Conformal Blocks, Nekrasov Partition Function and WKB

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Motivation

- Review N = 2 gauge theory, Z_{Nek} , and AGT \rightarrow WKB
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$\mathcal{N}=2$ SUSY gauge theories come in families

$$\mathcal{N}=2$$
 vector multiplet:

$$\phi^{-\psi}_{\chi} A^{\mu}$$

By $\mathcal{N}=2$ supersymmetry, flat directions in potential for ϕ

 \Rightarrow families parametrized locally by $a = \langle \phi \rangle$.

The two derivative $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Lagrangian

- Dependence of Lagrangian on the modulus a captured by complex function: the prepotential $F_0(a)$.
- In the effective action, $F_0(a)$ receives instanton corrections.

The Seiberg-Witten formalism

Family of QFTs maps to family of tori which encode prepotential.



Global coordinate on moduli space is u.

 $\lambda(u)$ meromorphic one form satisfying $a = \oint_A \lambda$, $a_D = \oint_B \lambda$.

Prepotential determined via $a_D = \frac{dF_0}{da}$.

Some examples

• Pure SU(2): a single vector multiplet

$$y^{2} = (x - u)(x^{2} - \Lambda^{4}), \quad \lambda \sim \frac{\sqrt{x - u}}{\sqrt{x^{2} - \Lambda^{4}}}$$

• $N = 2^*$: an adjoint matter hypermultiplet of mass m

$$y^2 = m^2 \wp(z|\tau) - u$$
, $\lambda = \sqrt{m^2 \wp(z|\tau) - u}$

• $N_f = 4$: four fundamental matter hypermultiplets of mass m_i

$$y^2 = \sum_{i=0}^3 m_i^2 \wp(z + \omega_i | \tau) - u \,, \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^4 m_i^2 \wp(z + \omega_i | \tau) - u}$$

The Nekrasov partition function

Compute instanton contributions via localization.

$$Z_{Nek}(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2) = \sum_n q^n \int_{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_n} \overset{\text{appropriate equivariant class}}{\omega}$$
 instanton counting parameter

compactified n-instanton moduli space for gauge group U(2)

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Recover prepotential $F_0 = F^{0,0}$ as leading term in asymptotic expansion.

$$Z_{Nek}(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \sim \exp \sum_{n,g} F^{n,g}(q) \overset{(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)^2}{\overset{\uparrow}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}}$$

From formal to analytic?

$$Z_{Nek}(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \sim \exp \sum_{\substack{n,g \ \text{elucidate}}} F^{n,g}(q) s^n g_s^{2g-2}$$

- in gauge theory: LHS convergent for large a
- in topological string theory: both sides are formal power series, in q and (g_s, s) respectively

WKB for $\mathcal{N} = 2$ gauge theory via AGT

gauge theory	CFT
$\overline{Z_{Nek}}$	conformal block on $\Sigma_{g,n}$
ϵ_1,ϵ_2	$b^2=rac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1},Q=b+1/b,\ c=1+6Q^2$
	$c = 1 + 6Q^2$
coupling constants	complex structure parameters of $\Sigma_{g,n}$
a	exchanged momentum $h = \frac{Q^2}{4} - \frac{a^2}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}$ weights of insertions $h_m = \frac{Q^2}{4} - \frac{m_i^2}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}$
masses m_i	weights of insertions $h_{m_i} = \frac{Q^2}{4} - \frac{m_i^2}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}$
Z_{Nek} with surface operator	conformal block with degenerate insertion

AGT with surface operator insertion

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$$\Psi(z| au)$$
 \uparrow modulus of surface operator

Null vector decoupling \rightarrow WKB

 $\Psi(z|\tau)$ satisfies null vector decoupling equation.

