

GRAVITATIONAL COUPLINGS FOR GENERALIZED ORIENTIFOLD PLANES

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ABSTRACT

The Wess-Zumino action for generalized orientifold planes (GOp-planes) is presented and a series power expansion is realized from which processes that involves GOp-planes, RR-forms, gravitons and gaugeons, are obtained. Finally non-standard GOp-planes are showed.

1 Introduction

The result that this paper presents is about gravitational couplings for generalized orientifold planes. The usual orientifold planes do not have gauge fields on their worldvolumes. The generalized orientifold planes that this paper consider have $SO(2k)$ Yang-Mills gauge fields-bundles over their corresponding worldvolumes. The aim of the present paper is to display the Wess-Zumino part of the effective action for such generalized orientifold planes.

For the usual orientifold planes the Wess-Zumino action has the following form, which can be derived both from anomaly cancellation arguments and from direct computation on string scattering amplitudes:

$$S_{WZ} = -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa^2} \int_{p+1} C \sqrt{\frac{L(\frac{R_T}{4})}{L(\frac{R_N}{4})}}$$

Where the Mukai vector of RR charges for the usual orientifold p-plane is given by:

$$Q(\frac{R_T}{4}, \frac{R_N}{4}) = \sqrt{\frac{L(\frac{R_T}{4})}{L(\frac{R_N}{4})}}$$

In this formula C is the vector of the RR potential forms. L is the Hirzebruch genus that generates the Hirzebruch polynomials which are given in terms of Pontryaguin classes for real bundles. The Pontryaguin classes are given in terms of the 2-form curvature of the corresponding real bundle. The formula for Q involves two real bundles over the worldvolume of the usual orientifold plane. These two bundles are the tangent bundle for the worldvolume and the normal bundle by respect to space-time for such worldvolume. Q is given then in terms of the curvatures for the tangent and normal bundles and does not have contributions from the others real bundles such as $SO(2k)$ Yang-Mills gauge bundles.

In this paper is presented the Mukay vector of RR charges for a generalized orientifold planes which have two $SO(2k)$ Yang-Mills gauge bundles on their worldvolumes. Such vector of RR charges is given by the following formula:

$$Q(\frac{R_T}{2}, \frac{R_N}{2}, \frac{R_E}{2}, \frac{R_F}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_E}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_F}{2})}}$$

For the generalized orientifold planes the Wess-Zumino action has the following form:

$$S_{WZ} = -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_E}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_F}{2})}}$$

The formula for the vector of RR charges corresponding to a generalized orientifold plane involves now four real bundles over the worldvolume: the tangent bundle, the normal bundle and two new SO(2k) YM gauge bundles. When one of these new SO(2k) bundles is the tangent bundle and the other is the normal bundle, one obtain the usual formula for Q corresponding to the usual orientifold planes using the following identity:

$$A(\frac{R}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R}{2}) = L(\frac{R}{4})$$

Then, one has:

$$Q(\frac{R_T}{2}, \frac{R_N}{2}, \frac{R_T}{2}, \frac{R_N}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}}$$

$$Q(\frac{R_T}{2}, \frac{R_N}{2}, \frac{R_T}{2}, \frac{R_N}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{L(\frac{R_T}{4})}{L(\frac{R_N}{4})}} = Q(\frac{R_T}{4}, \frac{R_N}{4})$$

In these formulas, A denotes the roof-Dirac genus and Mayer denotes the Mayer class for one SO(2k) YM gauge bundle.

In the following section the Mukay vector of RR charges for a such generalized orientifold p-plane (GOp-plane), will be given in terms of the powers of the curvatures for the four real bundles involved over the worldvolume. In the third section are presented the elementary processes corresponding to the power expansion for Q. In the final four section some conclusions are presented about other GOp-planes and non-BPS GOp-planes.

