

## Motivic zeta functions of the quartic and its mirror dual

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ABSTRACT. We use a formula of Bultot to compute the motivic zeta function for the toric degeneration of the quartic K3 and its Gross-Siebert mirror dual degeneration. We check for this explicit example that the identification of the logarithm of the monodromy and the mirror dual Lefschetz operator works at an integral level.

### 1. Introduction

Motivic integration was introduced by Kontsevich in a famous lecture at Orsay in 1995. Kontsevich invented this theory in order to prove that birationally equivalent complex Calabi-Yau varieties have the same Hodge numbers.

Motivic integrals take values in a suitable Grothendieck ring of varieties and can be specialized to various additive invariants of algebraic varieties, such as Hodge-Deligne polynomials.

An early application of motivic integration was Denef and Loeser's definition of the *motivic zeta function* of a hypersurface singularity, designed as a motivic upgrade of Igusa's  $p$ -adic local zeta function. This motivic zeta function is a very rich invariant of the singularity and contains several interesting classical invariants, such as the Hodge spectrum.

We refer to [12] for an elementary introduction. In [10], an analogous motivic zeta function was defined for a smooth and proper variety  $X$  over  $\mathbb{C}((t))$  with trivial canonical sheaf. The case of abelian varieties was studied in detail in [9], but only very few examples are known when  $X$  is Calabi-Yau.

A large class of Calabi-Yau varieties over  $\mathbb{C}((t))$  can be constructed and described by means of the theory of *toric degenerations* of Gross and Siebert. Using tropical and logarithmic geometry, Gross and Siebert showed how to construct a Calabi-Yau variety over  $\mathbb{C}((t))$  from combinatorial data: a topological manifold with an integral affine structure with singularities and a piecewise linear function on this manifold [8]. This construction explains mirror symmetry between Calabi-Yau varieties over  $\mathbb{C}((t))$  as a duality between the combinatorial data.

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We aim to use this construction to compute motivic zeta functions. As a first step, and to illustrate the techniques that come into play, we work out the details in the case of a mirror pair of  $K3$  surfaces, and we compare the result with the formula of Stewart and Vologodsky [17].

**Notation.** We will denote by  $K$  the field of complex Laurent series  $\mathbb{C}((t))$  and by  $R$  its valuation ring  $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$ . If  $\mathcal{X}$  is a scheme over  $R$  then its special fiber will be denoted by  $\mathcal{X}_0$ . If  $X$  is a separated  $K$ -scheme of finite type, then an  $R$ -model of  $X$  is a flat separated  $R$ -scheme  $\mathcal{X}$  of finite type, endowed with an isomorphism of  $K$ -schemes  $\mathcal{X}_K \rightarrow X$  where  $\mathcal{X}_K$  denotes the base change to  $K$ .

We denote by  $K_0(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$  the Grothendieck ring of complex varieties, by  $\mathbb{L} = [\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1] \in K_0(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$  the class of the affine line, and by  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}} = K_0(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})[\mathbb{L}^{-1}]$  the localized Grothendieck ring. We recall that  $K_0(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the quotient of the free abelian group on isomorphism classes  $[X]$  of complex varieties  $X$  modulo the scissor relations  $[X] = [Y] + [X \setminus Y]$  whenever  $Y$  is a closed subvariety of  $X$ . The product on  $K_0(\text{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is induced by the fibered product of algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

All the logarithmic structures in this paper are defined with respect to the Zariski topology.

## 2. Motivic zeta functions of Calabi-Yau varieties and the formula of Stewart-Vologodsky

**2.1. Motivic zeta functions of Calabi-Yau varieties.** Let  $X$  be a smooth, proper, geometrically connected variety over  $K$  with trivial canonical line bundle, and assume that  $X(K)$  is non-empty. The motivic zeta function  $Z_X(T)$  is a formal power series in  $T$  with coefficients in the localized Grothendieck ring  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . It was introduced in [10], and measures the sets of rational points on  $X$  over the finite extensions of  $K$ . In his PhD thesis, Bultot gave a formula for  $Z_X(T)$  in terms of a log-smooth  $R$ -model of  $X$ . We will now recall a particular case of his formula.

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a proper  $R$ -model of  $X$ . We endow  $\text{Spec } R$  with its standard log structure and we endow  $\mathcal{X}$  with the divisorial log structure induced by its special fiber  $\mathcal{X}_0$ . The sheaf of monoids defining the log structure on  $\mathcal{X}$  will be denoted by  $M_{\mathcal{X}}$ . We assume that  $\mathcal{X}$  is log-smooth over  $R$ , that  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is reduced, and that the relative canonical line bundle  $\omega_{\mathcal{X}/R}^{\log}$  (that is, the sheaf of relative log-differentials of maximal degree) is trivial. These assumptions substantially simplify Bultot's formula for the zeta function and they will be sufficient for the applications in this paper.

