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Abstract

This thesis is a part of a program to study the Second Chinburg Conjecture. Let N be a quaternion extension of the rational: containing $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$, where $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ and $d_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{16}$. A projective $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$ -module inside the ring of integers \mathcal{O}_N is constructed and is used, together with a cohomological classification of cohomologically trivial, 2-primary Q-modules, to compare $\Omega(N/\mathbb{Q}, 2)$, Chinburg's second invariant, with $W_{N/\mathbb{Q}}$, the root number class defined by Ph. Cassou-Nougès and A. Fröhlich. The Second Chinburg Conjecture for this extension N/\mathbb{Q} is confirmed. Together with results of J. Hooper and S. Kim this calculation verifies the Second Chinburg Conjecture for all quaternion extensions of the rationals.

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Preface

Let K be an algebraic number field and N/K be a finite normal extension with Galois group G. Now let \mathcal{O}_N be the ring of algebraic integers of N. By Noether's theorem, \mathcal{O}_N is projective as a $\mathbf{Z}[G]$ -module if and only if N/K is at most tamely ramified. In this case, Taylor proved that $[\mathcal{O}_N] = W_{N/K}$ in the class group $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G])$ (Fröhlich's Conjecture), where $W_{N/K}$ is the root number class defined by Cassou-Noguès and Fröhlich by means of the Artin root numbers of the irreducible symplectic representations of G.

Chinburg defined Galois invariants $\Omega(N/K, i)$, i = 1, 2, 3 of N/K in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G])$, proved $\Omega(N/K, 2) = [\mathcal{O}_N]$ for arbitrary extensions N/K which are at most tamely ramified, and conjectured (The Second Chinburg Conjecture) that $\Omega(N/K, 2) = W_{N/K}$.

This conjecture has a considerable amount of supporting evidence. In the first

place it generalises the conjecture of Fröhlich. As to further evidence, several wildly ramified examples have been verified for $K = \mathbb{Q}$. The case where $Gal(N/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Q}_8$ and the prime 2 is not totally ramified was proved by Kim. The case where N is a p-cyclotomic extension of degree p^n over \mathbb{Q} , for an odd regular prime p, was verified by Snaith. Recently, Greither has shown that this conjecture holds for all abelian extensions of \mathbb{Q} with odd conductor. Apart from this direction, Holland proved that $\Omega(N/K, 2) - W_{N/K}$ is in the kernel group $D(\mathbb{Z}[G])$.

The purpose of this thesis is to study the Second Chinburg Conjecture for two families of quaternion fields over the rationals in which the prime 2 is totally ramified using the techniques of Snaith [32]. This work consists of three chapters.

Chapter 1 deals with definitions and basic properties that lead to the statement of the Second Chinburg Conjecture. The main materials for this chapter can be found in Snaith [32, 33].

In Chapter 2, two local quaternion extensions (Q_8 -extensions) of Q_2 are introduced. A special map k is defined and proved to be injective. We also present some computational results using Maple which enable us to proceed with the third chapter.

Chapter 3 is devoted to verifying the Second Chinburg Conjecture for quaternion extensions over the rationals whose 2-adic completion is one of the Q_8 -extensions of Section 2.1. Section 3.1 is concerned with the proof of the main result and the

introduction of three $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$ -modules used to compare $W_{N/\mathbb{Q}}$ with $\Omega(N/\mathbb{Q},2)$. The classes of these modules in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8])$ are computed in Sections 3.2 to 3.4.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The goal of this chapter is to present basic definitions and results which enable us to state the Second Chinburg Conjecture and provide prerequisites. A more extensive reference for the material of this chapter are Fröhlich [11] and Snaith [32, 33].

1.1 Class Groups

In this section we briefly introduce Fröhlich's Hom-description of the class group of finitely generated, locally free modules.

Let K be an algebraic number field, i.e. a finite extension of Q. Denote by \mathcal{O}_K the ring of algebraic integers of K. A prime \mathcal{P} of K is an equivalence class

of valuations of K. There are two types of primes: finite (non-Archimedean) and infinite (Archimedean). The finite primes belong to the prime ideals of K. The infinite primes correspond to the embeddings of K into R or C. We write $\mathcal{P} \not \mid \infty$ if \mathcal{P} is finite and $\mathcal{P} \mid \infty$ if \mathcal{P} is infinite. Each prime \mathcal{P} determines a completion $K_{\mathcal{P}}$ of K. If $\mathcal{P} \not \mid \infty$, then $K_{\mathcal{P}}$ is a \mathcal{P} -adic number field. If $\mathcal{P} \mid \infty$, then $K_{\mathcal{P}} = R$ or $K_{\mathcal{P}} = C$. The adèle ring of K is defined to be the ring given by the restricted product

$$J(K) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}}' K_p,$$

where Π' signifies that we take those elements of the direct product $\Pi_{\mathcal{P}} K_{\mathcal{P}}$ for which almost all entries lie in the ring of integers $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}$. When \mathcal{P} is an infinite prime we adopt the convention that $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}} = K_{\mathcal{P}}$.

The group of idèles $J^*(K)$ is the group of units in J(K)

$$J^{ullet}(K) = \{(x_{\mathcal{P}}) \in J(K) \mid x_{\mathcal{P}} \neq 0 \text{ and almost everywhere } x_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}^*\}$$

where, as usual, $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\bullet}$ denotes the multiplicative group of units in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}$.

The unit idèles is the subgroup of $J^*(K)$ in which every entry is a unit,

$$U(\mathcal{O}_K) = \prod_{\mathcal{P} \text{ prime}} \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\bullet}.$$

Now let G be a finite group. We may extend the definitions of adèles and idèles

to the group-rings, $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ and K[G]. Define

$$J(K[G]) = \prod_{\mathcal{P} \text{ prime }}^{\prime} K_{\mathcal{P}}[G],$$

$$J^{\bullet}(K[G]) = \{(\alpha_{\mathcal{P}}) \in J(K[G]) \mid \alpha_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]^{\bullet} \text{ for almost}$$

$$\text{all } \mathcal{P} \text{ and } \alpha_{\mathcal{P}} \in K_{\mathcal{P}}[G]^{\bullet} \text{ otherwise}\},$$

$$U(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) = \prod_{\mathcal{P} \text{ prime }} \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]^{\bullet}.$$

We now suppose that E/K is a finite Galois extension with Galois group G(E/K). In this case G(E/K) acts on the set of primes of E and hence acts upon the groups $J^{\bullet}(E), U(\mathcal{O}_{E}), J^{\bullet}(E[G])$ and $U(\mathcal{O}_{E}[G])$. If Q is a prime of E which divides the prime \mathcal{P} of K, then $G(E_{Q}/K_{\mathcal{P}})$ is a subgroup of G(E/K) which is called a decomposition group for \mathcal{P} and depends only on \mathcal{P} , up to conjugation in G(E/K).

Suppose now that E is large enough to contain all |G|-th roots of unity. Denote by $R_E(G)$ the subring of R(G) which is generated by representations of the form ρ : $G \longrightarrow GL_n(E)$. In this case (see Snaith [1994a], Theorem 4.1.9(i)), $R_E(G) = R(G)$ and G(E/K) acts upon R(G) by the entry-by-entry action on a representation

$$T:G\to GL_n(E)$$
.

Therefore we may consider the group of G(E/K)-equivariant maps

$$Hom_{G(E/K)}(R(G), J^*(E)) = \{f : R(G) \to J^*(E) \mid f(g(z)) = g(f(z)) \}$$
for all $g \in G(E/K), z \in R(G) \}$.

Example of such function can be found in Section 1.3.

More generally, if L/K is a Galois extension which contains E/K then G(L/K) acts on R(G) and $J^{\bullet}(L)$, since E/K is Galois and G(E/K) is a quotient of G(L/K). Therefore we may pass to the absolute Galois group Ω_K which is the topological group defined by

$$\Omega_K = \varprojlim G(L/K)$$

where $L \subset K^c$, a chosen algebraic closure of K, and the groups G(L/K) are the Galois groups of finite Galois extensions L of K. In this case we have

$$Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), J^*(E)) = Hom_{G(E/K)}(R(G), J^*(E)).$$

Let M be an $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -module of rank one which is locally free. This means that $M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}$ is a free $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]$ -module on one generator $x_{\mathcal{P}}$ for each prime \mathcal{P} of K and that $M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K$ is a free K[G]-module on one generator, x_0 . Incidentally, a finitely generated module over $\mathbf{Z}[G]$ is locally free if it is, for example, a summand of a free module. Since K[G] and $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]$ are subrings of $K_{\mathcal{P}}[G]$ we may compare these bases for the $K_{\mathcal{P}}[G]$ -module $M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K_{\mathcal{P}}$. This means that there is a unit,

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{P}} \in K_{\mathcal{P}}[G]^{\bullet}$$

which is defined by

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}\cdot x_0=x_{\mathcal{P}}\in M\otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K}K_{\mathcal{P}}.$$

In fact, $\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}$ will almost always lie in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]^{\bullet}$ so that we obtain an idèle

$$(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}) \in J^*(K[G]).$$

More generally, if M is a locally free module of rank n this comparison of bases will yield an invertible $n \times n$ -matrix with adèlic entries

$$(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}) \in GL_n(J(K[G])).$$

If R is a ring then we may define the first algebraic K-group, $K_1(R)$, as the abelianisation of $GL(R) = \bigcup GL_n(R)$ where $GL_n(R)$ is included into $GL_{n+1}(R)$ by sending a matrix, X to the direct sum of X with the 1×1 identity matrix. The commutator subgroup of GL(R) is the subgroup E(R) generated by elementary matrices so that $K_1(R) = GL(R)/E(R)$.

Hence we obtain

$$(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}) \in K_1(J(K[G])) = \prod_{\mathcal{P} \text{ prime}}' K_1(K_{\mathcal{P}}[G])$$

where the weak product indicates that almost all of the entries are in the first algebraic K-group $K_1(\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G])$.

Now suppose that T is a representation

$$T: G \longrightarrow GL_m(E)$$
.

We may apply T to each $\lambda_{\mathcal{P}} \in GL_n(K_{\mathcal{P}}[G])$ (or $\lambda_{\mathcal{P}} \in K_1(K_{\mathcal{P}}[G])$) to obtain an invertible matrix

$$T(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}) \in M_{mn}(K_{\mathcal{P}} \otimes_K E)$$

where $M_n(A)$ denotes the $n \times n$ matrices with entries in A (or $T(\lambda_P) \in K_1(K_P \otimes_K E) \cong (K_P \otimes_K E)^*$). There is a ring isomorphism of the form

$$K_{\mathcal{P}} \otimes_K E \cong \prod_{\substack{Q \mid \mathcal{P} \\ Q \text{ prime of } E}} E_{\mathcal{Q}}$$

Therefore we obtain an element

$$det(T(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}})) \in \prod_{\substack{\mathcal{Q} \mid \mathcal{P} \\ \mathcal{Q} \text{ prime of } E}} E_{\mathcal{Q}}^*$$

Since $(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}) \in GL_n(J(K[G]))$ we obtain an Ω_K -equivariant map, given by $det(T(\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}))$ at the primes of E which divide \mathcal{P} ,

$$Det((\lambda_{\mathcal{P}})) \in Hom_{\Omega_{\mathcal{K}}}(R(G), J^{*}(E)).$$

Now let us consider the dependence of this construction upon the choices of the basis elements, x_0 and x_p . The discussion is similar in the case of modules of rank greater than one. If we replace x_p by another generator, x'_p , these choices will be related by an equation

$$x_{\mathcal{P}}' = u_{\mathcal{P}} x_{\mathcal{P}}$$

for some $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]^*$ so that we obtain a unit idèle

$$u = (u_{\mathcal{P}}) \in U(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$$

and $Det((\lambda_{\mathcal{P}}))$ will be altered by multiplication by

$$Det(u) \in Det(U(\mathcal{O}_K[G])) \subset Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), J^*(E)).$$

Also, there is a diagonal embedding of E^* into $J^*(E)$ which induces an inclusion

$$Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^*) \subset Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), J^*(E)).$$

By a similar argument, changing x_0 to x_0' will change $Det((\lambda_P))$ by a function which lies in the subgroup $Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^*)$. Therefore we have associated to each finitely generated, locally free $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -module, M, a well-defined element

$$Det[M] \in \frac{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), J^*(E))}{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^*) \cdot Det(U(\mathcal{O}_K[G]))}.$$

Now let us recall the definition of the class-group, $\mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$. This is defined to be the *Grothendieck group* of finitely generated, locally free $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -modules. To be precise, consider the set of isomorphism classes of finitely generated, locally free $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -modules, $Mod.l.f.(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$. This set is a monoid if we endow it with an addition operation defined by

$$[M] + [N] = [M \oplus N]$$

where [-] denotes an isomorphism class. We now define an equivalence relation on $Mod.l.f.(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$ which is generated by two types of relations:

(i) $[M] \sim [N]$ if for some m, n,

$$M \oplus (\mathcal{O}_K[G])^m \cong N \oplus (\mathcal{O}_K[G])^n$$

and

(ii) $[A] + [C] \sim [B]$ if there exists an exact sequence of $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$
.

Definition 1.1.1 With the above notation,

$$\mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) = \{Mod.l.f.(\mathcal{O}_K[G])\}/\sim$$
.

Incidentally, it is known that $\mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$ is generated by locally free $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$ -modules of rank one. The following connection between the Det-construction and the class-group is called the 'Hom-description' and is due to Fröhlich.

Theorem 1.1.2 (Curtis and Reiner [7], page 334; Fröhlich [9]) With the notation introduced above there is an isomorphism

$$Det: \mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), J^{\bullet}(E))}{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^{\bullet}) \cdot Det(U(\mathcal{O}_K[G]))}$$

which sends a locally free module, M, to the class of $Det((\lambda_P))$ defined in Section 1.1

Definition 1.1.3 The kernel group, $D(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$. An \mathcal{O}_K -order, Λ in K[G], is a subring containing \mathcal{O}_K , which is a finitely generated, projective \mathcal{O}_K -module such that $K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \Lambda = K[G]$. Suppose that Λ is a maximal \mathcal{O}_K -order of K[G], then we may define the kernel group, $D(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$ by

$$D(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) = ker(\mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) \longrightarrow \mathcal{CL}(\Lambda))$$

where $CL(\Lambda)$ is the class-group of Λ , defined by a Grothendieck group construction analogous to that of Definition 1.1.1. The group, $D(\mathcal{O}_K[G])$, defined in this manner, is independent of the choice of Λ .

There is a Hom-description of this group also.

To describe this we need to introduce a subgroup

$$Hom_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G), \mathcal{O}_E^*) \subset Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), \mathcal{O}_E^*).$$

A complex representation T is symplectic if it is of the form

$$T: G \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{H}) \stackrel{c}{\longrightarrow} GL_{2n}(\mathbb{C}),$$

where $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{R}[i, j, k]$ is the division ring of real quaternions and c is the complexification homomorphism, i.e. if we write X = Y + Wj, where $Y, W \in GL_n(\mathbf{R}[i])$,

then

$$c(X) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} Y & -W \\ \overline{W} & \overline{Y} \end{array}\right).$$

A character χ is called symplectic if it is the character of a symplectic representation. Suppose that χ is a symplectic character. Then complex conjugation fixes χ in R(G) so that if $f \in Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^*)$ and if K is a subfield of the real numbers R, then $f(\chi)$ lies in R for every Archimedean prime of E which extends $K \subset R$. Therefore it makes sense to define $Hom_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G), E^*)$ to be

$$\{f \in Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), E^*) \mid f(\chi) \text{ is positive, } \chi \text{ symplectic } \}$$

where positive means that $f(\chi)$ is positive under every Archimedean place of E which lies over a real place of K.

Similarly we may define

$$\operatorname{Hom}\nolimits_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G),\mathcal{O}_E^*)=\{f\in\operatorname{Hom}\nolimits_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G),E^*)\mid\operatorname{im}\nolimits(f)\subset\mathcal{O}_E^*\}$$

Theorem 1.1.4 (Curtis and Reiner [7], page 334) The isomorphism of Theorem 1.1.3 induces an isomorphism

$$Det: D(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), U(\mathcal{O}_E))}{Hom_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G), \mathcal{O}_E^*) \cdot Det(U(\mathcal{O}_K[G]))}.$$

Remark 1.1.5 $\mathcal{O}_{E_{\mathcal{Q}}}[G]$ is a maximal $\mathcal{O}_{E_{\mathcal{Q}}}$ -order in $E_{\mathcal{Q}}[G]$ for all primes, \mathcal{Q} , which do not divide the order of G. Using this fact one may rewrite Theorem 1.1.4 as an isomorphism of the following form.

$$Det: D(\mathcal{O}_K[G]) \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{Hom_{\Omega_K}(R(G), \prod_{\mathcal{Q}||G|} \mathcal{O}_{E_{\mathcal{Q}}}^{\bullet})}{Hom_{\Omega_K}^+(R(G), \mathcal{O}_E^{\bullet}) \cdot Det(\prod_{\mathcal{P}||G|} \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G]^{\bullet})}.$$

Remark 1.1.6 Let Q_8 be a quaternion group of order 8, i.e.

$$Q_8 = \{x, y \mid x^2 = y^2, y^4 = 1, xyx^{-1} = y^{-1}\},$$

then $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])$ has order 2 (Martinet [25]). A new definition of the isomorphism of the form

$$n: \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]) \to (\mathbf{Z}/4)^* \cong \mathbf{Z}/2,$$

can be found in Snaith [33], Section 5.2.

