

On the odd part of tame kernels of biquadratic number fields

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1. Introduction. Let F be an algebraic number field, \mathcal{O}_F the ring of integers in F , and K_2 the Milnor K -functor. For a quadratic number field, the 2-primary part of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ has been intensively studied (see [5]–[10]). For an odd prime p , it is interesting to study the p -primary part of the tame kernels of number fields; some results have been found in [1]–[4].

In this paper we investigate the odd part of the tame kernel $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ for a biquadratic field F , where $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$. Section 2 studies the p -Sylow subgroup of the class group of the cyclotomic extension of F . Let p be a regular prime. In Section 3, we prove some results connecting the p -rank of the tame kernel $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ with the p -rank of the class groups of some subfields of the number field $F(\zeta_p)$. In particular, when $p = 3, 5$, we get some results connecting the p -rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ with the p -rank of the class groups of some quadratic fields. As an application, we calculate the 3-rank of the tame kernels $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ when $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$, where $-50 < d_1, d_2 < 50$. For any odd prime p and a positive integer $n \geq 2$, in Section 4, we prove explicitly some relations between the groups $(\mu_{p^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_{F(\zeta_{p^n})}[1/p]))_{\text{Gal}(F(\zeta_{p^n})/F)}$ and $K_2\mathcal{O}_F/p^n$ by using a map of Keune.

2. Biquadratic number fields. In this section, we give more information on cyclotomic extensions of biquadratic fields. We fix the following notation.

Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$, $F_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1})$, $F_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_2})$, with d_1 and d_2 squarefree. We assume that $(d_1, d_2) = 1$, p is an odd prime, n a positive integer, ζ_{p^n} a primitive root of unity of degree p^n , $L = F(\zeta_{p^n})$, $G = \text{Gal}(L/F)$. Clearly, G is cyclic as a subgroup of the cyclic group $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q})$. Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of F dividing p , and let $Z_{\mathfrak{p}}$ be the decomposition group of \mathfrak{p} in the abelian extension L/F . Denote by $e_{\mathfrak{p}}$ the ramification degree of

\mathfrak{p} in L/F . For a number field $*$, we denote by A_* and $A_*[1/p]$ the p -Sylow subgroups of $Cl(\mathcal{O}_*)$ and $Cl(\mathcal{O}_*[1/p])$ respectively.

We consider the following cases.

1) $d_1 = p^* = (-1)^{(p-1)/2}p$. Then F_1 is the unique quadratic subfield of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, and p is totally ramified in F_1 . By the assumption, $p \nmid d_2$. We consider two subcases.

a) $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = 1$. Then p splits in F_2 . It follows that $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}_1^2\mathfrak{p}_2^2$. Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, the prime ideals \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 of F are totally ramified in L/F , and $e_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = e_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = (L : F)$ and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = Z_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = G$.

b) $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = -1$. Then p is inert in F_2 , hence $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of F is totally ramified in L/F with $e_{\mathfrak{p}} = (L : F)$ and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}} = G$.

2) $d_1 \neq p^*$ and $p \mid d_1$. Then p is totally ramified in F_1 . Let $d_1 = p^*d'_1$. By the assumption, $p \nmid d_2$. We consider four subcases.

a) $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = 1$. Then p splits in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1})$ and F_2 , so p splits in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$ and $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}_1^2\mathfrak{p}_2^2$. Let $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1}, \sqrt{d_2}, \sqrt{p^*}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1}, \sqrt{d_2}, \sqrt{p^*})$. Then the prime ideals \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 split in E/F . Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, we have $e_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = e_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = (L : E) = (L : F)/2$. The decomposition fields of \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 in L/F are both E , and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = Z_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = \text{Gal}(L/E) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p^*}))$.

b) $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = -1$. Then p splits in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1})$ and is inert in F_2 , so $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. Hence the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} splits in E/F . Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, the ramification degree $e_{\mathfrak{p}}$ equals $(L : E) = (L : F)/2$. The decomposition field of \mathfrak{p} in L/F is E and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}} = \text{Gal}(L/E) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p^*}))$.

