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**The enumerative geometry
of the Hilbert schemes of points of a K3 surface**

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Abstract

We study the enumerative geometry of rational curves on the Hilbert schemes of points of a K3 surface.

Let S be a K3 surface and let $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the Hilbert scheme of d points of S . In case of elliptically fibered K3 surfaces $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, we calculate genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$, which count rational curves incident to two generic fibers of the induced Lagrangian fibration $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$. The generating series of these invariants is the Fourier expansion of a product of Jacobi theta functions and modular forms, hence of a Jacobi form. The result is a generalization of the classical Yau-Zaslow formula which relates the number of rational curves on a K3 surface to the modular discriminant.

We also prove results for genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ for several other natural incidence conditions. In each case, the generating series is again a Jacobi form. For the proof we evaluate Gromov-Witten invariants of the Hilbert scheme of 2 points of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times E$, where E is an elliptic curve.

Inspired by our results, we conjecture a formula for the quantum multiplication with divisor classes on $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ with respect to primitive classes. The conjecture is presented in terms of natural operators acting on the Fock space of S . We prove the conjecture in the first non-trivial case $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$. As a corollary, the full genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$ in primitive classes is governed by Jacobi forms.

We state three applications of our results. First, in joint work with R. Pandharipande, a conjecture counting the number of maps from a fixed elliptic curve to $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ is presented. The result, summed over all d , is expressed in terms of the reciprocal of a Siegel modular form, the Igusa cusp form χ_{10} . Second, we give a conjectural formula for the number of hyperelliptic curves on a K3 surface passing through 2 general points. Third, we discuss a relationship between the Jacobi forms appearing in curve counting on $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ and the moduli space of holomorphic symplectic varieties.

Zusammenfassung

Wir untersuchen die abzählende Geometrie rationaler Kurven auf den Hilbertschemata von Punkten einer K3-Fläche.

Sei S eine K3-Fläche und sei $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ das Hilbertschema von d Punkten von S . Im Fall elliptisch gefasertes K3 Flächen $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ berechnen wir Gromov-Witten Invarianten von $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in Geschlecht 0, welche rationale Kurven inzident zu zwei generischen Fasern der induzierten Lagrange-Faserung $\text{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$ zählen. Die erzeugende Funktion dieser Invarianten ist die Fourierentwicklung eines Produktes von Jacobischen Thetafunktionen und Modulformen, also einer Jacobi-Form. Das Resultat ist eine Verallgemeinerung der klassischen Yau-Zaslow Formel, welche die Anzahl rationaler Kurven auf einer K3 Fläche mit der modularen Diskriminante in Verbindung setzt.

Wir werten Geschlecht 0 Gromov-Witten Invarianten von $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ für einige weitere natürliche Inzidenzbedingungen aus. Die erzeugende Funktion ist jeweils wieder eine Jacobi-Form. Für den Beweis berechnen wir Gromov-Witten Invarianten des Hilbertschema von 2 Punkten von $\mathbb{P}^1 \times E$, wobei E eine elliptische Kurve ist.

Inspiziert durch die obigen Resultate, stellen wir eine Vermutung für die Quantenmultiplikation mit Divisorenklassen auf $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ bezüglich primitiver Klassen auf. Die Vermutung ist ausgedrückt durch natürliche Operatoren, welche auf dem zu S zugehörigen Fockraum agieren. Wir beweisen die Vermutung im ersten nicht-trivialen Fall $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$. Als Korollar erhalten wir, dass die gesamte Gromov-Witten Theorie von $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in Geschlecht 0 und in primitiven Klassen durch Jacobi-Formen ausgedrückt ist.

Wir geben drei Anwendungen unserer Resultate. Zuerst, in Zusammenarbeit mit R. Pandharipande, präsentieren wir eine Vermutung über die Anzahl der Abbildungen von einer fest gewählten elliptischen Kurve zu $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$. Die erzeugende Funktion dieser Invarianten, summiert über alle d , ist ausgedrückt durch die Fourierentwicklung einer Siegelschen Modulform, der Igusa Spitzenform χ_{10} . Zweitens geben wir eine Formel für die Anzahl hyperelliptischer Kurven auf einer K3 Fläche, welche durch zwei generische Punkte gehen. Drittens, diskutieren wir eine Verbindung zwischen den Jacobi-Formen, welche in den Gromov-Witten Invarianten von $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ auftauchen, und dem Modulraum holomorph symplektischer Mannigfaltigkeiten.

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Introduction

A non-singular complex projective surface S which is simply connected and carries a holomorphic symplectic form is called a K3 surface. Basic examples of K3 surfaces are the smooth quartic hypersurfaces in \mathbb{P}^3 . Introduced by André Weil in 1957, K3 surfaces form one of the most well-behaved and remarkable classes of complex surfaces.

A fundamental question in the research of K3 surfaces is to describe the enumerative geometry of their algebraic curves. In other words, how many curves lie on a K3 surface and satisfy given constraints? For curves of genus 0 a beautiful answer is provided by the Yau-Zaslow formula. It links the number of rational curves on a K3 surface with a modular form, the discriminant $\Delta(\tau)$. Recent results show that this is the first example in many: there exists a general connection between curve counts on K3 surfaces and modular forms.

A K3 surface S is the first non-trivial case in a sequence of smooth projective varieties of even dimension – the Hilbert schemes of points of S :

$$\{*\} = \text{Hilb}^0(S), \quad S = \text{Hilb}^1(S), \quad \text{Hilb}^2(S), \quad \text{Hilb}^3(S), \quad \dots$$

Every member $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ of this sequence satisfies the K3 condition: it is simply connected and carries a holomorphic symplectic form. These varieties are the prime examples of a class of K3 surfaces in higher dimension, the holomorphic-symplectic varieties.

Results about curve counts on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ for $d > 1$ have not been known so far. Basic questions include: Is there a relationship to modular forms? Can we find an analog of the Yau-Zaslow formula?

In this thesis we study the enumerative geometry of rational curves on the Hilbert schemes of points of S . While the results and conjectures presented here offer a first glimpse of the subject, most of the rich and beautiful structure that underlies curve counting on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is yet to be explored, and proven.

Yau-Zaslow formula

Let β_h be a primitive curve class on a smooth projective K3 surface S of square $\beta_h^2 = 2h - 2$. The Yau-Zaslow formula [YZ96] predicts the number N_h of rational curves in class β_h in the form of the generating series

$$\sum_{h \geq 0} N_h q^{h-1} = \frac{1}{q} \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1 - q^m)^{24}}. \quad (1)$$

The right hand side is the reciprocal of the Fourier expansion of a classical modular form of weight 12, the modular discriminant

$$\Delta(\tau) = q \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)^{24} \quad (2)$$

where $q = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$.

The Yau-Zaslow formula was proven by Beauville [Bea99] and Chen [Che02] using the compactified Jacobian, and independently by Bryan and Leung [BL00] using Gromov-Witten theory.

The Hilbert scheme of points of S

The Hilbert scheme of d points on S , denoted

$$\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S),$$

is the moduli space of zero-dimensional subschemes of S of length d . An open subset of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ parametrizes d distinct unordered points on S . However, whenever points come together, additional scheme structure is remembered.

The Hilbert schemes $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ are smooth projective varieties of dimension $2d$. Each is simply connected and carries a holomorphic symplectic form which spans the space of global holomorphic 2-forms [Bea83, Nak99].

Gromov-Witten theory

The central tool in our study of the enumerative geometry of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ is Gromov-Witten theory, see [FP97, PT14] for an introduction. It replaces the naive count of genus g curves in a variety X by integrals over the moduli spaces of stable maps $\overline{M}_g(X, \beta)$. All our results will concern the Gromov-Witten theory of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ and not the naive counting.

The (reduced) virtual dimension of $\overline{M}_g(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta)$ is

$$\mathrm{vdim} \overline{M}_g(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta) = (1 - g)(2d - 3) + 1. \quad (3)$$

If the virtual dimension (3) is negative, all Gromov-Witten invariants vanish. Hence, for $d > 1$ we have non-zero invariants only in the cases $g \in \{0, 1\}$ and arbitrary d , or $(g, d) = (2, 2)$.

Our focus therefore lies in genus 0 and genus 1.

Jacobi forms

A Jacobi form of index m and weight k is a holomorphic function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which satisfies

$$\varphi\left(\frac{z}{c\tau+d}, \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}\right) = (c\tau+d)^k e^{\frac{2\pi imcz^2}{c\tau+d}} \varphi(z, \tau) \quad (4)$$

$$\varphi(z + \lambda\tau + \mu, \tau) = e^{-2\pi im(\lambda^2\tau + 2\lambda z)} \varphi(z, \tau) \quad (5)$$

for all $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, and a holomorphicity condition at ∞ .

Introduced by Eichler and Zagier in [EZ85], Jacobi forms are a generalization of classical modular forms to two variables. The main examples of Jacobi forms are the Jacobi theta functions [Cha85]. We will see that Jacobi forms naturally appear in the curve counting on $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$.

Results and plan of the thesis

In section 1, we review several basic definitions and results about the Hilbert schemes of points of a smooth projective surface.

In section 2, we begin our study of the Gromov-Witten theory of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ by considering a particular enumerative problem which may be seen as the analog of the Yau-Zaslow formula in higher dimension.

Let $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an elliptic K3 surface. The Hilbert scheme of points $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ carries an induced *Lagrangian* fibration

$$\pi^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d.$$

Let $N_{d,h,k}$ be the number of rational curves which are incident to two generic Lagrangian fibers of $\pi^{[d]}$ and have curve class $\beta_h + kA$, where β_h is the class induced by a primitive curve class on S of square $2h - 2$ meeting the fiber of π once, A is the class of an exceptional curve, and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, see Section 2 for details. We will prove the following evaluation for all $d \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{d,h,k} y^k q^{h-1} \\ &= \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} y^{n+\frac{1}{2}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} \right)^{2d-2} \left(q^{1/24} \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m) \right)^{-(6d-6+24)} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For $d = 1$, the class A vanishes on S and by convention only the term $k = 0$ is taken in the sum on the left side. Then, (6) specializes to the Yau-Zaslow formula (1). For $d \geq 2$, the right hand side of (6) is a product of the Dedekind eta function

$$\eta(\tau) = \Delta^{1/24}(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)$$

and the first Jacobi theta function

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(z, \tau) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} y^{n+\frac{1}{2}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(n+\frac{1}{2})^2} \\ &= q^{1/8} (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)(1 + yq^m)(1 + y^{-1}q^m), \end{aligned}$$

where we used the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$. It is the Fourier expansion of a Jacobi form of index $d - 1$.

The proof of (6) proceeds by reduction to a fixed elliptic K3 surface with 24 rational nodal fibers and a section. After analysing the moduli space, we relate the evaluation on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ to curve counting on a Kummer K3 surface. The proof is completed by an application of the Yau-Zaslow formula (1) and Jacobi form identities involving a theta function of the D_4 lattice.

The genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of the Hilbert scheme of points $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is much richer than the invariants which appear in (6). In Section 3, we will evaluate Gromov-Witten invariants for several other natural incidence conditions. The generating series of the invariants are again the Fourier expansions of Jacobi forms of index $d - 1$.

The choice of incidence conditions we consider has two different motivations. First, these counts on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ are related to interesting and yet unknown curve counts on the underlying K3 surface S . For example, one of the cases we consider predicts the number of hyperelliptic curves on a K3 surface passing through 2 generic points, see Section 6.2. Second, we show in Section 5 that the evaluations presented here determine the full genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in primitive classes through geometric recursions.

The evaluation of these additional invariants require new ideas. Analysing the moduli space, we reduce the evaluation to the calculation of genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants on $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1 \times E)$, where E is an elliptic curve. On $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1 \times E)$ the generating series of the genus 0 invariants satisfy the WDVV equations, an explicit system of partial differential equations. In Section 4, we solve this system using Jacobi forms, and complete the proof.

The full 3-point genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is encoded in a deformation of the cohomology ring $H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$, the *reduced* quantum cohomology ring

$$QH^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)).$$

In Section 5 we make a first step towards understanding this ring by conjecturing a formula for quantum multiplication with a divisor class in primitive classes. Here, we consider $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ for all d simultaneously, and work with the Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}(S) = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$$

and the Nakajima operator formalism [Nak97]. We explain how quantum multiplication with a divisor class arises directly from natural operators $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ acting on $\mathcal{F}(S)$. The main definition here is the following commutator relation between $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$ and the Nakajima operators $\mathfrak{p}_m(\gamma)$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0}$:

$$[\mathfrak{p}_m(\gamma), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\rho^{k(\gamma)}}{m^{k(\gamma)}} : \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\gamma) \mathcal{E}^{(r+m-\ell)} : \varphi_{m,\ell}(y, q),$$

see Section 5 for the notation. The outcome is an effective procedure, that (conjecturally) determines all 2-point Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in primitive classes. In Section 5.6.3, we verify this conjecture in the first non-trivial case $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$. As a corollary, the full genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in primitive classes is governed by Jacobi forms.

In Section 6 we state three applications.

First, let $\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^E$ be the Gromov-Witten count of maps from a fixed elliptic curve E to $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in class $\beta_h + kA$. By degenerating E to a nodal rational curve, the number $\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^E$ reduces to genus 0 invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$. Then, our calculations above lead to a conjecture for the full generating series of the invariants $\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^E$ in terms of a Siegel modular form, the reciprocal

$$\frac{1}{\chi_{10}(\Omega)}$$

of the Igusa cusp form χ_{10} . This is joint work with Rahul Pandharipande.

Second, genus 0 invariants of the Hilbert scheme of 2 points of a surface S are expected to be closely linked to the count of hyperelliptic curves on S , see for example [Gra01]. We make this correspondence explicit in the K3 case and state a conjecture for the number of hyperelliptic curves on generic K3 surfaces passing through 2 generic points.

Third, we discuss a relationship between the Jacobi forms which appear in curve counting on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ and recent results on the moduli space of holomorphic symplectic varieties.

Preliminaries

Let S be a smooth projective surface and let $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the Hilbert scheme of d points of S . By definition, $\text{Hilb}^0(S)$ is a point parametrizing the empty subscheme.

1.1 Notation

We always work over \mathbb{C} . All cohomology coefficients are in \mathbb{Q} unless denoted otherwise. We let $[V]$ denote the homology class of an algebraic cycle V .

On a connected smooth projective variety X , we will freely identify cohomology and homology classes by Poincaré duality. We write

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \omega_X \in H^{2\dim(X)}(X; \mathbb{Z}), \\ e &= e_X \in H^0(X; \mathbb{Z})\end{aligned}$$

for the class of a point and the fundamental class of X respectively. Using the degree map we identify the top cohomology class with the underlying ring:

$$H^{2\dim(X)}(X, \mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Q}.$$

The tangent bundle of X is denoted by T_X .

A homology class $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is an *effective curve class* if X admits an algebraic curve C of class $[C] = \beta$. The class β is *primitive* if it is indivisible in $H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$.

1.2 Cohomology of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$

1.2.1 The Nakajima basis

Let (μ_1, \dots, μ_l) with $\mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_l \geq 1$ be a partition and let

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l \in H^*(S; \mathbb{Q})$$

be cohomology classes on S . We call the tuple

$$\mu = ((\mu_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (\mu_l, \alpha_l)) \quad (1.1)$$

a cohomology-weighted partition of size $|\mu| = \sum \mu_i$.

If the set $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ is ordered, we call (1.1) ordered if for all $i \leq j$

$$\mu_i \geq \mu_j \quad \text{or} \quad (\mu_i = \mu_j \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_i \geq \alpha_j).$$

For $i > 0$ and $\alpha \in H^*(S; \mathbb{Q})$, let

$$\mathfrak{p}_{-i}(\alpha) : H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^*(\text{Hilb}^{d+i}(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

be the Nakajima creation operator [Nak97], and let

$$1_S \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^0(S), \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$$

be the vacuum vector. A cohomology weighted partition (1.1) defines the cohomology class

$$\mathfrak{p}_{-\mu_1}(\alpha_1) \dots \mathfrak{p}_{-\mu_l}(\alpha_l) 1_S \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^{|\mu|}(S)).$$

Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ be a homogeneous ordered basis of $H^*(S; \mathbb{Q})$. By a theorem of Grojnowski [Gro96] and Nakajima [Nak97], the cohomology classes associated to all ordered cohomology weighted partitions of size d with cohomology weighting by the α_i not repeating factors (α_j, k) with α_j odd, form a basis of the cohomology $H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$.

1.2.2 Special cycles

We will require several natural cycles and their cohomology classes. In the definitions below, we set $\mathfrak{p}_{-m}(\alpha)^k = 0$ whenever $k < 0$.

(i) The diagonal

The diagonal divisor

$$\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$$

is the reduced locus of subschemes $\xi \in \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ such that $\text{len}(\mathcal{O}_{\xi, x}) \geq 2$ for some $x \in S$. It has cohomology class

$$[\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}] = \frac{1}{(d-2)!} \mathfrak{p}_{-2}(e) \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-2} 1_S = -2 \cdot c_1(\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}),$$

where we let $E^{[d]}$ denote the tautological bundle on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ associated to a vector bundle E on S , see [Leh99, Leh04].

(ii) The exceptional curve

Let $\text{Sym}^d(S)$ be the d -th symmetric product of S and let

$$\rho : \text{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^d(S), \quad \xi \mapsto \sum_{x \in S} \text{len}(\mathcal{O}_{\xi, x})x$$

be the Hilbert-Chow morphism.

For distinct points $x, y_1, \dots, y_{d-2} \in S$ where $d \geq 2$, the fiber of ρ over

$$2x + \sum_i y_i \in \text{Sym}^d(S)$$

is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 and called an *exceptional curve*. For all d define the cohomology class

$$A = \mathbf{p}_{-2}(\omega)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-2}1_S,$$

where $\omega \in H^4(S, \mathbb{Z})$ is the class of a point on S . If $d \geq 2$ every exceptional curve has class A .

(iii) The incidence subschemes

Let $z \subset S$ be a zero-dimensional subscheme. The incidence scheme of z is the locus

$$I(z) = \{ \xi \in \text{Hilb}^d(S) \mid z \subset \xi \}$$

endowed with the natural subscheme structure.

(iv) Curve classes

For $\beta \in H_2(S)$ and $a, b \in H_1(S)$, define

$$\begin{aligned} C(\beta) &= \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\beta)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-1}1_S && \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S)), \\ C(a, b) &= \mathbf{p}_{-1}(a)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(b)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-2}1_S && \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S)). \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

In unambiguous cases, we write β for $C(\beta)$. By Nakajima's theorem, the assignment (1.2) induces for $d \geq 2$ the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(S, \mathbb{Q}) \oplus \wedge^2 H_1(S, \mathbb{Q}) \oplus \mathbb{Q} &\rightarrow H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q}) \\ (\beta, a \wedge b, k) &\mapsto \beta + C(a, b) + kA. \end{aligned}$$

If $d \leq 1$ and we write

$$\beta + \sum_i C(a_i, b_i) + kA \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

for some β, a_i, b_i, k , we *always assume* $a_i = b_i = 0$ and $k = 0$. If $d = 0$, we also assume $\beta = 0$. This convention will allow us to treat $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ simultaneously for all d at once, see for example Section 1.3.

(v) Partition cycles

Let $V \subset S$ be a subscheme, let $k \geq 1$ and consider the diagonal embedding

$$\iota_k : S \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^k(S)$$

and the Hilbert-Chow morphism

$$\rho : \mathrm{Hilb}^k(S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^k(S).$$

The k -fattening of V is the subscheme

$$V[k] = \rho^{-1}(\iota_k(V)) \subset \mathrm{Hilb}^k(S).$$

Let $d = d_1 + \cdots + d_r$ be a partition of d into integers $d_i \geq 1$, and let

$$V_1, \dots, V_r \subset S$$

be pairwise disjoint subschemes on S . Consider the open subscheme

$$U = \{(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) \in \mathrm{Hilb}^{d_1}(S) \times \cdots \times \mathrm{Hilb}^{d_r}(S) \mid \xi_i \cap \xi_j = \emptyset \text{ for all } i \neq j\} \quad (1.3)$$

and the natural map $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$, which sends a tuple of subschemes (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_r) defined by ideal sheaves I_{ξ_i} to the subscheme $\xi \in \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ defined by the ideal sheaf $I_{\xi_1} \cap \cdots \cap I_{\xi_r}$. We often use the shorthand notation¹

$$\sigma(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) = \xi_1 + \cdots + \xi_r. \quad (1.4)$$

We define the *partition cycle* as

$$V_1[d_1] \cdots V_r[d_r] = \sigma(V_1[d_1] \times \cdots \times V_r[d_r]) \subset \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S). \quad (1.5)$$

By [Nak99, Thm 9.10], the subscheme (1.5) has cohomology class

$$\mathbf{p}_{-d_1}(\alpha_1) \cdots \mathbf{p}_{-d_r}(\alpha_r) \mathbf{1}_S \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)),$$

where $\alpha_i = [V_i]$ for all i .

1.3 Curves in $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ **1.3.1 Cohomology classes**

Let C be a projective curve and let $f : C \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map. Let $p : \mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the universal subscheme and let $q : \mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow S$ be the universal inclusion. Consider the fiber diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{C} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & \mathcal{Z}_d & \xrightarrow{q} & S \\ \downarrow \tilde{p} & & \downarrow p & & \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) & & \end{array} \quad (1.6)$$

¹ For functions $f_i : X \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^{d_i}(S)$, $i = 1, \dots, r$ with $(f_1, \dots, f_r) : X \rightarrow U$ we also use $f_1 + \cdots + f_r = \sigma \circ (f_1, \dots, f_r) : X \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$.

and let $f' = q \circ \tilde{f}$. The embedded curve $\tilde{C} \subset C \times S$ is flat of degree d over C . By the universal property of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$, we can recover f from \tilde{C} . Here, even when C is a smooth connected curve, \tilde{C} could be disconnected, singular and possibly non-reduced.

Lemma 1. *Let C be a reduced projective curve and let $f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map with*

$$f_*[C] = \beta + \sum_j C(\gamma_j, \gamma'_j) + kA \quad (1.7)$$

for some $\beta \in H_2(S)$, $\gamma_j, \gamma'_j \in H_1(S)$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then,

$$(q \circ \tilde{f})_*[\tilde{C}] = \beta.$$

Proof. We may assume $d \geq 2$ and C irreducible. Since \tilde{p} is flat,

$$f'_*[\tilde{C}] = f'_*\tilde{p}^*[C] = q_*p^*f_*[C].$$

Therefore, the claim of Lemma 1 follows from (1.7) and

$$q_*p^*A = 0, \quad q_*p^*C(\beta) = \beta, \quad q_*p^*C(a, b) = 0$$

for all $\beta \in H_2(S)$ and $a, b \in H_1(S)$. By considering an exceptional curve of class A , one finds $q_*p^*A = 0$. We will verify $q_*p^*C(\beta) = \beta$; the equation $q_*p^*C(a, b) = 0$ is similar.

Let $U \subset S^d$ be the open set defined in (1.3) and let $\sigma : U \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the sum map. We have $C(\beta) = \sigma_*(\omega^{d-1} \times \beta)$. Consider the fiber square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{U} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Z}_d \xrightarrow{q} S \\ \downarrow p' & & \downarrow p \\ U & \longrightarrow & \text{Hilb}^d(S). \end{array}$$

Let $\Delta_{i,d+1} \subset S^d \times S$ be the $(i, d+1)$ diagonal. Then $\tilde{U} \subset S^d \times S$ is the disjoint union $\bigcup_{i=1, \dots, d} \Delta_{i,d+1} \cap (U \times S)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} q_*p^*C(\beta) &= q_*p^*\sigma_*(\omega^{d-1} \times \beta) \\ &= \text{pr}_{d+1*}p'^*(\omega^{d-1} \times \beta) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \text{pr}_{d+1*}([\Delta_{i,d+1}] \cdot (\omega^{d-1} \times \beta \times e_S)) \\ &= \beta. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Lemma 2. *Let C be a smooth, projective, connected curve of genus g and let $f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map of class (1.7). Then*

$$k = \chi(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}}) - d(1 - g)$$

Proof. The intersection of $f_*[C]$ with the diagonal class $\Delta = -2c_1(\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]})$ is $-2k$. Therefore

$$k = \deg(c_1(\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}) \cap f_*[C]) = \deg(f^*\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}) = \chi(f^*\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}) - d(1-g),$$

where we used Riemann-Roch in the last step. Since we have

$$f^*\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]} = f^*p_*q^*\mathcal{O}_S = \tilde{p}_*\tilde{f}^*q^*\mathcal{O}_S = \tilde{p}_*\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}}$$

and \tilde{p} is finite, we obtain $\chi(f^*\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}) = \chi(\tilde{p}_*\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}}) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}})$. \square

Corollary 1. *Let $\gamma \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z})$ and let $\overline{M}_0(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \gamma)$ be the moduli space of stable maps of genus 0 in class γ . Then for $m \ll 0$,*

$$\overline{M}_0(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \gamma + mA) = \emptyset$$

Proof. Let $f : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map in class $\gamma + mA$. The cohomology class of the corresponding curve $\tilde{C} = f^*\mathcal{Z}_d \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times S$ is independent of m . Hence, the holomorphic Euler characteristic $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{C}})$ is bounded from below by a constant independent of m . Therefore, by Lemma 2, we find m to be bounded from below when the domain curve is \mathbb{P}^1 . Since an effective class $\gamma + mA$ decomposes in at most finitely many ways in a sum of effective classes, the claim is proven. \square

1.3.2 Irreducible Components

Let $f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map and consider the fiber diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{C} = f^*\mathcal{Z}_d & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Z}_d \\ \downarrow \tilde{p} & & \downarrow p \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Hilb}^d(S), \end{array}$$

where $p : \mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is the universal family.

Definition 1. *The map f is irreducible, if $f^*\mathcal{Z}_d$ is irreducible.*

Let $d \geq 1$ and let $f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a map from a connected non-singular projective curve C . Consider the (reduced) irreducible components

$$G_1, \dots, G_r$$

of the curve $\tilde{C} = f^*\mathcal{Z}_d$, and let

$$\xi = \cup_{i \neq j} \tilde{p}(G_i \cap G_j) \subset C$$

be the image of their intersection points under \tilde{p} . Every *connected* component D of $\tilde{C} \setminus \tilde{p}^{-1}(\xi)$ is an irreducible curve and flat over $C \setminus \xi$. Since C is a non-singular curve, also the closure \overline{D} is flat over C , and by the universal property of $\text{Hilb}^{d'}(S)$ yields an associated irreducible map

$$C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^{d'}(S)$$

for some $d' \leq d$. Let ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_r be the irreducible maps associated to all connected components of $\tilde{C} \setminus \tilde{p}^{-1}(\xi)$. We say f *decomposes into the irreducible components* ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_r .

Conversely, let $\phi_i : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^{d_i}(S), i = 1, \dots, n$ be irreducible maps with

- $\sum_i d_i = d$,
- $\phi_i^* \mathcal{Z}_{d_i} \cap \phi_j^* \mathcal{Z}_{d_j}$ is of dimension 0 for all $i \neq j$.

Let U be the open subset defined in (1.3). The map

$$(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) : C \longrightarrow \text{Hilb}^{d_1}(S) \times \dots \times \text{Hilb}^{d_n}(S)$$

meets the complement of U in a finite number of points $x_1, \dots, x_m \in C$. By smoothness of C , the composition

$$\sigma \circ (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) : C \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \longrightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$$

extends uniquely to a map $f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$.

A direct verification shows that the two operations above are inverse to each other. We write

$$f = \phi_1 + \dots + \phi_r$$

for the decomposition of f into the irreducible components ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_r .

Let $\beta, \beta_i \in H_2(S), \gamma_j, \gamma'_j, \gamma_{i,j}, \gamma'_{i,j} \in H_1(S)$ and $k, k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f_*[C] &= C(\beta) + \sum_j C(\gamma_j, \gamma'_j) + kA \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) \\ \phi_{i*}[C] &= C(\beta_i) + \sum_j C(\gamma_{i,j}, \gamma'_{i,j}) + k_i A \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^{d_i}(S)). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3. *We have*

- $\sum_i \beta_i = \beta \in H_2(S; \mathbb{Z})$
- $\sum_{i,j} \gamma_{i,j} \wedge \gamma'_{i,j} = \sum_j \gamma_j \wedge \gamma'_j \in \wedge^2 H_1(S)$.

Proof. This follows directly from [Nak99, Theorem 9.10]. □

1.4 Reduced Gromov-Witten invariants

Let S be a smooth projective K3 surface and let $\beta \in H_2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ be a effective curve class. For $d \geq 1$ and some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, let

$$\beta + kA \in H_2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z})$$

be a non-zero effective curve class and consider the moduli space

$$\overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA) \tag{1.8}$$

of m -marked stable maps² $f : C \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ of genus g and class $\beta + kA$.

Since $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ carries a holomorphic symplectic 2-form, the virtual class on (1.8) defined by ordinary Gromov-Witten theory vanishes, see [KL13]. A modified reduced theory was defined in [MP13] and gives rise to a (usually) non-zero *reduced* virtual class

$$[\overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}}$$

of dimension $(1 - g)(2d - 3) + 1$, see also [STV11, Pri12]. Let

$$\mathrm{ev}_i : \overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the i -th evaluation map and let

$$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

be cohomology classes. The *reduced Gromov-Witten invariant* of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ of genus g and class $\beta + kA$ with primary insertions $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$ is defined by the integral

$$\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_{g, \beta + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = \int_{[\overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}}} \mathrm{ev}_1^*(\gamma_1) \cup \dots \cup \mathrm{ev}_m^*(\gamma_m) \tag{1.9}$$

whenever $\overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA)$ is non-empty, and by 0 otherwise.

For $d = 1$ and $k \neq 0$, the moduli space $\overline{M}_{g,m}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta + kA)$ is empty by convention and the invariant (1.9) vanishes.

For the remainder of the thesis, we often omit in (1.9) the subscript g in case $g = 0$, and the superscript $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ when it is clear from the classes γ_i .

²The domain of a *stable map* is always taken here to be connected.

The Yau-Zaslow formula in higher dimensions

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Statement of results

Let $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an elliptically fibered K3 surface and let

$$\pi^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{P}^d,$$

be the induced *Lagrangian* fibration with generic fiber a smooth Lagrangian torus. Let

$$L_z \subset \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$$

denote the fiber of $\pi^{[d]}$ over a point $z \in \mathbb{P}^d$.

Let $F \in H_2(S; \mathbb{Z})$ be the class of a fiber of π , and let β_h be a primitive effective curve class on S with

$$F \cdot \beta_h = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_h^2 = 2h - 2.$$

For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{P}^d$ and for all $d \geq 1$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, define the Gromov-Witten invariant

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_{d,h,k} &= \langle L_{z_1}, L_{z_2} \rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} \\ &= \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,2}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}}} \mathrm{ev}_1^*(L_{z_1}) \cup \mathrm{ev}_2^*(L_{z_2}) \end{aligned}$$

which (virtually) counts the number of rational curves incident to the Lagrangians L_{z_1} and L_{z_2} . The first result of this thesis is a complete evaluation of the invariants $\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}$.

Define the Jacobi theta function

$$F(z, \tau) = \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)} = (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 + yq^m)(1 + y^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2} \quad (2.1)$$

considered as a formal power series in the variables

$$y = -e^{2\pi iz} \quad \text{and} \quad q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$$

where $|q| < 1$.

Theorem 1. *For all $d \geq 1$, we have*

$$\sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{d,h,k} y^k q^{h-1} = F(z, \tau)^{2d-2} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \quad (2.2)$$

under the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$.

2.1.2 Overview of the proof

In the remainder of section 2 we give a proof of Theorem 1. The proof proceeds in the following steps.

In section 2.2 we use the deformation theory of K3 surfaces to reduce Theorem 1 to an evaluation on a specific elliptic K3 surface S . Here, we also analyse rational curves on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ and prove a few Lemmas. This discussion will be used also later on.

In section 2.3, we study the structure of the moduli space of stable maps which are incident to the Lagrangians L_{z_1} and L_{z_2} . The main result is a splitting statement (Proposition 1), which reduces the computation of Gromov-Witten invariants to integrals associated to fixed elliptic fibers.

In section 2.4, we evaluate these remaining integrals using the geometry of the Kummer K3 surfaces, the Yau-Zaslow formula and a theta function associated to the D_4 lattice.

2.2 The Bryan-Leung K3

2.2.1 Definition

Let $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an elliptic K3 surface with a unique section $s : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow S$ and 24 rational nodal fibers. We call S a *Bryan-Leung K3 surface*.

Let $x_1, \dots, x_{24} \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be the basepoints of the nodal fibers of π , let B_0 be the image of the section s , and let

$$F_x \subset S$$

denote the fiber of π over a point $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$.

The Picard group

$$\text{Pic}(S) = H^{1,1}(S; \mathbb{Z}) = H^2(S; \mathbb{Z}) \cap H^{1,1}(S; \mathbb{C})$$

is of rank 2 and generated by the section class B and the fiber class F . We have the intersection numbers $B^2 = -2$, $B \cdot F = 1$ and $F^2 = 0$. Hence for all $h \geq 0$ the class

$$\beta_h = B + hF \in H_2(S; \mathbb{Z}) \quad (2.3)$$

is a primitive and effective curve class of square $\beta_h^2 = 2h - 2$.

The projection π and the section s induce maps of Hilbert schemes

$$\pi^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{P}^d, \quad s^{[d]} : \mathbb{P}^d \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S),$$

such that $\pi^{[d]} \circ s^{[d]} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{P}^d}$. The map $s^{[d]}$ is an isomorphism from $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ to the locus of subschemes of S , which are contained in B_0 . This gives natural identifications

$$\mathbb{P}^d = \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathrm{Hilb}^d(B_0),$$

that we will use sometimes. In unambiguous cases we also write π and s for $\pi^{[d]}$ and $s^{[d]}$ respectively.

2.2.2 Main statement revisited

For $d \geq 1$ and cohomology classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$ define the quantum bracket

$$\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_q^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^k q^{h-1} \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}, \quad (2.4)$$

where the bracket on the right hand side was defined in (1.9).

Theorem 2. *For all $d \geq 1$,*

$$\left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle_q^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{F(z, \tau)^{2d-2}}{\Delta(\tau)},$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$.

We begin the proof of Theorem 2 in Section 2.3.

Let $\pi' : S' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be any elliptic K3 surface, and let F' be the class of a fiber of π' . A fiber of the induced Lagrangian fibration

$$\pi'^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S') \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$$

has class $\mathbf{p}_{-1}(F')^d 1_{S'}$. Hence, Theorem 1 implies Theorem 2. The following Lemma shows that conversely Theorem 2 also implies Theorem 1, and hence the claims in both Theorems are equivalent.

