

## An infinite family of pairs of quadratic fields $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD})$ whose class numbers are both divisible by 3

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**Introduction.** In [A-C], [H1], [Ho], [N], [W] and [Y] their authors study the divisibility of the class number of a quadratic field and state that there exist infinitely many quadratic fields whose class numbers are divisible by 3. Hartung [H2] proves the existence of infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields whose class numbers are not divisible by 3. In this paper we show

**THEOREM A.** *Fix a rational integer  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $m \neq 0$ ). Then there exist infinitely many quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  such that the class numbers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD})$  are both divisible by 3.*

In the case  $m = -3$ , this theorem is deduced from Scholz's theorem and a result of Honda. In fact, Scholz [Sc] gave a relation between the 3-rank  $r$  of the ideal class group of a real quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  and the 3-rank  $s$  of an imaginary quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3D})$ .

**THEOREM (A. Scholz).** *We have the inequality  $r \leq s \leq r + 1$ . In particular, if  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))$  for a positive integer  $D$ , then  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3D}))$ .*

Honda [Ho] constructed an infinite family of real quadratic fields whose class numbers are divisible by 3. These results imply that there exist infinitely many quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  such that the class numbers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3D})$  are both divisible by 3.

In [K] we showed the existence of an infinite family of quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  with  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))$  and  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D}))$ . Our Theorem A is a generalization of this result. The divisibility of the class number by 3 is verified by the construction of an explicit cubic polynomial which gives an unramified cyclic cubic extension of the quadratic field.

We prove Theorem A by the following construction.

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a square-free integer with  $m \neq 1$ . Let  $l$  be a prime number which splits in the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})/\mathbb{Q}$  and is inert in the extension

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ . We take an integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$n \equiv \begin{cases} \pm(4m - 3) \pmod{27} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \pm(4m + 12) \pmod{27} & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ \pm 4m \pmod{27} & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}, \\ \pm 1 \pmod{3} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and  $mn^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ . Now put  $r = mn^2$ . Let  $P$  be the set of all prime divisors of  $r(r - 1)$  except 3. We denote by  $T$  the set of integers  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  which satisfy the conditions:

$$t \equiv \begin{cases} 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 3 \pmod{9} & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ -3 \pmod{27} & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}, \\ \pm(r/3)^2 \pmod{9} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$t \equiv -1 \pmod{l}$  and  $t \not\equiv r \pmod{p}$  for every  $p \in P$ . Decompose  $T$  into two subsets  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  where  $T_1 = \{t \in T \mid t \geq 3r/2\}$  and  $T_2 = \{t \in T \mid t < 3r/2\}$ . Define

$$D_r(X) = (3X^2 + r)(2X^3 - 3(r + 1)X^2 + 6rX - r(r + 1))/27.$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  denote the family  $\{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)}) \mid t \in S\}$  for a subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then we have

**THEOREM B.** *For every  $t \in T$ , the class numbers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  are both divisible by 3. Moreover, the families  $\mathcal{F}(T_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(T_2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  each include infinitely many quadratic fields. In particular, when  $m > 0$ , the quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  are both real (resp. both imaginary) if  $t \in T_1$  (resp.  $t \in T_2$ ).*

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p$  be the ring of rational integers, the field of rational numbers and the finite field of  $p$  elements, respectively. For a prime number  $p$  and an integer  $a$ ,  $v_p(a)$  is the greatest exponent  $n$  such that  $p^n \mid a$ . The class number of an algebraic number field  $F$  is denoted by  $h(F)$ .

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**1. Existence of the prime number  $l$  and the integer  $n$ .** First of all we claim that there exists a prime number  $l$  which splits in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})/\mathbb{Q}$  and is inert in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of all such primes  $l$ .