1.2 Artin Root Numbers

Let L/K be a finite, Galois extension of number fields and let χ be the character of a finite dimensional complex representation of G(L/K). The extended Artin L-function, $\Lambda_K(s,\chi)$ (see Snaith [33], page 334), is a meromorphic function of the complex variable, s, satisfying the following properties:

- (i) $\Lambda_K(s,\chi_1 \oplus \chi_2) = \Lambda_K(s,\chi_1)\Lambda_K(s,\chi_2);$
- (ii) If $K \subset L \subset N$ is a chain of finite Galois extensions and $G(N/K) \to G(L/K)$ is the canonical map, then

$$\Lambda_K(s, Inf_{G(L/K)}^{G(N/K)}(\chi)) = \Lambda_K(s, \chi);$$

(iii) If F is an intermediate field of L/K and ψ is a character of G(L/F), then

$$\Lambda_K(s, Ind_{G(L/F)}^{G(L/K)}(\psi)) = \Lambda_F(s, \psi);$$

(iv) If $\overline{\chi}$ denotes the complex conjugation of χ , then

$$\Lambda_K(1-s,\chi)=W_K(\chi)\Lambda_K(s,\overline{\chi}),$$

where $W_K(\chi)$ is a complex number of absolute value one.

The invariant $W_K(\chi)$ is called the Artin root number of χ . It satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $W_K(\chi_1 \oplus \chi_2) = W_K(\chi_1)W_K(\chi_2);$
- (ii) If $K \subset L \subset N$ is a chain of finite Galois extensions and $G(N/K) \to G(L/K)$ is the canonical map, then

$$W_K(Inf_{G(L/K)}^{G(N/K)}(\chi)) = W_K(\chi);$$

(iii) If F is an intermediate field of L/K and ψ is a character of G(L/F), then

$$W_K(Ind_{G(L/F)}^{G(L/K)}(\psi)) = W_F(\psi).$$

The Artin root number $W_K(\chi)$ may be determined locally in this case. If v is a prime of K and w is a prime of L above v with the corresponding decomposition group $G(L_w/K_v)$, let $\chi_v = Res_{G(L_w/K_v)}^{G(L/K)}(\chi)$ and $W_v = W_{K_v}$. Then by a result of Tate in 1950, (see Snaith [32], Theorem 1.4.11),

$$W_K(\chi) = \prod_{v} W_v(\chi_v).$$

In the above formula, the term $W_{\nu}(\chi_{\nu})$ is called the *local root number* associated to χ . To give the definition of the local root number, we first define the *abelian local Gauss sum*.

Let K/\mathbb{Q}_p be an extension of local fields. We define the non-trivial additive character $\psi_K: K \to \mathbb{C}^*$ as the composition of the following four maps:

$$K \xrightarrow{Tr_{K/\mathbf{Q}p}} \mathbf{Q}_p \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathbf{Q}_p/\mathbf{Z}_p \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z} \xrightarrow{exp} \mathbf{C}^*$$

where:

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- (i) Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p} is the trace homomorphism,
- (ii) λ is the canonical projection,
- (iii) μ is the canonical injection which maps Q_p/Z_p onto the p-component of the divisible group Q/Z_p ,
- (iv) exp is the exponential map $x \mapsto e^{2\pi ix}$.

For every $x \in \mathbf{Q}_p$, there is a rational number r, uniquely defined modulo 1, such that $x - r \in \mathbf{Z}_p$. Then $\exp \circ \mu \circ \lambda(x) = \exp \circ \mu \circ \lambda(r) = e^{2\pi i r}$.

The codifferent of K, \mathcal{D}_K^{-1} , is defined to be the largest fractional ideal of K for which ψ_K is trivial.

Now suppose that L/K is a Galois extension of local fields and that θ is the character of a one-dimensional Galois representation. We may factor θ uniquely through the abelianisation $G(L/K)^{ab}$. From local class field theory, there is a natural isomorphism of the form

$$G(L/K)^{ab} \stackrel{\cong}{\longrightarrow} K^{\bullet}/N_{L/K}(L^{\bullet}),$$

and hence we may identify θ with a unique continuous homomorphism of the form

$$\theta: K^* \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}^*$$

which is trivial on $N_{L/K}(L^*)$.

Making this identification, we define the associated abelian local Gauss sum $\tau(\theta)$ by the formula

$$\tau(\theta) = \sum_{x \in U_K^0/U_K^{n(\theta)}} \theta(x/c) \psi_K(x/c)$$

where $n(\theta)$ is the least integer such that the character θ is trivial on the subgroup $U_K^{n(\theta)}$ and c is a generator of the ideal $f(\theta)\mathcal{D}_K$. Here, $f(\theta) = \mathcal{P}_K^{n(\theta)}$ is called the *local Artin conductor ideal* of θ and \mathcal{D}_K is the different of K.

The local root number of the character θ of a one-dimensional Galois representation of a local field K can be defined explicitly in the following manner.

- (i) If $K = \mathbb{C}$, set $W_K(\theta) = 1$.
- (ii) If $K = \mathbb{R}$, set

$$W_K(\theta) = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 & ext{if θ is trivial} \ -i & ext{otherwise.} \end{array}
ight.$$

(iii) If K is non-Archimedean, set

$$W_K(\theta) = \tau(\overline{\theta})/(\sqrt{N(f(\theta))}).$$

Now let L/K be a Galois extension of local fields. By a result of Tate [37], the abelian root number defined above can be extended uniquely to the local root number homomorphism

$$W_K: R(G(L/K)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}^{\bullet}$$

which takes values in complex numbers of norm one and satisfies the following properties:

(i) $W_K(\chi_1 \oplus \chi_2) = W_K(\chi_1)W_K(\chi_2);$

(ii) If $K \subset L \subset N$ is a chain of finite Galois extensions and $G(N/K) \to G(L/K)$ is the canonical map, then

$$W_K(Inf_{G(L/K)}^{G(N/K)}(\chi)) = W_K(\chi);$$

(iii) If F is an intermediate field of L/K and χ is a character of G(L/F), then

$$W_K(Ind_{G(L/F)}^{G(L/K)}(\chi - dim(\chi))) = W_F(\chi).$$

Note that $W_K(1) = 1$.

The non-abelian local Gauss sum is defined from the root number by the formula

$$W_K(\chi) = \tau(\overline{\chi})/(\sqrt{N(f(\chi))}).$$

1.3 Root Number Classes

In this section we shall describe the root number class which was introduced by Cassou-Noguès and Fröhlich (see Snaith [33], Chapter 7).

Let L/K be a finite, Galois extension of number fields and let χ be the character of a finite-dimensional complex representation of G(L/K). To this data, in Section 1.2, is attached the Artin root number of χ . If χ is a symplectic character, then it follows from the functional equation of the extended Artin L-function that $W_K(\overline{\chi}) = \overline{W_K(\chi)}$. Hence if $\chi = \overline{\chi}$, then $W_K(\chi)$ is real; as it is of absolute value 1 it must be ± 1 . Therefore, if χ is symplectic, then $W_K(\chi) \in \{\pm 1\}$.

In terms of these invariants of analytic origins we may define a class

$$W_{L/K} \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$$

in the following manner. We shall use the Hom-description of Theorem 1.1. Let E/Q be a large Galois extension of the rational numbers, as in Section 1.1.

The absolute Galois group $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$ acts transitively on the infinite places of E. Let v_{∞} denote one of these places. Define a homomorphism

$$W'_{L/K} \in Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(G(L/K)), J^*(E))$$

by the following formula for the v-th coordinate of $W'_{L/K}(\chi)$, where χ is any irreducible character:

$$W'_{L/K}(\chi)_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is finite} \end{cases}$$

$$1 & \text{if } \chi \text{ is not symplectic}$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(W_K(\alpha(\chi))) & \text{if } \chi \text{ symplectic, } v = \alpha^{-1}(v_\infty), \alpha \in \Omega_Q.$$

By construction, $W'_{L/K}(\chi)$ is $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -equivariant and therefore represents a class, $W_{L/K}$, in the class-group. However, we must show that the construction of $W_{L/K}$ is independent of the choice of v_{∞} . In the tamely ramified case it is possible to define $W_{L/K}$ without making a choice of v_{∞} and in this form the construction of $W_{L/K}$ was introduced by Ph. Cassou-Noguès [1]. The definition of $W_{L/K}$ for wildly ramified extensions L/K is due to A. Fröhlich [10] (see Chinburg [3], page 18).

Proposition 1.3.1 The class, $W_{L/K}$, defined above is independent of the choice of

υ_∞ and satisfies

$$2W_{L/K} = 0 \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

Proof The fact that $W_{L/K}$ is 2-torsion follows from the fact that Artin root numbers of symplectic characters lie in $\{\pm 1\}$.

If χ is a character of G(L/K), let $N(f(\chi))$ denote the absolute norm of the Artin conductor ideal of Section 1.2. Write $\sqrt{N(f(\chi))}$ for the positive square-root of $N(f(\chi))$. Since $\sqrt{N(f(\chi))}$ is a positive real number, the elements

$$\alpha^{-1}(\sqrt{(Nf(\alpha(\chi)))}) = \alpha^{-1}(\sqrt{(Nf(\chi))}) \in E_{\alpha^{-1}(v_{\infty})}^*$$

are positive reals at all infinite places $\alpha^{-1}(v_{\infty})$. Hence we may define

$$h \in Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(G(L/K)), J^{\bullet}(E))$$

by replacing $\alpha^{-1}(W_K(\alpha(\chi)))$ with $\alpha^{-1}(\sqrt{(Nf(\alpha(\chi)))})$ in the definition of $W'_{L/K}(\chi)_v$. The resulting class is equal to one at all finite places and is totally positive on symplectic representations at all infinite places. By Taylor [38], page 9 (see also Chinburg [3], page 19,(2.6.1) (proof)) h is a determinant and represents the trivial element in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$. Hence $W_{L/K}$ may be represented by $W'_{L/K} \cdot h^{-1}$. However, when χ is irreducible and symplectic,

$$\frac{\alpha^{-1}(W_K(\alpha(\chi)))}{\alpha^{-1}(\sqrt{(Nf(\alpha(\chi))))}} = \frac{W_K(\chi)}{\sqrt{(Nf(\chi))}}$$

(Chinburg [5], page 327) so that the $\alpha^{-1}(v_{\infty})$ -component of this representative for $W_{L/K}$ is independent of α and hence does not depend on the choice of v_{∞} .

1.4 Local Chinburg Invariants

We are now in a position to describe the local Chinburg invariants (c.f. Chinburg [4]). Let L/K be a Galois extension of p-adic local fields. If $U \subset L^*$ is a $\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -submodule which is cohomologically trivial and L^*/U is a finitely generated $\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -module, then there is an exact sequence of the form

$$L^*/U \longrightarrow A/U \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z},$$

where A and B are cohomologically trivial, and both A/U and B are finitely generated $\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -modules. This is because $H^2(G(L/K); L^*/U) \cong Ext_{\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]}^2$ classifies such exact sequences as 2-extensions. This exact sequence is described in Snaith [32], Section 2.2.2, and represents the preimage of $[L:K]^{-1}$ under the natural canonical isomorphism $inv: H^2(G(L/K); L^*/U) \cong \mathbf{Z}/[L:K] \subset \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ (for more details on this canonical embedding see Serre [28]). In any case, a finitely generated, cohomologically trivial $\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -module, X, has a finitely generated projective

resolution of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow 0$$

and therefore defines a class

$$[X] = [P_0] - [P_1] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

Therefore we have classes [A/U] and [B] in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$, and we may define a class, which we shall call the *local Chinburg invariant*

$$\Omega(L/K, U) = [A/U] - [B] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

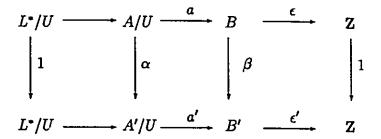
Proposition 1.4.1 (Snaith [32], page 47) The class $\Omega(L/K, U)$ is independent of the choice of A and B in the 2-extension

$$L^*/U \longrightarrow A/U \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}.$$

Proof Let

$$L^{\bullet}/U \longrightarrow A'/U \longrightarrow B' \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}$$

be another 2-extension, with A'/U, B' finitely generated and A', B' cohomologically trivial, and which represents $inv^{-1}([L:K]^{-1}) \in H^2(G(L/K);L^{\bullet}/U)$. Therefore there is a commutative diagram resulting from the equivalence of these two 2-extensions:



We may form a chain complex of $\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -homomorphisms

$$0 \longrightarrow A/U \xrightarrow{(a,\alpha)} B \oplus A'/U \xrightarrow{(\beta,-a')} B' \longrightarrow 0.$$

It suffices to show that this sequence is exact, since exactness implies the relation

$$[A/U] + [B'] = [A/U \oplus B'] = [B \oplus A'/U] = [B] + [A'/U] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

However, at the left, if $(a, \alpha)(z) = (0, 0)$ then $z \in L^*/U \subset A/U$ and then $0 = \alpha(z) = z$. Also, at the right, if $b' \in B'$ we may choose $b \in B$ such that c(b) = c'(b') and then $b' - \beta(b) \in \ker(c') = im(a')$. Finally, if $b \in B$ and $x \in A'/U$ satisfy $\beta(b) = a'(x)$ then c(b) = c'(a'(x)) = 0 so that $b \in im(a)$ and b = a(y). Therefore

$$a'(x - \alpha(y)) = \beta(b) - a'(\alpha(y))$$
$$= \beta(b) - \beta(a(y))$$
$$= 0$$

so that $x = \alpha(y) + w$ for some $w \in L^*/U$ and

$$(a,\alpha)(y+w) = (a(y) + a(w), \alpha(y) + \alpha(w))$$
$$= (a(y), \alpha(y) + w)$$
$$= (b,x)$$

which establishes exactness in the middle.

1.5 Global Chinburg Invariants

Let L/K be a finite Galois extension of number fields. In Chinburg [4] three class-group invariants, $\Omega(L/K,i) \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$, were constructed in a cohomological matiner which is analogous to the construction of the local invariant of Section 1.4. We shall now give a definition of $\Omega(L/K,2)$. This definition (Snaith [32]) is an adaptation of the original definition and is due to S. Kim [21] (see also Kim [22]) and is also used in Wilson [41].

For each finite prime $\mathcal{P} \lhd \mathcal{O}_K$, choose a prime $Q \lhd \mathcal{O}_L$ lying over it, so that the decomposition group of Q is isomorphic to $G(L_Q/K_{\mathcal{P}})$. We shall say that \mathcal{P} is tame if $L_Q/K_{\mathcal{P}}$ is tamely ramified and that \mathcal{P} is wild otherwise. By a theorem of E. Noether (see [9]), if \mathcal{P} is tame then \mathcal{O}_{L_Q} is a free $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G(L_Q/K_{\mathcal{P}})]$ -module of rank

one. Therefore we may choose an adèle

$$(a_{\mathcal{P}})=a\in\prod_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{Q}}}$$

(the product being taken over finite primes of K with Q being the chosen prime over P) such that

- (i) $a_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{Q}}}$ and $K_{\mathcal{P}}[G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})]a_{\mathcal{P}} = L_{\mathcal{Q}}$ for each \mathcal{P} and
- (ii) $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})]a_{\mathcal{P}} = \mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{Q}}}$ for each tame \mathcal{P} .

There are isomorphisms, as in Section 1.3, of the form

$$L \otimes_K K_{\mathcal{P}} \cong \prod_{R \mid \mathcal{P}} L_{\mathcal{R}} \cong Ind_{G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})}^{G(L/K)}(L_{\mathcal{Q}})$$

and

$$\mathcal{O}_L \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}} \cong \prod_{\mathcal{R} \mid \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{R}}} \cong Ind_{G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})}^{G(L/K)}(\mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{Q}}})$$

so that

- (i) $K_{\mathcal{P}}[G(L/K)]a_{\mathcal{P}} \cong \prod_{\mathcal{R}|\mathcal{P}} L_{\mathcal{R}}$ for each \mathcal{P} and
- (ii) $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G(L/K)]a_{\mathcal{P}} \cong \prod_{\mathcal{R}|\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{R}}}$ for each tame \mathcal{P} .

We will abbreviate $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})]a_{\mathcal{P}}$ to $X_{\mathcal{Q}}$ and set $X = \mathcal{O}_K[G(L/K)]a$. This is to be interpreted as meaning that X is the intersection of L with the product of its \mathcal{P} -completions, $X_{\mathcal{P}}$, where both are considered as subgroups of the adèles. Hence

X is a locally free $\mathcal{O}_K[G(L/K)]$ -module whose \mathcal{P} -completion is

$$X_{\mathcal{P}} = \mathcal{O}_{K_{\mathcal{P}}}[G(L/K)]a_{\mathcal{P}} = Ind_{G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})}^{G(L/K)}(X_{\mathcal{Q}}).$$

In addition, we shall assume henceforth (by replacing X by mX for a suitable integer, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, if necessary) that the Q-adic exponential defines an isomorphism

$$exp: X_{\mathcal{Q}} \xrightarrow{\cong} 1 + X_{\mathcal{Q}} \subset \mathcal{O}_{L_{\mathcal{Q}}}^*$$

for all wild $L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}}$.

Since X is locally free, it is cohomologically trivial and so also is X_Q for each Q. Hence X defines a class in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$. Therefore we may define an element, which we shall call the second (global) Chinburg invariant, by the formula

$$\Omega(L/K,2) = [X] + \sum_{\mathcal{P} \text{ wild }} Ind_{G(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}})}^{G(L/K)} (\Omega(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}}, 1 + X_{\mathcal{Q}}))$$

in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$. Here $\Omega(L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}}, 1+X_{\mathcal{Q}})$ is the local Chinburg invariant of Section 1.4. The assumptions of Section 1.5 ensure that $1+X_{\mathcal{Q}}$ is cohomologically trivial.

Proposition 1.5.1 The definition of $\Omega(L/K,2)$ is independent of the choice of X, satisfying the conditions of Section 1.5, (i) and (ii).

