

admcycles

A Sage-package for computations in the cohomology ring of the moduli space of stable curves

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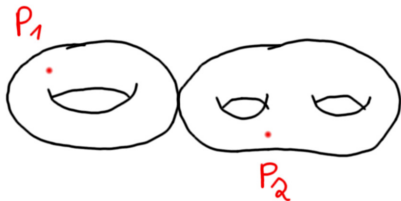


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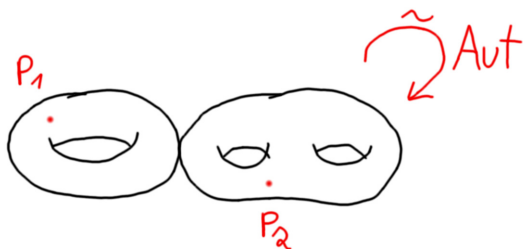


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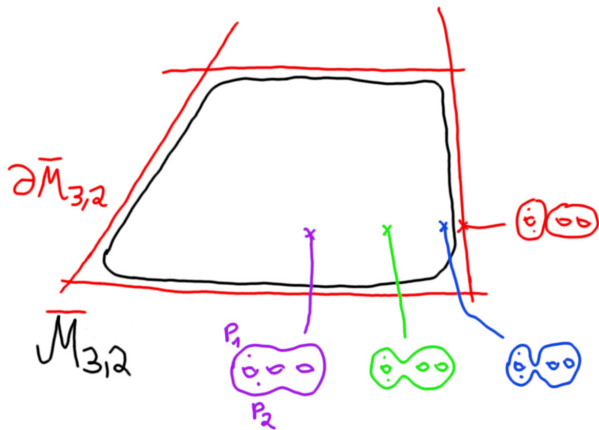
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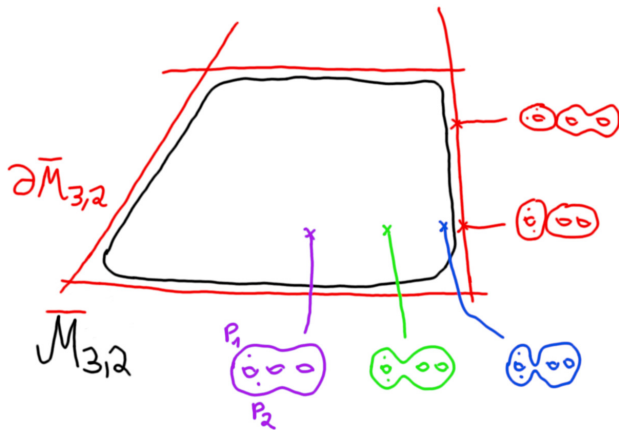
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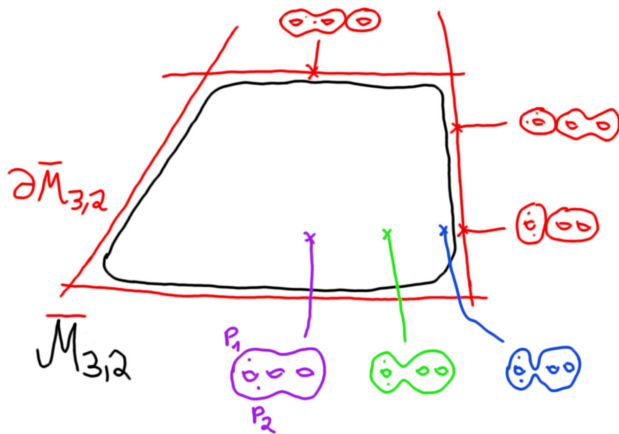
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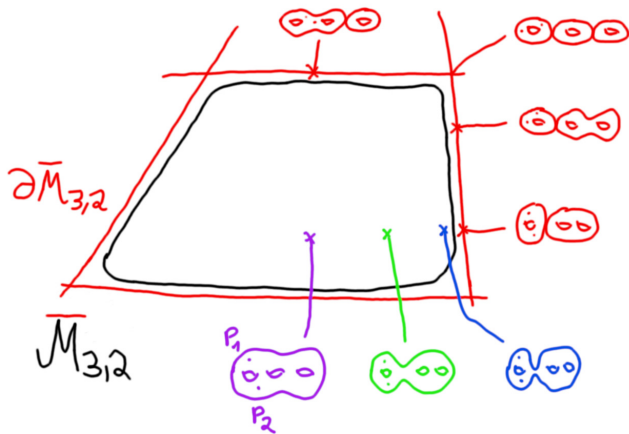
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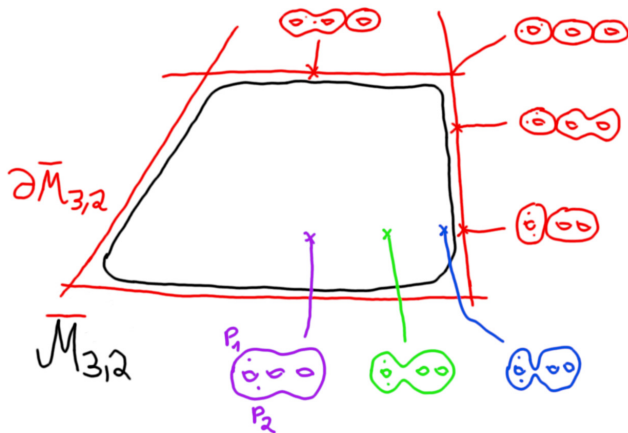
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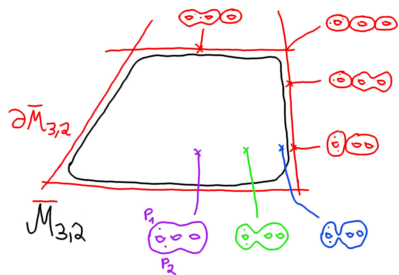
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Fact

