# On the *l*-divisibility of the relative class number of certain cyclic number fields

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**Introduction.** Let q be a natural number and p a prime with 2q | p - 1. Let  $\xi_p = e^{2\pi i/p}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_p = \mathbb{Q}(\xi_p)$ , i.e., the *p*th cyclotomic field. Moreover, consider  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \ldots, \overline{p-1}\}$  and the multiplicative group  $G_p = \mathbb{F}_p^{\times}$  of this field. There is a canonical group isomorphism

$$G_p \to \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Q}) : k \mapsto \sigma_k,$$

 $\sigma_k$  being defined by  $\sigma_k(\xi_p) = \xi_p^k$ . The field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  contains a uniquely determined subfield  $K_{2q} = K_{2q,p}$  of degree  $[K_{2q} : \mathbb{Q}] = 2q$ , viz., the fixed field of the group  $\{\sigma_k ; \bar{k} \in G_p^{2q}\}$ . Here  $G_p^m$  means  $\{\bar{k}^m ; \bar{k} \in G_p\}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $K_{2q}$  is *imaginary* if and only if  $-1 \notin G_p^{2q}$ , i.e.,  $p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$ . We shall assume this throughout the present paper.

In the sequel let  $g = g_p \in G_p$  be chosen such that

(1) 
$$G_p/G_p^{2q} = \{\overline{1}, \overline{g}, \dots, \overline{g}^{q-1}, -\overline{1}, -\overline{g}, \dots, -\overline{g}^{q-1}\}.$$

This holds, e.g., if one of the following assumptions is fulfilled:

Assumption A.  $\langle \overline{g} \rangle = G_p / G_p^{2q}$ .

Assumption B. q is odd and  $\langle \overline{g} \rangle = G_p^2/G_p^{2q}.$ 

The reader may verify (1) in both cases. Now let  $t \in G_p/G_p^{2q}$ . Thus t is a set of elements of  $G_p$ , and we define the excess  $\Phi_t$  of this set by

$$\Phi_t = \left| \{k \ ; \ 1 \le k < p/2, \ \overline{k} \in t \} \right| - \left| \{k \ ; \ p/2 < k \le p-1, \ \overline{k} \in t \} \right|.$$

If  $g = g_p$  is as above and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we put, in particular,

$$\varPhi_j = \varPhi_j(g) = \varPhi_{\overline{q}^j} = |\{k < p/2 \ ; \ \overline{k} \in \overline{g}^j\}| - |\{k > p/2 \ ; \ \overline{k} \in \overline{g}^j\}| \,.$$

Then

$$\Phi = \Phi(g) = (\Phi_0, \dots, \Phi_{q-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^q$$

is called the *excess vector* belonging to  $g = g_p$ . Because of (1) and the relation  $\Phi_{-t} = -\Phi_t$ , the vector  $\Phi$  describes all excesses  $\Phi_t$ ,  $t \in G_p/G_p^{2q}$ .

In the subsequent Section 1 we express the relative class number  $h_{2q}^- = h_{2q}^-(p)$  of the field  $K_{2q}$  in terms of the excesses  $\Phi_j$ ,  $j = 0, \ldots, q-1$  (formulas (2), (4A), (4B)). Thereby we generalize formulas given in [4].

In Section 2 we investigate the divisibility of  $h_{2q}^-$  by an odd prime number l. The assertion  $l \mid h_{2q}^-$  can be rephrased in systems of linear congruences mod l for the excesses  $\Phi_0, \ldots, \Phi_{q-1}$  (Theorems 1, 2). More precisely, the following holds: Suppose that for all primes  $p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$  the element  $g = g_p$  is chosen such that Assumption A is satisfied. Then there exists, for almost all primes l, a linear manifold  $M_l \subseteq \mathbb{F}_l^q$ , i.e., a union of finitely many linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_l^q$ , with the following property: l divides  $h_{2q}^-(p)$ if and only if  $\overline{\Phi}(g) = (\overline{\Phi}_0, \ldots, \overline{\Phi}_{q-1}) \ (\in \mathbb{F}_l^q)$  is in  $M_l$  (Theorem 3). The corresponding result is also valid under Assumption B.

In Section 3 we consider special cases in which the congruences describing  $M_l$  can be rendered in a completely explicit shape. Some of these results have been found previously, but from a less general viewpoint (cf. [4]).

Section 4 is based on the following plausible (yet unproved) hypothesis: In the situation of Theorem 3 we suppose that the excess vectors  $\overline{\Phi}(g)$ are equally distributed in the space  $\mathbb{F}_l^q$  when p runs through all primes  $\equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$ . Then

$$m_l = |M_l|/l^q$$

is the probability that an arbitrary vector  $\overline{\Phi}(g)$  is in  $M_l$ . By Theorem 3, this is the probability that l divides  $h_{2q}^-(p)$ . For  $1 \le q \le 6$  and  $3 \le l < 100$  we compare  $m_l$  with the number

$$n_l = \frac{|\{p < 500000 ; p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q, l \mid h_{2q}^-(p)\}|}{|\{p < 500000 ; p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q\}|}$$

The result is given in Table 1, and it shows a high degree of conformity between  $m_l$  and  $n_l$  in most cases.

At the end of this paper we give a table of the numbers  $h_{12}^-(p)$ , p < 10000. The corresponding tables for  $h_{2q}^-(p)$ ,  $1 \le q \le 5$ , can be found in [2], [6], and [3].