c) $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = 1$. Then p splits in F_2 and is inert in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1})$, so $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}_1^2\mathfrak{p}_2^2$. Hence the prime ideals \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 are inert in E/F . Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, we have $e_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = e_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = (L : E) = (L : F)/2$. The decomposition fields of \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 in L/F are both F , and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}_1} = Z_{\mathfrak{p}_2} = \text{Gal}(L/F) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q})$.

d) $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = -1$. Then p is inert in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1})$ and F_2 , so $p\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. Since $(\frac{d'_1d_2}{p}) = 1$, p splits in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d'_1d_2})$. Hence the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} splits in E/F . Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, we have $e_{\mathfrak{p}} = (L : E) = (L : F)/2$. The decomposition field of \mathfrak{p} in L/F is E , and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}} = \text{Gal}(L/E) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p^*}))$.

3) $p \nmid d_1$ and $p \nmid d_2$. Then p is unramified in F . Since p is totally ramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$, it is totally ramified in L/F . Hence the ramification degree $e_{\mathfrak{p}}$ of the prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \mid p$ of F is $(L : F)$. The decomposition field of \mathfrak{p} in L/F is F , and $Z_{\mathfrak{p}} = \text{Gal}(L/F) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q})$.

From the above conclusions, we deduce the following lemma:

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $L = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that S'_F is the set of prime ideals of F which divide p and split completely in L . Then:*

- (i) $|S'_F| = 2$ if $p = 3$, $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$,
- (ii) $|S'_F| = 1$ if $p = 3$, $3 \mid d_1$ and $d_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$,
- (iii) $|S'_F| = 0$ otherwise.

LEMMA 2.2. *Assume that p is an odd prime and n a positive integer. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$, $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n} + \zeta_{p^n}^{-1})$, $L = F(\zeta_{p^n})$. Let $L_1 = K(\sqrt{d_1})$, $L_2 = K(\sqrt{d_1 d_2})$, $L_3 = K((\zeta_{p^n} - \zeta_{p^n}^{-1})\sqrt{d_1 d_2})$, $L_4 = K(\sqrt{d_2})$, $L_5 = K((\zeta_{p^n} - \zeta_{p^n}^{-1})\sqrt{d_2})$, $L_6 = K((\zeta_{p^n} - \zeta_{p^n}^{-1})\sqrt{d_1})$, $L_7 = K(\zeta_{p^n} - \zeta_{p^n}^{-1})$. Assume further that p is regular and $F \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n}) = \mathbb{Q}$. Then*

$$A_L = A_{L_1} \oplus A_{L_2} \oplus A_{L_3} \oplus A_{L_4} \oplus A_{L_5} \oplus A_{L_6}.$$

Proof. Let $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$, so we have $\tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma \in G$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &: \sqrt{d_1} \mapsto -\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2} \mapsto \sqrt{d_2}, \zeta_{p^n} \mapsto \zeta_{p^n}, \\ \tau_2 &: \sqrt{d_1} \mapsto \sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2} \mapsto -\sqrt{d_2}, \zeta_{p^n} \mapsto \zeta_{p^n}, \\ \sigma &: \sqrt{d_1} \mapsto \sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2} \mapsto \sqrt{d_2}, \zeta_{p^n} \mapsto \zeta_{p^n}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, $\langle \sigma, \tau_2 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_1)$, $\langle \sigma, \tau_1 \tau_2 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_2)$, $\langle \sigma \tau_1, \tau_1 \tau_2 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_3)$, $\langle \sigma, \tau_1 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_4)$, $\langle \sigma \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_5)$, $\langle \sigma \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_6)$, $\langle \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle = \text{Gal}(L/L_7)$. Then we have idempotents in $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_0 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma}{2}\right), & \eta_1 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma}{2}\right), \\ \eta_2 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma}{2}\right), & \eta_3 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sigma}{2}\right), \\ \eta_4 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma}{2}\right), & \eta_5 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sigma}{2}\right), \\ \eta_6 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sigma}{2}\right), & \eta_7 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sigma}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify $1 = \eta_0 + \eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 + \eta_4 + \eta_5 + \eta_6 + \eta_7$.

