

# The Moduli of Maps Has a Canonical Obstruction Theory

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- In fact can use *moduli of sections*

## Aside: moduli of sections

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  locally Noetherian algebraic stack

$\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$

$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  family of twisted curves

$\mathcal{C}_{g,n}$

$\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  morphism of algebraic stacks st...

$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{C}_{g,n} \times X$

$\text{Sec}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{Z}/\mathcal{C})(T) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} C_T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} \end{array} \right\} = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C_T, \mathcal{Z})$$

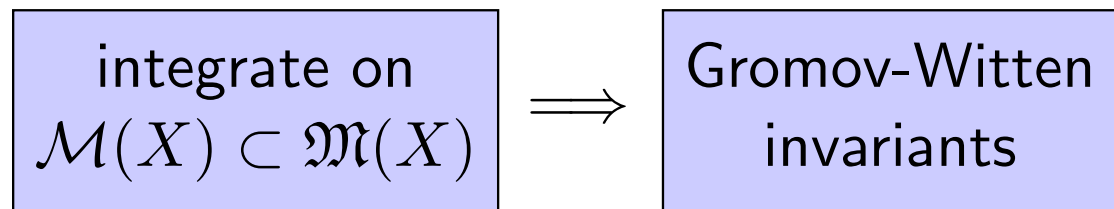
Thm (Hall-Rydh)

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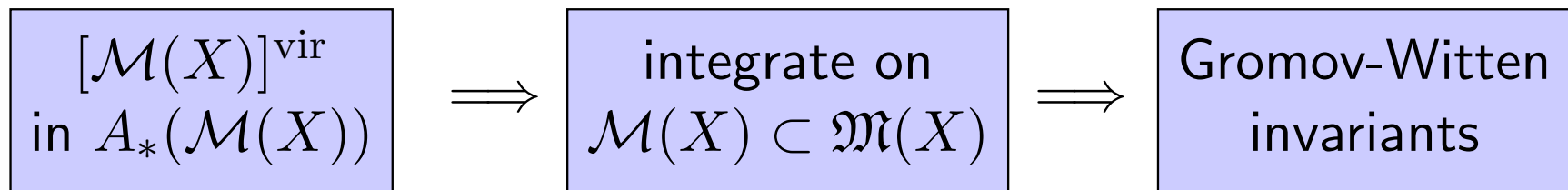
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invariants

