

$f$  homogeneous poly. of degree 5.

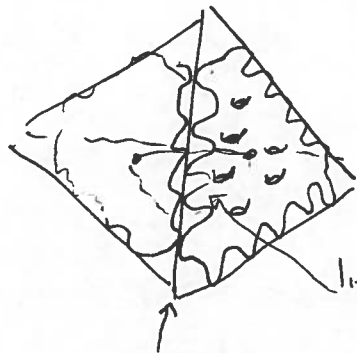
Consider  $X_t := \{z_0 - z_4 + tf = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$ . There are 2875 lines in the quintic; how to see this via degenerating to  $X_0$ ?

[Katz-Nishinou]: First, prove

Lemma: The line in  $X_0$  deforms into  $X_{t \neq 0} \iff$  it meets  $\text{Sing } X_0 = \bigcup^{10} \mathbb{P}^2$  discretely (only) in  $\text{Sing } X_0 \cap \{f=0\}$ , "union of quintic curves", but not any coord.  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .  
 (\*) (B not contained in any  $\mathbb{P}^2$ !) implied by,

A picture:

component of  $X_0$  (5 of them):



$\mathbb{P}^3 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$ .

$(f=0) \cap \mathbb{P}^3$  is a quintic in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

want  $(f=0) \cap \partial \mathbb{P}^3$

↑ toric boundary.

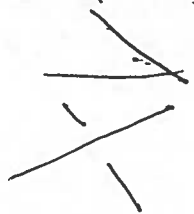
line needs to meet each component of  $(f=0) \cap \partial \mathbb{P}^3$ .

coord.  $\mathbb{P}^2$  - (can't meet these!)

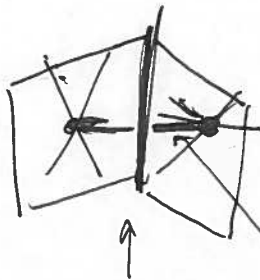
Figure out how many of (\*) there are.

warmup

Q: How many lines meet 4 given lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ ? 2



deform to two planes



↑ the other line  
one line (intersection of planes)

Philosophy [Schubert]: As ~~one~~ defines lines, <sup>the</sup> count either stays same, or becomes infinite.

Q: How many lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  meet 4 plane quintics?

ans. from before:  $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

Need to compensate!

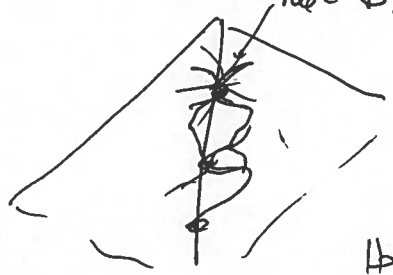
(a) don't want lines to intersect  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's  
 (b) strictly speaking, not in general position (but by Schubert methodology, should be ok)

# lines =  $5 \cdot (2 \cdot 5^4) - \text{those meeting the } \mathbb{P}^1 \text{'s}$

#  $\mathbb{P}^3$  components

how many of these are there?

need to meet one of the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's;  
the space of such  
lines is a  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .  
"sphere of vision."



Ans. to

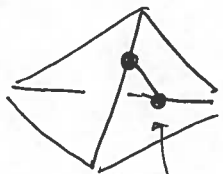
is:

25 lines / pt. of intersection of two quintics

\* 30 # pts.  $p$  in  $\{f=0\} \cap \mathbb{P}^3$   
(5 intersects per  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times 6 \mathbb{P}^1$ 's)

- double counts

$= 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 3 \cdot 25$



# pairs of opposite  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's

line between two  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's get canceled twice!

(unless opposite, line will be contained in a  $\mathbb{P}^2$ !  
and/or won't intersect all 4 quintics.)

How many meet the other two quintics? (project two quintics into  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , Bezout  $\Rightarrow$  there are 25 points where two quintics intersect "sphere of vision")

Hence, # lines =  $5 \cdot (2 \cdot 5^4 - (30 - 3) 25) = 2875$

Also want higher degree curves e.g. conics.

Relies on a general degeneration formula; ongoing work of [Abramovich-Chen - Gross - Siebert]

[Kim-Lho

Chen '14

$X_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$  is normal crossing, but

$X_0 \subseteq \mathcal{X} = \{t^2 + f + z_0 - z_4 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{A}_t^1$  is not semistable because  $\mathcal{X}$  is

singular.

locally  $t^2 + f + xy = 0$   
 $= 0$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$   
quintic in  $\mathbb{P}^2$   
not invertible.

$\sim z_1^2 + \dots + z_4^2 = 0$   
node locus.

( $t = xyzw$  would have been ok).

Blow up successively components of  $X_0$  in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ . "small resolution"; (add only stuff of codim. 2)  
 does nothing to

Cartier divisor part,  
 but deals w/ singular  
 points well!

