Instanton counting on blowup

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Abstract

In this series of lectures, we study relations between moduli spaces of torsion free sheaves on a surface and that on its blowup. We study a special case when the surface is an affine plane in detail. One of the application is a proof of Nekrasov's conjecture: an equivariant integration over the moduli space gives a deformation of the Seiberg-Witten prepotential for the N=2 SUSY Yang-Mills theory. This is a kind of mirror symmetry between the gauge theory and a SW curve.