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TOPOLOGICAL N=2 STRING THEORY

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Plan: 4- lectures

1) Topological Theories $\oplus$ Gravity

2) Intro in CY,

topological G-models on CY

3) Anomaly Equation &

It's solution is perturbation series

4) KS & AKS

Brief Topological field theories

1) Metric independent

⇒ generally covariant on worldsheet.

2) spectrum $\{\phi_i\} = S$ 3) $1 \in S$

4) Correlation functions

$$\langle \phi_{i_1} \dots \phi_{i_n} \rangle$$

are independent on the positions

5) metric $\eta_{ij} = \langle \phi_i | \phi_j \rangle$ 6) Factoriz. $I = \sum_{ij} |\phi_i\rangle \eta^{ij} \langle \phi_j|$ Realization: $\exists$ nilpotent BRST symmetry Q

1) $Q^2 = 0$

2) $T_{ab} = [Q, G_{ab}]$

3) Corr. functions are invariant
w/r BRST symmetry

$$\langle \dots [Q, X] \dots \rangle \equiv 0$$

4) Spectrum is given by Q -cohomologies

5) Yukawa: $C_{ijk} = \langle \phi_i \phi_j \phi_k \rangle$

6) metric $\gamma_{ij} = C_{ij0} = \langle \phi_i \phi_j I \rangle$
(non degenerate)

All corr. functions are uniquely determined by ~~the~~ factorization cond.

Symmetry condition $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_{ijab} = C_{ijn} C_{abn} \end{array} \right\}^{**} \leftarrow \text{symmetric w.r. permutation (i,j,a,b)}$

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Properties

1) EX 1 $\langle \phi_{i_1}(x_1) \dots \phi_{i_n}(x_n) \rangle$ is x independent

2) OPE: $\phi_i \phi_j = C_{ij}^k \phi_k + [Q, *]$

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OPE algebra is associative

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Coupling to gravity (Top. string theory).

$M_{g,n} \leftarrow$ Moduli space of Riemann Surfaces of genus g with n -punctures.

$\tau \in M_{g,n}$ 1) In Top. Theory $\langle \dots \rangle$ is moduli independent!

$$\partial_\tau \langle \dots \rangle \equiv 0$$

2) Coupling to gravity (by definition) means ~~to~~ first to construct a MEASURE on every $M_{g,n}$. Correlation functions are given by INTEGRALS over moduli space $M_{g,n}$.

~~The~~ MEASURE is given by corr. functions in 2-d RFT.

Two possibilities

i) conformal theory,

indeed depends only on moduli, but not on metric (analog of critical theory)

ii) NON conformal $T_{z\bar{z}} \neq 0$ (still Q-exact)

depends on ~~the~~ metric REPRESENTATIVE

~~Conformal theory~~

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\partial_k \bar{z}_0 + \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{z}_0 + i \dot{\bar{z}}_0) (\partial_k \bar{z}_0 + i \dot{\bar{z}}_0) d\sigma + \\
 & - (\partial_k \bar{z}_0 + \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{z}_0 + i \dot{\bar{z}}_0) (\partial_k \bar{z}_0 - i \dot{\bar{z}}_0) d\sigma = \\
 & = \left[2 (\partial_k \bar{z}_0 + \partial_{\bar{k}} \bar{z}_0) \partial_k \bar{z}_0 + \dot{\bar{z}}_0 \dot{\bar{z}}_0 \right] d\sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we consider The first possibility (i)

1) $T_{z\bar{z}} = 0$ (conformal theory)

2) Nilpotent BRST $Q : Q^2 = 0$

3) Stress-energy is Q -exact

$$T_{ab} = [Q, F_{ab}]$$

Now with every moduli space one should associate a measure.

Analog: descent Equation

$\phi \leftarrow$ physical state

$$[Q, \phi] = 0$$

$$[Q, \phi^{(1)}] = d\phi$$

$$[Q, \phi^{(2)}] = d\phi^{(1)}$$

(5)

$\phi \leftarrow 0\text{-form on worldsheet}$

$\phi^{(1)} \leftarrow 1\text{-form on worldsheet}$

$\phi^{(2)} \leftarrow 2\text{-form on worldsheet}$

Then $\langle \phi^{(2)}(1) \dots \phi^{(2)}(n) \rangle \leftarrow$ measure on the
moduli space of the sphere
with n -punctures.

