Conformal Blocks Divisors on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ from \mathfrak{sl}_2

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Moreover, these divisors are defined geometrically, and so one should be able to understand the varieties X onto which they map.

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Finally, I will explain how this family illustrates a general method for using Conformal Blocks divisors on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ to find nef divisors in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_g$ for positive genus g.

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For the rest of the talk I will focus on a different very simple family of CB-divisors defined on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$.

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$$B_k = \sum_{|A|=k} \delta_A$$

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Moreover, presumably, as they are defined geometrically, we have a shot at identifying the morphisms entirely.

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