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# CONICS ON A GENERIC HYPERSURFACE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we compute the contributions from double cover maps to genus 0 degree 2 Gromov-Witten invariants of general type projective hypersurfaces. Our results correspond to a generalization of Aspinwall-Morrison formula to general type hypersurfaces in some special cases.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we discuss a generalization of the multiple cover formula for rational Gromov-Witten invariants of Calabi-Yau manifolds [AM], [M] to double cover maps of a line  $L$  on a degree  $k$  hypersurface  $M_N^k$  in  $\mathbf{P}^{N-1}$ . Navely, for a given finite set of elements  $\alpha_j \in H^*(M_N^k, \mathbf{Z})$ , the rational Gromov-Witten invariant  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_1} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_2} \cdots \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_n} \rangle_{0,d}$  of  $M_N^k$  counts the number of degree  $d$  (possibly singular and reducible) rational curves on  $M_N^k$  that intersect real sub-manifolds of  $M_N^k$  that are Poincare-dual to  $\alpha_j$ .

Recently, the mirror computation of rational Gromov-Witten invariants of  $M_N^k$  with negative first chern class ( $k-N > 0$ ) was established in [CG], [Iri], [J]. Using the method presented in these articles, we can compute  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_1}} \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_2}} \cdots \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_n}} \rangle_{0,d}$  where  $e$  is the generator of  $H^{1,1}(M_N^k, \mathbf{Z})$ . Briefly, mirror computation of  $M_N^k$  ( $k > N$ ) in [J] goes as follows. We start from the following ODE:

$$(1) \quad \left( (\partial_x)^{N-1} - k \cdot \exp(x) \cdot (k\partial_x + k-1)(k\partial_x + k-2) \cdots (k\partial_x + 1) \right) w(x) = 0,$$

and construct the virtual Gauss-Manin system associated with (1):

$$(2) \quad \partial_x \tilde{\psi}_{N-2-m}(x) = \tilde{\psi}_{N-1-m}(x) + \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \exp(dx) \cdot \tilde{L}_m^{N,k,d} \cdot \tilde{\psi}_{N-1-m-(N-k)d}(x),$$

where  $m$  runs through all the integers and  $\tilde{L}_m^{N,k,d}$  is non-zero only if  $0 \leq m \leq N-1+(k-N)d$ . From the compatibility of (1) and (2), we can derive the recursive formulas that determine all the  $\tilde{L}_m^{N,k,d}$ s:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \tilde{L}_n^{N,k,1} w^n &= k \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (jw + (k-j)), \\ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1+(k-N)d} \tilde{L}_m^{N,k,d} z^m &= \sum_{l=2}^d (-1)^l \sum_{0=i_0 < \cdots < i_l=d} \times \\ &\times \sum_{j_l=0}^{N-1+(k-N)d} \cdots \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_3} \sum_{j_1=0}^{j_2} \prod_{n=1}^l \left( \left( \frac{i_{n-1} + (d-i_{n-1})z}{d} \right)^{j_n-j_{n-1}} \cdot \tilde{L}_{j_n+(N-k)i_{n-1}}^{N,k,i_n-i_{n-1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

With these data, we can construct the formulas that represent rational three point Gromov-Witten invariant  $\langle \mathcal{O}_e \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-2-m}} \mathcal{O}_{e^{m-1-(k-N)d}} \rangle_d$  in terms of  $\tilde{L}_m^{N,k,d}$ . These three point Gromov-Witten invariants are enough for reconstruction of all the rational Gromov-Witten invariants  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_1}} \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_2}} \cdots \mathcal{O}_{e^{m_n}} \rangle_{0,d}$  [KM]. In particular, we obtain the following formula in the  $d = 2$  case:

$$(3) \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_e \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-2-m}} \mathcal{O}_{e^{m-1-(k-N)2}} \rangle_2 = k \cdot \left( \tilde{L}_n^{N,k,2} - \tilde{L}_{1+2(k-N)}^{N,k,2} - 2\tilde{L}_{1+(k-N)}^{N,k,1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-N} (\tilde{L}_{n-j}^{N,k,1} - \tilde{L}_{1+2(k-N)-j}^{N,k,1}) \right) \right).$$

According to the results of this procedure, rational three point Gromov-Witten invariants can be rational numbers with large denominator if  $k > N$ , in contrast to the Calabi-Yau case where rational three point Gromov-Witten invariants are always integers.

One of the reasons of this rationality (non-integrality) comes from the contributions of multiple cover maps to Gromov-Witten invariants. In the Calabi-Yau case ( $N = k$ ), for any divisor  $m$  of  $d$  there are some contributions from degree  $m$  multiple cover maps  $\phi$  of a rational curve  $\mathbf{P}^1$  onto a degree  $\frac{d}{m}$  rational curve  $C \hookrightarrow M_k^k$ . The contributions from the multiple cover maps are expressed in terms of the virtual fundamental class of Gromov-Witten invariants. Let  $C$  be a general degree  $d$  rational curve in  $M_k^k$ . Its normal bundle  $N_{C/M_k^k}$  is decomposed into a direct sum of line bundles as follows:

$$N_{C/M_k^k} \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_C(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_C^{\oplus(k-5)}.$$

Let  $\phi : \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow C$  be a holomorphic map of degree  $m$ . Since the pull-back  $\phi^*(N_{C/M_k^k})$  is given by

$$\phi^*(N_{C/M_k^k}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(-m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(-m) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}^{\oplus(k-5)},$$

we obtain  $h^1(\phi^*(N_{C/M_k^k})) = 2m - 2$ . On the other hand, let  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(M, d)$  be the moduli space of 0-pointed stable maps of degree  $d$  from genus 0 curve to  $M$ . Then the moduli space of  $\phi$  is the fiber space  $\pi : \overline{M}_{0,0}(C, m) \rightarrow \overline{M}_{0,0}(M_k^k, \frac{d}{m})$ , whose fibre  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(C, m)$  over  $C$  (fixed) has complex dimension  $2m - 2$ . Then the push-forward of the virtual fundamental class  $\pi_*(c_{top}(H^1(\phi^*N_{C/M_k^k})))$  can be computed only by intersection theory on the fiber  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(C, m)$ , which turns out to be equal to  $\frac{1}{d^3}$ . This depends on neither the structure of the base  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(M_k^k, \frac{d}{m})$  nor the global structure of the fibration.

But when  $k < N$ , the situation is more complicated than  $M_k^k$  because of negative first Chern class. Let us concentrate on the case of  $d = 2, m = 2$  that we discuss in this paper. In this case,  $C$  is just a line  $L$  on the hypersurface  $M_N^k$ . The moduli space  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(M_N^k, 1)$  is a sub-manifold of  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbf{P}^{N-1}, 1)$ , while  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbf{P}^{N-1}, 1)$  is the Grassmannian  $G(2, N)$ , the moduli space of rank 2 quotients of  $V = \mathbf{C}^N$ . As will be shown later, for a generic line  $L$ ,  $N_{L/M_N^k}$  is decomposed into

$$N_{L/M_N^k} \simeq \mathcal{O}_L(-1)^{\oplus k-N+2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_L^{\oplus 2N-k-5}.$$

By pulling back it by the degree 2 map  $\phi : \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow L$ , we obtain,

$$\phi^* N_{L/M_N^k} \simeq O_{\mathbf{P}^1}(-2)^{\oplus k-N+2} \oplus O_{\mathbf{P}^1}^{\oplus 2N-k-5}.$$

Therefore,  $h^1(\phi^*(N_{L/M_N^k})) = k-N+2$ , which is strictly greater than two, the complex dimension of the fiber  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(L, 2)$ . Thus we need to know the global structure of the fibration  $\pi$  in order to compute the multiple cover contribution to degree 2 rational Gromov-Witten invariants of  $M_N^k$ .

