

Combinatorial aspects  
of graph potentials,  
and the combinatorial  
non-abelian Torelli theorem.  
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graph potentials (a little bit  
more recent than  
arxiv  
↓

[mccme.ru/~galkin/gp.pdf](http://mccme.ru/~galkin/gp.pdf)

graph potentials  
index.pdf ← nc. Torelli

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In AG classical  
(abelian) Torelli theorem.

$C =$  closed Riemann surface  
genus  $g \geq 0$



(smooth projective curve)

$J(C)$  - Jacobian variety

$\Theta$  -  $\mathbb{C}^g / \mathbb{Z}^{2g} \cong$  real torus  
periods

$$C \xrightarrow{f} C' \quad J(C) \xrightarrow{J(f)} J(C')$$

$\Theta$ -divisor  $\rightarrow$  P.P.A.V.

1) Curve  $C$  can be  
algorithmically  
reconstructed from  $(J(C), \Theta)$

2) All isomorphisms between

$$(J(C), \Theta) \cong (J(C'), \Theta')$$

have geom. origin.

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$\mathcal{I} \leftarrow$  Picard variety

Moduli space of rank  $k \geq 1$   
vector bundles  
(abelian str. group)

Moduli space of rank  $k$   $r > 1$   
vector bundles

(non-abelian str. group)  
↑  
leg. classes of semi-stable

$$\mathcal{U}_r(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\det} \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{C}) = \text{Pic} \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$E \rightarrow \det E$$

fiber  $\det^{-1}(\alpha)$

$$\cong \text{SU}_r(\mathbb{C}, \alpha) \quad E \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{M}$$

m.s. of s.s. v.b. with fixed rank  $r$   
1 - 1 + - 1

$$\text{and } \det E = f$$

$$\deg L \in \mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}$$

which  $\rightarrow$  matters.

If  $r=2 \rightarrow$  even (e.g.  $0 \approx 1$ )  
 $\rightarrow$  odd case.

Var  $\text{Sur}(C, L)$  curve

with (anti-) canonical polarization

Then ("non-abelian Torelli")  
 of Kouvidakis-Panter

① Curve  $C$   $\neq$  smooth proj  
 can be uniquely (algorithmically)  
 reconstructed from  
 $\text{Sur}(C, L)$

②  $\text{Aut } \text{Sur}(C, L)$   
 $\simeq$  in terms of  $\text{Aut } C$

and  $\mathcal{M}_g \subset \mathcal{M}(g, r)$

$(g, 2)$  ← Torelli package  $u$

$(\text{Curves}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}}$  Varieties

$(G, L)$   
Curves + bundle

Moduli functors full

Combinatorial versions

Curve  $\mathcal{C}$  → Graph  $G$   
(bundle  $L$ ) + coloring  $c$

Moduli  
Space  
of bundles

$U_r(\mathcal{C})$   
 $SU_r(G, L)$

→

Polytope

$P(G)$

$P(G, c)$

Moduli functor

# Graphs $\rightarrow$ Polytopes

Some construction  
algorithm

$$G \rightarrow P(G)$$

① would be an algorithm  
to go from  $P(G)$  to  $G$

②  $\text{Isom}(P(G), P(G'))$   
 $\text{Per. } \mathbb{R}$

$\text{Isom}(G, G')$   
1st graphs

abelian comb. torelli  
Oda, Artamonov,  
Caporaso-Viviani, ...

Graphs  $G$  - 3-valent  
(possibly with leaves)

abelian: flow polytope,

(dim =  $g$ )

Let  $T$

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Our non-abelian version  
of Torelli

$r=2$

dim =  $3g - 3 + r$

$G \rightarrow P(G)$

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From  $G$  to  $P(G)$

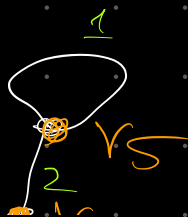
3-valent

$V(G)$  - vertices

$E(G)$  - (semi-) edges

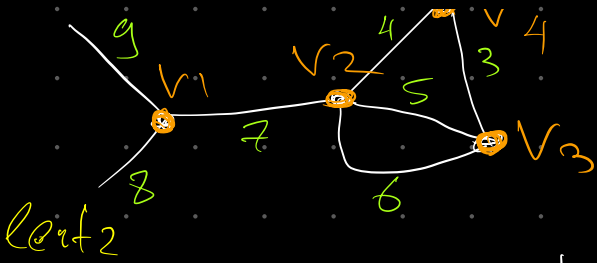
$E$

leaf?



