

# Two field-theoretic viewpoints on the Fukaya-Morse $A_\infty$ category

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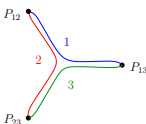
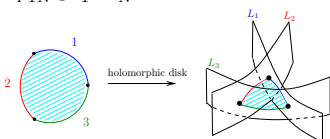
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# Plan

- 1 Fukaya-Morse  $A_\infty$  category (+ “enhancement”)
- 2 Picture 1: effective field theory (second quantization)
- 3 Picture 2: HTQM (first quantization approach)

# Fukaya $A_\infty$ category and Morse degeneration

Fix  $X$  – a Riemannian manifold

Fukaya-Morse $A_\infty$ category on $X$	Fukaya $A_\infty$ category on $T^*X$
Ob: $F_1, \dots, F_N$	Lagrangians $L_a = \text{graph}(\epsilon dF_a)$
Mor: $\text{Mor}(F_a, F_b) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Crit}(F_a - F_b))$	Mor: $\text{Mor}(L_a, L_b) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{intersection points of } L_a, L_b)$
○: $P_{i,i+1} \in \text{Crit}(F_i - F_{i+1})$  $m(P_{12}, P_{23}, \dots, P_{N-1,N}) = \sum_{P_{1N} \in \text{Crit}(F_1 - F_N)} \# \mathcal{M}^{\text{trees}}[P_{1N}]$ 	$p_{i,i+1} \in L_i \cap L_{i+1}$  $m(p_{12}, p_{23}, \dots, p_{N-1,N}) = \sum_{p_{1N} \in L_1 \cap L_N} \# \mathcal{M}^{\text{hol. disks}}[p_{1N}]$ 

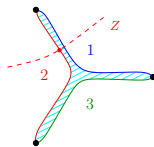
# Enhancement

**Enhancement:**  $\text{Mor}(F_a, F_a) = C_\bullet(X)$

Composition maps:

$$m: \text{Mor}(F_1, F_1)^{\otimes k_1} \otimes \text{Mor}(F_1, F_2) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Mor}(F_{N-1}, F_N) \otimes \text{Mor}(F_N, F_N)^{\otimes k_N} \rightarrow \text{Mor}(F_1, F_N)$$

$$m(\{Z_{1,\alpha}\}, P_{12}, \{Z_{2,\alpha}\}, \dots, P_{N-1N}, \{Z_{N,\alpha}\}) = \sum_{P_{1N}} \#\mathcal{M} \cdot [P_{1N}]$$



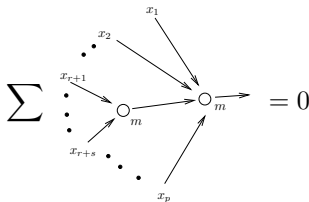
- differentials:  $m(Z) = \partial Z$ ,  $m(P_{12}) = d_{\text{Morse}} P_{12}$
- $m(Z_1, Z_2) = Z_1 \cap Z_2$
- $m(Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = 0$ ,  $n \geq 3$

$A_\infty$  relations

Let  $x_i \in \text{Mor}(F_{a_i}, F_{b_i})$ ,  $i = 1 \dots p$ , with  $b_i = a_{i+1}$  - composable sequence of morphisms. Then:

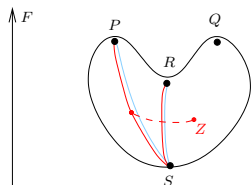
$$\sum_{r,s} m(x_1, \dots, x_r, m(x_{r+1}, \dots, x_{r+s}), x_{r+s+1}, \dots, x_p) = 0$$

Or:



# Example of an $A_\infty$ relation: heart-shaped sphere

**Example:**  $X = S^2$ ,  $N = 2$  functions,  $F = F_1 - F_2$ .



$A_\infty$  relation:  $x_1 = P \in \text{Mor}(F_1, F_2)$ ,  $x_2 = Z \in \text{Mor}(F_2, F_2)$ .

$$m(d_{\text{Morse}}(P), Z) + m(P, \partial Z) + d_{\text{Morse}} m(P, Z) = 0$$

# Example: deformation of Morse differential by cycles

$N = 2$ ,  $F = F_1 - F_2$ . Fix  $\{C_\alpha\}$  -cycles on  $X$ .  $\{P_i\}$  - crit. points of  $F$ .

