

# The Chow Ring of the Moduli Space of $g=0$ Prestable Curves.

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# § 1. Introduction

$k$  = base field

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  : moduli space of prestable curves of genus  $g$ ,  $n$  markings. Objects over  $S$  is

$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n}(S) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} C \\ \pi \downarrow \\ S \end{array} \right\}^{P_1, \dots, P_n} \left| \begin{array}{l} \pi : \text{flat, proper, representable} \\ \text{fibers are connected, reduced} \\ \text{curve w/ nodal singularity} \end{array} \right.$$

$\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  : algebraic stack, quasi-separated, smooth, locally of finite type /  $k$ .  
(no stability condition)

• when  $2g-2+n > 0$ ,

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g,n} \quad \text{open substack.}$$

 We don't have  $\int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}} (---)$ .

• This space has a well-defined cycle theory

$$CH_*(M_{g,n})$$

by Kresch.

• We are interested in the tautological subring

$$R^*(M_{g,n}) \subset CH^*(M_{g,n})_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

• In this talk, we are mainly interested in  $g=0$  case.

Thm A. When  $g=0$ ,  $R^*(M_{0,n}) = CH^*(M_{0,n})$

↑ presented in this seminar last year.

Thm B When  $g=0$ , taut. relations are additively generated by the WDVV-relation &  $\psi$ ,  $\kappa$ -relations.

↑ we will make this in a precise form.

## §2. Cycle theory of algebraic stacks

### Q.1) A. Kresch's cycle theory

- $X = \text{finite type scheme, DM-stack}$ . Then a class in  $\text{CH}_*(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is represented by integral closed substack. [Vistoli]
- $X = [Y/G]$ . Then take a finite approximation of  $Y \times_G EG$ . and

$$\text{CH}_*(X) := \text{CH}_*(\text{finite app. of } Y \times_G EG).$$

[Edidin - Graham, 98]

Non-example Let  $\mathcal{M}_{0,0}^{\leq 2} \subset \mathcal{M}_{0,0}$  be the locus where curves have at most two nodes.

Thm [Kresch, 13]  $\mathcal{M}_{0,0}^{\leq 2}$  is not a quotient stack.

Idea of Kresch :

$CH_*^0(-)$  : cycles generated by integral closed substack.

$\widehat{CH}_*(-) := \varinjlim_E CH_{*+rk E}^0(E)$  where  $E$ : vector bundle on a space

Def (Kresch)

$$CH_*(X) := \varinjlim_{\substack{Y \rightarrow X \\ \text{projective}}} \widehat{CH}_*(Y) / \widehat{B}(Y)$$

(f. a)  $f: Y \rightarrow X, E \Rightarrow Y. \alpha \in CH^0(E)$

• If  $X$  is a finite type /  $k$ , stratified by locally closed substacks which are quotient stack  $(*)$ . Then  $CH_*(-)$

has projective pushforward, flat pullback,

Chern classes & refined Gysin pullback along lci morphisms

$(*)$  local condition : stabilizer group of each geom. pt is affine

\* We exclude  $(g, n) = (1, 0)$

If  $X$  : locally finite type /  $k$ , take a directed system of open covers  $\{U_i\}$ .  $U_i$  : finite type /  $k$ .

$$CH_*(X) := \varprojlim CH_*(U_i)$$

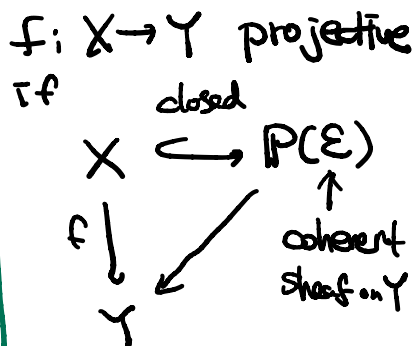
## (2.2) Proper pushforward (after Skowera).

It took a while to define pushforward cycles along proper (but not nec. proj) morphisms.

Example (Fulghesu) The projection

$$\pi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{0,0}^{\leq 2}$$

from the universal curve is not projective.



Thm (Skowera '19) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  proper, representable.  
Then there exists.

$$f_*: \text{Ch}_*(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Ch}_*(Y, \mathbb{Z})$$

If  $f$  is proper, relatively DM-type,

$$f_*: \text{Ch}_*(X, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Ch}_*(Y, \mathbb{Q}).$$

Moreover  $f_*$  is compatible with flat pullback, Gysin pullback etc.

