



# Scalar curvature, Kodaira dimension and $\widehat{A}$ -genus

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## Abstract

Let  $(X, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature. If there exists a complex structure  $J$  compatible with  $g$ , then the Kodaira dimension of  $(X, J)$  is equal to  $-\infty$  and the canonical bundle  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective. We also introduce the complex Yamabe number  $\lambda_c(X)$  for compact complex manifold  $X$ , and show that if  $\lambda_c(X)$  is greater than 0, then  $\kappa(X)$  is equal to  $-\infty$ ; moreover, if  $X$  is also spin, then the Hirzebruch  $\widehat{A}$ -genus  $\widehat{A}(X)$  is zero.

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## 1 Introduction

This is a continuation of our previous paper [38], and we investigate the geometry of Riemannian scalar curvature on compact complex manifolds.

The existences of various positive scalar curvatures are obstructed. For instance, it is well-known that, if a compact Hermitian manifold has positive *Chern scalar curvature*, then the Kodaira dimension is  $-\infty$ . On the other hand, a classical result of Lichnerowicz (e.g. [17, Theorem 8.12]) says that if a compact Riemannian spin manifold has positive *Riemannian scalar curvature*, then the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus is zero. We state the first main result of this paper.

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**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $(X, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature. If there exists a complex structure  $J$  compatible with  $g$ , then the canonical bundle  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective and the Kodaira dimension  $\kappa(X, J)$  is  $-\infty$ .*

Here quasi-positive means non-negative everywhere and strictly positive at some point. As it is well-known, in general the positivity of the Riemannian scalar curvature of  $(X, J, g)$  can not imply that of the Chern scalar curvature. As a borderline case, we obtain the second main result of this paper.

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $(X, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with zero Riemannian scalar curvature. Suppose there exists a complex structure  $J$  compatible with  $g$ . Then the Kodaira dimension  $\kappa(X, J)$  is either  $-\infty$  or 0. Moreover,  $\kappa(X, J)$  equals 0 if and only if  $(X, J, \omega_g)$  is a Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold with  $\text{Ric}(\omega_g) = 0$ .*

The proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 rely on several observations in our previous paper [38] and a new scalar curvature relation in Theorem 3.8.

Note that, on Kähler Calabi–Yau surfaces (e.g.  $K3$  surfaces, bi-elliptic surfaces), there is no Riemannian metrics with quasi-positive scalar curvature (e.g. [18, Theorem A]). However, by Stolz’s solution to the Gromov–Lawson conjecture ([27, Theorem A]), on a simply connected Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold with holonomy group  $SU(2m + 1)$ , there do exist Riemannian metrics with quasi-positive scalar curvature. On the contrary, as an application of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we show that those Riemannian metrics with quasi-positive scalar curvature are not compatible with the Calabi–Yau complex structures, and more generally we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.3** *On a compact complex Calabi–Yau manifold  $X$  with torsion canonical bundle  $K_X$ , there is no Hermitian metric with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature. Moreover, if  $X$  is also non-Kähler, then there is no Hermitian metric with non-negative Riemannian scalar curvature.*

It is well-known that all compact Kähler Calabi–Yau manifolds have torsion canonical bundle. On the other hand, many non-Kähler Calabi–Yau manifolds also have torsion canonical bundle. For instance, the connected sum  $\#_k(\mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3)$  with  $k \geq 2$  ([22]).

On a compact complex manifold  $X$  of complex dimension  $n \geq 2$ , we introduce the complex Yamabe number  $\lambda_c(X)$ :

$$\lambda_c(X) = \sup_{g \text{ is Hermitian}} \inf_{\tilde{g} \text{ is conformal to } g} \frac{\int_X s_{\tilde{g}} dV_{\tilde{g}}}{\left(\int_X dV_{\tilde{g}}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}}}, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $s_{\tilde{g}}$  is the Riemannian scalar curvature of  $\tilde{g}$ . Note that in (1.1), if the supremum is taken over all Riemannian metrics, then it is the classical Yamabe number  $\lambda(X)$  in conformal geometry. Hence  $\lambda(X) \geq \lambda_c(X)$ .

**Theorem 1.4** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold. If  $\lambda_c(X) > 0$ , then  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . Moreover, if  $X$  is also spin, then  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ .*

According to the results of Gromov–Lawson [13] and Stolz [27], on a simply connected Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold  $X$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 3$ , one has  $\lambda(X) > 0$  and  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ . However, we have  $\lambda_c(X) \leq 0$  by Theorem 1.4.

As motivated by Theorems 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, various conjectures described in [38, Section 4] and classical works by Schoen–Yau [30–32], Gromov–Lawson [13], Stolz [27] and LeBrun [18] (see also Zhang [41]), we propose the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 1.5** Let  $X$  be a compact Kähler manifold with  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . If  $X$  has a spin structure, then  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ .

Note that Conjecture 1.5 holds when  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2$  ([18,39]) or  $2m + 1$ .

Finally, let's describe some straightforward applications of Theorem 1.1.

**Proposition 1.6** *Let  $X$  be a compact Kähler threefold. If there exists a Hermitian metric with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature, then  $X$  is uniruled, i.e.  $X$  is covered by rational curves.*

According to the uniruledness conjecture (e.g. [4, Conjecture]), Proposition 1.6 should be true on higher dimensional compact Kähler manifolds.

