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The Capitulation Problem for certain Number Fields

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§1. Abstract

We study the capitulation problem for certain number fields of degree 3, 4, and 6.

(I) Capitulation of the 2-ideal classes of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}, i)$ (by A. AZIZI)

Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$, $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}, i)$, $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$ be the Hilbert 2-class field of \mathbf{k} , $\mathbf{k}_2^{(2)}$ be the Hilbert 2-class field of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$, $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ be the 2-component of the ideal class group of \mathbf{k} and G_2 the Galois group of $\mathbf{k}_2^{(2)}/\mathbf{k}$. We suppose that $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ is of type (2,2); then $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$ contains three extensions F_i/\mathbf{k} , i = 1, 2, 3. The aim of this section is to study the capitulation of the 2-ideal classes in F_i , i = 1, 2, 3, and to determine the structure of G_2 .

(II) On the capitulation of the 3-ideal classes of a cubic cyclic field (by M. AYADI)

Let k be a cubic cyclic field over \mathbb{Q} , and $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ the Hilbert 3-class field of **k**. If the class number of **k** is exactly divisible by 9, then its 3-ideal class group is of type (3,3), and $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ contains four cubic extensions \mathbf{K}_i/\mathbf{k} in which we study the capitulation problem for the 3-ideal classes of **k**.

(III) On the capitulation of the 3-ideal classes of the normal closure of a pure cubic field (by M. C. ISMAILI)

Let $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$ be a pure cubic field, $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n}, j)$ its normal closure $(j = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}})$, $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ the Hilbert 3-class field of \mathbf{k} , and let $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ be the 3-ideal class group of \mathbf{k} . When $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ is of type (3,3), we study the

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capitulation of the 3-ideal classes of $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ in the four intermediate extensions of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}$, and we show that if the class number of Γ is divisible by 9, then we have some necessary conditions on *n*. We have also some informations about the unit group of \mathbf{k} in some cases.

$\S 2.$ Intoduction

Let **k** be a number field of finite degree over \mathbb{Q} and $C_{\mathbf{k}}$ be the class group of **k**. Let **F** be an unramified extension of **k** of finite degree and let $O_{\mathbf{F}}$ be its ring of integers. We say that an ideal \mathcal{A} (or the ideal class of \mathcal{A}) of **k** capitulates in **F** if it becomes principal in **F**, i.e., if $\mathcal{A}O_{\mathbf{F}}$ is principal in **F**. The Hilbert class field \mathbf{k}_1 of **k** is the maximal abelian unramified extension of **k**. Let p be a prime number; the Hilbert p-class field $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}$ of **k** is the maximal abelian unramified extension of **k** such that $[\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)} : \mathbf{k}] = p^n$ for some integer n. The first important result on capitulation was conjectured by D. Hilbert and proved by E. Artin and P. Furtwängler. It deals with the case $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{k}_1$.

Theorem 2.1 (Principal ideal theorem). Let \mathbf{k}_1 be the Hilbert class field of \mathbf{k} . Then every ideal of \mathbf{k} capitulates in \mathbf{k}_1 .

The principal ideal theorem was generalized by Tannaka and Terada to the next one. Let \mathbf{k}_0 be a subfield of \mathbf{k} such that \mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0 is abelian and let $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$ be the relative genus field of \mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0 .

Theorem 2.2 (Tannaka–Terada). If \mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0 is cyclic, then every ambiguous ideal class of \mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0 is principal in $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$.

The case where \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} is a cyclic extension of prime degree was studied by D. Hilbert in his Theorem 94:

Theorem 2.3 (Theorem 94). Let \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} be a cyclic extension of prime degree. Then there exists at least one class (not trivial) in \mathbf{k} which capitulates in \mathbf{F} .

We find in the proof of Theorem 94 this result:

Let σ be a generator of the Galois group of \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} and $N_{\mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k}}$ be the norm of \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} . Let $E_{\mathbf{L}}$ be the unit group of the field \mathbf{L} . Let $E_{\mathbf{F}}^*$ be the group of units of norm 1 in \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} . Then the group of classes of \mathbf{k} which capitulates in \mathbf{F} is isomorphic to the quotient group $E_{\mathbf{F}}^*/E_{\mathbf{F}}^{1-\sigma} = H^1(E_{\mathbf{F}})$, the cohomology group of $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$ acting on the group $E_{\mathbf{F}}$.