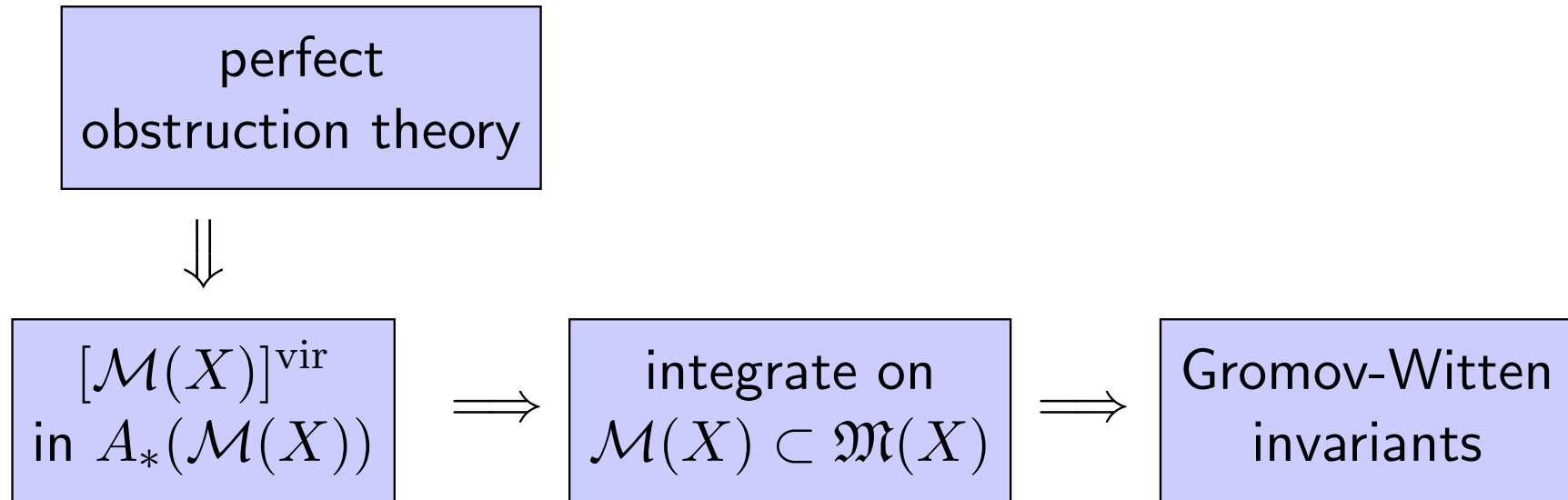
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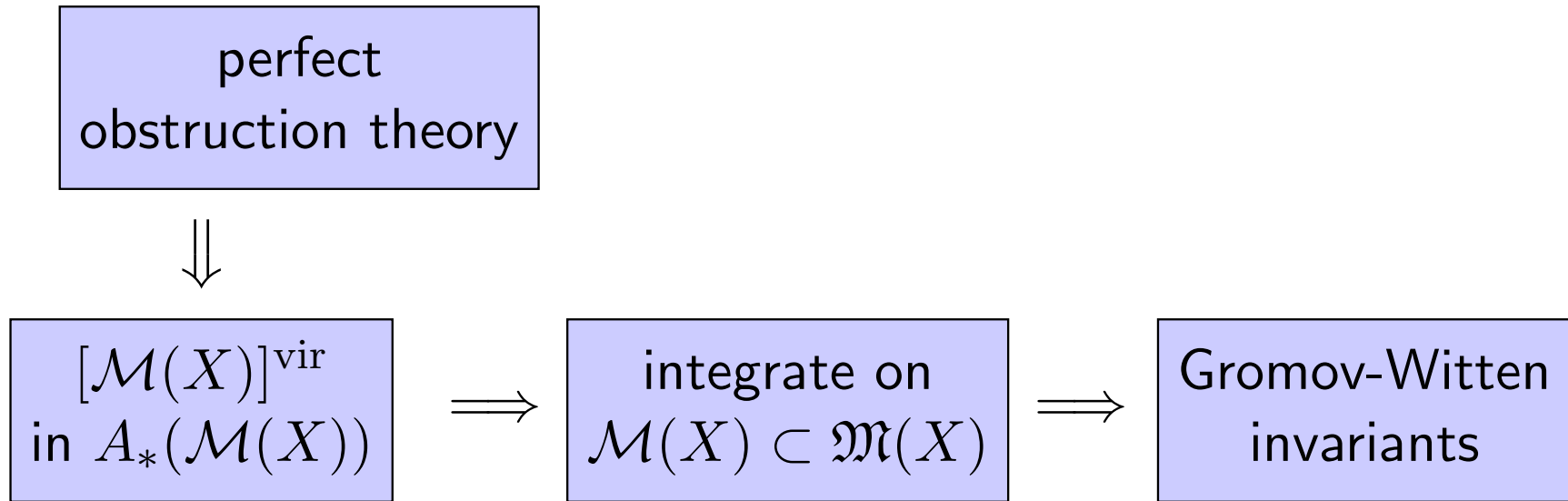
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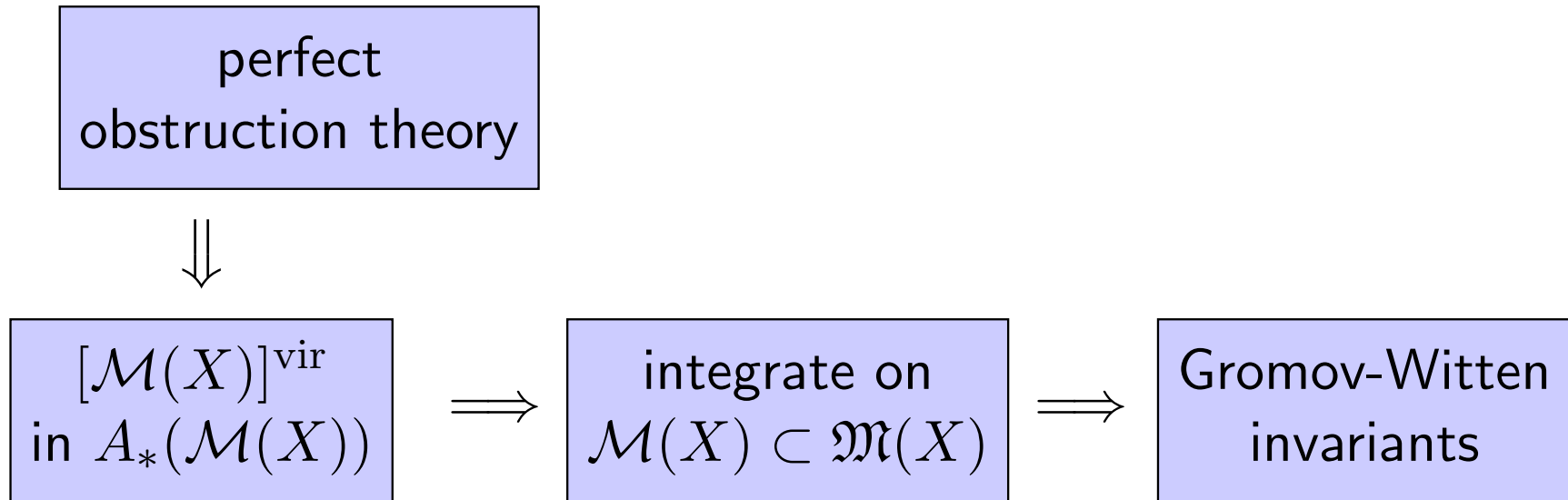