It is a long-standing open problem to determine whether the six-sphere  $\mathbb{S}^6$  admits a complex structure or not. Now assuming  $X := \mathbb{S}^6$  has a complex structure  $J$ . As pointed out in [16, p. 122], it is not at all clear whether  $\kappa(X, J) = -\infty$ , and proving this would seem to be as complicated as to show that there are no divisors on  $X$  at all. It is obvious that  $c_1(X) = 0 \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  and it is also proved in [35] that  $c_1^{\text{BC}}(X, J) \neq 0$ . In particular,  $K_X$  is not holomorphically torsion. For more related discussions, we refer to [1]. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the space of Riemannian metrics with non-negative scalar curvature.

**Theorem 1.7** *If there exists a complex structure  $J$  which is compatible with some Riemannian metric  $g \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective and*

$$\kappa(X, J) = -\infty.$$

It is known that there is no complex structure compatible with metrics in a small neighborhood of the round metric on  $\mathbb{S}^6$  (e.g. [6,20,24,33]).

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Ricci curvature on complex manifolds

Let  $(X, \omega_g)$  be a compact Hermitian manifold. Locally, we write  $\omega_g = \sqrt{-1}g_{i\bar{j}}dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^j$ . The (first Chern-)Ricci form  $\text{Ric}(\omega_g)$  of  $(X, \omega_g)$  has components

$$R_{i\bar{j}} = -\frac{\partial^2 \log \det(g_{k\bar{\ell}})}{\partial z^i \partial \bar{z}^j}$$

which also represents the first Chern class  $c_1(X)$  of the complex manifold  $X$  (up to a constant). The Chern scalar curvature  $s_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $(X, \omega_g)$  is given by

$$s_{\mathbb{C}} = \text{tr}_{\omega_g} \text{Ric}(\omega_g) = g^{i\bar{j}} R_{i\bar{j}}. \tag{2.1}$$

The total Chern scalar curvature of  $\omega_g$  is

$$\int_X s_{\mathbb{C}} \cdot \omega_g^n = n \int \text{Ric}(\omega_g) \wedge \omega_g^{n-1}, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $n$  is the complex dimension of  $X$ .

### 2.2 The Bott–Chern classes

The Bott–Chern cohomology on a compact complex manifold  $X$  is given by

$$H_{BC}^{p,q}(X) := \frac{\text{Ker}d \cap \Omega^{p,q}(X)}{\text{Im}\partial\bar{\partial} \cap \Omega^{p,q}(X)}.$$

Let  $\text{Pic}(X)$  be the set of holomorphic line bundles over  $X$ . As similar as the first Chern class map  $c_1 : \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H_{\partial}^{1,1}(X)$ , there is a *first Bott–Chern class map*

$$c_1^{BC} : \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{1,1}(X). \tag{2.3}$$

Given any holomorphic line bundle  $L \rightarrow X$  and any Hermitian metric  $h$  on  $L$ , its curvature form  $\Theta_h$  is locally given by  $-\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial} \log h$ . We define  $c_1^{BC}(L)$  to be the class of  $\Theta_h$  in  $H_{BC}^{1,1}(X)$ . For a complex manifold  $X$ ,  $c_1^{BC}(X)$  is defined to be  $c_1^{BC}(K_X^{-1})$  where  $K_X^{-1}$  is the anti-canonical line bundle.

### 2.3 Special manifolds

Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold.

- (1) A Hermitian metric  $\omega_g$  is called a Gauduchon metric if  $\partial\bar{\partial}\omega_g^{n-1} = 0$ . It is proved by Gauduchon ([12]) that, in the conformal class of each Hermitian metric, there exists a unique Gauduchon metric (up to scaling).
- (2) A Hermitian metric  $\omega_g$  is called a Kähler metric if  $d\omega_g = 0$ .
- (3)  $X$  is called a Calabi–Yau manifold if  $c_1(X) = 0 \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

### 2.4 Kodaira dimension of compact complex manifolds

The Kodaira dimension  $\kappa(L)$  of a line bundle  $L$  over a compact complex manifold  $X$  is defined to be

$$\kappa(L) := \limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(X, L^{\otimes m})}{\log m}$$

and the *Kodaira dimension*  $\kappa(X)$  of  $X$  is defined as  $\kappa(X) := \kappa(K_X)$  where the logarithm of zero is defined to be  $-\infty$ . In particular, if

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(X, K_X^{\otimes m}) = 0$$

for every  $m \geq 1$ , then  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ .

### 2.5 Spin manifold and $\widehat{A}$ -genus

Let  $X$  be a compact oriented Riemannian manifold. It is called a spin manifold, if it admits a spin structure, i.e. its second Stiefel–Whitney class  $w_2(X) = 0$ . It is well-known that all compact Calabi–Yau manifolds are spin.

In the following, we shall briefly describe the definition of the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus of a compact oriented Riemannian manifold for readers’ convenience, and for more necessary background materials, we refer to [17,23–25,37,38] and the references therein. Let  $\widehat{A}_i(p_1, \dots, p_i)$  be the

multiplicative sequence of polynomials in the Pontryagin classes  $p_i$  of  $X$  belonging to the power series

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{z}}{\sinh(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{z})} = 1 - \frac{1}{24}z + \frac{7}{2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5}z^2 + \dots$$

The first few terms are

$$\widehat{A}_1(p_1) = -\frac{1}{24}p_1, \quad \widehat{A}_2(p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5}(-4p_2 + 7p_1^2).$$

The  $\widehat{A}$ -genus,  $\widehat{A}(X)$  is by definition the real number  $(\sum_i \widehat{A}_i(p_1, \dots, p_i))[X]$ , where  $[X]$  means evaluation of the cohomology class on the fundamental cycle of  $X$ . Since  $p_i \in H^{4i}(X, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\widehat{A}(X)$  is zero unless  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Moreover, if  $X$  is a spin manifold,  $\widehat{A}(X)$  is an integer. The following result is well-known (for more historical explanations, we refer to [36, p. 420] and [17, Theorem 8.12] and the reference therein) and we shall use it frequently in the sequel:

**Lemma 2.1** *On a compact spin manifold  $X$ , if it admits a Riemannian metric with quasi-positive scalar curvature, then  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ .*

### 3 The Riemannian scalar curvature and Kodaira dimension

Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a compact Hermitian manifold. We first give several computational results.