We have $\eta_0 A_L \subseteq N_{L/K} A_L = 0$ since p is regular. Furthermore, $\eta_1 A_L = \frac{1}{8}(1 - \tau_1)N_{L/L_1} A_L$, so $\eta_1 A_L \subseteq A_{L_1}$. On the other hand, for any $a \in A_{L_1}$, we have $\sigma a = a$, $\tau_2 a = a$, $(1 + \tau_1)a = 0$, i.e., $\tau_1 a = -a$, since $1 + \tau_1 = N_{L_1/K}$ and p is regular. Hence, $\eta_1 a = \frac{1}{8}(1 - \tau_1)(1 + \tau_2)(1 + \sigma)a = a$, and so $\eta_1 A_L = A_{L_1}$. Similarly, $\eta_4 A_L = A_{L_4}$ and $\eta_7 A_L = A_{L_7}$.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2 &= \left(\frac{1-\tau_1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\tau_2}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1+\sigma}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}(1-\tau_1)(1+\tau_1\tau_2)(1+\sigma), \\ \eta_3 &= \left(\frac{1-\tau_1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\tau_2}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}(1-\tau_1)(1+\tau_1\tau_2)(1+\sigma\tau_1), \\ \eta_5 &= \left(\frac{1+\tau_1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\tau_2}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}(1-\tau_2)(1+\tau_1)(1+\sigma\tau_2), \\ \eta_6 &= \left(\frac{1-\tau_1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1+\tau_2}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}(1-\tau_1)(1+\tau_2)(1+\sigma\tau_1). \end{aligned}$$

By the above proof, $\eta_i A_L = A_{L_i}$, $i = 2, 3, 5, 6$. Since p is regular, we have $A_{L_7} = 0$, and the conclusion follows.

3. p -rank. In the following, we assume that $F \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p) = \mathbb{Q}$. Let $L = F(\zeta_p)$ with $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \cong G \times T$, where $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ and $T = \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$.

Let ω be the Teichmüller character of the group $(\mathbb{Z}/p)^*$. We fix a primitive root $g \pmod{p}$ and let $\sigma := \sigma_g$ ($\sigma_g(\zeta_p) = \zeta_p^g$). We have the following idempotents:

$$\varepsilon_j = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \omega^j(a) \sigma_a^{-1} = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \omega^{jk}(g) \sigma^{-k}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq p-2.$$

Let $\lambda : Cl(\mathcal{O}_L) \rightarrow Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/p])$ be the homomorphism induced by the imbedding $\mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_L[1/p]$. Evidently λ is a surjective homomorphism of Γ -modules.

Let E be the maximal unramified p -extension of the field L with an elementary abelian Galois group $H := \text{Gal}(E/L)$. Since $\mu_p := \langle \zeta_p \rangle \subset L$, E/L is a Kummer extension, i.e., $E = L(B^{1/p})$, for some subgroup B of L^* containing L^{*p} . Let $B_0 := B/L^{*p}$. For every $b \in L^*$ and $b_0 = bL^{*p}$, we have $b_0 \in B_0$ iff b is singular primary, i.e., $(b) = \mathfrak{a}^p$ for some ideal \mathfrak{a} of L , and $x^p \equiv b \pmod{p(1-\zeta_p)}$ for some $x \in L^*$. Consequently, we have a homomorphism of Γ -modules:

$$\phi : B_0 \rightarrow (A_L)_p, \quad \phi(b_0) = Cl(\mathfrak{a}).$$

Let U'_L be the group of singular primary units of L . Then $\text{Ker } \phi \cong U'_L/U_L^p$ (see [2]).

LEMMA 3.1 ([2]). *Let F be a number field with $F \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p) = \mathbb{Q}$, and let p be an odd prime. Then*

$$p\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_L[1/p]) + |S'_F|.$$

LEMMA 3.2. *The mapping $\lambda : \varepsilon_{p-2}Cl(\mathcal{O}_L) \rightarrow \varepsilon_{p-2}Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/p])$ is an isomorphism if one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- 1) $p \nmid d_1$ and $p \nmid d_2$,
- 2) $d_1 = pd'_1$, $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = 1$,
- 3) $p \neq 3$, $p \mid d_1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = -1$.