In order to estimate the contributions from double cover maps  $\phi : \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow L$  to  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2}$ , we first computed the number of conics, that intersect cycles Poincaré dual to  $e^a, e^b$  and  $e^c$ , on  $M_N^k$  (whose normal bundle are of the same type) by using the method in [K2]. Then we found the following formula by comparing these integers with the results obtained from (3):

$$(4) \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2} = (\text{number of corresponding conics}) + \int_{G(2,N)} c_{top}(S^k Q) \wedge \left[ \frac{c(S^{k-1} Q)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(Q)} \right]_{k-N} \wedge \sigma_{a-1} \wedge \sigma_{b-1} \wedge \sigma_{c-1},$$

where  $Q$  is the universal rank 2 quotient bundle of  $G(2, N)$ ,  $\sigma_a$  is a Schubert cycle defined by  $\sum_{a=0}^{\infty} \sigma_a := \frac{1}{c(Q^\vee)}$  and  $[*]_{k-N}$  is the operation of picking up degree  $2(k-N)$  part of Chern classes.

On the other hand, we have the following formula which directly follows from the definition of the virtual fundamental class of  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(M_N^k, 2)$ :

$$(5) \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2} = (\text{number of corresponding conics}) + 8 \int_{G(2,N)} c_{top}(S^k Q) \wedge [\pi_*(c_{top}(H^1(\phi^* N_{L/M_N^k})))]_{k-N} \wedge \sigma_{a-1} \wedge \sigma_{b-1} \wedge \sigma_{c-1}.$$

where  $\pi : \overline{M}_{0,0}(L, 2) \rightarrow \overline{M}_{0,0}(M_N^k, 1)$  is the natural projection. Here, the factor 8 comes from the divisor axiom of Gromov-Witten invariants.

In this paper, we prove the following formula

$$(6) \quad \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1(\phi^* N_{L/M_N^k}))) = \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{c(S^{k-1} Q)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(Q)} \right]_{k-N}.$$

By combining (5) with (6), we can derive the formula (4) immediately.

From (4), we see that  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2}$  of  $M_N^k$  is a rational number with denominator at most  $2^{k-N}$ . Therefore rationality (non-integrality) of the Gromov-Witten invariant  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2}$  is caused by the effect of multiple cover map in this case.

We note here that the total moduli space of double cover maps of lines is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{P}(S^2 Q)$  over  $G := \overline{M}_{0,0}(M_N^k, 1) \hookrightarrow G(2, N)$ , which is an algebraic  $\mathbf{Q}$ -stack  $\mathbf{P}(S^2 Q)^{stack}$  (in the sense of Mumford). As a consequence, the union of all  $H^1(\phi^* N_{C/M_N^k})$  turns out to be a coherent sheaf on  $\mathbf{P}(S^2 Q)^{stack}$  with fractional Chern class in (6), as was suggested in [BT]. See [V, Section 9].

We also did some numerical experiments on degree 3 Gromov-Witten invariants of  $M_N^k$  by using the results of [ES]. For  $k-N > 0$ , there is a new contribution from multiple cover maps to nodal conics in  $M_N^k$  that did not appear in the Calabi-Yau case. Therefore, multiple cover map contributions are far more complicated than Calabi-Yau, and we leave general analysis on this problem to future works.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 1, we analyze characteristics of moduli space of lines in  $M_N^k$  and derive  $N_{L/M_N^k} \simeq O_L(-1)^{\oplus k-N+2} \oplus O_L^{\oplus 2N-k-5}$ . In Section 2, we study the moduli space  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbf{P}^1, 2)$  from the point of view of stability and identify it with  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and show that the moduli space  $\overline{M}_{0,0}(\mathbf{P}^1, 2)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{P}(S^2Q)$  over  $G$ . In section 4, we describe  $H^1(\phi^*N_{L/M_N^k})$  as an coherent sheaf over  $\mathbf{P}(S^2Q)^{stack}$ . In section 5, we derive the main theorem (6) of this paper by using Segre classes. In Section 6, we mention some generalization to degree 3 Gromov-Witten invariants.

## 2. LINES ON A HYPERSURFACE

Let  $M$  be a generic hypersurface of degree  $k$  of the projective space  $\mathbf{P}^{N-1} = \mathbf{P}(V)$ . We assume  $2N - 5 \geq k \geq N - 2 \geq 2$  throughout this note. In this note we count the number of rational curves of virtual degree two, namely rational curves which doubly cover lines on  $M$ .

Let  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(V)$  be the projective space parameterizing all one-dimensional quotients of  $V$ , which is usually denoted by  $\mathbf{P}(V)$  in the standard notation in algebraic geometry. In this notation let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}(W)$  is naturally a linear subspace of  $\mathbf{P}(V)$  of dimension  $\dim W - 1$ .

Let  $G(2, V)$  be the Grassmann variety of lines in  $\mathbf{P}(V)$ , the scheme parameterizing all lines of  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(V)$ . This is also the universal scheme parameterizing all one-dimensional quotient linear spaces of  $V$ . Let  $W$  be a two dimensional quotient linear space,  $\psi \in G(2, V)$ , namely  $\psi : \mathbf{P}(W) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(V)$  the natural immersion and  $i_\psi^* : V \rightarrow W$  the quotient homomorphism. The space  $W$  is denoted by  $W(\psi)$  when necessary.

There exists the universal bundle  $Q_{G(2,V)}$  over  $G(2, V)$  and a homomorphism  $i^{\text{univ}*} : O_{G(2,V)} \otimes V \rightarrow Q_{G(2,V)}$  whose fiber  $i_\psi^{\text{univ}*} : V \rightarrow Q_{G(2,V),\psi}$  is the quotient  $i_\psi^* : V \rightarrow W(\psi)$  of  $V$  corresponding to  $\psi$ .

**2.1. Existence of a line on  $M$ .** Let  $L = \mathbf{P}(W)$  be a line of  $\mathbf{P}$ , equivalently  $W \in G(2, V)$ . Then the condition  $L \subset M$  imposes at most  $k + 1$  conditions on  $W$ , while the number of moduli of lines of  $\mathbf{P}$  equals  $\dim G(2, V) = 2N - 4$ . Hence we infer

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $2N \geq k + 5$ , then there exists at least a line on  $M$ .*

See also [Katz,p.152]. Let  $G$  be the subscheme of  $G(2, V)$  parameterizing all lines of  $\mathbf{P}(V)$  lying on  $M$ ,  $Q = (Q_{G(2,V)})|_G$  the restriction of  $Q_{G(2,V)}$  to  $G$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $G$  is nonempty. Let  $i^* : O_G \otimes V \rightarrow Q$  be the restriction of  $i^{\text{univ}*}$  to  $G$ . Let  $P = \mathbf{P}(Q)$  and  $\pi : P \rightarrow G$  the natural projection. Then  $\pi$  is the universal line of  $M$  over  $G$ , to be more exact, the universal family over  $G$  of lines lying on  $M$ . In other words, the natural epimorphism  $i^* : O_G \otimes V \rightarrow Q$  induces a morphism  $i : P \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_G(V) := G \times \mathbf{P}(V)$ , which is a closed immersion into  $\mathbf{P}_G(V)$ , thus  $P$  is a subscheme of  $\mathbf{P}_G(V)$  such that  $\pi = (p_1)|_P$ . Let  $L_\psi = \mathbf{P}(Q_\psi)$ . Note that

$$L_\psi = P_\psi := \pi^{-1}(\psi) \simeq \mathbf{P}(Q_\psi) \subset \{\psi\} \times \mathbf{P}(V) \simeq \mathbf{P}(V).$$

**2.3. The normal bundle  $N_{L/M}$ .** The argument of this section is standard and well known. Let  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(V)$ ,  $L = \mathbf{P}(W)$  and  $i_W^* : V \rightarrow W \in G$ . Let us recall the following exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow O_{\mathbf{P}} \longrightarrow O_{\mathbf{P}}(1) \otimes V^{\vee} \xrightarrow{D} T_{\mathbf{P}} \longrightarrow 0$$

where the homomorphism  $D$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} D(a \otimes v^{\vee}) &:= aD_{(v^{\vee})} \quad (a \in O_{\mathbf{P}}(1)) \\ (D_{v^{\vee}}F)(u^{\vee}) &:= \left(\frac{d}{dt}F(u^{\vee} + tv^{\vee})\right)_{t=0} \end{aligned}$$

for a homogeneous polynomial  $F \in S(V)$  and  $u^{\vee}, v^{\vee} \in V^{\vee}$ . We note  $H^0(O_{\mathbf{P}}(1)) \otimes V^{\vee} = V \otimes V^{\vee} = \text{End}(V, V)$  and that the image of  $H^0(O_{\mathbf{P}})$  in  $\text{End}(V, V)$  is  $\mathbf{C} \text{id}_V$ . We also have the following exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow T_L \longrightarrow (T_{\mathbf{P}})_L \longrightarrow N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow O_L \longrightarrow O_L(1) \otimes V^{\vee} \xrightarrow{D_L} (T_{\mathbf{P}})_L \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $L = \mathbf{P}(W)$ . Then*

$$N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \simeq O_L(1) \otimes (V^{\vee}/W^{\vee}), \quad H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}) \simeq W \otimes (V^{\vee}/W^{\vee}).$$