**Lemma 3.1** *For any smooth real valued function  $f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ , we have*

$$\bar{\partial}^*(f\omega) = f\bar{\partial}^*\omega + \sqrt{-1}\partial f. \tag{3.1}$$

**Proof** For any smooth  $(1, 0)$ -form  $\eta \in \Gamma(X, T^{*1,0}X)$ , we have the global inner product

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\partial}^*(f\omega), \eta) &= (f\omega, \bar{\partial}\eta) = (\omega, f\bar{\partial}\eta) \\ &= (\omega, \bar{\partial}(f\eta)) - (\omega, \bar{\partial}f \wedge \eta) \\ &= (f\bar{\partial}^*\omega, \eta) - (\omega, \bar{\partial}f \wedge \eta) \\ &= (f\bar{\partial}^*\omega, \eta) + \sqrt{-1}(\partial f, \eta) \end{aligned}$$

where the last identity follows from the fact that  $f$  is real valued. □

**Lemma 3.2** *For any  $(1, 0)$  form  $\eta$  and real valued function  $f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ , we have*

$$\partial^*(f\eta) = f\partial^*\eta - \langle \eta, \partial f \rangle. \tag{3.2}$$

**Proof** For any smooth function  $\varphi \in C^\infty(X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial^*(f\eta), \varphi) &= (f\eta, \partial\varphi) = (\eta, f\partial\varphi) = (\eta, \partial(f\varphi) - \partial f \cdot \varphi) \\ &= (f\partial^*\eta, \varphi) - \langle \eta, \partial f \rangle, \varphi \end{aligned}$$

and we obtain (3.2). □

Let  $\omega_f = e^f \omega$  for some  $f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ . We denote by  $\bar{\partial}_f^*$ ,  $\bar{\partial}_f$  and  $\partial^*$ ,  $\bar{\partial}^*$  the adjoint operators taking with respect to  $\omega_f$  and  $\omega$  respectively. The local and global inner products with respect to  $\omega$  and  $\omega_f$  are indicated by  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$ ,  $(\bullet, \bullet)$  and  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle_f$ ,  $(\bullet, \bullet)_f$  respectively.

**Lemma 3.3** For any  $(1, 0)$  form  $\eta$  and real valued function  $f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$\partial_f^* \eta = e^{-f} [\partial^* \eta - (n - 1) \langle \eta, \partial f \rangle]. \tag{3.3}$$

**Proof** For any  $\varphi \in C^\infty(X)$ , we have

$$\left( \partial_f^* \eta, \varphi \right)_f = (\eta, \partial \varphi)_f = (e^{(n-1)f} \eta, \partial \varphi) = \left( \partial^* \left( e^{(n-1)f} \eta \right), \varphi \right)$$

where the second identity holds since  $\eta$  is a  $(1, 0)$ -form. By (3.2), we obtain

$$\left( \partial_f^* \eta, \varphi \right)_f = \left( e^{(n-1)f} \partial^* \eta, \varphi \right) - \left( \langle \eta, \partial e^{(n-1)f} \rangle, \varphi \right).$$

Hence,

$$\left( \partial_f^* \eta, \varphi \right)_f = \left( e^{-f} \partial^* \eta, \varphi \right)_f - \left( (n - 1) e^{-f} \langle \eta, \partial f \rangle, \varphi \right)_f,$$

which verifies (3.3). □

**Lemma 3.4** We have

$$\bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f = \bar{\partial}^* \omega + (n - 1) \sqrt{-1} \partial f. \tag{3.4}$$

**Proof** For any  $\eta \in \Gamma(X, T^{*1,0}X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f, \eta \right)_f &= (\omega_f, \bar{\partial} \eta)_f = \left( e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \omega, \bar{\partial} \eta \right) \\ &= \left( \bar{\partial}^* \left( e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \omega \right), \eta \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f, \eta \right)_f &= \left( e^{(n-1)f} \left[ \bar{\partial}^* \omega + (n - 1) \sqrt{-1} \partial f \right], \eta \right) \\ &= \left( \bar{\partial}^* \omega + (n - 1) \sqrt{-1} \partial f, \eta \right)_f \end{aligned}$$

since  $\eta$  is a  $(1, 0)$  form. Therefore, we obtain (3.4). □

**Lemma 3.5** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{-1} \partial_f^* \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f &= e^{-f} \left( \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega - (n - 1) \left( \Delta_d f + \text{tr}_\omega \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (n - 1)^2 |\partial f|^2 \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

**Proof** By formulas (3.2) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{-1} \partial_f^* \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f &= \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \left( \bar{\partial}^* \omega + (n - 1) \sqrt{-1} \partial f \right) \\ &= e^{-f} \left( \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega - \sqrt{-1} (n - 1) \langle \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \partial f \rangle - (n - 1) \partial^* \partial f + (n - 1)^2 |\partial f|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

We also observe that

$$\sqrt{-1} \langle \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \partial f \rangle = \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} f + \text{tr}_\omega \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f. \tag{3.6}$$

Indeed, for any text function  $\varphi \in C^\infty(X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{-1}(\bar{\partial}^* \omega, \partial f), \varphi) &= \sqrt{-1} (\bar{\partial}^* \omega, \varphi \partial f) \\ &= \sqrt{-1} (\omega, \bar{\partial} \varphi \wedge \partial f + \varphi \bar{\partial} \partial f) \\ &= (\bar{\partial} f, \bar{\partial} \varphi) + (\omega, \varphi \cdot \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f) \\ &= (\bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} f, \varphi) + (\text{tr}_\omega \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f, \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

which gives (3.6). Since  $\Delta_d f = d^*df = \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} f + \partial^* \partial f$ , we obtain (3.5). □

The following observation is one of the key ingredients in the curvature computations.

