# On the class numbers of real cyclotomic fields of conductor $p q$ 

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1. Introduction. Let $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ be the cyclotomic field of conductor $m$ and denote by $C$ its ideal class group and by $h=|C|$ its class number. In the same way let $C^{+}$and $h^{+}$denote the ideal class group and class number of the maximal real subfield $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)^{+}$. The natural map $C^{+} \rightarrow C$ is an injection [12, Theorem 4.14] and we have the well known result $h=h^{+} h^{-}$. The relative class number $h^{-}$is easy to compute as there is an explicit and easily computable formula for its order [12, Theorem 4.17]. The number $h^{+}$, however, is extremely hard to compute. The class number formula is not so useful as it requires the units of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)^{+}$to be known. Methods that use the classical Minkowski bound become useless as $m$ grows, and other methods based on Odlyzko's discriminant bounds (see [9] and [10]) are only applicable to fields with small conductor. Masley [8] computed the class numbers for real abelian fields of conductor $\leq 100$, and van der Linden [7] was able to calculate the class numbers of a large collection of real abelian fields of conductor $\leq 200$. For fields of larger conductor, however, the above methods cannot be effective.

Many of the other methods that were developed employ the well known Leopoldt decomposition of the class number $h^{+}$of a real abelian field $K$ (see [6]), which derives from Leopoldt's decomposition of the cyclotomic units into the product of the cyclotomic units of all cyclic subfields $K_{\chi}$ of $K$. More specifically, we have $h^{+}=Q \prod_{\chi} h_{\chi}$, where the product runs over all non-trivial characters $\chi$ irreducible over the rationals, each 'class number' $h_{\chi}$ is the index of the cyclotomic units of $K_{\chi}$ in its full group of units $E_{\chi}$, and $Q$ is some value which equals 1 in the case where the extension $K / \mathbb{Q}$ is cyclic of prime order, but which is very hard to compute in the general case.

[^0]A different method is introduced by Schoof [11] and is designed for real cyclotomic fields of prime conductor. Schoof developed an algorithm that computes the order of the module $B=$ Units/(Cyclotomic Units), which is precisely equal to $h^{+}$in the case he considers, where the conductor of the field is a prime number. One of the great advantages of his method is that it does not exclude the primes dividing the order of the extension, as opposed to other methods.

In this paper we extend Schoof's method to real cyclotomic fields of conductor equal to the product of two distinct odd primes. We apply our algorithm to real cyclotomic fields of conductor $<2000$ and we calculate the $l$-part of $h^{+}$for all odd primes $l<10000$.
2. Our cyclotomic unit $\eta$. In our case, where the conductor of the field is not a prime number, the group of cyclotomic units has a complicated structure. We therefore work with a cyclic subgroup, yet of finite index in the group of units, which we present below.

Let $p$ and $q$ be distinct odd primes. From now on, $G$ will denote the Galois group $\operatorname{Gal}\left(\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+} / \mathbb{Q}\right), E$ will denote the group of units of the real cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$, and $O$ its ring of integers. Without loss of generality we will always assume that $p<q$. Choose and fix $g$ and $h$, primitive roots modulo $p$ and $q$, respectively. Denote by $\eta_{(g, h)}$ the following real unit of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$:

$$
\eta_{(g, h)}=\zeta_{p q}^{-(p+q)}\left(1-\zeta_{p q}^{p+q}\right)^{2} \frac{\zeta_{p}^{-g / 2}}{\zeta_{p}^{-1 / 2}} \frac{1-\zeta_{p}^{g}}{1-\zeta_{p}} \frac{\zeta_{q}^{-h / 2}}{\zeta_{q}^{-1 / 2}} \frac{1-\zeta_{q}^{h}}{1-\zeta_{q}}
$$

and by $H_{(g, h)}$ the group $\pm \eta_{(g, h)}^{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$. We will omit the subscripts and just write $H$ and $\eta$, since we will let $\eta_{\alpha}$ denote the result of the action of the element $\alpha \in G$ on $\eta$. With this notation in mind, we are ready to prove a statement about the regulator of the units $\left\{\eta_{\alpha}\right\}_{\alpha \in G}$.

Proposition 2.1. Let $E$ be the group of units of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$and $H=$ $\pm \eta^{\mathbb{Z}[G]}= \pm \eta_{(g, h)}^{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$ as above, where $g$ and $h$ are any two fixed primitive roots modulo $p$ and $q$, respectively. The index $[E: H]$ is always finite and equals

$$
\begin{aligned}
{[E: H]=} & \frac{2^{|G|-1} h^{+}}{|G|} \cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{p} \neq 1} \frac{1}{2}\left[2\left(\chi(q)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1)\right] \\
& \cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{q} \neq 1} \frac{1}{2}\left[2\left(\chi(p)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(h^{-1}\right)-1\right)(p-1)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where the characters $\chi$ in the first product are the even characters $\chi_{p}$ of conductor $p$, and those in the second product are the even characters $\chi_{q}$ of conductor $q$.

Proof. Define $f$ by $f(\alpha)=\log \left|\eta_{\alpha}\right|$. We see that $\sum_{\alpha} f(\alpha)=\log \left|\prod_{\alpha} \eta_{\alpha}\right|$ $=0$. Denote by $\chi$ an even Dirichlet character and note that for any root of unity $\zeta$ we have $\log \left|\zeta^{i}\left(1-\zeta^{j}\right)\right|=\log \left|1-\zeta^{j}\right|$, where $i$ and $j$ are arbitrary. The regulator $R$ of the units $\eta_{\alpha}$ is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
R & =R\left(\left\{\eta_{\alpha}\right\}\right)= \pm \operatorname{det}\left(\log \left|\eta_{\alpha \beta}\right|\right)_{\alpha, \beta \neq 1}= \pm \operatorname{det}(f(\alpha \beta))_{\alpha, \beta \neq 1} \\
& = \pm \operatorname{det}\left(f\left(\beta \alpha^{-1}\right)\right)_{\alpha, \beta \neq 1} \quad \text { (by rearranging the rows) } \\
& = \pm \frac{1}{|G|} \prod_{\chi \neq 1} \sum_{\beta \in G} \chi(\beta) f(\beta) \quad \text { (by [12, Lemma 5.26(c)]) } \\
= & \pm \frac{1}{|G|} \prod_{\chi \neq 1} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq \beta \leq p q \\
(\beta, p q)=1}} \chi(\beta)\left[\log \left|1-\zeta_{p q}^{\beta(p+q)}\right|^{2}+\log \left|\frac{1-\zeta_{p}^{g \beta}}{1-\zeta_{p}^{\beta}}\right|+\log \left|\frac{1-\zeta_{q}^{h \beta}}{1-\zeta_{q}^{\beta}}\right|\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

For a character $\chi$ and the second summand we have

$$
\sum_{\substack{1 \leq \beta \leq p q \\(\beta, p q)=1}} \chi(\beta)\left[\log \left|1-\zeta_{p}^{g \beta}\right|-\log \left|1-\zeta_{p}^{\beta}\right|\right]=0
$$

for $f_{\chi}=p q$ by [12, Lemma 8.4] and for $f_{\chi}=q$ by [12, Lemmas 8.4, 8.5].
For $f_{\chi}=p$ and by applying [12, Lemmas 8.4 and 8.5], the above sum equals

$$
\begin{aligned}
\chi(g)^{-1} \sum_{\substack{g \beta(\bmod p q) \\
(\beta, p q)=1}} \chi(g \beta) \log \mid 1 & -\zeta_{p}^{g \beta}\left|-\sum_{\substack{1 \leq \beta \leq p q \\
(\beta, p q)=1}} \chi(\beta) \log \right| 1-\zeta_{p}^{\beta} \mid \\
& =\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right) \sum_{\substack{1 \leq \alpha \leq p q \\
(\alpha, p q)=1}} \chi(\alpha) \log \left|1-\zeta_{p}^{\alpha}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

To sum up, the second summand gives:

$$
\begin{cases}0 & \text { if } f_{\chi}=p q \\ \left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1) \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq p} \chi(\alpha) \log \left|1-\zeta_{p}^{\alpha}\right| & \text { if } f_{\chi}=p \\ 0 & \text { if } f_{\chi}=q\end{cases}
$$

Similarly, the third summand equals:

$$
\begin{cases}0 & \text { if } f_{\chi}=p q \\ 0 & \text { if } f_{\chi}=p \\ \left(\chi\left(h^{-1}\right)-1\right)(p-1) \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq q} \chi(\alpha) \log \left|1-\zeta_{q}^{\alpha}\right| & \text { if } f_{\chi}=q\end{cases}
$$

Summands of the form $0 \cdot \log 0$ are treated as 0 in formulae as above.
Putting all three summands together and denoting by $\chi_{p q}, \chi_{p}$ and $\chi_{q}$ the characters of conductor $p q, p$ and $q$, respectively, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R= \pm \frac{1}{|G|} \prod_{\chi=\chi_{p q} \neq 1} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \chi(p+q)^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq \beta \leq p q} \chi(\beta) \log \left|1-\zeta_{p q}^{\beta}\right| \\
& \cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{p} \neq 1} \frac{1}{2}\left[2 \chi(q)^{-1}(1-\chi(q))+\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1)\right] \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq p} \chi(\alpha) \log \left|1-\zeta_{p}^{\alpha}\right| \\
& \cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{q} \neq 1} \frac{1}{2}\left[2 \chi(p)^{-1}(1-\chi(p))+\left(\chi\left(h^{-1}\right)-1\right)(p-1)\right] \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq q} \chi(\alpha) \log \left|1-\zeta_{q}^{\alpha}\right| .
\end{aligned}
$$

To show that $[E: H]$ is always finite it suffices to show that the regulator is never zero. Assume it is zero. Then for some character of conductor $p$ the sum

$$
2\left(\chi(q)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1)
$$

is zero, or for some character of conductor $q$ the sum

$$
2\left(\chi(p)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(h^{-1}\right)-1\right)(p-1)
$$

is zero. But

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2\left(\chi(q)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1)=0 \\
&
\end{aligned} \quad \Leftrightarrow 2 \chi(q)^{-1}+(q-1) \chi(g)^{-1}=2+(q-1), ~ \$
$$

which never happens as $\chi(g)^{-1}$ can never equal 1 , since $g$ is a primitive root. Similarly for a character of conductor $q$. Therefore, the regulator is never zero and this completes the proof of Proposition 2.1.