**LEMMA 1.1.** *The set  $\mathcal{L}$  is infinite.*

*Proof.* Put  $M_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m}, \sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$  and  $M_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m}, \sqrt{-3})$ . Then  $M_1$  is Galois over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an element of the Galois group  $G = \text{Gal}(M_1/\mathbb{Q})$  such that  $\langle \sigma \rangle = \text{Gal}(M_1/M_2)$ . It is easy to see that the conjugate class  $C$  of  $\sigma$  in  $G$  is  $\{\sigma, \sigma^2\}$ . We note that  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  splits in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})/\mathbb{Q}$  since  $l$  is inert in

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ . In fact,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$  is a Galois extension whose group is not cyclic. Thus, for every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{l}$  of  $M_1$  lying above  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ , the Frobenius automorphism of  $\mathfrak{l}$  is  $\sigma$  or  $\sigma^2$ . Conversely, if the Frobenius automorphism of a prime  $\mathfrak{l}_0$  of  $M_1$  is  $\sigma$  or  $\sigma^2$ , then the prime  $l_0$  below  $\mathfrak{l}_0$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}$ . It follows from the Chebotarev density theorem [T] that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1+0} \left( \log \frac{1}{s-1} \right)^{-1} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{l^s} = \frac{|C|}{|G|} = \begin{cases} 1/3 & \text{if } m = -3, \\ 1/6 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, the set  $\mathcal{L}$  has infinitely many primes. ■

To end this section we show the existence of the integer  $n$  which is taken for our construction in the introduction. Note that  $l \neq 3$ . Indeed,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$  is totally ramified at 3. From the assumption that  $l$  splits in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})/\mathbb{Q}$ , we have  $m \in \mathbb{F}_l^{\times 2}$ , that is, there exists an integer  $z_0$  satisfying  $z_0^2 \equiv m \pmod{l}$ . Then we also have an integer  $z_1$  such that  $z_0 z_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$  since  $z_0$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{F}_l$ . Let  $z_2$  be an integer. The Chinese remainder theorem implies that there exist infinitely many integers  $z$  so that  $z \equiv \pm z_1 \pmod{l}$  and  $z \equiv z_2 \pmod{3^3}$ . The integer  $n$  is one of such  $z$ 's.

So Theorem A follows from Theorem B.

**2. Proof of Theorem B.** Let  $m, l, n, r, P$  and  $T$  be as in the introduction. Here  $T$  is an infinite set by the Chinese remainder theorem. We shall show that  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)}))$  and  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)}))$  for each  $t \in T$ . For a fixed  $t \in T$ , we put  $u = t^3 + 3tr$ ,  $w = 3t^2 + r$ ,  $a = u - w$ ,  $b = u - rw$  and  $c = t^2 - r$ . Then  $u, w, a, b$  and  $c$  are integers such that  $(t + \sqrt{r})^3 = u + w\sqrt{r}$  and  $ra^2 - b^2 = (r - 1)c^3$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *The integer  $c$  is odd and  $\gcd(ab, c) = 3^e$  for some  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $2 \in P$  since  $r(r - 1)$  is even. By the assumption  $t \not\equiv r \pmod{2}$ ,  $c = t^2 - r$  is odd. Let  $p$  be a prime divisor of  $\gcd(ab, c)$ . Then we have  $r \equiv t^2 \pmod{p}$  and  $ab = (u - w)(u - rw) \equiv -2^4 t^5 (t - 1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Here,  $c$  is odd and so is  $p$ . This means that  $t \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{p}$ . If  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then  $r \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . This implies that  $p \in P$  or  $p = 3$ . Since  $t \equiv r \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , we see  $p \notin P$  and thus  $p = 3$ . When  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , we have  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , which also yields  $p = 3$ . Hence,  $\gcd(ab, c) = 3^e$  for some  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ . ■

