The local Gromov-Witten theory of curves

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Abstract

The local Gromov-Witten theory of curves is solved by localization and degeneration methods. Localization is used for the exact evaluation of basic integrals in the local Gromov-Witten theory of $\mathbb{P}^1$. A TQFT formalism is defined via degeneration to capture higher genus curves. Together, the results provide a compete and effective solution.

The local Gromov-Witten theory of curves is equivalent to the local Donaldson-Thomas theory of curves, the quantum cohomology of the Hilbert scheme points of $\mathbb{C}^2$, and the orbifold quantum cohomology the symmetric product of $\mathbb{C}^2$. The results of the paper provide the local Gromov-Witten calculations required for the proofs of these equivalences.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Local Gromov-Witten theory

The Gromov-Witten theory of threefolds, particularly Calabi-Yau threefolds, is a very rich subject. The study of *local theories*, Gromov-Witten theories of non-compact targets, has revealed much of the structure. Let X be a complete, nonsingular, irreducible curve of genus g over $\mathbb{C}$, and let

$$N \to X$$

be a rank 2 vector bundle with $\det N \cong K_X$. Then N is a non-compact Calabi-Yau[1] threefold, and the Gromov-Witten theory, defined and studied in [3, 4, 5, 8, 26], is called the *local Calabi-Yau theory of* X. We study here the local theory of curves without imposing the Calabi-Yau condition $\det N \cong K_X$ on the bundle N.

The study of non Calabi-Yau local theories has several advantages. The calculations of [8, 26, 28] predict a uniform structure for all threefold theories closely related to the Calabi-Yau case. The introduction of non Calabi-Yau bundles N yields a more flexible mathematical framework in which new methods arise. We present a complete solution of the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves. The result requires a nonsingularity statement proven in the Appendix with C. Faber and A. Okounkov.

The space of curves in a Calabi-Yau threefold Y is always of virtual dimension 0. After suitable (and certainly non-algebraic) deformation of the

[1] We call any quasi-projective threefold with trivial canonical bundle Calabi-Yau.

geometry of Y, we may expect to find only isolated curves and their multiple covers — though no complete statement has yet been proven.

The Gromov-Witten theory of Y may then be viewed as an enumeration of the isolated curves *together* with a Gromov-Witten theory of local type for the multiple covers. When defined, the latter theory should be closely related to the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves studied here [3].

1.2 Equivalences

The local Gromov-Witten theory of curves is of substantial interest beyond the original motivations. The local theory may be viewed as an exactly solved quantum deformation of the Hurwitz question of enumerating ramified coverings of curves. In fact, the solution has been discovered to arise in many different geometry contexts.

Our study of the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves is a starting point for several lines of inquiry:

(i) The Gromov-Witten/Donaldson-Thomas correspondence of [20, 21] may be naturally studied in the context of local theories. Our results together with [25] prove the correspondence for local theories of curves, see Section 9.5.

(ii) The local theory of the *trivial* rank 2 bundle over $\mathbb{P}^1$ is equivalent to the quantum cohomologies of the Hilbert scheme $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$ and the orbifold $(\mathbb{C}^2)^n/S_n$. Our results here together with [2, 24] prove the equivalences, see Section 10.

We expect further connections will likely be found in the future.

1.3 Results

Let N be a rank 2 bundle on a curve X of genus g. We assume N is decomposable as a direct sum of line bundles,

$$N = L_1 \oplus L_2. \tag{1}$$

The splitting determines a scaling action of a 2-dimensional torus

$$T = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$$

on N. The *level* of the splitting is the pair of integers (k_1, k_2) where,

$$k_i = \deg(L_i).$$

Of course, the scaling action and the level depend upon the splitting (1).

The Gromov-Witten residue invariants of N, defined in Section 2.2, take values in the localized equivariant cohomology ring of T generated by t_1 and t_2. The basic objects of study in our paper are the *partition functions*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2)((u)),$$

the generating functions for the degree d residue invariants of N. Here, u parameterizes the domain genus.

The residue invariants specialize to the local invariants of X in a Calabi-Yau threefold defined in [4, 5] if the level satisfies

$$k_1 + k_2 = 2g - 2$$

and the variables are equated,

$$t_1 = t_2.$$

Equating the variables is equivalent to considering the residue theory of N with respect to the diagonal action of a 1-dimensional torus.

For the Gromov-Witten residue invariants of N, we develop a gluing theory in Section 6 following [5]. The interpretation of the local theory as TQFT is discussed in Section 4. In Sections 5 - 6 and the Appendix, the gluing relations, together with a few basic integrals, are proven to determine the full local theory of curves. The level freedom of the theory plays an essential role. We provide explicit formulas in Sections 7 and 8.

A parallel equivariant Donaldson-Thomas residue theory can be defined for the threefold N. We conjecture a Gromov-Witten/Donaldson-Thomas correspondence for equivariant residues in the framework of [20, 21], see Section 9. An important consequence of our theory is Theorem 6.4. After suitable normalization, $\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)$ is a *rational* function of the variables t_1, t_2, and

$$q = -e^{iu}.$$

The result verifies a prediction of the GW/DT correspondence, see Conjecture 2R of Section 9.

The residue invariants of N are of special interest when the variable reduction,

$$t_1 + t_2 = 0,$$

is taken. The reduction is equivalent to considering the residue theory of N with respect to the *anti-diagonal* action of a 1-dimensional torus. In Theorem 7.1, we obtain a general closed formula for the partition function in the anti-diagonal case.

If we additionally specialize to the Calabi-Yau case, our formula is particularly attractive. The residue partition function here is simply a Q-deformation of the classical formula for unramified covers (see Corollary 7.2):

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \mid k, 2g-2-k) = (-1)^{d(g-1-k)} \sum_\rho \left(\frac{d!}{\dim_Q \rho} \right)^{2g-2} Q^{-c_\rho(g-1-k)}$$

where $Q = e^{iu}$ and the sum is over partitions. With the anti-diagonal action, N is *equivariantly* Calabi-Yau.

Using the above formula, Aganagic, Ooguri, Saulina, and Vafa have recently found that the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves is closely related to q-deformed 2D Yang-Mills theory and bound states of BPS black holes [1, 30].

The anti-diagonal action is exactly *opposite* to the original motivations of the project. It would be very interesting to find connections between the anti-diagonal case and the original questions of the Gromov-Witten theory of curves in Calabi-Yau threefolds.

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2 The residue theory

2.1 Gromov-Witten residue invariants

Let Y be a nonsingular, *quasi-projective*, algebraic threefold. Let $\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(Y,\beta)$ denote the moduli space of stable maps

$$f : C \to Y$$

of genus h and degree $\beta \in H_2(Y,\mathbb{Z})$. The superscript $\bullet$ indicates the possibility of disconnected domains C. We require f to be nonconstant on each connected component of C. The genus, $h(C)$, is defined by

$$h(C) = 1 - \chi(\mathcal{O}_C)$$

and may be negative.

Let Y be equipped with an action by an algebraic torus T. We will define Gromov-Witten residue invariants under the following assumption.

Assumption 1. *The T-fixed point set $\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(Y,\beta)^T$ is compact.*

We motivate the definition of the residue invariants of Y as follows. We would like to define the reduced Gromov-Witten partition function $\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta$ as a generating function of the integrals of the identity class over the moduli spaces of maps,

$$\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta \text{ ``$=$'' } \sum_{h\in\mathbb{Z}} u^{2h-2} \int_{[\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(Y,\beta)]^{vir}} 1. \tag{2}$$

However, the integral on the right might not be well-defined if Y is not compact.

If Y has trivial canonical bundle and $\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(Y,\beta)$ is compact, then the integral (2) is well-defined. The resulting series $\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta$ is then the usual reduced partition function for the degree β disconnected Gromov-Witten invariants[2] of Y. We can use the virtual localization formula to express $\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta$ as a residue integral over the T-fixed point locus.

More generally, under Assumption 1, the series $\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta$ can be *defined* via localization.

[2] We follow the notation of [20, 21] for the reduced partition function. The prime indicates the removal of the degree 0 contributions. In [20, 21], the moduli space $\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(Y,\beta)$ is denoted by $\overline{M}'_h(Y,\beta)$. However, to maintain notational consistency with [5], we will *not* adopt the latter convention.

Definition 2.1. *The reduced partition function for the degree β residue Gromov-Witten invariants of Y is defined by:*

$$\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta = \sum_{h\in\mathbb{Z}} u^{2h-2} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta)^T]^{vir}} \frac{1}{e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})}. \tag{3}$$

The T-fixed part of the perfect obstruction theory for $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta)$ induces a perfect obstruction theory for $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta)^T$ and hence a virtual class [11]. The equivariant virtual normal bundle of the embedding,

$$\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta)^T \subset \overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta),$$

is Norm^{vir} with equivariant Euler class $e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})$. The integral in (3) denotes equivariant push-forward to a point.

Let r be the rank of T, and let $t_1,\ldots,t_r$ be generators for the equivariant cohomology of T,

$$H^*_T(\mathrm{pt}) \cong \mathbb{Q}[t_1,\ldots,t_r].$$

By Definition 2.1, $\mathsf{Z}'(Y)_\beta$ is a Laurent series in u with coefficients given by rational functions of the variables $t_1,\ldots,t_r$ of homogeneous degree equal to minus the virtual dimension of $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y,\beta)$.

2.2 Gromov-Witten residue invariants of N

Let X be a nonsingular, irreducible, projective curve of genus g. Let

$$N = L_1 \oplus L_2$$

be a rank 2 bundle on X. The residue invariants of the threefold N with respect to the 2-dimensional scaling torus action can be written in terms of integrals over the moduli space of maps to X.

The residue theory may be considered for the 1-dimensional scaling torus action on an *indecomposible* rank 2 bundle N. Since every rank 2 bundle is equivariantly deformation equivalent to a decomposable bundle, the residue invariants of indecomposable bundles are specializations of the split case.

A stable map to N which is T-invariant must factor through the zero section. Hence,

$$\overline{M}^\bullet_h(N,d[X])^T \cong \overline{M}^\bullet_h(X,d).$$

Moreover, the T-fixed part of the perfect obstruction theory of $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(N, d[X])$, restricted to $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(N, d[X])^T$, is exactly the usual perfect obstruction theory for $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d)$. Hence,

$$[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(N, d[X])^T]^{vir} \cong [\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d)]^{vir}.$$

The virtual normal bundle of $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(N, d[X])^T \subset \overline{M}^\bullet_h(N, d[X])$, considered as an element of K-theory on $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d)$, is given by

$$\mathrm{Norm}^{vir} = R^\bullet \pi_* f^*(L_1 \oplus L_2)$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ {\scriptstyle\pi}\downarrow & & \\ \overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d) & & \end{array}$$

is the universal diagram for $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d)$.

The reduced Gromov-Witten partition function of the residue invariants may be written in the following form via equivariant integration:

$$\mathsf{Z}'_d(N) = \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}} u^{2h-2} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X,d)]^{vir}} e(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^*(L_1 \oplus L_2)).$$

We will be primarily interested in a partition function with a shifted exponent,

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2) = u^{d(2-2g+k_1+k_2)}\ \mathsf{Z}'_d(N).$$

The shift can be interpreted geometrically as

$$\int_{d[X]} c_1(T_N) = d(2 - 2g + k_1 + k_2),$$

where T_N is the tangent bundle of the threefold N.

