

# Abel 数域的导子计算公式

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**摘要:** 基于 Kronecker-Weber 定理本文利用素数在 Abel 数域中的分歧指数明确给出 Abel 数域的导子计算公式. 特别地, 二次数域的导子公式可以容易地从该公式推导出来.

**关键词:** 导子; Kronecker-Weber 定理; 惯性群; 分歧指数

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## A conductor formula for Abelian number fields

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**Abstract:** In this article, based on Kronecker-Weber theorem we explicitly give a conductor formula for the Abelian number fields based on the ramification indices. Particularly, the conductor of a quadratic number field can be easily deduced from this formula.

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## 1 Introduction

An Abelian number field is a finite Galois extension over the rational number field whose Galois group is commutative. By Kronecker-Weber theorem, there exists a cyclotomic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)$ , such that  $K \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)$  for an Abelian number field  $K$ . The conductor of  $K$ , denoted by  $f(K)$ , is the smallest positive integer  $m$  satisfying the above property. If  $m$  is odd, then we have  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m) = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{2m})$ . Hence  $f(K) \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

The conductor is an important arithmetic invariant of an Abelian number field. It is closely related to the class number, the genus field, and the discriminant of a number field and so on. For example, Mäki<sup>[1]</sup> published some results on the

conductor density of Abelian number fields, Johnston<sup>[2]</sup> gave the trace map between absolutely Abelian fields with the same conductor.

There are also some results on calculating class numbers of Abelian number fields of special conductor. For example, Schoof<sup>[3]</sup> calculated class numbers of Abelian number fields of prime conductor, Agathocleous<sup>[4]</sup> calculated class numbers of real cyclotomic fields of conductor  $pq$ .

For a quadratic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ , where  $d$  is a square-free integer, we know that

$$f(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})) = \begin{cases} |d|, & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ |4d|, & \text{if } d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Generally, it is not easy to calculate the conductor. In 1952, Hasse<sup>[5]</sup> proved the conductor-discriminant formula, which is very useful for com-

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puting the discriminant of an Abelian number field. In 1985, Zhang<sup>[6]</sup> gave a result on the genus field which is the maximal absolute Abelian number field containing the Abelian number field. The aim of this article is to give an explicit formula on conductor by some methods different from Zhang.

Let  $p$  be a prime number, and we fix a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $K$  lying above  $p$ . Define

$$I_p(K) = \{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q}) \mid \sigma(x) \equiv x \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}, \forall x \in O_K\}.$$

Since  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$  is Abelian,  $I_p(K)$  is independent of the choice of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and hence well-defined. We call  $I_p(K)$  the inertia group of  $p$  in  $K$ , whose order is called the ramification index of  $p$  in  $K$ , denoted by  $e_p(K)$ . If  $e_p(K) = 1$ ,  $p$  is said to be unramified in  $K$ , otherwise we say  $p$  is ramified. The fixed subfield of  $I_p(K)$  in  $K$ , denote by  $K_p^I$ , is the inertial field of  $p$ . A basic fact is that  $p$  is unramified in  $K_p^I$ .

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $K$  be an Abelian number field of degree  $n$ . Write

$$n = 2^{t_0} q_1^{t_1} q_2^{t_2} \cdots q_m^{t_m},$$

where  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  are distinct odd primes, and  $t_0 \geq 0, t_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  be all ramified primes in  $K$ . For a prime  $p$  and an integer  $k$ , denote the standard  $p$ -adic order of  $k$  by  $v_p(k)$ . Then we have

(i) If 2 is unramified in  $K$ , then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{i=1}^m q_i^{v_{q_i}(e_{q_i}(K))},$$

(ii) If 2 is ramified in  $K$ , then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = \begin{cases} W_{s,m}, & \text{if } e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = e_2(K), \\ 2 W_{s,m}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where

$$W_{s,m} = 2^{v_2(e_2(K))} p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{i=1}^m q_i^{v_{q_i}(e_{q_i}(K))}.$$

**Remark 1** Zhang<sup>[6]</sup> gave a similar result for an Abelian number field  $K$  of degree  $p^r$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. But if  $p$  is ramified in  $K$ , Zhang's result did not give the explicit power of  $p$  in the conductor formula. In Ref. [7], Zhao and Sun gave the conductor formula for an Abelian number field of degree  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime

number. This article generalizes the above two conclusions. In our formula (Theorem 1.1), we give the explicit power of all primes which are wildly ramified in  $K$ , where  $K$  is any Abelian number field.

