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1). What are we trying to accomplish?

Problem: Can we extract Gromov-Witten invariants of a space \tilde{X} (counting curves in \tilde{X} with prescribed topological invariants) directly from the Fukaya category of \tilde{X} ?

Why? GW invariants hard to compute. But $\text{Fuk}(\tilde{X})$ also hard so... but HMS predicts $\text{Fuk}(\tilde{X}) \cong D_{\text{coh}}^b(X)$ for some mirror space X , and $D_{\text{coh}}^b(X)$ easier to compute.

Kontsevich conjectured that $\text{HMS} \Rightarrow \text{GW}$...

If we had a definition of GW invariants that only uses an input a category \mathcal{C} , we could define the invariants in other settings: B-model; orbifolds; L_b-models, etc.

What is known? For $g=0$, Ganatra-Pantev-Shende (2015) following Barannikov-Kontsevich (~2000)

For $g \geq 0$, Costello (2005) + Kontsevich-Sobelman give definition, not amenable to computation. (Requires making certain choices impossible to compute.)

New approach by (C-Tu 2017, C-Li-Tu 2018) following an idea of Costello gives new definition which is amenable to computation.

Thm: (C-Tu 2017, C-Li-Tu 2018) For $g=1, n=1$, the new invariants give the expected result for elliptic curves.
Also for categories of motivic factorizations of A_∞ singularities.

Note: This is a computation in the B-model! (Uses the description, due to Polishchuk, of an A_∞ -model for the derived category of the elliptic curve $E_8 = \mathbb{C}/\langle z^{24} \rangle$)

The same computations are likely to be doable for $g=2, n=1$.

2). What are classical GW invariants?

Start with a ^{smooth cpt} space X . Fix g, n, β . For $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in H^*(X)$
 $\rightsquigarrow \langle z_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1), \dots, z_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_n) \rangle_{X, \beta}^{\text{gen}} \in \mathbb{C}$ $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

Think of this as a function

$$f_{g,n}(X) : \text{Sym}^*(H^*(X)[u]) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

or dually

$$f(X) \in \text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} H^*(X)[u^{-1}])[[\hbar]] \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{gens}) \\ X \end{matrix}$$

Important note: The definition requires integration of homology classes on the compactified moduli spaces of curves. Equivalently, we construct cohomology classes on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ and integrate against the fundamental class.

3). What is this in categorical language?

If $\mathcal{C} = \text{Fuk}(\tilde{X})$, $HH_*^*(\mathcal{C}) = H^*(X)$. So we'd like to define, out of a category \mathcal{C} (with extra structure) an invariant

$$F(\mathcal{C}) \in \text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} HH_*^*(\mathcal{C})[u^{-1}]).$$

Extra structure:

- \mathcal{C} will need to be smooth, proper, CY

- this guarantees that Hodge-de Rham s.s. degenerates

$$HC_*(\mathcal{C}) \cong u^{-1} HH_*^*(\mathcal{C})[u^{-1}] \quad (\text{same } u!)$$

but no specific isomorphism is chosen

- need to choose a splitting of $H^*\text{-dR}$ (do as above).

For $\text{Fuk}(\tilde{X})$ there is a preferred choice of such splitting and using it will give the classical GW invariants.

For $D_{\text{coh}}^b(X)$ need to pick one that matches this choice on the A-side.

4). Main ingredients for construction!

- do the construction at chain level, on $\text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} C_*(A)[u^{-1}])$

Note that $\text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} C_*(A)[u^{-1}])$ carries operators $b, B, \Delta, \{-, -\}$ (will explain later) which together form a BV structure.

- call try to find a "differential equation" that F will satisfy, hope this will determine F from initial conditions.

(QME):

$$(b+uB) \tilde{S} + \hbar \Delta \tilde{S} + \frac{1}{2} \{ \tilde{S}, \tilde{S} \} = 0.$$

$$(b+uB+\hbar \Delta) \exp \left(\frac{\tilde{S}}{\hbar} \right) = 0$$

Problems: a). solution \tilde{S} will generally not be uniquely determined by a few initial conditions

b). we'll see that such an \tilde{S} corresponds to integrating only along a part of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$.

- where do all these operators come from?