The explicit dependence on the equivariant parameters t_1 and t_2 may be written as follows. Let b_1 and b_2 be non-negative integers satisfying

$$b_1 + b_2 = 2h - 2 + d(2 - 2g)$$

where $2h - 2 + d(2 - 2g)$ is the virtual dimension of $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, d)$. Let

$$\mathsf{GW}^{b_1,b_2}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2) = \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X,d)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* L_1) c_{b_2}(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* L_2),$$

where $\int$ here denotes *ordinary* integration. The equivariant Euler class $e(-R^\bullet\pi_* f^*(L_1 \oplus L_2))$ is easily expressed in terms of the equivariant parameters and the *ordinary* Chern classes of $-R^\bullet\pi_* f^*(L_1)$ and $-R^\bullet\pi_* f^*(L_2)$,

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g\,|\,k_1, k_2) =$$
$$u^{d(k_1+k_2)} t_1^{d(g-1-k_1)} t_2^{d(g-1-k_2)} \sum_{b_1,b_2=0}^{\infty} u^{b_1+b_2} t_1^{\frac{1}{2}(b_2-b_1)} t_2^{\frac{1}{2}(b_1-b_2)} \mathsf{GW}_d^{b_1,b_2}(g\,|\,k_1, k_2).$$

Since $b_1 + b_2$ is even, the exponents of t_1 and t_2 are integers. We see that $\mathsf{GW}_d(g\,|\,k_1, k_2)$ is a Laurent series in u with coefficients given by rational functions of t_1 and t_2 of homogeneous degree $d(2g - 2 - k_1 - k_2)$.

3 Gluing formulas

3.1 Notation and conventions for partitions

By definition, a partition λ is a finite sequence of positive integers

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \dots)$$

where

$$|\lambda| = \sum_i \lambda_i = d.$$

We use the notation $\lambda \vdash d$ to indicate that λ is a partition of d.

The number of parts of λ is called the *length* of λ and is denoted $l(\lambda)$. Let $m_i(\lambda)$ be the number times that i occurs in the partition λ. We may write a partition in the format:

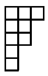
$$\lambda = (1^{m_1} 2^{m_2} 3^{m_3} \cdots) \ .$$

The combinatorial factor,

$$\mathfrak{z}(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} m_i(\lambda)! i^{m_i(\lambda)},$$

arises frequently.

A partition λ is uniquely determined by the associated Ferrers diagram, which is the collection of d boxes located at (i, j) where $1 \leq j \leq \lambda_i$. For example

$$(3, 2, 2, 1, 1) = (1^2 2^2 3) =$$  .

The *conjugate partition* λ' is obtained by reflecting the Ferrers diagram of λ about the $i = j$ line.

In Section 7, we will require the following standard quantities. Given a box in the Ferrers diagram, $\Box \in \lambda$, define the *content* $c(\Box)$ to be $i - j$, and the *hooklength* $h(\Box)$ to be $\lambda_i + \lambda'_j - i - j + 1$. The total content

$$c_\lambda = \sum_{\Box \in \lambda} c(\Box)$$

and the total hooklength

$$\sum_{\Box \in \lambda} h(\Box)$$

satisfy the following identities (page 11 of [19]):

$$\sum_{\Box \in \lambda} h(\Box) = n(\lambda) + n(\lambda') + d, \qquad c_\lambda = n(\lambda') - n(\lambda), \tag{4}$$

where

$$n(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{l(\lambda)} (i-1)\lambda_i.$$

3.2 Relative invariants

To formulate our gluing laws for the residue theory of rank 2 bundles on X, we require relative versions of the residue invariants.

Motivated by the symplectic theory of A.-M. Li and Y. Ruan [15], J. Li has developed an algebraic theory of relative stable maps to a pair (X, B). This theory compactifies the moduli space of maps to X with prescribed ramification over a non-singular divisor $B \subset X$, [16, 17]. Li constructs a moduli space of relative stable maps together with a virtual fundamental cycle and proves a gluing formula.

Consider a degeneration of X to $X_1 \cup_B X_2$, the union of X_1 and X_2 along a smooth divisor B. The gluing formula expresses the virtual fundamental cycle of the usual stable map moduli space of X in terms of virtual cycles for relative stable maps of (X_1, B) and (X_2, B). The theory of relative stable maps has also been pursued in [7, 12, 13].

In our case, the target is a non-singular curve X of genus g, and the divisor B is a collection of points $x_1, \ldots, x_r \in X$.

Definition 3.1. *Let $(X, x_1, \dots x_r)$ be a fixed non-singular genus g curve with r distinct marked points. Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ be partitions of d. Let*

$$\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$$

be the moduli space of genus h relative stable maps (in the sense of Li)[3] *with target $(X, x_1, \dots, x_r)$ satisfying the following:*

(i) The maps have degree d.

(ii) The maps are ramified over x_i with ramification type λ_i.

(iii) The domain curves are possibly disconnected, but the map is not degree 0 on any connected component.

(iv) The domain curves are not *marked.*

The partition $\lambda_i \vdash d$ determines a ramification type over x_i by requiring the monodromy of the cover (considered as a conjugacy class of S_d) has cycle type λ_i.

Our moduli spaces of relative stable maps differ from Li's in a few minor ways. For a complete discussion, see [5].

We define the relative reduced partition function via equivariant integration over spaces of relative stable maps:

$$\mathsf{Z}'(N)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r} = \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}} u^{2h-2} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X, \lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^r)]^{vir}} e(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^*(L_1 \oplus L_2)).$$

Again, we will be primarily interested in a shifted generating function,

$$\mathsf{GW}(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r} = u^{d(2-2g+k_1+k_2-r)+\sum_{i=1}^r l(\lambda^i)} \; \mathsf{Z}'(N)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r}.$$

Since the degree d is equal to $|\lambda^i|$, the degree subscript is redundant in the relative theory.

The exponent of u in the partition function $\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)$ of the non-relative theory is

$$2h - 2 + \int_{d[X]} c_1(T_N).$$

[3]For a formal definition of relative stable maps, we refer to [16] Section 4.

In the relative theory, the $2h-2$ term in the exponent is replaced with $2h-2+\sum l(\lambda^i)$, the negative Euler characteristic of the *punctured* domain. The class $c_1(T_N)$ is replaced with the dual of the log canonical class of N with respect to the relative divisors. The outcome is the modified exponent of u in the partition function $\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}$.

As before, we can make the dependence on t_1 and t_2 explicit. Let

$$b_1+b_2 = 2h-2+d(2-2g)-\delta,$$

where

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^{r}(d-l(\lambda^i)).$$

Here, b_1+b_2 equals the virtual dimension of $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X,\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r)$. Let

$$\mathsf{GW}^{b_1,b_2}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r} = \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(X,\lambda^1,\ldots,\lambda^r)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(-R^\bullet\pi_*f^*L_1)c_{b_2}(-R^\bullet\pi_*f^*L_2).$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r} &= u^{d(k_1+k_2)}t_1^{d(g-1-k_1)}t_2^{d(g-1-k_2)} \\ &\quad\cdot\sum_{b_1,b_2=0}^{\infty} u^{b_1+b_2}t_1^{\frac{b_2-b_1+\delta}{2}}t_2^{\frac{b_1-b_2+\delta}{2}}\mathsf{GW}^{b_1,b_2}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}. \quad (5)\end{aligned}$$

Since the parity of b_1+b_2 is the same as δ, the exponents of t_1 and t_2 are integers.

The partition function $\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}$ is a Laurent series in u with coefficients given by rational functions in t_1 and t_2 of homogeneous degree

$$d(2g-2-k_1-k_2)+\delta.$$

In [5], the combinatorial factor $\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)$ is used to raise the indices for the relative invariants. For the residue invariants, an additional factor $(t_1t_2)^{l(\lambda)}$ must be included. We define:

$$\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)^{\nu^1\ldots\nu^t}_{\mu^1\ldots\mu^s} = \mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\mu^1\ldots\mu^s,\nu^1\ldots\nu^t}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{t}\mathfrak{z}(\nu^i)(t_1t_2)^{l(\nu^i)}\right). \quad (6)$$

3.3 Gluing formulas

The gluing formulas are determined by the following result.

Theorem 3.2. *For splittings $g = g' + g''$ and $k_i = k_i' + k_i''$,*

$$\mathsf{GW}(g \mid k_1, k_2)^{\nu^1 \dots \nu^t}_{\mu^1 \dots \mu^s} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}(g' \mid k_1', k_2')^{\lambda}_{\mu^1 \dots \mu^s} \mathsf{GW}(g'' \mid k_1'', k_2'')^{\nu^1 \dots \nu^t}_{\lambda}$$

and

$$\mathsf{GW}(g \mid k_1, k_2)_{\mu^1 \dots \mu^s} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}(g-1 \mid k_1, k_2)^{\lambda}_{\mu^1 \dots \mu^s \lambda}.$$

Proof. The proof follows the derivation of the gluing formulas in [5]. The only difference is the modified metric term

$$\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)(t_1 t_2)^{l(\lambda)}.$$

The first factor, $\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)$, is obtained from the degeneration formula for the virtual class [17] as in [23].

The second factor, $(t_1 t_2)^{l(\lambda)}$, arises from normalization sequences associated to the fractured domains. Let

$$f : C \to X$$

be an element of $\overline{M}^{\bullet}_h(X, \mu^1, \dots, \mu^s, \nu^1, \dots, \nu^t)$. Consider a reducible degeneration of the target,

$$X = X' \cup X'',$$

over which the line bundles L_1 and L_2 extend with degree splittings

$$k_1 = k_1' + k_1'',$$

$$k_2 = k_2' + k_2''.$$

In a degeneration of type λ, the domain curve degenerates,

$$C = C' \cup C'',$$

into components lying over X' and X'' and satisfying

$$|C' \cap C''| = l(\lambda).$$

For each line bundle L_i, we have a normalization sequence,

$$0 \to f^*(L_i)|_C \to f^*(L_i)|_{C'} \oplus f^*(L_i)|_{C''} \to f^*(L_i)|_{C' \cap C''} \to 0. \tag{7}$$

The last term yields a trivial bundle of rank $l(\lambda)$ with scalar torus action over the moduli space of maps of degenerations of type λ. The factor $(t_1 t_2)^{l(\lambda)}$ is obtained from the higher direct images of the normalization sequences (7). The analysis for irreducible degenerations of X is identical.

The exponent of u in the series $\mathsf{GW}(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)^{\nu^1 \ldots \nu^t}_{\mu^1 \ldots \mu^s}$ of relative invariants has been precisely chosen to respect the gluing rules. $\square$

4 TQFT formulation of gluing laws

4.1 Overview

The gluing structure of the residue theory of rank 2 bundles on curves is most concisely formulated as a functor of tensor categories,

$$\mathbf{GW}(-) : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}.$$

The deformation invariance of the residue theory allows for a topological formulation of the gluing structure.

Our discussion follows Sections 2 and 4 of [5] and draws from Chapter 1 of [14]. Modifications of the categories have to be made to accommodate the more complicated objects studied here.

4.2 $2\mathbf{Cob}$ and $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$

We first define the category $2\mathbf{Cob}$ of 2-cobordisms. The objects of $2\mathbf{Cob}$ are compact oriented 1-manifolds, or equivalently, finite unions of oriented circles. Let Y_1 and Y_2 be objects of the category. A morphism,

$$Y_1 \to Y_2,$$

is an equivalence class of oriented cobordisms W from Y_1 to Y_2. Two cobordisms are equivalent if they are diffeomorphic by a boundary preserving oriented diffeomorphism. Composition of morphisms is obtained by concatenation of the corresponding cobordisms. The tensor structure on the category is given by disjoint union.