Lemma 4. *Let S be the fixed Bryan-Leung K3 surface defined in Section 2.2.1, and let $\beta_h = B + hF$ be the curve class defined in (2.3).*

Let S' be a K3 surface with a primitive curve class β of square $2h - 2$, and let $\gamma \in H^2(S', \mathbb{Z})$ be any class with $\beta \cdot \gamma = 1$ and $\gamma^2 = 0$. Then

$$\left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\gamma)^d 1_{S'}, \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\gamma)^d 1_{S'} \right\rangle_{\beta + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S')} = \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}.$$

Proof of Lemma 4. We will construct an algebraic deformation from S' to the fixed K3 surface S such that β deforms to β_h through classes of Hodge type $(1, 1)$, and γ deforms to F . By the deformation invariance of reduced Gromov-Witten invariants the claim of Lemma 4 follows.

Let $E_8(-1)$ be the negative E_8 lattice, let U be the hyperbolic lattice and consider the K3 lattice

$$\Lambda = E_8(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus U^{\oplus 3}.$$

Let e, f be a hyperbolic basis for one of the U summands of Λ and let

$$\phi : \Lambda \xrightarrow{\cong} H^2(S; \mathbb{Z})$$

be a fixed marking with $\phi(e) = B + F$ and $\phi(f) = F$. We let

$$b_h = e + (h - 1)f$$

denote the class corresponding to $\beta_h = B + hF$ under ϕ .

The orthogonal group of Λ is transitive on primitive vectors of the same square, see [GHS13, Lemma 7.8] for references. Hence there exists a marking

$$\phi' : \Lambda \xrightarrow{\cong} H^2(S'; \mathbb{Z})$$

such that $\phi'(b_h) = \beta$. Let $g = \phi'^{-1}(\gamma) \in \Lambda$ be the vector that corresponds to the class γ under ϕ' . The span

$$\Lambda_0 = \langle g, b_h \rangle \subset \Lambda$$

defines a hyperbolic sublattice of Λ which, by unimodularity, yields the direct sum decomposition

$$\Lambda = \Lambda_0 \oplus \Lambda_0^\perp.$$

Because the irreducible unimodular factors of a unimodular lattice are unique up to order, we find

$$\Lambda_0^\perp \cong E_8(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus U^{\oplus 2}.$$

Hence there exists a lattice isomorphism $\sigma : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ with $\sigma(b_h) = b_h$ and $\sigma(g) = f$. Replacing ϕ' by $\phi' \circ \sigma^{-1}$, we may therefore assume $\phi'(b_h) = \beta$ and $\phi'(f) = \gamma$.

Since the period domain Ω associated to b_h is connected, there exists a curve inside Ω connecting the period point of S' to the period point of S . Restricting the universal family over Ω to this curve, we obtain a deformation with the desired properties. \square

2.2.3 Rational curves in $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$

Let $h \geq 0$ and let k be an integer. We consider rational curves on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in the classes $\beta_h + kA$ and $hF + kA$.

Vertical maps

Let $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be points such that

- u_i is not the basepoint of a nodal fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ for all i ,
- the points u_1, \dots, u_n are pairwise distinct.

Then, the fiber of $\pi^{[d]}$ over $u_1 + \dots + u_d \in \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ is isomorphic to the product of smooth elliptic curves

$$F_{u_1} \times \dots \times F_{u_d}.$$

The subset of points in $\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ whose preimage under $\pi^{[d]}$ is not of this form is the divisor

$$\mathcal{W} = I(x_1) \cup \dots \cup I(x_{24}) \cup \Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)} \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1), \quad (2.5)$$

where x_1, \dots, x_{24} are the basepoints of the nodal fibers of π , $I(x_i)$ is the incidence subscheme, and $\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ is the diagonal, see Section 1.2.2. Since a fiber of $\pi^{[d]}$ over a point $z \in \mathbb{P}^d$ is non-singular if and only if $z \notin \mathcal{W}$, we call \mathcal{W} the *discriminant* of $\pi^{[d]}$.

Consider a stable map $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$ of genus 0 and class $hF + kA$. Since the composition

$$\pi^{[d]} \circ f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

is mapped to a point, and since non-singular elliptic curves do not admit non-constant rational maps, we have the following Lemma.

Lemma 5. *Let $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a non-constant genus 0 stable map in class $hF + kA$. Then the image of $\pi^{[d]} \circ f$ lies in the discriminant \mathcal{W} .*

Non-vertical maps

Let $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$ be a stable genus 0 map in class $f_*[C] = \beta_h + kA$. The composition

$$\pi^{[d]} \circ f : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$$

has degree 1 with image a line

$$L \subset \mathbb{P}^d.$$

Let C_0 be the unique irreducible component of C on which $\pi \circ f$ is non-constant. We call $C_0 \subset C$ the *distinguished component* of C .

Since $C_0 \cong \mathbb{P}^1$, we have a decomposition

$$f|_{C_0} = \phi_0 + \dots + \phi_r$$

of $f|_{C_0}$ into irreducible maps $\phi_i : C_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^{d_i}(S)$ where d_i are positive integers such that $d = d_0 + \dots + d_r$, see Section 1.3.2. By Lemma 3, exactly one of the maps $\pi^{[d_i]} \circ \phi_i$ is non-constant; we assume this map is ϕ_0 .

Lemma 6. *Let \mathcal{W} be the discriminant of $\pi^{[d]}$. If $L \not\subseteq \mathcal{W}$, then*

- (i) $d_i = 1$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- (ii) $\phi_i : C_0 \rightarrow S$ is constant for all $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$,
- (iii) $\phi_0 : C_0 \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^{d_0}(S)$ is an isomorphism onto a line in $\text{Hilb}^{d_0}(B_0)$.

Proof. Assume $L \not\subseteq \mathcal{W}$.

- (i) If $d_i \geq 2$, then $\pi^{[d_i]} \circ \phi_i$ maps C_0 into $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^{d_i}(\mathbb{P}^1)}$. Hence

$$\pi^{[d]} \circ f = \sum_i \pi^{[d_i]} \circ \phi_i$$

maps C_0 into $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)} \subset \mathcal{W}$. Since $L = \pi^{[d]} \circ f(C_0)$, we find $L \subset \mathcal{W}$, which is a contradiction.

- (ii) If $\phi_i : C_0 \rightarrow S$ is non-constant, then $\pi \circ \phi_i$ maps C_0 to a basepoint of a nodal fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. By an argument identical to (i) this implies $L \subset \mathcal{W}$, which is a contradiction. Hence, ϕ_i is constant.
- (iii) The universal family of curves on the elliptic K3 surface $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ in class $\beta_h = B + hF$ is the h -dimensional linear system

$$|\beta_h| = \text{Hilb}^h(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{P}^h.$$

Explicitly, an element $z \in \text{Hilb}^h(\mathbb{P}^1)$ corresponds to the comb curve

$$B_0 + \pi^{-1}(z) \subset S, \quad (2.6)$$

where $\pi^{-1}(z)$ denotes the fiber of π over the subscheme $z \subset \mathbb{P}^1$.

Let $\mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the universal family and consider the fiber diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{C}_0 & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{f}} & \mathcal{Z}_d \xrightarrow{q} S \\ \downarrow \widetilde{p} & & \downarrow p \\ C_0 & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Hilb}^d(S). \end{array}$$

By Lemma 1, the map $f' = q \circ \widetilde{f} : \widetilde{C}_0 \rightarrow S$ is a curve in the linear system $|\beta_{h'}|$ for some $h' \leq h$. Its image is therefore a comb of the form (2.6).

Let G_0 be the irreducible component of \widetilde{C}_0 such that $\pi \circ f'|_{G_0}$ is non-constant. The restriction

$$\widetilde{p}|_{G_0} : G_0 \rightarrow C_0 \quad (2.7)$$

is flat. Since $\pi \circ f' : \widetilde{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ has degree 1, the curve \widetilde{C}_0 has multiplicity 1 at G_0 , and the map to the Hilbert scheme of S associated to (2.7) is equal to ϕ_0 .

Since G_0 is reduced and $f'|_{G_0} : G_0 \rightarrow S$ maps to B_0 , the map ϕ_0 maps with degree 1 to $\text{Hilb}^{d_0}(B_0)$. The proof of (iii) is complete. \square

The normal bundle of a line

Let $s^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the section, and consider the normal bundle

$$N = s^{[d]*} T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} / T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}.$$

Lemma 7. *For every line $L \subset \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$,*

$$T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}|_L = T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}|_L \oplus N|_L$$

with $N|_L = T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}^\vee|_L = \mathcal{O}_L(-2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_L(-1)^{\oplus(d-1)}$.

Proof. Because the embedding $s^{[d]} : \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ has the right inverse $\pi^{[d]}$, the restriction

$$T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}|_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}$$

splits as a direct sum of the tangent and normal bundle of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(B_0)$.

The vanishing $H^0(\mathbb{P}^d, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^d}^2) = 0$ implies that the holomorphic symplectic form on $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ restricts to 0 on $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ and hence, by non-degeneracy, induces an isomorphism

$$T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)} \rightarrow N^\vee.$$

Since $T_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}|_L = \mathcal{O}_L(1)^{\oplus(d-1)} \oplus \mathcal{O}_L(2)$, the proof is complete. \square

2.3 Analysis of the moduli space

2.3.1 Overview

Let S be the fixed elliptic Bryan-Leung K3 surface, let $z_1, z_2 \in \mathrm{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be generic points, and for $i \in \{1, 2\}$ let

$$Z_i = \pi^{[d]-1}(z_i) \subset \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the fiber of $\pi^{[d]}$ over z_i . The subscheme Z_i has class $[Z_i] = \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S$. Let

$$\mathrm{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,2}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \times \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the evaluation map from the moduli space of genus 0 stable maps in class $\beta_h = B + hF$, and define the moduli space

$$M_Z = M_Z(h, k) = \mathrm{ev}^{-1}(Z_1 \times Z_2)$$

parametrizing maps which are incident to Z_1 and Z_2 .

In Section 2.3, we begin the proof of Theorem 2 by studying the moduli space M_Z and its virtual class. First, we prove that M_Z is naturally isomorphic to a product of moduli spaces associated to specific fibers of the elliptic fibration $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Second, we show that the virtual class splits as a product of virtual classes on each factor. Both results are summarized in Proposition 1. As a consequence, Theorem 2 is reduced to the evaluation of a series $F^{\mathrm{GW}}(y, q)$ encoding integrals associated to specific fibers of π .

2.3.2 The set-theoretic product

Consider a stable map

$$[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p_1, p_2] \in M_Z$$

with markings $p_1, p_2 \in C$. By definition of M_Z , we have

$$\pi^{[d]}(f(p_1)) = z_1, \quad \pi^{[d]}(f(p_2)) = z_2.$$

Hence, the image of C under $\pi^{[d]} \circ f$ is the unique line

$$L \subset \mathbb{P}^d$$

incident to the points $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{P}^d$. Because $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{P}^d$ are generic, also L is generic. In particular, since $z_1 \cap z_2 = \emptyset$, we have

$$L \not\subseteq I(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{P}^1. \quad (2.8)$$

Let C_0 be the distinguished irreducible component of C on which $\pi \circ f$ is non-constant. By (2.8), the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is irreducible, and by Lemma 6 (iii), the map $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto the embedded line

$$L \subset \text{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \stackrel{s}{\subset} \text{Hilb}^d(S).$$

We will identify C_0 with L via this isomorphism.

Let $x_1, \dots, x_{2d} \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be the basepoints of the nodal fibers of π , and let

$$y_1, \dots, y_{2d-2} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

be the points such that $2y_i \subset z$ for some $z \in L$. For $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$, let

$$\tilde{x} = I(x) \cap L \in \text{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

denote the unique point on L which is incident to x . Then, the points

$$\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_{2d}, \tilde{y}_1, \dots, \tilde{y}_{2d-2} \quad (2.9)$$

are the intersection points of L with the discriminant of $\pi^{[d]}$ defined in (2.5). Hence, by Lemma 5, components of C can be attached to C_0 only at the points (2.9). Consider the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{2d} \cup B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_{2d-2}, \quad (2.10)$$

where A_i and B_j are the components of C attached to the points \tilde{x}_i and \tilde{y}_j respectively. We consider the restriction of f to A_i and B_j respectively.

A_i : Let $\tilde{x}_i = x_i + w_1 + \cdots + w_{d-1}$ for some points $w_\ell \in \mathbb{P}^1$. By genericity of L , the w_ℓ are basepoints of smooth elliptic fibers. Hence, $f|_{A_i}$ decomposes as

$$f|_{A_i} = \phi + w_1 + \cdots + w_{d-1}, \quad (2.11)$$

where $w_\ell \in \mathbb{P}^1 \subset S$ for all ℓ denote constant maps, and $\phi : A_i \rightarrow F_{x_i}$ is a map to i -th nodal fiber which sends \tilde{x}_i to the point $s(x_i) \in S$.

B_j : Let $\tilde{y}_j = 2y_j + w_1 + \cdots + w_{d-2}$ for some points $w_\ell \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Then, $f|_{B_j}$ decomposes as

$$f|_{B_j} = \phi + w_1 + \cdots + w_{d-2}, \quad (2.12)$$

where $\phi : B_j \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S)$ maps to the fiber $(\pi^{[2]})^{-1}(2y)$ and sends the point $\tilde{y}_j \in L \equiv C_0$ to $s(2y_j)$.

Since L is independent of f , we conclude that the moduli space M_Z is *set-theoretically*¹ a product of moduli spaces of maps of the form $f|_{A_i}$ and $f|_{B_j}$. The next step is to prove the splitting is *scheme-theoretic*.

2.3.3 Deformation theory

Let $[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p_1, p_2] \in M_Z$ be a point and let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{C} & \xrightarrow{\widehat{f}} & \text{Hilb}^d(S) \\ \widehat{p}_1, \widehat{p}_2 \updownarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2) & & \end{array} \quad (2.13)$$

be a first order deformation of f inside M_Z . In particular, p is a flat map, $\widehat{p}_1, \widehat{p}_2$ are sections of p , and \widehat{f} restricts to f at the closed point.

Consider the decomposition (2.10) and let \tilde{x}_i for $i = 1, \dots, 24$ and \tilde{y}_j for $j = 1, \dots, 2d - 2$ be the node points $A_i \cap C_0$ and $B_j \cap C_0$ respectively.

Lemma 8. *The deformation (2.13) does not resolve the nodal points $\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_{24}$ and $\tilde{y}_1, \dots, \tilde{y}_{2d-2}$.*

Proof. Assume \widehat{f} smoothes the node \tilde{x}_i for some i . Let $\mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ be the universal family and consider the pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} f^* \mathcal{Z}_d = \widetilde{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Z}_d & \longrightarrow & S \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Hilb}^d(S) & & \end{array}$$

¹i.e. the set of \mathbb{C} -valued points of M_Z is a product

Let E be the connected component of $f|_{A_i}^* \mathcal{Z}_d$, which defines the non-constant map ϕ in the decomposition (2.11), and let $G_0 = f|_{C_0}^* \mathcal{Z}_d$. Then, the projection $\tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ is étale at the intersection point $q = G_0 \cap E$,

The deformation $\hat{f} : \hat{C} \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ induces the deformation

$$K = \hat{f}^* \mathcal{Z}_d \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2)$$

of the curve \tilde{C} . Since \hat{C} smoothes \tilde{x}_i and $\tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ is étale near q , the deformation K resolves q . Then, the natural map $K \rightarrow S$ defines a deformation of the curve $\tilde{C} \rightarrow S$ which resolves q . Since $\tilde{C} \rightarrow S$ has class β_h , such a deformation can not exist by the geometry of the linear system $|\beta_h|$. Hence, \hat{f} does not smooth the node \tilde{x}_i .

Assume \hat{f} smoothes the node \tilde{y}_j for some j . We follow closely the argument of T. Graber in [Gra01, page 19]. Let F_{y_j} be the fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ over y_j , let

$$D(F_{y_j}) = \{\xi \in \text{Hilb}^d(S) \mid \xi \cap F_{y_j} \neq 0\}$$

be the divisor of subschemes with non-zero intersection with F_{y_j} , and consider the divisor

$$D = \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} + D(F_{y_j}).$$

Let C_1 be the irreducible component of C that attaches to C_0 at $q = \tilde{y}_j$, and let C_2 be the union of all irreducible components of B_j except C_1 . The curves C_2 and C_1 intersect in a finite number of nodes $\{q_i\}$. The deformation \hat{f} resolves the node q and may also resolve some of the q_i .

The first order neighborhood \tilde{C}_1 of C_1 in the total space of the deformation \hat{C} can be identified with the first order neighborhood of \mathbb{P}^1 in the total space of the bundle $\mathcal{O}(-\ell)$, where $\ell \geq 1$ is the number of nodes on C_1 which are smoothed by \hat{f} . Let

$$f' : \tilde{C}_1 \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the induced map on \tilde{C}_1 . We consider the case, where $f'|_{C_1}$ is a degree $k \geq 1$ map to the exceptional curve at \tilde{y}_j . The general case is similar.

Let N be the pullback of $\mathcal{O}(D)$ by $f' : \tilde{C}_1 \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$, and let $s \in H^0(\tilde{C}, N)$ be the pullback of the section of $\mathcal{O}(D)$ defined by D . The bundle N restricts to $\mathcal{O}(-2k)$ on C_1 . By [Gra01, page 20], giving N and s is equivalent to an element of the vector space

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{C_1}}(\mathcal{O}(-\ell), f|_{C_1}^* \mathcal{O}(D)),$$

of dimension $\ell - 2k + 1 \leq \ell - 1$.

The neighborhood \tilde{C}_1 intersects C_0 in a double point. Since C_0 intersects the divisor D transversely, s is non-zero on \tilde{C}_1 . Let $q_1, \dots, q_{\ell-1}$ be the other nodes on C_1 which get resolved by \hat{f} . Since $C_2 \subset D$, the section s vanishes at $q_1, \dots, q_{\ell-1}$. By dimension reasons, we find $s = 0$. This contradicts the non-vanishing of s . Hence, \hat{f} does not smooth the node \tilde{y}_j . \square

By Lemma 8, any first order (and hence any infinitesimal) deformation of $[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p_1, p_2] \in M_Z$ inside M preserves the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup_i A_i \cup_j B_j$$

and therefore induces a deformation of the restriction

$$f|_{C_0} : C_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} L \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S). \quad (2.14)$$

By Lemma 7, every deformation of $L \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ moves the line L in the projective space $\text{Hilb}^d(B_0)$. Since any deformations of f inside M_Z must stay incident to $Z_1, Z_2 \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$, we conclude that such deformations induce the constant deformation of (2.14). The image line $f(C_0)$ stays completely fixed.

2.3.4 The product decomposition

For $h > 0$ and for $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ a basepoint of a nodal fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, let

$$M_x^{(N)}(h)$$

be the moduli space of 1-marked genus 0 stable maps to S in class hF which map the marked point to x . Hence, $M_x^{(N)}(h)$ parametrizes degree h covers of the nodal fiber F_x . By convention, $M_x^{(N)}(0)$ is taken to be a point.

For $h \geq 0$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and for $y \in \mathbb{P}^1$ a basepoint of a smooth fiber of π , let

$$M_y^{(F)}(h, k) \quad (2.15)$$

be the moduli space of 1-marked genus 0 stable maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in class $hF + kA$ which map the marked point to $s^{[2]}(2y)$. By convention, $M_y^{(F)}(0, 0)$ is taken to be a point.

Let T be a connected scheme and consider a family

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{F} & \text{Hilb}^d(S) \\ \downarrow & & \\ T & & \end{array} \quad (2.16)$$

of stable maps in M_Z . By Lemma 8, the curve $C \rightarrow T$ allows a decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup A_1 \cup \cdots \cup A_{24} \cup B_1 \cup \cdots \cup B_{2d-2},$$

where C_0 is the distinguished component of C and the components A_i and B_j are attached to C_0 at the points \tilde{x}_i and \tilde{y}_j respectively.

The restriction of the family (2.16) to the components A_i (resp. B_j) defines a family in the moduli space $M_{\tilde{x}_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})$ (resp. $M_{\tilde{y}_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})$) for some h_{x_i} (resp. h_{y_j}, k_{y_j}). Since, by Section 1.3, the line $f(C_0) = L$ has class

$$[L] = B - (d-1)A \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}),$$

and by the additivity of cohomology classes under decomposing (Lemma 3), we must have $\sum_i h_{x_i} + \sum_j h_{y_j} = h$ and $\sum_j k_{y_j} = k + (d - 1)$. Let

$$\Psi : M_Z \longrightarrow \bigsqcup_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i}) \times \prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j}) \right). \quad (2.17)$$

be the induced map on moduli spaces, where the disjoint union runs over all

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h} &= (h_{x_1}, \dots, h_{x_{24}}, h_{y_1}, \dots, h_{y_{2d-2}}) \in (\mathbb{N}^{\geq 0})^{\{x_i, y_j\}} \\ \mathbf{k} &= (k_{y_1}, \dots, k_{y_{2d-2}}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2d-2} \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

such that

$$\sum_i h_{x_i} + \sum_j h_{y_j} = h \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_j k_{y_j} = k + (d - 1). \quad (2.19)$$

Since $L \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is fixed under deformations, we can glue elements of the right hand side of (2.17) to C_0 and obtain a map in M_Z . By a direct verification, the induced morphism on moduli spaces is the inverse to Ψ . Hence, Ψ is an isomorphism.

2.3.5 The virtual class

Let Z_1, Z_2 be the Lagrangian fibers of $\pi^{[d]}$ defined in Section 2.3.1, and let $Z = Z_1 \times Z_2$. We consider the fiber square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_Z & \xrightarrow{j} & M \\ \downarrow p & & \downarrow \text{ev} \\ Z & \xrightarrow{i} & (\text{Hilb}^d(S))^2, \end{array} \quad (2.20)$$

where $M = \overline{M}_{0,2}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)$. The map i is the inclusion of a smooth subscheme of codimension $2d$. Hence, the restricted virtual class

$$[M_Z]^{\text{vir}} = i^! [M]^{\text{red}} \quad (2.21)$$

is of dimension 0. By the push-pull formula we have

$$\int_{[M_Z]^{\text{vir}}} 1 = \langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}. \quad (2.22)$$

Let Ψ be the splitting morphism (2.17). We will show that $\Psi_* [M_Z]^{\text{vir}}$ splits naturally as a product of virtual cycles.

Let \mathbb{L}_X denote the cotangent complex on a space X . Let $E^\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_M$ be the reduced perfect obstruction theory on M , and let F^\bullet be the cone of the map

$$p^* i^* \Omega_{(\text{Hilb}^d(S))^2} \longrightarrow j^* E^\bullet \oplus p^* \Omega_Z$$

induced by the diagram (2.20). The cone F^\bullet maps to \mathbb{L}_{M_Z} and defines a perfect obstruction theory on M_Z . By [BF97, Proposition 5.10], the associated virtual class is $[M_Z]^{\text{vir}}$.

Let $[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p_1, p_2] \in M_Z$ be a point. For simplicity, we consider all complexes on the level of tangent spaces at the moduli point $[f]$. Let E_\bullet and F_\bullet denote the derived duals of E^\bullet and F^\bullet respectively.

We recall the construction of E_\bullet , see [MP13, STV11]. Consider the semi-regularity map

$$b : R\Gamma(C, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \rightarrow V[-1] \quad (2.23)$$

where $V = H^0(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \Omega_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}^2)^\vee$, and recall the ordinary (non-reduced) perfect obstruction theory of M at the point $[f]$,

$$E_\bullet^{\text{vir}} = \text{Cone} \left(R\Gamma(C, \mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2)) \rightarrow R\Gamma(C, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \right),$$

where $\mathbb{T}_C = \mathbb{L}_C^\vee$ is the tangent complex on C . Then, by the vanishing of the composition

$$R\Gamma(C, \mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2)) \rightarrow R\Gamma(C, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \xrightarrow{b} V[-1], \quad (2.24)$$

the map (2.23) induces a morphism $\bar{b} : E_\bullet^{\text{vir}} \rightarrow V[-1]$ with co-cone E_\bullet .

By a diagram chase, F_\bullet is the co-cone of

$$(\bar{b}, d\text{ev}) : E_\bullet^{\text{vir}} \rightarrow V[-1] \oplus N_{Z, (z_1, z_2)}$$

where z_1, z_2 are the basepoints of the Lagrangian fiber Z_1, Z_2 respectively, $N_{Z, (z_1, z_2)}$ is the normal bundle of Z in $\text{Hilb}^d(S)^2$ at (z_1, z_2) , and $d\text{ev}$ is the differential of the evaluation map. Since taking the cone and co-cone commutes, the complex F_\bullet is therefore the cone of

$$\gamma : R\Gamma(C, \mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2)) \rightarrow K, \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$K = \text{Cocone} \left[(b, d\text{ev}) : R\Gamma(C, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \rightarrow V[-1] \oplus N_{Z, (z_1, z_2)} \right]. \quad (2.26)$$

Consider the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup A_1 \cup \cdots \cup A_{24} \cup B_1 \cup \cdots \cup B_{2d-2}, \quad (2.27)$$

where the components A_i and B_j are attached to C_0 at the points \tilde{x}_i and \tilde{y}_j respectively. Tensoring $R\Gamma(C, \mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2))$ and K against the partial renormalization sequence associated to decomposition (2.27), we will show that the dependence on L cancels in the cone of (2.25).

The map (b, dev) fits into the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R\Gamma(C, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) & \xrightarrow{u} & R\Gamma(L, f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \\ \downarrow (b, dev) & & \downarrow v=(b, dev) \\ V[-1] \oplus N_{Z, (z_1, z_2)} & \xrightarrow{(\sigma, \text{id})} & V[-1] \oplus N_{Z, (z_1, z_2)}, \end{array} \quad (2.28)$$

where u is the restriction map and σ is the induced map². By Lemma 7, the co-cone of v is $R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2))$.

The partial normalization sequence of C with respect to \tilde{x}_i and \tilde{y}_j is

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_L \oplus_{D \in \{A_i, B_j\}} \mathcal{O}_D \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in \{\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_j\}} \mathcal{O}_{C, s} \longrightarrow 0. \quad (2.29)$$

Tensoring (2.29) with $f^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$, applying $R\Gamma(\cdot)$ and factoring with (2.28), we obtain the exact triangle

$$K \longrightarrow R\Gamma(L, \mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2)) \oplus_D R\Gamma(D, f_{|D}^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_s T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S), s} \longrightarrow K[1]. \quad (2.30)$$

For each node $t \in C$, let N_t (resp. T_t) be the tensor product (resp. the direct sum) of the tangent spaces to the branches of C at t . Tensoring (2.29) with $\mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2)$ and applying $R\Gamma(\cdot)$, we obtain the exact triangle

$$R\Gamma\mathbb{T}_C(-p_1 - p_2) \rightarrow R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2)) \oplus_D R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_D) \oplus_t N_t[-1] \rightarrow \bigoplus_t T_t \rightarrow \dots \quad (2.31)$$

By the vanishing of (2.24) (applied to $C = L$), the sequence (2.31) maps naturally to (2.30). Consider the restriction of this map to the summand $R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2))$ which appears in the second term of (2.31),

$$\varphi : R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2)) \rightarrow R\Gamma(L, \mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2)) \oplus_D R\Gamma(D, f_{|D}^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}).$$

Then, the composition of φ with the projection to $R\Gamma(L, \mathbb{T}_L(-p_1 - p_2))$ is the identity. Hence, $F_\bullet = \text{Cone}(\varphi)$ admits the exact sequence

$$F_\bullet \longrightarrow \bigoplus_D G_D \xrightarrow{\psi} \bigoplus_D H_D \longrightarrow F_\bullet[1], \quad (2.32)$$

where D runs over all A_i and B_j , and

$$\begin{aligned} G_D &= \text{Cone} \left[R\Gamma(\mathbb{T}_D) \oplus_t N_t[-1] \longrightarrow R\Gamma(D, f_{|D}^*T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}) \right] \\ H_D &= \text{Cone} \left[\bigoplus_t T_t \longrightarrow \bigoplus_t T_{\text{Hilb}^d(S), t} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Here $t = t(D) = D \cap C_0$ is the attachment point of the component D .

² σ is the inverse to the natural isomorphism in the other direction induced by the sequence of surjections $H^1(C, \Omega_C) \longrightarrow \bigoplus H^1(C_i, \Omega_{C_i}) \longrightarrow H^1(C, \omega_C) \longrightarrow 0$.

The map ψ in (2.32) maps the factor G_D to H_D for all D . For $D = A_i$ consider the decomposition

$$f|_{A_i} = \phi + w_1 + \cdots + w_{d-1}.$$

The trivial factors which arise in G_D and H_D from the tangent space of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ at the points w_1, \dots, w_{d-1} cancel each other in $\text{Cone}(G_D \rightarrow H_D)$. Hence $\text{Cone}(G_D \rightarrow H_D)$ only depends on $\phi : C \rightarrow S$, and therefore only on the image of $[f]$ in the factor $M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})$, where $M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})$ is the moduli space defined in Section 2.3.4. The case $D = B_j$ is similar.

Hence, F_\bullet splits into a sum of complexes pulled back from each factor of the product splitting (2.17). Since F_\bullet is a perfect obstruction theory on M , the complexes on each factor are perfect obstruction theories. Let

$$[M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})]^{\text{vir}} \quad \text{and} \quad [M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})]^{\text{vir}}$$

be their virtual classes respectively. We have proved the following.

Proposition 1. *Let Ψ be the splitting morphism (2.17). Then, Ψ is an isomorphism and we have*

$$\Psi_*[M_Z]^{\text{vir}} = \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} [M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})]^{\text{vir}} \times \prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} [M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})]^{\text{vir}} \right)$$

where the sum is over the set (2.18) satisfying (2.19).

2.3.6 The series F^{GW}

We consider the left hand side of Theorem 2. By (2.22), we have

$$\left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^k q^{h-1} \int_{[M_Z(h, k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1.$$

By Proposition 1, this equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{h \geq 0 \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} y^k q^{h-1} \sum_{\substack{(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}) \\ \sum_i h_{x_i} + \sum_j h_{y_j} = h \\ \sum_j k_{y_j} = k + (d-1)}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} \int_{[M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} \int_{[M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) \\ &= y^{-(d-1)} q^{-1} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} \sum_{h_{x_i} \geq 0} q^{h_{x_i}} \int_{[M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) \\ & \quad \times \left(\prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} \sum_{\substack{h_{y_j} \geq 0 \\ k_{y_j} \in \mathbb{Z}}} y^{k_{y_j}} q^{h_{y_j}} \int_{[M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} \sum_{h \geq 0} q^{h - \frac{1}{24}} \int_{[M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^{2d-2} \sum_{\substack{h \geq 0 \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} q^h y^{k - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{[M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h,k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right).$$

The integrals in the first factor were calculated by Bryan and Leung in their proof of the Yau-Zaslow conjecture [BL00]. The result is

$$\sum_{h \geq 0} q^h \int_{[M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 = \prod_{m \geq 0} \frac{1}{1 - q^m}. \quad (2.33)$$

By deformation invariance, the integrals

$$\int_{[M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h,k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1$$

only depend on h and k . Define the generating series

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} q^h y^{k - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{[M_{y_j}^{(F)}(h,k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1. \quad (2.34)$$

By our convention on $M_{y_j}^{(F)}(0, 0)$, the $y^{-1/2}q^0$ -coefficient of F^{GW} is 1.

Let $\Delta(q) = q \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)^{24}$ be the modular discriminant $\Delta(\tau)$ considered as a formal expansion in the variable $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$. We conclude

$$\left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^{2d-2}}{\Delta(q)}.$$

The proof of Theorem 2 now follows directly from Theorem 3 below.

2.4 Evaluation of F^{GW} and the Kummer K3

Let F be the theta function which already appeared in Section 2.1.1,

$$F(z, \tau) = \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)} = (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 + yq^m)(1 - y^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2}, \quad (2.35)$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$.

Theorem 3. *Under the variable change $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$,*

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = F(z, \tau).$$

In Section 2.4 we present a proof of Theorem 3 using the Kummer K3 surface and the Yau-Zaslow formula. An independent proof is given in Section 4 through the geometry of $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1 \times E)$, where E is an elliptic curve.

The Yau-Zaslow formula was used in the geometry of Kummer K3 surfaces before by S. Rose [Ros14] to obtain virtual counts of hyperelliptic curves on abelian surfaces. While the geometry used in [Ros14] is similar to our setting, the closed formula of Theorem 3 in terms of the Jacobi theta function F is new. For example, Theorem 3 yields a new, closed formula for hyperelliptic curve counts on an abelian surface, see [BOPY15].

2.4.1 The Kummer K3

Let A be an abelian surface. The *Kummer* of A is the blowup

$$\rho : \text{Km}(A) \rightarrow A / \pm 1 \quad (2.36)$$

of $A / \pm 1$ along its 16 singular points. It is a smooth projective K3 surface. Alternatively, consider the composition

$$s : \text{Hilb}^2(A) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2(A) \rightarrow A$$

of the Hilbert-Chow morphism with the addition map. Then, $\text{Km}(A)$ is the fiber of s over the identity element $0_A \in A$,

$$\text{Km}(A) = s^{-1}(0_A). \quad (2.37)$$

Let E and E' be generic elliptic curves and let

$$A = E \times E'.$$

Let t_1, \dots, t_4 and t'_1, \dots, t'_4 denote the 2-torsion points of E and E' respectively. The *exceptional curves* of $\text{Km}(A)$ are the divisors

$$A_{ij} = \rho^{-1}((t_i, t'_j)), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 4.$$

The projection of A to the factor E induces the elliptic fibration

$$p : \text{Km}(A) \rightarrow A / \pm 1 \rightarrow E / \pm 1 = \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Hence, $\text{Km}(A)$ is an elliptically fibered K3 surface. Similarly, we let $p' : \text{Km}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ denote the fibration induced by the projection $A \rightarrow E'$. Since E and E' are generic, the fibration p has exactly 4 sections

$$s_1, \dots, s_4 : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \text{Km}(A)$$

corresponding to the torsion points t'_1, \dots, t'_4 of E' . We write $B_i \subset \text{Km}(A)$ for the image of s_i , and we let F_x denote the fiber of p over $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$

Let $y_1, \dots, y_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be the image of the 2-torsion points $t_1, \dots, t_4 \in E$ under $E \rightarrow E / \pm 1 = \mathbb{P}^1$. The restriction

$$p : \text{Km}(A) \setminus \{F_{y_1}, \dots, F_{y_4}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_4\}$$

is an isotrivial fibration with fiber E' . For $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$, the fiber F_{y_i} of p over the points y_i is singular with divisor class

$$F_{y_i} = 2T_i + A_{i1} + \dots + A_{i4},$$

where T_i denotes the image of the section of $p' : \text{Km}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ corresponding to the 2-torsion points t_i . We summarize the notation in the diagram 2.1.

