



Ratios of the Ring Class Numbers and Class Numbers of a Real Quadratic Field

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Abstract: For a non-square integer $n > 1$, let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{n})$ be a real quadratic field. In this paper we prove the existence of a new family of infinitely many rings of conductors > 1 whose ratios of ring class numbers and class numbers of K are divisible by a given power of 2 as an extension of our previous work. In addition, we extend the family in our previous work to a countable number of families, each consisting of infinitely many rings of conductors > 1 such that the ratios for each successive family are exactly divisible by a progressively higher power of 2.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let K be a real quadratic field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{n})$ over the rationals \mathbb{Q} and d be the field discriminant of K . For an integer $n = df^2$, f denotes the conductor of the ring $\mathbb{Z}[1, f\omega]$, which is a subring of the ring $\mathbb{Z}[1, \omega]$ of integers in K over the ring \mathbb{Z} of rational integers. Here $h_+(d)$ and $h_+(df^2)$ denote the class number and the ring class number of K in the narrow sense, respectively. In (Tariq *et al.*, 2016) the authors showed that for a canonical decomposition $\prod_{j=1}^r f_j$ of f into odd primes f_j such that $f_j = 2s_j - 1$ remained inert in K ($1 \leq j \leq r$), the ratio $\frac{h_+(df^2)}{h_+(d)}$ was divisible by the product of powers of distinct primes and that there existed infinitely many such rings exactly divisible by a power of 2. We now extend our result to odd primes of the form $f_j = 2s_j + 1$ that are completely decomposed in K ($1 \leq j \leq r$) proving the existence of another family of infinitely many such rings of conductors $f > 1$ whose ratios $\frac{h_+(df^2)}{h_+(d)}$ are divisible by the product of powers of distinct primes and exactly divisible by a power of 2. In addition, we recognize that our previous family can be extended to a countable number of families of infinitely many rings of conductors > 1 whose ratios are exactly divisible by an increasing power of 2 for each subsequent family of the collection.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We state the following two lemmas which are fundamental to this work.

Lemma 2.1 (Tariq *et al.*, 2016) Let K be a real quadratic field with the field discriminant d and ε be the fundamental unit > 1 of K . Then for an odd prime f , it holds that

$$\varepsilon^{f-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{f} \text{ if } \left(\frac{d}{f}\right) = 1, \quad (1)$$

$$\varepsilon^{f+1} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{f} \text{ if } \left(\frac{d}{f}\right) = -1. \quad (2)$$

Let E be the minimum exponent > 0 such that $\varepsilon \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{f}$. Then it holds that $E \mid f + 1$. Here $\left(\frac{\cdot}{f}\right)$ means the Legendre symbol.

Lemma 2.2 (Alaca and Williams, 2004; Hasse, 1964) Let K be a real quadratic field of prime discriminant $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then the norm of the fundamental unit is equal to -1 .

It is known that $h_+(d) = 2h(d)$ if $N_K(\varepsilon) = +1$ and $h_+(d) = h(d)$ if $N_K(\varepsilon) = -1$ or K is an imaginary quadratic field with the fundamental unit ε of K and the field discriminant d . We denote by Z_f the ring $\mathbb{Z}[1, f\omega]$ of conductor f with $\omega = \frac{d+\sqrt{d}}{2}$ in the ring $Z_K = \mathbb{Z}[1, \omega]$ of integers in K . By the definition of ring class number, $h_+(df^2)$ coincides with the order $\#(A_f/P_f)$ of the factor group A_f/P_f for the fractional ideal group A_f and the principal ideal subgroup P_f of A_f in the ring Z_f under the equivalence relation $\mathfrak{A} \sim \mathfrak{B}$ for $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B} \in A_f$ if there exists $\gamma \in Z_f$ such that $\mathfrak{B} = \gamma\mathfrak{A}$ with $N_K(\gamma) > 0$. Now we state the ring class number formula.

Theorem 2.3 (Cohn, 1994) Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{df^2})$ be a quadratic field with the field discriminant d and the conductor f . Then the ring class number formula holds;

$$\begin{cases} h_+(df^2) = h_+(d)f \prod_{p|f} (1 - \frac{(\frac{d}{p})}{p})/E_+ \\ h(df^2) = h(d)f \prod_{p|f} (1 - \frac{(\frac{d}{p})}{p})/E \end{cases}$$

with the products over the primes $p|f$. Here, if $d < 0$, $h_+(d) = h(d)$ and $E_+ = 1$ holds, except $E_+ = 2$ or 3 for $d = -4$ or -3 , respectively. If $d > 0$, E_+ (resp. E) denotes the exponent of the least power of the totally positive fundamental unit ε_+ (resp. fundamental unit ε) such that $\varepsilon_+^{E_+}$ (resp. ε^E) belongs to the ring $Z_f = \mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$, where $\omega = \frac{d+\sqrt{d}}{2}$ and $(\frac{d}{p})$ denotes the Kronecker symbol. The contribution of this paper is described in the following section 3.

