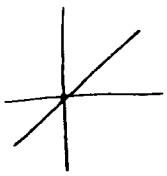


• Moduli spaces

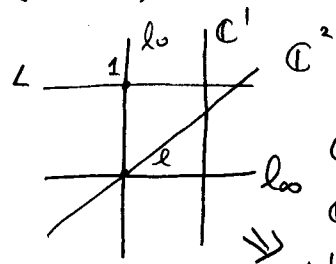
Ex: Moduli space of lines in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  through 0



$l \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$

• all lines in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1} = \mathbb{C}P^n$

• compact, has a canonical complex structure.



$\mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}P^1$  ( $n=1$ )

$\mathbb{C}P^1 \setminus \{l_0\} \cong \mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{C}P^1 \setminus \{l_\infty\} \cong \mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$  is a compact complex manifold

\* Grassmannian:

moduli space of all  $\mathbb{C}^r \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , denoted by  $Gr(r, n)$

e.g.  $r=1$ .  $Gr(1, n) \cong \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$

• Four important classes of moduli spaces.

1.  $M_{g,n}$  = moduli space of equiv. classes of  $n$ -pointed genus  $g$  smooth curves

2.  $M_C(r, d)$  = moduli space of rank  $r$ , degree  $d$  stable vector bundles on  $C$

3.  $M_{g,n}(X, A)$  = moduli of stable maps to  $X$ .

4.  $M_X(r, c_1, c_2)$  = moduli of stable sheaves on  $X$ .

\*  $M_{g,n} = \{ (C, x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid C \text{ is a smooth curve (cpt Riemann surface with hol. structure) of genus } g, x_1, \dots, x_n \in C \text{ are } n \text{ distinct marked points} \} / \sim$

$$(C_1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \sim (C_2, y_1, \dots, y_n) \iff$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(C_1, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &\Downarrow \cong \text{biholomorphism.} \\ &(C_2, y_1, \dots, y_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$* M_C(r, d) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \\ \downarrow \\ C \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{l} V: \text{holomorphic vector bundle on } C \\ \text{rk } V = r, \text{ deg } V = d, V: \text{stable} \end{array} \right\} / \sim$$

$C$ : smooth curve.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_1 & \longrightarrow & V_2 \\ \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & C \end{array}$$

$\iff V_1 \cong V_2$  as holomorphic vector bundle.

Remark. Intuitively,  $M_{g,n}$  and  $M_C(r, d)$  are topological spaces.

**Q1** Do  $M_{g,n}$  &  $M_C(r, d)$  admit canonical algebraic (complex) structures?

If yes, how to construct them?

**A** Both  $M_{g,n}$  &  $M_C(r, d)$  are quasi-projective varieties.

(smooth projective variety  $M \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$  cpt. submfd  
quasi- " "  $M \setminus \{ \text{lower dimensional} \}$ )



Main Steps to prove these existence theorems:  $(n=0, g \geq 1)$  (2)

0. Speak of the moduli space of all degree  $d$  curves in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$

$C \triangleq p^{-1}(0)$ , where  $p(z_0, z_1, z_2)$  is homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$ .

{ space of all degree  $d$  homogeneous polynomials } /  $\mathbb{C}^*$  
 $p_1^{-1}(0) = p_2^{-1}(0)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow p_1 = c \cdot p_2$

1.  $[C] \in \mathcal{M}_g$ ,  $K_C^{\otimes n}$   $\leftarrow$  fixed  $n \gg 1$   
 $\leftarrow$  canonical line bundle

$\exists$   $n$ -canonical embedding  $C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}H^0(K_C^{\otimes n})$

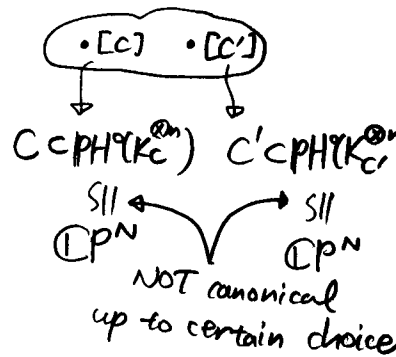
By Riemann-Roch,  $\dim H^0(K_C^{\otimes n}) = N+1$   $\leftarrow$  independent of choice of  $C$

2. Want to keep the background space same.

We pick  $\mathbb{P}H^0(K_C^{\otimes n}) \cong \mathbb{P}^N$ , this way we get

each  $[C] \in \mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  is associated to a set of  $n$ -canonical curves that comes from

$C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^N$  w/ different choices of  $\mathbb{P}H^0(K_C^{\otimes n}) \cong \mathbb{C}P^N$



Key • Two  $\mathcal{C}$ 's differ by an element of  $PGL(N+1, \mathbb{C})$

•  $[C] \rightsquigarrow \{ C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N \}_{\text{canonical}} \cong PGL(N+1, \mathbb{C})$

• First take all  $\cong$ 's and then mod out later.

