# THE 2-IDEAL CLASS GROUPS OF $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$

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**Abstract.** For prime l we study the structure of the 2-part of the ideal class group Cl of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$ . We prove that  $\mathrm{Cl} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$  is a cyclic Galois module for all l < 10000 with one exception and compute the explicit structure in several cases.

### §1. Introduction

Let l be an odd prime number and let  $\zeta_l$  be a primitive l-th root of unity. We denote by Cl the ideal class group of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$ . The aim of this paper is to study the structure of the 2-part of Cl as an abelian group. Let G be the Galois group  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)/\mathbb{Q})$ . We have a natural decomposition  $G = \Delta \times P$  where P is the 2-Sylow subgroup of G and G is the subgroup of G consisting of the elements of odd order. Let G be the ideal class group of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l + \zeta_l^{-1})$ ; there exists a natural injective map G class groups, it is useful to introduce 2-adic characters. Let  $\chi: G \to \mathbb{Q}_2^*$  be a 2-adic character, and denote by G the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\chi)$ . For any  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module G, we define its  $\chi$ -part G as G as G as G as G and G as G as G as G and G as G and G as G as

THEOREM 1. Let  $l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . The group  $Cl(\chi)$  is a nontrivial cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module if and only if  $\#Cl^{-}(\chi) = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2)$ .

The above theorem allows one to determine  $Cl(\chi)$  in some cases. As an example, consider the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{9337})$ . Let  $\chi$  be the character of order 3. We have  $\#Cl^-(\chi) = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2)$ , and  $\#Cl^+(\chi) = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/8)$ . Applying the theorem, we get  $Cl(\chi) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\chi}/16$ .

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We then characterize the cohomological triviality of the  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . In Proposition 4 we show that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is cohomologically trivial if and only if the  $\chi$ -part of the units of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l + \zeta_l^{-1})$  have independent signs.

In Section 3 we study the cyclicity of  $Cl(\chi)$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. If  $Cl(\chi)$  is cyclic, then it is possible to compute explicitly the  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -structure of  $Cl^+(\chi)$  and of  $Cl^-(\chi)$ . The structure of  $Cl^-(\chi)$  is given by Proposition 2. The description of the structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is more complicated. There exists an ideal  $J^+(\chi)$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$  such that  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]/J^+(\chi)$  have the same order. The definition of  $J^+(\chi)$  can be found in Proposition 9 of [4]. The ideal  $J^+(\chi)$  annihilates  $Cl^+(\chi)$  (Theorem 2.2 of [13]): this is proved using methods developed by F. Thaine. A more precise result is also given in [5]. Therefore, in case  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is cyclic over  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ , we have  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]/J^+(\chi)$ . The ideals  $J^+(\chi)$  have been computed in [17] for all fields of prime conductor l < 10000. Cyclicity questions have been studied in [15], where it is proved that the minus class group  $Cl^-$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_I)$  is a cyclic Galois module for all primes  $l \leq 509$ . For class groups of real cyclic fields there are also some results in this direction [1, 7]. Numerical computations suggest that  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module most of the times, and it is quite hard to find examples when this condition is not verified. We prove that  $Cl(\chi)$  is cyclic whenever  $Cl^+(\chi)$  is trivial (Propositions 5 and 6). Moreover, we prove the following:

THEOREM 2. If l < 10000 is a prime number not equal to 7687, then the group  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic Galois module.

In the case l=7687 and  $\chi$  a nontrivial cubic character, one could show by explicit computations that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  has actually two generators. In Section 4 we give several structure results on the  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  in the case that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. In particular, we determine completely the  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  when  $l\equiv 3\pmod{4}$ ,  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module and  $\#\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)\neq \#\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  (Propositions 7 and 8). These results allow us to determine in many cases the structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module. The numerical results are presented in the table which is described in Section 5.

#### §2. Generalities on class groups

We maintain the same notations as in the introduction. Let G be the Galois group of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$  over the rationals. The group G is a cyclic abelian group of order l-1. Let  $2^e$  be the exact power of 2 dividing l-1.

Let  $\chi : \Delta \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_2^*$  be a 2-adic character of  $\Delta$ , and denote by  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$  the discrete valuation ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\chi)$ . Let  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  be the  $\chi$ -part of the ideal class group of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$ . For any  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module M, we define its  $\chi$ -part

$$M(\chi) = (M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2[\Delta]} \mathcal{O}_{\chi}.$$

We are interested in the structure of  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  as a  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. In order to proceed, we introduce some notation. Let d be the order of the character  $\chi$ . We denote by  $K_e$  the subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$  fixed by  $\operatorname{Ker} \chi$ . It is a cyclic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $d \cdot 2^e$ . For all  $0 \leq i \leq e$ , we denote by  $K_i$  the unique subfield of  $K_e$  of degree  $d \cdot 2^i$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The fields  $K_i$  are totally real abelian fields for all  $0 \leq i \leq e-1$ . We denote by  $\operatorname{Cl}_i$  and by  $\operatorname{Cl}_i^{\infty}$  the ideal class group and the narrow ideal class group respectively of the field  $K_i$ . We also write  $\operatorname{Cl}_e^+$  for  $\operatorname{Cl}_{e-1}$ . Observe that  $\operatorname{Cl}_e \cong \operatorname{Cl}_e^{\infty}$ .

