

# Quadratic counts of rational curves on a quintic 3-fold

using Marc Levine's quadratic  
version of Bott's residue formula

Conjecture (Clemens 1984):

$$X = \{F=0\}$$

$n_1 \leftarrow \text{degree } 5$

A general quintic hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  contains only finitely many smooth rational curves of degree  $d$ .

true for  $d \leq 11$ , unknown else

How many?

$d=1$  (lines): 2875

$d=2$  (conics): 609 250 Katz 1986

$d=3$  (twisted cubics): 317 206 375 Ellingsrud - Strømme 1994

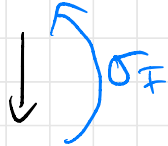
formula for general  $d$  by Candelas - de la Ossa - Green (1991)

proved by Grintal (1996), Lian - Liu - Yan (1997)

# How to count rational curves of degree $d \leq 3$ on a quintic 3-fold

Vector bundle

$V$



moduli space  
of smooth  
rational curves  
of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$

$\rightarrow M$

e.g.  $d=1$   $G(1,4)$

# rational degree  $d$  curves on  $X$  = # zeros of  $\sigma_F$  = degree  $e(V)$

$X = \{F=0\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$  defines  
a section  $\sigma_F$  of  
 $V \rightarrow M$

Euler  
class



Goal: Find an efficient method to compute  $\deg e(V)$ .

# Equivariant cohomology

- $G \curvearrowright X$
- $G$  algebraic group scheme /  $\mathbb{C}$
  - $X$  algebraic variety /  $\mathbb{C}$

$$EG \rightarrow BG = EG/G$$

contractible with free  $G$ -action  $\nearrow$  classifying space

$$X_G := \frac{EG \times X}{(e \cdot g, x) \sim (e, g \cdot x)}$$

$$H_G^*(X) := H^*(X_G)$$

## Example:

- $G = \mathbb{C}^*$

$$H_G^*(pt) = H^*(BG) = H^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) = \mathbb{Z}[t]$$

- $G = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$

$$H_G^*(pt) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, \dots, t_n]$$

For  $V \rightarrow X$   $G$ -vector bundle

$\leadsto$  vector bundle  $V_G \rightarrow X_G$   $e_G(V) := e(V_G)$

Theorem (Bott's residue formula)  $G = (\mathbb{C}^*)^S$

$G \curvearrowright X$  with finitely many fixed pts  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ,  $\alpha \in H_G^*(X)$

↑  
smooth  
proper  
variety/ $G$

$$\deg \alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n \deg \frac{i_{p_j}^* \alpha}{e_G(\mathbb{T}_{p_j} X)}$$

$$\alpha \in H_G^*(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_{X*}} H_G^*(pt) = H^*(BG) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, \dots, t_s]$$

$$\pi_X: X \rightarrow \{pt\}$$

$$\deg \alpha := \pi_{X*} \alpha \in H^*(BG)$$

$$i_{p_j}: \{p_j\} \hookrightarrow X$$

$$i_{p_j}^* \alpha \in H_G^*(\{p_j\})$$

Bott's residue formula

$$\deg \alpha = \sum_{j=1}^n \deg \frac{i_{p_j}^* \alpha}{e_{p_j}(T_{p_j} X)}$$

Goal: Compute  $\deg(e(V))$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i_X} & X_G \\ \downarrow \pi_X & & \downarrow \pi_{X_G} \\ \text{pt} & \xrightarrow{i_{\text{pt}}} & BG \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e(V) \in H^*(X) & \xleftarrow{i_X^*} & H_G^*(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_{X_G^*} \\ H^*(\text{pt}) & \xleftarrow{i_{\text{pt}}^*} & H^*(BG) \end{array}$$

$e_G(V)$

$\deg e(V)$        $\deg e_G(V)$

Example:  $\chi(\mathbb{C}P^n) = \deg(e(T\mathbb{C}P^n)) = \deg e_G(T\mathbb{C}P^n)$

$(\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1} \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}P^n$  with fixed pts of the form  $[0 : \dots : 0 : 1 : 0 : \dots : 0]$

$$\deg e_G(T\mathbb{C}P^n) = \sum_p \deg \frac{e_{p_j}(T_p \mathbb{C}P^n)}{e_{p_j}(T_p \mathbb{C}P^n)} = \# \text{ fixed pts} = n+1$$

Example: # lines on a quintic 3-fold =  $\deg e(\text{Sym}^5 S^V \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(1,4))$

$$G = (\mathbb{C}^*)^5 \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}P^4 \rightsquigarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^5 \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q}(1,4)$$

$$H^*(BG) = \mathbb{Z}[t_0, \dots, t_4] \quad \text{has} \quad \binom{5}{3} = 10 \quad \text{fixed pts} \quad \{x_i = x_j = x_0 = 0\}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{fixed pts} \\ P}} \deg \left( \frac{e_G(\text{Sym}^5 S_P^V)}{e_G(T_P \mathbb{Q}(1,4))} \right) = 2875$$

Easier:  
# lines on  
a cubic  
surface  
= 27

Example: # rational curves of degree  $d \leq 3$  on a  
quintic 3-fold

$$= \deg e_G(V) = \begin{cases} 609250 & d=2 \\ 317206375 & d=3 \quad (\text{Ellingsrud-Strømme}) \end{cases}$$