We denote by  $F(\mathcal{X})$  the *Kato fan* of  $\mathcal{X}$ . This is a topological space endowed with a sheaf of monoids. The underlying space of  $F(\mathcal{X})$  is the subspace of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  that consists of the generic points of intersections of sets of irreducible components of  $\mathcal{X}_0$ , and the monoid sheaf on  $F(\mathcal{X})$  is the restriction of the sheaf of characteristic monoids  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X}} = M_{\mathcal{X}}/\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\times}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

The special fiber  $\mathcal{X}_0$  has a natural stratification, indexed by the points of the fan  $F(\mathcal{X})$ . For every  $\xi$  in  $F(\mathcal{X})$ , we denote by  $U(\xi)$  the subset of the closure of  $\{\xi\}$  obtained by removing the closures of the sets  $\{\xi'\}$  with  $\xi'$  a point of  $F(\mathcal{X})$  that does not specialize to  $\xi$ . The set  $U(\xi)$  is a locally closed subset of  $\mathcal{X}_0$ , and we endow it with its reduced induced structure.

For every point  $\xi$  of  $F(\mathcal{X})$ , the stalk  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}$  is a toric monoid. The dimension of the monoid  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}$ , which coincides with the rank of its groupification, will be

denoted by  $r(\xi)$ . The monoid  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}$  contains a distinguished element  $e_\xi$ , which is the image of the residue class of the local parameter  $t$  under the morphism

$$\overline{M}_{\text{Spec } R,0} = R/R^\times \cong \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}$$

where we wrote 0 for the closed point of  $\text{Spec } R$ . We denote by  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}^{\vee,\text{loc}}$  the set of local morphisms of monoids

$$\phi : \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}.$$

Here, “local” simply means that  $\phi^{-1}(0) = \{1\}$ .

**THEOREM 2.1 (Bultot).** *With the above notations and assumptions, we have*

$$Z_X(T) = \sum_{\xi \in F(\mathcal{X})} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^{r(\xi)-1} [U(\xi)] \sum_{\phi \in \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}^{\vee,\text{loc}}} T^{\phi(e_\xi)} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}[[T]].$$

**PROOF.** This is a particular case of [1, 3.1]. □

**2.2. The formula of Stewart-Vologodsky.** Here we will focus on the case where  $X$  is a  $K3$ -surface with a strictly semistable  $R$ -model, i.e., a regular proper  $R$ -model  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is a reduced divisor with strict normal crossings. If we enlarge our category of models to include algebraic spaces over  $R$  instead of only schemes, then we can find such a strictly semistable model  $\mathcal{X}$  with the additional property that the relative canonical line bundle  $\omega_{\mathcal{X}/R}$  is trivial. Such a model is called a *Kulikov model* for  $X$ . The possible special fibers of Kulikov models have been classified by Kulikov [11] and Persson-Pinkham [14]. The shape of the special fiber is closely related to the limit mixed Hodge structure of  $X$ , and this allowed Stewart and Vologodsky to obtain an explicit formula for the motivic zeta function  $Z_X(T)$  of  $X$  in terms of the limit mixed Hodge structure [17].

If  $X$  is of type III and  $\mathcal{X}$  is a Kulikov model, then the special fiber  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is a union of smooth rational surfaces that intersect along cycles of smooth rational curves and the dual intersection complex of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is a triangulation of the 2-sphere. Stewart and Vologodsky have shown that  $Z_X(T)$  only depends on the number  $t(X)$  of triple points in  $\mathcal{X}_0$ , i.e., the number of 2-simplices in the dual intersection complex (this number is denoted by  $r_2(X, K)$  in [17]). The invariant  $t(X)$  be read from the limit mixed Hodge structure on the degree 2 cohomology of  $X$  using [2, 7.1]; see Section 4.

**THEOREM 2.2 (Stewart-Vologodsky).** *If  $X$  is a  $K3$ -surface over  $K$  of type III, then*

$$Z_X(T) = \frac{t(X)}{2} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \frac{T(1+T)}{(1-T)^3} + (1 + 10\mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^2) \frac{2T}{1-T} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}[[T]].$$

*In particular, it only depends on  $t(X)$ , and it fully determines the invariant  $t(X)$ .*

**PROOF.** This is an immediate consequence of Stewart and Vologodsky’s formula (Theorem 1 in [17]) for the coefficients of the generating series  $Z_X(T)$ . □

We can also use Theorem 2.2 to compute the *motivic volume* or *motivic nearby fiber* of  $X$ , which encodes the geometry of a general fiber of  $X$  viewed as a degenerating family of complex varieties over a formal punctured disc. It is formally defined by taking the limit of  $-Z_X(T)$  for  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ ; see [13, §8]. This leads to the following result.

