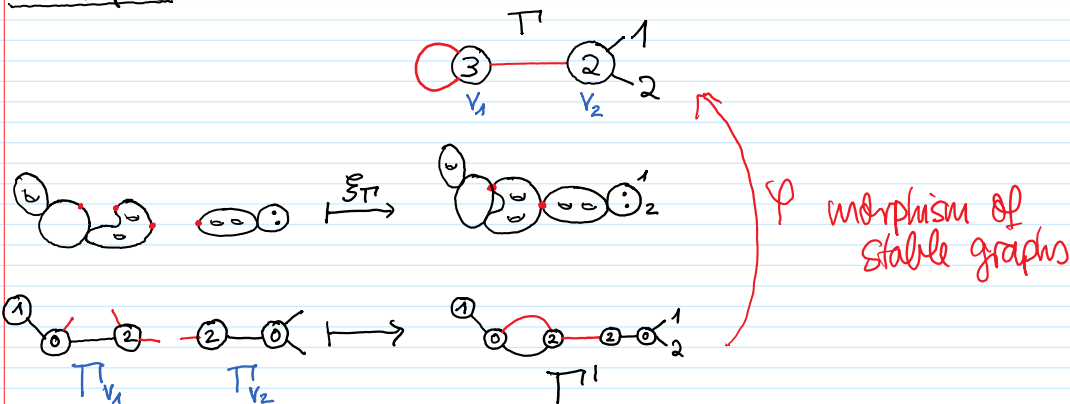


Example



Exercise  $T'$  stable graph,  $T'_v$  st. graph of genus  $g(v)$  w/  $n(v)$  legs for  $v \in V(T')$

$\rightsquigarrow$  define graph  $T'$  obtained by gluing the  $T'_v$  into vertices of  $T'$  (need bijection:  $H_g(v) \xrightarrow{\sim} \{1, \dots, n(v)\}$  legs of  $T'_v$ )

Show  $((C_v, P_{1, \dots, n(v)}^v))_{v \in V(T')} \in \overline{M}_{T'}$   
 st.  $T'_v$  is stable graph of  $C_v$

$\Rightarrow T'$  is stable graph of  $\Sigma_{T'}((C_v, P_{1, \dots, n(v)}^v)_v)$

$\rightsquigarrow$  these are precisely the stable gr.  $T'$  of curves in  $\overline{M}^{T'} = \Sigma_{T'}(\overline{M}_{T'})$

Def  $T, T'$  stable graphs of genus  $g$  w/  $n$  legs.  
 A morphism  $\varphi: T' \rightarrow T$  is defined by two maps

$$\varphi_V: V(T') \rightarrow V(T), \quad \varphi_H: H(T') \rightarrow H(T)$$

satisfying the conditions:

a)  $\varphi_H$  is injective

b)  $\varphi_H$  sends edges in  $T'$  to edges in  $T$

$$\{h, h'\} \in E(T') \Rightarrow \{\varphi_H(h), \varphi_H(h')\} \in E(T)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi_E: E(T') \rightarrow E(T) \\ \{h, h'\} \mapsto \{\varphi_H(h), \varphi_H(h')\} \end{array} \right\}$$

c)  $\varphi_H$  sends legs of  $T'$  to corresp. legs of  $T$

$$l_{T'}(\varphi_H(h)) = l_T(h) \quad h \in L(T')$$

d)  $\Psi_V$  is surjective and compatible w/  $\Psi_H$ :

$$\Psi_V(\Psi_H^{-1}(h)) = V_T(h) \quad h \in H(T)$$

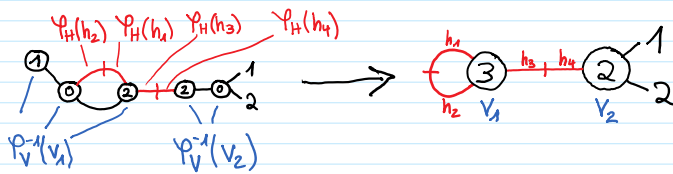
e) Given  $v_0 \in V(T)$  the preimage of  $v_0$  under  $\Psi_V$  is a stable graph  $T'_{v_0}$  of genus  $g(v_0)$  with  $n(v_0)$  logs. More precisely, the vertices  $V_{v_0} = \Psi_V^{-1}(v_0)$  together w/ half-edges  $H_{v_0} = \Psi_H^{-1}(H_{v_0})$  and all edges  $\{h, h'\} \in E(T')$  w/  $h, h' \in H_{v_0}$  but

$$\{h, h'\} \neq \{\Psi_H(\tilde{h}), \Psi_H(\tilde{h}')\} \quad \text{w/ } \{\tilde{h}, \tilde{h}'\} \in E(T)$$

form a stable graph  $T'_{v_0}$  of genus  $g(v_0)$  w/  $n(v_0)$  logs.

