

Orbifold techniques in degeneration formulas

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Abstract. We give a new approach for relative and degenerate Gromov-Witten invariants, inspired by that of Jun Li but replacing predeformable maps by transversal maps to a twisted target. The main advantage is a significant simplification in the definition of the obstruction theory. We reprove in our language the degeneration formula, extending it to the orbifold case.

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