**1. Formulas for**  $h_{2q}^-$ . Let the above notations hold. By  $X_{2q}$  we denote the character group of  $G_p/G_p^{2q}$ ; as usual, we consider  $X_{2q}$  as a subgroup of the character group of  $G_p$ , viz.,

$$X_{2q} = \{\chi ; \operatorname{Ker} \chi \supseteq G_p\}.$$

Let  $X_{2q}^-$  be the set of odd characters in  $X_{2q}$ . Then  $|X_{2q}^-| = q$ . Suppose that g satisfies (1). For a vector  $a = (a_0, \ldots, a_{q-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^q$  we define the Fourier transform

$$Fa = ((Fa)_{\chi} ; \chi \in X_{2q}^{-}) \in \mathbb{C}^{X_{2q}^{-}}$$

by its components

$$(Fa)_{\chi} = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \chi(g^j) a_j \,.$$

For the special vector  $a = \Phi = \Phi(g)$  the transform  $F\Phi$  is independent of the choice of g. Indeed,

$$(F\Phi)_{\chi} = \sum (\chi(\overline{k}) ; 1 \le k < p/2)$$

(cf. [4], Lemma 1). As in [4] one obtains

$$\prod ((F\Phi)_{\chi} ; \chi \in X_{2q}^{-}) = \prod ((\chi(\overline{2}) - 2)B_{\chi} ; \chi \in X_{2q}^{-}),$$

 $B_{\chi}$  being the first Bernoulli number attached to  $\chi$ . In order to evaluate the product on the right side, one needs the order  $f_q$  ( $f_{2q}$ , resp.) of the element  $\overline{\overline{2}}$  in the group  $G_p/G_p^q$  ( $G_p/G_p^{2q}$ , resp.). For each prime  $p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$ , p > 2q + 1, the fundamental formula

(2) 
$$\prod ((F\Phi)_{\chi} ; \chi \in X_{2q}^{-}) = 2^{q-1} C_{2q} h_{2q}^{-}$$

holds, with

(3) 
$$C_{2q} = C_{2q}(p) = (2^{f_q} + (-1)^{f_{2q}/f_q})^{q/f_q}$$

(cf. [4], Theorem 1 and formula (9)).

As to the actual computation of the relative class number, it is useful to write the left side of (2) as a determinant in terms of the excesses  $\Phi_j$ . First suppose that Assumption A of the Introduction holds. Let the character  $\psi \in X_{2q}^-$  be arbitrarily chosen. Then

(4A) 
$$\det(\psi(g^{j-k})\Phi_{j-k}; j, k = 0, \dots, q-1) = 2^{q-1}C_{2q}h_{2q}^{-}.$$

In the case of Assumption B one has the simpler formula

(4B) 
$$\det(\Phi_{j-k}; j, k = 0, \dots, q-1) = 2^{q-1}C_{2q}h_{2q}^{-1}$$

Indeed, the determinants in question are group determinants for the group  $G_p/G_p^q$ . Their evaluation is well-known (cf. [5], p. 23) and, together with (2), yields (4A) and (4B). These formulas have been used for the numerical computations displayed in Section 4.

2. Divisibility of  $h_{2q}^-$  and congruences for the excesses. In what follows let q be a natural number, p a prime,  $p \equiv 2q+1 \mod 4q$ , p > 2q+1. In addition, let l be an odd prime not dividing q. The values of each character  $\chi \in X_{2q}^-$  are in the field  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q} = \mathbb{Q}(\xi_{2q}), \ \xi_{2q} = e^{\pi i/q}$ . We consider the automorphism  $\tau_l \in \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{2q}/\mathbb{Q})$  defined by

$$\tau_l(\xi_{2q}) = \xi_{2q}^l$$

For each  $\chi \in X_{2q}^-$  the map  $\tau_l \circ \chi : G_p \to \mathbb{C}^{\times} : \overline{k} \mapsto \tau_l(\chi(\overline{k}))$  is in  $X_{2q}^-$  again. Hence the group  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  acts on the set  $X_{2q}^-$ . The orbits under this action will play an important role.

The group  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  is the *decomposition group* of l in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$ , and  $L = L_l (\subseteq \mathbb{Q}_{2q})$ denotes its fixed field. Let  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  with  $\mathfrak{L} | l$  and put  $\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{L} \cap L$ . Since l splits completely in L,  $\mathfrak{l}$  is a prime ideal of degree 1 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{O}_{2q}$  ( $\mathcal{O}_L$ , resp.) the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  (of L, resp.). The canonical maps

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{F}_l &\to \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l} \,, \qquad \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l} \to \mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L} \\ \overline{k} &\mapsto \overline{k} \qquad \qquad \overline{x} \mapsto \overline{x} \end{split}$$

allow us to identify  $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l}$  with  $\mathbb{F}_l$  and to consider  $\mathbb{F}_l$  as a subset of  $\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L}$ .

THEOREM 1. In the above situation, the following assertions are equivalent:

(i)  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^- \equiv 0 \mod l$ .

(ii) There is a prime divisor  $\mathfrak{L}$  of l in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  and a character  $\chi \in X_{2q}^-$  such that  $(F\Phi)_{\chi} \equiv 0 \mod \mathfrak{L}$ .

(iii) There is a prime divisor  $\mathfrak{L}$  of l in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  and an orbit  $Y = \langle \tau_l \rangle \circ \chi_1$  $(\subseteq X_{2q}^-)$  such that, for all  $\chi \in Y$ ,  $(F\Phi)_{\chi} \equiv 0 \mod \mathfrak{L}$ .

Proof. The equivalence of (i) and (ii) is an immediate consequence of formula (2). Because of  $\tau_l(\mathfrak{L}) = \mathfrak{L}$ , assertion (iii) is equivalent to (ii).

The congruence  $(F\Phi)_{\chi} \equiv 0 \mod \mathfrak{L}$  can be considered as an equation over the field  $\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L}$ , of course. Then (iii) says that  $\overline{\Phi} = (\overline{\Phi}_0, \ldots, \overline{\Phi}_{q-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_l^q$  is a solution of the system of linear equations

(5) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \overline{\chi(g^j)} \overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{0}, \quad \chi \in Y,$$

with coefficients  $\chi(g^j)$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L}$ . In the next theorem we transform (5) into an equivalent system with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_l$  and determine its rank. For this purpose we need the *trace map* 

$$T_l: \mathbb{Q}_{2q} \to L_l: x \mapsto \sum (\tau(x) ; \tau \in \langle \tau_l \rangle).$$

By  $\varphi$  we denote Euler's function, as usual.

