a quadratic relation which we also call Legendre relation.

One way to prove the two conjectures is to construct an explicit correspondence between the conifold fiber W_μ and the relevant Kuga–Sato variety. The Kuga–Sato variety is a fibre bundle over the modular curve whose fibre over a non-cuspidal point is a power (here the square, but in general the $(k - 2)$ nd power for a modular form of weight k) of the corresponding elliptic curve (see Sect. A.3.4 in the “Appendix” and the references of Deligne [11] and Scholl [12] for further explanations). The correspondence allows to identify the periods of W_μ with periods of the Kuga–Sato variety and the latter are canonically identified with periods and quasiperiods of modular forms. In Sect. 4 we provide such a correspondence and hence the proof of the above conjectures for the Calabi–Yau family which is mirror to four quadrics in \mathbb{P}^7 . In this case we can further numerically identify all entries of T_μ in terms of periods, quasiperiods, factors of $2\pi i$ and $\log 2$. An intermediate result between the numerical evidence and the full construction of the correspondence with a Kuga–Sato variety can be obtained by the technique of fibering out of motives [13].

Our results are not specific for hypergeometric families of Calabi–Yau threefolds, i.e. by motivic conjectures it is expected that the identification of the Galois representation of a variety with that of modular forms implies that periods of the variety can be given by periods and quasiperiods of modular forms. We give further examples in this direction, by considering rank two attractor points. Such points were introduced in the context of charged black holes in type IIB string compactifications on Calabi–Yau threefolds [14].

For one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds, rank two attractor points are smooth fibers in the moduli space such that the Betti cohomology of the fiber has a splitting into two parts which is compatible with the Hodge decomposition. Conjecturally, this induces a splitting of the Galois representation and this can give rise to modular forms of weight 4 and weight 2. Using a p -adic method [15] for the computation of the Hasse–Weil zeta function allows to find such points [16]. We find two rank 2 attractor points for the hypergeometric families

$$X_{3,3}(1^6) \text{ at } z_* = -1/2^3 3^6 \quad \text{and} \quad X_{4,3}(1^5 2^1) \text{ at } z_* = -1/2^4 3^3. \quad (1.3)$$

Numerically we find that the associated period matrices can be given completely in terms of the periods and quasiperiods of the associated modular forms.

Other examples of one parameter Calabi–Yau threefolds whose Galois representation is related to automorphic forms are known, e.g. [17] for the case of $\mathrm{GSp}(4)$ (para)modular forms.² Even in the hypergeometric one-parameter families there are further examples, including the occurrence of two Hilbert modular forms for $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ at $z = (17 \pm 12\sqrt{2})/2^8$ and modular forms of weight 3 and 2 for $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ at $z = -1/2^8$, where in the latter case the Galois representation is given by the product of the Galois representations attached to the modular forms.

Surprisingly, these number theoretic considerations have quite deep and wide ranging connections to physics. Generically, the D–brane central charges and hence their masses are completely determined by the periods and therefore they take particular interesting arithmetic values at the special points. The ratio of the D–brane central charge of the D2-brane to the one of the D0–brane at the conifold point determines the growth of the Gromov–Witten invariants [2] or the BPS numbers of D2–D0 bound states at the MUM

² Examples of these kind are investigated in an international project on $\mathrm{GSp}(4)$ motives. For more information contact Vasily Golyshev.

point, which in turn is related to the Bekenstein–Hawking entropy of spinning $\mathcal{N} = 2$ black holes. It can be exactly determined in terms of periods of modular forms for the first time in the $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ model. At rank two attractor points the periods describe the value of the moduli of the vector multiplets at the horizon of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ black hole solutions in type IIB string compactifications which are isolated supersymmetric $\mathcal{N} = 2$ vacua for which the theta-angles for the $U(1)$ gauge couplings are fixed by the periods and quasiperiods [18]. Moreover the arithmetic structure of Calabi–Yau threefold periods can also be used to fix master integrals that are associated to the four loop banana Feynman integral [19, 20].

2. Hypergeometric One-Parameter Calabi–Yau Threefolds

In this section we introduce the hypergeometric Picard–Fuchs equations describing the variation of Hodge structure of one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds. We explain the choice of solutions corresponding to an integral symplectic basis of cycles and derive the quadratic Legendre relations satisfied by the periods from special geometry. We then construct the one-parameter families W by resolving orbifolds of their mirrors M . Finally we describe the physical significance of the periods in type II string compactifications on the Calabi–Yau manifolds.

2.1. Fourth order hypergeometric Picard–Fuchs operators. The fourteen hypergeometric fourth order differential operators that arise as Picard–Fuchs operators for one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds are given by

$$L = \theta^4 - \mu^{-1}z \prod_{k=1}^4 (\theta + a_k) \tag{2.1}$$

with $\theta = z \frac{d}{dz}$ and for the values of μ and $\{a_k\}$ specified in the Table 1.

The associated Riemann symbol

$$\mathcal{P} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 & \mu & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & a_2 \\ 0 & 1 & a_3 \\ 0 & 2 & a_4 \end{matrix} \right\} \tag{2.2}$$

shows that the system (2.1) has always three regular singular points at $z \in \{0, \mu, \infty\}$ so that the parameter space of z is $\mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}} = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, \mu, \infty\}$. The theorem of Landman [21] states that principal properties of a monodromy matrix M_* around a singular point $*$ or more generally a divisor \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{M}_{cs} are captured by the minimal integer $1 \leq k < \infty$ such that

$$(M_*^k - 1)^{p+1} = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

for some $0 \leq p \leq \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(W)$. If $k > 1$ there is a finite order branch cut transversal to the divisor \mathcal{D} . If in addition $p = 0$, \mathcal{D} is called an orbifold divisor. Locally one can consider a k -fold covering of \mathcal{M}_{cs} and remove the finite branching. After this, one has $k = 1$ and can consider the limiting mixed Hodge structure [1]. If $p > 0$ one has an infinite shift symmetry. For $p = 1$ either of the two following cases arises. In the first

Table 1. Data of fourteen one-parameter Calabi–Yau families W with hypergeometric Picard–Fuchs operators, arranged according to the level N of the weight four cusp form $f_4 \in S_4(\Gamma_0(N))$ associated with the modular conifold fiber W_μ

N	a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4	$1/\mu$	Mirror M	κ	$c_2 \cdot D$	$\chi(M)$
8	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	2^8	$X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$	16	64	-128
9	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}$	$2^6 3^3$	$X_{4,3}(1^5 2^1)$	6	48	-156
16	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}$	2^{10}	$X_{4,2}(1^6)$	8	56	-176
25	$\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}$	5^5	$X_5(1^5)$	5	50	-200
27	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$	3^6	$X_{3,3}(1^6)$	9	54	-144
32	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	2^{12}	$X_{4,4}(1^4 2^2)$	4	40	-144
36	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}$	$2^4 3^3$	$X_{3,2,2}(1^7)$	12	60	-144
72	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{6}$	$2^8 3^3$	$X_{6,2}(1^5 3^1)$	4	52	-256
108	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}$	$2^4 3^6$	$X_6(1^4 2^1)$	3	42	-204
128	$\frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{7}{8}$	2^{16}	$X_8(1^4 4^1)$	2	44	-296
144	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{6}$	$2^{10} 3^3$	$X_{6,4}(1^3 2^2 3^1)$	2	32	-156
200	$\frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{7}{10}, \frac{9}{10}$	$2^8 5^5$	$X_{10}(1^3 2^1 5^1)$	1	34	-288
216	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{6}$	$2^8 3^6$	$X_{6,6}(1^2 2^2 3^2)$	1	22	-120
864	$\frac{1}{12}, \frac{5}{12}, \frac{7}{12}, \frac{11}{12}$	$2^{12} 3^6$	$X_{12,2}(1^4 4^1 6^1)$	1	46	-484

The coefficients a_i and μ specify the Picard–Fuchs operator (2.1). The mirror M of the first thirteen families are generically smooth complete intersection of r polynomials P_j of degree d_j in the weighted projective spaces $\mathbb{P}^{3+r}(w_1, \dots, w_{4+r})$. The notation is such that e.g. $X_{4,3}(1^5 2^1)$ stands for the intersection of a quartic and a cubic in $\mathbb{P}^5(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$. The mirror of the last family is a generically non-smooth intersection in the indicated space. The last three columns denote the triple intersection number $\kappa = D^3$ of M , the intersection number of D with the class $c_2(TM)$ and the Euler number $\chi(M)$

case, there is a single vanishing period dual to a logarithmic degenerating period at $z = *$. Such a point is called *conifold point* and the local exponents³ in (2.2) have the schematic form (a, b, b, c) . In the second case, there are two distinct vanishing periods that are dual to two distinct logarithmic degenerating periods at $z = *$. Such a point is called *K-point* and has local exponents of the form (a, a, b, b) . The value $p = 2$ cannot occur due to Schmid’s $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ orbit theorem and for $p = 3$ one has a point of *maximal unipotent monodromy*, the MUM-point, with local exponents (a, a, a, a) . The latter fact implies that besides a holomorphic solution also single, double and triple logarithmic solutions exist at this point. From the entries in the columns of (2.2) under the singular point one sees that at $z = 0$ one has a MUM-point, at $z = \mu$ a conifold point and at $z = \infty$ generically a finite branching. All types of limiting mixed Hodge structures that can occur according to [1], do occur in hypergeometric examples. The enumerative geometry of the $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ model at the second MUM-point with local exponents $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ is studied in [22].

³ Here $a \neq b \neq c$ and $ka, kb, kc \in \mathbb{Z}$.

2.2. *The choice of the integral symplectic basis at the MUM-point.* A basis Π of periods corresponding to an integral symplectic basis of cycles has been determined for the mirror quintic in [2] by identifying the period $F_0 = \int_{S^3} \Omega$ over the vanishing three sphere S^3 near the conifold $z = \mu$, see (3.4), and making the corresponding Picard–Lefschetz monodromy M_μ simultaneously integral symplectic with the order five orbifold monodromy M_∞ . Using the Barnes integral representation (3.12) F_0 can be exactly analytically continued to the MUM-point. This calculation reveals the following facts that generalize to all hypergeometric cases [23–25]: F_0 degenerates with a triple logarithm at the MUM-point $z = 0$. The S^3 is symplectic dual to the three torus T^3 , whose period gives rise to a holomorphic solution X^0 at the MUM-point. The remaining $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$ ambiguity can be canonically fixed by identifying the coordinate t of the complexified Kähler moduli space \mathcal{M}_{cK} of M with the ratios of the periods given in (2.19) and using special geometry on the mirror manifold M at its large volume point. This is explained in Sect. 2.5 and leads to the $\hat{\Gamma}$ -class conjecture that relates the period vector Π systematically to the central charges of the even-dimensional branes on M .

In the following we explain how the integral period vector Π can be defined for all examples by the observations made in [26]. At the MUM-point $z = 0$ a unique basis of solutions of the Picard–Fuchs equation can be defined by

$$\Pi_0(z) = \begin{pmatrix} f_0(z) \\ f_0(z) \log(z) + f_1(z) \\ \frac{1}{2} f_0(z) \log^2(z) + f_1(z) \log(z) + f_2(z) \\ \frac{1}{6} f_0(z) \log^3(z) + \frac{1}{2} f_1(z) \log^2(z) + f_2(z) \log(z) + f_3(z) \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4)$$

for power series normalized by $f_0(0) = 1$ and $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = f_3(0) = 0$. It was observed in [26] that from

$$(2\pi i)^3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^r \Gamma(d_l(k + \epsilon) + 1)}{\prod_{l=1}^{r+4} \Gamma(w_l(k + \epsilon) + 1)} z^{k+\epsilon} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} L_m(z) (2\pi i)^m, \quad (2.5)$$

where the weights w_l and the degrees d_l are given in Table 1, one gets four solutions $L_m(z)$ for $m = 0, 1, 2, 3$ that constitute a \mathbb{Q} -basis and combine into a \mathbb{Z} -basis Π by

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_1 \\ X^0 \\ X^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa L_3 + \frac{c_2 \cdot D}{12} L_1 \\ -\kappa L_2 + \sigma L_1 \\ L_0 \\ L_1 \end{pmatrix} = (2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\zeta(3)\chi(M)}{(2\pi i)^3} & \frac{c_2 \cdot D}{24 \cdot 2\pi i} & 0 & \frac{\kappa}{(2\pi i)^3} \\ \frac{c_2 \cdot D}{24} & \frac{\sigma}{2\pi i} & -\frac{\kappa}{(2\pi i)^2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\pi i} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Pi_0. \quad (2.6)$$

The constants in (2.6) can be related to topological invariants of the mirror M . If D is the positive generator of $H_4(M, \mathbb{Z})$ then $\kappa = D \cdot D \cdot D$ denotes the triple intersection number on M . The integer $c_2 \cdot D$ denotes the intersection of the second Chern class $c_2(TM)$ of the tangent bundle of M with D , and $\chi(M)$ denotes the Euler number of M . The constant σ can be chosen to be

$$\sigma = (\kappa \bmod 2)/2, \quad (2.7)$$

since there is an $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$ transformation corresponding to a shift of σ by 1. With these choices Π corresponds to periods over an integral symplectic basis of cycles

$A^0, A^1, B_0, B_1 \in H_3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ with non-vanishing intersections $A^i \cap B_j = \delta_j^i$, i.e. the intersection matrix in this basis is given by

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.8}$$

The topological invariants are summarized in Table 1. They also determine the monodromy matrix at the MUM-point

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & \frac{\kappa}{6} + \frac{c_2 \cdot D}{12} & \frac{\kappa}{2} + \sigma \\ 0 & 1 & \sigma - \frac{\kappa}{2} & -\kappa \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.9}$$

with respect to the basis Π . Note that integrality of M_0 implies that $2\kappa + c_2 \cdot D \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$, which follows geometrically from the Hirzebruch–Riemann–Roch theorem and the integrality of the holomorphic Euler characteristic $\chi(\mathcal{O}_D)$ of D . Together with the conifold shift monodromy

$$M_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.10}$$

these matrices generate the monodromy group $\Gamma \subset \text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$. These monodromy groups have been analyzed in [23–25]. The index of these monodromy groups in $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z})$ has been studied in [27].

2.3. The Legendre relations and special geometry. In this section we prove the Legendre relations satisfied by the transition matrices using the fact that the Picard–Fuchs equation comes from a family of Calabi–Yau threefolds. We also recall consequences of special geometry and mirror symmetry. For more background we refer to [2, 28].

For a family of Calabi–Yau threefolds $\pi : W \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}}$ (with fibers W_z over $z \in \mathcal{M}$), one obtains a polarized variation of Hodge structure on the bundle $\mathcal{H} = \cup_{z \in \mathcal{M}} H^3(W_z, \mathbb{C})$. This bundle is equipped with a Hodge filtration $\mathcal{F}^3 \subseteq \mathcal{F}^2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}^1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}^0 = \mathcal{H}$, where \mathcal{F}^p are holomorphic subbundles with fibers $\mathcal{F}_z^p = \bigoplus_{l \geq p} H^{l, 3-l}(W_z)$. The bundle \mathcal{F}^3 is one-dimensional and can be trivialized by a holomorphic section Ω . The bundle \mathcal{H} is further equipped with a connection ∇ , called the Gauss–Manin connection, which can be defined by the requirement that $\frac{d}{dz_i} \int_\gamma \omega = \int_\gamma \nabla_i \omega$ for any holomorphic section ω and any constant cycle γ defined over a contractible subset of \mathcal{M}_{cs} . This connection satisfies Griffiths transversality, i.e. $\nabla_i \Gamma(\mathcal{F}^p) \subseteq \Gamma(\mathcal{F}^{p+1})$, and is flat with respect to the intersection pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \Gamma(\mathcal{H}) \times \Gamma(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}}}$ defined by $\langle \omega_1, \omega_2 \rangle = \int_W \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$.

In our case of one-parameter families it follows that

$$\langle \nabla^k \Omega, \Omega \rangle = \Pi^T \Sigma \frac{d^k}{dz^k} \Pi = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k < 3 \\ C_{zzz} & \text{if } k = 3, \end{cases} \tag{2.11}$$

where C_{zzz} is a holomorphic function. Expanding the Picard–Fuchs operator as $L = \sum_{k=0}^4 A_k(z) \frac{d^k}{dz^k}$ and using the antisymmetry of the intersection pairing and Griffiths transversality we find that

$$\frac{d}{dz} \langle \Omega, \nabla^3 \Omega \rangle = \langle \nabla \Omega, \nabla^3 \Omega \rangle + \langle \Omega, \nabla^4 \Omega \rangle \tag{2.12}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dz} \left(\underbrace{\frac{d}{dz} \langle \Omega, \nabla^2 \Omega \rangle}_{=0} - \langle \Omega, \nabla^3 \Omega \rangle \right) - \frac{A_3(z)}{A_4(z)} \langle \Omega, \nabla^3 \Omega \rangle \tag{2.13}$$

and thus

$$C'_{zzz}(z) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{A_3(z)}{A_4(z)} C_{zzz}(z) = 0.$$

Solving this differential equation and using the structure of Π around the MUM-point $z = 0$ to fix the normalization gives

$$C_{zzz}(z) = \frac{(2\pi i)^3 \kappa}{z^3(1 - z/\mu)}. \tag{2.14}$$

We are now in the position to prove the following Lemma.

Lemma 1. *For any CY threefold hypergeometric system in Table 1 let $\delta = 1 - z/\mu$ be the conifold variable and $\Pi_\mu^T(z) = (1 + O(\delta)^3, \nu(\delta), \delta^2 + O(\delta^3), \nu(\delta) \log(\delta) + O(\delta^3))$ with $\nu(\delta) = \delta + O(\delta^2)$ a uniquely determined basis of the solutions of the Picard–Fuchs equation around the conifold point. Then the transition matrix T_μ between the integral symplectic basis Π (2.6) and the basis Π_μ (which is defined by $\Pi = T_\mu \Pi_\mu$ and depends on a chosen path of analytic continuation) fulfills the quadratic relation*

$$(2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\kappa}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\alpha\kappa & -\kappa \\ -\frac{\kappa}{2} & \alpha\kappa & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = T_\mu^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} T_\mu \tag{2.15}$$

with

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{4} \left(\sum_{i=1}^4 a_i - \sum_{i<j}^4 a_i a_j \right). \tag{2.16}$$

and the a_i given in Table 1.

Proof. With the intersection matrix $\Sigma_\mu = T_\mu^T \Sigma T_\mu$ in the basis Π_μ we have

$$\Pi_\mu^T \Sigma_\mu \frac{d^k}{dz^k} \Pi_\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k < 3 \\ C_{zzz} & \text{if } k = 3. \end{cases} \tag{2.17}$$

Expanding Π_μ up to the third order in δ and solving for the intersection matrix Σ_μ gives the relation (2.15). □

The proof of the Lemma works analogous for any local basis Π_z around any point z and yields similar Legendre relations. For $z = \infty$ as calculated in (3.13) one can easily check them, and for the attractor points they lead to the Legendre relations of periods and quasiperiods of modular forms as discussed in Sect. 3.3.

We conclude this subsection with some comments on the Kähler structure and mirror symmetry. Griffiths transversality implies that locally the full period vector Π (in a suitable integer symplectic basis) can be written in terms of a *holomorphic prepotential* $F(X^0, X^1)$ that is homogeneous of degree two in its arguments as $\Pi^T = (F_0, F_1, X^0, X^1)$ with $F_0 = \partial_{X^0} F$ and $F_1 = \partial_{X^1} F$. In the inhomogeneous coordinate $t = X^1/X^0$ this relation becomes

$$\Pi^T = X^0(2\mathcal{F} - t\partial_t\mathcal{F}, \partial_t\mathcal{F}, 1, t) \tag{2.18}$$

with $\mathcal{F}(t) = F(1, t)$. Note that (2.17) then implies $\frac{1}{(X^0)^2}(\frac{d\mathcal{z}}{dt})^3 C_{zzz} = -\partial_t^3 \mathcal{F}(t)$.

We now illustrate the structure around the MUM point $z = 0$ with the periods Π chosen as in (2.6). The mirror map then has the form

$$t(z) = X^1/X^0 = \log(z)/2\pi i + O(z). \tag{2.19}$$

In the limit $z \rightarrow 0$, corresponding to $t \rightarrow i\infty$, mirror symmetry suggests that t can be interpreted as a *complexified Kähler coordinate* $t = \int_{C_\beta} b + i\omega$ on the mirror M of W , where ω is the positive generator of $H^{1,1}(M, \mathbb{Z})$, $b \in \Omega^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ is the Neveu-Schwarz 2-form which by the equations of motion is harmonic and C_β is a primitive curve class spanning the Mori cone that is dual to the Kähler cone of M . Hence $t = \int_{C_\beta} b + i \text{Area}(C_\beta)$ and $t \rightarrow i\infty$ corresponds to the maximal volume limit of M . One gets by comparison of (2.18) with (2.6)

$$\mathcal{F} = -\frac{\kappa}{6}t^3 + \frac{\sigma}{2}t^2 + \frac{c_2 \cdot D}{24}t + \frac{\chi(M)}{2} \frac{\zeta(3)}{(2\pi i)^3} - \mathcal{F}_{\text{inst}}(Q). \tag{2.20}$$

Here $Q = e^{2\pi i t}$ such that the instanton corrections $\mathcal{F}_{\text{inst}}(Q)$ are exponentially suppressed near the MUM-point. The famous predictions of the genus zero BPS invariants n_0^β are obtained from the expansion

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{inst}}(Q) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^3} \sum_{\beta=1}^{\infty} n_0^\beta \text{Li}_3(Q^\beta), \tag{2.21}$$

with e.g. $\{n_0^\beta\} = \{2875, 609250, 317206375, 242467530000, \dots\}$ for the quintic. Note that $n_0^0 = -\chi(M)/2$ can be viewed as the degree zero genus zero BPS number. More generally $n_g^\beta = (-1)^{\dim \mathcal{M}_g^\beta} \chi(\mathcal{M}_g^\beta)$ if the moduli \mathcal{M}_g^β of the Jacobian fibration over the deformation space of the image curve C_g is smooth [29, 30]. For the constant maps $\mathcal{M}_g^\beta = M$ so that we get $-\chi(M)$ and the factor 1/2 comes from the zero mode structure of constant maps. The regularizing factor $\zeta(3) = \text{Li}_3(1)$ should also be understandable in Gromov–Witten theory. Comparison of (2.20) with the normalization $X^0(z) = (2\pi i)^3 + O(z)$ and its relation to the third derivative of the prepotential fixes the choice of the normalization of C_{zzz} in (2.14) in order to get $\frac{1}{(X^0)^2}(\frac{d\mathcal{z}}{dt})^3 C_{zzz} = \kappa + O(Q)$ at the MUM-point.

The complex structure moduli space \mathcal{M}_{cs} can be equipped with the Weil-Petersson metric with components $G_{\bar{i}j} = \partial_{\bar{i}}\partial_j K$ in terms of the Kähler potential K defined by

$$e^{-K} = i\langle \Omega, \bar{\Omega} \rangle = -i\Pi^\dagger \Sigma \Pi. \tag{2.22}$$

Note that this metric is independent of the choice of the holomorphic section Ω .

2.4. The geometry of hypergeometric one-parameter Calabi–Yau families. In this subsection we explain the construction of the mirror Calabi–Yau families W with one complex structure parameter as resolved orbifolds of the manifolds M in Table 1. The resolved orbifolds are projective algebraic and one can determine their Hasse–Weil zeta functions geometrically as in [10].

The orbifold group Γ will be an abelian group. It is maximal in the sense that a family M_{inv} that admits the action of Γ has only one complex structure deformation. (See the quintic example in Sect. 2.4.1 for more explanations.) The action on M_{inv} leaves the restriction of the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form Ω of M to M_{inv} invariant. Under this condition the orbifold admits a Calabi–Yau resolution $W = \widehat{M_{\text{inv}}/\Gamma}$, which can be identified with the mirror of M . Orbifold constructions have been studied from the physical point of view by [31] and from the mathematical point of view by [32]. According to [32] the Euler number of the Calabi–Yau orbifold resolution is given by

$$\chi(\widehat{M/\Gamma}) = \sum_{[\gamma]} \chi(M^{\langle \gamma \rangle} / C(\gamma)) = \sum_{[\gamma]} \frac{1}{|C(\gamma)|} \sum_{\delta \in C(\gamma)} \chi(M^{\langle \gamma, \delta \rangle}), \tag{2.23}$$

where $[\gamma]$ is summed over all conjugacy classes of Γ , $C(\gamma)$ is the centralizer of γ , $\langle \gamma, \delta \rangle$ denotes the subgroup of Γ generated by γ and δ and $M^{\langle \gamma, \delta \rangle}$ its fixed point set. Here we abbreviate by M a smooth member of M_{inv} such that its fixed point loci admit a suitable smooth stratification. In our applications Γ is abelian and thus the sums extend over all $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ and $1/|C(\gamma)| = 1/|\Gamma|$ can be pulled out of the first sum in the last expression in (2.23). We rewrite this formula by denoting by M_G , for any subgroup $G \subset \Gamma$, the subset $M^G \setminus \bigcup_{\Gamma \supseteq G' \supsetneq G} M^{G'}$ of points in M whose stabilizer is exactly G . Then $M^G = \bigsqcup_{G' \supseteq G} M_{G'}$ (disjoint union), and hence $\chi(M^G) = \sum_{G' \supseteq G} \chi(M_{G'})$, so (2.23) can be recast as

$$\chi(\widehat{M/\Gamma}) = \sum_{G \subseteq \Gamma} \frac{|G|^2}{|\Gamma|} \chi(M_G). \tag{2.24}$$

For suitable Γ this in particular allows to check that $\chi(W) = -\chi(M)$ and by further analysis $h^{1,1}(W) = h^{2,1}(M)$. Orbifold mirror constructions for non-singular M_{inv} have been described in literature. For the quintic $X_5(1^5)$ this was done in [2] and for the hypersurface examples $X_6(1^4 2^1)$, $X_8(1^4 4^1)$ and $X_{10}(1^3 2^1 5^1)$ in weighted projective spaces the procedure is very similar [23].⁴ For the complete intersections $X_{3,3}(1^6)$ the mirror has been constructed in [34] and for $X_{4,4}(1^4 2^2)$ as well as $X_{6,6}(1^2 2^2 3^2)$ in [35]. However, for M given by four quadrics in \mathbb{P}^7 , denoted by $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$, M_{inv} is singular, and this case has not been treated explicitly in the literature.⁵ This case is of particular

⁴ For all Calabi–Yau hypersurface in toric varieties Batyrev’s mirror construction [33] applies and describes for our examples the same resolution as the orbifold construction.

⁵ Batyrev’s and Borisov’s mirror construction [36] applies to the complete intersections discussed here except $X_{6,4}(1^3 2^2 3^1)$, but is notationally heavy and implicit.

interest as we will relate the conifold fiber to a Kuga-Sato variety in Sect. 4. Since M_{inv} is a generically singular family (singular apart from the orbifold action) it requires additional resolutions, which will be explained in Sect. 2.4.2. The mirror construction described here will apply to all complete intersection hypergeometric cases, but has to be generalized for the family $X_{12,2}(1^4 4^1 6^1)$, which is special as it has no smooth member even before we restrict to M_{inv} . In this case the mirror can be realized as a sublocus of a smooth three-parameter family of elliptically and K3-fibered Calabi–Yau threefolds [37, 38].

2.4.1. Mirror construction for the quintic We exemplify the strategy with the quintic Calabi–Yau threefold, where the family M is defined by the zero locus of generic degree five polynomials P in the projective space \mathbb{P}^4

$$M_{\underline{\psi}} = \{P(x_0, \dots, x_4; \underline{\psi}) = 0 \mid (x_0 : \dots : x_4) \in \mathbb{P}^4\}. \tag{2.25}$$

It has 101 independent complex structure deformations (denoted by $\underline{\psi}$, where $\underline{\psi}$ differing⁶ by the action of $\text{PGL}(5)$ are considered as equivalent), which correspond to elements in $H^1(M, TM)$. By the theorem of Tian [39] and Todorov [40], the complex structure deformation space $\mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}}(M)$ of a Calabi–Yau threefold has dimension $\dim H^1(M, TM) = h^{2,1}(M)$ and is unobstructed. The only cohomologically non-trivial $(1, 1)$ -form on M is the pullback of the Kähler form of the ambient space \mathbb{P}^4 and the non trivial Hodge numbers are therefore $h^{2,1}(M) = 101$ and $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$.

