

# Formal groups and related topics of some Calabi-Yau threefolds

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# 1. Introduction

## 1-1. One-dimensional formal groups

$R$ : a commutative ring with identity element 1.

**Definition 1.** A commutative formal group (law)  $F$  of dimension one over  $R$  is a formal power series  $F(x, y) \in R[[x, y]]$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}F(x, 0) &= F(0, x) = x, \\F(x, F(y, z)) &= F(F(x, y), z), \\F(x, y) &= F(y, x).\end{aligned}$$

(\*) If  $R$  has no nilpotent elements,  $F(x, y) = F(y, x)$  is always true [Lazard-Serre].

**Definition 2.** The **multiplication-by- $n$**  map  $[n]_F$  is defined inductively by setting  $[1]_F(x) = x$  and

$$[n]_F(x) = F([n-1]_F(x), x).$$

**Example 1.** (1) For the additive formal group law  $F(x, y) = \mathbb{G}_a(x, y) = x + y$ ,

$$[n]_F(x) = nx.$$

(2) For the multiplicative formal group law  $F(x, y) = \mathbb{G}_m(x, y) = x + y - xy$ ,

$$[n]_F(x) = 1 - (1 - x)^n.$$

## 1-2. Formal groups of elliptic curves

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve in  $\mathbb{P}_k^2$  over a field  $k$ :

$$Y^2Z + a_1XYZ + a_3YZ^2 = X^3 + a_2X^2Z + a_4XZ^2 + a_6Z^3.$$

The group law  $\mu : E(k) \times E(k) \rightarrow E(k)$  induces the ring homomorphism

$$\mu^* : \mathcal{O}_O \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_O \otimes \mathcal{O}_O$$

on the local ring at infinity  $O$ . This extends to the completion and gives rise to a formal group law of  $E$ :

$$\Gamma(t_1, t_2) = t_1 + t_2 + \sum_{i,j \geq 1} c_{ij} t_1^i t_2^j.$$

## 1-3. Formal groups in positive characteristic

Suppose that  $k$  is a field of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Then the multiplication-by- $p$  map  $[p]_F$  becomes as follows:

- If  $[p]_F(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$[p]_F(x) = cx^{p^h} + \text{higher-degree terms}, \quad (c \neq 0).$$

The integer  $h (\geq 1)$  is called the height of  $F$  and denoted by  $\text{ht}(F)$ .

- If  $[p]_F(x) = 0$ , then  $F$  is said to have infinite height.

**Example 2.** (1)  $\text{ht}(\mathbb{G}_a) = \infty$ , as  $[p]_{\mathbb{G}_a}(x) = px = 0$ .

(2)  $\text{ht}(\mathbb{G}_m) = 1$ , as  $[p]_{\mathbb{G}_m}(x) = 1 - (1 - x)^p \equiv x^p \pmod{p}$ .

## Properties

Let  $F$  and  $G$  be (one-dimensional) formal groups over an algebraically closed field  $k$ .

- If  $\text{ht}(F) = \infty$ , then  $F$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{G}_a$  over  $k$ .
- If  $\text{ht}(F) < \infty$  and  $\text{ht}(G) < \infty$ , then  $F$  and  $G$  are isomorphic over  $k$  if and only if  $\text{ht}(F) = \text{ht}(G)$ .

$\implies$  The height classifies the isomorphism classes of formal groups over an algebraically closed field  $k$ .

## 1-4. Formal groups of Calabi-Yau varieties

$k$ : an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p > 0$

**Definition 3.**  $X$  is a Calabi-Yau variety over  $k$  of dimension  $n$  if it is a projective variety over  $k$  of  $\dim = n$  with  $\omega_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$  and  $h^{0,i} = \dim H^i(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $0 < i < n$ .

We consider infinitesimal deformation of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.** For a finite local  $k$ -algebra  $A$  with residue field  $k$ , the functor

$$\Phi_X(A) = \ker(H_{et}^n(X_A, \mathbb{G}_m) \longrightarrow H_{et}^n(X, \mathbb{G}_m))$$

is called the Artin-Mazur functor of  $X$ , where  $X_A = X \times \text{Spec } A$  and  $\mathbb{G}_m$  is the sheaf of multiplicative groups.

The formal group of an elliptic curve can be generalized to Calabi-Yau varieties.