### §3. Proof of Theorem A.

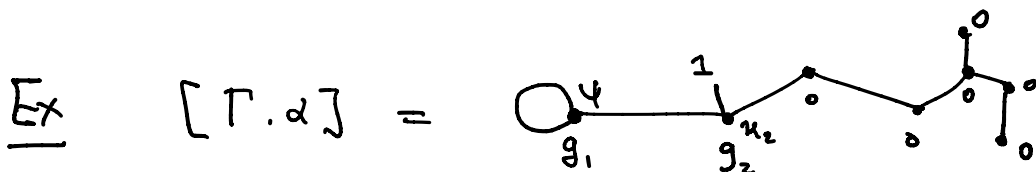
#### (3.1) Tautological classes

• We showed that a parallel construction of tautological rings for  $M_{g,n}$  works.

↳ Moduli presentation of  $\mathcal{C}_{g,n} \rightarrow M_{g,n}$ .

• Additive basis of  $R^*(M_{g,n})$  :

$[\Gamma, \alpha]$        $\Gamma$  : prestable graph of genus  $g$ ,  
 $n$  legs  
 $\alpha$  :  $\psi$  &  $\kappa$  - classes.





### (3.2) Proof of Thm A

Thm A  $R^d(M_{0,n}) = CH^d(M_{0,n})_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad \forall n \geq 0 \quad \forall d.$

↳ for simplicity,  $n \geq 1$ .

• We use the recursive boundary structure of  $M_{0,n}$  and induction on  $d$ .

• We start from  $M_{0,n}^{sm} \leftarrow$  locus where  $C$  is smooth.

(a)  $M_{0,1}^{sm} = BU$ ,  $U = GL_2 \rtimes GL_m$ : group of affine transformations of  $A^1$

$$\leadsto CH^*(M_{0,1}^{sm}) = \mathbb{Q}[\Psi_1]$$

(b)  $M_{0,2}^{sm} = BGL_m$ .

$$\leadsto CH^*(M_{0,2}^{sm}) = \mathbb{Q}[\Psi_1]$$

(c)  $M_{0,n}^{sm} = M_{0,n}$ ,  $n \geq 3$ .  $\leadsto CH^*(M_{0,n}) = \mathbb{Q}\langle M_{0,n} \rangle$

Pf) (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Use the homotopy invariance for affine bundles.  $\square$

In the proof we use two ingredients:

(i)  $M_{0,n}^{sm}$  satisfies the Chow Künneth property

(ii) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  proper, surjective, relative DM.

then

$$f_*: CH_*(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow CH_*(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{ surjective}$$

Sketch of the proof of Thm A)

Consider the excision sequence

$$\underline{CH^{d-1}(\partial M_{0,n})} \rightarrow CH^d(M_{0,n}) \rightarrow \underline{CH^d(M_{0,n}^{sm})} \rightarrow 0$$

tautological.

We have the gluing map.

$$\bigsqcup_{I \subset [n]} M_{0,I \cup \{p\}} \times M_{0,I^c \cup \{p\}} \longrightarrow \partial M_{0,n}$$

which is proper, representable, surjective.

$\Rightarrow$  pushforward is surjective.

- Easier to consider the **Chow - Künneth generating property (CKGP)**. Namely,  $X$  satisfies CKGP if for any  $Y$

$$CH_*(X) \otimes CH_*(Y) \rightarrow CH_*(X \times Y)$$

is surjective.

- In particular (i), (ii) + excision seq  
 $\Rightarrow M_{0,n}$  has CKGP.

$$\underbrace{CH_*(M_{0,n_1}) \otimes CH_*(M_{0,n_2}) \rightarrow CH_*(M_{0,n_1} \times M_{0,n_2})}_{\text{tautological by induction hypothesis}}$$

□

## §4. Revisit the WDVV -relation.

Recall (WDVV)  $\overline{M}_{0,4} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ . So

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 4 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \end{array}$$

in  $CH^*(\overline{M}_{0,4})$ .

We will follow a nontraditional way to understand WDVV.

### (4.1) Localization sequence.

Consider the localization sequence

$$CH_* (\overline{M}_{0,4}, 1) \xrightarrow{\partial} CH_* (\partial \overline{M}_{0,4}) \rightarrow CH_* (\overline{M}_{0,4}) \rightarrow CH_* (\overline{M}_{0,4}) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $CH_*(-, 1)$  is the 1<sup>st</sup> higher Chow group.