The category $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$ is defined to have the same objects as $2\mathbf{Cob}$. A morphism in $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$,

$$Y_1 \to Y_2,$$

is an equivalence class of triples (W, L_1, L_2) where W is an oriented cobordism from Y_1 to Y_2 and L_1, L_2 are complex line bundles on W, trivialized on ∂W. The triples (W, L_1, L_2) and (W', L_1', L_2') are equivalent if there exists a boundary preserving oriented diffeomorphism,

$$f : W \to W',$$

and bundle isomorphisms

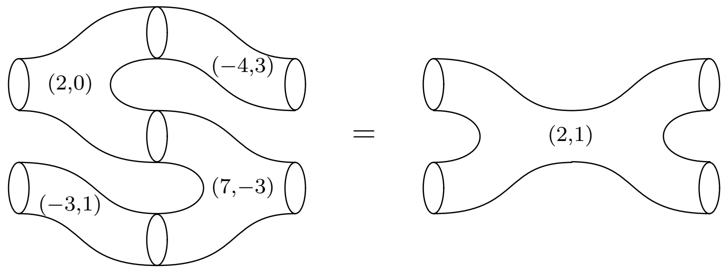
$$L_i \cong f^* L_i'.$$

Composition is given by concatenation of the cobordisms and gluing of the bundles along the concatenation using the trivializations.

The isomorphism class of L_i is determined by the Euler class

$$e(L_i) \in H^2(W, \partial W),$$

which assigns an integer to each component of W. For a connected cobordism W, we refer to the pair of integers (k_1, k_2), determined by the Euler classes of L_1 and L_2, as the *level*. Under concatenation, the levels simply add. For example:



The empty manifold is a distinguished object in $2\mathbf{Cob}$ and $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$. A morphism in $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$ from the empty manifold to itself is given by a compact, oriented, closed 2-manifold X together with a pair of complex line bundles $L_1 \oplus L_2 \to X$.

The full subcategory of $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$ obtained by restricting to level $(0,0)$ line bundles is clearly isomorphic to the category $2\mathbf{Cob}$.

More generally, we obtain an embedding $2\mathbf{Cob} \subset 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$ for any fixed integers (a, b) by requiring the level of any connected cobordism to be $(a\chi, b\chi)$ where χ is the Euler characteristic of the cobordism.

If $a+b = -1$, such an embedding is termed *Calabi-Yau* since the threefold

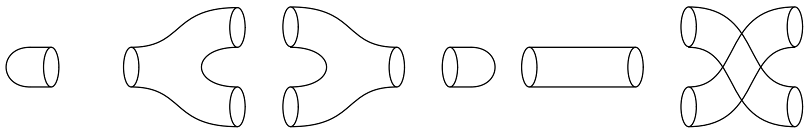
$$L_1 \oplus L_2 \to X$$

has numerically trivial canonical class if

$$\deg(L_1) + \deg(L_2) = -\chi.$$

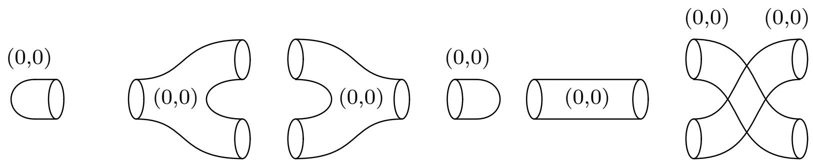
4.3 Generators for $2\mathbf{Cob}$ and $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$

The category $2\mathbf{Cob}$ is generated by the morphisms



In other words, any morphism (cobordism) can be obtained by taking compositions and tensor products (concatenations and disjoint unions) of the above list (Proposition 1.4.13 of [14]).

The category $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$ is then clearly generated by the morphisms



along with the morphisms

Let R be a commutative ring with unit, and let $R\mathbf{mod}$ be the tensor category of R-modules. By a well-known result (see Theorem 3.3.2 of [14]), a 1+1 dimensional R-valued TQFT, which is by definition a symmetric tensor functor

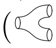
$$\mathbf{F} : 2\mathbf{Cob} \to R\mathbf{mod}, \tag{8}$$

is equivalent to a commutative Frobenius algebra over R.

Given a symmetric tensor functor (8), the underlying R-module of the Frobenius algebra is given by

$$H = \mathbf{F}(S^1)$$

and the Frobenius algebra structure is determined as follows:

multiplication	$\mathbf{F}($  $)$:	$H \otimes H \to H$
unit	$\mathbf{F}($  $)$:	$R \to H$
comultiplication	$\mathbf{F}($  $)$:	$H \to H \otimes H$
counit	$\mathbf{F}($  $)$:	$H \to R.$

Let $\mathbf{F}$ be a symmetric tensor functor on the larger category $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$,

$$\mathbf{F} : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}.$$

Since the functor $\mathbf{F}$ is determined by the values on the generators of $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2}$, the functor $\mathbf{F}$ is determined by the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra together with the elements

$\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(0,1)}$  $\Big)$, $\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(1,0)}$  $\Big)$, $\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(0,-1)}$  $\Big)$, $\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(-1,0)}$  $\Big)$,

Since the latter two elements are the inverses in the Frobenius algebra of the first two, we obtain half of the following Theorem.

Theorem 4.1. *A symmetric tensor functor*

$$\mathbf{F} : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}$$

is uniquely determined by a commutative Frobenius algebra over R for the level $(0,0)$ theory and two distinguished, invertible elements

$\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(0,-1)}$  $\Big)$, $\mathbf{F}\Big($ $^{(-1,0)}$  $\Big)$.

Proof. Uniqueness was proved above. The existence result will not be used in the paper. We leave the details to the reader. $\square$

4.4 The functor $\mathbf{GW}(-)$

Let R be the ring of Laurent series in u whose coefficients are rational functions in s_1 and s_2,

$$R = \mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2)((u)).$$

The collection of partition functions $\mathsf{GW}(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r}$ of degree d gives rise to a functor

$$\mathbf{GW}(-) : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1, L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}$$

as follows. Define

$$\mathbf{GW}(S^1) = H = \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash d} R e_\lambda$$

to be the free R-module with basis $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \vdash d}$ labeled by partitions of d, and let

$$\mathbf{GW}\left(S^1 \coprod \cdots \coprod S^1\right) = H \otimes \cdots \otimes H.$$

Let $W_s^t(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)$ be the connected genus g cobordism from a disjoint union of s circles to a disjoint union of t circles, equipped with line bundles L_1 and L_2 of level (k_1, k_2). We define the R-module homomorphism

$$\mathbf{GW}\left(W_s^t(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)\right) : H^{\otimes s} \to H^{\otimes t}$$

by

$$e_{\eta^1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\eta^s} \mapsto \sum_{\mu^1 \dots \mu^t \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\eta^1 \dots \eta^s}^{\mu^1 \dots \mu^t} e_{\mu^1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\mu^t}.$$

We extend the definition of $\mathbf{GW}(-)$ to disconnected cobordisms by tensor product:

$$\mathbf{GW}\left(W[1] \coprod \cdots \coprod W[n]\right) = \mathbf{GW}\left(W[1]\right) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{GW}(W[n]).$$

Theorem 4.2. $\mathbf{GW}(-) : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1, L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}$ *is a well-defined functor.*

Proof: Following the proof of Proposition 4.1 of [5], the gluing laws imply the following compatibility:

$$\mathbf{GW}\Big((W, L_1, L_2) \circ (W', L_1', L_2')\Big) = \mathbf{GW}(W, L_1, L_2) \circ \mathbf{GW}(W', L_1', L_2').$$

We must also prove that $\mathbf{GW}(-)$ takes identity morphisms to identity morphisms. Since $W_1^1(0 \,|\, 0, 0)$ is the identity morphism from S^1 to itself in $2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1, L_2}$, we require

$$\mathsf{GW}(0 \,|\, 0, 0)_\mu^\nu = \delta_\mu^\nu. \tag{9}$$

Equation (9) will be proved in Lemma 6.1. $\square$

5 Semisimplicity in level $(0,0)$

5.1 Rings of definition

The partition functions for the level $(0,0)$ relative invariants lie in the ring of power series in u,

$$\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r} \in \mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2)[[u]],$$

since, by equation (5), no negative powers of u appear. The level $(0,0)$ relative invariants therefore determine a commutative Frobenius algebra over the ring

$$R = \mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2)[[u]].$$

We will require formal square roots of t_1 and t_2. Let $\tilde{R}$ be the complete local ring of power series in u whose coefficients are rational functions in $t_1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $t_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$,

$$\tilde{R} = \mathbb{Q}(t_1^{\frac{1}{2}}, t_2^{\frac{1}{2}})[[u]].$$

5.2 Semisimplicity

A commutative Frobenius algebra A is *semisimple* if A is isomorphic to a direct sum of 1-dimensional Frobenius algebras.

Proposition 5.1. *The Frobenius algebra determined by the level* $(0,0)$ *sector of* $\mathbf{GW}(-)$ *in degree* d *is semisimple over* $\tilde{R}$*.*

PROOF: $\tilde{R}$ is a complete local ring with maximal ideal m generated by u. Let F be the Frobenius algebra determined by the level $(0,0)$ theory in degree d. The underlying $\tilde{R}$-module of the Frobenius algebra F,

$$H = \oplus_{\lambda\vdash d}\tilde{R}e_\lambda,$$

is freely generated. By Proposition 2.2 of [5], F is semisimple if and only if F/mF is semisimple over $\tilde{R}/m\tilde{R}$.

The structure constants of the multiplication in F/mF are given by the $u=0$ specialization of the invariants $\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}$. By (5), after the $u=0$ specialization, only the

$$b_1 = b_2 = 0$$

terms remain. The latter are the expected dimension 0 terms with domain genus

$$2h - 2 = d - l(\alpha) - l(\beta) - l(\gamma).$$

In the expected dimension 0 case, the moduli space $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(\mathbb{P}^1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is nonsingular of *actual* dimension 0. We conclude:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}|_{u=0} &= \mathfrak{z}(\gamma)(t_1t_2)^{l(\gamma)}\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\alpha\beta\gamma}|_{u=0} \\
&= \mathfrak{z}(\gamma)(t_1t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}(d-l(\alpha)-l(\beta)+l(\gamma))} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)]} 1 \\
&= \mathfrak{z}(\gamma)(t_1t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}(d-l(\alpha)-l(\beta)+l(\gamma))}\ \mathbf{H}^{\mathbb{P}^1}_d(\alpha,\beta,\gamma),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbb{P}^1}_d(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)$ is the Hurwitz number of degree d covers of $\mathbb{P}^1$ with prescribed ramification α, β, and γ over the points $0, 1, \infty \in \mathbb{P}^1$.

Up to factors of t_1 and t_2, the quotient F/mF is the Frobenius algebra associated to the TQFT studied by Dijkgraaf-Witten and Freed-Quinn [6, 10]. The latter Frobenius algebra is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Q}[S_d]^{S_d}$, the center of the group algebra of the symmetric group, and is well-known to be semisimple.

We derive below an explicit idempotent basis for F/mF analogous to the well-known idempotent basis for $\mathbb{Q}[S_d]^{S_d}$. The formal square roots of t_1 and t_2 are required here.

Let ρ be an irreducible representation of S_d. The conjugacy classes of S_d are indexed by partitions λ of size d. Let χ^ρ_λ denote the trace of ρ on the conjugacy class λ. The Hurwitz numbers are determined by the following formula:

$$\mathbf{H}^{\mathbb{P}^1}_d(\alpha,\beta,\gamma) = \sum_\rho \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} \frac{\chi^\rho_\alpha}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)} \frac{\chi^\rho_\beta}{\mathfrak{z}(\beta)} \frac{\chi^\rho_\gamma}{\mathfrak{z}(\gamma)},$$

see, for example, [23] equation 0.8. The above sum is over all irreducible representations ρ of S_d.

