

On abelian 2-ramification torsion modules of quadratic fields

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Abstract For a number field F and a prime number p , the \mathbb{Z}_p -torsion module of the Galois group of the maximal abelian pro- p extension of F unramified outside p over F , denoted as $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$, is an important subject in abelian p -ramification theory. In this paper we study the group $\mathcal{T}_2(F) = \mathcal{T}_2(m)$ of the quadratic field $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$. Firstly, assuming $m > 0$, we prove an explicit 4-rank formula for quadratic fields that $\text{rk}_4(\mathcal{T}_2(-m)) = \text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(-m)) - \text{rank}(R)$ where R is a certain explicitly described Rédei matrix over \mathbb{F}_2 . Furthermore, using this formula, we obtain the 4-rank density of \mathcal{T}_2 -groups of imaginary quadratic fields. Secondly, for l an odd prime, we obtain results about the 2-power divisibility of orders of $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$, both of which are cyclic 2-groups. In particular we find that $\#\mathcal{T}_2(l) \equiv 2\#\mathcal{T}_2(2l) \equiv h_2(-2l) \pmod{16}$ if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ where $h_2(-2l)$ is the 2-class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2l})$. We then obtain density results for $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$ when the orders are small. Finally, based on our density results and numerical data, we propose distribution conjectures about $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ when F varies over real or imaginary quadratic fields for any prime p , and about $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$ when l varies, in the spirit of Cohen-Lenstra heuristics. Our conjecture in the $\mathcal{T}_2(l)$ case is closely connected to Shanks-Sime-Washington's speculation on the distributions of the zeros of 2-adic L -functions and to the distributions of the fundamental units.

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1 Introduction

Let p be a prime number. For a number field F , let $M = M(F, p)$ be the maximal abelian pro- p extension of F unramified outside p . By class field theory, $\text{Gal}(M/F)$ is a finitely generated \mathbb{Z}_p -module of rank $r_2(F) + \delta_p(F) + 1$, where $r_2(F)$ is the number of complex places of F and $\delta_p(F) \geq 0$ is the Leopoldt defect of F at p . Leopoldt's Conjecture is that $\delta_p(F) = 0$ for all p and F and this has been proved when F/\mathbb{Q} is abelian. We call the \mathbb{Z}_p -torsion subgroup of $\text{Gal}(M/F)$, a finite abelian p -group, the \mathcal{T}_p -group of F and denote it by $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$. The study of $\text{Gal}(M/F)$ and $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ which goes back to fundamental contributions

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of Serre, Shafarevich and Brumer, is the so-called abelian p -ramification theory. We refer the reader to the historical survey [8] by Gras for this theory, in which the p -rank formula for $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ due to himself is stated. When F is totally real, assuming $\delta_p(F) = 0$, the work of Coates [2] and Colmez [3] shows that the order of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ is essentially the residue of the p -adic zeta function of F up to a p -adic unit. This motivates us to study the group structure of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ in more detail. Like class groups, the study of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ can be much more explicit in the case that F is a quadratic field and $p = 2$. In this paper, we will mainly consider this case, and our main purpose is to study the distribution of $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$ when F varies in a certain family of quadratic fields.

Note that the structure of a finite abelian p -group A is completely determined by its p^i -rank $\text{rk}_{p^i}(A) := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} p^{i-1}A/p^iA$ for all i . As a consequence, to study $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$, it is necessary and sufficient to study $\text{rk}_{p^i}(\mathcal{T}_p(F))$ for all i .

The general p -rank formula for $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ becomes very explicit for $p = 2$ and F quadratic, after a computation of genus class numbers; see Theorem 2.1. If F is imaginary quadratic, we shall prove an explicit 4-rank formula of $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$, namely, $\text{rk}_4(\mathcal{T}_2(F))$ is the difference of $\text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F))$ and the rank of a certain explicitly described Rédei matrix; see Theorem 2.4. This formula is new and is analogous to the classical 4-rank formula for narrow class groups of quadratic fields. Applying this result, we deduce the following 4-rank density formula for \mathcal{T}_2 -groups of imaginary quadratic fields, which is the main result of this paper:

Theorem 1.1 (4-rank density formula for \mathcal{T}_2 of imaginary quadratic fields). *For integers $t \geq 1$ and $r \geq 0$, and a real number $x > 0$, put*

$$\begin{aligned} N_x &:= \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \mid m \leq x \text{ squarefree}\}, \\ N_{t;x} &:= \{m \in N_x \mid \text{exactly } t \text{ prime numbers are ramified in } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})\}, \\ T_{t;x}^r &:= \{m \in N_{t;x} \mid \text{rk}_4(\mathcal{T}_2(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m}))) = r\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for any integer $r \geq 0$, the limit $d_{\infty,r}^T$, which is defined by

$$d_{\infty,r}^T := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#T_{t;x}^r}{\#N_{t;x}} \quad (1.1)$$

exists and

$$d_{\infty,r}^T = \frac{\prod_{i=r+2}^{\infty} (1 - 2^{-i})}{2^{r(r+1)} \prod_{i=1}^r (1 - 2^{-i})} = \frac{\eta_{\infty}(2)}{2^{r(r+1)} \eta_r(2) \eta_{r+1}(2)} \quad (1.2)$$

where $\eta_s(q) := \prod_{i=1}^s (1 - q^{-i})$ for $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \cup \{\infty\}$ and $q \geq 2$ and $\eta_0(q) := 1$.

Remark 1.2. Theorem 1.1 is analogue to the density theorem of Gerth [5] on the 4-rank of narrow class groups of quadratic fields, and to the theorem of Yue-Yu [24] on the 4-rank of the tame kernel of quadratic fields.

We then turn to study the \mathcal{T}_2 -groups of subfamilies of quadratic fields, namely $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\pm l})$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\pm 2l})$ where l is an odd prime. For simplicity, write $\mathcal{T}_2(m)$ for $\mathcal{T}_2(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m}))$, $t_2(m)$ for its order, and $h_2(m)$ for the 2-class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$. Such questions for $\mathcal{T}_2(l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(2l)$ have been studied by many researchers before. For example, consider $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l})$ and let $L_2(1, \chi_l)$ be the 2-adic L -function where χ_l is the quadratic character associated with $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l})$. Recalling that $h_2(l) = 1$, then Coates' order formula (see [2, Appendix 1] or Proposition 3.3) directly relates $\#\mathcal{T}_2(l)$ to the 2-adic regulator of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l})$ and therefore to the 2-adic valuation of $L_2(1, \chi_l)$ by the class number formula. The latter two objects and their relation to $h_2(-l)$ and $h_2(-2l)$ have been studied by Kaplan, Leonard, Williams (see [10], [13], [23]) and by Shanks-Sime-Washington [19]. However, it seems that there is no study for $\mathcal{T}_2(-l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(-2l)$ before.

By the 2-rank formula (2.7), $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l) = \mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l) = 0$ if $l \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$ are nontrivial 2-cyclic groups if $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. Applying our 4-rank formula and Coates' order formula for totally real fields, we obtain the following results:

- (Theorem 3.1) Determine the congruent conditions for l satisfying $t_2(-l)$ or $t_2(-2l) = 2, 4$ and ≥ 8 , and hence find the respective densities;

- (Theorem 3.7) Determine the conditions for $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ satisfying $t_2(l) = 4, 8$ and ≥ 16 , and deduce the formula

$$t_2(l) \equiv 2t_2(2l) \equiv h_2(-2l) \pmod{16}. \tag{1.3}$$

- (Proposition 3.9) Determine the conditions for $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ satisfying $t_2(l)$ or $t_2(2l) = 2$ or 4 . Here Theorem 3.1 is new, Theorem 3.7 is an improvement of the result in [13] and Proposition 3.9 is essentially a summary of the results in [10], [13] and [23] using the language of \mathcal{T}_2 -groups.

For the real case, we then have the following density result which is inspired by the work on the distribution of 2-adic valuation of $L_2(1, \chi_l)$ in [19].

Theorem 1.3. For $i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $e \in \{0, 1\}$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}, t_2(l) = 2^{i+1+e}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \tag{1.4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}, t_2(2l) = 2^{i+1}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \tag{1.5}$$

In the last section, we shall present several conjectures in light of the density results we proved in the spirit of Cohen-Lenstra heuristics. We shall present computational evidence for our conjectures in the Appendix.

2 The rank and density formulas for quadratic imaginary fields

2.1 Notations

We shall use the following notations.

(1) For a general number field F , \mathcal{O}_F is the ring of integers of F , \mathcal{O}_F^\times is the group of units of F , r_1 and r_2 are the numbers of real and complex places of F , $n = r_1 + 2r_2 = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$. For a finite place v of F , we let U_v and $U_{1,v}$ be the groups of local units and principal local units. For v infinite, let $U_v = F_v^\times$. Let \mathbb{A}_F be the adèle ring of F . The idèle group of F , as the units of \mathbb{A}_F , is denoted by \mathbb{A}_F^\times .

Let $F^+ = \{\alpha \in F \mid v(\alpha) > 0 \text{ for all real places } v \text{ of } F\}$ be the subgroup of F^\times of totally real elements. Hence F^\times/F^+ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -vector space of dimension r_1 , by the approximation theorem.

Let $S = S_p$ be the set of primes of F lying above p . Let $\mathcal{O}_S, E_S, \text{Cl}_S$ and Cl_S^+ denote the ring of S -integers, the group of S -units, the S -class group, and the narrow S -class group of F , respectively. Let $E_S^+ = E_S \cap F^+$. Let $U_{1,S} = \prod_{v \in S} U_{1,v}$.

(2) In the special case that F is a quadratic field, write $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$, then $(r_1, r_2) = (2, 0)$ if $m > 0$ and $(0, 1)$ if $m < 0$. Let $G = \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, \sigma\}$. Let $\text{Cl}(m), \text{Cl}_p(m), h(m), h_p(m)$ and $\mathcal{T}_p(m)$ be the class group, the p -class group, the class number, the p -class number and the \mathcal{T}_p -group of $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ respectively. Let $t_p(m) = \#\mathcal{T}_p(m)$.

If $p = 2$, the size of S is 2 if 2 splits and 1 if 2 is not split in F . If F is imaginary, $F^+ = F^\times$ and σ is the restriction of complex conjugation on F .

(3) For any abelian group A , $A[n]$ is the n -torsion subgroup of A and $A[p^\infty]$ is the p -primary part of A . For a finite abelian group A and a positive integer i , the p^i -rank $\text{rk}_{p^i}(A) := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} p^{i-1}A/p^iA$. If A is an \mathbb{F}_2 -vector space, $\dim A := \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} A$ is its dimension.

(4) For Jacobi, 2-nd Hilbert and Artin -symbols with values in $\mu_2 = \{1, -1\}$, we use $[]$ instead of $()$ to represent the corresponding additive symbols with values in $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$.

