

Construction of Number Fields with Prescribed l -class Groups

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Let G be a finite abelian l -group, where l is a prime number, and k be an arbitrary number field. The purpose of this paper is to show that for each prime number l which does not divide the class number of k , there exist infinitely many algebraic extensions of k whose l -class groups are isomorphic to G (cf. Theorem and its Corollary). F. Gerth III [1] solved this problem under the conditions that G is any finite elementary abelian l -group and k is the field \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers. We extend his result to the general case where the group G is any finite abelian l -group.

§1. Preliminaries.

Throughout this paper, l will denote a fixed prime number and k will denote a number field whose class number is prime to l (by a number field we shall always mean a finite extension of the field \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers). For an arbitrary number field L , let S_L and E_L denote the l -class group of L (i.e., the Sylow l -subgroup of the ideal class group of L) and the group of units in L , respectively. For a Galois extension M/L of finite degree, $G(M/L)$ denotes its Galois group and $[\mathfrak{P}, M/L]$ denotes the Frobenius symbol for a prime ideal \mathfrak{P} of M in M/L . Especially, if M/L is an abelian extension, $(\alpha, M/L)$ denotes the Artin symbol for an ideal α of L in M/L . For a finite abelian group \bar{G} and a natural number n , we shall denote by $|\bar{G}|$ its order and put $\bar{G}^n = \{g^n; g \in \bar{G}\}$. Let $\mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z}$ be the cyclic group of order l^n and ζ_n a primitive n -th root of unity. Furthermore, we use the following notations:

$h = h_k$: the class number of k ;

\mathcal{O} : the ring of integers of k ;

$(\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{M})^\times$: the multiplicative group of the residue class ring \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{M} , where \mathfrak{M} is an integral ideal of k ;

$k(n) = k(\{\zeta_{l^{n+s}}, l^s \sqrt{\varepsilon_i}; 1 \leq i \leq r\})$, where l^s is the order of the group of l -