

On the Iwasawa Invariants of the Cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -Extensions of Certain Real Quadratic Fields

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Abstract. We study some conditions that the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension of $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{pq})$ with $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, $q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$ are zero.

1. Introduction

Let k be a finite extension of the field \mathbf{Q} of rational numbers, l any prime number, and k_∞ the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_l -extension of k , where \mathbf{Z}_l is the ring of l -adic integers. Then k_∞ has the unique subfield k_n which is a cyclic extension of degree l^n over k for any integer $n \geq 0$. Let e_n be the highest power of l dividing the class number of k_n . The following theorem about e_n is well-known as Iwasawa's class number formula.

THEOREM 1 (Iwasawa) (cf. [4], [9]). *There exist integers $\lambda_l(k)$, $\mu_l(k) \geq 0$, $v_l(k)$, all independent of n , and an integer n_0 such that*

$$e_n = \lambda_l(k)n + \mu_l(k)l^n + v_l(k)$$

for all $n \geq n_0$.

$\lambda_l(k)$, $\mu_l(k)$, and $v_l(k)$ are called Iwasawa λ -, μ -, and v -invariants of k_∞ , respectively.

Greenberg conjectured that if k is a totally real number field, then $\lambda_l(k) = \mu_l(k) = 0$ for any prime number l (cf. [2]). Many authors have studied the conditions that Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants are zero. In this paper, we prove the following theorem related to the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extensions of certain real quadratic fields.

THEOREM 2. *Let p, q be prime numbers such that*

$$p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}, \quad q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \quad \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1,$$

where $\left(\frac{*}{*}\right)$ is Legendre's symbol. Let $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{pq})$ or $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2pq})$, and $\lambda_2(k)$, $\mu_2(k)$, the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k , respectively.

- (1) If $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, then $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$.
- (2) If $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, $p \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, and $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, then $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$.

2. Known results

There are many results about the Iwasawa invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extensions of real quadratic fields. We refer to some of them in this section.

Let n be a non-negative integer, $a_n = 2 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{2^{n+2}})$ and $\mathbf{Q}_n = \mathbf{Q}(a_n)$. Then $\mathbf{Q}_n \subset \mathbf{Q}_{n+1}$ by $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n}$. \mathbf{Q}_n is a cyclic extension of \mathbf{Q} of degree 2^n and $\mathbf{Q}_\infty = \cup_{n=0}^\infty \mathbf{Q}_n$ is the unique \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension of \mathbf{Q} . Weber proved that $\lambda_2(\mathbf{Q}) = \mu_2(\mathbf{Q}) = \nu_2(\mathbf{Q}) = 0$ (cf. [3], Satz 6, p.29).

Let m be a positive square-free integer, let $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m})$, and $k_n = k\mathbf{Q}_n$. Then the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k is given by $\cup_{n=0}^\infty k_n = k\mathbf{Q}_\infty$. If $m > 2$, $k_1 = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{m})$ contains just three real quadratic subfields $\mathbf{Q}_1, k, k' = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2m})$. Hence k and k' have the same cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension, which means the Iwasawa invariants are also the same.

Iwasawa proved that for each prime number l , if a Galois l -extension K/k of number fields has at most one (finite or infinite) ramified prime and the class number of k is not divisible by l , then the class number of K is also not divisible by l (cf. [5]). This implies if a real quadratic field k with odd class number has only one prime ideal above the prime number 2, then the class number of k_n is also odd for each $n \geq 0$, i.e., $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = \nu_2(k) = 0$. Moreover, by genus theory and the theorem of Rédei and Reichardt (cf. [8]), we can determine the real quadratic fields which have odd class number and only one prime ideal above the prime number 2. Hence we obtain the following:

THEOREM 3. *Let $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ or $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2m})$ and let $\lambda_2(k), \mu_2(k), \nu_2(k)$ be the Iwasawa λ -, μ -, and ν -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k , respectively. Suppose that m is one of the following:*

- (1) $m = 2$,
- (2) $m = p \quad p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$,
- (3) $m = q \quad q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$,
- (4) $m = pq \quad p \equiv 3, q \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$,

where p and q are prime numbers. Then we have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = \nu_2(k) = 0$.