Proof. Let \mathfrak{P} be the unique prime ideal over p in L . The group $\text{Ker } \lambda$ is generated by the class containing the prime ideal \mathfrak{P} of L . If 1) and 2) are satisfied, then the prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \mid p$ of F does not split in L by 1) and 3) of Section 2. So we have $\sigma(\mathfrak{P}) = \mathfrak{P}$. Therefore, $\mathfrak{P} \in \varepsilon_0Cl(\mathcal{O}_L)$.

Suppose now condition 3) is satisfied. Then by 2b) and 2d) of Section 2, in L we have $(1 - \zeta_p) = \mathfrak{P}_1\mathfrak{P}_2$, where \mathfrak{P}_1 and \mathfrak{P}_2 are different prime ideals of E . Consequently $\sigma(\mathfrak{P}_1) = \mathfrak{P}_1$ or \mathfrak{P}_2 . Thus for $a = Cl(\mathfrak{P}_1)$ we have $\sigma(a) = \pm a$. Evidently a generates $\text{Ker } \lambda$. Assume that $a^m \in \varepsilon_{p-2}Cl(\mathcal{O}_L)$ for some m . Then

$$\begin{aligned} a^m &= \varepsilon_{p-2}a^m = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \omega^{k(p-2)}(g)\sigma^{-k}a^m \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \omega^{k(p-2)}(g)(\pm 1)^{km}a^m \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \frac{1 - (\omega^{p-2}(g)(\pm 1)^m)^{p-1}}{1 - \omega^{p-2}(g)(\pm 1)^m}a^m. \end{aligned}$$

Since $p \neq 3$, $p-2 \neq \frac{1}{2}(p-1)$. It follows that $\omega^{p-2}(g)(\pm 1)^m \neq 1$. Therefore $a^m = 0$. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 3.3. *Assume that p is a regular prime. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p + \zeta_p^{-1})$, $L = F(\zeta_p)$, $L_1 = K(\sqrt{d_1})$, $L_2 = K(\sqrt{d_1d_2})$, $L_3 = K((\zeta_p - \zeta_p^{-1})\sqrt{d_1d_2})$, $L_4 = K(\sqrt{d_2})$, $L_5 = K((\zeta_p - \zeta_p^{-1})\sqrt{d_2})$, $L_6 = K((\zeta_p - \zeta_p^{-1})\sqrt{d_1})$.*

(i) *If $p > 3$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) &= p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_3}[1/p]) + p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_5}[1/p]) \\ &\quad + p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_6}[1/p]) \end{aligned}$$

provided $d_1 = pd'_1$, $(\frac{d'_1}{p}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{p}) = 1$, while

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) &= p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_3}) + p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_5}) \\ &\quad + p\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_{p-2}A_{L_6}) \end{aligned}$$

otherwise.

(ii) If $3 \nmid d_1$ and $3 \nmid d_2$, or $d_1 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, then

$$3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_3}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_5}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_6}),$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$.

(iii) If $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, then

$$3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_3}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_5}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_6}) + 2,$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$.

(iv) If $d_1 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, then

$$3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_3}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_5}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_6}) + 1,$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$.

(v) If $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, then

$$3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_3}[1/3]) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_5}) + 3\text{-rank}(A_{L_6}) + 1,$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$.

Proof. (i) By the assumption and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$A_L = A_{L_1} \oplus A_{L_2} \oplus A_{L_3} \oplus A_{L_4} \oplus A_{L_5} \oplus A_{L_6}.$$

We recall that σ is a generator of $\text{Gal}(L/F)$. Then

$$\sigma^{(p-1)/2}\varepsilon_{p-2} = \omega(g^{(p-1)/2})^{p-2}\varepsilon_{p-2} = -\varepsilon_{p-2}.$$

On the other hand, it is easy to check that $\sigma^{(p-1)/2}$ acts trivially on A_{L_1} , A_{L_2} and A_{L_4} . Therefore, the result follows from Lemmas 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2.

(ii) By the proof of (i), we have

$$3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_3}) + 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_5}) + 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_6}),$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$. It is easy to see that $\text{Gal}(L_i/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ for $i = 3, 5, 6$. So $A_{L_i} = \varepsilon_1 A_{L_i}$ for $i = 3, 5, 6$, completing the proof.