2.2 The 2-rank and 4-rank formulas in general

For F a general number field, we recall some facts about $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$. All are standard consequences of global class field theory; see, for example, [22, Theorem 13.4]. The closed subgroup $\overline{F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v}$ of \mathbb{A}_F^\times corresponds to the maximal abelian extension of F unramified outside S . Set

$$\mathcal{A}_F := \mathbb{A}_F^\times / \overline{F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v}. \tag{2.1}$$

As known in the proof of [22, Theorem 13.4], the induced Artin map $\mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \text{Gal}(M/F)$ is surjective and has finite kernel of prime-to- p order, thus induces a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathcal{A}_F^{\text{pro-}p} \cong \text{Gal}(M/F),$$

where $\mathcal{A}_F^{\text{pro-}p}$ is the pro- p -part of \mathcal{A}_F . Let H be the p -Hilbert class field of F . Then $\text{Gal}(H/F) \cong \text{Cl}_p(F)$ canonically. Let ϕ be the canonical diagonal embedding $F \hookrightarrow \prod_{v \in S} F_v$ and $E_{1,S} = \phi^{-1}(U_{1,S}) \cap \mathcal{O}_F^\times$. By class field theory, the following diagram is commutative with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & U_{1,S}/\overline{\phi(E_{1,S})} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_F^{\text{pro-}p} & \longrightarrow & \text{Cl}_p(F) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Gal}(M/H) & \longrightarrow & \text{Gal}(M/F) & \longrightarrow & \text{Gal}(H/F) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (2.2)$$

The group $U_{1,S}$ is a finitely generated \mathbb{Z}_p -module of rank $n = r_1 + 2r_2$ and the submodule $\overline{\phi(E_{1,S})}$ is of rank $r_1 + r_2 - 1 - \delta_p(F)$ for some integer $\delta_p(F) \geq 0$. It follows that $\text{Gal}(M/F)$ is a finitely generated \mathbb{Z}_p -module of rank $r_2 + 1 + \delta_p(F)$. Leopoldt conjectured that $\delta_p(F)$ is always 0 and this has been proved when F is abelian over \mathbb{Q} . Thus $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$, by definition the torsion subgroup of $\text{Gal}(M/F)$, is finite and

$$\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong \mathcal{A}_F[p^\infty], \quad (2.3)$$

and the p -rank of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ is given by

$$\text{rk}_p(\mathcal{T}_p(F)) = \text{rk}_p(\text{Gal}(M/F)) - r_2 - 1 - \delta_p(F). \quad (2.4)$$

From now on, we identify $\mathcal{A}_F[p^\infty]$ with $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$. By abuse of notation, we write \mathcal{A}_F and $\text{Gal}(M/F)$ additively. Let L be the maximal abelian extension of F which is of exponent p and unramified outside p . Then L is the intermediate field of M/F fixed by $p\text{Gal}(M/F)$. The induced Artin map $\mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \text{Gal}(M/F)$ has kernel consisting of prime-to- p -torsion elements, hence is contained in $p\mathcal{A}_F$ and the induced map $\mathcal{A}_F/p\mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/F)$ is an isomorphism. The kernel of the composite map

$$\varphi : \mathcal{T}_p(F)[p] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_F/p\mathcal{A}_F = \text{Gal}(L/F)$$

is $\mathcal{T}_p(F)[p] \cap p\mathcal{A}_F = p\mathcal{T}_p(F)[p^2]$, which is an \mathbb{F}_p -space of dimension $\text{rk}_{p^2}(\mathcal{T}_p(F))$. This gives the identity

$$\text{rk}_{p^2}(\mathcal{T}_p(F)) = \text{rk}_p(\mathcal{T}_p(F)) - \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \text{Im}(\varphi). \quad (2.5)$$

We first derive the 2 and 4-rank formulas of \mathcal{T}_2 for a general number field, and the 2-rank formula for a quadratic field. The general 2-rank formula (2.6) was proved in Gras [6, Théorème I 3], and the 4-rank formula is quite routine.

Theorem 2.1. *Let F be a number field. Let S be the set of primes in F above 2 and Cl_S^\pm the narrow S -class group of F .*

(1) (Gras) *The 2-rank of $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$ is given by the formula*

$$\text{rk}_2 \mathcal{T}_2(F) = \#S + \text{rk}_2(\text{Cl}_S^\pm) - 1 - \delta_2(F). \quad (2.6)$$

In particular, if m is a squarefree integer with t odd prime factors, then for $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$,

$$\text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8} \text{ for all odd prime } q \mid m, \\ t-1 & \text{if } q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8} \text{ for some odd prime } q \mid m. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

(2) *Suppose A is a finite set of idèles which generates $\mathcal{T}_2(F) \subset \mathcal{A}_F := \mathbb{A}_F^\times / \overline{F^\times \prod_{v \nmid 2} U_v}$. Suppose B is a finite set of elements in F^\times such that $F(\sqrt{B})$ is the maximal abelian extension of F of exponent 2 unramified outside 2. For $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, let $[a, b] = \log_{-1}(a, F(\sqrt{b})) \in \mathbb{F}_2$ be the additive Artin symbol. Let $R = ([a, b])_{a \in A, b \in B}$. Then*

$$\text{rk}_4(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) = \text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) - \text{rank}(R). \quad (2.8)$$

Remark 2.2. (1) The minimal size of A is $\text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F))$, and the minimal size of B is $\text{rk}_2(\text{Gal}(M/F)) = \text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) + r_2(F) + 1 + \delta_2(F)$. Moreover, if $F(\sqrt{b})$ is contained in a \mathbb{Z}_2 -extension of F , then $[a, b] = 0$ for all $a \in A$ and we can delete the corresponding row in R .

(2) The p^2 -rank formula for $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ in the case $\mu_p \subseteq F$ can be proved similarly, as the kernel of the map $\mathcal{T}_p(F)[p] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_F/p\mathcal{A}_F \cong \text{Gal}(L/F)$ is $p\mathcal{T}_p[p^2]$. Moreover, one can similarly deduce the formula $\text{rk}_{p^{i+1}}(\mathcal{T}_p(F)) = \text{rk}_{p^i}(\mathcal{T}_p(F)) - \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \text{Im}(\mathcal{T}_p(F)[p^i] \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K))$.

Proof. We are in the case $p = 2$. Then L is the maximal abelian extension of F of exponent 2 unramified outside S . By Kummer Theory, $L = F(\sqrt{J})$, where J is the finite subgroup of $F^\times/F^{\times 2}$ given by

$$J := \{\beta \in F^\times \mid \beta\mathcal{O}_S = \mathfrak{b}^2 \text{ for some } \mathcal{O}_S\text{-fractional ideal } \mathfrak{b} \text{ of } F\}/(F^\times)^2. \tag{2.9}$$

(1) First suppose F is general. The non-degeneracy of the Kummer pairing $J \times \text{Gal}(L/F) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ then implies

$$\text{rk}_2 \text{Gal}(M/F) = \dim \text{Gal}(L/F) = \dim J. \tag{2.10}$$

Let pr be the natural projection $\text{Cl}_S^+ \rightarrow \text{Cl}_S$ and $\text{Cl}_{S,+} = \text{pr}(\text{Cl}_S^+[2]) \subset \text{Cl}_S[2]$. For $[\beta] \in J$, $\beta\mathcal{O}_S = \mathfrak{b}^2$, then the class map $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{b})$ lies in $\text{Cl}_{S,+}$. This gives an exact sequence of \mathbb{F}_2 -vector spaces:

$$1 \rightarrow E_S^+/E_S^2 \rightarrow J \xrightarrow{\beta \mapsto \text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{b})} \text{Cl}_{S,+} \rightarrow 1. \tag{2.11}$$

Let $F^\times\mathcal{O}_S = \{\alpha\mathcal{O}_S \mid \alpha \in F^\times\}$ and $F^+\mathcal{O}_S = \{\alpha\mathcal{O}_S \mid \alpha \in F^+\}$, then $\ker \text{pr} = F^\times\mathcal{O}_S/F^+\mathcal{O}_S \subset \text{Cl}_S^+[2]$. This gives an exact sequence of \mathbb{F}_2 -vector spaces

$$1 \rightarrow F^\times\mathcal{O}_S/F^+\mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \text{Cl}_S^+[2] \rightarrow \text{Cl}_{S,+} \rightarrow 1. \tag{2.12}$$

We also have the following natural exact sequence of \mathbb{F}_2 -vector spaces:

$$1 \rightarrow E_S/E_S^+ \rightarrow F^\times/F^+ \rightarrow F^\times\mathcal{O}_S/F^+\mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow 1. \tag{2.13}$$

Combining the above results, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rk}_2 \text{Gal}(M/F) &= \dim E_S^+/E_S^2 + \dim \text{Cl}_{S,+} \\ &= \dim E_S^+/E_S^2 + \dim \text{Cl}_S^+[2] - r_1 + \dim E_S/E_S^+ \\ &= \dim E_S/E_S^2 + \dim \text{Cl}_S^+[2] - r_1 \\ &= r_2 + \#S + \dim \text{Cl}_S^+[2], \end{aligned}$$

where $\dim F^\times/F^+ = r_1$ by the approximation theorem, and $\dim E_S/E_S^2 = r_1 + r_2 + \#S$ by Dirichlet's unit theorem that $E_S \cong \mathbb{Z}^{r_1+r_2+\#S-1} \times \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ with d even. By (2.4), we then get the general 2-rank formula (2.6) for \mathcal{T}_2 -group of a general base field (see [6] for a slightly different approach).

Now suppose $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ is a quadratic field. Then $\delta_2(F) = 0$. Write $G = \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$. Since \mathbb{Q} has class number 1, we conclude that $\text{Cl}_S^+[2] = (\text{Cl}_S^+)^G$. Recall that t is the number of odd prime factors of m . Applying the S -narrow version of the ambiguous class number formula (see, for example [16, Remark 4.5]) gives the following result:

$$\dim(\text{Cl}_S^+)^G = \begin{cases} t - 2, & \text{if } 2 \text{ splits and } 2 \notin N(F); \\ t - 1, & \text{if } 2 \text{ splits and } 2 \in N(F) \text{ or } 2 \text{ does not split and } 2 \notin N(F); \\ t, & \text{if } 2 \text{ does not split and } 2 \in N(F). \end{cases} \tag{2.14}$$

By Lemma 2.3 below, $2 \in N(F)$ if and only if $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ for all odd primes $q \mid m$, the 2-rank formula (2.7) for $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ then follows.

(2) We may assume $\tilde{B} = \{b \pmod{F^{\times 2}} \mid b \in B\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of J . Then

$$\text{Gal}(L/F) \hookrightarrow \prod_{b \in B} \text{Gal}(F(\sqrt{b})/F)$$

is an isomorphism. Written additively, the map φ sends $a \in \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] \subset \mathcal{A}_F$ to $([a, F(\sqrt{b})])_{b \in B}$. Thus $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2}(\text{Im}(\varphi))$ is nothing but the rank of $([a, b])_{a \in A, b \in B}$. By (2.5), we get the 4-rank formula. \square

We have the following easy lemma to transform the norm conditions into congruent conditions.

Lemma 2.3. *Let m be a positive squarefree integer. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ and $\tilde{F} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$. Then*

$$2 \in N(F) \iff 2 \in N(\tilde{F}) \iff q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8} \text{ for all odd prime } q \mid m;$$

$$-2 \in N(\tilde{F}) \iff q \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8} \text{ for all odd prime } q \mid m;$$

$$-1 \in N(\tilde{F}) \iff q \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ for all odd prime } q \mid m.$$

Proof. By Hasse's norm theorem and the product formula, $2 \in N(F)$ if and only if $2 \in N(F_v)$ for all but one prime v of F . If $v \nmid 2m$, then v is always unramified and $2 \in N(F_v)$ by local class field theory. For an odd prime $q \mid m$, q is ramified in F . Let \mathfrak{q} be the unique ramified prime of F above q . Then $2 \in N(F_{\mathfrak{q}})$ if and only if the Hilbert symbol $(2, -m)_{\mathfrak{q}} = 1$, which is equivalent to that $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. If 2 splits in F , then $v \mid 2$ is unramified and $2 \in N(F_v)$; in other cases, there is only one prime v above 2 which can be excluded from consideration. Hence $2 \in N(F)$ if and only if $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ for every odd prime $q \mid m$. The other cases can be proved similarly. \square

2.3 The explicit 4-rank formula for imaginary quadratic fields

We turn to work on the imaginary quadratic field case. We shall work out A and B explicitly for an imaginary quadratic field and hence obtain an explicit 4-rank formula in this case. This explicit formula will be used to deduce the 4-rank density formula of \mathcal{T}_2 -groups of imaginary quadratic fields in next subsection.