Can obtain  $T'$  by gluing  $T'_{v_0}$  into vertices  $v_0$  of  $T$

### Example

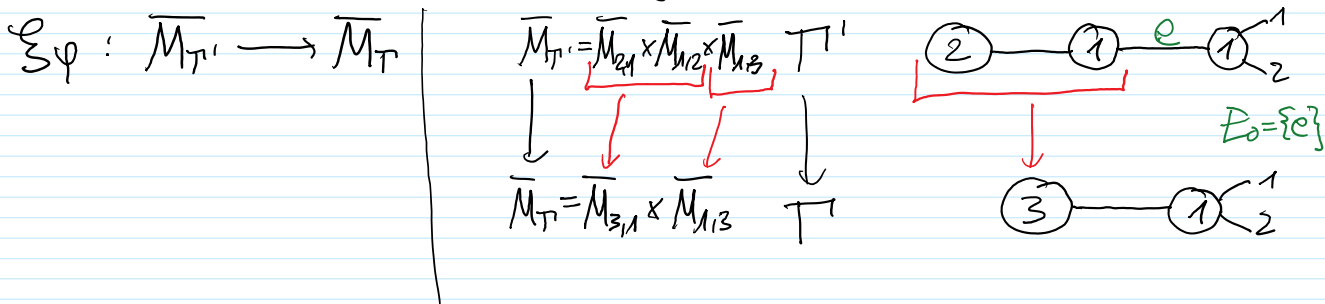


$$\begin{array}{ccc} T' & \longrightarrow & T \\ \Psi_V: V(T') & \longrightarrow & V(T) \\ H(T') & \longleftarrow & H(T) : \Psi_H \end{array}$$

### Remarks

a)  $\exists T' \rightarrow T \iff T'$  obtained from  $T$  by gluing in  $T'_{v_0}$  at vert.

b) Given  $T' \xrightarrow{\Psi} T \exists$  a natural gluing morphism



c) In the literature: morphisms  $T' \rightarrow T$  are sometimes called a  $T$ -structure on  $T'$ ,  $T'$  is a specializ. of  $T$   
 $T$  is an edge-contrad. of  $T'$

d) Check  $\exists$  category with

$\rightarrow$  ob: stable graphs  $T'$  (genus  $g, n$  marks.)

$\rightarrow$  Mor( $T', T'$ ): as described above

In particular:  $\exists$  composition  $T'' \xrightarrow{\psi} T' \xrightarrow{\varphi} T$

$$(\varphi \circ \psi)_V: V(T'') \xrightarrow{\psi_V} V(T') \xrightarrow{\varphi_V} V(T)$$

$$H(T'') \xleftarrow{\psi_H} H(T') \xleftarrow{\varphi_H} H(T) : (\varphi \circ \psi)_H$$

$\leadsto$  Check Isom. of stable graphs  $\hat{=}$  Isom. in this category.

### Exercise

a) Given stable graph  $T'$  and  $E_0 \subset E(T')$  show

$\exists T'$   
stable gr.

$$\exists T' \longrightarrow T$$

$$\text{st. } \varphi_E(E(T')) = E_0 \subseteq E(T')$$

and  $T' \rightarrow T$  unique up to isomorph. of  $T'$ .

(contraction of edges in  $E(T') \setminus E_0$ )

b) Given  $T' \rightarrow T$  this can be factored

$$T' = T'_0 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} T'_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} T'_2 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\varphi_d} T'_d = T$$

st. each  $\varphi_i$  contracts a single edge of  $T'_{i-1}$ .

Prop  $T'$  stable graph, genus  $g, n$  legs. Then a curve

$(C, p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \overline{M}_{g,n}$  lies in  $\overline{M}^{T'}$  iff the stable graph  $T'$

of  $(C, p_1, \dots, p_n)$  admits a morphism  $T' \rightarrow T$ .