Let  $K, L$  and  $F$  be Abelian number fields such that  $F \subseteq L$ , then we define

$$\text{res}_K^L : \text{Gal}(L/\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(F/\mathbf{Q}) \sigma \mapsto \sigma|_F \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma|_F(\alpha) = \sigma(\alpha) (\forall \alpha \in F)$ . Additionally, we also define that

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K, L) : \text{Gal}(KL/\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q}) \otimes \text{Gal}(L/\mathbf{Q}), \sigma \mapsto (\sigma|_K, \sigma|_L) \quad (2)$$

Our proof depends on the explicit analysis of the ramification index, and the key idea in our proof is to determine the structure of the inertia groups of an Abelian number field (Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.2) by using Kronecker-Weber theorem. In Section 2, we first deal with the case of a cyclic number field of prime power degree (Proposition 2.6), which is the main part of our discussion. The general case is established in Section 3 by viewing an Abelian field as a compositum of cyclic subfields of prime power degree.

## 2 Cyclinnumber fields of prime power degree

We start with a general result on the inertia group. The following result shows that the inertia group of a number field is determined by the inertia group of its Galois extension.

**Proposition 2.1** Let  $K$  and  $L$  be Abelian number fields with  $K \subseteq L$ . Then  $\text{res}_K^L(I_p(L)) = I_p(K)$  holds for every prime number  $p$ , where  $\text{res}_K^L$  is defined in Eq. (1).

**Proof** Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in  $O_K$  lying above  $p$ . By the definition of inertia group, we have  $\text{res}_K^L(I_p(L)) \subseteq I_p(K)$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a prime ideal in  $O_L$  lying above  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and  $I_p(L)$  be the inertia group of  $\mathfrak{P}$  in  $L$ , then  $I_p(L) = \{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/K) \mid \sigma(x) \equiv x \pmod{\mathfrak{P}}, \forall x \in O_L\}$ . Thus

$$I_p(L) \cap \text{Gal}(L/K) = I_p(L).$$

Noticing that the restriction map  $\text{res}_K^L$  is surjective with  $\ker(\text{res}_K^L) = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ , we have

$$I_p(L) (I_p(L) \cap \text{Gal}(L/K)) \cong \text{res}_K^L(I_p(L)).$$

By the transitivity of ramification indices,

$$\begin{aligned} e_p(K) &= \frac{e_p(L)}{e_p(L)} = |I_p(L)/(I_p(L) \cap \text{Gal}(L/K))| \\ &= |\text{res}_K^L(I_p(L))|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\text{res}_K^L(I_p(L)) = I_p(L)$ . The proof is end.

By using Proposition 2.1 and Kronecker-Weber theorem, we can show that the inertia group of an Abelian number field is determined by the inertia group of a cyclotomic field.

**Corollary 2.2** Let  $K$  be an Abelian number field, and  $p$  be a prime number. Then the inertia group  $I_p(K)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^r\mathbf{Z})^\times$  for some  $r \geq 0$ . In particular,  $e_2(K)$  is a power of 2, and  $I_p(K)$  is cyclic if  $p$  is odd.

