

**Kuranishi (co)homology:
a new tool in
symplectic geometry.**

**III. Effective Kuranishi
(co)homology, integrality,
and Kuranishi (co)bordism**

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III.1. Introduction

In Lecture II, I explained how to define Kuranishi (co)homology KH_* , $KH^*(Y; R)$ for R a \mathbb{Q} -algebra. We have $KH_*(Y; R) \cong H_*^{\text{si}}(Y; R)$, singular homology, and $KH^*(Y; R) \cong H_{\text{CS}}^*(Y; R)$, compactly-supported cohomology.

We now discuss how to define Kuranishi (co)homology theories which work for R any commutative ring, such as $R = \mathbb{Z}$, not just \mathbb{Q} -algebras, and are isomorphic to $H_*^{\text{si}}(Y; R)$, $H_{\text{CS}}^*(Y; R)$. We call these *effective Kuranishi (co)homology* $KH_*^{\text{ef}}(Y; R)$, $KH_{\text{ec}}^*(Y; R)$.

These (co)homology theories will be useful for studying *integrality questions*, for instance, under what circumstances Gromov–Witten invariants can be defined in $H^*(M; \mathbb{Z})$ rather than $H^*(M; \mathbb{Q})$, and the Integrality Conjecture for Gopakumar–Vafa invariants.

However, there are disadvantages to working over \mathbb{Z} . Some good properties of Kuranishi (co)homology *can only work over a \mathbb{Q} -algebra*, so any theory which works over \mathbb{Z} will not have them.

Features of Kuranishi (co)homology which

cannot work over $R = \mathbb{Z}$

- Let X be a compact oriented Kuranishi space without boundary, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ strongly smooth. Then there exists gauge-fixing data G for (X, f) , and $[X, f, G]$ is a cycle in Kuranishi homology. The homology class $[[X, f, G]] \in KH_*(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ is identified with the *virtual class* of (X, f) .

If X has *nontrivial orbifold groups*, virtual classes are generally defined only over \mathbb{Q} , not \mathbb{Z} . So we cannot form $[[X, f, G]] \in KH_*^{\text{ef}}(Y; \mathbb{Z})$.

Conclusion: in effective Kuranishi (co)homology, not all Kuranishi spaces are allowed as (co)chains; there must be restrictions on the orbifold groups and orbifold strata. So, can't use every curve moduli space as a (co)chain, there will be restrictions.

- Kuranishi cochains $KC^*(Y; R)$ have a cup product \cup which is associative and supercommutative.

Now *Steenrod squares* are invariants in algebraic topology defined using the failure of the cup product for $H^*(Y; Z)$ to be supercommutative at the cochain level. They imply that it is not possible to define a cohomology theory computing $H^*(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ with a supercommutative cup product on cochains.

Conclusion: on effective Kuranishi cochains, the cup product cannot be supercommutative.

Parts of the proof of $KH_*(Y; R) \cong H_*^{\text{Si}}(Y; R)$ which require R a \mathbb{Q} -algebra

In proving $KH_*(Y; R) \cong H_*^{\text{Si}}(Y; R)$ we used $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq R$ in two different ways:
(a) Relation (iv) in $KC_*(Y; R)$ says that if Γ is a finite subgroup of $\text{Aut}(X, f, G)$ then

$$[X/\Gamma, \pi_*(f), \pi_*(G)] = \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} [X, f, G].$$

This makes sense only if $1/|\Gamma| \in R$, so $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq R$.

We use (iv) like this: given an arbitrary chain $[X, f, G]$ we ‘cut’ X into small pieces X_c , $c \in C$ with $X_c = \hat{X}_c/\Gamma_c$, for \hat{X}_c a Kuranishi space with *trivial stabilizers* (i.e. all orbifold groups are $\{1\}$). Then we replace

$$\sum_{c \in C} [X_c, f_c, G_c] \text{ by } \sum_{c \in C} 1/|\Gamma_c|[\hat{X}_c, \hat{f}_c, \hat{G}_c].$$

Conclusion: we can’t use relation (iv) in effective Kuranishi (co)homology.