PROPOSITION 1. Let the notations be as above. For  $i \geq j$ , we denote by  $\sigma_{i,j}$  a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_i/K_j)$ . Then we have

(1) 
$$\operatorname{Cl}_{i}^{\infty} \cong \operatorname{Cl}_{e}/(\operatorname{Cl}_{e})^{1-\sigma_{e,i}}, \forall \ 0 \leq i \leq e,$$

(2) 
$$\operatorname{Cl}_{i} \cong \operatorname{Cl}_{e-1}/(\operatorname{Cl}_{e-1})^{1-\sigma_{e-1,i}}, \forall \ 0 \le i \le e-1.$$

*Proof.* The proof is the same as the one of Lemma 1 of [3]. We prove (1); the proof of (2) is analogous. The extension  $K_e/K_i$  is totally ramified at the unique prime ideal of  $K_i$  above l and unramified above all other finite primes. Class field theory implies that the norm map  $N_{e,i}: \operatorname{Cl}_e \to \operatorname{Cl}_i^{\infty}$  is surjective. The group  $(\operatorname{Cl}_e)^{1-\sigma_{e,i}}$  is clearly contained in the kernel. Applying the genus theory formula (see [11], Chapter 13, Lemma 4.1) and Hasse's principle, it follows that  $\#\operatorname{Cl}_i^{\infty} = \#\operatorname{Cl}_e^{\operatorname{Gal}(K_e/K_i)} = \#\operatorname{Cl}_e/(\operatorname{Cl}_e)^{1-\sigma_{e,i}}$ . Therefore the map  $N_{e,i}$  induces an isomorphism, and our claim is proved.

We define the minus class group  $Cl_e^-$  to be the cokernel of the natural map  $Cl_{e-1} \to Cl_e$ .

Let  $j \in G$  denote complex conjugation. Let  $\zeta_{2^e} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_2$  be a primitive  $2^e$ -th root of unity. There exists an isomorphism  $\mathrm{Cl}_e^-(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  induced by the norm map from  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$  to  $K_e$ . The group  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]/(1+j) \cong \mathcal{O}_\chi[\zeta_{2^e}]$ -module. Suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a cyclic Galois module. Since  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[\zeta_{2^e}]$  is a discrete valuation ring, there is a simple description of the structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$ . Let  $2^f = \#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ . The following is Proposition 3.4 of [15].

PROPOSITION 2. Suppose that A is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]/(1+j)$ -module. Moreover suppose that  $\#A = 2^{ft}$ . Then there is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[\zeta_{2^e}]$ -modules

(3) 
$$A \cong \mathcal{O}_{\chi}[\zeta_{2^e}]/(1-\zeta_{2^e})^t$$

and an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules

(4) 
$$A \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2^r)^{(2^{e-1}-s)} \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2^{r+1})^s$$

where  $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$  are determined by  $t = r2^{e-1} + s$  and  $0 \le s < 2^{e-1}$ .

*Proof.* This follows because  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[\zeta_{2^e}]$  is a discrete valuation ring with uniformizing element  $1 - \zeta_{2^e}$ .

For any  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module A, we denote by  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}A$  the dimension of the  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2$ -vector space A/2.

COROLLARY 1. Let  $\#\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi) = 2^{ft}$  and suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Then  $\mathrm{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi) = \min(t, 2^{e-1})$ .

*Proof.* Since 1+j annihilates  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$ , we can apply Proposition 2 with  $A=\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$ . If  $t<2^{e-1}$ , then r=0, s=t and (4) gives us  $\mathrm{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_\chi}\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)=s=t$ . If  $t\geq 2^{e-1}$  then r>0 and (4) gives us  $\mathrm{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_\chi}\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)=2^{e-1}$ , as we wanted to show.

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1 of the introduction.

Proof of Theorem 1. Suppose that  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong \operatorname{Cl}_e(\chi)$  is nontrivial and cyclic over  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ . This implies that  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a nontrivial cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module. The condition on l is equivalent to say that e>1. Corollary 1 implies t=1, therefore  $\#\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)=2^f=\#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ . Suppose now that  $\#\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)=\#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ . In particular,  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]$ -module. We have  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)\cong\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)/\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$  and 1+j is in the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]$ . Nakayama's lemma implies that the group  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]$ -module. We identify the ring  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]$  with the ring  $R=\mathcal{O}_\chi[T]/((1+T)^{2^e}-1)$ . Since  $R/2\cong \frac{\mathcal{O}_\chi}{2}[T]/(T^{2^e})$ , we have  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)/2\cong \frac{\mathcal{O}_\chi}{2}[T]/(T^h)$  for some  $h\leq 2^e$ . Since  $1+j=1+(1+T)^{2^{e-1}}$ , we obtain  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)/2\cong \frac{\mathcal{O}_\chi}{2}[T]/(T^h,T^{2^{e-1}})$ . Our assumption implies that  $\operatorname{min}(h,2^{e-1})=1$ . Since e>1, we must have h=1: this means that  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi$ -module.