We suppose $m > 0$ and $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$. Let $\{q_1, \dots, q_t\}$ be the set of odd prime factors of m , arranged in such a way that $q_i \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ if $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $\pm 3 \pmod{8}$ if $k < i \leq t$. Note that $k = 0$ if $q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ for all $q \mid m$. Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime of F above 2. Then \mathfrak{p} is either the unique prime above 2 or $(2) = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ splits in F where $\bar{\mathfrak{p}} \neq \mathfrak{p}$ is the complex conjugate of \mathfrak{p} . Let \mathfrak{q}_i be the unique prime of F above q_i . For an odd prime q , let $q^* = (-1)^{(q-1)/2}q$. Then q_i^* ($1 \leq i \leq k$) and $q_j^*q_{j'}^*$ ($k < j, j' \leq t$) are squares in the 2-adic field \mathbb{Q}_2 .

Our explicit 4-rank formula for $\mathcal{T}_2(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m}))$ is

Theorem 2.4. *Suppose $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$. For $0 \leq i \leq t$, we define the idèles $a_i = (a_{i,v}) \in \mathbb{A}_F^\times$ as follows:*

(1) $a_{0,\mathfrak{p}} = \sqrt{-1}$ if $F_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$, and $a_{0,\mathfrak{p}} = -1$ if $2 = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ splits in F ;

(2) if $1 \leq i \leq k$, $a_{i,\mathfrak{q}_i} = \sqrt{-m}$ and $a_{i,v} = \sqrt{q_i^*}$ for $v \mid 2$;

(3) if $k < i < t$, $a_{i,\mathfrak{q}_i} = a_{i,\mathfrak{q}_t} = \sqrt{-m}$ and $a_{i,v} = \sqrt{q_i^*q_t^*}$ for $v \mid 2$;

(4) for all other places v , $a_{i,v} = 1$. In particular, $a_t = 1$ if $k < t$.

Let π be a generator of \mathfrak{p}^λ where λ is the order of \mathfrak{p} in the class group of F . If 2 is a norm of F , noting that m is a norm of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$, write $m = 2g^2 - h^2$ with $g, h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and define

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} h + \sqrt{-m}, & \text{if } 2 \in N(F) \setminus N((\mathcal{O}_F[\frac{1}{2}])^\times), \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

Let

$$A = \{a_0, \dots, a_t\} \subset \mathbb{A}_F^\times, \quad B = \{-1, q_1, \dots, q_t, \pi, \alpha\} \subset F^\times. \quad (2.16)$$

Then A and $B \cup \{2\}$ satisfy the assumptions in Theorem 2.1(2), and $[a, 2] = 0$ for $a \in A$. Hence

$$\text{rk}_4(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) = \text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) - \text{rank}(R) \text{ where } R = ([a, b])_{a \in A, b \in B}. \quad (2.17)$$

Remark 2.5. For F a general real quadratic field, it is still quite easy to find B , but the harder part is to find a set of generators A for $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$. One reason is that it is not known how to obtain a system of explicit generators $\text{Cl}(F)[2]$ for an arbitrary real quadratic field F by a general formula.

If $t = 1$, then $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ or $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$. In this case Theorem 2.4 can be verified directly. We shall assume $t > 1$ in what follows. For an ideal \mathfrak{a} of F , let $\text{cl}(\mathfrak{a})$ be its ideal class in $\text{Cl}(F)$, and $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a})$ be its class in the S -class group Cl_S of F .

Theorem 2.4 is then a consequence of the following three propositions.

Proposition 2.6. *Let L be the maximal abelian extension of exponent 2 over F , unramified outside S . Then $L = F(\sqrt{B'})$ where $B' = B \cup \{2\} = \{-1, 2, q_1, \dots, q_t, \pi, \alpha\}$.*

Proof. We include the proof, which is routine, for lack of exact references. Let J' be the subgroup of $F^\times/(F^\times)^2$ generated by B' . It suffices to show $J' = J$ with J defined in (2.9).

We note that for all $x \in B'$, $x \neq \alpha$, $F(\sqrt{x})/F$ is unramified outside S . Thus if one can show that $F(\sqrt{\alpha})/F$ is unramified outside S , then $J' \subseteq J$.

Suppose first that either $2 \in N(E_S)$ or $2 \notin N(F)$. In this case $\alpha = 1$ and hence $J' \subset J$. We shall use the exact sequence (2.11) to show that J' is indeed equal to J . Since F is imaginary, $F^+ = F^\times$. (2.11) becomes the following exact sequence:

$$1 \rightarrow E_S/E_S^2 \rightarrow J \xrightarrow{g} \text{Cl}_S[2] \rightarrow 1. \quad (2.18)$$

Here we recall that the map g sends β to $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{b})$, for $\beta \in J$ satisfying $\beta\mathcal{O}_S = \mathfrak{b}^2$ for some \mathcal{O}_S -fractional ideal \mathfrak{b} . Clearly $E_S/E_S^2 \subset J'$, as E_S is generated by $-1, 2$ and π . Thus, in order to prove $J' = J$, it suffices to show that $g(J') = \text{Cl}_S[2]$. Let $G = \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$. Then $\text{Cl}_S^G = \text{Cl}_S[2]$. Let I_S be the subgroup of fractional ideals of F which is generated by prime ideals not in S . There is an isomorphism (see [16, Section 4])

$$\text{Coker} \left(I_S^G \rightarrow \text{Cl}_S^G \right) \cong \left(\mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \right)^\times \cap N(F^\times)/N(E_S). \quad (2.19)$$

Since $-1 \notin N(F)$ as F is imaginary, the assumption that either $2 \in N(E_S)$ or $2 \notin N(F^\times)$ precisely implies that the group on the right hand of (2.19) is trivial. Thus Cl_S^G is generated by I_S^G . But I_S^G is generated by the ramified primes (see [16, Lemma 4.4]), it follows that $\text{Cl}_S^G = \langle q_1, \dots, q_t \rangle$. Since $g(q_i) = \text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ for each i , this proves $g(J') = \text{Cl}_S^G = \text{Cl}_S[2]$. Therefore, we have $J' = J$ when either $2 \in N(E_S)$ or $2 \notin N(F)$.

Suppose next that $2 \in N(F)$ but $2 \notin N(E_S)$. By Lemma 2.3, $q_i \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ for $1 \leq i \leq t$. Hence we can write $m = 2g^2 - h^2$ for some $g, h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. In this case, $\alpha = h + \sqrt{-m}$ (see (2.15)). Then $\alpha + \bar{\alpha} = 2h$ and $\alpha\bar{\alpha} = 2g^2$ where $\bar{\alpha}$ is the complex conjugate of α . Clearly $\gcd(g, h) = 1$. It follows that $\gcd((\alpha), (\bar{\alpha})) \mid 2\mathcal{O}_F$.

(1) If $m \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ or $2 \mid m$; then $2\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$ is ramified in F and g is odd. In this case, $\mathfrak{p} \mid (\alpha)$ but $2 \nmid (\alpha)$, otherwise $4 \mid \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 2g^2$. Hence $\bar{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p} \mid (\bar{\alpha})$ and $\gcd((\alpha), (\bar{\alpha})) = \mathfrak{p}$. Since the integral ideals $(\alpha)\mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ and $(\bar{\alpha})\mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ are coprime to each other and their product is a square, hence there exists an \mathcal{O}_F -integral ideal \mathfrak{a} such that $(\alpha) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a}^2$.

(2) If $m \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $2\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ splits and g is even. Without loss of generality, we may assume $\mathfrak{p} \mid \alpha$. Then $\bar{\mathfrak{p}} \mid \bar{\alpha}$ and hence $\bar{\mathfrak{p}} \mid \alpha = 2h - \bar{\alpha}$. This means $2 \mid \alpha$ and $\gcd((\alpha), (\bar{\alpha})) = 2\mathcal{O}_F$. Now $\frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2} = 2 \cdot (\frac{g}{2})^2$, then one and only one of \mathfrak{p} and $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ divides $\frac{\alpha}{2}$. Assume $\mathfrak{p} \mid \frac{\alpha}{2}$. Then the two integral ideals $(\alpha/2)\mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ and $(\bar{\alpha}/2)\bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}$ are coprime and their product is a square, hence there exists an \mathcal{O}_F -integral ideal \mathfrak{a} such that $(\alpha) = 2\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{a}^2$.

Thus, in both cases, we have

$$\alpha\mathcal{O}_S = \mathfrak{a}^2\mathcal{O}_S. \quad (2.20)$$

This shows that $F(\sqrt{\alpha})/F$ is unramified outside S . Hence $J' \subset J$. Following the same argument in the previous case and applying (2.18), to show $J' = J$, we just need to show $g(J') = \text{Cl}_S[2] = \text{Cl}_S^G$. If we can prove $\text{Cl}_S^G = \langle \text{cl}_S(I_S^G), \text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle$, by the fact $\text{cl}_S(I_S^G) \subset g(J')$ and $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a}) = g(\alpha) \in g(J')$, then we are done.

We are left to prove the claim $\text{Cl}_S^G = \langle \text{cl}_S(I_S^G), \text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle$. By the isomorphism (2.19) and by our assumption $2 \in N(F) \setminus N(E_S)$, we have $[\text{Cl}_S^G : \text{cl}_S(I_S^G)] = 2$. Thus we just need to show $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a}) \notin \text{cl}_S(I_S^G)$. Suppose, on the contrary, $\text{cl}_S(\mathfrak{a}) \in \text{cl}_S(I_S^G)$. Then we would have $\text{cl}(\mathfrak{a}) \in \langle \text{cl}(I_S^G), \text{cl}(\mathfrak{p}), \text{cl}(\bar{\mathfrak{p}}) \rangle$, since by definition $\text{Cl}_S = \text{Cl}_F/\langle \text{cl}(S) \rangle$. Also note that $\text{cl}(\bar{\mathfrak{p}}) = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{p})^{-1}$. So we can write $\text{cl}(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{p})^{r_0} \prod_i \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_i)^{r_i}$ for some integers $r_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, $\text{cl}(\mathfrak{a})^2 = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{p})^{2r_0}$. But, we have shown that $\text{cl}(\mathfrak{a})^2 = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{p})^{-1}$. Hence \mathfrak{p}^{2r_0+1} would be principal, say $\mathfrak{p}^{2r_0+1} = (\gamma)$. This would imply that $2 = N(\gamma/2^{r_0}) \in N(E_S)$ which contradicts to our assumption $2 \in N(F^\times) \setminus N(E_S)$. This proves the claim. \square

Lemma 2.7. *If $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $\{\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_{t-1})\}$ is a basis of the \mathbb{F}_2 -vector space $\text{Cl}(F)[2]$. If $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\{\text{cl}(\mathfrak{p}), \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_{t-1})\}$ is a basis of $\text{Cl}(F)[2]$. If $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $\{\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_t)\}$ is a basis of $\text{Cl}(F)[2]$.*

Proof. The proof is the classical genus theory and we refer to [4, Theorem 6.1] for the details. \square

Proposition 2.8. *Let \hat{A} be the image of A in \mathcal{A}_F . Then $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = \hat{A}$.*

Proof. For each i , a_i^2 is clearly in $\overline{F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v}$, hence \hat{a}_i , the image of a_i in \mathcal{A}_F , is in $\mathcal{A}_F[2] = \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$, and $\hat{A} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$. We have the following exact sequence of \mathbb{F}_2 -vector spaces induced from (2.2):

$$0 \longrightarrow U_{1,S}/\overline{\phi(E_{1,S})}[2] \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] \xrightarrow{f} \text{Cl}(F)[2]. \quad (2.21)$$

Since $E_{1,S} = \{\pm 1\}$, the first term of (2.21) has order 2 and is generated by \hat{a}_0 if $F_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_2$ or $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$, and is trivial otherwise. Thus $\dim \text{Ker}(f) = \dim \text{Ker}(f|_{\hat{A}}) = 1$ if $F_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_2$ or $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$, and 0 if otherwise. By definition, $f(\hat{a}_i) = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_i)$ if $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $f(\hat{a}_j) = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_j)\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_t)$ if $k < j < t$.