Quest a)

$$\overline{M}^{T'} = \bigcup_{T' \rightarrow T} M^{T'}$$

Cor  $T'_1, T'_2$  stable graphs, gen.  $g, n$  legs

$$\overline{M}^{T'_1} \cap \overline{M}^{T'_2} = \bigcup_{\substack{T' \\ \exists T' \rightarrow T'_1, \exists T' \rightarrow T'_2}} M^{T'}$$

Quest b)

Proof of Prop.  $T'$  d. g. of  $(C, p_1, \dots, p_n)$

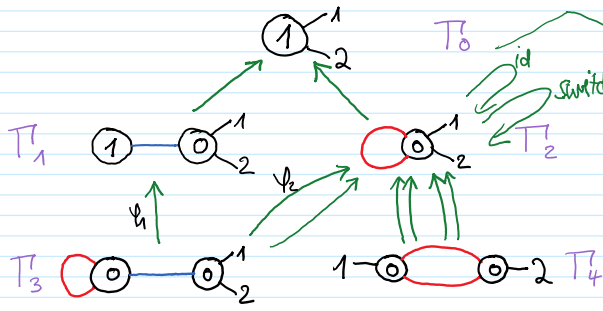
$$(C, p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \overline{M}^{T'} = \overline{S}_T / \overline{M}_T$$

$\Leftrightarrow T'$  obtained by gluing graphs at vert. of  $T$

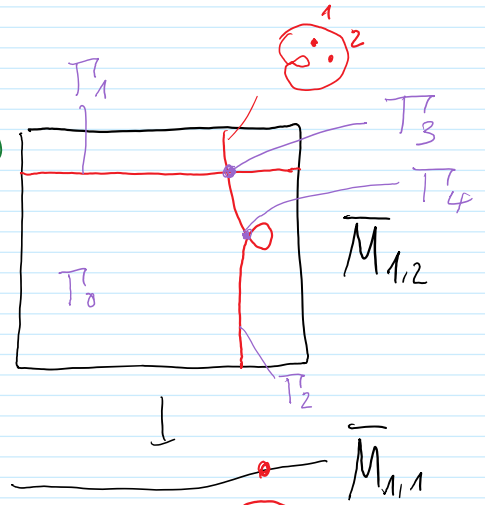
$$\Leftrightarrow T' \xrightarrow{\exists} T \quad \square$$



Example  $g=1, n=2$



$\xi_{T'}: \bar{\mathcal{M}}_{T'} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{M}}^{T'}$   
of degree  $\# \text{Aut}(T')$   
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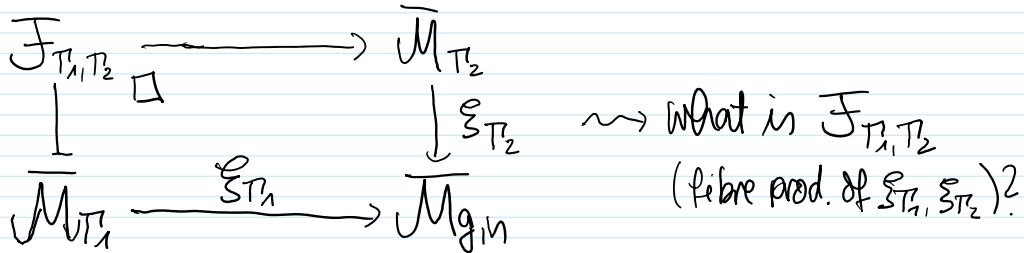


$\hookrightarrow (T_3, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is generic  $(T_1, T_2)$ -structure.  
 $(T_3, \varphi_1, \varphi_1)$  is non-gen.  $(T_1, T_1)$ -structure.

More refined question

$$\mathcal{G}_{T_1, T_2} = \{(T_3, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\}$$

b) Given  $T_1, T_2$  st. graphs gen.  $g, n$  legs.



Need definition

Def  $T_1, T_2, T'$  st. graphs. A  $(T_1, T_2)$ -structure on  $T'$  is a tuple

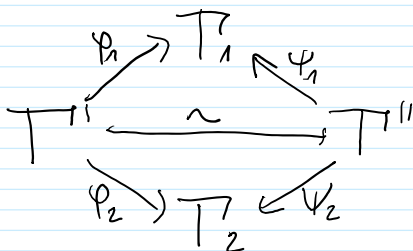
$$(T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = (T', \varphi_1: T' \rightarrow T_1, \varphi_2: T' \rightarrow T_2)$$

$\uparrow$  morph.  $\uparrow$  of stable graphs.

