On $\int \text{td}^{1/2}_X$ of O’Grady’s exceptional hyperkähler varieties

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Abstract

In [3, Example 5.6(4)] (the first version) an exercise was left to the reader, to determine $\int \text{td}^{1/2}_X$ for O’Grady’s 6- resp. 10-dimensional hyperkähler varieties. The values turn out to be $\frac{2}{3}$ resp. $\frac{4}{15}$.

These coincide with the numbers for $\text{Kum}_3$- resp. $\text{K3}^{[5]}$-type. After informing Chen Jiang of this he gave an abstract proof using the equality of Riemann–Roch polynomials, see [4, Lemma 5.7] (the second version).

In this note I detail the explicit computation, along with the code to do it, in the hope that it (in particular the code) is useful to someone.

Added later: it turns out that the result in [1, §3]. Also, there is the excellent Sage library chow [5] which does all the setting up and computations for you, abstracting away things into a flexible library. I’ve added the computation using chow for good measure (and advertising the library).

1 On $\int \text{td}^{1/2}_X$ of hyperkähler varieties

The following is a combination of the lower bound from [2] and the upper bound from [3, Corollary 5.5].

**Theorem 1** (Hitchin–Sawon, Jiang). Let $X$ be a hyperkähler variety of dimension $2n > 2$. Then

$$0 < \int \text{td}^{1/2}_X < 1.$$ (1)

For $n = 1$ we have that $\int \text{td}_{K3} = 1$. The values for the infinite families of hyperkähler varieties are known, and given in [10, Proposition 19 and 21].

**Proposition 2** (Sawon). We have

$$\int \text{td}^{1/2}_{\text{K3}[n]} = \frac{(n+3)^n}{4^n n!},$$ (2)

$$\int \text{td}^{1/2}_{\text{Kum}^n} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{4^n n!}.$$ (3)
The new\(^1\) result in this note is the computation of \(\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2}\) for O’Grady’s 6- and 10-dimensional hyperkähler varieties; per the exercise left to the reader in [3, Example 5.6(4)] (the first version).

**Proposition 3.** We have

\[
\begin{align*}
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 2 \quad \text{for } K3^{[3]} \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 4 \frac{1}{15} \quad \text{for } K3^{[5]} \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 4 \quad \text{for } Kum^3 \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 3 \frac{1}{15} \quad \text{for } Kum^5 \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 1 \frac{4}{5} \quad \text{for } OG6 \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = 2 \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } OG10
\end{align*}
\]

We’ll collect some details in the computation section; but it is just an exercise in the explicit expression of the Todd class and expressing the Chern character using Chern classes, performed entirely within Sage.

Evaluating the formulas from Proposition 2 for \(n = 3\) and \(n = 5\) respectively gives the following (curious?)\(^2\) coincidence.

**Corollary 4.** We have the following equalities:

\[
\begin{align*}
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = \int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} \quad \text{for } K3^{[3]} \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = \int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} \quad \text{for } Kum^3 \\
\int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} & = \int \frac{td^{1/2}}{2} \quad \text{for } Kum^5
\end{align*}
\]

The important fact here is that the Chern numbers of these varieties are distinct, see Tables 1 and 2. These are collected from

- [8, page 128] for K3\(^3\) and Kum\(^3\)
- [7, Appendix A] for Kum\(^5\)
- Jieao Song has computed the values for K3\(^5\)
- [6, Proposition 6.8] for OG6
- [9, Appendix A] for OG10

and these moreover allow for an independent check that the intermediate steps of the implementation are correct.

\(^1\)After sharing the first version of this note with the author of [3] he was able to give a proof based on the equality of Riemann–Roch polynomials from [9], see [4, Lemma 5.7] (the second version).