Generating function for compositions

$$m: \text{Mor}(F_1, F_2) \otimes \text{Mor}(F_2, F_2)^{\otimes k} \rightarrow \text{Mor}(F_1, F_2),$$

$$m_i^j(T) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k} \underbrace{\#\mathcal{M}(P_i, C_{\alpha_1}, \dots, C_{\alpha_k}, P_j)}_{\#\text{grad traj } P_i \rightarrow P_j \text{ passing through cycles}} T_{\alpha_1} \cdots T_{\alpha_k}$$

$T_\alpha$  - generating parameters,  $|T_\alpha| = 1 - \text{codim}C_\alpha$ .

$$A_\infty \text{ relations} \Rightarrow \boxed{(d_{\text{Morse}} + m(T))^2 = 0}.$$

Explanation from HPT:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K \hookrightarrow & \Omega^\bullet(X), d + \sum_\alpha T_\alpha \delta_{C_\alpha} & \\ & \begin{array}{c} p \downarrow \quad \uparrow i \\ MC(X, F), d_{\text{Morse}} + m(T) \end{array} & \end{array}$$

# Morse contraction

- $i: \begin{matrix} P \\ \text{crit. point} \end{matrix} \mapsto \delta_{\text{Unstab}_P}$
- $p: \omega \mapsto \sum_P \left( \int_X \omega \wedge \delta_{\text{Stab}_P} \right) \cdot [P]$
- $K = \int_0^\infty dt \iota_v e^{-t\mathcal{L}_v}: \Omega^\bullet(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{\bullet-1}(X).$   
 $v$  - gradient vector field.  
 Integral kernel:  $\delta_Y \in \Omega_{\text{distr}}(X \times X);$   
 $Y = \{(x, y) \mid x = \text{Flow}_t(v) \circ y \text{ for some } t > 0\}$



# Picture 1a: homotopy transfer

$$\underline{K} \hookrightarrow V = \Omega^\bullet(X) \otimes \text{Mat}_{N \times N} = \bigoplus_{a,b=1}^N \Omega_{ab}^\bullet(X) \quad - \text{ dg algebra}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ \underline{p} \downarrow & & \uparrow \underline{i} \\ & & \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{M} = \bigoplus_{a,b} \mathbb{M}_{ab}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{ab} = \begin{cases} MC(F_a - F_b), & a \neq b \\ \Omega_{aa}^\bullet, & a = b \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{i}, \underline{p}, \underline{K} = \begin{cases} \text{Morse contraction for } F_a - F_b, & a \neq b \\ \text{trivial } (\underline{i} = \underline{p} = \text{id}, \underline{K} = 0), & a = b \end{cases}$$

**Induced  $A_\infty$  algebra structure on  $\mathbb{M}$ :**

$$m_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum \text{Diagram}$$

$$\text{inputs: } x_i \in \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{M}_{a_i b_i} \\ \text{with } b_i = a_{i+1} \end{array} = \begin{cases} \text{Morse chain,} & a_i \neq b_i \\ \text{form/sing. chain } \delta_Z, & a_i = b_i \end{cases}$$

## Picture 1b: effective action

**BF theory:**  $S = \int_X \langle B \wedge dA + \frac{1}{2}[A, A] \rangle$

**Fields:**

- $A \in \Omega^\bullet(X) \otimes \underbrace{(\text{Mat}_{N \times N} \otimes \mathbb{A})}_{\mathfrak{g}}[1] = \bigoplus_{a,b} \Omega_{ab} \otimes \mathbb{A}[1]$

where  $\mathbb{A} =$  upper-triangular  $\tilde{N} \times \tilde{N}$  matrices.

- $B \in \Omega^\bullet(X) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^*[d-2]$

**Next:** integrate out off-diagonal components  $A_{ab}$ ,  $a \neq b$  subject to gauge-fixing

$$\iota_{v_{ab}} A_{ab} = 0$$

– axial gauge but in different directions for different components!  
We induce the effective action on diagonal fields + remnants of off-diagonal fields.

# Picture 1b: effective action cont'd

**More explicitly:**

BV pushforward:  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{fields}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'_{\text{IR fields}} = T^*[-1](\mathbb{M} \otimes \mathbb{A}[1])$

Splitting of fields:  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}' \oplus \mathcal{F}''$  with  $\mathcal{F}'' = \ker \underline{p} \oplus \ker \underline{i}^\vee$ .

Gauge-fixing Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = \text{im}(K) \oplus \text{im}(K^\vee) \subset \mathcal{F}''$

$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\text{eff}}(A', B')} = \int_{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{D}A'' \mathcal{D}B'' e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S(\underline{i}(A') + A'', \underline{p}^\vee(B') + B'')}$$

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\text{trees}} \langle \text{tree diagram} \rangle = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n!} \langle B', l_n(A', \dots, A') \rangle$$

$\{l_n\}$  –  $L_\infty$  algebra operations on  $\mathbb{M} \otimes \mathbb{A}$ .

$L_\infty$  relations  $\Leftrightarrow$  BV master equation  $\{S_{\text{eff}}, S_{\text{eff}}\} = 0$

# From $L_\infty$ back to $A_\infty$

Recovering  $A_\infty$  products on  $\mathbb{M}$ :

$$l_n(x_1 \otimes t_{12}, \dots, x_n \otimes t_{n, n+1}) = m_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \otimes t_{1, n+1}$$

$t_{ij} \in \mathbb{A}$  matrix with  $(i, j)$ -entry 1 and all other entries 0.