Proof Suppose first that Y is another choice of lattice and that $X \subset Y$. In the

notation of Section 1.5, one easily obtains the following relations in the class group:

$$\begin{split} [Y] - [X] &= [Y/X] \\ &= \sum_{P \text{ wild }} [Y_P/X_P] \\ &= \sum_{P \text{ wild }} [Y_P] - [X_P] \\ &= \sum_{P \text{ wild }} Ind_{\mathbf{Z}[G(L_Q/K_P)]}^{\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]} ([Y_Q] - [X_Q]) \\ &= \sum_{P \text{ wild }} Ind_{\mathbf{Z}[G(L_Q/K_P)]}^{\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]} (\Omega(L_Q/K_P, 1 + Y_Q) \\ &- \Omega(L_Q/K_P, 1 + X_Q)). \end{split}$$

This proves the result when $X \subset Y$. Given two general lattices X and Y, we may find a third lattice W, which lies in $X \cap Y$ and may apply the preceding argument to the pairs, (X, W) and (Y, W) to complete the proof.

Remark 1.5.2 When $L_{\mathcal{Q}}/K_{\mathcal{P}}$ is tame for all \mathcal{P} we say that L/K is tame. Observe that

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$$\Omega(L/K,2) = [\mathcal{O}_L] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$$

when L/K is tame.

We are now in a position to state the Second Chinburg Conjecture (see Chinburg [3, 4, 5]).

Conjecture 1.5.3 (The Second Chinburg Conjecture) Let L/K be a finite Galois extension of number fields. Then

$$\Omega(L/K,2) = W_{L/K} \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

This conjecture has a considerable amount of supporting evidence. In the first place it generalises, by Remark 1.5.2, a conjecture of Fröhlich which states, if L/K is tamely ramified, that

$$[\mathcal{O}_L] = W_{L/K} \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

This case was proved by M.J. Taylor [39] and is also described in Fröhlich [9]. A sketch of a slightly different proof of Taylor's result can be found in Snaith [32], Chapter 3.

As to further evidence, several wildly ramified examples have been verified for $K=\mathbf{Q}$. The case where $Gal(L/\mathbf{Q})\cong Q_8$ and the prime 2 is not totally ramified, is treated in Kim [21, 22] (see also Snaith [32], Chapter 6, for a new proof). The case where L is a p-cyclotomic extension of degree p^n over \mathbf{Q} , for an odd regular prime p, is proved in Snaith [31]. Recently, C. Greither [17] has shown that this conjecture holds for all abelian extensions of \mathbf{Q} with odd conductor. Apart from this direction, M. Rogers has proved that $\Omega(L/K,2)-W_{L/K}$ is in the kernel of the map from $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$ to $G_0(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)])$, the Grothendieck group of all finitely

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generated $\mathbb{Z}[G(L/K)]$ -modules. In fact, (Chinburg [5], page 327) $D(\mathbb{Z}[G(L/K)])$ is contained in this kernel and D. Holland [19] (see Snaith [33], Chapter 7, for a new proof) has shown the stronger result that

$$\Omega(L/K,2)-W_{L/K}\in D(\mathbf{Z}[G(L/K)]).$$

In the remaining chapters of this thesis, we adopt the techniques of Snaith [32] to show that the Second Chinburg Conjecture also holds for two families of quaternion extensions of **Q** in which the prime 2 is totally ramified.

Chapter 2

Local Quaternion Extensions

2.1 The Two Extensions

Let N/\mathbf{Q} be a quaternion extension, i.e. a normal extension with Galois group isomorphic to the quaternion group of order eight

$$Q_8 = \{x, y \mid x^2 = y^2, y^4 = 1, xyx^{-1} = y^{-1}\},$$

such that the prime 2 is totally ramified i.e. there is only one prime of \mathcal{O}_L over the prime 2 of \mathbf{Q} whose ramification index is 8.

In this section we are going to study two local quaternion extensions L/\mathbb{Q}_2 which are totally ramified. There are exactly four such extensions (see Jensen and Yui [20],

Kim [22], and Snaith [32]).

Lemma 2.1.1 Let N be as above and let H be the bi-quadratic subfield of N. Suppose that N_v contains $Q_2(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{10})$ where v is a prime of N above the prime 2. Then $H = Q(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$ where d_1 , d_2 are square-free integers, $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, and $d_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{16}$.

Proof Without loss of generality we may assume that d_1 is odd. Since the prime 2 is totally ramified, $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$. It follows from Fröhlich [14], Theorem 5, that $d_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$. This means that either $d_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{16}$ or $d_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{16}$. From the given hypothesis, we have that N_v contains $Q_2(\sqrt{10})$, so $d_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{16}$.

Throughout this chapter, we let $E = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{10})$. As usual, we use π_F to denote a prime element of the local field F. We let

$$L_{\pm} = E(\alpha_{\pm})$$

where

$$\alpha_{\pm}^2 = \pm (1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10)$$

We are now in a position to prove the following lemma.

Lemma 2.1.2 If $L=L_{\pm}$ and $\alpha=\alpha_{\pm}$ then L is a quaternion extension of \mathbf{Q}_2 containing E, $\pi=\pi_L=1+\alpha$, and the Galois action of Q_8 on L/\mathbf{Q}_2 is given by the following formulae.

$$x(\alpha) = (1 - \sqrt{10})\alpha/3,$$
 $x(\sqrt{10}) = -\sqrt{10}$
 $y(\alpha) = (\sqrt{3} - 1)\alpha/\sqrt{30}v,$ $y(\sqrt{10}) = \sqrt{10}$
 $x(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3},$ $y(\sqrt{3}) = -\sqrt{3}$

where $v \in \mathbf{Q}_{2}^{*}$ and $v^{2} = -1/15$.

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Proof It follows from Jensen and Yui [20] that L_{\pm}/\mathbf{Q}_2 are precisely the two non-isomorphic quaternion extensions of \mathbf{Q}_2 which contain the biquadratic subfield $E = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{10})$. It remains to show that the defining relations for \mathbf{Q}_8 holds for the action on α . We consider the following elementary computations:

$$x^{2}(\alpha) = (1 + \sqrt{10})x(\alpha)/3$$
$$= (1 + \sqrt{10})(1 - \sqrt{10})\alpha/9$$
$$= -\alpha,$$

$$y^{2}(\alpha) = (-\sqrt{3} - 1)y(\alpha)/(-\sqrt{30}v)$$

$$= (\sqrt{3} + 1)(\sqrt{3} - 1)\alpha/(30v^{2})$$

$$= -\alpha$$

and

$$xyx(\alpha) = xy((1 - \sqrt{10})\alpha/3)$$

$$= x((1 - \sqrt{10})/3(\sqrt{3} - 1)\alpha/\sqrt{30}v)$$

$$= -(1 + \sqrt{30})(\sqrt{3} - 1)(1 - \sqrt{10})\alpha/3\sqrt{30}v$$

$$= (\sqrt{3} - 1)\alpha/\sqrt{30}v$$

$$= y(\alpha).$$

To show $\pi = \pi_L = 1 + \alpha$ we abserve that both $N_{L/Q_2}(1 + \alpha_+) = 166/25$ and $N_{L/Q_2}(1 + \alpha_-) = 6/25$ have valuation 1 in Q_2 .

2.2 The Fundamental 2-extension

Let K_{nr} denote the maximal unramified extension of K. Since L_{\pm} is totally ramified we have $L_{\pm} \cap \mathbf{Q}_{2,nr} = \mathbf{Q}_2$. As in Snaith [32], Section 1.2 (see Serre [28], page 202; and also Snaith [33]), letting \mathcal{F} denote the Frobenius automorphism of $\mathbf{Q}_{2,nr}/\mathbf{Q}_2$ and $L_0 = L_{\pm}\mathbf{Q}_{2,nr}$, we have the following 2-extension:

$$L_{\pm}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow L_0^{\bullet} \stackrel{F/1}{\longrightarrow} L_0^{\bullet} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z},$$

where F denotes the automorphism of L_0 which is the identity on L and is equal to \mathcal{F} on $\mathbf{Q}_{2,nr}$. The existence of the above sequence implies the existence of

$$t_1,t_2\in L_0^*$$

such that

$$\begin{cases} F(\pi t_1)/\pi t_1 = y(\pi)/\pi \in L^* \\ F(t_2)/t_2 = x(\pi)/\pi \in L^*. \end{cases}$$

We observe that the above relations are not changed when we multiply t_1 or t_2 by any element of L^* .

As in Snaith [32], Section 6.1.4, we introduce the following commutative diagram:

$$Ker(d) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} k & & j & & | i & & | 1 \\ & & & | i & & | 1 \\ & & & & | I_0 & | I_0 & & |$$

Here the upper line is the beginning of the standard, periodic $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$ -resolution of \mathbb{Z} . Hence, if b,b' are the two free generators (see Snaith [34], page 19), then d(b)=x-1 and d(b')=y-1. Hence Ker(d) is the $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$ -submodule generated by

$$c_1 = (1+x)b - (1+y)b'$$

and

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$$c_2 = (xy+1)b + (x-1)b'$$
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In the upper line, the map ϵ is defined by $\epsilon(g)=1$ for $g\in Q_8$. The map i is given by $i(1)=\pi\in L^{\bullet}\subset L_0^{\bullet}$. The map j is defined by $j(b)=t_2$ and $j(b')=\pi t_1$. The

homomorphism k is determined by the following formulae:

$$k(c_1) = t_2 x(t_2) (\pi t_1 y(\pi t_1))^{-1}$$

and

$$k(c_2) = t_2 x y(t_2) x(\pi t_1) (\pi t_1)^{-1}.$$

The map k plays a very important role in our study. In the next section we shall show that k is injective. The strategy of our proof of the injectivity of k will be explained later in the proof of Theorem 2.3.8.

We now find some elements of L_0 which depend on t_1 and t_2 but belong to L^* . The following Lemma will be used very often in Section 2.3.

Lemma 2.2.1 For t_1 and t_2 defined above, we have the following.

(1)
$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(t_2) \in \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{3}),$$

(2)
$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+y)(t_2) \in \mathbf{Q}_2$$
,

(3)
$$(1+y+y^2+y^3)(t_1) \in \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{10}),$$

(4)
$$(1 + xy + x^2 + (xy)^3)(t_2/\pi t_1) \in \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{30}),$$

and

(5)
$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)) \in L^*$$
.

Proof Let $\sigma_1 = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$. Since $\sigma_1 = N_{L_0/\mathbb{Q}_{2,nr}(\sqrt{3})}$, we have $\sigma_1(t_2) \in \mathbb{Q}_{2,nr}(\sqrt{3})$, and since $\mathbb{Q}_{2,nr}(\sqrt{3}) \cap L = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{3})$, to show (1) it suffices to show that

 $\sigma_1(t_2) \in L$, i.e. we have to show that $(F/1)(\sigma_1(t_2)) = 1$. We consider

$$(F-1)(\sigma_1(t_2)) = \sigma_1(F(t_2))/\sigma_1(t_2)$$

$$= (F(t_2)/t_2)x(F(t_2)/t_2)x^2(F(t_2)/t_2)x^3(F(t_2)/t_2)$$

$$= (x(\pi)/\pi)(x^2(\pi)/x(\pi))(x^3(\pi)/x^2(\pi))(x^4(\pi)/x^3(\pi))$$

$$= 1.$$

Thus (1) is now proved. Statements (2), (3), (4), and (5) are proved in the same manner.

The following arguments will give the images of π under the actions of x, y and xy.

Since L/Q_2 is totally ramified, we have $v(a) = v_L(a) = v_{Q_2}(N_{L/Q_2}(a))$ for all $a \in L^*$. Hence, to express a unit a of L in terms of π we first have to compute v(a-1). If v(a-1) = m, then $a = 1 + \pi^m + \cdots$. The value of $v(a-1-\pi^m)$ will determine the next term for a, etc. With this observation, using Maple we have the following identities. For $\alpha = \alpha_+$,

$$x(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \pi^9 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{16} + \cdots),$$

$$y(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^7 + \pi^9 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{13} + \pi^{14} + \pi^{15} + \pi^{17} + \cdots),$$

$$xy(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^8 + \pi^{12} + \pi^{13} + \pi^{14} + \pi^{15} + \cdots)$$

and for $\alpha = \alpha_{-}$,

$$x(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \pi^9 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{11} + \pi^{12} + \pi^{13} + \pi^{14} + \pi^{15} + \pi^{17} + \cdots),$$

$$y(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^8 + \pi^{11} + \pi^{12} + \pi^{15} + \pi^{16} + \cdots),$$

$$xy(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^7 + \pi^9 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{11} + \pi^{15} + \pi^{16} + \cdots).$$

2.3 The Injectivity of k

We start this section with the notations of the following four important elements of $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$:

$$\sigma = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3)(1 + y),$$

$$\tau = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3)(1 - y),$$

$$\lambda = (1 + y + y^2 + y^3)(1 - x)$$

and

$$\rho = (1 + xy + x^2 + (xy)^3)(1 - x).$$

Unless stated otherwise, throughout this chapter we let $K = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{3})$, $V = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{10})$ and $W = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{30})$. It is easy to see that we may choose $\pi_K = 1 + \sqrt{3}$,

 $\pi_V = \sqrt{10}$ and $\pi_W = \sqrt{30}$. With the above notation, Gal(L/K), Gal(L/V) and Gal(L/W) can be identified with $\langle x \rangle$, $\langle y \rangle$, and $\langle xy \rangle$ respectively.

The purpose of this section is to prove that the map k, defined as in the previous section, is injective using some suitable choices for t_1 , t_2 , and their images under the actions of σ , τ , λ , and ρ . From the previous section we know that $x(\pi)/\pi \in U_L^3$ and $y(\pi)/\pi \in U_L^1$. It follows from Serre [28], Proposition 15, Chapter 13, that $t_2 \in U_{L_0}^3$ and $t_1 \in U_{L_0}^1$. This allows us to write

$$t_2 = (1 + a_3\pi^3)(1 + a_4\pi^4)(1 + a_5\pi^5)u_6$$

where $u_6 \in U_{L_0}^6$, a_3 , a_4 and a_5 are either 0 or roots of unity of odd order in $\mathbb{Q}_{2,nr}$.

Using the facts that $F(t_2)/t_2 = x(\pi)/\pi$ and $F(1+a_i\pi^i) = (1+a_i^2\pi^i)$ for i=3,4,5, we have

$$a_i^2 + a_i + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Hence a_i must be a primitive cube root of unity, i.e. $a_i = \xi$ or ξ^2 where $\xi \neq 1$ and $\xi^3 = 1$. We may multiply t_2 by $1 + \pi^i$ if necessary to assume that $a_i = \xi$ for all i = 3, 4, 5. Thus t_2 may be chosen to be of the form

$$t_2 = (1 + \xi \pi^3)(1 + \xi \pi^4)(1 + \xi \pi^5)u_6.$$

Using similar arguments, we may assume that $t_1 = (1 + \xi \pi)u_2$ with $u_2 \in U_{L_0}^2$. Before going further in this direction, we prove the following useful result.

Proposition 2.3.1 For σ defined as in the beginning of this section and u = 0 or an odd root of unity, we have the following.

(1)
$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+u\pi^n) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{K_0}^8}$$
 for all $n \geq 16$

(2)
$$\sigma(1+u\pi^n) \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$$
 for all $n \geq 16$

(3)
$$(1+y+y^2+y^3)(1+u\pi^n) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6}$$
 for all $n \geq 12$

and

(4)
$$(1 + xy + x^2 + (xy)^3)(1 + u\pi^n) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{W_0}^6}$$
 for all $n \ge 12$

Proof To prove statement (1), we observe that $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 = (1 + x)(1 + x^2)$. Recall from Section 2.1 that E is defined to be the bi-quadratic subfield $Q_2(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{10})$ of L. We consider

$$(1+x^2)(1+u\pi^n) = 1 + uTr_{L_0/E_0}(\pi^n) + u^2N_{L_0/E_0}(\pi^n)$$

Since $v_{L_0}(x^2(\pi)/\pi - 1) = 7$, it follows from Serre [28], page 83, that for $n \ge 16$, $Tr_{L_0/E_0}(\pi^n) \in \mathcal{P}_{E_0}^{12}$. Together with the fact that $N_{L_0/E_0}(\pi^n) \in \mathcal{P}_{E_0}^n$, we have

$$(1+x^2)(1+u\pi^n) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{E_0}^8}$$
 for all $n \ge 8$.

Since $v_{E_0}(x(\pi_{E_0})/\pi_{E_0}-1)=3$, using similar arguments for the extension E_0/K_0 , we conclude that

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1+u\pi^n)\equiv 1\pmod{\mathcal{P}_{K_0}^8}.$$

Statement (2) is proved by applying the above results and using the facts that $v_{K_0}(y(\pi_{K_0})/\pi_{K_0}) = 1$.

To prove statements (3) and (4) we use identical arguments and the following facts:

$$1 + y + y^{2} + y^{3} = (1 + y)(1 + x^{2}),$$

$$1 + xy + x^{2} + (xy)^{3} = (1 + xy)(1 + x^{2}),$$

$$v_{E_0}(y(\pi_{E_0})/\pi_{E_0}-1)=1 \text{ and } v_{E_0}(xy(\pi_{E_0})/\pi_{E_0}-1)=1.$$

To obtain more information about t_2 we let

$$t_2 = (1 + \xi \pi^3)(1 + \xi \pi^4)(1 + \xi \pi^5) \left(\prod_{i=6}^{15} (1 + a_i \pi^i) \right) u_{16}$$

where $u_{16} \in U_{L_0}^{16}$ and a_i is either 0 or an odd root of unity in $\mathbf{Q}_{2,nr}$, and prove the following lemma.

