

SFT compactness theorem.

Moral: We would like to understand the degeneracies of our moduli spaces and "compactify" them with "broken" buildings of "nodal" things

- ①. Most J-curve theories involve "counting J-curve" which requires compactness to guarantee finiteness
- ②. The degeneracies often become key to " $\partial^2 = 0$ " in our chain complex and sometimes also ruin " $\partial^2 = 0$ ".

§ Compact Case.

Recall: If J_ν is a sequence of A.C.S. on W^{2n} with $J_\nu \rightarrow J$ in the C^∞ topology, then any uniformly C' -bounded sequence of J_ν -holomorphic curves $u_\nu: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow W$ has a subsequence convergent in C_{loc}^∞ on $\text{int}(\mathbb{D})$. ~~compact.~~

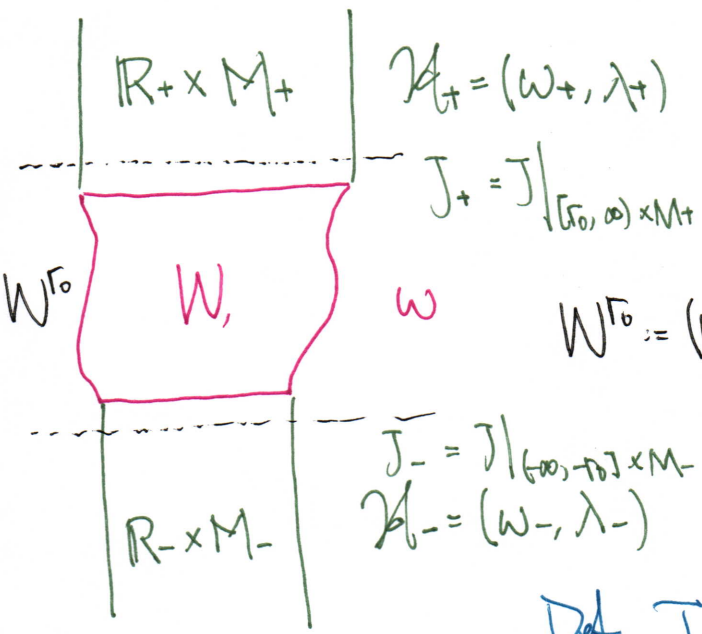
Rmk: Sobolev embedding: $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{D}) \hookrightarrow C^1(\mathbb{D})$ for $p > 2$. But then an energy bound only gives us a $W^{1,2}$ -bound: $E(u) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} u^* \omega = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{D}} |du|^2 dv$
WHICH IS BORDERLINE.

What could happen is $\|du_\nu\|_J$ blows up to ∞ at a point while u can still be $W^{1,2}$, and so $\exists Z_\nu$ st. $\|du_\nu\|_J(Z_\nu) \rightarrow \infty$ with $Z_\nu \rightarrow Z_\infty$.

If this is the only point at which $\|du_\nu\|_J$ "blows up" then we have $\Omega_\nu \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ exhausting $\mathbb{D}$ s.t. $u_\nu|_{\Omega_\nu}$ is ~~not~~ C^1 actually, so there is a C_{loc}^∞ convergence on $\mathbb{D} - \{Z_\infty\}$ to $u_\infty: \mathbb{D} - Z_\infty \rightarrow W$ J-holomorphic

Then a rescaling of a nbhd of Z_∞ (into $\mathbb{C}$ with ∞ mapping to $p \in W$) that connects with $u_\infty(\mathbb{D} - Z_\infty)$ at the removable singularity is our familiar bubbling example.

§ Cobordism Completion:



Hyperplane distribution $\xi_{\pm} = \ker(w_{\pm})$
 Reeb vector field $R_{\pm}$

* We will always pick a metric invariant under translation on the completion ends.

$$W^{r_0} := ([-r_0, 0] \times M_-) \# W \cup ([0, r_0] \times M_+)$$

* We will always pick J "compatible with the completion" that is invariant under translation in $W - W^{r_0}$.