To specify Γ and its subgroups, let us define

$$\Gamma_N^n = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_j)_{j=0, \dots, n} \in (\mu_N)^{n+1} \mid \prod_{j=0}^n \xi_j = 1 \right\} / \mu_N^{\text{diag}}, \tag{2.26}$$

which is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{n-1}$. Here μ_N denotes the cyclic group of the N th roots of unity, generated by $e^{2\pi i/N}$, and ξ acts on the coordinates of \mathbb{P}^n by $x_j \mapsto \xi_j x_j$. The action of $\Gamma = \Gamma_5^4$ exists on the family

$$M_{\text{inv}} = \left\{ P_{\underline{\psi}} = \sum_{i=0}^4 x_i^5 - 5\underline{\psi} \prod_{i=0}^4 x_i = 0 \mid (x_0 : \dots : x_4) \in \mathbb{P}^4 \right\}, \tag{2.27}$$

which represents a one-parameter invariant subspace $\cup_{\underline{\psi}} M_{\underline{\psi}}$ in the 101 dimensional complex moduli space of quintics in \mathbb{P}^4 . The mirror quintic W is obtained as the canonical resolution of the quotient of M_{inv} by Γ , namely as $W = \widehat{M_{\text{inv}}}/\Gamma$. The condition $\prod_{j=0}^4 \xi_j = 1$ ensures that the restriction of the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form Ω to M_{inv} is invariant under Γ .^{7,8} This condition (or more generally, the condition that at fixed

⁶ In this particular case we can choose representatives for the $\text{PGL}(5)$ -equivalence classes, by writing the generic quintic as $\sum_{i=0}^5 x_i^5 + \sum_{k=1}^{101} \psi_k m_k(\underline{x})$, where $m_k(\underline{x})$ are the 101 monomials in x_0, \dots, x_4 of degree 5 and individual degrees ≤ 3 . The only fibers on which the group Γ_5^4 defined in (2.26) acts come from the one-parameter family (2.27).

⁷ This can be seen from the specialization of (2.40) to the quintic hypersurfaces in the five homogenous coordinates of \mathbb{P}^4 . There is only one residuum around $P = 0$, which is invariant, and so is $d\mu_4$.

⁸ On M_{inv} an S_5 permutation acts on the coordinates of \mathbb{P}^4 , which identifies different fixed point sets of subgroups $G \subseteq \Gamma$. The alternating subgroup A_5 of S_5 is isomorphic to the icosahedral group. It leaves Ω invariant and $\chi(\widehat{M}/A_5) = -16$ has been calculated as an application of (2.23) in [41].

points the orbifold group acts, in suitable local coordinates in which Ω is written as $\Omega = dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge dz_3$, as a subgroup of $SL(3, \mathbb{C})$ turns out to be sufficient in order that M_{inv}/Γ admits a Calabi–Yau resolution [42]. Denoting the variables identified in \mathbb{P}^4/Γ by \hat{x}_i , we can define the fibers W_ψ of the mirror one-parameter family W by the right hand side of (2.27) with x_i replaced by \hat{x}_i (and \mathbb{P}^4 by \mathbb{P}^4/Γ). It is easy to see that the fibers W_ψ and $W_{\xi\psi}$ for $\xi \in \mu_5$ are isomorphic and we thus introduce the variable

$$z = \frac{1}{(5\psi)^5}, \tag{2.28}$$

which also occurs in (1.1), (2.1). This identifies five conifolds at $\psi^5 = 1$ with one conifold at $z = 1/5^5$ and creates a $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ orbifold singularity at $z = \infty$, where z belongs to the complex moduli space $\chi(C_{pq}) = -10$ of the mirror family W .

The action of Γ on M_{inv} has ten fixed curves C^G , with $G = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, defined by $C_{p,q} := M_\psi \cap \{x_p = 0\} \cap \{x_q = 0\}$ with $p \neq q$. We have $C_{p,q} = \{x_i^5 + x_j^5 + x_k^5 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ (which we also denote by $C_{i,j,k}$) and its Euler number can be calculated by the adjunction formula, $\chi(C_{p,q}) = -10$. Each of these curves meets in three out of ten fixed point sets $P_{i,j} = \{x_i^5 + x_j^5 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$ obtained by setting three distinct coordinates $x_o = x_p = x_q = 0$ of \mathbb{P}^4 to zero. The stabilizer group of these fixed point sets P^G is $G = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2$ and again by the adjunction formula their multiplicity evaluates to $\chi(P_{i,j}) = 5$. Hence summing over all possible groups G of all fixed point sets, (2.24) reads in this case

$$\chi(\widehat{M/\Gamma}) = (-200 + 10 \cdot (-10 - 3 \cdot 5) - 10 \cdot 5) \cdot \frac{1^2}{125} + 10 \cdot (-25) \cdot \frac{5^2}{125} + 10 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{25^2}{125} = 200. \tag{2.29}$$

We note that the contribution of the identity element, the first term in (2.29), is always zero in the orbifold construction of mirror manifolds. On the normal direction to the curves $C_{p,q}$ the orbifold action is given by $\Gamma_5^1 \times \mu_5^{\text{diag}}$, acting on the normal coordinates by $z_k \mapsto \xi_k z_k, k = 0, 1$. At the fixed points $P_{i,j}$ the orbifold action is given by $\Gamma_5^2 \times \mu_5^{\text{diag}}$, acting on the normal coordinates by $z_k \mapsto \xi_k z_k, k = 0, 1, 2$. These singularities can all be resolved torically by two– and three–dimensional fans which globally fit into the toric diagram depicted in Fig. 1. It is the projection of the four dimensional reflexive lattice polyhedron (a simplex) that features in the construction of Batyrev [33]. Here we omitted for clarity the inner points⁹ on all codimension zero and codimension one faces as well as the ones on seven codimension two and three codimension one faces. As explained in the caption of the figure, the exceptional divisors correspond to 100 new cohomological non-trivial (1, 1)-forms, so that the non-trivial Hodge numbers are $h^{1,1}(W) = 101$ and $h^{2,1}(W) = 1$ as claimed.

2.4.2. Mirror construction for four quadrics in \mathbb{P}^7 We next construct the mirror W to the complete intersection M of four quadrics in \mathbb{P}^7 abbreviated as $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ in Table 1. For generic quadrics the Euler number is $\chi(M) = -128$. The only Kähler class of M is inherited from the ambient \mathbb{P}^7 , i.e. $h^{1,1}(M) = 1$ and by the Calabi–Yau properties one has $h^{2,1}(M) = 65$. To construct the mirror W with $h^{2,1}(W) = \dim H_1(W, TW) = 1$ and $h^{1,1}(W) = 65$, we consider M_{inv} as the one-parameter family of threefolds defined

⁹ Those that lie not on lower dimensional boundary components of the faces.

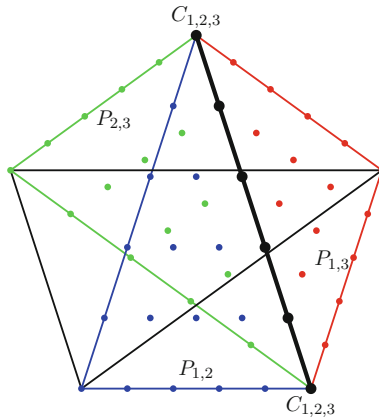


Fig. 1. This toric graph represents a four dimensional simplex, whose vertices are the corners of the larger pentagram. The ten edges connecting vertices represent the ten curves $C_{i,j,k}$ and the ten triangular three faces, spanned by vertices, the ten points $P_{j,k}$. Each face is bounded by three edges corresponding to the three curves $C_{i,j,m}$, $C_{i,j,n}$ and $C_{i,j,p}$ that meet in the point $P_{i,j}$. Likewise each curve, as for example the curve $C_{1,2,3}$ represented by the black edge, contains three points which correspond to the three faces $P_{1,2}$, $P_{1,3}$ and $P_{2,3}$ incident to that edge. Each inner lattice point, four for each edge and six for each face, correspond to an independent exceptional divisor [33]. Hence together with the hyperplane class one gets $1+4 \cdot 10+6 \cdot 10 = 101$ independent divisors and thus $h^{2,1}(W) = 1$ and $h^{1,1}(W) = 101$

by the four equations

$$P_j := x_j^2 + y_j^2 - 2 \psi x_{j+1} y_{j+1} = 0, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \tag{2.30}$$

in the homogeneous coordinates $x_j, y_j, j = 0, \dots, 3$ of \mathbb{P}^7 . The variety M_{inv} has an automorphism group A of order 2^{12} , generated by transpositions $\tau_j : x_j \leftrightarrow y_j$, the cyclic permutation of the coordinates $\sigma : j \mapsto j + 1$ with $j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ and the elements of

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \xi = (\xi_j)_{j=0,\dots,3} \in (\mu_4)^4 \right\} / \mu_4^{\text{diag}} \tag{2.31}$$

that act on the coordinates of \mathbb{P}^7 by

$$(x_j, y_j) \mapsto (\xi_j x_j, \xi_{j-1}^2 \xi_j^{-1} y_j), \tag{2.32}$$

with $\xi_j \in \mu_4 = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$ and is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^3$. The orbifoldization by Γ leads to the mirror manifold, while the group $S = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ generated by τ_j and σ is useful to identify the fixed point sets.

Just as before we find that the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form Ω is invariant¹⁰ under Γ . This can be seen from an analogous expression to (2.40) that defines Ω on M_{inv} in the x_j, y_j coordinates of \mathbb{P}^7 . While the integrand and the measure $d\mu_7$ are not separately invariant under some elements of Γ (they both change sign), the form Ω is.

We will show that the one-parameter family $W = \widehat{M}_{\text{inv}} / \Gamma$ given explicitly in (2.39) is the mirror of the generic complete intersection in \mathbb{P}^7 . The new feature, compared with the situation in Sect. 2.4.1, is that (2.30) has 32 nodal points $P_{j,l}^m, j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$,

¹⁰ Similarly one can check that Ω is invariant under σ , but anti-invariant under τ_j .

$m \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, l \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, whose non-vanishing inhomogeneous coordinates are given by ($\alpha = \exp(2\pi i/8)$)

$$\begin{aligned} P_{j,0}^m &: (y_{j+2}, x_{j+3}, y_{j+3}) = (\sqrt{2\psi}\alpha^{1+2m}, 1, \alpha^{2+4m}) \\ P_{j,1}^m &: (x_{j+2}, x_{j+3}, y_{j+3}) = (\sqrt{2\psi}\alpha^{1+2m}, 1, \alpha^{2+4m}), \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

for generic ψ . An additional node develops at $x_j = y_j = 1, \forall j$, when $\psi^8 = 1$ or equivalently $z = 1/2^8$ (with $z = 1/(2\psi)^8$), i.e. at the conifold locus.

With respect to the action of Γ the fibers of M_{inv} have sixteen irreducible fixed curves $C_{j,l}^\pm, j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, l \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{j,0}^\pm &: x_j = y_j = x_{j+1} = 0, \quad y_{j-1} = \pm i x_{j-1} \\ C_{j,1}^\pm &: x_j = y_j = y_{j+1} = 0, \quad y_{j-1} = \pm i x_{j-1} \end{aligned} \tag{2.34}$$

with stabilizer $\text{Stab}(C_{j,l}^\pm) = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$. In addition the action of Γ has exactly the 32 nodes $P_{j,l}^m$ as fixed points with stabilizer $\text{Stab}(P_{j,l}^m) = (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^2$. In M_{inv} eight of the nodal fixed points lie on every curve $C_{j,l}^{\pm 1}$, i.e.

$$\{P_{j-1,l}^m, P_{j,0}^n, P_{j,1}^n\} \subset C_{j,l}^{(-1)^{(n-1)}}, \tag{2.35}$$

for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, and each point $P_{j,l}^m$ lies on the intersection of four curves

$$P_{j,l}^m \in C_{j,0}^{(-1)^{m-1}} \cap C_{j,1}^{(-1)^{m-1}} \cap C_{j+1,l}^+ \cap C_{j+1,l}^-, \tag{2.36}$$

as in the schematic intersection pattern in Fig. 2. We note that $C_{j,l}^\pm = \sigma^j(C_{0,l}^\pm), C_{j,l}^\pm = \tau_{j-1}(C_{j,l}^\mp)$ and $C_{j,0}^\pm = \tau_{j+1}(C_{j,1}^\pm)$. So all 16 curves are equivalent and we can focus on one curve, say $C_{0,0}^+$, given by the equations $x_2^2 + y_2^2 - 2i\psi x_3^2 = 0, y_1^2 - 2\psi x_2 y_2 = 0$. One checks that this is a smooth curve of genus one,¹¹ hence $\chi(C_{j,l}^\pm) = 0$. Moreover Γ identifies the curves $C_{j,l}^+$ with $C_{j,l}^-$ as well as the points $P_{j,l}^m$ with $m \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ for fixed j, l respectively. We hence need to provide a desingularization of M_{inv}/Γ with eight nodes and an orbifold singularity on top of these nodes. To explore the local neighborhoods of the nodes we expand infinitesimally around the critical coordinate values of $P_{j,l}^m, x_k = x_k^{(0)} + \epsilon_k + \dots, y_k = y_k^{(0)} + \delta_k + \dots, k \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$. With the overall scaling of \mathbb{P}^7 we set one infinitesimal deformation of a coordinate with finite critical value to zero. For example for $P_{0,0}^0$ we set $x_3 = 1$, hence $\epsilon_3 = 0$. We see that $P_1 = 0$ requires $x_2 \sim \epsilon_2^2$ and that the local geometry is given by $\epsilon_0^2 + \delta_0^2 - 2\psi\epsilon_1\delta_1 = 0$. Using the symmetries we conclude that each node P is given locally by an affine equation $s^2 + t^2 - 2\psi xy = 0$ on which the $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^2$ stabilizer group $\text{Stab}(P)$ acts like $(s, t, x, y) \mapsto (\rho^a s, \rho^{3a} t, \rho^{a+b} x, \rho^{a+3b} y)$, with $a, b \in (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^2$ and ρ a non-trivial fourth root of unity.

We may bring the local nodal geometries into the form $uv - yx = 0$ by setting $u = s + it$ and $v = s - it$ and rescaling (x, y) to absorb the 2ψ and resolve the latter torically,

¹¹ It is isomorphic to the elliptic curve $C : 2y^3 = x^3 + x$. This can be seen by the map $(x, y) \mapsto (0 : 0 : 0 : Ay : x : i(x^2 + 1)/2 : (x^2 - 1)/(2Ai) : (x^2 - 1)/(2A))$ with $A^2 = 2i\psi$, where $0 = (\infty, \infty) \mapsto P_{0,0}^0$ and $P = (0, 0) \mapsto P_{0,0}^2$, independent of ψ .

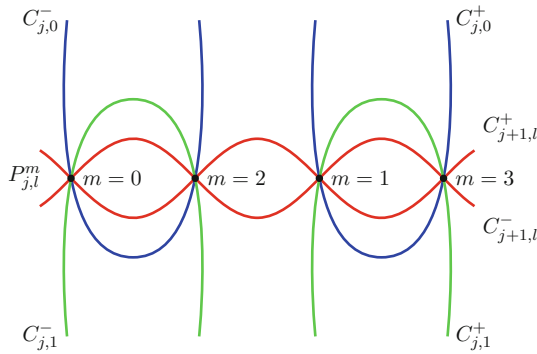


Fig. 2. Intersection of the curves at the four points $P_{j,l}^m$, $m = 0, \dots, 3$. Eight copies of such four points and sixteen curves connecting them permuted by the group S complete the intersection picture

see e.g. [43] as review¹². First, we describe the local singularity using the cone spanned by $\sigma = \langle v_1 = e_1, v_2 = e_2, v_3 = e_3, v_4 = e_1 + e_3 - e_2 \rangle$ torically. Indeed, we see that $S_\sigma = \mathbb{C}[u, v, x, y]/(uv - xy = 0)$. Without the group action there are three canonical ways to resolve the latter singularity. Small resolutions are defined by subdivisions of σ into $\sigma_1^+ = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ and $\sigma_2^+ = \langle v_1, v_3, v_4 \rangle$ or $\sigma_1^- = \langle v_1, v_2, v_4 \rangle$ and $\sigma_2^- = \langle v_2, v_3, v_4 \rangle$ yielding two different resolutions $X_1^\pm = \text{Spec}(S_{\sigma_1^\pm}) \cup \text{Spec}(S_{\sigma_2^\pm})$. Both are isomorphic to the total space $\text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1))$ of line bundles over the base \mathbb{P}^1 and related by a flop. They can be further blown up torically by adding the vector $\tilde{e}_0 = v_1 + v_2 = v_2 + v_4$ to the cone σ . This leads locally to a non-compact space $\text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(-1, -1))$. The local action of the orbifold suggest another resolution, obtained by adding the vector $e_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2) = \frac{1}{2}(v_2 + v_4)$ and refining the lattice $M = \langle e_0, e_1, e_2 \rangle \mathbb{Z}$. This yields the Calabi–Yau resolution $\text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(-2, -2))$. Indeed in the coordinates (u, v, x, y) the group $\text{Stab}(P)$ is generated by two order four elements g_a and g_b , where g_b acts only on (x, y) as before, while the generator g_a acts as $g_a : (u, v, x, y) \mapsto (iv, iu, ix, iy)$. Resolving first the subgroup generated by $(g_a)^2 : (u, v, x, y) \mapsto (-u, -v, -x, -y)$ torically, leads precisely to the Calabi–Yau resolution¹³ $X_{\text{loc}} = \text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(-2, -2))$. To obtain the induced action Γ_{loc} on X_{loc} , we parametrize the latter by $(a_0, \dots, a_4) \in \mathbb{C}^5$ subject to two \mathbb{C}^* actions $a_k \mapsto \mu_r^{l^{(r)}} a_k$, $\mu_r \in \mathbb{C}^*$ for $r = 1, 2$, $k = 0, \dots, 4$ and $l^{(1)} = (-2, 1, 1, 0, 0)$ and $l^{(2)} = (-2, 0, 0, 1, 1)$. The locus $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ and $a_3 = a_4 = 0$ is excluded. Hence the homogeneous coordinates $[a_1 : a_2] =: [x_0 : x_1]$ and $[a_3 : a_4] =: [y_0 : y_1]$ are identified with the ones of the first and the ones of the second \mathbb{P}^1 . The blow-up relations identify $x_0 y_1 = u$, $x_1 y_0 = v$, $x_0 y_0 = x$ and $x_1 y_1 = y$. Clearly, $(g_a)^2$ acts trivially on X_{loc} while g_a generates merely an $\mathbb{Z}/(2\mathbb{Z})$ action $([x_0 : x_1], [y_0 : y_1]) \mapsto ([y_0 : y_1], [x_0 : x_1])$. The action of g_b is given by $([x_0 : x_1], [y_0 : y_1]) \mapsto ([\rho x_0 : x_1], [y_0 : y_1 \rho^{-1}])$ on X_{loc} . It follows that the local orbifold group Γ_{loc} is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ and that its action leaves the holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form invariant. Therefore we can apply (2.23). There are four fixed points under

¹² Whose notation we follow. In particular $\sigma = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_1 + e_3 - e_2 \rangle$ is defined in the conical lattice N , spanned by e_1, e_2, e_3 over \mathbb{Z} . With M the dual lattice to N one defines the associated semigroup $S_\sigma = \sigma^\vee \cap M = \{t \in M : \langle t, s \rangle \geq 0, \forall s \in \sigma\}$ which defines the affine variety by $U_\sigma = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[S_\sigma])$.

¹³ This can be viewed as the Calabi–Yau resolution of the total space of the cotangent bundle $T_3^*L(2, 1)$ to the lens space $L(2, 1) = S^3/(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ considered in [44].

the $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ action namely when each of the $[x_0 : x_1]$ and $[y_0 : y_1]$ take the values $[1 : 0]$ or $[0 : 1]$. The $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ action leaves the diagonal $\Delta \sim \mathbb{P}^1$ invariant. Hence, there are two fixed points invariant under $\Gamma_{\text{loc}} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, namely $([1 : 0], [1 : 0])$, $([0 : 1], [0 : 1])$. The Euler number of the non-compact Calabi–Yau manifold $\chi(X_{\text{loc}}) = 4$ comes from the compact $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ section of the degree $(-2, -2)$ line bundle and application of (2.23) yields

$$\chi\left(\widehat{X_{\text{loc}}/\Gamma_{\text{loc}}}\right) = \frac{4 - (2 - 2) - (4 - 2) - 2}{8} + \frac{(4 - 2) \cdot 4^2}{8} + \frac{2 \cdot 8^2}{8} = 20. \tag{2.37}$$

Hence we can apply (2.23) to the Calabi–Yau manifold defined by (2.30) with the group action (2.32) in two steps. First we perform the small resolution at all 32 nodes. By similar arguments as in [45] [46] we can conclude that the resulting manifold \tilde{M} is smooth and projective with Euler number $\chi(\tilde{M}) = -128 - 32 + 2 \cdot 32 = -96$. It has the induced action of Γ at the resolved nodes described above. Hence applying (2.23) yields

$$\chi\left(\widehat{\tilde{M}/\Gamma}\right) = \frac{-96 - 16(0 - 8) - 32}{64} + \frac{16(0 - 8) \cdot 4^2}{64} + 8 \cdot 20 = 128. \tag{2.38}$$

To get the last term, which represents the contribution of the $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^2$ fixed points, we used the fact that on M_{inv}/Γ we have $32/4 = 8$ such fixed points and their resolution contributes according to (2.37) with 20 to the Euler number. We also note that on M_{inv}/Γ there are 8 curves with stabilizer $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, and that their resolution contributes three exceptional divisors for each curve. Locally, we get five exceptional divisors for each of the eight fixed points. The Euler number calculations suggest that these contribute the 64 new homologically independent divisor classes to raise $h^{1,1}(W)$ to $64 + 1$. We thank Georg Oberdieck for providing arguments that the latter are independent homology classes.

We have established that the mirror family W is obtained by resolving the singular quotient of M_{inv} and that the one complex structure deformation family of it can be described as the orbifold resolution of

$$W_\psi = \{(\hat{x}_0 : \hat{y}_0 : \dots : \hat{x}_3 : \hat{y}_3) \in \widehat{\mathbb{P}^7/\Gamma} \mid P_j := \hat{x}_j^2 + \hat{y}_j^2 - 2\psi\hat{x}_{j+1}\hat{y}_{j+1} = 0, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}\}. \tag{2.39}$$

The holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form can be given explicitly as

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^4} \oint_{\gamma_1} \oint_{\gamma_2} \oint_{\gamma_3} \oint_{\gamma_4} \frac{(2\psi)^4 d\mu_7}{\prod_{k=0}^3 P_k(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \psi)}, \tag{2.40}$$

where $d\mu_7/\prod_{k=0}^3 P_k$ with $d\mu_7 = \sum_{k=0}^7 (-1)^k z_k dz_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dz_k} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_7$ is a 7-form¹⁴ in \mathbb{P}^7/Γ and the γ_j are S^1 cycles encircling $P_j = 0$. A similar residuum expression for Ω can be written down for the invariant one-parameter families of all hypergeometric cases. By performing all residues over the three S^1 integrals one can explicitly compute the holomorphic period $\int_{T^3} \Omega$ around the MUM-point [2, 23, 34, 35].

¹⁴ To display the form $d\mu_7$ it is convenient to define $(z_0 : \dots : z_7) = (\hat{x}_0 : \hat{y}_0 : \dots : \hat{x}_3 : \hat{y}_3)$.

2.5. *Physics concepts related to the arithmetic of Calabi–Yau periods.* Type II string compactifications on Calabi–Yau threefolds give rise to $\mathcal{N} = 2$ effective supergravity theories in four dimensions, and if in addition 3-form fluxes are turned on in Type IIB theory one can break the supersymmetry to get an $\mathcal{N} = 1$ effective supergravity theory [47]. Very important quantities attached to these effective theories can be given in terms of the Calabi–Yau periods. In particular, the central charges and masses of the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ BPS states, the gauge kinetic terms of the vector multiplets in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theories and the flux super potential and its vacua are determined by the periods. Moreover, in the Π stability conditions [48, 49] and wall crossing formulas [50] the phases of the central charges ultimately determine which are the stable states. An important source of insights from physics are the partially proven *mirror symmetry conjectures*:

- The conjectured equivalence between the (2, 2) supersymmetric non-linear sigma models on the worldsheet of type II string theory compactified on M and W . This isomorphism exchanges the $h^{1,1}(M)$ marginal deformations that correspond to the complexified Kähler structure deformations of M with the $h^{2,1}(W)$ marginal deformations that correspond to the complex structure deformations of W and vice versa [51].
- The conjectured equivalence between type IIA theory on M and type IIB theory on W and vice versa [52]. It goes beyond the first conjecture as it also exchanges the non-perturbative even-dimensional D-branes¹⁵ of type IIA with the odd ones of type IIB or in mathematical terms $D^b(\text{Coh}(M))$, the bounded derived category of coherent sheaves on M , with $D^\pi(\text{Fuk}(W))$, the bounded derived Fukaya category on W , and vice versa [53].

It has been first suggested in [14] that the arithmetic of the periods at special points play an important role for the properties of these compactifications. For example the rank two black hole attractor points and supersymmetric minima of flux superpotentials can be characterized by their arithmetic properties. The families of hypersurfaces in (weighted) projective spaces $X_d(w_1, \dots, w_5)$ (i.e. the four models with $d = 5, 6, 8$ and 10) have a special fiber $\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i^{d/w_i} = 0$, in which the (2, 2) supersymmetric non-linear sigma models on the worldsheet is conjectured by Doron Gepner to be described exactly by a rational conformal field theory [54]. The corresponding point in the complex structure moduli space \mathcal{M}_{cs} is referred to as the Gepner point. It has been speculated in [55] that generally points in \mathcal{M}_{cs} at which a rational conformal field theory descriptions exist have interesting arithmetic properties and might be related to analogues of points of complex multiplication of elliptic curves [56].

Central charges and masses of D-branes. For $\Gamma \in H_3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ the D3–branes of Type IIB wrapping a special Lagrangian in this class give rise to a BPS state with electromagnetic charge Γ in the effective $\mathcal{N} = 2$ four–dimensional theory. These BPS states have a central charge which is given entirely in terms of periods of W

$$Z(z, \Gamma) = e^{\frac{\kappa}{2}} \int_{\Gamma} \Omega_z = e^{\frac{\kappa}{2}} \Pi_{\Gamma} \tag{2.41}$$

with the Kähler potential as defined in (2.22). Note that they are moduli dependent and determine the masses of the BPS states non-perturbatively exact as

$$m_{\Gamma}(z) = |Z(z, \Gamma)|. \tag{2.42}$$

¹⁵ These are called *B–branes* and the special Lagrangian 3-branes, which are objects of the Fukaya category, are called *A–branes*, because they are natural boundary conditions for the topological B– and A–model, respectively.

From our analysis of the periods in the integral basis we will get the central charges and the masses of BPS D-branes at the conifold and the attractor points in terms of formulas with a strongly number theoretical flavor.