With Every moduli space $M_{g,n}$ we
associate set of forms $\omega_{g,n}^{(k)}$

$$\omega_{g,n}^{(k)} \in \Omega_k(M_{g,n}, \otimes^k \mathcal{H})$$

where $\omega^{(k)}$ are related by descent equation

$$[\Omega, \omega_{g,n}^{(k)}] = d \omega_{g,n}^{(k-1)}$$

$d \leftarrow$ differential on $M_{g,n}$

and $\omega_{g,n}^{(0)} = \phi(1) \otimes \dots \otimes \phi(n)$

let $\mu = d\tau^i \mu_i$ be 1-form on $M_{g,n}$ (6)
 with coefficients in Beltrami
 differentials

$$\mu_i = \mu_{i\bar{z}} \bar{z}^2 d\bar{z} dz$$

The descent equation can be solved

$$\omega_{g,n}^{(k)} = \langle \phi_{i_1} \dots \phi_{i_n} (\mu G)^k \rangle_{\Sigma_{g,n}}$$

$$(\text{indeed } [Q, \omega_{g,n}^{(k)}] = d\omega_{g,n}^{(k-1)})$$

The measure on $M_{g,n}$ is given by top form
 on $M_{g,n}$: $k = \dim M_{g,n}$

In fact, we are going to discuss topological
 theories that can be obtained by TWISTING
 $N=2$ superconformal system

Some words about
Twisting

After Twisting

$$T_{22}, G_{22}^-, G_z^+, H_z$$

$$Q = \int G_z^+; \quad F = \int H_z$$

$$T_{22} = [Q, G_{22}^-] \quad G_z^+ = [Q, H_z]$$

$Q \leftarrow$ BRST charge

$F \leftarrow U(1)$ charge (or fermion number,
or ghost number)

In order to get a measure of $M_{g,n}$

one should satisfy a charge conservation

$$\langle \phi_{i_1} \dots \phi_{i_n} (\mu \sigma)^{2(3g-3+n)} \rangle \quad -3(g-1)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (g_j - 1) + 3(1-g) = \hat{c}(1-g)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - 1) = (3 - \hat{c})(g - 1)$$

1) $\hat{c} = 3$ and $g = 1$ (marginal operators)

For example: 6-models on Calabi-Yau

2) $\hat{c} = 2$ For example 6-models on K_3

$$\sum (q_i - 1) = g - 1$$

$g > 1$ Let Ω be spectral flow operator

$$q_\Omega = 2 \quad \#_\Omega = g - 1$$

$\oplus$ marginal

Torus $g = 1$ marginal.

Sphere $g = 0$ one puncture

3) For $\hat{c} \leq 1$ gravitational descendant are important

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In what follows we consider the following problem:

Lecture II

Take $N=2$ Twisted system

$$T_{zz}, H_z, \bar{G}_z^+, \bar{G}_{zz}$$

Physical spectrum $\{\phi_i\}$ is given
by BRST cohomologies

$$\cancel{\phi \in H_{Q_{tot}}} \quad Q_{tot} = Q + \bar{Q}$$

$$\phi \in H_{Q_{tot}} \Leftrightarrow [Q, \phi] = 0 \text{ \& } \phi \notin [Q, \psi] \text{ for any } \psi$$

ϕ are in one to one correspondence
with chiral primary fields for untwisted system
(when $N=2$ is unitary).