Lemma 2.3.2 The element, t2, may be chosen so that

$$\sigma(t_2) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3)(1 + y)(t_2) \equiv 13 \pmod{32}.$$

Proof Using the facts that

$$F(1+z\pi^m)/(1+z\pi^m)=(1+z^2\pi^m)(1-z\pi^m+z^2\pi^{2m}-z^3\pi^{3m}+\cdots)$$

where z is either 0 or an odd root of unity lying in $Q_{2,nr}$, and for $\alpha = \alpha_+$,

$$F(t_2)/t_2 = x(\pi)/\pi = 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \pi^9 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{16} + \cdots$$

we have the following identities, modulo 2,

$$a_{6} + a_{6}^{2} + \xi^{2} \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{7} + a_{7}^{2} + 1 \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{8} + a_{8}^{2} + \xi^{2} \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{9} + a_{9}^{2} \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{10} + a_{10}^{2} + \xi^{2} \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{11} + a_{11}^{2} + \xi \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{12} + a_{12}^{2} + a_{6} + a_{6}^{3} \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{13} + a_{13}^{2} + \xi \equiv 0,$$

$$a_{14} + a_{14}^{2} + \gamma + a_{6}^{3} + 1 \equiv 0$$

and

$$a_{15} + a_{15}^2 + 1 \equiv 0,$$

where $2\gamma \equiv a_6 + a_6^2 + \xi^2 \pmod{4}$. In this case we may choose $a_7 = \xi$ and $a_9 = 0$.

We observe that, modulo 2,

$$(a_6 + a_8) + (a_6 + a_8)^2 \equiv (a_6 + a_6^2) + (a_8 + a_8^2) \equiv \xi^2 + \xi^2 \equiv 0.$$

Thus modulo 2, $a_6 + a_8 \equiv 0$ or 1, and multiplying t_2 by $1 + \pi^8$ if necessary, we may assume $a_6 + a_8 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. For the same reason, we may choose a_{10} and a_{11} so that $a_{10} + a_{11} + \xi^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.

To compute $\sigma(t_2)$ modulo 32 we observe that

$$\sigma(1 + \xi \pi^{3}) \equiv 1 + 4 + 16\xi,$$

$$\sigma(1 + \xi \pi^{4}) \equiv 1 + 16 + 16\xi,$$

$$\sigma(1 + \xi \pi^{5}) \equiv 1 + 8 + 8\xi,$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{6}\pi^{6}) \equiv 1 + 24a_{6} + 8a_{6}^{2},$$

$$\sigma(1 + \xi \pi^{7}) \equiv 1 + 8 + 16\xi,$$

$$\sigma(1 + \xi \pi^{7}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{8}^{2},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{8}\pi^{8}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{8}^{2},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{9}\pi^{9}) \equiv 1,$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{10} + 16a_{10}^{2},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{11}\pi^{11}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{11} + 16a_{11}^{2},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{12}\pi^{12}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{12},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{13}\pi^{15}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{13},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{14}\pi^{14}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{14},$$

$$\sigma(1 + a_{15}\pi^{15}) \equiv 1 + 16a_{15}$$

and $\sigma(1+u\pi^n)\equiv 1\pmod{32}$ for all $n\geq 16$, and u=0 or an odd root of unity (by Proposition 2.3.1(2)). Using all the above identities together with results of 2.2.1(2), we have, modulo 32,

$$\sigma(t_2) \equiv 13 + 16(\gamma + \xi + a_{12} + a_{13} + a_{14} + a_{15})$$

is an element of \mathbb{Z}_2 . In the case $\alpha = \alpha_-$, we use similar arguments and obtain the same formula for $\sigma(t_2)$. Since $\sigma(t_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^*$, modulo 2,

$$\gamma + \xi + a_{12} + a_{13} + a_{14} + a_{15} \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Multiplying t_2 by $1 + \pi^{14}$ if necessary, we may assume that the above identity is 0. Therefore,

$$\sigma(t_2) = (1+y)(1+x+x^2+x^3)(t_2) \equiv 13 \pmod{32},$$

as desired.

Corollary 2.3.3 With the choice of t2 as in Lemma 2.3.2,



$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(t_2) \equiv 1+\pi_K^3+\pi_K^4+\pi_K^5+\pi_K^7 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^8},$$

where $\pi_K = 1 + \sqrt{3}$ is a prime element of the field $K = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{3})$.

Proof As in the proof of Lemma 2.3.2, if we let $\sigma_1 = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$, then direct computations show that, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{K_0}^8$,

$$\sigma_1(1 + \xi \pi^3) \equiv 15 + 8\xi + 6\sqrt{3} + 12\xi\sqrt{3},$$

 $\sigma_1(1 + \xi \pi^4) \equiv 1 + 8\xi + 4\sqrt{3},$

 $\sigma_1(1 + \xi \pi^5) \equiv 5 + 12\xi,$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{6}\pi^{6}) \equiv 1 + 12a_{6} + 4a_{6}^{2} + (12a_{6} + 12a_{6}^{2} + 8a_{6}^{4})\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + \xi\pi^{7}) \equiv 1 + 8\xi + 12\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{8}\pi^{8}) \equiv 1 + a_{8}^{2} + a_{8}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{9}\pi^{9}) \equiv 1,$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{10} + 8a_{10}^{2} + 8a_{10}^{2}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{11}\pi^{11}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{11} + 8a_{11}^{2} + 8a_{11}^{2}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{12}\pi^{12}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{12} + 8a_{12}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{13}\pi^{13}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{13} + 8a_{13}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{14}\pi^{14}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{14} + 8a_{14}\sqrt{3},$$

$$\sigma_{1}(1 + a_{15}\pi^{15}) \equiv 1 + 8a_{15} + 8a_{15}\sqrt{3}$$

and $\sigma_1(1+u\pi_K^n)\equiv 1\pmod{\mathcal{P}_{K_0}^8}$ for all $n\geq 16$, and u=0 or an odd root of unity (by Proposition 2.3.1(1)). Multiplying the above and using the result of Lemma

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2.2.1(1) and the identities of Lemma 2.3.2, we have, modulo \mathcal{P}_{K}^{8} ,

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(t_2) \equiv 1+\pi_K^3+\pi_K^4+\pi_K^5+C\pi^6+D\pi^7$$

where for γ defined as in Lemma 2.3.3, $C \equiv \xi^2 + a_{10} + a_{11} \pmod{2}$ and $D \equiv \gamma + a_6 + a_8^2 + a_{12} + a_{13} + a_{14} + a_{15} \pmod{2}$. Recall that in the proof of the last lemma we chose the coefficients so that, modulo 2, $a_6 + a_8^2 \equiv a_6 + a_6^2 \equiv \xi^2$, $a_{10} + a_{11} \equiv \xi^2$ and $\gamma + \xi + a_{12} + a_{13} + a_{14} + a_{15} \equiv 0$. Therefore,

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3)(t_2) \equiv 1+\pi_K^3+\pi_K^4+\pi_K^5+\pi_K^7 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^8},$$

as desired.

As before, to find the first few terms of t_2/t_1 we let

$$t_2/t_1 = (1 + \xi \pi) \left(\prod_{i=2}^{11} (1 + b_i \pi^i) \right) u_{12}$$

where $b_i = 0$ or an odd root of unity, and $u_{12} \in U_{L_0}^{12}$.

Lemma 2.3.4 The unit t_2/t_1 may be chosen so that, modulo \mathcal{P}_W^6 ,

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 + \pi_W + \pi_W^2 + \pi_W^4 & \mbox{if } lpha = lpha_+ \ \\ 1 + \pi_W + \pi_W^2 & \mbox{if } lpha = lpha_-, \end{array}
ight.$$

where $\pi_W = \sqrt{30}$ is a prime element of the field $W = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{30})$.

Proof We observe that, for $\alpha = \alpha_+$,

$$F(t_2/t_1)/(t_2/t_1) = (F(t_2)/t_2)(t_1/F(t_1))$$

$$= x(\pi)/y(\pi)$$

$$\equiv 1 + \pi + \pi^3 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \pi^8 + \pi^{10} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{12}}.$$

Now using the same method as in Lemma 2.3.2, with the help of Maple, we have the following identities, modulo 2,

$$b_2 + b_2^2 + \xi \equiv 0 \tag{2.1}$$

$$b_3 + b_3^2 \equiv 0 (2.2)$$

$$b_4 + b_4^2 + b_2^2 + b_2^3 + \xi \equiv 0 (2.3)$$

$$b_5 + b_5^2 \equiv 0 (2.4)$$

$$b_6 + b_6^2 + b_2^4 + b_2^5 \equiv 0 (2.5)$$

$$b_7 + b_7^2 + b_2^3 + b_2^5 + b_4 + b_4^2 + b_6 + b_6^2 \equiv 0 (2.6)$$

$$b_8 + b_8^2 + b_2^3 + b_2b_4 + b_2^3b_4 \equiv 0 (2.7)$$

$$b_9 + b_9^2 + b_2 + 1 \equiv 0 (2.8)$$

$$b_{10} + b_{10}^2 + b_2^3 + \delta + 1 \equiv 0 \qquad (2.9)$$

$$\hat{c}_{11} + b_{11}^2 + \delta + 1 \equiv 0 \tag{2.10}$$

The element δ in Equations (2.9) and (2.10), satisfies $b_2 + b_2^2 + \xi + 2\delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

From Equations (2.2) and (2.4) we can choose b_3 and b_5 so that $b_3 = b_5 = 0$. It follows from (2.1), (2.3), and (2.5) that, modulo 2,

$$b_2^2 + b_2^4 \equiv (b_2 + b_2^2)^2 \equiv \xi^2,$$

 $b_4 + b_4^2 \equiv b_2^2 + b_2^3 + \xi$

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$$b_6 + b_6^2 \equiv b_2^4 + b_2^5$$
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Substituting the above identities into (2.6), we have

$$b_7 + b_7^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Thus we can choose $b_7 = 0$. We also observe that if we let $\eta = \xi^2 + b_2^3 + b_6$, then, modulo 2,

$$\eta + \eta^{2} \equiv 1 + b_{2}^{3} + b_{2}^{4} + b_{2}^{5} + b_{2}^{6}$$

$$\equiv 1 + (b_{2} + b_{2}^{2})^{3}$$

$$\equiv 1 + 1 \equiv 0.$$

Multiplying t_2/t_1 by $1 + \pi^6$, if necessary, we may assume that $\eta \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. This assumption will be used in the next corollary.

It now follows from the above identities and some direct computations using Maple that, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{W_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+\xi\pi) \equiv 5+2\xi+3\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_2\pi^2) \equiv 1 + 2(b_2^2 + 2b_2^3 + b_2^4) +$$

$$2(b_2 + 3b_2^2 + 2b_2^3 + 2b_2^4)\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_4\pi^4) \equiv 1 + 4(b_4 + b_4^4) + 4b_4\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_6\pi^6) \equiv 1 + 4(b_6 + b_6^2) + 4b_6^2\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_8\pi^8) \equiv 1,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_9\pi^9) \equiv 1 + 4b_9^2\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1 + 4b_{10}\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_{11}\pi^{11}) \equiv 1 + 4b_{11}\pi_W$$

and $N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_n\pi^n)\equiv 1$ for all $n\geq 12$, where $b_n=0$ or an odd root of unity (by Proposition 2.3.1(4)). Hence, by Lemma 2.2.1(4),

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv 1 + \pi_W + A\pi_W^2 + B\pi_W^3 + C\pi_W^4 + D\pi_W^5 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_W^6}$$

where $A = \xi + b_2^2 + b_2^4$, $B = a_2 + a_2^4 + 1$, $C = b_2^3 + b_4 + b_4^4 + b_6 + b_6^2 + \xi^2$ and $D = a_2^3 + a_4^4 + a_6 + a_9^2 + a_{10} + a_{11} + \delta + 1$.

Now since $b_4 + b_4^2 \equiv b_2^2 + b_2^3 + \xi \pmod{2}$ and $b_4^2 + b_4^4 \equiv b_2^4 + b_2^6 + \xi^2 \pmod{2}$, we have

$$b_4 + b_4^4 \equiv 1 + b_2^2 + b_2^3 + b_2^4 + b_2^6 \pmod{2}$$
 (2.11)

From (2.1), we have $b_2^2 + b_2^4 \equiv \xi^2 \pmod{2}$ and

$$1 \equiv (b_2 + b_2^2)^3 \equiv b_2^3 + b_2^4 + b_2^5 + b_2^6 \pmod{2}.$$

Putting (2.11) into the expression of C and using the above facts, we obtain $C \equiv b_2^3$ (mod 2). Using identity (2.1), we have, modulo 4,

$$\xi + b_2^2 + b_2^4 \equiv \xi + \xi^2 + 2b_2^3$$
$$\equiv -1 + 2b_2^3.$$

Thus, modulo \mathcal{P}_W^6 ,

$$A\pi_W^2 \equiv (-1 + 2b_2^3)\pi_W^4 \equiv \pi_W^2 + (1 + b_2^3)\pi_W^4$$

From the identity $b_2 + b_2^2 \equiv -\xi + 2\delta \pmod{4}$, we have $b_2^2 + b_2^4 \equiv \xi^2 + 2b_2^3 \pmod{4}$

Hence

$$b_2 + b_4^2 \equiv 1 + 2(1 + \xi + \delta + b_2^2 + b_3^2).$$

It follows that, modulo \mathcal{P}_{L}^{6} ,

$$B\pi_W^3 \equiv (b_2 + b_2^4 + 1)\pi_W^3$$

$$\equiv (b_2^2 + b_3^2 + \xi + \delta)\pi_W^5.$$

Therefore, with this choice of t_2/t_1 and $\alpha = \alpha_+$,

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv 1 + \pi_W + A\pi_W^2 + B\pi_W^3 + C\pi_W^4 + D\pi_W^5 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_W^5}$$
$$\equiv 1 + \pi_W + \pi_W^2 + \pi_W^4 + D_2\pi_W^5,$$

where $D_2 = 1 + b_2^3 + b_4^4 + b_6 + b_9^2 + b_{10} + b_{11} + \delta$. Since $D_2 \equiv 0$ or 1 (mod 2) we may assume that $D_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ by multiplying t_1 by $1 + \pi^{11}$ if necessary.

In the case $\alpha = \alpha_-$, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{12} ,

$$x(\pi)/y(\pi) \equiv 1 + \pi + \pi^3 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \pi^7 + \pi^{11}$$

Hence, $b_7 + b_7^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, and we may choose $b_7 = \xi$. For simplicity, we assume $b_5 = 1$ instead of 0. In this case, we have, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{W_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + \xi \pi) \equiv 1 + 2\xi + 5\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_2\pi^2) \equiv 1 + 2(b_2^2 + 2b_3^3 + b_2^4) + 2(3b_2 + b_2^2 + 2b_2^3 + 2b_2^4)\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_4\pi^4) \equiv 1 + 4(b_4 + b_4^4) + 4b_4\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + \pi^5) \equiv 1 + 2\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_6\pi^6) \equiv 1 + 4(b_6 + b_6^2) + 4b_6^2\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + \xi \pi^7) \equiv 5 + 4\pi_W + 4\xi \pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_8\pi^8) \equiv 1,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_9\pi^9) \equiv 1 + 4b_9^2\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1 + 4b_{10}\pi_W,$$

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(1 + b_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1 + 4b_{11}\pi_W$$

and $N_{L_0/W_0}(1+b_n\pi^n)\equiv 1$ for all $n\geq 12$ (by Proposition 2.3.1(4)). As in the case $\alpha=\alpha_+$, multiplying all of the above and assuming, without loss of generality that

$$D_3 = \xi + b_2^3 + b_4^4 + b_6 + b_9^2 + b_{10} + b_{11} + \delta \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

we obtain, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^6 ,

$$N_{L_0/W_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv 1 + \pi_W + \pi_W^2$$

as desired.

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Corollary 2.3.5 With the units t_2 and t_2/t_1 chosen as in Lemmas 2.3.2 and 2.3.4, modulo \mathcal{P}_V^6 ,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_1) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 + \pi_V + \pi_V^2 + \pi_V^3 + \pi_V^4 + \pi_V^5 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_+ \\ \\ 1 + \pi_V + \pi_V^2 + \pi_V^4 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_-. \end{cases}$$

where $\pi_V = \sqrt{10}$ is a prime of the field $V = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{10})$.

Proof We use the fact that $N_{L_0/V_0}(t_1) = N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2)/N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2/t_1)$ to prove the corollary.

For the case $\alpha = \alpha_+$, we have the following, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^3) \equiv 3+2\xi+2\pi_V+6\xi\pi_V,$$

 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^4) \equiv 1+4\xi\pi_V,$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^5) \equiv 5+6\pi_V+6\xi\pi_V,$$
 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+a_6\pi^6) \equiv 1+4(a_6+a_6^2)+4(a_6+a_6^2)\pi_V,$
 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^7) \equiv 5+4\xi\pi_V,$
 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+a_8\pi^8) \equiv 1,$
 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+a_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1+4a_{10}\pi_V,$
 $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+a_{11}\pi^{11}) \equiv 1+4a_{11}\pi_V$

and $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+a_n\pi^n)\equiv 1$ for all $n\geq 12$ (by Proposition 2.3.1(3)).