$\mathbb{R}^E$

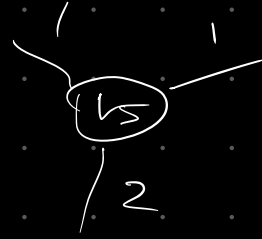
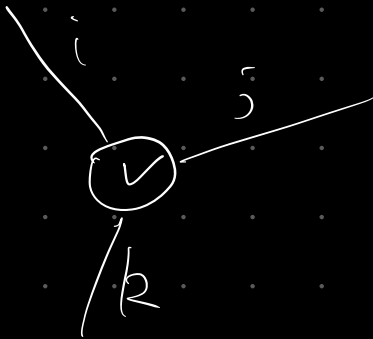
affine  
Sac



$$\angle e(i) = \mathbb{R}^g$$

↑  
↑-dir.

every vertex  $\rightarrow$  4 vectors



$$\pm e(i) \pm e(j) \pm e(k)$$

$P(v, s)$

8 combinations

1) Choose 4

$$s(i)e(i) + s(j)e(j) + s(k)e(k)$$

$$s(\cdot) \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$$s(i) - s(j) - s(k) = \pm 1$$

$$s \in \mathbb{F}_2^3$$



$$P(G) := \left\langle P(v, s), \right. \\ \left. v \in V(G) \right\rangle$$

$s$  - admissible  
signs

$$\# = 4 \cdot |V(G)|$$

Def of

dual quantum  
Clebsch-Gordan  
polytope.

Assumptions on  $G$ :

1. in every conn. com.  $\geq 5$  vert.
2. no loops
3. no double edges
4. no leaves.

Under these assumption

1. ... .. 1 1

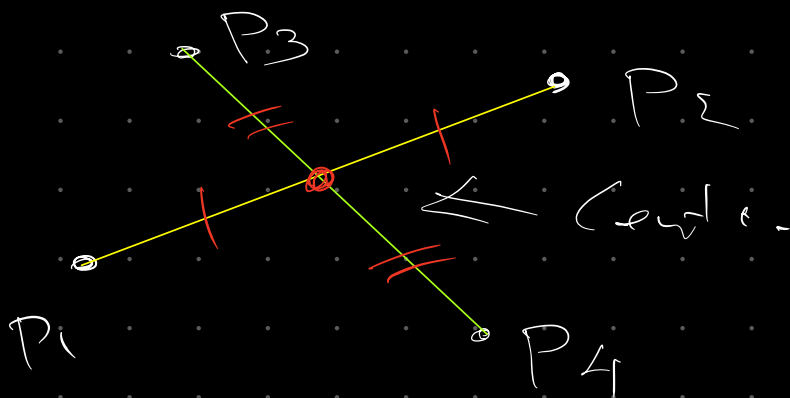
there is a (simple)  
algorithm  
that reconstructs  $G$   
from  $P(G)$

Notation Ray = Vertex( $P(G)$ )

using affine rel. between the rays.

0. Center of mass of all  $n$   
the rays equals  $O \in \mathbb{R}^2$

1. How to get the base (see 1)



Consider all pairs of diagonals  
s.t. their convex hull is a  
parallelogram.

Record their centers.

Claim. The set of these centers equals  $\{ \pm e(i) \}$   
 $i$ -edge.

2. Given a ray  $p = \sum a(i) e(i)$   
 look for its coordinates on base  $\{ \pm e(i) \}$

$\forall p \rightarrow \# \{ i \text{ st. } a(i) \neq 0 \} = 3$

use these to define vertices.

Now we go to  $G$ .

No loops  $\Rightarrow$  any  $p(v, s)$  is  $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1, 0, \dots)$   
 $n_x$  to per- $v$

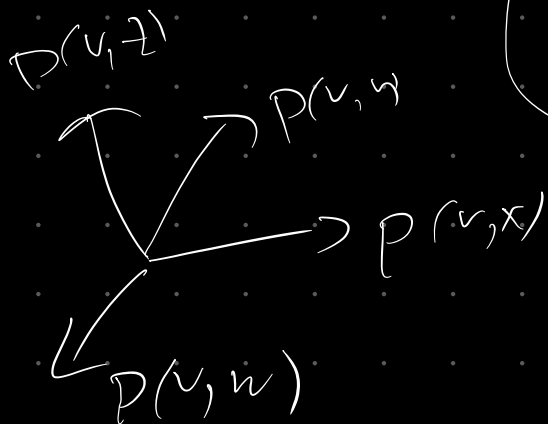
$\sum x_i^2$  ( $\pm e(i)$  are o.u.b.)