The fields $\phi \in H_{Q_{tot}}$ are labeled by left & right
charges

$$[F, \phi_{p,q}] = p \phi_{p,q}, \quad [\bar{F}, \phi_{p,q}] = q \phi_{p,q}$$

$$[L_0, \phi_{p,q}] = [\bar{L}_0, \phi_{p,q}] = 0$$

2 forms of chiral primaries (lowest components)

$$\phi^{(2)} = \oint \mathcal{G}_{\frac{1}{2}} \oint \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\frac{1}{2}} \phi$$

~~also~~ defines exactly marginal perturbations

$$\dots S_0 \rightarrow S_0 + t^a \int \phi_a^{(2)}$$

It is clear that $\phi_a^{(2)}$ are

1) chargeless

2) dimension $(1, \bar{1})$

The original $N=2$ system was hermitian:

~~which means~~ Hermitian conjugation

$$\phi(\text{chiral}) \rightarrow \phi^\dagger(\text{antichiral})$$

The lowest component of antichiral field is

$$\tilde{\phi}^\dagger = \oint \mathcal{G}_{\frac{1}{2}}^\dagger \oint \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\frac{1}{2}}^\dagger \phi^\dagger \equiv [Q, [\bar{Q}, \phi^\dagger]]$$

and is BRST exact in ~~the~~ twisted model.

Namely the perturbations $\tilde{\phi}^\dagger$ decouple.

Therefore, we may consider

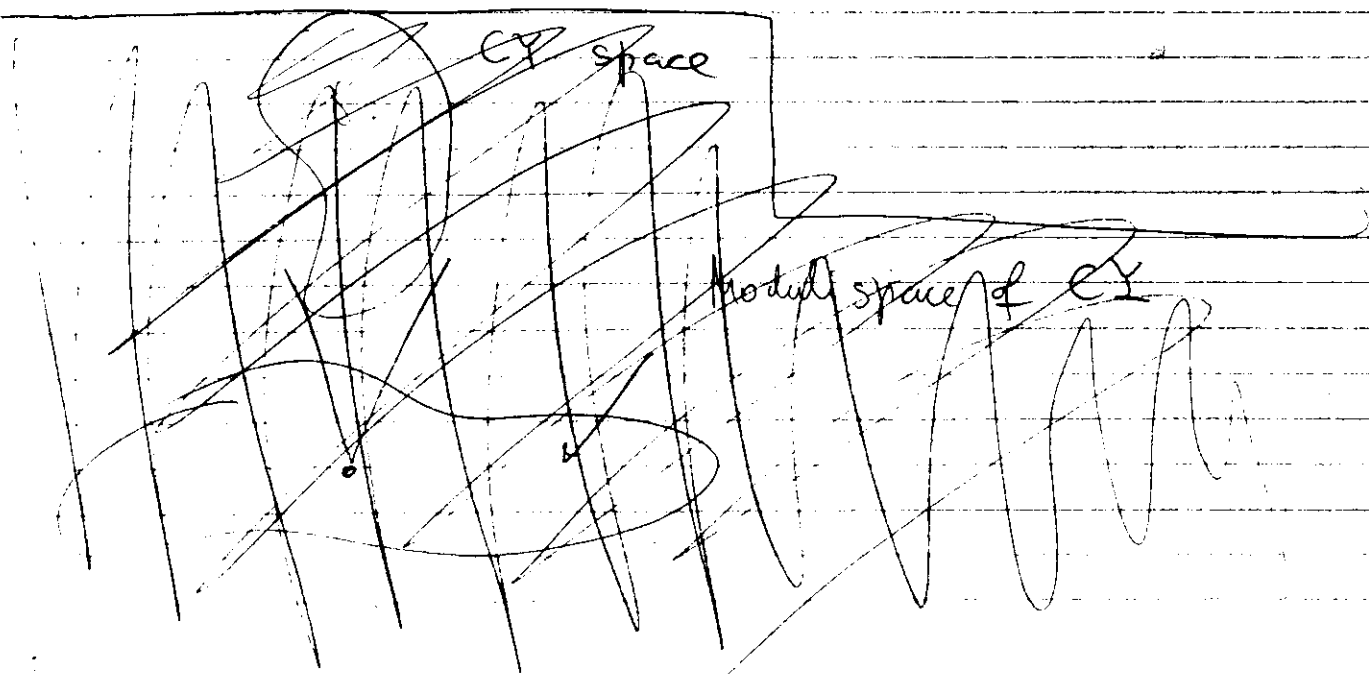
$$S_0 \rightarrow S_0 + t^a \int \dot{\phi}_a^{(2)} + \bar{t}^a \int [Q[\bar{\psi} \phi^+]]$$

Naively one expects that nothing depends on $\bar{t}$.