Define  $f_1(Z) = Z^3 - 3cZ - 2a$  and  $f_2(Z) = Z^3 - 3cZ - 2b$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *The polynomials  $f_1(Z)$  and  $f_2(Z)$  are both irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_l$ . In particular,  $f_1(Z)$  and  $f_2(Z)$  are both irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the definition that  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$  and  $t \equiv -1 \pmod{l}$ . Then  $a \equiv b \equiv -2^3 \pmod{l}$  and  $c \equiv 0 \pmod{l}$ . Thus,  $f_i(Z) \equiv Z^3 + 2^4 \pmod{l}$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $l$  is inert in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $Z^3 - 2$  is irreducible

over  $\mathbb{F}_l$  and so is  $Z^3 + 2^4$ . Therefore  $f_i(Z)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_l$ , and hence also over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . ■

Let  $f(Z)$  be an irreducible cubic polynomial of the form  $f(Z) = Z^3 - \alpha Z - \beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We denote by  $K_f$  the minimal splitting field of  $f(Z)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $k_f = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{4\alpha^3 - 27\beta^2}) (\subset K_f)$ . Assume  $\gcd(\alpha, \beta) = 3^\varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\delta$  be the maximal integer such that  $\alpha/3^{2\delta}, \beta/3^{3\delta} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We put  $\alpha_0 = \alpha/3^{2\delta}$  and  $\beta_0 = \beta/3^{3\delta}$ .

PROPOSITION LN ([L-N], [R]). *The extension  $K_f/k_f$  is unramified if one of the following conditions holds:*

- (i)  $3 \nmid \alpha_0$ ,
- (ii)  $v_3(\alpha_0) = 1$  and  $v_3(\beta_0) \geq 2$ ,
- (iii)  $\alpha_0 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$  and  $\beta_0^2 \equiv \alpha_0 + 1 \pmod{27}$ .

REMARK 2.3. In [L-N] and [R] more general conditions are considered. However, Proposition LN is enough for us to show Lemma 2.4 below.

LEMMA 2.4. *The extensions  $K_{f_1}/k_{f_1}$  and  $K_{f_2}/k_{f_2}$  are both unramified.*

We need the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.5. *We have*

$$r \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{3^3} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ -10 \pmod{3^3} & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ -2 \cdot 3^3 \pmod{3^5} & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}, \\ -3 \pmod{3^2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* When  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , we have

$$r \equiv m(4m - 3)^2 = (m - 1)(4m - 1)^2 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{27}.$$

If  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $r \equiv m(4m + 12)^2 = 16(m + 1)^2(m + 4) - 64 \equiv -10 \pmod{27}$ . Assume  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ . Then we have  $r/3^3 = (m/3)(n/3)^2 \equiv 16(m/3)^3 \pmod{9}$ . It follows from  $m/3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  that  $(m/3)^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ . Thus,  $r/3^3 \equiv -2 \pmod{9}$  and  $r \equiv -2 \cdot 3^3 \pmod{3^5}$ . For the case  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ , we have  $r \equiv m \equiv -3 \pmod{9}$ . ■

*Proof of Lemma 2.4.* We first assume  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . By the definition,  $t \equiv 4$  or  $7 \pmod{9}$ . Then  $c = t^2 - r \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ . This means  $v_3(c) = 1$ . On the other hand,  $u \equiv t^3 + 3t \pmod{27}$  and  $w \equiv 3t^2 + 1 \pmod{27}$ . Thus we have  $a \equiv b \equiv (t - 1)^3 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$ , that is,  $v_3(a) \geq 3$  and  $v_3(b) \geq 3$ . It follows from Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 that  $f_1(Z)$  and  $f_2(Z)$  satisfy the assumptions of Proposition LN. Hence Proposition LN(i) shows that  $K_{f_1}/k_{f_1}$  and  $K_{f_2}/k_{f_2}$  are both unramified.

When  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , we have  $r \equiv -10 \pmod{27}$  and  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ . This implies that  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{27}$ ,  $b \equiv -1 \pmod{27}$  and  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ . Thus  $K_{f_1}/k_{f_1}$  and  $K_{f_2}/k_{f_2}$  are both unramified by Proposition LN(iii).