We now study the cohomology of the groups  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . We say that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is cohomologically trivial if the Tate cohomology groups  $\widehat{H}^i(P,\mathrm{Cl}(\chi))$  are trivial for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since P is a cyclic group and  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  has finite order, Tate cohomology has period 2 and the Herbrand quotient is 1. Therefore saying that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is cohomologically trivial is equivalent to say that there exists an i such that  $\widehat{H}^i(P,\mathrm{Cl}(\chi))$  is trivial.

We need to recall some notations and results. For any field E, we denote by  $\mathcal{O}_{E}^{*}$  the unit group of its ring of integers. If E is a totally real field, we also denote by  $E_{+}$  the set of totally positive elements of E, and by  $\mathcal{O}_{E,+}^{*}$  the group of totally positive units in  $\mathcal{O}_{E}^{*}$ . Combining Theorem 1 of [4] and Proposition 7 (iii) of [4] we get that

(5) 
$$\widehat{H}^0(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{K_0,+}^* / N_{K_0}^{K_e} \mathcal{O}_{K_e}^*)(\chi)$$

where  $N_{K_0}^{K_e}$  is the norm map from  $K_e$  to  $K_0$ . We need to recall another result.

PROPOSITION 3. Let K be a totally real number field and let K/E be a quadratic extension. Suppose that  $(\mathcal{O}_E^*)^2 = \mathcal{O}_{E,+}^*$ . We then have a natural isomorphism

$$K^*/(K_+^*\mathcal{O}_K^*) \cong \widehat{H}^0(\operatorname{Gal}(K/E), \mathcal{O}_K^*).$$

For a proof see [2], Theorem 12.11, page 61. We now give a criterion for the cohomological triviality of  $Cl(\chi)$  in terms of the signature of the units.

PROPOSITION 4. The cohomology group  $\widehat{H}^0(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi))$  is trivial if and only if  $(\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1},+}^*/(\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*)^2)(\chi) \cong 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{O}_{K_e}^* = \mu(K_e)\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*$ , where  $\mu(K_e)$  are the roots of unity in  $K_e$  (the Hasse index is 1 in our situation),  $N_{K_0}^{K_e}\mathcal{O}_{K_e}^* = (N_{K_0}^{K_{e-1}}\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*)^2$ . We have

$$(N_{K_0}^{K_{e-1}}\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*)^2\subset (\mathcal{O}_{K_0}^*)^2\subset \mathcal{O}_{K_0,+}^*.$$

Therefore, by (5),  $\widehat{H}^0(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) \cong 0$  is equivalent to

(6) 
$$(N_{K_0}^{K_{e-1}}\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*)(\chi) = \mathcal{O}_{K_0}^*(\chi) \text{ and } (\mathcal{O}_{K_0}^*)^2(\chi) = \mathcal{O}_{K_0,+}^*(\chi).$$

If e = 1, then  $K_{e-1} = K_0$  and we are done. From now on, we suppose that e > 1. Since the isomorphism in Proposition 3 is natural, it remains true if

we take  $\chi$ -parts. Suppose that (6) holds. The first condition, which can be stated as <sup>1</sup>

(7) 
$$\widehat{H}^0(\text{Gal}(K_{e-1}/K_0), \mathcal{O}^*_{K_{e-1}}(\chi)) \cong 0$$

implies that

$$\widehat{H}^{0}(Gal(K_{i+1}/K_{i}), \mathcal{O}_{K_{i+1}}^{*}(\chi)) \cong 0, \ \forall \ 0 \leq i \leq e-2.$$

We apply inductively Proposition 3 to the extensions  $K_{i+1}/K_i$ , until i = e-2. At each step we get  $(K_{i+1})^*/((K_{i+1})^*_+\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{i+1}})(\chi) \cong 0$ , which is equivalent to  $(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{i+1},+}/(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{i+1}})^2)(\chi) \cong 0$ . The last step gives our claim. Vice versa, suppose that the group  $(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{e-1},+}/(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{e-1}})^2)(\chi)$  is trivial. Since the extension  $K_{e-1}/K_0$  is totally ramified above  $l \neq 2$ , we have that  $(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_i,+}/(\mathcal{O}^*_{K_i})^2)(\chi)$  is trivial for all  $i=1,\ldots,e-1$ . Therefore using Proposition 3 again, we have that at each step the cohomology group  $\widehat{H}^0(K_{i+1}/K_i,\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{i+1}}(\chi))$  is trivial. This implies that  $\mathcal{O}^*_{K_0}(\chi) \cong N_{K_0}^{K_{e-1}}\mathcal{O}^*_{K_{e-1}}(\chi)$ , thus (6) is satisfied.