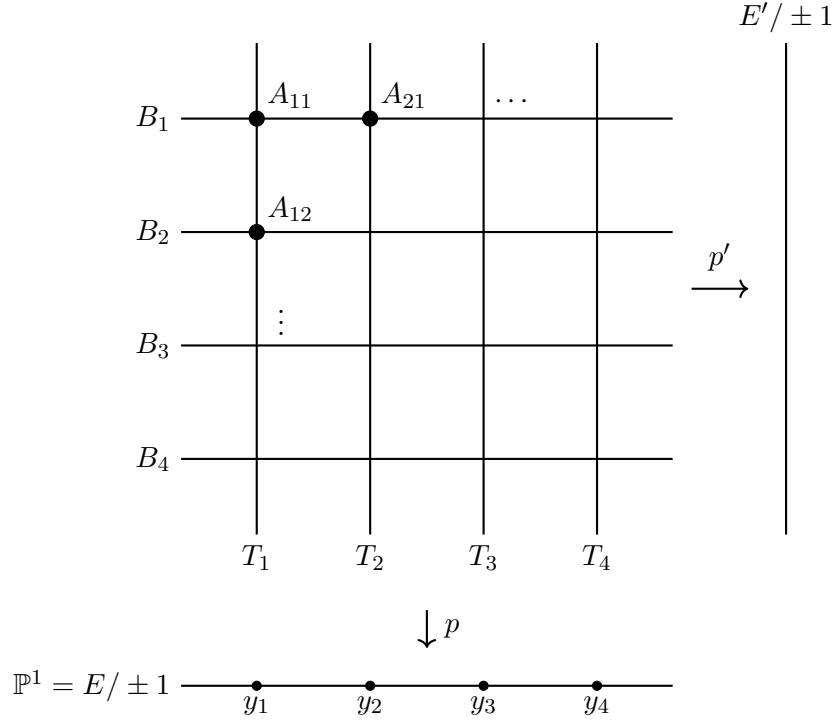


Figure 2.1: The Kummer K3 of $A = E \times E'$

Let F and F' be the class of a fiber of p and p' respectively. We have the intersections

$$F^2 = 0, \quad F \cdot F' = 2, \quad F'^2 = 0$$

and

$$F \cdot A_{ij} = F' \cdot A_{ij} = 0, \quad A_{ij} \cdot A_{k\ell} = -2 \delta_{ik} \delta_{j\ell} \quad \text{for all } i, j, k, \ell \in \{1, \dots, 4\}.$$

By the relation

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 2T_i + A_{i1} + A_{i2} + A_{i3} + A_{i4} \\ F' &= 2B_i + A_{1i} + A_{2i} + A_{3i} + A_{4i} \end{aligned} \tag{2.38}$$

for $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ this determines the intersection numbers of all the divisors above.

2.4.2 Rational curves and F^{GW}

Let $\beta \in H_2(\text{Km}(A), \mathbb{Z})$ be an effective curve class and let

$$\langle 1 \rangle_{0, \beta}^{\text{Km}(A)} = \int_{[\overline{M}_0(\text{Km}(A), \beta)]^{\text{red}}} 1$$

denote the genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$. For an integer $n \geq 0$ and a tuple $\mathbf{k} = (k_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,4}$ of half-integers $k_{ij} \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, define the class

$$\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2}F' + \frac{n}{2}F + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 k_{ij}A_{ij} \in H_2(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbb{Q}).$$

We write $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} > 0$, if $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective.

Proposition 2. *We have*

$$\sum_{\substack{n,\mathbf{k} \\ \beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} > 0}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0,\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})} q^n y^{\sum_{i,j} k_{ij}} = 4 \cdot F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^4,$$

where the sum runs over all $n \geq 0$ and $\mathbf{k} = (k_{ij})_{i,j} \in (\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z})^{4 \times 4}$ for which $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is an effective curve class.

Proof. Let $f : C \rightarrow \text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ be a genus 0 stable map in class $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$. By genericity of E and E' the fibration p has only the sections B_1, \dots, B_4 . Since $p \circ f$ has degree 1, the image divisor of f is then of the form

$$\text{Im}(f) = B_\ell + D'$$

for some $1 \leq \ell \leq 4$ and a divisor D' , which is contracted by p . Since the fibration p has fibers isomorphic to E' away from the points $y_1, \dots, y_4 \in \mathbb{P}^1$, the divisor D' is supported on the singular fibers F_{y_i} . Hence, there exist non-negative integers

$$a_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{and} \quad b_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 4$$

such that

$$\text{Im}(f) = B_\ell + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i T_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij}.$$

Let C_0 be the component of C which gets mapped by f isomorphically to B_ℓ , and let D_i be the component of C , that maps into the fiber F_{y_i} . Then,

$$C = C_0 \cup D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_4, \quad (2.39)$$

with pairwise disjoint D_i . Under f the intersection points $C_0 \cap D_j$ gets mapped to $s_\ell(y_j)$, where $s_\ell : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ denotes the ℓ -th section of p .

By arguments similar to the proof of Lemma 8 or by the geometry of the linear system $|\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}|$, the nodal points $C_0 \cap D_j$ do not smooth under infinitesimal deformations of f . The decomposition (2.39) is therefore preserved under infinitesimal deformations. This implies that the moduli spaces $\overline{M}_0(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \beta_{n,\mathbf{k}})$ admits the decomposition

$$\overline{M}_0(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}) = \bigsqcup_{\ell=1}^4 \bigsqcup_{n=n_1+\dots+n_4} \prod_{i=1}^4 M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, (k_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{j\ell})_j), \quad (2.40)$$

where $M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, (k_{ij})_j)$ is the moduli space of stable 1-pointed genus 0 maps to $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ in class

$$\frac{n_i}{2}F + \sum_{j=1}^4 k_{ij}A_{ij}$$

and with marked point mapped to $s_\ell(y_i)$. The term $\frac{1}{2}\delta_{j\ell}$ appears in (2.40) since

$$B_\ell = \frac{1}{2}(F' - A_{1\ell} - A_{2\ell} - A_{3\ell} - A_{4\ell}).$$

For $n_i \geq 0$ and $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}/2$, let

$$M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i) = \bigsqcup_{\substack{k_{i1}, \dots, k_{i4} \in \mathbb{Z}/2 \\ k_i = k_{i1} + \dots + k_{i4}}} M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, (k_{ij})_j). \quad (2.41)$$

be the moduli space parametrizing stable 1-pointed genus 0 maps to $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ in class $\frac{n_i}{2}F + \sum_j k_{ij}A_{ij}$ for some k_{ij} with $\sum_j k_{ij} = k_i$ and such that the marked points maps to $s^\ell(y_i)$.

Let $n \geq 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}/2$ be fixed. Taking the union of (2.40) over all \mathbf{k} such that $k = \sum_{i,j} k_{ij}$, interchanging sum and product and reindexing, we get

$$\bigsqcup_{\mathbf{k}: \sum_{i,j} k_{ij} = k} \overline{M}_0(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}) = \bigsqcup_{\ell=1}^4 \bigsqcup_{\substack{n=n_1+\dots+n_4 \\ k+2=k_1+\dots+k_4}} \prod_{i=1}^4 M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i) \quad (2.42)$$

By arguments essentially identical to those in Section 2.3.5 the moduli space $M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)$ carries a natural virtual class

$$[M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)]^{\text{vir}} \quad (2.43)$$

of dimension 0 such that the splitting (2.42) holds also for virtual classes:

$$\bigsqcup_{\mathbf{k}: \sum_{i,j} k_{ij} = k} [\overline{M}_0(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}})]^{\text{red}} = \bigsqcup_{\ell=1}^4 \bigsqcup_{\substack{n=n_1+\dots+n_4 \\ k+2=k_1+\dots+k_4}} \prod_{i=1}^4 [M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)]^{\text{vir}}. \quad (2.44)$$

Consider the Bryan-Leung K3 surface $\pi_S : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Let³

$$L \subset \text{Hilb}^2(B)$$

be a fixed generic line and let $y \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be a point with $2y \in L$. Let

$$M_{S,y}^{(\text{F})}(n, k)$$

³We may restrict here to the Hilbert scheme of 2 points, since the evaluation of F^{GW} is independent of the number of points.

be the moduli space parametrizing 1-marked genus 0 stable maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in class $nF + kA$, which map the marked point to $s^{[2]}(2y)$, see (2.15). The subscript S is added to avoid confusion. By Section 2.3.5, the moduli space $M_{S,y}^{(F)}(n, k)$ carries a natural virtual class.

Lemma 9. *We have*

$$\int_{[M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n, k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 = \int_{[M_{S,y}^{(F)}(n, k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1. \quad (2.45)$$

The Lemma is proven below. We finish the proof of Proposition 2. By the decomposition (2.44),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{k} \\ \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}} > 0}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0, \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(A)} q^n y^{\sum_{i,j} k_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n \geq 0 \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} \sum_{\substack{\ell=1 \\ n=n_1+\dots+n_4 \\ k+2=k_1+\dots+k_4}}^4 \prod_{i=1}^4 q^{n_i} y^{k_i - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{[M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \end{aligned}$$

An application of Lemma 9 then yields

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^4 \prod_{i=1}^4 \left(\sum_{\substack{n_i \geq 0 \\ k_i \in \mathbb{Z}}} q^{n_i} y^{k_i - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{[M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \right) = 4 \cdot (F^{\text{GW}}(y, q))^4.$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 2. \square

Proof of Lemma 9. Let $F_y = \pi_S^{-1}(y)$ denote the fiber of π_S over $y \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Consider the deformation of S to the normal cone of F_y ,

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{Bl}_{F_y \times 0}(S \times \mathbb{A}^1) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1,$$

and let $\mathcal{S}^\circ \subset \mathcal{S}$ be the complement of the proper transform of $S \times 0$. The *relative* Hilbert scheme

$$\text{Hilb}^2(\mathcal{S}^\circ / \mathbb{A}^1) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 \quad (2.46)$$

parametrizes length 2 subschemes on the fibers of $\mathcal{S}^\circ \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$. Let

$$p : M' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$$

be the moduli space of 1-pointed genus 0 stable maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathcal{S}^\circ / \mathbb{A}^1)$ in class $nF + kA$, with the marked point mapping to the proper transform of $s^{[2]}(2y) \times \mathbb{A}^1$. The fiber of p over $t \neq 0$ is

$$p^{-1}(t) = M_{S,y}^{(F)}(n, k).$$

The fiber over $t = 0$ parametrizes maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times F_y)$. Since the domain curve has genus 0, these map to a fixed fiber of the natural map

$$\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times F_y) \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C} \times F_y) \xrightarrow{+} F_y.$$

We find, that $p^{-1}(0)$ parametrizes 1-pointed genus 0 stable maps into a singular D_4 fiber of a trivial elliptic fibration, with given conditions on the class and the marking. Comparing with the construction of $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ via (2.37) and the definition of $M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)$, one finds

$$p^{-1}(0) \cong M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i).$$

The moduli space M' carries the perfect obstruction theory obtained by the construction of section 2.3 in the relative context. On the fibers over $t \neq 0$ and $t = 0$ the perfect obstruction theory of M' restricts to the perfect obstruction theories of $M_{S,y}^{(F)}(n, k)$ and $M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)$ respectively. Hence, the associated virtual class $[M']^{\text{vir}}$ restricts on the fibers to the earlier defined virtual classes:

$$\begin{aligned} t^! [M']^{\text{vir}} &= [M_{S,y}^{(F)}(n, k)]^{\text{vir}} \quad (t \neq 0), \\ 0^! [M']^{\text{vir}} &= [M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(n_i, k_i)]^{\text{vir}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $M' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ is proper, the proof of Lemma 9 follows now from the principle of conversation of numbers, see [Ful98, Section 10.2]. \square

2.4.3 Effective classes

By Proposition 2, the evaluation of $F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)$ is reduced to the evaluation of the series

$$\sum_{\substack{n, \mathbf{k} \\ \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}} > 0}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0, \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})} q^n y^{\sum_{i,j} k_{ij}}. \quad (2.47)$$

Since $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$ is a K3 surface, the Yau-Zaslow formula (1) applies to the invariants $\langle 1 \rangle_{\beta}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})}$, when β is effective⁴ The remaining difficulty is to identify precisely the set of effective classes of the form $\beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}$.

Lemma 10. *Let $n \geq 0$ and $\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{4 \times 4}$. If $\beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}$ is effective, then there exists a unique $\ell = \ell(n, \mathbf{k}) \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ such that*

$$\beta_{n, \mathbf{k}} = B_{\ell} + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i T_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij}.$$

for some integers $a_i \geq 0$ and $b_{ij} \geq 0$.

⁴In fact, the Yau-Zaslow formula applies to all classes $\beta \in H_2(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbb{Z})$ which are of type (1, 1) and pair positively with an ample class.

Proof. If $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective, then by the argument in the proof of Proposition 2, there exist non-negative integers

$$a_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{and} \quad b_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 4$$

such that

$$\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = B_\ell + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i T_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij}$$

for some $\ell \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$. We need to show, that ℓ is unique. By (2.38), we have

$$\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = \frac{F'}{2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 a_i}{2} F + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \left(b_{ij} - \frac{a_i}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{j\ell} \right) A_{ij},$$

hence $k_{ij} = b_{ij} - \frac{a_i}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{j\ell}$. We find, that ℓ is the unique integer such that for every i one of the following holds:

- $k_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $j \neq \ell$ and $k_{i\ell} \notin \mathbb{Z}$,
- $k_{ij} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ for all $j \neq \ell$ and $k_{i\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In particular, ℓ is uniquely determined by \mathbf{k} . □

By the proof of proposition 2, the contribution from all classes $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ with a given ℓ to the sum (2.47) is independent of ℓ . Hence, (2.47) equals

$$4 \cdot \sum_{n,\mathbf{k}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0,\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})} q^{n y \sum_{i,j} k_{ij}}, \quad (2.48)$$

where the sum runs over all (n, \mathbf{k}) such that $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective and $\ell(n, \mathbf{k}) = 1$. Hence, we may assume $\ell = 1$ from now on.

It will be useful to rewrite the classes $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ in the basis

$$B_1, F \quad \text{and} \quad T_i, A_{i2}, A_{i3}, A_{i4}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4. \quad (2.49)$$

Consider the class

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} &= \frac{1}{2} F' + \frac{n}{2} F + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 k_{ij} A_{ij} \in H_2(\text{Km}(\mathbf{A}), \mathbb{Q}) \\ &= B_1 + \tilde{n} F + \sum_{i=1}^4 \left(a_i T_i + \sum_{j=2}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where (n, \mathbf{k}) and (\tilde{n}, a_i, b_{ij}) are related by

$$n = 2\tilde{n} + \sum_i a_i, \quad k_{i1} = -\frac{1}{2}(a_i + 1), \quad k_{ij} = b_{ij} - \frac{a_i}{2} \quad (j > 2). \quad (2.50)$$

Lemma 11. *If $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective, then \tilde{n}, a_i, b_{ij} are integers for all i, j .*

Proof. If $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective with $\ell(n, \mathbf{k}) = 1$, there exist non-negative integers

$$\tilde{a}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{b}_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 4$$

such that

$$\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = B_1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i T_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij}.$$

In the basis (2.49) we obtain

$$\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = B_1 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^4 \tilde{b}_{i1} \right) F + \sum_{i=1}^4 \left((\tilde{a}_i - 2\tilde{b}_{i1}) T_i + \sum_{j=2}^4 (\tilde{b}_{ij} - \tilde{b}_{i1}) A_i \right).$$

The claim follows. \square

Lemma 12. *If \tilde{n}, a_i, b_{ij} are integers and $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}^2 \geq -2$, then $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is effective.*

Proof. If \tilde{n}, a_i, b_{ij} are integers, then $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ is the class of a divisor D . By Riemann-Roch we have

$$\frac{\chi(\mathcal{O}(D)) + \chi(\mathcal{O}(-D))}{2} = \frac{D^2}{2} + 2,$$

and by Serre duality we have

$$h^0(D) + h^0(-D) \geq \frac{\chi(\mathcal{O}(D)) + \chi(\mathcal{O}(-D))}{2}.$$

Hence, if $\beta_{n,\mathbf{k}}^2 = D^2 \geq -2$, then $h^0(D) + h^0(-D) \geq 1$. Since $F \cdot \beta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = 1$, we have $h^0(-D) = 0$, and therefore $h^0(D) \geq 1$ and D effective. \square

We are ready to evaluate the series (2.48).

By Lemma 11 we may replace the sum in (2.48) by a sum over all integers $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and all elements

$$x_i = a_i T_i + \sum_{j=2}^4 b_{ij} A_{ij}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4$$

such that

- (i) $a_i, b_{i2}, b_{i3}, b_{i4}$ are integers for $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$,
- (ii) $B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i$ is effective.

Hence, using (2.50) the series (2.48) equals

$$4 \cdot \sum_{\tilde{n}} \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} q^{2\tilde{n} + \sum_i a_i} y^{-2 + \sum_i \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} \langle 1 \rangle_{0, B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i}^{\text{Km(A)}}, \quad (2.51)$$

where the sum runs over all $(\tilde{n}, x_1, \dots, x_4)$ satisfying (i) and (ii) above.

By the Yau-Zaslow formula (1), we have

$$\langle 1 \rangle_{0, B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i}^{\text{Km(A)}} = \left[\frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \right]_{q^{\tilde{n}-1 + \sum_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle / 2}}, \quad (2.52)$$

whenever $B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i$ is effective; here $[\cdot]_{q^m}$ denotes the coefficient of q^m . The term (2.52) vanishes, unless

$$\tilde{n} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i \right)^2 \geq -1.$$

When evaluating (2.51), we may therefore restrict to tuples $(\tilde{n}, x_1, \dots, x_4)$, that also satisfy

$$(iii) \quad (B_1 + \tilde{n}F + \sum_i x_i)^2 \geq -2.$$

By Lemma 12, condition (i) and (iii) together imply condition (ii). In (2.51) we may therefore sum over tuples $(\tilde{n}, x_1, \dots, x_4)$ satisfying (i) and (iii) alone. Rewriting (iii) as

$$\tilde{n} \geq - \sum_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle / 2$$

and always assuming (i) in the following sums, (2.51) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & 4 \cdot \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} \sum_{\tilde{n} \geq \sum_i \frac{\langle x_i, x_i \rangle}{-2}} q^{2\tilde{n} + \sum_i a_i} y^{-2 + \sum_i \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} \left[\frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \right]_{q^{\tilde{n}-1 + \sum_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle / 2}} \\ &= 4 \cdot \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} y^{-2 + \sum_i \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} q^{2 + \sum_i (a_i - \langle x_i, x_i \rangle)} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{\tilde{n} \geq \sum_i \frac{\langle x_i, x_i \rangle}{-2}} q^{2\tilde{n} - 2 + \sum_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle} \left[\frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \right]_{q^{\tilde{n}-1 + \sum_i \frac{\langle x_i, x_i \rangle}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{4}{\Delta(2\tau)} \cdot \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_4} y^{-2 + \sum_i \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} q^{2 + \sum_i (a_i - \langle x_i, x_i \rangle)} \\ &= \frac{4}{\Delta(2\tau)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^4 \left(\sum_{x_i} y^{-\frac{1}{2} + \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} q^{\frac{1}{2} + a_i - \langle x_i, x_i \rangle} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the D_4 lattice, defined as \mathbb{Z}^4 together with the bilinear form

$$\mathbb{Z}^4 \times \mathbb{Z}^4 \ni (x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle := x^T M y,$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let (e_1, \dots, e_4) denote the standard basis of \mathbb{Z}^4 and let

$$\alpha = 2e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4.$$

Consider the function

$$\Theta(z, \tau) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} \exp\left(-2\pi i \left\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, ze_1 + \frac{e_1}{2} \right\rangle\right) \cdot q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle}$$

where $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$. The function $\Theta(z, \tau)$ is a theta function with characteristics associated to the lattice D_4 . In particular $\Theta(z, \tau)$ is a Jacobi form of index $1/2$ and weight 2 , see [EZ85, Section 7].⁵

Lemma 13. *For every $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$,*

$$\sum_{x_i} y^{-\frac{1}{2} + \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} q^{\frac{1}{2} + a_i - \langle x_i, x_i \rangle} = \Theta(z, \tau)$$

under $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$.

Proof. Let $D_4(-1)$ denote the lattice \mathbb{Z}^4 with intersection form

$$(x, y) \mapsto -x^T M y.$$

The \mathbb{Z} -homomorphism defined by

$$e_1 \mapsto T_i, \quad e_2 \mapsto A_{i2}, \quad e_3 \mapsto A_{i3}, \quad e_4 \mapsto A_{i4}$$

is an isomorphism from $D_4(-1)$ to

$$\left(\mathbb{Z}T_i \oplus \mathbb{Z}A_{i2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}A_{i3} \oplus \mathbb{Z}A_{i4}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \right),$$

⁵ The general form of these theta functions is

$$\Theta_{\mathbf{v}} \left[\begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \right] (z, \tau) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\frac{1}{2} \langle x+A, x+A \rangle} \exp\left(2\pi i \cdot \langle x+A, z \cdot \mathbf{v} + B \rangle\right).$$

for characteristics $A, B \in \mathbb{Q}^4$ and a direction vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^4$. Here,

$$\Theta(z, \tau) = \Theta_{(-e_1)} \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha/2 \\ -e_1/2 \end{array} \right] (z, 2\tau).$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the intersection product on $\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})$. Hence,

$$\sum_{x_i} y^{-\frac{1}{2} + \langle x_i, T_i \rangle} q^{\frac{1}{2} + a_i - \langle x_i, x_i \rangle} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} y^{-\frac{1}{2} - \langle x, e_1 \rangle} q^{\frac{1}{2} + \langle x, \alpha \rangle + \langle x, x \rangle}$$

Using the substitution $y = \exp(2\pi iz + \pi i)$, we obtain

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} \exp\left(-2\pi i \cdot \left\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, ze_1 + \frac{e_1}{2} \right\rangle\right) \cdot q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle} = \Theta(z, \tau). \quad \square$$

By Lemma 13, we conclude

$$\sum_{\substack{n, \mathbf{k} \\ \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}} > 0}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0, \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})} q^n y^{\sum_{i, j} k_{ij}} = \frac{4}{\Delta(2\tau)} \cdot \Theta(z, \tau)^4 \quad (2.53)$$

2.4.4 The theta function of the D_4 lattice

Consider the Dedekind eta function

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m) \quad (2.54)$$

and the first Jacobi theta function

$$\vartheta_1(z, \tau) = -iq^{1/8}(p^{1/2} - p^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)(1 - pq^m)(1 - p^{-1}q^m),$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$ and $p = e^{2\pi iz}$.

Proposition 3. *We have*

$$\Theta(z, \tau) = \frac{-\vartheta_1(z, \tau) \cdot \eta(2\tau)^6}{\eta(\tau)^3} \quad (2.55)$$

The proof of Proposition 3 is given below. We complete the proof of Theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 3. By Proposition 2, we have

$$4 \cdot F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^4 = \sum_{\substack{n, \mathbf{k} \\ \beta_{b, \mathbf{k}} > 0}} \langle 1 \rangle_{0, \beta_{n, \mathbf{k}}}^{\text{Km}(\mathbf{A})} q^n y^{\sum_{i, j} k_{ij}}.$$

The evaluation (2.53) and Proposition 3 yields

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^4 = \frac{1}{\Delta(2\tau)} \left(\frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau) \cdot \eta(2\tau)^6}{\eta(\tau)^3} \right)^4.$$

Since $\Delta(\tau) = \eta(\tau)^{24}$, we conclude

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \pm \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)}.$$

By the definition of F^{GW} in Section 2.3.6, the coefficient of $y^{-1/2}q^0$ is 1. Hence

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)} = F(z, \tau). \quad \square$$

Proof of Proposition 3. Both sides of (2.55) are Jacobi forms of weight 2 and index 1/2 for a certain congruence subgroup of the Jacobi group. The statement would therefore follow by the theory of Jacobi forms [EZ85] after comparing enough coefficients of both sides. For simplicity, we will instead prove the statement directly.

We will work with the variables $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$ and $p = e^{2\pi iz}$. Consider

$$F(z, \tau) = \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)} = -i(p^{1/2} - p^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 - pq^m)(1 - p^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2} \quad (2.56)$$

By direct calculation one finds

$$\begin{aligned} F(z + \lambda\tau + \mu, \tau) &= (-1)^{\lambda+\mu} q^{-\lambda/2} p^{-\lambda} K(z, \tau) \\ \Theta(z + \lambda\tau + \mu, \tau) &= (-1)^{\lambda+\mu} q^{-\lambda/2} p^{-\lambda} \Theta(z, \tau). \end{aligned} \quad (2.57)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(0, \tau) &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} \exp\left(-2\pi i \left\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{e_1}{2} \right\rangle\right) q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle} \\ &= \sum_{x' \in \mathbb{Z}^4 + \frac{\alpha}{2}} \exp(-\pi i \langle x', e_1 \rangle) q^{\langle x', x' \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

Since for every $x' = m + \frac{\alpha}{2}$ with $m \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-\pi i \langle x', e_1 \rangle) + \exp(-\pi i \langle -x', e_1 \rangle) &= -i(-1)^{\langle m, e_1 \rangle} + i(-1)^{-\langle m, e_1 \rangle} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

we find $\Theta(0, \tau) = 0$. By (2.56), we also have $F(0, \tau) = 0$.

Since Θ and F are Jacobi forms of index 1/2 (see [EZ85, Theorem 1.2]), the point $z = 0$ is the only zero of Θ resp. F in the standard fundamental region. Therefore, the quotient

$$\frac{\Theta(z, \tau)}{F(z, \tau)}$$

is a double periodic entire function, and hence a constant in τ . Using the evaluations

$$F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tau\right) = 2 \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1+q^m)^2}{(1-q^m)^2} = 2 \frac{\eta(2\tau)^2}{\eta(\tau)^4}$$

and

$$\Theta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \tau\right) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} (-1) q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle},$$

the statement therefore follows directly from Lemma 14 below. \square

Lemma 14. *We have*

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle} = 2 \frac{\eta(2\tau)^8}{\eta(\tau)^4}.$$

Proof. As a special case of the Jacobi triple product [Cha85], we have

$$2 \frac{\eta(2\tau)^2}{\eta(\tau)} = 2q^{1/8} \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1-q^{2m})^2}{(1-q^m)} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(m+\frac{1}{2})^2/2}$$

For $m = (m_1, \dots, m_4) \in \mathbb{Z}^4$, let

$$x_m = \left(m_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\alpha}{2} + \left(m_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{e_2}{2} + \dots + \left(m_4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{e_4}{2}$$

Using that α, e_2, \dots, e_4 are orthogonal, we find

$$16 \frac{\eta(2\tau)^8}{\eta(\tau)^4} = \left(\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(m+\frac{1}{2})^2/2} \right)^4 = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x_m, x_m \rangle}$$

We split the sum over $m = (m_1, \dots, m_4) \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ depending upon whether $m_1 + m_i$ is odd or even for $i = 2, 3, 4$,

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x_m, x_m \rangle} = \sum_{s_2, s_3, s_4 \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{\substack{(m_1, \dots, m_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \\ m_1 + m_i \equiv s_i \pmod{2}}} q^{\langle x_m, x_m \rangle} \quad (2.58)$$

For every choice of $s_2, s_3, s_4 \in \{0, 1\}$, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{(m_1, \dots, m_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \\ m_1 + m_i \equiv s_i \pmod{2}}} q^{\langle x_m, x_m \rangle} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x + \frac{\beta}{2}, x + \frac{\beta}{2} \rangle},$$

where $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ is a root of the D_4 -lattice (i.e. $\langle \beta, \beta \rangle = 2$). Since the isometry group of D_4 acts transitively on roots,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x + \frac{\beta}{2}, x + \frac{\beta}{2} \rangle} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^4} q^{\langle x + \frac{\alpha}{2}, x + \frac{\alpha}{2} \rangle}.$$

Inserting this into (2.58) and dividing by 8, the proof is complete. \square

Evaluation of further Gromov-Witten invariants

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Statement of results

Let S be a smooth projective K3 surface, let $\beta_h \in H_2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ be a primitive curve class of square

$$\beta_h^2 = 2h - 2,$$

and let $\gamma \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ be a cohomology class with $\gamma \cdot \beta_d = 1$ and $\gamma^2 = 0$.

Consider the homology classes

$$\begin{aligned} C(\gamma) &= \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\gamma)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-1}1_S \\ A &= \mathbf{p}_{-2}(\omega)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-2}1_S \end{aligned}$$

which were defined in Section 1.2.2. If $\gamma = [C]$ for a curve $C \subset S$, then $C(\gamma)$ is the class of the curve defined by fixing $d - 1$ distinct points away from C and letting a single point move on C . Also, A is the class of an exceptional curve – the locus of spinning double points centered at a point $s \in S$ plus $d - 2$ fixed points away from s . For $d \geq 2$ define the invariants

$$\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^{(1)} = \left\langle C(\gamma) \right\rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}, \quad \mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^{(2)} = \left\langle A \right\rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$$

which count rational curves incident to a cycle of class $C(\gamma)$ and A respectively.

For a point $P \in S$, consider the incidence scheme of P ,

$$I(P) = \{ \xi \in \text{Hilb}^d(S) \mid P \in \xi \}.$$

For generic points $P_1, \dots, P_{2d-2} \in S$ define the third invariant

$$\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^{(3)} = \left\langle I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2}) \right\rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}.$$

For $d = 2$ an interpretation of $\mathbf{N}_{d,h,k}^{(3)}$ in terms of hyperelliptic curve counts on the surface S is given in Section 6.2.

The following theorem provides a full evaluation of the invariants $N_{d,h,k}^{(i)}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. In the formal variables

$$y = -e^{2\pi iz} \quad \text{and} \quad q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$$

expanded in the region $|y| < 1$ and $|q| < 1$ consider the Jacobi theta function

$$F(z, \tau) = (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 + yq^m)(1 + y^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2}$$

which already appeared in Section 2.1.1, and the function

$$\begin{aligned} G(z, \tau) &= F(z, \tau)^2 \left(y \frac{d}{dy} \right)^2 \log(F(z, \tau)) \\ &= F(z, \tau)^2 \cdot \left\{ \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} - \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{m|d} m((-y)^{-m} + (-y)^m) q^d \right\} \quad (3.1) \\ &= 1 + (y^{-2} + 4y^{-1} + 6 + 4y^1 + y^2)q \\ &\quad + (6y^{-2} + 24y^{-1} + 36 + 24y + 6y^2)q^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4. *For all $d \geq 2$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{d,h,k}^{(1)} y^k q^{h-1} &= G(z, \tau)^{d-1} \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \\ \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{d,h,k}^{(2)} y^k q^{h-1} &= \frac{1}{2-2d} \left(y \frac{d}{dy} (G(z, \tau)^{d-1}) \right) \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \\ \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{d,h,k}^{(3)} y^k q^{h-1} &= \frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1} \left(q \frac{d}{dq} F(z, \tau) \right)^{2d-2} \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \end{aligned}$$

under the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$.

3.1.2 Overview of the proof

We prove Theorem 4 in Section 3 and Section 4.

In Section 3.2 we first reduce the calculation to a Bryan-Leung K3. We also state one extra evaluation on the Hilbert scheme of 2 points of a K3 surface, which is required in Section 5. Next, for each case separately, we analyse the moduli space of maps which are incident to the given conditions. In each case, the main result is a splitting statement similar to Proposition 1.

As a result, the proof of Theorem 4 is reduced to the calculation of certain universal contributions associated to single elliptic fibers. These contributions will be determined in Section 4 using the geometry of $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1 \times E)$, where E is an elliptic curve. The strategy is parallel but more difficult to the evaluation considered in Section 2.3.

3.2 Reduction to the Bryan-Leung K3

Let $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an elliptic K3 surface with a unique section and 24 nodal fibers. Let B and F be the section and fiber class respectively, and let

$$\beta_h = B + hF$$

for $h \geq 0$. The quantum bracket $\langle \dots \rangle_q$ on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$, $d \geq 1$ is defined by

$$\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^k q^{h-1} \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)},$$

where $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$ are cohomology classes. By arguments parallel to Section 2.2.2, Theorem 4 is equivalent to the following Theorem.

Theorem 5. *Let $P_1, \dots, P_{2d-2} \in S$ be generic points. For $d \geq 2$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C(F) \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} &= \frac{G(z, \tau)^{d-1}}{\Delta(\tau)} \\ \langle A \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(y \frac{d}{dy} G(z, \tau) \right) \frac{G(z, \tau)^{d-2}}{\Delta(\tau)} \\ \langle I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2}) \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} &= \frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1} \left(q \frac{d}{dq} F(z, \tau) \right)^{2d-2} \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \end{aligned}$$

under the variable change $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$.

Later we will require one additional evaluation on $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$. Let $P \in S$ be a generic point and let

$$\mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^2 1_S$$

be the class of a generic fiber of $\pi^{[2]} : \text{Hilb}^2(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$.

Theorem 6. *Under the variable change $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$,*

$$\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^2 1_S, I(P) \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^2(S)} = \frac{F(z, \tau) \cdot q \frac{d}{dq} F(z, \tau)}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

3.3 Case $\langle C(F) \rangle_q$

We consider the evaluation of $\langle C(F) \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$. Let $P_1, \dots, P_{d-1} \in S$ be generic points, let F_0 be a generic fiber of the elliptic fibration $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, and let

$$Z = F_0[1]P_1[1] \cdots P_{d-1}[1] \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the induced subscheme of class $[Z] = C(F)$, where we used the notation of Section 1.2.2 (v). Consider the evaluation map

$$\text{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,1}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA) \rightarrow S, \quad (3.2)$$

the moduli space parametrizing maps incident to the subscheme Z

$$M_Z = \text{ev}^{-1}(Z), \quad (3.3)$$

and an element

$$[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p] \in M_Z.$$

By Lemma 5, there does not exist a non-constant genus 0 stable map to $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ of class $h'F + k'A$ which is incident to Z . Hence, the marking $p \in C$ must lie on the distinguished irreducible component

$$C_0 \subset C$$

on which $\pi^{[d]} \circ f$ is non-constant. By Lemma 6, the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is therefore an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f|_{C_0} : C_0 &\rightarrow B_0[1]P_1[1] \cdots P_{d-1}[1] \\ &= I(B_0) \cap I(P_1) \cap \cdots \cap I(P_{d-1}) \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where B_0 is the section of $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. In particular, $f(p) = (F_0 \cap B_0) + \sum_j P_j$. We identify C_0 with its image in $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$.

Let x_1, \dots, x_{24} be the basepoints of the rational nodal fibers of π and let $u_i = \pi(P_i)$ for all i . The image line $L = \pi^{[d]} \circ f(C)$ meets the discriminant locus of $\pi^{[d]}$ in the points

$$x_i + \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} u_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, 24) \quad \text{and} \quad 2u_i + \sum_{j \neq i} u_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, d-1)$$

By Lemma 5, the curve C is therefore of the form

$$C = C_0 \cup A_1 \cup \cdots \cup A_{24} \cup B_1 \cup \cdots \cup B_{d-1}$$

where the components A_i and B_j are attached to the points

$$x_i + P_1 + \cdots + P_{d-1} \quad \text{and} \quad u_j + P_1 + \cdots + P_{d-1} \quad (3.5)$$

respectively. Hence, the moduli space M_Z is set-theoretically a product of spaces parametrizing maps of the form $f|_{A_i}$ and $f|_{B_j}$ respectively. We show that the set-theoretic product is scheme-theoretic and the virtual class splits. The argument is similar to Section 2.3.