*Proof.* The assertion is clear from the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & O_L & \longrightarrow & O_L(1) \otimes W^{\vee} & \xrightarrow{(D_L)|_{W^{\vee}}} & T_L & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id} \otimes i^{\vee} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & O_L & \longrightarrow & O_L(1) \otimes V^{\vee} & \xrightarrow{D_L} & (T_{\mathbf{P}})_L & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & O_L(1) \otimes (V^{\vee}/W^{\vee}) & \longrightarrow & N_{L/\mathbf{P}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

The second assertion is clear from  $H^0(L, O_L(1)) = W$ . □

Since  $T_L \simeq O_L(2)$ , there follow exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(T_L) \longrightarrow H^0((T_{\mathbf{P}})_L) \longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}) \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(O_L) \longrightarrow H^0(O_L(1)) \otimes V^{\vee} \xrightarrow{H^0(D_L)} H^0((T_{\mathbf{P}})_L) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

We also note

$$H^0(T_L) = \text{Lie Aut}^0(L) = \text{End}(W, W) / \text{center} = \text{End}(W, W) / \mathbf{C} \text{id}_W.$$

Since  $H^0(O_L(1)) = W$ , we see

$$H^0((T_{\mathbf{P}})_L) = W \otimes V^{\vee} / \text{Im } H^0(O_L) = \text{Hom}(V, W) / \mathbf{C} i_W^*.$$

Hence we again see

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}) &= (\text{Hom}(V, W) / \mathbf{C} i_W^*) / (\text{Hom}(W, W) / \mathbf{C} \text{id}_W) \\ &= W \otimes (V^{\vee}/W^{\vee}) = \text{Hom}(V/W, W). \end{aligned}$$

For any line  $L = \mathbf{P}(W)$  of  $\mathbf{P}$  the following sequence is exact:

$$(7) \quad 0 \rightarrow N_{L/M} \rightarrow N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow (N_{M/\mathbf{P}})_L (\simeq O_L(k)) \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence so is the following sequence as well:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/M}) \longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}) \xrightarrow{H^0(D_L)} H^0(O_L(k)) \\ &\longrightarrow H^1(N_{L/M}) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

**Lemma 2.5.** *The following is exact:*

$$(8) \quad 0 \rightarrow H^0(N_{L/M}) \rightarrow W \otimes (V^\vee/W^\vee) \xrightarrow{H^0(D_L)} S^k W \rightarrow H^1(N_{L/M}) \rightarrow 0.$$

**Corollary 2.6.**  $\dim G \geq 2N - k - 5$ , equality holding if  $H^1(N_{L/M}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* As is well-known,  $\dim G \geq h^0(N_{L/M}) - h^1(N_{L/M})$ . Note  $\dim W \otimes (V^\vee/W^\vee) = 2(N - 2)$  and  $\dim S^k W = k + 1$ . Hence the corollary follows from Lemma 2.5.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *For a generic line  $L$  on a generic hypersurface  $M$  of degree  $k$*

- (i)  $N_{L/M} \simeq O_L^{\oplus a} \oplus O_L(-1)^{\oplus b}$ , where  $a = 2N - k - 5$  and  $b = k - N + 2$ ,
- (ii)  $\text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-) \simeq S^{k-1}W/(V^\vee/W^\vee)$  where  $D_L^- := D_L \otimes O_L(-1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a generic hypersurface of degree  $k$  and  $L$  a generic line  $L$  on  $M$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $W^\vee$  is generated by  $e_1^\vee$  and  $e_2^\vee$ , in other words,  $\psi : L \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$  is given by

$$\psi : [s : t] \rightarrow [x_1, \dots, x_N] = [s, t, 0, \dots, 0].$$

Then  $F$ , the polynomial of degree  $k$  defining  $M$ , is written as

$$F = x_3 F_3 + x_4 F_4 + \dots + x_N F_N$$

for some polynomials  $F_j$  of degree  $k - 1$ . Let  $f_j = \psi^* F_j = F_j(s, t, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

Now we consider the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/M}(-1)) \longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}(-1)) \xrightarrow{H^0(D_L^-)} H^0(O_L(k-1)) \\ &\longrightarrow H^1(N_{L/M}(-1)) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

where we note  $H^0(N_{L/\mathbf{P}}(-1)) = V^\vee/W^\vee$ . Hence the following is exact:

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(N_{L/M}(-1)) \longrightarrow V^\vee/W^\vee \xrightarrow{H^0(D_L^-)} S^{k-1}W \\ &\longrightarrow H^1(N_{L/M}(-1)) \longrightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $H^0(D_L^-)$  is given by  $H^0(D_L^-)(e_j^\vee) = f_j$  ( $j = 3, 4, \dots, N$ ).

A generic choice of  $F$  implies a generic choice of degree  $k - 1$  polynomials  $f_j$  ( $j = 3, 4, \dots, N$ ) in  $s$  and  $t$ . By the assumptions

$$\dim S^{k-1}W = k \geq N - 2 = \dim V^\vee/W^\vee,$$

$$\dim W \otimes V^\vee/W^\vee = 2(N - 2) \geq k + 1 = \dim S^k W,$$

the generic choice of  $F$  implies that we can choose  $f_j \in S^{k-1}W$  ( $j = 3, 4, \dots, N$ ) (and fix once for all) such that

- (iii)  $f_j$  ( $j = 3, 4, \dots, N$ ) are linearly independent,
- (iv)  $Wf_3 + Wf_4 + \dots + Wf_N = S^k W$ .

Hence  $H^0(D_L^-)$  is injective by (iii). It follows that  $H^0(N_{L/M}(-1)) = 0$ . Hence (ii) is clear. Next we consider  $H^0(D_L)$ . By (iv), we see

$$S^k W = W \cdot H^0(D_L^-)(V^\vee/W^\vee) = H^0(D_L)(W \otimes V^\vee/W^\vee),$$

whence  $H^0(D_L)$  is surjective. It follows that  $H^1(N_{L/M}) = 0$ . Hence  $N_{L/M} \simeq O_L^{\oplus a} \oplus O_L(-1)^{\oplus b}$  for some  $a$  and  $b$ . Since  $a + b = \text{rank}(N_{L/M}) = N - 3$  and  $-b = \text{deg}(N_{L/M}) = N - 2 - k$ , we have (i).  $\square$

**2.8. Lines on a quintic hypersurface in  $\mathbf{P}^4$ .** See [Katz, Appendix A] for the subsequent examples. Let  $N = 5$  and  $k = 5$ . Hence  $M$  is a hypersurface of degree 5 in  $\mathbf{P}^4$ , a Calabi-Yau 3-fold. Let

$$F = x_4 x_1^4 + x_5 x_2^4 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5.$$

First we note that  $M = \{F = 0\}$  is nonsingular. Let  $L = \{x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = 0\} = \{[s, t, 0, 0, 0]\}$ . In this case  $f_3 = 0$ ,  $f_4 = s^4$  and  $f_5 = t^4$ . In the exact sequence (1) we see  $H^0(N_{L/M}(-1)) = \text{Ker } H^0(D_L^-) = \mathbf{C}e_3^\vee$  and  $H^1(N_{L/M}(-1)) = \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)$  is 3-dimensional. Hence  $N_{L/M} = O_L(1) \oplus O_L(-3)$ .

We summarize the above. If  $\dim \text{Ker } H^0(D_L^-) = 1$  and if  $M$  is nonsingular, then  $N_{L/M} = O_L(1) \oplus O_L(-3)$ . Hence  $H^0(N_{L/M}) = \text{Ker } H^0(D_L) = W \otimes \text{Ker } H^0(D_L^-)$  is 2-dimensional. Therefore we can choose  $f_3 = 0$  and a linearly independent pair  $f_4$  and  $f_5 \in S^4 W$  so that  $Wf_4 + Wf_5$  is 4-dimensional. The choice  $f_4 = s^4$  and  $f_5 = t^4$  satisfies the conditions. This enables us to find a nonsingular hypersurface  $M$  as above. However if we choose  $f_3 = 0$ ,  $f_4 = s^4$  and  $f_5 = s^3 t$ , then  $Wf_4 + Wf_5$  is 3-dimensional. Hence  $M$  is singular.