Suppose first that $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. In this case $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ can not be \mathbb{Q}_2 or $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$, so $\text{Ker}(f) = 0$ and $\dim(\hat{A}) = \dim f(\hat{A})$. If $t = k$, then $\dim f(\hat{A}) = t$ by Lemma 2.7. Then $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = \hat{A}$ by the 2-rank formula (2.7) for $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$. If $t > k$, one can write

$$(f(\hat{a}_1), \dots, f(\hat{a}_k), f(\hat{a}_{k+1}\hat{a}_t), \dots, f(\hat{a}_{t-1}\hat{a}_t)) = (\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_t))M,$$

where M is a matrix of rank $t-1$. Note that $\{\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_t)\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of $\text{Cl}(F)[2]$ by Lemma 2.7, then $\dim \hat{A} = \dim f(\hat{A}) = \text{rank}(M) = t-1$. However, $\dim \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = t-1$ by (2.7) if $t > k$, hence $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = \hat{A}$.

Suppose next that $m \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. Then $t-k$ is even and $F_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_2$ or $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$. If $t = k$, it follows from Lemma 2.7 that $\dim f(\hat{A}) = t-1$ and hence $\dim \hat{A} = t$ which coincides with $\dim \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$ by (2.7). If $t-k$ is positive and even, this time we can write

$$(f(\hat{a}_1), \dots, f(\hat{a}_k), f(\hat{a}_{k+1}\hat{a}_t), \dots, f(\hat{a}_{t-1}\hat{a}_t)) = (\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_{t-1}))M,$$

where M is a matrix of rank $t-2$. Note that $\{\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_{t-1})\}$ is linearly independent by Lemma 2.7, then $\dim \hat{A} = \dim f(\hat{A}) + 1 = \text{rank}(M) + 1 = t-1$, which coincides with $\dim \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$ by the 2-rank formula (2.7). This proves $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = \hat{A}$ when $m \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$.

Finally, suppose that $m \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$. It follows that $t-k$ is an odd integer and the local field $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ can not be \mathbb{Q}_2 or $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$. Then

$$(f(\hat{a}_1), \dots, f(\hat{a}_k), f(\hat{a}_{k+1}\hat{a}_t), \dots, f(\hat{a}_{t-1}\hat{a}_t)) = (\text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_1), \dots, \text{cl}(\mathfrak{q}_{t-1}))M,$$

where M is a matrix of rank $t-1$. Thus $\dim \hat{A} = \dim f(\hat{A}) = t-1$, which coincides with $\dim \mathcal{T}_2(F)[2]$ by the 2-rank formula (2.7). This proves $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[2] = \hat{A}$ when $m \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$. \square

Proposition 2.9. $[a, 2] = 0$ for all $a \in A$.

Proof. Since $F(\sqrt{2})$ is the first layer of the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_2 -extension of F , the proposition then follows from Remark 2.2(1). \square

2.4 4-rank density formula

The aim of this subsection is to prove Theorem 1.1. We first give a simplification of the matrix R in Theorem 2.4 when 2 is not a norm of $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$. Although only the result in the case $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ will be used in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we also present the simplification in the case $m \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$, for completeness.

Theorem 2.10. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$, where m is a positive squarefree integer. Let q_1, q_2, \dots, q_t be all the ramified prime numbers in F and assume $q_1 = 2$ if 2 is ramified in F . Set

$$R^C := \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q_j \end{array} \right] \right)_{2 \leq i, j \leq t} \in M_{t-1}(\mathbb{F}_2)$$

and

$$\tau := \begin{cases} \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ q_2 \end{array} \right], \dots, \left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ q_t \end{array} \right] \right)^T, & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \\ \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ q_2 \end{array} \right], \dots, \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ q_t \end{array} \right] \right)^T, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If $2 \notin N(F)$, then

$$\text{rk}_4 \mathcal{T}_2(F) = t - 1 - \text{rank}(\tau, R^C). \tag{2.22}$$

Remark 2.11. A word on the notation: Note that in the above theorem, q_1, \dots, q_t denote the ramified primes in F rather than the odd prime factors of m as used in Theorem 2.4 and in last subsection. Clearly, this makes no difference when $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Remark 2.12. Recall that (see [16, §2] for example) the classical Rédei matrix for Cl_F is

$$R^{\text{Cl}} := \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q_j \end{array} \right] \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq t} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rk}_4(\text{Cl}_F) = t - 1 - \text{rank} R^{\text{Cl}}.$$

The matrix R^C defined above is obtained from R^{Cl} by deleting its first row and first column. When $m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$, using the quadratic reciprocity law, one sees that the sums of each row and of each column of R^{Cl} are zero, hence $\text{rank} R^C = \text{rank} R^{\text{Cl}}$. Therefore

$$\text{rk}_4 \text{Cl}_F = t - 1 - \text{rank} R^C \quad \text{if } m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}.$$

Proof. Firstly, we consider the case that 2 is unramified, i.e., $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then $\text{rk}_2(\mathcal{T}_2(F)) = t - 1$ by Theorem 2.1.

(1) Assume first $m \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$. Then 2 is inert in F . Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^t \left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ m \end{array} \right] = 0. \tag{2.23}$$

Hence we can rearrange $\{q_1, \dots, q_t\}$ without change the rank of (τ, R^C) . In this case, the sets A and B of Theorem 2.4 are as follows: $a_0 = a_t = 1$, $\alpha = 1$ and $\pi = 2$. But by Proposition 2.9, $[a, 2] = 0$ for each $a \in A$. So we may assume that $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{t-1}\}$, $B = \{-1 := q_0, q_1, \dots, q_t\}$. Clearly, B can be replaced by $\{-1 := q_0^*, q_1^*, \dots, q_t^*\}$ as they generate the same group.

For $1 \leq i \leq t$, note that $\sqrt{q_i^*} \in F_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{5})$ and define

$$a'_i := (\dots, \sqrt{q_i^*}, \dots, \sqrt{-m}, \dots) \in \mathbb{A}_F^\times.$$

Then we have $a_i = a'_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $a_j = a'_j a'_t$ for $k < j \leq t - 1$. Since $m \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, $t - k$ must be odd. Then a direct computation shows

$$a_1 \cdots a_{t-1} \equiv a'_t \left(\text{mod} \left(\mathbb{A}_F^{\times 2}, F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v \right) \right).$$

It follows that we may replace A by $\{a'_1, \dots, a'_t\}$ as they generate the same group in $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$. Therefore, by Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\text{rk}_4 \mathcal{T}_2(F) = t - 1 - \text{rank} \left([a'_i, q_j^*] \right)_{1 \leq i \leq t, 0 \leq j \leq t}.$$

Using the quadratic reciprocity law, for $i, j \geq 1$, one checks that

$$[a'_i, -1] = \left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ q_i \end{array} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad [a'_i, q_j^*] = \left[\begin{array}{c} m, q_j^* \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q_j \end{array} \right].$$

By the row-sum-zero and column-sum-zero property of the matrix mentioned in Remark 2.12 and the equation (2.23), we conclude that

$$\text{rk}_4 \mathcal{T}_2(F) = t - 1 - \text{rank}(\tau, R^C).$$

(2) Assume next $m \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$. The prime 2 splits in F . Note that $t > k$ since $2 \notin N(F)$, hence the element $a_t \in A$ is trivial. We still replace B by $\{-1 := q_0, \pi, q_1^*, \dots, q_t^*\}$. Also note that both $a_0 \in A$ and $\pi \in B$ are nontrivial. We may choose the sign of π such that $\left[\frac{\pi, -1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right] = 0$. Then $[a_0, \pi] = 0$. The matrix R for $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$ in Theorem 2.4 is

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots \\ \left[\frac{-1}{q_1} \right] & \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_1} \right] & \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_1} \right] & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \left[\frac{-1}{q_t q_{k+1}} \right] & \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_{k+1}} \right] + \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_t} \right] & \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_{k+1}} \right] + \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right] & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \left[\frac{-1}{q_t q_{t-1}} \right] & \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_{t-1}} \right] + \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_t} \right] & \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_{t-1}} \right] + \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right] & \cdots \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.24)$$

We make the following elementary operations on the matrix R : Firstly, replace the first column by $(1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$, and replace the first row (\cdots) by $\left(1, \left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_t} \right], \dots, \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right], \dots \right)$. Secondly, add the first row to the $k + 2, \dots, t$ -th row. Thirdly, move the first row to the bottom. Finally delete the first row. It follows that the matrix R in (2.24) is equivalent to

$$(\tau, \beta, R^C). \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$\beta := \left(\left[\frac{\sqrt{-m}, \pi}{q_i} \right] \right)_{2 \leq i \leq t}^T.$$

By Lemma 2.13 below, $\text{rank}(R) = \text{rank}(\tau, R^C)$. This proves the case $m \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ by Theorem 2.4.

Now we consider the case that 2 is ramified whence $q_1 = 2$. Then $m = q_2 \cdots q_t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ or $m = 2q_2 \cdots q_t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Write $2\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. By our condition $2 \notin N(F)$, the B in Theorem 2.4 is $B = \{q_0^* := -1, q_2^*, \dots, q_t^*\}$.

(3) Suppose $m \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. Then $A = \{a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{t-1}\}$. It is clear that the matrix R for $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$ is

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \cdots & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_2} \right] & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ 0 \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_{k+1}} \right] + \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right] & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ 0 \cdots & \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_{t-1}} \right] + \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right] & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Firstly, replace the first row (\cdots) by $\left(1, \dots, \left[\frac{m, q_j^*}{q_t} \right], \dots \right)$. Then we get a matrix whose rank equals $1 + \text{rank} R$. Secondly, add the first row to the $k + 2, k + 3, \dots$ and the t -th row. Finally move the first row to the bottom. Now we get (τ, R^C) . We have $\text{rk}_2 \mathcal{T}_2(F) = t - 2$ by Theorem 2.1. Thus

$$\text{rk}_4 \mathcal{T}_2(-m) = t - 2 - \text{rank} R = t - 1 - \text{rank}(\tau, R^C).$$

This proves the case $m \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. The arguments for the other cases are similar and we leave the details to the reader. \square

Lemma 2.13. Assume that $m \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ having a prime factor $q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$. Then β is a sum of column vectors of R^C .