Def: $J(h, r_0) = \{f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \mid f' > 0, f \equiv h \text{ near } [-r, r]\}$

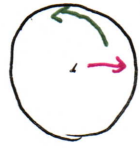
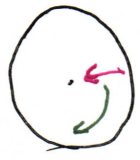
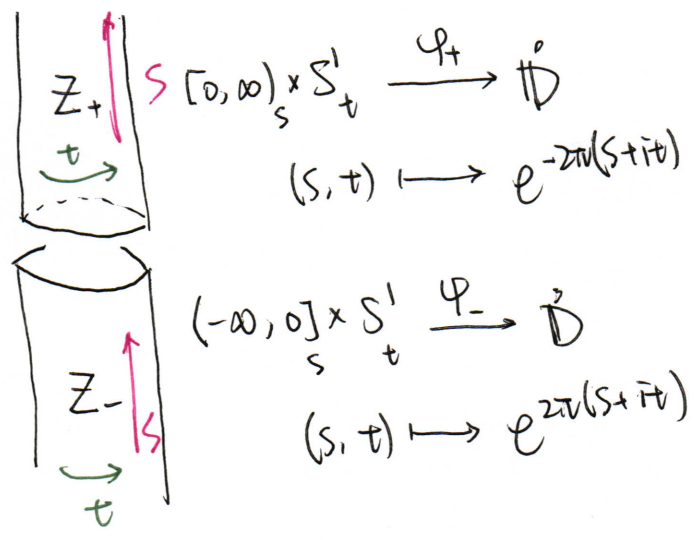
where $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is C^0 -small and $h(r) = r$ near $r = 0$.

There is a symplectic form ω_h on $\hat{W}$ for h sufficiently C^0 -small

$$\omega_h = \begin{cases} d(h(r) \cdot \lambda_+) + \omega_+ & \text{on } [0, \infty) \times M_+ \\ \omega & \text{in } W \\ d(h(r) \lambda_-) + \omega_- & \text{on } (-\infty, 0] \times M_- \end{cases}$$

Def: $E(u) = \sup_{f \in J(h, r_0)} \int_{\dot{\Sigma}} u^* \omega_f$
 for $u: \dot{\Sigma} \rightarrow \hat{W}$ J -curve.

§ Biholomorphism between half cylinders and disks



Rmk: Energy is preserved under this biholomorphism.

Obs: the translation on $Z = \mathbb{R} \times S^1$, $T_c: (s, t) \mapsto (s+c, t)$ under this biholomorphism, is a RESCALING around $(0, 0)$, in some sense, we are again zooming in at $(0, 0)$ with this translation

§ Non Compactness causes additional Issues.

We have uniformly C^1 -bounded $(W^{1,p}, p>0)$ as a condition for our convergence theorem. W there being compact guarantees C^0 -uniform bound

So all we needed to worry about is when $\|du\|_p(Z)$ exploding. Now, we need to also worry about failure of C^0 -uniform bound! i.e. portion of our curve ~~is~~ escaping to $\pm\infty \times M_\pm$ inside of $\hat{W}$. But a uniform Energy bound again will help us rule out a lot of "unwanted situations"

Thm. (9.10) $J \in \mathcal{J}_\tau(\omega_n, r_0, \mathcal{H}_+, \mathcal{H}_-)$, $u: (\mathbb{D}, i) \rightarrow (\hat{W}, J)$ is a J -curve, $E(u) < \infty$

Either $0 \in \mathbb{D}$ is removable (i.e. u extend over $\mathbb{D}$), or 0 is a positive or negative puncture, with a well-defined charge $Q = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\partial D_\varepsilon} u^* \lambda_\pm$. $\pm Q > 0$.

Moreover $(u_R(s, \cdot), u_M(s, \cdot)) := u \circ \varphi_\pm(s, \cdot) \in \mathbb{R} \times M_\pm$ for (s, t) near $s = \pm\infty$ satisfies the following:

- ① $u_R(s, \cdot) - Ts \rightarrow c$ in $C^0(S^1)$ as $s \rightarrow \pm\infty$ for $T = |Q|$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$
- ② For $s_k \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $u_M(s_k, \cdot) \rightarrow \gamma(T, \cdot)$ in $C^0(S^1, M_\pm)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for γ a T -periodic Reeb orbit. If γ is nondegenerate or Morse-Bott then in fact $u_M(s) \rightarrow \gamma(T, \cdot)$ in $C^0(S^1, M_\pm)$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma: $J \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{H})$ for some SHS on M , $u: (\dot{\Sigma}, j) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \times M, J)$ J -curve

$E(u) < \infty$, $\int_{\dot{\Sigma}} u^* \omega = 0$ either $\dot{\Sigma} = \mathbb{C}$, $u = \text{const.}$

or $\dot{\Sigma} = \mathbb{C}$, $u = \text{constant}$ or holomorphic cylinder. that is ~~$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$~~ $\mathbb{R} \times \{\gamma\}$

Remark: Trivial in the contact case.

