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van Stefan van der Lugt

1. Let $r \geq 0$, and $\chi \in \mathbb{Z}$. There are, up to isomorphism, only finitely many contracted r -marked graphs of characteristic χ . These graphs have at most $2(r - \chi)$ unmarked vertices.
2. Let $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ be an integer. If d is negative, the set $\text{CG}(r, r - d)$ of isomorphism classes of contracted r -marked graphs of characteristic $r - d$ is empty for all $r \geq 0$. If $d \geq 0$, then there exists a polynomial $f_d \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ of degree $2d$ such that

$$|\text{CG}(r, r - d)| = f_d(r) \quad \text{for all } r \geq 0.$$

The leading coefficient of f_d is $1/(2^d \cdot d!)$.

3. Let $r \geq 0$ and $g \geq 2$ be integers. Let $\mathcal{C}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ be the universal family of genus g curves, and let $\mathcal{C}_g^r$ denote the r -fold fiber product of $\mathcal{C}_g$ over $\mathcal{M}_g$. Then the ring $\mathcal{R}^*(\mathcal{C}_g^r)$ of tautological forms on $\mathcal{C}_g^r$ is a finite-dimensional $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space.
4. For all $r \geq 0$ the dimension of the real vector space $\mathcal{R}^2(\mathcal{C}_g^r)$ of tautological differential 2-forms on $\mathcal{C}_g^r$ equals $\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+1$ if $g = 2$ and $\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2$ if $g \geq 3$.
5. Objects on moduli spaces are objects that occur universally among the families these moduli spaces classify.
6. Let E be a semi-stable elliptic curve over a number field K . There exists a function $B(N) = N \log N + O(N)$ such that the following holds: for each K -torsor C of E , and each point $P \in C(\bar{K})$ with field of definition $L \supseteq K$, the following inequality holds:

$$\log |N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\Delta_{L/K})| \leq B([L : K]).$$

7. When using a computer to carry out extensive computations, one should not only take into account the efficiency of the used algorithms, but also the efficiency of the underlying software libraries.
8. Let P be any point on earth. The average daytime length at P can be less than 12 hours, but also more than 0.5 years. Currently there exists a point P on the northern hemisphere for which the average daytime length is longer than 0.5 years. Such a point does not exist on the southern hemisphere.

(joint with Raymond van Bommel)

9. In order to understand a subject, one should teach it. In order to teach a subject, one should understand it.