THEOREM 2. In the situation above suppose that  $l \nmid \varphi(q)$ . Let  $\chi_1 \in X_{2q}^$ and  $Y = \langle \tau_l \rangle \circ \chi_1$ . The vector  $\overline{\Phi} = (\overline{\Phi}_0, \dots, \overline{\Phi}_{q-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_l^q$  is a solution of (5) if and only if it is a solution of the system

(6) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \overline{T_l(\chi_1(g)^{j-k})} \,\overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{0} \,, \quad k = 0, \dots, |Y| - 1 \,,$$

with coefficients in  $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l} = \mathbb{F}_l$ . The dimension of the space  $V_{Y,g}$  of solutions of (6) is q - |Y|.

Proof. Suppose that r = |Y| and  $Y = \{\chi_1, \ldots, \chi_r\}$ . By means of the Fourier transform of Section 1 we define the linear map

$$\lambda: (\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L})^q \to (\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L})^r: \overline{a} \mapsto ((\overline{Fa})_{\chi_1}, \dots, (\overline{Fa})_{\chi_r})$$

The matrix of  $\lambda$  (with respect to the standard bases) is

$$A = (\chi_i(g^j) ; i = 1, \dots, r, j = 0, \dots, q-1).$$

Because of (1),  $G_p/G_p^{2q} = \langle -\overline{1}, \overline{g} \rangle$ , which implies that the values  $\chi_i(g)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, r$ , are all different. Moreover, l does not divide 2q, hence the 2qth roots of unity  $\overline{\chi_i(g)}$  are all different, too. This means that the minor  $(\overline{\chi_i(g^j)}; i = 1, \ldots, r, j = 0, \ldots, r - 1)$  of A is a regular matrix (of Vandermonde type). Therefore the rank of A is r and  $\lambda$  is surjective. Let c be the natural number

$$c = \operatorname{ord}(\tau_l)/r$$
,

with  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = |\langle \tau_l \rangle|$ . Since  $\varphi(2q) = [\mathbb{Q}_{2q} : \mathbb{Q}] \neq 0 \mod l, \ \overline{c} \in \mathbb{F}_l$  is different from  $\overline{0}$ . We define another linear map

$$\mu: (\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L})^r \to (\mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L})^r$$

by putting

$$\mu(\overline{b}_1,\ldots,\overline{b}_r) = \left(\overline{c}\sum_{i=1}^r \overline{\chi_i(g^{-j})}\ \overline{b}_i\ ;\ j=0,\ldots,r-1\right).$$

The matrix of  $\mu$  (with respect to the standard bases) is

$$B = (\overline{c} \, \overline{\chi_i(g^{-j})} ; j = 0, \dots, r-1, i = 1, \dots, r) \,.$$

By the above, B is regular and  $\mu$  bijective. Thus  $\mu \circ \lambda$  is surjective. The kth component of  $\mu \circ \lambda(\overline{a})$  is

(7) 
$$(\mu \circ \lambda(\overline{a}))_k = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \overline{c} \sum_{i=1}^r \overline{\chi_i(g^{j-k})} \,\overline{a}_j = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \overline{T_l(\chi_1(g^{j-k}))} \,\overline{a}_j \,,$$

 $k = 0, \ldots, r - 1$ . Now  $\overline{\Phi}$  is in the space  $V_{Y,g}$  of solutions if and only if  $\lambda(\overline{\Phi}) = 0$ . Since  $\mu$  is bijective, this is equivalent to  $\mu \circ \lambda(\overline{\Phi}) = 0$ . By (7), this means that  $\overline{\Phi}$  is a solution of (6).

Finally, observe that the matrix of  $\mu \circ \lambda$  is

$$BA = (\overline{T_l(\chi_1(g^{j-k}))}; k = 0, \dots, r-1, j = 0, \dots, q-1).$$

Its coefficients are in  $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l} = \mathbb{F}_l$ , and the fact that  $\mu \circ \lambda$  is surjective shows that its rank is r. Thus  $V_{Y,g}$  has dimension q - r = q - |Y|.

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Remark. Theorem 2 can be rephrased without the assumption  $l \nmid \varphi(q)$ . But then the trace  $T_l$  must be replaced by a trace  $T_{l,Y} : L_{l,Y} \to L_l$ , where  $L_{l,Y}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  depending on l and Y.

Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be the set of all orbits Y of the group  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  on  $X_{2q}^-$ . We define the linear manifold

$$M_{l,g} = \bigcup (V_{Y,g} ; Y \in \mathcal{Y})$$

in  $\mathbb{F}_{l}^{q}$  and show

LEMMA 1. Let p run through all primes  $\equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$ , p > 2q + 1, and suppose that the elements  $g = g_p$  are chosen such that Assumption A of the Introduction holds. Then  $M_{l,g}$  is independent of the choice of g and p.

Proof. Let

$$E_{2q}^{-} = \{ \eta \in \mathbb{C} ; \eta^q = -1 \} \quad (\subseteq \mathbb{Q}_{2q}).$$

Then  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  acts in the usual way on  $E_{2q}^-$ . Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be the set of orbits under this action. Since  $G_p/G_p^{2q} = \langle \overline{g} \rangle$ , there is a bijection

$$X^-_{2q} \to E^-_{2q} : \chi \mapsto \chi(g) \,,$$

which induces the bijection

$$\mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Z} : Y = \langle \tau_l \rangle \circ \chi_1 \mapsto Z = \langle \tau_l \rangle (\chi_1(g))$$

The system (6) defining the space  $V_{Y,g}$  can be written as

(8) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \overline{T_l(\eta^{j-k})} \,\overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{0} \,, \quad k = 0, \dots, |Z| - 1 \,,$$

with  $\eta \in Z$  arbitrary. By the systems (8) belonging to the orbits Z, the manifold  $M_{l,g}$  is defined in an invariant way.

LEMMA 2. Let q be odd and suppose that the elements  $g \in G_p$  are always chosen such that Assumption B of the Introduction holds. Then  $M_{l,g}$  is independent of the choice of g and p.

Proof. One argues as in the case of Lemma 1, but the role of  $E_{2q}^-$  is played by  $E_q = \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} ; \eta^q = 1\}$ ; and in (8), Z means an orbit of  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  on  $E_q$ .