Next in the same manner we find  $L$  on a nonsingular hypersurface  $M$  with  $N_{L/M} = O_L \oplus O_L(-2)$  or  $N_{L/M} = O_L(-1)^{\oplus 2}$ . Let

$$F = x_3 x_1^4 + x_4 x_1^3 x_2 + x_5 x_2^4 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5.$$

Then we have  $f_3 = s^4$ ,  $f_4 = s^3 t$  and  $f_5 = t^4$ . Since  $Wf_3 + Wf_4 + Wf_5$  is 5-dimensional,  $H^0(N_{L/M}(-1)) = \text{Ker } H^0(D_L^-) = 0$ ,  $H^0(N_{L/M}) = \text{Ker } H^0(D_L) = \mathbf{C}(te_3^\vee - se_4^\vee)$ . We see also that  $\dim H^1(N_{L/M}) = \dim \text{Coker } H^0(D_L) = 1$  and  $N_{L/M} = O_L \oplus O_L(-2)$ . The hypersurface  $M = \{F = 0\}$  is easily shown to be nonsingular.

If  $F = x_3 x_1^4 + x_4 x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_5 x_2^4 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5$  and  $M = \{F = 0\}$ , then  $N_{L/M} = O_L(-1)^{\oplus 2}$ .

**2.9. Lines on a generic hypersurface  $M_7^8$  of  $\mathbf{P}^6$ .** Let  $N = 7$  and  $k = 8$ . In view of Lemma 2.2 there exists a line  $L$  on any generic hypersurface  $M$  of degree 8 in  $\mathbf{P}(V) = \mathbf{P}^6$ . In view of Lemma 2.7,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $N_{L/M} \simeq O_L \oplus O_L(-1)^{\oplus 3}$ . For example let  $L : x_j = 0$  ( $j \geq 3$ ) and we take

$$\begin{aligned} F_3 &= 8x_1^7, F_4 = 8x_1^6 x_2, F_5 = 8x_1^4 x_2^3, F_6 = 8x_1^2 x_2^5, F_7 = 8x_2^7, \\ F &= x_3 F_3 + x_4 F_4 + x_5 F_5 + x_6 F_6 + x_7 F_7 + x_3^8 + x_4^8 + x_5^8 + x_6^8 + x_7^8. \end{aligned}$$

and let  $M = M_7^8 : F = 0$ . We see that  $M$  is nonsingular near  $L$  and has at most isolated singularities. However it is still unclear to us whether  $M = M_7^8$  is



nonsingular everywhere. The space  $H^0(N_{L/M})$  is spanned by  $te_3^\vee - se_4^\vee$ , hence an infinitesimal deformation  $L_\varepsilon$  of  $L$  is given by

$$[s, t] \mapsto [s, t, \varepsilon t, -\varepsilon s, 0, 0, 0]$$

which yields  $F|_{L_\varepsilon} = \varepsilon^8(s^8 + t^8) \equiv 0 \pmod{\varepsilon^8}$ . Since  $H^1(N_{L/M}) = 0$ , this infinitesimal deformation is integrable and  $G$  ( $:=$  the moduli of lines of  $\mathbf{P}^6$  contained in  $M$ ) is nonsingular and one dimensional at the point  $[L]$ .

We note that  $M$  also contains 8 lines

$$L^j := L_{\varepsilon_8^j}^j : \varepsilon_8 x_1 - x_2 = x_3 + \varepsilon_8 x_4 = x_j = 0 \quad (j \geq 5),$$

with  $N_{L^j/M} = O_{L^j}(1)^{\oplus 3} \oplus O_{L^j}(-6)$  where  $\varepsilon_8^8 = -1$ .

### 3. STABILITY

**Definition 3.1.** Suppose that a reductive algebraic group  $G$  acts on a vector space  $V$ . Let  $v \in V$ ,  $v \neq 0$ .

- (1) the vector  $v$  is said to be *semistable* if there exists a  $G$ -invariant homogeneous polynomial  $F$  on  $V$  such that  $F(v) \neq 0$ ,
- (2) the vector  $v$  is said to be *stable* if  $p$  has a closed  $G$ -orbit in  $X_{ss}$  and the stabilizer subgroup of  $v$  in  $G$  is finite.

Let  $\pi : V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(V^\vee)$  be the natural surjection. Then  $v \in V$  is semistable (resp. stable) if and only if  $\pi(v)$  is semistable (resp. stable).

**3.2. Grassmann variety.** Let  $V$  be an  $N$ -dimensional vector space, and  $G(r, N)$  the Grassmann variety parameterizing all  $r$ -dimensional quotient spaces of  $V$ . Here is a natural way of understanding  $G(r, N)$  via GIT-stability. Let  $U$  be an  $r$ -dimensional vector space,  $X = \text{Hom}(V, U)$  and  $\pi : X \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(X^\vee)$  the natural map. Then  $\text{SL}(U)$  acts on  $X$  from the left by:

$$(g \cdot \phi^*)(v) = g \cdot (\phi^*(v)) \quad \text{for } \phi^* \in X, v \in V.$$

We see that for  $\phi^* \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* \text{ is } \text{SL}(U)\text{-stable} &\iff \text{rank } \phi^* = r, \\ \phi^* \text{ is } \text{SL}(U)\text{-semistable} &\iff \phi^* \text{ is } \text{SL}(U)\text{-stable.} \end{aligned}$$

In fact, if  $\text{rank } \phi^* = r - 1$ , then there is a one-parameter torus  $T$  of  $\text{SL}(U)$  such that the closure of the orbit  $T \cdot \phi$  contains the zero vector as the following simple example ( $r = 2$ ) shows

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} ta_{11} & ta_{12} & \cdots & ta_{1N} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $X_s$  be the set of all (semi)stable points and  $\mathbf{P}_s$  the image of  $X_s$  by  $\pi$ . It is, as we saw above, just the set of all  $\phi \in X$  with  $\text{rank } \phi^* = r$ . Therefore the GIT-orbit space  $\mathbf{P}_s // \text{SL}(U)$  is the orbit space  $\mathbf{P}_s / \text{SL}(U)$  by the free action, the Grassmann variety  $G(r, N)$ .

**3.3. Moduli of double coverings of  $\mathbf{P}^1$  (1).** Let  $W$  and  $U$  be a pair of two dimensional vector spaces,  $X = \text{Hom}(W, S^2U)$ , and  $\pi : X \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(X^\vee)$  the natural morphism. Note that  $\text{SL}(U)$  acts on  $S^2U$  from the left via the natural action:  $\sigma(u_1u_2) = \sigma(u_1)\sigma(u_2)$  for  $\forall u_1, u_2 \in U$ . Thus  $\text{SL}(U)$  acts on  $X$  from the left in the same manner in the subsection 3.2.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\phi^* \in X$ .*

- (i)  $\phi^*$  is unstable iff  $\phi^*(w)$  has a double root for any  $w \in W$ ,
- (ii)  $\phi^*$  is semistable iff  $\phi^*(w)$  has no double roots for some nonzero  $w \in W$ ,
- (iii)  $\phi^*$  is stable iff  $\phi^*(W)$  is a base-point free linear subsystem of  $S^2U$  on  $\mathbf{P}(U)$ .