3. We let  $\text{Hilb}_{\text{can}} = \{ C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N \mid C: \text{smooth}, g(C)=g, i^* \mathcal{O}(1) \cong K_C^{\otimes n} \}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  Hilbert scheme, is a quasi-projective variety.

$G \in GL(N+1, \mathbb{C})$

$C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N$  /  $\mathbb{C}^*$

$\cong \downarrow G$

$C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N$

$\downarrow$

$PGL(N, \mathbb{C})$

$\text{Hilb}_{\text{can}} \ni \{ C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N \}$

$\pi \downarrow$

$\mathcal{M}_g \ni [C]$

Remark  $\pi^{-1}([C]) = PGL(N+1, \mathbb{C}) \cdot \{ C \subset \mathbb{C}P^N \}$

Claim  $\mathcal{M}_g = \text{Hilb}_{\text{can}} / PGL(N+1, \mathbb{C})$ .

Note (1) we can show that  $\text{Hilb}_{\text{can}}$  is quasi-projective by reducing the problem to Grassmannian.

(2) The quotient  $\text{Hilb} / PGL(N+1)$  could be very bad because  $PGL(N+1)$  is not a compact group.

**Q**  $G \curvearrowright W$  nice variety. When does  $W/G$  exist as a nice algebraic variety?

**A** This is answered by Mumford's GIT theory.

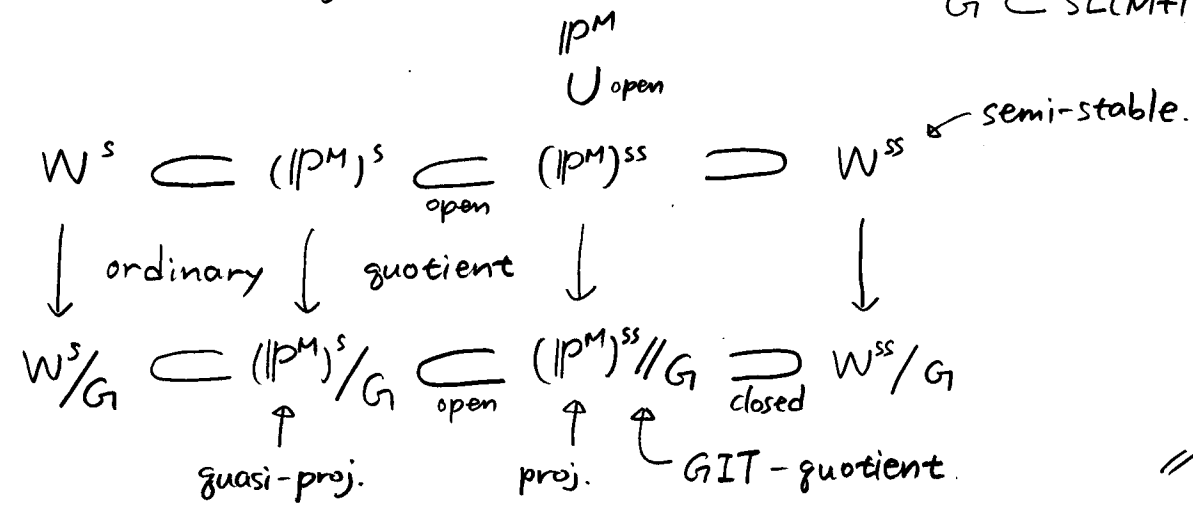
① There is a notion of  $G$ -stable points in  $W$

$$W^s \subset_{\text{open}} W$$

$$W \subset \mathbb{P}^M$$

②  $W^s/G$  exists as a quasi-projective variety.

$$\begin{array}{c} \cup \\ G \subset SL(M+1) \end{array}$$



Local structure of the moduli spaces.

$$\mathcal{X} \supset \mathcal{X}_{s_0} = [\xi] \in \text{Modul}$$

I. Construct a local semi-universal family.

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ S \ni s_0 \end{array}$$

II. Such construction is based on deformation theory

Usually,  $T_{[s_0]}S =$  given by a cohomology theory  $H^1(-)$

Ex  $M_g \ni [C]$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 T_{[C]}S = \text{"1st order deformation of } C \text{"} = H^1(C, T_C) \xrightarrow{\text{open}} S \\
 (m_C(r, d) \ni [V], T_{[V]}S = H^1(C, V^* \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\text{open}} S)
 \end{array}$$