If Z is an orbit on  $E_{2q}^-$  (on  $E_q$ , resp.), put

$$V_Z = \{\overline{\Phi} \in \mathbb{F}_l^q ; \overline{\Phi} \text{ satisfies } (8)\}$$
 and  $M_l = \bigcup (V_Z ; Z \in \mathcal{Z})$ 

In the situation of Lemmas 1 and 2 we have

$$M_{l,q} = M_l$$
.

The spaces  $V_Z$  defining the manifold  $M_l$  have dimension q - |Z|, in accordance with Theorem 2. We have shown:

THEOREM 3. Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , l an odd prime,  $l \nmid q$ ,  $l \nmid \varphi(q)$ . Suppose that for each prime number  $p, p \equiv 2q+1 \mod 4q, p > 2q+1$ , the element g is chosen such that Assumption A of the Introduction holds. Then there exists a linear manifold  $M_l \subseteq \mathbb{F}_l^q$  with the following property:  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^-(p) \equiv 0 \mod l$  if and only if  $\overline{\Phi}(q) \in M_l$ .

This assertion remains valid if "Assumption A" is replaced by "Assumption B".

3. Special cases of systems of equations. The foregoing section sets the following task: bring the systems (8) describing  $M_l$  into a form which is as explicit as possible. We shall do this in some special cases (e.g., for all  $q \leq 6$ ) and discuss the choice of these special cases.

(I) The case  $\tau_l = \text{id. Let } \tau_l = \text{id, which means } l \equiv 1 \mod 2q$ . Here l splits completely in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$  and  $T_l = \text{id. The set } \{\overline{\eta} \in \mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L} ; \eta \in E_{2q}^-\} (\{\overline{\eta} \in \mathcal{O}_{2q}/\mathfrak{L} ; \eta \in E_q\} \text{ in the case of Assumption B) can be identified with } \overline{E_{2q}} = \{w \in \mathbb{F}_l ; w^q = -1\} (\overline{E}_q = \{w \in \mathbb{F}_l ; w^q = 1\}, \text{ resp.}).$  The systems (8) take the form

(9) 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} w^j \,\overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{0}$$

We obtain: The prime l divides  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^-$  if and only if equation (9) holds for at least one  $w \in \overline{E}_{2q}^-$  ( $\overline{E}_q$ , resp.). In the case of Assumption B this assertion was just the content of Theorem 4 in [4].

Suppose now that  $\tau_l \neq id$  has a small order. Then  $[L : \mathbb{Q}]$  is large and the elements  $T_l(\eta^{j-k}) \in \mathcal{O}_L$  occurring in (8) are irrationalities of high degree, in general. It seems to be difficult to identify  $\overline{T_l(\eta^{j-k})} \in \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l}$  with an appropriate element of  $\mathbb{F}_l = \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}$  in this general context. For instance, let  $l \equiv -1 \mod 2q$ , which implies  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = 2$ . If  $\operatorname{ord}(\eta) = 2q$ , the element  $T_l(\eta) = \eta + \eta^{-1}$  generates the maximal real subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}_{2q}$ . Apparently, the minimal polynomial P of  $\eta + \eta^{-1}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not explicitly known (in general); the zeros of  $\overline{P}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_l$  are even less known. But these zeros occur, arranged in some way, as coefficients of equations (8). This discussion suggests to investigate the case when  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l)$  is large, rather. Indeed, we shall only consider examples with  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) \in \{\varphi(2q), \varphi(2q)/2\}$ .

(II) The case  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = \varphi(2q)$ . Here  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{2q}/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \tau_l \rangle$  is cyclic, which requires that  $q \in \{1, 2\}$  or that q is an odd prime power. For q = 1,  $\Phi_0 = C_{2q}h_{2q}^-$  and (8) reads  $\overline{\Phi}_0 = \overline{0}$ . If q = 2, the set  $E_4^- = \{\pm \sqrt{-1}\}$  consists of a unique orbit, and (8) means  $\overline{\Phi}_0 = \overline{\Phi}_1 = \overline{0} \in \mathbb{F}_l$ . Therefore let  $q = n^r$ ,  $n \geq 3$  prime,  $r \geq 1$ . Furthermore, let Assumption B of the Introduction hold. Put  $Z_s = \{\eta \in E_q ; \operatorname{ord}(\eta) = n^s\}$ ,  $s = 0, 1, \ldots, r$ . Then  $|Z_s| = \varphi(n^s)$ , and  $\mathcal{Z} = \{Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_r\}$ . For an element  $\eta \in E_q$ ,

$$T_l(\eta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \eta \notin Z_0 \cup Z_1, \\ -q/n & \text{if } \eta \in Z_1, \\ q-q/n & \text{if } \eta \in Z_0. \end{cases}$$

The system (8) belonging to  $Z_0$  is

$$\overline{\Phi}_0 + \overline{\Phi}_1 + \ldots + \overline{\Phi}_{q-1} = \overline{0}.$$

Let  $s \ge 1$  and  $\eta \in Z_s$  be arbitrary. Then the system (8) attached to  $Z_s$  takes the form

(10) 
$$\overline{n-1}\,\overline{\Phi}_k - \sum (\overline{\Phi}_j ; \eta^{j-k} \in Z_1, \ j \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}) = \overline{0},$$
$$k = 0, \dots, \varphi(n^s) - 1.$$

Let us inspect the particular case  $s = r \ge 1$ . Here (10) reads

$$\overline{n}\,\overline{\Phi}_k = \sum (\overline{\Phi}_j \ ; \ j \equiv k \mod q/n \ , \ j \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}) \ , \quad k = 0, \dots, \varphi(q) - 1 \ ;$$

this system can be transformed into

$$\overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{\Phi}_k$$
,  $k = 0, \dots, q/n - 1$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, q - 1$ ,  $j \equiv k \mod q/n$ .

