

$X = \text{smooth projective } \mathbb{C}, D \subset X \text{ smooth divisor. } \underline{O(D)}$

$X_{D,r} = \text{the stack of } r^{\text{th}} \text{ roots of } X \text{ along } D.$

(Cadman, Vistoli). For $S = \text{scheme}$, the S -points of $X_{D,r}$ are

$$\left\{ S \xrightarrow{f} X, M \rightarrow S, \text{ line bundle}, t \in H^0(M), f^*O(D) \xrightarrow{\varphi} M^{\otimes r}, f^*S_D = t \right.$$

$X_{D,r}$ has μ_r stack structure along D , and is isomorphic to X outside D .

$$\boxed{[GW_g(X_{D,r})]_{r^0} = GW_g(X, D)} \quad (*)$$

Normal question: generalize this equality to the case of D reduced

• If components of D are disjoint, then the argument for the smooth case works component by component, giving the same result.

• If the components are not disjoint, then it is natural to assume that $\boxed{D = D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_n}$ is simple normal crossing.

• What should be the RHS for $(*)$?

In simple normal crossing (X, D) , we get a log scheme. We can consider the log GW theory of Abramovich-Gross-Siebert.

• What should be the LHS?
This talk (j. w/ Fonglong You)

• Does the equality hold?

NO

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LHS $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{N}$. $X_{(D_1, r_1), (D_2, r_2), \dots, (D_n, r_n)} \sim \text{multiroot stack}$

• $GW_g(X_{(D_1, r_1), (D_2, r_2), \dots, (D_n, r_n)})$ is polynomial in each r_i for $r_i \gg 1$

• Then we take the constant term $(r_1^0 r_2^0 \dots r_n^0)$ to get a collection of "invariants".

• $\mathcal{X} = \text{smooth DM stack}, D \subset \mathcal{X} \text{ smooth divisor}$
 $r \in \mathbb{N}$. $\mathcal{X}_{D,r} = \text{root stack}$

Want $GW_g(\mathcal{X}_{D,r})$ is polynomial in r for $r \gg 1$.

Proof $\mathbb{1}$ degenerate to the normal cone of $D \subset \mathcal{X}$:

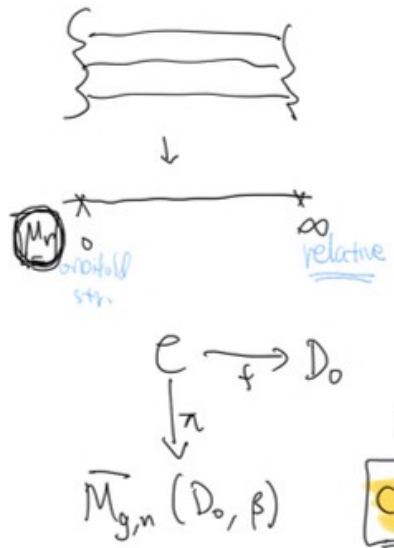
$$\mathcal{X}_{D,r} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{X} \cup_{D=D_n} P(N_{D/\mathcal{X}} \oplus O_{\mathcal{X}})_{D_0, r}$$

degeneration formula for GW invariants:

$$GW_g(\mathcal{X}_{D,r}) = \sum_{g_1 + g_2 = g} GW_{g_1}(\mathcal{X}, D) * GW_{g_2}(P(N_{D/\mathcal{X}} \oplus O_{\mathcal{X}})_{D_0, r}, D_\infty)$$

$g, f, g_2 = g$ \circ_1 \circ_2

② Localisation wrt fiberwise \mathbb{C}^* -action.



Contribution from maps to D_0

$$N_{D/X} \rightarrow D$$

$$D_0 = \sqrt{N_{D/X}/D} \sim \text{Mo-gerbe over } D.$$

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow D_0 \text{ universal } \gamma\text{-th root of } N_{D/X}$$

Contribution

$$c_0(-R\pi_* f^* \mathcal{L}) \cap [\overline{M}_{g,n}(D_0, \beta)]^{vir}$$

compute using Toen's Grothendieck Riemann-Roch for stacks (T.)

polynomial in r.

• Pixton's general polynomiality result (see [JPPZ1]) applies here.

$\left[GW_g(X_{(D_1, r_1), \dots, (D_n, r_n)}) \right]_{r_1^0 \dots r_n^0}$ form a "theory".

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- ① It has string/dilaton/divisor eqns.
- ② It yields an associative ring called "relative quantum cohomology ring".

State space: $H_i = \bigoplus_{\vec{s} \in \mathbb{Z}^n} H_{\vec{s}}^*$, $H_{\vec{s}}^* = H^*(D_{I_{\vec{s}}})$

$I_{\vec{s}} := \{i \mid s_i \neq 0\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$.

$D_I = \bigcap_{i \in I} D_i$, $H^*(D_{\emptyset}) := H^*(X)$

$(-, -) : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $([a]_{\vec{s}}, [b]_{\vec{s}}) := \begin{cases} \langle a, b \rangle_{D_{\vec{s}}} & -\vec{s} = \vec{s}' \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

③ It has Gromov's formalism: $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$
Lag. cone. symplectic vector space

④ It has a "mirror theorem": $I \subset \mathcal{L}$
 in good cases explicit slice allowing some computations of invariants in genus 0.

⑤ It is a partial CohFT, lacking the loop axiom.

⑥ It can be used, in some cases, for mirror constructions following Gross-Siebert's approach.

Outlook

- ① (Pandharipande) degeneration formula?
- ② relation w/ log GW?