The structure constants for multiplication in F/mF are

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}|_{u=0} = (t_1t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}(d-l(\alpha)-l(\beta)+l(\gamma))} \sum_\rho \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} \frac{\chi^\rho_\alpha}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)} \frac{\chi^\rho_\beta}{\mathfrak{z}(\beta)} \chi^\rho_\gamma. \tag{10}$$

We define a new basis $\{v^0_\rho\}$ for F/mF by

$$v^0_\rho = \frac{\dim\rho}{d!} \sum_\alpha \left(t_1^{\frac{1}{2}} t_2^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{l(\alpha)-d} \chi^\rho_\alpha e_\alpha. \tag{11}$$

The elements $\{v_\rho^0\}$ form an idempotent basis:

$$v_\rho^0 \cdot v_{\rho'}^0 = \delta_{\rho\rho'}^{\rho''} v_{\rho''}^0.$$

By Proposition 2.2 of [5], there exists a unique idempotent basis $\{v_\rho\}$ of F, such that $v_\rho = v_\rho^0 \mod m$. $\square$

Remark 1. *In general, $v_\rho \neq v_\rho^0$ but for the anti-diagonal specialization*

$$t_1 = -t_2,$$

the equality $v_\rho = v_\rho^0$ holds (see Section 7).

5.3 Structure

Semisimplicity leads to a basic structure result.

Theorem 5.2. *There exist universal series, $\lambda_\rho, \eta_\rho \in \tilde{R}$, labeled by partitions ρ, for which*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2) = \sum_{\rho \vdash d} \lambda_\rho^{g-1} \eta_\rho^{-k_1} \overline{\eta}_\rho^{-k_2}.$$

Here, $\overline{\eta}_\rho$ is obtained from η_ρ by interchanging t_1 with t_2.

Proof: Let $\{v_\rho\}$ be an idempotent basis for the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra of $\mathsf{GW}(-)$ in degree d.

Define λ_ρ to be the inverse of the counit evaluated on v_ρ:

$$\lambda_\rho^{-1} = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(0,0)}{}\right)(v_\rho).$$

Equivalently, λ_ρ is the eigenvalue for the eigenvector v_ρ under the *genus adding operator* G:

$$G = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(0,0)}{}\right) : H \to H.$$

Let η_ρ (respectively $\overline{\eta}_\rho$) be the coefficient of v_ρ in the element

$$\eta = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(-1,0)}{}\right) \in H, \quad \text{(respectively } \overline{\eta} = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(0,-1)}{}\right) \in H).$$

Equivalently, η_ρ (respectively $\overline{\eta}_\rho$) is the eigenvalue for the eigenvector v_ρ under the *left annihilation operator* (respectively *right annihilation operator*):

$$A = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(-1,0)}{}\right) \quad \text{(respectively } \overline{A} = \mathsf{GW}\left(\overset{(0,-1)}{}\right)\text{)}.$$

The gluing rules imply:

$$\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_d = \mathrm{tr}(G^{g-1}A^{-k_1}\overline{A}^{-k_2}).$$

The operators G, A, and $\overline{A}$ are simultaneously diagonalized by the basis $\{v_\rho\}$, so the Theorem is equivalent to the above formula. $\square$

6 Computing the theory

6.1 Overview

The *full local theory of curves* is the set of all series

$$\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}. \tag{12}$$

The functor **GW** contains the data of the full local theory. By Theorem 4.1, the full local theory is determined by the following *basic* series:

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda}\ , \tag{13}$$
$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,-1,0)_{\lambda}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,-1)_{\lambda}.$$

We present a recursive method for calculating the full local theory of curves using the TQFT formalism. Four of the basic series,

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,-1,0)_{\lambda}\ ,\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,-1)_{\lambda}\ ,$$

are determined by closed formulas. The first two are easily obtained by dimension considerations (Lemmas 6.1 and 6.2). The last two have been determined in [5] in case the equivariant parameters t_i are set to 1. The insertion of the equivariant parameters is straightforward (Lemma 6.3).

The level $(0,0)$ pair of pants series

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}$$

are much more subtle. The main result of the Appendix (with C. Faber and A. Okounkov) is the determination of all degree d level $(0,0)$ pair of pants series from the *single* series

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(1^{d-2}2)} \tag{14}$$

using the TQFT associativity relations, level $(0,0)$ series of *lower degree*, and Hurwitz numbers of covering genus 0. A closed formula for (14) is derived in Section 6.4.3. The outcome is a computation of the full local theory of curves via recursions in degree (Theorem 6.6).

6.2 The level $(0,0)$ tube and cap

We complete the proof of Theorem 4.2 by calculating the series $\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_\alpha^\beta$.

Lemma 6.1. *The invariants of the level $(0,0)$ tube are given by:*

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)(t_1t_2)^{l(\alpha)}} & \text{if } \alpha=\beta \\ 0 & \text{if } \alpha\neq\beta. \end{cases}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_\alpha^\beta = \delta_\alpha^\beta$$

as was required for $\mathsf{GW}(-)$ to be a functor.

Proof: The virtual dimension of the moduli space $\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\alpha,\beta)$ with *connected* domains is

$$2h-2+l(\alpha)+l(\beta).$$

Let $\mathbb{E}^\vee$ be the rank h dual Hodge bundle on $\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\alpha,\beta)$. Since the line bundles L_i may be taken to be trivial,

$$c(-R^\bullet\pi_*f^*(L_i)) = c(\mathbb{E}^\vee),$$

where the equality is of ordinary (non-equivariant) Chern classes. The integral

$$\int_{[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\alpha,\beta)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(-R^\bullet\pi_*f^*(L_1))c_{b_2}(-R^\bullet\pi_*f^*(L_2)) = \int_{[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\alpha,\beta)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(\mathbb{E}^\vee)c_{b_2}(\mathbb{E}^\vee) \tag{15}$$

is zero if

$$2h - 2 + l(\alpha) + l(\beta) > 2h.$$

The only possible non-zero integrals are for $l(\alpha) = l(\beta) = 1$. For $h > 0$,

$$c_h(\mathbb{E}^\vee)^2 = 0,$$

by Mumford's relation. Hence, the integral (15) is zero unless $h = 0$.

Therefore, the only connected stable map which contributes to the integral (15) is the unique degree d map

$$f_d : \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$$

totally ramified over 0 and ∞. The only disconnected maps which contribute are disjoint unions of genus 0 totally ramified maps of lower degree. Given a partition $\alpha \vdash d$, let

$$f_\alpha : \bigsqcup_{l(\alpha)} \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$$

be the map determined by f_{α_i} on the ith component. The map f_α has ramification profile α over both 0 and ∞. The map is isolated in moduli and has an automorphism group of order $\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)$. Thus

$$\mathsf{GW}^{b_1,b_2}(0\,|\,0,0)_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)} & \text{if } b_1 = b_2 = 0 \text{ and } \alpha = \beta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The Lemma then follows directly from equation (5). $\square$

The level $(0,0)$ cap has a simple form obtained by a similar dimensional argument.

Lemma 6.2. *The invariants of the level* $(0,0)$ *cap are given by*

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_\lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{d!(t_1t_2)^d} & \text{if } \lambda = (1^d) \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda \neq (1^d). \end{cases}$$

Proof: The (connected domain) moduli space $\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1, \lambda)$ has virtual dimension

$$2h - 2 + d + l(\lambda).$$

Hence,

$$\int_{[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\lambda)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(\mathbb{E}^\vee) c_{b_2}(\mathbb{E}^\vee) = 0 \qquad (16)$$

if

$$2h - 2 + d + l(\lambda) > 2h.$$

In order for (16) to be non-zero, we must have $d = l(\lambda) = 1$. The virtual dimension is then $2h$, which implies $h = 0$ by Mumford's relation.

The only connected stable map for which the integral (16) is non-zero is the isomorphism

$$f : \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1.$$

The Lemma is then obtained from (5) by accounting for disconnected covers. $\square$

6.3 The Calabi-Yau cap

Lemma 6.3. *The invariants of the level* $(-1, 0)$ *cap are given by*

$$\mathsf{GW}(0 \,|\, -1, 0)_\lambda = (-1)^{|\lambda|}(-t_2)^{-l(\lambda)} \frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^{l(\lambda)} \left(2 \sin \frac{\lambda_i u}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

Proof: The calculation has already been done by localization in the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [5] in case $t_1 = t_2 = 1$. We must insert the equivariant parameters. The relevant *connected* integrals are

$$\int_{[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,\lambda)]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* \mathcal{O}(-1)) c_{b_2}(-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* \mathcal{O}).$$

The virtual dimension of the moduli space $\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1, \lambda)$ is

$$2h - 2 + d + l(\lambda).$$

The object $-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* \mathcal{O}(-1)$ is represented by a bundle of rank $h - 1 + d$. Similarly, $-R^\bullet \pi_* f^* \mathcal{O}$ is represented by a bundle of rank h (minus a trivial factor). Consequently, the integral is zero unless $b_1 = h - 1 + d$, $b_2 = h$, and $\lambda = (d)$. From equation (5), we find that the insertion of the equivariant parameters yields a factor of t_2^{-1}.

Since the disconnected invariant is a product of $l(\lambda)$ connected integrals, the invariant has the factor $t_2^{-l(\lambda)}$. $\square$

The series $\mathsf{GW}(0 \,|\, 0, -1)_\lambda$ is obtained from $\mathsf{GW}(0 \,|\, -1, 0)_\lambda$ by exchanging t_1 and t_2.

6.4 The level $(0,0)$ pair of pants

6.4.1 Normalization

We will study the local theory of curves here with a slightly different normalization. Recall

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^{r} (d - l(\lambda^i)).$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\dots\lambda^r} &= (-iu)^{d(2-2g+k_1+k_2)-\delta}\ \mathsf{Z}'(N)_{\lambda^1\dots\lambda^r} \\ &= \ (-i)^{d(2-2g+k_1+k_2)-\delta}\ \mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\dots\lambda^r}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

With the altered metric,

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)^{\nu^1\dots\nu^t}_{\mu^1\dots\mu^s} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{t} \mathfrak{z}(\nu^i)(-t_1t_2)^{l(\nu^i)}\right) \mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\mu^1\dots\mu^s\nu^1\dots\nu^t},$$

the partition functions (17) satisfy the same gluing rules as partition functions $\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\dots\lambda^r}$. Moreover, a tensor functor,

$$\mathbf{GW}^* : 2\mathbf{Cob}^{L_1,L_2} \to R\mathbf{mod}.$$

is defined just as before.

The reason for the altered normalization is the following result proven in the Appendix.

Theorem 6.4. *The product*

$$e^{\frac{idu}{2}(2-2g+k_1+k_2)}\ \mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\dots\lambda^r},$$

is a rational function *of t_1, t_2, and $q = -e^{iu}$ with $\mathbb{Q}$-coefficients.*

The Theorem is closely related to the GW/DT correspondence discussed in Section 9.5. The Calabi-Yau cap provides a good example:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\frac{idu}{2}}\ \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,{-1},0)_\lambda &= e^{\frac{idu}{2}}(-i)^{l(\lambda)}(-1)^d(-t_2)^{-l(\lambda)}\frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)}\prod_{j=1}^{l(\lambda)}\left(2\sin\frac{\lambda_j u}{2}\right)^{-1} \\ &= (-1)^{d-l(\lambda)}\frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\lambda)}\frac{1}{t_2^{l(\lambda)}}\prod_{j=1}^{l(\lambda)}\frac{1}{1-(-q)^{-\lambda_j}}. \end{aligned}$$

6.4.2 The degree 1 case

The level $(0,0)$ tube and cap in degree 1 are:

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square,\square} = -\frac{1}{t_1t_2},\ \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square} = -\frac{1}{t_1t_2}.$$

By the gluing formula,

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square,\square,\square}\ (-t_1t_2)\ \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square} = \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square,\square}.$$

We conclude,

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\square,\square,\square} = -\frac{1}{t_1t_2}.$$

Hence, all the basic series in degree 1 are known.