Central charges at the MUM point and the $\hat{\Gamma}$ -class conjecture The second mirror conjecture relates these D3-brane states in $D^\pi(\text{Fuk}(W))$, specified by the class Γ , to the even-dimensional D2k-branes, $k = 0, \dots, 3$, viewed as objects in $D^b(\text{Coh}(M))$ specified by a class \mathfrak{G} in the algebraic K -theory group K_{alg}^0 . In the large volume limit, the latter can be understood in terms of classical algebraic geometry. Mirror symmetry induces an isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{M} : H_3(W) \rightarrow K_{\text{alg}}^0(M). \tag{2.43}$$

This can be used to relate the central charge given in formula (2.41) for the odd-dimensional D-branes at the MUM-point on W to one that is derived using classical properties of even-dimensional D-branes on M . Under the map \mathfrak{M} the pairing (Γ, Γ') on $D^\pi(\text{Fuk}(W))$ induced from the one on $H_3(M, \mathbb{Z})$ was first identified with the Euler pairing $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{G}') = \int_M \text{Td}(TM) \text{ch}(\mathfrak{G}^\vee) \text{ch}(\mathfrak{G}')$ on $K_{\text{alg}}^0(M)$. Here, the Todd class Td is the multiplicative characteristic class generated by $x/(1 - e^{-x})$. However, it was realized in [5, 7, 8, 57] that the natural analogue of (Γ, Γ') that also makes contact with the central charge formula (2.41), (2.6) is obtained by taking the square root of the Todd class. Noting that $\Gamma(1 + x/(2\pi i)) \Gamma(1 - x/(2\pi i)) = e^{-x/2} x/(1 - e^{-x})$ one can hence take $e^{x/4} \Gamma(1 - x/2\pi i)$ as generating function for the $\hat{\Gamma}$ class. Expansion in terms of Chern classes of the tangent bundle of the Calabi–Yau threefold¹⁶ M gives

$$\hat{\Gamma}(TM) = 1 + \frac{1}{24} c_2 + \frac{ic_3 \zeta(3)}{8\pi^3}. \tag{2.44}$$

The natural pairing becomes $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{G}') = \int_M \overline{\psi(\mathfrak{G}^\vee)} \psi(\mathfrak{G}')$ with $\psi(\mathfrak{G}) = \hat{\Gamma}(TM) \cdot \text{ch}(\mathfrak{G})$. The operation $\overline{\psi(\mathfrak{G})}$ gives a sign $(-1)^k$ on elements of weight $2k$.

In the following we restrict to one-parameter families W . In the large volume limit of M , which corresponds to a MUM-point of W , one can calculate [5, 7, 8, 57, 58]

$$\check{\mathfrak{P}}_{\mathfrak{G}}(t) = \int_M e^{\omega t} \hat{\Gamma}(TM) \text{ch}(\mathfrak{G}) + O(Q). \tag{2.45}$$

Here the check on $\check{\mathfrak{P}}_{\mathfrak{G}} = \check{\mathfrak{P}}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Gamma)}$ indicates that relative to Π_Γ we made the usual large radius gauge choice $X^0 = 1$. The K -theory class D_6 of the D6-brane is given in terms of the structure sheaf \mathcal{O}_M by $D_6 = [\mathcal{O}_M] = \mathfrak{M}(B^0)$ and $\text{ch}(\mathcal{O}_M) = 1$, where B^0 is the homology class of the vanishing cycle S^3 . In the coordinate t given by the mirror map (2.19) and with the Kähler class $\omega = Dt$, where D corresponds to the restriction of the hyperplane class to M , we get

$$\check{\mathfrak{P}}_{D_6}(t) = \int_M \left(\frac{\omega^3 t^3}{6} + \frac{1}{24} t \omega c_2 + \frac{ic_3 \zeta(3)}{8\pi^3} \right) + O(Q) = 2\mathcal{F} - t \partial_t \mathcal{F}. \tag{2.46}$$

The D0-brane is given by the skyscraper sheaf \mathcal{O}_{pt} with $D_0 = [\mathcal{O}_{pt}] = \mathfrak{M}(A_0)$ and $\Pi_{\mathcal{O}_{pt}} = 1$, where A_0 is the class dual to B_0 , see [57]. Following [57] we can also identify the D2-brane with a K -theory class D_2 of a sheaf supported on a genus zero curve \mathcal{C} and the D4-brane with the K -theory class D_4 of a sheaf supported on the restriction of

¹⁶ The $e^{\frac{x}{4}}$ factor can be omitted for Calabi–Yau manifolds as it gives a trivial contribution. The Euler–Mascheroni contribution in the expansion of the Γ -function vanishes for the same reason.

the hyperplane class D to M . We can summarize the mirror symmetry identification and the special geometry relation with \mathcal{F} given in (2.20)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \check{\Pi}_{D_6} \\ \check{\Pi}_{D_4} \\ \check{\Pi}_{D_0} \\ \check{\Pi}_{D_2} \end{pmatrix} = X_0^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \int_{A_0} \Omega \\ \int_{A_1} \Omega \\ \int_{B^0} \Omega \\ \int_{B^1} \Omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathcal{F} - t \partial_t \mathcal{F} \\ \partial_t \mathcal{F} \\ 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.47}$$

The central charges and masses of the even-dimensional D-branes are defined in a gauge independent way as

$$Z(t, D_{2k}) = e^{K/2} \Pi_{\mathfrak{M}^{-1}(D_{2k})} = Z(z, \mathfrak{M}^{-1}(D_{2k})), \quad m_{D_{2k}} = |Z(t, D_{2k})|, \tag{2.48}$$

in a way that extends over the full deformation space $\mathcal{M}_{\text{cs}}(W)$, which is identified with the stringy Kähler moduli space $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ks}}(M)$ of M . By this mirror symmetry identification, we do not only get a natural integral structure at the MUM-point, but we can also study the masses of the odd- and the even-dimensional BPS branes globally in their moduli space.

D-branes at the conifold. Geometrically one can see from (2.27) or more indirectly from (2.2) that at the conifold points $z = \mu$ the families of the mirror manifolds W develop a node, i.e. a singularity at which an S^3 that represents a class in $H_3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ shrinks to zero size. From the Lefschetz monodromy theorem one gets the monodromy M_μ (2.10) assuming that the S^3 represents a primitive class. From (2.47), (3.6), we see that the class of the S^3 corresponds to the class of the D6-brane on the mirror. This implies that m_{D_6} vanishes at the conifold while the other D-brane masses take arithmetically interesting values there.

Defining the Kähler potential $K(z)$ according to (2.22), we see that its value is *exactly* given in terms of the periods in the integral symplectic basis. In particular, from (2.22) and $\Pi = T_\mu \Pi_\mu$ it follows that at the conifold

$$e^{\frac{K(\mu)}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2i w^+ w^-}}. \tag{2.49}$$

where w^\pm appear in the entries of the period matrix T_μ at the conifold in (3.6) and whose values are listed in Table 2. This implies that the masses of the even-dimensional type IIA BPS D-branes defined at the large radius are given at the conifold in terms of the entries of the transition matrix T_μ as follows¹⁷

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{D_6}(\mu) \\ m_{D_4}(\mu) \\ m_{D_0}(\mu) \\ m_{D_2}(\mu) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{|\sigma w^+ + w^-|}{\sqrt{2i w^+ w^-}} \\ \frac{|b|}{\sqrt{2i w^+ w^-}} \\ \frac{w^+}{\sqrt{2i w^+ w^-}} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.50}$$

It is remarkable that the physical values of the masses of the D2- and D4-branes at the conifold are determined in such a simple form in terms of w^\pm , i.e. those numbers that

¹⁷ If κ is even one can set $\sigma = 0$ and obtains the relation $m_{D_2}(\mu)m_{D_4}(\mu) = 1/2$.

are rational multiples of periods ω_f^\pm of the associated newform $f \in S_4(\Gamma(N))$ specified in Table 8. The numerical values of the w^\pm can be found in Table 2 and the relations to the periods ω_f^\pm in Table 3. Alternatively, the periods of f can always be expressed by values at $s = 1, 2$ of the associated L -function or its twists by Dirichlet characters given by

$$L(f \otimes \chi, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \chi(n) n^{-s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + \chi(p) p^{4-1-2s}}, \quad (2.51)$$

for $\text{Re } s > 3$. Here the numbers a_n are the Fourier coefficients of the newform f , which for primes p coprime to N are just the Hecke eigenvalues. For example, for the quintic f is given in (1.2) and we have

$$w^+ = -5 (2\pi i)^2 L(f, 1), \quad w^- = -\frac{625}{4} (2\pi i) L(f, 2). \quad (2.52)$$

Such equations for w^\pm relating the exact values of the D-brane masses to special values of L -functions of weight four newforms extend to conifold points of non-hypergeometric one-parameter models and also to rank two attractor points.

As reviewed in Sect. A.3.2, the Hecke eigenvalues encode the information of the point count over finite fields in the associated fiber. This makes it likely that there is an interpretation of the mass of the BPS D-branes in terms of states that are related to the point count in that geometry, because the way the values of the masses are calculated using the L -functions resembles the calculation of regularized determinants or one-loop BPS saturated amplitudes like in the Schwinger loop amplitude that lead Gopakumar and Vafa to the definition of the D2-D0-brane bound states at the large volume point [29]. It is tempting to speculate that the analogues of the integer BPS invariants in the GV calculation could be interpreted as the numbers of points in the Calabi-Yau fiber over finite number fields. The masses of the D-branes are directly relevant physical quantities in the low energy supergravity theory. In particular, the fact that the D6-brane becomes massless is physically interpreted famously by Strominger [59] as the occurrence of a massless black hole in analogy to the massless monopole that occurs in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ super Yang-Mills theory as predicted by Seiberg and Witten [60]. Its gravitational one loop β -function induces similarly as in the Yang-Mills theory a monodromy around the conifold. The quantity $|b|$ that determines the mass of the D0-brane at the conifold

$$m_{D0} = \frac{|b|}{\sqrt{2i w^+ w^-}} \quad (2.53)$$

is also relevant for the low energy effective action. If b would have been zero the latter would eventually have no local Lagrangian description, because electrically and magnetically charged D-branes could become massless. This is the scenario that occurs the case of rank two attractors as discussed in more detail in [18]. With the exception of the $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ model for which the full transition matrix T_μ is given in (3.11), we have so far only the obvious expression of $b = X^0(\mu) = (2\pi i)^3 \varpi_0(\mu)$ as the (slowly converging) series coming from the solution that is holomorphic at the MUM-point.

Exact metric and curvature at the conifold and growth of instanton numbers. Of relevance to the growth of the BPS invariants n_g^β of holomorphic curves and the entropy of microscopic black hole states is the value of the complexified Kähler parameter (2.19) at the conifold. The latter is given according to the transition matrix T_μ in (3.6) and the leading behaviour of the Frobenius solutions at the conifold (3.4) by

$$t(\mu) = \frac{X^1}{X^0} = \frac{w^+}{b} =: ic. \tag{2.54}$$

The value c determines the leading exponential growth of the n_g^β for large degree β at genus $g = 0$ [2] as well as at higher genus g [61] by

$$n_g^\beta \sim a_g \beta^{2g-3} (\log \beta)^{2g-2} e^{2\pi c \beta}. \tag{2.55}$$

Here a_g is a constant depending on c and $|b|$ [2, 62, 63]. While w^+ can be always related to a period of the holomorphic cusp form f called ω_f^+ , see Table 3 (with a proof for $N = 8$ given in Sect. 4), the value b of the central charge of the D0–brane at the conifold is in general not well understood. However, for the $N = 8$ case there is a precise conjecture given in (3.11) to the effect that

$$b_{N=8} = -32\omega_f^-, \quad c_{N=8} = i \frac{\omega_f^+}{\omega_f}, \tag{2.56}$$

making this the first compact case where the exponential growth of the worldsheet instanton numbers of the mirror is exactly determined in terms of the arithmetic numbers given by the periods of newforms.

On the other hand, the leading order behaviour of the metric and the scalar curvature at the conifold is encoded for all models in terms of w^\pm

$$g_{\delta\bar{\delta}} \sim -\frac{4\pi^3 \kappa \log |\delta|}{|w^+ w^-|}, \quad R \sim -\frac{|w^+ w^-|}{2\pi^3 \kappa |\delta|^2 \log^3 |\delta|}, \tag{2.57}$$

i.e. the numbers related to the periods of the associated newforms or their L -function values as explained above.

Properties of the effective action for special fibers. As reviewed in [14], the attractor flow equations for charged $\mathcal{N} = 2$ black holes specify subloci of the vector multiplet moduli fields, at which the flow can end. The vector moduli parametrize the complex structure moduli space $\mathcal{M}_{cs}(W)$ of the Calabi–Yau family in the type IIB compactification. The main observations in [14] is that the subloci specified by the so called attractor equations have interesting arithmetic and Hodge theoretic properties. Moreover the constraints imposed by the attractor equations are very similar to the conditions for supersymmetric flux vacua that likewise occur at restricted subloci of the moduli in \mathcal{M}_{cs} of Type IIB compactifications with $F_3, G_3 \in H^3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ flux backgrounds. At rank two attractor points $z_0 \in \mathcal{M}_{cs}$ the lattice $H^{3,0}(W_{z_0}) \oplus H^{0,3}(W_{z_0}) \cap H^3(W, \mathbb{Z})$ has rank two and, as reviewed in [18, 64], for one-parameter models the condition for rank two attractors and $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric flux vacua are equivalent. It is remarkable that despite the possibility to follow the attractor flow lines the first rank two attractor point has been found using arithmetic methods [16]. In this paper we present two rank two attractor points for hypergeometric Calabi–Yau families and a discussion of the effective action

and its C - and P -symmetries can be found in [18]. Interesting observations concerning the theta-angle in the gauge kinetic term of the graviphoton for rigid Calabi–Yau compactifications have been made in [62]. In [18] these are extended to rank two attractor points.

3. Special Fibers and Periods of Modular Forms

In this section we present as one main result the comparison between the period matrix of special fibers of the hypergeometric one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau manifolds and the periods and quasiperiods of associated modular forms. We start by discussing the special fibers we consider.

Let W be any of the fourteen hypergeometric one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds. If we choose z so that W_z is smooth and defined over \mathbb{Q} we can compute for all primes p of good reduction the local zeta function $Z(W_z/\mathbb{F}_p, T)$. From the Weil conjectures (together with the positive sign in the relevant functional equation) it follows that the numerator of the local zeta function is completely determined by the action of the Galois group on the middle cohomology and has the form

$$P_3(W_z/\mathbb{F}_p, T) = \det(1 - T\mathrm{Fr}_p^* | H^3(\overline{W}_z, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)) = 1 + \alpha_p T + \beta_p p T^2 + \alpha_p p^3 T^3 + p^6 T^4 \tag{3.1}$$

for integers α_p and β_p . We are interested in special fibers where the motive attached to the middle cohomology splits. This can happen for example when $z = z_*$ is a rank 2 attractor point, i.e. if $H^3(W_{z_*}, \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda \oplus \Lambda_\perp$ where $\Lambda \subset H^{3,0}(W_{z_*}) \oplus H^{0,3}(W_{z_*})$ and $\Lambda_\perp \subset H^{2,1}(W_{z_*}) \oplus H^{1,2}(W_{z_*})$. For one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau threefolds, a beautiful method for finding such points is given in [16] and [15]. Hodge-like conjectures would then imply that Λ and Λ_\perp are 2-dimensional motives and, as explained in [65], the Serre-Khare-Wintenberger theorem implies that the Galois actions on these motives are associated with newforms f and g of weight 4 and 2. Practically speaking this means that we get a factorization

$$P_3(W_{z_*}/\mathbb{F}_p, T) = (1 - a_p T + p^3 T^2)(1 - b_p(pT) + p(pT)^2) \tag{3.2}$$

where a_p and b_p are the Hecke eigenvalues of f and g . We also expect that the period matrix of $H^3(W_{z_*}, \mathbb{Q})$ can be completely expressed in terms of the periods and quasiperiods of f and g . In 3.3 we numerically verify this for rank 2 attractor points that appear in two hypergeometric families.

Another special point is the conifold fiber W_μ . This fiber is not smooth but one can still compute the local zeta function which will again be a rational function. It was observed in [66] that the numerator of the local zeta function then has a factor

$$(1 - \chi(p)pT)(1 - a_p T + p^3 T^2) \tag{3.3}$$

where $\chi(p) = (\frac{\kappa}{p})$ and the numbers a_p are the Hecke eigenvalues of a weight 4 newform f . The logic behind this is that the fiber W_μ can be resolved to give a rigid Calabi–Yau threefold \widehat{W}_μ (i.e. $h^{2,1}(\widehat{W}_\mu) = 0$) and again by the Serre-Khare-Wintenberger theorem the Galois action on $H^3(\widehat{W}_\mu, \mathbb{Q})$ is associated with a weight 4 newform f . The “motivic philosophy” as developed by Grothendieck suggests that such an isomorphism of Galois representations is induced by an actual geometric correspondence between the two varieties (here the conifold fibre and a certain three-dimensional Kuga-Sato

variety). Pulling back period integrals with respect to such a correspondence gives linear relations between the corresponding periods. We therefore expect that the period matrix of $H^3(\widehat{W}_\mu, \mathbb{Q})$ can be completely expressed in terms of the periods and quasiperiods of f . In Sect. 3.1 we numerically check this for each of the hypergeometric families and identify other entries of the rank 4 period matrix of W_μ . In Sect. 4 we construct the correspondence to the Kuga-Sato variety explicitly for one example. Numerically the occurrence of the periods of f was already studied in [67]. For completeness we comment on the structure of the period matrix of W_∞ , too.

3.1. The period matrix at the conifold points. Let W be any of the fourteen hypergeometric one-parameter families of Calabi–Yau manifolds. The generic conifold fiber W_μ is located at $z = \mu$. From the Riemann symbol (2.2) we can read off that the local exponents at this point are 0, 1, 1, 2 and hence a local basis of solutions consists of three power series starting with order 0, 1, 2 and one logarithmic solution. We choose the basis such that

$$\Pi_\mu(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + O(\delta^3) \\ v(\delta) \\ \delta^2 + O(\delta^3) \\ v(\delta) \log(\delta) + O(\delta^3) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.4}$$

where $\delta = 1 - z/\mu$ and $v(\delta) = \delta + O(\delta^2)$.

The period matrix T_μ that relates the integral symplectic basis Π defined in (2.6) and the basis Π_μ at the conifold by $\Pi = T_\mu \Pi_\mu$ can be numerically computed by analytically continuing the periods from $z = 0$ to $z = \mu$ and depends on the chosen path of analytic continuation. We choose the path along the open interval $(0, \mu)$. The structure of the period matrix is further constrained from

$$T_\mu^T \Sigma T_\mu = \Sigma_\mu, \quad T_\mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\pi i & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} T_\mu^{-1} = M_\mu \tag{3.5}$$

and from the fact that the first derivative of $\int_{S^3} \Omega$ evaluated at the conifold can be calculated explicitly using the description of the vanishing S^3 in the conifold geometry, see [2] for the quintic and [23] for the hypersurfaces in weighted projective spaces. From these considerations one finds that for all hypergeometric one-parameter families the period matrix of the conifold fiber is of the form

$$T_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\kappa}(2\pi i)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma w^+ + w^- & \sigma a^+ + a^- & \sigma e^+ + e^- & 0 \\ b & c & d & -\sqrt{\kappa}2\pi i \\ w^+ & a^+ & e^+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.6}$$

with κ in Table 1 and σ as in (2.7). Here w^+, a^+, e^+ are real and w^-, a^-, e^-, b, c, d are purely imaginary and these nine numerical constants fulfill the quadratic relations

$$w^+ e^- - w^- e^+ = -(2\pi i)^3 \frac{\kappa}{2} \tag{3.7}$$

$$w^+ a^- - w^- a^+ = -(2\pi i)^2 \sqrt{\kappa} b \tag{3.8}$$

Table 2. The approximate values of the constants in the period matrix T_μ (3.6)

N	w^+ w^-	a^+ a^-	e^+ e^-	b	c	d
8	223.9220165 - 2219.823957i	36.24129533 - 554.9559892i	- 8.167934872 89.83386058i	- 277.4779946 i	8.025308746 i	- 1.337138042 i
9	297.7398851 - 1547.101826i	37.23153237 - 280.2254923i	- 6.996235045 38.85283506i	- 267.1438008 i	6.529815239 i	- 1.498527304 i
16	277.4779946 - 1791.376132i	36.98123771 - 347.2828377i	- 7.392164711 51.29901671i	- 269.7075585 i	6.955740334 i	- 1.496470803 i
25	320.8713030 - 1536.675110i	37.39771091 - 252.1690170i	- 6.893856185 34.94778947i	- 265.5937802 i	6.128728878 i	- 1.434849337 i
27	264.2581920 - 1792.615238i	36.85667438 - 371.4391414i	- 7.459278462 54.82457171i	- 270.9159568 i	7.220828893 i	- 1.521267495 i
32	331.3076700 - 1284.846229i	37.55313067 - 208.5502647i	- 6.496695001 26.69227218i	-263.9961931 i	5.860894359 i	- 1.425906613 i
36	244.0637177 - 2017.155303i	36.56502757 - 455.7307460i	- 7.825592526 70.77552085i	- 273.9891366 i	7.637961074 i	- 1.460867809 i
72	351.9173326 - 1521.650120i	37.58661259 - 221.7200905i	- 6.774643286 30.70248663i	- 263.8589705 i	5.654643418 i	- 1.351202495 i
108	372.2764430 - 1261.892271i	37.77656510 - 176.1713832i	- 6.337937329 22.48294139i	- 261.9897714 i	5.266252962 i	- 1.306509091 i
128	439.9947243 - 1228.327316i	38.05274079 - 139.1677051i	- 6.134259511 17.68868648i	- 259.5665046 i	4.496718823 i	- 1.138914049 i
144	405.9683199 - 988.7259810i	38.02051419 - 128.3125516i	- 5.788326330 14.70833696i	- 259.6941350 i	4.686199444 i	- 1.202518075 i
200	538.2249038 - 932.1141418i	38.40650813 - 85.32277915i	- 5.453031198 9.674157709i	- 256.4336628 i	3.531095905 i	- 0.9247888950 i
216	480.8077208 - 690.4500218i	38.37482290 - 76.17241925i	- 5.011615709 7.454737366i	- 256.5551153 i	3.709287484 i	- 0.9799750828 i
864	590.1833073 - 1174.061806i	38.43332195 - 93.60241425i	- 5.839377416 11.82652070i	- 256.3296014 i	3.377681763 i	- 0.8754559806 i

$$a^+e^- - a^-e^+ = (2\pi i)^3 \kappa \alpha + (2\pi i)^2 \sqrt{\kappa d}. \tag{3.9}$$

Here $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ is given in (2.16) in terms of the $a_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$. The remaining constants can be calculated numerically to a very high precision¹⁸ and the approximate values are given in Table 2. Closed analytic expressions in terms of infinite sums of special values of hypergeometric functions ${}_3F_2$ have been derived for all the constants $w^\pm, a^\pm, e^\pm, b, c, d$ in [4] (see also [68]). For example, for the quintic we have

$$w^+ = \sqrt{5}\Gamma(\frac{1}{5})^2\Gamma(\frac{2}{5})^2\Gamma(\frac{4}{5}) \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{5})_\ell(\frac{2}{5})_\ell}{(\frac{3}{5})_\ell\ell!} {}_3F_2\left(\begin{matrix} -\ell, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \\ 1, 1 \end{matrix}; 1\right) \tag{3.10}$$

where $(a)_\ell = \frac{\Gamma(a+\ell)}{\Gamma(a)}$ denotes the Pochhammer symbol.

Now consider the weight 4 newform f that we can associate with each conifold fiber. In ‘‘Appendix A.1’’ we explain how one can compute two periods ω_f^\pm associated with f and the approximate values are given in ‘‘Appendix B’’. Numerically we find that these are up multiplication by rational numbers equal to w^\pm . In ‘‘Appendix A.2’’ we also explain how we can compute two quasiperiods η_f^\pm associated with f which are unique up to the addition of rational multiples of ω_f^\pm . The approximate values are again given

¹⁸ We have calculated the numerical values to 1000 digits to check the conjectures and computing to higher accuracy can be done without any problems.

Table 3. Comparison of entries in period matrices and periods and quasiperiods of associated newforms

N	$\frac{w^+}{\omega_f^+}$	$\frac{w^-}{\omega_f^-}$	$\frac{\eta_F^+}{e^+}$	$\frac{\eta_F^-}{e^-}$
8	32	-256	32	-4
9	108	-108	36	-36
16	64	-256	64	-16
25	100	-250	100	-40
27	108	-486	108	-24
32	256	-512	256	-128
36	72	-432	72	-12
72	432	-864	432	-216
108	864	-1296	864	-576
128	1024	-1024	1024	-1024
144	1728	-1728	1728	-1728
200	8000	-4000	8000	-16,000
216	5184	-2592	5184	-10,368
864	20,736	-10,368	20,736	-41,472

in “Appendix B” and numerically we find that the quasiperiods can be chosen such that these are up to multiplication by rational numbers equal to e^\pm . The rational numbers which relate the entries of the period matrix to the periods and quasiperiods of f are given in Table 3. Note that the Legendre relation $\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+ = (2\pi i)^3$ corresponds to the quadratic relation (3.7).

We finish the discussion of the period matrix at the conifold points with a comment about the $N = 8$ case. For this case we prove in Sect. 4 the occurrence of the periods and quasiperiods by constructing an explicit correspondence with a Kuga-Sato threefold. Numerically we further find that in this case the complete period matrix is given by

$$T_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_f^+ & \eta_F^+ & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_f^- & \eta_F^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (2\pi i)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\pi i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -32 & -8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{32} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 + 12 \log 2 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.11)$$

where ω_f^\pm and η_F^\pm are the periods and quasiperiods of the associated newform.

3.2. The period matrix at $z = \mathcal{D} \infty$. The analytic continuation to the point $w = 1/z = 0$ can be done with a contour deformation argument using a Barnes integral representation. This can be done for all 14 hypergeometric models but here we just give the result for five examples.

Let us first consider the mirror quintic. Near $w = 0$ we chose a basis of solution $\Pi_\infty = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4)^T$ with

$$\omega_k = w^{\frac{k}{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{k}{5}_n}{(k)_{5n}} w^n = -\frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma^5\left(\frac{k}{5}\right)} \int_{C_0} \frac{ds}{e^{2\pi i s} - 1} \frac{\Gamma^5\left(s + \frac{k}{5}\right)}{\Gamma(5s + k)} w^{s + \frac{k}{5}}, \quad (3.12)$$

where the contour C_0 is along the y -axis (just left of it) and then closed clockwise in an infinite semicircle to the *right* to include all poles at $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$. $(x)_n = x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1)$ is the ascending Pochhammer symbol. These solutions converge for $|w| \leq 5^5$. If the contour is deformed to C_∞ which is taken in the same way along the y -axis, but closed in an infinite semicircle counter clockwise to the *left* to include all poles $-5s \in \mathbb{N}_+$ the

expression converges for $|w| \geq 5^5$ and can be compared with Π given in (2.6). For T_∞ defined by $\Pi = T_\infty \Pi_\infty$ this yields the analytic expressions

$$T_\infty^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{16\pi^4\alpha}{(\alpha-1)\Gamma(\frac{1}{5})^5} & -\frac{16\pi^4\alpha}{(\alpha-1)^2\Gamma(\frac{1}{5})^5} & -\frac{16\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{5})^5} & \frac{16\pi^4\alpha(2\alpha+3)}{(\alpha-1)^3\Gamma(\frac{1}{5})^5} \\ -\frac{16\pi^4\alpha^2}{(\alpha^2-1)\Gamma(\frac{2}{5})^5} & -\frac{16\pi^4\alpha^2}{(\alpha^2-1)^2\Gamma(\frac{2}{5})^5} & -\frac{16\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{5})^5} & \frac{16\pi^4\alpha^2(2\alpha^2+3)}{(\alpha^2-1)^3\Gamma(\frac{2}{5})^5} \\ -\frac{32\pi^4\alpha^3}{(\alpha^3-1)\Gamma(\frac{3}{5})^5} & -\frac{32\pi^4\alpha^3}{(\alpha^3-1)^2\Gamma(\frac{3}{5})^5} & -\frac{32\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{5})^5} & \frac{32\pi^4\alpha^3(2\alpha^3+3)}{(1-\alpha^3)^3\Gamma(\frac{3}{5})^5} \\ -\frac{96\pi^4\alpha^4}{(\alpha^4-1)\Gamma(\frac{4}{5})^5} & -\frac{96\pi^4\alpha^4}{(\alpha^4-1)^2\Gamma(\frac{4}{5})^5} & -\frac{96\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{4}{5})^5} & \frac{96\pi^4\alpha^4(2\alpha^4+3)}{(1-\alpha^4)^3\Gamma(\frac{4}{5})^5} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.13}$$

where $\alpha = \exp(2\pi i/5)$. For more general structures of solutions at the point $z = \infty$ one notices that (2.1) reads $L_x = x\theta_x^4 - \prod_{k=1}^4(\theta_x - a_k)$ in the coordinates $x = \mu/z$ with $\theta_x = x \frac{d}{dx}$. The solutions are special hypergeometric cases of the Meijer G -function as defined in [69] whose Barnes integral representation for all (four) solutions specializes to

$$G_{4,4}^{n,4}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\Gamma(s)^4 \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma(a_{\sigma(k)} - s) ((-1)^n x)^s}{\prod_{k=n+1}^4 \Gamma(1 - a_{\sigma(k)})} ds. \tag{3.14}$$

Here σ denotes a permutation in the four indices of the a_k . For $x > 1$ the contour \mathcal{C} is closed left to include the poles of the Γ functions in the integrand on the negative x -axis. In particular the factor $\Gamma(s)^4$ produces poles of maximal order 4 and $((-1)^n x)^s$ has to be expanded in s to pick the residue. This yields the logarithmic structure in z at the MUM-point $z = \mu/x = 0$. For $x \leq 1$ the contour \mathcal{C} is closed right to include the poles of $\Gamma(a_{\sigma(k)} - s)$ on the positive x -axis. Together with m , σ has to be chosen to get the four solutions of the Picard–Fuchs equation at the point $x = 0$. This choice depends on the nature of the singularity, which as explained above is either an orbifold on top of a regular point, a conifold point, a K-point or a MUM-point. For regular points $n = 1$, the a_k are all different, and σ are the four cyclic permutations of $k = 1, \dots, 4$. For conifold points $n = 1$ with (a_1, a_2, a_2, a_3) , (a_2, a_1, a_2, a_3) , (a_3, a_1, a_2, a_2) and $n = 2$ with (a_2, a_2, a_1, a_3) . For K-points $n = 1$ with (a_1, a_1, a_2, a_2) , (a_2, a_1, a_1, a_2) and $n = 2$ with (a_1, a_1, a_2, a_2) , (a_2, a_2, a_1, a_1) and for MUM-points $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ all with (a_1, a_1, a_1, a_1) .