**Proof** Let  $\mathfrak{f}(K) = m$ , then  $K \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)$ . For a prime number  $p$ , write  $m = p^r s$  with  $\gcd(p, s) = 1$ , then  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m) = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_s)$ , and  $p$  is unramified in  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_s)$ . Notice that  $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K, L)$  defined in Eq. (2) is a canonical embedding, thus  $\text{Gal}(KL/\mathbf{Q})$  can be regarded as a subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q}) \otimes \text{Gal}(L/\mathbf{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)) &\cong \text{res}_{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})}^{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)}(I_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m))) \otimes \\ &\text{res}_{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_s)}^{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)}(I_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m))) \cong I_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})) = \\ &\text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})/\mathbf{Q}) \cong (\mathbf{Z}/p^r\mathbf{Z})^\times. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $I_p(K) = \text{res}_{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)}^{\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)}(I_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)))$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^r\mathbf{Z})^\times$ .

If  $p$  is an odd prime, then  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^r\mathbf{Z})^\times$  is cyclic, and consequently  $I_p(K)$  is a cyclic group. If  $p = 2$ ,  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^r\mathbf{Z})^\times$  is of order  $2^{r-1}$ . The proof is end.

The main approach in this article is to use compositum of Abelian number fields to explore the correlation between the conductor and the ramification index. The following result shows that the conductor of an Abelian field is determined by those of its subfields.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be two Abelian number fields. Then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K_1 K_2) = \text{lcm}(\mathfrak{f}(K_1), \mathfrak{f}(K_2)).$$

In general,

$$\mathfrak{f}(K_1 \cdots K_r) = \text{lcm}(\mathfrak{f}(K_1), \cdots, \mathfrak{f}(K_r)).$$

**Proof** Let  $\mathfrak{f}(K_1) = m_1$ ,  $\mathfrak{f}(K_2) = m_2$  and

$\mathfrak{f}(K_1 K_2) = n$ . Then  $m_1 \mid n$  and  $m_2 \mid n$ , thus  $\text{lcm}(m_1, m_2) \mid n$ . On the other hand, we have

$$K_1 K_2 \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{m_1})\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{m_2}) = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(m_1, m_2)}),$$

hence  $n \leq \text{lcm}(m_1, m_2)$ . This implies  $n = \text{lcm}(m_1, m_2)$ , the first result is proved. On the other hand, we also have that  $\mathfrak{f}(K_1 \cdots K_r) = \text{lcm}(\mathfrak{f}(K_1), \cdots, \mathfrak{f}(K_r))$  by induction. The proof is end.

In the following, we concentrate on Abelian number fields with prime power degree.

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $p$  be a prime number, and  $K$  be a cyclic number field of degree  $p^r$ . Assume that  $q$  is a prime number and  $q \neq p$ . Then we have

(i) The ramification index  $e_q(K) \mid q-1$ ;

(ii) Let  $L$  be the unique subfield of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_q)$  with  $[L:\mathbf{Q}] = e_q(K)$ . Then there is  $K' \subseteq KL$  in which  $q$  is unramified such that  $KL = K'L$ , and every prime number that is different from  $p$  and unramified in  $K$  is also unramified in  $K'$ .

**Proof** Notice that  $e_q(K)$  is relatively prime to  $q$ . The first part follows directly from Corollary 2.2 that  $e_q(K)$  is a divisor of  $q^{-1}(q-1)$  for some  $r$ . Consequently, there is a unique subfield  $L \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_q)$  such that  $[L:\mathbf{Q}] = e_q(K)$ .

If  $q=2$  or  $q$  is unramified in  $K$ , then  $e_q(K) = 1$ , and the second part is clear by taking  $K' = K$ . So, we may assume  $q$  is odd and ramifies in  $K$ . Then  $I_q(K)$  and  $I_q(KL)$  are cyclic by Corollary 2.2, and  $I_q(KL)$  is isomorphic to a cyclic subgroup of  $I_q(K) \otimes \text{Gal}(L/\mathbf{Q})$  via  $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K, L)$  defined in Eq. (2). Thus  $|I_q(KL)|$  is a divisor of  $e_q(K)$ . On the other hand,

$$|I_q(KL)| \geq |I_q(K)| = e_q(K)$$

by Proposition 2.1. Therefore  $|I_q(KL)| = e_q(K)$ .