**Theorem** (M. Artin and Mazur) If  $X$  is Calabi-Yau,  $\Phi_X$  is representable by a commutative formal group of dimension  $P_g = 1$ , called the **formal group** of  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Functor } \Phi_X & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \text{Dieudonné module} & \implies & \text{Crystalline cohomology} \\
 H^3(X, W(\mathcal{O})) & \text{(Illusie)} & H_{cris}^3(X/W) \otimes K \\
 & & \text{(slopes)} \\
 & & \uparrow \\
 & & \text{"Zeta-function"}
 \end{array}$$

Height of  $\Phi_X$  can be computed from slopes of the Newton polygon of the zeta-function of  $X$  (Artin-Mazur).

## 1-5. Questions

- Is height  $h$  bounded?
- Does  $h$  take every value within its range?
- Find a concrete model of  $X$  for each  $h$ .

## 2. Formal groups of $K3$ surfaces

### 2-1. Result of M. Artin and Mazur

For  $K3$  surfaces,  $\Phi$  is also called the formal Brauer group of  $X$ .

**Theorem** (M. Artin and Mazur). For  $K3$  surfaces  $X$ ,

$$h := \text{ht}(\Phi) = 1, 2, \dots, 10 \quad \text{or} \quad \infty.$$

If  $h$  is finite, then  $\rho(X) \leq 22 - 2h$ , where  $\rho(X) = \text{rank } NS(X)$  (=  $\text{rank } Pic(X)$  for  $K3$  surfaces) is the Picard number of  $X$ .

[M. Artin]  $X$  is called supersingular if  $h = \infty$  (i.e.  $\Phi \cong \hat{\mathbb{G}}_a$ ).

[Shioda]  $X$  is called supersingular if  $\rho(X) = 22$

**Theorem** (M. Artin, Shioda; Maulik, Charles et. al.) (1)  $\rho(X) = 22$  and  $h = \infty$  are equivalent.

(2) If  $\rho(X) = 22$ , then  $\text{disc } NS(X) = -p^{2\sigma_0}$  with  $1 \leq \sigma_0 \leq 10$ , and  $\sigma_0$  is called the **Artin invariant** of  $X$ .

$h$  and  $\sigma_0$  give a stratification on the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}$  of polarized  $K3$  surfaces over  $k$ . Let

$$\{h \geq i\} := \{X \mid \text{ht } \Phi \geq i\}$$

$$\{\sigma_0 \leq j\} = \{X \mid \rho(X) = 22 \text{ and } \sigma_0 \leq j\}.$$

**dim 19**

$$\mathcal{M} = \{h \geq 1\} \supset \cdots \supset \{h \geq 10\} \supset \{h \geq 11\} = \{h = \infty\}$$

**dim 9**

$$= \{\sigma_0 \leq 10\} \supset \{\sigma_0 \leq 9\} \supset \cdots \supset \{\sigma_0 = 1\}$$

**dim 0**

## 2-2. Concrete models

**Theorem** (Yui [1999]) Using weighted diagonal or quasi-diagonal  $K3$  surfaces, Yui gave concrete examples of  $K3$  surfaces for  $h = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$  or  $10$  (in some characteristic).

**Theorem** (G. [2002]) Using weighted  $K3$  surfaces of Delsarte type, we find concrete examples of  $K3$  surfaces for  $h = 5, 8$  or  $9$  (in some characteristic).

**Note:** Examples of  $h = 7$  are still open.

### Example 3.

$$S : x_0^8 x_1 + x_1^6 x_2 + x_2^3 + x_3^2 x_0 = 0 \quad \subset \mathbb{P}^3(1, 1, 3, 4)$$

with  $p \neq 2, 3$ . Then

$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{32} \\ 2 & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 15 \pmod{32} \\ 4 & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 7, \pm 9 \pmod{32} \\ 8 & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 11, \pm 13 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise. } \pmod{32} \end{cases}$$

## 3. Formal groups of Calabi-Yau threefolds

### 3-1. Height of formal groups

$X$ : Calabi-Yau threefold over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$  with  $h := \text{ht}(\Phi_X)$ .

**Theorem** (van der Geer and Katsura) If  $h \neq \infty$ , then  $h \leq h^{1,2} + 1$ .

- Is  $h$  bounded?
- Is Hodge number  $h^{1,2} = \dim H^2(X, \Omega_X)$  bounded?