We give now the exact analytic continuations for four different types of models in turn. To fix the convention we call the local variable x and normalize the solutions with finite cuts as $\varpi^{a_i}(x) = x^{a_i}(1 + O(x))$. If the local exponent occurs with multiplicity greater than one, we normalize the logarithmic solutions $l_1^{a_i} = \varpi^{a_j}(x) \log(x) + O(x^{a_i+1})$. The leading logarithm of higher logarithmic solutions $l_n^{a_i}$ are normalized to $\varpi^{a_i} \log^n(x)/n!$ and their pure series part is always chosen to start with $O(x^{a_i+1})$. The complete intersection $X_{4,3}(1^{521})$ has an orbifold point at $x = 1/z = 0$ and one gets

$$T_{\infty}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8(1+i)\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & \frac{8\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & -\frac{16\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & -\frac{24i\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} \\ \frac{4\sqrt[6]{-1}2^{2/3}\pi^{5/2}}{\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})} & \frac{4\ 2^{2/3}\pi^{5/2}}{3\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})} & -\frac{4\ 2^{2/3}\pi^{5/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})} & -\frac{4i2^{2/3}\pi^{5/2}}{\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})} \\ -\frac{80(-1)^{5/6}\pi^3}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})^3} & \frac{80\pi^3}{3\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})^3} & -\frac{80\pi^3}{\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})^3} & \frac{80i\pi^3}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})^3} \\ \frac{10(1-i)\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & \frac{10\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & -\frac{20\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & \frac{30i\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.15}$$

The $X_{4,2}(1^6)$ geometry is a model with a conifold point at $x = 1/(2^{12}z) = 0$ and the analytic continuation matrix is

$$T_{\infty}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4\sqrt{-1}\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & \frac{\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & -\frac{2\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} & -\frac{4i\pi^{9/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^6} \\ \frac{\pi}{8} & \frac{\pi}{16} & -\frac{\pi}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{8}(4-i\pi)\pi & \frac{\pi}{4} & -\pi & \frac{i\pi^2}{4} \\ \frac{(1-i)\pi^{9/2}}{64\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & \frac{\pi^{9/2}}{64\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & -\frac{\pi^{9/2}}{32\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} & \frac{i\pi^{9/2}}{16\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^6} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.16}$$

The $X_{4,4}(1^4 2^2)$ geometry has a K-point at $x = 1/(2^{20}z) = 0$ and we get

$$T_{\infty}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(1+i)\pi^3}{4\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} & \frac{\pi^3}{4\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} & -\frac{\pi^3}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} & -\frac{i\pi^3}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} \\ \frac{\pi^4}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} & 0 & -\frac{\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} & \frac{i\pi^4}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4} \\ \frac{(1-i)\pi^3}{256\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & \frac{\pi^3}{256\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & -\frac{\pi^3}{128\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & \frac{i\pi^3}{128\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} \\ \frac{((2-2i)-\pi)\pi^3}{128\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & \frac{\pi^3}{64\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & \frac{(\pi-2)\pi^3}{64\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} & \frac{i\pi^3(2+\pi)}{64\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.17}$$

The complete intersection $X_{2,2,2,2}(1^8)$ has a MUM-point at $x = 2^8/z = 0$

$$T_{\infty}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{32} & \frac{1}{64} & -\frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ -\frac{i\pi}{32} & 0 & 0 & \frac{i\pi}{8} \\ -\frac{\pi^2}{48} & \frac{\pi^2}{192} & \frac{\pi^2}{24} & 0 \\ \frac{\zeta(3)}{4} + \frac{i\pi^3}{96} & \frac{\zeta(3)}{8} & -\frac{\zeta(3)}{2} & \frac{i\pi^3}{12} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.18}$$

We have calculated the exact expressions for the nine other hypergeometric cases in the above conventions and the data are available at request.

3.3. *The period matrix at the attractor points.* Let W be any of the fourteen hypergeometric models. There are algorithms to compute $P_3(W_z/\mathbb{F}_p, T)$ very efficiently for all points in \mathcal{M}_{CS} (which are only finitely many after the reduction to \mathbb{F}_p) and this gives a powerful method for finding rank two attractor points, i.e. one computes $P_3(W_z/\mathbb{F}_p, T)$ for all $z \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{CS}}$ and many primes p and searches for persistent factorizations. This was first done in [16] and the method we use for computing $P_3(W_z/\mathbb{F}_p, T)$ is explained in [15]. Using this method we were able to find two rational rank two attractor points in the hypergeometric models. Numerically we also find that the periods associated with Λ are the periods and quasiperiods of the associated weight 4 newform f and that the periods associated with Λ_{\perp} are (up to a multiplication by $2\pi i$) the periods and quasiperiods of the associated weight 2 newform g . For the attractor points found in [16] such an analysis has been done in [70].

The model with hypergeometric indices $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ For the hypergeometric model with indices $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ we find that there is an attractor point at $z_* = -1/2^3 3^6$. The corresponding lattice $\Lambda_{z_*} = H^3(X_{z_*}, \mathbb{Z}) \cap (H^{3,0}(X_{z_*}) \oplus H^{0,3}(X_{z_*}))$ is given in terms of generators as

$$\Lambda_{z_*} = \left\langle \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 12 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right\rangle. \tag{3.19}$$

The associated newforms $f \in S_4^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(54))$ and $g \in S_2^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(54))$ are uniquely determined by

$$f(\tau) = q + 2q^2 + 4q^4 + 3q^5 + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad g(\tau) = q - q^2 + q^4 + 3q^5 + \dots. \tag{3.20}$$

We numerically computed the period matrix $T_{z_*} = (\Pi(z_*) \ \Pi'(z_*) \ \Pi''(z_*) \ \Pi'''(z_*))$ where Π is defined around $z = 0$ in (2.6) and the analytic continuation is done along the upper half plane.

In A.1 we explain how one can compute periods ω_f^{\pm} and ω_g^{\pm} associated with f and g and the approximate values are given in ‘‘Appendix B’’. Numerically we find that all entries in $\Pi(z_*)$ are rational linear combinations of the periods ω_f^{\pm} and all entries in the projection of $\Pi'(z_*)$ on the Hodge structure $(2, 1)$ are rational linear combinations of $\tilde{\omega}_g^{\pm} = 2\pi i \omega_g^{\pm}$. In ‘‘Appendix A.2’’ we also explain how we can compute quasiperiods η_F^{\pm} and η_G^{\pm} associated with F and G which are unique up to the addition of rational multiples of ω_f^{\pm} and ω_g^{\pm} , respectively. The approximate values are again given in ‘‘Appendix B’’ and numerically we find that the quasiperiods can be chosen such that all entries in the projection of $\Pi'''(z_*)$ on the Hodge structure $(3, 0)$ and $(0, 3)$ are rational linear combinations of η_F^{\pm} and all entries in the projection of $\Pi''(z_*)$ on the Hodge structure $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ are rational linear combinations of $\tilde{\eta}_G^{\pm} = 2\pi i \eta_G^{\pm}$. In other words, the periods associated with Λ are the periods and quasiperiods associated with f and the periods associated with Λ_{\perp} are the periods and quasiperiods associated with g . The complete period matrix can then be written as

$$T_{z_*} = A \begin{pmatrix} \omega_f^+ & \eta_F^+ & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_f^- & \eta_F^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tilde{\omega}_g^+ & \tilde{\eta}_G^+ \\ 0 & 0 & \tilde{\omega}_g^- & \tilde{\eta}_G^- \end{pmatrix} B \tag{3.21}$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 486 & 6 & 12 \\ -108 & -1620 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & -162 & 2 & 0 \\ 27 & -81 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1944 & 12597120 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 15116544 \\ 0 & 17496 & 0 & -800783801856 \\ 0 & 0 & 3779136 & 72241963776 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.22}$$

Note that the compatibility with the intersection pairing gives the quadratic relation

$$T_{z_*}^T \Sigma T_{z_*} = (2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2^{12}3^{18} \\ 0 & 0 & -2^{12}3^{18} & -2^{17}3^{22}7 \\ 0 & 2^{12}3^{18} & 0 & -2^{19}3^{26}47 \\ -2^{12}3^{18} & 2^{17}3^{22}7 & 2^{19}3^{26}47 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.23}$$

which is equivalent to the Legendre relations

$$\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+ = (2\pi i)^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_g^+ \eta_G^- - \omega_g^- \eta_G^+ = 2\pi i. \tag{3.24}$$

The model with hypergeometric indices $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}$ For the hypergeometric model with indices $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}$ we find that there is an attractor point at $z_* = -1/2^4 3^3$. The corresponding lattice Λ_{z_*} is given in terms of generators as

$$\Lambda_{z_*} = \left\langle \left(\begin{matrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right), \left(\begin{matrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right) \right\rangle. \tag{3.25}$$

The associated newform $f \in S_4^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(180))$ is uniquely determined by

$$f(\tau) = q + 2q^2 + 4q^4 + 3q^5 + \dots \tag{3.26}$$

and the associated newform g is the unique form in $S_2^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(32))$. We numerically compute the period matrix $T_{z_*} = (\Pi(z_*) \ \Pi'(z_*) \ \Pi''(z_*) \ \Pi'''(z_*))$ where Π is defined around $z = 0$ in (2.6) and the analytic continuation is done along the upper half plane.

Proceeding as in the previous example one finds that the complete period matrix can be written as

$$T_{z_*} = A \begin{pmatrix} \omega_f^+ \eta_F^+ & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_f^- \eta_F^- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\omega}_g^+ & \tilde{\eta}_G^+ \\ 0 & \tilde{\omega}_g^- & \tilde{\eta}_G^- \end{pmatrix} B \tag{3.27}$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 432 & 432 & 4 & 6 \\ -1296 & -3888 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -864 & 2 & 0 \\ 432 & -432 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 432/5 & 217728/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1296/25 \\ 0 & 2592/5 & 0 & -228427776 \\ 0 & 0 & 93312/5 & 161243136/5 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.28}$$

The compatibility with the intersection pairing gives the quadratic relation

$$T_{z_*}^T \Sigma T_{z_*} = (2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2^{13}3^{10}/5 \\ 0 & 0 & -2^{13}3^{10}/5 & -2^{17}3^{13}19/5^2 \\ 0 & 2^{13}3^{10}/5 & 0 & -2^{19}3^{14}383/5^2 \\ -2^{13}3^{10}/5 & 2^{17}3^{13}19/5^2 & 2^{19}3^{14}383/5^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.29}$$

which is equivalent to the Legendre relations

$$\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+ = (2\pi i)^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_g^+ \eta_G^- - \omega_g^- \eta_G^+ = 2\pi i. \tag{3.30}$$

4. Explicit Correspondence with a Kuga–Sato Variety in a Special Case

The general philosophy of motives, together with the construction of Deligne [11] and Scholl [12] realizing Hecke eigenvalues as traces of Frobenius operators on the middle cohomology of Kuga–Sato varieties (see ‘‘Appendix A.3.4’’), predicts that there is a correspondence between the conifold fibre of any of our CY families and the corresponding three–dimensional Kuga–Sato variety. In this section we construct explicitly such a correspondence for the mirror family of four quadrics in \mathbb{P}^7 and the relevant Kuga–Sato variety over $X_0(8)$. Our construction makes use of the modular parametrization of the Legendre curve and provides a proof for the identification of the Calabi–Yau periods in this fiber with the periods and quasiperiods associated with the unique newform in $S_4(\Gamma_0(8))$.

4.1. A model for $X_0(8)$ and for the associated universal elliptic curve. We start with the classical Legendre elliptic curve

$$L_\lambda : y^2 = x(x - 1)(x - \lambda) \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}), \tag{4.1}$$

with the standard holomorphic 1-form $\omega = \frac{dx}{2y}$ and with 2-torsion subgroup $\{O, P_0, P_1, P_\lambda\}$, where $O = (\infty, \infty)$ is the origin of the elliptic curve and $P_\nu = (\nu, 0)$ ($\nu \in \{0, 1, \lambda\}$) are the points of order 2. If λ is given in the form $1 - \alpha^2$ for some $\alpha \neq 0, \pm 1$, then the curve L_λ also has the four 4-torsion points $Q_{1\pm\alpha} = (1 \pm \alpha, \alpha(1 \pm \alpha))$ and $-Q_{1\pm\alpha} = (1 \pm \alpha, -\alpha(1 \pm \alpha))$. They all satisfy $2Q = P_1$ and hence differ by 2-torsion points (e.g. $Q_{1+\alpha} = Q_{1-\alpha} + P_0$).

These maps give rational parametrizations $X(2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})_\lambda$ and $X(2; 4) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})_\alpha$, where $X(2)$ is the compactified moduli space of elliptic curves with labelled 2-torsion points and $X(2; 4)$ is the compactified moduli space of elliptic curves with labelled 2-torsion points and one labelled 4-torsion point. Over \mathbb{C} , these two spaces are the compactifications of the upper half-plane quotients $\mathfrak{H}/\Gamma(2)$ and $\mathfrak{H}/\Gamma(2; 4)$, respectively where $\Gamma(2)$ has its usual meaning (principal congruence subgroup) and $\Gamma(2; 4) := \Gamma(2) \cap \Gamma_0(4)$. (Here we should really use $\Gamma_1(4)$, which corresponds to a choice of a 4-torsion point rather than merely of a cyclic subgroup of order 4 on an elliptic curve, but since the quotients of \mathfrak{H} by $\Gamma_0(4)$ and $\Gamma_1(4)$ are isomorphic, we will ignore this point.) The group $\Gamma(2; 4)$ is conjugate to $\Gamma_0(8)$ by the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, corresponding to the map $\tau \mapsto 2\tau$ from \mathfrak{H} to itself, so α can also be seen as a rational parameter on the compactified moduli space $X_0(8) \cong \overline{\mathfrak{H}/\Gamma_0(8)}$ of elliptic curves together with a cyclic subgroup of order 8.

We now describe this in transcendental (modular) terms. Let $\alpha(\tau)$ and $\lambda(\tau)$ be the two modular functions defined in terms of the Dedekind eta-function $\eta(\tau) = q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$ (here and from now on $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$) by

$$\alpha(\tau) = \frac{\eta(\tau)^8 \eta(4\tau)^4}{\eta(2\tau)^{12}}, \quad \lambda(\tau) = 16 \frac{\eta(\tau/2)^8 \eta(2\tau)^{16}}{\eta(\tau)^{24}} = 1 - \alpha(\tau/2)^2. \quad (4.2)$$

The function $\lambda(\tau)$ is the classical Legendre λ -function giving the isomorphism between $\mathfrak{H}/\Gamma(2)$ and $X(2)$ (Hauptmodul) and $\alpha(\tau)$ is a Hauptmodul for $\Gamma_0(8)$, with the factor 2 in the argument of α in (4.2) corresponding to the bijection between $\Gamma(2; 4)$ and $\Gamma_0(8)$ described above. The parametrization of the Legendre curve (4.1) with $\lambda = \lambda(\tau)$ can be given in terms of the four classical Jacobi theta functions $\Theta_i(z) = \Theta_i(\tau, z)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_1(z) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}} (-1)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} q^{n^2/2} \zeta^n = q^{1/8} \zeta^{1/2} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)(1 - q^n \zeta)(1 - q^{n-1} \zeta^{-1}), \\ \Theta_2(z) &= -i \Theta_1(z + \frac{1}{2}), \quad \Theta_3(z) = -q^{-\frac{1}{8}} \sqrt{\xi} \Theta_1(z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\tau}{2}), \\ \Theta_4(z) &= -q^{-\frac{1}{8}} \sqrt{\xi} \Theta_1(z + \frac{\tau}{2}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

(here $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\zeta = e^{2\pi iz}$) and their Nullwerte $\theta_i = \Theta_i(0)$ (which are related to λ by $\lambda = \theta_2^4/\theta_3^4 = 1 - \theta_4^4/\theta_3^4$) by the formulas

$$(x, x - 1, x - \lambda, y) = \left(\frac{c^3 \Theta_1(2z)}{2 \Theta_1(z)^4}, \frac{c^2 \Theta_4(z)^2}{\theta_4^2 \Theta_1(z)^2}, \frac{c^2 \Theta_2(z)^2}{\theta_2^2 \Theta_1(z)^2}, \frac{c^2 \Theta_3(z)^2}{\theta_3^2 \Theta_1(z)^2} \right) \quad (4.4)$$

with $c = -2i \eta^3/\theta_3^2$. With this identification the 1-form ω is given by

$$\omega = \pi \theta_3^2 dz. \quad (4.5)$$

Note that under modular transformations $\tau \mapsto \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$, $z \mapsto \frac{z}{c\tau+d}$ with $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(2)$, θ_3^2 and dz transform by $\theta_3^2 \mapsto (c\tau + d)\theta_3^2$ and $dz \mapsto (c\tau + d)^{-1} dz$, so ω is unchanged.

For any complex number $\alpha \neq 0, \pm 1$ we define an algebraic curve C_α of genus 1 by

$$C_\alpha : \left(Y_1 - \frac{1}{Y_1} \right) \left(Y_2 - \frac{1}{Y_2} \right) = 4\alpha, \quad (4.6)$$

where Y_1 and Y_2 are variables in \mathbb{P}^1 . This curve has eight obvious points where one of the Y_i is ± 1 and the other is 0 or ∞ . If we chose $(\infty, -1)$ as the origin, then C_α becomes an elliptic curve and can be put into the Legendre form (4.1), with $\lambda = 1 - \alpha^2$, by

$$L_{1-\alpha^2} \xrightarrow{\sim} C_\alpha, \quad (x, y) \mapsto (Y_1, Y_2) = \left(\frac{x\alpha + y}{x\alpha - y}, \frac{x(1-x)}{y} \right), \quad (4.7)$$

with the inverse map given by $x = 1 + \alpha \frac{1-Y_1}{1+Y_1} Y_2$ and $y = \alpha \frac{Y_1-1}{Y_1+1} x$. Under this isomorphism, the holomorphic 1-form ω becomes¹⁹

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \frac{Y_2^{-1} - Y_2}{Y_2^{-1} + Y_2} \frac{dY_1}{Y_1} = - \frac{dY_1}{\sqrt{Y_1^4 + (4\alpha^2 - 2)Y_1^2 + 1}}$$

¹⁹ One has $\omega = -2 dY_1 / (\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y_2} |_{P=0})$ with $P = (Y_1^2 - 1)(Y_2^2 - 1) - 4\alpha Y_1 Y_2$.

and the above-mentioned eight points map to eight points of order dividing 4 on $L_{1-\alpha^2}$, as given in the following Table:

(Y, Y')	$(\infty, -1)$	$(\infty, 1)$	$(0, 1)$	$(0, -1)$	$(\pm 1, \infty)$	$(\pm 1, 0)$
(x, y)	O	P_λ	P_1	P_0	$Q_{1\mp\alpha}$	$-Q_{1\pm\alpha}$

The curve C_α also has a theta-series parametrization. With the Kronecker symbol (\cdot) this can be given by

$$Y_1(z) = -i \frac{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \binom{8}{n} q^{\frac{n^2}{8}} \xi^n}{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \binom{-8}{n} q^{\frac{n^2}{8}} \xi^n}, \quad Y_2(z) = -Y_1(z + 1/8), \tag{4.8}$$

where Y_1 is an odd function of z (because its numerator is even and its denominator is odd) and Y_2 gets inverted under $z \mapsto -z$ (because up to a factor i the numerator and denominator of Y_1 are exchanged under $z \mapsto z + 1/4$). The parametrization is invariant under $\Gamma_0(8)$ -Jacobi transformations up to the identification $(Y_1, Y_2) \sim (-Y_1, 1/Y_2)$. For our following analysis we remark that there is an isomorphism

$$C_\alpha \rightarrow C_{1/\alpha} \\ (Y_1, Y_2) \mapsto \left(\frac{Y_1 - 1}{Y_1 + 1}, \frac{Y_2 - 1}{Y_2 + 1} \right). \tag{4.9}$$

4.2. Correspondence. The identification

$$iY_j = \frac{x_j}{y_j} \quad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, 3 \tag{4.10}$$

gives a map of degree 8 from the family of Calabi–Yau threefolds defined in (2.30) to the hypersurface in $(\mathbb{P}^1)^4$ defined by

$$\tilde{W}_\psi : \prod_{i=1}^4 \left(Y_i - \frac{1}{Y_i} \right) = 16 \psi^4. \tag{4.11}$$

We can identify \tilde{W}_ψ with $\bigcup_\alpha C_\alpha \times C_{\psi^4/\alpha}$, where the two curves are given by the coordinates (Y_1, Y_2) and (Y_3, Y_4) , respectively. We have already seen that C_α is always an elliptic curve with a distinguished cyclic subgroup of order 8, where we can think of α as a parameter in the moduli space $Y_0(8)$ of such curves and we also have the modular parametrization (4.8). For $\psi = 1$ the two factors C_α and $C_{1/\alpha}$ of \tilde{W}_ψ are isomorphic and so \tilde{W}_1 can be identified with the Kuga-Sato threefold, which by definition is the union over the moduli space of the product of the corresponding elliptic curve by itself.

From the modular parametrization (4.8) of C_α and the symmetry (4.9) we get the modular parametrization

$$\Phi : \mathfrak{H} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \tilde{W}_1 \\ (\tau, z_1, z_2) \mapsto \left(Y_1(z_1), Y_2(z_1), \frac{Y_1(z_2) - 1}{Y_1(z_2) + 1}, \frac{Y_2(z_2) - 1}{Y_2(z_2) + 1} \right). \tag{4.12}$$

For the canonical (3, 0) form Ω_ψ of \tilde{W}_ψ , which can be defined using $P := \prod_{i=1}^4 (Y_i^2 - 1) - 16\psi^4 \prod_{i=1}^4 Y_i = 0$ in a patch of $(\mathbb{P}^1)^4$ as²⁰

$$\Omega_\psi = \psi^4 \frac{dY_1 \wedge dY_2 \wedge dY_3}{\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y_4} \Big|_{p=0}} = \frac{1}{16} \frac{Y_4^2 - 1}{Y_4^2 + 1} \frac{dY_1}{Y_1} \wedge \frac{dY_2}{Y_2} \wedge \frac{dY_3}{Y_3} \tag{4.13}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \omega_\alpha^{(1)} \wedge \omega_{\psi^4/\alpha}^{(2)} \wedge \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha}, \tag{4.14}$$

one then finds that

$$\Phi^* \Omega_1 = 2(2\pi i)^3 f(\tau) d\tau \wedge dz_1 \wedge dz_2. \tag{4.15}$$

Here $f(\tau) = -\frac{1}{16\pi i} \theta_3(2\tau)^2 \alpha'(\tau) = \eta(2\tau)^4 \eta(4\tau)^4$ is the unique newform of level 8 and weight 4. This proves the occurrence of the periods of f in the period matrix of \tilde{W}_1 . To prove that the quasiperiods also occur we consider components of derivatives of Ω_ψ at $\psi = 1$ which are anti-invariant under the involution Π induced by

$$C_\alpha \times C_{1/\alpha} \rightarrow C_\alpha \times C_{1/\alpha} \\ (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) \mapsto \left(\frac{Y_3 - 1}{Y_3 + 1}, \frac{Y_4 - 1}{Y_4 + 1}, \frac{Y_1 - 1}{Y_1 + 1}, \frac{Y_2 - 1}{Y_2 + 1} \right). \tag{4.16}$$

Denoting by ∇_z the partial derivative with respect to $z = 1/(2\psi)^8$ with Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, α held constant, and by $(\cdot)^{(-)}$ the anti-invariant part of (\cdot) under Π^* , we get

$$\Omega_1^{(-)} = \Omega_1 \tag{4.17}$$

$$(\nabla_z \Omega_\psi)|_{\psi=1}^{(-)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-2^9 \frac{Y_3^2}{4Y_3^2 + \alpha^2(1 - Y_3^2)^2} - 2^7 \frac{(1 - Y_1^2)^2}{1 + (4\alpha^2 - 2)Y_1^2 + Y_1^4} \right) \Omega_1 \tag{4.18}$$

$$= -2^6 \Omega_1 + 2^4 d(\omega_\alpha^{(1)} \wedge \omega_{1/\alpha}^{(2)}) \tag{4.19}$$

$$(\nabla_z^2 \Omega_\psi)|_{\psi=1}^{(-)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(2^{18} 3 \frac{Y_3^4}{(4Y_3^2 + \alpha^2(1 - Y_3^2)^2)^2} + 2^{14} 3 \frac{(1 - Y_1^2)^4}{(1 + (4\alpha^2 - 2)Y_1^2 + Y_1^4)^2} \right) \Omega_1 \tag{4.20}$$

$$= 2^{14} \frac{1 - 4\alpha^2 + \alpha^4}{(1 - \alpha^2)^2} \Omega_1 + d \left(-2^{12} \frac{2 - \alpha^2}{1 - \alpha^2} \omega_\alpha^{(1)} \wedge \omega_{1/\alpha}^{(2)} \right. \\ \left. + 2^8 \frac{(1 - Y_1^4)(1 - Y_2^2)^3}{\alpha^2(1 - \alpha^2)Y_1^2(1 + Y_2^2)^3} \omega_{1/\alpha}^{(2)} \wedge d\alpha + 2^8 \frac{\alpha^2(1 - Y_3^4)(1 - Y_4^2)^3}{(1 - \alpha^2)Y_3^2(1 + Y_4^2)^3} \omega_\alpha^{(1)} \wedge d\alpha \right). \tag{4.21}$$

The modular parametrization further gives

$$\Phi^* \left[(\nabla_z^2 \Omega_\psi)|_{\psi=1}^{(-)} \right] = \left[2^8 (2\pi i)^3 (F(\tau) + 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot f(\tau)) d\tau \wedge dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \right], \tag{4.22}$$

where

$$F(\tau) = \left(2^7 \frac{1 - 4\alpha(\tau)^2 + \alpha(\tau)^4}{(1 - \alpha(\tau)^2)^2} - 2^6 \cdot 3 \right) f(\tau) \tag{4.23}$$

²⁰ That we have singled out Y_4 in the derivative and Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 in the measure is not important. The representations with permuted indices describe the same 3-form.

is in the same class as the meromorphic partner of f chosen for our numerical computations. In particular this shows that if

$$\int_{\gamma} \Omega_1 = \alpha_+ \omega_f^+ + \alpha_- \omega_f^- \tag{4.24}$$

for a Π -anti-invariant 3-cycle γ then also

$$\int_{\gamma} (\nabla_z \Omega_{\psi})|_{\psi=1} = -64(\alpha_+ \omega_f^+ + \alpha_- \omega_f^-) \tag{4.25}$$

$$\int_{\gamma} (\nabla_z^2 \Omega_{\psi})|_{\psi=1} = 24576(\alpha_+ \omega_f^+ + \alpha_- \omega_f^-) + 128(\alpha_+ \eta_F^+ + \alpha_- \eta_F^-). \tag{4.26}$$

Up to a multiplicative constant this confirms two rows from (3.11) since

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{32}(\omega_f^{\pm}, \eta_F^{\pm}) \begin{pmatrix} -32 & -8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Pi_{1/2^8} \\ & = \omega_f^{\pm} - 64\omega_f^{\pm}(z - 1/2^8) + (24576\omega_f^{\pm} + 128\eta_F^{\pm}) \frac{(z - 1/2^8)^2}{2} + O((z - 1/2^8)^3). \end{aligned} \tag{4.27}$$

5. Local Hypergeometric One-Parameter Calabi–Yau Threefolds

Non-compact (also called local) Calabi–Yau manifolds M have been studied much due to their relation to Chern-Simons theory [71], matrix models [44] and $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric gauge theories [72] and Feynman graphs [73]. They also provide examples for Calabi–Yau backgrounds on which the topological string can be completely solved by localization [63], large string/gauge theory duality [74,75] and the modular approach [76]. We consider local Calabi–Yau threefolds M given as the total space of the anti-canonical line bundle $\mathcal{O}(-K_S) \rightarrow S$ over a del Pezzo surface S and consider a one parameter subslice in the Kähler parameter space of S . The mirror W can be obtained by local version of Batyrev’s construction [72,77] and is given by a one parameter family of elliptic curves \mathcal{C} embedded into a non-compact three-dimensional space. The family \mathcal{C} is parametrized by z and each curve is equipped with a meromorphic one-form λ of the third kind, which is obtained from a holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form Ω .