## §3. Cyclicity of $Cl(\chi)$ as a Galois module

In this section we study the case when  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Numerical computations suggest that this is almost always the case, and in this situation we have more information on the structure of  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$ . We maintain the notations from the previous sections. The norm map  $\operatorname{Cl} \to \operatorname{Cl}^+$  is surjective by class field theory, and the natural map  $\operatorname{Cl}^+ \to \operatorname{Cl}$  is injective [11, Chap. 3, Th. 4.2]. The composition of these maps is multiplication by 1+i; this allows us to identify  $\operatorname{Cl}^+$  with  $\operatorname{Cl}^{1+j}$ .

We first state a criterion of cyclicity of  $Cl_0(\chi)$  as a  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module.

THEOREM 3. (T. Berthier) Suppose that  $\chi$  is not the trivial character. If  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi) = 1$  then there exists a prime number  $r \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  which is split in  $K_0/\mathbb{Q}$ , such that the  $\chi$ -part<sup>2</sup>  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}$  of the ideal class group of the field  $K_0(\sqrt{-r})$  has order  $\#\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)\#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2)$ . On the other hand, if there exists a prime r as above, then  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi) \leq 1$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We remark that if  $\chi$  is not the trivial character, then it is true that (7) is equivalent to say that  $\mathcal{O}_{K_{e-1}}^*(\chi)$  is a free one dimensional  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{e-1}/K_0)]$ -module, but we do not need this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Here we view  $\chi$  as a character of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_0/\mathbb{Q})$  and extend it to  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_0(\sqrt{-r})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-r}))$ .

This result is a special case of [1, Th. 2.4.3]. The proof of the first part is difficult. Here we sketch the proof of the second part. The conditions imposed on r imply that the places which ramify in  $K_0(\sqrt{-r})/K_0$  are precisely the infinite ones and the ones above r. If we apply the  $\chi$ -ambiguous class number formula of genus theory<sup>3</sup>, we get that  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}^{\operatorname{Gal}(K_0(\sqrt{-r})/K_0)}$  has order at least  $\#\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)\#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ . Therefore our hypothesis force  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}$  to be  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_0(\sqrt{-r})/K_0)$ -invariant. Since the field  $K_0(\sqrt{-r})$  is totally imaginary, the field  $K_0$  is totally real, and  $\chi$  is not the trivial character, it is not hard to show that the natural map  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi) \to \operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}$  is injective. Moreover, since the extension  $K_0(\sqrt{-r})/K_0$  is ramified, the norm map  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r} \to \operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  is surjective. Let  $\sigma$  be a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_0(\sqrt{-r})/K_0)$ . We have  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}^2 = \operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}^{1+\sigma} \cong \operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$ . Therefore

$$\#(\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}/\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}^2) = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2)$$

and we get that  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}=1$ . Since  $\operatorname{Cl}_{0}(\chi)$  is an epimorphic image of  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\chi,r}$ , we get  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_{0}(\chi)\leq 1$ .

COROLLARY 2. If  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module, then  $\operatorname{Cl}_0^{\infty}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module as well.

Proof. We can assume that  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  is nontrivial, otherwise  $\operatorname{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  is either trivial or isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_\chi/2$ , hence cyclic. In this situation  $\chi$  is not the trivial character and we can apply Theorem 3. Therefore there exists a quadratic totally imaginary extension  $E = K_0(\sqrt{-r})$  of  $K_0$  such that the  $\chi$ -part  $\operatorname{Cl}_E(\chi)$  of the ideal class group of E has  $\mathcal{O}_\chi$ -rank equal to 1 (see the proof of Theorem 3). Moreover the extension  $E/K_0$  is ramified at the finite primes above r. Therefore the norm map  $\operatorname{Cl}_E(\chi) \to \operatorname{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  between narrow ideal class groups is surjective. The group  $\operatorname{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  is then a surjective image of  $\operatorname{Cl}_E(\chi)$  (they are actually isomorphic). Therefore  $\operatorname{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi$ -module.

Observe that in the case -1 is a power of 2 modulo the order of  $\chi$ , B. Oriat already proved the equality  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_{0}(\chi) = \operatorname{rank}_{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}}\operatorname{Cl}_{0}^{\infty}(\chi)$  using the  $\operatorname{Spiegelungssatz}$  [12, Cor. 2 c].

Remark. In [15, Th. 3.3] a sufficient condition for  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  to be a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module is given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This is the  $\chi$ -version of Lemma 4.1, Chapter 13 of [11]. See also [6].

Proposition 5. The following assertions are equivalent:

- 1.  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module;
- 2.  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module;
- 3.  $\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module;
- 4.  $\operatorname{Cl}_0^{\infty}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module;
- 5.  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module.

*Proof.* The ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $(2, 1 - \sigma)$ , where  $\sigma$  is a generator of P. By definition

$$\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}(\chi)/\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}(\chi)/\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$$
.

Nakayama's lemma gives the equivalence of 1 and 2. The equivalence of 1 and 4 follows again by Nakayama's lemma and Equation (1) of Proposition 1. Similarly, 3 and 5 are equivalent by Nakayama's lemma and Equation (2) of Proposition 1. Since  $Cl_0(\chi)$  is a surjective image of  $Cl_0^{\infty}(\chi)$ , condition 4 implies 5. Moreover 5 implies 4 by Corollary 2.

Sometimes it is easy to show that  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic Galois module.

