

INTERSECTION THEORY

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1. MARCH 5TH

Let X be compact and smooth. Then $Z_1, Z_2 \subset X$ represent cohomology classes via Poincaré duality, so we may use the cup product in cohomology to define an intersection product on homology. If Z_1 and Z_2 meet transversally, then by definition $\dim Z_1 + \dim Z_2 - \dim X = \dim Z_1 \cap Z_2$. If $Z_1 = Z_2$, then $Z_1 \cap Z_2$ is the Euler class of the normal bundle.¹ Also if Z_2 and Z'_2 are homologous, then they define the same intersection multiplicities.

Our geometric setting is as follows: We have an algebraic scheme X together with two closed subschemes Z_1 and Z_2 by viewing them as Chow cycles $[Z_1], [Z_2] \in A_*(X)$. Note that in this process, we decompose Z_i into its irreducible components and add them up with suitable multiplicities.

Definition 1.1. The category of affine schemes over k , denoted \mathbf{Aff}_k , is the opposite category $\mathbf{CAlg}_k^{\text{op}}$ of the category of commutative k -algebras.

We now explain how to construct a scheme by gluing affine schemes along affine subschemes. Suppose we have $\{U_i\}$ an open cover of X , where each $U_i = \text{Spec } A_i$. Also denote $U_i \cap U_j = \text{Spec } A_{ij}$. We must have ring maps $\psi_{ij} : A_i \rightarrow A_{ij}$, $\varphi_{ij} : A_{ij} \rightarrow A_{ji}$ satisfying

- (1) $\varphi_{ij} = \varphi_{ji}^{-1}$,
- (2) φ_{ij} induces a lifting

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{ij} \otimes_{A_i} A_{ik} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\varphi_{ij}}} & A_{ji} \otimes_{A_j} A_{jk} \\ \psi_{ik} \uparrow & & \psi_{jk} \uparrow \\ A_{ij} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{ij}} & A_{ji} \end{array}$$

- (3) we have the cocycle condition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{ij} \otimes_{A_i} A_{ik} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\varphi_{ik}}} & A_{ki} \otimes_{A_k} A_{kj} \\ & \searrow \widetilde{\varphi_{ij}} \quad \circ \quad \nearrow \widetilde{\varphi_{jk}} & \\ & A_{ji} \otimes_{A_j} A_{jk} & \end{array}$$

Then the $U_i = \text{Spec } A_i$ glue together to define a new scheme X . We define the structure sheaf as follows:

- (1) For an affine open $V \hookrightarrow U_i$, via functoriality, if $A_i \rightarrow B_i$ then we have $\mathcal{O}_X(U) = B_i$.

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¹Check!

- (2) For an arbitrary open $V \hookrightarrow U_i$, we have $\mathcal{O}_X(V) := \{(s_i \in \mathcal{O}_X(V_i))_i \mid V_i \subset V \text{ affine, such that } s_i = s_j \text{ on } V_i \cap V_j\}$.
- (3) For an arbitrary² $V \subset X$, define $\mathcal{O}_X(V) := \{(s_i \in \mathcal{O}_X(V \cap U_i))_i \mid \varphi_{ij}(s_i) = s_j\}$.

1.1. Properties of Schemes. A scheme is reduced if $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is reduced for all $U \subset X$ open. A scheme is irreducible if its underlying topological space is. X is reduced and irreducible if and only if \mathcal{O}_X is integral, i.e. $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is an integral domain for all $U \subset X$. In this case, we call X a variety.³

1.2. Chow Group. Define $Z_k(X)$ the free abelian group generated by k -dimensional subvarieties.

1.3. Application. We will count curves. To be precise, we will show that the number of degree d rational curves⁴ passing through more than $3d - 1$ points on the plane is zero, passing through less than $3d - 1$ points is infinite, and passing through $3d - 1$ points is N_d where it is given by

$$N_1 = 1, \quad N_d = \sum_{d_1, d_2 > 0, d_1 + d_2 = d} N_{d_1} N_{d_2} \left(d_1^2 d_2^2 \binom{3d-4}{3d_1-2} - d_1^3 d_2 \binom{3d-4}{3d_1-1} \right).$$

The N_d are called **Gromov-Witten invariants**. We want to understand them via intersection theory.