With this result and other results on cohomology, we have:

Theorem 2.4. Let \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} be a cyclic extension of prime degree. Then the number of classes which capitulate in \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} is equal to $[\mathbf{F} : \mathbf{k}][E_{\mathbf{k}} : N_{\mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k}}(E_{\mathbf{F}})]$.

The case where \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} is an abelian extension was treated by H. Suzuki who has proved Miyake's conjecture: In an abelian extension \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{k} the number of classes of \mathbf{k} which capitulate in \mathbf{F} is a multiple of $[\mathbf{F}:\mathbf{k}]$.

Let p be a prime number and let $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}$ (resp. $\mathbf{k}_2^{(p)}$) be the Hilbert p-class field of \mathbf{k} (resp. of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}$). If \mathbf{L} is a subfield of \mathbf{k}_1 and \mathcal{A} is an ideal class of \mathbf{k} whose order is equal to p^m for some integer m. Then \mathcal{A} capitulates in \mathbf{L} if and only if \mathcal{A} capitulates in $\mathbf{L} \cap \mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}$. So we study only the capitulation of classes whose order is equal to p^m in the subfields of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}$, and since the capitulation problem is solved when $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}/\mathbf{k}$ is cyclic, we study only the cases where $\mathbf{k}_1^{(p)}/\mathbf{k}$ is not cyclic.

For more details see [Mi - 89], [Su - 91], [CF - 91], [Ism - 92], [Az - 93], [Ay - 95] and [Az - 97].

§3. Capitulation of the 2-ideal classes of some biquadratic fields

Let **k** be a number field such that the 2-component $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ of $C_{\mathbf{k}}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Let G_2 be the Galois group of $\mathbf{k}_2^{(2)}/\mathbf{k}$. By class field theory, $Gal(\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}/\mathbf{k}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Then $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$ contains three quadratic extensions of **k** denoted by \mathbf{F}_1 , \mathbf{F}_2 and \mathbf{F}_3 . Under these conditions, Kisilevsky [Ki-76] proved the following.

Theorem 3.1. Let **k** be such that $C_{\mathbf{k},2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Then we have three types of capitulation:

- Type 1: The four classes of $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ capitulate in each extension $\mathbf{F}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$. This is possible if and only if $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)} = \mathbf{k}_2^{(2)}$.
- Type 2: The four classes of $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ capitulate only in one extension among the three extensions \mathbf{F}_i , i = 1, 2, 3. In this case the group G_2 is dihedral.
- Type 3: Only two classes capitulate in each extension \mathbf{F}_i , i = 1, 2, 3. In this case the group G_2 is semidihedral or quaternionic.

In this section, we suppose that $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}, i)$ where $d \in \mathbb{N}$ is such that $C_{\mathbf{k},2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, and we study the capitulation problem in the extensions $\mathbf{F}_i/\mathbf{k}, i = 1, 2, 3$.

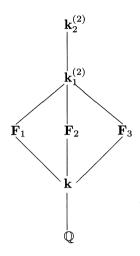


Diagram 1

The first step is to study the structure of $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$. Using genus theory, the class number formula for biquadratic fields, Kaplan's results on the 2-part of the class number for quadratic number fields and other results, we can prove

Theorem 3.2. Let Q be the Hasse unit index of \mathbf{k} and let $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ be the 2-component of the class group of \mathbf{k} . Let $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ be the genus field of \mathbf{k} . Then the group $C_{\mathbf{k},2}$ is of type (2, 2) if and only if one of the next cases occurs:

(1) $d = 2pq, p \equiv -q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, at least two of the three symbols $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right), \left(\frac{2}{p}\right), \left(\frac{2}{q}\right)$ are -1 and Q is 1, in which case, $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}_{1}^{(2)} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}, \sqrt{q}, \sqrt{2}, i);$ (2) $d = 2q_{1}q_{2}, q_{1} \equiv q_{2} \equiv -1 \pmod{4}, \left(\frac{q_{1}}{q_{2}}\right) = -\left(\frac{q_{2}}{q_{1}}\right) = 1, \left(\frac{2}{q_{1}}\right) = -\left(\frac{2}{q_{2}}\right) = 1$ and Q = 1, in which case, $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}_{1}^{(2)} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_{1}}, \sqrt{q_{2}}, \sqrt{2}, i);$ (3) $d = p_{1}p_{2}, p_{1} \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, p_{2} \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and $\left(\frac{p_{1}}{p_{2}}\right) = -1$, in which case, $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt{p_{1}}) \neq \mathbf{k}_{1}^{(2)};$ (4) $d = pq, p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}, \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$ and Q = 2, in which case, $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt{p}) \neq \mathbf{k}_{1}^{(2)}.$

Remarks 3.1. If $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} \neq \mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$, we set $\mathbf{F}_1 = \mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt{p})$ where $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, $\mathbf{F}_2 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt{a+bi})$ and $\mathbf{F}_3 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt{a-bi})$ where *a* and *b* are two integers such that $p = a^2 + b^2$, $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

In order to determine the number of ideal classes which capitulate in \mathbf{F}_i/\mathbf{k} , i = 1, 2, 3, we have to determine the unit group of each $\mathbf{F}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$, where \mathbf{F}_i is a composite of three quadratic fields. So using the previous results and others, we obtain the next solution of the capitulation problem.

Theorem 3.3. Let $C_{\mathbf{F}_i,2}$ be the 2-component of the class group of \mathbf{F}_i and let $j_i: C_{\mathbf{k},2} \longrightarrow C_{\mathbf{F}_i,2}$ be the canonical homomorphism. (1) If $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$, then $\mathbf{k}_1^{(2)} \neq \mathbf{k}_2^{(2)}$, $G_2 \simeq Q_m$ or $S_m (m > 3)$ and $|ker j_i| = 2$ for i = 1, 2, 3 (capitulation type 3), where Q_m and S_m are respectively the group of quaternions and the semi-dihedral group of order 2^m .

(2) Let $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} \neq \mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$. Then $|\ker j_1| = 4$. Moreover, (a) If d is divisible by a prime $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ and $p \neq x^2 + 32y^2$, then $\mathbf{k}_{2}^{(2)} = \mathbf{k}_{1}^{(2)}, \ G_{2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $|ker j_{i}| = 4$ for i = 1, 2, 3(capitulation type 1);

(b) If d is not divisible by a prime $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ or if $p = x^2 + 32y^2$, then $\mathbf{k}_2^{(2)} \neq \mathbf{k}_1^{(2)}$, $G_2 \simeq D_m (m \ge 3)$, the dihedral group of order 2^m , and $|\ker j_i| = 2$ for i = 2, 3 (capitulation type 2).

For more details see [Az - 93] and [Az - 97].

Numerical Examples.

Values of d	Capitulation types
$17 \cdot 7, \ 17 \cdot 5, \ 73 \cdot 7$	type 1
$41\cdot 13, \hspace{0.2cm} 41\cdot 7$	type 2
$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7, \ 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5, \ 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7, \ 2 \cdot 13 \cdot 3, \ 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$	type 3

Table 1

$\S4$. On the capitulation of the 3-ideal classes of a cubic cyclic field

Let k be a cubic cyclic field over ${\mathbb Q}$ whose class number is exactly divisible by 9. Let $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ be its Hilbert 3-class field and let $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ be its absolute genus field. Then the 3-ideal class group of \mathbf{k} is of type (3,3), and $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}$ contains four subfields $\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{K}_2, \mathbf{K}_3$ and \mathbf{K}_4 . We want to study the capitulation problem of the 3-ideal classe of \mathbf{k} .

For the details of all the proofs and results given in this section see [Ay-95].

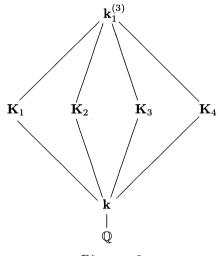


Diagram 2

We have to distinguish two cases.

First case: $[\mathbf{k}^{(*)} : \mathbf{k}] = 3$. It turns out that this is equivalent to each of the following conditions:

- $Gal(\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbb{Q})$ is not abelian; - $\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{K}_i$ for some $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$;

- Exactly two distinct prime numbers p and q are ramified in \mathbf{k} .