If  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ , then  $v_3(a) \geq 3$ ,  $v_3(b) \geq 3$  and  $v_3(c) = 2$ . Put  $r_0 = r/3^3$  and  $t_0 = t/3$ . Then  $r_0 \equiv -2 \pmod{9}$  and  $t_0 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ . This means that  $a/3^3 = t_0^3 - t_0^2 + 9t_0r_0 - r_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$  and  $c/3^2 = t_0^2 - 3r_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Proposition LN(ii) implies that  $K_{f_1}/k_{f_1}$  is unramified. On the other hand, we have  $b/3^3 \equiv t_0^3 + 9t_0r_0 \pmod{27}$ . Then  $(2b/3^3)^2 - 3c/3^2 - 1 \equiv 4(t_0^6 + 18t_0^4r_0) - 3t_0^2 + 9r_0 - 1 = (t_0^2 - 1)(2t_0^2 + 1)^2 + 9(8t_0^4 + 1)r_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$ . Thus Proposition LN(iii) shows that  $K_{f_2}/k_{f_2}$  is unramified.

Finally we consider the case  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ . It follows from  $t \equiv \pm(r/3)^2 \pmod{9}$  that  $t^2 \equiv (r/3)^4 \pmod{9}$ . By Lemma 2.5 we have  $r/3 \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$  and  $(r/3)^3 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ . Thus,  $t^2 \equiv -r/3 \pmod{9}$  and  $r \equiv -3t^2 \pmod{27}$ . This implies that  $a \equiv b \equiv -8t^3 \pmod{27}$  and  $c \equiv 4t^2 \pmod{27}$ . Then we have  $4a^2 - 3c - 1 \equiv 4b^2 - 3c - 1 \equiv 13t^6 - 12t^2 - 1 = (t^2 - 1)(2t^2 + 1)^2 + 9t^2(t^4 - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$ . Hence  $K_{f_1}/k_{f_1}$  and  $K_{f_2}/k_{f_2}$  are both unramified from Proposition LN(iii). ■

By the definition we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4(3c)^3 - 27(2a)^2 &= 108(3t^2 + r)(2t^3 - 3(r + 1)t^2 + 6rt - r(r + 1)) \\ &= 54^2 D_r(t), \\ 4(3c)^3 - 27(2b)^2 &= 108r(3t^2 + r)(2t^3 - 3(r + 1)t^2 + 6rt - r(r + 1)) \\ &= (54n)^2 m D_r(t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $k_{f_1} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $k_{f_2} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$ . Lemma 2.4 and class field theory imply

PROPOSITION 2.6. *The class numbers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  are both divisible by 3 for every  $t \in T$ .*

Recall that  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is the family  $\{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)}) \mid t \in S\}$  for  $S \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . We next show

PROPOSITION 2.7. *The families  $\mathcal{F}(T_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(T_2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  each include infinitely many quadratic fields.*

*Proof.* Assume  $S \neq \emptyset$  is a subset of  $T$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is finite. We will choose  $t_0$  from  $T$  so that  $\mathcal{F}(S) \subsetneq \mathcal{F}(S \cup \{t_0\})$ . Let  $M_S$  be the composite field of all quadratic fields which belong to  $\mathcal{F}(S)$ , and  $P_S$  the set of prime numbers ramifying in  $M_S/\mathbb{Q}$ . We note that  $P_S$  is finite since  $M_S/\mathbb{Q}$  is of finite degree. Thus there exists a prime number  $q$  such that  $q \notin P \cup P_S \cup \{3\}$  and  $3x^2 + r \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Taking such a  $q$  with  $x$ , we define  $x_0 = x$  or  $x_0 = x + q$  according to whether  $3x^2 + r \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q^2}$  or not. This implies that  $3x_0^2 + r \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  and  $3x_0^2 + r \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q^2}$ .