*Proof.* We note that  $\phi^*$  is unstable iff there is a suitable basis  $s$  and  $t$  of  $U$  such that  $\phi^*(w) = a(w)s^2$  for any  $w \in W$  since a torus orbit  $T \cdot \phi^*$  contains the zero vector. This proves (i). This also proves (ii). Next we prove (iii). If  $\phi^*(W)$  has a base point, then it is clear that  $\phi^*$  is not stable. If  $\phi^*$  is semistable and it is not stable, then we choose a basis  $s, t$  of  $U$  and a basis  $w_1, w_2$  of  $W$  such that  $\phi^*(w_1) = st$ . If  $\phi^*(w_2) = as^2 + bst$ , then  $\phi^*$  is not stable. This proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $X_{ss}$  be the Zariski open subset of  $X$  consisting of all semistable points of  $X$ ,  $\pi(X_{ss})$  the image of  $X_{ss}$  by  $\pi$ , and  $Y := \pi(X_{ss}) // \text{SL}(U)$ . Then  $Y \simeq \mathbf{P}^2$ .*

*Proof.* First consider a simplest case. We choose a basis  $s, t$  of  $U$ . Let  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  be a basis of  $W$ ,  $T$  the subgroup of  $\text{SL}(U)$  of diagonal matrices and  $X' = \{\phi^* \in X; \phi^*(w_1) = 2st\}$ . Let  $Z' = \text{SL}(U) \cdot X'$ .

We note that  $Z'$  is an  $\text{SL}(U)$ -invariant subset of  $X_{ss}$ . We prove  $\pi(Z') // \text{SL}(U) \simeq \mathbf{C}^2$ . Let  $\phi^*$  and  $\psi^*$  be points of  $X'$ . Let  $\phi^*(w_2) = As^2 + 2Bst + Ct^2$  and  $\psi^*(w_2) = as^2 + 2bst + ct^2$ . Then it is easy to check

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot \phi^* = \psi^* \text{ for } \exists g \in \text{SL}(U) &\iff g \cdot \phi^* = \psi^* \text{ for } \exists g \in T \\ &\iff A = au^2, B = b, C = u^{-2}c \text{ for } \exists u \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore each equivalence class of  $\pi(Z) // \text{SL}(U)$  is represented by the pair  $(AC, B)$ , which proves  $\pi(Z) // \text{SL}(U) \simeq \mathbf{C}^2$ .

Now we prove the lemma. Let  $\phi^* \in X_{ss}$ ,  $\phi_j = \phi^*(w_j)$  and  $\phi_0 = -(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= r_1s^2 + 2r_2st + r_3t^2, \\ \phi_1 &= p_1s^2 + 2p_2st + p_3t^2, \\ \phi_2 &= q_1s^2 + 2q_2st + q_3t^2, \end{aligned}$$

and we define

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= p_2^2 - p_1p_3, \quad D_2 = q_2^2 - q_1q_3, \\ D_0 &= r_2^2 - r_1r_3 = D_1 + D_2 + 2p_2q_2 - (p_1q_3 + p_3q_1). \end{aligned}$$

To show the lemma, we prove the more precise isomorphism

$$\pi(X_{ss}) // \text{SL}(U) = \text{Proj } \mathbf{C}[D_0, D_1, D_2]$$

For this purpose we define  $Y_j = \pi(\{\phi^* \in X_{ss}; \phi_j \text{ has no double roots}\}) // \text{SL}(U)$ . It suffices to prove  $Y_1 = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}[\frac{D_0}{D_1}, \frac{D_2}{D_1}]$  by reducing it to the first simplest case.

Let  $\phi^* \in Y_1$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of  $\phi_1 = 0$ . By the assumption  $\phi_1$  has no double roots, hence  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Let

$$u = \frac{1}{\gamma}(s - \alpha t), \quad v = \frac{1}{\gamma}(s - \beta t), \quad g = \frac{1}{\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\alpha \\ 1 & -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\gamma = \sqrt{\alpha - \beta}$ . Note that  $g \in \mathrm{SL}(U)$ . Hence we see

$$(\phi_1(s, t), \phi_2(s, t)) \equiv (p_1 \gamma^4 uv, A_1 u^2 + 2B_1 uv + C_1 v^2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= q_1^2 \beta^2 + 2q_2 \beta + q_3, \\ -B_1 &= q_1 \alpha \beta + q_2(\alpha + \beta) + q_3, \\ C_1 &= q_1^2 \alpha^2 + 2q_2 \alpha + q_3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see

$$(\phi_1(s, t), \phi_2(s, t)) \equiv (2st, As^2 + 2Bst + Ct^2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{2A_1}{p_1 \gamma^4}, \quad B = \frac{2B_1}{p_1 \gamma^4}, \quad C = \frac{2C_1}{p_1 \gamma^4}, \quad p_1^2 \gamma^4 = 4D_1, \\ AC &= B^2 - \frac{D_2}{D_1}, \quad B = \frac{D_0 - D_1 - D_2}{2D_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by the first half of the proof

$$Y_1 \simeq \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{C}[AC, B] = \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{C}\left[\frac{D_0}{D_1}, \frac{D_2}{D_1}\right].$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $Y^s = \pi(X_s) // \mathrm{SL}(U)$ . Then  $Y \setminus Y^s$  is a conic of  $Y$  defined by*

$$Y \setminus Y^s : D_0^2 + D_1^2 + D_2^2 - 2D_0 D_1 - 2D_1 D_2 - 2D_2 D_0 = 0.$$

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 3.5,  $Y_1 \simeq \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{C}[AC, B]$ . The complement of  $Y_s$  in  $Y_1$  is then the curve defined by  $AC = 0$ , which is easily identified with the above conic.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $X^0$  be the Zariski open subset of  $X$  consisting of all semistable points  $\phi^*$  of  $X$  with  $\mathrm{rank} \phi^* = 2$ , and let  $Y^0 := \pi(X^0) // \mathrm{SL}(U)$ . Then  $Y^0 \simeq \pi(X^0) / \mathrm{SL}(U) \simeq Y \simeq \mathbf{P}^2$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to compare  $Y_1$  and  $Y^0 \cap Y_1$ . As in the proof of Theorem 3.5 we let  $X' = \{\phi^* \in X; \phi^*(w_1) = 2st\}$ . Let  $Z = \mathrm{SL}(U) \cdot X'$  and  $Z^0 = \mathrm{SL}(U) \cdot (X' \cap X^0)$ .

Then with the notation in Theorem 3.5, we recall  $X' = \{\phi^* \in X; \phi^*(w_1) = 2st, \phi^*(w_2) = As^2 + 2Bst + Ct^2\}$ ,  $\pi(Z) // \mathrm{SL}(U) \simeq \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{C}[AC, B]$  where

$$X' \cap X^0 = \{\phi^* \in X'; A \neq 0 \text{ or } C \neq 0\}.$$

In the same manner as before we see  $\pi(Z^0) // \mathrm{SL}(U) \simeq \mathrm{Spec} \mathbf{C}[AC, B]$ , whence  $\pi(Z^0) // \mathrm{SL}(U) = \pi(Z) // \mathrm{SL}(U)$ . This proves  $Y^0 \cap Y_1 = Y_1$ . This completes the proof of the corollary.  $\square$

**3.8. Moduli of double coverings of  $\mathbf{P}(W)$  (2).** There is an alternative way of understanding  $\pi(X_{s,s})//\mathrm{SL}(U) \simeq \mathbf{P}^2$  by using the isomorphism  $S^2\mathbf{P}^1 \simeq \mathbf{P}^2$ . We use the following convention to denote a point of  $\mathbf{P}(U) = U^\vee \setminus \{0\}/\mathbf{G}_m$ :  $(u : v) = us^\vee + vt^\vee \in U^\vee$  where  $s^\vee$  and  $t^\vee$  are a basis dual to  $s$  and  $t$ . In what follows we fix a basis  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  of  $W$ . Let  $P := (a_1 : a_2)$  and  $Q := (b_1 : b_2)$  be a pair of points of  $\mathbf{P}(W) \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$ . If  $P \neq Q$ , there is a double covering  $\phi : \mathbf{P}(U) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(W)$  ramifying at  $P$  and  $Q$ , unique up to isomorphism once we fix the base  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ :

$$\frac{b_2 w_1 - b_1 w_2}{a_2 w_1 - a_1 w_2} = \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^2.$$

Thus  $\phi$  is given explicitly by

$$\phi_1 := \phi^*(w_1) = b_1 s^2 - a_1 t^2, \quad \phi_2 := \phi^*(w_2) = b_2 s^2 - a_2 t^2, \quad \phi_0 = -(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

for which we have

$$D_1 = a_1 b_1, \quad D_2 = a_2 b_2, \quad D_0 = (a_1 + a_2)(b_1 + b_2).$$

The isomorphism  $S^2\mathbf{P}^1 \simeq \mathbf{P}^2$  is given by  $(P, Q) \mapsto (D_0, D_1, D_2)$ . This shows