There is an ANOMALY

Insertion of BRST trivial operators produce the total derivative on the moduli space which gets a contribution from the boundary.

We will think about Topological Twisted models as being realized as Topological σ -models on Calabi-Yau manifold.



Brief Intro to CY manifolds

- 1) Kähler n -dim manifold
- 2) Trivial Ricci Tensor

$$R = R_{\bar{j}i} dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^{\bar{j}}$$

$$[R] = 0$$

or in other words $c_1(CY) = 0$

This condition is equivalent to either

- 1) $GL(n) \rightarrow SU(n)$ holonomy
- 2) or $\exists!$ holomorphic n -form $\Omega (dz)^n$

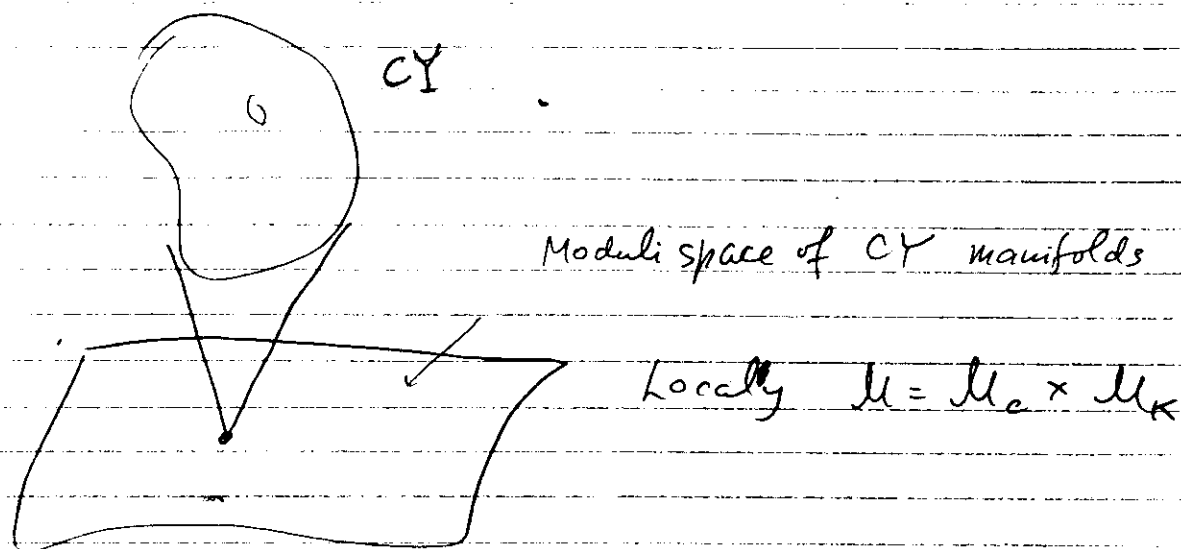
Metric $\bullet$ $g_{ab} = w_{ac} J_b^c$

$[\omega] \leftarrow$ defines Kähler structure $\{ [\omega] \in H_d$

$[J] \leftarrow$ defines Complex structure $\{ J^2 = -I$ &

some integrability condition

CY manifolds always comes in families



$M_c \leftarrow$ deformations of Complex structures

$M_K \leftarrow$ deformations of Kähler structure

Both manifolds M_c & M_K are special geometry manifolds.