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a compact Hermitian manifold. Then*

$$(\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega) = |\bar{\partial}^* \omega|^2 - \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega. \tag{3.7}$$

*In particular, if  $\omega$  is a Gauduchon metric, we have*

$$(\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega) = |\bar{\partial}^* \omega|^2. \tag{3.8}$$

**Proof** For any smooth real valued function  $\varphi \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega), \varphi) &= (\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \varphi \omega) = (\bar{\partial}^* \omega, \bar{\partial}^* (\varphi \omega)) \\ &= (\bar{\partial}^* \omega, \varphi \bar{\partial}^* \omega + \sqrt{-1} \partial \varphi) \\ &= (|\bar{\partial}^* \omega|^2, \varphi) + (-\sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

where we use formula (3.1) in the second identity. Since  $\varphi$  is an arbitrary smooth real function, we obtain (3.7). If  $\omega$  is Gauduchon, i.e.  $\partial \bar{\partial} \omega^{n-1} = 0$ , we have  $\partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega = 0$ , and so (3.8) follows from (3.7). □

**Corollary 3.7** *On a compact Hermitian manifold  $(X, \omega)$ , the Riemannian scalar curvature  $s$  and the Chern scalar curvature  $s_C$  are related by*

$$s = 2s_C - 2\sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega - \frac{1}{2} |T|^2. \tag{3.9}$$

where  $T$  is the torsion tensor of the Hermitian metric  $\omega$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 6.2 in the Appendix, we have

$$s = 2s_C + \left( (\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega + \partial \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega) - 2|\bar{\partial}^* \omega|^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} |T|^2.$$

Hence, by formula (3.7) we obtain (3.9). □

Let  $\omega_f = e^f \omega$  be a smooth Gauduchon metric (i.e.  $\partial \bar{\partial} \omega_f^{n-1} = 0$ ) in the conformal class of  $\omega$  for some smooth function  $f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Theorem 3.8** *The total Chern scalar curvature of the Gauduchon metric  $\omega_f$  is*

$$n \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega_f) \wedge \omega_f^{n-1} = \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \left( \frac{s}{2} + \frac{|T|^2}{4} \right) \omega^n + (n-1)^2 \|\partial f\|_{\omega_f}^2. \tag{3.10}$$

**Proof** Indeed, since  $\omega_f$  satisfies  $\partial\bar{\partial}\omega_f^{n-1} = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} n \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega_f) \wedge \omega_f^{n-1} &= n \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega) \wedge \omega_f^{n-1} \\ &= n \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \text{Ric}(\omega) \wedge \omega^{n-1} = \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \cdot s_{\mathbb{C}} \cdot \omega^n \\ &= \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \left( \frac{s}{2} + \frac{|T|^2}{4} \right) \omega^n + \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega \cdot \omega^n, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the scalar curvature relation (3.9) in the third identity. Since  $\omega_f$  is Gauduchon, we have  $\partial_f^* \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f = 0$ . By formula (3.5), we have

$$\sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega = (n - 1) \left( \Delta_d f + \text{tr}_\omega \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f \right) - (n - 1)^2 |\partial f|^2. \tag{3.11}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\int_X e^{(n-1)f} \text{tr}_\omega \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f \cdot \omega^n = n \int_X \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} f \wedge \omega_f^{n-1} = 0$$

and

$$\int_X e^{(n-1)f} |\partial f|^2 \omega^n = \|\partial f\|_{\omega_f}^2.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X e^{(n-1)f} \Delta_d f \omega^n &= (d^* df, e^{(n-1)f}) \\ &= (n - 1) (df, e^{(n-1)f} df) \\ &= (n - 1) (df, df)_f \end{aligned}$$

since  $df$  is a 1-form. Finally, we obtain

$$\int_X e^{(n-1)f} \cdot \sqrt{-1} \partial^* \bar{\partial}^* \omega \cdot \omega^n = (n - 1)^2 \|df\|_{\omega_f}^2 - (n - 1)^2 \|\partial f\|_{\omega_f}^2 = (n - 1)^2 \|\partial f\|_{\omega_f}^2.$$

Putting all together, we get (3.10). □

**The proof of Theorem 1.1** Let  $\omega$  be the Hermitian metric of  $(g, J)$ . Let  $\omega_f = e^f \omega$  be a smooth Gauduchon metric in the conformal class of  $\omega$ . If the Riemannian scalar curvature  $s$  of  $\omega$  is quasi-positive, then by formula (3.10), the total Chern scalar curvature of the Gauduchon metric  $\omega_f$  is strictly positive, i.e.

$$n \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega_f) \wedge \omega_f^{n-1} > 0.$$

By [38, Theorem 1.1] and [38, Corollary 3.3],  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective and  $\kappa(X, J) = -\infty$ . □

The following result follows from the proofs of Theorem 1.1 and [38, Lemma 3.2].