Denote by $P$ the factor

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\frac{2^{|G|-1}}{|G|} \cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{p} \neq 1}\left[2\left(\chi(q)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(g^{-1}\right)-1\right)(q-1)\right] \\
\cdot \prod_{\chi=\chi_{q} \neq 1}\left[2\left(\chi(p)^{-1}-1\right)+\left(\chi\left(h^{-1}\right)-1\right)(p-1)\right]
\end{array}
$$

which appears in the index $[E: H]$ in Proposition 2.1 above. We now have

$$
[E: H]=P \cdot h^{+}
$$

One can take advantage of the fact that any choice of primitive roots $g$ and $h$ gives a finite index, and for each field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$one can choose the pair $(g, h)$ with the property that $P_{(g, h)}$ is divisible by the smallest number of distinct primes. Furthermore, for the primes that appear in this $P_{(g, h)}$ one can check whether those primes divide the greatest common divisor of all the $P_{(g, h)}$ for every pair of primitive roots $(g, h)$. In the case that a prime $l$ does not divide the greatest common divisor, there is some pair $\left(g_{0}, h_{0}\right)$ for which $l$ does not divide $P_{\left(g_{0}, h_{0}\right)}$. We can therefore repeat the first part of our algorithm that we present in Section 5 , for this pair $\left(g_{0}, h_{0}\right)$ and for this prime $l$. We continue with the next step of the algorithm for this prime $l$ only if it gives
a non-trivial factor. These facts are very useful in the computations, since they narrow down the number of primes that one needs to check to see if they divide $h^{+}$.
3. The module $B=E / H=E / \pm \eta^{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$. We denote by $B$ the $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ module $E / H$, where $H= \pm \eta^{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$ as above. From Proposition 2.1 we know that the order of $B$ is finite and equals the index $[E: H]$. Therefore, by generalizing Schoof's method, we can calculate the order of $B$ and then multiply by $1 / P$ to get $h^{+}$, as desired.

Since $H$ is of finite index in $E$, the map

$$
\Phi: \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow E, \quad \alpha \mapsto \eta^{a},
$$

is a homomorphism whose image $H$ is of finite index and therefore $\mathbb{Z}^{-}$ isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}^{|G|-1}$. We have $H /\{ \pm 1\} \cong \mathbb{Z}[G] / N_{G}$ as $\mathbb{Z}[G]$-modules, where $N_{G}$ is the norm of $G$. Let $M>1$ denote a power of a prime $l$. We let $F=\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\left(\zeta_{2 M}\right)$ and $\Delta=\operatorname{Gal}\left(F / \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\right)$.

The following lemma appears in [11]. We prove it again here as we found a few omissions in the original proof.

Lemma 3.1. The kernel of the natural map

$$
j: E / E^{M} \rightarrow F^{*} / F^{* M}
$$

is trivial if $l$ is odd, and it has order two and is generated by -1 if $l=2$.
Proof. Fix an embedding $F \subset C$. Then $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$identifies with a subfield of $R$. Suppose $0<x \in E \subset R$ is in Ker $j$. Then $x=y^{M}$ for some $y \in F^{*}$. Since $\mu_{M} \subset F$, we may assume that $y \in R$ and therefore $\operatorname{conj}(y)=y$, where conj is complex conjugation in $\Delta$. Since $\Delta$ is commutative, $s(y)=$ $s(\operatorname{conj}(y))=\operatorname{conj}(s(y))$ for all $s \in \Delta$, therefore $s(y)= \pm y$ for all $s \in \Delta$, as $y$ and all its conjugates are real $M$ th roots of $x$. If $l \neq 2$ then $M$ is odd. Assume there exists $s \in \Delta$ with $s(y)=-y$. Then $x=s(x)=s\left(y^{M}\right)=$ $(s(y))^{M}=(-y)^{M}=-x$, a contradiction. Therefore $\Delta$ fixes $y$ and hence $y \in\left(\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\right)^{*}$ and $x \in E^{M}$. Since we took $x>0$, we need to check for -1 as well. Since $M$ is odd, $(-1)^{M}=-1$, therefore $-1 \in E^{M}$ as well, and in this case $j$ is an injection. If $l=2$, we see that $s\left(y^{2}\right)=s(y)^{2}=y^{2}$, therefore $y^{2} \in \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+*}$. The quadratic subextensions of $F / \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$are $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)(i)$ and $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}(\sqrt{ \pm 2})$, and hence $y^{2}=2 u^{2}$ or $= \pm u^{2}$ for some $u \in E$. If $y^{2}=2 u^{2}$ then $2=y^{2} v^{2}$ with $v$ such that $v u=1$, which cannot happen since then $(2)=(v)^{2}$ as ideals but 2 does not ramify in $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$. So we can only have the second case where $x=y^{M}=\left(y^{2}\right)^{2^{(k-1)}}$. For $k \geq 2$ we have $x=u^{2}$, and therefore $x \in E^{M}$. When $k=1$ we have $x=y^{2}= \pm u^{2}$, but since $x>0$ we still get $x=u^{2}$, which implies that $x \in E^{M}$. For -1 , observe that $-1=\zeta_{2 M}^{M}$, but -1 is not even a square in $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$, which means that $\operatorname{Ker} j=\langle-1\rangle$ is of order two in this case.

Let $\Omega=\operatorname{Gal}(F / \mathbb{Q})$. We have the following exact sequence of Galois groups:

$$
0 \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow \Omega \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0
$$

Let $\Re$ be any prime ideal of $F$ of degree $1, \rho$ a prime ideal of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$ and $r$ a prime number such that $\Re|\rho| r$. We have $r \equiv \pm 1(\bmod p q)$ and $r \equiv 1(\bmod 2 M)$. Moreover, $|G|=(p-1)(q-1) / 2$ and we consider the diagram


The maps $f_{1}, f_{2}, f_{2}^{\prime}, f_{3}, f_{3}^{\prime}, f_{4}, f_{5}$ are defined as in [11]. Let $f_{\Re}=$ $f_{5}^{-1} f_{4}^{-1} f_{3}^{\prime} f_{2} f_{1}$. In a similar manner to the proof of Theorem 2.2 in [11], it can be shown that the maps $f_{\Re}$ correspond to the Frobenius elements of the primes over $\Re$ in $\operatorname{Gal}(F(\sqrt[M]{E}) / F)$. Furthermore, every map in $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}\left(E / \pm E^{M}, R\right)$ is of the form $f_{\Re}$ for some $\Re \in S$, where $S$ denotes the set of unramified prime ideals $\Re$ of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\left(\zeta_{2 M}\right)$ of degree 1 and $R=$ $(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[G]$. We can therefore state the following theorem, whose proof we omit as it is very similar to that of Theorem 2.2 in [11].

Theorem 3.2. Let $l$ and $M$ be as above, and let $I$ denote the augmentation ideal of $R=(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[G]$. Then $B[M]^{\perp} \cong I /\left\{f_{\Re}(\eta): \Re \in S\right\}$.

## 4. The computations

4.1. Reformulating Theorem 3.2 in terms of polynomials. Let $l$ be a fixed odd prime, $M>1$ some fixed power of $l$, and $G$ the Galois group of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$. Then $G$ is of order $(p-1)(q-1) / 2$ and we have the isomorphisms

$$
\begin{aligned}
G & \cong\left((\mathbb{Z} / p \mathbb{Z})^{\star} \times(\mathbb{Z} / q \mathbb{Z})^{\star}\right) /\{ \pm \mathbf{1}\} \\
& \cong\left\langle\sigma, \tau: \sigma^{(p-1)}=1, \tau^{(q-1)}=1, \sigma^{(p-1) / 2} \tau^{(q-1) / 2}=1, \sigma \tau=\tau \sigma\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\sigma: \zeta_{p} \mapsto \zeta_{p}^{\gamma}$ and $\tau: \zeta_{q} \mapsto \zeta_{q}^{\delta}$ with $\gamma$ and $\delta$ being fixed primitive roots modulo $p$ and $q$, respectively. The third relation is that of complex conjugation. The primitive roots $\gamma$ and $\delta$ will be fixed throughout and will always represent the generators of $(\mathbb{Z} / p \mathbb{Z})^{\times}$and $(\mathbb{Z} / q \mathbb{Z})^{\times}$, respectively. We see that

$$
\mathbb{Z}[G] \cong \mathbb{Z}[x, y] /\left(x^{p-1}-1, y^{q-1}-1, x^{(p-1) / 2} y^{(q-1) / 2}-1\right)
$$

via the map that sends $\sigma$ to $x$ and $\tau$ to $y$. Similarly,

$$
(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[G] \cong(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[x, y] /\left(x^{p-1}-1, y^{q-1}-1, x^{(p-1) / 2} y^{(q-1) / 2}-1\right)
$$

Using this notation, the maps $f_{\Re}$ that were introduced in the previous section can now be expressed as polynomials in the variables $x$ and $y$ as follows:

$$
f_{\Re}(x, y)=\sum_{1 \leq i \leq p-1} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq(q-1) / 2} \log _{r}\left(\eta_{(i, j)}\right) \cdot x^{i} \cdot y^{j}
$$

where

$$
\eta_{(i, j)}=\zeta_{p}^{-\gamma^{i}} \zeta_{q}^{-\delta^{j}}\left(1-\zeta_{p}^{\gamma^{i}} \zeta_{q}^{\delta^{j}}\right)^{2} \frac{\zeta_{p}^{-g \gamma^{i} / 2}}{\zeta_{p}^{-\gamma^{i} / 2}} \frac{1-\zeta_{p}^{g \gamma^{i}}}{1-\zeta_{p}^{\gamma^{i}}} \frac{\zeta_{q}^{-h \delta^{j} / 2}}{\zeta_{q}^{-\delta^{j} / 2}} \frac{1-\zeta_{q}^{h \delta^{j}}}{1-\zeta_{q}^{\delta^{j}}}
$$

Here, $\log _{r}$ denotes the discrete $\log$ which gives $\log _{r} \eta=s$ where $s \in \mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$ is such that $\eta^{(r-1) / M} \equiv \zeta_{M}^{s}(\bmod \Re)$.