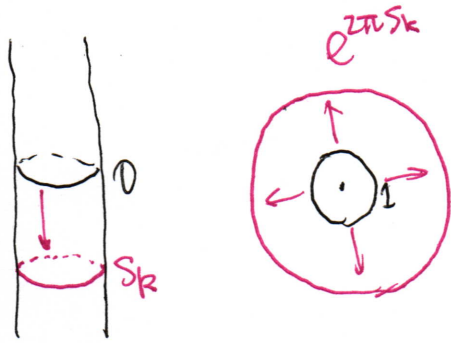
Lemma: $\exists C > 0$ so that $\|du_+(s, t)\|_J \leq C \quad \forall (s, t) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ with $u_+ = u \circ \varphi_+$

We sketch the outline of Thm

§ Proof of Asymptotic Limit.

Define $U_k: [-S_k, \infty) \times S^1 \rightarrow \hat{W}$ $(s, t) \mapsto U_+(s + S_k, t)$ $S_k \rightarrow \infty$.

Geometrically what this look like is



Again, by a black-boxed Lemma, $\|du_k\|$ is uniformly bounded. But there is no bound in C^0 .

Case 1: $U_k(0,0)$ has a bounded subsequence

Case 2: $U_k(0,0)$ has a subsequence diverging to $\{0\} \times M_+$

Case 3: $\{ -\infty \} \times M_-$

Case 1: U_k has a now uniform C^1 -bound on Ω_k exhausting $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$, so

U_k converge in a further subsequence to $U_\infty: \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \rightarrow \hat{W}$ in C_{loc}^0 .

For any $f \in \mathcal{T}(h, r_0)$, $c > 0$, we have

$$\int_{[-c, c] \times S^1} U_\infty^* \omega_f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[-c, c] \times S^1} U_k^* \omega_f \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[-\frac{S_k}{2}, \infty) \times S^1} U_k^* \omega_f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[\frac{S_k}{2}, \infty) \times S^1} U_+^* \omega_f = 0$$

(Integrate over a subdomain) (translation back up)

Since $\int_{\mathbb{R} \times S^1} U_+^* \omega_f < \infty$, $[\frac{S_k}{2}, \infty) \times S^1$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ eventually $\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R} \times S^1} U_\infty^* \omega_f = 0$

So U_∞ is a constant map. Hence $U_+(S_k, \cdot) \rightarrow p$ in $C^0(S^1, \hat{W})$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

Case 2: Assume $U_k(0,0) \in \{r_k\} \times M_+$ with $r_k \rightarrow \infty$ since $\|du_k\|$ bounded uniformly

locally, find $[-R_k, R_k] \subseteq [-S_k, \infty)$ so $U_k([-R_k, R_k] \times S^1) \subseteq [r_0, \infty) \times M_+$

$[-R_k, R_k]$ exhaust $\mathbb{R}$. $(r_0, \infty) \times M_+$ as J invariant under translation there.



$$\tau_{-r_k} \circ (U_k|_{[-R_k, R_k] \times S^1}) : [-R_k, R_k] \times S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times M_+$$

so that $(0,0)$ mapped to $\{0\} \times M_+$

is C_{loc}^1 -uniformly bounded. (translation back give C_{loc}^0), so that sequence has a subsequence C_{loc}^∞ -converge to J_+ curve $E(U_\infty) < \infty$, $\int_{\mathbb{R} \times S^1} U_\infty^* \omega = 0$ as before Lemma $\Rightarrow U_\infty$ is a trivial cylinder.

§ Degenerations of Holomorphic Curves

$u_k := [(\Sigma_k, j_k, P_k^+, P_k^-, \Theta, u)] \in \mathcal{M}_{g,m}(J_k, A_k, Y^+, Y^-)$ where $Y^\pm$ are Reeb orbits that the punctures P_k^+, P_k^- asymptotes to. $A_k \in H_2(W, Y^+ \cup Y^-)$ is the relative homology class that u lives in. Σ_k a genus g surface with m -marked points Θ .

Rmk: $E(u)$ depends only on $Y^\pm$ and A_k . if A_k is fixed $E(u_k)$ is uniformly bounded.

Q: What could happen if u_k has no limiting subsequence?

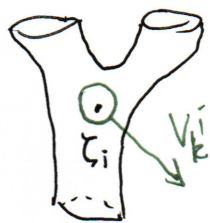
A: If there is some $z_0 \in \dot{\Sigma} = \Sigma - \Gamma$ so $u_k(z_0) \in K$ for some K compact

$(\tilde{\Sigma}_k, \tilde{j}_k, P_k^+ \cup P_k^- \cup \Theta)$ converges. assume after biholomorphism, $\tilde{\Sigma}_k = \dot{\Sigma}$; $P_k^\pm = P^\pm$; $\Theta_k = \Theta$ and $\tilde{j}_k \rightarrow \tilde{j}$ in C^∞ topology