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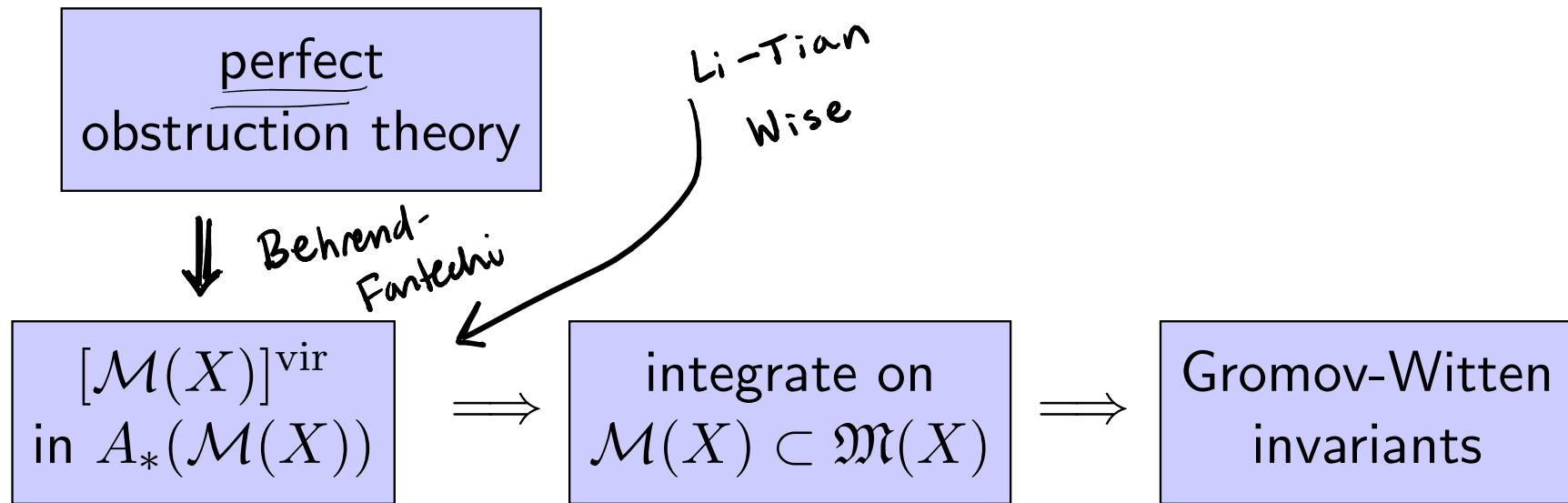