6.4.3 The series $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(1^{d-2}2)}$

The degree $d \geq 2$ series $\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(1^{d-2}2)}$ plays a special role in the level $(0,0)$ theory.

Theorem 6.5. *For $d \geq 2$,*

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(1^{d-2}2)} \quad = \quad -\frac{i}{2}\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(d\cot\left(\frac{du}{2}\right) - \cot\left(\frac{u}{2}\right)\right).$$

Proof: We abbreviate the partition $(1^{d-2}2)$ by (2). After adjusting equation (5) for the new normalization, we find

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)} =$$
$$-\frac{i}{(t_1t_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\sum_{b_1,b_2=0}^{\infty} u^{b_1+b_2}\left(\frac{t_1}{t_2}\right)^{\frac{b_2-b_1}{2}} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2))]^{vir}} c_{b_1}(\mathbb{E}^\vee)c_{b_2}(\mathbb{E}^\vee).$$

The domains of the maps in the moduli space $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2))$ are necessarily connected since there exists a point of total ramification. Since the virtual dimension is

$$\operatorname{virdim}\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2)) = 2h-1,$$

the only values of (b_1, b_2) which contribute to $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)}$ are $(h, h-1)$ and $(h-1, h)$. We obtain:

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)} = -i\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} u^{2h-1}\int_{[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2))]^{vir}} \rho^*(-\lambda_h\lambda_{h-1}).$$

Here, λ_k is the k^{th} Chern class of the Hodge bundle on $\overline{M}_{h,2}$, and

$$\rho : \overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2)) \to \overline{M}_{h,2}$$

is the natural map which takes a relative stable map to the domain marked by the two totally ramified points.

Let $H_d \subset M_{h,2}$ be the locus of curves admitting a degree d map to $\mathbb{P}^1$ which is totally ramified at the marked points. Equivalently, H_d is the locus of curves

$$[C, x_1, x_2]$$

for which $\mathcal{O}(x_1 - x_2)$ is a nonzero d-torsion point in $\mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$. Let

$$\overline{H}_d \subset \overline{M}_{h,2}$$

be the closure of H_d.

Consider the locus of maps with nonsingular domains,

$$M_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2)) \subset \overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2)),$$

and let

$$\partial\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2))$$

denote the complement. Let

$$\partial\overline{M}_{h,1} \subset \overline{M}_{h,1}$$

denote the nodal locus. Let

$$\epsilon : \overline{M}_{h,2} \to \overline{M}_{h,1}$$

be the map forgetting the first point. An elementary argument yields

$$\rho\left(\partial\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1,(d),(d),(2))\right) \subset \epsilon^{-1}(\partial\overline{M}_{h,1}).$$

The restriction of the virtual class to $M_h(\mathbb{P}^1, (d), (d), (2))$ is well-known to equal the ordinary fundamental class of the moduli space, see [27]. Since

$$\rho : M_h(\mathbb{P}^1, (d), (d), (2)) \to H_d$$

is a proper cover of degree $2h$, we conclude

$$\rho_*[\overline{M}_h(\mathbb{P}^1, (d), (d), (2))]^{vir} = 2h[\overline{H}_d] + B \tag{18}$$

where B is a cycle supported on $\epsilon^{-1}(\partial \overline{M}_{h,1})$.

Since $\lambda_h \lambda_{h-1}$ vanishes on cycles supported on the boundary of $\overline{M}_{h,1}$, we find

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0 \,|\, 0, 0)_{(d),(d),(2)} = i \frac{t_1 + t_2}{t_1 t_2} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} u^{2h-1} c_h(d),$$

where

$$c_h(d) = 2h \int_{[\overline{H}_d]} \lambda_h \lambda_{h-1}.$$

The cycle $[H_d]$ can be described as follows. Let

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathcal{P}\mathrm{ic}^0 \arrow[d, shift left, "\pi"] \\ M_{h,2} \arrow[u, shift left, "s"] \end{tikzcd}$$

be the universal Picard bundle with section

$$s : [C, x_1, x_2] \mapsto \mathcal{O}(x_1 - x_2).$$

Let $P_d \subset \mathcal{P}\mathrm{ic}^0$ be the locus of *nonzero* d-torsion points. Then, by our previous characterization of H_d,

$$[H_d] = \pi_* \left(s_*[M_{h,2}] \cap P_d \right) \in A_*(M_{h,2}).$$

By a result of Looijenga using the Fourier-Mukai transform, the locus of d-torsion points of *any* family of Abelian varieties is a multiple of the zero section in the Chow ring [18]. Hence,

$$[P_d] = \frac{d^{2h} - 1}{2^{2h} - 1} [P_2]$$

and

$$[H_d] = \frac{d^{2h}-1}{2^{2h}-1}[H_2].$$

We conclude

$$c_h(d) = \frac{d^{2h}-1}{2^{2h}-1} c_h(2).$$

Consider the $d=2$ case. In genus 1, the class

$$[\overline{H}_2] \in A_*(\overline{M}_{1,2})$$

pushes forward to $3[\overline{M}_{1,1}]$ under the map ϵ. For genus $h > 1$, let $\overline{H} \subset \overline{M}_h$ denote the hyperelliptic locus. There are

$$(2h+2)(2h+1)$$

ways of marking two of the Weierstrass points on each curve in H. Consequently, the class

$$[\overline{H}_2] \in A_*(\overline{M}_{h,2})$$

pushes forward to $(2h+2)(2h+1)[\overline{H}]$ under the forgetful map

$$\overline{M}_{h,2} \to \overline{M}_h.$$

We find

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(2),(2),(2)} &= i\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(6u\int_{\overline{M}_{1,1}}\lambda_1 + \sum_{h=2}^{\infty}\frac{(2h+2)!}{(2h-1)!}u^{2h-1}\int_{\overline{H}}\lambda_h\lambda_{h-1}\right) \\
&= i\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(\frac{u^4}{96} + \sum_{h=2}^{\infty}u^{2h+2}\int_{\overline{H}}\lambda_h\lambda_{h-1}\right)''' \\
&= i\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(u^2H(u)\right)'''
\end{aligned}$$

where $H(u)$ is defined in [9] on page 222. By Corollary 2 of [9],

$$(u^2H(u))'' = -\log\left(\cos\left(\frac{u}{2}\right)\right),$$

and thus

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(2),(2),(2)} = \frac{i}{2}\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\tan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right).$$

We conclude
$$\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} c_h(2)u^{2h-1} = \frac{1}{2}\tan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right).$$

The function $\cot\left(\frac{u}{2}\right)$ is an odd series in u with a simple pole at $u = 0$. We define b_h by
$$\cot\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) = \sum_{h=0} b_h u^{2h-1}.$$
The identity
$$\frac{1}{2}\tan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\cot\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) - \cot\left(2\frac{u}{2}\right)$$
yields
$$c_h(2) = (\frac{1}{2} - 2^{2h-1})b_h.$$
Hence,
$$c_h(d) = \frac{1}{2}(1-d^{2h})b_h.$$
We obtain
$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)} = -\frac{i}{2}\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(d\cot\left(\frac{du}{2}\right) - \cot\left(\frac{u}{2}\right)\right)$$
which concludes the proof. $\square$

We may write the series as a rational function in $-q = e^{iu}$,
$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\left(d\frac{(-q)^d+1}{(-q)^d-1} - \frac{(-q)+1}{(-q)-1}\right). \qquad (19)$$

6.5 Reconstruction for the level $(0,0)$ pair of pants

The main result proven in the Appendix (with C. Faber and A. Okounkov) is the following.

Theorem 6.6. *Let $d \geq 2$. The set of degree d, level $(0,0)$ pair of pants series*
$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}$$
can be uniquely reconstructed from
$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(d),(2)}$$
via the TQFT associativity relations, lower degree series of level $(0,0)$, and Hurwitz numbers of covering genus 0.

The proof yields an effective method of computing the level $(0,0)$ pair of pants series via recursions in degree. Since all the basic series (13) can be computed, the full local theory of curves is effectively determined. Theorem 6.4 is obtained in the Appendix as a Corollary of Theorem 6.6.

7 The anti-diagonal action

7.1 Overview

We study a well-behaved special case of the local theory of curves. Consider the action of the anti-diagonal subgroup

$$T^{\pm} = \{(\xi, \xi^{-1}) \mid \xi \in \mathbb{C}^*\} \subset T.$$

on $N = L_1 \oplus L_2$. The anti-diagonal action corresponds to the limit

$$t_1 + t_2 = 0$$

in equivariant cohomology. The induced $T^{\pm}$-action on K_N is trivial. Explicit formulas can be found since the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra can be explicitly diagonalized in the anti-diagonal case.

We define the Q-dimension of ρ, an irreducible representation of the symmetric group, indicated $\dim_Q \rho$, as follows:

$$\frac{\dim_Q \rho}{d!} = \prod_{\square \in \rho} i \left(Q^{\frac{h(\square)}{2}} - Q^{\frac{-h(\square)}{2}} \right)^{-1},$$

see [22]. Under the substitution $Q = e^{iu}$, the Q-dimension can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\dim_Q \rho}{d!} = \prod_{\square \in \rho} \left(2 \sin \frac{h(\square) u}{2} \right)^{-1}.$$

By the hook length formula for $\dim \rho$, the leading term in u of the above expression is $\frac{\dim \rho}{d!}$.

The main result here is a closed formula for the (absolute) local theory of curves with the anti-diagonal action.

Theorem 7.1. *Under the restrictions $t_1 = t$ and $t_2 = -t$,*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k_1, k_2) = (-1)^{d(g-1-k_2)} t^{d(2g-2-k_1-k_2)} \sum_\rho \left(\frac{d!}{\dim \rho}\right)^{2g-2} \left(\frac{\dim \rho}{\dim_Q \rho}\right)^{k_1+k_2} Q^{\frac{1}{2}c_\rho(k_1-k_2)}$$

where $Q = e^{iu}$ and c_ρ is the total content of ρ (see Section 3.1).

7.2 Corollaries

If $k_1 + k_2 = 2g - 2$, the threefold $N = L_1 \oplus L_2$ is Calabi-Yau. As previously remarked, the $t_1 + t_2 = 0$ limit corresponds to the trivial $T^{\pm}$-action on the canonical bundle. In other words, N is *equivariantly* Calabi-Yau.

Corollary 7.2. *In the equivariantly Calabi-Yau case,*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, k, 2g-2-k) = (-1)^{d(g-1-k)} \sum_\rho \left(\frac{d!}{\dim_Q \rho}\right)^{2g-2} Q^{-c_\rho(g-1-k)}.$$

In particular, for the balanced splitting,

$$k_1 = k_2 = g - 1,$$

the partition function is a Q-deformation of the classical formula for unramified covers.

Corollary 7.3. *In the balanced equivariantly Calabi-Yau case,*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(g \,|\, g-1, g-1) = \sum_\rho \left(\frac{d!}{\dim_Q \rho}\right)^{2g-2}.$$

Another special Calabi-Yau case is when the base curve X is elliptic. We obtain a formula recently derived by Vafa using string theoretic methods (page 8 of [30]).

Corollary 7.4. *Let $L \to E$ be a degree k line bundle on an elliptic curve E. The partition function for the Calabi-Yau action on $L \oplus L^{-1}$ is*

$$\mathsf{GW}_d(1 \,|\, k, -k) = (-1)^{dk} \sum_\rho Q^{kc_\rho}.$$

7.3 Proof of Theorem 7.1

To derive the formula of Theorem 7.1, we first explicitly diagonalize the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra for the anti-diagonal action.