$\implies$  **We will see what values we find for  $h$ .**

## 3-2. Weighted threefolds of Delsarte type

- $\mathbb{P}^4(Q)$ : Weighted projective 4-space of weight  $Q$ , where  $Q = (w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4)$  and  $\deg x_i = w_i$ .

There are 7555 weighted projective 4-spaces containing quasi-smooth Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces.

- $X_A$ : weighted projective 3-fold of Delsarte type with matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$

$$X_A : \sum_{i=0}^4 x_0^{a_{i0}} x_1^{a_{i1}} x_2^{a_{i2}} x_3^{a_{i3}} x_4^{a_{i4}} = 0$$

of degree  $m := \sum_{j=0}^4 w_j a_{ij}$  in 5 monomials.

## Properties

Let  $d = |\det A|$  (assume  $p \nmid d$ ).

- If  $X_A$  is quasi-smooth, then  $X_A$  has only cyclic quotient singularities.
- $X_A$  is **birational to a finite quotient of Fermat 3-fold**  $F_d$  defined by  $y_0^d + \cdots + y_4^d = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_d & & \\ \downarrow & & \\ X_A & \longleftarrow & X \text{ (crepant resolution)} \end{array}$$

## Cohomology group

There exists a finite group action  $\Gamma_A$  such that  $X_A$  is birational to  $F_d/\Gamma_A$ , where  $\Gamma_A$  acts on  $F_d$  coordinatewise and

$$H^3(F_d/\Gamma_A) = \bigoplus_{\underline{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A}} V(\underline{\alpha})$$

where  $\dim V(\underline{\alpha}) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is an index set of vectors:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4) \in \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \mid \dots\}.$$

One can compute the slopes of the zeta-function of  $F_d/\Gamma_A$  from vectors  $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4)$ .

Then there is a unique vector  $\underline{\alpha}_X = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4)$  such that

- $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4)A \equiv (0, \dots, 0) \pmod{d}$
- $\alpha_0 + \dots + \alpha_4 = d$ .

Put

$$e_X := \frac{d}{\gcd(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4)}$$

$\implies e_X$  is the smallest modulus that describes the main part of  $H^3(\tilde{X})$ . Roughly,  $e_X$  is the smallest degree of Fermat threefolds that birationally cover  $X_A$ .

- For each  $\underline{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_4)$ , define an integer

$$\|\underline{\alpha}\| = \sum_{i=0}^4 \left\langle \frac{\alpha_i}{d} \right\rangle - 1$$

where  $\langle \alpha_i/d \rangle$  denotes the fractional part of  $\alpha_i/d$ .

(It takes four values  $\|\underline{\alpha}\| = 0, 1, 2$  or  $3$ .)

- Let  $f$  be the order of  $p$  modulo  $m$ . Put

$$H = \{ p^i \pmod{m} \mid 0 \leq i < f \}$$

and define

$$A_H(\underline{\alpha}) = \sum_{t \in H} \|t\underline{\alpha}\|$$

### 3-3. Calculations of height (Fermat type)

As a special case of  $X_A$ , consider a Calabi-Yau threefold of **weighted Fermat type** of degree  $m$ :

$$X_A : x_0^{m_0} + x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + x_3^{m_3} + x_4^{m_4} = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4(Q)$$

There are 147 weights giving such threefolds.

**Theorem** Let  $X$  be a crepant resolution of  $X_A$  as above. Then  $e_X = m$ . Let  $f$  be the order of  $p$  modulo  $m$ . Then

- (1)  $h := \text{ht } \Phi_X < \infty$  if and only if  $\|p^i \underline{\alpha}_X\| = 1$  for all  $i$  ( $0 < i < f$ ).
- (2) If  $h$  is finite, then  $h = f$ .

*Proof.* (1) Write  $K$  for the quotient field of the ring  $W(k)$  of Witt vectors over  $k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ht } \Phi_{\tilde{X}} < \infty &\Leftrightarrow \dim_K(H_{cris}^3(\tilde{X}) \otimes K_{[0,1[}) \geq 1 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \#\{\underline{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{A} \mid A_H(\underline{\alpha}) < f\} \geq 1 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow A_H(\underline{\alpha}_X) < f \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \|p^i \underline{\alpha}_X\| = 1 \text{ for all } i \ (0 < i < f)
 \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 h &= \dim_K(H_{cris}^3(\tilde{X}) \otimes K_{[0,1[}) \\
 &= \#\{\underline{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{A} \mid A_H(\underline{\alpha}) < f\} \\
 &= \text{the length of the } H\text{-orbit of } \underline{\alpha}_X \\
 &= f
 \end{aligned}$$