We note here that the second sum in the definition of $f_{\Re}(x, y)$ goes from 1 up to $(q-1) / 2$ since we are in the real subfield of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)$.

Given the above, we can now reformulate Theorem 3.2 as follows:
Theorem 4.1. Let $l$ be a fixed prime, and let $M>1$ be some fixed power of $l$. Denote by $R$ the ring

$$
(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[x, y] /\left(x^{p-1}-1, y^{q-1}-1, x^{(p-1) / 2} y^{(q-1) / 2}-1\right)
$$

and let $B[M]^{\perp}$ be as in Theorem 3.2. Then

$$
B[M]^{\perp} \cong(x-1, y-1) /\left\{f_{\Re}(x, y): \Re \in S\right\}
$$

where $S=\left\{\right.$ the degree 1 prime ideals of $\left.\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\left(\zeta_{2 M}\right)\right\}$.
Proof. From our polynomial description of $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ above, it follows that the augmentation ideal of $(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[G]$ is $(x-1, y-1)$. The result is now immediate from Theorem 3.2,
4.2. The decomposition of the modules $B[M]^{\perp}$. Let $\tilde{G}$ denote the Galois group of the extension $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right) / \mathbb{Q}$. We can write $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]$ as follows: For the same fixed prime $l$ as above, write $p-1=m_{1} l^{a_{1}}$ and $q-1=m_{2} l^{a_{2}}$ where $l^{a_{1}} \| p-1$ and $l^{a_{2}} \| q-1$. Since now $l$ does not divide $m_{1}$ and $m_{2}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}] & \cong \mathbb{Z}_{l}[x, y] /\left(x^{p-1}-1, y^{q-1}-1\right) \\
& \cong \mathbb{Z}_{l}[x, y] /\left(\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)^{m_{1}}-1,\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{m_{2}}-1\right) \\
& \cong \prod_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}} \mathbb{Z}_{l}[x, y] /\left(\phi_{x}\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right), \phi_{y}\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)\right) \\
& \cong \prod_{\phi_{x}} \mathbb{Z}_{l}[x] /\left(\phi_{x}\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)\right) \otimes \prod_{\phi_{y}} \mathbb{Z}_{l}[y] /\left(\phi_{y}\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where the products run over all irreducible divisors $\phi_{x}$ of $x^{m_{1}}-1$ and $\phi_{y}$ of $y^{m_{2}}-1$. We see that $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[x] /\left(\phi_{x}\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)\right)$ and $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[y] /\left(\phi_{y}\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)\right)$ are complete local $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]$-algebras with maximal ideals $\left(l, \phi_{x}(x)\right)$ and $\left(l, \phi_{y}(y)\right)$, respectively, and the orders of their residue fields are $l^{f_{1}}$ and $l^{f_{2}}$, where $f_{1}=\operatorname{deg}\left(\phi_{x}(x)\right)$ and $f_{2}=\operatorname{deg}\left(\phi_{y}(y)\right)$. Let $\Delta$ denote the subgroup of $\tilde{G}$ of order prime to $l$. From
the decomposition of $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]$ above, we can write any finite $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]$-module $A$ as a product of its $\phi$-parts:

$$
A_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}=A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]}\left(\mathbb{Z}_{l}[x] /\left(\phi_{x}\left(x^{l_{1}}\right)\right) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{l}[y] /\left(\phi_{y}\left(y^{a_{2}}\right)\right)\right) .
$$

The simple Jordan-Hölder factors of each $A_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\Delta]$ are the same as those over $\mathbb{Z}_{l}[\tilde{G}]$ since we 'removed' the powers of $x$ and $y$ dividing the order of $\tilde{G}$.

All of the above about the module $A$ also holds in particular for $B$, the various $B[M]^{\perp}$ and their $\phi$-parts $B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}$. Therefore, when we want to find the Jordan-Hölder factors of $B$ we can start by taking all combinations of the degrees $f_{1}$ and $f_{2}$. Since $x$ and $y$ are non-zero elements in the corresponding residue fields $\left[\mathbb{Z}_{l}[x] /\left(\phi_{x}\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)\right)\right] /\left(l, \phi_{x}(x)\right)$ and $\left[\mathbb{Z}_{l}[y] /\left(\phi_{y}\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)\right] /\left(l, \phi_{y}(y)\right)\right.$, the orders of $x$ and $y$ in the ring attached to $\phi_{x}$ and $\phi_{y}$ must divide $l^{f_{1}}-1$ and $l^{f_{2}}-1$, respectively. Let $d_{1}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(p-1, l^{f_{1}}-1\right)$ and $d_{2}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(q-1, l^{f_{2}}-1\right)$, and let

$$
R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}=(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[x, y] /\left(\left(x^{l_{1}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1,\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1\right) .
$$

Since the rings $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ and $R_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}$ are direct summands of $R$, any map from their modules $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ and $B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}$, respectively, to $R$ will end up in these smaller rings. Therefore we can refer to $B[M] \frac{d_{1}, d_{2}}{\perp}$ and $B[M] \frac{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}{\perp}$ as $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ - and $R_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}$-modules, respectively, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp} \cong I_{d} /\left\langle\left(x^{l_{1}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1,\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1, \mathrm{cnj}, f_{\Re}(x, y): \Re \in S\right\rangle \tag{i}
\end{equation*}
$$

and similarly for $B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}$. Here cnj denotes the conjugation relation already defined in Section 4.1. Basically $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ is the direct sum of the $B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}$ 's and we therefore have $\left|B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right|=\prod_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}\left|B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}\right|$.

Since $(1 \pm \mathrm{cnj}) / 2$ are idempotents in $(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[\tilde{G}]$ for $M$ odd, the conjugation relation in the ideal

$$
\begin{equation*}
J=\left\langle\left(x^{l_{1}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1,\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1, \mathrm{cnj}, f_{\Re}(x, y): \Re \in S\right\rangle \tag{ii}
\end{equation*}
$$

from (i) above makes $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ a $(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[G]$-module as well.
Note that here the polynomials $f_{\Re}$ are restrictions of the Frobenius elements of Theorem 4.1 to this smaller extension determined by the set of polynomials $\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1$ and $\left(y^{l_{2}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1$. They are therefore of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{\Re}(x, y)=\sum_{1 \leq i \leq d_{1} l^{a_{1}}} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d_{2} l^{a_{2}}} \log _{r}\left(\prod_{\substack{m \equiv i\left(\bmod d_{1} l^{a_{1}}\right) \\ n \equiv j\left(\bmod d_{2} l^{a}\right)}} \eta_{(m, n)}\right) \cdot x^{i} \cdot y^{j} \tag{iii}
\end{equation*}
$$

4.3. Gröbner bases. We make use of Gröbner bases, which we present here following [1, in order to handle the appearance of two variables in our calculations of the ideals $J$ defined in the previous section, and enable calculating the order of the various $B[M] \frac{d_{1}, d_{2}}{\perp}$.

As before, $d_{1}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(p-1, l^{f_{1}}-1\right)$ and $d_{2}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(q-1, l^{f_{2}}-1\right)$, where $f_{1}$ and $f_{2}$ are the degrees of some irreducible polynomials $\phi_{x}$ and $\phi_{y}$, respectively. Again, let $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ be the corresponding $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$-module, and $J$ the ideal as in (ii) above. All the computations for the calculation of the Frobenius polynomials were performed in PARI [2] and the computations for a basis for $J$ in Mathematica [13], which allows the computations of bases for ideals whose elements are polynomials in more than one variable and their coefficients are in any ring $\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$, not necessarily a field.

In this section, $R=(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[x, y]$ will be our polynomial ring in two variables $x$ and $y$ with coefficients in the Noetherian ring $\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$, which makes $R$ Noetherian as well. Because of the appearance of more than one variable in our polynomials, we need to agree on the order of the variables and also find a way to compare elements. We call an element of the form $x^{a} y^{b}$ with $a, b$ non-negative integers a power product, and we denote by $T^{2}$ the set of all power products in our polynomial ring $R$. Following [1], we define:

Definition 4.2. By a term order on $T^{2}$ we mean a total order $<$ on $T^{2}$ which satisfies the following conditions:
(i) $1<x^{a} y^{b}$ for all $1 \neq x^{a} y^{b} \in T^{2}$.
(ii) If $x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}<x^{a_{2}} y^{b_{2}}$ then $x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}} x^{c} y^{d}<x^{a_{2}} y^{b_{2}} x^{c} y^{d}$ for all $x^{c} y^{d} \in T^{2}$.

