

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Morse function

$g$  Riem. metric on  $X$

$\text{Crit}(f) = \{\text{crit points of } f\}$

$W^{\pm}(x) = \{w \in X \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm \infty} \varphi_t(w) = x\}$

where  $\varphi_t$  is gradient flow of  $f$ .

$MC_*(X, f) = \mathbb{C}\langle \text{Crit}(f) \rangle$

$d = m'$  counts flow lines:

$d(x) = \sum_y \#(\text{flow lines from } x \text{ to } y)$

can now define  $A_{\infty}$  structure by counting gradient trees.

$\text{Open}(X)$ :

objects:  $\mathcal{U} = (U, m, \mathcal{L})$

$U \subset X$  open

$m: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a defining function, i.e.

$\{m=0\} = X \setminus U$ .

$\mathcal{L}$  is a local system on  $U$ .

morphisms  $(U_0, m_0, \mathcal{L}_0) \rightarrow (U_1, m_1, \mathcal{L}_1)$

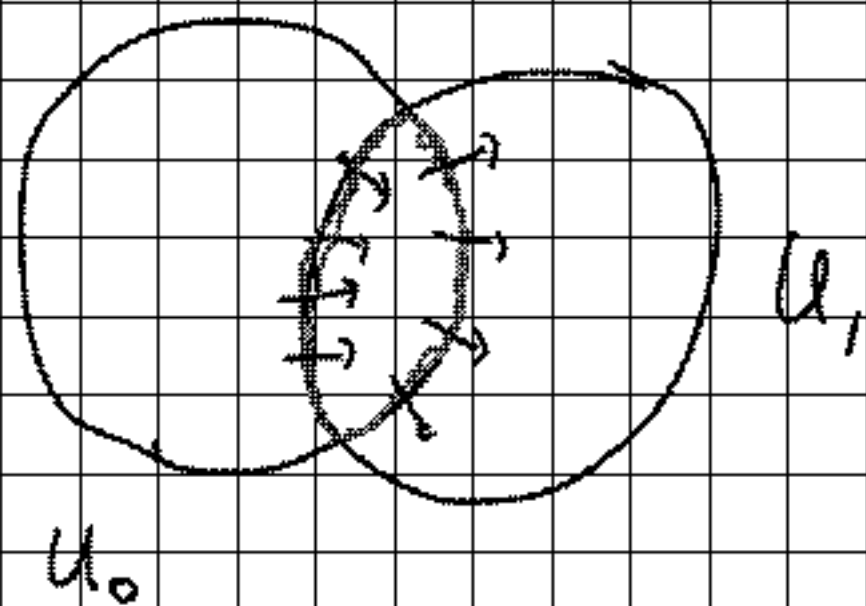
is  $\Omega_{\text{dcl}}(\bar{U}_0 \cap U_1, (\partial U_0) \cap U_1; \mathcal{L}_0 \otimes \mathcal{L}_1^{\vee})$



$\text{Mor}(X)$  is a new category:

Obj: same as  $\text{Open}(X)$

Mor:

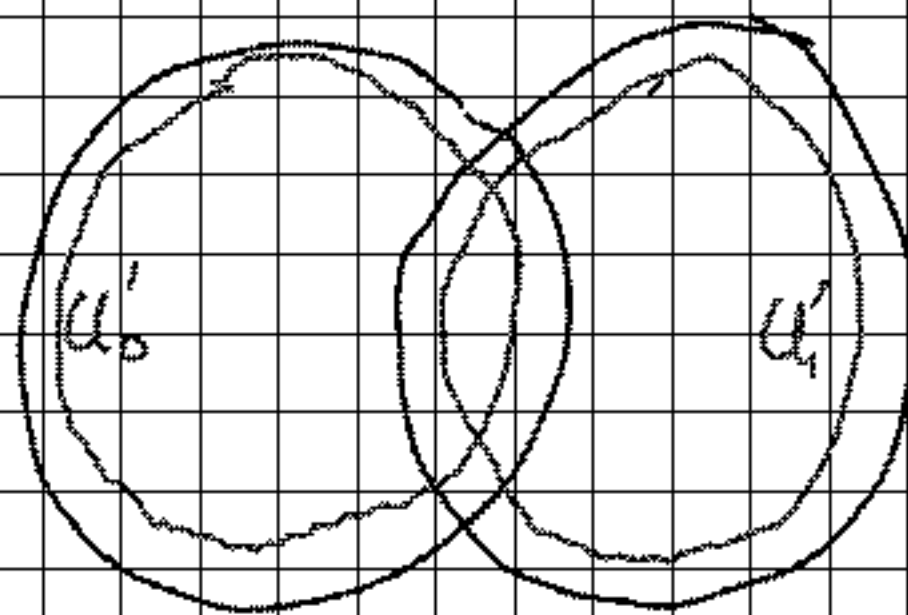


~~then~~  $H^*(U_0 \cap U_1, \partial U_0 \cap U_1)$  is computed by Morse cohomology of a function going outwards along  $\partial U_0$ , inwards along  $\partial U_1$ .