Now, taking  $K' = (KL)_q^I$ , we have  $[KL: K'] = e_q(K)$  and  $L \cap K' = \mathbf{Q}$ . Thus  $q$  is totally ramified in  $L$  and unramified in  $K'$  and

$$[K'L:\mathbf{Q}] = [L:\mathbf{Q}][K':\mathbf{Q}] =$$

$$[KL:K'] [K':\mathbf{Q}] = [KL:\mathbf{Q}].$$

It follows that  $K'L = KL$ . If  $p' \neq p$  is a prime number that is unramified in  $K$ , then  $p' \neq q$  and  $p'$  is unramified in  $L$ . Hence  $p'$  is unramified in  $KL$ . In particular,  $p'$  is unramified in  $K'$ . The proof is end.

The following result can be proved in the same way as the above lemma.

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $p$  be a prime number, and  $K$  be a cyclic number field of degree  $p^r$ . If  $e_p(K) \neq 1$ , and  $L$  is an Abelian number field such that

$$e_p(L) = e_p(KL) = [L:\mathbf{Q}],$$

then  $(KL)_p^I L = KL$ .

**Proposition 2.6** Let  $p$  be a prime number, and  $K$  be a cyclic number field of degree  $p^r$ . Let  $q$  be a prime number that is ramified in  $K$ . Then

$$v_q(\mathfrak{f}(K)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } q \neq p; \\ v_p(e_p(K)) + 1, & \text{if } q = p \text{ is odd,} \\ 2, & \text{if } q = p = 2, e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2, \\ v_p(e_p(K)) + 1, & \text{if } q = p = 2, \\ e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** Let  $n = v_q(\mathfrak{f}(K))$ . Then  $\mathfrak{f}(K) = q^n h$  such that  $\gcd(q, h) = 1$ .

**Case 1** If  $q \neq p$ , let  $L$  and  $K_1$  be two Abelian number fields satisfying the properties in Lemma 2.4. Then we have

$$K_1 L = KL, \mathfrak{f}(L) = q, q \mid \mathfrak{f}(K)$$

and  $q \nmid \mathfrak{f}(K_1)$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\mathfrak{f}(KL) = \text{lcm}(\mathfrak{f}(K), \mathfrak{f}(L)) = q^n h,$$

and  $\mathfrak{f}(K_1 L) = \text{lcm}(\mathfrak{f}(K_1), \mathfrak{f}(L)) = q \mathfrak{f}(K_1)$ .

It follows that  $n = 1$ .

**Case 2** If  $q = p$ , we assume that  $p$  is ramified in  $K$  with ramification index  $e_p(K) = p^u$  ( $u \geq 1$ ). Since  $e_p(K) \mid e_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{\mathfrak{f}(K)}))$  and  $e_p(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{\mathfrak{f}(K)})) = p^{u-1}(p-1)$ , we have that  $n \geq u+1$ . Let  $L_1$  be a subfield of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{p^{u+1}})$  such that  $[L_1:\mathbf{Q}] = p^u$ . Then we obtain that

$$\mathfrak{f}(L_1) = p^{u+1}, \mathfrak{f}(KL_1) = \mathfrak{f}(K).$$

**Subcase 2.1** If  $p$  is odd,  $I_p(KL_1)$  is cyclic by Corollary 2.2. Notice that  $I_p(KL_1)$  can be embedded as a subgroup of  $I_p(K) \otimes \text{Gal}(L_1|\mathbf{Q})$  via  $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K, L_1)$  defined in Eq. (2). But both  $I_p(K)$  and  $\text{Gal}(L_1|\mathbf{Q})$  are cyclic group of order  $p^u$ , and  $e_p(KL_1) \geq e_p(K) = p^u$ . It follows  $e_p(KL_1) = p^u$ .