If r = 1 we obtain: Let q be an odd prime,  $l \nmid q$ ,  $l \nmid q - 1$ . Then l divides  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^-$  if and only if  $\overline{\Phi}_0 + \ldots + \overline{\Phi}_{q-1} = \overline{0}$  or  $\overline{\Phi}_0 = \overline{\Phi}_1 = \ldots = \overline{\Phi}_{q-1}$ . This statement is contained in Theorem 3 of [4].

In the remainder of this section  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = \varphi(2q)/2$ . Again, we restrict our interest to the simplest cases: viz.,  $q \geq 3$  prime,  $q = 2^r$ , and q = 6.

(III) The case  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = (q-1)/2, q \ge 3$  prime. Let Assumption B of the Introduction hold. We put

 $Q = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \ ; \, q \nmid k \, , \ k \text{ a quadratic residue } \mod q \}$ 

and

$$N = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} ; q \nmid k, k \notin Q\}.$$

Moreover, let  $q^* = q$  if  $q \equiv 1 \mod 4$ , and  $q^* = -q$  if  $q \equiv 3 \mod 4$ . Then  $\langle \tau_l \rangle = \{\tau_k ; k \in Q\}$ , and  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q^*})$ . Take an element  $\eta \in E_q \setminus \{1\}$ . The set  $E_q$  splits into the orbits

$$Z_1 = \{1\}, \quad Z_2 = \{\eta^k ; k \in Q\}, \quad Z_3 = \{\eta^k ; k \in N\}.$$

By means of Gauss sums we obtain (cf. [1], p. 195)

$$T_l(\eta^k) = \begin{cases} (q-1)/2 & \text{if } q \mid k, \\ (-1+\sqrt{q^*})/2 & \text{if } k \in Q, \\ (-1-\sqrt{q^*})/2 & \text{if } k \in N. \end{cases}$$

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Here  $\sqrt{q^*}$  depends on the choice of  $\eta$ . The elements  $\overline{-1 + \sqrt{q^*}}$ ,  $\overline{-1 - \sqrt{q^*}}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l}$  can be identified with the zeros w, w' in  $\mathbb{F}_l$  of the equation

$$w^2 + \overline{2}w + \overline{1 - q^*} = \overline{0} \,.$$

The system (8) belonging to  $Z_1$  is  $\overline{\Phi}_0 + \ldots + \overline{\Phi}_{q-1} = \overline{0}$ . For the orbit  $Z_2$  it reads

(11) 
$$\overline{q-1}\overline{\Phi}_k + \sum_{\substack{j=0\\j-k\in Q}}^{q-1} w\overline{\Phi}_j + \sum_{\substack{j=0\\j-k\in N}}^{q-1} w'\overline{\Phi}_j = \overline{0}, \quad k = 0, \dots, (q-3)/2.$$

The corresponding system for  $Z_3$  arises from (11) by interchanging w and w'.

(IV) The case  $\operatorname{ord}(\tau_l) = q/2$ ,  $q = 2^r$ . Let the Assumption A of the Introduction hold. We may suppose that  $q \ge 4$ . In general, only two groups  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  can occur, viz.,  $\langle \tau_l \rangle = \langle \tau_5 \rangle$ , if  $l \equiv 5 \mod 8$ , and  $\langle \tau_l \rangle = \langle \tau_{-5} \rangle$ , if  $l \equiv 3 \mod 8$ . In the case q = 4 there is an additional group, viz.,  $\langle \tau_7 \rangle = \langle \tau_{-1} \rangle$ .

We consider the case  $\langle \tau_l \rangle = \langle \tau_5 \rangle$  first. The set  $E_{2q}^-$  consists of two orbits  $Z_1, Z_2$  of length  $|Z_1| = |Z_2| = q/2$ . Furthermore,  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ , and for  $\eta \in E_{2q}^-, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$T_l(\eta^k) = \begin{cases} (q/2)\eta^k & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \mod q/2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We identify  $\overline{\eta^{q/2}} = \overline{\sqrt{-1}} \in \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{l}$  with the corresponding root  $w \in \mathbb{F}_l$  of the equation  $w^2 + \overline{1} = \overline{0}$ . Then the equations (8) for  $Z_1$  take the form

$$\overline{\Phi}_{k+q/2} = w\overline{\Phi}_k, \quad k = 0, \dots, q/2 - 1.$$

In the equations for  $Z_2$ , w must be replaced by -w.

If  $\langle \tau_l \rangle = \langle \tau_{-5} \rangle$ , there are also two orbits  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$  of equal length. Here  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ , and for  $\eta \in E_{2q}^-$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$T_l(\eta^k) = \begin{cases} (q/4)(\eta^k + \eta^{3k}) & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \mod q/4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $w \in \mathbb{F}_l$  be a root of  $w^2 + \overline{2} = \overline{0}$ . Then the first system (8) reads

$$\overline{\Phi}_{k+q/2} = -\overline{\Phi}_k + w\overline{\Phi}_{k+q/4}, \qquad k = 0, \dots, q/4 - 1.$$
  
$$\overline{\Phi}_{k+3q/4} = w\overline{\Phi}_k - \overline{\Phi}_{k+q/4}, \qquad k = 0, \dots, q/4 - 1.$$

In the second system (8) the root w is replaced by -w.

Finally, if q = 4 and  $l \equiv 7 \mod 8$ , there are also two orbits of equal length, and  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ . Let  $w \in \mathbb{F}_l$  be a root of  $w^2 - \overline{2} = \overline{0}$ . The first system (8) is

(12) 
$$\begin{cases} \overline{\varPhi}_2 = w\overline{\varPhi}_1 - \overline{\varPhi}_0, \\ \overline{\varPhi}_3 = \overline{\varPhi}_1 - w\overline{\varPhi}_0. \end{cases}$$

Again, the substitution  $w \mapsto -w$  yields the second system.