These cases are often called trivial cases.

On the other hand, Ozaki and Taya, Fukuda and Komatsu proved the following theorems which are non-trivial.

THEOREM 4 (Ozaki-Taya) (cf. [7]). *Let $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ or $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2m})$ and let $\lambda_2(k), \mu_2(k)$ be the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k , respectively. Suppose that m is one of the following:*

- (1) $m = p \quad p \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \not\equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{8}} \pmod{p},$
- (2) $m = pq \quad p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{8},$
- (3) $m = pq \quad p \equiv 3, q \equiv 5 \pmod{8},$
- (4) $m = pq \quad p \equiv 5, q \equiv 7 \pmod{8},$
- (5) $m = pq \quad p \equiv q \equiv 5 \pmod{8},$

where p and q are distinct prime numbers. Then we have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$.

THEOREM 5 (Fukuda-Komatsu) (cf. [1]). *Let $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ or $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2m})$ and let $\lambda_2(k), \mu_2(k)$ be the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k , respectively. Suppose that*

$$m = pq \quad p \equiv 3, \quad q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \quad \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q},$$

where p and q are prime numbers and $\left(\frac{*}{*}\right)$ is Legendre's symbol. Then we have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$.

Theorem 2 deals with non-trivial cases. We prove it according to the idea of Theorem 5.

3. Preparation

To prove Theorem 2 we need some preparation which were also used in the proof of Theorem 5.

Let p and q be prime numbers such that $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}, q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$, and $k = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{pq}), k_n = k\mathbf{Q}_n, k_\infty = \cup_{n=0}^\infty k_n$.

Since $k_n = k(a_n) = k_{n-1}(\sqrt{2+a_{n-1}})$, we have $N_{k_n/k_{n-1}}(2-a_n) = (2-a_n)(2+a_n) = 2-a_{n-1}$, where $N_{k_n/k_{n-1}}$ is the norm. Thus $N_{k_n/k}(2-a_n) = 2$. Since a_n is an algebraic integer of \mathbf{Q}_n , it means $2\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n} = (2-a_n)^{2^n}\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n} = (2+a_n)^{2^n}\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n}$, where $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n}$ is the integer ring of \mathbf{Q}_n . So the ideal $(2-a_n)\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n} = (2+a_n)\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_n}$ is the unique prime ideal of \mathbf{Q}_n lying above 2. Therefore the square of the unique prime ideal \mathfrak{L}_n of k_n lying above 2 is $(2-a_n)\mathfrak{D}_{k_n}$, where \mathfrak{D}_{k_n} is the integer ring of k_n .

First, we show the following important proposition.

PROPOSITION 1. *Let k be as above and $\lambda_2(k), \mu_2(k)$ the Iwasawa λ -, μ -invariants of the cyclotomic \mathbf{Z}_2 -extension k_∞ of k , respectively. If there exists a non-negative integer n_0 such that \mathfrak{L}_{n_0} is non-principal in k_{n_0} , then $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$.*

PROOF. Let A_n be the 2-Sylow subgroup of the ideal class group of k_n , B_n the subgroup of A_n consisting of ideal classes invariant under the action of $Gal(k_n/k)$ and B'_n the subgroup of B_n consisting of ideal classes containing ideals invariant under the action of $Gal(k_n/k)$. Then by genus formula, we have