**Corollary 3.9** *Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a compact Hermitian manifold such that the background Riemannian metric has quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature, then there exists a (possible different) Hermitian metric  $\tilde{\omega}$  with positive Chern scalar curvature.*



**The proof of Theorem 1.2** Suppose  $\kappa(X, J) \geq 0$ . If  $\omega_g$  is not a Kähler metric, i.e. the torsion  $|T|^2$  is not identically zero, then by formula (3.10), there exists a Gauduchon metric with positive total Chern scalar curvature. Hence, by [38, Corollary 3.3] we have  $\kappa(X, J) = -\infty$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\omega_g$  is a Kähler metric and so in formula (3.10),  $f$  is a constant and  $T = 0$ . That means,  $\omega_g$  is a Kähler metric with zero scalar curvature. Since  $\kappa(X, J) \geq 0$ , by [38, Corollary 1.6],  $X$  is a Calabi–Yau manifold and  $\kappa(X, J) = 0$ . By the Calabi–Yau theorem ([40]), there exists a Kähler Ricci-flat metric  $\omega_{CY}$ , i.e.  $\text{Ric}(\omega_{CY}) = 0$ . Hence,

$$\text{Ric}(\omega_g) = \text{Ric}(\omega_g) - \text{Ric}(\omega_{CY}) = \sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}F$$

where  $F = \log\left(\frac{\omega_{CY}^n}{\omega_g^n}\right)$ . Since  $\omega_g$  has zero scalar curvature, we have

$$\Delta_{\omega_g} F = \text{tr}_{\omega_g} \sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}F = 0,$$

which implies  $F = \text{const}$  and  $\text{Ric}(\omega_g) = 0$ .

If  $(X, J, \omega_g)$  is a Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold with  $\text{Ric}(\omega_g) = 0$ , it is well-known that  $K_X$  is a holomorphic torsion, i.e.  $K_X^{\otimes \ell} = \mathcal{O}_X$  for some positive integer  $\ell$ . Hence,  $\kappa(X, J) = 0$ .  $\square$

As an application of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.10** *Let  $(X, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with nonnegative Riemannian scalar curvature. If there exists a complex structure  $J$  which is compatible with  $g$ , then either*

- (1)  $\kappa(X, J) = -\infty$ ; or
- (2)  $\kappa(X, J) = 0$  and  $(X, J, g)$  is a Kähler Calabi–Yau.

**Proposition 3.11** *Suppose  $X$  is a compact complex manifold with  $c_1^{\text{BC}}(X) \leq 0$ . Then*

- (1) *there exists a Hermitian metric with non-positive Riemannian scalar curvature;*
- (2) *there is no Hermitian metric with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature.*

*Moreover,  $X$  admits a Hermitian metric  $g$  with zero Riemannian scalar curvature if and only if  $(X, g)$  is a Kähler Calabi–Yau.*

**Proof** Note that by definition there exists a  $d$ -closed non-positive  $(1, 1)$  form  $\eta$  which represents  $c_1^{\text{BC}}(X)$ . By [28, Theorem 1.3], there exists a non-Kähler Gauduchon metric  $\omega_G$  such that

$$\text{Ric}(\omega_G) = \eta \leq 0.$$

Hence, for any Gauduchon metric  $\omega$ ,

$$\int_X \text{Ric}(\omega) \wedge \omega^{n-1} = \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega_G) \wedge \omega^{n-1} \leq 0. \tag{3.12}$$

(1). Since  $\omega_G$  is Gauduchon, by formula (3.9), we have

$$s = 2s_C - \frac{1}{2}|T|^2 = 2\text{tr}_{\omega_G} \text{Ric}(\omega_G) - \frac{1}{2}|T|^2 \leq 0.$$

(2). If there exists a Hermitian metric with quasi-positive Riemannian scalar curvature, then it induces a Gauduchon metric with positive total Chern scalar curvature which is a contradiction.

Suppose  $X$  admits a Hermitian metric  $g$  with zero Riemannian scalar curvature, then by formulas (3.10) and (3.12), we have  $T = 0$  and  $f = 0$ , i.e.  $(X, \omega_g)$  is a Kähler manifold with zero scalar curvature. Since  $c_1^{\text{BC}}(X) = c_1(X) \leq 0$ , we have  $\text{Ric}(\omega_g) = 0$ .  $\square$

**The proof of Corollary 1.3** If  $K_X$  is a torsion, i.e.  $K_X^{\otimes m} = \mathcal{O}_X$  for some  $m \geq 1$ , then  $\kappa(X) = 0$ . The first part of Corollary 1.3 follows from Theorem 1.1, and the second part follows from Theorem 1.2. □

**The proof of Proposition 1.6** By Theorem 1.1,  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective and  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . Hence by [7, Corollary 1.2] or [15, Corollary 1.4], we conclude  $X$  is uniruled. □

**The proof of Theorem 1.7** Since  $H^2(X, \mathbb{R}) = 0$ , the Hermitian metric  $(g, J)$  is not Kähler. Then Theorem 1.7 follows from Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2. □

### 4 The Yamabe number, $\widehat{A}$ -genus and Kodaira dimension

Let  $(X, g_0)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with real dimension  $2n$ . The Yamabe invariant  $\lambda(X, g_0)$  of the conformal class  $[g_0]$  is defined as

$$\lambda(X, g_0) = \inf_{g=e^f g_0, f \in C^\infty(X, \mathbb{R})} \frac{\int_X s_g dV_g}{\left(\int_X dV_g\right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}}} \tag{4.1}$$

where  $s_g$  is the Riemannian scalar curvature of  $g$ . Moreover, one can define the Yamabe number

$$\lambda(X) = \sup_{\text{all Riemannian metric } g} \lambda(X, g). \tag{4.2}$$

As analogous to (4.2), on a compact complex manifold  $X$ , one can define the complex version

$$\lambda_c(X) = \sup_{\text{all Hermitian metric } g} \lambda(X, g). \tag{4.3}$$