The type of term order that we use here is the lexicographical order which we define below:

Definition 4.3. The lexicographical order on $T^{2}$ with $x>y$ is defined as follows: For $\left(a_{1}, b_{1}\right),\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right)$ with $a_{i}, b_{i}$ positive integers, $x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}<x^{a_{2}} y^{b_{2}}$ if and only if $\left(a_{1}<a_{2}\right.$ or $\left(a_{1}=a_{2}\right.$ and $\left.\left.b_{1}<b_{2}\right)\right)$. We therefore have

$$
1<y<y^{2}<y^{3}<\cdots<x<x y<x y^{2}<\cdots<x^{2}<\cdots
$$

Now that we have chosen a term order on our polynomial ring, for each polynomial

$$
f=c_{1} x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}+\cdots+c_{n} x^{a_{n}} y^{b_{n}}
$$

with $c_{i} \neq 0$ in $\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$ and $x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}>\cdots>x^{a_{n}} y^{b_{n}}$, we can define:

- $\operatorname{lp}(f)=x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}$, the leading power product of $f$,
- $\operatorname{lc}(f)=c_{1}$, the leading coefficient of $f$,
- $\operatorname{lt}(f)=c_{1} x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}}$, the leading term of $f$.

Since the coefficients are not necessarily in a field, we need to redefine division.

Definition 4.4. Let $f$ and $h$ be polynomials in $R$, and $G$ a set of polynomials in $R, G=\left\{g_{1}, \ldots, g_{n}\right\}$. We say that $f$ reduces to $h$ modulo $G$ in one
step, denoted

$$
f \xrightarrow{G}_{1} h,
$$

if

$$
h=f-\left(c_{1} x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}} g_{1}+\cdots+c_{s} x^{a_{s}} y^{b_{s}} g_{s}\right)
$$

for $c_{1}, \ldots, c_{s} \in \mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$ and with $\operatorname{lp}(f)=x^{a_{i}} y^{b_{i}} \operatorname{lp}\left(g_{i}\right)$ for all $i$ such that $c_{i} \neq 0$ and $\operatorname{lt}(f)=c_{1} x^{a_{1}} y^{b_{1}} \operatorname{lt}\left(g_{1}\right)+\cdots+c_{s} x^{a_{s}} y^{b_{s}} \operatorname{lt}\left(g_{s}\right)$.

DEFINITION 4.5. Let $f, h$ and $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{s}$ be polynomials in $R$, with $f_{i} \neq 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq s$, and let $F=\left\{f_{1}, \ldots, f_{s}\right\}$. We say that $f$ reduces to $h$ modulo $F$, denoted

$$
f \xrightarrow{F} h,
$$

if there exist polynomials $h_{1}, \ldots, h_{t-1} \in R$ such that

$$
f \xrightarrow{F}_{1} h_{1} \xrightarrow{F}_{1} h_{2} \xrightarrow{F}_{1} \cdots \xrightarrow{F} h_{t-1} \xrightarrow{F}{ }_{1} h .
$$

Note that if

$$
f \xrightarrow{F} h
$$

then $f-h \in\left\langle f_{1}, \ldots, f_{s}\right\rangle$.
We will now recall [1, Theorem 4.1.12] which basically serves as the definition for a Gröbner basis. Here, the leading term ideal of an ideal $V$ of our ring $R$, denoted by $\mathrm{LT}(V)$, is defined by

$$
\operatorname{LT}(V)=\langle\{\operatorname{lt}(v): v \in V\}\rangle
$$

Theorem 4.6. Let $V$ be an ideal of $R$, and let $G=\left\{g_{1}, \ldots, g_{n}\right\}$ be a set of non-zero polynomials in $V$. The following are equivalent:
(i) $\operatorname{LT}(G)=\mathrm{LT}(V)$.
(ii) For any polynomial $f \in R$ we have

$$
f \in V \quad \text { if and only if } \quad f \xrightarrow{G} 0 .
$$

(iii) For all $f \in V$ we have $f=h_{1} g_{1}+\cdots+h_{n} g_{n}$ for some polynomials $h_{1}, \ldots, h_{n} \in R$ such that $\operatorname{lp}(f)=\max _{1 \leq i \leq n}\left(\operatorname{lp}\left(h_{i}\right) \operatorname{lp}\left(g_{i}\right)\right)$.

Definition 4.7. A set $G$ of non-zero polynomials contained in an ideal $V$ of our ring $R$ is called a Gröbner basis for $V$ if $G$ satisfies any one of the three equivalent conditions of Theorem 4.6 above. Obviously, $G$ is a Gröbner basis for $\langle G\rangle$.

The Noetherian property of the ring $R$ together with Theorem 4.6 yields the following result [1, Corollary 4.1.17]:

Theorem 4.8. Let $V \subseteq R$ be a non-zero ideal. Then $V$ has a finite Gröbner basis.

We compute in Mathematica a Gröbner basis for our ideal $J$ of the ring $R$, which we denote by $G_{J}$. We see that the order of $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ is the order of the quotient $I_{d} /\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle$.

In the last step of the algorithm we will also need to compute the annihilator of some ideal $\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle$ over the finite ring $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$. For this we follow the method outlined in [1, Proposition 4.3.11] and we calculate the ideal quotient

$$
\left(T:\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle\right)=\left\{f \in R: f\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle \subseteq T\right\}
$$

where $T=\left\langle\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1,\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1\right\rangle$ is the zero ideal of $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$. We see that

$$
\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle\right)=\left(T:\left\langle G_{J}\right\rangle\right)
$$

## 5. The algorithm

5.1. Step 1. Fix distinct odd primes $p$ and $q$ and an odd prime $l$. The product $p q$ is the conductor of the field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$whose class number $h^{+}$ we want to calculate, and $M=l$ is the prime that we check to see if it divides $h^{+}$. Factor $x^{m_{1}}-1$ and $y^{m_{2}}-1$ into irreducibles in $\mathbb{Z} / l \mathbb{Z}$ where, as above, $\operatorname{gcd}\left(m_{i}, l\right)=1$ for $i=1,2$ and $m_{1} l^{a_{1}}=p-1$ and $m_{2} l^{a_{2}}=$ $q-1$. As before, let $\left(f_{1}, f_{2}\right)$ be a pair of degrees of irreducible polynomials $\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}$, respectively, which appear in the factorization of $\mathbb{Z}[\tilde{G}]$. Let $d_{1}=$ $\operatorname{gcd}\left(p-1, l^{f 1}-1\right)$ and $d_{2}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(q-1, l^{f_{2}}-1\right)$. For various primes $r$ with $r \equiv \pm 1(\bmod p q)$ and $r \equiv 1(\bmod 2 l)$ we calculate the Frobenius elements $f_{\Re}$ as in (iii) of Section 4.2, Let $J_{0}$ denote the zero ideal of $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ together with the conjugation relation cnj. We pick several Frobenius polynomials $f_{\Re i}$ that we calculated above and we let $J_{i}=J_{i-1}+\left(f_{\Re i}\right)$. This ascending chain of ideals will computationally stabilize at some ideal $J^{l} \subseteq I_{d}$. If $J^{l}$ happens to equal the whole ideal $I_{d}$ then the module $B[l]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ is trivial. If, however, for some pair of degrees $\left(f_{1}, f_{2}\right)$ we have a strict inclusion $J^{l} \subset I_{d}$ then the corresponding $B[l] \frac{d_{1}, d_{2}}{}$ is not trivial, if $J^{l}$ has indeed stabilized at the correct ideal $J$. Hence we believe that $l$ divides the index $[E: H]$.

As expected, in most cases the ideal $J^{l}$ is the whole ideal $I_{d}$ and so we do not continue to Steps 2 and 3 for this prime $l$. When we do get a non-trivial quotient $I_{d} / J^{l}$ for some $l$, we do not proceed to the next step right away but we follow first the procedure outlined right after the proof of Proposition 2.1.
5.2. Step 2. In this step we repeat the procedure of Step 1 but with higher powers of $l$, i.e. for $M=l^{2}, l^{3}$, etc., and only for those primes which 'passed' Step 1. The coefficients of the Frobenius polynomials $f_{\Re}$ now lie in $\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z}$ and we have to make sure that the primes $r$ satisfy $r \equiv 1(\bmod 2 M)$ for the specific power $M$ of $l$. As before, $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}=(\mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z})[x, y] /\left(\left(x^{l^{a_{1}}}\right)^{d_{1}}-1\right.$, $\left(y^{l^{a_{2}}}\right)^{d_{2}}-1$ ), and $I_{d}$ is the ideal $(x-1, y-1)$ in $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$. As in Step 1, for
each $M$ the sequence of ideals

$$
J_{0} \subset J_{1} \subset \cdots \subset J_{i} \subset \cdots
$$

will stabilize at some ideal $J^{M}$ and the order of the quotients

$$
\ldots, I_{d} / J^{M}, I_{d} / J^{l M}, \ldots
$$

is non-decreasing. Since $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ is finite and its order is bounded above by $\left|B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|$, which is finite and independent of $M$, the orders of the quotients $I_{d} / J^{M}$ will have to stabilize. For some power $M$ of $l$ we will get $\left|I_{d} / J^{l M}\right|=$ $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|$, hence $I_{d} / J^{l M} \cong I_{d} / J^{M}$. Therefore $M$ annihilates $I_{d} / J^{l M}$ as well as its quotient $\left(I_{d} / J^{l M}\right) /\left\langle f_{\Re}(x, y): \Re \in S\right\rangle \cong B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$. This implies that $M\left(B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\text {dual }}\right)=0$, which gives $M\left(B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)=0$ since $B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\text {dual }}$ and $B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ are isomorphic as finite abelian groups. Therefore $B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}=$ $B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ and

$$
\left|M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|=\left|B_{d_{1}, d_{2}} / B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|=\left|B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right| /\left|B[M l]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|=\left|l M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right| .
$$

Thus $\left(M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right) / l\left(M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)=0$, and by Nakayama's lemma, $M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}=0$. Again, since $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ and $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\text {dual }}$ are isomorphic as finite abelian groups, we obtain $M B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}=0$. Hence the map $g: I_{d} / J^{M} \rightarrow B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ is surjective.