$$o(B_n) = 2\text{-part of } h_k / (E_k : E_k \cap N_{k_n/k}(k_n^\times)),$$

$$o(B'_n) = 2\text{-part of } h_k / (E_k : N_{k_n/k}(E_{k_n})),$$

where $o(B_n)$ is the order of B_n , h_k the class number of k , E_k the unit group of k , k_n^\times the group of invertible elements of k_n , $(E_k : E_k \cap N_{k_n/k}(k_n^\times))$ the index of $E_k \cap N_{k_n/k}(k_n^\times)$ in E_k , $o(B'_n)$ the order of B'_n , E_{k_n} the unit group of k_n , $(E_k : N_{k_n/k}(E_{k_n}))$ the index of $N_{k_n/k}(E_{k_n})$ in E_k . By genus formula, we can also show that $k(\sqrt{q})$ is the 2-genus field of k/\mathbf{Q} . Let G be $\text{Gal}(k/\mathbf{Q})$, σ a generator of G , A_0^G the subgroup of A_0 consisting of ideal classes invariant under the action of G . Then $A_0/A_0^{1-\sigma} \cong \text{Gal}(k(\sqrt{q})/k)$ by Artin map. Since $(\frac{q}{2}) = -1$, we have $A_0 = A_0^G A_0^{1-\sigma}$, which shows $A_0 = A_0^G$. It follows that the 2-Hilbert class field of k is $k(\sqrt{q})$ and we obtain $o(B_n) = 2/(E_k : E_k \cap N_{k_n/k}(k_n^\times))$, $o(B'_n) = 2/(E_k : N_{k_n/k}(E_{k_n}))$. Hence by the assumption, we have $B_n = B'_n = \langle cl(\mathfrak{L}_n) \rangle \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ for all $n \geq n_0$, where $cl(\mathfrak{L}_n)$ is the ideal class of k_n containing \mathfrak{L}_n , $\langle cl(\mathfrak{L}_n) \rangle$ the group generated by $cl(\mathfrak{L}_n)$, and \mathbf{Z} the ring of rational integers. Since $N_{k_n/k_{n_0}}(\mathfrak{L}_n) = \mathfrak{L}_{n_0}$, the norm map $N_{k_n/k_{n_0}}$ of B_n to B_{n_0} is an isomorphism, which shows that the intersection of B_n and the kernel C_n of the norm map A_n to A_{n_0} is trivial. It means C_n is also trivial. Therefore, since $N_{k_n/k_{n_0}}(A_n) = A_{n_0}$, A_n is isomorphic to A_{n_0} , which implies $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$. \square

REMARK 1. Since the 2-Hilbert class field of k is $k(\sqrt{q})$ and $q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, \mathfrak{L}_0 is principal in k .

Since $q \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, q splits completely in \mathbf{Q}_1 . Moreover, the class number of \mathbf{Q}_1 is 1 and $N_{\mathbf{Q}_1/\mathbf{Q}}(1 + \sqrt{2}) = -1$. Hence there exist positive integers r, s such that $q = (r + s\sqrt{2})(r - s\sqrt{2})$. Let $q_1 = r + s\sqrt{2}$, $q_2 = r - s\sqrt{2}$ (Note that q_1, q_2 are totally positive.). Then there exist integers a, b, c, d with $q_1 = a + b\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{2}(c + d\sqrt{2})$, $0 \leq a \leq 8$, $0 \leq b \leq 3$ and we have $q = q_1 q_2 \equiv a^2 - 2b^2 \pmod{16}$. Thus if $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, then

$$q_i \equiv \pm 1, \pm(1 + \sqrt{2})^2 \pmod{4\sqrt{2}} \quad - (i)$$

and if $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, then

$$q_i \equiv \pm 3, \pm(1 + 2\sqrt{2}) \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}. \quad - (ii)$$

On the other hand, since $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, p also splits completely in \mathbf{Q}_1 . So there exist positive integers t, u such that $p = (t + u\sqrt{2})(t - u\sqrt{2})$. Let $p_1 = t + u\sqrt{2}$, $p_2 = t - u\sqrt{2}$ (Note that p_1, p_2 are also totally positive.). In the same way as above, we can show that if $p \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, then

$$p_i \equiv 3 \pm \sqrt{2}, -3 \pm \sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}. \quad - (iii)$$

By class field theory, we can show the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. (1) Suppose that $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$.