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold. If  $\lambda_c(X) > 0$ , then  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . Moreover, if  $X$  is also spin, then  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ .*

**Proof** Suppose  $\lambda_c(X) > 0$ , then there exists a Hermitian metric  $g_0$  such that

$$\lambda(X, g_0) = \inf_{g \in [g_0]} \frac{\int_X s_g dV_g}{\left(\int_X dV_g\right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}}} > 0.$$

Let  $\omega_f = e^f \omega_{g_0}$  be a Gauduchon metric in the conformal class of  $\omega_{g_0}$ . Hence,  $\omega_f$  has positive total Riemannian scalar curvature

$$\int_X s_f \cdot \omega_f^n > 0.$$

Moreover, by formula (3.9), the total Chern scalar curvature of  $\omega_f$  is

$$\int_X (s_C)_f \cdot \omega_f^n = \int_X \frac{s_f}{2} \cdot \omega_f^n + \frac{1}{4} \int_X |T_f|^2_f \cdot \omega_f^n > 0, \tag{4.4}$$

where we use the fact that  $\omega_f$  is Gauduchon, i.e.  $\partial_f^* \bar{\partial}_f^* \omega_f = 0$ . Therefore, the Gauduchon metric  $\omega_f$  has positive total Chern scalar curvature, and by [38, Corollary 3.2],  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . We also have  $\lambda(X) \geq \lambda_c(X) > 0$ . On the other hand, by a straightforward calculation ([29, Lemma 1.2]), one can show that  $\lambda(X) > 0$  if and only if there exists a Riemannian metric with positive Riemannian scalar curvature. Hence, by Lichnerowicz’s result (e.g. Lemma 2.1), if  $X$  is spin and  $\lambda_c(X) > 0$ , then  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ . □

Note that on a simply connected Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold  $X$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2m + 1$ , one has  $\lambda(X) > 0$  and  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ . However,  $\lambda_c(X) \leq 0$ .

**Question 4.2** On a compact Kähler (or complex) manifold  $X$ , find sufficient and necessary conditions such that  $\lambda(X)$  and  $\lambda_c(X)$  have the same sign, or  $\lambda(X) = \lambda_c(X)$ .

A result along this line is

**Corollary 4.3** *Let  $X$  be a simply connected compact complex manifold with  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 3$ . If  $\lambda_c(X)$  has the same sign as  $\lambda(X)$ , then  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ .*

**Proof** By Gromov–Lawson [13] and Stolz [27], if  $X$  is a simply connected complex manifold with  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 3$ , then  $X$  has a Riemannian metric with positive scalar curvature, hence  $\lambda(X) > 0$  and so  $\lambda_c(X) > 0$ . By Theorem 4.1, we obtain  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ .  $\square$

Finally, we want to present a nice result of LeBrun, which answers Conjecture 1.5 affirmatively when  $X$  is a compact spin Kähler surface (for related works, see also [14] and [20]):

**Theorem 4.4** [18, Theorem A] *Let  $X$  be a compact Kähler surface, then*

$$\begin{cases} \lambda(X) > 0 & \text{if and only if } \kappa(X) = -\infty; \\ \lambda(X) = 0 & \text{if and only if } \kappa(X) = 0 \text{ or } 1; \\ \lambda(X) < 0 & \text{if and only if } \kappa(X) = 2. \end{cases} \tag{4.5}$$

According to Theorems 1.1, 1.2, 1.4 and [38, Theorem 1.1], there should be some analogous results for  $\lambda_c(X)$  on compact Kähler manifolds, which will be addressed in future studies. For some related settings, we refer to [2,3,8,21] and the references therein.

### 5 Examples on compact non-Kähler Calabi–Yau surfaces

In this section, we discuss two special Calabi–Yau surfaces of class VII. One is the diagonal Hopf surface  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^3$  and the other one is the Inoue surface. It is well-known, they are non-Kähler Calabi–Yau surfaces with Kodaira dimension  $-\infty$ ,  $b_1(X) = 1$  and  $b_2(X) = 0$ . We show by the following example that the converses of Theorems 1.1 and 1.4 are not valid in general:

**Proposition 5.1** *For every Inoue surface  $X$ , it has  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$  and  $\widehat{A}(X) = 0$ . However, it can not support a Hermitian metric with non-negative Riemannian scalar curvature. In particular,  $\lambda_c(X) \leq 0$ .*

**Proof** Since  $X$  is a non-Kähler Calabi–Yau manifold with  $b_2(X) = 0$ , one can see  $c_1^2 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 0$  (e.g. [5, Proposition 19.2 in Chapter V]). Hence, by the index theorem, we have

$$\widehat{A}(X) = -\frac{1}{8}\tau(X) = -\frac{1}{24}(c_1^2 - c_2) = 0.$$

On the other hand, on each Inoue surface, there exists a smooth Gauduchon metric with non-positive Ricci curvature. Indeed, let  $(w, z) \in \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}$  be the holomorphic coordinates, then by the precise definition of each Inoue surface ([9,10,25,34]), it is easy to see that the metric  $h^{-1} = [\text{Im}(w)]^{-1}(dw \wedge dz) \otimes (d\bar{w} \wedge d\bar{z})$  (resp.  $h^{-1} = [\text{Im}(w)]^{-2}(dw \wedge dz) \otimes (d\bar{w} \wedge d\bar{z})$ )

is a globally defined Hermitian metric on the anti-canonical bundle of  $S_M$  (resp.  $S_{N,p,q,r;t}^+$ ) (e.g. [9, Section 6]). Hence, the Chern Ricci curvature of  $S_M$  is

$$-\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\log h^{-1} = \sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\log[\text{Im}(w)] = -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{4}\frac{dw \wedge d\bar{w}}{[\text{Im}(w)]^2},$$

which also represents  $c_1^{\text{BC}}(X)$ . By Theorem [28, Theorem 1.3], there exists a Gauduchon metric  $\omega_G$  with

$$\text{Ric}(\omega_G) = -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{4}\frac{dw \wedge d\bar{w}}{[\text{Im}(w)]^2} \leq 0.$$