In the case $\alpha = \alpha_-$, the only two differences are, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^3) \equiv 3+2\xi+2\xi\pi_V+6\pi_V$$

and

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^5)\equiv 5+2\pi_V+2\xi\pi_V.$$

In both cases, we have, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2) \equiv 1 + \xi^2 \pi_V + (\xi^2 + a_6 + a_6^2) \pi_V^4 + (a_6 + a_6^2 + a_{10} + a_{11}) \pi_V^5$$

Since $a_6 + a_6^2 \equiv \xi^2 \pmod{2}$, and since we already chose, in the proof of Lemma 2.3.2, a_{10} and a_{11} so that $a_{10} + a_{11} \equiv \xi^2 \pmod{2}$, we obtain

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2) \equiv 1 + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6}.$$

To compute $N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2/t_1)$ for the case $\alpha=\alpha_+$, we observe the following, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi) \equiv 5+3\pi_V+6\xi\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_2\pi^2) \equiv 1+2(b_2^2+b_2^4)+2(b_2+b_2^2)\pi_V+4b_2^3,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_4\pi^4) \equiv 1+4(b_4+b_4^4)+4b_4\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_6\pi^6) \equiv 1+4(b_6+b_6^2)+4(b_6+b_6^2)\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_8\pi^8) \equiv 1,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_9\pi^9) \equiv 1+4b_2^2\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_{10}\pi^{10}) \equiv 1+4b_{10}\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_{11}\pi^{11}) \equiv 1+4b_{11}\pi_V$$

and $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_n\pi^n)\equiv 1$ for all $n\geq 12$ (by Proposition 2.3.1(3)).

In the case $\alpha = \alpha_-$, recall that we chose $b_5 = 1$ and $b_7 = \xi$, and hence have the following changes, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi) \equiv 1+5\pi_V+6\xi\pi_V,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+b_2\pi^2) \equiv 1+2(b_2^2+b_2^4)+6(b_2+b_2^2)\pi_V+4b_2^3,$$

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\pi^5) \equiv 1+6\pi_V$$

and $N_{L_0/V_0}(1+\xi\pi^7)\equiv 5+4\xi\pi_V$. Using the above facts, we have the following,

modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 + \pi_V + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 + \xi \pi_V^3 + M_4 \pi_V^4 + M_5 \pi_V^5 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_+ \\ \\ 1 + \pi_V + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 + \xi^2 \pi_V^3 + N_4 \pi_V^4 + N_5 \pi^5 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_-, \end{cases}$$

where, modulo 2,

$$M_4 = N_4 \equiv 1 + b_2 + b_2^2 + b_4 + b_4^4 + b_6 + b_6^2,$$

$$M_5 \equiv \xi + b_4^4 + b_9^2 + b_{10} + b_{11} + \delta,$$

$$N_5 \equiv 1 + b_4^4 + b_9^2 + b_{10} + b_{11} + \delta$$

and $2\delta \equiv b_2 + b_2^2 + \xi \pmod 4$, defined as in the proof of Lemma 2.3.4. It follows from the computation of B (in the proof of the previous lemma) that $b_4 + b_4^4 + b_6 + b_6^2 \equiv \xi^2 \pmod 2$. Together with Equation (2.1), we have $M_4 \equiv N_4 \equiv 0 \pmod 2$. With D_2 , D_3 and η defined as in the proof of Lemma 2.3.4, we have $M_5 \equiv D_2 + \eta \equiv 0 \pmod 2$ and $N_5 \equiv D_3 + \eta \equiv 0 \pmod 2$. Hence, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{V_0}^6$,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2/t_1) \equiv \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 + \pi_V + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 + \xi \pi_V^3 & ext{if } lpha = lpha_+ \\ 1 + \pi_V + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 + \xi^2 \pi_V^3 & ext{if } lpha = lpha_-. \end{array}
ight.$$

By Lemma 2.2.1(3), $N_{L_0/V_0}(t_1) = N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2)/N_{L_0/V_0}(t_2/t_1) \in V$, we therefore have for the case $\alpha = \alpha_+$, modulo \mathcal{P}_V^6 ,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_1) \equiv \frac{1 + \xi^2 \pi_V^2}{1 + \pi_V + \xi^2 \pi_V^2 + \xi \pi_V^3}$$
$$\equiv 1 + \pi_V + \pi_V^2 + \pi_V^3 + \pi_V^4 + \pi_V^5.$$

Similarly, in the case $\alpha = \alpha_-$, modulo \mathcal{P}_V^6 ,

$$N_{L_0/V_0}(t_1) \equiv 1 + \pi_V + \pi_V^2 + \pi_V^4$$

as desired.

More details on the method of computations of the following result can be found in the proof of Proposition 3.4.5.

Corollary 2.3.6 With c1, c2 and the map k defined as in Section 2.2,

$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)) \equiv 1+\pi^8+\pi^{13}+\pi^{16} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{18}}.$$

Proof We observe that

$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)) = (1-x^2)k(((x-xy)b-(x+y)b'))$$
$$= (1-x^2)(x-xy)(t_2)\cdot(x^2-1)(x+y)(\pi t_1).$$

With the choice of t_2 and t_2/t_1 as in Lemmas 1.3.2 and 1.3.4, and using the identity $t_1 = t_2/(t_2/t_1)$, we have, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{18} ,

$$(x^2-1)(x+y)(\pi t_1) \equiv 1 + \pi^8 + \pi^{13} + \xi^2 \pi^{14} + \xi^2 \pi^{15} + \xi^2 \pi^{16} + \xi \pi^{17}$$

and

$$(1-x^2)(x-xy)(t_2) \equiv 1 + \xi^2 \pi^{14} + \xi^2 \pi^{15} + \dot{\xi} \pi^{16} + \xi \pi^{17}.$$

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Multiplying the above results, we obtain

$$k(1-x^2)(c_1-c_2) \equiv 1+\pi^8+\pi^{13}+\pi^{16} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{18}},$$

as desired.

Before proving the injectivity of the map k, we state and prove the following corollary.

Corollary 2.3.7 With the elements τ , λ , and ρ defined as in the beginning of this section

$$au(t_2) \equiv 25 + 12\sqrt{3} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}},$$

$$\lambda(\pi t_1) \equiv 3 + 2\sqrt{10} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_V^8},$$

and

$$\rho(t_2/(\pi t_1)) \equiv 15 + 4\sqrt{30} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_W^{10}}.$$

Proof We observe that, for $a, u \in U_K^1$, modulo \mathcal{P}_K^{10} ,

$$(1-y)(1+a\pi_K^3+u\pi_K^8) = \frac{1+a\pi_K^3+u\pi_K^8}{1+y(a\pi_K^3)+y(u\pi_K^8)}$$

$$\equiv (1+a\pi_K^3+u\pi_K^8)(1-y(a\pi_K^3)-y(u\pi_K^8)$$

$$+y(a\pi_K^3)^2+y(a\pi_K^3)^3)$$

$$\equiv (1-y)(1+a\pi_K^3)+(u\pi_K^8-y(u\pi_K^8)).$$

By letting $u = u_0 + u_1 \pi_K + \cdots$, where u_i is either 0 or 1, it is straightforward that $u \pi_K^8 - y(u \pi_K^8) \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}}$. Thus

$$(1-y)(1+a\pi_K^3+u\pi_K^8) \equiv (1-y)(1+a\pi_K^3) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}}$$

It now follows from Corollary 2.3.3 and the definition of τ that if we let $\pi_K' = y(\pi_K) = 1 - \sqrt{3}$, then

$$\tau(t_2) \equiv (1-y)(1+\pi_K^3+\pi_K^4+\pi_K^5+\pi_K^7) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1+\pi_K^3+\pi_K^4+\pi_K^5+\pi_K^7}{1+(\pi_K')^3+(\pi_K')^4+(\pi_K')^5+(\pi_K')^7} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}}$$

$$\equiv 25+12\sqrt{3} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^{10}}.$$

This completed the proof of the first statement. To prove the second statement in the case $\alpha = \alpha_+$, we use the same arguments together with the results of Corollary 2.3.5, the fact that $N_{L/V}(\pi) = -16/5 - 3\sqrt{10}/5$, and consider, modulo \mathcal{P}_V^8 ,

$$\lambda(\pi t_1) = \lambda(t_1) \cdot (1-x)(1+y+y^2+y^3)(\pi)$$

$$\equiv \frac{1+\pi_V+\pi_V^2+\pi_V^3+\pi_V^4+\pi_V^5}{1-\pi_V+\pi_V^2-\pi_V^3+\pi_V^4-\pi_V^5} \cdot (1-x)\left(-\frac{16}{5}-\frac{3\sqrt{10}}{5}\right)$$

$$\equiv \frac{111+111\sqrt{10}}{111-111\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{16+3\sqrt{10}}{16-3\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{(111+111\sqrt{10})^2}{111^2-111^2\cdot 10} \cdot \frac{(16+3\sqrt{10})^2}{256-90}$$

$$\equiv 3+2\sqrt{10}.$$

Since $N_{L/W}(1+\pi^8) \equiv 1+\pi_W^6 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_W^8}$, $N_{L/W}(1+\pi^{18}) \equiv 1+\pi_W^7 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_W^8}$ and $N_{L/W}(1+\pi^8) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_V^6}$, we may multiply t_2/t_1 by $1+\pi^8$ and/or $1+\pi^{18}$, if necessary, without affecting the results of Corollary 2.3.5, to assume the results of Lemma 2.3.4 modulo \mathcal{P}_W^8 . Hence in the case $\alpha=\alpha_+$, to prove the third statement we use Lemma 2.3.4 and the fact that $N_{L/W}(\pi)=-14/5-\sqrt{30}/5$ and observe that

$$\rho(t_2/(\pi t_1)) \equiv \rho(t_2/t_1) \cdot (x-1)(1+xy+x^2+(xy)^3)(\pi)$$

$$\equiv \frac{1+\pi_W+\pi_W^2+\pi_W^4}{1-\pi_W+\pi_W^2+\pi_W^4} \cdot \frac{14-\sqrt{30}}{14+\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{931+\sqrt{30}}{931-\sqrt{30}} \cdot \frac{14-\sqrt{30}}{14+\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{(931+\sqrt{30})^2}{931^2-30} \cdot \frac{(14-\sqrt{30})^2}{196-30}$$

$$\equiv 15+4\sqrt{30}.$$

In the case $\alpha = \alpha_{-}$, we have

$$(1+y+y^2+y^3)(\pi)=4/5-\sqrt{10}/5$$

and

$$(1 + xy + x^2 + (xy)^3)(\pi) = 6/5 + \sqrt{30}/5$$
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The proofs of the last two statements for this case can also be carried out in the same manner.

We are now in a position to prove the main result of this chapter.

Theorem 2.3.8 The homomorphism k is injective.

Proof From the formulae of Section 1.2

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$$j(c_1) = t_2 x(t_2) y(\pi t_1)^{-1} (\pi t_1)^{-1}$$

and

$$j(c_2) = t_2 x y(t_2) x(\pi t_1) (\pi t_1)^{-1},$$

we see that $v_L(j(c_1)) = -2$ and $v_L(j(c_2)) = 0$ so that the homomorphism

$$v_L \circ k : Ker(d) \longrightarrow L^{\bullet} \longrightarrow 2\mathbb{Z}$$

is onto. Therefore to prove k is injective, it suffices to show that

$$k: Ker(d) \cap k^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_L^{\bullet}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^{\bullet}$$

is injective. As in the proof of Snaith [32], Theorem 6.1.7, to prove the injectivity of k, it suffices to show that $\sigma(t_2^2)$, $\tau(t_2^2)$, $\lambda((\pi t_1)^2)$, $\rho((t_2/(\pi t_1))^2)$, and $k(1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)$ have infinite order in \mathcal{O}_L^* where σ , τ , λ and ρ are defined as in the begining of Section 2.3, and c_1 , c_2 are defined as in Section 2.2. The desired result now follows from Lemma 2.3.2 and Corollaries 2.3.6 and 2.3.7.

Chapter 3

The Second Chinburg Conjecture

3.1 The Main Theorem

In this section we shall study the Chinburg invariant $\Omega(N/\mathbf{Q}, 2)$ of Section 1.5 in the case when N/\mathbf{Q} is a Galois extension with $Gal(N/\mathbf{Q}) \cong Q_8$ whose 2-adic completion is one of the Q_8 -extensions, L_{\pm}/\mathbf{Q}_2 of Section 2.1.

Suppose that Y is a finitely generated Z[G]-module which has no Z-torsion, where G is a finite group. In this case the universal coefficient theorems for homology and cohomology (Spanier [36], page 222 and page 236) imply that, for $i \geq 0$,

$$H_i(G; Y) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_2 \cong H_i(G; Y \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_2)$$

and

$$H^{i}(G; Y) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_{2} \cong H^{i}(G; Y \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_{2}).$$

Consequently, even for i = 0, -1,

$$\hat{H}^{i}(G;Y) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{2} \cong \hat{H}^{i}(G;Y \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{2}).$$

In particular, if G is a 2-group then each $\hat{H}^i(G;Y)$ is a finite 2-group and under the identification $a \otimes (\sum_{j \geq m} a_j 2^j) \sim a^{\sum_{j \geq m} a_j 2^j}$, where $a \in G$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $a_j = 0$ or 1, we have

$$\hat{H}^i(G;Y)\cong \hat{H}^i(G;Y)\otimes_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{Z}_2\cong \hat{H}^i(G;Y\otimes_{\mathbf{Z}}Z_2)$$
 for all $i\in\mathbf{Z}$.

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Let \overline{Y} denote the 2-adic closure of Y. Let $L=L_{\pm}$ and $k:Ker(d)\longrightarrow L^{\bullet}$ be as in Theorem 2.3.9. For abbreviation, set

$$Y_L = Ker(d) \cap k^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_L^*).$$

The commutative diagram of Section 2.2 implies that

$$k_{\bullet}: \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; Ker(d)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; L^{\bullet})$$

is an isomorphism for all $G \leq Q_8$. Hence

$$k_{\bullet}: \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; Y_L) \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; \mathcal{O}_L^{\bullet})$$

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is also an isomorphism for all $G \leq Q_8$. Since

$$\overline{Y}_L = Y_L \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_2$$

we see that

$$k_{\bullet}: \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; \overline{Y}_{L}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{H}^{\bullet}(G; \mathcal{O}_{L}^{\bullet})$$

is also an isomorphism for all $G \leq Q_8$.

By Theorem 2.3.9 we have an injection of the form

$$k: \overline{Y}_L = \overline{Ker(d) \cap k^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_L^*)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^*$$

which must have a finite cokernel, M, since \mathcal{O}_L^* contains a copy of $\mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8]$ of finite index. Hence M is a finite 2-group. It follows from the long exact (cohomology) sequence associated with

$$0\longrightarrow \overline{Y_L}\longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^\bullet\longrightarrow M\longrightarrow 0$$

and the fact that $k: \overline{Y_L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^*$ is a cohomological equivalence, that M is a cohomologically trivial $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]$ -module.

Recall that the residue field \overline{L} has order two, that there is an isomorphism of the form

$$\mathcal{O}_L^*/(k(\overline{Y}_L)) \cong L^*/(\overline{k(Ker(d))}),$$

and that there is an exact sequence of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow \overline{Y}_L \longrightarrow \overline{k(Ker(d))} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The fact that $L^* \cong \mathcal{O}_L^* \oplus \mathbf{Z}$ implies that as an abelian group,

$$Ker(d) \cong Y_L \oplus \mathbf{Z}.$$

With this identification the commutative diagram of Section 2.2 becomes

By pushing out the upper 2-extension along k, we obtain an intermediate diagram of the following form, in which j' and k are injective.

$$Y_L \oplus \mathbf{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} k & & & | j' & & | 1 & & | 1 \\ & & & & | 1 & & | 1 \\ & & & & & | & \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & \mathbf{Z} \end{vmatrix}$$

In the above diagram,

$$A = (L^* \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8])/S,$$

where S is the subgroup of $L^* \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8]$ consisting of all (k(a), -a) where $a \in Y_L \oplus \mathbf{Z}$. The map j' is defined by j'(b, c) = (0, b, c) + S.

If X and X_2 are as in Section 1.5, then

$$\Omega(L/\mathbb{Q}_2, 1+X_2) = [A/(1+X_2)] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8])$$

and

$$\Omega(N/\mathbb{Q},2) = [X] + [A/(1+X_2)] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]).$$

We also have an induced commutative diagram of exact sequences of the following form.

$$Ker(k') \longrightarrow Y_L \oplus \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{k'} L^*/(1+X_2) \longrightarrow Coker(k')$$

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$$Ker(j'') \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[Q_8] \xrightarrow{j''} A/(1+X_2) \longrightarrow Coker(j'')$$

Therefore, in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])$,

$$\begin{aligned} [A/(1+X_2)] &= [Coker(j'')] + [\mathbf{Z}[Q_8] \oplus \mathbf{Z}[Q_8]] - [Ker(j'')] \\ &= [Coker(j'')] - [Ker(j'')] \\ &= [Coker(k')] - [Ker(k')]. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Omega(N/\mathbf{Q},2) = [X] + [Coker(k')] - [Ker(k')].$$

If we choose $X_2 \subset 8\mathcal{O}_L$ then the homomorphism

$$1 + X_2 \longrightarrow L^* \longrightarrow L^*/(k((Y_L \otimes \mathbf{Z}_2) \oplus \mathbf{Z})) \cong M$$

will be zero, by the calculations which will be culminated in Section 3.2. Therefore

$$Coker(k') \cong (L^*/(1+X_2))/(k'(Y_L \oplus \mathbf{Z}))$$

$$\cong (L^*/(1+X_2))/(k((Y_L \otimes \mathbf{Z}_2) \oplus \mathbf{Z}))$$

$$\cong L^*/(k((Y_L \otimes \mathbf{Z}_2) \oplus \mathbf{Z}))$$

$$\cong M.$$

Combining the above results, we obtain

$$\Omega(N/\mathbf{Q},2) = [X] + [M] - [Ker(k')] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]).$$

We now state and prove the main theorem.