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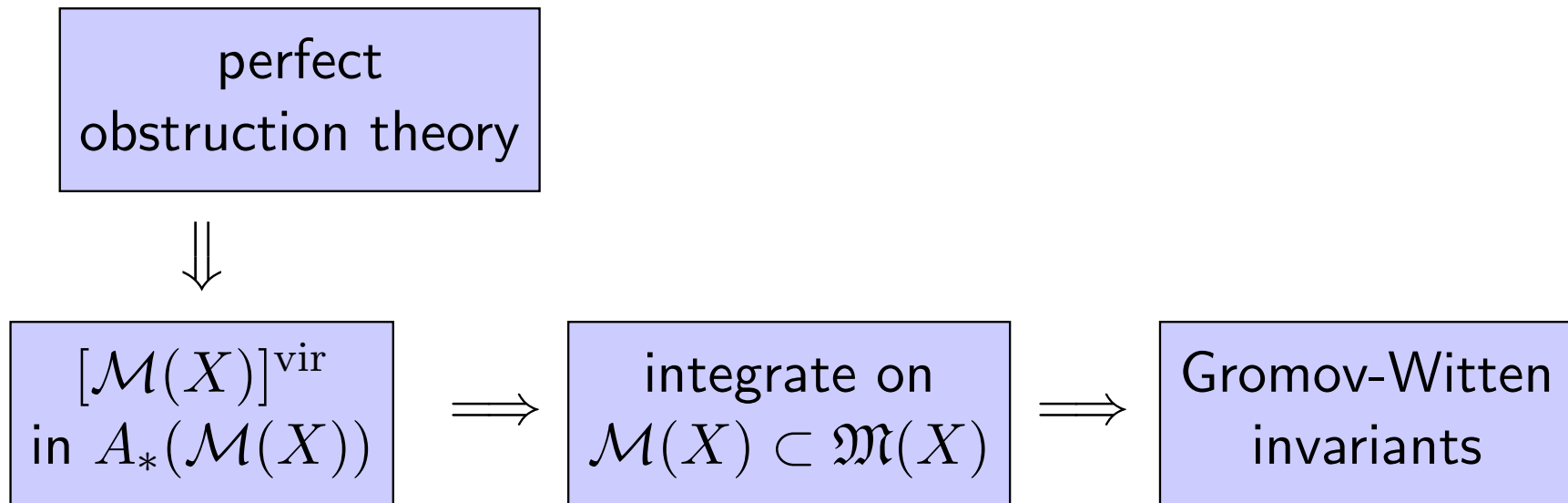
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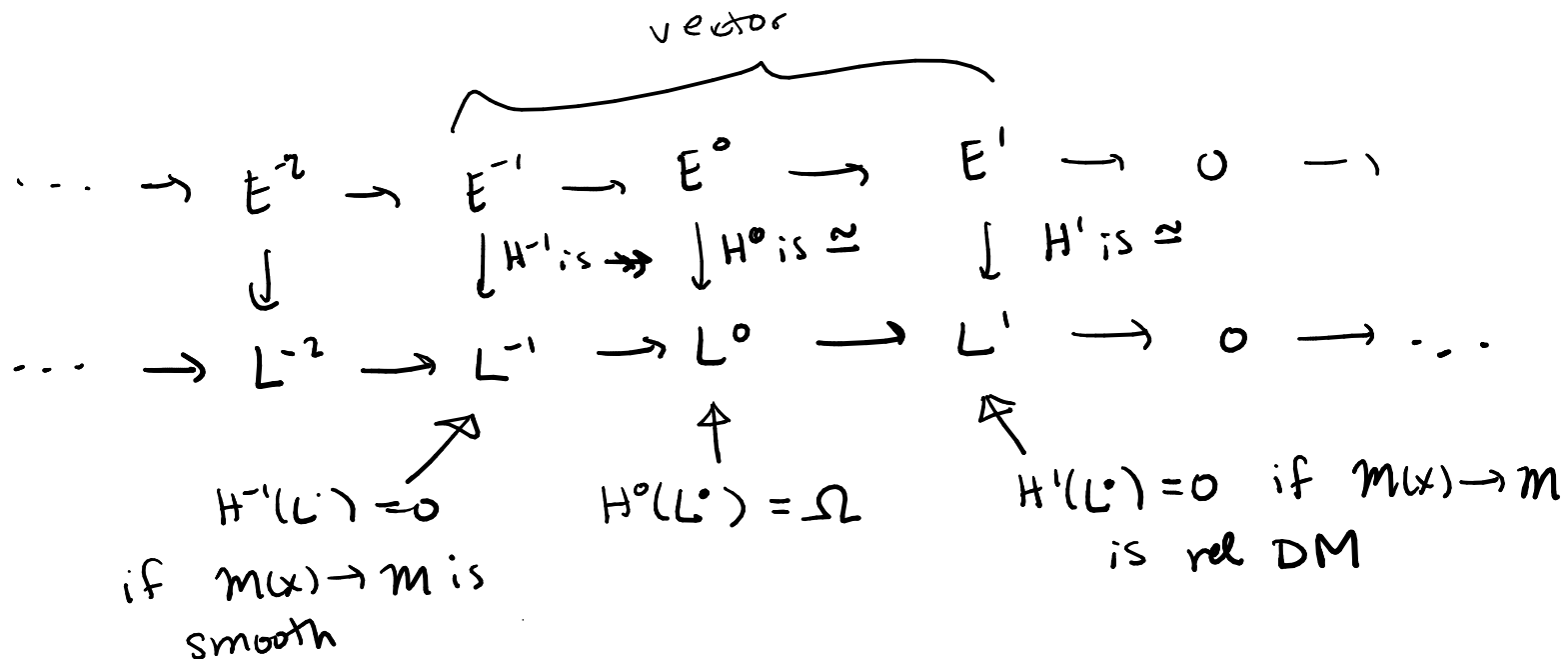
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cotangent complex  
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**Theorem** (Behrend-Fantechi) If  $E$  is *perfect* and  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathfrak{M}(X)$  is an open Deligne-Mumford substack, separated, and finite type, then it defines a virtual fundamental class  $[\mathcal{M}]^{\text{vir}} \in A_*(\mathcal{M})$ .