(Note also that the Riemannian scalar curvature of  $\omega_G$  is strictly negative according to (3.9).) Hence, for any Gauduchon metric  $\omega$ , the total Chern scalar curvature

$$2 \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega) \wedge \omega = 2 \int_X \text{Ric}(\omega_G) \wedge \omega < 0.$$

If  $X$  admits a Hermitian metric  $\omega$  with non-negative Riemannian scalar curvature, then by formula (3.10), there exists a Gauduchon metric with positive total Chern scalar curvature. This is a contradiction. We can deduce similar contradictions for  $S_{N,p,q,r;t}^\pm$ .  $\square$

A straightforward computation shows that on diagonal Hopf surfaces  $S^1 \times S^3$ , there exist Hermitian metrics  $\omega_+, \omega_-, \omega_0$  with positive, negative and zero Riemannian scalar curvature respectively ([24, Section 6]). However, their Chern scalar curvatures are all positive.

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## 6 Appendix: The scalar curvature relation on compact complex manifolds

Let’s recall some elementary settings (e.g. [24, Section 2]). Let  $(M, g, \nabla)$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with the Levi–Civita connection  $\nabla$ . The tangent bundle of  $M$  is also denoted by  $T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ . The Riemannian curvature tensor of  $(M, g, \nabla)$  is

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]}Z, W)$$

for tangent vectors  $X, Y, Z, W \in T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ . Let  $T_{\mathbb{C}}M = T_{\mathbb{R}}M \otimes \mathbb{C}$  be the complexification. We can extend the metric  $g$  and the Levi–Civita connection  $\nabla$  to  $T_{\mathbb{C}}M$  in the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear way. Hence for any  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $X, Y, Z, W \in T_{\mathbb{C}}M$ , we have

$$R(aX, bY, cZ, dW) = abcd \cdot R(X, Y, Z, W).$$

Let  $(M, g, J)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold, i.e.,  $J : T_{\mathbb{R}}M \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{R}}M$  with  $J^2 = -1$ , and for any  $X, Y \in T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ ,  $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$ . The Nijenhuis tensor  $N_J : \Gamma(M, T_{\mathbb{R}}M) \times \Gamma(M, T_{\mathbb{R}}M) \rightarrow \Gamma(M, T_{\mathbb{R}}M)$  is defined as

$$N_J(X, Y) = [X, Y] + J[JX, Y] + J[X, JY] - [JX, JY].$$

The almost complex structure  $J$  is called *integrable* if  $N_J \equiv 0$  and then we call  $(M, g, J)$  a Hermitian manifold. We can also extend  $J$  to  $T_{\mathbb{C}}M$  in the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear way. Hence for any  $X, Y \in T_{\mathbb{C}}M$ , we still have  $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$ . By Newlander–Nirenberg’s theorem,

there exists a real coordinate system  $\{x^i, x^J\}$  such that  $z^i = x^i + \sqrt{-1}x^J$  are local holomorphic coordinates on  $M$ . Let's define a Hermitian form  $h : T_{\mathbb{C}}M \times T_{\mathbb{C}}M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$h(X, Y) := g(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in T_{\mathbb{C}}M. \tag{6.1}$$

By  $J$ -invariant property of  $g$ ,

$$h_{ij} := h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z^j}\right) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad h_{i\bar{j}} := h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}^j}\right) = 0 \tag{6.2}$$

and

$$h_{i\bar{j}} := h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}^j}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(g_{ij} + \sqrt{-1}g_{iJ}\right). \tag{6.3}$$

It is obvious that  $(h_{i\bar{j}})$  is a positive Hermitian matrix. Let  $\omega$  be the fundamental two-form associated to the  $J$ -invariant metric  $g$ :

$$\omega(X, Y) = g(JX, Y). \tag{6.4}$$

In local complex coordinates,

$$\omega = \sqrt{-1}h_{i\bar{j}}dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^j. \tag{6.5}$$

In the local holomorphic coordinates  $\{z^1, \dots, z^n\}$  on  $M$ , the complexified Christoffel symbols are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{AB}^C &= \sum_E \frac{1}{2}g^{CE}\left(\frac{\partial g_{AE}}{\partial z^B} + \frac{\partial g_{BE}}{\partial z^A} - \frac{\partial g_{AB}}{\partial z^E}\right) \\ &= \sum_E \frac{1}{2}h^{CE}\left(\frac{\partial h_{AE}}{\partial z^B} + \frac{\partial h_{BE}}{\partial z^A} - \frac{\partial h_{AB}}{\partial z^E}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{6.6}$$

where  $A, B, C, E \in \{1, \dots, n, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{n}\}$  and  $z^A = z^i$  if  $A = i$ ,  $z^A = \bar{z}^i$  if  $A = \bar{i}$ . For example