Let $\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)$ denote the greatest common divisor of all the $P_{(g, h)}$ that were defined in the last paragraph of Section 2. We need to mention here that if $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|=\left|\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)\right|_{l}$ then we do not have to proceed to Step 3 for this prime since $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right| \geq\left|B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right| l \geq\left|\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)\right|_{l}$ and no power of $l$ divides $h^{+}$.
5.3. Step 3. In this last step we determine the structure and hence the order of the module $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$, by showing that the surjective map $g: I_{d} / J^{M} \rightarrow$ $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ is actually an isomorphism.

Let $M$ be as in Step 2, i.e. the power of $l$ which annihilates $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$. Consider the following exact sequence, where $\psi^{\prime}$ raises an element to its $M$ th power:

$$
0 \rightarrow B[M] \xrightarrow{\psi^{\prime}} H / \pm H^{M} \rightarrow H / \pm E^{M} \rightarrow 0 .
$$

Since $M$ annihilates $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp} \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}, R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)$, this implies that $M$ also annihilates $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$. Therefore, we obtain the following exact sequence of $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$-modules:

$$
0 \rightarrow B_{d_{1}, d_{2}} \xrightarrow{\psi}\left(H / \pm H^{M}\right)_{d_{1}, d_{2}} \rightarrow\left(H / \pm E^{M}\right)_{d_{1}, d_{2}} \rightarrow 0
$$

where the generator $\eta_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ of the unit groups is the unit $\eta$ with the norm map

$$
N_{d}=\frac{\left(x^{p-1}-1\right)\left(y^{q-1}-1\right)}{\left(x^{a_{1} d_{1}}-1\right)\left(y^{l^{a_{2} d_{2}}}-1\right)}
$$

applied to it.

From the surjection $g: I_{d} / J^{M} \rightarrow B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ established in Step 2 we obtain the injection

$$
\Psi: B_{d_{1}, d_{2}} \hookrightarrow\left(I_{d} / J^{M}\right)^{\perp} .
$$

We have $\left(I_{d} / J^{M}\right)^{\perp}=\operatorname{Hom}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(I_{d} / J^{M}, R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right) \cong R_{d_{1}, d_{2}} / \operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(I_{d} / J^{M}\right)$, where $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(I_{d} / J^{M}\right)=\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(I_{d}+J^{M} / J^{M}\right)=\left(J^{M}: I_{d}\right)$, which is the ideal quotient already discussed in Section 4.3. Therefore, $\left(I_{d} / J^{M}\right) \cong$ $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\left(J^{M}: I_{d}\right)\right)$. One can think of $\left(J^{M}: I_{d}\right)$, which we denote by $\overline{J^{M}}$, as the ideal $J^{M}$ modulo its $I_{d}$-part. Assume now that $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)$ annihilates $\left(H / \pm H^{M}\right)_{d_{1}, d_{2}} / \psi\left(B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)$. Then $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right) \subseteq \psi\left(B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)$. But now we have

$$
\left|\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)\right| \leq\left|\psi\left(B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)\right|=\left|B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|=\left|\Psi\left(B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right)\right| \leq\left|\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)\right|
$$

Therefore the orders of $I_{d} / J^{M}$ and $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ are equal and so $g$ is an isomorphism. Hence, if we show that $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)$ annihilates $\left(H / \pm E^{M}\right)_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$, from the second exact sequence above we will have proved that $g$ is an isomorphism.

To find the annihilator $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)$ we first compute $\overline{J^{M}}=\left(J^{M}: I_{d}\right)$ and then the ideal quotient $\left(T: \frac{J^{M}}{}\right)$ of Section 4.3. For each generator of $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)$, we need to apply a lift $h(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ of this generator to the unit $\eta_{d_{1}, d_{2}} \in\left(H / \pm E^{M}\right)_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$. If $\eta_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{h(x, y)}$ is an $M$ th power of a unit in $E$ then we are done. To see whether it is an $M$ th power we follow a method similar to the one in Gras and Gras [3] that we also mentioned in the Introduction. We reformulate here the main proposition from [3] in order to make it applicable to our case, and we prove it again, for $l$ odd only, since we only calculate the odd $l$-parts of $h^{+}$.

We denote by $\eta_{d}^{h}$ the unit $\eta_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{h(x, y)}$ that we already described above, and by $G_{d}$ the quotient of $G$ containing the coset representatives of the embeddings in $G$, which $\operatorname{map} \zeta_{p}$ to $\zeta_{p}^{g^{i}}$ and $\zeta_{q}$ to $\zeta_{q}^{h^{j}}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l^{a_{1}} d_{1}$ and $1 \leq j \leq l^{a_{2}} d_{2}$.

Proposition 5.1. Let $M$ be a fixed power of an odd prime $l$ as above and consider the polynomial

$$
P(X)=\prod_{a \in G_{d}}\left(X-\left(a\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)\right)^{1 / M}\right)
$$

where $\left(a\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)\right)^{1 / M}$ denotes the real Mth root of $a\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)$. If $P$ has coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}$ then $\eta_{d}^{h}$ is an $M$ th power in $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$.

Proof. Let $N$ be the largest power of $l$ for which the unit $\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)^{1 / N}$ lies in $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$. If $M=N$ then we are done, so we assume $N<M$. Then $\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)^{1 / N}$ is not an element of $\left(\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}\right)^{l}$ and therefore by [5, Chapter VIII, Theorem 16]
the polynomial

$$
T(X)=X^{M / N}-\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)^{1 / N}
$$

is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$. Since $M / N \geq 3, T(X)$ has at least one complex root. Therefore $\left(\eta_{d}^{h}\right)^{1 / M}$ has at least one Galois conjugate that is not real. But $P(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ implies that the Galois conjugates are roots of $P(X)$ which are real. Therefore we have a contradiction.

Most of the times the $P(X)$ 's are very large polynomials with huge coefficients. We can prove that the coefficients are integers by applying a method outlined in Schoof [11], which requires that we round off the coefficients of $P(X)$ and then show that this new polynomial divides $P\left(X^{M}\right)$.

## 6. Examples

6.1. The field of conductor $469=\mathbf{7} \cdot \mathbf{6 7}$. We confirm Hakkarainen's result [4] that 3 is the only odd prime $<10000$ which divides $h^{+}$. However, he only obtained a $3^{1}$ dividing $h_{\xi}$, whereas our results show that the 3 -part of $h^{+}$has order $3^{2}$.

Let $r=3, p=7, q=67$, and $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$be the real cyclotomic field of conductor $p q=469$. We first compute the factor $P_{(g, h)}$ for all pairs of primitive roots $(g, h)$ and then their greatest common divisor $\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)$. From the calculations we have $\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)=2^{32}$, and so we see that it is best to run the test with the pair $\left(g^{\prime}, h^{\prime}\right)=(3(\bmod 7), 7(\bmod 67))$, for which $P_{\left(g^{\prime}, h^{\prime}\right)}$ has the smallest number of factors. In particular, $P_{\left(g^{\prime}, h^{\prime}\right)}=2^{98} \cdot 17^{2}$. Next, we decompose the group ring $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ as shown in Section 4.2. We have $x^{p-1}-1=\left(x^{3}\right)^{2}-1$ and $y^{q-1}-1=\left(y^{3}\right)^{22}-1$, and factoring into irreducibles in $\mathbb{Z} / 3 \mathbb{Z}$ gives

$$
x^{2}-1=(x+1)(x+2)
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
y^{22}-1= & (y+1)(y+2)\left(y^{5}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y+2\right)\left(y^{5}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+2 y+1\right) \\
& \times\left(y^{5}+2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+1\right)\left(y^{5}+y^{4}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+2\right) ;
\end{aligned}
$$

so we run Step 1 for all possible degrees $d_{1}$ and $d_{2}$, which in this case are $d_{1}=2$ and $d_{2}=2$ and 22 . Step 1 showed 2,3 and 17 to be the only primes $<10000$ that are possible divisors of the index. Since we chose not to calculate the 2 -part of $h^{+}$, the only primes we have to consider are 3 and 17. Before proceeding to Step 2, however, we run Step 1 again for the prime 17 because it did appear as a factor of $P_{\left(g^{\prime}, h^{\prime}\right)}$ but not of $\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)$ and therefore it is possible that it might only divide $P_{\left(g^{\prime}, h^{\prime}\right)}$ and not $h^{+}$. The pair $\left(g_{0}, h_{0}\right)=(5(\bmod 7), 7(\bmod 67))$ does not have 17 as a factor of $P_{\left(g_{0}, h_{0}\right)}$, and Step 1 for 17 with this pair of primitive roots only gives trivial Jordan-Hölder factors. Therefore we proceed to the next steps only for the
prime 3. In Step 2 we repeat the same procedure as in Step 1 but with higher powers of 3 . Below we show the Frobenius polynomials obtained for $M=3$, $3^{2}$ and $3^{3}$ for the pair of degrees $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)=(2,2)$, the ideals $J^{M}$ at which the ideals $J_{i}$ stabilize and the orders of the quotients $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|$.

For $M=3, J^{M}=\left(y^{2}-1, y-x\right) \equiv((y+1)(y-1),(y-1)-(x-1))$ with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z} / 3 \mathbb{Z}$. From the second polynomial in $J^{M}$ we see that the two generators of the augmentation ideal $I_{d}$ become equivalent in $I_{d} / J^{M}$. From the first one we have $y(y-1) \equiv-(y-1)$ in $J^{M}$, therefore we can only have constants in front of the only generator of $I_{d} / J^{M}$. Since we are in $\mathbb{Z} / 3 \mathbb{Z}$, we see that $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|=3$.

For $M=9, J^{M}=\left(y^{2}-3 y+2,3-x-2 y\right)=((y-1)(y-2),-2(y-1)-$ $(x-1))$ with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z} / 9 \mathbb{Z}$. The same reasoning as above for the ideal $J^{3}$ applies here as well and we have $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|=3^{2}$. Since $\left|I_{d} / J^{3}\right|$ is strictly smaller than $\left|I_{d} / J^{3^{2}}\right|$, we need to continue as above with $M=3^{3}$.