5.1. Third order Picard–Fuchs operators. Because of the non-vanishing residuum of λ there are three periods $\int_{\gamma_k} \lambda$, $k = 1, 2, 3$ of W , which in our cases are annihilated by third order Picard–Fuchs operators of the form

$$L = (\theta^2 - \mu^{-1}z \prod_{i=1}^2 (\theta + a_i))\theta \tag{5.1}$$

with $\theta = z \frac{d}{dz}$ and the associated Riemann Symbol

$$\mathcal{P} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 & \mu & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & a_2 \end{matrix} \right\}. \tag{5.2}$$

The four possible choices for (a_1, a_2) are displayed in Table 4. As it can be seen there, additional choices of the sign of z and different topological invariants lead to six different local Calabi–Yau threefolds M that are related to the these four hypergeometric systems.

Similar as for the compact cases we can fix a preferred basis of periods corresponding to an integral basis of cycles at the point of maximal unipotent monodromy $z = 0$ in terms of topological invariants of M . We are mainly interested²¹ in the relation of this basis to the Frobenius basis at the conifold $z = \mu$ expressed by a transition matrix T_μ . In particular it contains the value $t(\mu)$ of the mirror map at the conifold, which determines the large degree asymptotics of the Gromov-Witten invariants at all genera [63], determined there numerically. We will show that in all cases it can be expressed in terms of the value of of a Dirichlet L -function, which for $\text{Re } s > 1$ is defined by

$$L_a(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{a}{n} n^{-s}, \tag{5.3}$$

at $s = 2$. Here a takes the values $-3, -4, -8$ and $\binom{a}{n}$ denotes the Kronecker symbol.

5.2. The local geometries. To describe $M = \text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}(-K_S))$ note that two dimensional del Pezzo surfaces are either $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ with canonical class $K = 2(H_1 + H_2)$ (where H_1 and H_2 are the hyperplane classes of the projective spaces) or the surfaces B_k obtained by blowing up \mathbb{P}^2 in $k = 0, \dots, 8$ points with canonical class $K_{B_k} = 3H - \sum_{i=1}^k E_i$ (where H is the hyperplane classes of the projective space and E_i are the exceptional divisors with intersection numbers $H^2 = 1 = -E_i^2$ and $H \cdot E_i = E_i \cdot E_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$). For $S = \mathbb{P}^2$ the geometry M has only one Kähler parameter. For $S = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ we restrict to one parameter sublocus by considering the diagonal Kähler parameter $t = t_1 = t_2$ in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and for $S = B_k, k = 5, \dots, 8$ we set the Kähler parameters t_i of the exceptional divisors classes E_i to zero, see [78]. This gives six local geometries which are summarized in Table 4.

Following [72,77] the non-compact mirror geometry W can be obtained from a conic bundle

$$uv = H(X, Y, z) \tag{5.4}$$

over $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$, where the conic fiber degenerates to two lines over the punctured elliptic curve

$$\mathcal{C}(z) = \{(X, Y) \in \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \mid H(X, Y, z) = 0\}. \tag{5.5}$$

The holomorphic $(3, 0)$ -form $\Omega = \frac{dH \wedge dX \wedge dY}{HXY}$ of W gives the meromorphic one form $\lambda(z) = (2\pi i)^2 \log(Y) \frac{dX}{X}$ on $\mathcal{C}(z)$, where z denotes the one complex structure parameter of W . If S allows a toric description one can directly apply a local version of Batyrev’s construction [72,77] to obtain $H(X, Y, z)$. The general del Pezzo’s $B_k, k = 5, \dots, 8$ do not admit a such a toric description, but the one-parameter families can be obtained from a restricted toric representation as explained in [78], where also Weierstrass forms of the elliptic curves \mathcal{C} are given.

²¹ At $z = \infty$ the operator L has either a second conifold with the indices $(1/2, 1/2)$ or an orbifold point and the corresponding transition matrix can be obtained comparing local expansion of Barnes integral representations of the periods at $z = 0$ and $z = \infty$ as in Sect. 3.2.

Table 4. Data for the local Calabi–Yau manifolds $M = \mathcal{O}(-K_S) \rightarrow S$, that give rise to mirrors W with one-parameter Picard–Fuchs differential equations

Base S	a_1, a_2	$1/\mu$	κ	σ	$c_2 \cdot J$	s	l	h	n_0^1	n_0^2	n_0^3
$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	2^4	1	0	-2	0	$32\pi L_{-4}(2)$	2	-4	-4	-12
\mathbb{P}^2	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$	-3^3	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$27\sqrt{3}\pi L_{-3}(2)$	3	3	-6	27
$B_5 [D_5]$	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	-2^4	4	2	-20	$\frac{1}{2}$	$32\pi L_{-4}(2)$	1	16	-20	48
$B_6 [E_6]$	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$	-3^3	3	$\frac{3}{2}$	-18	$\frac{1}{2}$	$27\sqrt{3}\pi L_{-3}(2)$	1	27	-54	243
$B_7 [E_7]$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	-2^6	2	1	-16	$\frac{1}{2}$	$32\sqrt{2}\pi L_{-8}(2)$	1	56	-272	3240
$B_8 [E_8]$	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{5}{6}$	$-2^4 3^3$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-14	$\frac{1}{2}$	$80\pi L_{-4}(2)$	1	252	-9252	848628

The Weyl groups of the indicated Lie algebras act on the homology of the B_k . This organizes the BPS invariants such as n_0^β in representations of these Weyl groups. The degree of the curve C corresponding to β is given by the intersection $C \cdot K_S = \chi(S)\beta$. The main observation is that l , which up to factor of $(2\pi i)^3$ is the imaginary part of the mirror map at the conifold, is given terms of values of Dirichlet L -functions at $s = 2$

5.3. *The period matrix at the conifold points.* Around $z = 0$ the $\hat{\Gamma}$ -class formalism defines a preferred basis of periods Π also for the local models. One can start with a compact elliptically fibered Calabi–Yau threefold M_c over the base S with one section. Let t be the one complexified Kähler parameter of the base under consideration. On M_c one has one additional complexified Kähler parameter t_e measuring the size of the elliptic fiber. The $\hat{\Gamma}$ class determines a basis of periods of M_c and in the large volume limit $t_e \rightarrow \infty$ this gives three finite periods, corresponding to the D4–brane wrapping S , the D2–branes wrapping curves in S and the D0–brane restricted to S . In terms of the topological invariants summarized in Table 4, the preferred bases for the models under consideration are given by

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{D_4} \\ \Pi_{D_0} \\ \Pi_{D_2} \end{pmatrix} = (2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c_2 \cdot J}{24} & \frac{\sigma}{2\pi i} & -\frac{\kappa}{(2\pi i)^2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\pi i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Pi_0 \tag{5.6}$$

where

$$\Pi_0(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \log(z) + f_0(z) \\ \frac{1}{2} \log^2(z) + f_0(z) \log(z) + f_1(z) \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.7}$$

are solutions of the Picard–Fuchs equation with power series normalized by $f_0(z) = O(z)$ and $f_1(z) = O(z)$. Around the conifold $z = \mu$ we define a basis of solutions by

$$\Pi_\mu(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v(\delta) \\ v(\delta) \log(\delta) + O(\delta^2) \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.8}$$

with $\delta = 1 - z/\mu$ and $v(\delta) = \delta + O(\delta^2)$. We now define the transition matrix T_μ by $\Pi = T_\mu \Pi_\mu$ (analytically continuing along the open interval $(0, \mu)$) and claim that

$$T_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4i\pi^2 \frac{\sqrt{\kappa}}{h} & 0 \\ (2\pi i)^3 & 0 & 0 \\ l & 2\pi h \sqrt{\kappa} (1 - \log|\mu|) & -2\pi h \sqrt{\kappa} \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.9}$$

with the topological invariants and the L -function values l given in Table 4. Here $s = 0, \frac{1}{2}$ determines whether the instanton numbers n_0^β (and more generally n_g^β) are alternating in sign. The value $s = \frac{1}{2}$ can be understood as a half integer shift of the B -field in the limit. The integer h takes values 1, 2, 3. It is 2 and 3 for the cases of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and \mathbb{P}^2 geometries and 1 for all other. After substituting $z \rightarrow -z$ the mirror curves of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and \mathbb{P}^2 are isogenous to the ones of B_5 and B_6 , respectively, which results in the Picard–Fuchs equations being related by $z \rightarrow -z$. Therefore the analytic continuation matrices of these two pairs of geometries are very similar.

The relation (5.9) can be proven by using the modularity of the Picard–Fuchs equations of the family of elliptic curves. This is discussed for example in [79] and in the following we exemplify this for the case of B_5 , corresponding to the family of Legendre curves. On the open interval $(0, \mu)$ we define a basis of functions annihilated by $\theta^2 - z/\mu(\theta + 1/2)^2$ by

$$\omega_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 z^n \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2(z) = \log(z)\omega_1(z) + O(z), \tag{5.10}$$

which are essentially periods of the Legendre family of elliptic curves. These have only logarithmic divergences for $z \rightarrow \mu$ and we thus have

$$\Pi_0(z) = \int_{\mu}^z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_1(z') \\ \omega_2(z') \end{pmatrix} \frac{dz'}{z'} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.11}$$

with

$$c_1 = \log(\mu) + \int_0^{\mu} \frac{\omega_1(z) - 1}{z} dz \tag{5.12}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2} \log(\mu)^2 + \int_0^{\mu} \frac{\omega_2(z) - \log(z)}{z} dz. \tag{5.13}$$

The expansions of the functions ω_1 and ω_2 around $z = \mu$ are well known and have the form

$$\omega_1(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \log(\mu\delta) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \delta - \frac{1}{4\pi} \log(\mu\delta)\delta + O(\log(\delta)\delta^2) \tag{5.14}$$

$$\omega_2(z) = -\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \delta + O(\delta^2). \tag{5.15}$$

and so it follows that the transition matrix is given by

$$T_{\mu} = (2\pi i)^3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c_2 \cdot J}{24} & \frac{\sigma}{2\pi i} - \frac{\kappa}{(2\pi i)^2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\pi i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 (\log(\mu) - 1)/\pi & 1/\pi & \\ c_2 & \pi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.16}$$

and it only remains to compute the constants c_1 and c_2 . To do this we introduce the Hauptmodul t of $\Gamma_0(4)$ defined by

$$t(\tau) = \frac{\eta(\tau)^8 \eta(4\tau)^{16}}{\eta(2\tau)^{24}}. \tag{5.17}$$

This maps the straight line from 0 to ∞ to the straight line from μ to 0 and hence we have

$$c_1 = \log(\mu) - \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega_1(t(\tau)) - 1}{t(\tau)} t'(\tau) d\tau \tag{5.18}$$

$$= \log(\mu) - \int_0^\infty \left(2\pi i - \frac{t'(\tau)}{t(\tau)} \right) d\tau - \int_0^\infty \left(\omega_1(t(\tau)) \frac{t'(\tau)}{t(\tau)} - 2\pi i \right) d\tau \tag{5.19}$$

$$= - \int_0^\infty \left(\omega_1(t(\tau)) \frac{t'(\tau)}{t(\tau)} - 2\pi i \right) d\tau \tag{5.20}$$

$$= 8\pi i \int_0^\infty (E_{3,-4}(\tau) + 1/4) d\tau. \tag{5.21}$$

with the Eisenstein series of weight 3 with Fourier expansion

$$E_{3,-4}(\tau) = -\frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(\sum_{d|n} d^2 \left(\frac{-4}{d} \right) \right) q^n, \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}. \tag{5.22}$$

In the same way one gets

$$c_2 = -16\pi^2 \int_0^\infty \tau (E_{3,-4}(\tau) + 1/4) d\tau. \tag{5.23}$$

From (5.22) we find that $\int_0^\infty (E_{3,-4}(ix) + 1/4)x^{s-1} dx$ equals $(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s) L_{-4}(s - 2)$ (initially for $\text{Re } s > 3$ and then by analytic continuation for $\text{Re } s > 0$, since the Eisenstein series is small for $\tau \rightarrow 0$), so

$$c_1 = -4 L'_{-4}(-1) = -\frac{8}{\pi} L_{-4}(2) \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = 4\zeta(2)L_{-4}(0) = \frac{\pi^2}{3}. \tag{5.24}$$

Numerically the values agree with the ones calculated in [63]. Shortly after these numbers were published (because of their significance for the growth of the $|n_g^\beta|$) the authors received an e-mail from Fernando Rodriguez Villegas pointing out the relations to L -function values (partially based on [80]).²² Using the identity $L_{-3}(2) = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \text{Im}(\text{Li}_2(e^{\pi i/3}))$ and $L_{-4}(2) = \text{Im}(\text{Li}_2(i))$ ones sees that the value for t at the conifold agrees for the local \mathbb{P}^2 with the value that was conjectured from the matrix model in [81]. Similarly for $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ it correspond to the value calculated for $m = 1$, in (B.5) in [82]. Let us finally remark that the asymptotic growth of the absolute value of the instanton numbers $|n_g^\beta|$ is given also for the local case by (2.55). But in this case $X^0(\mu) = (2\pi i)^3$. Hence the asymptotic growth of $|n_g^\beta|$ is exactly determined by the L -function values given in Table 4.

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A. Appendix: Modular Forms and Arithmetic Algebraic Geometry

In the first two parts of this appendix we review the general theory of modular forms and their associated period polynomials, which leads to the definition of periods and quasiperiods of modular forms. In the second part we review the cohomological structure of smooth projective varieties, which for example gives rise to periods and zeta functions. We sketch how the different cohomology groups define motives and that also to certain modular forms one can attach motives.

A.1. Cusp forms and periods. In this section we define the periods associated with modular forms for discrete and cofinite subgroups Γ of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$. For us the relevant examples are the level N subgroups $\Gamma_0(N) \subseteq SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$. We start the section by reviewing a few basic facts about these groups and the properties of modular forms. Then we describe how one can associate period polynomials with modular forms and construct these explicitly for the group $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ and weight 4.

A.1.1. Review of holomorphic modular forms In this section we review some elementary facts about holomorphic modular forms. For further details, see e.g. [83] or [84].

The group $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ of real 2×2 matrices of determinant 1 acts as usual on the complex upper half plane $\mathfrak{H} = \{\tau \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}\tau > 0\}$ by $\tau \mapsto g\tau = \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$ for $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ and this action also extends to $\mathfrak{H} \cup \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$. Elements in $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ which have exactly one fixed point in $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$ are called *parabolic* elements and every parabolic element is conjugate to $\pm T$, where $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Now let Γ be a discrete subgroup of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ that is cofinite, i.e. $\Gamma \backslash \mathfrak{H}$ has finite hyperbolic area. The fixed points in $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$ with respect to parabolic elements of Γ are called the *cusps* of Γ and we denote the union of \mathfrak{H} and the set of cusps of Γ by $\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$. The action of Γ can be restricted to $\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ and two cusps are said to be equivalent if they are in the same Γ orbit. There are only finitely many equivalence classes of cusps.

For any function $f : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ one writes

$$(f|_k g)(\tau) = (c\tau + d)^{-k} f(g\tau) \tag{A.1}$$

and calls $|_k$ the *weight k slash operator*. For any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define the vector space $M_k(\Gamma)$ of (holomorphic) *modular forms* by

$$M_k(\Gamma) = \{f : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f|_k \gamma = f \ \forall \gamma \in \Gamma, f \text{ holomorphic on } \overline{\mathfrak{H}}\}, \tag{A.2}$$

where f is said to be holomorphic (vanish) at a cusp fixed by $\pm g T g^{-1} \in \Gamma$ if $(f|_k g)(x + iy)$ is bounded (vanishes) for $y \rightarrow \infty$. A modular form $f \in M_k(\Gamma)$ is a *cusp form* if it vanishes at all cusps. We denote the subspace of cusp forms by $S_k(\Gamma) \subseteq M_k(\Gamma)$. The

spaces $M_k(\Gamma)$ and hence $S_k(\Gamma)$ are finite-dimensional and there are standard formulas for $\dim M_k(\Gamma)$ and $\dim S_k(\Gamma)$.

Modular forms have Fourier expansions around each cusp, i.e. for a cusp fixed by $\pm gTg^{-1} \in \Gamma$ one finds that $(f|_k g)(\tau + 1) = (\pm 1)^k (f|_k g)(\tau)$ and hence there is an expansion

$$(f|_k g)(\tau) = \sum_m a_{g,m} q^m \quad \text{with} \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}, \tag{A.3}$$

where, depending on $(\pm 1)^k$, the sum runs over positive integers or positive half integers. If f is a cusp form we further have $a_{g,0} = 0$. If $T \in \Gamma$ we abbreviate $a_{1,m}$ by a_m and then have

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m q^m. \tag{A.4}$$

A.1.2. Hecke operators and Atkin–Lehner involutions From now on we take for Γ the level N subgroup

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\} \quad (N \in \mathbb{N}) \tag{A.5}$$

and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(n, N) = 1$ define the Hecke operator T_n , acting on $M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$, as follows. Let

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,N} = \left\{ g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{M}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \det(g) = n, c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}, \tag{A.6}$$

where $\text{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ denotes the set of integral 2×2 matrices. Note that this set is stabilized under left and right multiplication by any $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$. For $f \in M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ we then define

$$f|_k T_n = n^{k-1} \sum_{M \in \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}} f|_k M, \tag{A.7}$$

where the weight k slash operator on the right is defined as in (A.1) even though the matrices M do not have determinant 1. The sum is over any set of representatives for the left action of $\Gamma_0(N)$ on $\mathcal{M}_{n,N}$, a convenient choice being

$$\mathcal{M}_n^{[\infty]} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{M}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid ad = n, 0 \leq b < d \right\}. \tag{A.8}$$

Note that the cardinality of this set equals $\sigma_1(n)$, the sum of divisors of n . In particular, the sum in (A.7) is finite and does not depend on the choice of representatives since f is modular. It is easy to see that $f|_k T_n$ is again modular since the set $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$ is invariant under right multiplication by any $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$. We further see that T_n maps cusp forms to cusp forms. Since $T \in \Gamma_0(N)$ we have the Fourier expansion (A.4) and if one chooses the representatives as in (A.8) one gets a formula for the action of T_n on the Fourier expansion of f . For cusp forms this gives

$$(f|_k T_n)(\tau) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{r|(m,n) \\ r>0}} r^{k-1} a_{mn/r^2} q^m. \tag{A.9}$$

Using the fact that the T_n for different n commute with each other, and that they are self-adjoint for a certain inner product (the Petersson inner product) on $S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$, one can choose a common basis of *eigenforms* f of $S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ such that

$$f|_k T_n = \lambda_n f \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (n, N) = 1. \tag{A.10}$$

From (A.9) one then gets $a_n = \lambda_n a_1$ for $(n, N) = 1$. In particular, for $N = 1$ any eigenform is (up to a multiplicative constant) uniquely determined by its Hecke eigenvalues. For $N > 1$ this is not true in general but for so called *newforms* $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$, which are eigenforms under all Hecke operators that are normalized by $a_1 = 1$ and that are orthogonal to all $g(m\tau)$ for integers m and modular forms $g \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N'))$ with $mN' | N$, this is again true. We denote the algebra generated by the Hecke operators by \mathbb{T} .

There is a further set of operators on $M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ that are relevant for us. For any exact divisor Q of N , i.e. $Q|N$ and $(Q, N/Q) = 1$, any element in the set

$$\mathcal{W}_Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Q}} \begin{pmatrix} Q\mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ N\mathbb{Z} & Q\mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} \cap \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \tag{A.11}$$

normalizes $\Gamma_0(N)$ and the product of any two elements of \mathcal{W}_Q is in $\Gamma_0(N)$. Hence, any $W_Q \in \mathcal{W}_Q$ induces an involution on $\Gamma_0(N)\backslash\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ via the action of W_Q on $\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$. These involutions do not depend on the choice of $W_Q \in \mathcal{W}_Q$ and are called the *Atkin–Lehner involutions*. They generate a group isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^\ell$, where ℓ is the number of prime factors of N . The subgroup of $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ obtained by adjoining all Atkin–Lehner involutions to $\Gamma_0(N)$ is denoted by $\Gamma_0^*(N)$, i.e.

$$\Gamma_0^*(N) = \bigcup_{\substack{Q|N \\ (Q, N/Q)=1}} W_Q \Gamma_0(N). \tag{A.12}$$

It normalizes $\Gamma_0(N)$ in $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ and permutes the cusps of $\Gamma_0(N)$. Each Atkin–Lehner involution on $\Gamma_0(N)\backslash\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ induces an involution (also called Atkin–Lehner involution) on $M_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ by $f \mapsto f|_k W_Q$, which is again independent of the choice of W_Q . These involutions commute with each other as well as with the operators of \mathbb{T} and define an eigenspace decomposition $M_k(\Gamma_0(N)) = \bigoplus_\epsilon M_k^\epsilon(\Gamma_0(N))$, where the sum ranges over the characters of $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^\ell$. The fact that the Atkin–Lehner involutions commute with \mathbb{T} implies that every newform automatically belongs to one of these eigenspaces.

A.1.3. Eichler integrals and period polynomials We consider the normalized derivative $D = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{d\tau}$, where the factor $\frac{1}{2\pi i}$ is introduced so that D sends periodic functions with rational Fourier coefficients to periodic functions with rational Fourier coefficients. The operator D does not preserve modularity. Instead, we have the following elementary but not obvious proposition.

Proposition 1 (Bol’s identity [85]). *Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be an integer, $k \geq 2$. Then for any meromorphic function $f : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ we have*

$$D^{k-1}(f|_{2-k}g) = (D^{k-1}f)|_k g \quad (\forall g \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})). \tag{A.13}$$

If f is modular of weight k on some group Γ , then any holomorphic function $\tilde{f} : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with the property that $D^{k-1}\tilde{f} = f$ is called an *Eichler integral of f* . The Eichler integral exists, but is well-defined only up to a degree $k - 2$ polynomial $p \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$, where $V_{k-2}(K) = \langle 1, \dots, \tau^{k-2} \rangle_K$ for any field K . For instance, we can take \tilde{f} to be \tilde{f}_{τ_0} , where

$$\tilde{f}_{\tau_0}(\tau) = \frac{(2\pi i)^{k-1}}{(k-2)!} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} (\tau - z)^{k-2} f(z) dz \tag{A.14}$$

for any $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$, or even $\tau_0 \in \bar{\mathfrak{h}}$ if f is a cusp form. In particular, if $T \in \Gamma$, then we have

$$\tilde{f}_{\infty}(\tau) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{m^{k-1}} q^m \quad \text{if} \quad f(\tau) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m q^m \in S_k(\Gamma). \tag{A.15}$$

For later purposes we observe that \tilde{f}_{∞} is related to \tilde{f}_{τ_0} for any $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{h}$ by

$$\tilde{f}_{\infty}(\tau) - \tilde{f}_{\tau_0}(\tau) = \frac{(2\pi i)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_0-1} B_{k-1}(\tau - z) f(z) dz, \tag{A.16}$$

where B_n is the n th Bernoulli polynomial. Indeed, from $B_n(x+1) = B_n(x) + nx^{n-1}$ and $f(z-1) = f(z)$ we find that this equation does not depend on τ_0 and since it is true for $\tau_0 = \infty$ it is true for all τ_0 .

For a fixed choice of Eichler integral \tilde{f} it follows from Bol's identity (A.13) that

$$r_f(\gamma) := \tilde{f}|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1)(\tau) \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}) \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \tag{A.17}$$

i.e. $r_f(\gamma)$ is a polynomial of degree $k - 2$, which is called a *period polynomial of f* for $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Here we extended the action of the slash operator to the group algebra $\mathbb{C}[\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})]$ in the obvious way (viz., $f|_k \sum g_i = \sum f|_k g_i$, where we write $\sum g_i$ instead of the more correct $\sum [g_i]$). The period polynomials measure the failure of modularity of the Eichler integral. An immediate consequence of the definition is that the period polynomials satisfy the cocycle condition

$$r_f(\gamma\gamma') = r_f(\gamma)|_{2-k}\gamma' + r_f(\gamma'), \tag{A.18}$$

where we define an action of $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ on $V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$ by extending the slash operator (A.1) to complex polynomials $p \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$ in the obvious way.

Since the Eichler integral \tilde{f} is unique only up to addition of polynomials $p \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$ it follows that r_f is unique only up to addition of maps of the form $\gamma \mapsto p|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1)$ for polynomials $p \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$. The dependence on p is described in terms of group cohomology. Let K be any field so that $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}(2, K)$. We define the group of cocycles

$$Z^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) = \{r : \Gamma \rightarrow V_{k-2}(K) \mid r(\gamma\gamma') = r(\gamma)|_{2-k}\gamma' + r(\gamma') \forall \gamma, \gamma' \in \Gamma\} \tag{A.19}$$

and the group of coboundaries by

$$B^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) = \{\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto p|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1) \mid p \in V_{k-2}(K)\}. \tag{A.20}$$

Then, the (first) group cohomology group is defined as the quotient

$$H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) = \frac{Z^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))}{B^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))}. \tag{A.21}$$

It follows from the definition (A.17) that the freedom in the choice of the Eichler integral \tilde{f} results in a coboundary. Therefore we can associate to f a unique cohomology class $[r_f] \in H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$. Furthermore, we define the group of *parabolic cocycles*

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) \\ &= \{r \in Z^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) \mid r(\gamma) \in V_{k-2}(K)|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1) \forall \text{ parabolic } \gamma \in \Gamma\}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.22}$$

Trivially, one has $B^1 \subseteq Z_{\text{par}}^1 \subseteq Z^1$. Hence, one can define the parabolic cohomology group

$$H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) = \frac{Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))}{B^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))} \subseteq H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)), \tag{A.23}$$

where the codimension of the embedding is in general less or equal then the number of non-equivalent cusps times the dimension of $V_{k-2}(K)$. We have the following proposition.

