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Classifying orbifolds – technical details

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A_4	9	15	$\mathbb{Z}_6 \times S_3$	2	4
D ₆	2	8	$\Delta(48)$	4	8
$\mathbb{Z}_8 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	6	18	GL(2,3)	1	4
<i>QD</i> ₁₆	4	14	$SL(2,3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	1	3
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Some statistics

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Outlook

Narain, Sarmadi and Vafa 1987

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- There, right- and left-movers are compactified on different geometries
- In this framework, one matrix describes the whole geometry and all Wilson lines
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$(h_{U}^{(1,1)}, h_{U}^{(2,1)})$	non-Abelian point groups
(2,2)	S_3, D_4, D_6
(2,1)	$QD_{16}, (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times S_3, (\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2,$
	$\operatorname{GL}(2,3), \operatorname{SL}(2,3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$
(2,0)	$\mathbb{Z}_8 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times S_3, \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_8, SL(2,3) - I, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times D_4,$
	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times Q_8$, $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$, $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times (\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4)$, $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times S_3$,
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(1,1)	A_4, S_4
(1,0)	$T_7, \Delta(27), \mathbb{Z}_3 \times A_4, \Delta(48), \Delta(54), \mathbb{Z}_3 \times S_4, \Delta(96),$
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Strict orbifold definition

Thurston 2002

An **orbifold** \mathcal{O} is a topological Hausdorff space X_0 with the following structure data: $\{U_i, \Gamma_i, \tilde{U}_i, \varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$, such that:

- 1. $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an open covering of X_O which is closed under finite intersections,
- **2.** $\forall i \in I, \Gamma_i$ is a discrete group with an action on an open subset $\tilde{U}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,
- **3.** $\forall i \in I, \varphi_i : U_i \to \tilde{U}_i / \Gamma_i$ is a homeomorphism; \tilde{U}_i / Γ_i means the set of equivalence classes one gets from identifying each point in U_i with its orbit under the action of Γ_i ,
- **4.** $\forall i, j \in I$ with $U_i \subseteq U_j$ there is an injective homomorphism $f_{ij}: \Gamma_i \hookrightarrow \Gamma_j$ and an embedding $\tilde{\varphi}_{ij}: \tilde{U}_i \hookrightarrow \tilde{U}_j$ such that the following diagram commutes.



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The problem with Lie lattices





Bravais groups and crystal families

Let $G \leq \operatorname{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ be a finite unimodular group and

$$\mathcal{F}(G) = \{F \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}_{\text{sym}} | \forall g \in G. \ g^T F g = F\}$$

its form space. Then

$$B(\mathcal{F}) = \{g \in \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z}) | \forall F \in \mathcal{F}. g^T F g = F\}$$

is the Bravais group of \mathcal{F} .

The **Bravais group of** G is $B(G) = B(\mathcal{F}(G))$.

Two finite subgroups $G, H \leq \operatorname{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z})$ belong to the same crystal family, iff there exist subgroups $G' \leq G$ and $H' \leq H$ with $\mathcal{F}(G') = \mathcal{F}(G)$ and $\mathcal{F}(H') = \mathcal{F}(H)$ and G' and $H' \mathbb{Q}$ -equivalent





Normalizers

- The normalizer of U in G is $\{g \in G : gUg^{-1} = U\}$
- The normalizer of G ≤ GL(n, Z) is the stabilizer of G in the conjugation action of N(B) on the set of subgroups of B
- *N*(*B*) is the normalizer of the Bravais group of *G*
- $N(B) = \{g \in \operatorname{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z}) : g^T \mathcal{F}(B)g = \mathcal{F}(B)\}$