$\| p(v, s) \|^2 = 3$

even  $p(v, s)$  is a ray  
(a vertex of  $P(G)$ )

$v \in V(G)$   $x, y, z, w$   
4 signs  $\pm$

+	+	+
+	-	-
-	+	-
-	-	+



$$p(v, x) - p(v, y) - p(v, z) + p(v, w) = 0.$$

$$p(v_1, x) + p(v_2, y) = p(v_2, z) + p(v_1, w)$$

$T$   
mod 2

is a eu.

$$g(\dots) = 0$$

$$\sum^E = \sum \pm e(i)$$

mod 2

mod 2

$$\pm e(i) \pm e(j) \pm e(k)$$

$$p(v, x) + p(v, y) = p(v, z) + p(v, w)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \pm e(i) \end{array} \Rightarrow \textcircled{v} \text{ --- } \textcircled{w} \begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \pm e(i) \end{array}$$

$$p(v, x) - p(v, y) = p(v, z) - p(v, w)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \pm e(i) \end{array} \pm e(i) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \pm e(i) \end{array} \pm e(i) \end{array}$$



$$G \leftarrow P(G)$$

Colorings

$$c: V(G) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

$$P(G, c) = \langle \begin{array}{c} p(v, s) \\ s(i)s(j)s(k) = c(v) \end{array} \rangle$$

\mathbb{R}



Groupoid of colored graphs.  $(G, c) \rightarrow (G', c')$

① Generators of 1 type

$$f: G \rightarrow G'$$

isom of graphs

$$\text{s.t. } c' \circ f = c$$

② If  $f = \text{Id}_G$ ,  $i$

$$c'_i = \delta b$$

$$b \in C'(G, \delta b, \overset{+1}{-1})$$

$$c' = c + \delta(i)$$

$f$  - isom of graphs

$f: G \rightarrow G'$  s.t.

$c' \circ f = c$

$$ab = c' - d'c$$

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Theorem (Colored combinatorial  
non-abelian  $(r=2)$   
Torelli theorem)

$$P : (G, c) \rightarrow P(G, c)$$

is a full functor

from the groupoid of  
colored graphs  
to the groupoid of  
affine real (convex)  
polytopes

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Curves

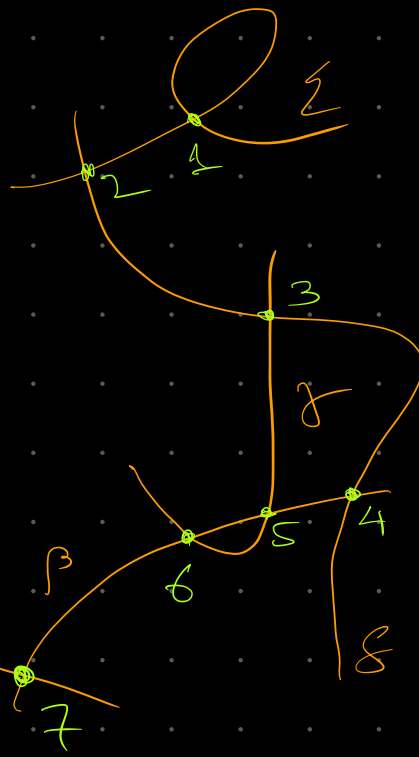
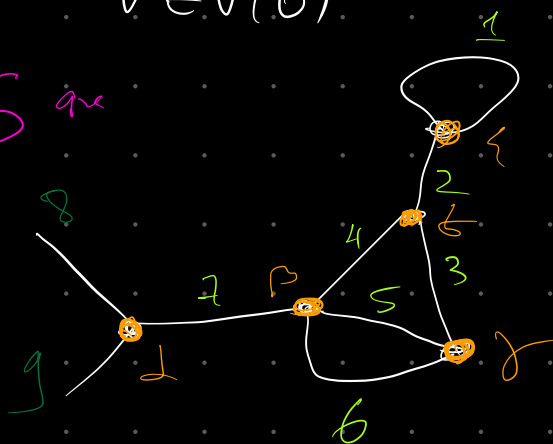
Graphs

"Graph Curves"

$$\cup^{L_r} \mathbb{P}^1$$

$v \in V(G)$

$G_{\text{gr}}$



$C(G)$  graph curve

marked stable curve  
at the deepest corner  
of Deligne-Mumford  
moduli space.