1.4. The Moduli Space of Curves of Genus Zero. The genus zero rational nodal curves are of the form of the union of finitely many \mathbb{P}^1 's where

- (1) two \mathbb{P}^1 's can meet at at most 1 point, called a *node*,
- (2) around a node, locally it looks like the zero set of xy , where $x = 0$ and $y = 0$ are the two \mathbb{P}^1 's,
- (3) the dual graph has vertices \mathbb{P}^1 's and edges as nodes,
- (4) and $g = 0$ means that the dual graph is a tree. (Think of Riemann Surfaces.)

Suppose we have a curve C with k marked points x_1, \dots, x_k . If the x_i are distinct, and are not nodes, we call C prestable. If $C \xrightarrow{\sim} C'$ takes x_i to x'_i for all i , then it is an isomorphism of $(C, x_1, \dots, x_k) \rightarrow (C', x'_1, \dots, x'_k)$. Note that the only automorphism of \mathbb{P}^1 is the identity. Denote by m_k the moduli space of prestable curves. Then this is an algebraic stack which is smooth, and we know its dimension is $h^1(T_C) - h^0(T_C) + k = g - 3 + k = k - 3$, using Riemann-Roch (if C is smooth). Here, the $+k$ term is due to the marked points being able to move 1-dimensionally.

We say (C, x_1, \dots, x_k) is **stable** if each \mathbb{P}^1 component has $\#$ of marked points on $\mathbb{P}^1 + \#$ of nodes ≥ 3 . Denote by $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k \subset m_k$ the open substack of stable curves. Then $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k$ is a Deligne-Mumford stack, so its dimension is nonnegative.⁵ Since it is an open substack of a smooth stack, $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k$ itself is smooth.

²open?

³One may add conditions such as finite type, which is implied in Fulton.

⁴Curves birationally equivalent to a line; in this case the projective line

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2.1. The Chow Group. Define $A_k(X)$, $k \geq 0$ for a scheme X as the quotient of the free abelian groups $Z_k(X)$ generated by k -dimensional subvarieties of X , by the subgroup $W_k(X)$ whose elements are called rational equivalences. The elements of $W_k(X)$ are determined by a finite collection $(W_i, f_i : W_i \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1)_i$ where the W_i are $(k+1)$ -dimensional subvarieties of X , and f is a nonconstant morphism. Define

$$\sum_i [\text{div}(W_i, f_i)] := \sum_i \sum_{Z_i \subset W_i \text{ } k\text{-dim'l subvar.}} \text{ord}_{Z_i} f_i \cdot [Z_i] \in Z_k(X)$$

where $\text{ord}_{Z_i} f_i$ is the order of vanishing of f_i along Z_i . Given W , a $(k+1)$ -dimensional variety, and $Z \subset W$ a k -dimensional subvariety, $\text{ord}_Z : R(W)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a group homomorphism where $R(W)$ is the k -algebra of rational functions on W , following Fulton's notation.

Now, what makes the correspondence $X \mapsto A_k(X)$ a functor? It turns out, this doesn't work for all morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Assume we are working over $k = \mathbb{C}$. Then, Grothendieck-Riemann-Roch tells us that for a proper morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between smooth X, Y , and $K(X)$ the abelian group generated by coherent sheaves on X under the relation $E_1 - E_2 + E_3 \in \sim \Leftrightarrow 0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow E_3 \rightarrow 0$ exact.⁶ Then, the statement is that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{td}(T_X) \cdot \text{ch}(-)} & A_*(X) \\ f_* \downarrow & & f_* \downarrow \\ K(Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{td}(T_Y) \cdot \text{ch}(-)} & A_*(Y) \end{array}$$