PROPOSITION 6. Suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi) \cong 0$ . Then  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module.

*Proof.* This is immediate from Proposition 5, but we give a direct proof independent of Corollary 2. In the notation of the previous section, the group  $\mathrm{Cl}_0(\chi)$  is trivial, because it is a surjective image of  $\mathrm{Cl}_{e-1}(\chi) = \mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  under the norm map. This implies that  $\mathrm{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  is either trivial, or isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_\chi/2$ . Therefore in both cases  $\mathrm{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]$ -module. By Proposition 1 we have  $\mathrm{Cl}_0^\infty(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}(\chi)/\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-\sigma}$ . By Nakayama's lemma, we get that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is cyclic, as we had to show.

Proof of Theorem 2. Because of Proposition 6, we can suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is not trivial. In [4] we determined all 2-adic characters  $\chi$  of conductor l < 10000 such that  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is not trivial. They also appear in the table at the end of this paper. By Proposition 5 we can rule out all cases with either  $\#\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi) \leq \#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$  or  $\#\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi) \leq \#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ . Only few cases remain; they are precisely the characters of order 3 and conductors l = 349,

709, 1777, 4261, 4297, 4357, 4561, 6247, 7687, 9109. For these characters, it is enough to check whether condition 5 of Proposition 5 holds. Looking at the tables in [8], one sees that for l=349, 709, 4261, 4357, 4561, 9109, the group  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  has order  $4=\#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/2)$ , hence it is  $\mathcal{O}_\chi$ -cyclic. Since we exclude l=7687, to complete the proof we are left with the three cases l=1777, 4297, 6247. To prove the cyclicity of  $\operatorname{Cl}_0(\chi)$  it is enough to find in each case an auxiliary prime r satisfying the conditions of Theorem 3. This has been done in [1]: if l=1777 or l=4297 one can take r=7, for l=6247 one takes r=11. The proof of the theorem is now complete.

# $\S 4$ . Structure of $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ as an $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module

Suppose we are given a prime number l, a character  $\chi$  as in the previous sections, and we know that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. In several cases it is possible to determine the structure of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module from the knowledge of  $h_{\chi}^{+} = \#\mathrm{Cl}^{+}(\chi)$ ,  $h_{\chi}^{-} = \#\mathrm{Cl}^{-}(\chi)$  and the order of the cohomology groups. In this section we give several criteria in this direction.

### **4.1.** The case $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

The case  $l \equiv 3 \pmod 4$  is simpler because P is cyclic of order 2, generated by complex conjugation j. Suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic Galois module. In this situation both  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  and  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  are cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_\chi$ -modules. Let  $f_\chi$  be the dimension of  $\mathcal{O}_\chi/2$ , as a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -vector space. We denote by  $a_\chi^+$  and by  $a_\chi^-$  respectively the integers  $\sqrt[f]{h}_\chi^+$  and  $\sqrt[f]{h}_\chi^-$ . They are defined in such a way that

$$\#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+}) = h_{\chi}^{+} \text{ and } \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{-}) = h_{\chi}^{-}.$$

Let  $a_\chi^{\max} = \max(a_\chi^+, a_\chi^-)$  and  $a_\chi^{\min} = \min(a_\chi^+, a_\chi^-)$ .

LEMMA 1. Assume that  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is annihilated by  $2a_{\chi}^{\max}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in Cl(\chi)$ . We have

$$(8) x^2 = x^{1+j}x^{1-j}.$$

We have  $Cl(\chi)^{a_{\chi}^{+}(1+j)} = 1$ . Since

$$Cl(\chi)^{1-j} \subset Ker(1+j:Cl(\chi) \to Cl(\chi)^{1+j})$$

we get that

$$\#\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j} \le h_{\chi}^-$$

therefore  $Cl(\chi)^{a_{\chi}^{-}(1-j)} = 1$ . If we apply  $a_{\chi}^{\max}$  to (8) we get  $x^{2a_{\chi}^{\max}} = 1$ , as we wanted to show.

COROLLARY 3. Let  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose that  $Cl(\chi)$  is a nontrivial cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Then, either

$$Cl(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{-}),$$

or

$$Cl(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2a_{\chi}^{\max}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/(a_{\chi}^{\min}/2))$$

as  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules.

*Proof.* The hypothesis implies that both  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  and  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  are cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules. Therefore  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  has  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -rank at most 2. The result now follows from Lemma 1.

We now show that if  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module, and  $h_{\chi}^+ \neq h_{\chi}^-$ , then the structure of  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module, can be determined.

PROPOSITION 7. Let  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $h_{\chi}^+ > h_{\chi}^-$  and suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Then there is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules:

$$\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2a_{\chi}^{+}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/(a_{\chi}^{-}/2)).$$

*Proof.* Let x be a generator of  $Cl(\chi)$ . We consider

$$x^2 = x^{1+j} x^{1-j}.$$

Multiplying by  $a_{\chi}^{+}/2$ , we get

$$x^{a_{\chi}^{+}} = x^{(a_{\chi}^{+}/2)(1+j)}$$

since  $a_{\chi}^+/2 \ge a_{\chi}^-$  kills  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$ . Since  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j} \cong \mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is cyclic and has exponent  $a_{\chi}^+$ , the right hand side is not trivial. Thus x has order  $2a_{\chi}^+$ , and we are in the second case of Corollary 3.

