

# Gromov–Witten theory of orbifold- $CP^1$ and integrable hierarchies

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## Frobenius structure

$$M = \left\{ x^k + \sum_{i=1}^k t_i x^{k-i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} t_{k+j} \left( \frac{Qe^{t_N}}{x} \right)^j + \left( \frac{Qe^{t_N}}{x} \right)^m \right\},$$

where  $N = k + m = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} M$ .

- multiplication  $\bullet_f$  in  $T_f M \cong C[x]/\langle f' \rangle$ ,  $\partial/\partial t_i \mapsto [\partial_{t_i} f]$ .
- metric on  $M$

$$\eta_{ij} = (\partial_{t_i}, \partial_{t_j})_f = -(\operatorname{res}_{x=0} + \operatorname{res}_{x=\infty}) \frac{(\partial_{t_i} f \omega) (\partial_{t_j} f \omega)}{df}$$

- Euler vector field  $E_f = [f] \in T_f M$
- unity vector field  $\partial/\partial t_k$

$\eta$  is a flat metric,  $H := T_0M$ ,  $TM \cong M \times H$  via the Levi–Civita connection, i.e. we trivialize the tangent bundle by choosing flat coordinates  $\tau_i$   $1 \leq i \leq N$ . Let  $\partial_i := \partial/\partial\tau_i$ .

Define vector fields  $J_{\mathcal{B}} : M \times C^* \rightarrow H$

$$(J_{\mathcal{B}}(\tau, z), \partial_i) = z\partial_i \int_{\mathcal{B}} e^{f_{\tau}/z} \omega,$$

where

$$\mathcal{B} \in \lim_M H_1(C^*, \text{Ref}_{\tau}/z < -M; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^N$$

**Theorem 1.** The vector fields  $J_{\mathcal{B}}$  are horizontal sections of

$$\nabla = d - z^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\partial_i \bullet) d\tau_i - (z^{-2}\mu - z^{-1}E\bullet) dz,$$

where  $\mu = \nabla^{\text{L.C.}} E - \frac{1}{2}Id$ .

**Theorem 2.**  $M$  is isomorphic as a Frobenius manifold to the quantum cohomology of orbifold- $CP^1$  with two orbifold points of type  $C/Z_m$  and  $C/Z_k$ .

## Fock space formalism

$$\mathcal{H} = H((z^{-1})) = \mathcal{H}_+ \oplus \mathcal{H}_-, \quad \Omega(f, g) = \text{Res}_{z=0} (f(-z), g(z)) dz$$

$$\mathcal{H} \ni f = \sum_{n,i} p_{n,i} d\tau_i (-z)^{-n-1} + q_n^i \partial_i z^n$$

- Fock space  $B_H = \text{Fun}(\mathcal{H}_+) = C[[q_n^i \mid n \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq N]]$ .
- $S(\tau, z)$  and  $R(\tau, z)$  two symplectic transformations which describe the singularities of  $\nabla$  near  $z = \infty$  and  $z = 0$ .
- Assume  $\tau \in M$  is such that  $f_\tau$  is a Morse function.  
 $\mathcal{D}^M = \widehat{S}^{-1} \widehat{R} \mathcal{D}_{\text{pt}}^{\otimes n}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_\tau^M = \widehat{R} \mathcal{D}_{\text{pt}}^{\otimes n}$  – two vectors in the Fock space.

**Conjecture 1:**  $\log \mathcal{D}^M$  and  $\log \mathcal{A}_\tau^M$  are generating functions for the descendent and the ancestor GW invariants of orbifold- $CP^1$  with two orbifold points of type  $C/Z_m$  and  $C/Z_k$ .

## Vertex operators

$f_\tau(x) = \lambda$  has  $N$  solutions  $x_i(\tau, \lambda) \in C^*$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , except for  $(\tau, \lambda) \in \Delta$  – hypersurface in  $M \times C$ , called discriminant.

$(\tau_0, \lambda_0)$  – reference point

- For each  $\alpha \in H_1(C^*, f_{\tau_0}^{-1}(\lambda_0); C)$

$$(I_\alpha^{(-n)}(\tau, \lambda), \partial_i) = -\partial_i \int_{\alpha(\tau, \lambda)} \frac{(\lambda - f_\tau)^n}{n!} \omega, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

$$I_\alpha^n(\tau, \lambda) = \partial_\lambda^n I_\alpha^{(0)}(\tau, \lambda),$$

$$\mathbf{f}_\tau^\alpha(\lambda) = \sum_n I_\alpha^{(n)}(\tau, \lambda) (-z)^n,$$

$$\Gamma_\tau^\alpha = \exp \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_\tau^\alpha.$$

- $1 \leq a \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} (I_a^{(-n)}(\tau, \lambda), \partial_i) &= -\partial_i \int_{[x_a]} d^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n!} (\lambda - f_\tau)^n \omega \right), \\ I_a^{(n)} &= \partial_\lambda^n I_a^{(0)}, \\ \mathbf{f}_\tau^a(\lambda) &= \sum_n I_a^{(n)}(\tau, \lambda) (-z)^n, \\ \Gamma_\tau^a &= \exp \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_\tau^a. \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $c_a(\tau, \lambda) = 1/f'_\tau(x_a)$ , then for each critical value  $u_i$  of  $f_\tau$ , in a neighborhood of  $\lambda = u_i$  the operator

$$\sum_{a=1}^N c_a \Gamma_\tau^a \otimes \Gamma_\tau^{-a}$$

is  $R$ -equivalent, up to terms analytic in a neighbourhood of  $\lambda = u_i$ , to the operator which defines the HQE of KdV.

