

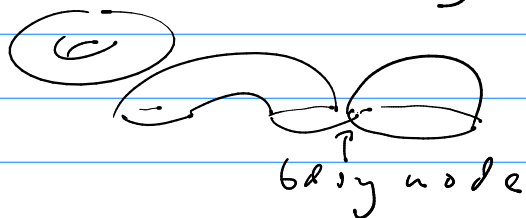
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Moduli of curves

- $M_{g,n}$ m.s. of stab. curves
→ nodes $\rightarrow \text{Aut}\{C_g, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ finite
- $M_{g,n}$ cpx orbifold of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 3g - 3 + n$
- the ctg. sp. at each nkd. pt. naturally forms a bdl $\mathbb{L}_i \rightarrow \overline{M}_{g,n}$
- let $\psi_i := c_1(\mathbb{L}_i) \in H^2(\overline{M}_{g,n}, \mathbb{Q})$
- consider $\langle \tau_{d_1} - \tau_{d_n} \rangle_{g,n} = \int_{\overline{M}_{g,n}} \psi_1^{d_1} - \psi_n^{d_n}$
or $\equiv 0$ if $\sum d_i \neq 3g - 3 + n$.
- When: $w := \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{F}}{\partial t_0^2}$ solves KdV hier.
- Virasoro eqns $L_n e^{\mathcal{F}} = 0, n \geq 1$
- $n = -1$ $\partial_0 \mathcal{F} = \sum_{k \geq 0} t_{k+1} \partial_k \mathcal{F} + \varepsilon^2 \frac{1}{2} t_0^2$
(string eqn.)

Moduli of Riem. sfc's w/ bdry.

- nodal R.S w bdy $(C, \partial C)$



- introduce "double" s.t. $(C, \partial C)'' + \text{"double"}$
 $= D(C, \partial C)$, which is bdyless
and def $g(C, \partial C) = g(D(C, \partial C))$.

- we also get $\mathbb{L}_i \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k,l}$, $i \in 1, \dots, l$
corresponding to internal vert pts

- open int. no's depend on bdy conds,
so pick $S_i \in \Gamma(\partial \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k,l}, \mathbb{L}_i|_{\partial \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,k,l}})$
and, eventually, use relative Euler
classes wrt this choice.

Generalizing Witten's conj.

- $N \geq 1$ rk of theory, t^d , $d \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow N$
- "total ancestor potentials" $\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{g \geq 0} \varepsilon^{2g-2} \mathcal{Z}_g(t^d, \varepsilon)$