Boundary condition to project onto conformal block: monodromy in z

$$\Psi(z|\tau) \to e^{\frac{a}{\epsilon_1^2}} \, \Psi(z|\tau)$$

Null vector decoupling equations for our examples

• pure *SU*(2)

$$\left(\epsilon_1^2\partial_z^2 + \Lambda^2(e^z + e^{-z}) + \epsilon_1\epsilon_2\frac{\Lambda}{4}\partial_\Lambda\right)\,\Psi(z|\Lambda) = 0\,.$$

• $N = 2^*$

$$\left(\epsilon_1^2 \partial_z^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_1^2}{4} - m^2\right) \wp(z) + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 2\pi i \partial_\tau \right) \Psi(z|\tau) = 0.$$

• $N_f = 4$

$$\left(\epsilon_1^2 \partial_z^2 + 4 \sum_{i=0}^3 (\frac{\epsilon_1^2}{16} - m_i^2) \wp(z + \omega_i) + \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 4 \pi i \partial_\tau \right) \Psi(z|\tau) = 0.$$

Semi-classical limit

Factorize effect of degenerate insertion via limit

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Note that

$$g_s^2 = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_2 \to 0} 0$$
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$$\text{Ansatz:} \quad \mathcal{F}(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_n(\tau) \epsilon_1^n \,, \quad \mathcal{W}(z|\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_n(z|\tau) \epsilon_1^n \,.$$

Solving for WKB series

$$\begin{split} -\mathcal{W}_0'^2 + m^2 \wp &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_0 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_0'' - 2\mathcal{W}_0' \mathcal{W}_1' &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_1 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_1'' - \mathcal{W}_1'^2 - 2\mathcal{W}_0' \mathcal{W}_2' - \frac{1}{4} \wp(z) &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_2 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_n'' - \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \mathcal{W}_i' \mathcal{W}_{n+1-i}' &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_{n+1} \quad \text{for} \quad n \geq 2 \,, \end{split}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\oint_A \mathcal{W}_0' = \pm 2\pi i a \,, \quad \oint_A \mathcal{W}_i' = 0 \quad {
m for} \quad i > 0 \,.$$

Modularity (massless case)

$$-\mathcal{W}_0'^2 = (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{W}_0' \quad z\text{-independent}$$

Solve via boundary condition:

$$\oint_A \mathcal{W}_0' = \mathcal{W}_0' \oint_A 1 = \pm 2\pi i a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{W}_0' = 2\pi i a \quad \Rightarrow \quad q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_0 = -a^2$$

Modularity arises

$$\begin{split} \oint_A \left(-2\mathcal{W}_0'\mathcal{W}_2' - \frac{1}{4}\wp(z) \right) &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_2 \oint_A 1 \\ \Rightarrow \quad (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_2 &= -\frac{1}{4} \oint_A \wp(z) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{W}_2' = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\oint_A \wp(z) - \wp(z)}{4\pi i a} \,. \\ \oint_A \wp^n(z) &\in \mathbb{C}[E_2, E_4, E_6] \\ &\stackrel{\uparrow}{\text{ring of quasi-modular forms}} \end{split}$$

$$\mathcal{W}'_{2n} = \frac{p^e_{2n}(\wp)}{a^{2n-1}}, \quad \mathcal{W}'_{2n+1} = \frac{\wp' p^o_{2(n-1)}(\wp)}{a^{2n}}.$$

with p_n^e , p_n^o homogeneous of weight n,

$$p_{2n}^e(\wp), p_{2n}^o(\wp) \in \mathbb{C}[E_2, E_4, E_6][\wp].$$

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First several orders for W'_n and \mathcal{F}_n

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}_2 &= -i\frac{\pi}{24}E_2\,, \quad \mathcal{W}_2' = i\frac{\pi^2E_2 + 3\wp}{48\pi a}\,, \\ \partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}_3 &= 0\,, \quad \mathcal{W}_3' = -\frac{\wp'}{64\pi^2a^2}\,, \\ \partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}_4 &= i\frac{\pi(E_2^2 - E_4)}{4608a^2}\,, \quad \mathcal{W}_4' = -i\frac{(2E_2^2 - 25E_4)\pi^4 + 6\pi^2E_2\wp + 225\wp^2}{9216\pi^3a^3}\,, \\ \partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}_6 &= -i\frac{\pi(5E_2^3 + 21E_2E_4 - 26E_6)}{1105920a^4}\,, \\ \partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}_8 &= i\frac{\pi(35E_2^4 + 329E_2^2E_4 - 1402E_4^2 + 1038E_2E_6)}{297271296a^6}\,. \end{split}$$