□



If  $X$  is a weighted hypersurface of Delsarte type in  $\mathbb{P}^4(Q)$  with a finite **group action  $G$  such that  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$  is a mirror pair.**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longleftarrow & \tilde{X} \\ \downarrow & & \\ Y := X/G & \longleftarrow & \tilde{Y} \end{array}$$

Then by [van der Geer and Katsura],

$$\text{ht}(\tilde{X}) \leq h^{2,1}(\tilde{X}) + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ht}(\tilde{Y}) \leq h^{2,1}(\tilde{Y}) + 1 = h^{1,1}(\tilde{X}) + 1$$

and by [Stienstra],  $\text{ht}(\tilde{X}) = \text{ht}(\tilde{Y})$ . Hence

$$\text{ht}(\tilde{X}) \leq \min\{h^{2,1}(\tilde{X}), h^{1,1}(\tilde{X})\} + 1.$$

To obtain a big  $h$ , better to have  $h^{2,1}(\tilde{X}) \approx h^{1,1}(\tilde{X})$ .

**Example 4.**

$$X : x_0^{1806} + x_1^{43} + x_2^7 + x_3^3 + x_4^2 = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4(1, 42, 258, 602, 903)$$

of degree 1806 ( $p \nmid 1806$ ). Then  $e_X = 1806$ ,  $h^{1,1} = h^{2,1} = 251$  and

$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{1806} \\ 2 & \text{if } p \equiv 85, \dots \pmod{1806} \\ \dots & \\ 21 & \text{if } p \equiv 169, \dots \pmod{1806} \\ 42 & \text{if } p \equiv 421, \dots \pmod{1806} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Remark.** Compared with  $K3$  surfaces, **less frequent** to get finite  $h$ .

### 3-4. Calculations of height (quasi-diagonal type)

As another special case of  $X_A$ , consider a Calabi-Yau threefold of **weighted quasi-diagonal type** of degree  $m$ :

$$X_A : x_0^{m_0} x_1 + x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + x_3^{m_3} + x_4^{m_4} = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4(Q).$$

There are 137 weights giving such threefolds.

**Remark.** We also computed with the following quasi-diagonal threefolds, but could not find new values for  $h$ :

$$x_0^{m_0} x_2 + x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + x_3^{m_3} + x_4^{m_4} = 0$$

$$x_0^{m_0} + x_1^{m_1} x_2 + x_2^{m_2} + x_3^{m_3} + x_4^{m_4} = 0$$

$$x_0^{m_0} + x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + x_3^{m_3} + x_3 x_4^{m_4} = 0$$

**Theorem.** Let  $X$  be a crepant resolution of  $X_A$  of degree  $m$  as above. Set

$$M = \text{lcm}(m_0, m_2, m_3, m_4),$$

$M_i = M/m_i$  ( $i = 0, 2, 3, 4$ ) and  $M_1 = M - M_0 - M_2 - M_3 - M_4$ .  
Let  $f$  be the order of  $p$  modulo  $M$ . Then

- (1)  $e_X = M$  and  $\underline{\alpha}_X = (M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4)$ .
- (2)  $h := \text{ht } \Phi_X < \infty$  if and only if  $\|p^i \underline{\alpha}_X\| = 1$  for all  $i$  ( $0 < i < f$ ).
- (3) If  $h$  is finite, then  $h = f$ .

**Proposition** Following are the values for the height of Calabi-Yau threefolds of weighted quasi-diagonal type for some characteristic:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12		14	15	16		18		20
21	22	23	24			27	28		
30									
41	42			46					

82

**Remark:** Examples of  $h = 46$  or  $h = 82$  are not self-mirror.

**Example 5.**

$$X : x_0^{83}x_1 + x_1^{84} + x_2^7 + x_3^3 + x_4^2 = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4(1, 1, 12, 28, 42)$$

of degree 84 ( $p \nmid 84$ ). Then  $e_X = 3486$ ,  $h^{1,1} = 11$ ,  $h^{2,1} = 491$  and

$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{3486} \\ 2 & \text{if } p \equiv 1163, 3319 \pmod{3486} \\ \dots & \\ 41 & \text{if } p \equiv 127, 169, 253, \dots \pmod{3486} \\ 82 & \text{if } p \equiv 43, 85, 211, \dots \pmod{3486} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$