Now we put  $g_r(X) = 2X^3 - 3(r + 1)X^2 + 6rX - r(r + 1)$ . Then  $D_r(X) = (3X^2 + r)g_r(X)/27$  and  $3g_r(X) = (2X - 3r - 3)(3X^2 + r) + 16rX$ . When

$g_r(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ , we have  $16rx_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ , which contradicts the assumption on  $q$  and  $x$ . Hence,  $D_r(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  and  $D_r(x_0) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q^2}$ . On the other hand, there exists  $t_0 \in T$  such that  $t_0 \equiv x_0 \pmod{q^2}$  by  $q \notin P \cup \{3\}$  and the Chinese remainder theorem. Then we have  $D_r(t_0) \equiv D_r(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  and  $D_r(t_0) \equiv D_r(x_0) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q^2}$ . This shows that  $q$  ramifies in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t_0)})/\mathbb{Q}$  and in  $M_S(\sqrt{D_r(t_0)})/\mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $M_S/\mathbb{Q}$  is not ramified at  $q$ , we have  $M_S \subsetneq M_S(\sqrt{D_r(t_0)})$  and  $\mathcal{F}(S) \subsetneq \mathcal{F}(S \cup \{t_0\})$ .

Here the family  $\mathcal{F}(S \cup \{t_0\})$  is also finite. Hence we may construct an infinite increasing sequence of subsets  $S_i$  of  $T$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(S) \subsetneq \mathcal{F}(S_1) \subsetneq \mathcal{F}(S_2) \subsetneq \dots$  where  $S \subsetneq S_1 \subsetneq S_2 \subsetneq \dots$ . This means that  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  is infinite. In the same way we show that  $\mathcal{F}(T_1)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(T_2)$  are also infinite. ■

REMARK 2.8. By using Siegel's theorem (cf. [Si] or [Sil]) we can prove Proposition 2.7 in the same manner as in [K].

Finally we study when  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  are both real (or both imaginary). If  $m < 0$ , then one of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  is real, and the other imaginary. For the case  $m > 0$ , we have the following criterion:

PROPOSITION 2.9. *Assume  $m > 0$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_r(t)})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD_r(t)})$  are both real (resp. both imaginary) if  $t \in T_1$  (resp.  $t \in T_2$ ).*

This follows immediately from

LEMMA 2.10. *When  $r \geq 2$ , we have  $D_r(t) > 0$  if and only if  $t \geq 3r/2$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that  $D_r(t) = (3t^2 + r)g_r(t)/27$  where  $g_r(t) = 2t^3 - 3(r+1)t^2 + 6rt - r(r+1)$ . Since  $r$  is positive, the sign of  $D_r(t)$  coincides with that of  $g_r(t)$ . The derivative of  $g_r(X)$  is equal to  $\partial g_r(X)/\partial X = 6(X-1)(X-r)$ . It is easily seen that  $g_r(1) = -(r-1)^2 < 0$ . This means that  $g_r(X) = 0$  has only one real root. By some calculation we find that  $g_r(3r/2 - 1/2) = -(r-1)^2 < 0$  and  $g_r(3r/2) = r(5r-4)/4 > 0$ . This shows that  $g_r(t) > 0$  if and only if  $t \geq 3r/2$ . Hence  $D_r(t) > 0$  is equivalent to  $t \geq 3r/2$ . ■

Concerning the  $D_r(X)$ , we make the following remark. Generally  $D_r(x)$  is not an integer for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . However,

LEMMA 2.11. *For every  $m$  and every  $t \in T$ ,  $D_r(t)$  is an integer.*

*Proof.* If  $m \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $g_r(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$  from Lemma 2.5 and the definition of  $t$  in the introduction. When  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ , we have  $3t^2 + r \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$  since  $27|r$  and  $3|t$ . For the case  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ , it is already shown in the proof of Lemma 2.4 that  $3t^2 + r \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$ . Hence  $D_r(t) = (3t^2 + r)g_r(t)/27 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . ■

Propositions 2.6, 2.7 and 2.9 imply Theorem B.