For $M=27, J^{M}=\left(9(y-1), 2-3 y+y^{2}, 3-x-2 y\right)$ with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z} / 27 \mathbb{Z}$. We see here that $J^{3^{3}}$ is generated by the same polynomials as $J^{3^{2}}$ but it has the extra polynomial $9(y-1)$, which reduces the number of constants to 9 instead of 27 . Therefore $\left|I_{d} / J^{3^{2}}\right|=\left|I_{d} / J^{3^{3}}\right|=9$ and so, as expected, the orders of these quotients stabilize with $M=3^{2}$. The factors $\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}$ contained in the ideals $J$ above are $\phi_{x}(x)=x+1$ and $\phi_{y}(y)=y-2$. These are the only two factors that gave a non-trivial quotient $I_{d} / J^{M}$.

For the pair of degrees $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)=(2,22)$, the Frobenius polynomials give exactly the same ideals $J^{M}$ as above and therefore we have the same two factors $\phi_{x}$ and $\phi_{y}$. Hence, we only need to consider the case of $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)=$ $(2,2)$.

| $l$ | The Frobenius maps for $M=3$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $l_{1}=7521823$ | $f_{\Re_{1}}=\left(y^{5}+y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+2 y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{4}+$ |
|  | $\left(2 y^{5}+y^{4}+y^{2}+1\right) x^{3}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{2}+\left(y^{5}+y^{4}+y^{3}+\right.$ |
|  | $2 y+1) x+\left(y^{5}+y^{4}+y^{3}+2 y\right)$ |
| $l_{2}=8889427$ | $f_{\Re_{2}}=\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+2 y\right) x^{4}+\left(2 y^{5}+\right.$ |
|  | $\left.2 y^{4}+y^{3}+2 y+2\right) x^{3}+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+2 y\right) x^{2}+\left(2 y^{4}+y\right) x+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{4}+\right.$ |
|  | $\left.2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y\right)$ |
| $l_{3}=9573229$ | $f_{\Re_{3}}=\left(y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y+1\right) x^{5}+\left(y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}\right) x^{4}+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{3}+$ |
|  | $\left(2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}\right) x^{2}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{3}+y+2\right) x+\left(y^{5}+y^{3}+1\right)$ |
| $l_{4}=10257031$ | $f_{\Re_{4}=\left(y^{5}+y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}\right) x^{4}+\left(2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y\right) x^{3}+}$ |
|  | $\left(y^{5}+y^{2}+y+1\right) x^{2}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{2}+2 y+2\right) x+\left(2 y^{5}+y^{4}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+y\right)$ |
| $l_{5}=20514061$ | $f_{\Re_{5}}=\left(2 y^{5}+y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y+1\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y+2\right) x^{4}+\left(2 y^{5}+y^{4}+\right.$ |
|  | $\left.2 y^{3}+y+2\right) x^{3}+\left(y^{2}+y\right) x^{2}+\left(2 y^{5}+y^{2}+2 y+1\right) x+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+y\right)$ |
| $l_{6}=22565467$ | $f_{\Re_{6}=\left(2 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+2\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{3}+y+1\right) x^{4}+\left(y^{5}+y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+\right.}$ |
|  | $2 y+1) x^{3}+\left(2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{2}+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+y^{2}+2\right) x+$ |
|  | $\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+1\right)$ |


| $l$ | The Frobenius maps for $M=3^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{l_{1}=7521823}$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{1}}=\left(4 y^{5}+7 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+8 y^{2}+5 y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(5 y^{5}+8 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+4 y\right. \\ & +8) x^{4}+\left(8 y^{5}+4 y^{4}+6 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+6 y+4\right) x^{3}+\left(2 y^{5}+8 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y\right. \\ & +8) x^{2}+\left(y^{5}+7 y^{4}+y^{3}+3 y^{2}+8 y+7\right) x+\left(y^{5}+4 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+2 y+6\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\overline{l_{2}}=8889427$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{2}}=\left(2 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{3}+2 y^{2}+4 y+5\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+5 y+3\right) x^{4} \\ & +\left(2 y^{5}+8 y^{4}+y^{3}+5 y+5\right) x^{3}+\left(7 y^{5}+6 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+2 y+6\right) x^{2}+\left(6 y^{5}+\right. \\ & \left.2 y^{4}+3 y^{2}+y\right) x+\left(y^{5}+2 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+2 y^{2}+y+6\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{3}=9573229$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{3}}=\left(4 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+5 y+1\right) x^{5}+\left(3 y^{5}+7 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+6 y\right) x^{4}+\left(y^{5}+6 y^{3}+\right. \\ & \left.5 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{3}+\left(6 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+3 y+3\right) x^{2}+\left(5 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+y^{3}+7 y\right. \\ & +8) x+\left(4 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+6 y+7\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{4}=$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{4}}=\left(y^{5}+3 y^{4}+y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+8 y^{2}\right) x^{4}+\left(6 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+\right. \\ & \left.y^{2}+5 y\right) x^{3}+\left(4 y^{5}+7 y^{2}+y+4\right) x^{2}+\left(8 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+6 y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y+8\right) x+ \\ & \left(8 y^{5}+7 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+4 y^{2}+4 y+6\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{5}=20514061$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{5}}=\left(5 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+2 y+4\right) x^{5}+\left(5 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+4 y^{2}+2 y+2\right) x^{4}+ \\ & \left(5 y^{5}+4 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+y+2\right) x^{3}+\left(3 y^{5}+6 y^{4}+3 y^{3}+y^{2}+y+3\right) x^{2}+ \\ & \left(8 y^{5}+6 y^{4}+3 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+8 y+7\right) x+\left(4 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+7 y+6\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{6}$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{6}}=\left(3 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+3 y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(5 y^{5}+6 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+7 y+7\right) x^{4}+ \\ & \left(y^{5}+7 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+4 y^{2}+8 y+1\right) x^{3}+\left(3 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+7 y+8\right) x^{2}+ \\ & \left(7 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+5\right) x+\left(2 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+7\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l$ | The Frobenius maps for $M=3^{3}$ |
| $l_{1}=7521823$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{1}}=\left(13 y^{5}+7 y^{4}+14 y^{3}+26 y^{2}+14 y+20\right) x^{5}+\left(5 y^{5}+17 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+11 y^{2}+\right. \\ & 13 y+26) x^{4}+\left(17 y^{5}+4 y^{4}+24 y^{3}+16 y^{2}+6 y+4\right) x^{3}+\left(20 y^{5}+8 y^{4}+11 y^{3}+\right. \\ & \left.11 y^{2}+y+26\right) x^{2}+\left(y^{5}+25 y^{4}+19 y^{3}+21 y^{2}+26 y+7\right) x+\left(10 y^{5}+22 y^{4}+\right. \\ & \left.25 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+2 y+6\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{2}=8889427$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{2}}=\left(20 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+y^{3}+11 y^{2}+22 y+23\right) x^{5}+\left(2 y^{5}+12 y^{4}+26 y^{3}+11 y^{2}+\right. \\ & 14 y+21) x^{4}+\left(2 y^{5}+26 y^{4}+y^{3}+18 y^{2}+14 y+23\right) x^{3}+\left(16 y^{5}+15 y^{4}+14 y^{3}\right. \\ & \left.+20 y^{2}+11 y+15\right) x^{2}+\left(6 y^{5}+11 y^{4}+21 y^{2}+19 y\right) x+\left(10 y^{5}+11 y^{4}+23 y^{3}+\right. \\ & \left.11 y^{2}+10 y+24\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{3}=9573229$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{3}}=\left(9 y^{5}+4 y^{4}+17 y^{3}+18 y^{2}+5 y+19\right) x^{5}+\left(12 y^{5}+16 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+7 y^{2}\right. \\ & +15 y) x^{4}+\left(10 y^{5}+24 y^{3}+14 y^{2}+10 y+20\right) x^{3}+\left(24 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+5 y^{3}+3 y^{2}+\right. \\ & 12 y+12) x^{2}+\left(5 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+19 y^{3}+9 y^{2}+7 y+26\right) x+\left(13 y^{5}+21 y^{4}+25 y^{3}\right. \\ & \left.+12 y^{2}+6 y+16\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{4}=10257031$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{4}}=\left(10 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+18 y^{3}+19 y+2\right) x^{5}+\left(20 y^{5}+14 y^{4}+2 y^{3}+17 y^{2}+9 y\right. \\ & +9) x^{4}+\left(24 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+23 y^{3}+10 y^{2}+14 y+9\right) x^{3}+\left(22 y^{5}+9 y^{4}+9 y^{3}+7 y^{2}\right. \\ & +10 y+22) x^{2}+\left(26 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+15 y^{3}+y^{2}+2 y+26\right) x+\left(17 y^{5}+16 y^{4}+26 y^{3}\right. \\ & \left.+4 y^{2}+22 y+15\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{5}=20514061$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{5}}=\left(14 y^{5}+3 y^{4}+25 y^{3}+16 y^{2}+11 y+22\right) x^{5}+\left(18 y^{5}+23 y^{4}+16 y^{3}+22 y^{2}\right. \\ & +2 y+20) x^{4}+\left(23 y^{5}+22 y^{4}+17 y^{3}+21 y^{2}+10 y+20\right) x^{3}+\left(21 y^{5}+6 y^{4}+\right. \\ & \left.12 y^{3}+19 y^{2}+y+3\right) x^{2}+\left(17 y^{5}+15 y^{4}+21 y^{3}+7 y^{2}+26 y+16\right) x+\left(13 y^{5}+\right. \\ & \left.3 y^{4}+26 y^{3}+25 y^{2}+7 y+24\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $l_{6}=22565467$ | $\begin{aligned} & f_{\Re_{6}}=\left(12 y^{5}+23 y^{4}+19 y^{3}+10 y^{2}+12 y+11\right) x^{5}+\left(14 y^{5}+24 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+25 y\right. \\ & +7) x^{4}+\left(10 y^{5}+16 y^{4}+7 y^{3}+4 y^{2}+8 y+1\right) x^{3}+\left(21 y^{5}+5 y^{4}+20 y^{3}+16 y^{2}+\right. \\ & 16 y+8) x^{2}+\left(25 y^{5}+2 y^{4}+8 y^{3}+16 y^{2}+5\right) x+\left(20 y^{5}+14 y^{4}+y^{3}+y^{2}+16\right) \end{aligned}$ |