3. RESULTS

We now extend the main result of (Tariq et al., 2016) to odd primes of the form $f_j = 2q_j + 1$ that are completely decomposed in K ($1 \leq j \leq r$) proving the existence of another family of infinitely many such rings of conductors $f > 1$ whose ratios $\frac{h_+(df^2)}{h_+(d)}$ are exactly divisible by a power of 2.

Theorem 3.1 Let K be a real quadratic field with the prime discriminant $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and f be the conductor $\prod_{j=1}^r f_j$ of the ring $\mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$ with odd prime factors f_j such that $f_j = 2q_j + 1$, with odd numbers q_j , $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$ and $f_j > u_0 v_0$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$), where $\frac{u_0 + v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ is the fundamental unit > 1 of K . Put $Z_f = \mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$. Then there exist infinitely many rings Z_f such that $2^{r-1} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$.

Proof Since $f_j = 2q_j + 1$ and $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$), it follows from Lemma 2.1 that $E_{f_j+} | 2q_j$, where q_j is an odd number $\prod_{i=1}^s q_{j_i}$ with odd primes q_{j_i} . From Lemma 2.2, $E_{f_j+} | E_{f_j}$, since $\varepsilon_+^{E_{f_j}} = (\varepsilon^2)^{E_{f_j}} = (\varepsilon^{E_{f_j}})^2 \in Z_{f_j}$. Thus $E_{f_j+} | 2q_j$. Hence it is deduced that i) $E_{f_j+} = 1$, ii) $E_{f_j+} = 2$, iii) $E_{f_j+} = q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ or iv) $E_{f_j+} = 2q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$. i) For $\varepsilon = \frac{u_0 + v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$, by Lemma 2.2 we have $\varepsilon_+^1 = \varepsilon^2 = \frac{(u_0^2 + v_0^2 p)/2 + u_0 v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ with $f_j \nmid u_0 v_0$,

so $\varepsilon_+^1 \notin Z_{f_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Thus $E_{f_j+} \neq 1$.

ii) If $\varepsilon_+^2 \in Z_{f_j}$, then for $\varepsilon_+^2 = \frac{u_2 + v_2 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ with $v_2 = u_1 v_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{u_0^2 + v_0^2 p}{2} \right\rfloor u_0 v_0$, it follows that $v_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{f_j}$ holds for any $t|f$. For $f_j | f$ it holds that $f_j > u_0 v_0$ which gives $u_0^2 + v_0^2 p \equiv 0 \pmod{f_j}$. Thus it deduces that $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$ which is a contradiction to our choice of f_j , where $f_j \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$. Therefore, it follows that $E_{f_j+} \neq 2$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$).

iii) If $E_{f_j+} | q_j = q_{j_1} \cdots q_{j_s}$ then from $\varepsilon_+^{q_j} = \varepsilon^{2q_j} = \varepsilon^{f_j-1} \equiv \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} = 1 \pmod{f_j}$ it follows that $\varepsilon_+^{q_j/2} \in Z_{f_j}$ which is a contradiction to the assumption of E_{f_j+} since q_j is odd. Thus $E_{f_j+} \neq q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$. Then the case iv) $E_{f_j+} = 2q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ only holds for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$. Thus by the ring class number formula, for $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, we obtain

$$\frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)} = f \prod_{j=1}^r \frac{f_j^{-1}}{E_+} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r (f_j - 1)}{\text{lcm}[E_{f_1+}, E_{f_2+}, \dots, E_{f_r+}]} = 2^r \cdot \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r q_j}{\text{lcm}[E_{f_1+}, E_{f_2+}, \dots, E_{f_r+}]}, \text{ which deduces that}$$

$2^{r-1} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$. We show that this family of rings $\mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$ consists of infinitely many Z_f if each conductor f is a product of odd primes f_j such that $f_j = 2q_j + 1$ with odd q_j and $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$. For an odd prime f_1 such that $(\frac{p}{f_1}) = (\frac{f_1}{p}) = 1 = (\frac{np}{p})$ with $(f_1, p) = 1$ and a quadratic residue n_p modulo p , it follows that there exist infinitely many primes f_1' congruent to $f_1 \pmod{p}$ and congruent to $n_p \pmod{p}$ from Dirichlet's Theorem on Arithmetic Progression. For odd primes f_1' we can choose $f_1' = 2q_1' + 1$ such that $f_1' \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ with an odd q_1' and $f_1' \equiv n_p \pmod{p}$. This completes the proof of the existence of infinitely many rings of conductors f whose ratios of the ring class numbers and the class numbers are exactly divisible by a given power of 2.