PROPOSITION 8. Let  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $h_{\chi}^+ < h_{\chi}^-$  and suppose that  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Then we have, as  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules:

- 1.  $Cl(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{-}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+})$  if  $Cl(\chi)$  is not cohomologically trivial;
- 2.  $Cl(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2a_{\chi}^{-}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/(a_{\chi}^{+}/2))$  if  $Cl(\chi)$  is cohomologically trivial.

*Proof.* Because of Corollary 3, it is enough to prove that the first condition is verified if and only if  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is not cohomologically trivial. Suppose that

$$\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{-}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+})$$

as  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules. The module  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is killed by  $a_{\chi}^{-}$  and by  $a_{\chi}^{+}(1+j)$ . Since  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -cyclic, counting orders we must have an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -modules

$$\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong \frac{\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]}{(a_{\chi}^{-}, a_{\chi}^{+}(1+j))}.$$

It is immediately verified that this is not cohomologically trivial. Now suppose that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  is not cohomologically trivial. Let x an element of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . We have

$$(9) x^2 = x^{1+j}x^{1-j}.$$

Since  $\widehat{H}^1(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi))$  is not trivial, we get

$$\#\text{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j} < \#\text{Ker}(1+j) = \#\text{Cl}^-(\chi) = \#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/a_\chi^-).$$

This implies that  $a_{\chi}^{-}/2$  kills  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$ . But, since  $h_{\chi}^{+} < h_{\chi}^{-}$ , the number  $a_{\chi}^{-}/2$  kills also  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$ . If we multiply (9) by  $a_{\chi}^{-}/2$ , we get

$$x^{a_{\chi}^-} = 1.$$

This implies that  $Cl(\chi)$  has exponent  $a_{\chi}^{-}$ . Therefore

$$\mathrm{Cl}(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{-}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+})$$

as  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules. This completes the proof.

If  $h_{\chi}^{+} = h_{\chi}^{-}$ , then we do not have a criterion to determine the structure of  $Cl(\chi)$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module in general. Anyway, the following is true:

PROPOSITION 9. Let  $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $h_{\chi}^+ = h_{\chi}^-$  and suppose that  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. If  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  is not cohomologically trivial, then there is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules:

$$\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2a_{\chi}^{+}) \times (\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/(a_{\chi}^{+}/2)).$$

*Proof.* In our situation we have that  $\widehat{H}^i(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi))$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the properties of Tate cohomology groups

$$\widehat{H}^1(P, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) \cong {}_{N}\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)/\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$$

where  $_N \text{Cl}(\chi)$  denotes the kernel of the norm map

$$Cl(\chi) \to Cl(\chi) : x \to x^{1+j}$$
.

We have that  $\#(NCl(\chi)) = h_{\chi}^-$ . From this we get easily that

$$\#\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j} = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/(a_{\chi}^{-}/2)).$$

In particular,  $a_{\chi}^{-}/2$  kills  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathrm{Cl}^{+}(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module,  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\chi}/a_{\chi}^{+}$ . Therefore  $a_{\chi}^{+}$  is the exponent of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$ . Now let x be a generator of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . We have

$$x^2 = x^{1+j} x^{1-j}.$$

It is now easy to see that x has order  $2a_{\chi}^{+}$ . Thus we are in the second case of Corollary 3.

## 4.2. The general case

In this subsection we give some results which are a generalization of the ones in the previous subsection. If A is any finite abelian group, we denote by Exp(A) its exponent.

PROPOSITION 10. Suppose that  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Let Q be the cyclic group of order 2 generated by j. Suppose that

$$\#\widehat{H}^0(Q,\operatorname{Cl}(\chi))=h_\chi^-.$$

Then

$$\#(\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)/\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^2) = h_{\chi}^-$$

and  $\operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) = 2\operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}).$ 

*Proof.* We have an isomorphism

$$\widehat{H}^0(Q, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) \cong \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^Q/\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}.$$

This implies that our assumption on the order of the cohomology group is equivalent to the equality  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^Q = \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$ . Since in this case j acts as

identity on  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ , we get  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^2 = \mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}$ . The proof of the first part of the proposition follows substituting these relations in our hypothesis. Let now x be a generator of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . The element  $x^2 = x^{1+j}$  is a generator of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j} \cong \mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$ . Thus  $2\mathrm{Exp}(\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}) = \mathrm{Exp}(\mathrm{Cl}(\chi))$ , as we wanted to prove.

PROPOSITION 11. Suppose that  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. Suppose that  $Exp(Cl^+(\chi)) > Exp(Cl^-(\chi))$ . Then  $Exp(Cl(\chi)) = 2Exp(Cl^+(\chi))$ .