From $\partial_{\tau} \mathcal{F}_n$ to \mathcal{F}_n

$$\int d\tau : \mathbb{C}[E_2, E_4, E_6] \to \mathbb{C}[E_2, E_4, E_6]$$

Algebraic constraints on coefficients via Ramanujan relations

$$q\partial_q E_2 = \frac{E_2^2 - E_4}{12}, \qquad q\partial_q E_4 = \frac{E_2 E_4 - E_6}{3}, \qquad q\partial_q E_6 = \frac{E_2 E_6 - E_4^2}{2}.$$

And yet

$$\mathcal{F}_4 = \frac{E_2}{768a^2} \,, \quad \mathcal{F}_6 = -\frac{5E_2^2 + 13E_4}{368640a^4} \,, \quad \mathcal{F}_8 = \frac{175E_2^4 + 1092E_2E_4 + 3323E_6}{743178240a^6} \,.$$

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Too many trees

Quasi-modularity of \mathcal{F}_n hard to see from

$$\begin{split} -\mathcal{W}_0'^2 + m^2 \wp &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_0 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_0'' - 2\mathcal{W}_0' \mathcal{W}_1' &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_1 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_1'' - \mathcal{W}_1'^2 - 2\mathcal{W}_0' \mathcal{W}_2' - \frac{1}{4} \wp(z) &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_2 \,, \\ -\mathcal{W}_n'' - \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \mathcal{W}_i' \mathcal{W}_{n+1-i}' &= (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F}_{n+1} \quad \text{for} \quad n \geq 2 \,. \end{split}$$

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Quantum geometry

Does Seiberg-Witten framework lift to \mathcal{F}_n ?

I.e., can we introduce $\lambda(\epsilon)$ such that

$$a = \oint_A \lambda(\epsilon_1), \quad a_D = \oint_B \lambda(\epsilon_1)$$

where

$$a_D = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(\epsilon_1)}{\partial a} \quad ?$$

ϵ -deformed Seiberg-Witten differential

Natural candidate for λ

$$\begin{split} -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \mathcal{W}''(z|\tau) - \frac{1}{\epsilon_1^2} \mathcal{W}'(z|\tau)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1^2} m^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \wp(z) &= (2\pi i)^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon_1^2} q \partial_q \mathcal{F}(\tau) \\ \Rightarrow \lambda(\epsilon_1) &= \mathcal{W}'(z|\tau) = \sqrt{m^2 \wp - (2\pi i)^2 q \partial_q \mathcal{F} - \epsilon_1 \mathcal{W}'' - \epsilon_1^2 \frac{\wp}{4}} \end{split}$$

Note that \mathcal{W}'' appears on the RHS: definition of λ as formal power series in ϵ_1 .

Relate \mathcal{F}_n to $a_D(\epsilon_1)$ via Riemann bilinear identity

Define

$$U=2\pi i\partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F}$$
.

 a, ϵ_1 dependence of U fixed by

$$\oint_A \lambda(\epsilon_1) = 2\pi i a.$$

We show for $\mathcal{N}=2^*$

$$2\pi i \frac{\partial a_D}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{4\pi i} \frac{\partial U}{\partial a} \, .$$

Proof of quasi-modularity

This provides a proof of the quasi-modularity of \mathcal{F} , via

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial a} = \underbrace{-2\oint_{B_{+}}\sqrt{\wp - 2\pi i\partial_{\tau}\mathcal{F} - \epsilon_{1}\mathcal{W}'' - \epsilon_{1}^{2}\frac{\wp}{4}}\,dz}_{\text{manifestly quasi-modular}}.$$

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Non-convergence of ϵ_i expansion

$$\log Z_{top} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} \sum_{r,s} \left(\sum_n \psi_n^{rs} q^n \right)$$
 $\epsilon_1^r \epsilon_2^s$.

sum of quasi-modular forms, hence absolutely convergent

If sum over ϵ_1 , ϵ_2 is convergent, can invert order of summation.

But for $|\epsilon_1|, |\epsilon_2| < \delta_n$,

$$\sum_{rs} \psi_n^{rs} \epsilon_1^r \epsilon_2^s = \frac{p_n(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)}{q_n(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)}, \quad p_n, q_n \text{ polynomials}$$

such that coefficients of ϵ_1 , ϵ_2 increase with n without bound

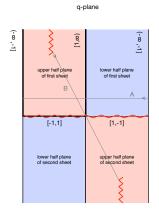
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n\to\infty} \delta_n = 0$$
.