Second case: $[\mathbf{k}^{(*)}: \mathbf{k}] = 9$. This is equivalent to each of the following conditions:

- $Gal(\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbb{Q})$ is abelian;

$$-\mathbf{k}^{(*)} = \mathbf{k}_1^{(3)};$$

- Exactly three distinct prime numbers p, q and r are ramified in \mathbf{k} .

(A) Case where $[k^{(*)}:k] = 3$

In this case, exactly two prime numbers p and q are ramified in \mathbf{k} , and there exists another unique cubic cyclic field denoted by $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ having the same conductor as **k**. Denote by $h_{\mathbf{k}}$ (resp. by $h_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}}$) the class number of **k** (resp. of $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$).

Let \mathbf{k} be a cubic cyclic field of conductor divisible Theorem 4.1. only by p and q. Then

$$9||h_{\mathbf{k}} \Leftrightarrow 9||h_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}}|$$

If $9||h_{\mathbf{k}}$, then \mathbf{k} and $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$ have the same Hilbert 3-class field.

Let σ be a generator of $Gal(\mathbf{k}/\mathbb{Q})$ and let $\delta = \sigma - 1$. From class field theory we know that $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_1^{(3)}$ corresponds to S^{δ^2} and that S^{δ^2} is trivial, where $S = Gal(\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k})$. Moreover the group of ambiguous classes is of order 3, and generated by the classes $[\mathcal{P}]$ and $[\mathcal{Q}]$, where \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} are the prime ideals of \mathbf{k} lying above p and q. We have of course $[\mathcal{P}]^n[\mathcal{Q}]^m = 1$ for some $n, m \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $(n, m) \neq (0, 0)$; the nontrivial relation $[\mathcal{P}]^n[\mathcal{Q}]^m = 1$ is obtained by calculating a constant of Parry denoted $b_{\mathbf{k}}$. Here $b_{\mathbf{k}} = p^n q^m$ is caculated from a fundamental unit of \mathbf{k} (generating over $\mathbb{Z}[\sigma]$ the unit group of \mathbf{k}) and its irreducible polynomial (see [Pa-90]).

Theorem 4.2. Let \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} (resp. $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}, \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$) be the prime ideals of \mathbf{k} (resp. of $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$) lying above p and q. Then the following assertions are true: (1) $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}; \ [\mathcal{P}]^n [\mathcal{Q}]^m = 1 \Leftrightarrow [\tilde{\mathcal{P}}]^n [\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}]^m = 1.$ (2) $[\mathcal{P}] = 1$ or $[\mathcal{Q}] = 1 \Leftrightarrow 9 || h_{\mathbf{k}^{(*)}}$. Saying this, is equivalent to: $[\mathcal{P}] \neq 1$ and $[\mathcal{Q}] \neq 1 \Leftrightarrow 3 || h_{\mathbf{k}^{(*)}}$.

The fact that the prime \mathcal{P} (resp. $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$) is inert in $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}/\mathbf{k}$ (resp. in $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}/\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$) and that $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)} = \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_1^{(3)}$, we get that the Artin maps $(\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}, \mathcal{P})$, $(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_1^{(3)}/\tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$, and $(\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}^*, \mathcal{P}^*)$ are equal, where \mathcal{P}^* is a prime in $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ lying above p; so we obtain (1). The fact that the 3-class number of $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ is equal to 3 or 9 is obtained by using a formula giving $h_{\mathbf{k}^{(*)}}$ where $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ is considered as the composite of cubic cyclic fields, so the assertion (2) is proved by calculating some unit index involving Parry's constant (see [Pa-90]).

Theorem 4.3. (1) All the 3-ideal classes capitulate in each of the four intermediate fields of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}$ if and only if $3||h_{\mathbf{k}^{(*)}}$. In this case, $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)} = \mathbf{k}_n^{(3)}$ for each $n \geq 2$.

(2) Let **L** be a subextension of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ which is cubic over **k**. Then only the ambiguous ideal classes capitulate in **L** if and only if $9||h_{\mathbf{k}^{(*)}}|$. In this case, $\mathbf{k}_2^{(3)} = \mathbf{k}_n^{(3)}$ for each $n \geq 3$.