For example M_c

1) $\Omega (dz)^n$ is a section of line bundle $\mathcal{L}$ over M_c

2) Kähler potential on M_c

$$e^{-K} = \int_{CY} \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}, \quad e^{-K} \in \mathcal{L} \times \mathbb{R}$$

3) For CY 3-folds

$$\Omega \in H_{3,0}, \quad \partial_{\bar{a}} \Omega = []_{3,0} + []_{2,1}$$

$$\partial_a \partial_{\bar{b}} \Omega = [\]_{3,0} + [\]_{2,1} + [\]_{1,2} + [\]_{0,3}$$

$$\partial_a \partial_{\bar{b}} \partial_c \Omega = [\]_{3,0} + [\]_{2,1} + [\]_{1,2} + [\]_{0,3}$$

Indeed, ~~deforming~~ complex structure $\bar{\partial} \rightarrow \bar{\partial} + A \cdot \partial$

$$dz \rightarrow dz - A d\bar{z}$$

which implies the form mixing

Yukawa Coupling

$$C_{ijk} = \int \Omega \wedge \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k \Omega = - \int \partial_i \Omega \wedge \partial_j \partial_k \Omega$$

4) Special geometry relation

$K \leftarrow$ Kahler potential

$G_{i\bar{j}} = \partial_i \bar{\partial}_{\bar{j}} K \leftarrow$ Kahler metric

$R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{e}} \leftarrow$ Curvature

$$R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{e}} = G_{i\bar{j}} G_{k\bar{e}} + G_{i\bar{e}} G_{j\bar{k}} - C_{ika} C_{j\bar{e}\bar{a}} e^{2K} G^{a\bar{a}}$$

**) The same relation is valid for $\mathcal{M}_K$

!!! C_{ijk} and $G_{i\bar{j}}$ are given by correlation functions in $\mathcal{FCT}$

Back to correlation functions.

Definition

$$A_{j_1 \dots j_n} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|z_1 - z_2| \geq \varepsilon} d^2 z_1 \dots d^2 z_n \langle \phi_{j_1}^{(2)}(z_1) \dots \phi_{j_n}^{(2)}(z_n) \rangle$$

$A_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t, \bar{t}) \Leftarrow$ depends on the Models of CE

Variation $t \rightarrow t + \delta t$
 $\bar{t} \rightarrow \bar{t} + \delta \bar{t}$ | (NB) $A_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t, \bar{t})$ well defined
 TENSORS in the models space.

$$S_{t, \bar{t}} \rightarrow S_{t, \bar{t}} + \delta t^a \int_{\Sigma} \phi_a^{(2)} d^2 z + \delta \bar{t}^a \int [\bar{Q}[\bar{\phi}_a^\dagger]]$$

$$\partial_a A_{j_1 \dots j_n} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int d^2 x \int d^2 z_1 \dots d^2 z_n \langle \phi_a^{(2)}(x) \phi_{j_1}^{(2)}(z_1) \dots \phi_{j_n}^{(2)}(z_n) \rangle$$

It is clear that $\partial_a A_{j_1 \dots j_n}$ differs from $A_{aj_1 \dots j_n}$ by contact terms.

Contact terms have to be identified with connection (for marginal perturbations of CFT)

$$\phi_a(z) \phi_b(w) = \dots \delta(z-w) \Gamma_{ab}^c \phi_c(w) + \dots$$

(D. Kutasov)

That means, we should slightly modify our prescription

$$D_a = D_a^{(z)} + 2(g-1) \partial_a K$$

} connection in the line bundle

$$A_{\text{ir-ir}}^{(g)} = \int_{\mathcal{M}_g} d\mu \int d^2 z_1 \int_{z_1 \neq z_2} d^2 z_2 \langle \phi^{(1)}(z_1) \dots \phi^{(n)}(z_n) \rangle_{\Sigma_g}$$

$$A_{\text{ir-ir}}^{(g)} \in L^{2(1-g)} \otimes T \otimes \omega$$

$$D_a A_{\text{ir-ir}}^{(g)} = A_{\text{ir-ir}}^{(g)}$$

BRIEF Intro in Topological

G-models on CY

A model

$$\mathcal{L} = G_{i\bar{j}} (\partial X^i \bar{\partial} X^{\bar{j}} + \bar{\partial} X^i \partial X^{\bar{j}} + \psi_{\bar{z}}^i D_z \bar{\rho}^{\bar{j}} + \underbrace{\psi_z^{\bar{i}} \bar{D}_z \rho^j}_{\text{to be compared}}) + \\ + R_{i\bar{j}n\bar{m}} \psi_{\bar{z}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{j}} \rho^n \bar{\rho}^{\bar{m}} + F^2$$