(iii) By Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) &= 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_3}[1/3]) + 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_5}[1/3]) \\ &\quad + 3\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_1 A_{L_6}[1/3]) + 2, \end{aligned}$$

where $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1d_2})$, $L_5 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_2})$, $L_6 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d_1})$. Since $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ and $d_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, we have $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = -1$ and $(\frac{-d_1d_2/3}{3}) = -1$. Hence 3 is inert in L_3 and L_6 . Clearly, 3 is ramified in L_5 . So $A_{L_i}[1/3] = A_{L_i}$, where $i = 3, 5, 6$. Therefore, the result follows from the proof of (ii).

The proofs of (iv) and (v) are similar to that of (iii).

EXAMPLE. As an application of Theorem 3.3, we calculate the 3-rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ when $-50 < d_1, d_2 < 50$. The results are given in the tables of Section 5.

Let $\text{Gal}(F_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \tau_1 \rangle$ and $\text{Gal}(F_2/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \tau_2 \rangle$. Then $T := \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle$. We consider the following idempotents:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_0 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right), & \theta_1 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right), \\ \theta_2 &= \left(\frac{1 + \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right), & \theta_3 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3.4. *For $p = 4s + 1$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \theta_1 \varepsilon_2 &= \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{4}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} N_{L/E_1}, \\ (2) \quad \theta_2 \varepsilon_2 &= \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_2}{4}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} N_{L/E_2}, \\ (3) \quad \theta_3 \varepsilon_2 &= \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{4}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} N_{L/E_3}, \end{aligned}$$

where E_1, E_2 and E_3 are the subfields of L fixed by $\langle \tau_2, \sigma^s \tau_1 \rangle, \langle \tau_1, \sigma^s \tau_2 \rangle$ and $\langle \tau_1 \tau_2, \sigma^s \tau_1 \rangle$ respectively.

Proof. Since $\omega^{2s}(g) = -1$ and $\sigma^{4s} = 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_2 &= \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} (1 + \omega^{2s}(g) \sigma^{-s} + \omega^{4s}(g) \sigma^{-2s} + \omega^{6s}(g) \sigma^{-3s}) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} (1 - \sigma^s + \sigma^{2s} - \sigma^{3s}) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} (1 - \sigma^s)(1 + \sigma^{2s}). \end{aligned}$$

For (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 \varepsilon_2 &= \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \tau_2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} (1 - \sigma^s)(1 + \sigma^{2s}) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{4}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} (1 + \tau_2)(1 + \tau_1 \sigma^s)(1 + \sigma^{2s}) \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tau_1}{4}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \omega^{2k}(g) \sigma^{-k} N_{L/E_1}. \end{aligned}$$

The equalities (2) and (3) can be proved similarly.

LEMMA 3.5 ([2]). p -rank($\varepsilon_k A_L$) = p -rank($\varepsilon_{p-k} B_0$) for $0 \leq k \leq p$, where we identified $\varepsilon_{p-1} = \varepsilon_0$ and $\varepsilon_p = \varepsilon_1$.

LEMMA 3.6. For $0 \leq k \leq 3$ and $0 \leq j \leq p - 2$, we have

$$p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_{p-j} A_L) \leq p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_j A_L) + p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_j (U'_L/U_L^p)).$$

Proof. Since $\phi : B_0 \rightarrow (A_L)_p$ is a homomorphism of Γ -modules, we have

$$\phi : \theta_k \varepsilon_j B_0 \rightarrow \theta_k \varepsilon_j (A_L)_p \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 3, 0 \leq j \leq p - 2.$$

In view of $\text{Ker } \phi \cong U'_L/U_L^p$ we get

$$(\text{Ker } \phi) \cap (\theta_k \varepsilon_j B_0) \cong \theta_k \varepsilon_j (U'_L/U_L^p),$$

and hence

$$p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_j B_0) \leq p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_j A_L) + p\text{-rank}(\theta_k \varepsilon_j (U'_L/U_L^p)).$$

Therefore the result follows from Lemma 3.5.