(b) At various points in the proof we have to modify chains $[X, f, G]$ to perturb them into manifolds, triangulate by simplices, etc. These modifications must be preserved by the symmetries $\text{Aut}(X, f, G)$. But this is not always possible with just one modification. So we choose an arbitrary modification, and then average over its images under $\text{Aut}(X, f, G)$. To average we divide by $|\text{Aut}(X, f, G)|$. Thus need $1/|\text{Aut}(X, f, G)| \in R$, so $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq R$.

Note: This was why we needed $\text{Aut}(X, f, G)$ finite, so why we introduced gauge-fixing data. Also, this is the same reason Fukaya–Ono use *multisections*, not single-valued sections.

Conclusion. We need to ensure $\text{Aut}(X, f, G) = \{1\}$ for effective Kuranishi (co)chains, not just $\text{Aut}(X, f, G)$ finite. (It is enough for this to hold for (X, f, G) ‘connected’.)

III.2. Stabilizer groups and effective orbifolds

Let V be an orbifold. Then each $v \in V$ has *stabilizer group* or *orbifold group* $\text{Stab}_V(v)$, a finite group, and V near v is locally modelled on $\mathbb{R}^n / \text{Stab}_V(v)$ near 0, where $\text{Stab}_V(v)$ acts linearly on \mathbb{R}^n , $n = \dim V$.

Note: we do not require $\text{Stab}_V(v)$ to act *effectively* on \mathbb{R}^n . For instance, $\text{Stab}_V(v)$ could act trivially on \mathbb{R}^n . So we cannot regard $\text{Stab}_V(v)$ as a subgroup of $\text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$.

We call an orbifold *effective* if $\text{Stab}_V(v)$ acts effectively on \mathbb{R}^n for all $v \in V$. Equivalently, an orbifold V is effective if generic points $v \in V$ have $\text{Stab}_V(v) = \{1\}$.

For example, if Γ is a finite group then $\{0\}/\Gamma$ is a 0-dimensional orbifold, a single point with stabilizer group Γ , which is effective if and only if $\Gamma = \{1\}$.

Suppose V is a compact, oriented n -orbifold without boundary. Then we can form the *fundamental class* $[V]$ in singular homology. We have $[V] \in H_n(V; \mathbb{Z})$ if V is effective, but $[V] \in H_n(V; \mathbb{Q})$ if V is not effective. This is because when we triangulate V by simplices $\sigma : \Delta_n \rightarrow V$, if generic points in V have stabilizer Γ , then the simplices must be weighted by $\pm 1/|\Gamma|$. These weights lie in \mathbb{Z} if V is effective, so $\Gamma = \{1\}$, and in \mathbb{Q} otherwise.

Conclusion. To do homology over \mathbb{Z} , we need *effective* orbifolds.

III.3. Orbifold strata

If V is an orbifold, we may write $V = \coprod_{\Gamma} V^{\Gamma}$, where the disjoint union is over all isomorphism classes of finite groups Γ , and $V^{\Gamma} = \{v \in V : \text{Stab}_V(v) \cong \Gamma\}$. This is called the *orbifold stratification* of V .

This definition of V^{Γ} is not very useful, for two reasons. Firstly, V^{Γ} is not closed in V . Secondly, V^{Γ} can be a union of manifolds of different dimensions. If $v \in V^{\Gamma}$ then V is modelled on \mathbb{R}^n/Γ near V , and V^{Γ} is modelled on the fixed points $\text{Fix}(\Gamma)$ of Γ in \mathbb{R}^n , which depends on the *representation* of Γ on \mathbb{R}^n .

So, make new definition of orbifold strata $V^{\Gamma, \rho}$, including a representation ρ of Γ .

Let Γ be a finite group, and W be a finite-dimensional representation of Γ (real, for now). Call W *trivial* if Γ acts trivially, and *nontrivial* if $\text{Fix}(\Gamma) = \{0\}$. Then every representation W can be written uniquely as $W = W^{\text{tr}} \oplus W^{\text{nt}}$, a direct sum of a trivial and nontrivial representation.

Let ρ be an *isomorphism class of nontrivial representations* of Γ , and V an orbifold.