In other words, for $E \in K(X)$ we have

$$\text{ch}(f_* E) \cdot \text{td}(T_Y) = f_*(\text{ch}(E) \cdot \text{td}(T_X)).$$

We do not require X and Y to be proper. Assume $Y = \bullet$. Then f is proper. The f_* between the K -groups⁷ means the Euler characteristic of $\alpha \in K(X)$ and f_* between the A -groups⁸ means integration. Note that we have coefficients in \mathbb{Q} .⁹

Let X be a (nonsingular?) curve, and $L \in K(X)$ a line bundle on X . Then, the LHS of GRR is $h^0(X, L) - h^1(X, L)$, and the RHS is $\int_X \text{td}(T_X) \cdot \text{ch}(L) = \int_X (1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1(T_X))(1 + c_1(L)) = \int_X \frac{1}{2}c_1(T_X) + c_1(L)$ where since $\int_X c_1(T_X)$ is the Euler characteristic of X (which is $2 - 2g$), we have $1 - g + \deg L$.

To further specialize, consider the case where X is an elliptic curve, and let $p \neq q \in X$ be points on X . Let $L_1 = \mathcal{O}_X$, and $L_2 = \mathcal{O}(p - q)$ be degree zero line bundles on X . Then we have $h^0(L_1) = 1$ and $h^0(L_2) = 0$.¹⁰

2.2. Applications of GRR. The computation of virtual dimensions of Gromov-Witten invariants and Donaldson-Thomas invariants uses GRR.

Let $f : X \hookrightarrow Y$ be a closed regular embedding, where $\dim f = \dim Y - \dim X$. Define the intersection functor $X \frown : A_k(Y) \rightarrow A_{k-\dim f}(X)$ so we have $A_k(Y) \xrightarrow{X \frown} A_{k-\dim f}(X) \xrightarrow{f_*} A_{k-\dim f}(Y) \rightarrow H_{2(k-\dim f)}(Y)$

⁶TODO: refine the definition of $K(X)$

⁷Grothendieck groups; K -theory

⁸The Chow groups

⁹Why?

¹⁰Why?

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Counting rational curves on the plane. We briefly review the last lecture. Denote N_d the number of degree d rational curves in the plane passing through $3d-1$ points on the plane.

Theorem 3.1. *Kontsevich–Manin, Ruan–Tian* The number N_d of degree d rational curves passing through $3d-1$ points on \mathbb{P}^2 is given by

$$N_d = \sum_{d_1, d_2 > 0, d_1 + d_2 = d} N_{d_1} N_{d_2} \left(d_1^2 d_2^2 \binom{3d-4}{3d_1-2} - d_1^3 d_2 \binom{3d-4}{3d_1-1} \right).$$

Note that for $d > 2$, the degree d rational curves must be singular. Recall that we introduced m_k , the moduli space of prestable rational curves with k marked points, and its open substack $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k$ of stable curves. Then m_k is a smooth algebraic stack of dimension $k-3$, and is compact. For example, $\mathbb{C}^n - 0/\mathbb{C}^\times$ is open in $\mathbb{C}^n/\mathbb{C}^\times$, but is compact in projective space.¹¹

Exercise 3.1. *Using stability conditions and some facts in complex analysis, prove that $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_3 \cong \{\bullet\}$. This means that every $(C, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_3$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{P}^1, 0, 1, \infty)$, and there does not exist any automorphism of this.*

Exercise 3.2. *Prove that $\overline{\mathcal{M}} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$.*

The Stabilization Map. We have a map $\mathfrak{m}_k \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_k$ called the stabilization map. This map, composed with the inclusion map, yields the identity.¹² Suppose $C \in \mathfrak{m}_k$ is a connected curve. (Note that we define specialization map only when $k \geq 3$, otherwise the codomain is empty.) We have *unstable* components $\mathbb{P}^1 \subset C$ with either

- (1) one node (rational tail),
- (2) one node and one marked point,
- (3) two nodes (rational bridge).