The following experiments owe to GP/PARI Version 2.7.3. This example is an illustration of Theorem 3.1.

Example 1 Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ with $p = 13$. For $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, let $f_j = 2q_j + 1$ with odd numbers q_j and $(\frac{p}{f_j}) = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Then we see that $2^{r-1} \parallel \frac{h_+(df^2)}{h_+(d)}$.

j	$f_j = 2 \cdot q_j + 1$	$\left(\frac{13}{f_j}\right)$	E_{f_j+}
1	$43 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$
2	$79 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 13 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 13$
3	$103 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 17 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 17$
4	$107 = 2 \cdot 53 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 53$
5	$127 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$
6	$131 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 + 1$	1	$2 \cdot 5$

$$\frac{h_+(pf_1^2)}{h_+(p)} = 1 = 2^0, \quad \frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 6 =$$

$$2^1 \cdot 3, \frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 72 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4 \cdot f_5)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 3024 = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7^1,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4 \cdot f_5 \cdot f_6)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 78624 = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7^1 \cdot 13^1.$$

The next characterizes the equality of the ratio $\frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$ to the power of 2.

Theorem 3.2 Let K be a real quadratic field with prime discriminant $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Let $\prod_{j=1}^r f_j$ be the canonical decomposition of the conductor f with odd prime factors $f_j = 2 \cdot q_j + 1$ for odd primes q_j such that $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = 1$ and $f_j > u_0 v_0 (1 \leq j \leq r)$ for the fundamental unit $\frac{u_0 + v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2} > 1$ of K . Then for the ratio of the ring class number $h_+(pf^2)$ and the class number $h_+(p)$ of K in the narrow sense, it holds that

$$\frac{h_+(df^2)}{h_+(d)} = 2^{r-1}.$$

Proof Since $f_j = 2 \cdot q_j + 1$ and $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = 1$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$), it follows from Theorem 3.1 that $E_{f_j+} = 2 \cdot q_j$ only holds since q_j is prime and $\varepsilon_+^1, \varepsilon_+^2 \notin Z_{f_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$) as $f_j > u_0 v_0$. Therefore, by the ring class number formula, for $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, we have $\frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)} = f \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{f_j-1}{f_j}\right) / E_+ = 2^r \cdot \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdots q_r}{\text{lcm}[E_{f_1+}, E_{f_2+}, \dots, E_{f_r+}]} = 2^{r-1}$.

The next example shows several applications of Theorem 3.2.

Example 2 Let $K = \mathcal{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ with $p = 17$. For $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, let $f_j = 2 \cdot q_j + 1$ with distinct odd primes q_j and $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = 1$, ($1 \leq j \leq r$), that $\frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)} = 2^{r-1}$.

j	$f_j = 2 \cdot q_j + 1$	$\left(\frac{17}{f_j}\right)$	E_{f_j+}
1	$43 = 2 \cdot 23 + 1$	1	2.23
2	$59 = 2 \cdot 29 + 1$	1	2.29
3	$359 = 2 \cdot 179 + 1$	1	2.179
4	$383 = 2 \cdot 191 + 1$	1	2.191
5	$467 = 2 \cdot 233 + 1$	1	2.233

$$\frac{h_+(pf_1^2)}{h_+(p)} = 2^0, \quad \frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 2 = 2^1,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 4 = 2^2, \quad \frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 8 = 2^3,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4 \cdot f_5)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 16 = 2^4.$$

The association between the canonical decomposition of $f_j \pm 1$ for each odd factor f_j of f and the prime decomposition of E_{f_j+} becomes quite obvious in the next theorem. By taking $f_j = 2^2 \cdot q_j - 1$ such that $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$, where p is the discriminant of K , we show that $2^2 \mid E_{f_j+}$.