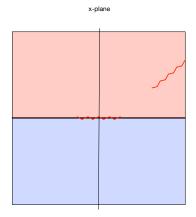
Beyond formal power series

Can we make sense of \mathcal{F} beyond a formal expansion in ϵ_1 ?

Case study: pure SU(2) (Mathieu equation)

$$[\epsilon^2 \partial_q^2 - (\cos q - u)] \Psi(q) = 0.$$





Floquet theory

$$[\epsilon^2 \partial_q^2 - (\cos q - u)] \Psi(q) = 0.$$

Differential equation with periodic potential \rightarrow Floquet theory

Two independent solutions

$$\psi_{\pm}(q) = e^{i\nu_{\pm}q/2} \chi_{\pm}(q)$$

$$\uparrow \text{periodic in } q$$

Characteristic exponents $\nu_{\pm}: \nu_{+} + \nu_{-} = 0$ determine monodromy.

 \Rightarrow Identify $\frac{1}{2}\nu$ with a_{exact}

Exact WKB: Strategy

 Determine monodromy matrix M of differential equation via study of Borel resummed WKB solutions

$$\operatorname{tr} M = e^{a_{exact}} + e^{-a_{exact}}$$

- Invert $a_{exact}(u, \epsilon)$ to obtain $u_{exact}(a, \epsilon)$.
- Obtain \mathcal{F}_{exact} via

$$u_{exact} = \Lambda \partial_{\Lambda} \mathcal{F}_{exact}$$

Borel transform

Borel transform

$$\psi(\epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \psi_k \epsilon^k \quad \to \quad \psi_B(y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \psi_k \frac{y^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \,.$$

Inverse Borel transform

$$\psi_B(y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\theta}[\psi](\epsilon) = \psi_0 + \int_{\substack{\ell_{\theta} \\ \text{ray in direction } \theta}} e^{-\frac{y}{\epsilon}} \psi_B(y) \, dy \, .$$

Stokes lines

- If integral in direction θ exists, $S_{\theta}[\psi] \sim \psi(\epsilon)$.
- If integral is singular along $\theta = \theta_{sing}$, but exists along $\theta_{\pm} = \theta \pm \epsilon$,

$$S_{\theta_+}[\psi] \sim \psi(\epsilon) \sim S_{\theta_-}[\psi]$$
,

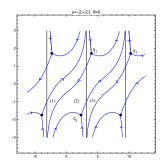
hence $S_{\theta_+}[\psi]$ and $S_{\theta_-}[\psi]$ differ by exponentially suppressed contributions in ϵ .

Rays in the direction of such θ_{sing} subdivide the y-plane into Stokes sectors.

Stokes regions

In case of q dependence: $\psi(q,\epsilon)
ightharpoonup \theta_{\mathit{sing}}(q)$

Keeping θ fixed but varying q divides q-plane into Stokes regions.



The Stokes lines emanate from turning points q_i , i.e. zeros of the potential $V = \cos q - u$.

The WKB solution

$$\psi(q,\epsilon) = \exp(\int^q S \, dq) \,, \qquad S = \frac{1}{\epsilon} S_{-1} + S_0 + \epsilon S_1 + \dots \,.$$

$$S_{-1}^{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{\cos q - u} \,,$$

$$S_0^{\pm} = -\frac{1}{2} d \log S_{-1} / dq = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sin q}{\cos q - u} \,,$$

$$S_1^{\pm} = \pm \frac{\cos 2q + 8u \cos q - 9}{64(\cos q - u)^{5/2}} \,,$$

The WKB solution in Floquet form

$$S_{odd} = \frac{1}{2}(S^{+} - S^{-}), \quad S_{even} = \frac{1}{2}(S^{+} + S^{-}),$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad S_{even} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d \log S_{odd}}{dq}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \psi_{\pm}(q,\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_{odd}(q,\epsilon)}} \exp\left(\pm \int^{q} S_{odd}(q,\epsilon) \, dq\right) \, .$$

Normalization determined by lower bound of integration.