If a component has a marked point, then that component is stable.¹³

For an algebraic stack X , we can define $Z_k(X)/W_k(X)$ by replacing varieties by reduced and irreducible (=integral) substacks. However, this definition contradicts some intuition. For example, consider weighted projective space. A remedy for Deligne–Mumford stacks was found by Gillet & Vistoli by taking $A_k(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} := (Z_k/W_k) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$, removing torsion. However, Artin stacks still have problems. Proper pushforward expected, or intersection of degree d in weighted projective space $1/2$ ¹⁴

Kresch introduced a good notion of Chow groups with \mathbb{Z} -coefficients having functoriality, but a representation of an element of the Chow group may not be geometric. Note that we always assume the base field to be \mathbb{C} .

3.1. Moduli of Maps. Fix a smooth projective variety X , called the **target space**. Also fix numerical data, the genus $g = 0$, and some homology class $d \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$.¹⁵ Then a rational stable map of degree d is a pair (C, f) where $C \in m_k$, $f : C \rightarrow X$ such that $f_*[C] = d$ such that each $\mathbb{P}^1 \subset C$ has at least 3

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¹⁵Note that we are working over \mathbb{C} , the second homology always is \mathbb{Z} .

special points (nodes + markings) if $f|_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ is constant. We define an isomorphism $\varphi : (C, f) \rightarrow (C', f')$ to be

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\sim} & C' \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow f' \\ & X & \end{array}$$

The stability condition is equivalent to $\omega_C = T_C^\vee$, the cotangent bundle, if C is smooth. The line bundle $\omega_C(x_1 + \dots + x_k) \otimes f^*\mathcal{O}_X(3)$ is ample on C . Q. Why 3? A. To cover all cases. Q. Depends on g, k , etc.? A. No.

A collection of (C, f) with isomorphisms is a Deligne-Mumford stack and it is denoted by $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)$, the moduli space of stable maps.

Example 3.2. Let $X = \bullet$, then $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, 0) \cong \overline{\mathcal{M}}_k$. This space is compact, is a Deligne-Mumford stack, but importantly not a smooth Deligne-Mumford stack.

3.2. Fundamental Classes. Assume $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)$ to be smooth and no obstruction bundle.¹⁶ Then its \mathbb{C} -dimension is $c_1(T_X) \cdot d + \dim X - 3 + k$, where $\dim X - 3 + k = \dim m_k$. Also, Grothendieck-Riemann-Roch tells us that $c_1(T) \cdot d + \dim X$ is equal to $h^0(C, f^*T_X) - h^1(C, f^*T_X)$. Denote this \mathbb{C} -dimension as \mathbf{vd} , the virtual dimension.

When $X = \mathbb{P}^2$, there is a canonical isomorphism $H_2(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. In this case, $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d} := \overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(\mathbb{P}^2, d)$ is smooth (but may not be a scheme) so we have its fundamental class $[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d}] \in A_{\mathbf{vd}} \rightarrow H_{2\mathbf{vd}}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d})$ where \mathbf{vd} is what we defined above.

In general, we have a natural virtual fundamental class

$$[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)]^{\mathbf{vir}} \in A_{\mathbf{vd}}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)).$$

Over $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)$, there are k many maps $\text{ev}_i : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d) \rightarrow X$ given by

$$(C, x_1, \dots, x_k, f) \mapsto f(x_i)$$

called the evaluation map. For $\alpha_i \in H^*(X)$ with $\sum_i \deg \alpha_i = 2\mathbf{vd}$, we may define

$$\int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)]^{\mathbf{vir}}} \smile_i \text{ev}_i^*(\alpha_i)$$

as

$$\deg(\smile_i \text{ev}_i^*(\alpha_i) \frown [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)]^{\mathbf{vir}}) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

¹⁷ What does this mean? If there are $X_i \subset X$ whose Poincaré duals are equal to α_i , the integration of the product of pullback of α_i via evaluation map over the virtual fundamental class of the moduli space of stable maps represents the number of maps $f : C \rightarrow X$ such that $f(x_i) \in X_i$.

