Mirror Symmetry and Tropical Geometry **Research Center**



Intensive interaction between string theory and geometry in the last 25 years has led to the creation of entirely new mathematical areas. It has been suggested through string theory that conventional geometry emerges from the quantum theory at certain limits. Additionally, various string dualities give equivalent but mathematically different descriptions of the same physical quantities. Mirror theory is a beautiful, intricate example illustrating these ideas.

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- Moduli spaces of instantons arising in gauge theories.
- Derived algebraic geometry.

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