- the above operator is not monodromy invariant:

$$\sum_{a=1}^N c_a (\Gamma_\tau^{r_a \phi} \otimes \Gamma_\tau^{-r_a \phi}) (\Gamma_\tau^a \otimes \Gamma_\tau^{-a}),$$

where  $r_a \in 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$  are some numbers depending on the monodromy transformation.

- to offset the complication, look at a larger Fock space  $\mathcal{B}_H = \{ \sum a_I(x, \partial_x) \mathbf{q}^I \mid a_I \text{ differential operators} \}$  and introduce the following vertex operator

$$\Gamma_\tau^\delta = \exp((\mathbf{f}_\tau^\phi - w_\tau)\epsilon \partial_x) \exp(xv_\tau/\epsilon).$$

It satisfies the following commutation relation:

$$(\Gamma_\tau^{\delta\#} \otimes \Gamma_\tau^\delta) (\Gamma_\tau^{r\phi} \otimes \Gamma_\tau^{-r\phi}) = e^{(\hat{w}_\tau \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \hat{w}_\tau) r} \Gamma_\tau^{\delta\#} \otimes \Gamma_\tau^\delta,$$

where  $w_\tau$ , via our quantization formalism, is a linear function in  $\mathbf{q}$  independent of  $\lambda$ .

## Integrable hierarchies

**Theorem 3:** For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  the one-form

$$(\Gamma_\tau^{\delta\#} \otimes \Gamma_\tau^\delta) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N c_\tau^i \Gamma_\tau^i \otimes \Gamma_\tau^{-i} \right) (\mathcal{A}_\tau^M \otimes \mathcal{A}_\tau^M) d\lambda,$$

computed at  $\mathbf{q}'$ ,  $\mathbf{q}''$  such that  $\hat{w}'_\tau - \hat{w}''_\tau = n$  is regular in  $\lambda$ .

Regular means: put  $(q')_n^i = x_n^i - y_n^i$ ,  $(q'')_n^i = x_n^i + y_n^i$  and expand in the powers of  $y_0^i, y_1^i, \dots$  ( $y_0^k$  excluded)

$$\sum_I \left( \sum_{j \leq K} P_{I,j} \lambda^j \right) y^I,$$

where  $P_{I,j}$  is a quadratic polynomial in  $\partial^\bullet \mathcal{A}_\tau^M(x_0^k + x + n\epsilon, \dots)$  and  $\partial^\bullet \mathcal{A}_\tau^M(x_0^k + x, \dots)$ . The regularity means that  $P_{I,j} = 0$  for  $j < 0$ .

The above system of PDE admits some kind of a limit

**Theorem 4:** For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  the one-form

$$(\Gamma_\infty^{\delta\#} \otimes \Gamma_\infty^\delta) \left( \sum_a c_\infty^a \Gamma_\infty^a \otimes \Gamma_\infty^{-a} + \sum_b c_\infty^b \Gamma_\infty^b \otimes \Gamma_\infty^{-b} \right) (\mathcal{D}^\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{D}^\mathcal{M}) d\lambda$$

computed at  $\mathbf{q}'$ ,  $\mathbf{q}''$  such that  $(q')_0^k - (q'')_0^k = n\epsilon$  is regular in  $\lambda$ .

The vertex operators can be computed explicitly:

$$\mathbf{f}_\infty^a = \frac{1}{k} \mathbf{g}_\infty^a - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\prod_{l=-\infty}^{-n-1} (i/k - l)}{\prod_{l=-\infty}^0 (i/k - l)} \lambda^{i/k+n} \partial_i (-z)^{-n-1},$$

where

$$\mathbf{g}_\infty^a = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} (\log \lambda - C_n) d\tau_k (-z)^{-n-1} + \sum_{n \geq 0} n! \lambda^{-n-1} d\tau_k z^n,$$

and  $C_0 := 0$ ,  $C_n := 1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/n$  are the Harmonic numbers.

$$\mathbf{f}_\infty^b = -\frac{1}{m} \mathbf{g}_\infty^b - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\prod_{l=-\infty}^{-n-1} (j/m - l)}{\prod_{l=-\infty}^0 (j/m - l)} \lambda^{j/m+n} \partial_{k+m-j} (-z)^{-n-1},$$

where

$$\mathbf{g}_\infty^b = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} [\log(\lambda Q^{-m}) - C_n] d\tau_k (-z)^{-n-1} + \sum_{n \geq 0} n! \lambda^{-n-1} d\tau_k z^n.$$

$$L = \Lambda^k + u_1 \Lambda^{k-1} + \dots + u_{k+m} \Lambda^{-m}, \quad \Lambda = e^{\epsilon \partial_x}$$

$$A_{k-i,n} = \frac{\Gamma(1 + i/k)}{\Gamma(n + 1 + i/k)} \left( L^{n+i/k} \right)_+, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k-1$$

$$A_{k+j,n} = -\frac{\Gamma(1 + j/m)}{\Gamma(n + 1 + j/m)} \left( L^{n+j/m} \right)_-, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$A_{k,n} = \frac{2}{n!} \left[ L^n \left( \log L - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{m} \right) c_n \right) \right]_+$$

Extended bi-graded Toda hierarchy (G. Carlet)

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_n^i} = [A_{i,n}, L].$$

**Conjecture 2:** The HQE from Theorem 4 characterize the tau-functions of the Extended bi-graded Toda hierarchy.