Proposition 2. *For any $f \in S_k(\Gamma)$ one has $r_f \in Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$.*

Proof. Recall that r_f is defined by (A.17) for some fixed Eichler integral \tilde{f} of f . We have to show that $r_f(\gamma)$ belongs to $V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1)$ for any parabolic $\gamma \in \Gamma$. We can write $\gamma = \pm gTg^{-1} \in \Gamma$ for some $g \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. Then we have a Fourier expansion

$$(f|_k g)(\tau) = \sum_m a_{g,m} q^m, \tag{A.24}$$

where $a_{g,0}$ vanishes since f is a cusp form. The function

$$\left(\sum_m \frac{a_{g,m}}{m^{k-1}} q^m \right) \Big|_{2-k} g^{-1} \tag{A.25}$$

is then annihilated by $\gamma - 1$, and using Bol’s identity we find that it is an Eichler integral of f and hence differs from \tilde{f} by an element of $V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$. This implies the claim. \square

The importance of the parabolic cohomology group stems from a theorem due to Eichler. We define the space of $\overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$ of antiholomorphic cusp forms as the space of all functions \overline{f} for $f \in S_k(\Gamma)$, where we define $\overline{f}(\tau) = \overline{f(\overline{\tau})}$.

Theorem 1 (Eichler–Shimura isomorphism). *The map $f \mapsto [r_f]$ and its complex conjugate $\overline{f} \mapsto [r_{\overline{f}}] := [\overline{r_f}]$ (obtained by complex conjugating the coefficients) induce an isomorphism*

$$H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})) \cong S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}. \tag{A.26}$$

Proof. For even k a first result of this type was given by Eichler in [86], who in particular showed that the dimensions of both sides agree. For the complete proof for even and odd k we refer to Shimura [87]. \square

We now assume that $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ normalizes Γ . We then get an involution $r \mapsto r|_{2-k}\varepsilon$ on $Z^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))$, where we define the action of any normalizer $W \in \text{GL}(2, K)$ of Γ on elements in $Z^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))$ by

$$(r|_{2-k}W)(\gamma) = r(W\gamma W^{-1})|_{2-k}W. \tag{A.27}$$

Here we generalize that the slash operator acts on polynomials as defined in (A.1) even when $\det W < 0$. The eigenvalues of the involution are ± 1 and we get an induced decomposition

$$H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K)) = H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))^+ \oplus H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))^- . \tag{A.28}$$

It is straightforward to check that, with respect to the Eichler-Shimura isomorphism, the involution ε on $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ corresponds to the involution on $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$ induced by $f \mapsto (-1)^{k-1} f^*$, where $f^*(\tau) = f(-\bar{\tau})$. In particular, the restriction of period polynomials to $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(K))^{\pm}$ gives the isomorphisms

$$S_k(\Gamma) \cong H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))^{\pm}. \tag{A.29}$$

We now fix $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$. Since $S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ admits an action by the Hecke algebra \mathbb{T} , the Eichler-Shimura isomorphism induces an action of \mathbb{T} on $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$. This action can be described as follows. For a map $r : \Gamma_0(N) \rightarrow V_{k-2}(K)$ and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(n, N) = 1$ we define a map $r|_{2-k}T_n : \Gamma_0(N) \rightarrow V_{k-2}(K)$ by

$$(r|_{2-k}T_n)(\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma_1(n)} r(\gamma_i)|_{2-k}M_{\pi_\gamma(i)}, \tag{A.30}$$

where $M_i, i = 1, \dots, \sigma_1(n)$ are chosen representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$ and the $\gamma_i \in \Gamma_0(N)$ are determined by the identity

$$M_i\gamma = \gamma_i M_{\pi_\gamma(i)}. \tag{A.31}$$

Here, $\pi_\gamma(i)$ denotes a permutation of the indices $i = 1, \dots, \sigma_1(n)$, whose dependence on γ is uniquely determined by (A.31). Using the cocycle property it is straightforward to show that this map can be restricted to Z^1 and B^1 . Further, the map depends on the choice of representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$, but we have the following propositions.

Proposition 3. *For any $r \in Z^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(K))$ the cohomology class $[r|_{2-k}T_n]$ does not depend on the chosen representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$.*

Proof. Let $r|_{2-k}T'_n$ be defined with respect to a second choice $M'_i, i = 1, \dots, \sigma_1(n)$ of representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$. We order these so that $M'_i = \gamma'_i M_i$ for uniquely determined $\gamma'_i \in \Gamma_0(N)$. By using the cocycle property one finds that for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$

$$(r|_{2-k}T'_n - r|_{2-k}T_n)(\gamma) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma_1(n)} r(\gamma'_i)|_{2-k}M_i \right) |_{2-k}(\gamma - 1) \tag{A.32}$$

and thus $[r|_{2-k}T'_n] = [r|_{2-k}T_n]$. □

Proposition 4. For $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ we have

$$r_{f|_k T_n} = r_f|_{2-k} T_n, \tag{A.33}$$

where the same set of representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$ has been chosen on both sides and the Eichler integral on the left side has been chosen as $\widetilde{f|_k T_n} = n^{k-1} \widetilde{f}|_{2-k} T_n$.

Proof. Using Bol’s identity (A.13) we find that

$$D^{k-1}(n^{k-1} \widetilde{f}|_{2-k} T_n) = (D^{k-1} \widetilde{f})|_k T_n = f|_k T_n \tag{A.34}$$

and thus our choice of Eichler integral is indeed valid. We then get

$$\begin{aligned} r_{f|_k T_n}(\gamma) &= \widetilde{f|_k T_n}|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1) \\ &= n^{k-1} \widetilde{f}|_{2-k} T_n|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma_1(n)} \widetilde{f}|_{2-k}(M_i \gamma - M_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma_1(n)} \widetilde{f}|_{2-k}(\gamma_i M_{\sigma_\gamma(i)} - M_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma_1(n)} r_f(\gamma_i)|_{2-k} M_{\sigma_\gamma(i)} \end{aligned} \tag{A.35}$$

□

We conclude that the action of \mathbb{T} defined by (A.30) induces a well defined action of Hecke operators on $H^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(K))$ which does not depend on the chosen representatives of $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{M}_{n,N}$ and is compatible with the isomorphism (A.26) for $K = \mathbb{C}$. Completely analogously we can define the action of Atkin–Lehner operators W_Q on $Z^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(K))$ (for suitable K) by $r \mapsto r|_{2-k} W_Q$. This gives a well-defined action on $H^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(K))$ which does not depend on the chosen element of \mathcal{W}_Q and is compatible with the isomorphism (A.26) for $K = \mathbb{C}$.

We conclude this introduction to period polynomials with an important proposition about the period polynomials associated with newforms.

Proposition 5. Let $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ be a newform and let $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ be the number field generated by its Hecke eigenvalues. Then the Eichler integral can be chosen such that

$$r_f \in \omega_f^+ Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}(f)))^+ \oplus \omega_f^- Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}(f)))^- \tag{A.36}$$

for some $\omega_f^\pm \in \mathbb{C}$. If $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ is totally real one has $\omega_f^+ \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\omega_f^- \in i\mathbb{R}$.

Proof. First note that $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})) \cong H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q})) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$ and that we have a well-defined action of the Hecke algebra \mathbb{T} and of the involution ε on $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}))$. Since f is uniquely determined by its Hecke eigenvalues which lie in $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ we can define two 1-dimensional eigenspaces $V^\pm \subseteq H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(K))^\pm$ with the same eigenvalues as $f \pm (-1)^{k-1} f^*$. Then the first statement directly follows. If $\mathbb{Q}(f)$ is totally real we have $f^* = f$ and then the second statement also follows. □

We call the numbers ω_f^\pm , which are unique only up to multiplication by $\mathbb{Q}(f)$, the *periods of f* . Proposition 5 was first proved (for $\Gamma = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$) by Manin [88] in a stronger form, namely that the period polynomials r_f defined by choosing $\tilde{f} = f_\infty$ as in (A.15) satisfies (A.36), and we will use this in the sequel.

A.1.4. Computation of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$* In the following we want to compute a basis for $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$ and simultaneously diagonalize the action of the involution ε and the Hecke algebra \mathbb{T} . We start by explaining how one can obtain a set of generators of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ and their relations.

To obtain generators of discrete cofinite subgroups $\Gamma \subseteq \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ we construct a fundamental domain \mathcal{F} as \mathcal{F}_{τ_0} plus parts of its boundary, where

$$\mathcal{F}_{\tau_0} = \Gamma_{\tau_0} \setminus \{ \tau \in \mathfrak{H} \mid d(\tau, \tau_0) < d(\gamma\tau, \tau_0) \ \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \}. \tag{A.37}$$

Here $\tau_0 \in \overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ is arbitrary point, d is the hyperbolic distance function and Γ_{τ_0} is the stabilizer of τ_0 . If $\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ contains ∞ , choosing $\tau_0 = \infty$ and the Ford circles $|c\tau + d| = 1$ as boundaries is particularly convenient. Then (A.37) evaluates to

$$\mathcal{F}_\infty = \Gamma_\infty \setminus \{ \tau \in \mathfrak{H} \mid |c\tau + d| > 1 \ \forall \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma \}. \tag{A.38}$$

For subgroups of $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ containing $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ we define \mathfrak{H}_s to be the strip of width 1 in the upper half plane $\mathfrak{H}_s = \{ \tau \in \mathfrak{H} \mid -\frac{1}{2} < \text{Re}\tau < \frac{1}{2} \}$. For instance, for $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$ one can then express (A.38) as

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_\infty = \mathfrak{H}_s \setminus \coprod_{\substack{c=1 \\ c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}}}^{\infty} \coprod_{\substack{-c \leq d \leq c \\ (c,d)=1}} \{ |\tau + \frac{d}{c}| \leq \frac{1}{c} \}, \tag{A.39}$$

while for $\Gamma_0^*(N)$ with N a prime power we instead take the product over all elements that are in $W_N\Gamma_0(N)$ (or $\Gamma_0(N)W_N$), i.e. over elements of the form $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}\sqrt{N} & \hat{b}/\sqrt{N} \\ \hat{c}\sqrt{N} & \hat{d}/\sqrt{N} \end{pmatrix}$ with $\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{c}, \hat{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $N\hat{a}\hat{d} - \hat{b}\hat{c} = 1$, hence the divisibility condition becomes $(\hat{c}, N\hat{d}) = 1$. The union over c leads to Ford circles with rapidly decreasing radii, which can be shown to not bound the fundamental domain further for c sufficiently large. Topologically \mathcal{F} is a polygon bounded by segments of the Ford circles as edges. If a Ford circle has a fixed point of order 2 we regard it as two edges split by the fixed point. In this way the polygon has an even number of edges which are identified in pairs. As generators of Γ one can choose the elements identifying the edges. The relations between these generators are obtained from considering the finite orbits of the vertices of \mathcal{F} under the action of Γ . If the vertices in one orbit are cusps, one gets no relation, and if they are elliptic points of order n , one gets a product of elements which is of order n (in $\Gamma/\{\pm 1\}$). As an example, consider the standard fundamental domain of $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ with the vertices $P_0 = \infty, P_1 = e^{2\pi i/3}, P_2 = i, P_3 = e^{\pi i/3}$. The edges P_0P_1 and P_3P_0 are identified by $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and the edges P_1P_2 and P_2P_3 are identified by $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. The elliptic fixed point P_2 of order 2 gives the relation $S^2 = -1$ and the elliptic fixed point P_1 of order 3 gives the relation $(ST)^3 = -1$. We now turn to the more complicated case of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$. For $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ we find the fundamental domain \mathcal{F} shown in Fig. 3. From the Ford circles bounding \mathcal{F} one sees that one can choose the generators of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ as

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \frac{12}{5} \\ 10 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \frac{8}{5} \\ 15 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \frac{6}{5} \\ 20 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.40}$$

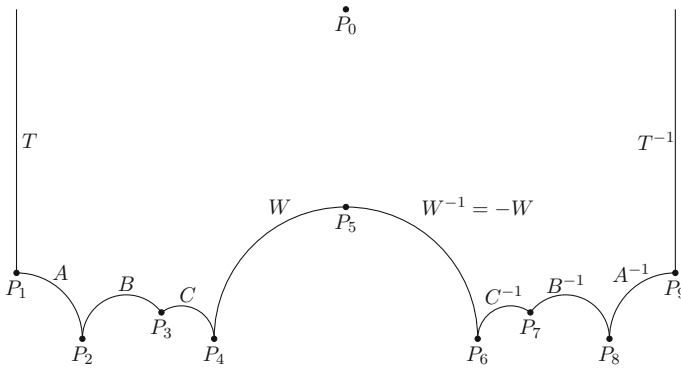


Fig. 3. A fundamental domain \mathcal{F} of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ with three inequivalent parabolic vertices P_0, P_2, P_4 and three inequivalent elliptic vertices P_1, P_3, P_5 of order two

The relations between these generators are again obtained from considering the finite orbits of the vertices of \mathcal{F} under the action of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$. For example, A maps P_1 to P_9 and T^{-1} maps P_9 back to P_1 . From similar considerations one concludes that one has three elliptic elements of order two (in $\Gamma_0^*(25)/\{\pm 1\}$)

$$T^{-1}A, B^{-1}C, W, \quad \text{fixing } P_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{10}, P_3 = -\frac{7}{25} + \frac{i}{25}, P_5 = \frac{i}{5}, \quad (\text{A.41})$$

respectively. Analogously, we find the three inequivalent parabolic elements

$$T, A^{-1}B, C^{-1}W, \quad \text{fixing } P_0 = \infty, P_2 = -\frac{2}{5}, P_4 = -\frac{1}{5}, \quad (\text{A.42})$$

respectively.

Now, we set $k = 4$ and give an explicit description of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$. For a cocycle $r \in Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$ we write the five period polynomials corresponding to the generators γ from (A.40) as

$$r(\gamma) = a_\gamma^{(2)}\tau^2 + a_\gamma^{(1)}\tau + a_\gamma^{(0)} \quad (\text{A.43})$$

so that in total we have 15 rational coefficients $a_\gamma^{(k)}$, $\gamma \in \{T, A, B, C, W\}$, $k = 0, 1, 2$. The existence of the elliptic elements A.41 and the parabolic elements A.42 imposes six relations among them. For example, the cocycle relation yields $r(T^{-1}A) = r(A) - r(T)|_{-2}T^{-1}A$, but since $T^{-1}A$ is of order two one gets

$$0 = r(T^{-1}A)|_{-2}T^{-1}A + r(T^{-1}A), \quad (\text{A.44})$$

yielding one relation between the coefficients of $r(A)$ and $r(T)$. For the representatives we can furthermore choose e.g. $r(T) = 0$ —two nontrivial conditions—as well as $r(W) = a_W^{(1)}\tau$ —one nontrivial condition—, which leaves six independent parabolic cocycles, which we choose as in Table 5.

We now work out the action of the Hecke operator T_2 as defined in (A.30) in detail. We choose $\sigma_1(2) = 3$ representatives for $\Gamma_0(25)\backslash\mathcal{M}_{2,25}$ as

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.45})$$

Table 5. Representatives for a basis of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$

	T	W	A	B	C
r_1	0	0	$25\tau^2 + 25\tau + 6$	0	0
r_2	0	0	$150\tau^2 - 39$	$125\tau + 35$	0
r_3	0	0	$-100\tau^2 + 26$	$125\tau^2 - 10$	0
r_4	0	0	$100\tau^2 - 26$	-10	$125\tau + 25$
r_5	0	0	$-50\tau^2 + 13$	5	$125\tau^2 - 5$
r_6	0	25τ	$50\tau^2 - 13$	-5	-5

Table 6. γ_i and $\pi_\gamma(i)$ for $\gamma \in \{T, A, B, C, W\}$ as defined by $M_i\gamma = \gamma_i M_{\pi_\gamma(i)}$, where we decomposed γ_i as a word in terms of the chosen generators of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$

γ	T	A	B	C	W
$M_1\gamma$	T^2M_1	$TWTM_1$	$TB^{-1}M_3$	AM_1	WM_2
$M_2\gamma$	M_3	CM_2	$WC^{-1}WM_2$	$WB^{-1}WM_2$	WM_1
$M_3\gamma$	TM_2	$TC^{-1}M_3$	$TB^{-1}TM_1$	$TB^{-1}AB^{-1}M_3$	$TA^{-1}M_3$

In order to apply (A.30) we need to determine for $\gamma \in \Gamma_0^*(25)$ the permutations π_γ as well as the γ_i for $i = 1, 2, 3$ as defined in (A.31) and express the latter as a word in terms of the chosen generators of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$, see Table 6.

Given this information we can compute the action of T_2 on the basis of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$ defined in Table 5 by repeatedly using the cocycle property. By (A.33), this action must have the same eigenvalues as the Hecke operator T_2 acting on $S_4(\Gamma_0^*(25))$ and by the Eichler-Shimura isomorphism they must appear with multiplicity two. The calculation gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} [r_1]_{-2} T_2 \\ \vdots \\ [r_6]_{-2} T_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -\frac{6}{5} & -\frac{9}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} & -\frac{8}{5} & 0 \\ -24 & \frac{184}{5} & \frac{246}{5} & \frac{336}{5} & \frac{672}{5} & -12 \\ 16 & -\frac{106}{5} & -\frac{139}{5} & -\frac{204}{5} & -\frac{408}{5} & 8 \\ 104 & \frac{366}{5} & \frac{539}{5} & \frac{384}{5} & \frac{798}{5} & -8 \\ -42 & -\frac{178}{5} & -\frac{262}{5} & -\frac{192}{5} & -\frac{399}{5} & 4 \\ 74 & \frac{122}{5} & \frac{182}{5} & \frac{96}{5} & \frac{199}{5} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} [r_1] \\ \vdots \\ [r_6] \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.46}$$

and so the eigenvalues are $\{1, 1, 4, 4, -4, -4\}$. Analogously, we compute the matrix associated with the involution ε . For any generator $\gamma \in \{T, A, B, C, W\}$ one has $\varepsilon\gamma\varepsilon = \gamma^{-1}$ and one then obtains

$$\begin{pmatrix} [r_1]_{-2} \varepsilon \\ \vdots \\ [r_6]_{-2} \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 12 & 7 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & -4 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 12 & 18 & 9 & 20 & 0 \\ -4 & -6 & -9 & -4 & -9 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 9 & 8 & 16 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} [r_1] \\ \vdots \\ [r_6] \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.47}$$

We can now choose an eigenbasis of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(N), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$ with respect to the action of T_2 and ε . A possible choice is given in Table 7. The lower index of r_λ^\pm indicates

Table 7. Representatives for an eigenbasis of $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0^*(25), V_2(\mathbb{Q}))$ w.r.t. T_2 and ε

r_λ^\pm	T	W	A	B	C
r_1^+	0	0	$400\tau^2 + 400\tau + 96$	$525\tau^2 + 350\tau + 56$	$1000\tau^2 + 500\tau + 60$
r_1^-	0	-8τ	$12\tau + 6$	$125\tau^2 + 82\tau + 14$	$250\tau^2 + 132\tau + 18$
r_4^+	0	0	$25\tau^2 + 25\tau + 6$	$75\tau^2 + 50\tau + 8$	$100\tau^2 + 50\tau + 6$
r_4^-	0	-5τ	0	$50\tau^2 + 40\tau + 8$	$175\tau^2 + 90\tau + 12$
r_{-4}^+	0	0	$75\tau^2 + 75\tau + 18$	$75\tau^2 + 50\tau + 8$	0
r_{-4}^-	0	$-\tau$	$4\tau + 2$	$50\tau^2 + 34\tau + 6$	$75\tau^2 + 34\tau + 4$

the eigenvalue λ of the associated cohomology class with respect to T_2 and the upper index denotes the eigenvalue ± 1 of the associated cohomology class with respect to the involution ε .

A.2. Meromorphic cusp forms and quasiperiods. In the previous section we have seen that there is an isomorphism

$$H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})) \cong S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}. \tag{A.48}$$

For the case $k = 2$ this corresponds to the usual Hodge decomposition $H^1 = H^{1,0} \oplus H^{0,1}$ for complex curves and the complex conjugation makes this decomposition non-algebraic. In this case the algebraic version of H^1 can be realized by holomorphic differentials (differentials of the first kind) and meromorphic differentials with vanishing residues (differentials of the second kind). The integration of these forms gives a well defined pairing with the homology and taking the quotient by derivatives of meromorphic forms one obtains a space that is isomorphic to H^1 and defined algebraically. Instead of the Hodge decomposition we then have a filtration into classes that can be represented by differentials of the first and second kind, respectively. In this section we discuss the algebraic analogue of the isomorphism (A.48) by considering meromorphic modular forms. This will allow us to define quasiperiods as the periods of certain meromorphic modular forms. The theory of meromorphic cusp forms and their associated period polynomials was first introduced by Eichler [86] and later independently rediscovered by Brown [89] and one of the authors in the context of [90].

A.2.1. Meromorphic cusp forms and their period polynomials We want to extend the period map $r : S_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ to the space of *meromorphic modular forms*

$$M_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) = \{F : \overline{\mathfrak{H}} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid F \text{ meromorphic and } F|_k\gamma = F \ \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\}. \tag{A.49}$$

However, to have an Eichler integral, we need to restrict to forms that are $(k - 1)$ -st derivatives. By simple connectivity it is enough to require that they are *locally* $(k - 1)$ -st derivatives and we thus define

$$S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) = \{F \in M_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) \mid F \text{ is locally a } (k - 1)\text{-st derivative}\}. \tag{A.50}$$

Concretely, this means that for each $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{H}$ the coefficients of $(\tau - \tau_0)^m$ in the Laurent expansion around τ_0 vanish for $m = -1, \dots, -(k - 1)$ and that for each cusp the constant coefficient in the Fourier expansion vanishes. For any $F \in S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$ one can then choose an Eichler integral \tilde{F} , i.e. a meromorphic modular form such that $D^{k-1}\tilde{F} = F$, and

compute the period polynomials $r_F(\gamma) = \tilde{F}|_{2-k}(\gamma - 1)(\tau)$ for $\gamma \in \Gamma$. These are polynomials by Bol's identity and as in the case of holomorphic cusp forms one finds that they are parabolic cocycles and induce a well defined class $[r_F] \in H^1_{\text{par}}(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ which does not depend on the choice of Eichler integral. Bol's identity also implies that $D^{k-1}M_{2-k}^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) \subseteq S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$ and of course the classes in $H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ associated with elements in $D^{k-1}M_{2-k}^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$ are trivial. This motivates introducing the quotient

$$\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) = S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)/(D^{k-1}M_{2-k}^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)). \tag{A.51}$$

Note that the Riemann-Roch theorem implies that one can choose the representatives to have poles only in an arbitrary non-zero subset of $\overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ closed under the action of Γ , for instance the set of all cusps (if there are cusps) or the set of cusps equivalent to ∞ (if ∞ is a cusp). For suitable Γ we therefore have canonical isomorphisms

$$\mathbb{S}_k^{[\infty]}(\Gamma) \cong S_k^!(\Gamma) \cong \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma), \tag{A.52}$$

where the first two spaces are defined as in (A.51) but restricting to forms with possible poles only at $[\infty]$ or only at the cusps, respectively.

In the following we explain that the period map gives an isomorphism between $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$ and $H^1_{\text{par}}(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$. We start by defining a useful pairing.

Proposition 6 (Eichler pairing). *There is a pairing $\{ , \} : S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) \times S_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by*

$$\{F, G\} = (2\pi i)^k \sum_{\tau \in \Gamma \backslash \overline{\mathfrak{H}}} \text{Res}_{\tau}(\tilde{F}G \, d\tau). \tag{A.53}$$

This pairing is $(-1)^{k+1}$ -symmetric and descends to $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \times \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$.

Proof. First note that the right-hand side of (A.53) makes sense because the sum is finite (only finitely many orbits have poles) and the individual residues do not depend on the choice of τ in the Γ -orbit (the difference of the residues at τ and $\gamma\tau$ is $r_F(\gamma)G \, d\tau$ which cannot have any residues since G is a $(k - 1)$ -st derivative and $r_F(\gamma)$ is a polynomial of degree at most $k - 2$). Similarly, the pairing does not depend on the choice of Eichler integral since \tilde{F} is unique up to a polynomial p of degree $k - 2$ and $p \, G \, d\tau$ again has no residues. The $(-1)^{k+1}$ -symmetry follows since $\tilde{F}G - (-1)^{k+1}FG$ is a derivative. Because of this symmetry it just remains to prove that $\{F, G\}$ vanishes for any $F \in D^{k-1}M_{2-k}^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$. This is clear since one can choose \tilde{F} to be in $M_{2-k}^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$ and then $\tilde{F}G \, d\tau$ is a well defined meromorphic differential on the compact curve $\Gamma \backslash \overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ and hence the sum of its residues vanishes. \square

Theorem 2 (Eichler). *The natural map $S_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$ induced by inclusion and the map $F \mapsto \{F, \cdot\}$ give the short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow S_k(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\{ \cdot, \cdot \}} S_k(\Gamma)^{\vee} \longrightarrow 0, \tag{A.54}$$

where $S_k(\Gamma)^{\vee}$ denotes the dual space of $S_k(\Gamma)$.

Proof. The first (non-trivial) map is injective since the period polynomial of a holomorphic cusp form determines the form uniquely. The composite of the first two maps is trivial since holomorphic functions don't have poles. Eichler [86] shows that the kernel of the second map is exactly the image of the first map and that the second map is surjective. \square

This theorem implies that $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$ is (non-canonically) isomorphic to $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus S_k(\Gamma)^\vee$. Hence the domain and the codomain of the period map $r : \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ have the same dimension and since the map is injective it gives an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \cong H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})). \tag{A.55}$$

We now restrict to $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$ to introduce Hecke operators for meromorphic modular forms. For holomorphic modular forms we defined these in (A.7) and we use the same definition for meromorphic modular forms. By Bol’s identity it follows that they also descend to $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ and we have the following proposition.

Proposition 7. *The pairing $\{ , \}$ is equivariant with respect to the Hecke operators.*

Proof. Without loss of generality we can restrict to meromorphic modular forms F and G that only have poles at cusps equivalent to ∞ . In terms of the Fourier coefficients a_m and b_m of F and G , respectively, we choose the Eichler integrals

$$\tilde{F}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{m \neq 0 \\ m \gg -\infty}} \frac{a_m}{m^{k-1}} q^m \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{G}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{m \neq 0 \\ m \gg -\infty}} \frac{b_m}{m^{k-1}} q^m. \tag{A.56}$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \{F, G|_k T_n\} &= (2\pi i)^{k-1} \sum_{\substack{m \neq 0 \\ -\infty \ll m \ll \infty}} \sum_{\substack{r|(m,n) \\ r>0}} \frac{a_{-m}}{(-m)^{k-1}} r^{k-1} b_{mn/r^2} \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} (2\pi i)^{k-1} \sum_{\substack{m' \neq 0 \\ -\infty \ll m' \ll \infty}} \sum_{\substack{r'|(m',n) \\ r'>0}} r'^{k-1} a_{m'n/r'^2} \frac{b_{-m'}}{(-m')^{k-1}} \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} \{G, F|_k T_n\} \\ &= \{F|_k T_n, G\}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.57}$$

where $m' = -mn/r^2$ and $r' = n/r$. □

Just as in the case of holomorphic cusp forms, the period map $r : \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$ is compatible with the action of the Hecke operators. The proposition above further shows that the (non-canonical) isomorphism between $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$ and $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus S_k(\Gamma)^\vee$ is also compatible with the action of the Hecke operators.

The above considerations show that associated with any newform $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ we have a 2-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ with the same Hecke eigenvalues. Let $F \in S_k^{\text{mer}}(\Gamma_0(N))$ be such that $[f]$ and $[F]$ generate this subspace. We can choose F to have poles only at cusps equivalent to ∞ and Fourier coefficients in $\mathbb{Q}(f)$, and then call F (or $[F]$) a *meromorphic partner* of f . In Proposition 5 we showed that

$$[r_f] = \omega_f^+[r^+] + \omega_f^-[r^-] \tag{A.58}$$

for $r^\pm \in Z_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}(f)))$ and used this to define the periods ω_f^\pm , which are unique up to multiplication by $\mathbb{Q}(f)$. Completely analogously we have

$$[r_F] = \eta_F^+[r^+] + \eta_F^-[r^-] \tag{A.59}$$

for the same r^\pm , which defines the *quasiperiods* η_F^\pm . Note that these only depend on the class of F . We finish this section by giving a quadratic relation fulfilled by the periods and quasiperiods.