Degenerations

$$C_{\text{smooth}} \rightarrow C_G$$

Vanishing Cycles =  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$   
Thrusts



Cell Syst<sup>4</sup>

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Moduli Spaces

$\text{Pic } C$

and  $\text{Sur}(C, L)$

also varies with smooth  
curve  $C$ .

$(r=1)$   $\rightarrow$  Normalization  
of compactified Jacobian  
of stable curves  
are toric varieties

$\nearrow$   
flow polytopes.

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$(r=2)$  case.

$$D \subset SU_r(\mathbb{C}, L) = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathfrak{H}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \Gamma(SU_2(\mathbb{C}, L), \mathcal{O}(n-\mathfrak{Q}))$$

$\sim$

vector bundle  
 over  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$   
 $\times$  Faltings ...

$\textcircled{5}$  Central blocks

in  $SU(2)$  WZW models  
 CFT

constructed by TUY (1990)

Tsuyuki-Ueno-Yamada

They  $\rightarrow$  constructed sheaves

over DM loci

$\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$

$\sim 2009$  (Mason)

Naturally extends  
to a sheaf of  
graded algebras.

$\text{Proj}(\dots)$

Flat  $\text{Proj}$  Families of  
varieties over

$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n} \subset \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\mathbb{P}^1$$

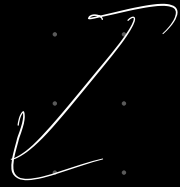
$$\text{SU}_2(\mathbb{C}, 2)$$

It turns out that

for  $r=2$  over the

genus curves, Maxon  
variety

are toric variety



Polster  $P(6, c)$   
quantum Hecke-Gordon  
PC

(Same as in the  
work of Jeffrey-Weitsman)

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Our <sup>comh.</sup> Non-abelian Torelli  
Theorem has

2 interesting  
applications.

① Symplectic Geometry

② Theory of Random Walks.

①  $N_g$  - moduli space of flat  $SU(2)$  connections on  $\Sigma_g$ .

$SU_2(\mathbb{C}, \downarrow)$  def - odd  $\mathbb{C}$  - great from  $g$ .

$\neq$

$$G \hookrightarrow L(G) \subset N_g$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Monotone Lagrangian torus

Thm  $\Leftarrow$  Terrell  
~~Conj~~  $L(G)$  is Hamiltonian isotopic

$$\text{to } L(G') \Leftrightarrow G = G'$$

Thm Conj is true for  $G$  and  $G'$  that  $X_G, X_{G'}$  have small resolutions of  $S^4$ .

$\downarrow$

# Small Resolution Conjecture

$G$  - <sup>connected</sup> graph

$g \geq 2$   
no leaves

Toric variety

$d$  - odd.

$X_{P(G,C)}$  has a  
small resolution of  
singularities

$\Leftrightarrow$  graph  $G$  is  
3-connected

i.e.  $G$  is still connected  
if one removes any 2  
edge



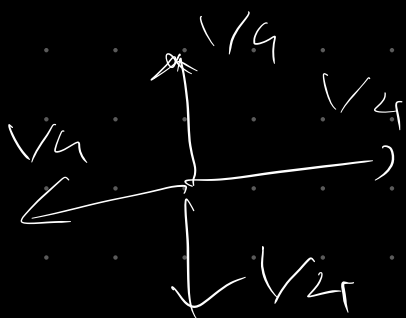
Q: Can you hear the shape of a random walk.

$$v_1, \dots, v_N \in \mathbb{Z}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$p_1, \dots, p_N \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$$

$$(p_1 + \dots + p_N = 1)$$

$$p_1 v_1 + \dots + p_N v_N = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



$(1, 0)$	$1/4$
$(0, 1)$	$1/4$
$(-1, 0)$	$1/4$
$(0, -1)$	$1/4$

Shape =  $\langle v_i \rangle$

Convex hull  
at  $v_i$

Meaning

$P(n)$  = probability to  
return to  $0$  ( $0^n$ )

in  $n$  steps.