$u_k: \dot{\Sigma} \rightarrow \hat{W}$ locally C^1 -bounded outside $P' = \{z_1, \dots, z_N\} \subset \dot{\Sigma}$

So u_k converges to $u_\infty: \dot{\Sigma} - P' \rightarrow \hat{W}$ in $C_{loc}^\infty(\dot{\Sigma} - P')$. $E(u_\infty) = \limsup_k E(u_k)$

$|du_k|$ blows up at P' .



rescaling at $z_i \Rightarrow$ if $\|du_k(z_i^k)\| \rightarrow \infty$ then suppose

1. $u_k(z_i^k)$ has a subsequence in a compact set.

the rescaled maps v_i^k near z_i converges in C_{loc}^∞ to v_∞^i

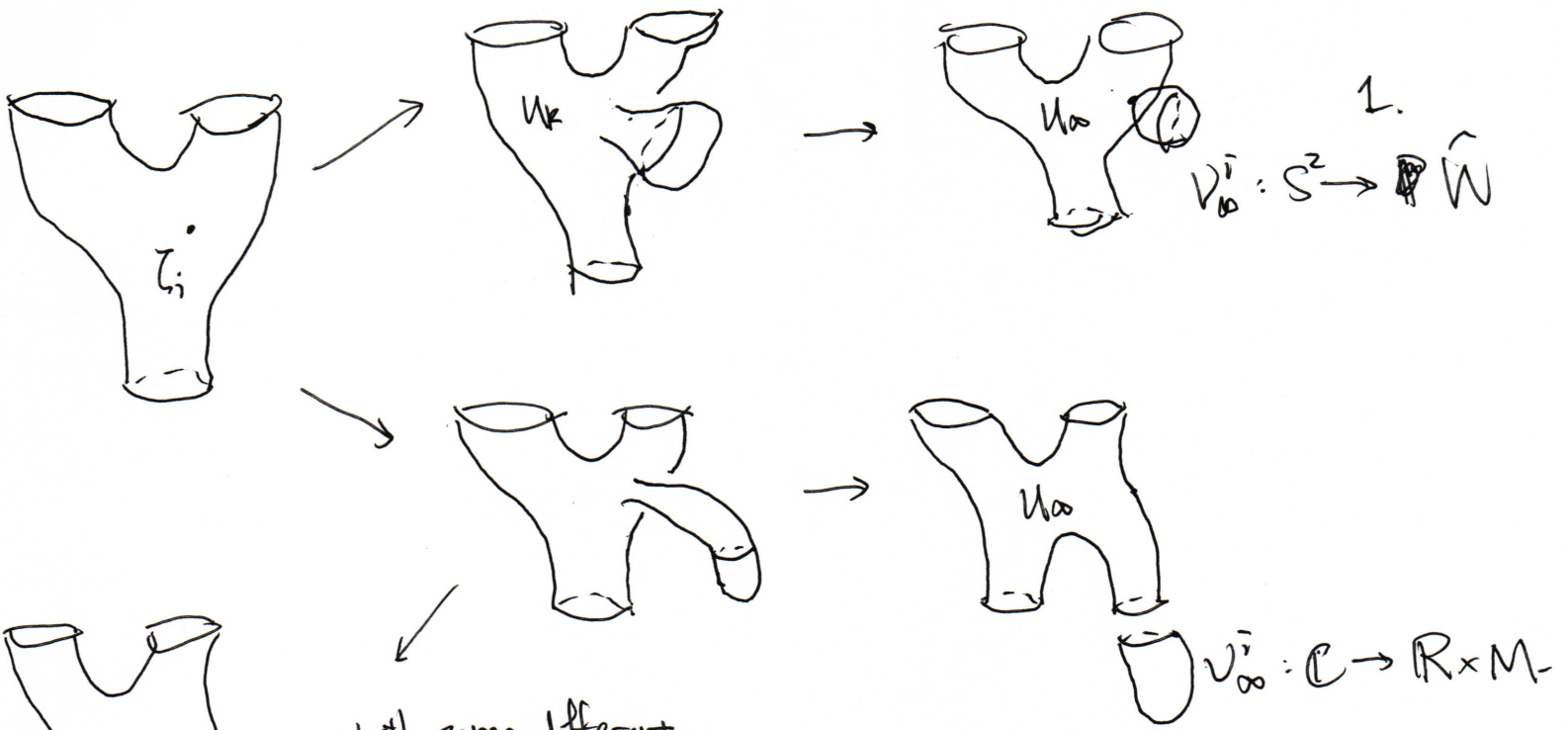
$v_\infty^i: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \hat{W}$ with finite energy. $\mathbb{C} = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$

Removal of singularities + connect bubbles $\Rightarrow$ familiar bubbles

2. $u_k(z_i^k)$ has a subsequence $\rightarrow \{\pm\infty\} \times M_\pm$. A translation of

v_i^k by R action we get a plane bubbles off into the

symplectization. (One can only translate if we have the image inside the completion ends pass $|r_0|$ where $\hat{W}$ and $\mathbb{R} \times M_\pm$ shares symplectic structure and $J_\pm$.)



