

Title: Beyond Geometric Invariant Theory

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Abstract: <p>Geometric invariant theory (GIT) is an essential tool for constructing moduli spaces in algebraic geometry. Its advantage, that the construction is very concrete and direct, is also in some sense a draw-back, because semistability in the sense of GIT is often more complicated to describe than related intrinsic notions of semistability in moduli problems. Recently a theory has emerged which treats the results and structures of geometric invariant theory in a broader context. The theory of Theta-stability applies directly to moduli problems without the need to approximate a moduli problem as an orbit space for a reductive group on a quasi-projective scheme. I will discuss some new progress in this program: joint with Jarod Alper and Jochen Heinloth, we give a simple necessary and sufficient criterion for an algebraic stack to have a good moduli space. This leads to the construction of good moduli spaces in many new examples, such as the moduli of Bridgeland semistable objects in derived categories. Time permitting, I will also discuss applications to enumerative geometry and wall crossing formulas.</p>

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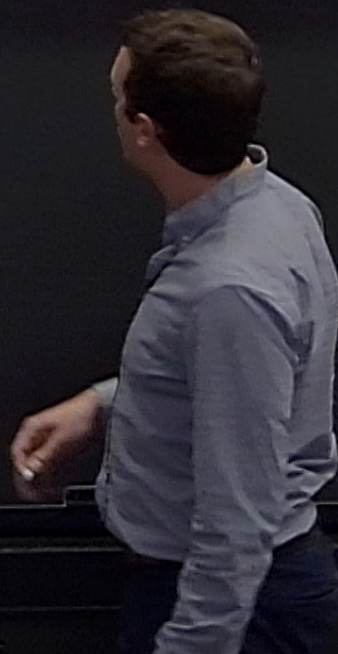
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\hookrightarrow Artin's criteria

3) check Hausdorff, bounded, finite automorph
 \implies existence of KM a moduli space

Problem: (3) fails in many situations (relevant to both (A) and (B))

Today: a modification of this approach which works for "arbitrary" moduli problems

Thm (Alper-HL-Heinloth)

If \mathcal{X} is a bounded algebraic stack (with affine diagonal), and

- 1) \mathcal{X} is " Θ -reductive"
- 2) \mathcal{X} has "unpunctured inertia"
- 3) closed points have linearly reductive stabilizers

Then \exists a "good moduli space"
 $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{q} X$

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\downarrow Variety $(B \text{ smooth Riem surfaces})$

$M_g \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

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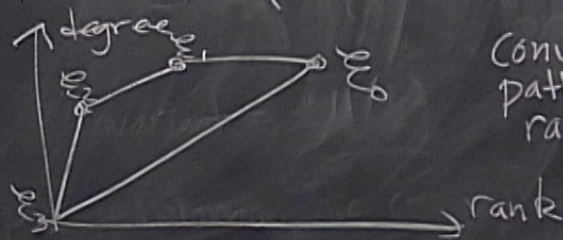
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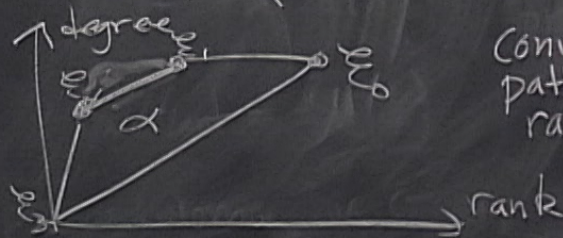
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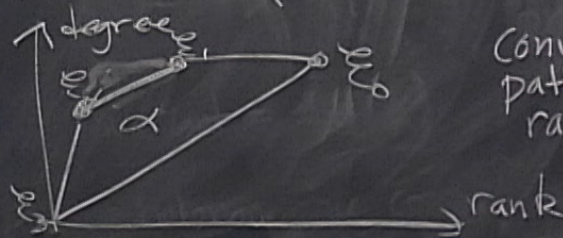
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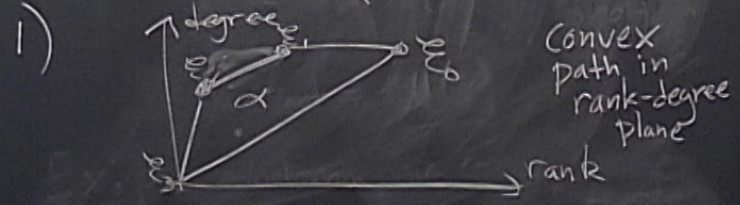
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Θ -stability: imitates this approach for more general moduli problems

maps from nodal curves to V/G

what is a filtration?

Rees construction:

$(\mathbb{Z}\text{-weighted filtered vector bundles}) \leftrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*\text{-equivariant bundles on } \mathbb{C} \times \Sigma)$

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Application: Bridgeland stability
 conditions on $D^b(S)$, S is
 a K3 surface A

Structure: fix $v \in K^{\text{num}}(S)$
 $\mathcal{X}_v = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{families} \\ \text{of object of} \\ \text{class } v \end{array} \right\}$

$\sigma \in \text{Stab}(D^b(S))$
 is a manifold

$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{X}_v^{\sigma\text{-ss}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{semistable} \\ \text{objects in } D^b(S) \end{array} \right\}$

for generic σ , $\mathcal{X}_v^{\sigma\text{-ss}}$ have
 a coarse moduli space

$\rightsquigarrow \sigma$ on real codim-1 walls
 $\mathcal{X}_v^{\sigma\text{-ss}}$ will be a stack
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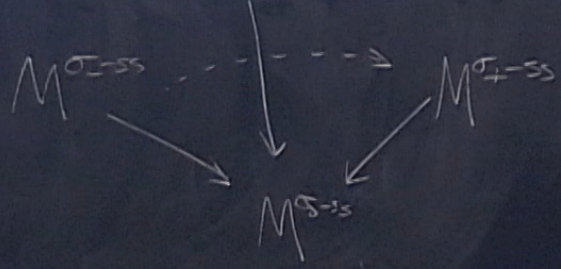
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moduli of unstable bundles whose H⁰ filtration is shown

$$\mathcal{E}_i = \mathcal{E}_{i+1} \oplus \dots$$

Cor: $\mathcal{X}_V^{\sigma\text{-ss}}$ has good moduli space \mathcal{M} for non-generic

Picture: $\mathcal{X}_V^{\sigma\text{-ss}} \subset \mathcal{X}_V^{\sigma\text{-ss}} \supset \mathcal{X}_V^{\sigma\text{-ss}}$



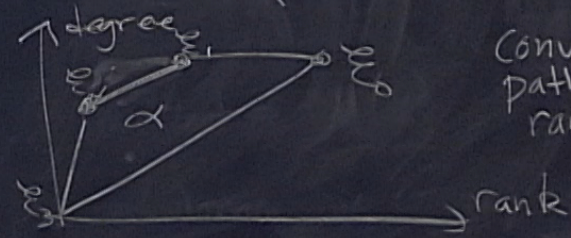
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