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *If  $X$  is a K3-surface over  $K$  of type III, then the motivic volume of  $X$  is equal to*

$$2 + 20\mathbb{L} + 2\mathbb{L}^2 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}}.$$

This expression nicely reflects the cohomological structure of  $X$ : subtracting the contributions  $1$  and  $\mathbb{L}^2$  for the cohomology spaces of degree  $0$  and  $4$ , respectively, we obtain the motivic decomposition  $1 + 20\mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^2$  for the degree  $2$  cohomology of  $X$ . The fact that the motivic volume lies in  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{L}]$  reflects the property that the limit mixed Hodge structure is of Hodge-Tate type.

### 3. The quartic and its mirror

We begin by describing the affine manifolds which will serve as the dual intersection complexes of the degenerations of the quartic and its mirror.

**3.1. Affine manifolds and subdivisions.** The affine manifold (see [7])  $B$  that is the intersection complex of a degeneration of the quartic can be constructed on the boundary of the Newton polytope of the quartic. This Newton polytope  $P$  is four times a standard 3-simplex. Translating it so that its unique interior lattice point becomes the origin yields the tetrahedron in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose vertices are given by

$$(3.1) \quad (-1, -1, -1), (3, -1, -1), (-1, 3, -1), \text{ and } (-1, -1, 3).$$

We define a subdivision  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $B := \partial P$  by cutting each facet of the tetrahedron  $P$  into 16 elementary two-simplices as shown in Figure 3.1. We introduce a distinguished set  $\Delta$  given by the barycenters of the 24 one-polytopes of  $\mathcal{P}$  that are contained in an edge of the tetrahedron. These are marked in Figure 3.1 by dotted circles. The standard affine structure on the interior of each maximal simplex and a fan structure at each vertex, which is given as shown in Figure 3.2, yield an integral affine structure on  $B \setminus \Delta$  (a variation on example 2.10.4 of [7]). We equip  $(B, \mathcal{P})$  with a piecewise linear function  $\varphi$ , defined by the Newton polytopes given in Figure 3.3. Applying the discrete Legendre transform (see [7, §4]), we obtain another integral tropical manifold  $(\check{B}, \check{\mathcal{P}})$  with multi-valued piecewise linear function  $\check{\varphi}$ . A chart of  $(\check{B}, \check{\mathcal{P}})$  is pictured in Figure 3.4.

**3.2. Degenerations and log smooth models.** A general description of how to obtain toric degenerations from Batyrev-Borisov Calabi-Yau manifolds was given in [4]. We follow the slight variant of this given in [15].

**3.2.1. A degeneration by compactifying a pencil.** Let  $P$  be the Newton polytope of some hypersurface in  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  that we wish to degenerate. Assume the origin is the unique interior point of  $P$  and that all facets have integral distance one to it, i.e.  $P$  is reflexive. Let  $f$  be a Laurent polynomial defining the hypersurface. Let  $\bar{C}(P)$  be the sideways truncated cone over  $P$ , i.e.

$$\bar{C}(P) = \{(rm, r) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid r \geq 0, m \in P, rm \in P\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{Y}'$  denote the toric variety associated to  $\bar{C}(P)$ . We have a proper map  $\mathcal{Y}' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  given by the monomial  $z^{e_{n+1}}$  that is associated to the last unit vector  $e_{n+1}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . We assume that the coefficients of  $f$  are generic. Next consider the Newton polytope  $\tilde{P}$  of the pencil in  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  generated by the original hypersurface and the empty set, i.e.

$$\tilde{P} = \text{Newton}(fz^{e_{n+1}} + 1) = \text{conv}(P \times \{e_{n+1}\}, 0).$$

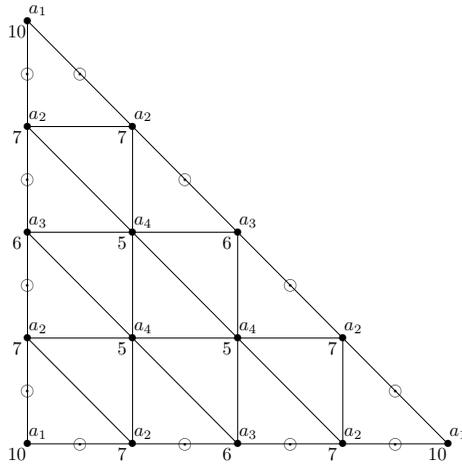


FIGURE 3.1. The subdivision of a facet of the Newton polytope of the quartic. The union of facets gives the *integral tropical manifold*  $B$  with polyhedral decomposition  $\mathcal{P}$ . The pair  $(B, \mathcal{P})$  is the intersection complex (“cone picture”) of a degeneration  $\mathcal{X}$  of a quartic K3 surface and the dual intersection complex (“fan picture”) of a *mirror* degeneration  $\check{\mathcal{X}}$ . The symbol  $\odot$  marks affine singularities, while the vertex labelings  $a_i$  correspond to different fan structures (see Figure 3.2). We label edges between vertices of type  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  by  $b_1$ , and the remaining edges by  $b_2$ . All two-dimensional polytopes are of the same type, which we label by  $c$ .