Proposition 8 (“Legendre Relation”). *Let f be a newform with meromorphic partner F . Then the associated periods and quasiperiods satisfy*

$$(\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+) \in (2\pi i)^{k-1} \mathbb{Q}(f). \tag{A.60}$$

Proof. First note that clearly $\{f, F\} \in (2\pi i)^{k-1} \mathbb{Q}(f)$. The idea now is to relate the pairing $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ to a pairing on $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$. We give an explicit proof for level 1 which goes along the lines of similar calculations in [91] and [92]. $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by T and $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfying $S^2 = (ST)^3 = -1$ and a standard (non-strict) fundamental domain is given by $\mathcal{F} = \{\tau \in \overline{\mathfrak{H}} \mid |\text{Re } \tau| \leq \frac{1}{2}\} \setminus \{\tau \in \overline{\mathfrak{H}} \mid |\tau| < \frac{1}{2}\}$. In the following we abuse the notation and denote by F also a representative of F without poles on the boundary of \mathcal{F} . We then have

$$\{f, F\} = (2\pi i)^{k-1} \int_{\partial \mathcal{F}} \tilde{f} F \, d\tau \tag{A.61}$$

$$= (2\pi i)^{k-1} \int_{\frac{i\sqrt{3}-1}{2}}^{\infty} (\tilde{f}|_{2-k}(T-1)) F \, d\tau \tag{A.62}$$

$$+ (2\pi i)^{k-1} \int_i^{\frac{i\sqrt{3}-1}{2}} (\tilde{f}|_{2-k}(S-1)) F \, d\tau. \tag{A.63}$$

For $\tau_0 = \frac{i\sqrt{3}+1}{2}$ we have $T^{-1}\tau_0 = S^{-1}\tau_0$ and with the choice $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}_{\tau_0}$ this gives $r_{f, \tau_0}(S) = r_{f, \tau_0}(T)$ and thus

$$\{f, F\} = (2\pi i)^{k-1} \int_i^{\infty} r_{f, \tau_0}(T) F \, d\tau. \tag{A.64}$$

From $S^2 = -1$ we further get $r_{f, \tau_0}(S)|_{2-k} S = -r_{f, \tau_0}(S)$ and so

$$\{f, F\} = \frac{1}{2} (2\pi i)^{k-1} \int_0^{\infty} r_{f, \tau_0}(T) F \, d\tau \tag{A.65}$$

$$= -\frac{(k-2)!}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} (-1)^i \binom{k-2}{i}^{-1} r_{f, \tau_0}(T)_i r_{F, \infty}(S)_{k-2-i} \tag{A.66}$$

$$=: -\frac{(k-2)!}{2} \langle r_{f, \tau_0}(T), r_{F, \infty}(S) \rangle. \tag{A.67}$$

Here p_i denotes the coefficient of τ^i for $p \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})$ and it is straightforward to show that the defined pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}) \times V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ invariant. We now want to replace r_{f, τ_0} by $r_{f, \infty}$. Using the T invariance of \tilde{f}_{∞} , the $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ invariance of the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and the cocycle relations associated with the identities $S^2 = (ST)^3 = -1$ gives

$$\langle r_{f, \tau_0}(T), r_{F, \infty}(S) \rangle = \langle (\tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty})|_{2-k}(T-1), r_{F, \infty}(S) \rangle \tag{A.68}$$

$$= \langle \tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty}, r_{F, \infty}(S)|_{2-k}(T^{-1}-1) \rangle \tag{A.69}$$

$$= -\langle \tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty}, r_{F, \infty}(S)|_{2-k}(ST^{-1}+1) \rangle \tag{A.70}$$

$$= -\langle \tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty}, r_{F, \infty}(S)|_{2-k}((TS)^2+1) \rangle \tag{A.71}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \langle \tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty}, r_{F,\infty}(S)|_{2-k}((TS)^2 + 1 - 2TS) \rangle \tag{A.72}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \langle \tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty}, r_{F,\infty}(S)|_{2-k}(TST - T)(S - T^{-1}) \rangle \tag{A.73}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \langle (\tilde{f}_{\tau_0} - \tilde{f}_{\infty})|_{2-k}(T - S), r_{F,\infty}(S)|_{2-k}(TST - T) \rangle \tag{A.74}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \langle r_{f,\infty}(S), r_{F,\infty}(S)|_{2-k}(ST^{-1}S - T) \rangle \tag{A.75}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \langle r_{f,\infty}(S)|_{2-k}(T - T^{-1}), r_{F,\infty}(S) \rangle . \tag{A.76}$$

We note that any coboundary which vanishes on T comes from a constant polynomial and hence this expression is invariant under shifting the parabolic cocycles by such coboundaries. In particular, we can define a pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on $H_{\text{par}}^1(\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}), V_{k-2}(K))$ by

$$\langle [r_1], [r_2] \rangle = -\frac{(k-2)!}{6} \langle r_1(S)|_{2-k}(T - T^{-1}), r_2(S) \rangle, \tag{A.77}$$

where r_1, r_2 must be chosen such that $r_1(T) = r_2(T) = 0$. We see that this pairing is ε invariant and we conclude that

$$\{f, F\} = (\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+) \underbrace{\langle r^+, r^- \rangle}_{\in \mathbb{Q}(f)} \in (2\pi i)^{k-1} \mathbb{Q}(f) \tag{A.78}$$

which finishes the proof for $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. The proof for higher levels can be done by using Shapiro’s lemma [93] or in a way similar to the calculations in [94]. \square

A.2.2. Computation of $\mathbb{S}_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ In this subsection we explain the explicit computation of a Hecke eigenbasis of $\mathbb{S}_4(\Gamma_0(N))$. We do this in detail for the case of $\Gamma_0(25)$, the general case being similar. To this end, we first discuss the construction of weakly holomorphic modular forms with a given pole order at ∞ , use these to construct a basis of $\mathbb{S}_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ and diagonalize the action of the Hecke algebra. Since newforms are also eigenforms under Atkin–Lehner involutions and since there are no old forms of level 25 and weight 4 this also allows us to write down a Hecke eigenbasis of $\mathbb{S}_4(\Gamma_0^*(25))$.

For any Γ , one can give $X(\Gamma) = \Gamma \backslash \bar{\mathfrak{H}}$ the structure of a Riemann surface, and although non-zero $F \in M_k^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma)$ with $k \neq 0$ are not well-defined on $X(\Gamma)$, one can still define a vanishing order $\text{ord}_{\tau}(F)$ at any $\tau \in X(\Gamma)$. E.g. if $T \in \Gamma$ and $\Gamma_{\infty} = \langle T \rangle$, then the vanishing order at the cusp ∞ is given by the lowest exponent in the Fourier expansion around ∞ . The Eichler–Selberg trace formula or the Riemann–Roch formula imply that the total order of vanishing of any non-zero $g \in M_k(\Gamma)$ is given by $\kappa_{\Gamma} k$, where $\kappa_{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{Vol}(\Gamma \backslash \mathfrak{H})$ in terms of the hyperbolic volume. Since $[\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma_0(N)] = N \prod_{p|N} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$, we have $\kappa_{\Gamma_0(N)} = \frac{N}{12} \prod_{p|N} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$ and $\kappa_{\Gamma_0^*(N)} = \frac{1}{2\tau} \kappa_{\Gamma_0(N)}$, where e is the number of prime factors of N . Restricting to the case $T \in \Gamma$ we now set $M_k^{[\infty, M]}(\Gamma) = \{f \in M_k^{[\infty]}(\Gamma) \mid \text{ord}_{\infty} f \geq M\}$, where $M_k^{[\infty]}(\Gamma)$ consists of meromorphic modular forms with poles only at cusps equivalent to ∞ , and denote by $S_k^{[\infty, M]}(\Gamma)$ the subspace

with vanishing residues. Let $h \in M_a(\Gamma)$ have the maximal order of vanishing $A = \kappa_\Gamma a$ at ∞ (which exists for a large enough). For ℓ large enough we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M_{2-k}^{[\infty, -\ell A+1]}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{D^{k-1}} S_k^{[\infty, -\ell A+1]}(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma) \longrightarrow 0. \tag{A.79}$$

The multiplication by h^ℓ gives an isomorphism between $M_{2-k}^{[\infty, -\ell A+1]}(\Gamma)$ and a subspace of $M_{2-k+\ell A}(\Gamma)$ (of codimension at most 1) and also an isomorphism between $S_{2-k}^{[\infty, -\ell A+1]}(\Gamma)$ and a subspace of $S_{k+\ell A}(\Gamma)$ (of codimension at most 1). Hence the construction of $\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)$ can be reduced to linear algebra in these finite dimensional spaces. We now specialize to the case $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$. As explained in [95], the form h necessarily can be realized as an eta quotient,

$$h(\tau) = \prod_{m|N} \eta(m\tau)^{r_m}, \quad r_m \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{A.80}$$

and we have the following expressions for the weight k and for the vanishing order at ∞ , respectively:

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m|N} r_m, \quad \text{ord}_\infty(h) = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{m|N} m r_m. \tag{A.81}$$

For cusps of the form $a/c \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$ with $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1$, $c|N$ and $c > 0$, the order $\text{ord}_{a/c}(h)$ evaluates to

$$\text{ord}_{a/c}(h) = \frac{N}{\text{gcd}(c, N/c)c} \frac{1}{24} \sum_{m|N} \frac{\text{gcd}(m, c)^2 r_m}{m}. \tag{A.82}$$

We now consider the case $N = 25$. Since we are interested in eigenforms, we will consider both $\Gamma_0(25)$ and its extension $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ by $W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/5 \\ 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. A fundamental domain for the latter was constructed in Sect. A.1.4, and to get a fundamental domain of $\Gamma_0(25)$ we can take the union of that domain and (any $\Gamma_0(25)$ translation of) its image under W . One finds that there are six inequivalent cusps at $\infty, 0, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}$, and two inequivalent elliptic fixed points of order 2 at $P_\pm = \frac{1}{25}(i \pm 7)$ (fixed by $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 25 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$). Since the genus of $X_0(25)$ is zero, we can construct the weakly holomorphic modular forms from a Hauptmodul ϕ of $\Gamma_0(25)$, i.e. a generator of the field of meromorphic modular functions $M_0^{\text{mero}}(\Gamma_0(25)) = \mathbb{C}(\phi)$. We take ϕ to be

$$\phi(\tau) = \frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(25\tau)} = \frac{1}{q} - 1 - q + q^4 + q^6 - q^{11} + \dots. \tag{A.83}$$

The function ϕ has a single pole at ∞ and vanishes at 0 to first order. We also need the unique normalized form $h \in M_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ with the maximal vanishing order $\frac{4}{12}[\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma_0(25)] = 10$ at ∞ . This is given by the eta product

$$h(\tau) = \frac{\eta(25\tau)^{10}}{\eta(5\tau)^2} = q^{10} + 2q^{15} + 5q^{20} + \dots. \tag{A.84}$$

For the construction of the meromorphic modular forms we also introduce $\delta \in S_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ defined by

$$\delta(\tau) = \eta(5\tau)^4 \eta(25\tau)^4 = q^5 - 4q^{10} + 2q^{15} + 8q^{20} - 5q^{25} + \dots, \tag{A.85}$$

and the Eisenstein series $e \in M_2(\Gamma_0(25))$ defined by

$$e(\tau) = \frac{\eta(25\tau)^5}{\eta(5\tau)} \sqrt{\phi(\tau)^2 + 2\phi(\tau) + 5} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{\substack{a,b>0 \\ a+b \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}}} aq^{ab} = q^4 + q^6 + \dots \quad (\text{A.86})$$

By (A.82), δ vanishes to order 5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 at the six cusps and so does not have any other zeros. e vanishes with order 4 at ∞ and with order 1/2 at the elliptic fixed points P_{\pm} and so does not have any other zeros. Hence $M_2^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(25)) = e\mathbb{C}[\phi]$ and moreover

$$M_{-2}^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(25)) = \frac{e}{h} \mathbb{C}[\phi]. \quad (\text{A.87})$$

It follows that non-zero elements in $M_{-2}^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(25))$ have vanishing order at most -6 at ∞ and since D does not change the order at ∞ , we can construct representatives of a basis of $S_4^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(25))/D^3 M_{-2}^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(25))$ with vanishing order $-5 \leq m \leq 5$ and $m \neq 0$ at ∞ . It follows that possible representatives are given by forms $F_i = \delta p_i(\phi)$, where p_1, \dots, p_{10} are linearly independent polynomials of degree at most 10 chosen such that the forms F_i have no constant coefficients.

Using (A.9) to compute the action of the Hecke operator T_2 on the constructed basis one finds that T_2 has the eigenvalue -4 with multiplicity 4 and the eigenvalues $-1, 1$ and 4 with multiplicity 2. To define a Hecke eigenbasis, we further split these by considering the Atkin-Lehner involution W . To do this we construct representatives that are eigenforms under this involution. To this end we note that W acts as

$$h|_4 W = \frac{1}{5^5} h\phi^{10}, \quad \delta|_4 W = \frac{1}{5^2} \delta\phi^4, \quad \phi|_0 W = \frac{5}{\phi}, \quad e|_2 W = -\frac{1}{5^2} e\phi^4. \quad (\text{A.88})$$

It is straightforward to construct basis elements with definite eigenvalue under the action of W . In particular, the invariant combination

$$\phi_+ = \phi + \frac{5}{\phi} = q^{-1} - 1 + 4q + 5q^2 + 10q^3 + \dots \quad (\text{A.89})$$

is a Hauptmodul of $\Gamma_0^*(25)$ and the unique normalized form $h_+ \in M_4(\Gamma_0^*(25))$ with the maximal vanishing order 5 at ∞ is given by

$$h_+ = h\phi^5 = q^5 - 5q^6 + 5q^7 + 10q^8 - 15q^9 + \dots \quad (\text{A.90})$$

Similarly, the unique normalized form $e_+ \in M_2(\Gamma_0^*(25))$ with vanishing order 1 at ∞ is given by

$$e_+ = e(\phi^3 - 5\phi) = q - 3q^2 - 4q^3 + 7q^4 + 12q^6 + \dots \quad (\text{A.91})$$

This is unique since any non-zero element of $M_2(\Gamma_0^*(25))$ must vanish at least to order 1/2 at the three inequivalent elliptic fixed points from Fig. 3. This shows that $M_2^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0^*(25)) = e_+ \mathbb{C}[\phi_+]$ and

$$M_{-2}^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0^*(25)) = \frac{e_+}{h_+} \mathbb{C}[\phi_+]. \quad (\text{A.92})$$

To complete the analysis we also introduce the form $h_- \in M_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ defined by

$$h_- = h(\phi^6 - 5\phi^4) = q^4 - 6q^5 + 4q^6 + 30q^7 - 40q^8 - 38q^9 + \dots, \quad (\text{A.93})$$

which is anti-invariant under W and vanishes to order 4 at ∞ . This is the unique normalized form with these properties since any anti-invariant form from $M_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ also has to vanish at the fixed point $i/5$ of W . Using the forms $\delta_{\pm} \in S_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_+ &= \delta\phi^2 = q^3 - 2q^4 - q^5 + 2q^6 + q^7 - 2q^8 + \dots \\ \delta_- &= \delta(\phi^3 - 5\phi) = q^2 - 3q^3 - 5q^4 + 10q^5 + 5q^6 - 4q^7 + \dots \end{aligned} \tag{A.94}$$

we can now construct a basis of invariant forms $F_{+,i} = \delta_+ p_{+,i}(\phi_+)$, where $p_{+,1}, \dots, p_{+,6}$ are linearly independent polynomials of degree at most 6 with the property that the forms $F_{+,i}$ do not have constant coefficients. A basis of anti-invariant forms is given by $F_{-,i} = \delta_- p_{-,i}(\phi_+)$, where $p_{-,1}, \dots, p_{-,4}$ are linearly independent polynomials of degree at most 4 with the property that the forms $F_{-,i}$ do not have constant coefficients. We diagonalize the action of the Hecke operator T_2 on this basis and conclude that representatives for a Hecke eigenbasis of $S_4(\Gamma_0(25))$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_{+,-4} &= \delta_+(\phi_+^2 - 10) = q - 4q^2 + 2q^3 + 8q^4 + 20q^5 - 8q^6 + 6q^7 - 23q^9 + \dots \\ F_{+,-4} &= \frac{\delta_+}{27}(27\phi_+^6 + 240\phi_+^5 + 320\phi_+^4 - 2580\phi_+^3 - 9385\phi_+^2 - 9900\phi_+ - 1900) \\ &= q^{-3} + \frac{8}{9}q^{-2} - \frac{10}{27}q^{-1} + \frac{1100}{27}q^2 + \frac{6586}{27}q^3 + \frac{31760}{27}q^4 + \frac{40475}{9}q^5 + \dots \\ f_{+,1} &= \delta_+(\phi_+^2 + 5\phi_+ + 10) = q + q^2 + 7q^3 - 7q^4 + 7q^6 + 6q^7 - 15q^8 + 22q^9 + \dots \\ F_{+,1} &= \frac{\delta_+}{27}(27\phi_+^6 + 220\phi_+^5 + 190\phi_+^4 - 2580\phi_+^3 - 7975\phi_+^2 - 7275\phi_+ - 1250) \\ &= q^{-3} + \frac{4}{27}q^{-2} + \frac{665}{27}q^2 + \frac{5141}{27}q^3 + \frac{8875}{9}q^4 + \frac{34375}{9}q^5 + \dots \\ f_{+,4} &= \delta_+(\phi_+^2 + 8\phi_+ + 10) = q + 4q^2 - 2q^3 + 8q^4 - 8q^6 - 6q^7 - 23q^9 + \dots \\ F_{+,4} &= \frac{\delta_+}{27}(27\phi_+^6 + 208\phi_+^5 + 100\phi_+^4 - 2652\phi_+^3 - 7141\phi_+^2 - 5148\phi_+ + 340) \\ &= q^{-3} - \frac{8}{27}q^{-2} - \frac{2}{9}q^{-1} + \frac{404}{27}q^2 + \frac{4274}{27}q^3 + \frac{2384}{3}q^4 + \frac{29375}{9}q^5 + \dots \\ f_{-,-4} &= \delta_-\phi_+ = q - 4q^2 + 2q^3 + 8q^4 - 30q^5 - 8q^6 + 6q^7 - 23q^9 + \dots \\ F_{-,-4} &= \frac{\delta_-}{8}(8\phi_+^4 + 57\phi_+^3 + 110\phi_+^2 + 11\phi_+ - 100) \\ &= q^{-2} + \frac{1}{8}q^{-1} - \frac{73}{4}q^2 - \frac{331}{4}q^3 - 347q^4 - \frac{9355}{8}q^5 + \dots \\ f_{-,-1} &= \delta_-(\phi_+ + 3) = q - q^2 - 7q^3 - 7q^4 + 7q^6 - 6q^7 + 15q^8 + 22q^9 + \dots \\ F_{-,-1} &= \frac{\delta_-}{4}(4\phi_+^4 + 30\phi_+^3 + 64\phi_+^2 + 22\phi_+ - 29) \\ &= q^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}q^{-1} - \frac{73}{4}q^2 - \frac{421}{4}q^3 - \frac{1607}{4}q^4 - 1250q^5 + \dots, \end{aligned} \tag{A.95}$$

where now $f_{\pm,\lambda}$ stands for the newform with W -eigenvalue ± 1 and T_2 -eigenvalue λ and $F_{\pm,\lambda}$ stands for an associated meromorphic partner. The latter are chosen such that the leading coefficient in the Fourier expansion is 1 and the coefficient of q vanishes. The maximal denominators in these expansions can be read off from the integer by

which we divide δ_{\pm} . Explicitly the action of the Hecke operator T_2 on the meromorphic representatives is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{+,1}|_4(T_2 - 1) &= D^3 \frac{e_+}{h_+} \left(-\frac{1}{27}\phi_+^2 + \frac{1}{9} \right) \\
 F_{+,4}|_4(T_2 - 4) &= D^3 \frac{e_+}{h_+} \left(-\frac{1}{27}\phi_+^2 + \frac{11}{54} \right) \\
 F_{+,-4}|_4(T_2 + 4) &= D^3 \frac{e_+}{h_+} \left(-\frac{1}{27}\phi_+^2 + \frac{7}{27} \right) \\
 F_{-,-1}|_4(T_2 + 1) &= D^3 \frac{e_+}{h_-} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\phi_+ + \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 F_{-,-4}|_4(T_2 + 4) &= D^3 \frac{e_+}{h_-} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\phi_+ + \frac{1}{4} \right).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{A.96}$$

A.3. Zeta functions and the motivic point of view. There are different cohomology groups one can associate with smooth projective varieties defined over \mathbb{Q} (or more generally any number field). These can be used to define periods and zeta functions, the latter being related to the number of points over finite fields. In the following we briefly discuss these objects and sketch the idea of motives, which capture the cohomological structure of varieties. As the most important example for this paper, we explain that there are motives attached to Hecke eigenforms.

A.3.1. Hodge theory and periods Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension d defined over \mathbb{Q} . Viewing X as a complex manifold, we have for each integer r between 0 and $2d$ the r th homology group $H_r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ whose elements are represented by closed r -dimensional chains modulo boundaries of $(r + 1)$ -dimensional chains. The dimension of this space is the r th Betti number $b_r(X)$. Considering the cochain complex we also get the associated cohomology groups $H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$. By de Rham’s theorem, we can represent elements of $H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ by elements of the de Rham cohomology group $H^r_{\text{dR}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C})$ whose elements are represented by closed r -forms modulo exact r -forms. More concretely, by Stokes’s theorem, the integration of differential forms over chains gives a well defined pairing

$$\int : H_r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H^r_{\text{dR}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}
 \tag{A.97}$$

and by de Rham’s theorem this pairing is non-degenerate. This induces an isomorphism

$$H^r_{\text{dR}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}.
 \tag{A.98}$$

The complex structure of $X(\mathbb{C})$ further allows us, by a theorem of Hodge, to decompose $H^r_{\text{dR}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C})$ into subspaces whose elements can be represented by forms of Hodge type (p, q) with $p + q = r$. This gives the Hodge decomposition

$$H^r_{\text{dR}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}) = \sum_{p+q=r} H^{p,q}(X(\mathbb{C})).
 \tag{A.99}$$

Up to now nothing required X to be defined over \mathbb{Q} . This changes now as we want to use the pairing of homology and cohomology to define periods. To do this, we replace

the complex vector spaces $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C})$ by the algebraic de Rham cohomology groups $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X)$ which are vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} . These were defined by Grothendieck [96] as the hypercohomology groups of a certain algebraic de Rham complex. In particular, Grothendieck proves that there is a natural isomorphism

$$H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \cong H_{\text{dR}}^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}), \tag{A.100}$$

called the comparison isomorphism. For the algebraic de Rham cohomology groups, we do not have a Hodge decomposition but only a Hodge filtration

$$F^r H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \subseteq F^{r-1} H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq F^0 H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) = H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \tag{A.101}$$

which, with respect to the comparison isomorphism, is compatible with the Hodge filtration of $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C})$ induced by the Hodge decomposition, i.e.

$$F^k H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \cong \bigoplus_{p \geq k} H^{p,r-p}(X(\mathbb{C})). \tag{A.102}$$

For example, if X is an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} , a basis of $H_{\text{dR}}^1(X)$ is given by a differential ω of the first kind and a differential η of the second kind, both defined over \mathbb{Q} . While ω has Hodge type $(1, 0)$, η will be a mix of the Hodge types $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ and is canonically defined only up to multiplication by a non-zero rational number and addition of a rational multiple of ω .

Using the comparison isomorphism, we can now define the non-degenerate pairing

$$\int : H_r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}. \tag{A.103}$$

By choosing a basis for $H_r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ and $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X)$ this gives rise to a complex $b_r(X) \times b_r(X)$ matrix called the *period matrix*. The period matrix is unique up to multiplication by a unimodular integer matrix from the left and multiplication by an invertible rational matrix from the right. The Hodge filtration of the algebraic de Rham cohomology groups further induces a filtration of the periods which allows to restrict possible matrices multiplied from the right to lower triangular matrices.

A.3.2. Reduction modulo primes and zeta functions Let X as before be a smooth projective variety of dimension d defined over \mathbb{Q} . Since X is given as a subspace of some projective space by equations with rational coefficients, we can reduce these defining equations (after multiplication by an integer to clear the denominators) modulo any prime p , leading to a variety $X_p := X/\mathbb{F}_p$ defined over \mathbb{F}_p . We restrict to the case that this variety is smooth, which happens for all but finitely many p , called the *good primes*. The remaining primes are called bad primes. For any $n \geq 1$ we consider the number $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_{p^n})$ of solutions of the defining equations with the variables taking their values in the field \mathbb{F}_{p^n} . The local zeta function of X_p is a generating function of these numbers

$$Z(X_p, T) = \exp \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \#X_p(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}) \frac{T^n}{n} \right). \tag{A.104}$$

A deep theorem says that $Z(X_p, T)$ is not just a power series but a rational function in T with integral coefficients. Moreover, Weil conjectured that this rational function has the form

$$Z(X_p, T) = \prod_{r=0}^{2d} P_r(X_p, T)^{(-1)^{r+1}} \tag{A.105}$$

where $P_r(X_p, T)$ is a polynomial of degree $b_r(X)$ with integral coefficients and with all roots of absolute value $p^{-r/2}$ (“local Riemann hypothesis”) and satisfies the functional equation

$$P_{2d-r}(X_p, 1/p^d T) = \pm P_r(X_p, T)/(p^{d/2} T)^{b_r(X)}. \tag{A.106}$$

He further conjectured that it should be possible to prove this by finding an appropriate cohomology theory for the variety X_p defined over \mathbb{F}_p . This was later realized through the work of Grothendieck, Artin and others by introducing, in general for any smooth projective variety V defined over any field K , the ℓ -adic cohomology group $H^r(\overline{V}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ for any prime $\ell \neq \text{char } K$. Here, \overline{V} stands for the variety V regarded as a variety over the algebraic closure \overline{K} . In particular, the Galois group $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ naturally acts on \overline{V} and this action induces an action on $H^r(\overline{V}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$. In the case $V = X_p$ and $K = \mathbb{F}_p$, the Galois group is topologically generated by the Frobenius automorphism $\text{Fr}_p : x \mapsto x^p$ and the fixed points of the n th power of Fr_p on $X_p(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p})$ are precisely the points defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^n} . This can be used to relate $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_{p^n})$ to the traces of the Frobenius automorphism, since, as proven by Grothendieck, the Lefschetz trace formula can be applied also to the ℓ -adic cohomology groups, and one obtains

$$\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}) = \sum_{r=0}^{2d} (-1)^r \text{tr}((\text{Fr}_p^*)^n \mid H^r(\overline{X_p}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)). \tag{A.107}$$

A direct consequence is that the local zeta function has the form

$$Z(X_p, T) = \prod_{r=0}^{2d} \det(1 - T \text{Fr}_p^* \mid H^r(\overline{X_p}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell))^{(-1)^{r+1}}. \tag{A.108}$$

In particular, the product on the right is independent of the chosen prime ℓ . Because of the local Riemann hypothesis, which was proven by Deligne, the same holds for each factor, giving the desired polynomial $P_r(X_p, T) \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$.