*Proof.* We first want to show that  $\#\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j} \leq h_{\chi}^-$ . This is true because

$$Cl(\chi)^{1-j} \subset Ker(1+j:Cl(\chi) \to Cl(\chi)^{1+j})$$

and the right hand side has order  $h_{\chi}^-$ . Both  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  and  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  are cyclic modules over the discrete valuation ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]/(1+j)$ . Since  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  has order less or equal than  $\#\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi) = h_{\chi}^-$ , it follows that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  is isomorphic to a quotient of  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$ . This implies that  $\mathrm{Exp}(\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}) \leq \mathrm{Exp}(\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)) < \mathrm{Exp}(\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi))$ . Let x be a generator of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . We consider the identity

$$x^2 = x^{1+j} x^{1-j}.$$

It is easy to see that the order of the right hand side is  $\operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1+j}) = \operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi))$ . Looking at the left hand side, we get that the order of x is  $2\operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi))$ . This completes the proof.

The following proposition deals with a very ad hoc situation. It will enable us to determine the exponent of  $Cl(\chi)$  in the cases l=397 and l=9421.

PROPOSITION 12. Let  $l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . Suppose that  $\#Cl^-(\chi) = \#\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/8$ , and  $\#Cl^+(\chi) = \#\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2$ . If  $Cl(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module, then it has exponent equal to 4.

*Proof.* Combining Theorem 1 of [4] and Proposition 7 (iii) of [4] we get that

$$\widehat{H}^0(Q, \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{F,+}^*/(\mathcal{O}_F^*)^2)(\chi)$$

where  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l + \zeta_l^{-1})$  and Q is the subgroup of P of order 2 generated by j. We have e = 2 and  $\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi) = \mathrm{Cl}_1(\chi)$ . By contradiction, suppose that  $\#\mathrm{Cl}_1^{\infty}(\chi) = \#\mathrm{Cl}_1(\chi) = \#(\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2)$ . Since by Proposition 5 the group  $\mathrm{Cl}_0^{\infty}(\chi)$ is not trivial, we get that the surjective map  $\mathrm{Cl}_1^{\infty}(\chi) \to \mathrm{Cl}_0^{\infty}(\chi)$  induced by the norm is actually an isomorphism. Let  $\sigma$  be a generator of P. From Equation (1) of Proposition 1 we obtain

$$\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1-\sigma} = \operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1-\sigma^2} = (\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)^{1-\sigma})^{1+\sigma}.$$

Since the element  $1 + \sigma$  is contained in the maximal ideal of the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ , Nakayama's lemma gives  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-\sigma} \cong 0$ . Proposition 1 then implies that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}_1(\chi) \cong \mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$ , which is absurd, because  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is not trivial. Therefore  $\#\mathrm{Cl}_1^\infty(\chi) > \#\mathrm{Cl}_1(\chi)$  and  $(\mathcal{O}_{F,+}^*/(\mathcal{O}_F^*)^2)(\chi)$  is not trivial. This implies that the Tate cohomology group  $\widehat{H}^1(Q,\mathrm{Cl}(\chi))$  is not trivial. Therefore  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  has order strictly smaller than  $h_\chi^-$ , hence  $\#\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j} \leq \#(\mathcal{O}_\chi/4)$ . The group  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  is a cyclic module over  $\mathcal{O}_\chi[P]/(1+j)$ . By Proposition 2 we get that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)^{1-j}$  can have at most exponent equal to 2. Let x be a generator of  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$ . From the usual identity

$$x^2 = x^{1+j} x^{1-j}$$

we see that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\chi)$  has at most exponent 4. If we show that  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  has exponent 4, then the proof is complete. But again  $\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]/(1+j)$ -module of order  $\#\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/8$ . By Proposition 2 such a module has exponent 4.

### $\S 5.$ Tables

Let l be a prime number and let  $\chi$  be a 2-adic character as in the previous sections. The theory developed allows us to determine much information about  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$ , and sometimes the whole structure as an  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -module. In this section we present a table containing our numerical results. If  $\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is trivial then  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi) \cong \operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$ . In this case, using Propositions 6 and 2 it is easy to determine the whole  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -structure of  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  from the knowledge of its order. The table has an entry for each prime number l < 10000 such that  $\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is not trivial. For each l we determine various quantities. The number d denotes the degree of the field  $K_e \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_l)$  fixed by  $\operatorname{Ker}(\chi)$ . The numbers  $h_{\chi}^+$  and  $h_{\chi}^-$  denote the order of  $\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi)$  and of  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  respectively. They have been computed in [4]. The column  $\#\hat{H}^0$  contains the order of the Tate cohomology group  $\hat{H}^0(Q,\operatorname{Cl}(\chi))$ , where Q is the group of order 2 generated by complex conjugation. This quantity can be easily computed using the table and Theorem 1 of [4]. The other entries contain the structure of the groups  $\operatorname{Cl}^+(\chi)$ ,  $\operatorname{Cl}^-(\chi)$  and  $\operatorname{Cl}(\chi)$  as  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}$ -modules. In the table

we write n for  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/n$ . Observe that as an abelian group we have

$$\mathcal{O}_{\chi}/2^k \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z})^{f_{\chi}}$$