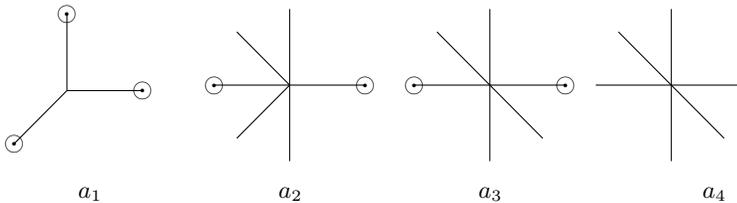


FIGURE 3.2. Fan structures.

This is the convex hull of the origin and a copy of  $P$  placed at height one (with respect to  $e_{n+1}$ ),  $z^{e_{n+1}}$  is the pencil parameter. Since  $\tilde{P}$  coincides with the cut-off of  $\tilde{C}(P)$  at  $e_{n+1}^* \leq 1$ , the hypersurface  $\mathcal{X}'$  defined by  $fz^{e_{n+1}} + 1$  doesn't contain any zero-dimensional orbits of  $\mathcal{Y}'$ . The restriction of  $\mathcal{Y}' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  to  $\mathcal{X}'$  gives a proper map  $\pi' : \mathcal{X}' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ . This is a degeneration of the compactified hypersurface associated to  $f$  (set  $z^{e_1} = \infty$  to obtain the original hypersurface).

3.2.2. *Resolving singularities in codimension two.* Note that  $\mathcal{Y}'$  and  $\mathcal{X}'$  are typically very singular. Let  $D'$  denote the horizontal divisor in  $\mathcal{Y}'$  given by the vertical facets of  $\tilde{C}(P)$  (those that arise from the sideways truncation). A resolution of singularities in codimension two can be done by choosing another lattice polytope  $Q$  whose normal fan is a refinement of  $P$ 's such that the resulting toric variety  $\mathcal{Y}$ , i.e. the family  $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ , has the properties

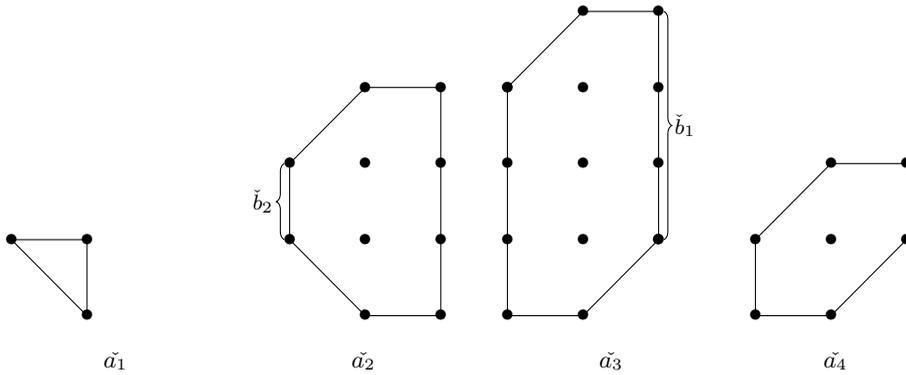


FIGURE 3.3. Newton polytopes

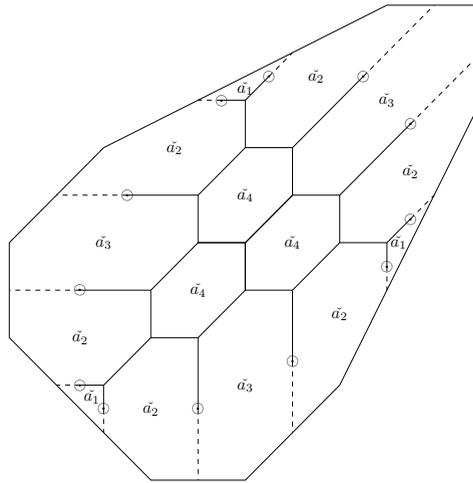


FIGURE 3.4. A chart of the pair  $(\check{B}, \check{\mathcal{P}})$  dual to the patch of  $(B, \mathcal{P})$  depicted in Figure 3.1. The labelings  $\check{a}_i$  refer to two-dimensional polyhedra dual to the vertices in Figure 3.1. Edges of type  $\check{b}_1$  separate cells of type  $\check{a}_2$  and  $\check{a}_3$ , while all other edges are of type  $\check{b}_2$ . Each vertex is of type  $\check{c}$  with identical fan structure given by the fan of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . The markings  $\ominus$  again indicate affine singularities, while the dashed segments are “cut lines” across which the affine structure changes in this chart.

