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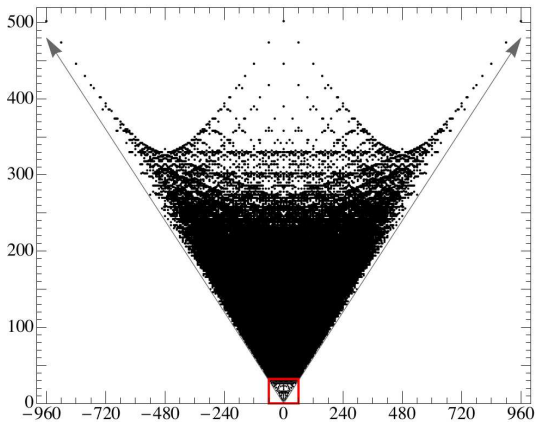
A search for examples of compact Calabi-Yau three-folds by Candelas, Lynker and Schimmrigk (1990) as crepant resolutions of hypersurfaces in weighted projective 4-space provided the following scatter plot of invariants, with the x-axis being Euler characteristic,

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and y-axis

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There are now many proposed constructions for mirror pairs:



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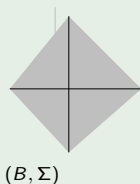
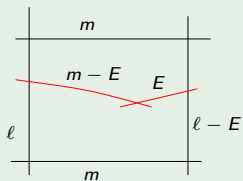
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Consider  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , with toric boundary

$$\bar{D} = (\{0, \infty\} \times \mathbb{P}^1) \cup (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \{0, \infty\}).$$

Let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  be the blow-up at a non-singular point of  $\bar{D}$ , and let  $D$  be the proper transform of  $\bar{D}$ .



We can take  $P$  to be generated by the classes  $\ell - E$ ,  $m - E$  and  $E$ .

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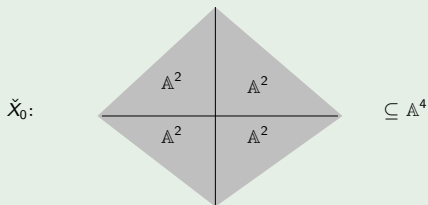
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Note that for  $n = 0$ ,  $\text{Spec } R_n$  is just a union of affine spaces glued together as dictated by the combinatorics of  $B$ .

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- 3 Finally, the multiplication rule for theta functions can be described in terms of a logarithmic analogue of pairs of pants. We can avoid the first two steps by simply defining the multiplication rule in terms of  $(X, D)$ , but we lose some refined information visible in the first two steps.

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Without going into any technical detail, log GW invariants allow the counting of a kind of stable map from marked curves

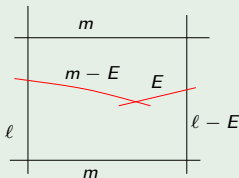
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with orders of tangency with components of  $D$  specified at each  $p_i$ . This generalizes relative invariants of Li-Ruan, Ionel-Parker, and Jun Li.

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The two red curves are both  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -curves. In addition, multiple covers of each of these totally ramified over the intersection points with  $D$  also occur.

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Intuitively, we allow “negative orders of tangency at points.”

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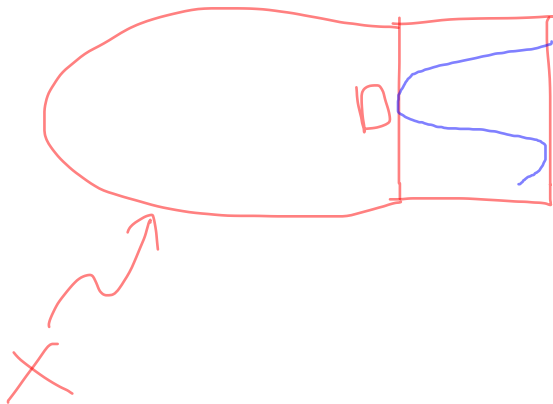
If any of the  $d_i$  is negative, the only allowable “punctured maps”  $f : C \rightarrow X$  have image contained in  $D$ . The log structure carries additional data, which in this case is a non-zero *meromorphic* section of  $f^* N_{D/X}$ , defined up to scaling, non-vanishing except at the  $p_i$ , with the order of zero at  $p_i$  given by  $d_i$  (pole if  $d_i < 0$ ).

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with  $\alpha_{pqr} \in A_n$ .

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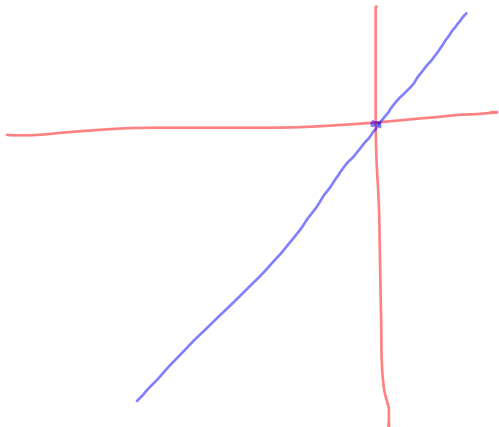
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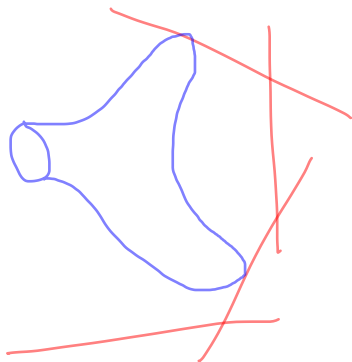
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## Theorem (Forthcoming)

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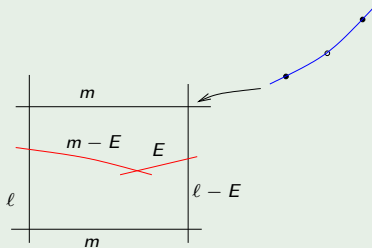
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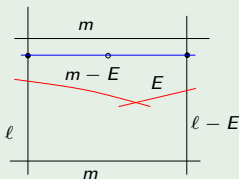
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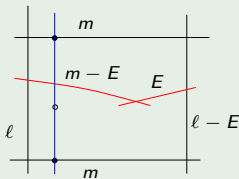
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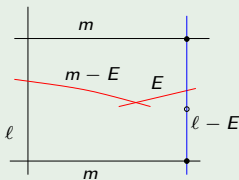




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