Given second graph  $T''$  and  $(T_1, T_2)$  structure

$$(T'', \psi_1, \psi_2)$$

We say this is isomorphic to  $(T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  if there exists isomorphism  $T' \xrightarrow{\sim} T''$  fitting in diagram



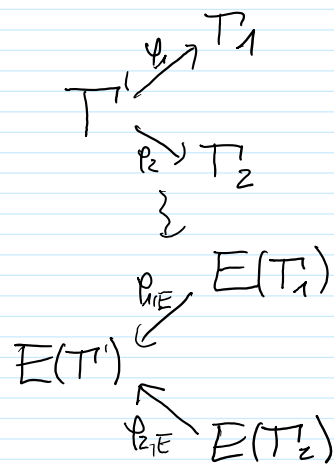
$\psi_1 \rightarrow T_1$

$$\varphi_2 \searrow T'_2 \swarrow \varphi_1$$

We say that  $(T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is generic if

$$E(T') = \varphi_{1,E}(E(T_1)) \cup \varphi_{2,E}(E(T_2))$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{T_1, T_2} = \left\{ (T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{generic} \\ (T_1, T_2)\text{-structure} \end{array} \right\} / \text{iso}$$



Thm (Graber-Pandharipande  $\approx 2005$ )

Given  $T_1, T_2$  st. graphs, genus  $g$ ,  $n$  legs  
the fibre product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}_{T_1, T_2} & \longrightarrow & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_2} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \Sigma_{T_2} \\ \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_1} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_{T_1}} & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \end{array} \quad (*)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}_{T_1, T_2} \cong \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_1} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_{T_2}} & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_2} \\ \Sigma_{T_1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Sigma_{T_2} \\ \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_1} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma_{T_1}} & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \end{array} \right\} (**)$$

is isomorphic to

$$\mathcal{F}_{T_1, T_2} = \bigsqcup_{(T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{G}_{T_1, T_2}} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T'}$$

The restrict of  $(*)$  to compon.  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T'}$  ass to  $(T', \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$   
is given by  $(**)$ .

Proof (on level of  $\mathbb{C}$ -points)

What is a point of  $\mathcal{F}_{T_1, T_2}$ ?

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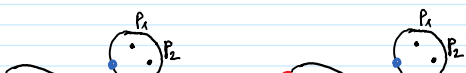
$$\rightarrow (C'_v, (q'_h)_{h \in H(T_1)})_{v \in V(T_1)} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_1}$$

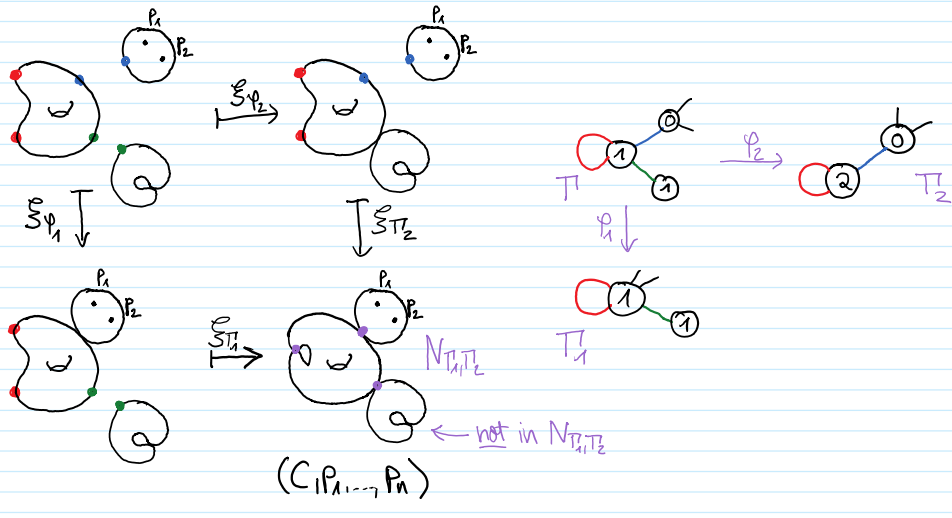
$$\rightarrow (C''_v, (q''_h)_{h \in H(T_2)})_{v \in V(T_2)} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{T_2}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{isomorph. } \Sigma_{T_1}(C'_{v_1, \dots}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma_{T_2}(C''_{v_1, \dots}) = (C, p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$$

Normally

$$\Sigma_{T_1}(C'_{v_1, \dots}) \cong \Sigma_{T_2}(C''_{v_1, \dots})$$





... to be continued ...