

Welcome Home Workshop 2014

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TITOLO: A Hamilton's Principle in Algebraic Geometry

Abstract

In Physics, one learns that the Euler-Lagrange equations of motion are equivalent to Hamilton's variational principle

$$\delta\mathcal{S} = 0.$$

Here is a comparison: In Donaldson-Thomas theory, every moduli space of curves M on a Calabi-Yau threefold is *locally* of the form

$$\{df = 0\} \subset X,$$

where f is a holomorphic function on a complex manifold X . In rare situations, $M = \{df = 0\}$ is true *globally*. I will try to concretely describe one of these rare situations: the one where the Calabi-Yau is \mathbf{C}^3 and the moduli space is $M = \text{Hilb}^n(\mathbf{C}^3)$, the variety of 0-dimensional closed subschemes of affine space.