**Corollary 3.9.** *We have a natural isomorphism:  $Y \simeq \mathbf{P}(S^2W)$ .*

#### 4. THE VIRTUAL NORMAL BUNDLE OF A DOUBLE COVERING

**4.1. The case  $N = 7$  and  $k = 8$  revisited.** We revisit the example in the subsection 2.9. Let  $N = 7$  and  $k = 8$ . Let  $L : x_j = 0$  ( $j \geq 3$ ) and we take

$$\begin{aligned} F_3 &= 8x_1^7, F_4 = 8x_1^6 x_2, F_5 = 8x_1^4 x_2^3, F_6 = 8x_1^2 x_2^5, F_7 = 8x_2^7, \\ F &= x_3 F_3 + x_4 F_4 + x_5 F_5 + x_6 F_6 + x_7 F_7 + x_3^8 + x_4^8 + x_5^8 + x_6^8 + x_7^8. \end{aligned}$$

and let  $M = M_8^5 : F = 0$ . We often denote  $L$  also by  $\mathbf{P}(W)$  with  $W$  a two dimensional vector space for later convenience. Since  $H^0(D_L^-)$  is injective and  $H^0(D_L)$  is surjective, we have  $N_{L/M} \simeq O_L \oplus O_L(-1)^{\oplus 3}$ . Hence  $H^1(N_{L/M}(-1)) = H^1(O_L(-2)^{\oplus 3})$  is 3-dimensional. As we see easily, this follows also from the fact that  $\mathrm{Coker} H^0(D_L^-)$  is freely generated by  $x_1^5 x_2^2$ ,  $x_1^3 x_2^4$  and  $x_1 x_2^6$ .

Let  $\phi^* = (\phi_1, \phi_2) \in X^0$ . Then  $\mathrm{Ker} H^0(\phi^* D_L)$  is generated by a single element  $\phi_2 e_3^\vee - \phi_1 e_4^\vee$ , while  $\mathrm{Coker} H^0(\phi^* D_L)$  is generated by  $S^2 U \cdot \phi_1^5 \phi_2^2$ ,  $S^2 U \cdot \phi_1^3 \phi_2^4$  and  $S^2 U \cdot \phi_1 \phi_2^6$ . To be more precise, we see

$$\mathrm{Coker} H^0(\phi^* D_L) = \{\phi_1^5 \phi_2^2, \phi_1^3 \phi_2^4, \phi_1 \phi_2^6\} \otimes S^2 U / \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}.$$

In fact, this is proved as follows: first we consider the case where  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  has no common zeroes. In this case  $\phi^*$  gives rise to a double covering  $\phi : \mathbf{P}(U) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(W)$  ( $= L$ ), which we denote by  $L_\phi$  for brevity. By pulling back by  $\phi^*$  the normal sequence  $0 \rightarrow N_{L/M} \rightarrow N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow O_L(k) \rightarrow 0$  ( $k = 8$ ) for the line  $L$  we infer an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \phi^* N_{L/M} \rightarrow \phi^* N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \xrightarrow{\phi^* D_L} \phi^* O_L(k) \rightarrow 0,$$

which yields an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow H^0(\phi^* N_{L/M}) \longrightarrow S^2 U \otimes (V^\vee / W^\vee) \xrightarrow{H^0(\phi^* D_L)} H^0(O_{L_\phi}(2k)) \\ &\longrightarrow H^1(\phi^* N_{L/M}) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\eta = q_3 e_3^\vee + \cdots + q_7 e_7^\vee \in \text{Ker } H^0(\phi^* D_L)$ ,  $q_j \in S^2 U$ . Then we have

$$\phi_1^2(q_3 \phi_1^5 + q_4 \phi_1^4 \phi_2 + q_5 \phi_1^2 \phi_2^3 + q_6 \phi_2^5) = -q_7 \phi_2^7.$$

Since  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are mutually prime and  $q_j$  is of degree two, we have  $q_7 = 0$  and

$$\phi_1^2(q_3 \phi_1^3 + q_4 \phi_1^2 \phi_2 + q_5 \phi_2^3) = -q_6 \phi_2^5,$$

Hence  $q_6 = 0$  and similarly we infer also  $q_5 = 0$ . Thus we have  $q_3 \phi_1 + q_4 \phi_2 = 0$ . This proves that  $\text{Ker } H^0(\phi^* D_L)$  is generated by  $\phi_2 e_3^\vee - \phi_1 e_4^\vee$ .

Next we prove that  $\text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L)$  is generated by  $\phi^* \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)$  over  $S^2 U$ , in fact over  $S^2 U / \phi^*(W)$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\phi_1 = 2st$  and  $\phi_2 = \lambda s^2 + 2\nu st + t^2$  for some  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{C}$ . Let  $\phi^* W = \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$ . Then one checks  $U \cdot \phi^* W = S^3 U$ , and hence  $S^2 U \cdot \phi^* W = S^4 U$ ,  $S^{2m-2} U \cdot \phi^* W = S^{2m} U$  for  $m \geq 2$ . It follows  $S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(S^{m-1} W) = S^{2m} U$  for  $m \geq 1$ . In fact, by the induction on  $m$

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(S^m W) &= S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(W) \cdot \phi^*(S^{m-1} W) \\ &= S^4 U \cdot \phi^*(S^{m-1} W) \\ &= S^2 U \cdot (S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(S^{m-1} W)) \\ &= S^2 U \cdot S^{2m} U = S^{2m+2} U. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $H^0(O_{L_\phi}(2k)) = S^{16} U = S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(S^7 W)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) &= S^{16} U / \text{Im } H^0(\phi^* D_L) \\ &= S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(S^7 W) / S^2 U \cdot \phi^*(\text{Im } H^0(D_L^-)) \\ &= (S^2 U / \phi^*(W)) \cdot \phi^*(S^7 W / \text{Im } H^0(D_L^-)). \end{aligned}$$

because  $\text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-) = S^7 W / \text{Im } H^0(D_L^-)$  and  $W \cdot S^7 W \subset W \cdot \text{Im } H^0(D_L^-) = S^8 W$  by the choice of  $L$ . This proves that  $\text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L)$  is generated by  $\phi^* \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)$  over  $S^2 U / \phi^*(W)$ . It follows  $\text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) = (\phi^* \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)) \otimes (S^2 U / \phi^* W)$ .

Finally we consider the case where  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  has a common zero. In this case we may assume  $\phi_1 = 2st$  and  $\phi_2 = 2\nu st + t^2$ . In this case  $L_\phi$  is a chain of two rational curves  $C'_\phi$  and  $C''_\phi$  where  $C_\phi$  is the proper transform of  $\mathbf{P}(U)$ , where the double covering map from  $L_\phi$  to  $\mathbf{P}(W)$  is the union of the isomorphisms  $\phi'$  and  $\phi''$ , say,  $\phi = \phi' \cup \phi''$ . Let  $\psi_1 = 2s$  and  $\psi_2 = 2\nu s + t$ . Then  $\phi'$  is induced by the homomorphism  $(\phi')^* \in \text{Hom}(W, U)$  such that  $(\phi')^*(w_j) = \psi_j$ . On the other hand let  $U''_\phi = \mathbf{C}\lambda + \mathbf{C}t$ ,  $\psi''_1 = 2t$  and  $\psi''_2 = \lambda + 2\nu t$  where we note  $\psi''_j$  is the linear part of  $\phi_j$  in  $t$  with  $s = 1$ . Then  $C''_\phi = \mathbf{P}(U''_\phi)$  and  $\phi''$  is induced by the homomorphism  $(\phi'')^* \in \text{Hom}(W, U''_\phi)$  such that  $(\phi'')^*(w_j) = \psi''_j$ . Furthermore the pull back by  $\phi^*$  of the normal sequence for  $L$

$$0 \rightarrow \phi^* N_{L/M} \rightarrow \phi^* N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \xrightarrow{\phi^* D_L} \phi^* O_L(k) \rightarrow 0,$$

yields exact sequences with natural vertical homomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \phi^* N_{L/M} & \longrightarrow & (\phi')^* N_{L/M} \oplus (\phi'')^* N_{L/M} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \phi^* N_{L/\mathbf{P}} & \longrightarrow & (\phi')^* N_{L/\mathbf{P}} \oplus (\phi'')^* N_{L/\mathbf{P}} & \longrightarrow & V^\vee/W^\vee & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \phi^* O_L(k) & \longrightarrow & O_{C'_\phi}(k) \oplus O_{C''_\phi}(k) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & 0.
 \end{array}$$