Theorem 3.1.1 Let N/Q be a Galois extension with $Gal(N/Q) \cong Q_8$ whose 2-adic completion is isomorphic to one of the extensions, L_{\pm}/Q_2 , of Section 2.1. Let $W_{N/Q}$ denote the root number class of Section 1.3. Then

$$\Omega(N/\mathbb{Q},2) = W_{N/\mathbb{Q}} \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]) \cong \{\pm 1\}.$$

Proof It will be shown in Section 3.2 that in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])$, [M] is trivial in both L_{\pm}/\mathbf{Q}_2 cases. The results of Sections 3.3 and 3.4 indicate that $[X] = -W_{N/\mathbf{Q}}$ and [Ker(k')] is non-trivial in the L_{+}/\mathbf{Q}_2 case, and $[X] = W_{N/\mathbf{Q}}$ and [Ker(k')] is trivial in the L_{-}/\mathbf{Q}_2 case. The desired result now follows from the formula preceding the statement of the theorem.

3.2 Computation of [M]

Recall that in the previous section, the cokernel $M=L^{\bullet}/(\overline{k(Ker(d))})$ is a finite 2-group which is a cohomologically trivial $\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]$ -module. The purpose of this section is to show that M is trivial in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])\cong \mathbf{Z}/2\cong \{\pm 1\}$. We define

$$M_{\pm} = \{z \in M \mid x^2(z) = \pm z\},\$$

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where $x \in Q_8$ is defined as in the beginning of Section 2.1.

Lemma 3.2.1 Let M^{Q_8} be the subset of elements of M fixed by Q_8 . Then

$$M^{Q_b} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

Proof Since M is cohomologically trivial $Z[Q_8]$ -module, from the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \overline{k(Ker(d))} \longrightarrow L^* \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0,$$

we obtain an exact cohomology sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \overline{k(Ker(d))}^{Q_8} \longrightarrow (L^*)^{Q_8} \longrightarrow M^{Q_8} \longrightarrow H^1(Q_8; \overline{k(Ker(d))}) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$M^{Q_{\delta}} \cong \frac{(L^{\bullet})^{Q_{\delta}}}{\overline{k(Ker(d))}^{Q_{\delta}}} = \frac{Q_{2}^{\bullet}}{\langle j(\sigma b), j(\sigma b') \rangle}.$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3.2 that

$$j(\sigma b) = \sigma(t_2) = 5 + 8a \in U_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2 \setminus U_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^3$$

generates $U_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2$ for some $a \in \mathbf{Z}_2$. Using Theorem 2.3.7(2), we have

$$j(\sigma b') = \sigma(\pi t_1) = \sigma(\pi)((1+x)(1+\pi_V+\pi_V^2+\pi_V^3+u\pi_V^6)) = 2c,$$

where $V = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{10})$, $\pi_V = \sqrt{10}$, $u \in \mathcal{O}_V$, $\pi = \pi_L$, and $c \in U_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2$. Since the element $j(\sigma b)$ generates $U_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2$, it generates c. Therefore, $2 \sim 1$ in M^{Q_0} and $M^{Q_0} \cong \mathbf{Z}/2$, as desired.

By Snaith [32], page 149-151, M_{-} is a principal left H_{z} -module, $|M_{-}| \geq 4$ and

$$M_{-}\cong \frac{L^{\bullet}/E^{\bullet}}{\langle k(c_1), k(c_2)\rangle},$$

where c_1 and c_2 are the generators of Ker(d) defined as in Section 2.2 and H_Z is the ring of integral quaternions.

To compute M_{-} , we prove the following proposition.

Proposition 3.2.2 The images of c_1 and c_2 under the map k are given as follows:

(1)
$$k(c_1) = \frac{1}{\pi^2}(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + u\pi^4)$$

and

(2)
$$k(c_2) \equiv 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^6}$$
,

for some $u \in \mathcal{O}_L^*$.

Proof It follows from the commutative diagram of Section 2.2 that

$$k(c_1) = \frac{t_2 x(t_2)}{t_1 \pi y(t_1 \pi)}$$
 and $k(c_2) = t_2 x y(t_2) \frac{x(\pi t_1)}{\pi t_1}$

As in Section 2.3, for some $v, w \in U_{L_0}^*$, we have $t_2 = 1 + \xi \pi^3 + v \pi^4$ and $t_1 = 1 + \xi \pi + w \pi^2$, where ξ is a primitive third root of unity. We consider

$$t_2x(t_2) = (1 + \xi \pi^3 + v\pi^4)(1 + \xi x(\pi^3) + x(v\pi^4))$$

$$\equiv 1 + \xi(\pi^3 + x(\pi^3)) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^4}.$$

Since $x(\pi^3) = \pi^3(1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \cdots)^3$, we have $t_2x(t_2) \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^4}$.

Using the identity $y(\pi) = \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \cdots$ and the fact that $w + y(w) \in \mathcal{P}^2_{L_0}$, we have

$$t_1 y(t_1) = (1 + \xi \pi + w \pi^2)(1 + \xi y(\pi) + y(w \pi^2))$$

$$\equiv 1 + \xi(\pi + y(\pi)) + (w \pi^2 + y(w \pi^2) + \xi^2 \pi y(\pi) + \xi \pi y(w \pi^2) + \xi w \pi^2 y(\pi) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^4}$$

$$\equiv 1 + \xi(\pi^2 + \pi^3) + \xi^2(\pi^2 + \pi^3) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^4}$$

$$\equiv 1 + \pi^2 + \pi^3 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^4}.$$

The above results together with the fact that $\pi y(\pi) = \pi^2(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^3 + \cdots)$ imply that

$$k(c_1) = \frac{t_2 x(t_2)}{t_1 \pi y(t_1 \pi)} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} (1 + \pi + \pi^2 + u \pi^4),$$

for some $u \in \mathcal{O}_L^*$ (here we have \mathcal{O}_L^* instead of $\mathcal{O}_{L_0}^*$ because $k(c_1) \in L^*$). This completes the proof of statement (1).

To prove statement (2), we use the identical method and obtain, modulo $\mathcal{P}_{L_0}^6$,

$$t_2 x y(t_2) \equiv 1 + \xi \pi^4,$$

$$\frac{x(\pi)}{\pi} \equiv 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5$$

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and

$$\frac{x(t_1)}{t_1} \equiv 1 + \xi \pi^4 + \pi^5.$$

Therefore, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^6 (here $k(c_2) \in L^*$),

$$k(c_2) \equiv (1 + \xi \pi^4)(1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5)(1 + \xi \pi^4 + \pi^5)$$
$$\equiv 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4,$$

as desired.

We are now in a position to compute M_{-} .

Lemma 3.2.3 As an abelian group, $M_{-} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$.

Proof It is easy to see that in

$$M_{-}\cong\frac{L^*/E^*}{\langle k(c_1),k(c_2)\rangle},$$

 $1 = \pi_E \sim \pi^2 u_7$ for some $u_7 \in U_L^7 \setminus U_L^8$. It now follows from Proposition 3.2.2 that in M_- , $1 = k(c_1) \sim 1 + \pi + \pi^2 + u\pi^4$ and $1 = k(c_2) \sim 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + v\pi^6$ for some u, $v \in \mathcal{O}_L^*$. These elements generate U_L^1/U_L^2 and U_L^3/U_L^4 . Observe that

$$(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + u\pi^4)^2 \equiv 1 + \pi^2 + \pi^4 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^8}$$

and

$$(1+\pi+\pi^2+u\pi^4)^4 \equiv 1+\pi^4+\pi^8 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{10}}$$

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generate the filtration levels U_L^2/U_L^3 and U_L^4/U_L^5 . The above calculation also gives

$$k(c_1)^4 k(c_2) = 1 + \pi^3 + w\pi^6$$

for some $w \in \mathcal{O}_L^*$. Now under the squaring map and the action of 1+x,

$$(1+\pi^3+w\pi^6)^2 \equiv 1+\pi^6 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{11}}$$

and

$$(1+x)(1+\pi^3+w\pi^6) \equiv 1+\pi^7+\pi^8 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^9}$$

generate the filtration levels U_L^6/U_L^7 and U_L^7/U_L^8 , respectively. Repeating this process using the squaring map and the actions of 1+x, 1+y and x+y on $k(c_1)$, $k(c_2)$, ..., we can generate every filtration level U_L^n/U_L^{n+1} for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \neq 5$. It now follows that M_- is generated by π and $1+\pi^5$. Since $|M_-| \geq 4$, $\pi^2 = \pi_E/u_7 \sim 1$ and $(1+\pi^5)^2 = 1+\pi^{10}+\cdots \in \langle k(c_1), k(c_2) \rangle$, we have, as an abelian group,

$$M_{-} = \langle \pi, 1 + \pi^{5} \mid \pi^{2} = (1 + \pi^{5})^{2} = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2,$$

as desired.

The following proposition will give a bound on the order of M.

Proposition 3.2.4 $|M| \ge 2^8$.

Proof Let $g \in Q_8$ have order 4. Define

$$M^g = \{z \in M | g(z) = z\}.$$

It follows from Snaith [32], Proposition 6.2.7 that either

- (1) $M^x \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$, $M^y \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$, and $M^{xy} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$ or
- (2) two of the $M^{g'}$ s are cyclic of order greater than or equal 8, while the third is the sum of the other two.

Case (1) cannot occur, since this would imply $|Tor(\mathbf{Z}/2; M_+)| \geq 8$, while we in fact have from the definition of M_{\pm} and Proposition 3.2.3 that

$$Tor(\mathbf{Z}/2, M_+) = Tor(\mathbf{Z}/2, M_-) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2.$$

Hence, without loss of generality, we may assume that $M^x \cong \mathbb{Z}/2^{m+1}$, $M^{xy} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2^{n+1}$ for $m, n \geq 2$. It follows from the proof of Snaith [32], Lemma 6.2.4, that $|M_+| = 2 \cdot |M^x + M^y|$. Since $M^x \cap M^{xy} = M^{Q_0} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$,

$$M^x + M^{xy} \cong \frac{\mathbf{Z}/2^{m+1} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2^{n+1}}{\langle (2^m, 2^n) \rangle}$$

Thus, $|M_+| = 2 \cdot \frac{2^{m+1} \cdot 2^{n+1}}{2} = 2^{m+n+2} \ge 2^6$. Therefore,



$$|M| = |M_+| \cdot |M_-| \ge 2^8,$$

as desired.

The core of this section lies in the following proposition.

Proposition 3.2.5 As an abelian group, $M \cong \mathbb{Z}/16 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/16$.

Proof Recall that

$$M = \frac{L^{\bullet}}{\overline{k(Ker(d))}} = \frac{L^{\bullet}}{\langle k(c_1), k(c_2) \rangle}.$$

From Proposition 3.2.2, we have

$$k(c_2) \equiv 1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^6}$$

as a generator of the filtration level U_L^3/U_L^4 . Using the identities

$$x(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^5 + \pi^6 + \cdots),$$

$$y(\pi) = \pi(1 + \pi + \pi^2 + \pi^3 + \pi^4 + \pi^7 + \cdots)$$

of Section 2.2 and the squaring map, we have

$$(1+y)(k(c_2)) \equiv 1+\pi^4+\pi^6 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^7},$$
 $(1+y)(k(c_2)^2) \equiv 1+\pi^8 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{12}},$ $k(c_2)^2 \equiv 1+\pi^6+\pi^8+\pi^{11} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{12}}.$

and

$$(1+x)(k(c_2)(1+y)(k(c_2))) \equiv 1+\pi^6+\pi^7+\pi^8+\pi^9 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{10}}.$$

It follows from the above that the filtration levels U_L^4/U_L^5 , U_L^6/U_L^7 , U_L^7/U_L^8 , U_L^8/U_L^9 , and an element of the form $1 + \pi^7 + \pi^9 + \upsilon \pi^{10}$ for some $\upsilon \in \mathcal{O}_L$ can be generated. We observe that

$$(1+x)(1+\pi^7+\pi^9+v\pi^{10})\equiv 1+\pi^{10}+\pi^{11}+\cdots,$$

generates U_L^{10}/U_L^{11} . Applying the squaring map to the generators of the filtration obtained above we can generate U_L^{12}/U_L^{13} , U_L^{14}/U_L^{15} , and U_L^{18}/U_L^{19} . To find a generator for U_L^{13}/U_L^{14} , we use Corollary 2.3.6, i.e.,

$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)) = 1 + \pi^8 + \pi^{13} + \pi^{16} + \cdots$$

and the fact that

$$(1+\pi^4+\pi^6+w\pi^7)^2 \equiv 1+\pi^8 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_r^{14}}$$

for some $w \in \mathcal{O}_L$. Now, for some $t \in \mathcal{O}_L$,

$$(1+x)(1+\pi^{13}+t\pi^{15}) \equiv 1+\pi^{16}+\pi^{17} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{18}}$$

gives a generator for the filtration level U_L^{16}/U_L^{17} . We recall from Corollary 2.3.3 that if $K = \mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{3})$ and $\pi_K = 1 + \sqrt{3}$, then

$$A = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3)(t_2) \equiv 1 + \pi_K^3 + \pi_K^4 + \pi_K^5 + \pi_K^7 \pmod{\mathcal{P}_K^8}$$

is the first few terms of an element belonging to k(Ker(d)). Since $\pi_K = \pi^4(1 + \pi^4 + \pi^8 + \cdots)$, we have,

$$A \equiv 1 + \pi^{12} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{16}}.$$

The fact that for some $s \in \mathcal{O}_L$ there is an element of the form $1 + \pi^6 + \pi^7 + s\pi^9 \in \langle k(c_1), k(c_2) \rangle$ implies that

$$(1 + \pi^6 + \pi^7 + s\pi^9)^2 \equiv 1 + \pi^{12} + \pi^{15} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{16}}$$

can be generated. Hence the filtration level U_L^{15}/U_L^{16} can be generated using the element of the form

$$(1 + \pi^{12})(1 + \pi^{12} + \pi^{15}) \equiv 1 + \pi^{15} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{16}}.$$

A generator for U_L^{17}/U_L^{18} can be obtained using the following observations, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{18} :

$$(1+y)(1+\pi^{13}+0\cdot\pi^{15}+\cdots)\equiv 1+\pi^{16}$$

and

$$(1+\pi^{16})(1+\pi^{16}+\pi^{17})\equiv 1+\pi^{17}.$$

In fact, using $(1+x)(1+\pi^{13}+0\cdot\pi^{15}+\cdots)$ and

$$(1 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{11} + \cdots)^2 = 1 + \pi^{18} + \pi^{19} + \cdots$$

we can obtain $1 + \pi^{17} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{20}}$.

Now using the squaring map, all filtration levels U_L^n/U_L^{n+1} can be generated except for the case when n=1,2,5,9 or n=8k+3 for some $k\in\mathbb{N}$. Using the notation $\rho=(1-x)(1+xy+x^2+(xy)^3)$ of Chapter 2 and Corollary 2.3.7, we have for $W=\mathbf{Q}_2(\sqrt{30})$, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{36} ,

$$B = \rho(t_2/(\pi t_1))^2 \equiv 1 + \pi^{28} + \pi^{30} + \pi^{32} + \pi^{33} + \pi^{35}$$

Since we can generate $1 + \pi^6 + \pi^{11} + \cdots$ and $1 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{11} + \cdots$, there is an element of $\langle k(c_1), k(c_2) \rangle$ of the form

$$(1 + \pi^6 + \pi^{11} + \cdots)(1 + \pi^{10} + \pi^{11} + \cdots) = 1 + \pi^6 + \pi^{10} + 0 \cdot \pi^{11} + \cdots$$

It follows that, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{36} , the following element can be generated

$$(1 + \pi^6 + \pi^{10} + 0 \cdot \pi^{11} + \cdots)^8 \equiv 1 + \pi^{28} + \pi^{30} + \pi^{32}$$

Hence there is a trivial element of M whose first few terms are

$$B(1 + \pi^{28} + \pi^{30} + \pi^{32}) = 1 + \pi^{33} + \pi^{35} + \cdots$$

Since we can generate $(1 + \pi^{17})^4 \equiv 1 + \pi^{33} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_L^{36}}$, we have

$$(1+\pi^{33})(1+\pi^{33}+\pi^{35})=1+\pi^{35}+\cdots$$

as a generator for U_L^{35}/U_L^{36} .

At this moment, all of the filtration levels U_L^n/U_L^{n+1} can be generated except for the case when $n=1,\,2,\,5,\,9,\,11,\,19$ or 27. This means $|M|\leq 2^8$. Together with the result of the previous proposition, we have $|M|=2^8$. The existence of an element of the form $1+\pi^4+0\cdot\pi^5+\cdots$ in k(Ker(d)) can be used to improve the result of Proposition 3.2.2, part (1), i.e.

$$1 = k(c_1) = \frac{1 + \pi + \pi^2 + 0 \cdot \pi^3 + 0 \cdot \pi^4 + \cdots}{\pi^2} \in M.$$

This means that there is an $u \in \mathcal{O}_L$ such that, in M,

$$\pi^2 = 1 + \pi + \pi^2 + u\pi^5.$$

Observe that using the squaring map successively, we have, in M,

$$\pi^4 = 1 + \pi^2 + \pi^4 + \pi^9 + \cdots$$

and

$$\pi^8 = 1 + \pi^4 + \pi^8 + \pi^{10} + \cdots$$

It follows that in M, $1 + \pi$, $1 + \pi^2$ and $1 + \pi^9$ can be generated by π and the units in lower filtration levels.