Then isotopy lemma:

replace  $U_0, U_1$  by  $\{m_0 > \eta_0\}, \{m_1 > \eta_1\}$   
" "  $U'_0, U'_1$

so we get



$$f_0 = \log m_0$$
$$f_1 = \log m_1$$

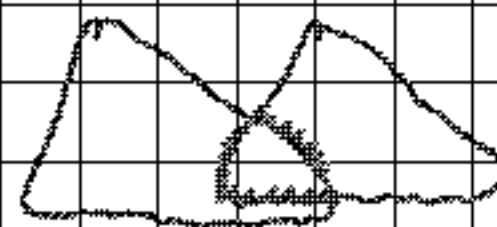
By choosing  $\eta_0, \eta_1$  carefully, we get  $U'_0 \cap U'_1$  with a boundary with 2 components  $\partial U'_0, \partial U'_1$ .

Then  $f_1 - \epsilon_0 f_0$  points in along  $\partial U'_0$ , out along  $\partial U'_1$ .

E.g.



choose  $\eta_0, \eta_1$



$$\text{Hom}((U_0, m_0), (U_1, m_1)) = \mathcal{CM}^*(f_{01})$$

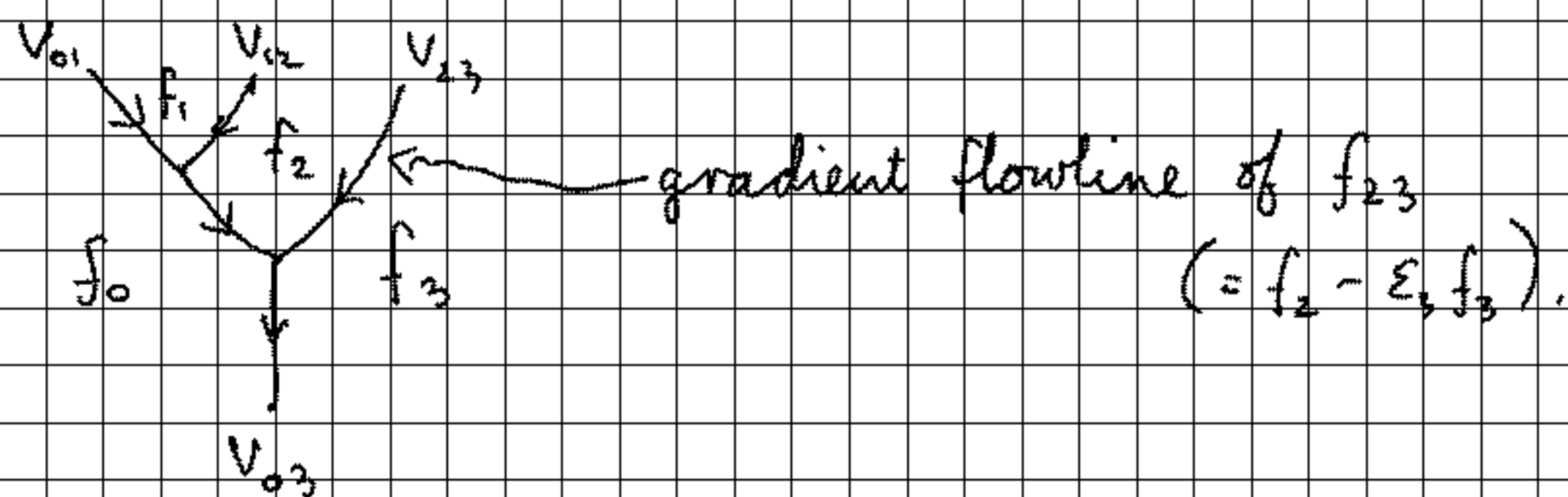
with Morse differential.

Now define

$$\mu^d : \text{Hom}((U_0, m_0), (U_1, m_1)) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Hom}((U_{d-1}, m_{d-1}), (U_d, m_d))$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{Hom}((U_0, m_0), (U_d, m_d))$$

by counting gradient flow trees:



Thm:  $\text{Mor}(X) \longrightarrow \text{Open}(X)$  is an  $A_\infty$  equivalence.