$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ is smooth, compact, connected space of \mathbb{C} -dimension $3g - 3 + n$.

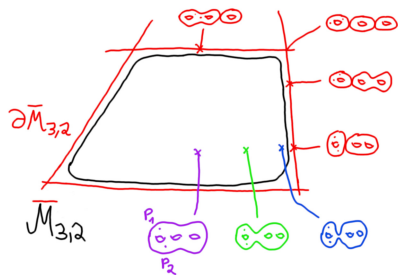
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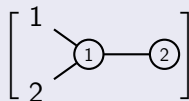
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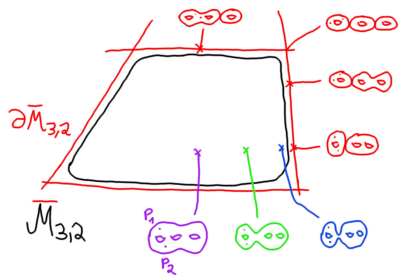
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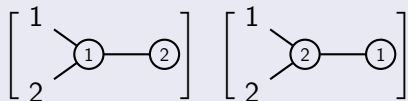
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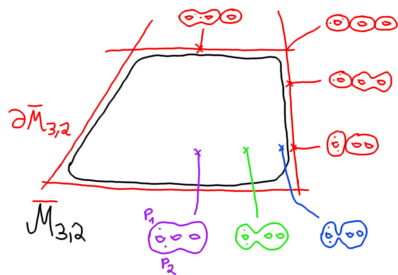
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The `admcycles`-package

All of these (and more!) are now implemented and available in the Sage-package `admcycles`.

Mathematical connections and applications

Example: Strata of differentials, flat surfaces

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Further examples

- Mapping class group
- Ribbon graphs
- Tropical geometry
- Integrable systems
- Gromov-Witten invariants and enumerative geometry

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- Based on earlier implementation by **Aaron Pixton**
- Interface and extension by **Johannes Schmitt** and **Jason van Zelm** for study of *admissible cover cycles* ([Sv18]) – hence the name
- Conversion to proper Sage-package and lots of improvements by **Vincent Delecroix**
- Available on <https://gitlab.com/jo314schmitt/admcycles>