The first assertion is obvious. For the second, the unit index in the extension $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}/\mathbf{k}$ is 1, so only the three ambiguous classes capitulate in $\mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ (see [Fr-93] and [Ja-88]); we use the fact that the group $Gal(\mathbf{k}_2^{(3)}/\mathbf{k})$ has two generators and we prove that $Gal(\mathbf{k}_2^{(3)}/\mathbf{k})$ is metacyclic of order 27 (see [Bl-58]); so the conclusion is obtained via the transfer for groups of order 27. See [Mi-89] for more information on transfer and [Ne-67] for all the different groups of order 27.

Numerical Examples.

$f_{\mathbf{k}}$	$b_{\mathbf{k}}$
$657 = 9 \cdot 73$	$(3)^2(73)$
$1267 = 7 \cdot 181$	(7)(181)
$2439 = 9 \cdot 271$	(271)
$5971 = 7 \cdot 853$	(853)

(B) Case where $[k^{(*)} : k] = 9$

In this case, $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)} = \mathbf{k}^{(*)}$ and exactly three prime numbers p, q and r are ramified in \mathbf{k} ; there are exactly three other cubic cyclic fields having the same conductor as \mathbf{k} . Using the cubic symbol, G. Gras distinguished 13 different situations (see [Gr-73]). We solved the capitulation problem for four of them, namely under the following equivalent conditions:

Let p, q, r be distinct prime numbers $\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, and allow p to be equal to 3; the Hilbert 3-class field of each cubic cyclic field of conductor dividing $(pqr)^2$ is equal to its absolute genus field.

Under these conditions we have:

Theorem 4.4. If **k** is a cubic cyclic field of conductor pqr (or 9qr if p = 3) and if $9||h_{\mathbf{k}}$, then all the 3-ideal classes capitulate in each of the four intermediate fields of $\mathbf{k}_{1}^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}$.

By using Parry's constant and some unit index (see [Pa-90]), we prove that the 3-class number of each bicubic bicyclic field in $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}/\mathbf{k}$ is equal to 3.

Numerical examples. Suppose that **k** is a cubic cyclic field with conductor $f_{\mathbf{k}} \leq 16000$. Then **k** satisfies the last theorem if and only if $f_{\mathbf{k}} \in \{819, 1197, 1729, 1953, 2223, 2331, 2709, 2821, 2843, 3627, 3913, 4221, 4329, 5031, 5301, 5551, 5719\}.$

§5. On the capitulation of the 3-ideal classes of the normal closure of a pure cubic field

Let $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$ be a pure cubic field with class number h_{Γ} , $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n}, j)$ its normal closure $(j = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}})$, $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$ the Hilbert 3-class field of \mathbf{k} , and $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ the 3-ideal class group of \mathbf{k} . Suppose that $E_{\mathbf{k}}$ is the group of units of \mathbf{k} , E_0 the subgroup of $E_{\mathbf{k}}$ generated by the units of all proper subfields of \mathbf{k} , and $u = [E_{\mathbf{k}} : E_0]$. Let $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbf{k}/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$, $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0) = \langle \sigma \rangle$, $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbf{k}/\Gamma) = \langle \tau \rangle$, where $\sigma^3 = \tau^2 = 1$, $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma^2$ and $\sigma^2\tau = \tau\sigma$.

The relation between the class number $h_{\mathbf{k}}$ of \mathbf{k} and the class number h_{Γ} of Γ is given by $h_{\mathbf{k}} = h_{\Gamma}^2 \frac{u}{3}$ (see [B-C-71]).

Proposition 5.1. (1) $S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow 3$ divides exactly h_{Γ} and u = 3.

(2) If $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ is of rank 2 and if 3 exactly divides h_{Γ} , then u = 3, whereupon $S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

The study of the structure of $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ and its rank is based on Gerth's results in [Ge-75], [Ge-76] and [Ger-76].