If $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, then the ray class field $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod } q_i)$ of $\mathbf{Q}_1 \text{ mod } q_i$ does not contain any quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 . If $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, then $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod } q_i)$ contains a quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 .

(2) Suppose that $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$.

If $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, then $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod}q_i)$ contains a quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 . If $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, then $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod}q_i)$ does not contain any quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 .

(3) Suppose that $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$. Then the ray class field $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod}p_i)$ of \mathbf{Q}_1 mod p_i does not contain any quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 .

PROOF. At first we show (1), (2). Note that

$$(2 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = (\sqrt{2}(1 + \sqrt{2}))^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{q-1}{4}}(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}}.$$

If $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, then q splits completely in $\mathbf{Q}_2/\mathbf{Q}_1$, which implies $(2 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. Hence if $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, then $(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, and if $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, then $(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$.

If $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, then $(2 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$. Hence if $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$, then $(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, and if $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, then $(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$.

Let $J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i} = \{\mathfrak{a} : \text{ideal of } \mathbf{Q}_1 \mid \mathfrak{a} \text{ is relatively prime to } q_i\}$, and

$P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i} = \{(\alpha) : \text{principal ideal of } \mathbf{Q}_1 \mid \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{q_i}\}$. Then we have $J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i}/P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i} \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod}q_i)/\mathbf{Q}_1)$ by class field theory. There is a surjection such that

$$(\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{2}]/q_i\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{2}])^\times \rightarrow J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i}/P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i}$$

$$\alpha \pmod{q_i} \mapsto (\alpha) \pmod{P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{q_i}},$$

Since the kernel of this morphism is $\langle -1 \pmod{q_i}, 1 + \sqrt{2} \pmod{q_i} \rangle$ and -1 is a quadratic residue mod q_i , we obtain (1) and (2).

Similarly, let $J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i} = \{\mathfrak{a} : \text{ideal of } \mathbf{Q}_1 \mid \mathfrak{a} \text{ is relatively prime to } p_i\}$,

$P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i} = \{(\alpha) : \text{principal ideal of } \mathbf{Q}_1 \mid \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i}\}$. Then we also have $J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i}/P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i} \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod}p_i)/\mathbf{Q}_1)$ and $\langle -1 \pmod{p_i}, 1 + \sqrt{2} \pmod{p_i} \rangle$ is the kernel of the surjection

$$(\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{2}]/p_i\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{2}])^\times \rightarrow J_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i}/P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i}$$

$$\alpha \pmod{p_i} \mapsto (\alpha) \pmod{P_{\mathbf{Q}_1}^{p_i}},$$

Since $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, $2 \mid p - 1$ and $2^2 \nmid p - 1$. Furthermore, the order of $-1 \pmod{p_i}$ is 2, which implies the order of the kernel is even. Hence we have (3). \square

4. Proof of Theorem 2

We use the following well-known fact to prove Theorem 2.

LEMMA 2 (cf. [9], p. 183). *Let a be an element of \mathbf{Q}_1 which is prime to 2. Then,*

(1) *there exists an element α of \mathbf{Q}_1 such that $\alpha^2 \equiv a \pmod{4}$ if and only if $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{a})/\mathbf{Q}_1$ is unramified at all primes of \mathbf{Q}_1 above 2.*

(2) *there exists an element α of \mathbf{Q}_1 such that $\alpha^2 \equiv a \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$ if and only if all primes of \mathbf{Q}_1 above 2 split in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{a})/\mathbf{Q}_1$.*

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. Note that for any element α in $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_1}$ which is prime to 2, we have

$$\alpha^2 \equiv 1, 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}. \quad - (iv)$$