Let P be the Poincaré dual of a point homology class, so $P \in H^4(\mathbb{P}^2)$. We will just call this the point class. Then we have

$$\int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d}]} \prod_i \text{ev}_i^*(P)$$

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¹⁷in \mathbb{Q} ??

where $[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d}]^{\text{vir}} \in H_{6d-2+2k}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d})$ and $\prod_i \text{ev}_i^*(P) \in H^{4k}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k,d})$, so this is non-trivial when $4k = 6d - 2 + 2k$, i.e. when $k = 3d - 1$. Then define

$$N_d := \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d-1,d}} \prod_i \text{ev}_i^*(P) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This counts degree d rational curves passing through $3d - 1$ points on the plane. Note that this also counts curves with nodal singularities.

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We want to prove that the number of degree d rational curves passing through $3d - 1$ points on the plane, is

$$N_d = \int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d-1}(\mathbb{P}^2, d)]} \prod_{i=1}^{3d-1} \text{ev}_i^*(P)$$

where $P \in H^4(\mathbb{P}^2)$ is the point class defined in the previous lecture.

The string equation. If $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d) \neq \emptyset$, then for $1 \in H^0(X)$,

$$\int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}}} \prod_{i=1}^k \text{ev}_i^*(\alpha_i) \cdot \text{ev}_{k+1}^*(1) = 0.$$

The divisor equation. If $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d) \neq \emptyset$ and $D \subset X$ defined by $f = 0$ for $f \in \mathcal{O}_X$. Think of D as a cohomology class in $H^2(X)$. Then,

$$\int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}}} \prod_{i=1}^k \text{ev}_i^*(\alpha_i) \cdot \text{ev}_{k+1}^*(D) = (D \cap d) \int_{[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)]^{\text{vir}}} \prod_{i=1}^k \text{ev}_i^*(\alpha_i)$$

and the map $\pi : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(X, d) \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)$ is flat. Also, $\pi^*[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_k(X, d)]^{\text{vir}} = [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}}$. Intersection theory proves these results for arbitrary X .

In the case $X = \mathbb{P}^2$, the virtual class becomes actually the fundamental class, and the genus is determined by the degree. Then N_d counts nodal curves. Here, we fix divisors to mean Cartier divisors.

One Axiom of CohFT. The fiber product

$$[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_1+\{n\}}(X, d) \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_2+\{n\}}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_1+k_2}$$

where $k_1 + \{n\}$ means n is another marked point. Consider the map $i : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_1 \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_1 \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}$ where the first product is the fiber product, and the second one is the cartesian product. Then, $i_*[\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_1+\{n\}}(X, d) \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_2+\{n\}}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}} = e(\text{ev}_n^*(\Delta)) \cap ([\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_1+\{n\}}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}} \times [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{k_2+\{n\}}(X, d)]^{\text{vir}})$, where e is the Euler class. In the case of \mathbb{P}^2 , the virtual class is equal to the fundamental class.

Proof. Consider $g : W \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ given by $W = \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d,d} \xrightarrow{\text{forget } f} m_{3,d} \xrightarrow{\text{forget } x_1, \dots, x_{3d-4}} m_4 \xrightarrow{\text{stab}} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_4 = \mathbb{P}^1$. Consider $[\text{div}(W, g)] \in W_{6d-1}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d,d})$. Prove that this is $[g^{-1}(0)] - [g^{-1}(\infty)]$.¹⁸ For a k -dimensional scheme X , assume we have an irreducible decomposition of $X_{\text{red}} = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_\ell$ where X_{red} is the reduced scheme associated to X .¹⁹ Since the X_i are varieties, we may define the local rings $A_i := \mathcal{O}_{X_i, X}$. Then, define the cycle associated to X as $[X] := \sum_i \text{length}_{A_i}(A_i)[X_i]$.

¹⁸TODO

¹⁹definition?