The action of the Galois group of \mathbf{k}/\mathbb{Q} on $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ and genus theory allow us to distinguish three different cases (see [Ism-92]). We let $k_0 = \mathbb{Q}(j)$ and we define $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$ to be the relative genus field of \mathbf{k} over \mathbf{k}_0 . Then (1) \mathbf{k} is of type I if $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^* = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1$, where Γ_1 is the Hilbert 3-class field of Γ ;

(2) **k** is of type II if $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^* \neq \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1$ and $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$ is a proper subfield of $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$;

(3) **k** is of type III if $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^* = \mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$.

When the 3-group $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ is of type (3,3), it has 4 subgroups of order 3, denoted by H_j , $1 \leq j \leq 4$. Let \mathbf{K}_j be the intermediate extension of \mathbf{k}_1/\mathbf{k} , corresponding by class field theory to H_j . As each \mathbf{K}_j is cyclic of order 3 over \mathbf{k} , there is at least one subgroup of order 3 of $S_{\mathbf{k}}$, i.e., at least one H_l for some $l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, which capitulates in \mathbf{K}_j (by Hilbert's theorem 94).

Definition 5.1. Let S_j be a generator of H_j $(1 \le j \le 4)$ corresponding to \mathbf{K}_j . For $1 \le j \le 4$, let $i_j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. We say that the capitulation is of type (i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) to mean the following:

(1) when $i_j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then only the class S_{i_j} and its powers capitulate in \mathbf{K}_i ;

(2) when $i_j = 0$, then all the 3-classes capitulate in \mathbf{K}_j .

Suppose that **k** is of type I; we show (see [Ism-92]) that $S_{\mathbf{k}} = \{\mathcal{A}^{r+s\sigma} \mid 0 \leq r, s \leq 2\}$ where \mathcal{A} is such that $\mathcal{A}^{\tau} = \mathcal{A}$. The four subgroups of $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ are given by: $H_1 = \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle, H_2 = \langle \mathcal{A}^{\sigma} \rangle, H_3 = \langle \mathcal{A}^{1+\sigma} \rangle$, and $H_4 = \langle \mathcal{A}^{\sigma-1} \rangle$ which corresponds to $\mathbf{K}_4 = (\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$.

Theorem 5.1. Let p and q be prime numbers and let $u = [E_k : E_0]$.

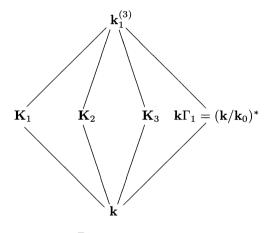
(1) If **k** is of type I, then the possible forms of n (where $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$) are

- (i) $n = p^{e_1}, p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ with $e_1 \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (ii) $n = 3^e p^{e_1}, p \equiv 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$ with $e, e_1 \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (iii) $n = p^e q^{e_1} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$, $p \text{ or } -q \equiv 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_1 \in \{1, 2\}$.

(2) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be as in (ii) (resp. (iii)), let $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right)_3 \neq 1$ (resp. $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)_3 \neq 1$)) and assume $3||h_{\Gamma}$. Then u = 1, $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ is cyclic of order 3 and $E_{\mathbf{k}} = \langle \varepsilon, \varepsilon^{\sigma}, -j \rangle$, where ε is the fundamental unit of Γ .

Theorem 5.2. (1) All the 3-classes capitulate in $\mathbf{K}_4 = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1 = (\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$.

(2) The numbers of 3-classes capitulating in \mathbf{K}_1 , \mathbf{K}_2 and \mathbf{K}_3 are the same. More precisely, the possible capitulation types are (0, 0, 0, 0), (1, 2, 3, 0) or (4, 4, 4, 0).





Suppose that **k** is of type II; we show (see [Ism-92]) that the four cubic fields \mathbf{K}_i are given as follows: $\mathbf{K}_1 = (\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^*$ which corresponds by class field theory to $H_1 = S_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\sigma)} = \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle$, $\mathbf{K}_2 = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1''$, $\mathbf{K}_3 = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1'$ and $\mathbf{K}_4 = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1$, where Γ_1 (resp. Γ_1' , Γ_1'') is the Hilbert 3-class field of Γ (resp. of the two other cubic fields Γ' , Γ'' contained in **k**).