With some different reparameterization/translation we can get bubble tree bc rate of divergence may differs

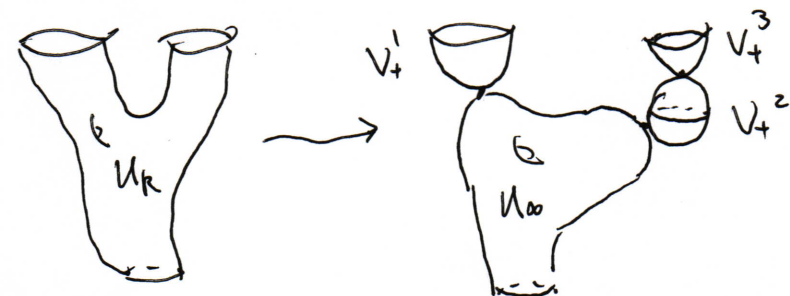


► \$(\Sigma_k, \gamma_k, P_k^+ \cup P_k^- \cup \{x_k\})\$ converges as before

► \$\|du_k\| < C \quad \forall z \in \dot{\Sigma} = \Sigma - T\$.

► \$u_k(z_0) \leq K\$ for some \$z_0\$ as well. We get \$C^{loc}\$ conv to \$u_\infty\$

\$u_\infty: \dot{\Sigma} \to \hat{W}\$



\$S_k \to \infty\$ s.t.

\$\left. \begin{matrix} S_k \to \infty \\ T_k \to \infty \end{matrix} \right\}\$ different rate

\$\begin{matrix} u_k(s+S_k, t) \mapsto V_+^3 \\ u_k(s+T_k, t) \mapsto V_+^2 \end{matrix}\$

\$[S_k, \infty) \times S^1 \to \hat{W}, (s, t) \mapsto u_k(s+S_k, t)\$ uniformly \$C^1\$ bound converge in \$C_{loc}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times S^1)\$ to a cylinder \$V_+\$ with one removable one puncture

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"Deligne-Mumford Space"

$\mathcal{M}_{g,l} = \{(\Sigma_g, j, \Theta)\} / \sim$ stable if $2g-2+l \leq -1 \Rightarrow \text{finite Aut}(\Sigma, \Theta)$,
 $\dim \mathcal{M}_{g,l} = 6g-6+2l$ with compactification $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,l}$

Thm. Every (Σ, j) , $\pi_1(\Sigma) = \{e\}$, is biholomorphic equivalent to $\mathbb{CP}^1$, $\mathbb{C}$, $\mathbb{H}$.

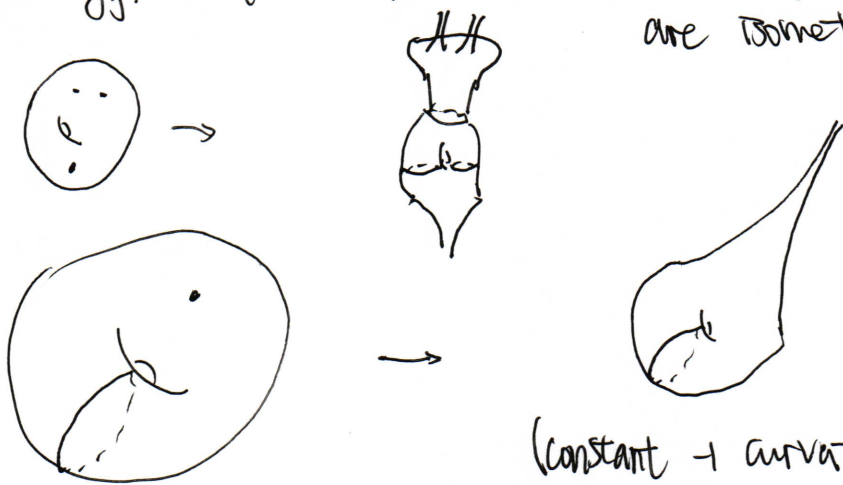
Thm. On $(\mathbb{H}, i) \exists$ a Riemannian metric with constant curvature -1 that defines the same conformal structure as i . S.t. all conformal transformations are isometries

Obs 1: Only (punctured) Riemann surface whose ~~unif~~ universal cover is S^2 is S^2 itself. (Aut S^2 has fixed points)

Obs 2: All $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}, i)$ that has no fixed points are translations. this can only quotient into $S \times \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{T}^2$

So all other punctured R.S. has $\mathbb{H}$ as its universal cover

Cor: All pointed R.S. (Σ, j, Θ) has $\chi(\Sigma - \Theta) < 0$, has a complete Riemannian metric g_j . Const. curvature -1 . (same conformal structure, conformal transformations are isometries).