\(^2\)They are implied by the equality of Riemann–Roch polynomials, so I leave it up to the reader to decide how curious the equality is. The equality of the Riemann–Roch polynomials is proven in a somewhat ad hoc way after all.
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Table 2: Chern numbers for 10-dimensional hyperkähler varieties

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2 The computation

By [3, §2.4] the square root of the Todd class of a hyperkähler variety $X$ is given by

$$\tag{8} \text{td}^{1/2}_X = \exp \left( -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{2k} (2k)! \, \text{ch}_{2k}(X) \right),$$

where $b_{2k}$ is the $2k$th modified Bernoulli number, in the generating function

$$\tag{9} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_{2k} x^{2k} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}}{x/2} \right)$$

or in a closed form expression given as

$$\tag{10} b_{2k} := \begin{cases} \frac{\ln(2)}{2} B_{2k} & k = 0 \\ \frac{k}{(2k)^2 \pi^2(2k)} & k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

where $B_{2k}$ is the $2k$th Bernoulli number.

The homogeneous part of degree $2n$ in $\text{td}^{1/2}_X$ for a $2n$-dimensional hyperkähler variety $X^{2n}$ for $n = 3$ (resp. $n = 5$) is given by

$$\tag{11} (1_{2n})_b = -\frac{1}{82944} \, c_2^3 - \frac{1}{5760} \, c_2 \, c_4 - \frac{1}{504} \, c_6$$

$$\tag{11} (\text{td}^{1/2}_X)_{10} = -\frac{1}{95514880} \, c_5^3 - \frac{1}{19906560} \, c_2 \, c_4 \, c_6 - \frac{1}{82764800} \, c_2 \, c_4^2 - \frac{1}{580680} \, c_2 \, c_6$$

$$- \frac{1}{120960} \, c_4 \, c_6 - \frac{1}{11520} \, c_2 \, c_8 - \frac{1}{264} \, c_{10}$$

so that after the substitution of the products of the $\text{ch}_{2k}$ by the Chern numbers we end up with

$$\tag{12} (\text{td}^{1/2}_X)_6 = \frac{31}{967680} \, c_2^3 - \frac{11}{241920} \, c_2^2 \, c_4 + \frac{1}{60480} \, c_2 \, c_6$$

$$\tag{12} (\text{td}^{1/2}_X)_{10} = \frac{73}{3503554560} \, c_2^5 - \frac{1073}{15328051200} \, c_2^3 \, c_4 + \frac{311}{7664025600} \, c_2^3 \, c_4^2 + \frac{61}{1277337600} \, c_2^2 \, c_6$$

$$- \frac{1}{45619200} \, c_4 \, c_6 - \frac{53}{1916006400} \, c_2 \, c_8 + \frac{1}{95800320} \, c_{10}$$
Now we can substitute the Chern numbers and we are done. These computations are all performed in Sage, and one can easily modify the code to see intermediate steps (such as the expression of the Chern character in terms of the Chern classes, etc.)

References


A Bruteforce implementation

# expressions taken from Propositions 19 and 21 of Sawon's PhD thesis

def K3n(n):
    return (n+3)**n / (4**n * factorial(n))

def Kum_n(n):
    return (n+1)**(n+1) / (4**n * factorial(n))

def todd_root(n):
    """Determine the square root of the Todd class of a hyperkaehler

    Returns the square root of the Todd class expressed in terms of Chern numbers
together with the Chern numbers as monomials in a polynomial ring.
    """
    def modified_bernoulli(n):
        if n == 0:
            return ln(2) / 2
        if n % 2 == 1:
            return 0
        return bernoulli(n) / (2 * n**2 * gamma(n))

def exp(t, precision=n):
    return sum([t**i / factorial(i) for i in range(precision + 1)])

R = PolynomialRing(QQ, ["ch" + str(2*i) for i in range(1, n+1)])

# (1) truncated power series expansion of square root of Todd class
result = prod([exp(-modified_bernoulli(2*k) * factorial(2*k) \n    * R.gen(k-1)) for k in range(1, n+1)])