Proof. Let λ be the order of \mathfrak{p} in $\text{Cl}(F)$. Suppose $\pi = \frac{c+d\sqrt{-m}}{2}$ with $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\pi\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^\lambda$ and $\left(\frac{-1, \pi}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = 1$. Note that λ must be even; otherwise, $2 = N(\pi 2^{-\frac{\lambda-1}{2}}) \in N(F)$ which contradicts to the assumption. Write $\lambda = 2\lambda'$. Then we have a decomposition in \mathbb{Z}

$$(2^{\lambda'+1} - c)(2^{\lambda'+1} + c) = md^2. \tag{2.26}$$

Since $\left(\frac{-1, \pi}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = 1$, it follows from the product formula that $\left(\frac{-1, \pi}{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}\right) = 1$. We obtain $\pi \equiv 1 \pmod{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}^2}$ and $\bar{\pi} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$. But $\mathfrak{p}^\lambda \mid \pi$ and λ is even, we have $\pi \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$. Thus

$$c = \pi + \bar{\pi} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2} \implies c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

Then $2^{\lambda'+1} - c$ and $2^{\lambda'+1} + c$ are coprime, by (2.26), there exist positive integers m_+, m_-, d_+, d_- such that $m = m_+m_-, d = d_+d_-, 2^{\lambda'+1} + c = m_+d_+^2$, and $2^{\lambda'+1} - c = m_-d_-^2$. In particular, $m_+ \equiv c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $m_- \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$. We obtain

$$2c = m_+d_+^2 - m_-d_-^2.$$

Now the vector

$$\beta = \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, 2c \\ q_i \end{array} \right] \right)_{1 \leq i \leq t}^T.$$

If $q_i \mid m_+$, noting that $m_+ \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, 2c \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, m_+ \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid 2m_+} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, m_+ \\ q \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid m_+} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, m_+ \\ q \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid m_+} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q \end{array} \right].$$

If $q_i \mid m_+$, noting that $-m_- \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we also have

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, 2c \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m_- \\ q_i \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid 2m_-} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m_- \\ q \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid m_-} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m_- \\ q \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid m_-} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q \end{array} \right] = \sum_{q \mid m_+} \left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q \end{array} \right].$$

This means that β is the sum of the column vectors $\left(\left[\begin{array}{c} q_i, -m \\ q_j \end{array} \right] \right)_i^T$ for $q_j \mid m_+$ of R^C . \square

The rest of this subsection is dedicated to proving Theorem 1.1, which is based on the work of Gerth [5] and Yue-Yu [24]. As in the statement of Theorem 1.1, x will always denote a positive real number and t will denote a positive integer.

The set $N_{t,x}$ is the disjoint union of subsets $N_{t,x}^{(i)}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) defined by (all p_i are odd distinct primes)

$$\begin{aligned} N_{t,x}^{(1)} &:= \{m \in N_{t,x} \mid m = p_1 \cdots p_t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}\}; \\ N_{t,x}^{(2)} &:= \{m \in N_{t,x} \mid m = p_1 \cdots p_{t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}\}; \\ N_{t,x}^{(3)} &:= \{m \in N_{t,x} \mid m = 2p_1 \cdots p_{t-1} \equiv 2 \pmod{4}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Following [5], we know that when $x \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} \#N_{t,x}^{(1)} &\sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(t-1)!} \frac{x(\log \log x)^{t-1}}{\log x}, \\ \#N_{t,x}^{(2)} &\sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(t-2)!} \frac{x(\log \log x)^{t-2}}{\log x} = o\left(\#N_{t,x}^{(1)}\right), \\ \#N_{t,x}^{(3)} &\sim \frac{1}{(t-2)!} \frac{x(\log \log(x/2))^{t-2}}{2 \log(x/2)} = o\left(\#N_{t,x}^{(1)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here and after we denote $f(x) \sim g(x)$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$ and $f(x) = o(g(x))$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$. Then

$$\#N_{t,x} \sim \#N_{t,x}^{(1)} \sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(t-1)!} \frac{x(\log \log x)^{t-1}}{\log x}. \quad (2.27)$$

We define two equivalent relations in $N_{t,x}^{(1)}$.

Definition 2.14. For $m = p_1 \cdots p_t, n = q_1 \cdots q_t \in N_{t,x}^{(1)}$ arranging such that $p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_t$ and $q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t$, we say that m and n have the same Rédei type if $q_i \equiv p_i \pmod{4}$ for $i \leq t$ and $\left[\frac{q_j}{q_i}\right] = \left[\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right]$ for $1 \leq j < i \leq t$; we say that m and n have the same Rédei type modulo 8, if furthermore $q_i \equiv p_i \pmod{8}$ for $i \leq t$. Denote by $[m]$ (resp. $[[m]]$) the equivalence class of m with the same Rédei type (resp. modulo 8) respectively.

Lemma 2.15. For any $m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)}$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} R(m; t, x) &:= [m] \cap N_{t,x}^{(1)} = \{m' \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid m' \text{ and } m \text{ have the same Rédei type}\}, \\ S(m; t, x) &:= [[m]] \cap N_{t,x}^{(1)} = \{m' \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid m' \text{ and } m \text{ have the same Rédei type modulo 8}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then when $x \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\#R(m; t, x) \sim 2^{1 - \frac{t^2+t}{2}} \cdot \#N_{t,x}^{(1)},$$

and

$$\#S(m; t, x) \sim \frac{\#R(m; t, x)}{2^t}.$$

Proof. See [24, Lemma 2.1 and Corollary 2.2]. \square

Remark 2.16. As mentioned in Gerth [5, Page 493], an intuitive explanation of the above lemma might proceed as follows. To decide the equivalence class $[m]$, we need to fix the conditions $p_i \pmod{4}$ for $l \leq i \leq t-1$ since $m = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, and the conditions $\left[\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right]$ for $1 \leq j < i \leq t$. Hence, there are $2^{\frac{t^2+t}{2}-1}$ equivalence classes and the proportion of each equivalence class in $N_{t,x}^{(1)}$ is the same by the above lemma. Furthermore, given a class $[m]$, then $\{p_1 \pmod{8}, \dots, p_t \pmod{8}\}$ have 2^t choice. Hence there are 2^t modulo 8 equivalence classes in $[m]$ and the proportion of each modulo 8 equivalence class in $[m]$ is the same by the above lemma again.

Lemma 2.17. Let $W(t, x) = \{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid 2 \in N(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m}))\}$. Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#W(t, x)}{\#N_{t,x}^{(1)}} = 0.$$

Proof. Put

$$f(m) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 2 \in N(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Given an equivalence class $[m]$, we claim that there is exactly one class $[[n]]$ in $[m]$ such that $f(n) = 1$. Indeed, $q_i \pmod{4}$ is determined as $n = q_1 \cdots q_t \in [m]$. Then by Hasse's norm theorem, $f(n) = 1$ implies that q_i must be 1 (mod 8) (resp. 7 (mod 8)) in 1 (mod 4) (resp. 3 (mod 4)). Hence follows the claim.

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#W(t, x)}{\#N_{t,x}^{(1)}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{[m]} \sum_{[[n]], n \in [m]} f(n) \cdot \#S(n; t, x)}{\sum_{[m]} \sum_{[[n]], n \in [m]} \#S(n; t, x)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{[m]} \#R(m; t, x) / 2^t}{\sum_{[m]} \#R(m; t, x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^t} = 0,$$

where the second equality is by lemma 2.15. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1. By Theorem 2.10, Lemma 2.17, and the estimate (2.27), it suffices to prove that for $r \geq 0$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank}(\tau, R^C) = t - 1 - r\}}{\#N_{t;x}^{(1)}} = \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r(r+1)}\eta_r(2)\eta_{r+1}(2)}.$$

For any matrix $A \in M_{t-1}(\mathbb{F}_2)$, write $\text{Im}A := \{Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{t-1}\}$. Then we only need to prove that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank} R^C = t - 1 - r, \tau \in \text{Im}R^C\}}{\#N_{t;x}^{(1)}} = \frac{1}{2^r} \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r^2}\eta_r(2)^2} \tag{2.28}$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank} R^{C1} = t - 2 - r, \tau \notin \text{Im}R^{C1}\}}{\#N_{t;x}^{(1)}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{r+1}}\right) \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{(r+1)^2}\eta_{r+1}(2)^2}, \tag{2.29}$$

since

$$\frac{1}{2^r} \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r^2}\eta_r(2)^2} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{r+1}}\right) \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{(r+1)^2}\eta_{r+1}(2)^2} = \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r(r+1)}\eta_r(2)\eta_{r+1}(2)}.$$

By Lemma 2.15 and [24, Remark 2.3, Equation (3.19)], in each equivalence class $[m] \subset N_{t,x}^{(1)}$, $\tau \in \text{Im}R^C$ has probability $\frac{2^{t-1-r}}{2^{t-1}} = \frac{1}{2^r}$ if $\text{rank} R^C = t - 1 - r$. i.e.,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank} R^C = t - 1 - r, \tau \in \text{Im}R^C\}}{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank} R^C = t - 1 - r\}} = \frac{1}{2^r}.$$

It is proved by Gerth in [5] that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{m \in N_{t,x}^{(1)} \mid \text{rank} R^C = t - 1 - r\}}{\#N_{t;x}^{(1)}} = \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r^2}\eta_r(2)^2}.$$

This implies the equation (2.28). The proof of the equation (2.29) is similar and we leave the detail to the reader. Thus

$$d_{\infty,r}^T = \frac{1}{2^r} \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r^2}\eta_r(2)^2} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{r+1}}\right) \cdot \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{(r+1)^2}\eta_{r+1}(2)^2} = \frac{\eta_\infty(2)}{2^{r(r+1)}\eta_r(2)\eta_{r+1}(2)}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1. □

3 Study of $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$ for odd prime l

By the 2-rank formula (2.7), if l is a prime, $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$ are trivial if $l \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$, and nontrivial cyclic 2-groups if $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. In what follows, we assume $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ is a prime. In this section, we shall study the structures of $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\pm 2l)$, or equivalently, the 2-power divisibility of their orders $t_2(\pm l)$ and $t_2(\pm 2l)$.

3.1 The imaginary case

Theorem 3.1. *Let $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ be a prime. Then $\mathcal{T}_2(-l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(-2l)$ are non-trivial cyclic 2 groups, and*

- (1) $t_2(-l) = 2$ if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, $t_2(-l) = 4$ if $l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, and $t_2(-l) \geq 8$ if $l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$.
- (2) $t_2(-2l) = 2$ if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ or $l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, and $t_2(-2l) \geq 4$ if $l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$.

Remark 3.2. Based on numerical data, we find out that the conditions $t_2(-l) = 2^i$ for $i \geq 3$ and $t_2(-2l) = 2^i$ for $i \geq 2$ are not classified by congruence relations.

Proof. (1) Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-l})$. We consider (i) $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ and (ii) $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ separately.

(i) In this case $2 \nmid h(-l)$ by genus theory. From the commutative diagram (2.2), we have

$$\mathcal{T}_2(-l) \cong ((\mathbb{Z}_2^\times \times \mathbb{Z}_2^\times) / \pm 1) [2^\infty] \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

(ii) In this case 2 is ramified and $F_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{-1})$.