Consider the following elements of M:

$$(1+\pi^5)^2 = 1+\pi^{10}+\pi^{13}+\cdots$$

$$(1+\pi^5)^4 = 1+\pi^{18}+\pi^{20}+\cdots$$

$$(1+\pi^5)^8 = 1+\pi^{26}+\pi^{28}+\cdots$$

and

$$(1+\pi^5)^{16}=1+\pi^{34}+\cdots\sim 1.$$

The above facts imply that for $n \ge 11$, all the elements of the form $1 + \pi^n$ in M can be generated by π and $1 + \pi^5$. As π and $1 + \pi^5$ generate M, and $(1 + \pi^5)^{16} \sim 1 \in M$, we must have $\pi^{16} \sim 1 \in M$.

Therefore, as an abelian group,

$$M = \langle \pi, 1 + \pi^5 \mid \pi^{16} = (1 + \pi^5)^{16} = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/16 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/16.$$

We should also note that in this case

$$M_{+} = \langle \pi^{2}, (1 + \pi^{5})^{2} \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/8$$

and

$$M_{-} = \langle \pi^8, (1 + \pi^5)^4 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2,$$

as in Lemma 3.2.3. The action of Q_8 on M is given by x(1,0) = (9,5), x(0,1) = (8,7), y(1,0) = (3,0) and y(0,1) = (0,3).

Corollary 3.2.6 [M] is trivial in $CL(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$.

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Proof Consider the induction map

$$Ind_{(y)}^{Q_8}: \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]) \longrightarrow \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]),$$

which sends a module P to $\mathbb{Z}[Q_8] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\langle y \rangle]} P$. Since $\langle y \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$, $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[\langle y \rangle]) = 0$, $\mathbb{Z}/16 = \langle (1,0) \rangle$ is a $\mathbb{Z}[\langle y \rangle]$ -module, and

$$x(\langle (1,0)\rangle) \oplus \langle (1,0)\rangle = \langle (9,5)\rangle \oplus \langle (1,0)\rangle \cong M,$$

we have $Ind_{\langle \nu \rangle}^{Q_a}([\mathbf{Z}/16]) = [\mathbf{Z}/16 \oplus \mathbf{Z}/16]$, and hence

$$[M] = [\mathbb{Z}/16 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/16] = 0 \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]),$$

as desired.

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3.3 Computation of [X]

In this section, we compute the class $[X] \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])$ in term of the root number class $W_{N/\mathbf{Q}}$ using Fröhlich's Hom-description together with results of A. Fröhlich and M. J. Taylor.

For the Hom-description we take any Galois extension of number fields, E/Q, such that $N(\sqrt{-1}) \subset E$. Then

$$\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]) \cong \frac{Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), J^*(E))}{Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), E^*) \ Det(U(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]))}$$

Since $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$ acts trivially on $R(Q_8)$, all characters are integer-valued. We have

$$Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), E^*) \cong Hom(R(Q_8), \mathbf{Q}^*)$$

and

$$Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), J^{\bullet}(E)) \cong Hom(R(Q_8), J^{\bullet}(E)^{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}).$$

Also, the p-part of the adèles is $E \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}_p \cong \prod_{\mathcal{P}|p} E_{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$ acts trivially on the factors with stabilizer $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$, acting on each $E_{\mathcal{P}}$ component-wise ($(E \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}_p)^{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}} \cong E_{\mathcal{P}}^{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}_p}} = \mathbf{Q}_p$ for any choice of $\mathcal{P} \mid p$). Hence

$$Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), J^*(E)) \cong \prod_{p} 'Hom(R(Q_8), \mathbf{Q}_p^*).$$

The above weak product includes one $p = \infty$ factor.

Now $X \otimes \mathbf{Q} \cong N \cong \mathbf{Q}[Q_8] < a > \text{for } a \in O_N \setminus \{0\} \text{ and } X \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_2 \cong \mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8] < a_2 > \text{with } a_2 = 2^t(1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + \alpha) \in 8O_L$. The fact that $\mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8] < a_2 > \text{is a free}$ $\mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8]$ -module is proved in the following lemma.

Lemma 3.3.1 The module $\mathbb{Z}_2[Q_8](1+\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{10}+\sqrt{30}+\alpha)$, a $\mathbb{Z}_2[Q_8]$ -submodule of \mathcal{O}_L generated by $1+\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{10}+\sqrt{30}+\alpha$, is free over $\mathbb{Z}_2[Q_8]$.

Proof Let $\chi_1, \chi_2: Q_8 \longrightarrow \pm 1$ be homomorphisms defined by

$$\chi_1(x) = -1, \ \chi_1(y) = 1$$

$$\chi_2(y) = -1, \ \chi_2(x) = 1.$$

The irreducible complex representations of Q_8 are given by 1, χ_1 , χ_2 , $\chi_1\chi_2$ and a unique irreducible two-dimensional representation ν . For each irreducible representation χ of Q_8 , we let $e_\chi = \frac{\dim(\chi)}{8} \sum_{g \in Q_8} \chi(g^{-1})g$ be its associated idempotent. Then, as in Kim [22], Lemma 2.4, $\gamma = \sum_\chi \gamma_\chi$ generates a free module over $\mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8]$ where χ runs through all irreducible representations of Q_8 and γ_χ is a generator for $e_\chi \mathcal{O}_L$ over $e_\chi \mathbf{Z}_2[Q_8]$.

We consider

$$e_1\mathcal{O}_L = \frac{1}{8}Tr_{L/\mathbf{Q}_2}(\mathcal{O}_L) = \mathbf{Z}_2 \cdot 1$$

and

$$e_{\chi_1} \mathcal{O}_L = \frac{1}{8} (\sum_{g \in Q_8} \chi_1(g^{-1})g) \mathcal{O}_L$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (1 - x) Tr_{L/Q_2(\sqrt{10})} (\mathcal{O}_L)$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}_2 \cdot \sqrt{10}.$$

Similarly, we find $\gamma_{x_2} = \sqrt{3}$, $\gamma_{x_1x_2} = \sqrt{30}$ and $\gamma_{\nu} = \alpha$. Thus, $\gamma = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + \alpha$, as desired.

At odd primes p,

$$X_p = X \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_p = \mathbf{Z}_p[Q_8] < a_p > \cong \prod_{\mathcal{P}|_{\mathbf{P}}} O_{N_{\mathcal{P}}},$$

where $a_p \in O_{N_p}$ for some \mathcal{P} over p and $O_{N_p} = \mathbb{Z}_p[G(N_{\mathcal{P}}/\mathbb{Q}_p)] < a_p >$. Hence we have homomorphisms $R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \prod_{\mathcal{P}|p} N_{\mathcal{P}}^*$

$$\chi \longmapsto \frac{(a_p \mid \chi)}{(a \mid \chi)}$$

and $R(Q_8) \longrightarrow N_2^*$

$$\chi \longmapsto \frac{(a_2 \mid \chi)}{(a \mid \chi)}.$$

Here $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$ denotes the resolvent homomorphism which is defined in the following manner. If Λ is any ring with a $G(N/\mathbb{Q})$ -action and $u \in \Lambda$, then for $\chi \in R(\mathbb{Q}_8)$,

$$(u \mid \chi) = det \left(\sum_{g \in G(N/\mathbb{Q})} g(u) \chi(g^{-1}) \right)$$

If $\omega \in \Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$, then

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$$\omega(u \mid \chi) = \det \left(\sum_{g \in G(N/\mathbb{Q})} \omega g(u) \omega(\chi(g^{-1})) \right)$$
$$= \det \left(\sum_{\omega g} \omega g(u) \chi((\omega g)^{-1}) \chi(\omega g) \omega(\chi(g^{-1})) \right).$$

If χ is irreducible and 1-dimensional, then $\omega(\chi(g^{-1})) = \chi(g^{-1})$ and $\chi(\omega g) = \chi(\omega)\chi(g)$, so $\omega(u \mid \chi) = (u \mid \chi) det(\omega(\chi(u)))$ in this case. This formula is true in general (see

Fröhlich [9], page 30). This means that when $\chi = \nu$, each resolvent is an $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}$ -map

$$\omega(a \mid \nu) = (a \mid \nu)$$

as $det(\nu) = 1$. But for the one-dimensional characters χ one must be careful to maintain quotients like $\frac{(a_p|\chi)}{(a|\chi)}$, so that the $det(\chi(\omega))$'s cancel. Hence the Hom-description of [X] is

$$\chi \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{(a_p|\chi)}{(a|\chi)} & \text{if } p \text{ is finite} \\ 1 & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

If p is finite, then $\tau_{N/Q}(\chi) = \prod_p \tau_p(\chi_p)$, and according to Fröhlich [9], page 119, Theorem 20B(ii), for $\omega \in \Omega_Q$,

$$\omega(\tau_{N/Q}(\chi)) = \tau_{N/Q}(\chi) det(\chi)(\omega)$$

In addition, the results of Fröhlich [11], show that $\frac{(a_p|x)}{(\tau_p(x_p))}$ is unit-valued in $\prod_{p|p} O_{Np}^*$ for p odd (in this case, N_p/\mathbb{Q}_p is tame). But $|\tau_q(\chi_q)|$ is a power of q, so this is unit-valued, and so for $p \neq 2$,

$$\frac{(a_p \mid \chi)}{\tau_p(\chi)} \in Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), \prod_{\mathcal{P} \mid p} O_{E_{\mathcal{P}}}^*)$$

$$= Det(\mathbf{Z}_p[Q_8]^*)$$

Therefore, at each finite $p \neq 2$ we may divide by $\chi \longmapsto \frac{(a_p|\chi)}{\tau(\chi)}$ to obtain a Hom-

representation of the form

$$\chi \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{(a_2|\chi)}{(a|\chi)} & \text{at } p = 2\\ \frac{\tau(\chi)}{(a|\chi)} & \text{at } p \neq 2, \infty\\ 1 & \text{at } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

We observe that the function

$$\chi \longmapsto \frac{\tau(\chi)}{(a \mid \chi)}$$

lies in $Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), E^*)$ so we can divide by it, to change the Hom-representation of [X] to

$$\chi \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{(a_2|\chi)}{\tau(\chi)} & \text{at } p = 2 \\ 1 & \text{at } p \neq 2, \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{(a|\chi)}{\tau(\chi)} & \text{at } p = \infty.$$

Now according to Fröhlich [12], at ∞ the sign of $(a \mid \chi)$ is equal to the sign of $W_{\infty}(\nu)$ and the absolute norm of the conductor of a symplectic representation is a square. So the sign of $\tau(\nu)W_{\infty}(\nu)$ is the same as that of W_{finite} $W_{\infty}(\nu)=W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\nu)$, the Artin conductor. Therefore, since $W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\chi)=1$ if $\dim(\chi)=1$,

$$\chi \longmapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{at } p \neq \infty \\ \frac{(a|\chi)}{\tau(\chi)} W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\chi) & \text{at } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

is in $Hom_{\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}}(R(Q_8), E^*)$ and its sign at ∞ on $\chi = \nu$ is

$$sign\left(\frac{(a\mid \chi)}{\tau(\chi)}W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\chi)\right) = sign\left(\frac{W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\chi)}{W_{\infty}(\chi)\tau(\chi)}\right) = 1$$

(see Snaith [33], page 336, Chinburg [3], page 19, and Taylor [38], page 9).

Therefore, as $W_{\mathbf{Q}}(\chi) = 1$ if $dim(\chi) = 1$,

$$\chi \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{(a_2|\chi)}{\tau(\chi)} & \text{at } p = 2\\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is a Hom-representative for $[X] - W_{N/Q}$.

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Now if we define

$$h: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^*$$
 by $h(\chi) \cdot 2^{\beta(\chi)} = \frac{(a_2 \mid \chi)}{\tau(\chi)}$

and

$$\chi_+: (\mathbb{Z}/8)^* \longrightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$
 by $\chi_+(-1) = 1$ and $\chi_+(3) = -1$,

then the class of [h] is

$$A = [X] - W_{N/Q} = h(\nu) \cdot \chi_{+}(h(1 + \chi_{1} + \chi_{2} + \chi_{1}\chi_{2})) \in \{\pm 1\}.$$

Note that in our computation, we discard the power of 2. We now have

$$A \equiv \frac{(a_2 \mid \chi)}{\tau(\chi)} \chi_+ \left(\frac{(a_2 \mid 1 + \chi + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2)}{\tau(1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2)} \right) \pmod{4}.$$

Before going further in this direction, we use the same method of Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.3, to prove the following useful lemma. Lemma 3.3.2 Let $a_2 = 2^t(1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + \alpha)$ be as in Lemma 3.3.1. Then the resolvent of a_2 is given by the following formulae:

$$(a_2 \mid 1) = 2^{t+3},$$

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_1) = 2^{t+3}\sqrt{10},$$

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_2) = 2^{t+3}\sqrt{3},$$

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_1\chi_2) = 2^{t+3}\sqrt{30},$$

$$(a_2 \mid \nu) = 2^{2t+2}\alpha^2(1+u_1^2)(1+u_2^2)$$

where $x(\alpha) = u_1 \alpha$ and $y(\alpha) = u_2 \alpha$.

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Proof For convenience, let us suppose that t=0. From Lemma 2.1.2, we know that $u_1=(1-\sqrt{10})/3$ and $u_2=(\sqrt{3}-1)/(\sqrt{30}v)$ where $v^2=-1/15$. We now have the following formulae:

$$a_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + \alpha,$$

$$x(a_2) = 1 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{30} + u_1\alpha,$$

$$y(a_2) = 1 - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{30} + u_2\alpha,$$

$$xy(a_2) = 1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + u_1x(u_2)\alpha,$$

$$x^2(a_2) = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} - \alpha,$$

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$$x^{3}(a_{2}) = 1 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{30} - u_{1}\alpha,$$

$$x^{2}y(a_{2}) = 1 - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{30} - u_{2}\alpha,$$

$$x^{3}y(a_{2}) = 1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} - u_{1}x(u_{2})\alpha.$$

Therefore

$$(a_2 | 1) = \sum_{g \in Q_8} g(a_2)$$

= 8,

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_1) = \sum_{\chi_1(g)=1} g(a_2) - \sum_{\chi_1(g)=-1} g(a_2)$$

= $8\sqrt{10}$,

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_2) = \sum_{\chi_2(g)=1} g(a_2) - \sum_{\chi_1(g)=-1} g(a_2)$$

= $8\sqrt{3}$,

and

$$(a_2 \mid \chi_1 \chi_2) = \sum_{\chi_1(g)\chi_2(g)=1} g(a_2) - \sum_{\chi_1(g)\chi_2(g)=-1} g(a_2)$$

= $8\sqrt{30}$.

The matrices representing $\{\nu(g) \mid g \in Q_8\}$ are given by $(i^2 = -1)$

$$u(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \nu(x) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix},$$

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$$\nu(y) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{array}\right), \ \nu(xy) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{array}\right),$$

and $\nu(x^2g) = -\nu(g)$. Hence we find that

$$(a_2 \mid \nu) = det \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha(1+iu_1) & 2u_2\alpha(1+iu_1) \\ 2u_2\alpha(iu_1-1) & 2\alpha(1-iu_1) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= 4\alpha^2(1+u_1^2)(1+u_2^2),$$

as desired.

Now,

$$W_{\text{finite}}(\chi) = \prod_{p \text{ finite}} W_{Q_p}(\chi_p) = \sqrt{f(\chi)} \cdot \tau(\chi)$$

where $f(\chi)$ is the Artin conductor associated to the character χ of Q_8 . Recall that in Lemma 2.1.1, $H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$ is defined to be the bi-quadratic subfield of the quaternion extension N/\mathbb{Q} with $d_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ and $d_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{16}$. We have

$$f(1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2) = f(Ind_{G(N/H)}^{G(N/Q)}(1)) = D_{H/Q}$$

and

$$f(2\nu+1+\chi_1+\chi_2+\chi_1\chi_2)=f(Ind_{<1>}^{G(N/Q)}(1))=D_{N/Q}.$$

It follows that $f(\nu)^2 = \frac{D_{N/Q}}{D_{H/Q}}$. According to Martinet [25], Proposition 6 (proof),

$$D_{N/\mathbf{Q}} = \prod_{\substack{p \text{ ramified} \\ \text{in } N/\mathbf{Q}}} p^4 \cdot D_{H/\mathbf{Q}}.$$

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Hence (the odd part)

$$f(\nu) = \prod_{\substack{2 \neq p \text{ ramified} \\ \text{in } N/Q}} p^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

Using all of the above relations together with the fact that $Gal(N/H) = \langle x^2 \rangle$, we have

$$A = \frac{(a_2 \mid \nu) \sqrt{f(\nu)}}{\prod_{p \text{ finite}} W_{\mathbf{Q_p}}(\nu_p)} \cdot \chi_+ \left(\frac{(a_2 \mid 1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2)}{W_{\text{finite}} (Ind_{\leq x^2}^{Q_a})} \cdot \sqrt{D_{H/\mathbf{Q}}} \right).$$

We are now in a position to state and prove the main result of this section.

Theorem 3.3.3 In $CL(Z[Q_8])$,

$$[X] = \begin{cases} -W_{N/Q} & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ W_{N/Q} & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10. \end{cases}$$

Proof Since

$$[X] - W_{N/Q} = A \in \{\pm 1\} \cong \mathcal{CL}(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]),$$

to prove the theorem it suffices to show that

$$A = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10. \end{cases}$$

To compute A, we analyse the formula given prior to the statement of the theorem.