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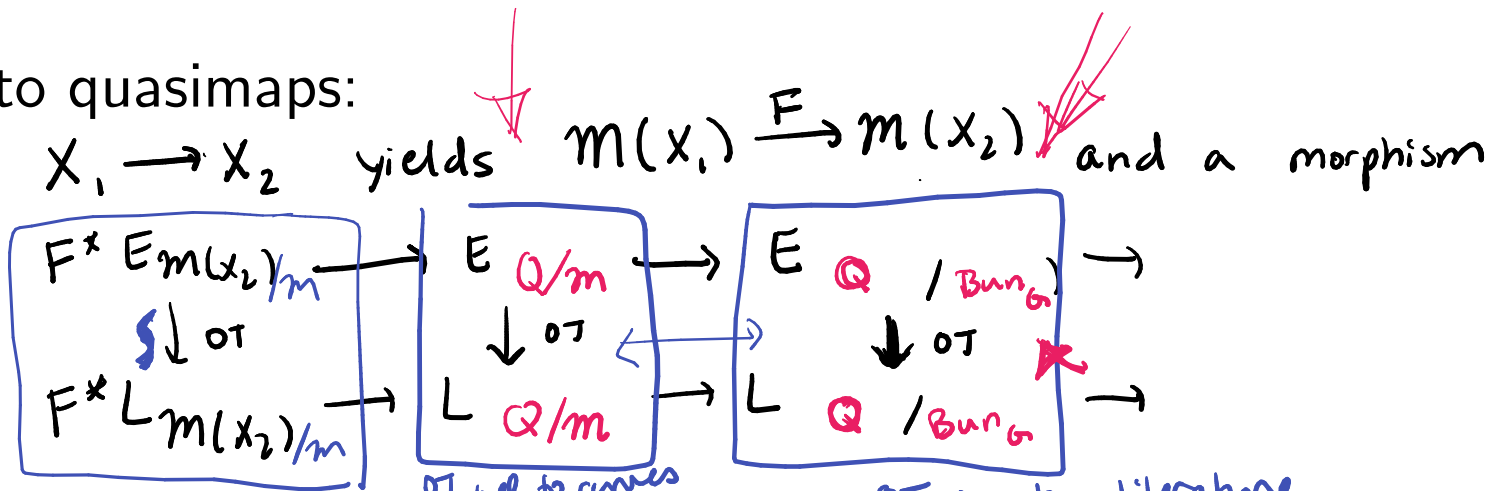
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Application to quasimaps:

Functoriality:  
of DTs



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$$X_1 = [Y/G]$$

$$X_2 = BG$$

$\mathfrak{M}([Y/G]) \supset \text{moduli of quasimaps} = \mathbb{Q}$

$\mathfrak{M}(BG) = \text{moduli of pair } G\text{-bundles on } \begin{matrix} C \\ \downarrow \\ T \end{matrix} = \text{Bun}_G$

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  - Rigorously construct the dualizing sheaf
  - Clarify why the “obvious” isomorphism  $H^i(E^\bullet) \simeq H^i(L^\bullet)$  for  $i = 0, 1$  is induced by  $\phi$

