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Counting rational points and rational curves: from  
Waring's problem to quantum cohomology

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**Abstract**

I will explain some results, constructions, and conjectures of the last two decades, motivated by number theory and quantum string theory respectively, whose common theme is: counting rational points/rational curves on algebraic varieties.