# Picture 2: HTQM

## Topological quantum mechanics:

- Space of states:  $\mathcal{H}_{ab} = \Omega^\bullet(X)$   
(for a particle of  $(a, b)$ -type,  $a \neq b$ ).
- BRST operator  $Q = d$ .
- Hamiltonian  $H = \mathcal{L}_{v_{ab}} = [Q, G]_+$ .
- $G = \iota_{v_{ab}}$ .
- Evolution operator (superpropagator):  
$$U(t, dt) = e^{-tH - dtG} \in \Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{R}_+) \otimes \text{End}(\mathcal{H}_{ab})$$

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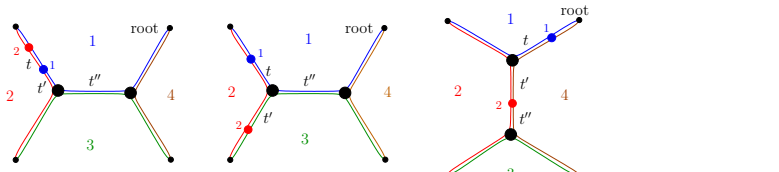
- 3-valent vertex  $\begin{array}{c} a \\ b \quad c \end{array}$   $\sim \mathcal{H}_{ab} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{bc} \xrightarrow{\wedge} \mathcal{H}_{ac}$
- 2-valent vertex  $\begin{array}{c} a \\ b \quad Z \end{array}$   $\sim \text{operator } \mathcal{H}_{ab} \xrightarrow{\wedge \delta_Z} \mathcal{H}_{ab}$
- 1-valent vertex  $P_{ab} \bullet \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array}$   $\sim \text{state } \delta_{\text{Unstab}_{P_{ab}}}$
- $(a, b)$ -edge of length  $t \sim U_{ab}(t, dt)$

Out of these building blocks, we build a form on the space of metric trees:

$$I \in \Omega^\bullet(MT_{N;k_1, \dots, k_N}) \otimes \text{Hom}(\text{Mor}_{1,1}^{\otimes k_1} \otimes \text{Mor}_{1,2} \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Mor}_{N-1,N} \otimes \text{Mor}_{N,N}^{\otimes k_N}, \text{Mor}_{1,N})$$

where  $\text{Mor}_{a,b} := \text{Mor}(F_a, F_b)$ .

**Example:** three top-cells in  $MT_{4;1,1,0,0}$



# Example

$$I \left( \begin{array}{c} P_{12} \\ \text{Z} \\ \text{1} \\ \text{root} \\ \text{2} \\ \text{t} \\ \text{t''} \\ \text{4} \\ \text{Z'} \\ \text{t'} \\ \text{3} \\ P_{23} \\ P_{34} \end{array} \right) = \sum_{P_{14} \in \text{Crit}(F_1 - F_4)} \bar{I} \cdot [P_{14}]$$

$$\bar{I} = \int_X \delta_{\text{Stab}_{P_{14}}} \wedge U_{13}(t'', dt'') \left( U_{12}(t, dt) (\delta_Z \wedge \delta_{\text{Unstab}_{P_{12}}}) \wedge \right. \\ \left. \wedge U_{23}(t', dt') (\delta_{Z'} \wedge \delta_{\text{Unstab}_{P_{23}}}) \right) \wedge \delta_{\text{Unstab}_{P_{34}}}$$

# Properties of $I$

- ①  $(d_{MT} + Q)I = 0$
- ② Factorization on IR boundary of  $MT$ :

$$I \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of } T_1 \text{ and } T_2 \text{ with } +\infty \text{ label} \end{array} \right) = \langle I(T_2) \hat{\wedge} I(T_1) \rangle$$

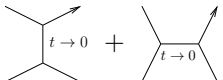
- ③ Period  $\int_{MT} I = m$  – the composition map in Fukaya-Morse category.



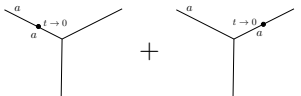
# $A_\infty$ relations from IR factorization of HTQM

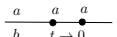
$$(d_{MT} + Q)I = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\partial MT} I = -Q \underbrace{\int_{MT} I}_m$$

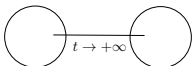
**L.h.s. (contributions of boundary strata of  $MT$ ):**

**a**   $= 0$

**b**   $= 0$

**c**   $= 0$

**d**   $\rightarrow$  terms  $m(\cdots m(Z, Z') \cdots)$  in  $A_\infty$  relation.

**e**   $\rightarrow$  terms  $m(\cdots m(\underbrace{\cdots}_{\geq 2 \text{ colors}}) \cdots)$  in  $A_\infty$  relation.

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