As a set, define the *orbifold stratum* $V^{\Gamma, \rho}$ to be

$$V^{\Gamma, \rho} = \{ \text{Stab}_V(v) \cdot (v, \lambda) : v \in V, \\ \lambda : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Stab}_V(v) \text{ is an injective} \\ \text{group morphism,} \\ [(T_v V)^{\text{nt}}] = \rho \},$$

where λ makes $T_v V$ into a Γ -representation, $T_v V = (T_v V)^{\text{tr}} \oplus (T_v V)^{\text{nt}}$ is its splitting into trivial and nontrivial representations, and $[(T_v V)^{\text{nt}}]$ is its isomorphism class.

Define $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : V^{\Gamma, \rho} \rightarrow V$ by $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : \text{Stab}_V(v) \cdot (v, \lambda) \mapsto v$.

Then we have:

Proposition. $V^{\Gamma, \rho}$ has the structure of an orbifold, with $\dim V^{\Gamma, \rho} = \dim V - \dim \rho$, and $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : V^{\Gamma, \rho} \rightarrow V$ is a proper, finite immersion.

Here $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho}$ proper implies $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho}(V^{\Gamma, \rho})$ is closed in V .

An orbifold V is effective iff $V^{\Gamma, \rho} = \emptyset$ unless ρ is an effective representation of Γ , for all Γ, ρ . So, can characterize effective orbifolds by their orbifold strata.

III.4. Orbifold strata of Kuranishi spaces

Let X be a Kuranishi space. We will define the *orbifold strata* $X^{\Gamma, \rho}$ of X . Let $p \in X$ and (V_p, E_p, s_p, ψ_p) be a Kuranishi neighbourhood of $p \in X$. Set $v = \psi_p^{-1}(p)$ in V_p . Then $\text{Stab}_{V_p}(v)$ is a finite group with representations on the vector spaces $T_v V_p$ and $E_p|_v$.

We need to think of $T_v V_p \ominus E_p|_v$ as a formal difference of representations of $\text{Stab}_{V_p}(v)$, that is, a *virtual representation*.

A *virtual vector space* $W_1 \ominus W_2$ is a formal difference of finite-dimensional vector spaces W_1, W_2 . We call $W_1 \ominus W_2$ and $W'_1 \ominus W'_2$ *equivalent* if $W_1 \oplus A \cong W'_1 \oplus B$ and $W_2 \oplus A \cong W'_2 \oplus B$ for some finite-dimensional vector spaces A, B .

Write $\text{vdim}(W_1 \ominus W_2) = \dim W_1 - \dim W_2$.

If Γ is a finite group, *virtual Γ -representations* and *equivalence* are the same with Γ -representations, not vector spaces.

Equivalence classes of virtual Γ -representations lie in a lattice \mathbb{Z}^l , the Grothendieck group $K_0(\text{mod-}\Gamma)$.

Let ρ be an *equivalence class of virtual nontrivial Γ -representations*. Let X be a Kuranishi space. As a set, define

$$X^{\Gamma, \rho} = \{ \text{Stab}_X(p) \cdot (p, \lambda) : p \in X, \\ \lambda : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Stab}_X(p) \text{ is an injective} \\ \text{group morphism,} \\ [(T_v V_p)^{\text{nt}} \ominus (E_p|_v)^{\text{nt}}] = \rho \},$$

where (V_p, \dots, ψ_p) is a Kuranishi neighbourhood for p , and $v = \psi_p^{-1}(p)$ in V_p , and $\lambda : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Stab}_X(p) = \text{Stab}_{V_p}(v)$ makes $T_v V_p, E_p|_v$ into Γ -representations, and $(T_v V_p)^{\text{nt}}, (E_p|_v)^{\text{nt}}$ are their nontrivial parts.

Define $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : X^{\Gamma, \rho} \rightarrow X$ by $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : \text{Stab}_X(p) \cdot (p, \lambda) \mapsto p$.

Then we have:

Proposition. *$X^{\Gamma, \rho}$ has the structure of a Kuranishi space, with $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} = \text{vdim } X - \text{vdim } \rho$, and $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho}$ lifts to a proper, finite, strongly smooth map $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : X^{\Gamma, \rho} \rightarrow X$.*

To prove this, note that the condition $[(T_v V_p)^{\text{nt}} \ominus (E_p|_v)^{\text{nt}}] = \rho$ is preserved by coordinate changes $(\phi_{pq}, \hat{\phi}_{pq})$, as going from (V_q, \dots, ψ_q) to (V_p, \dots, ψ_p) adds the same Γ -representation to $T_v V_q$ and $E_q|_v$.