# Grothendieck-Witt ring $GW(k)$ of a field $k$ char $k \neq 2$

$GW(k) :=$  group completion of semi-ring of isometry classes of non-degenerate quadratic forms /  $k$

generators  $\langle a \rangle = ax^2$  for  $a \in k^\times / (k^\times)^2$

*Annotations:*  
-  $\langle ab^2 \rangle$  (orange)  
-  $\langle a^2 x^2 \rangle$  (orange)  
-  $q_1: V_1 \rightarrow k$   
-  $q_2: V_2 \rightarrow k$

- relations
- $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle = \langle ab \rangle$
  - $\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle a+b \rangle + \langle ab(a+b) \rangle$
  - $\langle a \rangle + \langle -a \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle + \langle -1 \rangle =: h$  hyperbolic form
- Annotations:*  
-  $q_1 \oplus q_2: V_1 \oplus V_2 \rightarrow k$   
-  $\otimes$  symbols (orange)

## Witt ring of $k$

$$W(k) := \frac{GW(k)}{\langle h \rangle} = \frac{GW(k)}{\mathbb{Z} \cdot h}$$

$$q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a_1 x_1^2 + a_2 x_2^2 + \dots + a_n x_n^2$$

- Example:
- $GW(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$        $W(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
  - $GW(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$        $W(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$



Enumerative geometry = count numbers of solutions to geometric questions

Example: Count of rational curves of degree  $d$  on a quintic 3-fold.

- count does not depend on choice of quintic 3-fold when counting over  $k = \bar{k}$
- this invariance breaks down over non-alg closed fields

$A^1$ -enumerative geometry = get invariant count over arbitrary  $k$  when "counting" in  $GW(k)$  or  $W(k)$

Example: (M. Levine, P.)

Quadratic count of lines on a quintic 3-fold

$$1430 \cdot h + 15 \cdot \langle 1 \rangle \in GW(k) \quad \text{or} \quad 15 \langle 1 \rangle \in W(k)$$

$$\text{in } GW(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{this is} \quad 1430 \cdot 2 + 15 = 2875$$

## Cohomology with Witt valued coefficients

- $\mathcal{W}$  sheaf on  $\text{Sm}_k \leftarrow \text{Cat of smooth varieties}/k$
- can take cohomology with coefficients in this sheaf  
eg  $H^*(\text{Spec } k, \mathcal{W}) = \mathcal{W}(k)$
- have pullback
- proper pushforward with twists  
$$H^*(X, \mathcal{W}(\omega_{X/k})) \rightarrow H^*(Y, \mathcal{W}(\omega_{Y/k}))$$
- have equivariant cohomology (A. d'Angelo)

Theorem (Ananyevskiy):

$$H^*(BSL_2, \mathcal{W}) = \mathcal{W}(k)[t]$$

Recall:

$$H^*(B\mathbb{C}^*) = \mathbb{Z}[t]$$

$$\cancel{H^*(B\mathbb{C}^*, \mathcal{W}) = \mathcal{W}(k)}$$

# Bott's residue formula for cohomology with Witt coeff

Thm (M. Levine)

1)  $G = (SL_2)^n \curvearrowright X$  for  $X$  <sup>variety/k</sup> "nice"

with finitely many fixed pts

2)  $G = N =$  normalizer of  $t \in G_m$  in  $SL_2$   <sup>$\begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$</sup>

$G \curvearrowright X$  with finitely many fixed pts

Then for  $\alpha \in H_G^*(X, \mathcal{W}(\omega_{X/k}))$

$$\deg \alpha = \sum_{p \text{ fixed pt}} \deg \frac{i_p^* \alpha}{e_p(T_p X)}$$

# Quadratic count of rational curves of degree $d \leq 3$

$$\underline{d=1}: G = (SL_2)^2 \curvearrowright \mathbb{P}^4$$

$\leadsto G \curvearrowright G(1,4)$  has 2 fixed pts  $l_1 = \{x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 0\}$   
and  $l_2 = \{x_0 = x_1 = x_4 = 0\}$

$$e(\text{Sym}^5 S^\vee) \in H^*(G(1,4), \mathbb{Z}(\det^{-1} \text{Sym}^5 S^\vee))$$

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"relatively orientable"

$$H^*(G(1,4), \mathbb{Z}(W_{G(1,4)}/k))$$

$$\deg e_G(\text{Sym}^5 S^\vee) = \deg \frac{e_G(\text{Sym}^5 S_{l_1}^\vee)}{e_G(T_{l_1} G(1,4))} + \deg \frac{e_G(\text{Sym}^5 S_{l_2}^\vee)}{e_G(T_{l_2} G(1,4))}$$

$\uparrow$

$$H^*(B(SL_2)^2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$= 15 \cdot \langle 1 \rangle \frac{t_1^3}{t_1(t_1^2 - t_2^2)} + 15 \langle 1 \rangle \frac{t_2^3}{t_2(t_2^2 - t_1^2)} = 15 \langle 1 \rangle \in W(k)$$

$$\parallel \\ W(k)[t_1, t_2]$$

$$\underline{d=2,3}: N \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M}$$

with finitely many fixed pts

$$e(V) \in H^*(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{W}(\det^{-1} V))$$

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$$H^*(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{W}(\det_{\mathcal{M}/k}))$$

$$\deg e_N(V) = \begin{cases} 0 & d=2 \\ 765 \langle 1 \rangle & d=3 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Levine - P.})$$

$$k = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle, \langle -1 \rangle$$

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THANK

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