## The stringy E-function of the moduli space of Higgs bundles with trivial determinant

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Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be the moduli space of semistable rank 2 Higgs pairs  $(V, \phi)$  with trivial determinant over a smooth projective curve X of genus  $g \geq 2$ . We compute the stringy E-function of  $\mathbf{M}$  and prove that there does not exist a symplectic desingularization of  $\mathbf{M}$  for  $g \geq 3$ .

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