Let $a = (\dots, 1 + \sqrt{-1}, \dots) \in \mathbb{A}_F^\times$ and \hat{a} be its image in \mathcal{A}_F ; here we recall that \mathcal{A}_F is the group defined in (2.1) with $p = 2$. Then $a^4 = (\dots, -4, \dots) \in \overline{F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v}$ and hence $\hat{a} \in \mathcal{T}_2(F)[4]$. Since $a^2 = (\dots, 2\sqrt{-1}, \dots) \equiv (\dots, \sqrt{-1}, \dots) \pmod{\left(F^\times \prod_{v \notin S} U_v\right)}$ and $\sqrt{-1}$ is nontrivial in $U_{1,\mathfrak{p}}/\{\pm 1\} \subset \mathcal{A}_F^{\text{pro-2}}$, we have $\hat{a}^2 \neq 0$ in $\mathcal{T}_2(F)$. Thus \hat{a} is a generator of the cyclic group $\mathcal{T}_2(F)[4]$.

The 2-units E_S of F is generated by -1 and 2 . Clearly, $2 \notin N(E_S)$. Write $l = 2g^2 - h^2$. Let $\alpha = h + \sqrt{-l}$. By Proposition 2.6, $L = F(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{l}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{\alpha}) = F(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{\alpha})$ is the maximal abelian extension of exponent 2 over F unramified outside 2. The map

$$\mathcal{T}_2(F)[4] \rightarrow \text{Gal}(F(\sqrt{-1})/F) \times \text{Gal}(F(\sqrt{2})/F) \times \text{Gal}(F(\sqrt{\alpha})/F)$$

has kernel $2\mathcal{T}_2(F)[8]$. Thus $t_2(-l) \geq 8$ if and only if the additive Artin symbols $[a, -1] = [a, 2] = [a, \alpha] = 0$. It is easy to see $[a, 2] = [a, -1] = 0$ since $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} [a, h + \sqrt{-l}] &= \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{-1}, h + \sqrt{-l}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] = \left[\frac{-\sqrt{l}, h + \sqrt{-l}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] + \left[\frac{-\sqrt{l} - \sqrt{-l}, h + \sqrt{-l}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{-\sqrt{l}, 2g^2}{\mathbb{Q}_2} \right] + \left[\frac{-\sqrt{l} - \sqrt{-l}, h + \sqrt{-l}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{\sqrt{l}, 2}{\mathbb{Q}_2} \right] + \left[\frac{-\sqrt{l} - \sqrt{-l}, h + \sqrt{-l}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\left[\frac{\sqrt{l}, 2}{\mathbb{Q}_2} \right] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}, \\ 1 & \text{if } l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}. \end{cases}$$

For any $x, y \in F_{\mathfrak{p}}$, noting that -1 is a square in $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$, we have

$$0 = \left[\frac{\frac{x}{x+y}, \frac{y}{x+y}}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] = \left[\frac{xy, x+y}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] + \left[\frac{x+y, x+y}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] + \left[\frac{x, y}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right].$$

Put $x = -\sqrt{l} - \sqrt{-l}, y = h + \sqrt{-l}$. Note that $x + y \in \mathbb{Q}_2$. It follows that $\left[\frac{x+y, x+y}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] = 0$. Thus,

$$\left[\frac{x, y}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] = \left[\frac{x+y, xy}{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right] = \left[\frac{x+y, 4g^2l}{\mathbb{Q}_2} \right] = 0.$$

This proves (1).

(2) follows from the same argument used in the proof of (1). We omit the details here. □

3.2 The real case

We need the following formula of Coates (see [2, Appendix] or [7, Chapter III. 2.6.5]):

Proposition 3.3. *Let $K \neq \mathbb{Q}$ be a totally real number field. Assume that the Leopoldt Conjecture holds for (p, K) , i.e., $\delta_p(K) = 0$. Then*

$$\#\mathcal{T}_p(K) = (p\text{-adic unit}) \cdot \frac{p \cdot [K \cap \mathbb{Q}^{p,\text{cyc}} : \mathbb{Q}] \cdot h(K) \cdot R_p(K)}{\sqrt{D_K} \cdot \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|p} N_{\mathfrak{p}}}. \tag{3.1}$$

Here $h(K)$ is the class number, $R_p(K)$ is the p -adic regulator and D_K is the discriminant of K , $\mathbb{Q}^{p,\text{cyc}}$ is the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of \mathbb{Q} , and the product runs over all primes of K lying above p and N is the norm map from K to \mathbb{Q} .

Lemma 3.4. *Assume $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ is a prime. Let ν_2 be the normalized 2-adic valuation and \log_2 be the 2-adic logarithmic map. For $m = l$ or $2l$, let $\varepsilon_m = a_m + b_m\sqrt{m}$ be the fundamental unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$. Then*

- (1) $\nu_2(t_2(l)) = \nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l)) - 1 = \nu_2(a_l) - 1$.
- (2) $\nu_2(t_2(2l)) = \nu_2(h(2l)) + \nu_2(b_{2l}) - 1$.

Proof. (1) Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l})$. Recall that the 2-adic regulator $R_2(F)$ is $\log_2(\varepsilon_l)$. By Coates' formula above, we have $\nu_2(t_2(l)) = \nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l)) - 1$ as $2 \nmid h(l)$. It remains to show that $\nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l)) = \nu_2(a_l)$. We shall use the basic property of logarithm that, for $x \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_2$, if $\nu_2(x - 1) > 1$ then $\nu_2(\log_2(x)) = \nu_2(x)$.

If $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then it is easy to see a_l and b_l are integers. It is also known that $N(\varepsilon_l) = a_l^2 - lb_l^2 = -1$. It follows that $4 \mid a_l$ and b_l is odd. Thus $\nu_2(\varepsilon_l^2 - 1) = \nu_2(\varepsilon_l^2 + \varepsilon_l\bar{\varepsilon}_l) = 1 + \nu_2(a_l) \geq 3$. This implies that $\nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l^2)) = \nu_2(\varepsilon_l^2 - 1) = 1 + \nu_2(a_l)$. Hence, $\nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l)) = \nu_2(a_l)$.

If $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, we first prove that a_l is even. In this case 2 is ramified in F , say $2\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. Since $h(l)$ is odd, \mathfrak{p} must be principal, say $\mathfrak{p} = (\pi)$ with $\pi \in \mathcal{O}_F$. Then $\pi^2/2$ is a unit, say ε_l^k . Note that k must be odd. Otherwise, $\sqrt{2} \in F$, which is absurd. Then $(\pi\varepsilon_l^{-(k-1)/2})^2 = 2\varepsilon_l$ and hence $\pi\varepsilon_l^{-(k-1)/2} \in \mathcal{O}_F$. Write $\pi\varepsilon_l^{-(k-1)/2} = c + d\sqrt{l}$ with $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then c and d must be odd since $N(c + d\sqrt{l}) = 2$. Hence $a_l = \frac{c^2 + d^2l}{2}$ is clearly even.

Thus, b_l must be odd. Then $\nu_2(\varepsilon_l^4 - 1) = \nu_2(\varepsilon_l^4 - \varepsilon_l^2\bar{\varepsilon}_l^2) = 2 + \nu_2(a_lb_l) = 2 + \nu_2(a_l)$. Therefore, $\nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_l)) = \nu_2(a_l)$. This completes the proof of (1).

(2) Clearly a_{2l} is odd and b_{2l} is even. We have

$$\nu_2(\varepsilon_{2l}^4 - 1) = \nu_2(\varepsilon_{2l}^2 + \varepsilon_{2l}\bar{\varepsilon}_{2l}) + \nu_2(\varepsilon_{2l}^2 - \varepsilon_{2l}\bar{\varepsilon}_{2l}) = \nu_2(2a_{2l}) + \nu_2(2\sqrt{2}lb_{2l}) = \frac{5}{2} + \nu_2(b_{2l}).$$

Hence, $\nu_2(\log_2(\varepsilon_{2l})) = \frac{1}{2} + \nu_2(b_{2l})$. Then (2) follows from Coates' formula for $\mathcal{T}_2(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2l}))$. □

Remark 3.5. The proof of a_l is even for $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ holds for $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. For a different proof of this fact, see [25].

The following proposition collects results about the 2-class groups $\text{Cl}_2(-l)$ and $\text{Cl}_2(-2l)$ due to Gauss, Hasse [9], Brown [1] and others, most importantly due to Leonard-Williams [13], see [14, Theorem 4.2] for a proof about $\text{Cl}_2(-2l)$.

Proposition 3.6. *Let l be an odd prime. Then both $\text{Cl}_2(-l)$ and $\text{Cl}_2(-2l)$ are cyclic groups.*

(1) $h_2(-l) = 1$ if $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $h_2(-l) = 2$ if $l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and $h_2(-l) \geq 4$ if $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. Moreover, if $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, suppose $l = 2g^2 - h^2$, then $h_2(-l) = 4$ if and only if $g \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $h_2(-l) = 8$ if and only if $\left(\frac{2h}{g}\right)\left(\frac{g}{l}\right)_4 = -1$.

(2) $h_2(-2l) = 2$ if $l \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ and $h_2(-2l) \geq 4$ if $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. Moreover,

(i) If $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, suppose $l = u^2 - 2v^2$ such that $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $h_2(-2l) = 4$ if and only if $u \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, $h_2(-2l) = 8$ if and only if $\left(\frac{u}{l}\right)_4 = -1$.

(ii) If $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $h_2(-2l) = 4$ if and only if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, and $h_2(-2l) = 8$ if and only if $l \equiv 15 \pmod{16}$ and $(-1)^{\frac{l+1}{16}}\left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = -1$ where $(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^2$ satisfying $l = u^2 - 2v^2$.

We have the following theorem:

Theorem 3.7. *Assume $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ is a prime. Then $\mathcal{T}_2(l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(2l)$ are non-trivial 2-cyclic groups, $4 \mid t_2(l)$ and*

(1) $t_2(l) = 4 \Leftrightarrow t_2(2l) = 2 \Leftrightarrow h_2(-2l) = 4 \Leftrightarrow l \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$;

(2) $t_2(l) = 8 \Leftrightarrow t_2(2l) = 4 \Leftrightarrow h_2(-2l) = 8 \Leftrightarrow l \equiv 15 \pmod{16}$ and $(-1)^{\frac{l+1}{16}} \left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = -1$ where $(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^2$ is a solution of $l = X^2 - 2Y^2$.

Consequently, we always have $t_2(l) \equiv 2t_2(2l) \equiv h_2(-2l) \pmod{16}$.

Remark 3.8. However, in general the three numbers $t_2(l)$, $2t_2(2l)$ and $h_2(-2l)$ are not equal if one (hence all) of them ≥ 16 . For example, let $l = 223$, then $t_2(l) = 16$, $2t_2(2l) = 256$ and $h_2(-2l) = 32$.

Proof. (1) We first study $t_2(l)$. As shown in the proof of Lemma 3.4, $\varepsilon_l = a_l + b_l\sqrt{l} = \frac{1}{2}(c + d\sqrt{l})^2$ where c, d are odd integers and $N(c + d\sqrt{l}) = c^2 - d^2l = 2$. In particular, $c^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{d}$. It follows that every prime factor of d is congruent to $\pm 1 \pmod{8}$. Hence $d^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ and $\nu_2(a_l) = \nu_2(1 + d^2l)$. For $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, $\nu_2(1 + d^2l) \geq 3$, with equality if and only if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$. By Lemma 3.4(1), $4 \mid t_2(l) = 2^{\nu_2(ld^2+1)-1}$, and $t_2(l) = 4$ if and only if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$.