where  $f_{\chi} = [\mathbb{Z}_2(\chi) : \mathbb{Z}_2]$  is the multiplicative order of 2 in  $(\mathbb{Z}/\text{ord}(\chi))^*$ . We are not able to determine these structures in all cases. Therefore some entries are left blank. The structure of  $\text{Cl}^+(\chi)$  and of  $\text{Cl}^-(\chi)$  are computed in all cases when  $\text{Cl}(\chi)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_{\chi}[P]$ -module. By Theorem 2, this happens when  $l \neq 7687$ . The groups  $\text{Cl}^+(\chi)$  have been computed from the ideals  $J^+(\chi)$  which can be found in the table of [17] (see the remarks in the introduction). The groups  $\text{Cl}^-(\chi)$  can be computed using Proposition 2. The groups  $\text{Cl}(\chi)$  have been computed in some cases, using the results mentioned in the column labelled as "notes". It turns out that for each l < 10000 there is at most one character  $\chi$  such that  $\text{Cl}^+(\chi)$  is not trivial, except for l = 7841. For l = 7841 there are exactly two characters with this property; in this case the table has two entries corresponding to each character. In the two cases l = 397 and l = 9421, we are able to determine only the exponent of the class group  $\text{Cl}(\chi)$ .

l	d	$h_{\chi}^{+}$	$h_{\chi}^{-}$	$\#\widehat{H}^0$	$\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$	$\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$	$Cl(\chi)$	notes
163	6	$2^2$	$2^2$	1	2	2		
277	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
349	12	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	1	2, 2	2, 2		
397	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{6}$	$2^{2}$	2	2,4	Exp=4	prop. 12
491	14	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	1	2	2		
547	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
607	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	1	2	4	8	prop. 8
709	12	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	1	2, 2	2, 2		
827	14	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	1	2	2		
853	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
937	24	$2^4$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	4	2	8	th. 1
941	20	$2^{4}$	$2^{8}$	$2^{4}$	2	2, 2		
1009	48	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
1399	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	1	2	4	8	prop. 8
1699	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	prop. 9
1777	48	$2^4$	$2^{4}$	$2^4$	4	2, 2	2, 8	prop. 11
1789	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
1879	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
1951	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		

l	d	$h_{\chi}^{+}$	$h_{\chi}^{-}$	$\#\widehat{H}^0$	$\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$	$\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$	$Cl(\chi)$	notes
2131	6	$2^2$	$2^2$	1	2	2		
2161	80	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2	2	4	th. 1
2311	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
2689	384	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
2797	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
2803	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
2927	14	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	1	2	2		
3037	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
3271	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
3301	20	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2	2	4	th. 1
3517	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
3727	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
3931	10	$2^{8}$	$2^{4}$	1	4	2	8	prop. 7
4099	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
4219	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
4261	12	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	1	2, 2	2, 2		
4297	24	$2^{8}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2, 8	2, 2	4, 16	prop. 10
4327	14	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	1	2	2		
4357	12	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	4	2, 2	2, 8	prop. 11
4561	48	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	$2^4$	2, 2	2, 2	4, 4	prop. 10
4567	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
4639	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
4789	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
4801	192	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2	2, 2	2,4	prop. 10
5197	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	2, 2		
5479	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
5531	14	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	1	2	2		
5659	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
5779	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
5953	192	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
6037	12	$2^2$	$2^2$	$2^2$	2	2	4	th. 1
6079	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
6163	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{6}$	1	2	8	16	prop. 8
6247	6	$2^{4}$	$2^{6}$	1	4	8	2,16	prop. 8
6301	28	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	2	2	4	th. 1
6553	24	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1

l	d	$h_{\chi}^{+}$	$h_{\chi}^{-}$	$\#\widehat{H}^0$	$\mathrm{Cl}^+(\chi)$	$\mathrm{Cl}^-(\chi)$	$Cl(\chi)$	notes
6637	12	$2^2$	$2^2$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
6709	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
6833	112	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	2	2	4	th. 1
7027	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	prop. 9
7297	384	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2	2, 2	2,4	prop. 10
7489	192	$2^{6}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	8	2	16	th. 1
7589	28	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	2	2	4	th. 1
7639	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	4	2,4	prop. 8
7687	6	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	1				
7841	224	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	2	2	4	th. 1
	224	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	$2^{3}$	2	2	4	th. 1
7867	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
7879	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
8011	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
8191	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	2	4	2, 4	prop. 8
8209	48	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
8629	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1
8647	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
8731	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
8831	10	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	1	2	2		
8887	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
9109	12	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	4	2, 2	2, 8	prop. 11
9283	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	prop. 9
9319	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
9337	24	$2^{6}$	$2^{2}$	1	8	2	16	th. 1
9391	6	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	1	2	2		
9421	12	$2^{2}$	$2^{6}$	$2^{2}$	2	2,4	Exp=4	prop. 12
9601	384	$2^{4}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	4	2	8	th. 1
9649	48	$2^{2}$	$2^{4}$	$2^{4}$	2	2, 2	2, 4	prop. 10
9721	24	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	$2^{2}$	2	2	4	th. 1

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