• Understand WDVV as the  $\text{Im } \partial$ .

For 1<sup>st</sup> higher Chow groups, we can forget about the transversality issue. Let  $U$ : scheme /  $k$ .

Let  $\Delta^1$ : algebraic 1-simplex.  $R = \Delta^1 - \{0,1\}$ .  
 $(\simeq A^1_k)$

$$Z^*(U \times \Delta^2)^{pnp} \xrightarrow{\partial} Z^*(U \times R) \xrightarrow{\partial} Z^*(U) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \cup$$

$$\quad \quad \quad [W]$$

$$\partial[W] := \underbrace{\overline{W}} \cap (U \times [0] - U \times [1])$$

↑ closure in  $U \times \Delta^1$ .

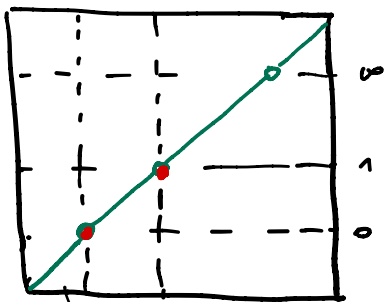
$Z^*(\dots)^{pnp} \subset Z^*(U \times \Delta^2)$  where the cycles intersect faces of  $U \times \Delta^2$  in the right dimension.

$$CH^*(U, 1) = \frac{\ker(\partial: Z^*(U \times R) \rightarrow Z^*(U))}{\text{Im}(\partial: Z^*(U \times \Delta^2)^{pnp} \rightarrow Z^*(U \times R))}$$

Proof of WDVV when  $n=4$ )

Let  $[L_0] \in \text{CH}^1(\mathcal{M}_{0,4,1})$  corresponds to

$$L_0 = \overline{[0,0], (1,1)}$$



$$P^1 - \{0,1,\infty\} \cong \mathcal{M}_{0,4}$$



Now one can compute

$$\partial[L_0] = [0] - [1]$$

in  $\text{CH}_0(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,4})$

$\square$

## (4.2) General case.

For  $n \geq 4$ , we take the corresponding motive

$$M_{gm}(M_{0,n}) \in DM_{gm}^{eff}(k)$$

and its motivic cohomology. (equivalently, its higher Chow groups)

• If  $U$  : sm scheme /  $k$ , then

$$CH^l(U, 1) \cong H^l(U, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \cong H^0(U, \mathcal{O}_U^*)$$

Thm [Chatzistamatiou, '07]

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{A}_k^N$  be a hyperplane complement.

Then the motivic cohomology of  $U$  is generated by  $H^l(U, \mathbb{Z}(1))$  over  $H^*(k, \mathbb{Z}(\bullet))$ . In particular

$$CH^l(U, 1) = \begin{cases} H^0(U, \mathcal{O}_U^*) & \text{if } l = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

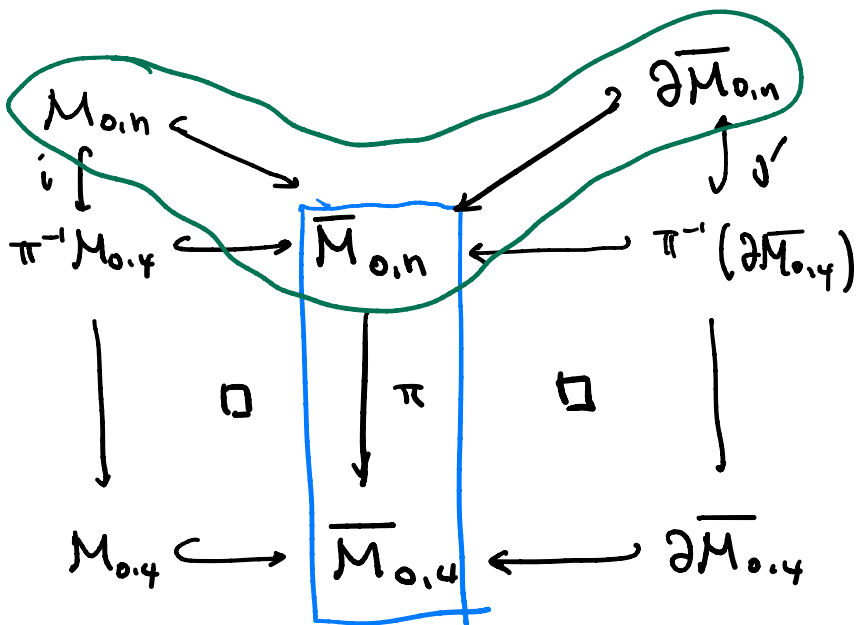
Prop For  $n \geq 4$ , the image of the coboundary