THEOREM 3.7. Let $5 \nmid d_1 d_2$. If F is a totally real field, then

$$5\text{-rank}(K_2 \mathcal{O}_F) \leq 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_1}) + 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_2}) + 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_3}) + 3,$$

and if F is a CM field, then

$$5\text{-rank}(K_2 \mathcal{O}_F) \leq 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_1}) + 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_2}) + 5\text{-rank}(A_{E_3}) + 1,$$

where $E_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5d_1})$, $E_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5d_2})$, $E_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5d_1 d_2})$.

Proof. By Lemmas 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2, $5\text{-rank}(K_2 \mathcal{O}_F) = 5\text{-rank}(\varepsilon_3 A_L)$. Since $\theta_0 \varepsilon_3 A_L \subset A_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)}$, Lemmas 3.4 and 3.6 yield

$$5\text{-rank}(K_2 \mathcal{O}_F) \leq \sum_{k=1}^3 (5\text{-rank}(A_{E_k}) + 5\text{-rank}(U_{E_k}/U_{E_k}^5)).$$

By the Dirichlet unit theorem, we conclude that $5\text{-rank}(U_{E_k}/U_{E_k}^5) = 1$ resp. 0 if E_k is a real resp. imaginary quadratic field. This completes the proof.

4. p^n -rank. In this section, we use the same notation as in Section 2.

LEMMA 4.1 ([3]). Let F be a number field, and for any odd prime p and a positive integer n , let $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(F(\zeta_{p^n})/F)$. We have an exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow (\mu_{p^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_{F(\zeta_{p^n})}[1/p]))_{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\iota} K_2 \mathcal{O}_F/p^n \xrightarrow{\lambda} \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p}|p} (\mu_{p^n})_{Z_{\mathfrak{p}}} \xrightarrow{c} (\mu_{p^n})_{\Gamma} \rightarrow 0.$$

THEOREM 4.2. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$ and $L = F(\zeta_{p^n})$, where $n \geq 2$.

- (i) If $p > 3$, then $K_2\mathcal{O}_F/p^n \cong (\mu_{p^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/p]))_\Gamma$.
- (ii) $K_2\mathcal{O}_F/3^n \cong (\mu_{3^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/3]))_\Gamma$ provided $d_1 = -3$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$, or $3 \mid d_1$ with $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$, or $3 \nmid d_1$ and $3 \nmid d_2$.
- (iii) We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (\mu_{3^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/3]))_\Gamma \rightarrow K_2\mathcal{O}_F/3^n \rightarrow \mu_3 \rightarrow 0$$

provided $d_1 = -3$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$, or $3 \mid d_1$ with $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$, or $3 \mid d_1$ with $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$.

- (iv) We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (\mu_{3^n} \otimes Cl(\mathcal{O}_L[1/3]))_\Gamma \rightarrow K_2\mathcal{O}_F/3^n \rightarrow \mu_3 \oplus \mu_3 \rightarrow 0$$

provided $3 \mid d_1$ with $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$.

Proof. Since μ_{p^n} is a cohomologically trivial Z -module for every subgroup Z of Γ , we get

$$(\mu_{p^n})_{Z_p} \cong (\mu_{p^n})^{Z_p} = \mu_{p^n} \cap L^{Z_p},$$

where L^{Z_p} is the decomposition field of \mathfrak{p} in the extension L/F . From the conclusions of Section 2, this field is F or $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2}, \sqrt{p^*})$. Obviously, the p th root of 1, where $p > 3$, does not belong to this field. So (i) is proved by Lemma 4.1.

From the conclusions of Section 2, we have the following results:

If $d_1 = -3$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} \cong \mu_3 \oplus \mu_3$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma \cong \mu_3$.

If $d_1 = -3$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} \cong \mu_3$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma \cong \mu_3$.

If $3 \mid d_1 \neq -3$, $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} \cong \mu_3 \oplus \mu_3$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma = \{1\}$.

If $3 \mid d_1 \neq -3$, $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = 1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} \cong \mu_3$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma = \{1\}$.

If $3 \mid d_1 \neq -3$, $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = 1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} = \{1\}$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma = \{1\}$.

If $3 \mid d_1 \neq -3$, $(\frac{-d_1/3}{3}) = -1$ and $(\frac{d_2}{3}) = -1$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} \cong \mu_3$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma = \{1\}$.