Each class in $\pi_1(\Sigma - \Theta)$ has a ~~shortest~~ ^{unique} geodesics loop

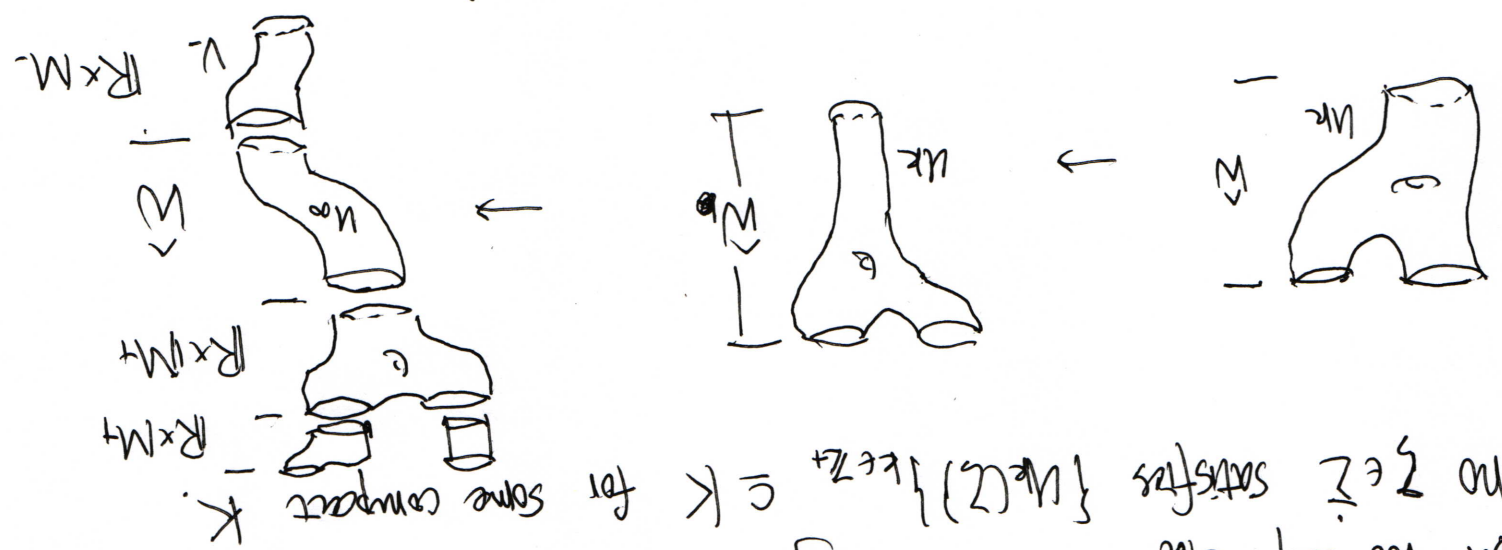
$C =$ collection of geodesics loops
 $\Sigma - C$ into p.o.p. decomp.

(constant -1 curvature probably only sketchable in 4d?)

There are $(2g-2+l)$ geodesics pair of pants $\Rightarrow (3(2g-2+l)-1)/2 = \underline{3g-3+l}$
 geodesics. each has a length and gluing parameter $(0, \infty] \times S^1$ ①

▷ Riemann surface converges $\|du\| < C \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}$

But we drop C_{loc} -bound, meaning that we can have a situation where no $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies $\{u_k(z)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \subset K$ for some compact K .



A translation of things diverging to ∞ as before yield the curve one the right of height $\{1, 1, 1, 1\}$

These are the potential things that could happen to "prevent"

convergence. $\triangleleft$ (7.1)

of Deligne-Mumford. Space $M_{g,1} = \{(z, \gamma, \theta)\} / \sim$ if $\chi(z, \theta) < 0$.

or $2g+1 \geq 3$, (z, γ, θ) stable, therefore $M_{g,1}$ is an orbifold of dimension $6g-6+21$

dimensional (Because Automorphism group is finite.)