Thm (Kontsevich-Sobelman, Costello): There is an action of the dg-PROP $C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}})^*$ on $C_*(A)$ for a cyclic A_∞ -algebra A .

Explanations: - $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}}$ - framed moduli spaces

- cyclic A_∞ -algebra: encodes the category up to Morita equivalence

- $b \leftrightarrow$ chain bdy

- $B \leftrightarrow$ toric framing

- $\Delta \leftrightarrow$ sew w/ twist

- $+ \leftrightarrow$ 21 input (from ribbon graphs)

- In $C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}}/\Sigma_n)$ the QME does have a unique solution (up to homotopy) - discovered by Zwiebach-Sen, Costello; determined by

$$S_{0,3} = \frac{1}{6} [M_{0,3}/\Sigma_3].$$

What are the $S_{g,n}$'s? Think of them as

$$S_{g,n} = \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}/\Sigma_n \setminus \{ \epsilon\text{-nbhd of } \partial \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}/\Sigma_n \}$$

E.g.

So we could take $\tilde{S} = \text{image of } S$ in

$$\text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} C_*(A)[u^{-1}])$$

Two new problems:

a) Not a problem to go from $C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}})$ to $C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n})$ - take (S^1) coinvariants

But the '+' is a problem: the operator Δ is defined by summing over all choices of two marked points, and these have to be outputs; after symmetrization, all markings would have to be outputs, and so Δ can not be defined in a way compatible with the action of the PROP.

b). Even if we succeeded in defining \tilde{S} , this would not behave well: it gives rise to a homology class $[\exp \tilde{S}]$ for $(b+uB)$ not for $(b+uB)$ so we cannot pass to $(b+uB)$ -homology to end up in

$$\text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} HC_*(A)[u^{-1}]) = \text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} HH_*(A)[u^{-1}]).$$

This is because we only "integrated" along the $S_{g,n}$'s not along the whole $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$.

5). Construction:

1) Use an old idea of Costello:

Replace $C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}}/\Sigma_n)$ by the "Koszul resolution" $K_{g,n}$:

$$0 \rightarrow C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,1,n-1}^{\text{fr}}) \xrightarrow{\iota} C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,2,n-2}^{\text{fr}}) \xrightarrow{\iota} \dots \xrightarrow{\iota} C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n,0}^{\text{fr}}) \rightarrow 0$$

where $\mathcal{M}_{g,k,n-k}^{\text{fr}}$ = moduli sp. of curves of genus g , k antisymmetric inputs, $n-k$ symmetric outputs

Then the operators $b, uB, \Delta, \{-, -\}$ can be defined on the resolution r.t.

$$(C_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}^{\text{fr}}/\Sigma_n), d+u\Delta, \{-, -\}) \cong (K_{g,n}, b+uB+u\Delta, \{-, -\})$$

as dga's. So we can solve the QME in $K_{g,n}$, for which there is a combinatorial model using ribbon graphs.

This solves the first problem, and we end up with elements

$$\tilde{S}_{g,n} \in \text{Hom}(C_*(A)[u], u^{-1} C_*(A)[u^{-1}])$$

2) Use the splitting of Hodge-de Rham to trivialize the circle action, and in particular to trivialize the dga (explicitly)

$$(K_{g,n}, b+uB+u\Delta, \{-, -\}) \cong (K_{g,n}, b+uB, \{-, -\})$$

The homology of $(K_{g,n}, b+uB)$ is $\text{Sym}^*(u^{-1} HH_*(A)[u^{-1}])$

Map $\sum \tilde{S}_{g,n}$ under this trivialisation to get F .

6). Explicit example:

$$S_{0,3} = \frac{1}{2} \circ \circ \circ$$

$$\text{QME: } (b+uB) S_{1,1} = \Delta(S_{0,3}) = \frac{1}{2} \circ \circ \circ$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{1,1} = \frac{1}{4} \circ \circ \circ + \frac{1}{24} \circ \circ \circ u^{-1}$$

$$F_{1,1} = \int_{S_{1,1}} + S_{0,3}$$

(evaluating using an A_∞ model for $D_{\text{coh}}^b(E_8)$ due to Polishchuk gives the correct answer, if we use the correct splitting required by Mirror Symmetry)