- (1) the general fibre of  $\mathcal{Y}$  is regular,
- (2) away from  $D$ , the strict transform of  $D'$ , the family  $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  is semistable, i.e. the central fibre  $\mathcal{Y}_0$  is a normal crossing divisor in  $Y$ .

We will give such degenerations explicitly in the examples that interest us. We then restrict the family to the strict transform of  $\mathcal{X}'$  to obtain a degenerating family  $\pi : \mathcal{X}'' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  for the quartic and its mirror dual.

3.2.3. *Resolving the remaining log singularities.* We now assume  $\dim \mathcal{X}'' = 3$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{X}''$  is a degeneration of surfaces. Denote by  $\mathcal{X}_0 = \pi^{-1}(0)$  the special fibre. It

is not convenient to deal with the remaining log singularities in  $\mathcal{X}''$  torically. If there are some, these lie in the intersection of  $D$  and  $\text{Sing } \mathcal{X}_0$ , hence they are of codimension three in  $\mathcal{X}''$ . Note that  $\mathcal{Y}$  is smooth at the generic points of  $D \cap \mathcal{X}_0$  by the reflexivity assumption. In the quartic and its mirror, the set of points where  $\mathcal{X}'' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  is not log smooth is  $D \cap \text{Sing } \mathcal{X}_0$  and each singularity is an ordinary double point. At such a singularity,  $\mathcal{X}'' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  takes the shape

$$xy - tw = 0$$

where  $t$  is the coordinate of  $\mathbb{A}^1$ . We resolve all of these simultaneously by a projective small resolution  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}''$  simply by blowing up components of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  in  $\mathcal{X}''$  until all singularities are gone. Each singularity in the resolution is replaced by a  $\mathbb{P}^1$  that is contained in the strict(=proper) transform of the component of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  that was blown up to resolve this singularity. Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_0$  be the strict transform of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ . What is most important for us is that motivically

$$(3.2) \quad [\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_0] = [\mathcal{X}_0] + m\mathbb{L}$$

where  $m$  is the number of singularities. We will also need that the copies of  $\mathbb{L}$  don't lie in any proper intersection of two strata of  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_0$ . In other words, they are added to the part of a component of  $\mathcal{X}_0$  that is the complement of the proper intersections with other components. We will have  $m = 24$  for the quartic and its mirror-dual. We denote the resulting semistable family by  $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ .

3.2.4. *Degeneration of the quartic.* The Newton polytope  $P$  of the quartic was given in (3.1). We construct the family  $\mathcal{X}' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  as in the previous subsections. The general fibre is already smooth. It remains to make the central fibre semistable. For this, we choose a piecewise linear function  $\hat{\varphi} : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is uniquely determined by its values at the lattice points in the boundary of  $P$  which we choose on each facet to be as given in Figure 3.1. We then define the polytope  $Q$  to be the convex hull of the graph of  $\hat{\varphi}$ , i.e.

$$Q = \{(m, r) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid r \geq \hat{\varphi}(m)\}.$$

We leave it to the interested reader to check that

- (1) The restriction of  $\hat{\varphi}$  to each facet induces the subdivision given in Figure 3.1,
- (2) Let  $\tau$  be a simplex in the subdivision of a facet then the piecewise linear function induced by  $\hat{\varphi}$  on the quotient fan of  $P$  by  $\tau$  is up to addition of a linear function given by the Newton polytope  $\tilde{\tau}$  in Fig. 3.3.

Using  $Q$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  as in the previous subsections. Since the quartic meets the singular locus of the union of hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  in 24 points, we find  $m = 24$ .

3.2.5. *Degeneration of the quartic mirror dual.* To obtain the mirror dual degeneration  $\check{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  we proceed analogously. Let  $\check{P}$  denote the reflexive dual of  $P$ . The Batyrev quartic mirror dual is the crepant resolution of a general hypersurface in the projective toric variety associated to  $\check{P}$ . Using  $\check{P}$  we obtain  $\check{C}(\check{P})$ ,  $\check{\mathcal{Y}} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  and  $\check{\mathcal{X}}' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  similar to before. Let  $\check{Q}_1$  denote the Newton polytope of the piecewise linear function  $\hat{\varphi}$  that we constructed for the resolution of the quartic degeneration. Let  $\hat{\varphi}_0 : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the piecewise linear function that takes value  $\hat{\varphi}(v) - 1$  at a lattice point  $v$  in  $\partial P$  and let  $\check{Q}_0$  be its Newton polytope. This results in a Minkowski sum.

$$\check{Q}_1 = \check{Q}_0 + \check{P}.$$

Finally, we set

$$\check{Q} = \{(q_0, 0) + r(p, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid q_0 \in \check{Q}_0, p \in \check{P}, r \geq 0\}$$

We leave it to the interested reader to check that this satisfies the two items in §3.2.2. Again there are  $m = 24$  double points to resolve to obtain a semistable family  $\check{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  and the intersection complex of the central fibre is the one depicted in Figure 3.4.