Def: Nodal Riemann surface with $k \geq 0$ marked points and $N > 0$ nodes

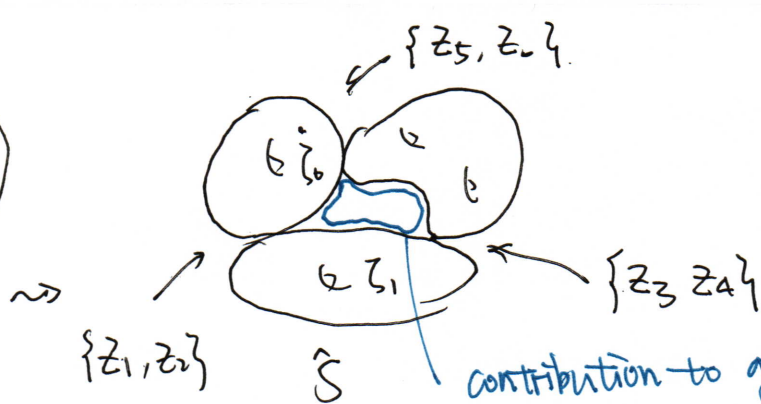
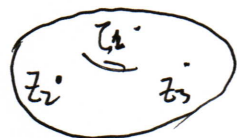
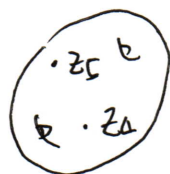
is a tuple $(S, \gamma, \theta, \Delta)$

s.t. R.S. of genus g closed but probably not connected

(H) ordered set of marked points. $\downarrow$

▷ 2N unordered points paired by an involution that fixes no point $\{z, \tau(z)\}$ is a node

It is stable if each component is isomorphic to $S \rightarrow S^1$ preserving ordered marks points & nodes.



Arithmetic genus
 $AG(S) = 5$
 here

Rmk:

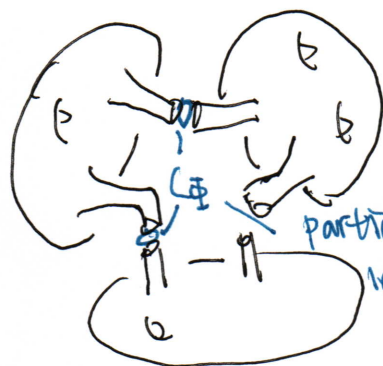
$$AG = \sum_{\text{component}} g(\Sigma) + (N - \# \text{ pieces} + 1). \text{ If } \hat{S} \text{ connected}$$

Circle compactification: If $z \in \Gamma$ then let $\delta_z = T_z \Sigma - \{0\} / \mathbb{R}^+ \simeq S^1$ and gluing δ_z back to $\hat{\Sigma}$ compactifies $\hat{\Sigma}$ at z

To glue surfaces compactified by S^1 we need a

Decorations: $\Phi: \delta_{z+} \rightarrow \delta_{z-}$ orientation reversing.

for a pair of nodes $\{z_+, z_-\}$ $\hat{\Sigma}_\Phi = \bar{S} / \sim$ (circle compactified S mod Φ 's)
 after they are glued $C_\Phi = \bigsqcup \text{gluing circles}$



partially decorated
 ref + pairs unglued.

$$(\Sigma_k, j_k, \Theta_k) \rightarrow (S, j, \Theta, \Delta) \text{ if}$$

(1) $\exists$ homeo $\varphi_k: \Sigma_k \rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}_\Phi$
 smooth outside of C_Φ

(2) $\varphi_k^* j_k \rightarrow j$ in $C_{loc}^\infty(\hat{\Sigma}_\Phi - C_\Phi)$

$\bar{M}_{g,1}$ are these nodal curves
 compactifying $M_{g,1}$.

{ Nodal Curves.

A nodal curve consists of $(S, j, P^+ \sqcup P^- \sqcup \Theta, \overset{u}{\Delta})$ with $|\Theta| = m$

and $u: (\dot{S}, j) \rightarrow (\hat{W}, j)$ $\dot{S} = S - (P^+ \sqcup P^-)$ asymptotically cylindrical J -curve mapping P^+, P^- to Reeb orbits so that if $\{z_+, z_-\} \in \Delta$, $u(z_+) = u(z_-)$.

Two nodal curves are equivalent $u_1 \sim u_2$ if $\exists$ equivalence of domain given by $\varphi: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ biholomorphism s.t. ~~$u_1 = u_2 \circ \varphi$~~ $u_1 = u_2 \circ \varphi$.

* u is stable if all component of S on which $u \equiv \text{const}$ has negative χ .

This is enough to compactify $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma, W, j)$ for compact/closed W .
But this is not enough for us as curves "escapes" to symplectization.

{ Buildings.