**3. Some examples and remarks pertaining to Theorem B.** For each square-free integer  $m \neq 1$  in a range of  $m$  we calculated the smallest  $l$ , the smallest  $|n|$  and several  $t \in T$  as in the introduction. Table 3.1 contains the results for the case  $1 < m \leq 10$ . Here we take the integers  $t$  from  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  nearest to  $3r/2$ . In Table 3.2,  $-10 < m \leq -1$ . For each  $m$  in Table 3.2,  $t$  is the smallest positive integer in  $T$ . We set  $P_0 = P \setminus \{2, l\}$ .

**Table 3.1** ( $m > 0$ )

$m$	$l$	$n$	$r$	$P_0$	$t$	$D_r(t)$
2	7	47	4418	{47, 631}	$\begin{cases} 6663 \\ 6537 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 15886218131390125 \\ -36400989613740975 \end{cases}$
3	13	42	5292	{7, 11, 37}	$\begin{cases} 8475 \\ 7773 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 615850683070207599 \\ -133604270796204909 \end{cases}$
5	19	59	17405	{5, 59, 229}	$\begin{cases} 26238 \\ 25896 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 13772800490106893922 \\ -21107438412836157274 \end{cases}$
6	19	4	96	{5}	$\begin{cases} 227 \\ -115 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 48814901243 \\ -10260589521 \end{cases}$
7	19	83	48223	{7, 47, 83}	$\begin{cases} 72484 \\ 72256 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 918746050940607703528 \\ -473811154617323131552 \end{cases}$
10	13	37	13690	{5, 37}	$\begin{cases} 20617 \\ 20383 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 3303268105263818329 \\ -5819433986897632763 \end{cases}$

**Table 3.2** ( $m < 0$ )

$m$	$l$	$n$	$r$	$P_0$	$t$	$D_r(t)$
-1	13	8	-64	{5}	129	13637284103
-2	19	16	-512	$\emptyset$	151	103381223923
-3	7	4	-48	$\emptyset$	13	377791
-5	7	23	-2645	{5, 23}	34	52276960
-6	7	57	-19494	{5, 19, 557}	699	1542419323812333
-7	37	124	-107632	{7, 31, 2909}	813	14056744007830975

REMARK 3.1. Tables 3.1 and 3.2 enable us to guess that the absolute values  $|D_r(t)|$  would be too big in general. We could probably find  $D$  smaller than  $|D_r(t)|$  such that both  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))$  and  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD}))$ .

For each integer  $m \neq 0$ , let  $\mathfrak{D}_m$  be the set of integers  $D$  such that  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))$  and  $3 \mid h(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD}))$ . Put  $\mathfrak{D}_m^+ = \{D \in \mathfrak{D}_m \mid D > 0\}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_m^- = \{D \in \mathfrak{D}_m \mid D < 0\}$ . Theorem B implies that  $\mathfrak{D}_m^+$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_m^-$  are both infinite. Some values of  $D_m^+ = \min \mathfrak{D}_m^+$  and  $D_m^- = \max \mathfrak{D}_m^-$  are given in Table 3.3.

REMARK 3.2. Theorem B presents an infinite family of pairs of quadratic fields  $k_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  and  $k_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{mD})$  which have unramified cyclic cubic extensions  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  satisfying the condition that any prime ideals of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  above the fixed  $l$  are inert in  $K_1/k_1$  and  $K_2/k_2$ , respectively (cf. Lemma 2.2). Without this condition we may find  $D$  smaller than in Table 3.3.

**Table 3.3**

$m$	$D_m^+$	$D_m^-$	$m$	$D_m^+$	$D_m^-$
2	761	-53	-1	473	-473
3	1478	-29	-2	359	-393
5	934	-139	-3	79	-107
6	1229	-29	-5	229	-157
7	733	-26	-6	321	-214
10	223	-61	-7	229	-61

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