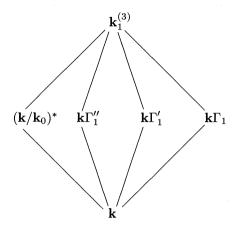


Diagram 4

Theorem 5.3. (1) The class \mathcal{A} capitulates in the four cubic extensions \mathbf{K}_i , $1 \leq i \leq 4$.

(2) The numbers of 3-classes capitulating in \mathbf{K}_2 , \mathbf{K}_3 and \mathbf{K}_4 are the same. More precisely, the possible capitulation types are (0,0,0,0), (0,1,1,1), (1,0,0,0) or (1,1,1,1).

Theorem 5.4. Let q_i be prime numbers $\equiv -1 \pmod{3}$. (1) If the field **k** is of type II, then the possible forms of n (where $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$) are

- (i) $n = 3^e q_1^{e_1}$ with $q_1 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_1 \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (ii) $n = q_1^{e_1} q_2^{e_2}$ with $q_1 \equiv q_2 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ and $e_1, e_2 \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (iii) $n = 3^e q_1^{\overline{e}_1} q_2^{e_2}$ with q_1 or $q_2 \equiv 2$ or 5 (mod 9), $e_1, e_2 \in \{1, 2\}$, $e \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $n \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$;
- (iv) $n = q_1^{e_1} q_2^{e_2} q_3^{e_3}$ with q_1 or q_2 or $q_3 \equiv 2$ or 5 (mod 9), $n \equiv \pm 1$ (mod 9) and $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in \{1, 2\}$.

(2) If the integer n has one of the four forms of (1) and if $3||h_{\Gamma}$, then the index u = 3, whereupon **k** is of type II.

(3) The normal closure **k** of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$ is of type II if and only if n has one of the four forms of (1) and $3||h_{\Gamma}$.

Suppose finally that \mathbf{k} is of type III. Then we have the following.

Theorem 5.5. Let p, q, q_1 and q_2 be prime numbers such that $p \equiv -q \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. The normal closure $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(j, \sqrt[3]{n})$ of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$ is of type III if and only if $3||h_{\Gamma}$, and n has one of the following forms:

(i) $n = 3^{e}p^{e_{1}}$ with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_{1} \in \{1, 2\}$; (ii) $n = q^{e}p^{e_{1}}$ with $-q \equiv p \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_{1} \in \{1, 2\}$; (iii) $n = p^{e}q_{1}^{e_{1}}q_{2}^{e_{2}}$ with $p \text{ or } -q_{1} \text{ or } -q_{2} \equiv 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$, $n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_{1}, e_{2} \in \{1, 2\}$; (iv) $n = 3^{e}p^{e_{1}}q^{e_{2}}$ with $p \text{ or } -q \equiv 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$, $e \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, $e_{1}, e_{2} \in \{1, 2\}$ and $n \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$.

Let us remark that **k** is of type III means that $(\mathbf{k}/\mathbf{k}_0)^* = \mathbf{k}_1^{(3)}$; in this case for $\forall \mathcal{A} \in S_{\mathbf{k}}$ we have $\mathcal{A}^{\sigma} = \mathcal{A}$, i.e., all the 3-classes are ambiguous classes.

When n has one of the four forms of the last theorem, and if $p \equiv -q \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, we have $p = \pi_1 \pi_2$, $-q = \pi$, $-q_1 = \pi_3$ and $-q_2 = \pi_4$, where π , π_i $(1 \leq i \leq 4)$ are prime integers of \mathbf{k}_0 ; we also have $\mathcal{3O}_{\mathbf{k}_0} = (\lambda)^2$ with $\lambda = 1 - j$. We denote respectively by P_1 , P_2 , Q, Q_1 , Q_2 and I the prime ideal of \mathbf{k} lying above π_1 , π_2 , π , π_3 , π_4 and λ . We summarize in the next theorem most of the results concerning the capitulation problem when \mathbf{k} is of type III.

Theorem 5.6. Suppose that the normal closure $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n}, j)$ of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$ is of type III.