Let  $K_2 = (KL_1)_p^I$ . Since  $p$  is totally ramified in  $L_1$  and  $[L_1:\mathbf{Q}] = e_p(KL_1)$ , we have  $K_2 L_1 = KL_1$  by Lemma 2.5. Since  $p$  is unramified in  $K_2$ ,

we have  $p \nmid \mathfrak{f}(K_2)$ . Thus

$$\mathfrak{f}(K_2 L_1) = p^{u+1} \mathfrak{f}(K_2), \mathfrak{f}(K_2 L_1) = \mathfrak{f}(K).$$

Consequently  $n = v_p(\mathfrak{f}(K)) = u + 1$ .

**Subcase 2.2** If  $q = p = 2$ , then  $L_1 = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{2^{u+1}})$ , thus we know that  $\text{Gal}(L_1|\mathbf{Q}) \cong (\mathbf{Z}/2^{u+1}\mathbf{Z})^\times$ . Since  $\mathfrak{f}(KL_1) = 2^n h$ , and the inertia group  $I_2(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{2^n}))$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^n\mathbf{Z})^\times$ ,  $I_2(KL_1)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^n\mathbf{Z})^\times$ . Then  $I_2(KL_1)$  is cyclic or isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^m\mathbf{Z})^\times$  for some  $3 \leq m \leq n$ .

(i) If  $I_2(KL_1)$  is cyclic, then  $\text{Gal}(L_1|\mathbf{Q})$  must be cyclic by Proposition 2.1. Consequently  $u = 1$ , and  $e_2(L_1) = 2$ . By Lemma 2.5, we have  $K_2 L_1 = KL_1$  for  $K_2 = (KL_1)_p^I$ . Notice

$$\mathfrak{f}(KL_1) = \mathfrak{f}(K), \mathfrak{f}(K_2 L_1) = 4\mathfrak{f}(K_2).$$

Thus  $n = 2$ .

(ii) If  $I_2(KL_1)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^m\mathbf{Z})^\times$  for some  $3 \leq m \leq n$ , then we obtain that

$$I_2(KL_1) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2^{m-2}\mathbf{Z}.$$

Notice that  $\text{res}_K^{KL_1}(I_2(KL_1)) = I_2(K)$  is cyclic of order  $2^u$ , we have  $e_2(KL_1) = 2^{u+1}$ ,  $m = u + 2$ . Let  $L_2 = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{2^{u+2}})$ , then  $e(KL_2) = 2^{u+1}$  by Corollary 2.2. Setting  $K_3 = (KL_2)_2^I$ , we have  $K_3 L_2 = KL_2$  by Lemma 2.5. Since  $\mathfrak{f}(K_3 L_2) = 2^{u+2} \mathfrak{f}(K_3)$ , we have  $\mathfrak{f}(KL_2) = 2^n h$ . Thus  $n = u + 2$ .

The above discussion shows that  $I_2(KL_1)$  is cyclic if and only if  $e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2$ . The proof is end.

Let  $K$  be same as Proposition 2.6, and we assume that  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  are all prime numbers that are ramified in  $K$ . If  $p_i \neq p$ , then  $v_{p_i}(\mathfrak{f}(K)) = 1$ , by Proposition 2.6. If  $p$  is ramified or equivalently  $p_i = p$  for some  $i$ , then we have

$$v_p(\mathfrak{f}(K)) = \begin{cases} v_p(e_p(K)) + 1, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd,} \\ 2, & \text{if } p = 2, e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2, \\ v_p(e_p(K)) + 2, & \text{if } p = 2 \\ e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) \neq 2. \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = \begin{cases} e_p(K) p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s, & \text{if all } p_i \neq 2, \\ 2 p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s, & \text{if } p_1 = 2, \\ e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2, \\ 2 e_2(K) p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s, & \text{if } p_1 = 2, \\ e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) \neq 2. \end{cases}$$

We summarize the result in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $p$  be a prime number, and  $K$  be a cyclic number field of degree  $p^r$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  be all primes which are ramified in  $K$ . We have

(i) If 2 is unramified in  $K$ , then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = e_p(K) p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s;$$

(ii) If 2 is ramified in  $K$ , then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = \begin{cases} 2 p_1 \cdots p_s, & \text{if } e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2, \\ 2 p_1 \cdots p_s e_2(K), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Based on the conductor formula in Theorem 2.7, we can easily compute the conductor of a quadratic field.