First, the attachment points (3.5) do not smooth under infinitesimal deformations: this follows since the projection

$$f^* \mathcal{Z}_d = \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$$

is étale over the points (3.5), see the proof of Lemma 8; here $\mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is the universal family. Therefore, any infinitesimal deformation of f inside M_Z induces a deformation of the image $f(C_0)$. This deformation corresponds to moving the points P_1, \dots, P_{d-1} in (3.4), which is impossible since f continues to be incident to Z . Hence, $f(C_0)$ is fixed under infinitesimal deformations.¹

By a construction parallel to Section 2.3.4, we have a splitting map

$$\Psi : M_Z \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k})} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i}) \times \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} M_{u_j}^{(G)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j}) \right), \quad (3.6)$$

where $M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i})$ was defined in Section 2.3.4, and for an appropriately defined moduli space $M_{u_j}^{(G)}(h_{y_j}, k_{y_j})$; since $f(C_0)$ has class B , the disjoint union in (3.6) runs over all

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h} &= (h_{x_1}, \dots, h_{x_{24}}, h_{u_1}, \dots, h_{u_{d-1}}) \in (\mathbb{N}^{\geq 0})^{\{x_i, u_j\}} \\ \mathbf{k} &= (k_{u_1}, \dots, k_{u_{d-1}}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{d-1} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

such that $\sum_i h_{x_i} + \sum_j h_{u_j} = h$ and $\sum_j k_{u_j} = k$. Since $f(C_0)$ is fixed under infinitesimal deformations, the map Ψ is an isomorphism.

Let $[M_Z]^{\text{vir}}$ be the natural virtual class on M_Z . By arguments parallel to Section 2.3.5, the pushforward $\Psi_* [M_Z]^{\text{vir}}$ is a product of virtual classes defined on each factor. Hence, by a calculation identical to Section 2.3.6, $\langle C(F) \rangle_q$ is the product of series corresponding to the points x_i and u_j respectively.

For the points x_1, \dots, x_{24} , the contributing factor agrees with the contribution from the nodal fibers in the case of Section 2. It is the series (2.33). For u_1, \dots, u_{d-1} define the formal series

$$G^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^k q^h \int_{[M_{u_j}^{(G)}(h, k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1, \quad (3.8)$$

where we let $[M_{u_j}^{(G)}(h, k)]^{\text{vir}}$ denote the induced virtual class on $M_{u_j}^{(G)}(h, k)$. We conclude

$$\langle C(F) \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{G^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^{d-1}}{\Delta(q)}. \quad (3.9)$$

¹ Although $f(C_0)$ is fixed under infinitesimal deformations, the point u_j in the attachment point $f(C_0 \cap B_j) = u_j + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-1}$ may move to first order, compare Section 3.6.

3.4 Case $\langle A \rangle_q$

We consider the evaluation of $\langle A \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$. Let $P_0, \dots, P_{d-2} \in S$ be generic points, let

$$Z = P_0[2]P_1[1] \cdots P_{d-2}[1] \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$$

be the exceptional curve (of class A) centered at $2P_0 + P_1, \dots, P_{d-2}$, and let

$$M_Z = \text{ev}^{-1}(Z),$$

where ev is the evaluation map (3.2). We consider an element

$$[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p] \in M_Z.$$

Let $C_0 \subset C$ be the distinguished component of C on which $\pi^{[d]} \circ f$ is non-constant, and let C' be the union of all irreducible components of C which map into the fiber

$$(\pi^{[d]})^{-1}(2u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{d-2}),$$

where $u_i = \pi(P_i)$. Since $f(C_0)$ cannot meet the exceptional curve Z , the component C' contains the marked point p ,

$$p \in C'.$$

The restriction $f|_{C'}$ decomposes into the components

$$f|_{C'} = \phi + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-2},$$

where $\phi : C' \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S)$ maps into the fiber $\pi^{[2]-1}(2u_0)$ and the P_i denote constant maps.

Consider the Hilbert-Chow morphism

$$\rho : \text{Hilb}^2(S) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2(S)$$

and the Abel-Jacobi map

$$\text{aj} : \text{Sym}^2(F_{u_0}) \rightarrow F_{u_0}.$$

Since $\rho(\phi(p)) = 2P_0$, the image of ϕ lies inside the fiber V of

$$\rho^{-1}(\text{Sym}^2(F_{u_0})) \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Sym}^2(F_{u_0}) \xrightarrow{\text{aj}} F_{u_0}$$

over the point $\text{aj}(2P_0)$. Hence, $f|_{C'}$ maps into the subscheme

$$\tilde{V} = V + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-2} \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S).$$

The intersection of \tilde{V} with the divisor $D(B_0) \subset \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is supported in the reduced point

$$s(u_0) + Q + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-2} \in \text{Hilb}^d(S), \quad (3.10)$$

where $s : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow S$ is the section and $Q \in F_{u_0}$ is defined by

$$\text{aj}(s(u_0) + Q) = \text{aj}(2P_0).$$

Since the distinguished component $C_0 \subset C$ must map into $D(B_0)$, the point $f(C_0 \cap C')$ therefore equals (3.10). Hence, the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ yields an isomorphism

$$f|_{C_0} : C_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} B_0[1]Q[1]P_1[1] \cdots P_{d-2}[1],$$

and we will identify C_0 with its image.

Following the lines of Section 3.3, we find that the domain C is of the form

$$C = C_0 \cup C' \cup A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{24} \cup B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_{d-2},$$

where the components A_i and B_j are attached to the points

$$x_i + Q + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-2}, \quad u_j + Q + P_1 + \dots + P_{d-2}$$

respectively. Hence, M_Z is set-theoretically a product of spaces corresponding to the points

$$u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{d-2}, x_1, \dots, x_{24}. \quad (3.11)$$

By arguments parallel to Section 3.3, the moduli scheme M_Z splits scheme-theoretic as a product, and also the virtual class splits. Hence, $\langle A \rangle_q$ is a product of series corresponding to the points (3.11) respectively.

For x_1, \dots, x_{24} the contributing factor is the same as in Section 2.3.6, and for u_1, \dots, u_{d-2} it is the same as in Section 3.3. Let

$$\tilde{G}^{\text{GW}}(y, q) \in \mathbb{Q}((y))[[q]] \quad (3.12)$$

denote the contributing factor from the point u_0 . Then we have

$$\left\langle A \right\rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{G^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^{d-2} \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}}(y, q)}{\Delta(q)}. \quad (3.13)$$

3.5 Case $\langle I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2}) \rangle_q$

Let $P_1, \dots, P_{2d-2} \in S$ be generic points. In this section, we consider the evaluation of

$$\left\langle I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2}) \right\rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} \quad (3.14)$$

In Section 3.5.1, we discuss the geometry of lines in $\text{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$. In Section 3.5.2, we analyse the moduli space of stable maps incident to $I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2})$.

3.5.1 The Grassmannian

Let $\mathcal{Z}_d \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be the universal family, and let

$$L \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

be the inclusion of a line such that $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Consider the fiber diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{L} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Z}_d & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ L & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) & & \end{array}$$

The curve $\tilde{L} \subset L \times \mathbb{P}^1$ has bidegree $(d, 1)$, and is the graph of the morphism

$$I_L: \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow L, \quad x \mapsto I(x) \cap L. \quad (3.15)$$

By definition, the subscheme corresponding to a point $y \in L$ is $I_L^{-1}(y)$. Hence, the ramification index of I_L at a point $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ is the length of $I_L(x)$ (considered as a subscheme of \mathbb{P}^1) at x . In particular, for $y \in L$, we have $y \in \Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ if and only if $I_L(x) = y$ for a branchpoint x of I_L .

Let $R(L) \subset \mathbb{P}^1$ be the ramification divisor of I_L . Since I_L has $2d - 2$ branch points counted with multiplicity (or equivalently, L meets $\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ with multiplicity $2d - 2$),

$$R(L) \in \mathbf{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

Let $G = G(2, d + 1)$ be the Grassmannian of lines in $\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$. By the construction above relative to G , we obtain a rational map

$$\phi: G \dashrightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1), \quad L \mapsto R(L) \quad (3.16)$$

defined on the open subset of lines $L \in G$ with $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$.

The map ϕ will be used in the proof of the following result. For $u \in \mathbb{P}^1$, consider the incidence subscheme

$$I(2u) = \{z \in \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \mid 2u \subset z\}$$

Under the identification $\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \cong \mathbb{P}^d$, the inclusion $I(2u) \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ is a linear subspace of codimension 2. Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Z} & \xrightarrow{q} & \mathbb{P}^d = \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1) \\ \downarrow p & & \\ G & & \end{array} \quad (3.17)$$

be the universal family of G , and let

$$S_u = p(q^{-1}(I(2u))) = \{L \in G \mid L \cap I(2u) \neq \emptyset\} \subset G$$

be the divisor of lines incident to $I(2u)$.

Lemma 15. *Let $u_1, \dots, u_{2d-2} \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be generic points. Then,*

$$S_{u_1} \cap \dots \cap S_{u_{2d-2}} \quad (3.18)$$

is a collection of $\frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1}$ reduced points.

Proof. The class of S_u is the Schubert cycle σ_1 . By Schubert calculus the expected number of intersection points is

$$\int_G \sigma_1^{2d-2} = \frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1}.$$

It remains to prove that the intersection (3.18) is transverse.

Given a line $L \subset I(x) \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ for some $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$, there exist at most $2d-1$ different points $v \in \mathbb{P}^1$ with $2v \subset z$ for some $z \in L$. Hence, for every L in (3.18) we have $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Therefore, $S_{u_1} \cap \dots \cap S_{u_{2d-2}}$ lies in the domain of ϕ . Then, by construction of ϕ , the intersection (3.18) is the fiber of ϕ over the point

$$u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2} \in \mathbf{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

We will show that ϕ is generically finite. Since u_1, \dots, u_{2d-2} are generic, the fiber over $u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2}$ is then a set of finitely many reduced points.

We determine an explicit expression for the map ϕ . Let $L \in G$ be a line with $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$, let $f, g \in L$ be two distinct points and let x_0, x_1 be coordinates on \mathbb{P}^1 . We write

$$\begin{aligned} f &= a_n x_0^n + a_{n-1} x_0^{n-1} x_1 + \dots + a_0 x_1^n \\ g &= b_n x_0^n + b_{n-1} x_0^{n-1} x_1 + \dots + b_0 x_1^n \end{aligned}$$

for coefficients $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{C}$. The condition $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all x is equivalent to f and g having no common zeros. Consider the rational function

$$h(x) = h(x_0/x_1) = f/g = \frac{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0}{b_n x^n + \dots + b_0},$$

where $x = x_0/x_1$. The ramification divisor $R(L)$ is generically the zero locus of the nominator of $h' = (f/g)' = (f'g - fg')/g^2$; in coordinates we have

$$f'g - fg' = \sum_{m=0}^{2d-2} \left(\sum_{\substack{i+j=m+1 \\ i < j}} (i-j)(a_i b_j - a_j b_i) \right) x^m.$$

Let $M_{ij} = a_i b_j - a_j b_i$ be the Plücker coordinates on G . Then we conclude

$$\phi(L) = \sum_{m=0}^{2d-2} \left(\sum_{\substack{i+j=m+1 \\ i < j}} (i-j) M_{ij} \right) x^m \in \mathbf{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

By a direct verification, the differential of ϕ at the point with coordinates

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n) = (1, 0, \dots, 0, 1), \quad (b_0, \dots, b_n) = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

is an isomorphism. Hence, ϕ is generically finite. \square

Let $u_1, \dots, u_{2d-2} \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be generic points. Consider a line

$$L \in S_{u_1} \cap \dots \cap S_{u_{2d-2}} = \phi^{-1}(u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2})$$

and let U_L be the formal neighborhood of L in G . By the proof of Lemma 15, the map

$$\phi : G \dashrightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

is étale near L . Hence, ϕ induces an isomorphism from U_L to

$$\mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1), u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2}}) \cong \prod_{i=1}^{2d-2} \mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_i}), \quad (3.19)$$

the formal neighborhood of $\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ at $u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2}$. Composing ϕ with the projection to the i -th factor of (3.19), we obtain maps

$$\kappa_i : U_L \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1), u_1 + \dots + u_{2d-2}}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_i}) \subset \mathbb{P}^1, \quad (3.20)$$

which parametrize the deformation of the branch points of I_L (defined in (3.15)).

In the notation of the diagram (3.17), consider the map

$$q^{-1}(\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}) \rightarrow G \quad (3.21)$$

whose fiber over a point $L' \in G$ are the intersection points of L' with the diagonal $\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)}$. Since L is in the fiber of a generically finite map over a generic point, we have

$$L \cap \Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)} = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{2d-2}\}$$

for pairwise disjoint subschemes $\xi_i \in \mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ of type (21^{d-2}) with $2u_i \subset \xi_i$. The restriction of (3.21) to U_L is a $(2d-2)$ -sheeted trivial fibration, and hence admits sections

$$v_1, \dots, v_{2d-2} : U_L \rightarrow q^{-1}(\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)})|_{U_L}, \quad (3.22)$$

such that for every i the composition $q \circ v_i$ restricts to ξ_i over the closed point. Moreover, since $q \circ v_i$ is incident to the diagonal and must contain twice the branchpoint κ_i defined in (3.20), we have the decomposition

$$q \circ v_i = 2\kappa_i + h_1 + \dots + h_{d-2} \quad (3.23)$$

for maps $h_1, \dots, h_{d-2} : U_L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$.

3.5.2 The moduli space

Let $P_1, \dots, P_{2d-2} \in S$ be generic points and let $u_i = \pi(P_i)$ for all i . Let

$$\text{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,2d-2}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA) \rightarrow (\text{Hilb}^d(S))^{2d-2}$$

be the evaluation map and let

$$M_Z = \text{ev}^{-1}(I(P_1) \times \dots \times I(P_{2d-2}))$$

be the moduli space of stable maps incident to $I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2})$. We consider an element

$$[f : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S), p_1, \dots, p_{2d-2}] \in M_Z.$$

Since $P_i \in f(p_i)$ and P_i is generic, the line $L = \pi(f(C)) \subset \text{Hilb}^d(\mathbb{P}^1)$ is incident to $I(2u_i)$ for all i , and therefore lies in the finite set

$$S_{u_1} \cap \dots \cap S_{u_{2d-2}} \subset G(2, d+1) \quad (3.24)$$

defined in Section 3.5.1; here $G(2, d+1)$ is the Grassmannian of lines in \mathbb{P}^d .

Because the points u_1, \dots, u_{2d-2} are generic, by the proof of Lemma 15 also L is generic. By arguments identical to the case of Section 2.3.2, the map $f|_{C_0} : C_0 \rightarrow L$ is an isomorphism. We identify C_0 with the image L .

For $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$, let $\tilde{x} = I(x) \cap L$ be the unique point on L incident to x . The points

$$\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_{24}, \tilde{u}_1, \dots, \tilde{u}_{2d-2} \quad (3.25)$$

are the intersection points of L with the discriminant of $\pi^{[d]}$ defined in (2.5). Hence, by Lemma 5, the curve C admits the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{24} \cup B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_{2d-2},$$

where A_i and B_j are the components of C attached to the points \tilde{x}_i and \tilde{u}_j respectively; see also Section 2.3.2.

By Lemma 8, the node points $C_0 \cap A_i$ and $C_0 \cap B_j$ do not smooth under deformations of f inside M_Z . Hence, by the construction of Section 2.3.4, we have a splitting morphism

$$\Psi : M_Z \longrightarrow \bigsqcup_L \bigsqcup_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{24} M_{x_i}^{(N)}(h_{x_i}) \times \prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} M_{u_j}^{(H)}(h_{u_j}, k_{u_j}) \right), \quad (3.26)$$

where \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{k} runs over the set (2.18) (with y_j replaced by u_j) satisfying (2.19), and L runs over the set of lines (3.24), and where $M_{u_j}^{(H)}(h', k')$ is the moduli space defined as follows:

Consider the evaluation map

$$\text{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,2}(\text{Hilb}^2(S), h'F + k'A) \longrightarrow (\text{Hilb}^2(S))^2$$

and let

$$\text{ev}^{-1}(I(P_j) \times \text{Hilb}^2(B_0)) \quad (3.27)$$

be the subscheme of maps incident to $I(P_j)$ and $\text{Hilb}^d(B_0)$ at the marked points. We define $M_{u_j}^{(H)}(h', k')$ to be the open and closed component of (3.27) whose \mathbb{C} -points parametrize maps into the fiber $\pi^{[2]-1}(2u_j)$. Using this definition, the map Ψ is well-defined (for example, the intersection point $C_0 \cap B_j$ maps to the second marked point in (3.27)).

In the case considered in Section 2.3, the image line $L = f(C_0)$ was fixed under infinitesimal deformations. Here, this does not seem to be the case; the line L may move infinitesimal. Nonetheless, the following Proposition shows that these deformations are all captured by the image of Ψ .

Proposition 4. *The splitting map (3.26) is an isomorphism.*

We will require the following Lemma, which will be proven later.

Lemma 16. *Let $\phi : C \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S)$ be a family in $M_{u_j}^{(H)}(h', k')$ over a connected scheme Y ,*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \text{Hilb}^2(S) \\ \downarrow & & \\ Y & & \end{array} \quad (3.28)$$

Then $\pi^{[2]} \circ \phi$ maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1) \cap I(u_j)$.

Proof of Proposition 4. We define an inverse to Ψ . Let

$$\left((\phi'_i : A_i \rightarrow S, q_{x_i})_{i=1, \dots, 2d}, (\phi_j : B_j \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S), p_j, q_j)_{j=1, \dots, 2d-2} \right) \quad (3.29)$$

be a family of maps in the right hand side of (3.26) over a connected scheme Y . By Lemma 16, $\pi^{[2]} \circ \phi_j : B_j \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$ maps into $I(u_j) \cap \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$. Since the intersection of the line $I(u_j)$ and the diagonal $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(S)}$ is infinitesimal, we have the inclusion

$$I(u_j) \cap \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} \hookrightarrow \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}, 2u_j}) = \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_j}),$$

and therefore the induced map $\iota_j : Y \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_j})$ making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_j & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow^{\pi^{[2]} \circ \phi_j} & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\iota_j} & \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}, 2u_j}) = \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_j}) \end{array}$$

commutative. Let $\ell = (\iota_j)_j: Y \rightarrow U_L$, where

$$U_L = \prod_{j=1}^{2d-2} \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_j}) \equiv \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\text{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1), \sum_i u_i}).$$

Under the generically finite rational map

$$G(2, d+1) \dashrightarrow \text{Hilb}^{2d-2}(\mathbb{P}^1),$$

defined in (3.16), the formal scheme U_L is isomorphic to the formal neighborhood of $G(2, d+1)$ at the point $[L]$. We identify these neighborhoods under this isomorphism.

Let $\mathcal{Z}_L \rightarrow U_L$ be the restriction of the universal family $\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow G(2, d+1)$ to U_L . By pullback via ℓ , we obtain a family of lines in \mathbb{P}^d over the scheme Y ,

$$\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L \rightarrow Y, \quad (3.30)$$

together with an induced map

$$\psi: \ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L \xrightarrow{\ell} \mathcal{Z}_L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d \equiv \text{Hilb}^d(B_0) \xrightarrow{s^{[d]}} \text{Hilb}^d(S).$$

We will require sections of $\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L \rightarrow Y$, which allow us to glue the domains of the maps ϕ'_i and ϕ_j to $\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L$. Consider the sections

$$v_1, \dots, v_{2d-2}: Y \rightarrow \ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L$$

which are the pullback under ℓ of the sections $v_i: U_L \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_L$ defined in (3.22). By construction, the section $v_i: Y \rightarrow \ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L$ parametrizes the points of $\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L$ which map to the diagonal $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$ under ψ (in particular, over closed points of Y they map to $I(u_j) \cap L$).

For $j = 1, \dots, 2d-2$, consider the family of maps $\phi_j: B_j \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S)$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_j & \xrightarrow{\phi_j} & \text{Hilb}^2(S) \\ p_j, q_j \uparrow & & \downarrow \pi_j \\ Y & & \end{array} \quad (3.31)$$

where p_j is the marked point mapping to $I(P_j)$, and q_j is the marked point mapping to $\text{Hilb}^2(B_0)$. Let C' be the curve over Y which is obtained by glueing the component B_j to the line $\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L$ along the points q_j, v_j for all j :

$$C' = \left(\ell^* \mathcal{Z}_L \sqcup B_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup B_{2d-2} \right) / q_1 \sim v_1, \dots, q_{2d-2} \sim v_{2d-2}.$$

We will define a map $f': C' \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$.

For all j , let $\kappa_j: U_L \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{P}^1, u_j}) \subset \mathbb{P}^1$ be the map defined in (3.20). By construction, we have $\kappa_j \circ \ell = \iota_j$. Hence, by (3.23), there exist maps $h_1, \dots, h_{d-2}: Y \rightarrow S$ with

$$\psi \circ v_j = \phi_j \circ q_j + h_1 + \dots + h_{d-2}. \quad (3.32)$$

Let $\pi_j : B_j \rightarrow Y$ be the map of the family B_j/Y , and define

$$\tilde{\phi}_{u_j} = \left(\phi_j + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} h_i \circ \pi_j \right) : B_j \longrightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S).$$

Define the map

$$f' : C' \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$$

by $f'|_{C_0} = \psi$ and by $f'|_{B_j} = \tilde{\phi}_j$ for every j . By (3.32), the map $\tilde{\phi}_{u_j}$ restricted to q_j agrees with $\psi : C' \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$ restricted to v_j . Hence f' is well-defined.

By a parallel construction, we obtain a canonical glueing of the components A_i to C' together with a glueing of the maps f' and $\phi'_i : A_i \rightarrow S$. We obtain a family of maps

$$f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)$$

over Y , which lies in M_Z and such that $\Psi(f)$ equals (3.29). By a direct verification, the induced morphism on the moduli spaces is the desired inverse to Ψ . Hence, Ψ is an isomorphism. \square

The remaining steps in the evaluation of (3.14) are similar to Section 2.3. Using the identification

$$H^0(C_0, f^* T_{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)}) = H^0(C_0, T_{C_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2d-2} T_{\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1), \phi_j(q_j)}},$$

where $q_j = C_0 \cap B_j$ are the nodes and ϕ_j is as in the proof of Proposition 4, one verifies that the virtual class splits according to the product (3.26). Hence, the invariant (3.14) is a product of series associated to the points x_i and u_j respectively. Let

$$H^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^{k - \frac{1}{2}} q^h \int_{[M_{u_j}^{(H)}(h, k)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 \in \mathbb{Q}((y^{1/2}))[[q]], \quad (3.33)$$

be the contribution from the point u_j . By Lemma 15, there are $\frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1}$ lines in the set (3.24). Hence,

$$\left\langle I(P_1), \dots, I(P_{2d-2}) \right\rangle_q^{\mathbf{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{1}{d} \binom{2d-2}{d-1} \frac{H^{\text{GW}}(y, q)^{2d-2}}{\Delta(q)}. \quad (3.34)$$

Proof of Lemma 16. Since ϕ is incident to $I(P_j)$, the composition $\pi^{[2]} \circ \phi$ maps to $I(u_j)$. Therefore, we only need to show that $\pi^{[2]} \circ \phi$ maps to $\Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$.

It is enough to consider the case $Y = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2)$. Let $f_0 : C_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S)$ be the restriction of f over the closed point of Y , and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S) \\ \downarrow \pi_C & & \downarrow \pi^{[2]} \\ \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2) & \xrightarrow{a} & \mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1). \end{array}$$

where π_C is the given map of the family (3.28) and a is the induced map. Let s be the section of $\mathcal{O}(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1})$ with zero locus $\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1}$, and assume the pullback ϕ^*s is non-zero.

Let Ω_{π_2} be the sheaf of relative differentials of $\pi_2 := \pi^{[2]}$. The composition

$$\phi^* \pi_2^* \pi_{2*} \Omega_{\pi_2} \rightarrow \phi^* \Omega_{\pi_2} \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_{\pi_C} \quad (3.35)$$

factors as

$$\phi^* \pi_2^* \pi_{2*} \Omega_{\pi_2} \rightarrow \pi_C^* \pi_{C*} \Omega_{\pi_C} \rightarrow \Omega_{\pi_C}. \quad (3.36)$$

Since the second term in (3.36) is zero, the map (3.35) is zero. Hence, d factors as

$$\phi^* \Omega_{\pi_2} \rightarrow \phi^* (\Omega_{\pi_2} / \pi_2^* \pi_{2*} \Omega_{\pi_2}) \rightarrow \Omega_{\pi_C}. \quad (3.37)$$

By Lemma 17 below, $\Omega_{\pi_2} / \pi_2^* \pi_{2*} \Omega_{\pi_2}$ is the pushforward of a sheaf supported on $\pi_2^{-1}(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1})$. After trivializing $\mathcal{O}(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1})$ near $2u_j$, write $\phi^*s = \lambda\epsilon$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Then, by (3.37),

$$0 = d(s \cdot \Omega_{\pi_2}) = \lambda\epsilon \cdot d(\Omega_{\pi_2}) \subset \Omega_{\pi_C}.$$

In particular, $db = 0$ for every $b \in \Omega_{\pi_2}$, which does not vanish on $\pi_2^{-1}(\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1})$. Since $\phi|_C$ is non-zero, this is a contradiction. \square

Lemma 17. *Let $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be the basepoint of a smooth fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Then, there exists a Zariski-open $2x \in U \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$ and a map*

$$u : \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \pi_{2*} \Omega_{\pi_2}|_U \quad (3.38)$$

with cokernel equal to $j_*\mathcal{F}$ for a sheaf \mathcal{F} on $\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1} \cap U$.

Proof. Let U be an open subset of $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ such that $\pi_*\Omega_\pi|_U$ is trivialized by a section

$$\alpha \in \pi_*\Omega_\pi(U) = \Omega_\pi(S_U),$$

where $S_U = \pi^{-1}(U)$. Consider the open neighborhood $\tilde{U} = \mathbf{Hilb}^2(U)$ of the point $2x \in \mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$.

Let $D_U \subset S_U \times S_U$ be the diagonal and consider the \mathbb{Z}_2 quotient

$$\mathrm{Bl}_{D_U}(S_U \times S_U) \xrightarrow{/\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S_U) = \pi_2^{-1}(\mathbf{Hilb}^2(U)).$$

For $i \in \{1, 2\}$, let

$$q_i : \mathrm{Bl}_{D_U}(S_U \times S_U) \rightarrow S_U$$

be the composition of the blowdown map with the i -th projection. Let t be a coordinate on U and let

$$t_i = q_i^*t, \quad \alpha_i = q_i^*\alpha$$

for $i = 1, 2$ be the induced global functions resp. 1-forms on $\mathrm{Bl}_{D_U}(S_U \times S_U)$. The two 1-forms

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \quad \text{and} \quad (t_1 - t_2)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

are \mathbb{Z}_2 invariant and descend to global sections of $\pi_{2*}\Omega_{\pi_2}|_U$. Consider the induced map

$$u : \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus 2} \longrightarrow \pi_{2*}\Omega_{\pi_2}|_U$$

The map u is an isomorphism away from the diagonal

$$\Delta_\pi \cap \tilde{U} = V((t_1 - t_2)^2) \subset \tilde{U}. \quad (3.39)$$

Hence, it is left to check the statement of the lemma in an infinitesimal neighborhood of (3.39). Let U' be a small analytic neighborhood of $v \in U$ such that the restriction $\pi_{U'} : S_{U'} \rightarrow U'$ is analytically isomorphic to the quotient

$$(U' \times \mathbb{C})/\sim \longrightarrow U',$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation

$$(t, z) \sim (t', z') \iff t = t' \text{ and } z - z' \in \Lambda_t,$$

with an analytically varying lattice $\Lambda_t : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Now, a direct and explicit verification yields the statement of the lemma. \square

3.6 Case $\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^2 1_S, I(P) \rangle_q$

Let $F^{\mathrm{GW}}(y, q)$ and $H^{\mathrm{GW}}(y, q)$ be the power series defined in (2.34) and (3.33) respectively, let $P \in S$ be a point and let F be the class of a fiber of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$.

Lemma 18. *We have*

$$\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^2 1_S, I(P) \rangle_q^{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)} = \frac{F^{\mathrm{GW}}(y, q) \cdot H^{\mathrm{GW}}(y, q)}{\Delta(q)}$$

Proof. Let F_1, F_2 be fibers of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ over generic points $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{P}^1$ respectively, and let $P \in S$ be a generic point. Define the subschemes

$$Z_1 = F_1[1]F_2[1] \quad \text{and} \quad Z_2 = I(P).$$

Consider the evaluation map

$$\mathrm{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,1}(\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S), \beta_h + kA) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$$

from the moduli space of stable maps with *one* marked point, let

$$M_{Z_2} = \mathrm{ev}^{-1}(Z_2),$$

and let

$$M_Z \subset M_{Z_2}$$

be the closed substack of M_{Z_2} of maps which are incident to both Z_1 and Z_2 .

Let $[f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S), p_1] \in M_Z$ be an element, let C_0 be the distinguished component of C on which $\pi^{[2]} \circ f$ is non-zero, and let $L = \pi^{[2]}(f(C_0))$ be the image line. Since $P \in S$ is generic, we have $2v \in L$ where $v = \pi(P)$. Hence, L is the line through $2v$ and $u_1 + u_2$, and has the diagonal points

$$L \cap \Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} = \{2u, 2v\} \quad (3.40)$$

for some fixed $u \in \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{v\}$. By Lemma 6, the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is therefore an isomorphism onto the embedded line $L \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^2(B_0)$. Using arguments parallel to Section 2.3.2, the moduli space M_Z is *set-theoretically* a product of the moduli space of maps to the nodal fibers, the moduli space $M_u^{(F)}(h', k')$ parametrizing maps over $2u$, and the moduli space $M_v^{(H)}(h'', k'')$ parametrizing maps over $2v$.

Under infinitesimal deformations of $[f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S)]$ inside M_Z , the line L remains incident to $x_1 + x_2$, but may move to first order at the point $2v$ (see Section 3.5.2); hence, it may move also at $2u$ to first order. In particular, the moduli space is scheme-theoretically *not* a product of the above moduli spaces. Nevertheless, by degeneration, we will reduce to the case of a scheme-theoretic product. For simplicity, we work on the component of M_Z which parametrizes maps with no component mapping to the nodal fibers of π ; the general case follows by completely analog arguments with an extra $1/\Delta(q)$ factor appearing as contribution from the nodal fibers.

Let $N \subset M_{Z_2}$ be the *open* locus of maps $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb}^2(S)$ in M_{Z_2} with

$$\pi^{[2]}(f(C)) \cap \Delta_{\mathbf{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} = \{2t, 2v\}$$

for some point $t \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_{24}, v\}$. Under deformations of an element $[f] \in N$, the intersection point $2t$ may move freely and independently of v . Hence, we have a splitting *isomorphism*

$$\Psi : N \longrightarrow \bigsqcup_{\substack{h=h_1+h_2 \\ k=k_1+k_2-1}} M^{(F)}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2), \quad (3.41)$$

where

- $M^{(F)}(h, k)$ is the moduli space of 1-pointed stable maps to $\mathbf{Hilb}^2(S)$ of genus 0 and class $hF + kA$ such that the marked point is mapped to $s^{[2]}(2t)$ for some $t \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_{24}, v\}$,
- $M_v^{(H)}(h, k)$ is the moduli space defined in Section 3.5.2.

For every decomposition $h = h_1 + h_2$ and $k = k_1 + k_2 - 1$ separately, let

$$M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2) \longrightarrow \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} \times \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}, 2v})$$

be the product of the compositions of the first evaluation map with $\pi^{[2]}$ on each factor, let

$$\iota: V \hookrightarrow \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} \times \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}, 2v}) \quad (3.42)$$

be the subscheme parametrizing the intersection points $L \cap \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ of lines L which are incident to $x_1 + x_2$, and consider the fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)} & \longrightarrow & M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} \times \text{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}, 2v}) \end{array} \quad (3.43)$$

Then, by definition, the splitting isomorphism (3.41) restricts to an isomorphism

$$\Psi: M_Z \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{\substack{h=h_1+h_2 \\ k=k_1+k_2-1}} M_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)}.$$

Restricting the natural virtual class on M_{Z_2} to the open locus, we obtain a virtual class $[N]^{\text{vir}}$ of dimension 1. By the arguments of Section 2.3.5,

$$\Psi_*[N]^{\text{vir}} = \sum_{\substack{h=h_1+h_2 \\ k=k_1+k_2-1}} [M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \times [M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}}, \quad (3.44)$$

where $[M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}}$ is a $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ -relative version of the virtual class considered in Section 2.3.5, and $[M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}}$ is the virtual class constructed in Section 3.5.2. The composition of ι with the projection to the second factor is an isomorphism. Hence ι is a regular embedding and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^2, I(P) \right\rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^2(S)} &= \deg(\Psi_*[M_Z]^{\text{vir}}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{h=h_1+h_2 \\ k=k_1+k_2-1}} \deg \iota^! \left([M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \times [M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

We proceed by degenerating the first factor in the product

$$M^{(\text{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(\text{H})}(h_2, k_2),$$

while keeping the second factor fixed. Let

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{Bl}_{F_u \times 0}(S \times \mathbb{A}^1) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1,$$

be a deformation of S to the normal cone of F_u , where u was defined in (3.40). Let $\mathcal{S}^\circ \subset \mathcal{S}$ be the complement of the proper transform of $S \times 0$ and consider the *relative* Hilbert scheme $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathcal{S}^\circ/\mathbb{A}^1) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$, which appeared already in (2.46). Let

$$p: \widetilde{M}^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 \quad (3.46)$$

be the moduli space of 1-pointed stable maps to $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathcal{S}^\circ/\mathbb{A}^1)$ of genus 0 and class $h_1F + k_1A$, which map the marked point to the closure of

$$(\Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(B_0)} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_{24}, v\}) \times (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}).$$

Over $t \neq 0$, (3.46) restricts to $M^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1)$, while the fiber over 0, denoted

$$M_0^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) = p^{-1}(0),$$

parametrizes maps into the trivial elliptic fibration $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times E)$ incident to the diagonal $\Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times e)}$ for a fixed $e \in E$. Since addition by \mathbb{C} acts on $M_0^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1)$ we have the product decomposition

$$M_0^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) = M_{0, \mathrm{fix}}^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times \Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times e)}, \quad (3.47)$$

where $M_{0, \mathrm{fix}}^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1)$ is a fixed fiber of

$$M_0^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) \rightarrow \Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times e)}.$$

Consider a deformation of the diagram (3.43) to $0 \in \mathbb{A}^1$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M'_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)} & \longrightarrow & M_0^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(\mathrm{H})}(h_2, k_2) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V' & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & \Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{C} \times E)} \times \mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1), 2v}}), \end{array}$$

where (V', ι') is the fiber over 0 of a deformation of (V, ι) such that the composition with the projection to $\mathrm{Spec}(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1), 2v}})$ remains an isomorphism. By construction, the total space of the deformation

$$M_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)} \rightsquigarrow M'_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)}$$

is proper over \mathbb{A}^1 . Using the product decomposition (3.47), we find

$$M'_{Z, (h_1, h_2, k_1, k_2)} \cong M_{0, \mathrm{fix}}^{(\mathrm{F})}(h_1, k_1) \times M_v^{(\mathrm{H})}(h_2, k_2)$$

Hence, after degeneration, we are reduced to a scheme-theoretic product. It remains to consider the virtual class.