This yields the following long exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0((\phi')^* N_{L/M}) & \longrightarrow & U \otimes V^\vee/W^\vee & \xrightarrow{H^0((\phi')^* D_L)} & S^k U \\
 & & \longrightarrow & H^1((\phi')^* N_{L/M}) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0((\phi'')^* N_{L/M}) & \longrightarrow & U''_\phi \otimes V^\vee/W^\vee & \xrightarrow{H^0((\phi'')^* D_L)} & S^k U''_\phi \\
 & & \longrightarrow & H^1((\phi'')^* N_{L/M}) & \longrightarrow & 0 & 
 \end{array}$$

whence  $H^1((\phi')^* N_{L/M}) = H^1((\phi'')^* N_{L/M}) = 0$ , and both  $H^0((\phi')^* N_{L/M})$  and  $H^0((\phi'')^* N_{L/M})$  are one-dimensional. Let  $U'$  be the subspace of  $U$  consisting of elements vanishing at  $C'_\phi \cap C''_\phi$ , namely the subspace spanned by  $t$ . Then the restriction of  $H^0((\phi')^* D_L)$  to  $U' \otimes V^\vee/W^\vee$  equals  $t \cdot H^0((\phi')^* D_L^-)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) &\simeq t \cdot S^7 U/t \cdot \text{Im } H^0((\phi')^* D_L^-) \oplus \text{Coker } H^0((\phi'')^* D_L) \\
 &\simeq S^7 U/t \cdot \text{Im } H^0((\phi')^* D_L^-) \simeq \text{Coker } H^0((\phi')^* D_L^-).
 \end{aligned}$$

One could understand the above isomorphism as

$$\text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) = \text{Coker}(\phi)^* H^0(D_L^-) \otimes (S^2 U/\phi^* W).$$

Thus  $H^0(\phi^* N_{L/M})$  is one-dimensional, while  $H^1(\phi^* N_{L/M})$  is 3-dimensional.

This is immediately generalized into the following

**Lemma 4.2.** *For any  $\phi^* \in X^0$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) &= \phi^* \text{Ker } H^0(D_L), \\
 \text{Coker } H^0(\phi^* D_L) &= (\phi^* \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)) \otimes (S^2 U/\phi^* W).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *We define a line bundle  $\mathbf{L}_0$  (resp.  $\mathbf{L}_1$ ) on  $Y (\simeq \mathbf{P}(S^2 W))$  by the assignment:*

$$X^0 \ni \phi^* \mapsto \phi^* \text{Ker } H^0(D_L) \text{ (resp. } \phi^* \text{Coker } H^0(D_L^-)).$$

Then  $\mathbf{L}_k \simeq O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2 W)}$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $\phi^* \text{Ker } H^0(D_L)$  is generated by  $\phi_2 e_3^\vee - \phi_1 e_4^\vee$ . By the  $\text{SL}(2)$ -variable change of  $s$  and  $t$ ,  $\phi_j$  is transformed into a new quadratic polynomial, which is however the same as the first  $\phi_j$ . This shows the generator is unchanged, whence  $\mathbf{L}_0 \simeq O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2 W)}$ . The proof for  $\mathbf{L}_1$  is the same.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** *We define a coherent sheaf  $\mathbf{L}$  on the stack  $Y (\simeq \mathbf{P}(S^2W))$  (See Remark below) by the assignment:*

$$X^0 \ni \phi^* \mapsto S^2U/\phi^*W.$$

Then  $\mathbf{L}^2 \simeq O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2W)}(-1)$ .

*Proof.* The GIT-quotient  $Y^0$  is covered with the images of  $X'_j$ :

$$X'_1 = \{(\phi_1, \phi_2) \in X^0; \phi_1 = 2st, \phi_2 = \lambda s^2 + 2\nu st + t^2, \lambda, \nu \in \mathbf{C}\},$$

$$X'_2 = \{(\phi_1, \phi_2) \in X^0; \phi_1 = ps^2 + 2qst + t^2, \phi_2 = 2st, p, q \in \mathbf{C}\}.$$

It is clear that the natural image of  $X'_j$  in  $Y$  is  $Y_j$ . The map  $\phi$  given by  $\phi^* = (\phi_1, \phi_2) \in Y_1$  has natural  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  involution generated by,

$$r : (\sqrt{\lambda}s + t, \sqrt{\lambda}s - t) \rightarrow (\sqrt{\lambda}s + t, -(\sqrt{\lambda}s - t)).$$

Since

$$2st = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}((\sqrt{\lambda}s + t)^2 - (\sqrt{\lambda}s - t)^2),$$

$$\lambda s^2 + 2\nu st + t^2 = \frac{\nu}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}((\sqrt{\lambda}s + t)^2 - (\sqrt{\lambda}s - t)^2) + \frac{1}{2}((\sqrt{\lambda}s + t)^2 + (\sqrt{\lambda}s - t)^2),$$

it is clear that,

$$r^*(\phi_1) = \phi_1, \quad r^*(\phi_2) = \phi_2, \quad r^*(\lambda s^2 - t^2) = -(\lambda s^2 - t^2).$$

Therefore, we can decompose  $S^2U$  into  $\langle \lambda s^2 - t^2 \rangle_{\mathbf{C}} \oplus \langle \phi_1, \phi_2 \rangle_{\mathbf{C}}$  with respect to eigenvalue of  $r^*$  and take  $\lambda s^2 - t^2$  as canonical generator of  $S^2U/\phi^*W$ . Similarly  $S^2U/\phi^*W$  is generated by  $ps^2 - t^2$  on  $Y_2$ . The problem is therefore to write  $\lambda s^2 - t^2$  as an  $\Gamma(O_{Y_1 \cap Y_2})$ -multiple of  $pu^2 - v^2$  when we write  $\phi_2 = 2uv$  by a variable change in  $\mathrm{GL}(2)$ . The following variable change  $(s, t) \mapsto (u, v)$  is in  $\mathrm{GL}(2)$ :

$$s = \frac{\sqrt{2\alpha}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2} \left( 2u - \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{2\alpha} v \right), \quad t = \frac{\sqrt{2\alpha}}{(\beta - \alpha)^2} \left( 2\beta u - \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{2} v \right),$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of the equation  $\lambda s^2 + 2\nu st + t^2 = 0$ . Under this coordinate change,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  is rewritten as follows:

$$\phi_1 = \frac{\lambda}{(\nu^2 - \lambda)^2} u^2 + 2 \frac{\nu}{\nu^2 - \lambda} uv + v^2 =: pu^2 + 2quv + v^2, \quad \phi_2 = 2uv.$$

Then we have

$$pu^2 - v^2 = -\frac{2}{\beta - \alpha} (\lambda s^2 - t^2) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu^2 - \lambda}} (\lambda s^2 - t^2) = -\sqrt{\frac{D_1}{D_2}} (\lambda s^2 - t^2).$$

Similarly by computing the effect on  $S^2U/\phi^*W$  by the variable change from  $X'_1$  into  $X'_2$ , we see that  $\mathbf{L}^2$  is isomorphic to  $O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2W)}(-1)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 4.5.** We remark that the space  $X$  must be regarded as a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -stack  $Y^{stack}$  as follows: First we define  $\phi_0 = -\phi_1 - \phi_2$ . For each atlas  $X'_\alpha$  we define an atlas  $Y_\alpha^{stack}$

( $\alpha = 0, 1, 2$ ) by

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0^{stack} &= \{(\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \pm\psi_0) \in X^0 \times S^2U; \phi_0 = 2st, \phi_1 = as^2 + 2bst + t^2, \\ &\quad \psi_0 = as^2 - t^2 \ a, b \in \mathbf{C}\}, \\ Y_1^{stack} &= \{(\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \pm\psi_1) \in X^0 \times S^2U; \phi_1 = 2st, \phi_2 = \lambda s^2 + 2\nu st + t^2, \\ &\quad \psi_1 = \lambda s^2 - t^2 \ \lambda, \nu \in \mathbf{C}\}, \\ Y_2^{stack} &= \{(\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \pm\psi_2) \in X^0 \times S^2U; \phi_1 = ps^2 + 2qst + t^2, \phi_2 = 2st, \\ &\quad \psi_2 = ps^2 - t^2, p, q \in \mathbf{C}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{L}^2 \simeq O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2W)}(-1)$  we have  $c_1(\mathbf{L}) = -\frac{1}{2}c_1(O_{\mathbf{P}(S^2W)}(1))$  in the Chow ring  $A(Y^{stack})_{\mathbf{Q}} = A(X)_{\mathbf{Q}} = A(\mathbf{P}(S^2W))_{\mathbf{Q}}$ .