**Corollary 2.8** Let  $d$  be a square-free integer, and  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{f}(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})) = \begin{cases} |d|, & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ |4d|, & \text{if } d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** Let  $d = \pm p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m$  be the prime decomposition of  $d$ , and  $d(K)$  be the discriminant of  $K$ . Then

$$d(K) = \begin{cases} |d|, & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ |4d|, & \text{if } d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Notice that a prime number  $p$  is ramified in  $K$  if and only if  $p | d(K)$ .

If  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then 2 is unramified in  $K$ , and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  are all primes which are ramified in  $K$ . By Theorem 2.7, we have

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m = |d|.$$

If  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  are all primes which are ramified in  $K$ . Since  $K(\sqrt{-1})$  has exactly three quadratic subfields:  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ , in which 2 is ramified, then  $e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 4$ . By Theorem 2.7, we have.  $\mathfrak{f}(K) = 4 |d|$ .

If  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $2, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  are all primes which are ramified in  $K$ . Since  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) \subseteq K(\sqrt{-1})$  and 2 is unramified in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ , then  $e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = 2$ . Again  $\mathfrak{f}(K) = |4d|$ .

### 3 The conductor of general Abelian number fields

In this section, we prove the main result for

general Abelian number fields.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Let  $K$  be an Abelian number field with Galois group  $G$ . By the structure theorem for finite Abelian groups,  $G$  is a direct product of cyclic subgroups of prime power order. For each such direct summand  $H$  of  $G$ , there exists a subgroup  $H'$  such that  $G = H \otimes H'$ . Let  $M$  be the fixed field of  $H'$  in  $K$ . We know that  $M$  is Galois over  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\text{Gal}(M/\mathbf{Q})$  is isomorphic to  $H$ . Hence  $M$  is cyclic number field of prime power order. It follows that there exist cyclic subfields  $K_i$  of prime power order such that  $K = K_1 K_2 \cdots K_r$ . In other words,  $K$  is a compositum of cyclic subfields of prime power degree.

Let  $[K:\mathbf{Q}] = 2^{t_0} q_1^{t_1} q_2^{t_2} \cdots q_m^{t_m}$ , where  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  are distinct odd primes, and  $t_0 \geq 0, t_j \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Then  $[K_i:\mathbf{Q}]$  is a power of 2 or  $q_j$ . Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  be all ramified primes in  $K$ . Then, for each  $K_i$ ,  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  are the only possible prime divisors of  $\mathfrak{f}(K_i)$ . Notice that the transitivity of ramification index implies  $e_p(K_i) | e_p(K)$  for any prime integer  $p$ .

**Case 1** If 2 is unramified in  $K$ , then  $e_2(K) = 1$ , and all  $p_i$  are odd. By Theorem 2.7,  $\mathfrak{f}(K_i)$  is a divisor of  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s e_{q_j}(K)$  for some  $j$ . In virtue of Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) | p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))}.$$

Here  $v_p(K)$  denotes the standard  $p$ -adic valuation of  $k$ . Let  $L = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{\mathfrak{f}(K)})$ , we have

$$K \subseteq L, e_{q_j}(K) | e_{q_j}(L).$$

If  $q_j = p_i$  for some  $i$ , due to Corollary 2.2,  $I_{q_j}(K)$  is cyclic, hence

$$v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K)) \leq v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(L)) = v_{q_j}(\mathfrak{f}(K)) - 1.$$