Take $\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^{3d-4} \text{ev}_{x_i}^*(P) \cdot \text{ev}_0^*(P) \cdot \text{ev}_1^*(P) \cdot \text{ev}_\infty^*(H) \cdot \text{ev}_x^*(H)$ where $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_4 = \{(C, 0, 1, \infty, x)\}$. Then $\alpha \in H^{12d-4}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d,d})$. Then since $[\text{div}(W, g)] \in W_{6d-1}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3d,d})$, we have $\deg(\alpha \frown [g^{-1}(0)]) = \deg(\alpha \frown [g^{-1}(\infty)])$.

Now we compute $\deg(\alpha \frown [g^{-1}(0)])$. Note that

$$g^{-1}(0) = \bigsqcup_{d_1+d_2=d, I \cup J = \{x_1, \dots, x_{3d-4}\}} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{I \cup \{0, x, n\}, d_1} \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{J \cup \{1, \infty, n\}, d_2}$$

which gives us a cycle decomposition

$$[g^{-1}(0)] = \sum_{d_1+d_2=d, I \cup J = \{x_1, \dots, x_{3d-4}\}} [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{I \cup \{0, x, n\}, d_1} \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{J \cup \{1, \infty, n\}, d_2}].$$

On $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{I \cup \{0, x, n\}, d_1} \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{J \cup \{1, \infty, n\}, d_2}$, α restricts to

$$\left(\prod_{i \in I} \text{ev}_i^*(P) \smile \text{ev}_0^*(P) \cdot \text{ev}_x^*(H) \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{i \in J} \text{ev}_i^*(P) \smile \text{ev}_1^*(P) \cdot \text{ev}_\infty^*(H) \right)$$

which we will write as $\alpha_I \cdot \alpha_J$.²⁰

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \deg((\alpha_I \cdot \alpha_J) \frown [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_I \times_{\mathbb{P}^2} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_J]) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^2 \deg(\alpha_I \text{ev}_n^*(H^j) \frown [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_I]) \cdot \deg(\alpha_J \text{ev}_n^*(H^{2-j}) \frown [\overline{\mathcal{M}}_J]), \end{aligned}$$

where the equality holds by the CohFT axiom, since the fiber product becomes just the product.²¹

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Exercise 5.1. *Here are some exercises:*

- (1) Show $A_k \mathbb{A}^n = 0$ for $k \neq n$, and $A_n \mathbb{A}^n = Z_n \mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{Z}$.
- (2) Show $A_k \mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{Z}$ if $0 \leq k \leq n$, since $\mathbb{P}^n - \mathbb{P}^{n-1} = \mathbb{A}^n$ for all n .
- (3) Let H be $V(f)$ for a homogeneous f of degree d in \mathbb{P}^n . Show that $[H] = d[\mathbb{P}^{n-1}] \in A_{n-1}(\mathbb{P}^n)$, and show $A_{n-1}(\mathbb{P}^n - H) = \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$.

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7.1. Gromov–Witten invariants. Consider a 2-term complex $\mathbb{E}^\vee : [T \rightarrow E]$ where T is the zeroth term. Let M be a space (scheme/DM stack etc.) with a perfect obstruction theory $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_M$.

Definition 7.1. The virtual fundamental class of M is $[M]^{\text{vir}} := 0_E^! [C_{\text{BF}}] = 0_{[E/T]}^! [C_{M/\text{pt}}] \in A_{\text{rank } E}(M)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ where C_{BF} is the Behrend-Fantechi cone.

²⁰What does \cdot mean?

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We may view this as an Euler class (without cutout triple.)²²

Consider C_{BF} as a space $\pi : C_{\text{BF}} \rightarrow M$ with a τ -tautological section $\mathcal{O}_{C_{\text{BF}}} \rightarrow \pi^*E$. Then $(C_{\text{BF}}, \pi^*E, \tau)$ cuts out $Z(\tau) = M \subset C_{\text{BF}}$. Then we have $[M]^{\text{vir}} = e(\pi^*E, \tau) \in A_{\text{rank } E}(M)$.

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8.1. **Quantum Lefschetz for $g = 0$.** Refined Gysin Map.