Conformal blocks and moduli spaces

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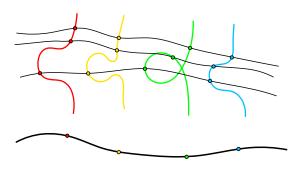
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More generally, we are interested in Bun_C for a simple and simply connected group *G*: this parametrizes principal *G*-bundles over *C*.

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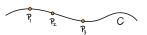
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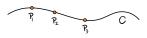
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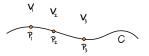
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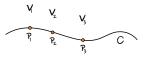
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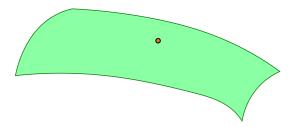
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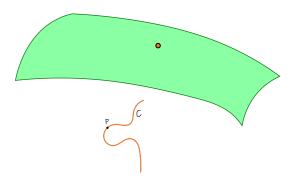
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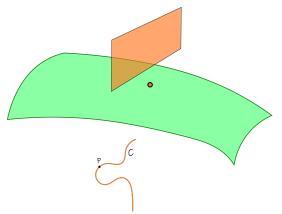
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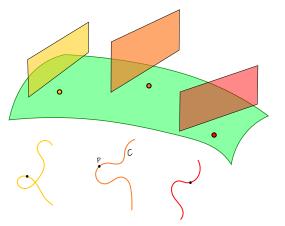
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Fix a representation V of G.



Associating to each pointed curve (C,P) the conformal block $\mathbb{V}_{\ell}((C,P),(G,V))$ defines the vector bundle

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Example. Let C be a curve of genus g, then the Verlinde formula gives

$$\dim H^0 \left(\operatorname{Bun}_{\operatorname{SL}_n}, \mathcal{O}(1) \right) = n^g.$$

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In a joint project with A. Gibney and N. Tarasca we are exploring how to extend these results on $\overline{M}_{g,n}$.

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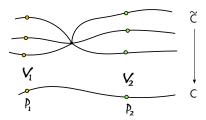
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it is possible to define the space of twisted conformal blocks

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which defines a vector bundle on the moduli space parametrizing Galois coverings of curves and satisfies properties analogous to the classical conformal blocks.

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