$S \subset \mathbb{C}^R$  is NOT true in general

↳ To deal with these situation, we need to use obstruction theory

III. There is an obstruction space, usually  $H^2(-)$ , and a Kuranishi map.

$$D \xrightarrow{\exists K \text{ holo.}} H^2 \quad 0 \in D \subset H^1 \text{ open.} \quad K(0) = 0 \quad \text{such that } S = K^{-1}(0) \\
 dK(0) = 0$$

$$IV. S / \text{Aut } \xi \xrightarrow{\text{open}} \mathcal{M}, \quad \xi \in \mathcal{M}$$

Global geometry of the moduli spaces.

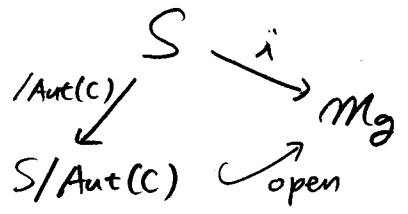
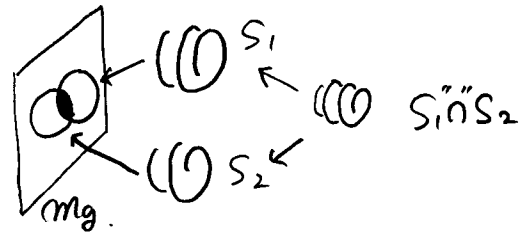
\* "Universal family of  $\mathcal{M}$ " is essential to study  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Problem: If  $\text{Aut } \xi \neq \{1\}$ , then universal family may not exist.

**Compromise**

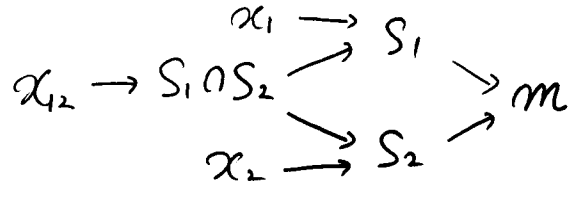
I. Deligne-Mumford stack  $\leftarrow \overline{M}_{g,n}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [C] \in M_g & & \mathcal{X} \supset \mathcal{X}_{s_0} \cong C \\
 \text{Aut}(C) \text{ finite} & & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 \text{Aut}(C) \hookrightarrow S & \ni & s_0
 \end{array}$$



local universal family exists everywhere over finite branched coverings.

New language: stack, we view  $S \xrightarrow{i} Mg$  as an open stack



$Mg$  is called a stack (treat like a manifold), topological space. lose intuition. gain universal family.

II. Descent method —  $M_C(r, d)$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} V \\ \downarrow \\ C \end{array} \right] \in M_C(2, 0) \quad \text{Aut}(V) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^* & \text{if } V: \text{stable} \\ \mathbb{C}^* & \text{if } V = I \oplus I_2 \\ PGL(2, \mathbb{C}) & \text{if } V = I \oplus I \end{cases} \text{ infinite group.}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_C^{\oplus N} \rightarrow V \\ \downarrow \\ C \end{array} \right] \ni \text{Quot} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quotient} \\ \text{vector bundle} \\ \mathcal{O}_C^{\oplus N} \text{ fixed} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Quot} // SL(N) \\ \downarrow \\ M_C(2, 0) \end{array}$$

There is a universal family over Quot:

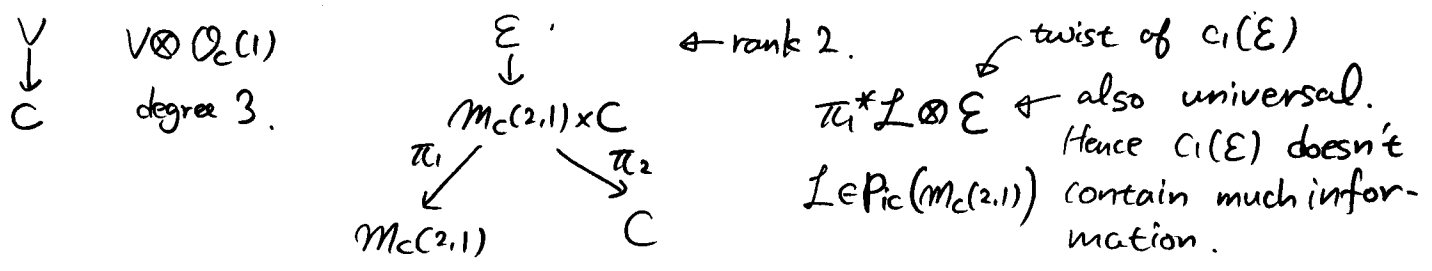
$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_{\text{Quot} \times C}^{\oplus N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \ni SL(N) \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Quot} \times C \ni SL(N) \end{array}$$