$$CH^{l+1}(\overset{,, M_{0,n}^{SM} }{M_{0,n}}, 1) \xrightarrow{\partial} CH^l(\partial M_{0,n}) \rightarrow CH^{l+1}(M_{0,n})$$

is the set of WDVV relations if  $l=0$  and trivial if  $l>0$ .

Pf) For simplicity, we prove this for  $M_{0,n} \subset \overline{M}_{0,n}$ .

Idea We want to pullback the previous computation along the forgetful morphism  $\pi$





$\pi^{-1}(M_{0,4})$  contains  $M_{0,n}$  as an open set.

Let  $j' : \pi^{-1}(\partial \bar{M}_{0,4}) \hookrightarrow \partial \bar{M}_{0,n}$  : closed embedding.

We check :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 CH^1(M_{0,n}, 1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & CH^0(\partial \bar{M}_{0,n}, 1) \\
 \uparrow i^* & \curvearrowright & \uparrow j'^* \\
 CH^1(\pi^{-1}M_{0,4}, 1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & CH^0(\pi^{-1}\partial \bar{M}_{0,4}, 1) \\
 \uparrow \pi^* & & \uparrow \pi^* \\
 CH^1(M_{0,4}, 1) & \xrightarrow[\text{WDVV}]{} & CH^0(\partial \bar{M}_{0,4})
 \end{array}$$

Using  $S_n \hookrightarrow \bar{M}_{0,n}$ , any generator of  $CH^1(M_{0,n}, 1)$  is a pullback of a class in  $CH^1(M_{0,4}, 1)$



## § 5. Proof of Thm B.

Thm B Tautological relations are additively generated by the WDVV relation &  $\psi, \kappa$ -relations

↳ Restricting to  $\overline{M}_{0,n}$ , the result specializes to the work of Keel.

### (5.1) $\psi, \kappa$ -relations.

We can simplify  $\psi, \kappa$ -monomials from the following relations

$$(a) \quad \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \begin{array}{c} \sim \quad \sim \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \text{---} \bullet \end{array} \quad \text{in } CH^1(M_{0,2})$$

(use the excision seq)

$$(b) \quad \psi_i = \sum_{\substack{I_1 \cup I_2 = [n] \\ \tau \in I_1, j, k \in I_2}} \begin{array}{c} i \\ \vdots \\ \langle \tau \rangle \text{---} \langle j \rangle \\ I_1 \quad I_2 \end{array} \quad \text{in } CH^1(M_{0,n}), \quad n \geq 3$$

$$(c) \quad \kappa_a = \sum \psi \text{ \& \# boundary strata. } \quad n \geq 1.$$

## (5.2) Strata space

Let  $S_{0,n}$  be the  $g=0$  strata space.

(ie. formal linear sum of  $[\Gamma, \alpha]$ )  $\leftarrow$  No multiplication yet.

$$\rightsquigarrow S_{0,n} = \bigoplus_{p \geq 0} S_{0,n}^p \quad p = \# \text{ of edges.}$$

Def Let  $R_0 \in S_{0,n}$ . The set of relations in  $S_{0,n}$  generated by  $R_0$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -subvector space of  $S_{0,n}$  obtained by

- $\Gamma$  : prestable graph  $\in S_{0,n}$
- $v \in V(\Gamma)$ , identification of  $n_0$  half edges attached to  $v$ .

• gluing of  $R_0$  at  $v$

Ex  $R_0 = \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array}, \quad \Gamma = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array}$

glue  $\rightsquigarrow$   $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ h \\ \diagdown \\ 5 \end{array}$


Let  $R_{K,\varphi}$  be the set of relations of  $K\langle\varphi\rangle$  monomials obtained by (a) - (c).

Def Given a graph  $\Gamma$ , an element

$$\alpha = \prod_{v \in V(\Gamma)} \alpha_v$$

is said to be a normal form if:

(i)  $n(v) = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_v = \psi_h^b$  

(ii)  $n(v) = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha_v = \psi_h^c + (-\psi_h^c)$  

(iii)  $n(v) \geq 3 \Rightarrow \alpha_v = 1$ .