Seq. of numbers

Period Sequence

Q: Given  $P(n)$

Can you recover  
the shape?

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Answer: NO

$(G, c) \rightarrow$  Random Walk



$$V_i \rightarrow P(V, S) \in \mathbb{K}$$

Ruler  $\leftrightarrow$  Laurent Pol's.

$$W(z) := \sum_{G, K} \frac{1}{4^{\#V(b)}} z_i^{s(i)} z_j^{s(j)} z_k^{s(k)}$$

$V, S \in AC(V, i, j, k)$



$$\mathbb{R}[z^E]$$

$$\mathbb{R}[z_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, z_n^{\pm 1}]$$

$$P(n) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{\#E(b)}} \int_{|z_i|=R} w^n$$

dlog z<sub>1</sub> ... dlog z<sub>n</sub>

$$\text{ct.}(w^n)$$

$$|z_i| = R =$$

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Claim  $P_{G, K}(n)$

depends only on  
homotopy type of  $(G, c)$

$$(g_i, h_i) \underline{\underline{2c; \text{mod } 2}}$$

Proof Formula for  
Change of coord.  
in the integral

Reason  $w_{\mathcal{Y}} = f(x, y, z)$

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{xy}{z} + \frac{xz}{y} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{1}{xyz}$$

$$f_{\mathcal{Y}}(x, y, z) = \frac{xyz}{x^2 y^2 z^2} + \frac{x}{y^2 z} + \frac{y}{x^2 z} + \frac{z}{xy^2}$$

↑ This function  
 $p=1 \rightarrow$  quantum  
 $p=0 \rightarrow$  classical

Satisfies is  $z_3$ -sym and  
functional equation.

$$f(x, y, s) + f(z, w, s)$$

=

Ref WDVV  
 IHX.

$$f(x, z, t) + f(y, w, t)$$

$$+ = f(x, y, z, w, s)$$

s.t. it is volume-pres

$$\frac{dx}{x} \frac{dy}{y} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{dw}{w} \left( \frac{ds}{s} - \frac{dt}{t} \right) = 0$$

$$W_{G, \mathbb{R}} = \sum_{\nu} f(z_1, z_2, z_k)$$



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Def. of Graph Potentials

$$F(z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$F_{G,c} \rightarrow \leftarrow \text{coeff}(F) = P(n)$$

leaf  $v$

$t^n$

$$\int \exp(t \cdot W_{G,c}(z))$$

Then  $F_{G,c}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  depends

only on hom. type  
of  $[G, c]$

$$F_g(z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

dim

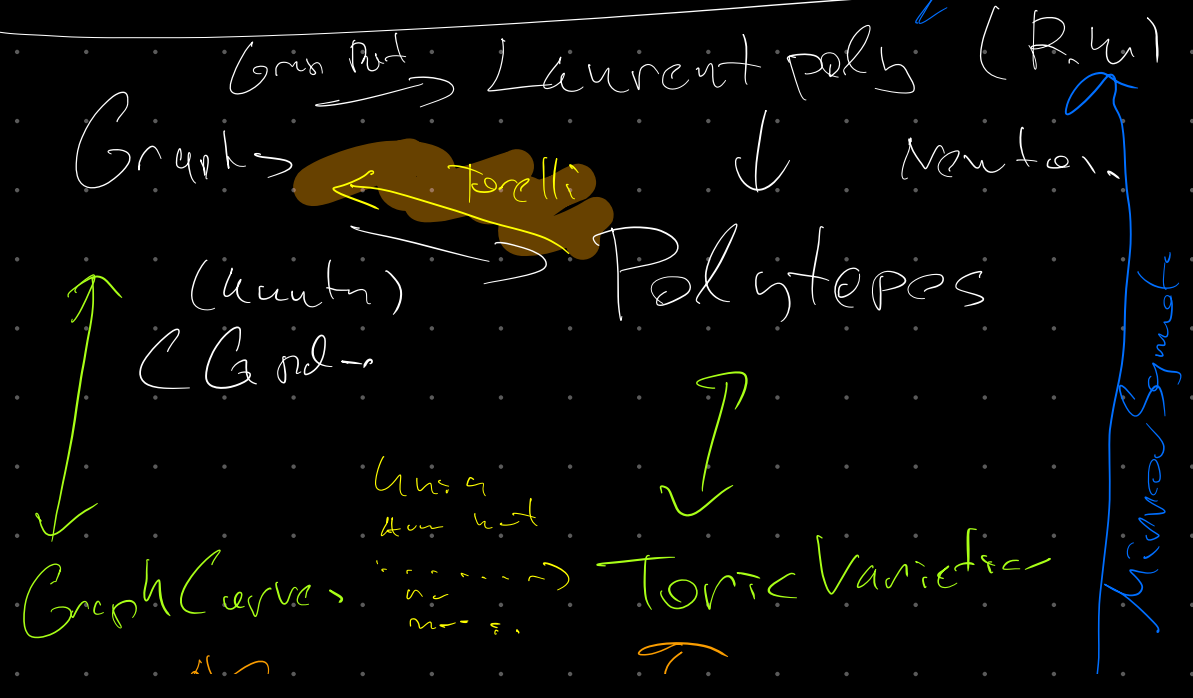
Collection of  $F_{g,n}$   $g \geq 0$   
 $n \geq 0$