- We have
- $M_C(2, 0) = \text{Quot} // SL(N)$
  - $\mathcal{E} \ni SL(N)$ -equivariant.
  - Use  $\mathcal{E}$  to construct  $SL(N)$ -equivariant geometric objects of Quot.
  - Investigate when these objects descends to  $M_C(r, d)$  (descent theory)

**Application** when  $(r, d) = 1$ , the moduli space  $M_C(r, d)$  admits a universal family.

Some examples on the utility of the universal families.

$$M_C(2, 1) \cong M_C(2, 3) \dots \cong M_C(2, d), \quad d: \text{odd, smooth.}$$



$c_1(\mathcal{E})$  normalize

$$c_2(\mathcal{E}) \in H^4(M_C(2, 1) \times C) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^2 H^{4-k}(M_C(2, 1)) \otimes H^k(C)$$

$$\hookrightarrow c_2(\mathcal{E}) = f \otimes 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{2g} \psi_j \otimes \tau_j + \eta \otimes \omega$$

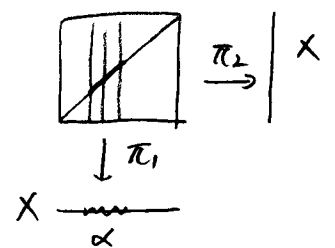
$f, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_{2g}, \eta \in H^*(\mathcal{M}_c(2,d))$ ,  $1 \in H^0(C)$ ,  $\tau_j \in H^1(C)$ ,  $\omega \in H^2(C)$ .

$c_i(\mathcal{E}) = h \otimes 1 + \sum \psi_j \otimes \tau_j + \alpha \cdot 1 \otimes \omega$ .

**Thm**  $f, \psi_j, \eta, h, \psi_j$  generate  $H^*(\mathcal{M}_c(2,1))$  as a ring.

proof). "Diagonal technique"

( $X$ : smooth variety,  $\Delta \subset X \times X$ : diagonal.  
 Poincaré dual.  $[\Delta]^\vee \in H^*(X \times X)$ ,  $[\Delta]^\vee = \sum a_i \boxtimes \tilde{a}_i$ ,  $a_i, \tilde{a}_i \in H^*(X)$ )  
 $\Rightarrow H^*(X)$  is generated by  $\{a_i\}$  as a vector space.



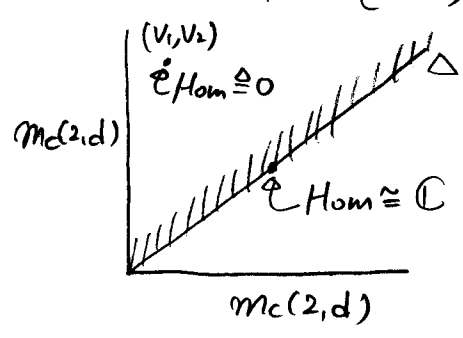
$\pi_{2*}(\pi_1^* \alpha \cup [\Delta]^\vee) = \alpha$ .

In  $\mathcal{M}_c(2,d)$  case,  $\Delta \subset \mathcal{M}_c(2,d) \times \mathcal{M}_c(2,d)$

$[\Delta]^\vee \in H^*(\mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathcal{M}_c(2,1))$

Trick  $[V_1], [V_2] \in \mathcal{M}_c(2,d)$  with  $d$ : odd

$\text{Hom}_C(V_1, V_2) \cong H^0(C, V_1^\vee \otimes V_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [V_1] \neq [V_2] \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } [V_1] = [V_2]. \end{cases}$



$\exists \mathcal{E}$  universal

$\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathbb{C}$ .

$\pi_{12*}(\pi_{13}^* \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \pi_{23}^* \mathbb{C})$

$\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathcal{M}_c(2,1) \times \mathbb{C}$

$\pi_{12*}(\pi_{13}^* \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \pi_{23}^* \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\text{restrict}} \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2)$

$\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{M}_c(2,d) \times \mathcal{M}_c(2,d) \ni (V_1, V_2)$

$[\Delta]^\vee = c_m(\pi_{12*}(\pi_{13}^* \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \pi_{23}^* \mathcal{E}))$ .

Use Grothendieck - Riemann - Roch Thm. to express Chern classes in terms of Chern classes of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

$\Rightarrow H^2(\mathcal{M}_c(2,d))$  is generated as a ring by the Künneth components of  $c_i(\text{universal})$ .