The considerations above apply to any smooth projective variety defined over \mathbb{F}_p and not only to the reduction X_p of a variety X defined over \mathbb{Q} . However, using that we have a global variety X defined over \mathbb{Q} allows us to define the ℓ -adic cohomology group $H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ for all primes l . An important fact is that there is a natural comparison isomorphism

$$H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \cong H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}_\ell. \tag{A.109}$$

In particular, this implies that $P_r(X_p, T)$ is a polynomial of degree $b_r(X)$. Another important theorem is that for all good primes $p \neq l$ there is a natural isomorphism

$$H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \cong H^r(\overline{X_p}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell). \tag{A.110}$$

The Frobenius automorphism Fr_p then corresponds to a well-defined conjugacy class in the action of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ on $H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$, which we also denote by Fr_p , and we have

$$P_r(X_p, T) = \det(1 - T\text{Fr}_p^* | H^r(\overline{X}_p, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)) = \det(1 - T\text{Fr}_p^* | H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)). \tag{A.111}$$

If p is a bad prime one can still associate a conjugacy class to Fr_p but this is only well defined up to elements in an inertia subgroup I_p . For these primes one defines

$$P_r(X_p, T) = \det(1 - T\text{Fr}_p^* | H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)^{I_p}), \tag{A.112}$$

whose degree in T is at most $b_r(X)$.

The fact that all local zeta functions come from the same variety X allows us to define the Hasse–Weil zeta function

$$\zeta(X/\mathbb{Q}, s) = \prod_p Z(X/\mathbb{F}_p, p^{-s}) \quad (\text{Re } s \gg 0) \tag{A.113}$$

which may also be written as an alternating product of the L -functions

$$L_r(X/\mathbb{Q}, s) = \prod_p P_r(X/\mathbb{F}_p, p^{-s})^{-1} \quad (\text{Re } s \gg 0). \tag{A.114}$$

One of the most important conjectures in modern arithmetic algebraic geometry is that each L_r has remarkable analytic properties. For example, it is expected that L_r can be analytically continued to a meromorphic function on the complex plane which has a functional equation with respect to the symmetry $s \mapsto r + 1 - s$. For a few varieties, these properties can be proven but in almost all cases they are conjectural. For a more detailed treatment, we refer to [97].

We finish with some remarks regarding the computation of the local zeta function. We have seen that the local zeta function can be obtained by either counting the number of points over finite fields or studying ℓ -adic cohomology groups. In practice these methods quickly become infeasible for complicated varieties and large primes p . However, there are also p -adic cohomology theories which allow a more efficient computation. A good review explaining how these can be used to compute the local zeta function is [98]. Given a family of varieties one may further use the periods to compute the local zeta function very efficiently. This was first considered by Dwork and for one-parameter Calabi–Yau threefolds this is explained for example in [15].

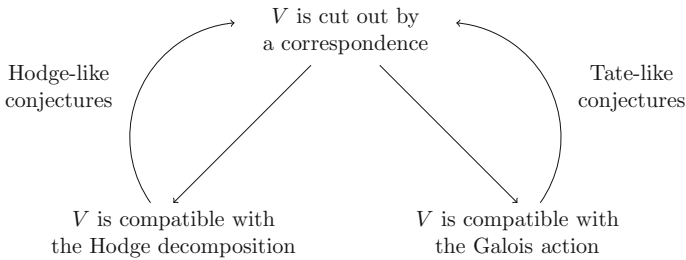
A.3.3. The motivic point of view The idea of motives was proposed by Grothendieck to capture the cohomological structure of varieties. We want to briefly explain this idea without going much into detail. For more details we refer to [99]. We start by explaining geometric motives. Let X be a smooth projective variety of some dimension n . For simplicity, we assume that X is defined over \mathbb{Q} (more generally one could consider any number field). In A.3.1 we recalled that for every integer $0 \leq r \leq 2n$ we can associated different cohomology groups with X :

- by considering the complex points on X we obtain a topological space $X(\mathbb{C})$ which gives rise to the Betti cohomology group $H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$,
- using the structure of X as a variety defined over \mathbb{Q} we obtain the algebraic de Rham cohomology group $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X)$ with the usual Hodge filtration,
- letting \overline{X} be the variety X regarded as a variety over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ one obtains for any prime ℓ the ℓ -adic cohomology group $H^r(\overline{X}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ upon which $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ acts.

We also saw that these are not unrelated, e.g. there are comparison isomorphisms between $H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ and $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$ and between $H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ and $H^r(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$.

The simplest example of a geometric motive is the vector space $V = H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ together with the Hodge decomposition on $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$ and the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ on $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ for primes ℓ . More generally, consider an algebraic cycle $\gamma \in Z^n(X \times X)$ defined over \mathbb{Q} (an example of a correspondence). This induces an element in $H^{2n}(X \times X)$ and using the Künneth isomorphism and Poincaré duality this gives elements $\sigma_r \in \text{End}(H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}), H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}))$ for any $0 \leq r \leq 2n$. The same can be done for the algebraic de Rham cohomology groups and the ℓ -adic cohomology groups. If some σ_r is a projector we now say that the kernel (and hence also the image) of σ_r is a geometric motive. This subspace is automatically compatible with the Hodge decomposition and the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$. The *weight* of such a motive is defined to be r and can be read off from the motive itself by the fact that the eigenvalues of Fr_p^* have absolute value $p^{r/2}$.

Conjecturally, any linear subspace $V \subseteq H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ that is compatible with the Hodge decomposition and the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ defines a geometric motive, i.e. is cut out by some correspondence. Even stronger, Hodge-like conjectures and Tate-like conjectures would imply that a linear subspace $V \subseteq H^r(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ is already a geometric motive if it is compatible with the Hodge decomposition *or* with the Galois action. This can be summarized in the following diagram:



More generally, a motive can be thought of as a suitable collection of vector spaces (equipped with a Hodge decomposition and an action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ with additional compatibilities). It should always be representable as a geometric motive contained in a cohomology group of some variety, but the choice of the geometric realization is not part of the definition of the motive. Examples of motives that do not refer to specific varieties are hypergeometric motives, for which we refer to the survey article by Roberts and Villegas [100], and motives associated with modular forms, which we now describe.

A.3.4. The motives attached to Hecke eigenforms In this final subsection we explain that there are motives attached to arbitrary newforms, the weight of the motive being one less than that of the modular form. The point we want to stress is that the motive V_f attached to a newform f is an intrinsically defined object, independent of any specific geometric realization: it always has a geometric realization, as a consequence of the Eichler-Shimura theory if $k = 2$ and of the work of Deligne if $k > 2$, as explained below, but in general it can have others. The situation of relevance to this paper is that of the motives attached to newforms of weight 4 and 2 occurring in the 3rd cohomology group of some Calabi–Yau threefolds (fibers over conifold points and attractor points of hypergeometric families), but there are many other examples in the literature. For instance, it was shown by Ron Livné in the 1980s that the L_7 -factor of the Hasse–Weil zeta function of the 7-dimensional variety $\{(x_1 : \dots : x_{10}) \in \mathbb{P}^9 \mid \sum_i x_i = \sum_i x_i^3 = 0\}$ splits as a product of a number of Riemann zeta functions and the L -function of the

unique newform of level 10 and weight 4. For more discussion and other examples we refer to [101] (pp. 150–151), [102], and [103].

Geometric realization of V_f for all newforms The simplest situation arises for modular forms of weight 2 and some level N . In this case one can consider the modular curve $X_0(N) = \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ and there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}_2(\Gamma_0(N)) &\xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{dR}}^1(X_0(N), \mathbb{C}) \\ [F] &\mapsto [2\pi i F d\tau]. \end{aligned} \tag{A.115}$$

In fact, $X_0(N)$ can be given the structure of a smooth projective variety defined over \mathbb{Q} and if one restricts to classes that can be represented by forms in $S_2^{[\infty]}(\Gamma_0(N))$ with rational Fourier coefficients this gives an isomorphism with $H_{\text{dR}}^1(X_0(N))$. Hence we have a natural motive $V = H^1(X_0(N), \mathbb{Q})$ we can consider. For any divisor N' of N there are $[\Gamma_0(N') : \Gamma_0(N)]$ correspondences on $X_0(N) \times X_0(N)$ which give a splitting $V = V^{\text{new}} \oplus V^{\text{old}}$ corresponding to the splitting into old forms and new forms. There are Hecke correspondences which further split V^{new} so that attached to any newform f with rational Hecke eigenvalues (the case of more general coefficients is similar) we obtain a 2-dimensional geometric motive V_f . From the work of Eichler and Shimura it follows that for all primes $p \nmid N$ and $\ell \neq p$

$$\det(1 - \text{Fr}_p^* T | V_f \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) = 1 - a_p T + pT^2$$

where a_p is the eigenvalue of f under T_p . We conclude that attached to f there is a geometric motive V_f so that the periods of V_f are the periods of quasiperiods and f and the traces of the Frobenius operators are just the eigenvalues of the Hecke operators.

For newforms $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ of weight $k > 2$, Deligne [11] showed that the Hecke eigenvalues coincide with the eigenvalues of the Frobenius operators in the $(k - 1)$ -st cohomology group of an appropriate *Kuga-Sato variety*, defined as a suitable compactification of a fiber bundle over $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \overline{\mathfrak{H}}$ whose fiber over a point τ is the $(k - 2)$ -nd Cartesian product of the level N elliptic curve E_{τ} . Scholl [12] used this construction to associate a motive with V_f with f . If f has rational Hecke eigenvalues the attached motive V_f is again 2-dimensional and the periods of V_f are given by the periods and quasiperiods of f .

We remark that newforms of weight 1 (defined either for suitable subgroups of $\Gamma_0(N)$ or with a character in the slash operator) are also motivic. Geometrically these motives are not very interesting since the relevant varieties are 0-dimensional. As an example we consider the newform of level 23 defined by $f(\tau) = \eta(\tau)\eta(23\tau)$. This is associated with the variety defined by $x^3 - x - 1$ and this manifests in the number of roots of this polynomial over the finite field \mathbb{F}_p for primes $p \neq 23$ being $a_p + 1$ where a_p is the eigenvalue of the Hecke operator T_p . This example was given by Blij in [104].

Correspondences between different geometric realizations. Conjecturally, two different geometric realizations of motives must be related by a correspondence. We give one example in Sect. 4 where we construct a correspondence between a conifold fiber of a hypergeometric family of Calabi–Yau threefolds and a Kuga-Sato variety associated with the unique newform $f \in S_4(\Gamma_0(8))$. The Tate conjecture would imply that there must be a correspondence already if two Galois representations coincide. While the construction of correspondences can be difficult, theorems of Faltings and Serre allow to establish the equality of two Galois representations by comparing finitely many Frobenius traces.

E.g. for the conifold fiber of the quintic this was used by Schoen [9] to prove the equality of the associated Galois representation with that of the relevant newform of level 25 and weight 4.

B. Appendix: Computational Results

In the main part of this paper we considered 16 newforms of weight 4 (associated with 14 conifold points and 2 attractor points) and 2 newforms of weight 2 (associated with 2 attractor points). The Atkin-Lehner eigenvalues and beginning of the q -expansions of these forms can be found in Table 8 (for the modular forms associated with conifold points) and Table 9 (for the modular forms associated with attractor points). In the following we explain how we computed the periods and quasiperiods associated with these forms.

For each newform f of level N and weight k we choose the Eichler integral $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}_\infty$ as defined in (A.15) and then compute the period polynomials $r_f(\gamma)$ for a set of generators of $\Gamma_0(N)$ by using (A.16) with τ_0 chosen so that the imaginary parts of τ_0 and $\gamma^{-1}\tau_0$ are as large as possible. These period polynomials can then be written as

$$r_f(\gamma) = \omega_f^+ \hat{r}_f^+(\gamma) + \omega_f^- \hat{r}_f^-(\gamma) \tag{B.1}$$

Table 8. Atkin–Lehner eigenvalues and the q -expansions of newforms of weight 4 associated with conifolds

N	W_2	W_3	W_5	Beginning of q -expansion
8	1			$q - 4q^3 - 2q^5 + 24q^7 - 11q^9 - 44q^{11} + \dots$
9		1		$q - 8q^4 + 20q^7 - 70q^{13} + 64q^{16} + 56q^{19} + \dots$
16	1			$q + 4q^3 - 2q^5 - 24q^7 - 11q^9 + 44q^{11} + \dots$
25			1	$q + q^2 + 7q^3 - 7q^4 + 7q^6 + 6q^7 + \dots$
27		-1		$q - 3q^2 + q^4 - 15q^5 - 25q^7 + 21q^8 + \dots$
32	-1			$q - 8q^3 - 10q^5 - 16q^7 + 37q^9 + 40q^{11} + \dots$
36	-1	-1		$q + 18q^5 + 8q^7 - 36q^{11} - 10q^{13} - 18q^{17} + \dots$
72	1	-1		$q - 14q^5 - 24q^7 + 28q^{11} - 74q^{13} - 82q^{17} + \dots$
108	-1	1		$q - 9q^5 - q^7 - 63q^{11} - 28q^{13} - 72q^{17} + \dots$
128	-1			$q - 2q^3 + 6q^5 - 20q^7 - 23q^9 - 14q^{11} + \dots$
144	1	1		$q + 16q^5 + 12q^7 - 64q^{11} + 58q^{13} + 32q^{17} + \dots$
200	1		-1	$q + q^3 - 6q^7 - 26q^9 - 19q^{11} + 12q^{13} + \dots$
216	1	-1		$q + q^5 - 9q^7 - 17q^{11} - 44q^{13} + 56q^{17} + \dots$
864	-1	-1		$q - 19q^5 - 13q^7 - 65q^{11} - 56q^{13} - 108q^{17} + \dots$

Table 9. Atkin–Lehner eigenvalues and the q -expansions of newforms associated with attractors

N	k	W_2	W_3	W_5	Beginning of q -expansion
36	2	-1	1		$q - 4q^7 + 2q^{13} + 8q^{19} - 5q^{25} - 4q^{31} + \dots$
54	2	1	-1		$q - q^2 + q^4 + 3q^5 - q^7 - q^8 + \dots$
54	4	-1	-1		$q + 2q^2 + 4q^4 + 3q^5 + 29q^7 + 8q^8 + \dots$
180	4	-1	1	-1	$q + 5q^5 + 2q^7 + 30q^{11} - 4q^{13} + 90q^{17} + \dots$

Table 10. The q -expansions of meromorphic partners of weight 4 associated with conifolds

N	Beginning of q -expansion
8	$-q^{-1} - 52q - 256q^2 - 1842q^3 - 10240q^4 - 40792q^5 - 138240q^6 + \dots$
9	$-\frac{3}{2}q^{-1} - 108q - 246q^2 - \frac{3645}{2}q^3 - 7884q^4 - 32853q^5 - 104976q^6 + \dots$
16	$8q^{-2} - 4q^{-1} - 96q + 416q^2 + 3000q^3 + 18432q^4 + 75968q^5 + 260496q^6 + \dots$
25	$-\frac{216}{5}q^{-3} - \frac{32}{5}q^{-2} - 280q - 1344q^2 - \frac{50928}{5}q^3 - 40640q^4 - 165000q^5 - 543360q^6 + \dots$
27	$96q^{-2} - 408q - 5832q^3 - 24288q^4 - 69984q^5 - 209952q^6 - 505536q^7 - 1189728q^8 + \dots$
32	$864q^{-3} + 512q^{-2} + 128q^{-1} - 2112q - 12288q^2 - 66816q^3 - 327680q^4 - 1094816q^5 + \dots$
36	$96q^{-4} + 27q^{-3} - 8q^{-2} - 12q^{-1} - 115q + 1128q^2 + 7992q^3 + 38048q^4 + \dots$
72	$12348q^{-7} + 19440q^{-6} + 29250q^{-5} + 32256q^{-4} + 28674q^{-3} + 16704q^{-2} + 3852q^{-1} + \dots$
108	$41472q^{-12} + 127776q^{-11} + 216000q^{-10} + 384912q^{-9} + 602112q^{-8} + 839664q^{-7} + \dots$
128	$219488q^{-19} + 373248q^{-18} + 628864q^{-17} - 2052000q^{-15} - 6849024q^{-14} - 16451136q^{-13} + \dots$
144	$139968q^{-18} + 202500q^{-15} + 329280q^{-14} + 685464q^{-13} + 1140480q^{-12} + 1661088q^{-11} + \dots$
200	$-8230800q^{-19} + 3930400q^{-17} + 6553600q^{-16} + 31050000q^{-15} + 50489600q^{-14} + \dots$
216	$1752048q^{-23} + 12266496q^{-22} + 36006768q^{-21} + 80640000q^{-20} + 175809888q^{-19} + \dots$
864	$-2176782336q^{-108} - 4233748608q^{-107} - 8503971840q^{-104} + 20782697472q^{-102} + \dots$

Table 11. The q -expansions of meromorphic partners associated with attractors

N	k	Beginning of q -expansion
36	2	$\frac{1}{2}q^{-1} + \frac{37}{2}q + 2q^2 + \frac{15}{2}q^3 + 12q^4 + 19q^5 + 36q^6 - \frac{25}{2}q^7 + 88q^8 + 117q^9 + 180q^{10} + \dots$
54	2	$-2q^{-2} + 2q^{-1} + 36q - 44q^2 - 10q^4 + 58q^5 - 162q^6 - 192q^7 - 450q^8 + \dots$
54	4	$1125q^{-5} - 384q^{-4} + 486q^{-3} - 264q^{-2} - 18q^{-1} + 10374q + 24744q^2 + 19197q^3 + \dots$
180	4	$165888q^{-12} - 31944q^{-11} - 24000q^{-10} + 52488q^{-9} + 49152q^{-8} + 65856q^{-7} + \dots$

with $\hat{r}_f^\pm \in Z^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}))^\pm$ and we choose the periods ω_f^\pm so that all \hat{r}_f^\pm have integral coefficients and do not have any non-trivial common divisor. This makes the periods unique up to a sign which we fix by requiring $\omega_f^+, \text{Im } \omega_f^- > 0$. We list numerical values for the periods and $\hat{r}_f^\pm(\gamma)$ for a chosen $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$ in Table 12 and Table 13.

To compute the quasiperiods associated to a normalized Hecke eigenform f of level N and weight k we first find a meromorphic form F such that $[F]$ has the same Hecke eigenvalues as f . We make the ansatz

$$F = \frac{g}{h} \tag{B.2}$$

where $g \in S_{k+k_h}(\Gamma_0(N))$ has the same Atkin-Lehner eigenvalues as f and $h \in M_{k_h}(\Gamma_0^*(N))$ is chosen such that k_h is as small as possible and h has the maximal vanishing order at ∞ . Such a form necessarily has to be an eta quotient and the forms are explicitly given in Table 14. We then determine g so that $[F]$ has the same Hecke eigenvalues as f and normalize F so that the quasiperiods fulfill

$$\omega_f^+ \eta_F^- - \omega_f^- \eta_F^+ = (2\pi i)^{k-1}. \tag{B.3}$$

This makes $[F]$ unique up to the addition of rational multiples of $[f]$. For the modular forms associated with the conifold points we fix this by requiring that the ratios η_f^\pm/e^\pm are rational and for modular forms of weight 2 (or 4) associated with the attractor

Table 12. Period polynomials and approximate values of periods and quasiperiods for newforms of weight 4 associated with conifolds and for chosen $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$

N	γ	$\hat{r}_f^+(\gamma)$	ω_f^+	η_F^+
		$\hat{r}_f^-(\gamma)$	ω_f^-	η_F^-
8	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 8 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$	$-8\tau^2 + 6\tau - 1$ $-4\tau^2 + 4\tau - 1$	6.997563016 8.671187331 <i>i</i>	-261.3739159 -359.3354423 <i>i</i>
9	$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 9 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$	$-3\tau + 2$ $-6\tau^2 + 7\tau - 2$	2.756850788 14.32501690 <i>i</i>	-251.8644616 -1398.702062 <i>i</i>
16	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 16 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$	$-16\tau^2 + 8\tau - 1$ $32\tau^2 - 12\tau + 1$	4.335593665 6.997563016 <i>i</i>	-473.0985414 -820.7842673 <i>i</i>
25	$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 25 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$	$-50\tau^2 + 20\tau - 2$ $90\tau^2 - 28\tau + 2$	3.208713029 6.146700439 <i>i</i>	-689.385618 -1397.911578 <i>i</i>
27	$\begin{pmatrix} 20 & -3 \\ 27 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$	$99\tau^2 - 30\tau + 2$ $-189\tau^2 + 54\tau - 4$	2.446835111 3.688508720 <i>i</i>	-805.6020738 -1315.789720 <i>i</i>
32	$\begin{pmatrix} 19 & -3 \\ 32 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$	$-800\tau^2 + 256\tau - 21$ $-96\tau^2 + 32\tau - 3$	1.294170585 2.509465291 <i>i</i>	-1663.153920 -3416.610839 <i>i</i>
36	$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 \\ 36 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$	$180\tau^2 - 48\tau + 3$ $252\tau^2 - 72\tau + 5$	3.389773856 4.669340978 <i>i</i>	-563.4426618 -849.3062501 <i>i</i>
72	$\begin{pmatrix} 41 & -4 \\ 72 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$	$-6264\tau^2 + 1224\tau - 61$ $-936\tau^2 + 180\tau - 9$	0.814623455 1.761169120 <i>i</i>	-2926.645899 -6631.737112 <i>i</i>
108	$\begin{pmatrix} 77 & -5 \\ 108 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$	$-5940\tau^2 + 768\tau - 27$ $-11124\tau^2 + 1440\tau - 47$	0.430875512 0.973682307 <i>i</i>	-5475.977852 -12950.17424 <i>i</i>
128	$\begin{pmatrix} 71 & -5 \\ 128 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$	$-35200\tau^2 + 4960\tau - 177$ $-3456\tau^2 + 480\tau - 17$	0.429682347 1.199538394 <i>i</i>	-6281.481738 -18113.21495 <i>i</i>
144	$\begin{pmatrix} 13 & -1 \\ 144 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$	$58752\tau^2 - 8928\tau + 336$ $20736\tau^2 - 3168\tau + 120$	0.234935370 0.572179387 <i>i</i>	-10002.22789 -25416.00625 <i>i</i>
200	$\begin{pmatrix} 109 & -6 \\ 200 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$	$-626000\tau^2 + 69000\tau - 1916$ $-45200\tau^2 + 5000\tau - 140$	0.067278112 0.233028535 <i>i</i>	-43624.24958 -154786.5233 <i>i</i>
216	$\begin{pmatrix} 185 & -6 \\ 216 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$	$299160\tau^2 - 19440\tau + 305$ $-140616\tau^2 + 9072\tau - 147$	0.092748402 0.266377323 <i>i</i>	-25980.21583 -77290.71700 <i>i</i>
864	$\begin{pmatrix} 559 & -11 \\ 864 & -17 \end{pmatrix}$	$-15725664\tau^2 + 617904\tau - 6099$ $-6487776\tau^2 + 255312\tau - 2511$	0.028461772 0.113238985 <i>i</i>	-121085.3301 -490469.4664 <i>i</i>

Table 13. Period polynomials and approximate values of periods and quasiperiods for newforms associated with attractors and for chosen $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$

N	k	γ	$\hat{r}_f^+(\gamma)$	ω_f^+	η_F^+
			$\hat{r}_f^-(\gamma)$	ω_f^-	η_F^-
36	2	$\begin{pmatrix} 61 & -13 \\ 108 & -23 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 -1	2.103273157 1.214325323 <i>i</i>	35.27180728 23.35152423 <i>i</i>
54	2	$\begin{pmatrix} 43 & -4 \\ 54 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$	1 -1	1.052362237 0.892458100 <i>i</i>	32.63160582 33.64385854 <i>i</i>
54	4	$\begin{pmatrix} 23 & -3 \\ 54 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$	$-288\tau^2 + 75\tau - 5$ $756\tau^2 - 207\tau + 13$	6.323218461 0.761033398 <i>i</i>	64915.70757 7773.726563 <i>i</i>
180	4	$\begin{pmatrix} 77 & -3 \\ 180 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$	$-52200\tau^2 + 4068\tau - 81$ $55800\tau^2 - 4332\tau + 83$	0.549166142 0.261665000 <i>i</i>	429900.2582 204385.8725 <i>i</i>

Table 14. For each given level N the unique normalized form $h \in M_{k_h}(\Gamma_0^*(N))$ such that k_h is as small as possible and h has maximal vanishing order at ∞

N	k_h	h	beginning of q -expansion
8	4	$\frac{1^8 8^8}{2^4 4^4}$	$q^2 - 8q^3 + 24q^4 - 32q^5 + 28q^6 + \dots$
9	4	$\frac{1^6 9^6}{3^4}$	$q^2 - 6q^3 + 9q^4 + 14q^5 - 54q^6 + \dots$
16	4	$\frac{1^8 16^8}{2^4 8^4}$	$q^4 - 8q^5 + 24q^6 - 32q^7 + 24q^8 + \dots$
25	4	$\frac{1^5 25^5}{5^2}$	$q^5 - 5q^6 + 5q^7 + 10q^8 - 15q^9 + \dots$
27	4	$\frac{1^6 27^6}{3^2 9^2}$	$q^6 - 6q^7 + 9q^8 + 12q^9 - 42q^{10} + \dots$
32	4	$\frac{1^8 32^8}{2^4 16^4}$	$q^8 - 8q^9 + 24q^{10} - 32q^{11} + 24q^{12} + \dots$
36	4	$\frac{1^6 4^6 6^4 9^6 36^6}{2^6 3^4 12^4 18^6}$	$q^6 - 6q^7 + 15q^8 - 22q^9 + 21q^{10} + \dots$
54	4	$\frac{1^3 2^3 27^3 54^3}{3^1 6^1 9^1 18^1}$	$q^9 - 3q^{10} - 3q^{11} + 15q^{12} - 3q^{13} + \dots$
72	4	$\frac{1^6 6^2 8^6 9^6 12^2 72^6}{2^3 3^4 4^3 18^3 24^4 36^3}$	$q^{12} - 6q^{13} + 12q^{14} - 4q^{15} - 15q^{16} + \dots$
108	4	$\frac{1^6 4^6 6^2 18^2 27^6 108^6}{2^6 3^2 9^2 12^2 36^2 54^6}$	$q^{18} - 6q^{19} + 15q^{20} - 24q^{21} + 33q^{22} + \dots$
128	4	$\frac{1^8 128^8}{2^4 64^4}$	$q^{32} - 8q^{33} + 24q^{34} - 32q^{35} + 24q^{36} + \dots$
144	4	$\frac{1^6 2^6 9^6 16^6 24^2 144^6}{2^3 3^4 8^3 18^3 48^4 72^3}$	$q^{24} - 6q^{25} + 12q^{26} - 4q^{27} - 18q^{28} + \dots$
180	4	$\frac{1^3 4^3 5^3 6^2 9^3 20^3 30^2 36^3 45^3 180^3}{2^3 3^2 10^3 12^2 15^2 18^3 60^2 90^3}$	$q^{18} - 3q^{19} + 3q^{20} - 2q^{21} + 10q^{24} + \dots$
200	8	$\frac{1^{10} 8^{10} 10^2 20^2 25^{10} 200^{10}}{2^5 4^5 5^4 40^5 50^5 100^5}$	$q^{60} - 10q^{61} + 40q^{62} - 80q^{63} + 95q^{64} + \dots$
216	4	$\frac{1^6 6^1 8^6 12^1 18^1 27^6 36^1 216^6}{2^3 3^2 4^3 9^2 24^2 54^3 72^1 108^3}$	$q^{36} - 6q^{37} + 12q^{38} - 6q^{39} - 3q^{40} + \dots$
864	4	$\frac{1^6 6^1 18^1 27^6 32^6 48^1 144^1 864^6}{2^3 3^2 9^2 16^3 54^3 96^2 288^2 432^3}$	$q^{144} - 6q^{145} + 12q^{146} - 6q^{147} - 6q^{148} + \dots$

The notation is such that e.g. $\frac{1^8 8^8}{2^4 4^4}$ corresponds to $\frac{\eta(\tau)^8 \eta(8\tau)^8}{\eta(2\tau)^4 \eta(4\tau)^4}$

points we fix this by requiring that the projection of $\Pi''(z_*)$ (or $\Pi'''(z_*)$) on the Hodge structure (1, 2) (or (0, 3)) are given by rational linear combinations of the quasiperiods (or rational linear combinations multiplied by $2\pi i$). The beginning of the q -expansions of our choice of meromorphic forms can be found in Table 10 and Table 11. The resulting numerical values for the quasiperiods are given in Table 12 and Table 13. We provide a supplementary Pari file containing more detailed data at [105].

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