

Moduli spaces of genus 1 curves

$$2g - 2 + n > 0 \rightsquigarrow n > 0$$

Case $n=1$

Prop The moduli functor $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$ has as coarse moduli space $\mathcal{M}_{1,1} \cong \mathbb{A}^1$.

1st lect E_t cubic curves in \mathbb{P}^2 ($t \in \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0,1\}$)
 \rightsquigarrow classified by j -invariant $j: \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0,1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$
 $t \mapsto j(t)$ } background.
 $(E, p) \xrightarrow{\sim} (E, q) \quad \forall p, q \in E$

Idea Start with (E, p) , E smooth genus 1, $p \in E$ don't vanish simultan.

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_E(3p) \text{ line bundle on } E$$

$$h^0(\mathcal{L}) = 3 \quad h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} (E, \mathcal{L}, \{s_0, s_1, s_2\}) \\ \rightsquigarrow E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \text{ def. } [s_0 : s_1 : s_2] \end{array} \right\}$$

Riemann-Roch $\chi(\mathcal{L}) = h^0(\mathcal{L}) - h^1(\mathcal{L}) = \deg(\mathcal{L}) + 1 - g(E)$
 $= 3 + 1 - 1 = 3$

$$\omega_E \cong \mathcal{O}_E^{-1}$$

$$\text{degree } 2g(E) - 2 = 0$$

$$h^1(\mathcal{L}) = \dim H^1(E, \mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{Serre-Dual.}}{=} \dim H^0(E, \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \omega_E)^\vee = 0$$

$$\text{deg} = -3 + 0 = -3$$

If $\mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \omega_E$ had nonzero sect. $s \rightsquigarrow \text{div}(s)$ has deg -3

\rightsquigarrow Prop \mathcal{L} on C line bundle on smooth curve, $\deg(\mathcal{L}) > 2g - 2$, $g = g(C)$
 $\implies h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 0$

Summary Get $E \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ via $(\mathcal{L}, s_1, s_2, s_3)$

embedding as cubic curve.

\rightsquigarrow compute j -invariant of E (indep. of choices)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_{1,1} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbb{A}^1 \\ (E, p) & \longmapsto & j(E) \end{array}$$

} full proof
have to do this in families. \times

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Prop $\overline{M}_{1,1} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$
 $A^1 \cong M_{1,1}$
 $\dim \overline{M}_{1,1} = 3g - 3 + n$
 $= 1$

Proof $\overline{M}_{1,1}$ dim 1, normal variety
 \Rightarrow smooth

smooth, proj. irred. + cont. A^1 as open subset $\Rightarrow \overline{M}_{1,1} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ \square

What is curve corr. to $\infty \in \mathbb{P}^1 \cong \overline{M}_{1,1}$?

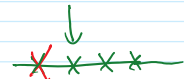


$\overline{M}_{1,1} \cong \overline{M}_{0,4} \rightsquigarrow$ coincidence?

$\cong \overline{M}_{0,4}/S_3$



E cubic ell. curve



$E \leftrightarrow \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 \text{ pt} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{P}^1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) / \text{Ordering} / \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1)$

$4 \text{ pt} / \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1) \cong M_{0,4} \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus 3 \text{ pt.}$

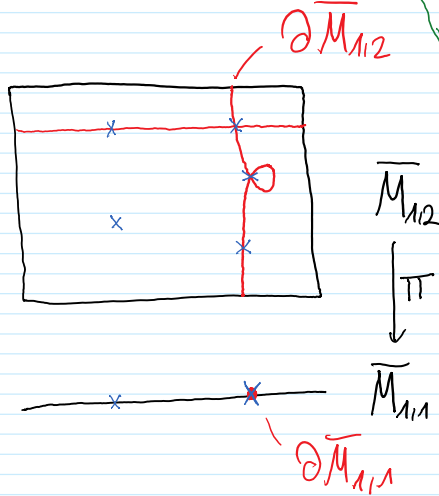
$\rightsquigarrow S_4 \curvearrowright \overline{M}_{0,4}$

\rightsquigarrow quot. isom. also to \mathbb{P}^1

Case $n=2$

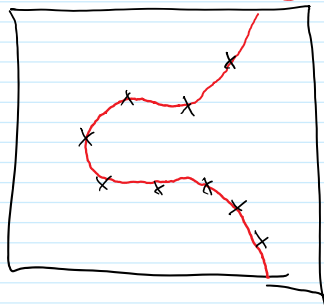
Exercise

Draw all curves corresp. to crosses \times in picture, and corresp. stable graph.



