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A Table for Pure Cubic Fields

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Let K be a cubic number field with discriminant D < 0. In the previous paper [3], we have utilized an elliptic unit for the simultaneous determination of a fundamental unit e and the class number h of K. The significance of the method is that no calculation in K is necessary; exactly, one can determine e and h by some arithmetic of an imaginary quadratic field $Q(\sqrt{D})$ and by approximate evaluation of the Dedekind eta function. As a process of the algorithm is fully explained in [3] with numerical examples, we do not repeat it here.

For pure cubic fields, our method has been implemented as a FORTRAN program on HITAC M-280H, Computer Center, University of Tokyo. It is arranged to apply to any pure cubic field K with $300 \le |D| \le 4800000000$ provided that C.P.U. time is not restricted. As a preparation, a primitive ring root modulo p defined in [3] was computed for any prime number p < 40000 beforehand, which took 327 seconds of total C.P.U. time. Further, the constants π and $\pi\sqrt{-3}$ were computed to 40000 decimal digits precision in advance, which took 1766 seconds of C. P. U. time.

By means of the program, we have actually computed e and h for 358 pure cubic fields with $300 \le |D| \le 1153200$, which took 25758 seconds of total C.P.U. time, though 1350 seconds of C.P.U. time was required for 157 fields with $300 \le |D| \le 270000$. It should be mentioned that there are several numerical results for the class number h as in [2] and others. But, on the other hand, there exist quite a few numerical results for the fundamental unit e, not the regulator, only as in [1] and [5]. Therefore, it will be useful to present precise e in a table. By calling the program deposited in Computer Center, University of Tokyo, anyone can get extended data.

Now, let us describe the table below which has appeared in [4]. Every pure cubic field K is represented by a unique pair (a, b) of coprime square free natural numbers a, b, a > b, such that the defining equation of K is given by $X^3 - ab^2 = 0$. Then $D = -3f^2$, where f = ab or 3ab respectively when $a^2 - b^2$ is or is not divisible by 9. Starting from f = 10, namely excluding the cases (a, b) = (2, 1), (3, 1), the table is given in increasing order

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