Note that the Jacobi symbol $\left(\frac{2u}{v}\right)$ is independent on the choices of u and v (see [14, Lemma 4.1]). By the results of Leonard-Williams (Proposition 3.6(2)), we are left to show that if $l \equiv 15 \pmod{16}$, then

$$\nu_2(ld^2 + 1) = 4 \iff (-1)^{\frac{l+1}{16}} \left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = -1.$$

Since $l = (u + \sqrt{2}v)(u - \sqrt{2}v) \mid ld^2 = (c + \sqrt{2})(c - \sqrt{2})$, one of the prime elements $u \pm \sqrt{2}v$ must divides $c + \sqrt{2}$ in the Euclidean domain $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$.

(i) Suppose $\frac{c+\sqrt{2}}{u+\sqrt{2}v} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$. Note that $c + \sqrt{2}$ and $c - \sqrt{2}$ are coprime in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$, the integers $\frac{c+\sqrt{2}}{u+\sqrt{2}v}$ and $\frac{c-\sqrt{2}}{u-\sqrt{2}v}$ are coprime, but their product is d^2 and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ has class number 1, hence there exist $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\varepsilon \in \{1, 1 + \sqrt{2}\}$ such that

$$\frac{c + \sqrt{2}}{u + \sqrt{2}v} = \varepsilon(t - s\sqrt{2})^2.$$

Since the left hand side is totally positive, we must have $\varepsilon = 1$. Comparing the coefficients of $\sqrt{2}$ gives

$$1 = (t^2 + 2s^2)v - 2tsu. \quad (3.2)$$

Note that ts must be positive. We may assume that t, s are both positive. Since $l = u^2 - 2v^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{16}$, both u and v are odd. In fact, $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ by (3.2). Hence $\left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{-st}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{t}{v}\right)\left(\frac{s}{v}\right)$. Note that d, t are odd. By quadratic reciprocity law, $\left(\frac{t}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{v}{t}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)$. The last equality follows from (3.2). Write $s = 2^r s_0$ with $2 \nmid s_0$. If $s \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $v \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and $\left(\frac{s}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{2 \cdot s_0}{v}\right) = -\left(\frac{v}{s_0}\right)$. If $s \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $t^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. So $\left(\frac{s}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{s_0}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{v}{s_0}\right) = 1$. If $s \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\left(\frac{s}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{v}{s}\right) = 1$. Hence

$$\left(\frac{s}{v}\right) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } s \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore $\left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = 1$ if and only if $\pm d = t^2 - 2s^2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{16}$. This implies that $16 \parallel ld^2 + 1$ if and only if $(-1)^{\frac{l+1}{16}} \left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = -1$.

(ii) Suppose $\frac{c+\sqrt{2}}{u-\sqrt{2}v} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$. By similar argument, there exist two positive integers t, s such that

$$1 = 2stu - (t^2 + 2s^2)v.$$

For this equation, $v \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $\left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{t}{v}\right)\left(\frac{s}{v}\right)$. One can repeat the argument above to obtain that $\left(\frac{t}{v}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)$ and that

$$\left(\frac{s}{v}\right) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } s \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Again this implies that $16 \parallel ld^2 + 1$ if and only if $(-1)^{\frac{l+1}{16}} \left(\frac{2u}{v}\right) = -1$.

(2) If $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $h(2l)$ is odd. By Lemma 3.4(2), $\nu_2(t_2(2l)) = \nu_2(b_{2l}) - 1$. According to the last paragraph in [13, § 3], we have $h(-2l) \equiv b_{2l} \pmod{16}$. Then $t_2(2l) = \frac{h_2(-2l)}{2} = \frac{t_2(l)}{2}$ if $t_{2l} = 2$ or 4 . We just need to apply Proposition 3.6. \square

Proposition 3.9. Assume $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ is a prime.

(1) Write $l = 2g^2 - h^2$ with $g, h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Then

$$t_2(l) = 2 \iff h_2(-l) = 4 \iff g \equiv 3 \pmod{4}; \tag{3.3}$$

$$t_2(l) = 4 \iff \begin{cases} h_2(-l) = 8 & \text{if } l \equiv 1 \pmod{16} \\ h_2(-l) \geq 16 & \text{if } l \equiv 9 \pmod{16} \end{cases} \iff (-1)^{\frac{l-1}{8}} \left(\frac{2h}{g}\right) \left(\frac{g}{l}\right)_4 = -1. \tag{3.4}$$

(2) Write $l = u^2 - 2v^2$ with $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$t_2(2l) = 2 \iff \left(\frac{u}{l}\right) = -1, \tag{3.5}$$

$$t_2(2l) = 4 \iff (-1)^{\frac{l-1}{8}} \left(\frac{u}{l}\right)_4 = -1. \tag{3.6}$$

Proof. (1) For $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, Williams [23] proved that

$$a_l \equiv \begin{cases} h(-l) + l - 1 \pmod{16}, & \text{if } h_2(-l) \geq 8; \\ 4(h(l) - 1) + l - 1 - h(-l) \pmod{16}, & \text{if } h_2(-l) = 4. \end{cases}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{cases} 2t_2(l) \equiv h(-l) + l - 1 \pmod{16}, & \text{if } h_2(-l) \geq 8; \\ t_2(l) = 2, & \text{if } h_2(-l) = 4. \end{cases} \tag{3.7}$$

Applying Coates' formula (3.1), Lemma 3.4 and Proposition 3.6(1), we get the result.

(2) It follows from (3.1) that $t_2(2l)$ is equal to $\log_2(\varepsilon_{2l})h(2l)/(2\sqrt{2})$ up to a 2-adic unit. Denote by $R + S\sqrt{2l}$ the fundamental unit of norm 1 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2l})$ and by $h^+(2l)$ the narrow class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2l})$. Then, $R + S\sqrt{2l} = \varepsilon_{2l}$ and $h^+(2l) = 2h(2l)$ if $N(\varepsilon_{2l}) = 1$; $R + S\sqrt{2l} = \varepsilon_{2l}^2$ and $h^+(2l) = h(2l)$ if $N(\varepsilon_{2l}) = -1$. Thus, by Lemma 3.4(2), we have

$$\nu_2(t_2(2l)) = \nu_2(h^+(2l)) + \nu_2(S) - 2.$$

The main theorem in [10] tells us that

$$\frac{S \cdot h^+(2l)}{2} \equiv 1 - l - h(-2l) \pmod{16}.$$

Then all results here directly follow the discussion in [13, § 2]. □

Now we can prove the density result about $\mathcal{T}_2(l)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(2l)$:

Proof of Theorem 1.3. (1) We first show (1.4). In the case $e = 0$, then $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. Stevnhagen [20, Theorem 1] proved that $h_2(-l) \geq 8$ if and only if l splits completely in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_8, \sqrt{1+i})$. Then by Chebotarev's density theorem,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, h_2(-l) = 4\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}\}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, h_2(-l) \geq 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

By (3.3) in Proposition 3.9, the case $i = 0$ follows.

Recently, Koymans ([11, Theorem 1.1]) proved that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \text{ and } h_2(-l) = 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

As a corollary of [20, Theorem 1], we have that $l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$ such that $h_2(-l) \geq 8$ if and only if the Frobenius of l in $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{16}, \sqrt{1+i})/\mathbb{Q})$ acts trivially in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_8, \sqrt{1+i})$ and maps ζ_{16} to $-\zeta_{16}$. Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) \geq 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}\}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) \geq 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

If we can show

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) = 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}\}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) \geq 16\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{4}, \tag{3.8}$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16} \text{ and } h_2(-l) \geq 16\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16} \text{ and } h_2(-l) = 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Hence the $i = 1$ case follows from (3.4). It suffices to show (3.8).

Let

$$e_l = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h_2(-l) \geq 16, \\ -1, & \text{if } h_2(-l) = 8, \\ 0, & \text{if } h_2(-l) = 4. \end{cases}$$

By [11, Theorem 1.2], we have

$$\sum_{l \leq x, l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}} e_l \ll x / \exp((\log x)^{0.1}). \tag{3.9}$$

Replacing the spin symbol $[w]$ in [11, Lemma 4.1, 4.2] by the twisted symbol $[w]' := [w] \cdot \lambda(w)$ for all totally positive elements w of $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_8]$, where $\lambda(w) = (-1)^{\frac{Nw-1}{8}}$ if $Nw \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and 1 otherwise, one follows the argument there and obtains

$$\sum_{l \leq x, l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}} (-1)^{\frac{l-1}{8}} e_l \ll x / \exp((\log x)^{0.1}). \tag{3.10}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{l \leq x, l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}} \left(e_l - (-1)^{\frac{l-1}{8}} e_l \right) = 2 \sum_{l \leq x, l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}} (1_{16|h(-l)} - 1_{8||h(-l)}) \ll x / \exp((\log x)^{0.1}).$$

Note that as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $\log x = o(\exp((\log x)^{0.1}))$, by Dirichlet's density theorem, then

$$\#\{l \leq x, l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) = 8\} \sim \#\{l \leq x, l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, h_2(-l) \geq 16\} \sim \frac{x}{32 \log x}.$$

Hence we have (3.8).

In the case $e = 1, l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$. By Theorem 3.7, the case $i = 0$ follows from the fact that $t_2(l) = 4$ if and only if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, and the case $i = 1$ follows from the following result of Milovic [17, Theorem 1] on $h_2(-2l)$ that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv -1 \pmod{8}, h_2(-2l) = 8\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv -1 \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

(2) Case 7 (mod 8) for (1.5) follows from (1) and Theorem 3.7, and case 1 (mod 8) follows from Proposition 3.9(2) and [12, Theorem 1] with similar arguments for $t_2(l)$; we omit the details. \square

Remark 3.10. We actually proved that for $i = 1$ and 2,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}, t_2(l) = 2^i\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}, t_2(l) = 2^i\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{2^i}.$$

4 Distribution Conjectures for \mathcal{T}_p -groups of quadratic fields

4.1 Distribution conjecture of \mathcal{T}_p in the full family

We first propose a distribution conjecture on the group structure of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ when F varies in the family of all imaginary (resp. real) quadratic fields \mathcal{F}_{im} (resp. \mathcal{F}_{re}).

For $5 \leq p \leq 47$, numerical data presented in [18, §5.2] suggested that of all real quadratic fields $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ such that $m \leq 10^9$ is squarefree, the proportion of fields with trivial \mathcal{T}_p -groups (so-called p -rational field) is close to $\eta_\infty(p)$. It was mentioned there that the authors also considered the distribution about the group structures of \mathcal{T}_p -groups, however, we did not find any further statement and subsequent studies in the literature.

Based on Theorem 1.1 and numerical data in the appendix, we propose the following conjecture:

Conjecture 4.1. Let p be a prime. Let \mathcal{F}_{im} (resp. \mathcal{F}_{re}) be the family of all imaginary (resp. real) quadratic fields. For each finite abelian p -group G , one has

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{im}} \mid -D_F \leq x, 6\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong G\}}{\#\{F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{im}} : -D_F \leq x\}} = \frac{\eta_\infty(p)/\eta_1(p)}{\#G \cdot \#\text{Aut}(G)}; \tag{4.1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{re}} \mid D_F \leq x, 6\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong G\}}{\#\{F \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{re}} : D_F \leq x\}} = \frac{\eta_\infty(p)}{\#\text{Aut}(G)}. \tag{4.2}$$

Here D_F is the discriminant of F , and we recall that $\eta_s(q) := \prod_{i=1}^s (1 - q^{-i})$ for $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \cup \{\infty\}$ and $q > 1$.