A fun construct. for $n=9$

Exerc



$\exists!$ cubic E_P through P_1, \dots, P_9

\mathbb{P}^2

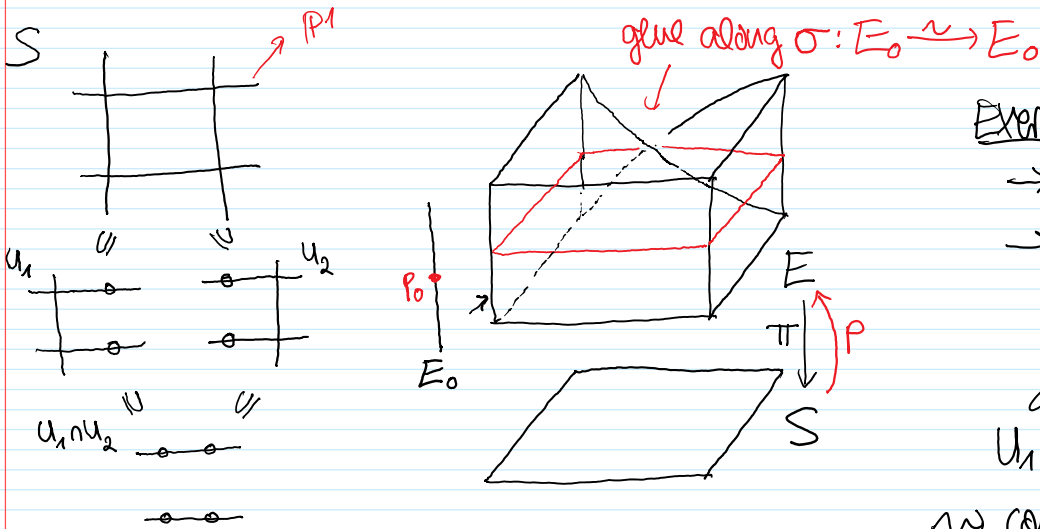
9 gen. pt in \mathbb{P}^2

$\rightsquigarrow (\mathbb{P}^2)^9 \dashrightarrow \overline{M}_{1,9}$ rat'l map.
 $(P_1, \dots, P_9) \longmapsto (E_P, P_1, \dots, P_9)$ dominant.

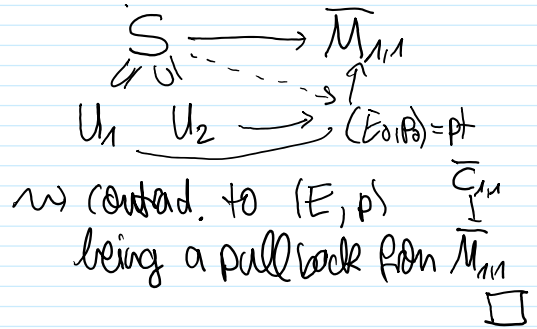
$\Rightarrow \overline{M}_{1,9}$ is unirational (dom. rat'l map from Proj. space)

Why is $\overline{M}_{1,1}$ not a fine moduli space

Why is $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$ not a fine moduli space



Exercise family is
 → Zar. loc. trivial
 → not globally triv.



Moduli stacks of curves

Schemes \rightsquigarrow Stacks, Algebraic Stacks

What do we want from new theory?

- any scheme S can be interpret. as stack
- can do algebraic geometry w/ stacks \mathcal{X}
 (\mathcal{X} smooth, $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ proper, ...)
- \exists algebraic stack $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ serving as a "moduli stack of stable curves"
 ($\{ \text{morphisms } S \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \} \cong \text{fam. of stable curves}/S$)
- algebraic stack $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ has nicer prop. than $\overline{M}_{g,n}$
 ($\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ smooth, proper, has univ. family, ...)

An outline of the theory of algebraic stacks

We saw above family of curves over S was not determined by restrict. to a cover $S = U_1 \cup U_2$ of S

define gluing data on overlap $U_1 \cap U_2 \rightsquigarrow$ then uniquely determ.

$S \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ (any scheme) is determined on open cover

[no nontrivial gluing]

→ restrict. to open cover of domain
 → gluing data

⇒ Central idea of stacks \mathcal{X} : Morph. to \mathcal{X} det. by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \text{gluing data} \end{array} \right.$ domain

$$S = U_1 \cup U_2$$

→ restr. to open cover:
$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \mathcal{X} \\ U_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

category theory
 f_1, f_2 functors

→ gluing data:
$$f_1|_{U_1 \cap U_2} \xrightarrow{\sim} f_2|_{U_1 \cap U_2}$$

φ_{12} natural equivalence
} might language to describe our stacks.

⇒ Algebraic stacks are categories (+ add. data)

Moduli stack $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$

↳ Ob: $(\pi: C \rightarrow S; p_1, \dots, p_n: S \rightarrow C)$
fam. of stable gen. g, n-marked curves over some scheme S

omit p_1, \dots, p_n

↳ Mor:
$$\text{Mor} \left(\begin{array}{c} C' \\ \downarrow \pi' \\ S' \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} C \\ \downarrow \pi \\ S \end{array} \right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} C' & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & C \\ \downarrow \pi' & & \downarrow \pi \\ S' & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} (\hat{f}, \hat{\pi}) \text{ st. } (*) \\ \text{is a fibre diagram} \\ \text{(pullback of fam. of curves)} \end{array} \right\}$$

There is a functor $F: \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} \rightarrow \text{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ← schemes over \mathbb{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\pi: C \rightarrow S) & \mapsto & S \\ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} C' & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & C \\ \downarrow \pi' & & \downarrow \pi \\ S' & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array} \right) & \mapsto & (S' \xrightarrow{f} S) \end{array}$$

has nice properties:

→ For $S \in \text{Ob}(\text{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}})$ the preimage / fibre $F^{-1}(S)$ is subset of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$

→ Ob: Families of curves over S

→ Mor: def Morphisms $(\hat{f}, \hat{\pi})$ mapping to $f = \text{id}_S$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C' & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & C \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & S \end{array}$$

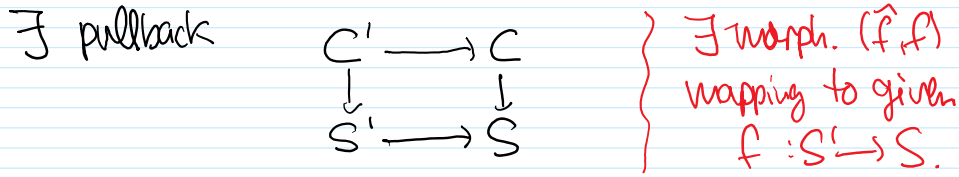
\hat{f} makes this a fibre diagram

\hat{f} isom. of famil. of curves.

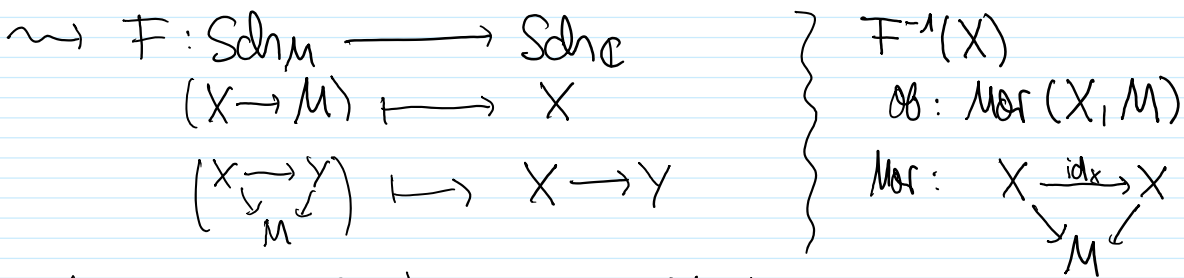
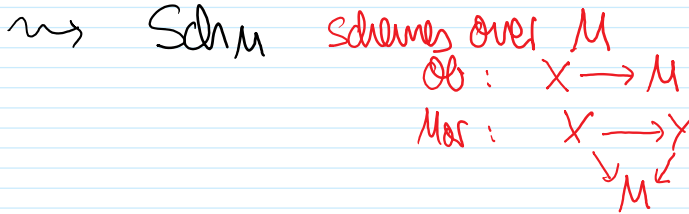
this is reason why we defined Mor in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ as fibre diagr.

→ "Pullbacks exist"

Given $(\pi: C \rightarrow S)$ and $f: S' \rightarrow S$



How can we see schemes M as categories?



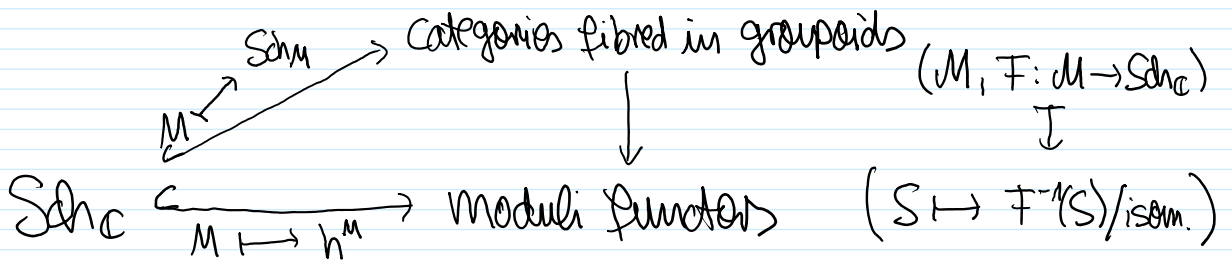
Def $(\mathcal{M}, F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Sche})$ categories fibred in groupoids

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invol.

$F^{-1}(S)$ groupoid = (category in which all morphisms are isomorphisms)

\rightsquigarrow stacks are particular examples of cat. fibred in groupoids.

Upgraded Yoneda embedding



--- to be continued next week ---

Here is a list of resources, ordered in increasing comprehensiveness, which you can use to learn more about stacks:

- the paper "Stacks for Everybody" [Fan01] by Barbara Fantechi (11 pages, a few hours to work through, highly recommended),
- the course on the topic given by Prof. Georg Oberdieck in the Winter semester 2020 (one semester, also highly recommended),
- the book "Algebraic Stacks" (in preparation, by Behrend, Conrad, Edidin, Fantechi, Fulton, Göttsche und Kresch), found on the [website of an old course by Andrew Kresch](#) (220 pages, a few months, a great resource for self-study),
- the Stacks project [Sta13] (about 7000 pages, several years of intense study, great to look up results and particular topics, highly non-recommended to read from beginning to end).