Basis of WKB solutions depends on Stokes region

Resumming the two formal WKB solutions in region I, analytically continuing to region II



Resumming the two formal WKB solutions in region II

Connection matrices

Bases in two different Stokes regions are connected via so-called connection matrices.

Connection matrices are simple, e.g.

$$S_{dom} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & i \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) ,$$

when WKB solutions are normalized at the turning point from which the Stokes line being crossed emanates:

$$\Rightarrow \quad \psi_{\pm}(q,\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_{odd}(q,\epsilon)}} \exp\left(\pm \int_{\substack{q_i \\ \text{turning point of potential}}}^q S_{odd}(q,\epsilon) \, dq\right).$$

Changing normalization

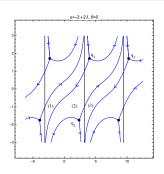
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Changing normalization between two turning points q_1 and q_2 via Voros multiplier:

Borel region of resummation
$$(q_1)_{\pm}^{(i)} = \left(\exp\left[\pm\int_{q_1}^{q_2}S_{odd}\right]\right)_{\substack{s \\ \uparrow \text{ normalized at }q_1}}^{s} (q_2)_{\pm}^{\stackrel{\downarrow}{(i)}}.$$

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Moving in the *q*-plane



$$\begin{pmatrix} (q_1 + 2\pi)_+^{(3)} \\ (q_1 + 2\pi)_-^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} (q + 2\pi) =$$

$$N_{2\to 3} S_{(2)\to(3)}^{-1} N_{1\to 2} S_{(1)\to(2)}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} (q_1)_+^{(1)} \\ (q_1)_-^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} (q + 2\pi) .$$

Monodromy

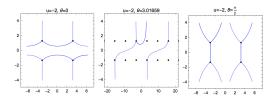
By periodicity of differential equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} (q_1 + 2\pi)_+^{(3)} \\ (q_1 + 2\pi)_-^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} (q + 2\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} (q_1)_+^{(1)} \\ (q_1)_-^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} (q) ,$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} (q_1)_+^{(1)} \\ (q_1)_-^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} (q) = \underbrace{N_{2\to 3} S_{(2)\to(3)}^{-1} N_{1\to 2} S_{(1)\to(2)}^{-1}}_{\text{monodromy matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} (q_1)_+^{(1)} \\ (q_1)_-^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} (q + 2\pi) .$$

Evaluation of monodromy matrix: sector dependence

$$\operatorname{tr} M = \left(2\cosh\frac{a}{\epsilon} + e^{\mp\frac{1}{\epsilon}(a(1+2n)+2a_D)}\right)_{\substack{(n,\pm)\\ \text{sector}}}$$



Sector dependence compensated by jumping behavior of Voros multipliers

cycle circling double Stokes line

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$$(e^{\frac{a\gamma}{\epsilon}})_- = (e^{\frac{a\gamma}{\epsilon}})_+ (1 + (e^{\frac{a\gamma_0}{\epsilon}})_+)^{-(\stackrel{\downarrow}{\gamma_0},\gamma)}.$$

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Determining $a_{exact}(u, \epsilon)$

Need to solve

$$e^{\frac{a_{exact}}{\epsilon}} + e^{-\frac{a_{exact}}{\epsilon}} = \left(e^{\frac{a}{\epsilon}} + e^{-\frac{a}{\epsilon}} + e^{\mp \frac{1}{\epsilon}(a(1+2n)+2a_D)}\right)_{(n,\pm)}$$

Transseries ansatz

$$a = a_{exact} + \epsilon \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} c_{mn} e^{-\frac{1}{\epsilon} (2m \, a_{exact} + 2n \, a_D(a_{exact}, \epsilon))}.$$

Determining \mathcal{F}

$$\mathcal{F} = rac{1}{\pi^2} a^2 \log \Lambda + rac{i}{2\pi} \epsilon_1^2 \exp \left(-rac{2a + 2a_{\scriptscriptstyle D}(a/(\sqrt{2}\Lambda))}{\epsilon_1}
ight) + \dots$$

Conclusions

- Exact WKB takes us someways towards controlling the semi-classical expansion, but computations with transseries require better control.
- WKB offers systematic approach to quantum geometry, in the NS limit.
- Fun to be had along the way (e.g. with quasi-modularity).