We now proceed to Step 3 of the algorithm where we prove that $I_{d} / J^{M}$ is isomorphic to $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$. The computations for the ideal $\overline{J^{M}}$ gave us the basis $(-2+y, 1+x)$ in $\mathbb{Z} / 9 \mathbb{Z}$. Since the degree of both $x$ and $y$ in $R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}$ is $3 \cdot 2=6$, we compute the annihilator of $\left(-2+y^{3}, 1+x^{3}\right)$ in $(\mathbb{Z} / 9 \mathbb{Z})[x, y] /\left(x^{6}-1, y^{6}-1\right)$. We found the following polynomial to be the generator of $\operatorname{Ann}_{R_{d_{1}, d_{2}}}\left(\overline{J^{M}}\right)$ :

$$
h(x, y)=3-3 x^{3}-3 y^{3}+3 x^{3} y^{3}
$$

Factoring $h(x, y)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
h(x, y) & =3(-1+x)\left(1+x+x^{2}\right)(-1+y)\left(1+y+y^{2}\right) \\
& =3(x-1)(y-1) \Phi_{3}(x) \Phi_{3}(y)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\Phi_{k}$ is the $k$ th cyclotomic polynomial. Therefore, we apply to $\eta$ the norm map $\frac{\left(x^{6}-1\right)\left(y^{66}-1\right)}{\left(x^{6 / 3}-1\right)\left(y^{6 / 3}-1\right)}$ instead of $\frac{\left(x^{6}-1\right)\left(y^{66}-1\right)}{\left(x^{6}-1\right)\left(y^{6}-1\right)}$, and then the annihilator $h^{\prime}(x, y)=3(-1+x)(-1+y)$. The polynomials $P(x)$ and $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ of Proposition 5.1 were calculated with a precision of 500 and are shown in the table below. Finally, we showed that $P(x)$ divides $P\left(x^{M}\right)$, hence proving rigorously that $3^{2} \| h^{+}$.

$$
\begin{array}{cl}
\hline P(x) & x^{4}-35667454 \cdot x^{3}+318041818710531 \cdot x^{2}-35667454 \cdot x+1 \\
\hline P\left(x^{M}\right) & x^{36}-364929542762806942594907901654249278525439344697663012299174707204 \cdot \\
& x^{27}+33293392795267835243258623959180895487795677296162956508170492359406 \\
& 40219277511291260807737349376398592516781456745581649782374406 \cdot x^{18}- \\
& 364929542762806942594907901654249278525439344697663012299174707204 \cdot x^{9}+1 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

6.2. Step 3 for the field of conductor $1477=7 \cdot 211$. We found that the only primes $l<10000$ dividing $h^{+}$are 7 and 11 . In this example we will show our work for $l=7$ where there are more than one pair of $\left(\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}\right)$ contained in $J^{M}$.

Step 2 of our algorithm showed that the orders of the quotients $I_{d} / J^{M}$ stabilize at $M=7$ with $J^{M}=\left(3+3 y+y^{2}, 3+6 x+4 y+x y, 5+x^{3}+y\right)$ in $\mathbb{Z} / 7 \mathbb{Z}$ for both possible combinations of $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)$, and we therefore choose the smaller pair $(6,6)$. The pairs of $\left(\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}\right)$ contained in $J^{M}$ are $(x+3, y-1)$, $(x+4, y+4),(x+5, y-1)$. As expected, $\left|B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}\right|=\prod_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}\left|B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}\right|=7^{3}$ (we found $\left|B[M]_{\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}}^{\perp}\right|=7$ for each pair $\left(\phi_{x}, \phi_{y}\right)$ ). We have $\left|\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{(g, h)}\right)\right|_{7}$ $=7^{2}$, hence, after Step 3, we will have proved that $7 \| h^{+}$.

The computations for the annihilator gave us only one generator:

$$
\begin{aligned}
h(x, y)= & \Phi_{3}(x) \Phi_{3}(y) \Phi_{21}(y)\left(4+2 x-4 x^{2}+5 x^{3}+2 y^{7}-6 x y^{7}+5 x^{2} y^{7}-x^{3} y^{7}\right. \\
& \left.-4 y^{14}+5 x y^{14}-3 x^{2} y^{14}+2 x^{3} y^{14}+5 y^{21}-x y^{21}+2 x^{2} y^{21}+x^{3} y^{21}\right) \\
= & \Phi_{3}(x) \Phi_{3}(y) \Phi_{21}(y) h^{\prime}(x, y)
\end{aligned}
$$

From basic properties of cyclotomic polynomials，we can establish the rela－ tion
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$$
\Gamma_{\delta}^{\prime}=\prod_{k \in D(|\Gamma|) \backslash D(\delta)} \Phi_{k}(\sigma)
$$

where $\Gamma$ is any finite cyclic group of order $|\Gamma|, D(|\Gamma|)=\{k \in N: k| | \Gamma \mid\}$ and $\Gamma_{\delta}^{\prime}$ is the sum of all the elements of the subgroup $\Gamma_{\delta}=\left\langle\sigma^{\delta}\right\rangle$ of index $\delta$ in $\Gamma$ ．

Let us recall that our Galois group $\tilde{G}$ of the extension $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right) / \mathbb{Q}$ is such that $\tilde{G} \cong \tilde{G}_{1} \times \tilde{G}_{2}$ where $\tilde{G}_{i}$ is finite cyclic of order $p-1=6$ and $q-1=270$ in this example，for $i=1$ and 2 respectively．As $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)=(6,6)$ and $l^{a_{2}}=7$ we have the subgroup $\tilde{G}_{1} \times \tilde{G}_{2}$ of $\tilde{G}$ of order $6 \cdot 42$ ．As we work in the real subfield $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+}$，we can assume that the subgroup $G_{1} \times G_{2}$ of $G=\operatorname{Gal}\left(\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p q}\right)^{+} / \mathbb{Q}\right)$ is of order $6 \cdot 21$ ．We then see that $\Phi_{3}(y) \cdot \Phi_{21}(y)=\left(G_{2}\right)_{7}^{\prime}$ ，which，according to the formula $(*)$ above，is the sum of the elements of the group $\left(G_{2}\right)_{7}$ of index 7 in $G_{2}$ ．The norm map that we therefore need to apply to $\eta$ is $\frac{\left(x^{6}-1\right)\left(y^{210}-1\right)}{\left(x^{6 / 3}-1\right)\left(y^{42 / 7}-1\right)}$ ，and then the annihilator $h^{\prime}(x, y)$ ．The polynomials $P(x)$ and $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ of Proposition 5．1 were calculated with a precision of 1000 and we showed that $P(x)$ divides $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ ，hence proving rigorously that $7 \| h^{+}$． The polynomial $P(x)$ is presented below，whereas $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ is omitted as it is too long．

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P(x) \quad x 12 - 253285672818085597920117540833320566764 \cdot 午 +16038408013727576378675398
    205615384849932252547671390045959497056856423999746 · x }\mp@subsup{}{}{10
    -7447696110433675817548561818649227038803699459085663820108397789285266813843
    540443700 \cdot 午 + 86911768356572921123499159325706075635679782571876578383262
    7442647577671131436873144346703615 刋 - 1045502371457459906661385781160012228
    359906832607656705019244404117434162718039857442427623338144074 \cdot }\mp@subsup{x}{}{7}
    31606394380090436053358292646577202064791027624187676425
    1660067572877683081961563342938807318368386032296 · 午 - 332994422221005688150
    10667879016823147457384730252190107458282081938117105395253036177107901993728
    31287574 · 午 + 877094806999502083991271352174430122151878622656805163463
    0457643479432149168032626544704205804528987979615 · 午 -
    1944459765899336452214557670670811109932072061509042393676
    0599147020507012734321450 · 秋 + 10777026227137095866981035797948
    453135069447299390696542871 秋 - 207623109700797451167702365014 \cdotx+1
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6．3．Step 3 for the field of conductor $1355=5 \cdot 271$ ．We found that the only prime $l<10000$ dividing $h^{+}$is 37 ．Step 2 of our algorithm showed that the orders of the quotients $I_{d} / J^{M}$ stabilize at $M=37$ with $J^{M}=\left(9+27 y+y^{2}, 8+x+28 y\right)$ in $\mathbb{Z} / 37 \mathbb{Z}$ and with $\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)=(4,18)$ ．The only two factors that gave a non－trivial quotient $I_{d} / J^{M}$ were $\phi_{x}(x)=x+1$ and $\phi_{y}(y)=y+28$ ．The computations for the annihilator gave us only one
generator:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h(x, y)=\Phi_{4}(x) \Phi_{2}(y) \Phi_{6}(y) \Phi_{18}(y)\left(4+33 x+21 y+16 x y+27 y^{2}+10 x y^{2}+3 y^{3}\right. \\
& \left.+34 x y^{3}+25 y^{4}+12 x y^{4}+11 y^{5}+26 x y^{5}+30 y^{6}+7 x y^{6}+28 y^{7}+9 x y^{7}+36 y^{8}+x y^{8}\right) \\
& =\Phi_{4}(x) \Phi_{2}(y) \Phi_{6}(y) \Phi_{18}(y) h^{\prime}(x, y)
\end{aligned}
$$

According to the formula $(*)$ above, $\Phi_{4}(x)=\left(G_{1}\right)_{2}^{\prime}$ and $\Phi_{2}(y) \Phi_{6}(y) \Phi_{18}(y)$ $=\left(G_{2}\right)_{9}^{\prime}$, hence the norm map that we need to apply to $\eta$ is $\frac{\left(x^{4}-1\right)\left(y^{270}-1\right)}{\left(x^{4 / 2}-1\right)\left(y^{18 / 9}-1\right)}$, and then the annihilator $h^{\prime}(x, y)$. The polynomials $P(x)$ and $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ of Proposition 5.1 were calculated with a precision of 7000 and we showed that $P(x)$ divides $P\left(x^{M}\right)$, hence proving rigorously that $37 \| h^{+}$. The polynomial $P(x)$ is given below, whereas $P\left(x^{M}\right)$ is omitted as it is too long.