Spectrum $X^i X^{\bar{i}}$ $F_z^{\bar{i}} F_z^i$ $\psi_{\bar{z}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{i}}$ $\bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}} \rho^i$ to be compared

B-model

$$\mathcal{L} = G_{i\bar{j}} (\partial X^i \bar{\partial} X^{\bar{j}} + \bar{\partial} X^i \partial X^{\bar{j}} + \psi_{\bar{z}}^i D_z \bar{\rho}^{\bar{j}} + \underbrace{\psi_z^{\bar{i}} \bar{D}_z \rho^j}_{\text{to be compared}}) + \\ + R_{i\bar{j}n\bar{m}} \psi_{\bar{z}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{j}} \rho^n \bar{\rho}^{\bar{m}}$$

Spectrum $X^i X^{\bar{i}}$ $F_{z\bar{z}}^i, F^{\bar{i}}$ $\psi_{\bar{z}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{i}}$ $\rho^{\bar{j}} \bar{\rho}^j$

Tiny difference $\psi_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{i}} \rho^i \leftarrow \text{A-model}$
 $\psi_z^i \bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}} \leftarrow \text{B-model}$

Both theories are topological theories.

A-model

$$\delta X^i = \bar{\rho}^i$$

$$\delta \psi_z^i = \partial_z \bar{X}^i$$

$$\delta \psi_z^i = F_z^i + \Gamma_{nm}^i \psi_z^m$$

$$\delta F_z^i = -\partial_z \bar{\rho}^i - \delta(\Gamma_{nm}^i \psi_z^m \bar{\rho}^n)$$

$$\bar{\delta} X^{\bar{i}} = \bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}}$$

$$\bar{\delta} \psi_z^{\bar{i}} = \bar{\partial}_z X^{\bar{i}}$$

$$\bar{\delta} \psi_z^{\bar{i}} = \bar{F}_z^{\bar{i}} + \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{n}\bar{m}}^{\bar{i}} \bar{\psi}_z^{\bar{m}}$$

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BRST invariant configurations

$$\partial_z \bar{X}^{\bar{i}} - \bar{\partial}_z X^i = 0$$

$$(\text{fermions}) = 0$$

BRST inv. configurations are given by holomorphic maps!

In the large volume limit one can identify

$$Q \Leftrightarrow \partial, \quad \bar{Q} \Leftrightarrow \bar{\partial}$$

and Q_{tot} cohomologies with d -cohomologies

$$\{\text{physical spectrum}\} \equiv H d.$$

$$\phi = A_{i_1 \dots i_n \bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_n} \rho^{i_1} \dots \rho^{i_n} \bar{\rho}^{\bar{j}_1} \dots \bar{\rho}^{\bar{j}_n}$$

Special fields $\phi \in H_2$

$$\phi = A_{i\bar{j}}(x, \bar{x}) \rho^i \bar{\rho}^{\bar{j}}$$

2-form : $\phi^{(2)} = A_{i\bar{j}} \partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{j}} + \text{fermions}$

Antichiral field (non physical !!)

$$\phi^+ = A_{i\bar{j}}(x, \bar{x}) \psi_{\bar{z}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{j}}$$

$$[Q[\bar{\partial}\phi^+]] = A_{i\bar{j}} \bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{j}} + \text{fermions}$$

$$S_0 = \int G_{i\bar{j}} (\partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{j}} + \bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{j}}) + \dots$$

$$S_0 + \delta t \int \phi^{(2)} + \delta \bar{t} \int [Q[\bar{\partial}\phi^+]] =$$

$$= \int (G_{i\bar{j}} + \delta t A_{i\bar{j}}) \partial x^i \bar{\partial} x^{\bar{j}} +$$

$$+ \int (G_{i\bar{j}} + \delta \bar{t} \tilde{A}_{i\bar{j}}) \bar{\partial} x^i \partial x^{\bar{j}} + \dots$$

defines
variation of
Kähler
structure

BRST trivial.