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2}h^{k\bar{\ell}}\left(\frac{\partial h_{j\bar{\ell}}}{\partial z^i} + \frac{\partial h_{i\bar{\ell}}}{\partial z^j}\right), \quad \Gamma_{i\bar{j}}^k = \frac{1}{2}h^{k\bar{\ell}}\left(\frac{\partial h_{j\bar{\ell}}}{\partial \bar{z}^i} - \frac{\partial h_{j\bar{i}}}{\partial \bar{z}^{\ell}}\right). \tag{6.7}$$

We also have  $\Gamma_{i\bar{j}}^k = \Gamma_{i\bar{j}}^{\bar{k}} = 0$  by the Hermitian property  $h_{pq} = h_{i\bar{j}} = 0$ . The complexified curvature components are

$$R_{ABC}^D = \sum_E R_{ABCE}h^{ED} = -\left(\frac{\partial \Gamma_{AC}^D}{\partial z^B} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{BC}^D}{\partial z^A} + \Gamma_{AC}^F\Gamma_{FB}^D - \Gamma_{BC}^F\Gamma_{AF}^D\right). \tag{6.8}$$

By the Hermitian property again, we have

$$R_{i\bar{j}k}^l = -\left(\frac{\partial \Gamma_{ik}^l}{\partial \bar{z}^j} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{j\bar{k}}^l}{\partial z^i} + \Gamma_{ik}^s\Gamma_{j\bar{s}}^l - \Gamma_{j\bar{k}}^s\Gamma_{is}^l - \Gamma_{j\bar{k}}^{\bar{s}}\Gamma_{i\bar{s}}^l\right). \tag{6.9}$$

It is computed in [24, Lemma 7.1] that

**Lemma 6.1** *On the Hermitian manifold  $(M, h)$ , the Riemannian Ricci curvature of the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  satisfies*

$$Ric(X, Y) = h^{i\bar{\ell}}\left[R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i}, X, Y, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}^{\ell}}\right) + R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i}, Y, X, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}^{\ell}}\right)\right] \tag{6.10}$$

for any  $X, Y \in T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ . The Riemannian scalar curvature is

$$s = 2h^{i\bar{j}}h^{k\bar{\ell}} \left( 2R_{i\bar{\ell}k\bar{j}} - R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{\ell}} \right). \tag{6.11}$$

The following result is established in [24, Corollary 4.2] (see also some different versions in [11]). For readers' convenience we include a straightforward proof without using "normal coordinates".

**Lemma 6.2** *On a compact Hermitian manifold  $(M, \omega)$ , the Riemannian scalar curvature  $s$  and the Chern scalar curvature  $s_C$  are related by*

$$s = 2s_C + \left( \langle \partial\bar{\partial}^*\omega + \bar{\partial}\partial^*\omega, \omega \rangle - 2|\partial^*\omega|^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2}|T|^2, \tag{6.12}$$

where  $T$  is the torsion tensor with

$$T_{ij}^k = h^{k\bar{\ell}} \left( \frac{\partial h_{j\bar{\ell}}}{\partial z^i} - \frac{\partial h_{i\bar{\ell}}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} \right).$$

**Proof** For simplicity, we denote by

$$s_R = h^{i\bar{j}}h^{k\bar{\ell}}R_{i\bar{\ell}k\bar{j}} \quad \text{and} \quad s_H = h^{i\bar{j}}h^{k\bar{\ell}}R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{\ell}}.$$

Then, by formula (6.11), we have  $s = 4s_R - 2s_H$ . In the following, we shall show

$$s_H = s_C - \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial\bar{\partial}^*\omega + \bar{\partial}\partial^*\omega, \omega \rangle - \frac{1}{4}|T|^2 \tag{6.13}$$

and

$$s_R = s_C - \frac{1}{2}|\partial^*\omega|^2 - \frac{1}{4}|T|^2. \tag{6.14}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\bar{\partial}^*\omega = 2\sqrt{-1}\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k} dz^i \tag{6.15}$$

and so

$$-\frac{\partial\bar{\partial}^*\omega + \bar{\partial}\partial^*\omega}{2} = \sqrt{-1} \left( \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{jk}^k}}{\partial z^i} + \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} \right) dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^j. \tag{6.16}$$

On the other hand, by formula (6.9), we have

$$R_{i\bar{j}k}^k = -\frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} + \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{jk}^k}}{\partial z^i} + \Gamma_{jk}^{\bar{s}}\overline{\Gamma_{is}^k}. \tag{6.17}$$

A straightforward calculation shows

$$h^{i\bar{j}}\Gamma_{jk}^{\bar{s}}\overline{\Gamma_{is}^k} = -\frac{1}{4}|T|^2.$$

Moreover, we have

$$\left( -\frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} + \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{jk}^k}}{\partial z^i} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{jk}^k}}{\partial z^i} + \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} \right) = -\frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} - \frac{\partial\overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k}}{\partial \bar{z}^j} = -\frac{\partial^2 \log \det(g)}{\partial z^i \partial \bar{z}^j} \tag{6.18}$$

where the last identity follows from (6.7). Indeed, we have

$$\Gamma_{ik}^k + \overline{\Gamma_{ik}^k} = h^{k\bar{\ell}} \frac{\partial h_{k\bar{\ell}}}{\partial z^i} = \frac{\partial \log \det(g)}{\partial z^i}.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$s_H + \left\langle \frac{\partial \partial^* \omega + \overline{\partial \partial^* \omega}}{2}, \omega \right\rangle = s_C - \frac{1}{4} |T|^2$$

which proves (6.13). Similarly, one can show (6.14). □

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