(Rmk: Given

$$X \supseteq \mathbb{A}^n.$$

$\text{Bl}_{\mathbb{Z}} X$  satisfies univ. property that

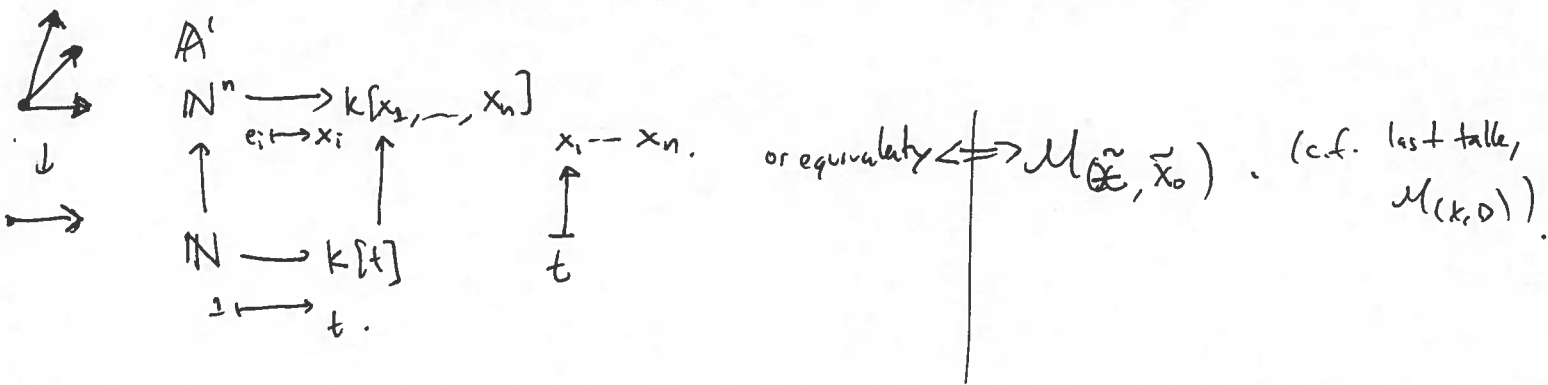
$$Y \xrightarrow{\pi} X \supseteq \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{where } \pi^{-1}(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ is a Cartier divisor.}$$

(so if  $\mathbb{Z}$  is Cartier,  $\text{Bl}_{\mathbb{Z}} X$  does nothing!)

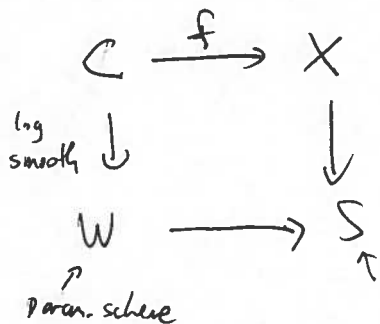
The situation after blowing up is a little asymmetric (have to choose order of points to blow up, order depends on this).



$\leadsto$   $\mathbb{A}^n$  normal crossings degeneration which is scholastic i.e. locally  $t = xy \geq w$   
 $\downarrow \Rightarrow$  log smooth; locally in toric charts, looks like!



Def: Fix  $X \rightarrow S$  log smooth map. A log stable map is a commutative diagram



of log schemes, such that without log structures, have an ordinary stable map.

$$\begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow \\ \downarrow \\ W \end{array} \quad \text{(} \Rightarrow \text{ dim. 1)}$$

Note: log smoothness of  $X \downarrow S \Rightarrow \Omega_{X^{(\log)}/S^{(\log)}}$  is locally free

$H^0(C, f^*(\Omega_{X^{(\log)}/S^{(\log)}}))$  classifies 1st order deformations of log maps  $\leftarrow$  tangent sheaf.

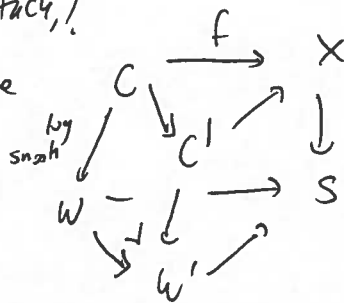
$\Rightarrow$  perfect obstruction theory  $\Rightarrow$  virtual fundamental class.

(Risk: the underlying  $\Omega_{X/S}$  (non-log version) may be highly non-locally free!)

$\leadsto \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\tilde{X}_0/\mathbb{Q}) =$  moduli space of log stable maps.

(its a category/stack!)

morphisms are



Problem: its not separated! But, have "loc. finite type"

$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\tilde{X}_0/\mathbb{Q})$

$\cup$  open subset

$\mathcal{M}(X_0/\mathbb{Q}) =$

[Gross-Siebert]

$\downarrow$   
basic

log stable maps

Minimal

$\downarrow$

[Abramovich-Cheer]

If space is "combinatorially

finite type,"  $\mathcal{M}(X_0/\mathbb{Q})$  will

will be finite type.

Degeneration formula: basic ideas:

may have led to blow up.

want:  $[\mathcal{M}(\tilde{X}_0/0)]^{vir} \stackrel{\text{split}}{=} \prod_{\mathbb{P}^3} [\mathcal{M}(\tilde{\mathbb{P}}^3, 2\tilde{\mathbb{P}}^3)]^{vir}$   
 + need Base change formula:  $(\ast \ast)$

Thm: "log GW invariants are constant in log smooth families."

[Mandel-R.]:

(uses in a large way Behrend-Fukaya!)

Together, this <sup>would</sup> imply that curve counts in  $\tilde{X}_c$  ~~are~~ come from these.

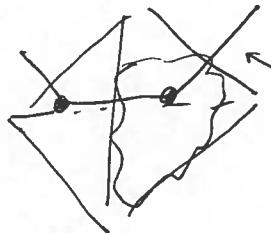
"split curves"

Rmk: A log stable map if it goes into a "n.c. singular point", needs to "keep going"



must go on

(in a way, this explains why one can split nicely)



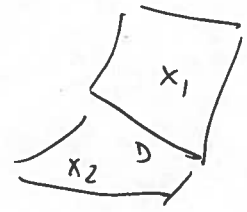
split in 3-pieces.



stays in one component

$e_k$

Q: where does  $(\ast \ast)$  lie?



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}(X_1) \times \mathcal{M}(X_2) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev.} \\ \mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{\text{diag}} & \mathcal{D}^2 \end{array}$$

with  $[\mathcal{M}]^{vir} = \text{diag}^* ([\mathcal{M}(X_1)] + [\mathcal{M}(X_2)])$