

# Moduli of Curves -

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Last time - unramified diagonal + smooth atlas  $\rightarrow$  étale atlas

Smooth atlas for  $M_g$ : Fix  $d > 2g-2$ .

$H =$  open subset of Hilb param. smooth nondeg.  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  of degree  $d$ , genus  $g$ .

$H \rightarrow M_g$  smooth.

A better presentation - Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $d = (2g-2) \cdot k$ .

Then there exists a closed ~~subset~~  $H_k \subset H$  that parametrizes  $C$  where  $\mathcal{O}_C(1) \cong \omega_C^k$ .

How to construct  $H_k$ : 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \subset \mathbb{P}_H^N & & L = \mathcal{O}_C(1) \otimes \omega_C^{-k} \\ \downarrow \pi & & \\ H & & \end{array}$$

Claim:  $\exists$  closed subscheme  $H_k \subset H$  s.t.  $\varphi: S \rightarrow H$  factors through  $H_k$  iff  $\pi_*(L)$  is locally free of rank 1 on  $S$ .

Pf: Exercise using cohomology and base change.

Functionally: 
$$H_k(S) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \subset \mathbb{P}^N \\ \downarrow \pi \\ S \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \pi\text{-smooth, non-deg fibers} \\ \pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1) \otimes \omega_C^{-k}) \text{ locally free of rank 1} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\cong \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \subset \mathbb{P}^N \\ \downarrow \pi \\ S \end{array} \middle| \text{isom. } \mathbb{P}(\pi_* \omega_C^k) \cong \mathbb{P}_S^N \right\}$$

Prop -  $M_g \cong [H_k / \text{PGL}_N]$ .

Pf: skip.

Properties of Stacks (algebraic stacks): Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a DM / Artin stack over  $S$ . Suppose  $P$  is any property that is local in the smooth topology. Then we say that  $\mathcal{X}/S$  has  $P$  iff any <sup>smooth</sup> atlas  $U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  has  $P$ . Similarly for étale.

Ex.  $M_g$  is smooth ~~is~~.

$M_g$  is equidimensional of dim  $3g-3$ .

~~$M_g / \mathbb{C}$~~



$1/k$ .

Presentations: Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be ~~an atlas~~ an algebraic stack and

$\pi: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  an atlas.

[Analogy -  $X$  a scheme and  $\cup U_i \rightarrow X$  a covering].

Let  $R = U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \rightarrow & U \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U & \rightarrow & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

$$R = \coprod U_i \cap U_j$$

$$R \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{j} \end{array} U$$

We have two maps

$$R \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} U$$

Furthermore, we have a "composition" map

$$c: R \times_{U_s} R \rightarrow R$$

$$c: (U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U) \times_{U_s} (U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U) \rightarrow U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U$$

$$\parallel \text{Isom}(\alpha, \alpha) \times \text{Isom}(\alpha, \alpha) \rightarrow \text{Isom}(\alpha, \alpha)$$

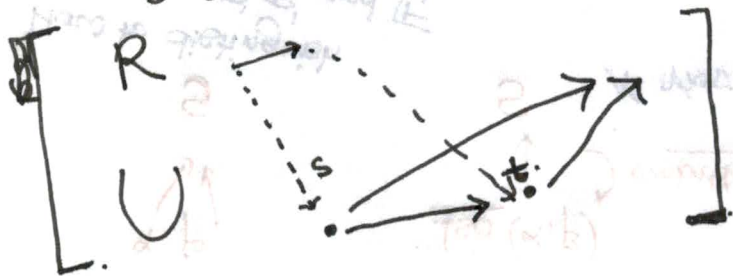
$$((u, v), \psi), (v, w), \varphi \rightarrow (\psi \circ \varphi)$$

and an inverse map

$$R \rightarrow R$$

and an identity map  $e: R \rightarrow R$ .

The gadget  $(R \rightrightarrows U, s, t, e, i)$  forms a Groupoid.



The stack  $\mathcal{X}$  is "determined" by this groupoid.

Conversely any (sufficiently nice)

## Sheaves on Stacks:

Sheaves on schemes -  $\mathcal{X} \rightsquigarrow$  Category Schemes $_{\mathcal{X}}$ . =  $\{U, f: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}\}$ .

~~Category~~ ~~presheaf~~

presheaf = functor Schemes $_{\mathcal{X}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow$  Sets.

Sheaf = presheaf + gluing on coverings.

We make all this machinery for stacks by construction. -

$\mathcal{X} \rightsquigarrow$  itself a category. obj. =  $\{(U, \alpha: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X})\}$ .

presheaf = contr. var. functor.

sheaf = presheaf + gluing.

Ex.  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$ .  $U \mapsto \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_U)$ . = Structure sheaf.

$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$ -modules, quasi-coherent, coherent, locally free....

Eqv. way: The data of a quasi-coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  is.

① The data of a quasi-coh. sheaf  $F_a$  on every  $\text{dist. } \mathcal{X}$ .

② For a map  $f: U \xrightarrow{s} V$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ , a choice of iso.  $f^* s^* F_U \rightarrow f^* F_V \dots$

eqv: if  $R \xrightarrow{s} U$  is a groupoid presentation of  $\mathcal{X}$  then.

① The data of a sheaf  $F$  on  $U$

② iso  $s^* F \rightarrow t^* F$

s.t. this behaves nicely with the composition map.