2 The Power Expantion for Q

Let E be a SO(2k)-bundle over the worldvolume of a generalized orientifold plane and consider a formal factorisation for the total Pontryaguin classs of the real bundle E, which has the following form:

$$p(E) = \prod_{i=1}^k (1 + y_i^2)$$

The total Pontryaguin classs of the real bundle E, has the following formal sumarisation in terms of the corresponding Pontryaguin classes:

$$p(E) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j(E)$$

The total Mayer class for the real bundle E has the following formal factorisation:

$$\text{Mayer}(E) = \prod_{i=1}^k \cosh(\frac{y_i}{2})$$

The total Mayer class for the real bundle E has the following formal sumarisation in terms of the Mayer polynomials which are formed from the corresponding Pontryaguin classes :

$$Mayer(E) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Mayer_j(p_1(E), \dots, p_j(E))$$

The Mayer polynomials are given by:

$$Mayer_0(p_0(E)) = Mayer_0(1) = 1$$

$$Mayer_1(p_1(E)) = \frac{p_1(E)}{8}$$

$$Mayer_2(p_1(E), p_2(E)) = \frac{p_1(E)^2 + 4p_2(E)}{384}$$

$$Mayer_3(p_1(E), p_2(E), p_3(E)) = \frac{p_1(E)^3 + 12p_1(E)p_2(E) + 48p_3(E)}{46080}$$

The Pontryagin classes of the real bundle E have the following realizations in terms of the powers of the 2-form curvature for such bundle. For this curvature the y 's are the eigenvalues:

$$p_1(E) = p_1(R_E) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} tr R_E^2$$

$$p_2(E) = p_2(R_E) = \frac{1}{16\pi^4} [\frac{1}{8} (tr R_E^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} tr R_E^4]$$

$$p_3(E) = p_3(R_E) = \frac{1}{64\pi^6} [-\frac{1}{48} (tr R_E^2)^3 - \frac{1}{6} tr R_E^6 + \frac{1}{8} tr R_E^2 tr R_E^4]$$

Using all these expressions one can obtain the following expansion:

$$Mayer(\frac{R_E}{2}) =$$

$$1 + \frac{p_1(R_E)}{32} + \frac{p_1(R_E)^2 + 4p_2(R_E)}{6144} + \frac{p_1(R_E)^3 + 12p_1(R_E)p_2(R_E) + 48p_3(R_E)}{2949120} + \dots$$

Now one has the following expansions:

$$A(\frac{R}{2}) = 1 - \frac{p_1(R)}{96} + \frac{7p_1(R)^2 - 4p_2(R)}{92160} + \dots$$

$$L(\frac{R}{4}) = 1 + \frac{p_1(R)}{48} + \frac{-p_1(R)^2 + 7p_2(R)}{11520} + \dots$$

Using these three expansions it is easy to obtain the following identities:

$$A(\frac{R}{2})Mayer(\frac{R}{2}) = L(\frac{R}{4})$$

$$A(R)Mayer(R) = L(\frac{R}{2})$$

$$A(2R)Mayer(2R) = L(R)$$

$$A(2^q R)Mayer(2^q R) = L(2^{q-1} R)$$

$$[A(R)2^k Mayer(R)]_{topform} = L(R)_{topform}$$

With the help from these identities one has that:

$$\sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}} = \sqrt{\frac{L(\frac{R_T}{4})}{L(\frac{R_N}{4})}}$$

Using all these equations it is easy to obtain the following power expansion for Q:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}} &= 1 + \frac{4AB}{1536C}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) - \frac{\text{top}}{512}(tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2) + \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{4718592}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 + \frac{\text{top}}{2949120}(tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4) + \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{524288}(tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2)^2 - \frac{\text{top}}{196608}(tr R_E^4 - tr R_F^4) - \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{786432}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)(tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2) \end{aligned}$$

When the bundle E is the tangent bundle and the bundle F is the normal bundle one obtain the usual power expansion for Q corresponding to the usual orientifold plane:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}} &= 1 + \frac{4AB}{1536C}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) - \frac{\text{top}}{512}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) + \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{4718592}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 + \frac{\text{top}}{2949120}(tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4) + \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{524288}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 - \frac{\text{top}}{196608}(tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4) - \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{786432}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) \\ \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}} &= 1 - \frac{4AB}{768C}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) + \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{1179648}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 - \frac{\text{top}}{1474560}(tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4) \\ \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_T}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2})\text{Mayer}(\frac{R_N}{2})}} &= \sqrt{\frac{L(\frac{R_T}{4})}{L(\frac{R_N}{4})}} \end{aligned}$$

3 The Elementary Processes

The WZ action for the usual orientifold p-plane can be written as a sum of the WZ actions for three elementary processes:

$$S_{WZ} = \sum_{j=1}^3 S_{WZ,j}$$

The WZ actions for the three elementary processes are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WZ,1} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\text{kappa}} \int_{p+1} C_{p+1} \\ S_{WZ,2} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\text{kappa}} \int_{p+1} C_{p-3} [-(\frac{4AB}{768C}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2))] \\ S_{WZ,3} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\text{kappa}} \int_{p+1} C_{p-7} (\frac{\text{top}}{1179648}(tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 - \\ &\quad \frac{\text{top}}{1474560}(tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4)) \end{aligned}$$

The first WZ action describes an elementary process for which the usual orientifold p-plane emits one (p+1)-form RR potential. The second WZ action describes an elementary process for which the usual Op-plane absorbs two gravitons and emits one (p-3)-form RR potential. The third WZ action describes an elementary process for which the Op-plane absorbs four gravitons and emits one (p-7)-form RR potential.