Also note that as $\text{vdim } \rho$ can be positive, negative or zero, can have $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} < \text{vdim } X$ or $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} > \text{vdim } X$ or $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} = \text{vdim } X$.

If X is a compact oriented Kuranishi space without boundary, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly smooth, and $VC(X, f)$ is a virtual class for X in the homology of Y , can show that $VC(X, f) \in H_*^{\text{si}}(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ if $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} \leq \text{vdim } X - 2$ for all $\Gamma \neq \{1\}$ and ρ with $X^{\Gamma, \rho} \neq \emptyset$. So, integrality of virtual classes fails due to orbifold strata $X^{\Gamma, \rho}$ with $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} > \text{vdim } X - 2$.

III.5. Effective Kuranishi spaces

Let X be a Kuranishi space. We call X *effective* if for all $p \in X$, if (V_p, E_p, s_p, ψ_p) is a Kuranishi neighbourhood in the germ at p in X , and $v = \psi_p^{-1}(p)$ in V_p , then $\text{Stab}_{V_p}(v)$ acts *effectively* on $T_v V_p$ and trivially on $E_p|_v$.

If $\lambda : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Stab}_X(p)$ is an injective group morphism, this implies that Γ acts effectively on $T_v V_p$ and trivially on $E_p|_v$. Hence $(T_v V_p)^{\text{nt}}$ is an effective Γ -representation and $(E_p|_v)^{\text{nt}} = 0$.

Thus $\rho = [(T_v V_p)^{\text{nt}} \ominus (E_p|_v)^{\text{nt}}]$ is the equivalence class of an effective Γ -representation, not a virtual representation. Hence, if X is an effective Kuranishi space then $X^{\Gamma, \rho} = \emptyset$ unless ρ is the equivalence class of an effective Γ -representation. If $\Gamma \neq \{1\}$ this implies $\dim \rho > 0$. If X is orientable we also exclude the case $\dim \rho = 1$. Therefore if $X^{\Gamma, \rho} \neq \emptyset$ and $\Gamma \neq \{1\}$ then $\text{vdim } X^{\Gamma, \rho} \leq \text{vdim } X - 2$. This was the condition to define virtual class for X over \mathbb{Z} . So, for effective Kuranishi spaces, can define virtual classes over \mathbb{Z} .

Another feature of effective Kuranishi spaces: if (V_p, E_p, s_p, ψ_p) is a Kuranishi neighbourhood near p on an effective Kuranishi space X , then the stabilizers of V_p act trivially on the fibres of E_p (at least near $v = \psi_p^{-1}(p)$). Hence, E_p is a vector bundle, not just an orbibundle. Let \tilde{s}_p be a generic small perturbation of s_p . Then \tilde{s}_p is *transverse*, and $(\tilde{s}_p)^{-1}(0)$ is an effective suborbifold of V_p . Therefore, an effective Kuranishi space X can be perturbed to an effective orbifold \tilde{X} , by a single-valued perturbation. Also effective orbifolds have virtual chains over \mathbb{Z} .

III.6. Effective Kuranishi homology

We now have the ingredients for $KH_*^{\text{ef}}(Y; R)$. Let Y be an orbifold and R a commutative ring. We define *effective Kuranishi chains* $KC_k(Y; R)$ to be spanned over R by isomorphism classes $[X, f, \underline{G}]$, where X is a compact, oriented, *effective* Kuranishi space, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly smooth, and \underline{G} is *effective gauge-fixing data* for (X, f) . This is like gauge-fixing data, but with stronger conditions that imply $\text{Aut}(X, f, \underline{G}) = \{1\}$ for (X, f, \underline{G}) *connected*. We impose relations (i)–(iii) of §II.4, but not (iv).

This gives a homology theory isomorphic to $H_*^{\text{Si}}(Y; R)$. Can also define *effective Kuranishi cohomology* $KH_{\text{ec}}^*(Y; R)$, where the cochains $KC_{\text{ec}}^*(Y; R)$ are spanned by $[X, f, \underline{C}]$ with $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a cooriented, *coeffective* strong submersion. (*Coeffective* is a relative version of *effective*). Can prove Poincaré duality and $KH_{\text{ec}}^*(Y; R) \cong H_{\text{CS}}^*(Y; R)$ only for Y a *manifold*, as Poincaré duality over \mathbb{Z} fails for orbifolds. The cup product \cup on $KC_{\text{ec}}^*(Y; R)$ is associative, but not supercommutative, because products of *effective co-gauge-fixing data* are not commutative.