"reduced"

• Let  $R_{WDRV}$ : relations obtained by gluing WDRV relations into normal form

• Let  $S_{0,n}^{nf} \subset S_{0,n}$  be the subvector space

additively generated by normal forms. Then

$$S_{0,n}^{nf} \hookrightarrow S_{0,n} \rightarrow S_{0,n}/R_{K,\varphi}$$

is surjective.

### (5.3) Proof of Thm B.

$$\bullet S_{0,n} \longrightarrow CH^*(M_{0,n}) \quad [\Gamma, \alpha] \mapsto \xi_{\Gamma^*}(\alpha).$$

Thm B'  $CH^*(M_{0,n}) \cong S_{0,n} / (R_{k,y} + R_{w,d,v}).$

Simple diagram chasing reduces the question to show that the kernel of

$$S_{0,n}^{nf} \longrightarrow CH^*(M_{0,n})$$

is  $R_{w,d,v}$ .

Step 1 We stratify  $M_{0,n}$  as follows.

$$M_{0,n}^{\geq p} = \{C \mid C \text{ has at least } p \text{ nodes}\} \xrightarrow{\text{closed}} M_{0,n}$$

$$M_{0,n}^{\geq p} \setminus M_{0,n}^{\geq p+1} = M_{0,n}^{\geq p} \leftarrow \text{exactly } p \text{ nodes}$$

$$\cong \bigsqcup_{\Gamma \in G_p} \left( \prod_{v \in V(\Gamma)} M_{0,n(v)}^{sm} / \text{Aut } \Gamma \right)$$

where  $G_p$ : set of prestable graphs with  $p$  edges.

The localization seq reads :

$$\boxed{CH^d(m_{0,n}^{=p}, 1)} \xrightarrow{\partial} CH^{d-1}(m_{0,n}^{\geq p+1}) \rightarrow CH^d(m_{0,n}^{\geq p}) \rightarrow CH^d(m_{0,n}^{=p}) \rightarrow 0$$

$m^{\geq p+1} \xleftarrow{\text{closed}} m^{\geq p}$

Step 2.  $M_{0,n}^{sm}$  satisfies the Chow-Künneth property for  $CH^*(-, 1)$  : For  $Y$  : quotient stack,

$$CH_*(M_{0,n}^{sm}, \bullet) \otimes_{CH_*(k, \bullet)} CH_*(Y, \bullet) \rightarrow CH_*(M_{0,n}^{sm} \times Y, \bullet)$$

is an isomorphism in  $\text{deg } \bullet = 1$ .

In our setting,  $CH^*(M_{0,n}^{=p}, 1)$  is isomorphic to

$$\bigoplus_{\text{PEG}_p} \left[ \bigoplus_{\substack{v \in V(\Gamma) \\ n(v) \geq 3}} \left( CH^1(M_{0,n(v)}^{sm}, 1) \otimes_{\bigotimes_{v' \neq v}} CH^*(M_{0,n(v')}^{sm}) \right) \right]^{\text{Aut } \Gamma}$$

$\text{CH}^1(M_{0,n(v)}^{sm}, 1)$

\* I.P. all  $n(v) \leq 2$ .  $k^* \otimes_{\bigotimes_v} CH^*(M_{0,n(v)}^{sm})$

Moreover,

$$\partial \left( \alpha_v \otimes \bigotimes_{v' \neq v} \alpha_{v'} \right) = \partial(\alpha_v) \otimes \bar{\alpha}_{v'}$$

where  $\bar{\alpha}_{v'}$  is any extension of  $\alpha_{v'}$ . (this formula is independent of  $\bar{\alpha}_{v'}$ )

We proved:

Prop. The image of

$$\partial: CH^*(m_{\text{oin}}^{\leq p}, 1) \rightarrow CH^{*-1}(m_{\text{oin}}^{\geq p+1})$$

is the same as the image of

$$R_{\text{WBV}}^{p+1} \rightarrow S_{\text{oin}}^{\text{nf. } p+1} \rightarrow CH^*(m_{\text{oin}}^{\geq p+1}).$$