(V) The case q = 6. If  $\tau_l \neq id$ , the order of  $\tau_l$  is 2, and the cases  $l \equiv 5, 7, 11 \mod 12$  must be distinguished. All of them are treated similarly, hence we pick out the case  $l \equiv 5 \mod 12$  only. Let  $\eta \in E_{12}^-$ ,  $\operatorname{ord}(\eta) = 12$ . There are four orbits:  $Z_1 = \{\eta^3\}, Z_2 = \{\eta^9\}, Z_3 = \{\eta, \eta^5\}, Z_4 = \{\eta^7, \eta^{11}\}$ . Moreover,  $\eta^3 = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ . By means of the relation  $\eta^4 = \eta^2 - 1$  arising from the 12th cyclotomic polynomial, one obtains

$$T_{l}(\eta^{k}) = \begin{cases} \eta^{3k} & \text{if } (k, 12) = 1, \\ 2\eta^{k} & \text{if } k \equiv \pm 3 \mod 12, \\ -1 & \text{if } k \equiv \pm 4 \mod 12, \\ 1 & \text{if } k \equiv \pm 2 \mod 12. \end{cases}$$

Let w be a root of  $w^2 + \overline{1} = \overline{0}$ . The system (8) of  $Z_1$  consists of the equation

$$\overline{\varPhi}_0 - \overline{\varPhi}_2 + \overline{\varPhi}_4 = w(\overline{\varPhi}_1 - \overline{\varPhi}_3 + \overline{\varPhi}_5) \,.$$

In the case of  $Z_3$  there are two equations:

$$\overline{2}\overline{\Phi}_0 + \overline{\Phi}_2 - \overline{\Phi}_4 = w(\overline{\Phi}_1 + \overline{2}\overline{\Phi}_3 + \overline{\Phi}_5), \overline{\Phi}_0 - \overline{\Phi}_2 - \overline{2}\overline{\Phi}_4 = w(\overline{2}\overline{\Phi}_1 + \overline{\Phi}_3 - \overline{\Phi}_5).$$

The substitution  $w \mapsto -w$  yields the systems (8) belonging to  $Z_2$  and  $Z_4$ .

Remark. From the systems of equations occurring in cases (III)–(V) one can deduce quadratic congruences mod l which are very convenient in practice. For instance, the equations (12) imply

$$2\Phi_0^2 \equiv (\Phi_1 - \Phi_3)^2 \mod l$$
,  $2\Phi_1^2 \equiv (\Phi_0 + \Phi_2)^2 \mod l$ .

4. Numerical results. Let the above notations hold. We are interested in applying Theorem 3 to q = 1, 2, ..., 6. The hypothesis  $l \nmid \varphi(q)$  of this theorem is meaningless here, since  $\varphi(q)$  is a power of 2. In the sequel we must exclude the case that l divides  $C_{2q}$ . For this reason we collect up the pairs  $(q, f_{2q}), q \leq 6$ , for which a prime  $l \geq 3$  divides  $C_{2q}$  (cf. formula (3)).

$$\begin{split} l &= 3: \quad (q, f_{2q}) \in \{(1, 2), (3, 2), (3, 6), (4, 2), (5, 2), (5, 10)\};\\ l &= 5: \quad (q, f_{2q}) \in \{(2, 4), (4, 4), (6, 4), (6, 12)\};\\ l &= 7: \quad (q, f_{2q}) = (3, 3);\\ l &= 11: (q, f_{2q}) = (5, 10);\\ l &= 13: (q, f_{2q}) = (6, 12);\\ l &= 31: (q, f_{2q}) = (5, 5). \end{split}$$

In what follows let Assumption A hold for even q's and Assumption B for odd ones. The set  $\mathcal{Z}$  consists of all orbits of  $\langle \tau_l \rangle$  on  $E_{2q}^-$  (on  $E_q$ , resp.) and, as above,

$$M_l = \bigcup (V_Z ; Z \in \mathcal{Z}).$$

Let p denote a prime,  $p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q$ , p > 2q + 1. If l divides  $C_{2q} = C_{2q}(p)$ , the vector  $\overline{\Phi} = \overline{\Phi}(g)$  is in  $M_l$ , of course. However, if p runs through all primes with  $l \nmid C_{2q}$ , it could happen that the excess vectors  $\overline{\Phi}$  were equally distributed in the space  $\mathbb{F}_l^q$ . Suppose this is true. Then the number

$$m_l = |M_l| / |\mathbb{F}_l^q| = |M_l| / l^q$$

is the probability that l divides the class number  $h_{2a}^{-}(p)$ , by Theorem 3.

In order to compute  $m_l$  one has to determine the cardinality of  $M_l$ . This can be done by means of the well-known sieve formula (cf. [1], p. 123)

(13) 
$$M_{l} = \sum (|V_{Z}|; Z \in \mathcal{Z}) - \sum (|V_{Z} \cap V_{Z'}|; \{Z, Z'\} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}) + \sum (|V_{Z} \cap V_{Z'} \cap V_{Z'}|; \{Z, Z', Z''\} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}) - \dots$$

According to Theorem 2,  $|V_Z| = l^{q-|Z|}$  for all  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$ . From the proof of Theorem 2 it is clear that

(14) 
$$\bigcap (V_Z ; Z \in \mathcal{Z}) = \{0\},\$$

i.e., the union of all systems (8) forms a linearly independent system of equations. For these reasons (13) yields

(15) 
$$|M_l| = \sum (l^{q-|Z|}; Z \in \mathcal{Z}) - \sum (l^{q-|Z|-|Z'|}; \{Z, Z'\} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}) + \sum (l^{q-|Z|-|Z'|-|Z''|}; \{Z, Z', Z''\} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}) - \dots$$

Moreover, if all orbits  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$  have the same length |Z| = z, (15) takes the simplified form

(16) 
$$|M_l| = l^q (1 - (1 - 1/l^z)^{q/z}).$$

If q is an odd prime number, one orbit has length 1 and the remaining ones the same length z. From (16) we deduce for this situation

(17) 
$$|M_l| = l^{q-1} (1 + (l-1)(1 - 1/l^z)^{(q-1)/z}).$$

The values of  $m_l$  given in Table 1 have been found by means of (15)–(17).