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P(x) 列 - 534186444472275956720533076216968091508192072459731400996 \cdot x 
        71338789364482991009380877708435286461900572928062358768758453333592004560
        744265699158031988648292121436237448006 · 秋 - 534186444472275956720533076216
        968091508192072459731400996 · x + 1
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7. Table and discussion of the results. We applied Steps 1 and 2 of the algorithm to real cyclotomic fields of conductor $p q<2000$. We tested the divisibility of $|B|=[E: H]=P \cdot h^{+}$by all primes $l<10000$. All the primes appearing in the greatest common divisor of the $P_{(g, h)}$ for all pairs of primitive roots $(g, h)$ came up as possible divisors, as expected. These primes are listed in the 'GCD' column of Table 1 below. Since we do not calculate the 2 -part of $h^{+}$or the $l$-part for $l>10000$, we leave out the powers of 2 as well as the primes $>10000$ from the 'GCD'. Therefore, if a ' 1 ' appears in the 'GCD' column for some field, this means that no odd primes $<10000$ divide the greatest common divisor of the various $P_{(g, h)}$. However, there are always powers of 2 in the ' GCD ', as we see from our calculations of the index $[E: H]$ in Section 2. In the ' $l$ ' column we present all other primes that Step 1 gave to be possible divisors of $h^{+}$, besides the ones that already appear in the 'GCD' column. Step 2 verified for all fields that indeed, for some $M$, we have $\left|B[M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|=\left|B[l M]_{d_{1}, d_{2}}\right|$. As mentioned right before Section 5.3 above, we proceed to Step 3 only for those primes $l$ with $\left|I_{d} / J^{M}\right|>\left|\operatorname{GCD}\left(P_{g, h}\right)\right|_{l}$. Finally, in the 'Degree' column we list the smallest degrees $\left(d_{1} l^{a_{1}}, d_{2} l^{a_{2}}\right)$ for which the module $B_{d_{1}, d_{2}}^{\perp}$ turned out to be non-trivial, and the ' $\tilde{h}^{+}$' column shows the $l$-part of $h^{+}$for all odd primes $l<10000$. The order of appearance of the degrees in the 'Degree' column corresponds to the order of appearance of the primes in the ' $\tilde{h}^{+}$. . column. For example, for the field of conductor $13 \cdot 97, \tilde{h}^{+}=5 \cdot 7^{2} \cdot 97$ with corresponding degrees $(4,4)$ for the prime $5,(6,6)$ for the prime 7 and $(12,96)$ for the prime 97.

For the primes $l$ not dividing the degree of the extension, our results agree with Hakkarainen [4]. For those primes $l$ that divide the degree of the extension, our results complete his results in the sense that we verified that either no higher powers of $l$ divide $h^{+}$, or there are indeed such higher powers of $l$. We found five such fields where higher powers of $l$ divide $h^{+}$, and we mark them with an asterisk in the column ' $\tilde{h}^{+}$, of Table 1.

Table 1

| $f$ | GCD | $l$ | Degree | $\tilde{h}^{+}$ | $f$ | GCD | $l$ | Degree | $\tilde{h}^{+}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3 \cdot 107$ | 1 | 3 | $(2,2)$ | 3 | $7 \cdot 61$ | 1 | 5 | $(2,20)$ | 5 |
| $7 \cdot 67$ | 1 | 3 | $(6,6)$ | $3^{2}(*)$ | 11.43 | $3^{4} \cdot 5^{2} \cdot 7^{4}$ | - | $(10,6)$ | 3 |
| $13 \cdot 37$ | $7 \cdot 19$ | - | $(6,18)$ | 19 | 19.29 | 5 | - | $(2,4)$ | 5 |
| $17 \cdot 37$ | $3^{4} \cdot 19$ | 5 | $(4,4),(2,18)$ | $5 \cdot 19$ | $17 \cdot 41$ | $3^{3} \cdot 7$ | - | $(2,2)$ | 3 |
| $19 \cdot 37$ | $3^{16} .5$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 37 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (6,12), \\ & (18,36) \end{aligned}$ | $13 \cdot 37$ | $3 \cdot 251$ | 1 | 11 | $(2,10)$ | 11 |
| 7-109 | $3^{4}$ | 13 | $(6,12)$ | 13 | 19.41 | $5^{2}$ | 41 | $(2,40)$ | 41 |
| $5 \cdot 157$ | $3^{2} .79$ | - | $(2,6)$ | 3 | 13.61 | $3^{20} \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ | 37 | $(6,60),(12,12)$ | $3 \cdot 37$ (*) |
| 19.43 | 1 | 5 | $(2,2)$ | 5 | 11.79 | 1 | 79 | $(2,78)$ | 79 |
| $7 \cdot 127$ | $3^{4} \cdot 7^{2}$ | - | $(6,42)$ | 7 | 13.71 | $3^{3}$ | 61 | $(12,10)$ | 61 |
| $5 \cdot 197$ | $3^{3} \cdot 11$ | - | $(2,2)$ | 3 | $3 \cdot 331$ | 1 | 3 | $(2,6)$ | $3^{2}(*)$ |
| $3 \cdot 367$ | 1 | 3 | $(2,6)$ | 3 | 17.67 | $3^{7} \cdot 11^{7}$ | 89 | $(8,22),(8,22)$ | 11.89 (*) |
| $7 \cdot 163$ | 1 | 19 | $(6,18)$ | 19 | 17.71 | $3^{2}$ | 17, | $(16,2)$, | 17 |
| 19.61 | $3^{3} \cdot 7$ | 73 | $(18,12)$ | 73 | 17.73 | $3^{4} \cdot 7 \cdot 37 \cdot 109$ | 5 | $(4,4)$ | 5 |
| $7 \cdot 173$ | 1 | 7 | $(6,2)$ | 7 | 3.419 | 1 | 3 | $(2,2)$ | 3 |
| $11 \cdot 113$ | $5 \cdot 37$ | 41 | $(10,8)$ | 41 | 31.41 | $3^{3} \cdot 5^{6}$ | 7 | $(6,2)$ | 7. |
| 13.97 | $7^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5, \\ & 97 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (4,4),(6,6) \\ (12,96) \end{gathered}$ | $5 \cdot 7^{2} \cdot 97$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 11, \\ & 31, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (10,10) \\ & (30,10) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11 . \\ 31 \end{gathered}$ |
| $13 \cdot 101$ | $3 \cdot 5^{2}$ | 31 | $(6,10)$ | 31 | 17.79 | 5 | 17 | $(16,2)$ | 17 |
| $5 \cdot 271$ | $3^{3} \cdot 5$ | 37 | $(4,18)$ | 37 | $5 \cdot 277$ | $3^{2} \cdot 139$ | 5, 7 | $(4,4),(2,6)$ | $5 \cdot 7$ |
| 19.73 | $3^{4} \cdot 7 \cdot 101$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 19 \\ & 37 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (18,8), \\ (18,18), \\ (18,36) \end{gathered}$ | $17^{2} \cdot 19 \cdot 37$ | $7 \cdot 199$ | 1 | 5 | $(2,2)$ | 5 |
| 5-293 | $3^{2} \cdot 7^{2}$ | - | $(4,4)$ | $3^{2}$ | $7 \cdot 211$ | $3^{2} \cdot 5^{2} \cdot 7^{2}$ | 11 | $(6,42),(2,10)$ | $7 \cdot 11$ |
| 3.503 | 1 | 3 | $(2,2)$ | 3 | 17.89 | $11^{3} \cdot 17 \cdot 41$ | 13 | $(4,4)(16,8)$ | $13 \cdot 17$ |
| $37 \cdot 43$ | $\begin{gathered} 3^{26} \cdot 7^{8} \cdot 11 \\ 19 \cdot 487 \end{gathered}$ | 43 | $(6,42)$ | 43 | $3 \cdot 541$ | 1 | 13 | $(2,12)$ | 13 |
| $3 \cdot 547$ | 1 | 5 | $(2,2)$ | 5 | $13 \cdot 127$ | $3^{3} \cdot 7$ | 5 | $(12,2)$ | $5^{2}$ |
| $7 \cdot 241$ | 1 | 13 | $(6,12)$ | 13 | $5 \cdot 347$ | $3 \cdot 29$ | 5 | $(4,2)$ | 5 |
| 37.47 | $23^{5}$ | 5 | $(4,2)$ | 5 | $17 \cdot 103$ | $3^{7} \cdot 17^{7}$ | - | $(8,6),(16,34)$ | $3^{2} \cdot 17$ (*) |
| $3 \cdot 587$ | 1 | 7 | $(2,2)$ | 7 | $5 \cdot 353$ | $3^{2} \cdot 59$ | - | $(2,2)$ | 3 |
| $5 \cdot 373$ | $3^{2} \cdot 11 \cdot 17$ | 5 | $(4,4)$ | 5 | 11.173 | 3 | 173 | $(2,172)$ | 173 |
| $17 \cdot 113$ | $3^{3} \cdot 19$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17, \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (16,16) \\ (4,28) \end{gathered}$ | $17^{3} \cdot 29$ | $13 \cdot 149$ | $3^{2} \cdot 5^{2} \cdot 7$ | 109 | $(6,2),(12,4)$ | $3 \cdot 109$ |

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