# (2) now collect degree 2*n part
chern_numbers = WeightedIntegerVectors(n, range(1, n+1))
chern_numbers = [prod([R.gen(i)**c for (i, c) in enumerate(C)]) for C in chern_numbers]
result = sum([result.monomial_coefficient(ch) * ch for ch in chern_numbers])

# (3) from ch_i to c_i
S = PolynomialRing(QQ, ["c" + str(2*i) for i in range(1, n+1)])
morphism = []

for k in range(2, 2*n+1, 2):
    # go from the Chern character to Chern classes using symmetric functions
    Sym = SymmetricFunctions(QQ)
terms = Sym.elementary()(Sym.powersum()[k]).monomial_coefficients().items()
    # select only the even Chern classes on a hyperkaehler
    terms = [(E, c) for (E, c) in terms if all([i % 2 == 0 for i in E])]

    expression = 1 / factorial(k) \n    * sum([c * prod([S.gen(i // 2 - 1) for i in E]) for (E, c) in terms])
morphism.append(expression)

result = R.hom(morphism, S)(result)

# (4) list the Chern numbers that can appear
chern_numbers = WeightedIntegerVectors(n, range(1, n+1))
chern_numbers = [prod([S.gen(i)**c for (i, c) in enumerate(C)]) for C in chern_numbers]
return (result, chern_numbers)

print("O'Grady 6-fold")
(square_root, chern_numbers) = todd_root(3)
square_root.parent().inject_variables()
values = {c2^3: 30720, c2*c4: 7680, c6: 1920}

value = sum([square_root.monomial_coefficient(c) * values[c] for c in values])
assert value == Kum_n(3)
print(value, "\n")

print("O'Grady 10-fold")
(square_root, chern_numbers) = todd_root(5)
square_root.parent().inject_variables()
values = {c2^5: 127370880, c2^3*c4: 53071200, c2^2*c6: 12383280, c2*c8: 1791720, c2*c4^2: 22113000, c4*c6: 5159700, c10: 176904}

value = sum([square_root.monomial_coefficient(c) * values[c] for c in values])
assert value == K3n(5)
print(value, "\n")

print("Generalised Kummer variety of dimension 6-fold: computation by hand")
(square_root, chern_numbers) = todd_root(3)
square_root.parent().inject_variables()
values = {c2^3: 30208, c2*c4: 6784, c6: 448}

value = sum([square_root.monomial_coefficient(c) * values[c] for c in values])
assert value == Kum_n(3)
print(value, "\n")
B Using Chow

```python
from sage.schemes.chow.all import *

# dimension 6
X = ChowScheme(6, ["c2", "c4", "c6"], [2, 4, 6])
X.chowring().inject_variables()
C = Sheaf(X, 6, 1 + sum(X.gens())).todd_class()
integrand = (C._logg()/2)_expp().by_degrees()[6]

# O'Grady 6
values = {c2^3: 30720, c2*c4: 7680, c6: 1920}
print(integrand.reduce([m - values[m] for m in values]))

# Kum^3
values = {c2^3: 30208, c2*c4: 6784, c6: 448}
print(integrand.reduce([m - values[m] for m in values]))

# dimension 10
X = ChowScheme(10, ["c2", "c4", "c6", "c8", "c10"], [2, 4, 6, 8, 10])
X.chowring().inject_variables()
C = Sheaf(X, 10, 1 + sum(X.gens())).todd_class()
integrand = (C._logg()/2)_expp().by_degrees()[10]

# O'Grady 10
values = {c2^5: 127370880, c2^3*c4: 53071200, c2^2*c6: 12383280, c2*c8: 1791720, c2^2*c4^2: 22113000, c4*c6: 5159700, c10: 176904}
print(integrand.reduce([m - values[m] for m in values]))

# Kum^5
values = {c2^5: 126867456, c4*c2^3: 52697888, c4^2*c2: 21921408, c6*c2^2: 12168576, c6*c4: 5075424, c8*c2: 1774080, c10: 176256}
print(integrand.reduce([m - values[m] for m in values]))
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