We put

$$P = \{p ; p \text{ prime}, p < 500000, p \equiv 2q + 1 \mod 4q, p > 2q + 1\}$$

and

$$n_l = |\{p \in P ; l \mid h_{2a}^-(p)\}| / |P|.$$

For small primes  $l \geq 3$ ,  $l \nmid q$ ,  $l \nmid C_{2q}$ ,  $q \leq 6$ , the number  $n_l$  can serve as an approximation of the probability that l divides  $h_{2q}^-(p)$ . In the few cases where l divides a number  $C_{2q} = C_{2q}(p)$  (cf. the above list), we define  $n_l$  as

$$n_{l} = \left| \{ p \in P ; l \nmid C_{2q}(p), l \mid h_{2q}^{-}(p) \} \right| / \left| \{ p \in P ; l \nmid C_{2q}(p) \} \right|.$$

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Table 1

l-divisibility of  $h_2^-(p)$  for p<500000; total number of  $p\mbox{'s:}~20805$ 

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$
3*	0.4063	0.3333	5	0.2313	0.2000
7	0.1634	0.1429	11	0.0992	0.0909
13	0.0817	0.0769	17	0.0636	0.0588
19	0.0545	0.0526	23	0.0453	0.0435
29	0.0343	0.0345	31	0.0344	0.0323
37	0.0263	0.0270	41	0.0256	0.0244
43	0.0246	0.0233	47	0.0219	0.0213
53	0.0192	0.0189	59	0.0175	0.0169
61	0.0170	0.0164	67	0.0146	0.0149
71	0.0158	0.0141	73	0.0129	0.0137
79	0.0146	0.0127	83	0.0125	0.0120
89	0.0115	0.0112	97	0.0106	0.0103

l-divisibility of  $h_4^-(p)$  for p<500000; total number of  $p\text{'s:}\ 10396$ 

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$
3	0.1293	0.1111	7	0.0189	0.0204
11	0.0082	0.0083	13	0.1513	0.1479
17	0.1238	0.1142	19	0.0036	0.0028
23	0.0009	0.0019	29	0.0676	0.0678
31	0.0013	0.0010	37	0.0526	0.0533
41	0.0518	0.0482	43	0.0007	0.0005
47	0.0001	0.0005	53	0.0374	0.0374
59	0.0003	0.0003	61	0.0368	0.0325
67	0.0002	0.0002	71	0.0002	0.0002
73	0.0261	0.0272	79	0.0003	0.0002
83	0.0003	0.0001	89	0.0209	0.0223
97	0.0187	0.0205			

In Table 1 we display both "probabilities"  $n_l$  and  $m_l$  for  $q \leq 6$  and  $3 \leq l < 100$ ,  $l \nmid q$ . The primes l for which  $l \mid C_{2q}(p)$  can occur are distinguished by an asterisk.

If q is odd, the number  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^-$  is divisible by  $C_2h_2^-$ . Theorem 3 and formula (2) yield the following

COROLLARY. Let  $q \ge 1$  be odd, p prime,  $p \equiv 2q+1 \mod 4q$ , p > 2q+1. Let  $l \ge 3$  be a prime,  $l \nmid q$ ,  $l \nmid q-1$ . Then l divides  $C_{2q}h_{2q}^-/(C_2h_2^-)$  if and only if the vector  $\overline{\Phi} \in \mathbb{F}_l^q$  is in the linear manifold

$$M_l^* = \bigcup (V_Z ; Z \in \mathcal{Z}, Z \neq \{1\}).$$

#### Table 1 (cont.)

l-divisibility of  $h_6^-(p)$  for p<500000; total number of p's: 10402

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$
5	0.2701	0.2320	0.0386	0.0400	7*	0.4104	0.3703	0.2899	0.2653
11	0.1055	0.0984	0.0074	0.0083	13	0.2269	0.2135	0.1578	0.1479
17	0.0663	0.0621	0.0030	0.0035	19	0.1543	0.1497	0.1073	0.1025
23	0.0480	0.0453	0.0010	0.0019	29	0.0349	0.0356	0.0012	0.0012
31	0.0976	0.0937	0.0673	0.0635	37	0.0822	0.0789	0.0567	0.0533
41	0.0254	0.0250	0.0004	0.0006	43	0.0705	0.0682	0.0473	0.0460
47	0.0221	0.0217	0.0004	0.0005	53	0.0184	0.0192	0.0003	0.0004
59	0.0195	0.0172	0.0002	0.0003	61	0.0477	0.0484	0.0316	0.0325
67	0.0441	0.0441	0.0289	0.0296	71	0.0174	0.0143	0.0002	0.0002
73	0.0385	0.0405	0.0261	0.0272	79	0.0392	0.0375	0.0248	0.0252
83	0.0138	0.0122	0.0002	0.0001	89	0.0130	0.0114	0.0001	0.0001
97	0.0327	0.0306	0.0225	0.0205					

l-divisibility of  $h_8^-(p)$  for p<500000; total number of p's:~5165

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$
3*	0.2151	0.2099	5*	0.0794	0.0784
7	0.0414	0.0404	11	0.0170	0.0165
13	0.0112	0.0118	17	0.2290	0.2153
19	0.0048	0.0055	23	0.0043	0.0038
29	0.0031	0.0024	31	0.0017	0.0021
37	0.0019	0.0015	41	0.0931	0.0940
43	0.0019	0.0011	47	0.0010	0.0009
53	0.0004	0.0007	59	0.0002	0.0006
61	0.0002	0.0005	67	0.0010	0.0004
71	0.0002	0.0004	73	0.0511	0.0537
79	0.0004	0.0003	83	0.0008	0.0003
89	0.0409	0.0442	97	0.0451	0.0406

In view of the Corollary we also render the numbers

$$n_l^* = |\{p \in P ; l \mid (h_{2q}^-(p)/h_2^-(p))\}|/|P|$$

and

$$m_l^* = |M_l^*|/l^q$$

in Table 1, for q = 3, 5. If *l* divides some quotient  $C_{2q}/C_2$ , the definition of  $n_l^*$  has been modified appropriately.

Let q = 6. Then  $C_4 h_4^-$  divides  $C_{12} h_{12}^-$ . Again, l divides the quotient  $C_{12} h_{12}^-/(C_4 h_4^-)$  if and only if  $\overline{\Phi}$  is in a certain linear manifold  $M_l^* \subseteq \mathbb{F}_l^6$ . Table 1 contains  $m_l^* = |M_l^*|/l^6$  and the comparative figure  $n_l^*$ .

