

Brane actions for operads of (stacky) curves

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Idea: Algebra (in spans) over the operad $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0, \bullet + 1}$

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Parameter space $\text{Pic}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ for the stability condition, with walls-and-chambers structure
 \implies Wall-crossing formulae between the virtual classes, and the induced CohFTs

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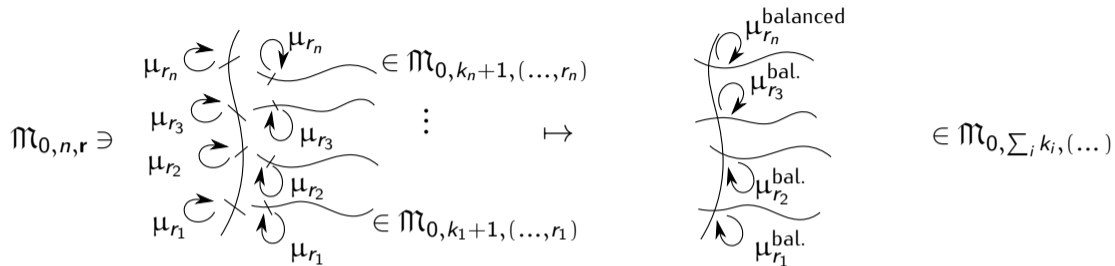
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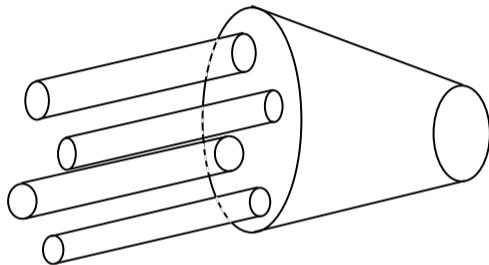
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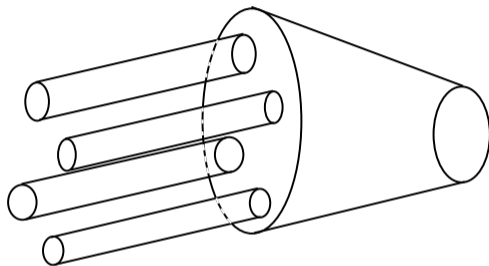
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In $(\mathcal{E}_2, *)$, for $\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_2(n)$: $\text{Ext}(\sigma) \simeq \bigvee^n S^1$. In particular, $\text{Ext}(\text{id}) \simeq S^1$

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Brane actions for hapaxunital operads

Theorem [Toën, Mann–Robalo, K., Pourcelot]

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{O}}} \mathcal{C}ospan(\mathcal{I}/-)^\amalg & \text{inducing for each } X & \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{O}, X}} \mathcal{S}pan(\mathcal{I}/-)^\times \\ C \mapsto \text{Ext}(\text{id}_C) & & C \mapsto \mathcal{M}or(\text{Ext}(\text{id}_C), X) \end{array}$$

The action of $\sigma \in \mathcal{O}(C_1, \dots, C_n; C_{n+1})$ is given by

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