

*Self-Dual Metrics,*

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*Holomorphic Disks*

(Lecture V)

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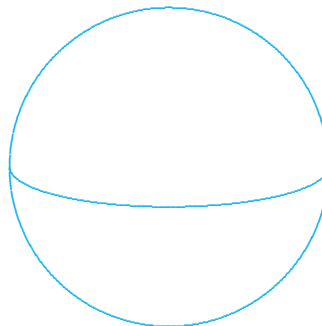
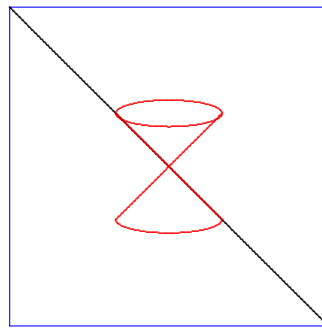
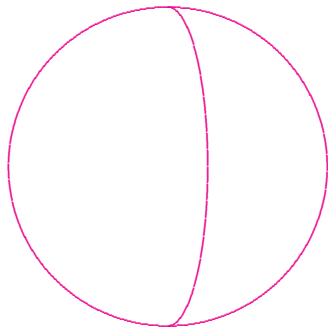
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