Theorem 3.3 For a real quadratic field K with a prime discriminant $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and a conductor f of the ring $\mathcal{Z}[1, f\omega]$ with r odd prime factors f_j such that $f_j = 2^2 \cdot q_j - 1$ with odd numbers q_j , $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$ and $f_j > u_1 v_1 (1 \leq j \leq r)$, where $\frac{u_1 + v_1 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ is the totally positive fundamental unit $\varepsilon_+ > 1$ of K , there exist infinitely many rings $Z_f = \mathcal{Z}[1, f\omega]$ such that $2^{2(r-1)} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$.

Proof Since $f_j = 2^2 \cdot q_j - 1$ and $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$, ($1 \leq j \leq r$), it follows that $E_{f_j+} \mid 2^2 \cdot q_j$, where q_j is an odd number $\prod_{i=1}^s q_{ji}$ with odd primes q_{ji} . Hence it is deduced that $E_{f_j+} = 1, E_{f_j+} = 2, E_{f_j+} = 2^2, E_{f_j+} = q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}, E_{f_j+} = 2 \cdot q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ or $E_{f_j+} = 2^2 \cdot q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$.

For $\varepsilon = \frac{u_0 + v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$, by Lemma 2.2 we have $\varepsilon_+^1 = \varepsilon^2 = \frac{(u_0^2 + v_0^2 p)/2 + u_0 v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ with $f_j \nmid u_0 v_0$ since $u_1 v_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{u_0^2 + v_0^2 p}{2} \right\rfloor u_0 v_0 > u_0 v_0$, so $\varepsilon_+^1 \notin Z_{f_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Thus $E_{f_j+} \neq 1$.

For $\varepsilon_+^2 = \left(\frac{u_1 + v_1 \sqrt{p}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{(u_1^2 + v_1^2 p)/2 + u_1 v_1 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ with $f_j \nmid u_1 v_1$, so $\varepsilon_+^2 \notin Z_{f_j}$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Thus $E_{f_j+} \neq 2$.

If $\varepsilon_+^{2^2} \in Z_{f_j}$, then for $\varepsilon_+^{2^2} = \frac{u_4 + v_4 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ with $v_4 = u_2 v_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{u_1^2 + v_1^2 p}{2} \right\rfloor u_1 v_1$, it follows that $v_4 \equiv 0 \pmod{t}$ holds for any $t \mid f$. For $f_j \mid f$ it holds that $f_j > u_1 v_1$ which gives $u_1^2 + v_1^2 p \equiv 0 \pmod{f_j}$. Since $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we have $u_1^2 - v_1^2 p = 4$. Substituting $v_1^2 p = u_1^2 - 4$ in $u_1^2 + v_1^2 p \equiv 0 \pmod{f_j}$ gives $u_1^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{f_j}$ from which it follows that $\left(\frac{2}{f_j}\right) = 1$, a contradiction to the assumption of f_j since $\left(\frac{2}{f_j}\right) = -1$ for $f_j \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$. On the other hand, by substituting $u_1^2 = v_1^2 p + 4$ in $u_1^2 + v_1^2 p \equiv 0 \pmod{f_j}$, we get $(v_1 p)^2 \equiv -2p \pmod{f_j}$ implying that $\left(\frac{-2p}{f_j}\right) = 1$. But

$\left(\frac{-2p}{f_j}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{f_j}\right)\left(\frac{2}{f_j}\right)\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = (-1)(-1)(-1) = -1$ for $f_j \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ giving $f_j \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ which results in a contradiction. Therefore, it follows that $E_{f_j+} \neq 2^2(1 \leq j \leq r)$. By $\varepsilon_+^{2q_j} = \varepsilon_+^{\frac{f_j+1}{2}} = \varepsilon^{f_j+1} \equiv \varepsilon^\sigma \cdot \varepsilon = -1 \pmod{f_j}$, since $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, it follows that $(\varepsilon_+^{q_j})^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{f_j}$ but $\left(\frac{-1}{f_j}\right) = 1$ is a contradiction to the assumption of f_j . Thus $E_{f_j+} \neq 2 \cdot q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$. This also rules out the possibility $E_{f_j+} = q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$. Then the case $E_{f_j+} = 2^2 \cdot q_{l_1} \cdots q_{l_k}$ only holds for $\{l_1, \dots, l_k\} \subseteq \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$. Thus by the ring class number formula, for $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, we obtain