Remark 4.2. (1) For $p \geq 5$, we have $6\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong \mathcal{T}_p(F)$ and hence the factor 6 can be removed from the statement of our conjecture. For $p = 2$ or 3, we have $6\mathcal{T}_p(F) = p\mathcal{T}_p(F)$. For $p = 5$ and 7, we have carried out numerical computation of $\mathcal{T}_p(F)$ with $|D_F| \leq 5 \times 10^7$; see Tables 1 - 4, which give strong evidence of Conjecture 4.1 in these cases.

(2) In the bad primes 2 and 3 case, when the bound is 5×10^7 , the distributions of $2\mathcal{T}_2$ and $3\mathcal{T}_3$ are actually not quite good based on our computation, but this is expected just like the analogue phenomenon for the distributions of narrow 2-class groups and tame kernels of quadratic fields: the bound is not big enough. We gain confidence from recent breakthrough of Smith[21] on the distribution of narrow 2-class groups of quadratic fields, as well as the 4-rank density formula for \mathcal{T}_2 of imaginary quadratic fields we just proved here.

(3) If using the setting of local Cohen-Lenstra Heuristic, the weight function for p -class groups is ω_0 for imaginary quadratic fields and ω_1 for real ones where

$$\omega_i(G) = \frac{1}{(\#G)^i \cdot \#\text{Aut}(G)}, \tag{4.3}$$

the weight functions for \mathcal{T}_p -groups are exactly the reverse order.

(4) For more general conjectures on distributions of \mathcal{T}_p -groups of quadratic fields, which are also in the spirit of the Cohen-Lenstra heuristics, see [15].

4.2 Distribution conjecture of \mathcal{T}_2 in sub-families

Conjecture 4.3. Assume all l appeared below are primes. For each integer $i \geq 0$ and $e \in \{0, 1\}$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}, t_2(-l) = 2^{i+3}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{3}{4^{i+1}}, \tag{4.4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}, t_2(-2l) = 2^{i+2}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{3}{4^{i+1}}, \tag{4.5}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}, t_2(l) = 2^{i+1+e}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}, \tag{4.6}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}, t_2(2l) = 2^{i+1}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \tag{4.7}$$

We shall present numerical evidence in Tables 5 - 10.

Remark 4.4. (1) Under the setting of extended local Cohen-Lenstra heuristic, one can interpret (4.4) more conceptually as follows. Let $\mathcal{M}_k = \{\mathbb{Z}/2^{i+k}\mathbb{Z} \mid i \geq 0\}$ for $k \geq 1$. For $G = \mathbb{Z}/2^{i+k}\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{M}_k$, then a direct computation gives

$$\frac{\omega_1(G)}{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{M}_k} \omega_1(H)} = \frac{3}{4^{i+1}}.$$

Thus (4.4) is equivalent to that the natural density of primes l with $\mathcal{T}_2(-l) \cong G$ among all primes $\equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ is equal to the ratio of $\omega_1(G)$ to the total 1-weight of the space \mathcal{M}_3 . For (4.5), the corresponding space is \mathcal{M}_2 .

(2) One can also reformulate (4.6) and (4.7) by using the weight function ω_0 and by noting the following identity:

$$\frac{\omega_0(G)}{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{M}_k} \omega_0(H)} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}, \quad \text{where } G = \mathbb{Z}/2^{k+i}\mathbb{Z}.$$

In (4.6) (resp. (4.7)), the total space is \mathcal{M}_{e+1} (resp. \mathcal{M}_1).

(3) By Lemma 3.4(1), (4.6) has the following equivalent form about the distribution of fundamental units: for each $i \geq 0$ and $e \in \{0, 1\}$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \text{ prime} : l \leq x, l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}, \nu_2(a_l) = i + 2 + e\}}{\#\{l \text{ prime} : l \leq x, l \equiv (-1)^e \pmod{8}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \quad (4.8)$$

(4) Finally, for $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, (4.6) actually has a finer form: for $i \geq 0$ and $a \in \{1, 9\}$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv a \pmod{16}, t_2(l) = 2^{i+1}\}}{\#\{l \leq x : l \equiv a \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \quad (4.9)$$

The cases $i = 0$ and 1 were proved in Theorem 1.3. We actually speculate that this is the case for all sub-congruent classes $a \pmod{2^k}$ of $1 \pmod{8}$.

In the case $a = 9$, let χ_l be the associated Dirichlet character of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l})$ and $L_2(s, \chi_l)$ be its 2-adic L -function, by the 2-adic class number formula (see [22, Theorem 5.24]) and Coates' order formula (3.1), (4.9) has the following equivalent form which was implicitly proposed by Shanks-Sime-Washington in [19, p. 1253]:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{l \text{ prime} : l \leq x, l \equiv 9 \pmod{16} \text{ and } \nu_2(L_2(1, \chi_l)) = i + 2\}}{\#\{l \text{ prime} : l \leq x \text{ and } l \equiv 9 \pmod{16}\}} = \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}. \quad (4.10)$$

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[theorem]Conjecture

Appendix A Data for Conjecture 4.1

In Tables 1-4, we let the middle value be the ratio of field F such that $\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong G$ among all quadratic fields whose absolute discriminant $\leq B$, and \mathbb{D} be the value predicted by Conjecture 4.1.

Table 1 \mathcal{T}_5 of real quadratic fields

$G \backslash B$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^3$
10^7	0.1876	0.03694	1.375 e-3	3.277 e-4	0
$2 * 10^7$	0.1880	0.03712	1.396 e-3	3.463 e-4	1.645 e-7
$3 * 10^7$	0.1880	0.03727	1.416 e-3	3.439 e-4	2.193 e-7
$4 * 10^7$	0.1880	0.03739	1.438 e-3	3.447 e-4	3.290 e-7
$5 * 10^7$	0.1882	0.03740	1.453 e-3	3.430 e-4	2.632 e-7
\mathbb{D}	0.1901	0.03802	1.584 e-3	3.802 e-4	5.110 e-7

Table 2 \mathcal{T}_7 of real quadratic fields

$G \backslash B$	$\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/49\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^3$
10^7	0.1377	0.01950	3.622 e-4	0
$2 * 10^7$	0.1382	0.01956	3.622 e-4	0
$3 * 10^7$	0.1383	0.01963	3.713 e-4	0
$4 * 10^7$	0.1385	0.01966	3.764 e-4	0
$5 * 10^7$	0.1385	0.01968	3.833 e-4	5.483 e-8
\mathbb{D}	0.1395	0.01992	4.151 e-4	2.477 e-8

Table 3 \mathcal{T}_5 of imaginary quadratic fields

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^3$
10^7	0.04558	1.767 e-3	6.185 e-5	6.580 e-7	0
$2 * 10^7$	0.04584	1.789 e-3	6.004 e-5	1.645 e-6	0
$3 * 10^7$	0.04604	1.801 e-3	6.152 e-5	2.084 e-6	0
$4 * 10^7$	0.04613	1.809 e-3	6.424 e-5	2.385 e-6	0
$5 * 10^7$	0.04618	1.915 e-3	6.659 e-5	2.237 e-6	0
\mathbb{D}	0.04752	1.901 e-3	7.920 e-5	3.802 e-6	5.110 e-9

Table 4 \mathcal{T}_7 of imaginary quadratic fields

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/49\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^3$
10^7	0.02287	0.00043	3.619 e-6	0
$2 * 10^7$	0.02297	0.00045	5.263 e-6	0
$3 * 10^7$	0.02302	0.00045	5.593 e-6	0
$4 * 10^7$	0.02307	0.00045	6.827 e-6	0
$5 * 10^7$	0.02307	0.00045	7.435 e-6	0
\mathbb{D}	0.02324	0.00047	9.883 e-6	8.425 e-11

Appendix B Data for Conjecture 4.3

In the last six Tables, we let the middle value be the ratio of field F such that $\mathcal{T}_p(F) \cong G$ among all quadratic fields whose absolute discriminant $\leq B$, and \mathbb{D} be the value predicted by Conjecture 4.3.

Table 5 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-l})$, $l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/128\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.7508	0.1867	0.04704	0.01172	2.905 e-3
$2 * 10^7$	0.7501	0.1872	0.04708	0.01170	3.062 e-3
$3 * 10^7$	0.7501	0.1878	0.04658	0.01169	2.977 e-3
$4 * 10^7$	0.7498	0.1881	0.04666	0.01166	2.910 e-3
$5 * 10^7$	0.7496	0.1880	0.04694	0.01160	2.934 e-3
\mathbb{D}	0.75	0.1875	0.04688	0.01172	2.930 e-3

Table 6 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2l}), l \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.7508	0.1876	0.04611	0.01144	3.134 e-3
$2 * 10^7$	0.7501	0.1886	0.04604	0.01142	3.075 e-3
$3 * 10^7$	0.7501	0.1885	0.04611	0.01140	3.029 e-3
$4 * 10^7$	0.7498	0.1885	0.04633	0.01153	3.032 e-3
$5 * 10^7$	0.7496	0.1883	0.04655	0.01157	3.051 e-3
\mathbb{D}	0.7500	0.1875	0.04688	0.01172	2.930 e-3

Table 7 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l}), l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.5002	0.2499	0.1245	0.06236	0.03169	0.01553
$2 * 10^7$	0.5000	0.2499	0.1245	0.06255	0.03163	0.01567
$3 * 10^7$	0.5005	0.2496	0.1246	0.06278	0.03115	0.01560
$4 * 10^7$	0.5003	0.2496	0.1247	0.06278	0.03115	0.01564
$5 * 10^7$	0.5001	0.2497	0.1247	0.06281	0.03116	0.01567
\mathbb{D}	0.5000	0.2500	0.1250	0.06250	0.03125	0.01563

Table 8 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{l}), l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/128\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.5000	0.2484	0.1260	0.06361	0.03103	0.01518
$2 * 10^7$	0.5000	0.2494	0.1255	0.06265	0.03123	0.01534
$3 * 10^7$	0.4998	0.2497	0.1252	0.06278	0.03109	0.01557
$4 * 10^7$	0.4999	0.2497	0.1254	0.06246	0.03112	0.01570
$5 * 10^7$	0.5001	0.2497	0.1254	0.06237	0.03116	0.01570
\mathbb{D}	0.5000	0.2500	0.1250	0.06250	0.03125	0.01563

Table 9 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2l}), l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.5006	0.2515	0.1237	0.06214	0.03100	0.01564
$2 * 10^7$	0.5004	0.2511	0.1239	0.06219	0.03105	0.01576
$3 * 10^7$	0.5001	0.2506	0.1245	0.06256	0.03093	0.01572
$4 * 10^7$	0.5001	0.2505	0.1249	0.06233	0.03090	0.01564
$5 * 10^7$	0.5000	0.2503	0.1252	0.06236	0.03083	0.01572
\mathbb{D}	0.5000	0.2500	0.1250	0.06250	0.03125	0.01563

Table 10 \mathcal{T}_2 of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2l}), l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ and l is a prime

$B \backslash G$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/32\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/64\mathbb{Z}$
10^7	0.5000	0.2484	0.1253	0.06378	0.03129	0.01565
$2 * 10^7$	0.5000	0.2494	0.1253	0.06258	0.03137	0.01565
$3 * 10^7$	0.4998	0.2497	0.1254	0.06258	0.03116	0.01575
$4 * 10^7$	0.4999	0.2497	0.1252	0.06267	0.03129	0.01569
$5 * 10^7$	0.5001	0.2497	0.1250	0.06268	0.03126	0.01573
\mathbb{D}	0.5000	0.2500	0.1250	0.06250	0.03125	0.01563