**3.3. Applying Bultot’s theorem.** With the aid of Bultot’s formula for log smooth models (Theorem 2.1), we use the combinatorial data of  $(B, \mathcal{P})$  and  $(\check{B}, \check{\mathcal{P}})$  to compute the motivic zeta function of the quartic, the general fiber of  $\mathcal{X}$ . The same argument can be applied (after applying the appropriate dualization) to the mirror quartic.

The polyhedral complex  $\mathcal{P}$  is the intersection complex of  $\mathcal{X}_0$ , encoding its toric strata, while  $\check{\mathcal{P}}$  encodes the discrete part of its log structures. When translated into the language of our construction, incorporating (3.2), Theorem 2.1 yields

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad Z_{\text{quartic}}(T) &= 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{P}} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^{r(\tau)} [U(\tau)] \sum_{\phi \in \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\tau}^{\vee, \text{loc}}} T^{\phi(e_\epsilon)} \\ (3.4) \quad &= 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{P}} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^{r(\tau)} [U(\tau)] \sum_{(\mathbf{m}, t) \in C(\check{\tau})^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{N}} T^n. \end{aligned}$$

Here we’ve identified  $\check{\tau}$  with a polyhedron in  $\mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)}$ ,  $C(\check{\tau})^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is the interior of the cone over  $\check{\tau}$ ,  $r(\tau)$  is the codimension of  $\tau$  in  $B$ , and

$$U(\tau) := \mathbb{P}_\tau \setminus \bigcup_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{P} \\ \sigma \subsetneq \tau}} \mathbb{P}_\sigma.$$

The equality above follows from the identification of  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\tau}$  with the set of points  $(\mathbf{n}, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{N}$  with  $t \geq \varphi_\tau(\mathbf{n})$ , where  $\varphi_\tau$  is a representative of  $\varphi$  on the *fan structure* along  $\tau$  (see [8]). Then, by definition of  $\check{\tau}$ ,  $C(\check{\tau}) \cap \mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{N}$  can be identified with  $\overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\tau}^{\vee, \text{loc}}$ , with  $C(\check{\tau})^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{N} = \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\tau}^{\vee, \text{loc}}$ . If  $(\mathbf{m}, t)$  corresponds to  $\phi \in \overline{M}_{\mathcal{X},\tau}^{\vee, \text{loc}}$ , then  $t = \phi(e_\tau)$ . Then

$$Z_{\text{quartic}}(T) = 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{P}} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^{r(\tau)} [U(\tau)] \sum_{n \geq 1} l_{\check{\tau}}(n) T^n$$

where

$$l_{\check{\tau}}(n) := \#\left\{ (\mathbf{m}, t) \in C(\check{\tau})^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^{r(\tau)} \times \mathbb{N} \mid t = n \right\}.$$

As noted in [5, Proof of Proposition 2.2], one can compute the function  $l_{\check{\tau}}$  by counting simplices in a unimodular triangulation of  $\check{\tau}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_{\check{\tau}}$  be the set of simplices of such a subdivision (which always exists for  $\dim \check{\tau} \leq 2$ ). The number of integral lattice points in the interior of the  $j$ th scaling of the standard  $k$ -simplex is given by the coefficient of  $T^j$  in the expansion about 0 of  $\left(\frac{T}{1-T}\right)^{k+1}$ . We obtain

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} l_{\check{\tau}}(n) T^n = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\check{\tau}} \\ \sigma \not\subseteq \partial \check{\tau}}} \left(\frac{T}{1-T}\right)^{\dim(\sigma)+1}.$$

Combining this result with the observation that  $U(\tau) = (\mathbb{L} - 1)^{2-r(\tau)}$ , we can rewrite 3.4. Consider  $\check{\mathcal{P}}$ , a unimodular triangulation of  $\check{\mathcal{P}}$ . As before, let  $t(\text{quartic})$  be the number of triangles appearing in  $\check{\mathcal{P}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{quartic}}(T) &= 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{P}} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \check{\mathcal{P}} \\ \sigma \subset \check{\tau} \\ \sigma \not\subset \partial \check{\tau}}} \left( \frac{T}{1-T} \right)^{3-r(\sigma)} \\ &= 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + (\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \sum_{\sigma \in \check{\mathcal{P}}} \left( \frac{T}{1-T} \right)^{3-r(\sigma)} \\ &= 24\mathbb{L} \frac{T}{1-T} + (\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \left[ t(\text{quartic}) \left( \frac{T}{1-T} \right)^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3t(\text{quartic})}{2} \left( \frac{T}{1-T} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{t(\text{quartic})}{2} + 2 \right) \left( \frac{T}{1-T} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{t(\text{quartic})}{2} (\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \frac{T(1+T)}{(1-T)^3} + (1 + 10\mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^2) \frac{2T}{1-T}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see agreement with Theorem 2.2.