From the result of the section two, the WZ action for a generalized orientifold p-plane can be written as a sum of the WZ actions for some elementary processes:

$$S_{WZ} = \sum_{j=1}^6 S_{WZ,j}$$

The WZ actions for the six elementary processes are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WZ,1} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p+1} \\ S_{WZ,2} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p-3} \frac{4AB}{1536C} (tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2) \\ S_{WZ,3} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p-3} (-\frac{top}{512} (tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2)) \\ S_{WZ,4} &= -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p-7} (\frac{top}{4718592} (tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)^2 + \\ &\quad \frac{top}{2949120} (tr R_T^4 - tr R_N^4)) \\ S_{WZ,5} &= \\ -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p-7} (\frac{top}{524288} (tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2)^2 - \frac{top}{196608} (tr R_E^4 - tr R_F^4)) \\ S_{WZ,6} &= \\ -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C_{p-7} (-\frac{top}{786432} (tr R_T^2 - tr R_N^2)(tr R_E^2 - tr R_F^2)) \end{aligned}$$

The first WZ action describes an elementary process for which the generalized orientifold p-plane emits one (p+1)-form RR potential. The second WZ action describes an elementary process for which the generalized Op-plane absorbs two gravitons and emits one (p-3)-form RR potential. The third WZ action describes an elementary process for which the generalized Op-plane absorbs two gaugeons and emits one (p-3)-form RR potential. The fourth WZ action describes an elementary process for which the GOp-plane absorbs four gravitons and emits one (p-7)-form RR potential. The fifth WZ action describes an elementary process for which the GOp-plane absorbs four gaugeons and emits one (p-7)-form RR potential. The sixth WZ action describes an elementary process for which the GOp-plane absorbs two gravitons and two gaugeons and emits one (p-7)-form RR potential.

When the gaugeons corresponding to the bundles E and F are the same gravitons corresponding to the bundles T and N respectively, then the six elementary process for the GOp-plane are reduced to the usual three elementary process for the usual Op-plane: Op-plane emits one (p+1)-form RR potential, Op-plane absorbs two gravitons and emits one (p-3)-form RR potential; and, Op-plane absorbs four gravitons and emits one (p-7)-form RR potential.

4 Conclusions

The WZ action for the GOp-planes can be modified or extended by various ways. When the bundles haven non-trivial second Stiefel-Whitney classes one can write the following WZ action which incorporates an effect of the magnetic monopoles:

$$S_{WZ} = -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_E}{2}) e^{\frac{d_1}{2}}}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_F}{2}) e^{\frac{d_2}{2}}}}$$

where:

$$d_1 = \textit{reduction.mod.2}(w_2(T) + w_2(E))$$

$$d_2 = \textit{reduction.mod.2}(w_2(N) + w_2(F))$$

This action describes processes on which the GOp-plane emits RR-forms and absorbs gravitons, gaugeons and magnetic monopoles.

From the other side one can write the following actions for GOp-planes non standard:

$$S_{WZ} = -2^{p-4} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{A(R_T)}{A(R_N)}} - \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_E}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_F}{2})}} \right)$$

$$S_{WZ} = -2^{p-5} \frac{T_p}{\kappa} \int_{p+1} C \left(\sqrt{\frac{A(R_T)}{A(R_N)}} - 2^{p-4} \sqrt{\frac{A(\frac{R_T}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_E}{2})}{A(\frac{R_N}{2}) \text{Mayer}(\frac{R_F}{2})}} \right)$$

These actions correspond respectively to the Sp-type GOp-planes and the GOp-planes that give rise to gauge symmetries of type SO(2n+1). Such non-standard GOp-planes are building from combinations of the D-p-branes and standard GOp-planes.

Finally one can think about non-BPS GOp-planes with the tachyon effect.

In conclusion gauge theories with symmetries SO-even, Sp and SO-odd can be obtained from the GOp-planes of the string theory.

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