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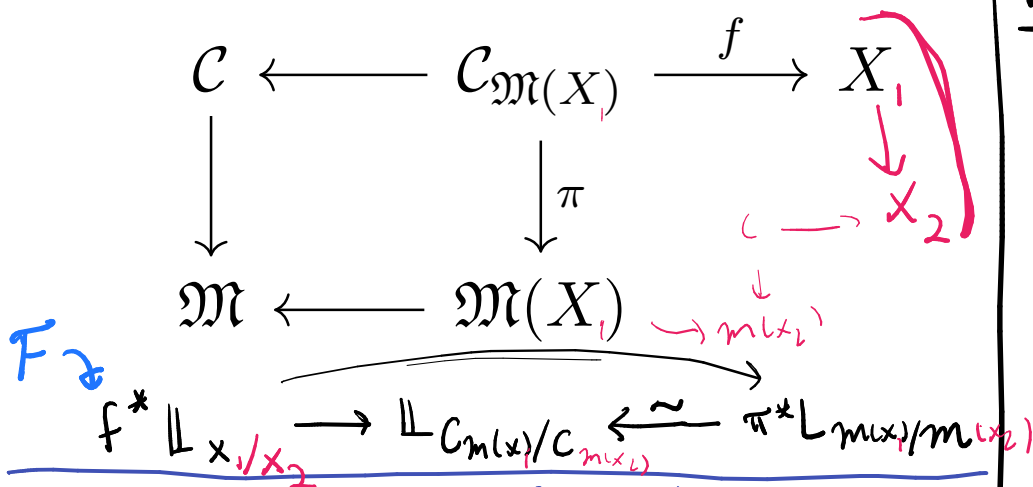
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## What we wish we could do

$$F \rightarrow \pi^* L_{\mathfrak{M}(X)/\mathfrak{M}} \quad (*)$$

- $R\pi_*$  has a right adjoint  $\pi^!$   $\omega = \pi^! \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{M}}$
- So  $\pi^*$  has a left adjoint  $R\pi_*^\omega := R\pi_*(-\otimes \omega)$

$$R\pi_*^\omega F \xrightarrow{\phi^{\text{naive}}} L_{\mathfrak{M}(X)/\mathfrak{M}} \text{ adjoint to } (*)$$

works when  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$  is not too "big"

also: can't show  $\phi^{\text{naive}}$  is functorial

b/c  $\pi^!$  isn't known to be preserved

by arbitrary basechange

$$\text{tr}: R\pi_* \omega \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$$

Need to define: Functorial  $(\omega, \text{tr})$

$$\begin{aligned} R\pi_* (f^* \mathbb{L}_X \otimes \omega) &\rightarrow R\pi_* (\pi^* L_{\mathfrak{M}(X)/\mathfrak{M}} \otimes \omega) \\ &\simeq L_{\mathfrak{M}(X)/\mathfrak{M}} \otimes R\pi_* \omega \rightarrow L_{\mathfrak{M}(X)/\mathfrak{M}} \end{aligned}$$

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 v \xrightarrow{q} & [v/\mu_n] & \xrightarrow{p'} & u & \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & \\
 \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} & \mathcal{M} \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & & \xrightarrow{\pi} & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega &= \pi^!\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}} = p^!\bar{\pi}^!\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}} \\
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For  $T \rightarrow Y$  representable

**Theorem** (Illusie, Olsson)  $\text{Exal}_Y(T, I) \simeq \text{Ext}^{0/-1}(L_{T/Y}^\bullet, I[1])$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \\ T' & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \ker(\mathcal{O}_{T'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T) \end{array}$$

objects =  $\text{Ext}^0(L_{T/Y}, I[1])$   
morphs =  $\text{Ext}^{-1}(L_{T/Y}, I[1])$

Recall the PT

$$g^* L_{\mathfrak{m}(X)/\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow L_{T/\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow L_{T/\mathfrak{m}(X)} \rightarrow$$

yields

$$E^{0/-1}(g^* L_{\mathfrak{m}(X)/\mathfrak{m}}, I) \rightarrow E^{0/-1}(L_{T/\mathfrak{m}(X)}, I[1]) \rightarrow E^{0/-1}(L_{T/\mathfrak{m}}, I[1])$$

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$$E^{0/-1}(g^* L_{\mathfrak{m}(X)/\mathfrak{m}}, I) \xrightarrow{\phi} E^{0/-1}(g^* E, I) \xrightarrow{R\pi_* f^* L_X} E^{0/-1}(f^* L_X, \pi^* I)$$

Thm (w) this commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}(X) & & C_T \xrightarrow{f} C_{X \times X} \\ \downarrow \dashrightarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \dashrightarrow \downarrow \\ T' \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m} & = & C_{T'} \longrightarrow C \end{array}$$

If  $X$  is smooth variety:  
 $E = R\pi_* (f^* L_X \otimes \omega)$  is perfect in  $[-1, 0]$   
*(loc free in deg 0)*

**Thank you.**