Each facet of the tetrahedron  $P$  can be triangulated as in Fig. 3.1. This yields 4·16 triangles giving  $t(\text{mirror quartic}) = 64$ . Letting  $t(\tau)$  denote the count of lattice triangles in an elementary triangulation of a polygon  $\tau$ , using the labelling as in Fig. 3.3, we obtain  $t(\text{quartic})$  as

$$4t(\check{a}_1) + 2 \cdot 6t(\check{a}_2) + 6t(\check{a}_3) + 3 \cdot 4t(\check{a}_4) = 4 + 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 + 6 \cdot 14 + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 10 = 280.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{quartic}}(T) &= 140(\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \frac{T(1+T)}{(1-T)^3} + (1 + 10\mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^2) \frac{2T}{1-T} \\ Z_{\text{mirror quartic}}(T) &= 32(\mathbb{L} - 1)^2 \frac{T(1+T)}{(1-T)^3} + (1 + 10\mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^2) \frac{2T}{1-T}. \end{aligned}$$

### 4. Arithmetic of the monodromy

Let us assume now that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a type III degeneration of K3 surfaces,  $\mathcal{X}_s$  the nearby fibre and  $\mathcal{X}_0$  the central fibre. We follow [2]. Let  $\mathcal{T} \in \text{Aut}(H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Z}))$  be the Picard Lefschetz transformation (i.e. monodromy). One sets

$$N = \log \mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T} - 1) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{T} - 1)^2.$$

Denote by

$$W_0 \subset W_2 \subset W_4 = H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Q})$$

the weight filtration induced by  $N$ , i.e.  $W_0 = \text{im } N^2$ ,  $W_2 = \ker N^2 = W_0^\perp$ . We have that  $W_0 \cap H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\gamma$  be a generator. Let  $(x \cdot y)$  denote the pairing of  $x, y \in H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Q})$ . By unimodularity, there is a  $\gamma' \in H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $(\gamma \cdot \gamma') = 1$ . Set

$$\delta = N\gamma' \in W_2.$$

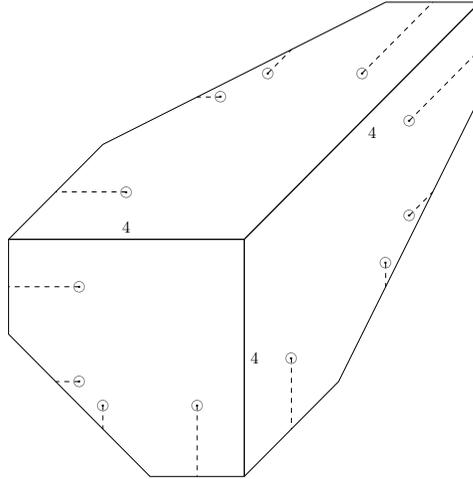


FIGURE 4.1. The tropical curve given by the 1-skeleton in Fig. 3.4 is homologous to the tropical curve depicted here

PROPOSITION 4.1 (Friedman and Scattone). *We have for  $x \in H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Q})$ ,*

$$Nx = (x \cdot \gamma)\delta - (x \cdot \delta)\gamma$$

*and  $\delta \in H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Z})$ , so  $N$  preserves  $H^2(\mathcal{X}_s; \mathbb{Z})$ .*

PROOF. [2, Lemma 1.1]. □

There is a pair of integers  $(t, k)$  that determines  $N$  up to conjugation [2, Prop. 1.7]. One defines

$$t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\delta \cdot \delta) = \#(\text{triangles in a unimodular triangulation of } (\check{B}, \check{P}))$$

where the second equality is [2, Prop 7.1] where it appears as the count of triple points of a semistable birational model for  $\mathcal{X}_0$ . The index  $k$  is the maximal integer such that  $N/k$  is integral, i.e. by the proposition this is the maximal integer such that  $\delta/k$  is integral. Note that  $k^2$  divides  $t$ .

Let  $f : \mathcal{X}_s \rightarrow B$  denote the continuous map that is the SYZ fibration [3]. It follows from [3] that  $\gamma$  is a fibre and  $\gamma'$  is a section.