Lemma 7.5. *For the anti-diagonal action, the level* $(0,0)$ *series have no nonzero terms of positive degree in* u.

PROOF OF LEMMA. Let $\mathbb{C}_t$ denote $T^{\pm}$-representation given by the standard action of the projection of

$$T^{\pm} \subset T = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$$

on the first factor, and let

$$c_1(\mathbb{C}_t) = t.$$

The dual line bundle is $\mathbb{C}_t^{\vee} = \mathbb{C}_{-t}$.

The level $(0,0)$ partition functions are built from the following integrals:

$$\int_{[\overline{M}_h^{\bullet}(X,\lambda^1,\ldots,\lambda^r)]^{vir}} e\left(-R^{\bullet}\pi_*(\mathcal{O}\otimes\mathbb{C}_t)\right) e(-R^{\bullet}\pi_*(\mathcal{O}\otimes\mathbb{C}_{-t})).$$

For any vector bundle E, the equivariant Euler class $e(E\otimes\mathbb{C}_t)$ is a polynomial in t whose coefficients are the (ordinary) Chern classes of E. The above integrand is a weight factor times

$$e(\mathbb{E}^{\vee}\otimes\mathbb{C}_t)e(\mathbb{E}^{\vee}\otimes\mathbb{C}_{-t}) = (-1)^h e\left((\mathbb{E}^{\vee}\oplus\mathbb{E})\otimes\mathbb{C}_t\right).$$

Since the Chern classes of $\mathbb{E}^{\vee}\oplus\mathbb{E}$ all vanish by Mumford's relation, the last expression is pure weight. The only non-zero integrals occur when

$$b_1 = b_2 = 0$$

in equation (5). Only the constant terms in u are non-zero. In particular, $\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}$ is given by the $t_1+t_2=0$ limit of equation (10). $\square$

The structure constants for the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra are given by:

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{\alpha\beta} = \left(-t^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}(d-l(\alpha)-l(\beta)+l(\gamma))} \sum_{\rho}\left(\frac{d!}{\dim\rho}\right)\frac{\chi^{\rho}_{\alpha}\chi^{\rho}_{\beta}}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)\mathfrak{z}(\beta)}\chi^{\rho}_{\gamma}.$$

As a consequence of the Lemma, multiplication in the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra is diagonalized by the basis v^0_ρ constructed in the proof of Proposition 5.1.

In order to diagonalize the level $(0,0)$ Frobenius algebra, we had to enlarge the coefficient ring to $\tilde{R}$ to include the formal square roots $t_1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $t_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The specialization

$$t_1^{\frac{1}{2}} = t^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t_2^{\frac{1}{2}} = it^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is compatible with

$$t_1 = t, \quad t_2 = -t.$$

By Lemma 7.5, the idempotent basis $v^0_\rho = v_\rho$ given by equation (11) is:

$$v_\rho = \frac{\dim\rho}{d!}\sum_\alpha (it)^{l(\alpha)-d}\chi^\rho_\alpha e_\alpha. \tag{20}$$

To apply Theorem 5.2, we must compute λ_ρ, η_ρ, and $\overline{\eta}_\rho$. We compute λ_ρ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_\rho^{-1} &= \mathbf{GW}\left(\overset{(0,0)}{}\right)(v_\rho) \\
&= \frac{\dim\rho}{d!}\sum_\alpha (it)^{l(\alpha)-d}\chi^\rho_\alpha\ \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0,0)_\alpha \\
&= \frac{\dim\rho}{d!}(it)^{l(1^d)-d}\chi^\rho_{(1^d)}\frac{1}{d!(-t^2)^d} \\
&= \left(\frac{\dim\rho}{d!}\right)^2 (it)^{-2d}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lambda_\rho = (it)^{2d}\left(\frac{d!}{\dim\rho}\right)^2.$$

In order to compute η_ρ, we must express η in terms of the basis $\{v_\rho\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta &= \mathbf{GW}\left({}^{(-1,0)} \right) \\
&= \sum_\alpha \mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,-1,0)^\alpha e_\alpha \\
&= \sum_\alpha (-1)^d t^{l(\alpha)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{l(\alpha)} \frac{-1}{2\sin\frac{\alpha_i u}{2}} \right) e_\alpha \\
&= \sum_\alpha (-1)^d (it)^{l(\alpha)} Q^{d/2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{l(\alpha)} \frac{1}{1-Q^{\alpha_i}} \right) e_\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

where $Q = e^{iu}$ as before. The expression

$$\prod_{i=1}^{l(\alpha)} \frac{1}{1-Q^{\alpha_i}}$$

arises in the theory of symmetric functions. The power sum symmetric functions are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) &= x_1^k + x_2^k + x_3^k + \dots \\
p_\alpha &= \prod_{i=1}^{l(\alpha)} p_{\alpha_i}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the specialization

$$x_1 = 1,\ x_2 = Q,\ x_3 = Q^2, \dots,$$

we obtain

$$p_k(Q) = (1-Q^k)^{-1}.$$

Hence,

$$\eta = \sum_\alpha (-1)^d (it)^{l(\alpha)} Q^{d/2} p_\alpha(Q)\ e_\alpha$$

and similarly

$$\overline{\eta} = \sum_\alpha (-1)^d (it)^{l(\alpha)} Q^{d/2} (-1)^{l(\alpha)} p_\alpha(Q)\ e_\alpha.$$

Inversion of (20) yields the following formula:

$$e_\alpha = (it)^{d-l(\alpha)} \sum_\rho \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} \frac{\chi^\rho_\alpha}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)} v_\rho \tag{21}$$

After substituting (21) in the expression for η, we find

$$\eta = \sum_\rho v_\rho \left[(-it)^d Q^{d/2} \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} \left(\sum_\alpha \frac{\chi^\rho_\alpha p_\alpha(Q)}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)}\right)\right],$$

$$\overline{\eta} = \sum_\rho v_\rho \left[(+it)^d Q^{d/2} \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} \omega \left(\sum_\alpha \frac{\chi^\rho_\alpha p_\alpha(Q)}{\mathfrak{z}(\alpha)}\right)\right].$$

Here, ω is the involution on the ring of symmetric functions defined by

$$(-1)^{l(\alpha)} p_\alpha = (-1)^d \omega(p_\alpha).$$

The sum over α in the latter expressions for η and $\overline{\eta}$ is equal to the Schur function $s_\rho(Q)$, see [19] page 114. We have

$$\omega(s_\rho) = s_{\rho'}$$

where ρ' is the dual representation (or conjugate partition), [19] page 42. Thus, we obtain

$$\eta_\rho = (-it)^d Q^{d/2} \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} s_\rho(Q)$$

$$\overline{\eta}_\rho = (+it)^d Q^{d/2} \frac{d!}{\dim\rho} s_{\rho'}(Q).$$

The Schur functions are easily expressed in terms of the Q-dimension. From [19] page 45,

$$\begin{aligned} s_\rho &= Q^{n(\rho)} \prod_{\square\in\rho} \frac{1}{1 - Q^{h(\square)}} \\ &= Q^{n(\rho) - \frac{1}{2}(n(\rho)+n(\rho')+d)} (-1)^d \prod_{\square\in\rho} \left(Q^{h(\square)/2} - Q^{-h(\square)/2}\right)^{-1} \\ &= Q^{-\frac{1}{2}(d+c_\rho)} i^d \, \frac{\dim_Q \rho}{d!}. \end{aligned}$$

We have used (4) in the above formulas. We conclude

$$\eta_\rho = (+t)^d \, Q^{-\frac{c_\rho}{2}} \, \frac{\dim_Q \rho}{\dim\rho},$$

$$\overline{\eta}_\rho = (-t)^d \, Q^{+\frac{c_\rho}{2}} \, \frac{\dim_Q \rho}{\dim\rho}.$$

Theorem 7.1 then follows directly from Theorem 5.2. $\square$

8 A degree 2 calculation

The partition function $\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1, k_2)$ in degree 2 is calculated here. The result was announced previously in [5].

We abbreviate the level $(0, 0)$ pair of pants by

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,0, 0)_{\lambda\mu\nu} = \mathsf{P}_{\lambda\mu\nu}$$

and the Calabi-Yau cap by

$$\mathsf{GW}(0\,|\,-1, 0)_{\lambda} = \mathsf{C}_{\lambda}.$$

We apply the usual convention (6) for raising indices to $\mathsf{P}_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ and C_{λ}.

From the proof of Theorem 5.2, the partition function is

$$\mathsf{GW}(g\,|\,k_1, k_2) = \mathrm{tr}\left(G^{g-1}A^{-k_1}\overline{A}^{-k_2}\right).$$

The genus adding operator G and the right annihilation operator A can be computed in terms of $\mathsf{P}_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ and C_{λ} by the gluing formula.

$$G^{\mu}_{\nu} = \sum_{\lambda,\epsilon\vdash d} \mathsf{P}^{\mu}_{\lambda\epsilon}\mathsf{P}^{\lambda\epsilon}_{\nu}, \tag{22}$$
$$A^{\mu}_{\nu} = \sum_{\lambda\vdash d} \mathsf{C}^{\lambda}\mathsf{P}^{\mu}_{\lambda\nu}.$$

We obtain $\overline{A}$ from A by switching t_1 and t_2.

$\mathsf{P}_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ is determined recursively by Theorem 6.6 and C_{λ} is given explicitly by Lemma 6.3. We list their values for $d \leq 2$:

$$\mathsf{C}_{\yng(1)} = \frac{1}{t_2}\frac{1}{2\sin\frac{u}{2}}, \qquad \mathsf{C}_{\yng(1,1)} = \frac{1}{t_2^2}\frac{1}{2\left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^2}, \qquad \mathsf{C}_{\yng(2)} = -\frac{1}{t_2}\frac{1}{4\sin u},$$

$$\mathsf{P}_{\yng(1)\yng(1)\yng(1)} = \frac{1}{t_1t_2}, \qquad \mathsf{P}_{\yng(1,1)\yng(1,1)\yng(1,1)} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{(t_1t_2)^2}, \qquad \mathsf{P}_{\yng(1,1)\yng(1,1)\yng(2)} = 0,$$

$$\mathsf{P}_{\yng(1,1)\yng(2)\yng(2)} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{t_1t_2}. \qquad \mathsf{P}_{\yng(2)\yng(2)\yng(2)} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{t_1+t_2}{t_1t_2}\tan\frac{u}{2}.$$

For $d = 1$, we have

$$G^{\yng(1)}_{\yng(1)} = \mathsf{P}^{\yng(1)}_{\yng(1)\yng(1)}\mathsf{P}^{\yng(1)\yng(1)}_{\yng(1)} = t_1t_2$$
$$A^{\yng(1)}_{\yng(1)} = \mathsf{C}_{\yng(1)}\mathsf{P}^{\yng(1)\yng(1)}_{\yng(1)} = t_1\left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{-1}.$$

Hence,

$$\mathsf{GW}_1(g \mid k_1, k_2) = (t_1t_2)^{g-1} t_1^{-k_1} t_2^{-k_2} \left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{k_1+k_2}.$$

For $d = 2$, we compute the entries of G and A via (22) to obtain:

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 4(t_1t_2)^2 & -2(t_1t_2)^2(t_1+t_2)\tan\frac{u}{2} \\ -2(t_1t_2)(t_1+t_2)\tan\frac{u}{2} & 4(t_1t_2)^2+2(t_1t_2)(t_1+t_2)^2\tan^2\frac{u}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} t_1^2\left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{-2} & -t_1^2t_2(2\sin u)^{-1} \\ -t_1(2\sin u)^{-1} & t_1(t_1+t_2)\left(2\cos\frac{u}{2}\right)^{-2}+t_1^2\left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrices G, A, and $\overline{A}$ mutually commute and so we can simultaneously diagonalize them to obtain:

$$\mathsf{GW}_2(g \mid k_1, k_2) = \lambda_+^{g-1}\eta_+^{-k_1}\overline{\eta}_+^{-k_2} + \lambda_-^{g-1}\eta_-^{-k_1}\overline{\eta}_-^{-k_2}, \tag{23}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_\pm &= \frac{t_1t_2}{(1-q)^2}\left(-\Theta \pm (1+q)(t_1+t_2)\sqrt{\Theta}\right) \\
\eta_\pm &= \frac{qt_1}{2(1-q^2)^2}\left((t_1-t_2)(1+q)^2 - 8t_1q \pm (1+q)\sqrt{\Theta}\right) \\
\overline{\eta}_\pm &= \frac{qt_2}{2(1-q^2)^2}\left((t_2-t_1)(1+q)^2 - 8t_2q \pm (1+q)\sqrt{\Theta}\right) \\
\Theta &= (t_1-t_2)^2(1+q)^2 + 16qt_1t_2 \\
q &= -e^{iu}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the specialization

$$t_1 = t_2 = t,$$

the above equations simplify to

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_\pm &= \frac{4t^4}{1 \mp \sin\frac{u}{2}} \\
\eta_\pm = \overline{\eta}_\pm &= \frac{t^2}{4\sin^2\frac{u}{2}\left(1 \mp \sin\frac{u}{2}\right)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathsf{GW}_2(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)\Big|_{t_1=t_2=t} =& t^{2(2g-2-k_1-k_2)} 4^{g-1} \left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{2(k_1+k_2)} \\ & \cdot \left\{ \left(1+\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{k_1+k_2+1-g} + \left(1-\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{k_1+k_2+1-g} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

In particular, the local $d = 2$ Calabi-Yau partition function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}&\mathsf{GW}_2(g \,|\, g-1, g-1)\Big|_{t_1=t_2=t} = \\ &\qquad \left(2\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{4g-4} \left\{ \left(4-4\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{g-1} + \left(4+4\sin\frac{u}{2}\right)^{g-1} \right\},\end{aligned}$$

in agreement with the announcement of [5] up to u shifting conventions.

The partition function in degree 2 is easily seen to satisfy the BPS integrality of Gopakumar-Vafa.

9 The GW/DT correspondence for residues

9.1 Overview

A Gromov-Witten/Donaldson-Thomas correspondence parallel to [20, 21] is conjectured here for equivariant residues in both the absolute and relative cases. The computation of the full local Gromov-Witten theory of curves together with the GW/DT correspondence predicts the full local Donaldson-Thomas theory of curves.

9.2 Residue Invariants in Donaldson-Thomas theory

Let Y be a nonsingular, *quasi-projective*, algebraic threefold. Let $I_n(Y, \beta)$ denote the moduli space of ideal sheaves

$$0 \to I_Z \to \mathcal{O}_Y \to \mathcal{O}_Z \to 0$$

of subschemes Z of degree $\beta = [Z] \in H_2(Y, \mathbb{Z})$ and Euler characteristic $n = \chi(\mathcal{O}_Z)$. Though Y may not be compact, we require Z to have *proper* support.

Let Y be equipped with an action by an algebraic torus T. The moduli space $I_n(Y,\beta)$ carries a T-equivariant perfect obstruction theory obtained from (traceless) $\mathrm{Ext}_0(I,I)$, see [29]. Though Y is quasi-projective, $\mathrm{Ext}_0(I,I)$ is well-behaved since the associated quotient scheme $Z \subset Y$ is proper. Alternatively, for any T-equivariant compactification,

$$Y \subset \overline{Y},$$

the obstruction theory on

$$I_n(Y,\beta) \subset I_n(\overline{Y},\beta)$$

is obtained by restriction.

We will define Donaldson-Thomas residue invariants under the following assumption.

Assumption 2. *The T-fixed point set $I_n(Y,\beta)^T$ is compact.*

The definition of the Donaldson-Thomas residue invariants of Y follows the strategy of the Gromov-Witten case. We define $\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_\beta$ formally by:

$$\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_\beta \text{ ``}=\text{'' } \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} q^n \int_{[I_n(Y,\beta)]^{vir}} 1. \tag{24}$$

The variable q indexes the Euler number n. Under Assumption 2, the integral on the right of (24) is well-defined by the virtual localization formula as an equivariant residue.

Definition 9.1. *The partition function for the degree β Donaldson-Thomas residue invariants of Y is defined by:*

$$\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_\beta = \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} q^n \int_{[I_n(Y,\beta)^T]^{vir}} \frac{1}{e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})}. \tag{25}$$

The T-fixed part of the perfect obstruction theory for $I_n(Y,\beta)$ induces a perfect obstruction theory for $I_n(Y,\beta)^T$ and hence a virtual class [11, 20]. The equivariant virtual normal bundle of the embedding,

$$I_n(Y,\beta)^T \subset I_n(Y,\beta),$$

is Norm^{vir} with equivariant Euler class $e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})$. The integral in (25) denotes equivariant push-forward to a point.

As defined, $\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_\beta$ is *unprimed* since the degree 0 contributions have not yet been removed. In Gromov-Witten theory, the degree 0 contributions are removed geometrically by forbidding such components in the moduli problem. Since a geometrical method of removing the degree 0 contribution from Donaldson-Thomas theory does not appear to be available, a formal method is followed.

Definition 9.2. *The reduced partition function $\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y)_\beta$ for the degree β Donaldson-Thomas residue invariants of Y is defined by:*

$$\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y)_\beta = \frac{\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_\beta}{\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_0}.$$

Let r be the rank of T, and let $t_1, \ldots, t_r$ be generators of the equivariant cohomology of T. By definition, $\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y)_\beta$ is a Laurent series in q with coefficients given by rational functions of $t_1, \ldots, t_r$ of homogeneous degree equal to minus the virtual dimension of $I_n(Y, \beta)$.

9.3 Conjectures for the absolute theory

The equivariant degree 0 series is conjecturally determined in terms of the MacMahon function,

$$M(q) = \prod_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-q^n)^n},$$

the generating series for 3-dimensional partitions.

Conjecture 1. The degree 0 Donaldson-Thomas partition function is determined by:

$$\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y)_0 = M(-q)^{\int_Y c_3(T_Y \otimes K_Y)},$$

where the integral in the exponent is defined via localization on Y,

$$\int_Y c_3(T_Y \otimes K_Y) = \int_{Y^T} \frac{c_3(T_Y \otimes K_Y)}{e(N_{Y^T/Y})} \in \mathbb{Q}(t_1, \ldots, t_r).$$

The subvariety Y^T is compact as a consequence of Assumption 2. By Theorem 1 of [21], Conjecture 1 holds for toric Y.

Conjecture 2. The reduced series $\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y)_\beta$ is a rational function of the equivariant parameters t_i and q.

The GW/DT correspondence for absolute residue invariants can now be stated.

Conjecture 3. After the change of variables $e^{iu} = -q$,

$$(-iu)^{\int_\beta c_1(T_Y)}\ \mathsf{Z}'_{GW}(Y)_\beta = (-q)^{-\frac{1}{2}\int_\beta c_1(T_Y)}\ \mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y)_\beta.$$

Conjectures 1-3 are equivariant versions of the conjectures of [20, 21]. In [21], a GW/DT correspondence for primary and (certain) descendent field insertions is presented. The equivariant correspondence with insertions remains to be studied.

9.4 The relative conjectures

A Gromov-Witten/Donaldson-Thomas residue correspondence for relative theories may also be defined. Let

$$S \subset Y$$

be a nonsingular, T-invariant, divisor. Let $\beta \in H_2(Y, \mathbb{Z})$ be a curve class satisfying

$$\int_\beta [S] \geq 0.$$

Let η be a partition of $\int_\beta [S]$ weighted by the equivariant cohomology of S,

$$H^*_T(S, \mathbb{Q}).$$

We follow here the notation of [21]. The reduced Gromov-Witten partition function,

$$\mathsf{Z}'_{GW}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta} = \sum_{h\in\mathbb{Z}} u^{2h-2} \int_{[\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y/S,\beta,\eta)^T]^{vir}} \frac{1}{e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})},$$

is well-defined if $\overline{M}^\bullet_h(Y/S, \beta, \eta)^T$ is compact. The weighted partition η specifies the relative conditions imposed on the moduli space of maps.

We refer the reader to [21] for a discussion of relative Donaldson-Thomas theory. The relative Donaldson-Thomas partition function,

$$\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta} = \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} q^n \int_{[I_n(Y/S,\beta,\eta)^T]^{vir}} \frac{1}{e(\mathrm{Norm}^{vir})},$$

is well-defined if $I_n(Y/S,\beta,\eta)^T$ is compact. Let

$$\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta} = \frac{\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta}}{\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y/S)_0}.$$

denote the reduced relative partition function.

The weighted partition η in Donaldson-Thomas theory specifies the relative conditions imposed on the moduli space of ideal sheaves. The partition η determines an element of the Nakajima basis of the T-equivariant cohomology of the Hilbert scheme of points of S.

Conjecture 1R. The degree 0 relative Donaldson-Thomas partition function is determined by:

$$\mathsf{Z}_{DT}(Y/S)_0 = M(-q)^{\int_Y c_3(T_Y[-S]\otimes K_Y[S])},$$

where T_Y is the sheaf of tangent fields with logarithmic zeros and K_Y is the logarithmic canonical bundle.

Conjecture 2R. The reduced series $\mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta}$ is a rational function of the equivariant parameters t_i and q.

Conjecture 3R. After the change of variables $e^{iu} = -q$,

$$(-iu)^{\int_\beta c_1(T_Y)+l(\eta)-|\eta|}\ \mathsf{Z}'_{GW}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta} = (-q)^{-\frac{1}{2}\int_\beta c_1(T_Y)}\ \mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(Y/S)_{\beta,\eta},$$

where $|\eta| = \int_\beta [S]$.

Conjectures 1R-3R are equivariant versions of the relative conjectures of [21] without insertions.

9.5 The local theory of curves

Let X be a nonsingular curve of genus g. Let N be a rank 2 bundle on a X with a direct sum decomposition,

$$N = L_1 \oplus L_2.$$

Let k_i denote the degree of L_i on X.

Consider the Gromov-Witten residue theory of N relative to the T-invariant divisor

$$S = \bigcup_{p \in D} N_p \ \subset N,$$

where $D \subset X$ is a finite set of points. Since

$$H_T^*(S) = \bigoplus_{p \in D} H_T^*(p),$$

η is simply a list of partitions indexed by D.

Theorem 9.3. *The GW/DT correspondence holds (Conjectures 1R-3R) for the local theory of curves.*

Theorem 9.3 is proven by matching the calculation of the local Gromov-Witten theory of curves here with the determination of the local Donaldson-Thomas theory of curves in [25]. The results of [25] depend upon foundational aspects of relative Donaldson-Thomas theory which have not yet been treated in the literature.