By the relative construction of Section 2.3.5 the moduli space $\widetilde{M}^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)$ carries a virtual class

$$[\widetilde{M}^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \quad (3.48)$$

which restricts to $[M^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}}$ over $t \neq 0$, while over $t = 0$ we have

$$0^! [\widetilde{M}^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} = \text{pr}_1^* \left([M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \right). \quad (3.49)$$

where pr_1 is the projection to the first factor in (3.47) and $[M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}}$ is the virtual class obtained by the construction of Section 2.3.5. We conclude,

$$\begin{aligned} \deg \iota^! \left([M^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \times [M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} \right) \\ = \deg (\iota')^! \left(\text{pr}_1^* \left([M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \right) \times [M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} \right) \\ = \deg \left([M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \right) \cdot \deg \left([M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

By definition (see (3.33)),

$$\deg [M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} = [H^{\text{GW}}(y, q)]_{q^{h_2} y^{k_2 - 1/2}},$$

where $[\cdot]_{q^a y^b}$ denotes the $q^a y^b$ coefficient. The moduli space $M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)$ is isomorphic to the space $M_{y_i}^{(\ell)}(h_1, k_1)$ defined in (2.41). Since the construction of the virtual class on both sides agree, the virtual class is the same under this isomorphism. Hence, by Lemma 9,

$$\deg [M_1^{\text{fix}}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} = [F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)]_{q^{h_1} y^{k_1 - 1/2}}.$$

Inserting into (3.50) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \deg \iota^! \left([M^{(F)}(h_1, k_1)]^{\text{vir}} \times [M_v^{(H)}(h_2, k_2)]^{\text{vir}} \right) \\ = [H^{\text{GW}}(y, q)]_{q^{h_2} y^{k_2 - 1/2}} \cdot [F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)]_{q^{h_1} y^{k_1 - 1/2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof by equation (3.45). \square

The Hilbert scheme of 2 points of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times E$

4.1 Introduction

In previous sections we expressed genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of the Hilbert scheme of points of an elliptic K3 surface S in terms of universal series which depend only on specific fibers of the fibration $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. The contributions from nodal fibers have been determined before by Bryan and Leung in their proof [BL00] of the Yau-Zaslow formula (1). The yet undetermined contributions from smooth fibers, denoted

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q), G^{\text{GW}}(y, q), \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}}(y, q), H^{\text{GW}}(y, q) \quad (4.1)$$

in equations (2.34), (3.8), (3.12), (3.33) respectively, depend only on infinitesimal data near the smooth fibers, and not on the global geometry of the K3 surface. Hence, one may hope to find similar contributions in the Gromov-Witten theory of the Hilbert scheme of points of other elliptic fibrations.

Let E be an elliptic curve with origin $0_E \in E$, and let

$$X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times E$$

be the trivial elliptic fibration. Here, we study the genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of the Hilbert scheme

$$\text{Hilb}^2(X).$$

and use our results to determine the series (4.1).

From the view of Gromov-Witten theory, the variety $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ has two advantages over the Hilbert scheme of 2 points of an elliptic K3 surface. First, $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ is not holomorphic symplectic. Therefore, we may use ordinary Gromov-Witten invariants and in particular the main computation method which exists in genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory – the WDVV equation. Second, we have an additional map

$$\text{Hilb}^2(X) \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(E)$$

induced by the projection of X to the second factor which is useful in calculations.

Our study of the Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ will proceed in two independent directions. First, we directly analyse the moduli space of stable maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ which are incident to certain geometric cycles. Similar to the K3 case, this leads to an explicit expression of generating series of Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ in terms of the series (4.1). This is parallel to the study of the Gromov-Witten theory of the Hilbert scheme of points of a K3 surface in Sections 2 and 3.

In a second independent step, we will calculate the Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ using the WDVV equations and a few explicit calculations of initial data. Then, combining both directions, we are able to solve for the functions (4.1). This leads to the following result.

Let $F(z, \tau)$ be the Jacobi theta function (2.35) and, with $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$, let

$$G(z, \tau) = F(z, \tau)^2 \left(y \frac{d}{dy} \right)^2 \log(F(z, \tau))$$

be the function which appeared already in Section 3.1.

Theorem 7. *Under the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) &= F(z, \tau) \\ G^{\text{GW}}(y, q) &= G(z, \tau) \\ \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}}(y, q) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(y \frac{d}{dq} \right) G(z, \tau) \\ H^{\text{GW}}(y, q) &= \left(q \frac{d}{dq} \right) F(y, q) \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 7 via the geometry of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ is independent from the Kummer K3 geometry studied in Section 2.4. In particular, our approach here yields a second proof of Theorem 3.

4.2 The fiber of $\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1 \times E) \rightarrow E$

4.2.1 Definition

The projections of $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times E$ to the first and second factor induce the maps

$$\pi : \text{Hilb}^2(X) \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{P}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tau : \text{Hilb}^2(X) \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(E) \quad (4.2)$$

respectively. Consider the composition

$$\sigma : \text{Hilb}^2(X) \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{Hilb}^2(E) \xrightarrow{+} E$$

of τ with the addition map $+: \text{Hilb}^2(E) \rightarrow E$. Since σ is equivariant with respect to the natural action of E on $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ by translation, it is an isotrivial fibration with smooth fibers. We let

$$Y = \sigma^{-1}(0_E)$$

be the fiber of σ over the origin $0_E \in E$.

Let $\gamma \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^2(X))$ be an effective curve class and let

$$\overline{M}_{0,m}(\text{Hilb}^2(X), \gamma)$$

be the moduli space of m -pointed stable maps to $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ of genus 0 and class γ . The map σ induces an isotrivial fibration

$$\sigma : \overline{M}_{0,m}(\text{Hilb}^2(X), \gamma) \rightarrow E$$

with fiber over 0_E equal to

$$\bigsqcup_{\gamma'} \overline{M}_{0,m}(Y, \gamma'),$$

where the disjoint union runs over all effective curve classes $\gamma' \in H_2(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ with $\iota_* \gamma' = \gamma$; here $\iota : Y \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(X)$ is the inclusion.

For cohomology classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(X))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,m}(\text{Hilb}^2(X), \gamma)]^{\text{vir}}} \text{ev}_1^*(\gamma_1 \cup [Y]) \cdots \text{ev}_m^*(\gamma_m) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\gamma' \in H_2(Y) \\ \iota_* \gamma' = \gamma}} \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,m}(Y, \gamma')]^{\text{vir}}} (\iota \circ \text{ev}_1)^*(\gamma_1) \cdots (\iota \circ \text{ev}_m)^*(\gamma_m), \end{aligned}$$

where we let $[\cdot]^{\text{vir}}$ denote the virtual class defined by ordinary Gromov-Witten theory. Hence, for calculations related to the Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ we may restrict to the threefold Y .

4.2.2 Cohomology

Let $D_X \subset X \times X$ be the diagonal and let

$$\text{Bl}_{D_X}(X \times X) \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(X) \tag{4.3}$$

be the \mathbb{Z}_2 -quotient map which interchanges the factors. Let

$$W = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times E \hookrightarrow X \times X, \quad (x_1, x_2, e) \mapsto (x_1, e, x_2, -e)$$

be the fiber of 0_E under $X \times X \rightarrow E \times E \xrightarrow{\pm} E$ and consider the blowup

$$\rho : \widetilde{W} = \text{Bl}_{D_X \cap W} W \rightarrow W. \tag{4.4}$$

Then, the restriction of (4.3) to \widetilde{W} yields the \mathbb{Z}_2 -quotient map

$$g : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow \widetilde{W}/\mathbb{Z}_2 = Y. \quad (4.5)$$

Let $D_{X,1}, \dots, D_{X,4}$ be the components of the intersection

$$D_X \cap W = \{(x_1, x_2, f) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times E \mid x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } f = -f\}$$

corresponding to the four 2-torsion points of E , and let

$$E_1, \dots, E_4$$

be the corresponding exceptional divisors of the blowup $\rho : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow W$. For every i , the restriction of g to E_i is an isomorphism onto its image. Define the cohomology classes

$$\Delta_i = g_*[E_i], \quad A_i = g_*[\rho^{-1}(y_i)]$$

for some $y_i \in D_{X,i}$. We also set

$$\Delta = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_4, \quad A = \frac{1}{4}(A_1 + \dots + A_4).$$

Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $f \in E$ be points, and define

$$B_1 = g_*[\rho^{-1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times x_2 \times f)], \quad B_2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot g_*[\rho^{-1}(x_1 \times x_2 \times E)].$$

Identify the fiber of $\text{Hilb}^2(E) \rightarrow E$ over 0_E with \mathbb{P}^1 , and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \downarrow \pi & & \\ \mathbb{P}^2 & & \end{array} \quad (4.6)$$

induced by the morphisms (4.2). Let $h \in H^2(\mathbb{P}^2)$ be the class of a line and let $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ be a point. Define the divisor classes

$$D_1 = [\tau^{-1}(x)], \quad D_2 = \pi^*h.$$

Lemma 19. *The cohomology classes*

$$D_1, D_2, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_4 \quad (\text{resp. } B_1, B_2, A_1, \dots, A_4) \quad (4.7)$$

form a basis of $H^2(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ (resp. of $H^4(Y; \mathbb{Q})$).

Proof. Since the map g is the quotient map by the finite group \mathbb{Z}_2 , we have the isomorphism

$$g^* : H^*(Y; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^*(\widetilde{W}; \mathbb{Q})^{\mathbb{Z}_2},$$

where the right hand side denotes the \mathbb{Z}_2 invariant part of the cohomology of \widetilde{W} . The Lemma now follows from a direct verification. \square

By straight-forward calculation, we find the following intersections between the basis elements (4.7).

\cdot	B_1	B_2	A_i	\cdot	D_1	D_2	Δ_i
D_1	0	1	0	D_1	0	$2B_1$	0
D_2	1	0	0	D_2	$2B_1$	$2B_2$	$2A_i$
Δ_j	0	0	$-2\delta_{ij}$	Δ_j	0	$2A_j$	$4(A_i - B_1)\delta_{ij}$

Finally, using intersection against test curves, the canonical class of Y is

$$K_Y = -2D_2.$$

4.2.3 Gromov-Witten invariants

Let $r, d \geq 0$ be integers and let $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_4)$ be a tuple of half-integers $k_i \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$. Define the class

$$\beta_{r,d,\mathbf{k}} = rB_1 + dB_2 + k_1A_1 + k_2A_2 + k_3A_3 + k_4A_4.$$

Every algebraic curve in Y has a class of this form.

For cohomology classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ define the genus 0 potential

$$\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_l \rangle^Y = \sum_{r,d \geq 0} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in (\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z})^4} \zeta^r q^d y^{\sum_i k_i} \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,m}(Y, \beta_{r,d,\mathbf{k}})]^{\text{vir}}} \text{ev}_1^*(\gamma_1) \cdots \text{ev}_m^*(\gamma_m), \quad (4.8)$$

where ζ, y, q are formal variables and the integral on the right hand side is defined to be 0 whenever $\beta_{r,d,\mathbf{k}}$ is not effective.

The virtual class of $\overline{M}_{0,m}(Y, \beta_{r,d,\mathbf{k}})$ has dimension $2r + m$. Hence, for homogeneous classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$ of complex degree d_1, \dots, d_m respectively satisfying $\sum_i d_i = 2r + m$, only terms with ζ^r contribute to the sum (4.8). In this case, we often set $\zeta = 1$.

4.2.4 WDVV equations

Let $\iota: Y \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(X)$ denote the inclusion and consider the subspace

$$i^*H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(X); \mathbb{Q}) \subset H^*(Y; \mathbb{Q}). \quad (4.9)$$

of classes pulled back from $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$. The tuple of classes

$$b = (T_i)_{i=1}^8 = (e_Y, D_1, D_2, \Delta, B_1, B_2, A, \omega_Y),$$

forms a basis of (4.9); here $e_Y = [Y]$ is the fundamental class and ω_Y is the class of point of Y . Let $(g_{ef})_{e,f}$ with

$$g_{ef} = \langle T_e, T_f \rangle = \int_Y T_e \cup T_f$$

be the intersection matrix of b , and let $(g^{ef})_{e,f}$ be its inverse.

Lemma 20. *Let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4 \in i^*H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(X); \mathbb{Q})$ be homogeneous classes of complex degree d_1, \dots, d_4 respectively such that $\sum_i d_i = 5$. Then,*

$$\sum_{e,f=1}^8 \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, T_e \rangle^Y g^{ef} \langle \gamma_3, \gamma_4, T_f \rangle^Y = \sum_{e,f=1}^8 \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_4, T_e \rangle^Y g^{ef} \langle \gamma_2, \gamma_3, T_f \rangle^Y. \quad (4.10)$$

Proof. The claim follows directly from the classical WDVV equation [FP97] and direct formal manipulations. \square

We reformulate equation (4.10) into the form we will use. Let

$$\gamma \in i^*H^2(\text{Hilb}^2(X); \mathbb{Q})$$

be a divisor class and let

$$Q(\zeta, y, q) = \sum_{i,d,k} a_{ikd} \zeta^i y^k q^d$$

be a formal power series. Define the differential operator ∂_γ by

$$\partial_\gamma Q(\zeta, y, q) = \sum_{i,d,k} \left(\int_{iB_1 + dB_2 + kA} \gamma \right) a_{ikd} \zeta^i y^k q^d.$$

Explicitly, we have

$$\partial_{D_1} = q \frac{d}{dq}, \quad \partial_{D_2} = \zeta \frac{d}{d\zeta}, \quad \partial_\Delta = -2y \frac{d}{dy}.$$

Then, for homogeneous classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4 \in i^*H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(X); \mathbb{Q})$ of complex degree 2, 1, 1, 1 respectively, the left hand side of (4.10) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{\gamma_2} \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4 \rangle^Y + \partial_{\gamma_4} \partial_{\gamma_3} \langle \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \rangle^Y \\ & + \sum_{\substack{T_e \in \{B_1, B_2, A\} \\ T_f \in \{D_1, D_2, \Delta\}}} \partial_{\gamma_2} \left(\langle \gamma_1, T_e \rangle^Y \right) g^{ef} \partial_{\gamma_3} \partial_{\gamma_4} \partial_{T_f} \langle 1 \rangle^Y, \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

where we let $\langle 1 \rangle$ denote the Gromov-Witten potential with no insertions. The expression for the right hand side of (4.10) is similar.

4.2.5 Relation to the Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(K3)$

Recall the power series (4.1),

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q), \quad G^{\text{GW}}(y, q), \quad \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}}(y, q), \quad H^{\text{GW}}(y, q).$$

Proposition 5. *There exist a power series*

$$\tilde{H}^{\text{GW}}(y, q) \in \mathbb{Q}((y^{1/2}))[[q]]$$

such that

$$\langle B_2, B_2 \rangle^Y = (F^{\text{GW}})^2 \quad (\text{i})$$

$$\langle \omega_Y \rangle^Y = 2G^{\text{GW}} \quad (\text{ii})$$

$$\langle B_1, B_2 \rangle^Y = 2F^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}} + G^{\text{GW}} \quad (\text{iii})$$

$$\langle A, B_1 \rangle^Y = \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}} + \tilde{H}^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}} \quad (\text{iv})$$

$$\langle A, B_2 \rangle^Y = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}^{\text{GW}} \cdot F^{\text{GW}}. \quad (\text{v})$$

Proof. Let $d \geq 0$ be an integer, let $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_4) \in (\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z})^4$ be a tuple of half-integers, and let

$$\beta_{d, \mathbf{k}} = B_1 + dB_2 + k_1A_1 + \dots + k_4A_4.$$

Consider a stable map $f : C \rightarrow Y$ of genus 0 and class $\beta_{d, \mathbf{k}}$. The composition $\pi \circ f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ has degree 1 with image a line L . Let C_0 be the component of C on which $\pi \circ f$ is non-constant.

Let $g : \tilde{W} \rightarrow Y$ be the quotient map (4.5), and consider the fiber diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{C} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & \tilde{W} & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathbb{P}^1 \times E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & Y, & & \end{array}$$

where $p = \text{pr}_{23} \circ \rho$ is the composition of the blowdown map with the projection to the (2, 3)-factor of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times E$. Then, parallel to the case of elliptic K3 surfaces, the image of \tilde{C} under $p \circ \tilde{f}$ is a comb curve

$$B_e + \text{pr}_1^{-1}(z),$$

where B_e is the fiber of the projection $X \rightarrow E$ over some point $e \in E$, the map $\text{pr}_1 : \mathbb{P}^1 \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is the projection to the first factor, and $z \subset \mathbb{P}^1$ is a zero-dimensional subscheme of length d .

Let $G_0 \subset \tilde{C}$ be the irreducible component which maps with degree 1 to B_e under $p \circ \tilde{f}$. The projection $\tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ induces a flat map

$$G_0 \rightarrow C_0. \quad (4.12)$$

If (4.12) has degree 2, then similar to the arguments of Lemma 6, the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto an embedded line

$$L \subset \text{Hilb}^2(S_e) \subset Y,$$

where $e = -e \in E$ is a 2-torsion point of E . Since $f|_{C_0}$ is irreducible, we have $L \not\subseteq I(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$. The tangent line to $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ at $2x$ is $I(x)$ for every $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Hence, L intersects the diagonal $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$ in two distinct points.

If (4.12) has degree 1, the map $f|_{C_0}$ is the sum of two maps $C_0 \rightarrow X$. The first of these must map C_0 to a section of $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, the second must be constant since there are no non-constant maps to the fiber of $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Hence, the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto the embedded line¹

$$B_e + (x', -e) = g(\rho^{-1}(x' \times B_e \times -e)), \quad (4.13)$$

for some $x' \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $e \in E$; here we used the notation (1.4).

Every irreducible component of C other than C_0 maps into the fiber of

$$\pi : Y \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{P}^2$$

over a diagonal point $2x \in \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$.

Summarizing, the map $f : C \rightarrow Y$ therefore satisfies one of the following.

(A) The restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto a line

$$L \subset \text{Hilb}^2(B_e) \subset Y \quad (4.14)$$

where $e \in E$ is a 2-torsion point. The line L intersects the diagonal in the distinct points $2x_1$ and $2x_2$. The curve C has a decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup C_1 \cup C_2 \quad (4.15)$$

such that for $i = 1, 2$ the restriction $f|_{C_i}$ maps in the fiber $\pi^{-1}(2x_i)$.

(B) The restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto the line (4.13) for some $x' \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $e \in E$. The image $f(C_0)$ meets the fiber $\pi^{-1}(\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)})$ only in the point $(x', e) + (x', -e)$. Hence, the curve C admits the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup C_1 \quad (4.16)$$

where $f|_{C_1}$ maps to the fiber $\pi^{-1}(2x')$.

According to the above cases, we say that $f : C \rightarrow Y$ is of type (A) or (B).

¹ If e is a 2-torsion point of E , we take the proper transform instead of ρ^{-1} in (4.13). This case will not appear below.

We consider the different cases of Proposition 5.

Case (i). Let Z_1, Z_2 be generic fibers of the natural map

$$\pi : Y \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

The fibers Z_1, Z_2 have class $2B_2$. Let $f : C \rightarrow Y$ be a stable map of class $\beta_{d,\mathbf{k}}$ incident to Z_1 and Z_2 . Then f must be of type (A) above, with the line L in (4.14) uniquely determined by Z_1, Z_2 up the choice of the 2-torsion point $e \in E$. After specifying a 2-torsion point, we are in a case completely parallel to Section 2, except for the existence of the nodal fibers in the K3 case. Following the argument there, we find the contribution from each fixed 2-torsion point to be $(F^{\text{GW}})^2$. Hence,

$$\langle 2B_2, 2B_2 \rangle^Y = |\{e \in E \mid 2e = 0\}| \cdot (F^{\text{GW}})^2 = 4 \cdot (F^{\text{GW}})^2.$$

Case (ii). Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $e \in E$ be generic, and consider the point

$$y = (x_1, e) + (x_2, -e) \in Y.$$

A stable map $f : C \rightarrow Y$ of class $\beta_{d,\mathbf{k}}$ incident to y must be of type (B) above, with $x' = x_1$ or x_2 in (4.13). In each case, the calculation proceeds completely analogous to Section 3.3 and yields the contribution G^{GW} . Summing up both cases, we therefore find $\langle y \rangle^Y = 2G^{\text{GW}}$.

Case (iii). Let $x', x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $e \in E$ be generic points. Let

$$Z_1 = g(\rho^{-1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times x' \times e)) = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times e) + (x', -e) \quad (4.17)$$

and let Z_2 be the fiber of π over the point $x_1 + x_2$. The cycles Z_1, Z_2 have the cohomology classes $[Z_1] = B_1$ and $[Z_2] = 2B_2$ respectively. Let

$$f : C \rightarrow Y$$

be a 2-marked stable map of genus 0 and class $\beta_{d,\mathbf{k}}$ with markings $p_1, p_2 \in C$ incident to Z_1, Z_2 respectively. Since $f(p_1) \in Z_1$, we have

$$f(p_1) = (x'', e) + (x', -e)$$

for some $x'' \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Since also $f(p_2) \in Z_2$ and e is generic, $x'' \in \{x', x_1, x_2\}$.

Assume $x'' = x_1$. Then, f is of type (B) and the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto the line $\ell = B_e + (x_1, -e)$. The line ℓ meets the cycle Z_2 in the point $(x_2, e) + (x_1, -e)$ and no marked point of C lies on the component C_1 in the splitting (4.16). Parallel to (ii), the contribution of this case is G^{GW} . The case $x'' = x_2$ is identical.

Assume $x'' = x'$. Then, $\pi(f(p_1)) = 2x'$. Since $\pi(f(p_2)) = x_1 + x_2$, we have $\pi(f(p_1)) \cap \pi(f(p_2)) = \emptyset$. Hence, f is of type (A) and we have the decomposition

$$C = C_0 \cup C_1 \cup C_2,$$

where $f|_{C_0}$ maps to a line $L \subset \text{Hilb}^2(B_{e'})$ for a 2-torsion point $e' \in E$, the restriction $f|_{C_1}$ maps to $\pi^{-1}(2x')$, and $f|_{C_2}$ maps to the fiber of π over the diagonal point of L which is not $2x'$. We have $p_1 \in C_1$ with $f(p_1) \in Z_1$, and $p_2 \in C_0$ with $f(p_2) = (x_1, e') + (x_2, -e')$. The contribution from maps to the fiber over $2x'$ matches the contribution H^{GW} considered in Section 3.6. Since there is no marking on C_2 , the contribution from maps $f|_{C_2}$ is F^{GW} . For each fixed 2-torsion point $e' \in E$, we therefore find the contribution $F^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}}$.

In total, we obtain

$$\langle B_1, 2B_2 \rangle = 2 \cdot G^{\text{GW}} + 4 \cdot F^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}}.$$

Case (iv). Let $x, x' \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and $e' \in E$ be generic points, and let $e \in E$ be the i -th 2-torsion point. Consider the exceptional curve at (x, e) ,

$$Z_1 = g(\rho^{-1}(x, x, e))$$

and the cycle which appeared in (4.17) above,

$$Z_2 = g(\rho^{-1}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times x' \times e')) = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times e') + (x', -e').$$

We have $[Z_1] = A_i$ and $[Z_2] = B_1$. Consider a 2-marked stable map $f : C \rightarrow Y$ of class $\beta_{d, \mathbf{k}}$ with markings $p_1, p_2 \in C$ incident to Z_1, Z_2 respectively.

If f is of type (B), we must have $\pi(f(p_1)) \cap \pi(f(p_2)) \neq \emptyset$. Hence, $f(p_2) = (x, e') + (x', -e')$ and the restriction $f|_{C_0}$ is an isomorphism onto

$$\ell = (\rho^{-1}(x \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times e')) = B_{(-e')} + (x, e')$$

In the splitting (4.16), the component C_1 is attached to the component $C_0 \equiv \ell$ at $(x, -e') + (x, e')$. Then, the contribution here matches precisely the contribution of the point u_0 in the K3 case of Section 3.4; it is \tilde{G}^{GW} .

Assume f is of type (A). The line L in (4.14) lies inside $\text{Hilb}^2(B_{e''})$ for some 2-torsion point $e'' \in E$. Since e' is generic, $\pi(L)$ is the line through $2x$ and $2x'$. Consider the splitting (4.15) with C_1 and C_2 mapping to the fibers of π over $2x$ and $2x'$ respectively. The contribution from maps $f|_{C_2}$ over $2x'$ is parallel to Section 3.5.2; it is H^{GW} . Let \tilde{H}_0 (resp. \tilde{H}_1) be the contribution from maps $f|_{C_1}$ over $2x$ if $e'' = e$ (resp. if $e'' \neq e$). Then, summing up over all 2-torsion points, the total contribution is $\tilde{H}^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}}$, where $\tilde{H}^{\text{GW}} = \tilde{H}_0 + 3\tilde{H}_1$.

Adding up both cases, we obtain $\langle A_i, B_1 \rangle^Y = \tilde{G}^{\text{GW}} + \tilde{H}^{\text{GW}} \cdot H^{\text{GW}}$.

Case (v). This is identical to the second case of (iv) above, with the difference that the second marked point does lie on C_0 , not C_2 . \square

4.3 Calculations

4.3.1 Initial Conditions

Define the formal power series

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} H_{d,k} y^k q^d = \langle B_2, B_2 \rangle^Y \\ I &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} I_{d,k} y^k q^d = \langle \omega_Y \rangle^Y \\ T &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} T_{d,k} y^k q^d = \langle 1 \rangle^Y, \end{aligned}$$

where $\langle 1 \rangle^Y$ is the Gromov-Witten potential (4.8) with no insertion, and we have set $\zeta = 1$ in (4.8). We have the following initial conditions.

Proposition 6. *We have*

- (i) $T_{0,k} = 8/k^3$ for all $k \geq 1$
- (ii) $T_{d,-2d} = 2/d^3$ for all $d \geq 1$
- (iii) $H_{-1,0} = 1$
- (iv) $H_{d,k} = 0$ if $(d = 0, k \leq -2)$ or $(d > 0, k < -2d)$
- (v) $T_{d,k} = 0$ if $k < -2d$
- (vi) $I_{d,k} = 0$ if $k < -2d$.

Proof. **Case (i).** The moduli space $\overline{M}_0(Y, \sum_i k_i A_i)$ is non-empty only if there exists a $j \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ with $k_i = \delta_{ij} k$ for all i . Hence,

$$T_{0,k} = \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_4 = k} \int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, \sum_i k_i A_i)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, k A_i)]^{\text{vir}}} 1.$$

Since the term in the last sum is independent of i ,

$$T_{0,k} = 4 \int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, k A_1)]^{\text{vir}}} 1. \quad (4.18)$$

Let $e \in E$ be the first 2-torsion point, let

$$D_{X,1} = \{ (x, x, e) \mid x \in \mathbb{P}^1 \} \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times E$$

and consider the subscheme

$$\Delta_1 = g(\rho^{-1}(D_{X,1}))$$

which already appeared in Section 4.2.2. The divisor Δ_1 is isomorphic to the exceptional divisor E_1 of the blowup $\rho: \widetilde{W} \rightarrow W$, see (4.4). Hence $\Delta_1 = \mathbb{P}(V)$, where

$$V = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Under the isomorphism $\Delta_1 = \mathbb{P}(V)$, the map

$$\pi: \Delta_1 \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)} \cong \mathbb{P}^1. \quad (4.19)$$

is identified with the natural $\mathbb{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$.

The normal bundle of the exceptional divisor $E_1 \subset \widetilde{W}$ is $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1)$. Hence, taking the \mathbb{Z}_2 quotient (4.5) of \widetilde{W} , the normal bundle of $\Delta_1 \subset Y$ is

$$N = N_{\Delta_1/Y} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-2).$$

For $k \geq 1$, the moduli space

$$M = \overline{M}_0(Y, kA_1)$$

parametrizes maps to the fibers of the fibration (4.19). Since the normal bundle N of Δ_1 has degree -2 on each fiber, there is no infinitesimal deformations of maps out of Δ_1 . Hence, M is isomorphic to $\overline{M}_0(\mathbb{P}(V), d\mathfrak{f})$, where \mathfrak{f} is class of a fiber of $\mathbb{P}(V)$. In particular, M is smooth of dimension $2k - 1$.

By smoothness of M and convexity of $\mathbb{P}(V)$ in class $k\mathfrak{f}$, the virtual class of M is the Euler class of the obstruction bundle Ob with fiber

$$\text{Ob}_f = H^1(C, f^*T_Y)$$

over the moduli point $[f: C \rightarrow Y] \in M$. The restriction of the tangent bundle T_Y to a fixed fiber A_0 of (4.19) is

$$T_Y|_{A_0} \cong \mathcal{O}_{A_0}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{A_0} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{A_0}(-2),$$

Hence,

$$\text{Ob}_f = H^1(C, f^*T_Y) = H^1(C, f^*N).$$

Consider the relative Euler sequence of $p: \mathbb{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$,

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_p \rightarrow p^*V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)} \rightarrow 0. \quad (4.20)$$

By direct calculation, $\Omega_p = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-2) \otimes p^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-2)$. Hence, twisting (4.20) by $p^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$, we obtain the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow p^*V(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1) \rightarrow p^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \rightarrow 0. \quad (4.21)$$

Let $q: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow M$ be the universal curve and let $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \Delta_1 \subset Y$ be the universal map. Pulling back (4.21) by f , pushing forward by q and taking cohomology we obtain the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R^0q_*f^*p^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \rightarrow R^1q_*f^*N \rightarrow R^1q_*f^*p^*V(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1) \rightarrow 0. \quad (4.22)$$

The bundle $R^1q_*f^*N$ is the obstruction bundle Ob , and

$$R^0q_*f^*p^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) = q_*q^*p'^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) = p'^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2),$$

where $p' : M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is the map induced by $p : \mathbb{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. We find

$$c_1(p'^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)) = 2p'^*\omega_{\mathbb{P}^1},$$

where $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ is the class of a point on \mathbb{P}^1 . Taking everything together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, kA_1)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 &= \int_M e(R^1q_*f^*N) \\ &= \int_M c_1(p'^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2))c_{2k-2}(R^1q_*f^*p^*V(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1)) \\ &= 2 \int_{M_x} c_{2k-2}(R^1q_*f^*p^*V(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1))|_{M_x}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.23)$$

where $M_x = \overline{M}_0(\mathbb{P}^1, k)$ is the fiber of $p' : M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ over some $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$. Since

$$p^*V(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1)|_{p^{-1}(x)} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)_x}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)_x}(-1),$$

the term (4.23) equals $2 \int_{\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbb{P}^1, k)} c_{2k-2}(\mathcal{E})$, where \mathcal{E} is the bundle with fiber

$$H^1(C, f^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)) \oplus H^1(C, f^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)).$$

over a moduli point $[f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1] \in M_x$. Hence, using the Aspinwall-Morrison formula [HKK⁺03, Section 27.5] the term (4.23) is

$$\int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, kA_1)]^{\text{vir}}} 1 = 2 \cdot \int_{\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbb{P}^1, k)} c_{2k-2}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{2}{k^3}.$$

Combining with (4.18), the proof of case (i) is complete.

Case (ii) and (v). Let $f : C \rightarrow Y$ be a stable map of genus 0 and class $dB_2 + \sum k_i A_j$. Then, f maps into the fiber of

$$\pi : Y \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

over some diagonal point $2x \in \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(\mathbb{P}^1)}$. The reduced locus of such a fiber is the union

$$\Sigma_x \cup A_{x, e_1} \cup \dots \cup A_{x, e_4} \quad (4.24)$$

where $e_1, \dots, e_4 \in E$ are the 2-torsion points of E ,

$$A_{x, e} = g(\rho^{-1}(x \times x \times e))$$

is the exceptional curve of $\text{Hilb}^2(X)$ at $(x, e) \in X$, and Σ_x is the fiber of the addition map $\text{Hilb}^2(F_x) \rightarrow F_x = E$ over the origin 0_E . Hence,

$$f_*[C] = a[\Sigma_x] + \sum_i b_i[A_{x, e_i}]$$

for some $a, b_1, \dots, b_4 \geq 0$. Since $[A_{x,e_i}] = A_i$ and

$$[\Sigma_x] = B_2 - \frac{1}{2}(A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4)$$

we must have $d = a$ and therefore

$$f_*[C] = dB_2 + \sum_i (b_i - d/2)A_i.$$

Since $b_i \geq 0$ for all i , we find $\sum_i k_i \geq -2d$ with equality if and only if $k_i = -d/2$ for all i . This proves (v) and shows

$$T_{d,-2d} = \int_{[\overline{M}_0(Y, dB_2 - \sum_i (d/2)A_i)]^{\text{vir}}} 1. \quad (4.25)$$

Moreover, if $f : C \rightarrow Y$ has class $dB_2 - \sum_i (d/2)A_i$, it is a degree d cover of the curve Σ_x for some x .

We evaluate the integral (4.25). Let Z' be the proper transform of

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \times E \hookrightarrow W, \quad (x, e) \mapsto (x, x, e)$$

under the blowup map $\rho : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow W$, and let

$$Z = g(Z') = Z'/\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset Y$$

be its image under $g : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow Y$. The projection map $\text{pr}_{1,3} \circ \rho : Z' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times E$ descends by \mathbb{Z}_2 quotient to the isomorphism

$$(\tau|_Z, \pi|_Z) : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \quad (4.26)$$

where $\tau : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is the morphism defined in (4.6). Under the isomorphism (4.26), the curve Σ_x equals $\mathbb{P}^1 \times x$. Since moreover the normal bundle of $Z \subset Y$ has degree -2 on Σ_x , we find

$$\overline{M}_0(Y, dB_2 - 2dA) \cong \overline{M}_0(\mathbb{P}^1, d) \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

The normal bundle $Z \subset Y$ is the direct sum

$$N = N_{Z/Y} = \text{pr}_1^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a) \otimes \text{pr}_2^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-2).$$

for some a . We determine a . Under the isomorphism (4.26), the curve

$$R = x \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

corresponds to the diagonal in a generic fiber of $\tau : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. The generic fiber of τ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, hence $c_1(N) \cdot R = 2$ and $a = 2$. The result now follows by an argument parallel to (i).

Case (iii). This follows directly from the proof of Proposition 5 Case (i) since the line in (4.14) has class $B_1 - A_i$ for some i .