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Table 1 (cont.)

l-divisibility of  $h^-_{10}(p)$  for p<500000; total number of p's:~5208

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$
3*	0.4181	0.3416	0.0054	0.0123	7	0.1674	0.1432	0.0006	0.0004
$11^{*}$	0.4203	0.3791	0.3514	0.3170	13	0.0816	0.0770	0.0000	0.0000
17	0.0588	0.0588	0.0000	0.0000	19	0.0613	0.0579	0.0056	0.0055
23	0.0432	0.0435	0.0000	0.0000	29	0.0313	0.0368	0.0021	0.0024
$31^{*}$	0.1602	0.1512	0.1281	0.1229	37	0.0244	0.0270	0.0000	0.0000
41	0.1171	0.1161	0.0916	0.0940	43	0.0246	0.0233	0.0000	0.0000
47	0.0236	0.0213	0.0000	0.0000	53	0.0173	0.0189	0.0000	0.0000
59	0.0207	0.0175	0.0010	0.0006	61	0.0762	0.0793	0.0618	0.0640
67	0.0134	0.0149	0.0000	0.0000	71	0.0672	0.0685	0.0545	0.0552
73	0.0113	0.0137	0.0000	0.0000	79	0.0180	0.0130	0.0004	0.0003
83	0.0132	0.0120	0.0000	0.0000	89	0.0119	0.0115	0.0006	0.0003
97	0.0117	0.0103	0.0000	0.0000					

l-divisibility of  $h^-_{12}(p)$  for p<500000; total number of p's: 5191

l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$	l	$n_l$	$m_l$	$n_l^*$	$m_l^*$
5*			0.0820	0.0784	7	0.0543	0.0600	0.0358	0.0404
11	0.0235	0.0246	0.0171	0.0165	13*	0.4038	0.3814	0.2993	0.2740
17	0.1310	0.1203	0.0060	0.0069	19	0.0100	0.0083	0.0062	0.0055
23	0.0056	0.0057	0.0046	0.0038	29	0.0657	0.0700	0.0025	0.0024
31	0.0029	0.0031	0.0017	0.0021	37	0.1516	0.1516	0.1063	0.1038
41	0.0541	0.0493	0.0012	0.0012	43	0.0025	0.0016	0.0019	0.0011
47	0.0008	0.0014	0.0006	0.0009	53	0.0364	0.0381	0.0006	0.0007
59	0.0006	0.0009	0.0004	0.0006	61	0.0896	0.0944	0.0584	0.0640
67	0.0000	0.0007	0.0000	0.0004	71	0.0006	0.0006	0.0002	0.0004
73	0.0746	0.0794	0.0516	0.0537	79	0.0008	0.0005	0.0002	0.0003
83	0.0006	0.0004	0.0002	0.0003	89	0.0223	0.0226	0.0000	0.0003
97	0.0599	0.0603	0.0403	0.0406					

In Table 2 we have collected up the relative class numbers  $h_{12}^-(p)$  for all  $p < 10000 \ (p \equiv 13 \text{ mod } 24, \text{ of course}).$ 

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p	$h_{12}^{-}$	p	$h_{12}^-$	p	$h_{12}^{-}$		
13	1	37	1	61	1		
109	17	157	65	181	925		
229	221	277	272	349	1040		
373	305	397	832	421	925		

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**Table 2.** Relative class numbers  $h_{12}^-$ 

$h_1^-$	p	$h_{12}^{-}$	p	$h_{12}^{-}$	p
15762	757	3645	733	12688	709
2268	877	2516	853	26245	829
1394	1069	3977	1021	1825	997
9435'	1213	577405	1117	555185	1093
28835	1429	166617	1381	42125	1237
68254	1597	17725	1549	270725	1453
31423	1693	1512745	1669	1441557	1621
13297	1861	57616	1789	116285	1741
9253'	2053	3922321	2029	24737	1933
171593	2293	67625	2269	1797497	2221
66085	2437	23725	2389	1173037	2341
111290	2749	1338949	2677	514345	2557
46945	3037	300913	2917	1502800	2797
793890	3181	350649	3109	102245	3061
36931	3301	9983713	3253	3985097	3229
186004	3517	821881	3469	7747909	3373
389650	3637	2595125	3613	152165	3541
1494426	3853	20787845	3733	6131905	3709
3765482	4093	849433	4021	3801037	3877
45714	4549	1633360	4357	570704	4261
393076	4789	5254945	4621	1505969	4597
547982	4909	21461193	4861	3288745	4813
60162	5077	15291185	4957	24722117	4933
270754	5413	623376	5197	5343205	5101
120845	5581	6719089	5557	1916217	5437
623330	5749	7036165	5701	8808669	5653
183918	6037	1652813	5869	907985	5821
637812	6277	5476409	6229	1254509	6133
1107247	6397	7973593	6373	74076509	6301
935618	6637	8725853	6469	20553277	6421
390812	6733	1458500	6709	13352065	6661
547982	6949	12125605	6829	18425549	6781
127562	7213	43433797	7069	5553841	6997
647232	7333	5188433	7309	14537637	7237
12488934	7573	2665345	7549	8024605	7477
9520863	7717	345404785	7669	26335985	7621
1958946	7933	10178869	7789	2900269	7741
668862	8221	20686509	8101	88674769	8053
726824	8317	14654925	8293	283411453	8269
211658	8581	5808245	8461	7384609	8389
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12009358	8821	550198737	8677	77909364	8629

Table 2 (cont.)

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p	$h_{12}^{-}$	p	$h_{12}^{-}$	p	$h_{12}^{-}$
9109	1759504	9133	10980625	9157	2655065
9181	4484077	9277	156931101	9349	20541845
9397	22924681	9421	397973056	9613	406792061
9661	44395585	9733	26450125	9781	34076653
9829	7163125	9901	661365493	9949	15834377
9973	286173589				

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