Given $g, m, N_+, N_- > 0$. A building of height $N_- \leq 1 \leq N_+$ with arithmetic genus g & m marked points is:

$$u = (S, j, P^+, P^-, \Theta, \Delta^{nd}, \Delta^{br}, L, \Phi, u)$$

• $(S, j, P^+ \sqcup P^- \sqcup \Theta, \Delta^{nd} \sqcup \Delta^{br})$ connected nodal curve (not necessarily stable) or arithmetic genus g . $|\Theta| = m$. And Δ^{nd} is identified w/ Δ^{nd} , so is Δ^{br} . Δ^{nd} are nodal points, Δ^{br} are breaking points.
• Θ, P^+, P^- as before

• Level structure $L: S \rightarrow \{-N_-, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, N_+\}$ locally constant
 L surject onto $\{-N_-, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, N_+\}$ w/ $L(z^+) = L(z_-)$ for $\{z^+, z_-\} \in \Delta^{nd}$
 $L(z^+) - L(z_-) = 1$ for $\{z^+, z_-\} \in \Delta^{br}$
 $L(P^+) = N_+, L(P^-) = N_-$

• Decoration $\Phi: S_{z_+} \rightarrow S_{z_-}$ for each breaking pair $\{z_+, z_-\}$

* $u: (\dot{S} = S - (P^+ \cup P^- \cup \Delta^{br}), \bar{g}) \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{-N \leq N \leq N_+} (\hat{W}_N, J_N)$ asymptotically cylind.
 sending $\dot{S} \cap L^{-1}(N)$ to W_N N -th level

With $u(z^+) = u(z^-)$ for each $\{z^+, z^-\} \subseteq \Delta^{nd}$.

For each $\{z^+, z^-\} \subseteq \Delta^{br}$, $L(z^+) - L(z^-) = 1$ then u has a $+$ -puncture at z^+ , negative puncture at z^- . If $u_{\pm}: \delta z_{\pm} \rightarrow M$? asymptotical param. of the orbit, $u_+ = u_- \circ \Phi$.

u is stable if

* constant component has negative χ

* No level w/ unmarked trivial cylinder without nodes.

Two buildings are equivalent if φ : equivalence of domain gives
 $u_i \circ \varphi = u_i'$ ($\hat{W}$ level) and $u_i^N \circ \varphi = u_i^N + C$ (translation allowed on symplectization level).

§ Convergence

Assume Non-Degenerate orbits $g, m \geq 0$. For $[(\Sigma_k, \bar{g}_k, P_k^+, P_k^-, \Theta_k, u_k)] \in \mathcal{M}_{g,m}(Y_k, A_k, Y^+, Y^-)$ with uniformly bounded energy $\exists u_{\infty} = [(S, \bar{g}, P^+, P^-, \Theta, \Delta^{nd}, \Delta^{br}, L, \Phi, u_{\infty})] \in \mathcal{M}_{g,m}(\bar{Y}, A, Y^+, Y^-)$
 so a subsequence of u_k converges to u_{∞} in the following sense.

* Φ extend to Δ^{nd} & $\hat{S}_{\Phi} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \Sigma_k$ homeomorphism smooth outside of C_{Φ} ,
 preserve $P^+ \cup P^- \cup \Theta$. and $\varphi_k^* \bar{g}_k \rightarrow \bar{g}$ in C_{loc}^{∞}

* $u_k^N := u_k \circ \varphi|_{\tilde{S}_N}: \tilde{S}_N \rightarrow \hat{W}$ $\tilde{S}_N := (S - (P^+ \cup P^- \cup \Delta^{nd} \cup \Delta^{br}) \cap L^{-1}(N))$ then
 $u_k^N \rightarrow u_{\infty}^N$ in $C_{loc}^{\infty}(\tilde{S}_N, \hat{W})$ & For $\pm N > 0$, u_k^N has image in cylindrical end of $\hat{W}$
 for all k large enough s.t. $r_k^N \rightarrow \pm \infty$ so $T_{r_k^N} \circ u_k^N \rightarrow u_{\infty}^N$ in $C_{loc}^{\infty}(\tilde{S}_N, \mathbb{R} \times M_{\pm})$
 & $r_k^{N+1} - r_k^N \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall N < N_+$

$\bar{S}_\Phi$ circle compactification of $\hat{S}_\Phi = (P^+ \cup P^-)$, $\bar{\Sigma}_k$ circle compactification of $\Sigma = (P^+ \cup P^-)$ $\forall k$ (large enough) φ_k extends to a continuous map $\varphi_k: \bar{S}_\Phi \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}_k$ s.t. $\bar{U}_k \circ \bar{\varphi}_k \rightarrow \bar{U}_\infty$ in $C^0(\bar{S}_\Phi, \hat{W})$