Case (iv). Let $f : C \rightarrow Y$ be a stable map of genus 0 and class $\beta_{d,\mathbf{k}}$ incident to the cycles Z_1, Z_2 of the proof of Proposition 5 Case (i). Then, there exists an irreducible component $C_0 \subset C$ which maps isomorphically to the line L considered in (4.14). We have $[L] = B_1 - A_i$ for some i

Since all irreducible components of C except for C_0 gets mapped under f to curves of the form Σ_x or $A_{x,i}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_*[C] &= \beta_{d,\mathbf{k}} = [L] + d[\Sigma_x] + \sum_j b_j A_j \\ &= B_1 + dB_2 + \sum_j (-d/2 - \delta_{ij} + b_j) \end{aligned}$$

for some $b_1, \dots, b_4 \geq 0$. If $d = 0$ we find $k = \sum_i k_i \geq -1$. If $d > 0$, then f maps to at least one curve of the form Σ_x with non-zero degree. Since L and Σ_x are disjoint, we must have $b_j > 0$ for some j . This shows $k = \sum_j k_j \geq -2d$.

Case (vi). This case follows by an argument parallel to (iv). \square

4.3.2 The system of equations

Let $\frac{d}{dq}$ and $\frac{d}{dy}$ be the formal differentiation operators with respect to q and y respectively. We will use the notation

$$\partial_\tau = q \frac{d}{dq} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_z = y \frac{d}{dy}.$$

The WDVV equation (4.10), applied to the cohomology insertions

$$\xi = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4)$$

specified below yield the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi = (B_2, D_2, D_2, \Delta) & : \quad \langle B_2, A \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_z(H) \\ \xi = (B_2, D_2, D_2, D_1) & : \quad \langle B_1, B_2 \rangle = \partial_\tau H + \frac{1}{2} I \\ \xi = (A, D_2, D_2, \Delta) & : \quad \langle A, A \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \partial_z^2 H - \frac{1}{4} I \\ \xi = (A, D_2, D_2, D_1) & : \quad \langle B_1, A \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_z \partial_\tau H \\ \xi = (B_1, D_2, D_2, \Delta) & : \quad \langle B_1, A \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \partial_z I = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_z \langle B_1, B_2 \rangle \\ \xi = (B_1, D_2, D_2, D_1) & : \quad 2 \langle B_1, B_1 \rangle + \partial_\tau I = 2 \partial_\tau \langle B_1, B_2 \rangle \\ & \Leftrightarrow \langle B_1, B_1 \rangle = \partial_\tau^2 H \end{aligned} \tag{4.27}$$

Using (4.27) and the WDVV equations (4.10) with insertions ξ further yields:

W1. $\xi = (B_2, D_1, D_1, D_2)$:

$$0 = 2\partial_\tau^2 H + 2\partial_\tau I - H \cdot \partial_\tau^3 T + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z H \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T$$

W2. $\xi = (B_2, \Delta, \Delta, D_2)$:

$$0 = 2\partial_z^2 H + 4\partial_\tau H + 2I - H \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z H \cdot (4 + \partial_z^3 T)$$

W3. $\xi = (B_2, \Delta, \Delta, D_1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = 4\partial_\tau^2 H + 2\partial_\tau I - \partial_z^2 I + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z \partial_\tau H \cdot (4 + \partial_z^3 T) - \partial_\tau H \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T \\ - \frac{1}{2}\partial_z^2 H \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T + \partial_z H \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T \end{aligned}$$

W4. $\xi = (A, \Delta, \Delta, D_2)$:

$$0 = -8\partial_z \partial_\tau H - 4\partial_z^3 H + 8\partial_z I + 2\partial_z H \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T - \partial_z^2 H \cdot (4 + \partial_z^3 T) + I \cdot (4 + \partial_z^3 T)$$

W5. $\xi = (A, \Delta, D_1, D_1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = -2\partial_\tau^2 I + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z^2 \partial_\tau H \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T - \partial_z \partial_\tau H \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T - \frac{1}{2}\partial_z^3 H \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T \\ + \partial_z^2 H \cdot \partial_\tau^3 T - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\tau I \cdot \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z I \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T \end{aligned}$$

W6. $\xi = (B_1, D_1, D_1, D_2)$:

$$0 = 2\partial_\tau^3 H - \partial_\tau^2 I - \partial_\tau H \cdot \partial_\tau^3 T - \frac{1}{2}I \cdot \partial_\tau^3 T + \frac{1}{2}\partial_z \partial_\tau H \cdot \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T$$

4.3.3 Non-degeneracy of the equations

Proposition 7. *The initial conditions of Proposition 6 and the equations W1 - W6 together determine $H_{d,k}, I_{d,k}, T_{d,k}$ for all d and k .*

Proof of Proposition 7. For all d, k , taking the coefficient of $q^d y^k$ in equations W1 - W6 yields

$$2d^2 H_{d,k} + 2d I_{d,k} = \sum_{j,l} (d-l)^2 \left((d-l) - \frac{1}{2}j(k-j) \right) H_{l,j} T_{d-l,k-j} \quad (\text{W1})$$

$$(2k(k+1) + 4d)H_{d,k} + 2I_{d,k} = \sum_{j,l} (k-j)^2 \left((d-l) - \frac{1}{2}j(k-j) \right) H_{l,j} T_{d-l,k-j} \quad (\text{W2})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2d(2d+k)H_{d,k} + (2d-k^2)I_{d,k} = \\
& - \sum_{j,l} (k-j) \left(j(d-l) - l(k-j) \right) \left((d-l) - \frac{1}{2}j(k-j) \right) H_{l,j} T_{d-l,k-j} \quad (\mathbf{W3})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2k+1)I_{d,k} - k(k^2+k+2d)H_{d,k} = \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,l} (k-j)^2 \left((j(d-l) - \frac{1}{2}(k-j))H_{l,j} + \frac{1}{2}(k-j)I_{l,j} \right) T_{d-l,k-j} \quad (\mathbf{W4})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2d^2 I_{d,k} = \sum_{j,l} (d-l) \left(j(d-l) - l(k-j) \right) \cdot \\
& \left(j(d-l)H_{l,j} - \frac{1}{2}j^2(k-j)H_{l,j} + \frac{1}{2}(k-j)I_{l,j} \right) T_{d-l,k-j} \quad (\mathbf{W5})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2d^3 H_{d,k} - d^2 I_{d,k} = \sum_{j,l} (d-l)^2 \cdot \\
& \left((d-l)(lH_{l,j} + \frac{1}{2}I_{l,j}) - \frac{1}{2}jl(k-j)H_{l,j} \right) T_{d-l,k-j}. \quad (\mathbf{W6})
\end{aligned}$$

Claim 1. The initial conditions and **W1** - **W6** determine $H_{0,k}, I_{0,k}, T_{0,k}$ for all k , except for $H_{0,0}$

Proof of Claim 1. The values $T_{0,k}$ are determined by the initial conditions. Consider the equation **W2** for $(d, k) = (0, 0)$. Plugging in $(d, k) = (0, 0)$ and using $H_{0,-1} = 1, T_{0,1} = 8$, we find $I_{0,0} = 2$.

Let $d = 0$ and $k > 0$, and assume we know the values $H_{0,j}, I_{0,j}$ for all $j < k$ except for $H_{0,0}$. Then, equations **W3** and **W4** read

$$\begin{aligned}
& -4k^2 I_{0,k} + (\text{known terms}) = 0 \\
& b - 4k^2(k+1)H_{0,k} + (\text{known terms}) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, also $I_{0,k}$ and $H_{0,k}$ are uniquely determined. By induction, the proof of Claim 1 is complete. \square

Let $d > 0$. We argue by induction. Calculating the first values of $H_{0,k}, I_{0,k}$ and $T_{0,k}$, and plugging them into equations **W1** - **W6** for $(d, k) = (1, -2)$ and $(d, k) = (1, -1)$, we find by direct calculation that the values

$$H_{0,0}, H_{1,-2}, H_{1,-1}, I_{1,-2}, I_{1,-1}, T_{1,-1}, T_{1,0}$$

are determined.

Let now $(d = 1, k \geq 0)$ or $(d > 1, k \geq -2d)$, and assume we know the values $H_{l,j}, I_{l,j}, T_{l,j}$ for all $l < d, j \leq k + 2(d-l)$ and for all $l = d, j < k$. Also

assume, that we know $T_{d,k}$. The proof of Proposition 7 follows now from the following claim.

Claim 2: The values $H_{d,k}, I_{d,k}, T_{d,k+1}$ are determined.

Proof of Claim 2. Solving for the terms $H_{d,k}, I_{d,k}, T_{d,k+1}$ in the equations **W1**, **W6** and **W5**, we obtain:

$$2d^2 H_{d,k} + 2dI_{d,k} - d^2 \left(d + \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \right) T_{d,k+1} = (\text{known terms}) \quad (\text{W1})$$

$$2d^3 H_{d,k} - d^2 I_{d,k} = (\text{known terms}) \quad (\text{W6})$$

$$-2I_{d,k} + \left(d + \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \right) T_{d,k+1} = (\text{known terms}), \quad (\text{W5})$$

where in the last line we divided by d^2 . These equations in matrix form read

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2d & 2 & -d(d + \frac{1}{2}(k+1)) \\ 2d & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & d + \frac{1}{2}(k+1) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} H_{d,k} \\ I_{d,k} \\ T_{d,k+1} \end{pmatrix} = (\text{known terms})$$

The matrix on the left hand side has determinant $(2d-3)(k+2d+1)d$. It vanishes if $d = \frac{3}{2}$ or $k = -2d-1$ or $d = 0$. By assumption, each of these cases were excluded. Hence the values $H_{d,k}, I_{d,k}, T_{d,k+1}$ are uniquely determined. \square

Remark. We have selected very particular WDVV equations for Y above. Using additional equations, one may show that the values

$$H_{0,-1} = 1, \quad T_{0,0} = 0, \quad T_{0,1} = 8, \quad T_{1,-2} = 2$$

together with the vanishings of Proposition 6 (iv) - (vi) suffice to determine the series H, I, T .

4.3.4 Solution of the equations

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ and consider the actual variables

$$y = -e^{2\pi iz} \quad \text{and} \quad q = e^{2\pi i\tau}. \quad (4.28)$$

Let $F(z, \tau)$ and $G(z, \tau)$ be the functions (2.35) and (3.1) respectively.

Theorem 8. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} H &= F(z, \tau)^2 \\ I &= 2G(z, \tau) \\ T &= 8 \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} y^k + 12 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} q^{kn} \\ &\quad + 8 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} (y^k + y^{-k}) q^{kn} + 2 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} (y^{2k} + y^{-2k}) q^{(2n-1)k}. \end{aligned}$$

under the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$.

Proof. By Proposition 7, it suffices to show that the functions defined in the statement of Theorem 8 satisfy the initial conditions of Proposition 6 and the WDVV equations **W1** - **W6**. By a direct check, the initial conditions are satisfied. We consider the WDVV equations.

For the scope of this proof, define $H = F(z, \tau)^2$ and $I = 2G(z, \tau)$ and

$$T = 8 \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} y^k + 12 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} q^{kn} \\ + 8 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} (y^k + y^{-k}) q^{kn} + 2 \sum_{k, n \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3} (y^{2k} + y^{-2k}) q^{(2n-1)k}.$$

considered as a function in z and τ under the variable change (4.28). We show these functions satisfy the equations **W1** - **W6**.

For a function $A(z, \tau)$, we write

$$A^\bullet = \partial_z A := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = y \frac{d}{dy} A, \quad A' = \partial_\tau A := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \tau} = q \frac{d}{dq} A$$

for the differential of A with respect to z and τ respectively.

For $n \geq 1$, define the deformed Eisenstein series [Obe12]

$$J_{2,n}(z, \tau) = \delta_{n,1} \frac{y}{y-1} + B_n - n \sum_{k, r \geq 1} r^{n-1} (y^k + (-1)^n y^{-k}) q^{kr} \\ J_{3,n}(z, \tau) = -B_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) - n \sum_{k, r \geq 1} (r-1/2)^{n-1} (y^k + (-1)^n y^{-k}) q^{k(r-\frac{1}{2})},$$

where B_n are the Bernoulli numbers (with $B_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$) and we used the variable change (4.28). We also let

$$G_n(z, \tau) = J_{4,n}(2z, 2\tau) \\ = -B_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) - n \sum_{k, r \geq 1} (r-1/2)^{n-1} (y^{2k} + (-1)^n y^{-2k}) q^{k(2r-1)}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_z^3 T &= -4 - 8J_{2,1} - 16G_1 \\ \partial_z^2 \partial_\tau T &= -4J_{2,2} - 8G_2 \\ \partial_z \partial_\tau^2 T &= -\frac{8}{3} J_{2,3} - \frac{16}{3} G_3 \\ \partial_\tau^3 T &= -2J_{2,4} - 4G_4 + \frac{1}{20} E_4. \end{aligned} \tag{4.29}$$

Since $T(z, \tau)$ appears only as a third derivative in the equations **W1** - **W6**, we may trade it for deformed Eisenstein series using equations (4.29).

The first theta function $\vartheta_1(z, \tau)$ satisfies the heat equation

$$\partial_z^2 \vartheta_1 = 2\partial_\tau \vartheta_1,$$

which implies that $F = F(z, \tau) = \vartheta_1(z, \tau)/\eta^3(\tau)$ satisfies

$$\partial_\tau F = \frac{1}{2} \partial_z^2 F - \frac{1}{8} E_2(\tau) F, \quad (4.30)$$

where $E_2(\tau) = 1 - 24 \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{k|d} k q^d$ is the second Eisenstein series. With a small calculation, we obtain the relation

$$I = 4\partial_\tau(H) - \partial_z^2(H) + E_2 \cdot H. \quad (4.31)$$

Hence, using equations (4.29) and (4.31), we may replace in the equations **W1** - **W6** the function T with deformed Eisenstein Series and I with terms involving only H and E_2 . Hence, we are left with a system of partial differential equations between the square of the Jacobi theta function F , deformed Eisenstein series and classical modular forms.

These new equations may now be checked directly by methods of complex analysis as follows. Divide each equation by H ; derive how the quotients

$$\frac{H^{k\bullet}}{H} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{H^{k'}}{H}$$

(with $H^{k\bullet}$ and $H^{k'}$ the k -th derivative of H with respect to z resp. τ respectively) transform under the variable change

$$(z, \tau) \mapsto (z + \lambda\tau + \mu, \tau) \quad (\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Z});$$

using the periodicity properties of the deformed Eisenstein series proven in [Obe12], show that each equation is double periodic in z ; calculate all appearing poles using the expansions of the deformed Eisenstein series in [Obe12]; prove all appearing poles cancel; finally prove that the constant term is 0 by evaluating at $z = 1/2$. Using this procedure, the proof reduces to a long, but standard calculation. \square

4.3.5 Proof of Theorem 7

We will identify functions in (z, τ) with their expansion in y, q under the variable change (4.28). By Proposition 5, the definition of H in (4.3.1), and Theorem 8, we have

$$(F^{\text{GW}})^2 = \langle B_2, B_2 \rangle^Y = H = F(z, \tau)^2$$

which implies

$$F^{\text{GW}}(y, q) = \pm F(z, \tau). \quad (4.32)$$

By definition (2.34), the $y^{-1/2}q^0$ -coefficient of $F^{\text{GW}}(y, q)$ is 1. Hence, there is a positive sign in (4.32), and we have equality. This proves the first equation of Theorem 7. The case $G^{\text{GW}} = G$ is parallel.

Finally, the two remaining cases follow directly from Proposition 5, the relations (4.27) and Theorem 8. This completes the proof of Theorem 7.

Quantum Cohomology

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 Reduced quantum cohomology

Quantum cohomology of a smooth projective variety X is a commutative and associative deformation of the ordinary cup product multiplication in $H^*(X)$. Its product, the quantum product $*$, is defined by

$$\langle a * b, c \rangle = \langle a \cup b, c \rangle + \sum_{\beta > 0} \langle a, b, c \rangle_{0, \beta}^{X, \text{vir}} q^\beta$$

for all $a, b, c \in H^*(X)$, where $\langle a, b \rangle = \int_X a \cup b$ is the intersection form, β runs over all non-zero elements of the cone Eff_X of effective curve classes in X , the symbol q^β denotes the corresponding element in the semi-group algebra, and $\langle a, b, c \rangle_{0, \beta}^{X, \text{vir}}$ are the genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariant of X in class β .

Let S be a smooth projective K3 surface and consider $X = \text{Hilb}^d(S)$. Since $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ carries a holomorphic symplectic form, all (ordinary) Gromov-Witten invariants vanish in non-zero curve classes. In particular, the quantum cohomology of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is the trivial deformation of $H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$.

Using the reduced Gromov-Witten invariants

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle_{0, \beta}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$$

defined in Section 1.4 we define a non-trivial *reduced* quantum cohomology with associated reduced quantum product $*$. Let \hbar be a formal parameter with $\hbar^2 = 0$. Then, for all $a, b, c \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$, we let

$$\langle a * b, c \rangle = \langle a \cup b, c \rangle + \hbar \sum_{\beta > 0} \langle a, b, c \rangle_{0, \beta}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} q^\beta.$$

By the WDVV equation for reduced virtual classes (Appendix A), $*$ is a commutative and associative product on

$$H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[[\text{Eff}_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}]] \otimes \mathbb{Q}[\hbar]/\hbar^2.$$

The definition of reduced quantum cohomology is similar to the definition of the equivariant quantum cohomology of varieties carrying a \mathbb{C}^* -action. The parameter \hbar here can be thought of as an infinitesimal virtual weight on the canonical class $K_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$. In the toric cases of [MO09b, OP10] it corresponds to the equivariant parameter $(t_1 + t_2) \bmod (t_1 + t_2)^2$.

The ordinary cup product multiplication on the cohomology

$$H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

has been explicitly determined by Lehn and Sorger in [LS03]. In this section, we put forth several conjectures and results about the reduced quantum cohomology

$$QH^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)). \quad (5.1)$$

Our results will concern only the quantum multiplication with a divisor class on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$. In other cases [Leh99, LQW02, MO09b, OP10, MO12], this has been the first step towards a fuller understanding. We will also restrict to *primitive* classes β below.

5.1.2 Elliptic K3 surfaces

Let $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be an elliptic K3 surface with a section, and let B and F denote the class of a section and fiber respectively. For every $h \geq 0$,

$$\beta_h = B + hF$$

is an effective curve class of square $\beta_h^2 = 2h - 2$. For cohomology classes $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$, define the quantum bracket

$$\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} y^k q^{h-1} \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \rangle_{\beta_h + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}, \quad (5.2)$$

if $d \geq 1$ and by $\langle \dots \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = 0$ if $d = 0$.

Define the *primitive* quantum multiplication $*_{\text{prim}}$ on $H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$ by

$$\langle a, b *_{\text{prim}} c \rangle = \langle a, b \cup c \rangle + \hbar \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle_q. \quad (5.3)$$

Since $\langle \dots \rangle_q$ takes values in $\mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$, the product $*_{\text{prim}}$ is defined on

$$H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[\hbar]/\hbar^2. \quad (5.4)$$

It is commutative and associative. If unambiguous, we write $*_{\text{prim}} = *$.

The main result of Section 5 is a conjecture for an effective procedure calculating the primitive quantum multiplication with divisor classes. By the divisor axiom and by deformation invariance (see Section 6.3.4), the conjecture explicitly determines the full 2-point genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory for the Hilbert schemes of points of any K3 surface in primitive classes. By direct calculation using the WDVV equation and the evaluations of Section 3, we prove the conjecture in case $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$.

5.1.3 Quasi-Jacobi forms

Let $(z, \tau) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H}$. The ring QJac of quasi-Jacobi forms is defined as the linear subspace

$$\text{QJac} \subset \cdot\mathbb{Q}[F(z, \tau), E_2(\tau), E_4(\tau), \wp(z, \tau), \wp^\bullet(z, \tau), J_1(z, \tau)]$$

of functions which are holomorphic at $z = 0$ for generic τ ; here $F(z, \tau)$ is the Jacobi theta function (2.35), E_{2k} are the classical Eisenstein series, \wp is the Weierstrass elliptic function, \wp^\bullet is its derivative with respect to z , and J_1 is the logarithmic derivative of F with respect to z , see Appendix B.

We will identify a quasi Jacobi form $\psi \in \text{QJac}$ with its power series expansions in the variables

$$q = e^{2\pi i\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad y = -e^{2\pi iz}.$$

The space QJac is naturally graded by index m and weight k :

$$\text{QJac} = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \bigoplus_{k \geq -2m} \text{QJac}_{k,m}$$

with finite-dimensional summands $\text{QJac}_{k,m}$.

Based on the proven case of $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ and effective calculations for $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ for any d , we have the following results that link curve counting on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ to quasi-Jacobi forms.

Theorem 9. *For all $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(S))$, we have*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \frac{\psi(z, \tau)}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form ψ of index 1 and weight ≤ 6 .

Since $\overline{M}_0(\text{Hilb}^2(S), \gamma)$ has virtual dimension 2 for all γ , Theorem 9 implies that the full genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$ in primitive classes is governed by quasi-Jacobi forms.

Conjecture J. *For $d \geq 1$ and for all $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$, we have*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \frac{\psi(z, \tau)}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form ψ of index $d - 1$ and weight $\leq 2 + 2d$.

A sharper formulation of Conjecture J specifying the weight appears in Lemma 21.2.

5.1.4 Overview of Section 5

In section 5.2 we recall basic facts about the Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}(S) = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q}).$$

In Section 5.3 we define a 2-point quantum operator $\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{Hilb}}$, which encodes the quantum multiplication with a divisor class. In section 5.4 we introduce natural operators $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$ acting on $\mathcal{F}(S)$. In Section 5.5, we state a series of conjectures which link $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$ to the operator $\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{Hilb}}$. In section 5.6 we present several example calculations and prove our conjectures in the case of $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$. Here, we also discuss the relationship of the K3 surface case to the case of \mathcal{A}_1 -resolution studied by Maulik and Oblomkov in [MO09b].

5.2 The Fock space

The Fock space of the K3 surface S ,

$$\mathcal{F}(S) = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_d(S) = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}), \quad (5.5)$$

is naturally bigraded with the (d, k) -th summand given by

$$\mathcal{F}_d^k(S) = H^{2(k+d)}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

For a bihomogeneous element $\mu \in \mathcal{F}_d^k(S)$, we let

$$|\mu| = d, \quad k(\mu) = k.$$

The Fock space $\mathcal{F}(S)$ carries a natural scalar product $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ defined by declaring the direct sum (5.5) orthogonal and setting

$$\langle \mu | \nu \rangle = \int_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} \mu \cup \nu$$

for $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$. If $\alpha, \alpha' \in H^*(S, \mathbb{Q})$ we also write

$$\langle \alpha, \alpha' \rangle = \int_S \alpha \cup \alpha'.$$

If μ, ν are bihomogeneous, then $\langle \mu | \nu \rangle$ is nonvanishing only if $|\mu| = |\nu|$ and $k(\mu) + k(\nu) = 0$.

For all $\alpha \in H^*(S, \mathbb{Q})$ and $m \neq 0$, the Nakajima operators $\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha)$ act on $\mathcal{F}(S)$ bihomogeneously of bidegree $(-m, k(\alpha))$,

$$\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha) : \mathcal{F}_d^k \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{d-m}^{k+k(\alpha)}.$$

The commutation relations

$$[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \mathfrak{p}_n(\beta)] = -m\delta_{m+n,0}\langle\alpha, \beta\rangle \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(S)}, \quad (5.6)$$

are satisfied for all $\alpha, \beta \in H^*(S)$ and all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

The inclusion of the diagonal $S \subset S^m$ induces a map

$$\tau_{*m} : H^*(S, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^*(S^m, \mathbb{Q}) \simeq H^*(S, \mathbb{Q})^{\otimes m}.$$

For $\tau_* = \tau_{*2}$, we have

$$\tau_*(\alpha) = \sum_{i,j} g^{ij} (\alpha \cup \gamma_i) \otimes \gamma_j,$$

where $\{\gamma_i\}_i$ is a basis of $H^*(S)$ and g^{ij} is the inverse of the intersection matrix $g_{ij} = \langle\gamma_i, \gamma_j\rangle$.

For $\gamma \in H^*(S, \mathbb{Q})$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ define the Virasoro operator

$$L_n(\gamma) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} : \mathfrak{p}_k \mathfrak{p}_{n-k} : \tau_*(\gamma),$$

where $: -- :$ is the normal ordered product [Leh04] and we used

$$\mathfrak{p}_k \mathfrak{p}_l \cdot \alpha \otimes \beta = \mathfrak{p}_k(\alpha) \mathfrak{p}_l(\beta).$$

We are particularly interested in the degree 0 Virasoro operator

$$\begin{aligned} L_0(\gamma) &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus 0} : \mathfrak{p}_k \mathfrak{p}_{-k} : \tau_*(\gamma) \\ &= -\sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{i,j} g^{ij} \mathfrak{p}_{-k}(\gamma_i \cup \gamma) \mathfrak{p}_k(\gamma_j), \end{aligned}$$

The operator $L_0(\gamma)$ is characterized by the commutator relations

$$[\mathfrak{p}_k(\alpha), L_0(\gamma)] = k \mathfrak{p}_k(\alpha \cup \gamma).$$

Let $e \in H^*(S)$ denote the unit. The restriction of $L_0(\gamma)$ to $\mathcal{F}_d(S)$,

$$L_0(\gamma)|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)} : H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$$

is the cup product by the class

$$D(\gamma) = \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(\gamma) \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1} \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q}) \quad (5.7)$$

of subschemes incident to γ , see [Leh99]. In the special case $\gamma = e$, the operator $L_0 = L_0(e)$ is the *energy operator*,

$$L_0|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)} = d \cdot \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)}. \quad (5.8)$$

Finally, define Lehn's diagonal operator [Leh99]

$$\partial = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \geq 1} (\mathfrak{p}_{-i} \mathfrak{p}_{-j} \mathfrak{p}_{i+j} + \mathfrak{p}_i \mathfrak{p}_j \mathfrak{p}_{-(i+j)}) \tau_{3*}([S]).$$

For $d \geq 2$, the operator ∂ acts on $\mathcal{F}_d(S)$ by cup product with $-\frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$, where

$$\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{1}{(d-2)!} \mathfrak{p}_{-2}(e) \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-2}$$

is the class of the diagonal in $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$.

5.3 The WDVV equation

Define the 2-point quantum operator

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}} : \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$$

by the following two conditions.

- for all homogeneous $a, b \in \mathcal{F}(S)$,

$$\langle a | \mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}} b \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle a, b \rangle_q & \text{if } |a| = |b| \\ 0 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$ is linear over $\mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$.

Since $\overline{M}_{0,2}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \alpha)$ has reduced virtual dimension $2d$, the operator $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$ is self-adjoint of bidegree $(0, 0)$.

For $d \geq 0$, consider a divisor class

$$D \in H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S)),$$

and the operator of (primitive) quantum multiplication with D ,

$$M_D : a \mapsto D * a$$

for all $a \in \mathcal{F}_d(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[\hbar]/\hbar^2$. If

$$D = D(\gamma) \text{ for some } \gamma \in H^2(S) \quad \text{or} \quad D = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)},$$

by the divisor axiom we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_{D(\gamma)}|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)} &= \left(L_0(\gamma) + \hbar \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) \mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}} \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)} \\ -\frac{1}{2} M_{\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}}|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)} &= \left(\partial + \hbar y \frac{d}{dy} \mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}} \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_d(S)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\frac{d}{dy}$ is formal differentiation with respect to the variable y , and $\mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma)$ for $\gamma \in H^*(S)$ is the degree 0 Nakajima operator defined by the following conditions:¹

- $[\mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma), \mathfrak{p}_m(\gamma')] = 0$ for all $\gamma' \in H^*(S)$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 - $\mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) q^{h-1} y^k 1_S = \langle \gamma, \beta_h \rangle q^{h-1} y^k 1_S$ for all h, k .
- (5.9)

Since the classes $D(\gamma)$ and $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$ span $H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$, the operator $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$ therefore determines quantum multiplication M_D for every divisor class D .

Let $D_1, D_2 \in H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$ be divisor classes. By associativity and commutativity of quantum multiplication, we have

$$D_1 * (D_2 * a) = D_2 * (D_1 * a) \quad (5.10)$$

for all $a \in \mathcal{F}_d(S)$. After specializing D_1 and D_2 , we obtain the main commutator relations for the operator $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$:

For all $\gamma, \gamma' \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Q})$, after restriction to $\mathcal{F}(S)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) [\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}, L_0(\gamma')] &= \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma') [\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}, L_0(\gamma)] \\ \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) [\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}, \partial] &= y \frac{d}{dy} [\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}, L_0(\gamma)]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

The equalities (5.11) hold only after restricting to $\mathcal{F}(S)$. In both cases, the extension of these equations to $\mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$ does *not* hold, since $\mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma)$ is not q -linear, and $y \frac{d}{dy}$ is not y -linear.

Equations (5.11) show that the commutator of $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$ with a divisor intersection operator is essentially independent of the divisor.

5.4 The operators $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$

For all $(m, \ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ consider fixed formal power series

$$\varphi_{m,\ell}(y, q) \in \mathbb{C}((y^{1/2}))[[q]] \quad (5.12)$$

which satisfy the symmetries

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{m,\ell} &= -\varphi_{-m,-\ell} \\ \ell \varphi_{m,\ell} &= m \varphi_{\ell,m}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

Let $\Delta(q) = q \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)^{24}$ be the modular discriminant and let

$$F(y, q) = (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 + yq^m)(1 + y^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2}$$

¹ The definition precisely matches the action of the extended Heisenberg algebra $\langle \mathfrak{p}_k(\gamma), k \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$ on the full Fock space $\mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[H^*(S, \mathbb{Q})]$ under the embedding $q^{h-1} \mapsto q^{B+hF}$, see [KY00, section 6.1].

be the Jacobi theta function which appeared in Section (2.1.1), considered as formal power series in q and y in the region $|q| < 1$.

Depending on the functions (5.12), define for all $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ operators

$$\mathcal{E}^{(r)} : \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{C}((y^{1/2}))((q)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{C}((y^{1/2}))((q)) \quad (5.14)$$

by the following recursion relations:

Relation 1. For all $r \geq 0$,

$$\mathcal{E}^{(r)} \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_0(S) \otimes \mathbb{C}((y^{1/2}))((q))} = \frac{\delta_{0r}}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)} \cdot \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}_0(S) \otimes \mathbb{C}((y^{1/2}))((q))},$$

Relation 2. For all $m \neq 0$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and homogeneous $\gamma \in H^*(S)$,

$$[\mathfrak{p}_m(\gamma), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\ell^{k(\gamma)}}{m^{k(\gamma)}} : \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\gamma) \mathcal{E}^{(r+m-\ell)} : \varphi_{m,\ell}(y, q),$$

where $k(\gamma)$ denotes the shifted complex cohomological degree of γ ,

$$\gamma \in H^{2(k(\gamma)+1)}(S; \mathbb{Q}),$$

and $: -- :$ is a variant of the normal ordered product defined by

$$: \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\gamma) \mathcal{E}^{(k)} : := \begin{cases} \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\gamma) \mathcal{E}^{(k)} & \text{if } \ell \leq 0 \\ \mathcal{E}^{(k)} \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\gamma) & \text{if } \ell > 0. \end{cases}$$

By definition, the operator $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$ is homogeneous of bidegree $(-r, 0)$; it is y -linear, but *not* q linear.

Lemma 21. *The operators $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ are well-defined.*

Proof. By induction, Relation 1 and 2 uniquely determine the operators $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$. It remains to show that the Nakajima commutator relations (5.6) are preserved by $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$. Hence, we need to show

$$\left[[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \mathfrak{p}_n(\beta)], \mathcal{E}^{(r)} \right] = [-m\delta_{m+n,0} \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(S)}, \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] = 0$$

for all homogeneous $\alpha, \beta \in H^*(S)$ and all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$. We have

$$\left[[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \mathfrak{p}_n(\beta)], \mathcal{E}^{(r)} \right] = \left[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), [\mathfrak{p}_n(\beta), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] \right] - \left[\mathfrak{p}_n(\beta), [\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] \right]. \quad (5.15)$$

Using Relation 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), [\mathfrak{p}_n(\beta), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] \right] \\
&= \left[\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\ell^{k(\beta)}}{n^{k(\beta)}} : \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\beta) \mathcal{E}^{(r+m-\ell)} : \varphi_{m,\ell}(y, q) \right] \\
&= \frac{(-m)^{k(\beta)+1}}{n^{k(\beta)}} \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m)} \varphi_{n,-m} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell, \ell' \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\ell^{k(\beta)} (\ell')^{k(\alpha)}}{n^{k(\beta)} m^{k(\alpha)}} : \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\beta) (: \mathfrak{p}_{\ell'}(\alpha) \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m-\ell-\ell')} :) : \varphi_{m,\ell'} \varphi_{n,\ell}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.16}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[\mathfrak{p}_n(\beta), [\mathfrak{p}_m(\alpha), \mathcal{E}^{(r)}] \right] &= \frac{(-n)^{k(\alpha)+1}}{m^{k(\alpha)}} \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m)} \varphi_{m,-n} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell, \ell' \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\ell^{k(\beta)} (\ell')^{k(\alpha)}}{n^{k(\beta)} m^{k(\alpha)}} : \mathfrak{p}_{\ell'}(\alpha) (: \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\beta) \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m-\ell-\ell')} :) : \varphi_{m,\ell'} \varphi_{n,\ell}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.17}$$

Since for all $\ell, \ell' \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$: \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\beta) (: \mathfrak{p}_{\ell'}(\alpha) \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m-\ell-\ell')} :) : = : \mathfrak{p}_{\ell'}(\alpha) (: \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\beta) \mathcal{E}^{(r+n+m-\ell-\ell')} :) :$$

the second terms in (5.16) and (5.17) agree. Hence, (5.15) equals

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(r+m+n)} \left\{ \frac{(-m)^{k(\beta)+1}}{n^{k(\beta)}} \varphi_{n,-m} - \frac{(-n)^{k(\alpha)+1}}{m^{k(\alpha)}} \varphi_{m,-n} \right\} \tag{5.18}$$

If $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 0$ we are done, hence we may assume otherwise. Then, for degree reasons, $k(\alpha) = -k(\beta)$. Using the symmetries (5.13), we find

$$\varphi_{m,-n} = -\frac{m}{n} \varphi_{-n,m} = \frac{m}{n} \varphi_{n,-m}$$

Inserting both equations into (5.18), this yields

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(r+m+n)} \varphi_{n,-m} \left\{ -\frac{m^{-k(\alpha)+1}}{n^{-k(\alpha)}} + \frac{n^{k(\alpha)+1}}{m^{k(\alpha)}} \cdot \frac{m}{n} \right\} = 0. \quad \square$$

5.5 Conjectures

Let $G(y, q)$ be the formal expansion in the variables y, q of the function $G(z, \tau)$ which already appeared in Section 3.1,

$$\begin{aligned}
G(y, q) &= F(y, q)^2 \left(y \frac{d}{dy} \right)^2 \log(F(y, q)) \\
&= F(y, q)^2 \cdot \left\{ \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} - \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{m|d} m ((-y)^{-m} + (-y)^m) q^d \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Conjecture A. *There exist unique series $\varphi_{m,\ell}$ for $(m,\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ such that the following hold:*

- (i) *the symmetries (5.13) are satisfied,*
- (ii) *the initial conditions*

$$\varphi_{1,1} = G(y, q) - 1, \quad \varphi_{1,0} = -i \cdot F(y, q), \quad \varphi_{1,-1} = -\frac{1}{2} q \frac{d}{dq} (F(y, q)^2),$$

hold, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$ is the imaginary number,

- (iii) *Let $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ be the operators (5.14) defined by the functions $\varphi_{m,\ell}$. Then, $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$ satisfies after restriction to $\mathcal{F}(S)$ the WDVV equations*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}, L_0(\gamma')] &= \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma') [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}, L_0(\gamma)] \\ \mathfrak{p}_0(\gamma) [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}, \partial] &= y \frac{d}{dy} [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}, L_0(\gamma)] \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

for all $\gamma, \gamma' \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Q})$.