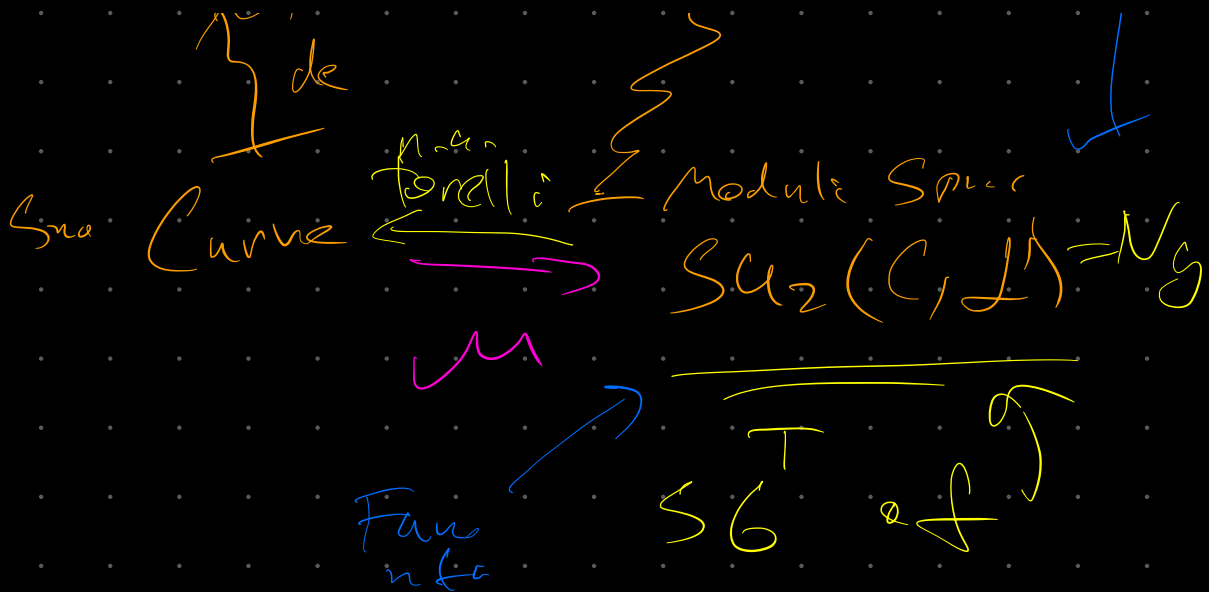
$$2g - 2 + n > 0$$

is 2d. TQFT  
 on Hilbert space  $L^2(S')$

the change of  $g=0$   
 coord.  $S \rightarrow t$   
 is so-called "quantum"  
 deformation of  
 Plücker formula  
 for  $Gr(n,2)$

6L model





"Maurer-Torelli conjecture"  
 (interpolation scheme over  
 comb. the an e.g. KP)

$\mathcal{X}$  Stable Curve  $\subset \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$

Manifold variety  
 associated to  $\mathcal{X}$   
 recovers  $\mathcal{X}$