99. Tables of Ideal Class Groups of Real Quadratic Fields

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§1. Introduction. A table of ideal class groups of imaginary quadratic fields $Q(\sqrt{-m})$ was given in [5] for m < 100,000. In this note we shall give corresponding tables for ideal class groups in narrow sense and in wide sense for real quadratic fields $Q(\sqrt{m})$ for m < 100,000. As in [5], we use the expression (a, b, \dots, c) to denote the type of finite abelian group which is the direct product of cyclic groups of order a, b, \cdots , c, $aZ \subset bZ \subset$ $\cdots \subset cZ.$ The ideal class groups in wide and narrow sense, the class numbers in wide and narrow sense, the fundamental unit, the 2-ranks of the ideal class groups in wide and narrow sense of $Q(\sqrt{m})$ and the number of rational primes ramified in $Q(\sqrt{m})$ are denoted by C(m), C'(m), h(m), h'(m), $\varepsilon(m)$, r(m), r'(m) and t(m), (sometimes simply by C, C', h, h', ε , r, r', t) respectively. It is well known that h'=h or 2h accoring as $N\varepsilon = -1$ or +1and r'=t-1. We recall that a table of h(m) and $N_{\varepsilon}(m)$ is given in [4] for m < 100,000. The method of our calculation is based on [2] Chapter 5. It was done by micro VAX-II and the computer time for making these tables was about 40 hours.

§ 2. Ideal class groups in narrow sense. Our Table I gives the types (a, b, \dots, c) of C'(m) for all m < 100,000 except in the following two cases:

(1) C'(m) is cyclic.

(2) C'(m) is of the type $(2a', 2, \dots, 2)$ and t>2.

Thus when *m* is not found in Table I, and t=1 or 2, then C'(m) is cyclic, and when t>2 then C'(m) is of the type $(2a', 2, \dots, 2)$ with $a'=h'/2^{t-1}$.

§ 3. Ideal class groups in wide sense. If $N\varepsilon(m) = -1$, it is well-known that C'(m) and C(m) are of the same type. We have furthermore the following theorem.

Theorem. Let R(m) be the set of rational primes ramified in $Q(\sqrt{m})$ (i.e. the set of prime divisors of the discriminant of $Q(\sqrt{m})$).

(1) If R(m) contains a prime $\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then

r(m) = r'(m) - 1 = t - 2.

(2) Otherwise r(m) = r'(m) = t - 1.

The proof of this theorem is implicitly contained in [1] or in [3], but this explicit formulation was communicated to us by Prof. Iwasawa. We add here a short proof for convenience.

Proof. In case (1), the norm of the fundamental unit is 1 and there is no number $\theta \in Q(\sqrt{m})$ satisfying $N(\theta) = -1$. So r = t-2 ([3] p. 257).

In case (2), we can conclude from calculation of the Hilbert Symbol that