Conjecture A is a purely algebraic, non-degeneracy statement for the WDVV equations (5.19). It has been checked numerically on $\mathcal{F}_d(S)$ for all $d \leq 5$. The first values of the series $\varphi_{m,\ell}$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{2,-2} &= 2K^4 \left(J_1^4 - 2J_1^2 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1^2 E_2 - \frac{1}{2} J_1 \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{2,-1} &= 2K^3 \left(\frac{2}{3} J_1^3 - J_1 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1 E_2 - \frac{1}{6} \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{2,0} &= -2 \cdot J_1 \cdot K^2 \\ \varphi_{2,1} &= 2K^3 \cdot \left(J_1 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1 E_2 + \frac{1}{2} \wp^\bullet \right) \\ &= K \cdot y \frac{d}{dy} (G(y, q)) \\ \varphi_{2,2} + 1 &= 2K^4 \cdot \left(J_1^2 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1^2 E_2 + \frac{3}{2} \wp^2 + J_1 \wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{96} E_4 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

where $K = iF$ and $E_2, \wp, \wp^\bullet, J_1$ are the functions defined in Appendix B. More numerical values are given in Appendix B.2.

For the remainder of Section 5, we *assume* conjecture A to be true, and we let $\mathcal{E}^{(r)}$ denote the operators defined by the (hence unique) functions $\varphi_{m,\ell}$ satisfying (i)-(iii) above. Since Conjecture A has been shown to be true for $\mathcal{F}_d(S)$ for all $d \leq 5$, the restriction of $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$ to the subspace $\oplus_{d \leq 5} \mathcal{F}_d(S)$ is well-defined unconditionally.

The following conjecture relates $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$ to the quantum operator $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$. Let L_0 be the energy operator (5.8). Define the operator

$$G(y, q)^{L_0} : \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$$

by the assignment

$$G(y, q)^{L_0}(\mu) = G(y, q)^{|\mu|} \cdot \mu$$

for any homogeneous $\mu \in \mathcal{F}(S)$.

Conjecture B. After restriction to $\mathcal{F}(S)$,

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}} = \mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)} G(y, q)^{L_0}. \quad (5.21)$$

Combining Conjectures A and B we obtain an algorithmic procedure to determine the 2-point quantum bracket $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_q$.

The equality of Conjecture B is conjectured to hold only after restriction to $\mathcal{F}(S)$. The extension of (5.21) to $\mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q))$ is clearly false: The operators $\mathcal{E}^{\text{Hilb}}$ and $G^{L_0}/(F^2 \Delta)$ are q -linear by definition, but $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$ is not.

Let QJac be the ring of holomorphic quasi-Jacobi forms defined in Appendix B, and let

$$\text{QJac} = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \bigoplus_{k \geq -2m} \text{QJac}_{k, m}$$

be the natural bigrading of QJac by index m and weight k , where m runs over all non-negative half-integers $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$.

Conjecture C. For every $(m, \ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{0\}$, the series

$$\varphi_{m, \ell} + \text{sgn}(m) \delta_{m\ell}$$

is a quasi-Jacobi form of index $\frac{1}{2}(|m| + |\ell|)$ and weight $-\delta_{0\ell}$.

Define a new degree functions $\underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma)$ on $H^*(S)$ by the assignment

- $\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}F \mapsto \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma) = -1$
- $\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}(B + F) \mapsto \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma) = 1$
- $\gamma \in \{F, B + F\}^\perp \mapsto \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma) = 0,$

where the orthogonal complement $\{F, B + F\}^\perp$ is defined with respect to the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Lemma* 21.1. *Assume Conjectures A and C hold. Let $\gamma_i, \tilde{\gamma}_i \in H^*(S)$ be deg-homogeneous classes, and let*

$$\mu = \prod_i \mathfrak{p}_{-m_i}(\gamma_i)1_S, \quad \nu = \prod_j \mathfrak{p}_{-n_j}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)1_S \quad (5.22)$$

be cohomology classes of $\text{Hilb}^m(S)$ and $\text{Hilb}^n(S)$ respectively. Then

$$\langle \mu \mid \mathcal{E}^{(n-m)}\nu \rangle = \frac{\Phi}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)}$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form $\Phi \in \text{QJac}$ of index $\frac{1}{2}(|m| + |n|)$ and weight

$$\sum_i \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma_i) + \sum_j \underline{\text{deg}}(\tilde{\gamma}_j).$$

Proof of Lemma 21.1. We argue by induction on $|\mu| + |\nu|$.

If $|\mu| + |\nu| = 0$, the claim holds since 1 is a Jacobi form of index 0 and weight 0.

Let $|\mu| + |\nu| > 0$ and assume the claim holds for all smaller values of $|\mu| + |\nu|$. We may assume $|\nu| > 0$. With

$$\nu' = \prod_{j \neq 1} \mathfrak{p}_{-n_j}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)1_S$$

and by Relation 2', the bracket

$$\langle \mu \mid \mathcal{E}^{(r)} \mathfrak{p}_{-n_1}(\tilde{\gamma}_1) \nu' \rangle$$

is a \mathbb{C} -linear combination of terms

- (i) $\langle \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\tilde{\gamma}_1)\mu \mid \mathcal{E}^{(r-n_1+\ell)}(\varphi_{-n_1-\ell} - \delta_{n_1, \ell})\nu' \rangle$
- (ii) $\langle \mu \mid \mathcal{E}^{(r-n_1-\ell)}\varphi_{-n_1, \ell} \mathfrak{p}_\ell(\tilde{\gamma}_1)\nu' \rangle$
- (iii) $\langle \mu \mid \mathfrak{p}_0(\tilde{\gamma}_1)\mathcal{E}^r \varphi_{-1, 0}\nu' \rangle$

where $\ell > 0$.

We consider the terms in (i). For a deg-homogeneous class α , the pairing $\langle \tilde{\gamma}_1, \alpha \rangle$ is non-zero only if $\underline{\text{deg}}(\alpha) = -\underline{\text{deg}}(\tilde{\gamma}_1)$. Hence, $\mathfrak{p}_\ell(\tilde{\gamma}_1)\mu$ is a linear combination of classes

$$\prod_i \mathfrak{p}_{-r_i}(\gamma'_i)1_S \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^{m-\ell}(S))$$

with

$$\sum_i \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma'_i) = \underline{\text{deg}}(\tilde{\gamma}_1) + \sum_i \underline{\text{deg}}(\gamma_i).$$

By the induction hypothesis and since $\varphi_{-n_1-\ell} - \delta_{n_1,\ell}$ has index $(\ell + n_1)/2$ and weight 0, the term (i) satisfies the claim of Lemma 21.1. Case (ii) is similar.

The terms in (iii) vanish unless $\underline{\deg}(\tilde{\gamma}_1) \neq 0$. If $\underline{\deg}(\tilde{\gamma}_1) = -1$, then $\mathfrak{p}_0(\tilde{\gamma}_1)$ is multiplication by a constant and the claim holds since $\varphi_{-1,0}$ has index $1/2$ and weight -1 . If $\underline{\deg}(\tilde{\gamma}_1) = 1$, then $\mathfrak{p}_0(\tilde{\gamma}_1)$ is a multiple of $q \frac{d}{dq}$. By induction,

$$\langle \mu \mid \mathcal{E}^r \varphi_{-1,0} \nu' \rangle$$

is a quasi-Jacobi form of index $\frac{1}{2}(|\mu| + |\nu|)$ and weight

$$\sum_i \underline{\deg}(\gamma_i) + \sum_{j \neq 1} \underline{\deg}(\tilde{\gamma}_j) - 1.$$

By Lemma 24 the differential operator $q \frac{d}{dq}$ preserves quasi-Jacobi forms and is homogeneous of weight degree 2 and index degree 0. Hence,

$$\langle \mu \mid \mathfrak{p}_0(\tilde{\gamma}_1) \mathcal{E}^r \varphi_{-1,0} \nu' \rangle = (\text{const}) \cdot q \frac{d}{dq} \langle \mu \mid \mathcal{E}^r \varphi_{-1,0} \nu' \rangle$$

is a quasi-Jacobi form of index $\frac{1}{2}(|\mu| + |\nu|)$ and weight $\sum_i \underline{\deg}(\gamma_i) + \sum_j \underline{\deg}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)$. This shows the claim of Lemma 21.1 also for the term (iii). \square

Let $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$. By Lemma (21.1) and Conjecture B, we have

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \frac{\varphi}{F^2 \Delta} \quad (5.23)$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form φ . Since F has a simple zero at $z = 0$, we expect the function (5.23) to have a pole of order 2 at $z = 0$. Numerical experiments (Conjecture J) or deformation invariance (Corollary 4) suggest that the series $\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q$ is nonetheless holomorphic at $z = 0$. Combining everything, we obtain the following prediction.

Lemma* 21.2. *Assume Conjectures A, B, C, J hold. Let $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$ be cohomology classes of the form (5.22). Then,*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \frac{\Phi}{\Delta(q)}$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form Φ of index $d - 1$ and weight

$$2 + \sum_i \underline{\deg}(\gamma_i) + \sum_j \underline{\deg}(\gamma'_j).$$

5.6 Examples

5.6.1 The higher-dimensional Yau-Zaslow formula

(i) Let F be the fiber of the elliptic fibration $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} G^{L_0} \right) \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)} \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= (-1)^d \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_1(F)^d \mathcal{E}^{(0)} \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= (-1)^d \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_0(F)^d \mathcal{E}^{(d)} \varphi_{1,0}^d \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= (-1)^d \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_0(F)^{2d} \mathcal{E}^{(0)} (-1)^d \varphi_{1,0}^d \varphi_{-1,0}^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{\varphi_{1,0}^d \varphi_{-1,0}^d}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)} \\
&= \frac{F(y, q)^{2d-2}}{\Delta(q)}
\end{aligned}$$

shows Conjecture B to be in agreement with Theorem 1; here we have used $\mathbf{p}_0(F) = 1$ above.

(ii) Let B be the class of the section of $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ and consider the class

$$W = B + F.$$

We have $\langle W, W \rangle = 0$ and $\langle W, \beta_h \rangle = h - 1$. Hence, $\mathbf{p}_0(W)$ acts as $q \frac{d}{dq}$ on functions in q . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(W)^d 1_S \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} G^{L_0} \right) \mathbf{p}_{-1}(W)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(W)^d 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)} \mathbf{p}_{-1}(W)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= (-1)^d \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_0(W)^d \mathcal{E}^{(d)} \varphi_{1,0}^d \mathbf{p}_{-1}(W)^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_0(W)^{2d} \mathcal{E}^{(0)} \varphi_{1,0}^d \varphi_{-1,0}^d 1_S \right\rangle \\
&= \left(q \frac{d}{dq} \right)^{2d} \left(\frac{\varphi_{1,0}^d \varphi_{-1,0}^d}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)} \right) \\
&= \left(q \frac{d}{dq} \right)^{2d} \left(\frac{F(y, q)^{2d-2}}{\Delta(q)} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

5.6.2 Further Gromov-Witten invariants

(i) Let $\omega \in H^4(S; \mathbb{Z})$ be the class of a point. For $d \geq 1$, let

$$C(F) = \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-1}1_S \in H_2(\text{Hilb}^2(S), \mathbb{Z})$$

and

$$D(F) = \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}1_S \in H^2(\text{Hilb}^2(S), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle C(F) \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} G^{L_0} \right) D(F) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-1}1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}1_S \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-1}1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)}\varphi_{1,0}\varphi_{-1,0}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}1_S \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{d-1}}{(d-1)!} \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)}\varphi_{1,0}\varphi_{-1,0}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-1}\mathbf{p}_1(\omega)^{d-1}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}1_S \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{\varphi_{1,0}\varphi_{-1,0}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-1}}{F(y, q)^2 \Delta(q)} \\ &= \frac{G(y, q)^{d-1}}{\Delta(q)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the divisor equation and $\langle D(F), \beta_h + kA \rangle = 1$ for all h, k , Conjecture B is in full agreement with Theorem 5 equation 1.

(ii) Let $A = \mathbf{p}_{-2}(\omega)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(\omega)^{d-2}1_S$ be the class of an exceptional curve. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle A \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} G^{L_0} \right) D(F) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{(-1)^d}{(d-1)!} \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathbf{p}_2(\omega)\mathcal{E}^{(0)}\mathbf{p}_1(\omega)^{d-2}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-2}1_S \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{(-1)^d}{(d-1)!} \left\langle 1_S \mid \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E}^{(1)}\mathbf{p}_1(\omega)^{d-1}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1}\varphi_{2,1}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-2}1_S \right\rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(1)}\mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)\varphi_{2,1}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-2} \right\rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(-\varphi_{-1,0})\varphi_{2,1}(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^{d-2}}{F^2(y, q)\Delta} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(y \frac{d}{dy} G \right) \cdot G^{d-2}}{\Delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, again, Conjecture B is in full agreement with Theorem 5 equation 2.

(iii) For a point $P \in S$, the incidence subscheme

$$I(P) = \{\xi \in \text{Hilb}^2(S) \mid P \in \xi\}$$

has class $[I(P)] = \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(\omega)\mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)1_S$. We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle I(P) \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2\Delta} G^{L_0} \right) I(P) \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)1_S \mid \mathfrak{p}_1(\omega)\mathcal{E}^{(0)} I(P) \right\rangle - \frac{G^2}{F^2\Delta} \\ &= - \left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)1_S \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)}\mathfrak{p}_1(\omega)(\varphi_{1,1} + 1) - \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(\omega)\mathcal{E}^{(2)}\varphi_{1,-1} \right) I(P) \right\rangle - \frac{G^2}{F^2\Delta} \\ &= \left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(0)}\mathfrak{p}_{-1}(\omega)(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)1_S \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(2)}\mathfrak{p}_{-1}(\omega)\mathfrak{p}_{-1}(e)\varphi_{1,-1}1_S \right\rangle - \frac{G^2}{F^2\Delta} \\ &= \frac{(\varphi_{1,1} + 1)^2}{F^2\Delta} + \frac{-\varphi_{-1,1}\varphi_{1,-1}}{F^2\Delta} - \frac{G^2}{F^2\Delta} \\ &= \frac{\left(q \frac{d}{dq} F \right)^2}{\Delta(q)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Conjecture B agrees with Theorem 5 equation 3, case $d = 2$.

(iv) For a point $P \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^2 \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{1}{F^2\Delta} G^{L_0} \right) I(P) \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}^{(2)}\varphi_{1,0}^2 I(P) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{-\varphi_{1,0}^2\varphi_{-1,1}}{F^2\Delta} \\ &= \frac{F(y, q) \cdot q \frac{d}{dq} F(y, q)}{\Delta(\tau)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Conjecture B is in agreement with Theorem 6.

5.6.3 The Hilbert scheme of 2 points

We check conjectures A, B, C, J in the case $\text{Hilb}^2(S)$. Conjecture A has shown to hold by an algorithmic check. The corresponding functions $\varphi_{m,\ell}$ are given in (5.20). This implies Conjecture C by direct inspection. Conjecture B and J hold by the following result.

Theorem 10. *For all $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^2(S))$,*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \left\langle \mu \mid \left(\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - \frac{G^{L_0}}{F^2\Delta} \right) \nu \right\rangle.$$

Theorem 11. *Let $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S))$ be cohomology classes of the form (5.22). Then,*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \frac{\Phi}{\Delta(q)}$$

for a quasi-Jacobi form Φ of index 1 and weight

$$2 + \sum_i \underline{\deg}(\gamma_i) + \sum_j \underline{\deg}(\gamma'_j).$$

By Sections 5.6.1 and 5.6.2 above, Theorem 10 holds in the cases considered in Theorems 2, 5 and 6 respectively. Applying the WDVV equation (5.9) successively to these base cases, one determines the bracket $\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q$ for all μ, ν in finitely many steps. Since for $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$ the WDVV equation also holds for $\mathcal{E}^{(0)} - G^{L_0}/(F^2\Delta)$, this implies Theorem 10. Theorem 11 follows now from direct inspection.

5.6.4 The \mathcal{A}_1 resolution.

Let $[q^{-1}]$ be the operator that extracts the q^{-1} coefficient, and let

$$\mathcal{E}_B^{\mathrm{Hilb}} = [q^{-1}]\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{Hilb}}$$

be the restriction of $\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{Hilb}}$ to the case of the section class B . The corresponding local case was considered before in [MO09a, MO09b].

Define operators $\mathcal{E}_B^{(r)}$ by the relations

- $\langle 1_S \mid \mathcal{E}_B^{(r)} 1_S \rangle = \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} \delta_{0r}$
- $[\mathfrak{p}_m(\gamma), \mathcal{E}_B^{(r)}] = \langle \gamma, B \rangle ((-y)^{-m/2} - (-y)^{m/2}) \mathcal{E}_B^{(r+m)}$

for all $m \neq 0$ and all $\gamma \in H^*(S)$, see [MO09b, Section 5.1]. Translating the results of [MO09a, MO09b] to the $K3$ surface leads to the following evaluation.

Theorem 12 (Maulik, Oblomkov). *After restriction to $\mathcal{F}(S)$,*

$$\mathcal{E}_B^{\mathrm{Hilb}} + \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{F}(S)} = \mathcal{E}_B^{(0)}.$$

By the numerical values of Appendix B.2, we expect the expansions

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{m,0} &= ((-y)^{-m/2} - (-y)^{m/2}) + O(q) && \text{for all } m \neq 0 \\ \varphi_{m,\ell} &= O(q) && \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Because of

$$[q^{-1}] \frac{G^{L_0}}{F^2\Delta} = \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{F}(S)},$$

we find conjectures A and B in complete agreement with Theorem 12.

Applications

6.1 Genus 1 invariants and the Igusa cusp form

Let S be a K3 surface and let $\beta_h \in H^2(S)$ be a primitive curve class of square

$$\langle \beta_h, \beta_h \rangle = 2h - 2.$$

Let $(E, 0)$ be a nonsingular elliptic curve with origin $0 \in E$, and let

$$\overline{M}_{(E,0)}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}} \quad (6.1)$$

be the fiber of the forgetful map

$$\overline{M}_{1,1}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA) \rightarrow \overline{M}_{1,1}.$$

over the moduli point $(E, 0) \in \overline{M}_{1,1}$. Hence, (6.1) is the moduli space parametrizing stable maps to $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ with 1-pointed domain with complex structure *fixed* after stabilization to be $(E, 0)$. By Section 1.4, the moduli space (6.1) carries a reduced virtual class of dimension 1.

For $d > 0$ consider the reduced Gromov-Witten invariant

$$H_d(y, q) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{h \geq 0} y^k q^{h-1} \int_{[\overline{M}_{(E,0)}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}}} \mathrm{ev}_0^*(\beta_{h,k}^\vee), \quad (6.2)$$

where the divisor class $\beta_{h,k}^\vee \in H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Q})$ is chosen to satisfy

$$\int_{\beta_h + kA} \beta_{h,k}^\vee = 1. \quad (6.3)$$

The invariants (6.2) virtually count the number of maps from the elliptic curve E to the Hilbert scheme $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ in the classes $\beta_h + kA$.

We may rewrite $H_d(y, q)$ by degenerating $(E, 0)$ to the nodal elliptic curve (and using the divisor equation) as

$$H_d(y, q) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{h \geq 0} y^k q^{h-1} \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,2}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)]^{\mathrm{red}}} (\mathrm{ev}_1 \times \mathrm{ev}_2)^*[\Delta^{[d]}], \quad (6.4)$$

where $[\Delta^{[d]}] \in H^{2d}(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \times \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S))$ is the diagonal class. Equation (6.4) shows the integral (6.2) is independent of the choice of $\beta_{h,k}^\vee$ satisfying (6.3).

Since, by convention, for $d = 1$ only the $k = 0$ term contributes in (6.4),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_1(q) &= \sum_{h \geq 0} q^{h-1} \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,2}(\mathrm{Hilb}^1(S), \beta_h)]^{\mathrm{red}}} (\mathrm{ev}_1 \times \mathrm{ev}_2)^* [\Delta^{[1]}] \\ &= 2q \frac{d}{dq} \left(\frac{1}{\Delta(q)} \right) \\ &= -2 \frac{E_2(q)}{\Delta(q)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the Yau-Zaslow formula (1) in the second equality.

For the first non-trivial case $d = 2$, let $F(z, \tau)$ be the Jacobi theta function (2.35), let $\wp(z, \tau)$ be the Weierstrass elliptic function (B.1) and let $E_{2k}(\tau)$ be the Eisenstein series (B.2).

Corollary 2. *Under the variable change $y = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$,*

$$\mathbf{H}_2(y, q) = F(z, \tau)^2 \cdot \left(54 \cdot \wp(z, \tau) \cdot E_2(\tau) - \frac{9}{4} E_2(\tau)^2 + \frac{3}{4} E_4(\tau) \right) \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

Proof. This follows from (6.4) and a direct verification using Theorem 10. \square

We conjecture a formula for $\mathbf{H}_d(y, q)$ for all $d \geq 0$. Define the generating series

$$\mathbf{H}(y, q, \tilde{q}) = \sum_{d > 0} \mathbf{H}_d(y, q) \tilde{q}^{d-1}.$$

Let $G(z, \tau)$ be the function defined in (3.1). We will also require the Igusa cusp form χ_{10} defined as follows. Consider the standard coordinates

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \tau & z \\ z & \tilde{\tau} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{H}_2$$

on the Siegel upper half plane \mathbb{H}_2 , where $\tau, \tilde{\tau} \in \mathbb{H}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\mathrm{Im}(z)^2 < \mathrm{Im}(\tau)\mathrm{Im}(\tilde{\tau})$. We will work with the variables

$$-y = p = \exp(2\pi iz), \quad q = \exp(2\pi i\tau), \quad \tilde{q} = \exp(2\pi i\tilde{\tau}). \quad (6.5)$$

Define coefficients $c(m)$ by the expansion¹

$$Z(z, \tau) = -24\wp(z, \tau)F(z, \tau)^2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c(4n - k^2) p^k q^n.$$

¹The function $Z(z, \tau)$ is the elliptic genus of a K3 surface, see [Kaw97]

By a result of Gritsenko and Nikulin [GN97], the Igusa cusp form $\chi_{10}(\Omega)$ is

$$\chi_{10}(\Omega) = pq\tilde{q} \prod_{(k,h,d)} (1 - p^k q^h \tilde{q}^d)^{c(4hd-k^2)}, \quad (6.6)$$

where the product is over all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $h, d \geq 0$ satisfying one of the following two conditions:

- $h > 0$ or $d > 0$,
- $h = d = 0$ and $k < 0$.

The following conjecture is a result of joint work with Rahul Pandharipande on a correspondence between curve counting on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ and the enumerative geometry of the product Calabi-Yau $S \times E$, see [OP14].

Conjecture D.[OP14] Under the variable change (6.5),

$$H(y, q, \tilde{q}) = -\frac{1}{\chi_{10}(\Omega)} - \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{q}} \prod_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1 - (\tilde{q} \cdot G)^n)^{24}}.$$

The second factor on the right hand side can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tilde{q}} \prod_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1 - (\tilde{q} \cdot G)^n)^{24}} &= G \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta(\tilde{\tau})} \Big|_{\tilde{q}=G \cdot \tilde{q}} \\ &= \tilde{q}^{-1} + 24G + 324G^2 \tilde{q} + 3200G^3 \tilde{q}^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{d \geq 0} \tilde{q}^{d-1} \chi(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) G^d \\ &= \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{F}(S)} \frac{1}{F^2 \Delta} \tilde{q}^{L_0-1} G^{L_0} \end{aligned}$$

where $\chi(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$ denotes the topological Euler characteristic of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$, and in the last step we used the Fock space formalism of Section 5. Let

$$\mathcal{E}^{(0)} : \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)).$$

be the operator defined in Sections (5.4) and (5.5). Then, Conjecture A, C and D combined imply the purely algebraic evaluation of the trace of $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$,

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{F}(S)} \tilde{q}^{L_0-1} \mathcal{E}^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{\chi_{10}(\Omega)}.$$

6.2 Hyperelliptic curves on a K3 surface

A projective nonsingular curve C of genus $g \geq 2$ is *hyperelliptic* if C admits a degree 2 map to \mathbb{P}^1 ,

$$C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1.$$

The locus of hyperelliptic curves in the moduli space M_g of non-singular curves of genus g is a closed substack of codimension $g - 2$. Let

$$\mathcal{H}_g \in H^{2(g-2)}(\overline{M}_g, \mathbb{Q})$$

be the stack fundamental class of the closure of nonsingular hyperelliptic curves inside \overline{M}_g . By results of Faber and Pandharipande [FP05], \mathcal{H}_g is a tautological class [FP13] of codimension $g - 2$. While the restriction of \mathcal{H}_g to M_g is a known multiple of λ_{g-2} , a closed formula for \mathcal{H}_g on \overline{M}_g in terms of the standard generators of the tautological ring is not known.

Let S be a smooth projective K3 surface and let β_h be a primitive curve class with $\beta_h^2 = 2h - 2$. The moduli space

$$\overline{M}_g(S, \beta_h)$$

parametrizes stable maps to S of genus g and class β_h . It has reduced virtual dimension g . In an ideal situation we therefore expect to find 2-dimensional families of hyperelliptic curves on S in class β_h .²

For $g \geq 2$, define a *virtual* count of genus g hyperelliptic curves in class β_h passing through 2 general points of S by the integral

$$\mathbf{H}_{g, \beta_h} = \int_{[\overline{M}_{g,2}(S, \beta_h)]^{\text{red}}} \pi^*(\mathcal{H}_g) \text{ev}_1^*(\mathbf{p}) \text{ev}_2^*(\mathbf{p}),$$

where $\mathbf{p} \in H^4(S)$ is the class of a point and $\pi : \overline{M}_{g,2}(S, \beta_h) \rightarrow \overline{M}_g$ is the forgetful map. By deformation invariance \mathbf{H}_{g, β_h} only depends on g and h . We write

$$\mathbf{H}_{g, \beta_h} = \mathbf{H}_{g, h}.$$

By the universal property of the Hilbert scheme of 2 points of S , a map

$$f : C \rightarrow S \tag{6.7}$$

from a non-singular hyperelliptic curve in class β_h corresponds to a map

$$\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \text{Hilb}^2(S) \tag{6.8}$$

with image not contained in the diagonal $\Delta_{\text{Hilb}^2(S)}$. For every point $P \in S$, let

$$I(P) = \{\xi \in \text{Hilb}^2(S) \mid P \in \xi\}$$

² This expectation holds for very general K3 surfaces, see [FKP09, CK14] and [KLM15, Remark 5.6]

denote the incidence subscheme of P in $\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)$. Then, (6.7) is incident to P if and only if the corresponding map (6.8) is incident to $I(P)$. Hence, one may expect a relation between the virtual count $\{\mathbf{H}_{g,h}\}_{g \geq 2}$ and the genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants

$$\langle I(P_1), I(P_2) \rangle_{0, \beta_h + kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^2(S)} \quad (6.9)$$

where $P_1, P_2 \in S$ are general points and k ranges over all integers.

In the case of \mathbb{P}^2 , Tom Graber determined such a relationship in [Gra01] and used it to calculate the number of degree d hyperelliptic curves in \mathbb{P}^2 passing through an appropriate number of generic points. Similar results has been obtained for $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ [Pon07] and for abelian surfaces [Ros14, BOPY15] (modulo a transversality result). Following arguments parallel to the abelian case [BOPY15] and using our results on the invariants (6.9) in Section 3 leads to the following prediction for the counts $\mathbf{H}_{g,h}$.

Let $\Delta(\tau) = q \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - q^m)^{24}$ be the modular discriminant and let

$$F(z, \tau) = u \exp \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^k B_{2k}}{2k(2k)!} E_{2k}(\tau) u^{2k} \right),$$

be the Jacobi theta function which appeared already in Section 2; here $E_{2k}(\tau)$ are the classical Eisenstein series (B.2), B_{2k} are the Bernoulli numbers and we used the variable change

$$q = e^{2\pi i \tau} \quad \text{and} \quad u = 2\pi z. \quad (6.10)$$

Conjecture H. Under the variable change (6.10),

$$\sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{g \geq 2} u^{2g+2} q^{h-1} \mathbf{H}_{g,h} = \left(q \frac{d}{dq} F(z, \tau) \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

By a direct verification using results of [BL00, MPT10] and an explicit expression [HM82] for

$$\mathcal{H}_3 \in H^2(\overline{M}_3, \mathbb{Q}),$$

Conjecture H holds in the first non-trivial case $g = 3$.

Similar conjectures relating the Gromov-Witten count of r -gonal curves on the K3 surface S to the genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ can be made. In fact, a full correspondence between the genus 0 Gromov-Witten theory of $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ and the genus g Gromov-Witten theory of $S \times \mathbb{P}^1$ has been proposed in [OP14].

The virtual counts $H_{g,h}$ have contributions from the boundary of the moduli space, and do *not* correspond to the actual, enumerative count of hyperelliptic curves on S . For example,

$$H_{3,1} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

is rational and negative.

For $h \geq 0$, define BPS numbers $h_{g,h} \in \mathbb{Q}$ of hyperelliptic curves on S in class β_h by the expansion

$$\sum_{g \geq 2} h_{g,h} (2 \sin(u/2))^{2g+2} = \sum_{g \geq 2} H_{g,h} u^{2g+2}. \quad (6.11)$$

The invariants $h_{g,h}$ are expected to yield the enumerative count of genus g hyperelliptic curves in class β_h on a *generic* K3 surface S carrying a curve class β_h , compare [BOPY15, Section 0.2.4].

The invariants $h_{g,h}$ vanish for $h = 0, 1$. The first non-vanishing values of $h_{g,h}$ are presented in Table 6.1 below. The distribution of the non-zero values in Table 6.1 matches precisely the results of Ciliberto and Knutsen in [CK14, Theorem 0.1]: there exist curves on a generic K3 surface in class β_h with normalization a hyperelliptic curve of genus g if and only if

$$h \geq g + \left\lfloor \frac{g}{2} \right\rfloor \left(g - 1 - \left\lfloor \frac{g}{2} \right\rfloor \right).$$

$h \backslash g$	2	3	4	5	6
2	1	0	0	0	0
3	36	0	0	0	0
4	672	6	0	0	0
5	8728	204	0	0	0
6	88830	3690	9	0	0
7	754992	47160	300	0	0
8	5573456	476700	5460	0	0
9	36693360	4048200	70848	36	0
10	219548277	29979846	730107	1134	0
11	1210781880	198559080	6333204	19640	0
12	6221679552	1197526770	47948472	244656	36
13	30045827616	6666313920	324736392	2438736	1176
14	137312404502	34612452966	2002600623	20589506	20895
15	597261371616	169017136848	11396062440	152487720	265860

Table 6.1: The first values for the counts $h_{g,h}$ of hyperelliptic curves of genus g and class β_h , on a generic K3 surface S , as predicted by Conjecture H and the BPS expansion (6.11).

6.3 Jacobi forms and hyperkähler geometry

6.3.1 Overview

In all cases we considered, the generating series of Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(K3)$ were Fourier expansions of (quasi)-Jacobi forms. This qualitative feature implies strong symmetries among the invariants. For example, consider the Gromov-Witten invariant

$$c(n, k) = \mathbf{N}_{d, n+1, k} = \left\langle \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S, \mathbf{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S \right\rangle_{\beta_{n+1} + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} \quad (6.12)$$

which appeared in Section 2; here F is the fiber class of an elliptic K3 surface $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ and β_h is a primitive square $2h - 2$ curve class on S with $F \cdot \beta_h = 1$.

Let $F(z, \tau)$ be the Jacobi theta function (2.35). By Theorem 1,

$$F(z, \tau)^{2d-2} \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c(n, k) y^k q^n \quad (6.13)$$

under the variable change $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $y = -e^{2\pi i z}$. The function

$$F(z, \tau)^{2d-2} \frac{1}{\Delta(\tau)} \quad (6.14)$$

is a Jacobi form of index $d - 1$ and hence satisfies the elliptic transformation law (5) which is equivalent to

$$c(n, k) = c(n + k\lambda + (d - 1)\lambda^2, k + 2(d - 1)\lambda) \quad (6.15)$$

for all n, k and all $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$. Similarly, applying the modular equation (4) with $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ to (6.14) yields for all n, k the symmetry

$$c(n, k) = c(n, -k). \quad (6.16)$$

Equation (6.15) mixes in the corresponding Gromov-Witten invariants the classes β_h and A in a non-trivial way; similarly, relation (6.16) relates the invariants for $\beta_h + kA$ and $\beta_h - kA$. We find that both relations are *not* implied by deformations of the underlying K3 surface S .

An (*irreducible*) *holomorphic symplectic manifold* is a simply-connected compact Kähler manifold X such that $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$ is spanned by a holomorphic symplectic 2-form. The Hilbert scheme of points $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ of a K3 surface S is an example of such manifold. When S varies³, the Hilbert schemes $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ form a hypersurface in their deformation space. A general deformation of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is therefore no longer the Hilbert scheme of points of a K3 surface.⁴

³Here, we allow non-algebraic deformations of the K3 surface S

⁴See [Bea11] for open problems regarding these deformations.

Consider the monodromy action of deformations of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in the moduli space of holomorphic symplectic manifolds. Then, such action will in general not respect the direct sum decomposition

$$H_2(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}) = H_2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}A$$

and will mix the classes β_h and A . Based on the recently proven global Torelli theorem for holomorphic symplectic manifolds [Ver13, Huy12, GHS13], Markman [Mar11] classified the monodromy action on the cohomology group

$$H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Combining this with the deformation invariance of Gromov-Witten invariants leads to non-trivial relations between Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ which mix the class β_h and A .

In Section 6.3.3 below we show that in the case of the invariants $c(n, k)$ these relations match exactly (6.15) and (6.16). Hence, the geometry of the moduli space of holomorphic symplectic varieties implies *a priori* the elliptic transformation law for the generating series (6.13).