Since $W_{\infty}(Ind_{\langle x^2 \rangle}^{Q_a}(1)) = \pm 1$ and $Ind_{\langle x^2 \rangle}^{Q_a}(1)$ is orthogonal, we have

$$W_{\text{finite}}(Ind_{<\mathbf{x}^2>}^{Q_8}(1)) = \frac{W_{\mathbf{Q}}(Ind_{<\mathbf{x}^2>}^{Q_8}(1))}{W_{\infty}(Ind_{<\mathbf{x}^2>}^{Q_8}(1))}$$

$$= \pm 1.$$

Thus $\chi_+(W_{\text{finite}}(Ind_{< x^2>}^{Q_s}(1))) = 1$ and

$$A = \frac{(a_2 \mid \nu) \sqrt{f(\nu)}}{\prod_{p \text{ finite } W_{\mathbf{Q}_p}(\nu_p)}} \cdot \chi_+((a_2 \mid 1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2) \cdot \sqrt{D_{H/\mathbf{Q}}}).$$

In the next lemma we will show that $W_{\mathbf{Q_2}}(\nu_2) = -1$. Hence

$$W_{\text{finite}}(\nu) = -\prod_{\substack{2 \neq p \text{ ramified} \\ \text{in } N/\Omega}} W_{Q_p}(\nu_p).$$

It follows from Lemma 3.3.2 that

$$(a_2 \mid 1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2) = 2^{4t+12} \cdot 15,$$

and

$$(a_2 \mid \nu) = \begin{cases} 2^{2t+4} \cdot 1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ 2^{2t+4} \cdot (-1) & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10. \end{cases}$$

The former implies that

$$\chi_{+}(a_2 \mid 1 + \chi_1 + \chi_2 + \chi_1 \chi_2) = \chi_{+}(15) = 1.$$

Now if we let D_0 be the odd part of $\sqrt{D_{H/Q}}$, then it follows from Martinet [25] (see also Kim [22], Lemma 3.1) that

$$\prod_{\substack{2 \neq p \text{ ramified} \\ \text{in } N/Q}} W_{Q_p}(\nu_p) \equiv \left(\frac{2}{D_0}\right) \prod_{\substack{2 \neq p \text{ ramified} \\ \text{in } N/Q}} p \pmod{4},$$

Hence, in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]) \cong \{\pm 1\},\$

$$A = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{2}{D_0}\right)\chi_+(D_0) & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ \left(\frac{2}{D_0}\right)\chi_+(D_0) & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10 \end{cases}$$

It can be easily seen from the definitions of the Jacobi symbol and χ_+ that $\left(\frac{2}{D_0}\right) = \chi_+(D_0)$. Therefore, in $\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8])$,

[A] =
$$\begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10, \end{cases}$$

as desired.

Lemma 3.3.4 Let ν be the two-dimensional irreducible complex representation of $Q_8 \cong Gal(N/\mathbb{Q})$. Then the local Artin root number of ν satisfies

$$W_{Q_2}(\nu_2) = -1.$$

Proof As in Chinburg, Kolster, Pappas and Snaith [6], for $V = \mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{10})$ we let φ be a character of Gal(L/V) of order 4. Identical arguments show that $W_V(\varphi) = 1$ (in their paper, φ is denoted by χ_{ν_2}). Since $Gal(L/V) \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$ and $\nu_2 = Ind_{\mathbb{Z}/4}^{Q_2}(\varphi)$, we have $Ind_{\mathbb{Z}/4}^{Q_2}(\varphi-1) = \nu_2 - Ind_{\mathbb{Z}/4}^{Q_2}(1)$. Hence

$$W_{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}(\nu_{2}) = W_{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}(Ind_{\mathbf{Z}/4}^{Q_{4}}(1)) \cdot W_{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}(Ind_{\mathbf{Z}/4}^{Q_{4}}(\varphi - 1))$$

$$= W_{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}(Ind_{\mathbf{Z}/4}^{\mathbf{Q}_{8}}(1)) \cdot W_{K}(\varphi)$$
$$= W_{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}(Ind_{\mathbf{Z}/4}^{\mathbf{Q}_{8}}(1)).$$

Since $Ind_{\mathbb{Z}/4}^{Q_8}(1) = 1 + Inf_{\mathbb{Z}/2}^{Q_8}(\theta)$ where θ is the nontrivial character of $Gal(V/Q_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$, we have

$$W_{\mathbf{Q}_2}(\nu_2) = W_{\mathbf{Q}_2}(\theta).$$

It now follows from Snaith [34], page 266, that if we define $l:\Omega_{\mathbf{Q_2}}\longrightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ by $g\mapsto g(\sqrt{10})/(\sqrt{10})$, then

$$W_{\mathbf{Q}_2}(\nu_2) = W_{\mathbf{Q}_2}(l(10)) = -1,$$

as desired.

3.4 Computation of [Ker(k')]

In this section we shall evaluate the class of Ker(k') in

$$\mathcal{CL}(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]) \cong D(\mathbf{Z}[Q_8]) \cong (\mathbf{Z}/4)^*.$$

Using the results of Snaith [32], Sections 6.3.2-3, we have that a Hom-description representative for [Ker(k')] is given by a function g such that $g(T) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^*$ and

$$2^{\epsilon}g(T) = \frac{(a_2 \mid T)}{(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid T)},\tag{3.1}$$

where $T \in R(Q_8)$, $\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{30} + \alpha$ as defined in the previous section, and $x_0 = 2^s(\sigma(t_2) + \tau(c_1) + \lambda(c_1) + \rho(c_2) + (1 - x^2)(c_1 - c_2))$ for some integer $s \leq 0$ and c_1 , c_2 , i_1 , i_2 , σ , τ , λ , ρ are defined as in Section 2.1.1-2. It follows from Taylor [38], page 88, that the class

$$[g] \in D(\mathbb{Z}[Q_8]) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/4)^*$$

is given by the formula

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$$[g] \equiv g(\nu)(-1)^{(1/4)\log_2(g(1+\chi_1+\chi_2+\chi_1\chi_2))} \pmod{4}.$$

In addition, $(-1)^{(1/4)\log_2(g(1+\chi_1+\chi_2+\chi_1\chi_2))}$ depends only on g(1), $g(\chi_1)$, $g(\chi_2)$ and $g(\chi_1\chi_2)$ modulo eight, since

$$(-1)^{(1/4)\log_2(1+4w)} = (-1)^{w-2w^2} = (-1)^w.$$

Lemma 3.4.1 If $g: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^*$ is the function of 3.1 then

$$g(1) \in 1 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2$$
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Proof As in Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.4 (proof), we have

$$(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid 1) = 2^{s+3} \log_2(k(\sigma c_2)).$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3.2 that $k(\sigma c_2) = \sigma(t_2^2) = (13 + 2^5 \delta)^2$ for some $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$. Hence

$$\log_2(k(\sigma c_2)) = 2\log_2(13 + 2^5\delta)$$

$$= 2\log_2(1 + 4(3 + 2^3\delta))$$
$$= 2(4(3 + 2^3\delta) - 4^2/2(3 + 2^3\delta)^2 + \ldots)$$

which lies in $8(3-2+8\mathbb{Z}_2)$. Therefore, by Lemma 3.3.2, we find that

$$\frac{(a_2 \mid 1)}{(\log_2((k \otimes 1)(x_0)) \mid 1)} \in \frac{2^{t+3}}{2^{s+6}(1 + SZ_2)}$$

and $g(1) \in (1 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2)^{-1} = (1 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2)$, as desired.

Lemma 3.4.2 If $g: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^*$ is the function of 3.1 then

$$g(\chi_1) \in 3 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2.$$

Proof As in Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.5 (proof), we have

$$(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_1) = -2^{s+4} \log_2(k(\lambda b')).$$

It follows from Corollary 2.3.7 that

$$k(\lambda b') = \lambda(\pi t_1) = 3 + 2\sqrt{10} + 2^4\delta,$$

for some $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_2[\sqrt{10}]$. Hence if we let $w = 1 + \sqrt{10} + 2^3 \delta$, then

$$\log_2(k(\lambda b')) = \log_2(1+2w)$$

$$= 2(w-w^2+4w^3/3-2w^4+\cdots)$$

which lies in $2(\sqrt{10})(3+8\mathbb{Z}_2)$. Hence, by Lemma 3.3.2, we find that

$$\frac{(a_2 \mid \chi_1)}{(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_1)} \in \frac{2^{t+3}(\sqrt{10})}{(-2^{s+5})(\sqrt{10})(3+8\mathbb{Z}_2)}$$

and $g(\chi_1) \in (3 + 8\mathbf{Z}_2)^{-1} = (3 + 8\mathbf{Z}_2)$, as desired.

Lemma 3.4.3 If $g: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^*$ is the function of 3.1 then

$$g(\chi_2) \in 3 + 8\mathbf{Z}_2.$$

Proof As in Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.6, we have

$$(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_2) = 2^{s+4} \log_2(\tau c_1).$$

It follows from Corollary 2.3.7 that

$$\tau(c_1) = \tau(t_2^2) = (25 + 12\sqrt{3} + 2^5\delta)^2$$

for some $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_2[\sqrt{3}]$. Hence, if we let $w = 6 + 3\sqrt{3} + 2^3\delta$, then

$$\log_2(\tau(c_1)) = 2\log_2(t_2)$$

$$= 2\log_2(1+4w)$$

$$= 8(w-2w^2+\cdots)$$

which lies in $(\sqrt{3})(3+8\mathbb{Z}_2)$. Therefore, by Lemma 3.3.2,

$$\frac{(a_2 \mid \chi_2)}{(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_2)} \in \frac{2^{t+3}(\sqrt{3})}{2^{s+7}(\sqrt{3})(3+8\mathbb{Z}_2)}$$

and therefore $g(\chi_2) \in (3 + SZ_2)^{-1} = (3 + SZ_2)$, as desired.

Lemma 3.4.4 If $g: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^*$ is the function of 3.1 then

$$g(\chi_1\chi_2) \in 7 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2$$

Proof As in the proof of Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.7,

$$(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_1 \chi_2) = 2^{s+4} \log_2(k(\rho(b-b'))).$$

It follows from Corollary 2.3.8 that

$$k(\rho(b-b')) = \rho(t_2/(\pi t_1)) = 15 + 4\sqrt{30} + 2^5\delta$$

for some $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_2[\sqrt{30}]$. Hence if we let $w = 7 + 2\sqrt{30} + 2^4\delta$, then

$$\log_2(k(\rho(b-b'))) = \log_2(1+2w)$$
$$= 2(w-w^2+4w^3/3-2w^4+\cdots)$$

which lies in $2(\sqrt{30})(7 + 8\mathbf{Z_2})$. Therefore, by Lemma 3.3.2,

$$\frac{(a_2 \mid \chi_1 \chi_2)}{(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \chi_1 \chi_2)} \in \frac{2^{t+3}(\sqrt{30})}{2^{s+5}(\sqrt{30})(7+8\mathbb{Z}_2)}$$

and therefore $g(\chi_1\chi_2) \in (7 + 8\mathbf{Z}_2)^{-1} = (7 + 8\mathbf{Z}_2)$, as desired.

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Lemma 3.4.5 If $g: R(Q_8) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^{\bullet}$ is the function of 3.1 then

$$g(\nu) \in \begin{cases} 3 + 4\mathbf{Z}_2 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/30 \\ 1 + 4\mathbf{Z}_2 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/30. \end{cases}$$

Proof As in the proof of Snaith [32], Lemma 6.3.8,

$$(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \nu) = 2^s(\log_2(k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2))) \mid \nu).$$

If we let $D = \log_2(k(1-x^2)(c_1-c_2))$, then by the formulae used in the proof of Lemma 3.3.2,

$$(D \mid \nu) = det \begin{pmatrix} (1 - x^2 - ix + ix^3)(D) & (x^2y - y - ixy - ix^3y)(D) \\ (y - x^2y - ixy - ix^3y)(D) & (1 - x^2 + ix - ix^3)(D) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $i^2 = -1$. Since $x^2(D) = -D$, we have

$$(D \mid \nu) = det \begin{pmatrix} (2 - 2ix)(D) & (-2y - 2ixy)(D) \\ (2y - 2ixy)(D) & (2 + 2ix)(D) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 4\{(D - ix(D))(D + ix(D)) + (y(D) - ixy(D))(y(D) + ixy(D))\}$$

$$= 4((1 + x)(D^2) + (y + xy)(D^2))$$

$$= 4((1 + x + y + xy)(D^2)).$$

The fact that $(1+x+y+xy)(D^2) \in 2^5(3+4\mathbb{Z}_2)$, which will be proved in Proposition 3.4.6, together with the results of Lemma 3.3.2 imply that

$$\frac{(a_2 \mid \nu)}{(\log_2(k(x_0)) \mid \nu)} \in \frac{2^{2t+2}(\pm 2^4)}{2^{s+12}(3+4\mathbb{Z}_2)}$$

and

$$g(\nu) \in \begin{cases} 3 + 4\mathbf{Z}_2 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ 1 + 4\mathbf{Z}_2 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10 \end{cases}$$

as desired.

Proposition 3.4.6 In the notation of Section 2.2.0,

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\log_2(k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)))) \in 2^5(3+4\mathbb{Z}_2).$$

Proof As in the beginning of the proof of Corollary 2.3.6, we have

$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2))=(1-x^2)(x-xy)(t_2)\cdot(x^2-1)(x+y)(\pi t_2/(t_2/t_1)),$$

where by Lemmas 1.3.2 and 1.3.4,

$$t_2 = (1 + \xi \pi^3)(1 + \xi \pi^4)(1 + \xi \pi^5)(1 + a_6 \pi^6)(1 + \xi \pi^7)(1 + a_8 \pi^8)(1 + a_9 \pi^9) \cdots$$

and

$$t_2/t_1 = (1 + \xi \pi) \left(\prod_{i=2}^{9} (1 + b_i \pi^i) \right) \cdots$$

The reason for choosing the terms up to $U_{L_0}^9$ is that we want to compute $k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2))$ (mod \mathcal{P}_L^{22}). In fact we can ignore the units of $U_{L_0}^8$ in the above products. To find $k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2))$ (mod \mathcal{P}_L^{22}), we use Maple to compute the actions of

 $(1-x^2)(x-xy)$ and $(x^2-1)(x+y)$ on π and on every term of the expressions of t_2 and t_2/t_1 . As a result, we have, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{22} ,

$$k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)) \equiv 1+\pi^8+\pi^{13}+\pi^{16}+w\pi^{18}+w\pi^{19}+\pi^{21},$$

where w = 0 or 1.

If we let $D = \log_2(k((1-x^2)(c_1-c_2)))$ and $\gamma = \pi^8 + \pi^{13} + \pi^{16} + w\pi^{18} + w\pi^{19} + \pi^{21}$, then modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{22} ,

$$D \equiv \gamma - \gamma^2/2 + \gamma^3/3 - \gamma^4/4 + \cdots$$
$$\equiv \pi^{12} + \pi^{13} + w\pi^{18} + w\pi^{19} + \pi^{20}.$$

Hence, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{42} ,

$$D^2 \equiv \pi^{24} + \pi^{26} + \pi^{33} + w\pi^{36} + \pi^{37} + (1+w)\pi^{40}.$$

Now in the case $\alpha = \alpha_+$, we have, modulo \mathcal{P}_L^{49} ,

 $(1+x+y+xy)(w\pi^{36}) \equiv 0$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{24}) \equiv \pi^{48}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{26}) \equiv \pi^{38} + \pi^{39} + \pi^{41} + \pi^{46} + \pi^{47} + \pi^{48}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{33}) \equiv \pi^{38} + \pi^{39} + \pi^{40} + \pi^{41} + \pi^{42} + \pi^{43} + \pi^{44} + \pi^{46} + \pi^{47} + \pi^{48}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{37}) \equiv \pi^{42} + \pi^{43} + \pi^{46} + \pi^{47} + \pi^{48}$$
$$(1+x+y+xy)((1+w)\pi^{40}) \equiv 0.$$

In the case $\alpha = \alpha_{-}$, we also have, modulo \mathcal{P}_{L}^{49} ,

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$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{24}) \equiv \pi^{48}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{26}) \equiv \pi^{38} + \pi^{39} + \pi^{41} + \pi^{44} + \pi^{45} + \pi^{48}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(\pi^{33}) \equiv \pi^{38} + \pi^{39} + \pi^{40} + \pi^{41} + \pi^{42} + \pi^{43} + \pi^{45}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(w\pi^{36}) \equiv 0$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)(w\pi^{36}) \equiv \pi^{42} + \pi^{43} + \pi^{46} + \pi^{47}$$

$$(1+x+y+xy)((1+w)\pi^{40}) \equiv 0.$$

$$(3.2)$$

It now follows from the relation $\pi^{40}=2^5(1+\pi^4+0\cdot\pi^8+\cdots)$ and the above identities that

$$(1 + x + y + xy)(D^{2}) \equiv \pi^{40} + \pi^{44} \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L}^{49}}$$

$$\equiv \pi^{40}(1 + \pi^{4}) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L}^{49}}$$

$$\equiv 2^{5}(1 + \pi^{4})(1 + \pi^{4}) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L}^{49}}$$

$$\equiv 2^{5}(1 + \pi^{8}) \pmod{\mathcal{P}_{L}^{49}}$$

$$\in 2^{5}(3 + 4\mathbf{Z}_{2}),$$

as desired.

We are now in a position to state and prove the main result of this section.

Theorem 3.4.7 In the notation of Section 3.1,

$$[Ker(k')] = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10 \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha^2 = -1 - \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{10}/10 - \sqrt{30}/10. \end{cases}$$

Proof Identifying the class-group with (Z/4)* for the moment, the arguments in the beginning of this section and the calculations of Lemma 3.4.1 to Lemma 3.4.5 show that

$$[Ker(k')] = [g] = \begin{cases} -(-1)^{(1/4)\log_2(\delta)} & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_+ \\ (-1)^{(1/4)\log_2(\delta)} & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_-, \end{cases}$$

where $\delta \in 7 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2$ and, as usual $\alpha_{\pm}^2 = \pm (1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10}/10 + \sqrt{30}/10$. Since $(1/4)\log_2(7) \in 2\mathbb{Z}_2$, we have that

$$[Ker(k')] = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_+ \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_-, \end{cases}$$

as desired.

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