LEMMA 4.2. *We have that  $\delta = N\gamma'$  is given by the tropical 1-cycle that is the 1-skeleton of  $\mathcal{P}$  supporting sections of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  that are given by the kinks of  $\varphi$ .*

PROOF. We leave this to the upcoming paper [6] and refer to [15] that explains how one arrives at this. □

This Lemma allows us to compute the index  $k$ , i.e. the maximal integer such that  $\delta/k$  is integral. For the computation of  $t$ , it is a nice exercise to compute  $(\delta \cdot \delta)$  using the tropical intersection product but for us it is easier to go by the triangle count.

THEOREM 4.3. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} t(\text{quartic}) &= 280 = 2^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, & k(\text{quartic}) &= 1, \\ t(\text{quartic-mirror}) &= 64 = 2^6, & k(\text{quartic-mirror}) &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

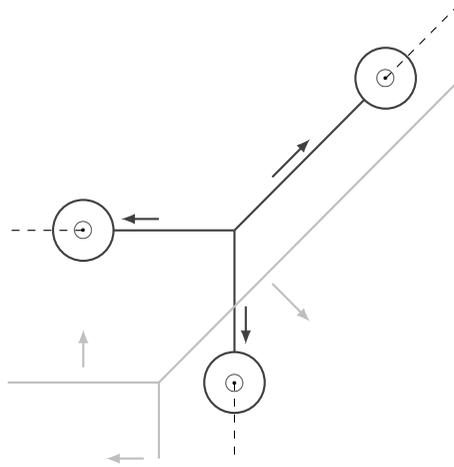


FIGURE 4.2. Simple intersection of a tropical cycle and cocycle

PROOF. The quantities  $t$  were computed in the previous section. Consider Fig. 3.4. The tropical curve  $\alpha$  obtained from the 1-skeleton in the intersection complex of the quartic-mirror is the tropical curve part of which is shown in Fig. 3.4 and the sections of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  are primitive along each edge. Furthermore, the sections are invariant under local monodromy wherever an edge passes through a singularity. This allows us to deform the edges over the singularities by adding a suitable tropical 2-cycle. This way, it can be seen that  $\alpha$  is homologous to the curve depicted in Fig. 4.1. Let  $\alpha'$  be the reduced tropical curve, i.e.  $\alpha = 4\alpha'$ . We need to show that  $k = 4$  is the maximum, i.e. that  $\alpha'$  is not homologous to a proper multiple of another curve. This follows from looking at  $t = t(\text{quartic}) = 64$ . Since  $k^2$  divides  $t$ , the only other options would be  $k = 8$  but then, by [2, Fig. B],  $\mathcal{P}$  would need to be the refinement of a triangulation of the sphere with a single triangle which is impossible, hence  $k = 4$ . It remains to show that  $k(\text{quartic}) = 1$ . It suffices to exhibit a cocycle that pairs to 1 with the tropical cycle in given by the 1-skeleton in the intersection complex of the quartic, see Fig. 3.1. One such cycle is shown in black in Fig 4.2. It is Y-shaped where each end encircles a singularity that neighbours a fixed corner of the tetrahedron. Let's denote this one by  $\alpha$ . We perturb the 1-skeleton cycle slightly so that it intersects  $\alpha$  transversely in a single point, let's call this  $\beta$ . The pairing of the sections of  $\Lambda$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  at the stalk of the intersection point is  $\pm 1$ , see Fig 4.2. This pairing coincides with the homology-cohomology pairing of the usual (co-)cycles in  $\hat{\alpha} \in H^1(\mathcal{X}_s, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\hat{\beta} \in H_1(\mathcal{X}_s, \mathbb{Z})$  reconstructed from  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively as in [16]. This implies that  $\hat{\beta}$  is primitive and thus  $k(\text{quartic}) = 1$ .  $\square$

Let us consider the Lefschetz operator  $L \in \text{End}(H^\bullet(\mathcal{X}_s, \mathbb{Z}))$  on the cohomology of the quartic, i.e.  $L$  is the cup product with  $4H$  for  $H$  the hyperplane class. We may define  $\check{k}(\text{quartic})$ ,  $\check{t}(\text{quartic})$  using  $L$  analogous to how we defined  $k, t$  using  $N$ . This means  $\check{k}(\text{quartic})$  is the maximum such that  $H/\check{k}$  is integral, i.e.  $\check{k}(\text{quartic}) = 4$ . We find that  $\check{t}(\text{quartic}) := |\text{coker } L^2| = 64$  as this can be computed from the ambient  $\mathbb{P}^3$  where it is  $(4H)^2 \cdot (\text{quartic}) = (4H)^3 = 64H^3$ .

We deduce the following mirror symmetry result.

COROLLARY 4.4.  $\check{t}(\text{quartic}) = t(\text{quartic-mirror})$ ,  
 $\check{k}(\text{quartic}) = k(\text{quartic-mirror})$ .

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