The GW^*-partition functions in relative Gromov-Witten in Section 6.4.1. Similar DT^*-partition functions are defined in Donaldson-Thomas theory by:

$$\mathsf{DT}^*(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r} = (-q)^{-\frac{d}{2}(2-2g+k_1+k_2)} \ \mathsf{Z}'_{DT}(N)_{d[X], \lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r}.$$

The GW/DT correspondence for local curves can be conveniently restated as the equality,

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r} = \mathsf{DT}^*(g \,|\, k_1, k_2)_{\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^r}, \tag{26}$$

after the variable change $e^{iu} = -q$,

10 Further directions

10.1 The Hilbert scheme $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$

Let the 2-dimensional torus T act on $\mathbb{C}^2$ by scaling the factors. Consider the induced T-action on $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$. The T-equivariant cohomology of $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$,

$$H_T^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2), \mathbb{Q}),$$

has a canonical Nakajima basis,

$$\{\ |\mu\rangle\ \}_{|\mu|=n}$$

indexed by partitions of n. The degree of a curve in $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$ is determined by intersection with the divisor

$$D = -|2, 1^{n-2}\rangle.$$

Define the series $\langle \lambda, \mu, \nu \rangle^{\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)}$ of 3-pointed, genus 0, T-equivariant Gromov-Witten invariants by a sum over curve degrees:

$$\langle \lambda, \mu, \nu \rangle^{\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \sum_{d \geq 0} q^d \langle \lambda, \mu, \nu \rangle^{\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)}_{0,3,d}.$$

Theorem 10.1. *A Gromov-Witten/Hilbert correspondence holds:*

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu} = (-1)^n \langle \lambda, \mu, \nu \rangle^{\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)},$$

after the variable change $e^{iu} = -q$.

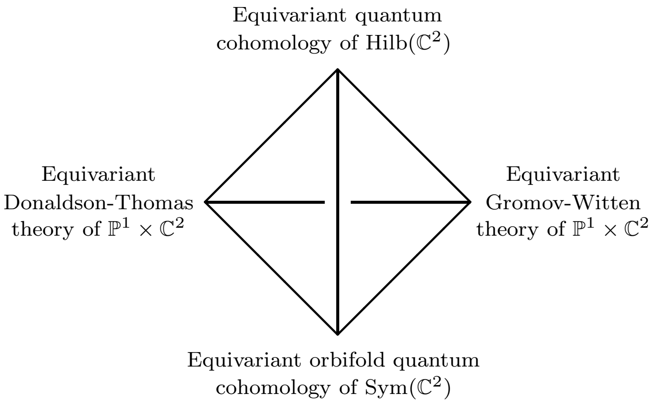
The proof of Theorem 10.1 is obtain by our determination of the series $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ together with the computation of the quantum cohomology of the Hilbert scheme in [24].

10.2 The orbifold $\mathrm{Sym}(\mathbb{C}^2)$

The 3-pointed, genus 0, T-equivariant Gromov-Witten invariants of the orbifold $\mathrm{Sym}(\mathbb{C}^2) = (\mathbb{C}^2)^n/S_n$ can be related to $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}$, see [2].

The Hilbert scheme $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$ is a crepant resolution of the (singular) quotient variety $\mathrm{Sym}(\mathbb{C}^2)$. Theorem 10.1 may be viewed as relating the T-equivariant quantum cohomology of the quotient *orbifold* $\mathrm{Sym}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ to the T-equivariant quantum cohomology of the resolution $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$. The correspondence requires extending the definition of orbifold quantum cohomology to include quantum parameters for twisted sectors [2].

Mathematical conjectures relating the quantum cohomologies of orbifolds and their crepant resolutions in the non-equivariant case have been pursued by Ruan (motivated by the physical predictions of Vafa and Zaslow). Theorem 10.1 suggests that the correspondence also holds in the equivariant context.



The four isomorphic theories described by $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}$. The southern and eastern theories have parameter u, while the northern and western have parameter $q = -e^{iu}$. The horizontal equivalence is the equivariant DT/GW correspondence for $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{C}^2$. The vertical equivalence is the equivariant Crepant Resolution Conjecture for $\mathrm{Hilb}\,\mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathrm{Sym}\,\mathbb{C}^2$. The four corners are computed in [2, 25, 24] and the present paper.

A Appendix: Reconstruction Result

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A.1 Overview

We present a proof of Theorem 6.6 using a closed formula for the series

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda,(2),\nu}$$

obtained from Theorem 6.5 and the semisimplicity of the Frobenius algebra associated to the level $(0,0)$ theory. The proof was motivated by the study of the quantum cohomology of $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$ in [24].

A.2 Fock space

By definition, the Fock space $\mathcal{F}$ is freely generated over $\mathbb{Q}$ by commuting creation operators

$$\alpha_{-k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0},$$

acting on the vacuum vector $v_\emptyset$. The annihilation operators

$$\alpha_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0},$$

kill the vacuum

$$\alpha_k \cdot v_\emptyset = 0, \quad k > 0\,,$$

and satisfy the commutation relations

$$[\alpha_k, \alpha_l] = k\,\delta_{k+l,0}\,.$$

A natural basis of $\mathcal{F}$ is given by the vectors

$$|\mu\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathfrak{z}(\mu)} \prod_{i=1}^{l(\mu)} \alpha_{-\mu_i}\, v_\emptyset\,. \tag{27}$$

indexed by partitions μ. After extending scalars to $\mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2)$, we define the following *nonstandard* inner product on $\mathcal{F}$:

$$\langle\mu|\nu\rangle = \frac{(-1)^{|\mu|-\ell(\mu)}}{(t_1t_2)^{l(\mu)}} \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{\mathfrak{z}(\mu)}\,. \tag{28}$$

A.3 The matrix M_2

Define the linear transformation M_2 on $\mathcal{F}$ by

$$\langle\mu|\mathsf{M}_2|\nu\rangle = (-1)^{|\mu|}\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu,(2),\nu}\ \delta_{|\mu|,|\nu|},$$

after an extension of scalars to $\mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2)[[u]]$.

The matrix M_2 can be written in closed form in terms of creation and annihilation operators on Fock space:

$$-\,\mathsf{M}_2 = \frac{t_1+t_2}{2}\sum_{k>0}\left(k\frac{(-q)^k+1}{(-q)^k-1} - \frac{(-q)+1}{(-q)-1}\right)\alpha_{-k}\,\alpha_k + \\ \frac{1}{2}\sum_{k,l>0}\Big[t_1t_2\,\alpha_{k+l}\,\alpha_{-k}\,\alpha_{-l} - \alpha_{-k-l}\,\alpha_k\,\alpha_l\Big], \quad (29)$$

where $-q = e^{iu}$. The above formula was studied in [24] as the matrix of quantum multiplication by the hyperplane class in the quantum cohomology of $\mathrm{Hilb}^n(\mathbb{C}^2)$.

Formula (29) can be obtained as follows. Using dimension counts similar to those in subsection 6.2, the disconnected invariants $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu,(2),\nu}$ are easily reduced to connected invariants of one of two possible types. First, there are the (necessarily connected) invariants $\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{(d),(2),(d)}$ (computed in Theorem 6.5), and second there are domain genus 0 Hurwitz numbers. The combinatorics of writing disconnected invariants in terms of connected invariants is most efficiently handled with the Fock space formalism and yields Equation (29).

The first summand of Equation (29) gives the diagonal terms of the matrix M_2. The second summand gives the off diagonal terms with the t_1t_2 term of the summand appearing below the diagonal and the remaining term appearing above.

Lemma A.1. *The eigenvalues of* M_2 *are distinct.*

The eigenvalues are symmetric functions in t_1 and t_2. In the $t_1t_2 = 0$ limit, M_2 is *upper-triangular*. Hence it suffices to show that the diagonal entries are distinct. By Equation (29), the diagonal entry at a partition μ is

$$-\frac{t_1+t_2}{2}\sum_{k>0} km_k(\mu)F_k \quad (30)$$

where $m_k(\mu)$ is the number of k's in the partition μ and

$$F_k = k\frac{(-q)^k+1}{(-q)^k-1} - \frac{(-q)+1}{(-q)-1}.$$

The rational functions $\{F_k\}_{k>1}$ are easily seen to be linearly independent over $\mathbb{Q}$ (by, for example, studying the poles of F_k), and hence the diagonal entries are distinct. $\square$

A.4 Proof of Theorem 6.6

Let $d > 0$. We abbreviate a list $(2), \ldots, (2)$ of r copies of (2) by $(2)^r$. The gluing formula yields the equation

$$\langle \mu \,|\, \mathsf{M}_2^r \,|\, \nu \rangle = (-1)^d \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu,(2)^r,\nu}$$

for partitions μ, ν of d.

A second application of the gluing formula yields the following computation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu,(2)^r,\nu} &= \sum_{\gamma \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu\gamma\nu} \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)^{\gamma}_{(2)^r} \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu\gamma\nu}\, \mathfrak{z}(\gamma)(-t_1t_2)^{l(\gamma)}(-1)^d \left\langle \gamma \,|\, \mathsf{M}_2^r \,|(1^d) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The second equality uses the level $(0,0)$ cap calculation of Lemma 6.2.

Taken together, the above equation provide a linear system for the degree d, level $(0,0)$ pair of pants integrals,

$$\langle \mu \,|\, \mathsf{M}_2^r \,|\, \nu \rangle = \sum_{\gamma \vdash d} \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\mu\gamma\nu}\, \mathfrak{z}(\gamma)(-t_1t_2)^{l(\gamma)} \ \left\langle \gamma \,|\, \mathsf{M}_2^r \,|(1^d) \right\rangle. \tag{31}$$

The linear equations have coefficients in the field $\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, q)$. The proof of the Theorem is concluded by demonstrating the nonsingularity of the system (31).

Let $\mathcal{F}_d \subset \mathcal{F}$ be the subspace spanned by the vectors $|\mu\rangle$ satisfying $|\mu| = d$. The transformation M_2 preserves $\mathcal{F}_d$.

The eigenvectors for M_2 restricted to $\mathcal{F}_d$ are the idempotent basis of the semisimple Frobenius algebra associated to the degree d, level $(0,0)$ theory.

The identity vector $|(1^d)\rangle$ of the Frobenius algebra has the coefficient 1 in each component of the idempotent basis. Hence, the set of vectors

$$\{\ \mathsf{M}_2^r\,|(1^d)\rangle\ \}_{r\geq 0}$$

have coefficients given by powers of the eigenvalues of M_2 restricted to $\mathcal{F}_d$. These eigenvalues are distinct by Lemma A.1, thus the above set of vectors spans $\mathcal{F}_d$ and the linear system (31) is nonsingular. □

A.5 Proof of Theorem 6.4

Since $-q = e^{-iu}$, we may disregard all integral terms in the exponent of the prefactor

$$e^{\frac{idu}{2}(2-2g+k_1+k_2)}.$$

Consider the product

$$e^{\frac{idu}{2}(k_1+k_2)}\ \mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}.$$

The series $\mathsf{GW}^*(g\,|\,k_1,k_2)_{\lambda^1\ldots\lambda^r}$ can be calculated by gluing in terms of the caps

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,\pm 1,0)_\lambda,\quad \mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,\pm 1)_\lambda \tag{32}$$

and the pair of pant series

$$\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,0)_{\lambda\mu\nu}.$$

By the proof of Theorem 6.6, the pair of pant series lie in $\mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2,q)$. By the calculation of Section 6.4.1,

$$e^{-\frac{idu}{2}}\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,-1,0)_\lambda,\ e^{-\frac{idu}{2}}\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,-1)_\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2,q).$$

Since the opposite caps are inverses in the Frobenius algebra, we conclude

$$e^{\frac{idu}{2}}\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,1,0)_\lambda,\ e^{\frac{idu}{2}}\mathsf{GW}^*(0\,|\,0,1)_\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}(t_1,t_2,q).$$

The Theorem is proven by distributing a factor of $e^{\pm\frac{idu}{2}}$ to each cap of type (32) in the gluing formula. □

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