## 5. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

**Theorem 5.1.**

$$\pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) = \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{c(S^{k-1}Q)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(Q)} \right]_{k-N},$$

where  $\pi$  is the natural projection from  $\bar{M}_{0,0}(L, 2)$  to  $G$  and  $[*]_{k-N}$  is the operation of picking up the degree  $2(k-N)$  part of Chern classes.

*Proof.* From now on we denote the coherent sheaf  $\mathbf{L}$  in Lemma 4.4 by  $O_{\mathbf{P}}(-\frac{1}{2})$ . In view of the results from the previous section, what remains is to evaluate the top chern class of  $(S^{k-1}Q/((V^\vee \otimes O_G)/Q^\vee)) \otimes O_{\mathbf{P}}(-\frac{1}{2})$  on  $\mathbf{P}(S^2Q)$ . Since double cover maps parametrized by  $\mathbf{P}(S^2Q)$  have natural  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  involution  $r$  given in the previous section, we have to multiply the result of integration on  $\mathbf{P}(S^2Q)$  by the factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  [BT], [FP]. With this set-up, let  $\pi' : \mathbf{P}(S^2Q) \rightarrow G$  be the natural projection. Then what we have to compute is  $\pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) = \frac{1}{2}\pi'_*(c_{top}(H^1)) = \frac{1}{2}\pi'_*(c_{top}((S^{k-1}Q/((V^\vee \otimes O_G)/Q^\vee)) \otimes O_{\mathbf{P}}(-\frac{1}{2})))$ . Let  $z$  be  $c_1(O_{\mathbf{P}}(1))$ . Then we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}\pi'_*(c_{top}((S^{k-1}Q/((V^\vee \otimes O_G)/Q^\vee)) \otimes O_{\mathbf{P}}(-\frac{1}{2}))) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-N+2} c_{k-N+2-j}(S^{k-1}Q \oplus Q^\vee) \cdot \pi_*(z^j) \cdot (-\frac{1}{2})^j \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j=0}^{k-N} c_{k-N-j}(S^{k-1}Q \oplus Q^\vee) \cdot s_j(S^2Q) \cdot (-\frac{1}{2})^j \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{c(S^{k-1}Q) \cdot c(Q^\vee)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(S^2Q) + \frac{1}{4}c_2(S^2Q) - \frac{1}{8}c_3(S^2Q)} \right]_{k-N}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $s_j(S^2Q)$  is the  $j$ -th Segre class of  $S^2Q$ . But if we decompose  $c(Q)$  into  $(1 + \alpha)(1 + \beta)$ , we can easily see,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c(Q^\vee)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(S^2Q) + \frac{1}{4}c_2(S^2Q) - \frac{1}{8}c_3(S^2Q)} &= \frac{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)}{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta))(1 - \beta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_1(Q)}. \end{aligned}$$



□

Finally, by combining the above theorem with the divisor axiom of Gromov-Witten invariants, we can prove the decomposition formula of degree 2 rational Gromov-Witten invariants of  $M_N^k$  found from numerical experiments.

**Corollary 5.2.**

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2} = \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2 \rightarrow 2} + 8 \langle \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1},$$

where  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,2 \rightarrow 2}$  is the number of conics that intersect cycles Poincaré dual to  $e^a$ ,  $e^b$  and  $e^c$ . We also denote by  $\langle \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1}$  the integral:

$$\int_{G(2,V)} c_{top}(S^k Q) \wedge \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \wedge \sigma_{a-1} \wedge \sigma_{b-1} \wedge \sigma_{c-1}.$$

## 6. GENERALIZATION TO TWISTED CUBICS

In this section, we present a decomposition formula of degree 3 rational Gromov-Witten invariants found from numerical experiments using the results of [ES].

**Conjecture 6.1.** *If  $k - N = 1$ , we have the following equality:*

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) = \\ \frac{1}{27} \left( \left( \frac{1}{24} (27k^2 - 55k + 26) k(k-1) + \frac{2}{9} \right) c_1(Q)^2 + \left( \frac{7}{6} (k+1)k(k-1) + \frac{1}{9} \right) c_2(Q) \right). \end{aligned}$$

where  $\pi : \overline{M}_{0,0}(L, 3) \rightarrow \overline{M}_{0,0}(M_N^k, 1)$  is the natural projection.

In the  $k - N > 1$  case, we have not found the explicit formula, because in the  $d = 3$  case, we have another contribution from multiple cover maps of type  $(2+1) \rightarrow (1+1)$ . Here multiple cover map of type  $(2+1) \rightarrow (1+1)$  is the map from nodal curve  $\mathbf{P}^1 \vee \mathbf{P}^1$  to nodal conic  $L_1 \vee L_2 \subset M_N^k$ , that maps the first (resp. the second)  $\mathbf{P}^1$  to  $L_1$  (resp.  $L_2$ ) by two to one (resp. one to one). In the  $k - N = 1$  case, we have also determined the contributions from multiple cover maps of  $(2+1) \rightarrow (1+1)$  to nodal conics.

**Corollary 6.2.** *If  $k - N = 1$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,3}$  is decomposed into the following contributions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,3} = & \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,3 \rightarrow 3} + \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{9}{4} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^3} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-5}} \rangle_{0,1} \right. \\ & + \frac{3}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^{c+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-c-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1} + \frac{3}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^{a+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-a-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & \left. + \frac{3}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^{b+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-b-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \rangle_{0,1} \right) \\ & + 27 \langle \pi_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,3 \rightarrow 3}$  is the number of twisted cubics that intersect cycles Poincaré dual to  $e^a$ ,  $e^b$  and  $e^c$ .

*Proof.* In the  $k - N = 1$  case, dimension of moduli space of multiple cover maps of  $(2+1) \rightarrow (1+1)$  to nodal conics is given by  $N - 6 + N - 6 - (N - 4) + 2 = N - 6$ , hence the rank of  $H^1$  is given by  $N - 6 - (N - 5 - 3) = 2$ . On the other hand, dimension of moduli space of  $d = 2$  multiple cover maps of  $\mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is 2, the degree of the form of  $\tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1))$  equals to  $2 - 2 = 0$ , where  $\tilde{\pi}$  is the projection map

that projects out the fiber locally isomorphic to the moduli space of  $d = 2$  multiple cover maps. This situation is exactly the same as the Calabi-Yau case. Therefore, we can use the well-known result by Aspinwall and Morrison, that says for  $n$ -point rational Gromov-Witten invariants for Calabi-Yau manifold,  $\tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1))$  for degree  $d$  multiple cover map is given by,

$$\tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) = \frac{1}{d^{3-n}}.$$

With this formula, we add up all the combinatorial possibility of insertion of external operator  $\mathcal{O}_{e^a}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{e^b}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{e^c}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k} (\langle \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^3} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-5}} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^{c+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-c-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^{a+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-a-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^{b+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-b-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^{c+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-c-4}} \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^{a+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-a-4}} \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^{b+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-b-4}} \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^3} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-5}} \tilde{\pi}_*(c_{top}(H^1)) \rangle_{0,1} ) \\ & = \frac{1}{k} (2 \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^3} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-5}} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^{c+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-c-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1} + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^{a+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-a-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^{b+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-b-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^{c+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-c-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \rangle_{0,1} + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^{a+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-a-4}} \tilde{\pi}_* \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^{b+2}} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-b-4}} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \rangle_{0,1} \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^a} \mathcal{O}_{e^b} \mathcal{O}_{e^c} \mathcal{O}_{e^3} \rangle_{0,1} \langle \mathcal{O}_{e^{N-5}} \rangle_{0,1} ). \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is nothing but the formula we want.  $\square$

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