### Step 3.

It is not so hard to prove that

$$S_{\text{oin}}^{\text{nf.p}} \rightarrow \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}}) \rightarrow \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{=P}})$$

is an isomorphism. So we have a splitting:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & S_{\text{oin}}^{\text{nf.p}} & & \\ & & & & \swarrow & \downarrow \text{SH} & \\ \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{=P}}.1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \text{CH}^{*+1}(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}+1}) & \rightarrow & \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}}) & \rightarrow & \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{=P}}) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}}) \cong S_{\text{oin}}^{\text{nf.p}} \oplus \text{CH}^{*+1}(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}+1}) / \text{CH}^*(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{=P}}.1)$$

$$\cong S_{\text{oin}}^{\text{nf.p}} \oplus \text{CH}^{*+1}(M_{\text{oin}}^{\text{zP}+1}) / R_{\text{WDVV}}^{P+1}$$



The localization sequence for  $p=0, 1, \dots$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 CH^*(m_{0,n}) &\cong S_{0,n}^{nf,0} \oplus CH^{*-1}(m_{0,n}^{z_1}) / R_{WDPW}^1 \\
 &\cong S_{0,n}^{nf,0} \oplus (S_{0,n}^{nf,1} / R_{WDPW}^1) \oplus CH^{*-2}(m_{0,n}^{z_2}) / R_{WDPW}^2 \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &\cong S_{0,n}^{nf} / R_{WDPW}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves

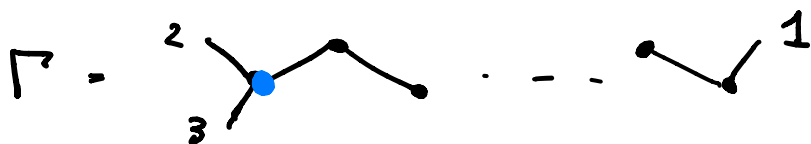
$$CH^*(m_{0,n}) \cong S_{0,n} / (R_{\psi,k} + R_{WDPW})$$

□

# §6. Remarks

## (6.1) Previous results

- [Oesinghaus '18]  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{M}_{0,3}$  open substack



He constructed an atlas  $[\mathbb{A}^n / \mathbb{G}_m^n] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$   
and showed

$$\Rightarrow CH_*(\mathcal{T}) \cong \mathbb{Q}\text{Sym}_{\mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$$

We can identify basis of  $\mathbb{Q}\text{Sym}_{\mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$  with  
tautological classes.

$$\text{Eg } \mathcal{J} = \langle \hat{j}_1, \dots, \hat{j} \rangle$$

- [Fulghesu, '10] When  $p \leq 3$ , he computed  $CH^*(M_{0,0}^{\leq p})$  using explicit generators & relations

e.g.  $CH^*(M_{0,0}^{\leq 3}) \cong \mathbb{Q}$ -algebra with 10 generators and 11 relations

- It is not so easy to write his classes as tautological classes.

- It is possible to compare

$$\dim CH^d(M_{0,0}^{\leq p})$$

from [Fulghesu] & ours.

$p \leq 2$  : [Fulghesu] match with ours.

$p=3, d \geq 8$  :  $\dim CH^d(M_{0,0}^{\leq 3}) = \begin{cases} \underline{55} \\ \underline{54} \leftarrow \text{ours} \end{cases}$

We think [Fulghesu] is missing at least one relation in  $CH^d(M_{0,0}^{\leq 3})$ .

(6.2)  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  vs  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ .

If  $2g-2+n > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  has a retraction map to  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ .

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \xleftarrow{i} \mathcal{M}_{g,n} \xrightarrow{st} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$$

id.

st: stabilization map (flat).

$$\sim \text{CH}_*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}) \longleftrightarrow \text{CH}_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}).$$

Can we understand  $R^*(\mathcal{M}_{g,n})$  from  $R^*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n})$  and  $\text{CH}^*(\mathcal{M}_{0,n})$ ?

When  $* = 1$ .

Prop.  $\text{CH}^1(\mathcal{M}_{g,n}) = R^1(\mathcal{M}_{g,n})$  and all tautological relations are pullbacked from  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  via  $st^*$ .

Another interesting map:  $m \geq 0$

$$\pi_m: \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g, n+m} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g, n}$$

forgetting the last  $m$  markings. ( $\pi_m$  is flat)

Q) For fixed  $d$ , is the pullback

$$\pi_m^*: R^d(\mathcal{M}_{g, n}) \rightarrow R^d(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g, n+m})$$

injective for  $m \gg 0$ ?