(1) Suppose that $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$. If $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod } q_i)/\mathbf{Q}_1$ has a quadratic subextension by Lemma 1 (2). First we show the quadratic extension of \mathbf{Q}_1 must be $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{q_i})/\mathbf{Q}_1$. Let $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})/\mathbf{Q}_1$ be the quadratic subextension, where $m \in \mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_1}$. Since $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})/\mathbf{Q}_1$ is unramified at the infinite primes, we have $m > 0$. Note that we can assume $v_p(m) = 0$ or 1 for any prime p of \mathbf{Q}_1 , where v_p is the p -adic additive valuation. If $v_p(m) = 1$, then $X^2 - m$ is an Eisenstein polynomial with regard to p , which implies p is totally ramified in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})/\mathbf{Q}_1$. Furthermore, since the relative discriminant of $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})/\mathbf{Q}_1$ divides $4m\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_1}$, any prime p with $p \nmid 4m\mathfrak{D}_{\mathbf{Q}_1}$ is unramified in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})/\mathbf{Q}_1$. Hence m must be q_i or $q_i\varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon = 1 + \sqrt{2}$. By (ii), (iv) and Lemma 2 (1), $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{q_i\varepsilon})/\mathbf{Q}_1$ is ramified at a prime of \mathbf{Q}_1 above 2. Therefore $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{m})$ must be $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{q_i})$ as desired.

It follows that all primes of \mathbf{Q}_1 above 2 are unramified in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{q_i})/\mathbf{Q}_1$. Hence we have $q_i \equiv 1, 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4}$ by Lemma 2 and (iv), which shows $q_i \equiv -3, -1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$ by (ii). On the other hand, $k_1(\sqrt{q_i})$ is an unramified extension of k_1 . Since \mathfrak{L}_1 does not split in $k_1(\sqrt{q_i})$ by Lemma 2, \mathfrak{L}_1 is non-principal in k_1 . Therefore we have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$ by Proposition 1.

Secondly, suppose that $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. If $q \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$, then $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{q_i})$ is not contained in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\text{mod } q_i)$ by Lemma 1 (2), which shows $q_i \equiv 3, 1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$ by Lemma 2 and (ii), (iv). Hence we have $pq_i \equiv -3, -1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$. Since \mathfrak{L}_1 does not split in an unramified extension $k_1(\sqrt{pq_i})/k_1$, \mathfrak{L}_1 is non-principal in k_1 . Therefore we also have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$ by Proposition 1.

This completes the proof of Theorem 2 (1).

(2) Suppose that $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, $p \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, and $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$. By Lemma 1 (1), Lemma 2, (i) and (iv), we have $q_i \equiv -1, -3 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$. By (iii) we have $p_i\varepsilon \equiv \pm 3, \pm 1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$. Lemma 1 (3) implies that all primes of \mathbf{Q}_1 above 2 are ramified in $\mathbf{Q}_1(\sqrt{p_i\varepsilon})/\mathbf{Q}_1$, which shows $p_i\varepsilon \equiv 3, 1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$ by Lemma 2 and (iv). Hence we have $p_iq_j\varepsilon \equiv -3, -1 + 2\sqrt{2} \pmod{4\sqrt{2}}$. Since \mathfrak{L}_1 does not split in an unramified extension $k_1(\sqrt{p_iq_j\varepsilon})/k_1$, \mathfrak{L}_1 is non-principal. Therefore we have $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$ by Proposition 1.

REMARK 2. Suppose that $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, $p \equiv -1 \pmod{16}$, and $2^{\frac{q-1}{4}} \equiv -1 \pmod{q}$. Then we can show that \mathcal{L}_1 splits in an unramified extension $k_1(\sqrt{p_i q_j \varepsilon})/k_1$. But Kuroda's class number formula (cf. [6]) shows that the 2-Hilbert class field of k_1 is $k_1(\sqrt{p_1 q_1 \varepsilon}, \sqrt{p_1 q_2 \varepsilon})$. Hence \mathcal{L}_1 is principal in k_1 , i.e., we can not decide $\lambda_2(k) = \mu_2(k) = 0$ by using Proposition 1.

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