III.7. Classical bordism

Let Y be a manifold or orbifold, and R a commutative ring. Define the *classical bordism groups* $B_k(Y; R)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ to be the R -modules of finite R -linear combinations of isomorphism classes $[X, f]$ for X a compact, oriented k -manifold without boundary and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a smooth map, with relations:

- (i) $[X, f] + [X', f'] = [X \amalg X', f \amalg f']$ for all classes $[X, f], [X', f']$; and
- (ii) let Z be a compact, oriented $(k + 1)$ -manifold with boundary but without corners, and $g : Z \rightarrow Y$ be smooth. Then $[\partial Z, g|_{\partial Z}] = 0$.

Then classical bordism groups are a *generalized homology theory*. Usually $B_k(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ is written $MSO_k(Y)$. There is a corresponding generalized cohomology theory called *cobordism*, written $MSO^k(Y)$. It has an algebraic topology definition in terms of limits of homotopy groups, but no good definition using differential geometry, as far as I know.

III.7. Kuranishi bordism

Let Y be an orbifold. Motivated by classical bordism, consider pairs (X, f) , where X is a compact oriented Kuranishi space without boundary or corners, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly smooth. An *isomorphism* between pairs $(X, f), (\tilde{X}, \tilde{f})$ is an orientation-preserving strong diffeomorphism $i : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ with $f = \tilde{f} \circ i$. Write $[X, f]$ for the isomorphism class of (X, f) . Let R be a commutative ring and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Define the *Kuranishi bordism group* $KB_k(Y; R)$ of Y to be the R -module of finite R -linear combinations of isomorphism classes $[X, f]$ for which $\text{vdim } X = k$, with the relations:

- (i) $[X, f] + [X', f'] = [X \amalg X', f \amalg f']$ for all classes $[X, f], [X', f']$; and
- (ii) let W be a compact oriented Kuranishi space with boundary but without corners, with $\text{vdim } W = k + 1$, and $e : W \rightarrow Y$ be strongly smooth. Then $[\partial W, e|_{\partial W}] = 0$.

Define $\Pi_{\text{bo}}^{\text{Kb}} : B_k(Y; R) \rightarrow KB_k(Y; R)$ by $\Pi_{\text{bo}}^{\text{Kb}} : [X, f] \mapsto [X, f]$. Define $\Pi_{\text{Kb}}^{\text{Kh}} : KB_k(Y; R) \rightarrow KH_k(Y; R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$ by $\Pi_{\text{Kb}}^{\text{Kh}} : [X, f] \mapsto [[X, f, G]]$, where G is any gauge-fixing data for (X, f) .

III.8. Kuranishi cobordism

Similarly, following the definition of Kuranishi cohomology, consider pairs (X, f) , where X is a compact Kuranishi space without boundary or corners, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a cooriented strong submersion. Define the *Kuranishi cobordism group* $KB^k(Y; R)$ of Y to be the R -module generated by isomorphism classes $[X, f]$ for which $\text{vdim } X = \dim Y - k$, with relations (i), (ii) as above.

Define $\Pi_{K_{cb}}^{K_{cb}^{ch}} : KB^k(Y; R) \rightarrow KH^k(Y; R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$ by $\Pi_{K_{cb}}^{K_{cb}^{ch}} : [X, f] \mapsto [[X, f, C]]$, where C is any co-gauge-fixing data for (X, f) .

As for Kuranishi (co)homology, can define cup and cap products on Kuranishi (co)bordism, pushforwards on bordism, pullbacks on cobordism – the whole homology/cohomology package.

Can also define other kinds of Kuranishi bordism. In particular, define *effective Kuranishi bordism* $KB_k^{\text{eb}}(Y; R)$ as for $KB_k(Y; R)$ but with X, W effective, and *effective Kuranishi cobordism* $KB_{\text{ecb}}^k(Y; R)$ as for $KB^k(Y; R)$ but with $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $e : W \rightarrow Y$ coeffective.