If  $q_j \neq p_i$  for all  $i$ , then  $e_{q_j}(K) = 0$ . It follows

$$p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))} | \mathfrak{f}(K).$$

Therefore,

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))}.$$

**Case 2** If 2 is ramified in  $K$ , by Lemma 2.4,  $[K:\mathbf{Q}]$  must be even. Similarly, based on Corollary 2.2 and Lemma 2.4, we have

$$2^{v_2(e_2(K))} p_1 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))} | \mathfrak{f}(K)$$

In particular,  $v_2(\mathfrak{f}(K)) \geq v_2(e_2(K)) + 1$ . By Theorem 2.7, we can assume that

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = 2^t p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))},$$

where  $t = v_2(e_2(K))$  or  $v_2(e_2(K)) + 1$ . We know from Proposition 2.1 that  $I_2(K_i) = \text{res}_{K_i}^K(I_2(K))$  is always cyclic.

**Subcase 2.1** If the inertia group  $I_2(K)$  is not cyclic, then  $2e_2(K_i) \mid e_2(K)$  holds for all  $i$ . On the other hand, Theorem 2.7 implies

$$v_2(\mathfrak{f}(K_i)) \leq v_2(e_2(K_i)) + 2.$$

Therefore,  $v_2(\mathfrak{f}(K)) \leq v_2(e_2(K)) + 1$ , which forces  $t = v_2(e_2(K))$ . Now

$$e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) \leq e_2(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_{\mathfrak{f}(K)})) = e_2(K) \leq e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})).$$

Hence  $e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = e_2(K)$  and  $t = v_2(e_2(K))$ .

**Subcase 2.2** If  $I_2(K)$  is cyclic, we set  $L = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)$ , where  $n = 2e_2(K)$ . Notice that  $I_2(KL)$  can be embedded as a subgroup of  $I_2(K) \otimes \text{Gal}(L/\mathbf{Q})$  via the canonical map  $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K, L)$ .

(i) If  $I_2(KL)$  is cyclic, then  $I_2(K)$  is cyclic by Proposition 2.1. Thus  $e_2(K) = 2$  and  $L = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ . Eventually  $e_2(KL) = 2$ . Let  $K' = (KL)_2^I$ , then  $K'L = KL$  and

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = \mathfrak{f}(KL) = \mathfrak{f}(K'L) = 4\mathfrak{f}(K').$$

Hence  $t = v_2(e_2(K)) = 1$ .

(ii) If  $I_2(KL)$  is not cyclic, then  $e_2(KL) = 2e_2(K)$  by Corollary 2.2. Thus

$$v_2(\mathfrak{f}(KL)) \geq v_2(e_2(K)) + 2.$$

Therefore  $v_2(\mathfrak{f}(K)) \geq v_2(e_2(K)) + 2$ . Then we have  $t = v_2(e_2(K)) + 1$ .

(iii) We next have a close analysis on the condition that  $I_2(KL)$  is not cyclic. If  $v_2(e_2(K)) = 1$ , one must has

$$e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) > e_2(K).$$

If  $v_2(e_2(K)) > 1$ , then we know that

$$K(\sqrt{-1}) = K^R(\sqrt{-1}),$$

and  $I_2(K^R)$  is a cyclic group, where  $K^R$  denotes the maximal real subfield of  $K(\sqrt{-1})$ . Thus  $\Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}(K^R, \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))$  is an isomorphism, which induces an isomorphism:

$$I_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) \cong I_2(K^R) \otimes \text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})/\mathbf{Q})$$

is not a cyclic group. It follows that  $I_2(K(\sqrt{-1}))$  is not cyclic and

$$e_2(K) \neq e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})).$$

This shows that  $I_2(KL)$  is not cyclic if and only if  $e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) \neq e_2(K)$ .

In summary, if 2 is ramified in  $K$ , then

$$\mathfrak{f}(K) = \begin{cases} W_{s,m}, & \text{if } e_2(K(\sqrt{-1})) = e_2(K), \\ 2W_{s,m}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where

$$W_{s,m} = 2^{v_2(e_2(K))} p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \prod_{j=1}^m q_j^{v_{q_j}(e_{q_j}(K))}.$$

The proof is end.

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