$$\frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)} = f \prod_{j=1}^r \frac{f_j+1}{E_+} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r (f_j+1)}{\text{lcm}[E_{f_1+}, E_{f_2+}, \dots, E_{f_r+}]} = 2^{2r} \cdot \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r q_j}{\text{lcm}[E_{f_1+}, E_{f_2+}, \dots, E_{f_r+}]}$$
, which deduces that $2^{2(r-1)} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$. We show that the family of rings $\mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$ consists of infinitely many Z_f if each conductor f is a product of odd primes f_j such that $f_j = 2^2 \cdot q_j - 1$ with odd q_j and $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$. For an odd prime f_1 such that $\left(\frac{p}{f_1}\right) = \left(\frac{f_1}{p}\right) = -1 = \left(\frac{n_p}{p}\right)$ with $(f_1, p) = 1$ and a quadratic non-residue n_p modulo p , it follows that there exist infinitely many primes f_1' congruent to $f_1 \pmod{p}$ and congruent to $n_p \pmod{p}$ from Dirichlet's Theorem on Arithmetic Progression. For odd primes f_1' we can choose $f_1' = 2^2 \cdot q_1' - 1$ such that $f_1' \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ with an odd q_1' and $f_1' \equiv n_p \pmod{p}$. This completes the proof of the existence of infinitely many rings of conductors f whose ratios of the ring class numbers and class numbers are exactly divisible by a much higher power of 2 as compared to Theorem 4.2 of (Tariq *et al.*, 2016).

By stating the next theorem, we have proved that there exist a countable number of families of infinitely many rings Z_f whose ratios of the ring class numbers and class numbers are exactly divisible by an increasing power of 2 with each successive family in the set. This countable collection is a consequence of Theorem 4.2 (Tariq *et al.* 2016), Theorem 3.3 and the next theorem weighed together. The proof of Theorem 3.4 trails an outline of the proof of Theorem 3.3 with modifications for $f_j \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ $f_j \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ in Theorem 3.3.

Theorem 3.4 Let K be a real quadratic field with the prime discriminant $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and f be the conductor $\prod_{j=1}^r f_j$ of the ring $\mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$ with odd prime factors f_j such that $f_j = 2^n \cdot q_j - 1$ with odd numbers q_j , $n > 2$, $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$ and $f_j > u_0 v_0 (1 \leq j \leq r)$, $\frac{u_0 + v_0 \sqrt{p}}{2}$ is

the fundamental unit > 1 of K . Then there exist infinitely many rings $Z_f = \mathbf{Z}[1, f\omega]$ such that $2^{n(r-1)} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$.

The next example affirms the efficacy of Theorem 3.4.

Example 3 Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ with $p = 17$. For $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j$, $n = 3$, let $f_j = 2^n \cdot q_j - 1$ with odd numbers q_j and $\left(\frac{p}{f_j}\right) = -1$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Then we see that $2^{n(r-1)} \parallel \frac{h_+(pf^2)}{h_+(p)}$.

j	$f_j = 2^n \cdot q_j - 1$	$\left(\frac{17}{f_j}\right)$	E_{f_j+}
1	$23 = 2^3 \cdot 3 - 1$	-1	$2^3 \cdot 3$
2	$71 = 2^3 \cdot 9 - 1$	-1	$2^3 \cdot 3^2$
3	$167 = 2^3 \cdot 21 - 1$	-1	$2^3 \cdot 7$
4	$199 = 2^3 \cdot 25 - 1$	-1	$2^3 \cdot 5^2$
5	$439 = 2^3 \cdot 55 - 1$	-1	$2^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$

$$\frac{h_+(pf_1^2)}{h_+(p)} = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{3(1-1)},$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 24 = 2^3 \cdot 3^1 = 2^{3(2-1)} \cdot 3^1,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 576 = 2^6 \cdot 3^2 = 2^{3(3-1)} \cdot 3^2,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 4608 = 2^9 \cdot 3^2 = 2^{3(4-1)} \cdot 3^2,$$

$$\frac{h_+(p(f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot f_3 \cdot f_4 \cdot f_5)^2)}{h_+(p)} = 184320 = 2^{12} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^1 = 2^{3(5-1)} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^1.$$

4. CONCLUSION

A comprehensive relationship between the prime decompositions of $f_j \pm 1$ and E_{f_j+} is observed which needs a further study into the phenomena of parallel decompositions of $f_j \pm 1$ and E_{f_j+} . This would allow to investigate whether there exists infinitely many rings of conductors > 1 whose ratios are exactly divisible by a power of an odd prime p .

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