Then we have projections $\Pi_{\text{eb}}^{\text{ef}} : KB_k^{\text{eb}}(Y; R) \rightarrow KH_k^{\text{ef}}(Y; R)$ and $\Pi_{\text{ecb}}^{\text{ec}} : KB_{\text{ecb}}^k(Y; R) \rightarrow KH_{\text{ec}}^k(Y; R)$. Using the isomorphisms between (effective) Kuranishi homology and singular homology, we see that we have projections $KB_*(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_*^{\text{Si}}(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ and $KB_*^{\text{eb}}(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_*^{\text{Si}}(Y; \mathbb{Z})$.

III.9. Projections $\Pi^{\Gamma, \rho}$

Let Γ be a finite group and ρ an isomorphism class of nontrivial virtual representations of Γ . Then for each Kuranishi space X we have an *orbifold stratum* $X^{\Gamma, \rho}$, with strongly smooth map $\iota^{\Gamma, \rho} : X^{\Gamma, \rho} \rightarrow X$.

We would like to define a projection $\Pi^{\Gamma, \rho} : KB_k(Y; R) \rightarrow KB_{k - \dim \rho}(Y; R)$ by $\Pi^{\Gamma, \rho} : [X, f] \mapsto [X^{\Gamma, \rho}, f \circ \iota^{\Gamma, \rho}]$.

There is one problem: we need to make an *orientation* on $X^{\Gamma, \rho}$ from the orientation on X . This is possible if $|\Gamma|$ is odd, and $\Pi^{\Gamma, \rho}$ is well-defined.

We can show that the projections $\pi_{Kb}^{Kh} \circ \pi^{\Gamma, \rho} : KB_k(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow KH_{k-\dim \rho}(Y; \mathbb{Q}) \cong H_{k-\dim \rho}^{Si}(Y; \mathbb{Q})$ are linearly independent. Therefore $KB_k(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ is *huge*. Even for Y a single point, $KB_k(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ has at least one generator over \mathbb{Z} for each isomorphism class of finite groups Γ with $|\Gamma|$ odd, and ρ with $\dim \rho = k$.

III.10. Gromov–Witten type invariants

Let (M, ω) be a compact symplectic manifold, J an almost complex structure compatible with ω , $\beta \in H_2(M; \mathbb{Z})$, and $g, m \geq 0$. Then the moduli space $\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g,m}(M, J, \beta)$ of genus g stable J -holomorphic curves in class β in M with m marked points is a compact oriented Kuranishi space with strong submersions $\text{ev}_i : \bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g,m}(M, J, \beta) \rightarrow M$. The G–W type invariant $GW_{g,m}^{\text{Kb}}(\beta) = [\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g,m}(M, J, \beta), \text{ev}_1 \times \cdots \times \text{ev}_m]$ in $KB_*(M^m; \mathbb{Z})$ is well-defined and independent of J and other choices.

These G–W invariants in $KB_*(M^m; \mathbb{Z})$ project to $KH_*(M^m; \mathbb{Q}) \cong H_*^{\text{Si}}(M^m; \mathbb{Q})$, and their images are the symplectic G–W invariants of Fukaya–Ono. So they are refinements of conventional G–W invariants.

Two important points:

(a) since the groups $KB_*(M^m; \mathbb{Z})$ the invariants lie in are huge, these invariants *contain more information* than conventional G–W invariants, including information ‘counting’ J -hol curves with symmetry group Γ .

(b) as they lie in groups defined over \mathbb{Z} , not \mathbb{Q} , they are a tool for studying *integrality properties* of G–W invariants.

I have a sketch proof (with many holes) of the Integrality Conjecture for Gopakumar–Vafa invariants using similar ideas. Actually I need to use *almost complex Kuranishi bordism*, involving an extra ‘almost complex structure’ on the Kuranishi spaces to do this.

The main idea is to ‘blow up’ a Kuranishi space at its orbifold strata to get an *effective* Kuranishi space.

This gives a functor $B : KB_k(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow KB_k^{\text{eb}}(Y; \mathbb{Z})$. Then we map $KB_k^{\text{eb}}(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow KH_k^{\text{ef}}(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_k^{\text{si}}(Y; \mathbb{Z})$.