

Cohomology of moduli spaces of curves

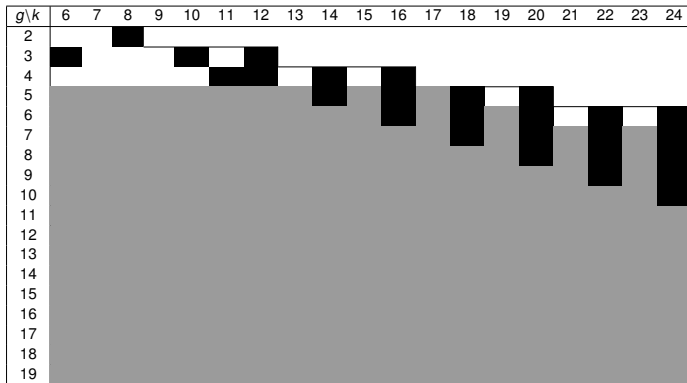
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The first two unstable classes



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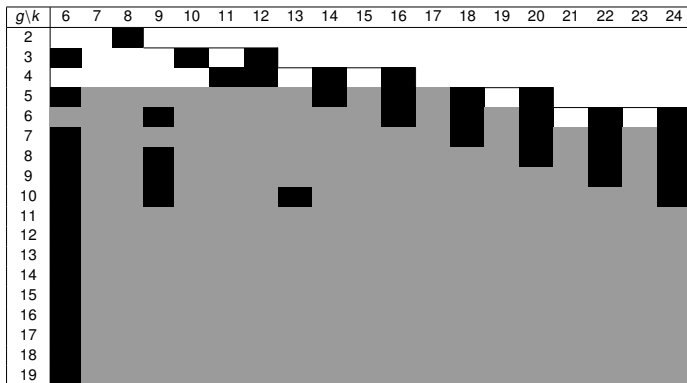


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An infinite family of unstable classes



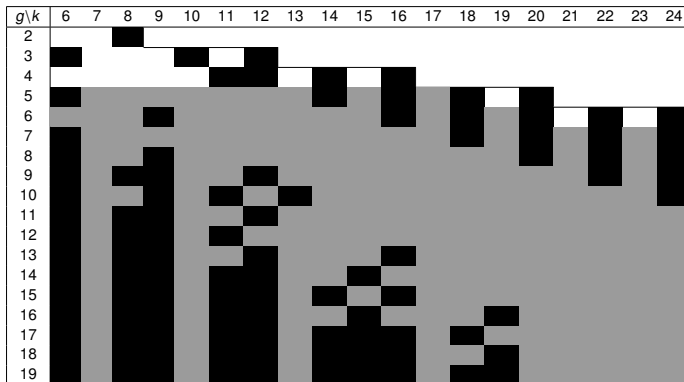
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More infinite families

2022



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Question

Does $H^{4g-7}(\mathcal{M}_g) = 0$ for all g ?