If $3 \nmid d_1$ and $3 \nmid d_2$, then $\bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \mid 3} (\mu_{3^n})_{Z_p} = \{1\}$ and $(\mu_{3^n})_\Gamma = \{1\}$.

Now (ii)–(iv) follow from Lemma 4.1.

Table 2. (d_1, d_2) with $3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 2$

(-14, 43)	(2, 29)	(11, 43)	(14, 29)	(17, 43)	(22, 29)	(23, 29)	(26, 29)	(29, 31)
(29, 43)	(31, 43)	(34, 43)	(43, 47)	(-42, -41)	(-42, -29)	(-42, -23)	(-42, -17)	(-42, -11)
(-42, -5)	(-42, 1)	(-42, 13)	(-42, 19)	(-42, 31)	(-42, 37)	(-33, -29)	(-33, -23)	(-33, -17)
(-33, -14)	(-33, -5)	(-33, -2)	(-33, 1)	(-33, 7)	(-33, 10)	(-33, 13)	(-33, 19)	(-33, 31)
(-33, 34)	(-33, 37)	(-15, -14)	(-15, -11)	(-15, -2)	(-15, 1)	(-15, 7)	(-15, 13)	(-15, 19)
(-15, 22)	(-15, 31)	(-15, 34)	(-15, 37)	(-15, 46)	(-6, -5)	(-6, 1)	(-6, 7)	(-6, 13)
(-6, 19)	(-6, 31)	(-6, 37)	(-6, 43)	(3, 7)	(3, 10)	(3, 13)	(3, 19)	(3, 22)
(3, 34)	(3, 37)	(3, 46)	(21, 22)	(21, 31)	(21, 34)	(21, 37)	(21, 46)	(30, 31)
(39, 46)	(-47, -42)	(-47, -15)	(-47, -6)	(-47, 3)	(-47, 21)	(-47, 30)	(-47, 39)	(-41, -15)
(-41, -6)	(-41, 3)	(-41, 21)	(-41, 30)	(-41, 39)	(-38, -33)	(-38, -15)	(-38, 3)	(-38, 21)
(-38, 39)	(-35, -33)	(-35, -6)	(-35, 3)	(-35, 39)	(-29, -15)	(-29, -6)	(-29, 3)	(-29, 21)
(-29, 30)	(-29, 39)	(-26, -15)	(-26, 3)	(-26, 21)	(-23, -15)	(-23, -6)	(-23, 3)	(-23, 21)
(-23, 30)	(-23, 39)	(-17, -15)	(-17, -6)	(-17, 3)	(-17, 21)	(-17, 30)	(-17, 39)	(-14, 3)
(-14, 39)	(-11, -6)	(-11, 3)	(-11, 21)	(-11, 30)	(-11, 39)	(-5, 3)	(-5, 21)	(-5, 39)
(-2, 3)	(-2, 21)	(-2, 39)	(1, 3)	(1, 21)	(1, 30)	(1, 39)	(7, 30)	(7, 39)
(10, 21)	(10, 39)	(13, 21)	(13, 30)	(19, 21)	(19, 30)	(31, 39)	(34, 39)	(37, 39)
(33, 43)	(42, 43)	(-42, 29)	(-33, 29)	(-15, 29)	(-6, 29)	(3, 29)	(21, 29)	(29, 30)
(29, 39)	(-39, -22)	(-39, -19)	(-39, 29)	(-30, 29)	(-21, 29)	(6, 29)	(15, 29)	(33, 41)
(33, 47)	(-46, 33)	(-43, -30)	(-43, 33)	(-37, -30)	(26, 33)	(29, 33)	(29, 42)	

Table 3. (d_1, d_2) with $3\text{-rank}K_2\mathcal{O}_F = 3$

(-42, 43)	(-33, -47)	(-33, -41)	(-33, -26)	(-33, 46)	(-15, 43)	(-6, 43)	(3, 31)	(3, 43)
(21, 43)	(30, 37)	(39, 19)	(39, 22)	(39, 43)				

Finally, there are only two pairs $(-33, 43)$ and $(30, 43)$ with $3\text{-rank}(K_2\mathcal{O}_F) = 4$. For any (d_1, d_2) which does not appear in the above tables, the 3-primary part of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ is trivial.

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