Usually, cohomology classes $\mu \in H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$ are not preserved under the monodromy action. For example, the monodromy action which we will use to obtain relation (6.15) yields

$$\mu \mapsto \mu + (\text{additional terms}). \quad (6.17)$$

Hence, for general classes μ, ν the primitive potential

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q = \sum_{n, k} q^n y^k \langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta_{n+1} + kA}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$$

will satisfy the elliptic transformation law (5) only up to additional correction terms. This matches Conjecture J of Section 5.1.3 which predicts $\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_q$ to be merely a *quasi*-Jacobi form which, by definition, are allowed to add additional terms under the elliptic transformation law [Obe12].

This hints at the following more general framework. Let

$$\text{ev} : \overline{M}_{0,2}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA) \rightarrow (\text{Hilb}^d(S))^2$$

be the evaluation map. Define the full genus 0 potential

$$Z_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{h-1} y^k \text{ev}_* [\overline{M}_{0,2}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \beta_h + kA)]^{\text{red}}$$

as an element of

$$H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) \otimes H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) \otimes \mathbb{Q}((y))((q)).$$

Then, we may speculate that $Z_{\text{Hilb}^d(S)}$ is a *vector-valued Jacobi form* [IK11] with respect to a representation of the Jacobi group on the cohomology

$$H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) \otimes H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)).$$

6.3.2 The Beauville-Bogomolov pairing

Let X be a holomorphic symplectic manifold of dimension $2d$. There exists a unique positive constant $c_X \in \mathbb{Q}$ and a unique non-degenerate quadratic form

$$q_X : H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad (6.18)$$

satisfying the Fujiki relation

$$\int_X \alpha^{2d} = c_X q_X(\alpha)^d$$

for all $\alpha \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ and with $q_X(\sigma + \bar{\sigma}) > 0$ for $0 \neq \sigma \in H^{2,0}(X, \mathbb{Z})$. The constant c_X is the Fujiki constant of X and q_X is the Beauville-Bogomolov quadratic form [Bea83, Fuj87]. By non-degeneracy, q_X induces an embedding

$$H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H_2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \quad (6.19)$$

which is an isomorphism after tensoring with \mathbb{Q} . We let

$$q_X : H_2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

denote the quadratic form such that (6.19) is an isometry onto its image.

If X is deformation equivalent to the Hilbert scheme of d points of a K3 surface, the Fujiki constant of X is

$$c_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = c_d = \frac{(2d)!}{d!2^d}$$

and there exists an isomorphism

$$\eta : (H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}), q_X) \rightarrow \Lambda = L_{K3} \oplus (2 - 2d)$$

where $(2 - 2d)$ is the lattice \mathbb{Z} with intersection form $2 - 2d$, and L_{K3} is isomorphic to the H^2 -lattice of a K3 surface S together with its intersection form,

$$L_{K3} \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \cong U^3 \oplus E_8(-1)^2.$$

We say η is a *marking* of X and we call the pair (X, η) a *marked pair*.

In case $X = \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ we have a natural isomorphism

$$H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus (2 - 2d) \xrightarrow{\cong} (H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Z}), q_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}) \quad (6.20)$$

defined by mapping $\alpha \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ to

$$D(\alpha) = \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \mathbf{p}_{-1}(\alpha) \mathbf{p}_{-1}(e)^{d-1} 1_S \in H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z})$$

and the positive generator of $(2 - 2d)$ to

$$\delta = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = c_1(\mathcal{O}_S^{[d]}).$$

Below, we will sometimes identify an element $\alpha \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ with its image $D(\alpha)$ under (6.20).

6.3.3 Monodromy action

Let X_1 and X_2 be holomorphic symplectic manifolds. A *complex deformation*

$$X_1 \rightsquigarrow X_2 \tag{6.21}$$

is a smooth proper family $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$ of holomorphic symplectic manifolds over a connected analytic base B together with points $p_1, p_2 \in B$ such that $\mathcal{X}_{p_i} = X_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. We say (6.21) deforms $\gamma_1 \in H^*(X_1)$ to $\gamma_2 \in H^*(X_2)$ if there exists a section

$$\gamma \in H^0(B, R\pi_*\mathbb{Q}) \tag{6.22}$$

restricting to γ_i at the point p_i for $i = 1, 2$. If γ_1 is pure of type (p, q) we say (6.21) deforms through classes of type (p, q) if the image of γ in $H^*(\mathcal{X}_b, \mathbb{Q})$ is of type (p, q) for all $b \in B$.

Let S be an elliptic K3 surface S with a section, let B and F be the classes of a section and fiber respectively, and let

$$\beta_h = B + hF$$

for $h \geq 0$ be the usual curve class. We will use the notation

$$(n, k) = \beta_{n+1} + kA \in H_2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Proposition 8. *Let $n \geq -1$ and $k, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$. There exist a complex deformation $\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightsquigarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)$ which deforms (n, k) to*

$$(n + k\lambda + (d-1)\lambda^2, k + 2(d-1)\lambda)$$

through classes of Hodge type $(1, 1)$, and deforms $D(F)$ to itself.

Proof. We identify elements $\alpha \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$ with its image $D(\alpha)$ under (6.20). Consider the *isometry*

$$\varphi : H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z})$$

defined by

$$B \mapsto B + (d-1)F - \delta, \quad F \mapsto F, \quad \delta \mapsto \delta - (2d-2)F$$

and by the identity map on $\langle F, B, \delta \rangle^\perp$. Under the embedding (6.19), the map φ induces by \mathbb{Q} -linear extension an isometry

$$\varphi^\vee : H_2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}).$$

We have

$$\varphi^\vee((n, k)) = (n + (d-1) + k, k + 2(d-1))$$

We will show that there exists a deformation

$$\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightsquigarrow \mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \quad (6.23)$$

which induces the morphism φ on cohomology and deforms (n, k) through Hodge classes of type $(1, 1)$. Concatenating this deformation $|\lambda|$ -times implies the claim of Proposition 8.

Since $\varphi^\vee(A) = A + F$, the map φ^\vee induces the identity map on

$$H_2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z})/H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Hence, φ is a parallel transport operator in the sense of Markman, see [Mar11, Lemma 9.2], and there exists a complex deformation (6.23) inducing φ . We show this deformation may be chosen to preserve the Hodge type of (n, k) .

We follow arguments from [Mar13, Section 5] and [Mar11, Section 7]. Let

$$\eta_1 : H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)) \rightarrow \Lambda = L_{K3} \oplus (2 - 2d)$$

be a fixed marking and let

$$\eta_2 = \eta_1 \circ \varphi^{-1} : H^*(X) \rightarrow \Lambda$$

be the marking induced by φ . Since φ is a parallel transport operator, the marked pairs

$$(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_1) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_2)$$

lie in the same component \mathcal{M}_Λ^0 of the moduli space of marked holomorphic symplectic manifolds.

Consider the period domain

$$\Omega_\Lambda = \{p \in \mathbb{P}(\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Z}_\mathbb{C}) \mid (p, p) = 0, (p, \bar{p}) > 0\},$$

and the period map

$$\mathrm{Per} : \mathcal{M}_\Lambda^0 \rightarrow \Omega_\Lambda, (X, \eta) \mapsto \eta(H^{2,0}(X, \mathbb{C}))$$

which is a holomorphic, surjective, local isomorphism with fibers consisting of bimeromorphic holomorphic symplectic manifolds [Ver13, Huy12].

Let γ be the element of Λ^\vee corresponding to (n, k) under η_1 ,

$$\gamma = \eta_1^\vee((n, k)) \in \Lambda^\vee,$$

and consider the locus of period points orthogonal to γ ,

$$\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp} = \{p \in \Omega_\Lambda \mid (p, \gamma) = 0\}.$$

The quadratic form on Λ induces by extension a \mathbb{Q} -valued form on Λ^\vee . Depending on the norm of γ , the subvariety $\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}$ may have several components. Let

$$\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+ \subset \Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}$$

be the connected component of $\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}$ which contains $\text{Per}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_1)$. Since φ is the identity on $\langle B, F, \delta \rangle^\perp$, we have

$$\text{Per}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_1) = \text{Per}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_2),$$

hence also $\text{Per}(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_2)$ lies in $\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$.

Define the subspace

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+ = \{ (X, \eta) \in \mathcal{M}_\Lambda^0 \mid & \text{Per}(X, \eta) \in \Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+, \\ & \langle \eta^{-1}(\gamma), \kappa \rangle > 0 \text{ for a Kähler class } \kappa \} \end{aligned} \quad (6.24)$$

which parametrizes marked pairs (X, η) such that $\eta^{-1}(\gamma)$ has Hodge type $(1, 1)$ and pairs positively with some Kähler class. Because there exists an ample class on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ which pairs positively with (n, k) and $\varphi(n, k)$, we have

$$(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_1), (\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_2) \in \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+.$$

Claim. The restricted period map

$$\text{Per}_\gamma : \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+ \quad (6.25)$$

is a local isomorphism onto a complement of a countable union of analytic subvarieties, and its general fiber consists of a single element.

Proof of Claim. If $\langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle < 0$ the claim follows from [Mar13, Corollary 5.10] and the fact that the subset of points $p \in \Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$ such that

$$\langle \text{Re}(p), \text{Im}(p) \rangle^\perp \cap \Lambda^\vee = \mathbb{Z}\langle \gamma \rangle$$

is a complement of a countable union of analytic hyperplanes.

Assume $\langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle \geq 0$. Since $H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{R})$ has signature $(1, 20)$ for all (X, η) , the condition $\langle \eta^{-1}(\gamma), \kappa \rangle > 0$ for some Kähler class κ holds for all (X, η) in $\text{Per}^{-1}(\Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+)$. Hence, the restricted period map Per_γ is surjective.

Let (X, η) be an element in the general fiber of Per_γ and let $\gamma' = \eta^{-1}(\gamma)$. Let c be an element in the positive cone of $H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{R})$, that is, in the connected component of

$$\{x \in H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{R}) \mid (x, x) > 0\}$$

which contains a Kähler class. Every rational curve C in X has homology class a positive multiple of γ' , and therefore satisfies $[C] \cdot c > 0$. By [GHJ03, Proposition 28.5] the positive cone equals the Kähler cone. The claim now follows from the Global Torelli theorem [Mar11, Theorem 2.2 (4)]. \square

We prove that $\mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$ is path-connected. Since $\mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$ is analytic and contains $(\text{Hilb}^d(S), \eta_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$, this completes the proof of Proposition 8.

By Claim 2, the restricted period map (6.25) is a local isomorphism onto a dense open subset

$$U \subset \Omega_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$$

which is a complement of a countable union of analytic closed subvarieties. In particular, U is path-connected, see [Ver13, Lemma 4.10].

Consider arbitrary elements

$$(X_1, \eta_1), (X, \eta_2) \in \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+.$$

Since U is dense, there exists a path

$$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Omega_{\Lambda, (h, \gamma)}^+$$

such that

$$f(0) = \text{Per}(X, \eta_1), \quad f(1) = \text{Per}(X, \eta_2)$$

and such that $f(1/2)$ is a point whose fiber over Per_γ consists of a single element. Therefore, the preimage $\text{Per}_\gamma^{-1}(f([0, 1]))$ is path connected. Hence there exists a path in $\mathcal{M}_{\Lambda, \gamma^\perp}^+$ connecting (X, η_1) to (X, η_2) . \square

We have $D(F)^d = \mathfrak{p}_{-1}(F)^d 1_S$. If the deformation constructed in Proposition 8 would be a deformation of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ through *projective* holomorphic symplectic manifolds, the deformation invariance of the reduced Gromov-Witten invariants would imply equation (6.15).

While we expect that such a stronger deformation statement is still true, we choose a more direct approach here. The reduced Gromov-Witten invariants for $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ equal the twistor-family Gromov-Witten invariants defined in [BL00]. These invariants have their origin in symplectic geometry and are invariant under complex deformations as long as the curve class stays of Hodge type $(1, 1)$. Hence, relation (6.15) follows from Proposition 8 after translating the statement to twistor-family invariants.

Lemma 22. *There exist a complex deformation $\text{Hilb}^d(S) \rightsquigarrow \text{Hilb}^d(S)$ with induced monodromy action*

$$\varphi : H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S)) \rightarrow H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))$$

such that

- (n, k) deforms to the class $(n, -k)$ through Hodge classes of type $(1, 1)$,
- $\varphi \circ \varphi = \text{id}_{H^*(\text{Hilb}^d(S))}$,
- the restriction $\bar{\varphi} = \varphi|_{H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S))}$ satisfies $\bar{\varphi}(\delta) = -\delta$ and $\bar{\varphi}|_{\delta^\perp} = \text{id}_{\delta^\perp}$.

Proof. This follows from [Mar10] applied to the symplectic resolution

$$\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^d(S)$$

and arguments parallel to the proof of Proposition 8. \square

Consider the injective homomorphism

$$\iota : H^2(S) \hookrightarrow H^2(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)), \quad \alpha \mapsto D(\alpha)$$

and the induced map

$$\kappa = \mathrm{Sym}^\bullet(\iota) : \mathrm{Sym}^\bullet(H^2(S)) \rightarrow H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)).$$

Corollary 3. *For all μ, ν in the image of κ and for all i, j ,*

$$\langle \mu \cup \delta^i, \nu \cup \delta^j \rangle_{\beta_h+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = (-1)^{i+j} \langle \mu \cup \delta^i, \nu \cup \delta^j \rangle_{\beta_h-kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}$$

Proof. This follows from Lemma 22 and the discussion after the proof of Proposition 8. \square

More generally, we expect the relation

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta_h+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = (-1)^{\sum_i (m_i-1) + \sum_j (n_j-1)} \langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta_h-kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)}.$$

for cohomology classes $\mu = \prod_i \mathfrak{p}_{-m_i}(\alpha_i)1_S$ and $\nu = \prod_j \mathfrak{p}_{-n_j}(\alpha'_j)1_S$. This may be proven by a more careful analysis of the map φ of Lemma 22.

Corollary 4. *For all $\mu, \nu \in H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S))$, we have*

$$\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = 0$$

for $|k| \gg 0$.

Proof. Consider the monodromy operator

$$\varphi : H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)) \rightarrow H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S))$$

of Lemma (22). There exist a basis of $H^*(\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S))$ consisting of eigenvectors of φ to the eigenvalues ± 1 . Let μ, ν be any two such eigenvectors. Then, by Lemma 1 we have $\langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = 0$ for $k \ll 0$, hence also

$$\langle \varphi(\mu), \varphi(\nu) \rangle_{\beta+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = \pm \langle \mu, \nu \rangle_{\beta+kA}^{\mathrm{Hilb}^d(S)} = 0$$

for $k \gg 0$ by Lemma (22) and the argument after Proposition 8. \square

6.3.4 Curve class invariants

Consider a primitive effective curve class γ on the Hilbert scheme of d points of an arbitrary K3 surface. The following Lemma together with the discussion after the proof of Proposition 8 implies that the Gromov-Witten invariants in class γ may be reduced by deformation to the calculation of the Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ in the classes $\beta_h + kA$, where S is the elliptic K3 surface defined in Section 6.3.3 above.

Consider pairs (X, γ) such that

- (i) X is a holomorphic symplectic manifold deformation equivalent to the Hilbert scheme of d points of a K3 surface,
- (ii) $\gamma \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is a *primitive* class of Hodge type $(1, 1)$ which pairs positively with a Kähler class on X .

We can associate the following invariants to the primitive class γ .

- The Beauville-Bogomolov norm $q_X(\gamma)$.
- Consider an isomorphism

$$\sigma : H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})/H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(2d-2)\mathbb{Z}$$

such that $\sigma([\alpha]) = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}/(2d-2)\mathbb{Z}$ for an element $\alpha \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ with $q_X(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2-2d}$. The map σ is unique up to multiplication by ± 1 .

Define the *residue set* of γ by

$$\pm[\gamma] := \{ \pm\sigma([\gamma]) \} \subset \mathbb{Z}/(2d-2) \quad (6.26)$$

Since σ is unique up to ± 1 , the set $\pm[\gamma]$ is independent of σ .

Lemma 23. *Let (X, γ) and (X', γ') be two pairs satisfying (i) and (ii) above. There exist a complex deformation $X \rightsquigarrow X'$ which deforms γ to γ' through Hodge classes of type $(1, 1)$ if and only if*

$$q_d(\gamma) = q_d(\gamma') \quad \text{and} \quad \pm[\gamma_1] = \pm[\gamma_2].$$

Proof. The 'only if' part follows since both $q_d(\gamma)$ and $\pm[\gamma]$ are deformation invariant. We need to show the 'if' direction.

Since X and X' are both deformation equivalent to the Hilbert scheme of d points of a K3 surface there exists a deformation $X \rightsquigarrow X'$. Let

$$\psi : H_2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_2(X', \mathbb{Z})$$

be the induced parallel transport map on homology and let

$$\alpha = \psi(\gamma').$$

Then we have

$$[\alpha] = \pm[\gamma] \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})/H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}). \quad (6.27)$$

After concatenating the deformation $X \rightsquigarrow X'$ by the monodromy used in the proof of Lemma 22, we may assume $[\alpha] = [\gamma]$ in (6.27). Then, by [Eic74, §10] (see also [GHS10, Lemma 3.5]), there exists an isomorphism

$$\varphi : H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

which induces the identity on $H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})/H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ and sends α to γ . By [Mar11, Lemma 9.2] the map φ is a parallel transport operator. Hence, after concatenating the deformation $X \rightsquigarrow X'$ with this monodromy, may assume $\psi(\gamma') = \gamma$. The claim now follows from arguments parallel to the proof of Proposition 8. \square

6.3.5 Divisor classes

The top intersection of a divisor class D on $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ is a power of the Beauville-Bogomolov norm $q_X(D)$ times a universal coefficient, the Fujiki constant. One may hope that genus 0 Gromov-Witten invariants of $\text{Hilb}^d(S)$ with insertions the powers of divisor classes also depend only on some simple numerical invariants of these classes and universal coefficients. Below we present an explicit conjecture for such dependence.

For every $k \geq 0$, define the symmetric multilinear form

$$\sigma_d : H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S))^{\otimes 2k} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}, \quad \sigma_d(\alpha^{\otimes 2k}) = c_k q_d(\alpha)^k$$

for all $\alpha \in H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$, where

$$c_k = \frac{(2k)!}{k!2^k}$$

is the Fujiki constant for $\text{Hilb}^k(S)$ and q_d is the quadratic form (6.18).

Conjecture E. For all $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and for all classes $T, U \in H^2(\text{Hilb}^d(S); \mathbb{Q})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle T^{d+r}, U^{d-r} \right\rangle_{\beta_{h+kA}}^{\text{Hilb}^d(S)} &= \sum_{\ell=|r|}^{d-1} \binom{d+r}{\ell+r} \binom{d-r}{\ell-r}. \\ \sigma_d(T^{\otimes \ell+r} \otimes U^{\otimes \ell-r}) \langle T, \gamma \rangle^{d-\ell} \langle U, \gamma \rangle^{d-\ell} &\left[\frac{F^{2(d-\ell)} G^\ell}{F^2 \Delta} \right]_{q^{h-1} y^k}, \end{aligned}$$

where F and G are the Jacobi forms (2.35) and (3.1) respectively and $[\cdot]_{q^{h-1} y^k}$ denotes extracting the coefficient of $q^{h-1} y^k$.

— A —

The reduced WDVV equation

Let $\overline{M}_{0,4}$ be the moduli space of stable genus 0 curves with 4 marked points. The boundary of $\overline{M}_{0,4}$ is the union of the divisors

$$D(12|34), D(14|23), D(13|24) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

corresponding to a broken curve with the respective prescribed splitting of the marked points. Since $\overline{M}_{0,4}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 , any two of the divisors (A.1) are rationally equivalent.

Let Y be a smooth projective variety and let $\overline{M}_{0,n}(Y, \beta)$ be the moduli space of stable maps to Y of genus 0 and class β . Let

$$\pi : \overline{M}_{0,n}(Y, \beta) \rightarrow \overline{M}_{0,4}$$

be the map that forgets all but the last four points. The pullback of the boundary divisors (A.1) under π defines rationally equivalent divisors on $\overline{M}_{0,n}(Y, \beta)$. The intersection of these divisors with curve classes obtained from the virtual class yields relations among Gromov-Witten invariants of Y , the WDVV equations [FP97]. We derive the precise form of these equations for reduced Gromov-Witten theory. For simplicity, we restrict to the case $n = 4$.

Let Y be a holomorphic symplectic variety and let

$$\left\langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} = \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,n}(Y, \beta)]^{\text{red}}} \text{ev}_1^*(\gamma_1) \cup \dots \cup \text{ev}_n^*(\gamma_n)$$

denote the *reduced* Gromov-Witten invariants of Y of genus 0 and class $\beta \in H_2(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ with primary insertions $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in H^*(Y)$.

Proposition 9. *Let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_4 \in H^{2*}(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ be cohomology classes with*

$$\sum_i \deg(\gamma_i) = \text{vdim } \overline{M}_{0,4}(Y, \beta) - 1 = \dim Y + 1,$$

where $\deg(\gamma_i)$ denotes the complex degree of γ_i . Then,

$$\left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} + \left\langle \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} = \left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_4, \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_3 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} + \left\langle \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_4, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}}.$$

Proof. Consider the fiber of π over $D(12|34)$,

$$D = \pi^{-1}(D(12|34)).$$

The intersection of D with the class

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^4 \text{ev}_i^*(\gamma_i) \right) \cap [\overline{M}_{0,4}(Y, \beta)]^{\text{red}}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

splits into a sum of integrals over the product

$$M' = \overline{M}_{0,3}(Y, \beta_1) \times \overline{M}_{0,3}(Y, \beta_2),$$

for all effective decompositions $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2$.

The reduced virtual class $[\overline{M}_{0,4}(Y, \beta)]^{\text{red}}$ restricts to M' as the sum of

$$(\text{ev}_3 \times \text{ev}_3)^* \Delta_Y \cap [\overline{M}_{0,3}(Y, \beta_1)]^{\text{red}} \times [\overline{M}_{0,3}(Y, \beta_2)]^{\text{ord}}$$

with the same term, except for 'red' and 'ord' interchanged; here

$$\Delta_Y \in H^{2 \dim Y}(Y \times Y; \mathbb{Z})$$

is the class of the diagonal and $[\cdot]^{\text{ord}}$ denotes the ordinary virtual class.

Since $[\overline{M}_{0,3}(Y, \beta)]^{\text{ord}} = 0$ unless $\beta = 0$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[\overline{M}_{0,4}(Y, \beta)]^{\text{red}}} D \cup \prod_i \gamma_i &= \sum_{e, f} \left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, T_e \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} g^{ef} \left\langle \gamma_3, \gamma_4, T_f \right\rangle_0^{\text{ord}} + \\ &\quad + \left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, T_e \right\rangle_0^{\text{ord}} g^{ef} \left\langle \gamma_3, \gamma_4, T_f \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} \\ &= \left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}} + \left\langle \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where $\{T_e\}_e$ is a basis of $H^*(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ and $(g^{ef})_{e, f}$ is the inverse of the intersection matrix $g_{ef} = \int_Y T_e \cup T_f$.

After comparing (A.3) with the integral of (A.2) over the pullback of $D(14|23)$, the proof of Proposition 9 is complete. \square

We may use the previous proposition to define reduced quantum cohomology. Let \hbar be a formal parameter with $\hbar^2 = 0$. Let Eff_Y be the cone of effective curve class on Y , and for any $\beta \in \text{Eff}_Y$ let q^β be the corresponding element in the semi-group algebra $\mathbb{Q}[\text{Eff}_Y]$. Define the *reduced* quantum product $*$ on

$$H^*(Y; \mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[[\text{Eff}_Y]] \otimes \mathbb{Q}[[\hbar]/\hbar^2].$$

by

$$\langle \gamma_1 * \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \rangle = \langle \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \rangle + \hbar \sum_{\beta > 0} q^\beta \left\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \right\rangle_{\beta}^{\text{red}}$$

for all $a, b, c \in H^*(Y)$, where $\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle = \int_Y \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2$ is the standard inner product on $H^*(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ and β runs over all non-zero effective curve classes of Y . Then, Proposition 9 implies that $*$ is associative.

— B —

Quasi-Jacobi forms

B.1 Definition

Let $(z, \tau) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H}$, and let $y = -p = -e^{2\pi iz}$ and $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$. For all expansions below, we will work in the region $|y| < 1$.

Consider the Jacobi theta functions

$$F(z, \tau) = \frac{\vartheta_1(z, \tau)}{\eta^3(\tau)} = (y^{1/2} + y^{-1/2}) \prod_{m \geq 1} \frac{(1 + yq^m)(1 + y^{-1}q^m)}{(1 - q^m)^2},$$

the logarithmic derivative

$$J_1(z, \tau) = y \frac{d}{dy} \log(F(y, q)) = \frac{y}{1+y} - \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{m|d} ((-y)^m - (-y)^{-m}) q^d,$$

the Weierstrass elliptic function

$$\wp(z, \tau) = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} + \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{m|d} m((-y)^m - 2 + (-y)^{-m}) q^d, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

the derivative

$$\wp^\bullet(z, \tau) = y \frac{d}{dy} \wp(z, \tau) = \frac{y(y-1)}{(1+y)^3} + \sum_{d \geq 1} \sum_{m|d} m^2((-y)^m - (-y)^{-m}) q^d,$$

and for $k \geq 1$ the Eisenstein series

$$E_{2k}(\tau) = 1 - \frac{4k}{B_{2k}} \sum_{d \geq 1} \left(\sum_{m|d} m^{2k-1} \right) q^d, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where B_{2k} are the Bernoulli numbers. Define the free polynomial algebra

$$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{C}[F(z, \tau), E_2(\tau), E_4(\tau), J_1(z, \tau), \wp(z, \tau), \wp^\bullet(z, \tau)].$$

Define the weight and index of the generators of \mathbb{V} by the following table. Here, we list also their pole order at $z = 0$ for later use.

	$F(z, \tau)$	$E_{2k}(\tau)$	$J_1(z, \tau)$	$\wp(z, \tau)$	$\wp^\bullet(z, \tau)$
pole order at $z = 0$	0	0	1	2	3
weight	-1	$2k$	1	2	3
index	$1/2$	0	0	0	0

Table B.1: Weight and pole order at $z = 0$

The grading on the generators induces a natural bigrading on \mathbb{V} by weight k and index m ,

$$\mathbb{V} = \bigoplus_{m \in (\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z})_{\geq 0}} \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{V}_{k,m},$$

where m runs over all non-negative half-integers.

In the variable z , the functions

$$E_{2k}(\tau), J_1(z, \tau), \wp(z, \tau), \wp^\bullet(z, \tau) \quad (\text{B.3})$$

can have a pole in the fundamental region

$$\{x + y\tau \mid 0 \leq x, y < 1\} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

only at $z = 0$. The function $F(z, \tau)$ has a simple zero at $z = 0$ and no other zeros (or poles) in the fundamental region (B.4).

Definition 2. Let m be a non-negative half-integer and let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. A function

$$f(z, \tau) \in \mathbb{V}_{k,m}$$

which is holomorphic at $z = 0$ for generic τ , is called a quasi-Jacobi form of weight k and index m .

The subring $\text{QJac} \subset \mathbb{V}$ of quasi-Jacobi forms is graded by index m and weight k ,

$$\text{QJac} = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \bigoplus_{k \geq -2m} \text{QJac}_{k,m}$$

with finite-dimensional summands $\text{QJac}_{k,m}$.

By the classical relation

$$(\wp^\bullet(z))^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 - \frac{1}{12}E_4(\tau)\wp(z) + \frac{1}{216}E_6(\tau).$$

we have $E_6(\tau) \in \mathbb{V}$ and therefore $E_6(\tau) \in \text{QJac}$. Hence, QJac contains the ring of quasi-modular forms $\mathbb{C}[E_2, E_4, E_6]$. Since the functions

$$\varphi_{-2,1} = -F(z, \tau)^2, \quad \varphi_{0,1} = -12F(z, \tau)^2\wp(z, \tau),$$

lie both in QJac , it follows from [EZ85, Theorem 9.3] that QJac also contains the ring of weak Jacobi forms.

Lemma 24. *The ring $\mathbb{Q}\text{Jac}$ is closed under differentiation by z and τ .*

Proof. We write

$$\partial_\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} = q \frac{d}{dq} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_z = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = y \frac{d}{dy}$$

for differentiation with respect to τ and z respectively. The lemma now direct follows from the relations.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\tau(F) &= F \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} J_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} \wp - \frac{1}{12} E_2 \right), & \partial_z(F) &= J_1 \cdot F, \\ \partial_\tau(J_1) &= J_1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{12} E_2 - \wp \right) - \frac{1}{2} \wp^\bullet, & \partial_z(J_1) &= -\wp + \frac{1}{12} E_2, \\ \partial_\tau(\wp) &= 2\wp^2 + \frac{1}{6} \wp E_2 + J_1 \wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{36} E_4, & \partial_z(\wp) &= \wp^\bullet, \\ \partial_\tau(\wp^\bullet) &= 6J_1 \wp^2 - \frac{1}{24} J_1 E_4 + 3\wp \wp^\bullet + \frac{1}{4} E_2 \wp^\bullet, & \partial_z(\wp^\bullet) &= 6\wp^2 - \frac{1}{24} E_4. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

B.2 Numerical values

We present the first values of the functions $\varphi_{m,\ell}$ satisfying the conditions of Conjecture A of Section 5.5. Let $K = iF$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{1,-1} &= K^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} J_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} \wp - \frac{1}{12} E_2 \right) \\ \varphi_{1,0} &= -K \\ \varphi_{1,1} &= K^2 \left(\wp - \frac{1}{12} E_2 \right) \\ \\ \varphi_{2,-2} &= 2K^4 \left(J_1^4 - 2J_1^2 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1^2 E_2 - \frac{1}{2} J_1 \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{2,-1} &= 2K^3 \left(\frac{2}{3} J_1^3 - J_1 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1 E_2 - \frac{1}{6} \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{2,0} &= -2 \cdot J_1 \cdot K^2 \\ \varphi_{2,1} &= 2K^3 \cdot \left(J_1 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1 E_2 + \frac{1}{2} \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{2,2} + 1 &= 2K^4 \cdot \left(J_1^2 \wp - \frac{1}{12} J_1^2 E_2 + \frac{3}{2} \wp^2 + J_1 \wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{96} E_4 \right) \\ \\ \varphi_{3,-2} &= 3K^5 \cdot \left(\frac{9}{5} J_1^5 - \frac{9}{2} J_1^3 \wp - \frac{1}{8} J_1^3 E_2 + \frac{1}{2} J_1 \wp^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{24} J_1 \wp E_2 - \frac{5}{4} J_1^2 \wp^\bullet + \frac{1}{180} J_1 E_4 + \frac{3}{20} \wp \wp^\bullet \right) \\ \varphi_{3,-1} &= 3K^4 \cdot \left(\frac{9}{8} J_1^4 - \frac{9}{4} J_1^2 \wp - \frac{1}{8} J_1^2 E_2 + \frac{1}{8} \wp^2 + \frac{1}{24} \wp E_2 - \frac{1}{2} J_1 \wp^\bullet + \frac{1}{288} E_4 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{3,0} &= K^3 \cdot \left(-\frac{9}{2}J_1^2 + \frac{3}{2}\wp \right) \\
\varphi_{3,1} &= 3K^4 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}J_1^2\wp - \frac{1}{8}J_1^2E_2 + \frac{1}{2}\wp^2 + \frac{1}{24}\wp E_2 + J_1\wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{144}E_4 \right) \\
\varphi_{3,2} &= 3K^5 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}J_1^3\wp - \frac{1}{8}J_1^3E_2 + \frac{7}{2}J_1\wp^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{24}J_1\wp E_2 + \frac{7}{4}J_1^2\wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{36}J_1E_4 + \frac{3}{4}\wp \cdot \wp^\bullet \right) \\
\varphi_{3,3} + 1 &= 3K^6 \cdot \left(\frac{9}{4}J_1^4\wp - \frac{3}{16}J_1^4E_2 + \frac{15}{2}J_1^2\wp^2 + \frac{1}{8}J_1^2\wp E_2 + 3J_1^3\wp^\bullet \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5}{4}\wp^3 - \frac{1}{48}\wp^2 E_2 - \frac{1}{16}J_1^2E_4 + 3J_1\wp \cdot \wp^\bullet - \frac{1}{144}\wp E_4 + \frac{1}{3}(\wp^\bullet)^2 \right) \\
\varphi_{4,0} &= K^4 \cdot \left(-\frac{32}{3}J_1^3 + 8J_1\wp + \frac{2}{3}\wp^\bullet \right)
\end{aligned}$$

In the variables

$$q = e^{2\pi i\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad s = (-y)^{1/2} = e^{\pi iz}$$

the first coefficients of the functions above are

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{1,-1} &= (-s^{-4} + 4s^{-2} - 6 + 4s^2 - s^4)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{1,0} &= (s^{-1} - s) + (-s^{-3} + 3s^{-1} - 3s + s^3)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{1,1} &= (s^{-4} - 4s^{-2} + 6 - 4s^2 + s^4)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{2,-2} &= (-2s^{-6} + 4s^{-4} + 2s^{-2} - 8 + 2s^2 + 4s^4 - 2s^6)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{2,-1} &= (-2s^{-5} + 6s^{-3} - 4s^{-1} - 4s + 6s^3 - 2s^5)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{2,-0} &= (s^{-2} - s^2) + (-4s^{-4} + 8s^{-2} - 8s^2 + 4s^4)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{2,1} &= (2s^{-5} - 6s^{-3} + 4s^{-1} + 4s - 6s^3 + 2s^5)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{2,2} + 1 &= 1 + (2s^{-6} - 4s^{-4} - 2s^{-2} + 8 - 2s^2 - 4s^4 + 2s^6)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,-2} &= (-3s^{-7} + 6s^{-5} - 3s^{-1} - 3s + 6s^5 - 3s^7)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,-1} &= (-3s^{-6} + 9s^{-4} - 9s^{-2} + 6 - 9s^2 + 9s^4 - 3s^6)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,0} &= (s^{-3} - s^3) + (-9s^{-5} + 18s^{-3} - 9s^{-1} + 9s - 18s^3 + 9s^5)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,1} &= (3s^{-6} - 9s^{-4} + 9s^{-2} - 6 + 9s^2 - 9s^4 + 3s^6)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,2} &= (3s^{-7} - 6s^{-5} + 3s^{-1} + 3s - 6s^5 + 3s^7)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{3,3} + 1 &= 1 + (3s^{-8} - 6s^{-6} + 3s^{-4} - 6s^{-2} + 12 - 6s^2 + 3s^4 - 6s^6 + 3s^8)q + O(q^2) \\
\varphi_{4,0} &= (s^{-4} - s^4) + (-16s^{-6} + 32s^{-4} - 16s^{-2} + 16s^2 - 32s^4 + 16s^6)q + O(q^2).
\end{aligned}$$

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