(A) If n has one of the four forms of last theorem with the property that the prime number $p \equiv \pi_1 \pi_2$ dividing n satisfies $p \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$, or if n has the fourth form with $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ and (n,3) = 1, then we have the following:

(1) $\mathbf{k}_1^{(3)} = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt[3]{\pi_1}, \sqrt[3]{\pi_2}), P_1P_2 \text{ is not a principal ideal in } \mathbf{k} \text{ and } S_{\mathbf{k}} = \langle [P_1P_2], [P_1] \rangle.$

(2) $\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt[3]{\pi_1\pi_2}), \mathbf{K}_2 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt[3]{\pi_2}), \mathbf{K}_3 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt[3]{\pi_1}) \text{ and } \mathbf{K}_4 = \mathbf{k}\Gamma_1 = \mathbf{k}(\sqrt[3]{\pi_1\pi_2}).$

(3) $[P_1P_2]$ capitulates in \mathbf{K}_1 , $[P_2]$ capitulates in \mathbf{K}_2 , $[P_1]$ capitules in \mathbf{K}_3 and all the 3-classes capitulate in \mathbf{K}_4 .

(4) The possible capitulation types are (0,0,0,0), (1,3,2,0), (0,3,2,0) or (1,0,0,0).

(B) If n has the form of (iii) with $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ or n has the form of (iv) with $3 \mid n$, then all the 3-classes capitulate in \mathbf{K}_4 and we have the following capitulation types depending on some conditions on the ideals Q, I, Q_1 and Q_2 :

(a) (0, 4, 4, 0), (1, 4, 4, 0), (4, 4, 4, 0), (1, 0, 0, 0) or (4, 0, 0, 0);

(b) (0, 0, 0, 0);

(0,3,2,0) or (0,2,3,0); (1,0,0,0); (1,3,2,0) or (1,2,3,0). **Theorem 5.7.** Let h_{Γ} be the class number of the pure cubic field $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{n})$. If $n = c^e p^{e_1}$, where c = 3 or q, and p, q are prime numbers such that $p \equiv -q \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ and $e, e_1 \in \{1, 2\}$, then

$$\left(\frac{c}{p}\right)_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 3^2 |h_{\Gamma}.$$

When n has the form (iii) or the form (iv), we prove seven other similar results. Each time, we construct, under certain conditions, a natural integer c such that:

$$\left(\frac{c}{p}\right)_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 3^2 |h_{\Gamma}|.$$

The proof of all the results given in this section can be found in [Ism-92]. In this work we used also the arithmetic properties of a pure cubic field (see [De-00]), Kummer theory and the cubic symbol (see [I-R-82]). For the following numerical examples we used the tables given in [B-87] and [B-W-Z-71].

Numerical Examples.

(1) For $p \in \{61, 67, 103, 151\}$ we have $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(j, \sqrt[3]{p})$ is of type I. (2)

n	h_{Γ}	$\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(j, \sqrt[3]{n})$
$3 \cdot 17 = 51$	3	type II
$3^2 \cdot 17 = 153$	$9 = 3^2$	$S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong C_9 \times C_9$
$3 \cdot 53 = 159$	3	type II
$3^2 \cdot 53 = 477$	$9 = 3^2$	$S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong C_9 \times C_9$
$3 \cdot 71 = 213$	$21 = 7 \cdot 3$	type II
$3^2 \cdot 71 = 639$	$18 = 2 \cdot 3^2$	$S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong C_9 \times C_9$
$3 \cdot 89 = 267$	$15 = 5 \cdot 3$	type II
$3^2 \cdot 89 = 801$	$6 = 3 \cdot 2$	type II
$3 \cdot 107 = 321$	$9 = 3^2$	$S_{\mathbf{k}} \cong C_9 \times C_9$
$3^2 \cdot 107 = 963$	3	type II

Table 2

n	h_{Γ}	n	h_{Γ}
$3 \cdot 19 = 57$	6	$3^2 \cdot 19 = 171$	6
$3 \cdot 37 = 111$	3	$3^2 \cdot 37 = 333$	3
$3 \cdot 109 = 327$	12	$3^2 \cdot 109 = 981$	3
$3 \cdot 127 = 381$	12	$3 \cdot 163 = 489$	3
$3 \cdot 181 = 543$	3	$3\cdot 199 = 597$	3

(3) For each integer n in the next table, $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Q}(j, \sqrt[3]{n})$ is of type III.

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