$$\omega = \bar{g}_{i\bar{j}} dX^i \wedge d\bar{X}^{\bar{j}} \rightarrow \omega + \delta\omega = (\bar{g}_{i\bar{j}} + \delta t A_{i\bar{j}}) dX^i \wedge d\bar{X}^{\bar{j}}$$

Marginal perturbations for A-model

⊕ deformations of Kähler structure

$$\delta S = \int \phi^{(2)} d^2 z, \text{ where } \phi \in H_2$$

A-model does not depend of Complex structure

~~A-model~~ B-model

$$\delta X^{\bar{i}} = \bar{g}^{\bar{i}}$$

$$\delta \psi_z^i = \partial_z X^i$$

$$\delta \bar{g}^{\bar{i}} = F^{\bar{i}} + \Gamma_{n\bar{n}}^{\bar{i}} \bar{g}^{\bar{n}} \bar{g}^{\bar{m}}$$

$$\delta F_{z\bar{z}}^i = -\partial_z \psi_z^i - \delta(\Gamma_{n\bar{n}}^i \psi_z^{\bar{n}} \psi_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{m}})$$

$$\bar{\delta} X^{\bar{i}} = \bar{g}^{\bar{i}}$$

$$\bar{\delta} \psi_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{i}} = \bar{\partial}_{\bar{z}} X^{\bar{i}}$$

$$\bar{\delta} \bar{g}^{\bar{i}} = -F^{\bar{i}} - \Gamma_{n\bar{n}}^{\bar{i}} \bar{g}^{\bar{n}} \bar{g}^{\bar{m}}$$

$$\bar{\delta} F_{z\bar{z}}^{\bar{i}} = \dots$$

BRST invariant configurations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_z X^i = \bar{\partial}_{\bar{z}} X^{\bar{i}} = 0 \\ (\text{fermions}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Constant maps !!

It is easy to see that

$$1) \quad \Theta^{\bar{i}} = \rho^{\bar{i}} + \bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}} \quad \text{is BRST inv.}$$

2) on the other hand

$$\delta_{\text{tot}} (\rho^{\bar{i}} - \bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}}) = 2 \Gamma_{\bar{u}\bar{v}}^{\bar{i}} \rho^{\bar{u}} \bar{\rho}^{\bar{v}}$$

Ex

$$\boxed{\eta_i = g_{i\bar{i}} (\rho^{\bar{i}} - \bar{\rho}^{\bar{i}})}$$

η_i is BRST inv. (take into account $\delta g_{i\bar{j}}$)

Again, in the large volume limit

$$Q_{\text{tot}} \iff \bar{\partial} \text{ operator.}$$

Physical observables are given by $\bar{\partial}$ -cohomology

$$\phi = A_{\bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_m}^{i_1 \dots i_n} \theta^{\bar{j}_1} \dots \theta^{\bar{j}_m} \eta_{i_1 \dots i_n}$$

$$\phi \in H(\Lambda^* T_M)$$

(forms with coefficient with vector fields)

Again, there are some special fields

$$\phi \in H_1(\Lambda^1 T_M)$$

$$\phi = A_i^j \theta^{\bar{i}} \zeta_j \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A_i^j dx^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$$

Perturbation by $\int \phi^{(2)}$ defines the deformation of complex structure

$$\bar{\partial} \rightarrow \bar{\partial} + A \cdot \bar{\partial}_j$$

Similarly, B-model is insensitive to deformation of complex structure.

Yukawas for B-model

$$C_{ABC} = \langle \phi_A \phi_B \phi_C \rangle = \int_{CY} A^{j_1} \wedge B^{j_2} \wedge C^{j_3} \Omega_{j_1 j_2 j_3} \wedge \Omega$$

$$C_{ABC} \in \mathcal{L}^2$$

Yukawas for A-model

$$C_{ABC} = \langle \phi_A \phi_B \phi_C \rangle = \int A \wedge B \wedge C +$$

{ Instantaneous }
{ Correction }