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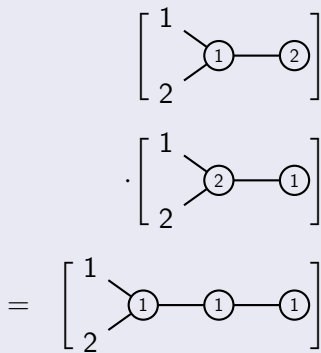
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- This presentation (see also appendix)
- <https://gitlab.com/jo314schmitt/admcycles>
 - `README.rst` – detailed installation instructions
 - `examples.sage` – example computations with comments
- <https://people.math.ethz.ch/~schmittj/manual.pdf>
User manual with explanations of basic functions and sample computations
- <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~janda/taut.pdf>
Short mathematical introduction of the tautological ring

Applications of `admcycles` (and Pixton's program)

- Verifying theorems in special cases
 - New recursion formulas for intersection numbers [GHW19]
 - Bielliptic Hodge integrals [PT17]
- Falsifying theorems in special cases
- Computing formulas for interesting cycle classes
 - Admissible cover cycles [Sv18]
- Exploring conjectures
 - Recursion for fundamental class of strata of differentials [FP18, Sch18]
 - Intersections of strata of differentials [HPS17]
 - Recursion for hyperelliptic cycles (work in progress with Renzo Cavalieri)

Project proposals

Improving cache function

- Problem: currently, working memory (not time!) is a bottleneck for many computations due to handwritten cache function
- Skills: basic Sage programming; Time horizon: 3-7 hours
- Possible Impact: access to new computations (e.g. hyperelliptic cycle in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_7$)

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Improving computation of Double Ramification Cycle

- Problem: currently compute set of flows (in $\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}$) on graph by brute-force trial-and-error, limiting number of accessible cases
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Thank you for your attention!

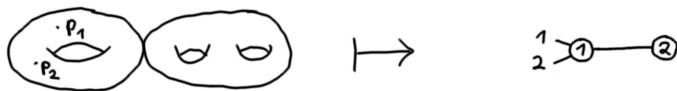
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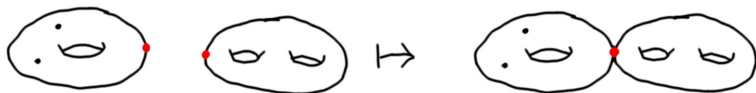
Recursive boundary structure

To $(C, p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$ we can associate a **stable graph** $\Gamma_{(C, p_1, \dots, p_n)}$

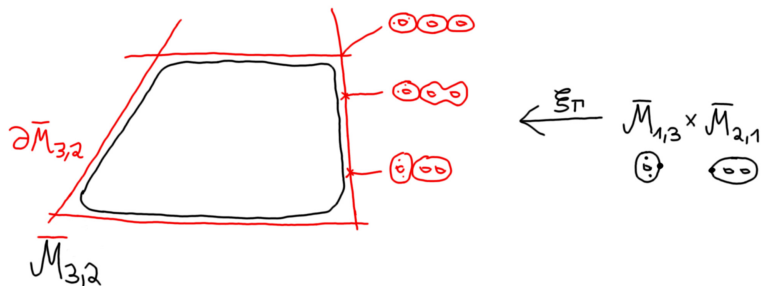


Conversely, given a stable graph Γ we have a **gluing map**

$$\xi_\Gamma : \prod_{v \in V(\Gamma)} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g(v), n(v)} = \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,3} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,1} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3,2}$$



Recursive boundary structure



Proposition

The map ξ_Γ is finite with image equal to

$$\overline{\{(C, p_1, \dots, p_n) : \Gamma_{(C, p_1, \dots, p_n)} = \Gamma\}}.$$

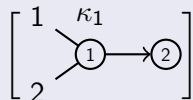
The tautological ring

Definition: the tautological ring

The tautological ring $RH^*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}) \subset H^*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n})$ is spanned as a \mathbb{Q} -vector subspace by elements

$$[\Gamma, \alpha] = (\xi_\Gamma)_* \left(\underbrace{\text{product of } \kappa, \psi\text{-classes}}_{\alpha} \text{ on } \prod_{v \in V(\Gamma)} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g(v), n(v)} \right)$$

Example







$$\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\kappa_1} \textcircled{2} \right] = (\xi_\Gamma)_* (\kappa_1 \otimes \psi_h) \in RH^*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3,2}),$$






for $\xi_\Gamma : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,3} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,1} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{3,2}$ and $\alpha = \kappa_1 \otimes \psi_h \in H^*(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,3} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,1})$

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