# A Morse-theoretic approach to family Floer homology

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 "D<sup>b</sup> Coh(X <sup>$\vee$</sup> )".

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The space X<sub>0</sub><sup>∨</sup> comes equipped with a comparison functor which can be used to (try to) prove HMS.

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 $\begin{cases} Fukaya \text{ category of} \\ Lagrangian \text{ sections of } \pi \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A_{\infty}\text{-modules for the} \\ Morse-Fukaya \text{ algebra of } \pi \end{cases}.$ 

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► This algebra is equipped with a family of structure maps

$$\mu^d: \mathcal{A}^{\otimes d} \to \mathcal{A}[2-d],$$

which we now define.

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An example treed disk domain:



Each edge *e* is attached interior-to-interior or boundary-to-boundary, and has a length *l*(*e*) ∈ [0,∞].

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Of course, in practice we will actually introduce domain-dependent perturbations of (*J*, *f*) into the equations to avoid transversality issues which arise.

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Proof sketch.

Take an approximately holomorphic section of an ample line bundle on *X* concentrated on *L*, then perturb—the zero section gives *D*.

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#### Definition

Fixing  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_d) \in \operatorname{crit} f$  and  $\beta \in \operatorname{H}_2(X, L)$  we may form

 $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(L, D, \mathbf{x}, \beta),$ 

the moduli space of all adapted stable pseudoholomorphic treed disks  $u : \Delta \rightarrow X$  which

► have correct boundaries—

$$u(\partial \Delta) \subset L$$
 for  $\partial \Delta = T_{\Delta} \cup \bigcup_{\substack{\mathbb{D} \subset \Delta \\ a \text{ disk}}} \partial \mathbb{D}$ ,

• *have correct I/O*— $u(v_i) = x_i$  for  $v_i$  the *i*th bdry point, and

• represent  $\beta$ —

$$\sum_{C \subset \Delta} [u|_C] = \beta.$$

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• The expected dimension of  $\mathcal{M}$  is then

$$\dim \mathcal{M} = d - 2 + I(x_0) - \sum_{i=1}^d I(x_i) + \sum_{C \subset \Delta} I(u|_C).$$

► We could now proceed in the customary way to define the operations µ<sup>k</sup>, if say *L* was equipped with a local system—if you have seen the definition of a Fukaya category before, you'll know that we are tantalizingly close.

• We are going to go in a slightly different direction.

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- We arrange a cellular decomposition  $P^{[k]}$  of  $Q_0$  such that:
  - 1. each *k*-cell  $\sigma \in P^{[k]}$  contains a unique  $q_{\sigma} \in \operatorname{crit}_k f$ , and
  - 2. the union of the descending manifolds of all critical points contained in  $\sigma$  is  $\sigma$  itself.

2. A family version of  $\mathcal R$ 



We need one final piece: the Floer-theoretic weights

$$z^{\beta} = T^{\omega(\beta)} \cdot \operatorname{hol}(\partial \beta)$$

are analytic functions on  $X_0^{\vee}$  for each  $\beta \in \pi_2(X, F_q)$  by parallel transport  $q \rightarrow p$ .

► Recall that according to us, points of X<sub>0</sub><sup>∨</sup> are elements of H<sup>1</sup>(F<sub>q</sub>; U<sub>Λ</sub>), so hol is just fancy notation for evaluation.

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• Our algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is now an  $O_{an}$ -module.

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$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{x_0,\beta} \# \mathcal{M}_{d+1}(x_0, \mathbf{x}, \beta) \cdot \mathcal{L}^* x_0,$$

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The operations  $\mu^d$  endow  $\mathcal{A}$  with the structure of a (curved)  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra, i.e. for homogeneous  $a_1, \ldots, a_d$  we have

$$0 = \sum_{m+n \le d} (-1)^{\heartsuit} \mu^{d+1-n}(a_1, \ldots, \mu^n(a_{m+1}, \ldots, a_{m+n}), \ldots, a_d)$$

with  $\heartsuit = (-1)^{m + \sum_{i=1}^{m} |a_i|}$ .

Proof.

Analyze the boundary strata of the 1-dimensional moduli spaces  $\mathcal{M}$ ; one shows that the only possible strata are of the type



- Switching to a family setting poses some significant technical challenges—just for example, no stabilizing divisor is disjoint from every fiber of π.
- So, we develop a scheme whereby divisors are turned on and off via a system of weights.

#### Definition

The category  $\mathcal{F}_{sec}$  is the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{F} = Fuk(X)$  of Lagrangian sections of  $\pi$ .

Concretely and for simplicity, let {L<sub>i</sub>} ⊂ 𝓕<sub>sec</sub> be a finite family intersecting pairwise transversely. We set

$$\operatorname{Hom}(L_i, L_j) = \begin{cases} \Lambda \langle L_i \cap L_j \rangle & i \neq j \\ \mathcal{A}(L_i) & i = j \end{cases}$$

▶ In  $\mathcal{F}_{sec}$  we compose  $p_1 \in Hom(L_1, L_2)$  and  $p_2 \in Hom(L_2, L_3)$  in the usual way:



► The functor *C* on *objects*—set

 $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{sec}} \longmapsto O_{\text{an}} \langle \operatorname{crit} f |_L \rangle.$ 

► The structure maps

$$\blacktriangleleft^{d-1}: C(\underline{L}) \otimes \mathcal{A}^{d-1} \to C(\underline{L})[2-d]$$

now count pictures of the form (e.g. to compute  $y_1 \triangleleft^1 x_1$ ):



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$$C^n(p_1,\ldots,p_n)^{d-1}: C(L_1)\otimes \mathcal{A}^{\otimes d-1} \to C(L_n)[1-n-d].$$

For example, given  $p \in \text{Hom}(L_1, L_2)$ , compute  $C^1(p)^0(y_1)$  by counting:



- One subtlety is that, in order to obtain the functor maps we desire, we must actually replace honest critical points of *f*|<sub>L</sub> with *anchors*.
- Fixing a distinguished  $L_* \in \text{ob } \mathcal{F}_{\text{sec}}$ , an anchor (path)  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow F_q$  is just a path from  $\gamma(0) \in \text{crit } f|_L$  to  $\gamma(1) \in L_*$  contained wholly in  $F_q$ .

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We again verify the  $A_{\infty}$ -relations by examining boundary strata. As an example, in the case of  $\mu^0 = 0$ , the module map  $y_1 \triangleleft^1 (x_1, x_2)$  gives a homotopy between

$$(y_1 \triangleleft^1 x_1) \triangleleft^1 x_2$$
 and  $y_1 \triangleleft^1 \mu^2(x_1, x_2)$ .

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This corresponds to the two possible breakings:





## End