



**Capitulation of the 2-ideal class group of the fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$   
where  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  are distinct primes such that  
 $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$**

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**Abstract**—Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$ , be real biquadratic number field where,  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be distinct prime numbers with  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $K_2^{(1)}$  be the Hilbert 2-class field of  $K$ . Let  $K_2^{(2)}$  be the Hilbert 2-class field of  $K_2^{(1)}$  and  $K^{(*)}$  the genus field of  $K$ . We suppose that  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K^{(*)}$  and  $Gal(K_2^{(1)}/K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . We study the capitulation problem of the 2-ideal classes of  $K$  in the sub-extensions of  $K_2^{(1)}/K$  and we determine the structure of  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field and  $C_K$  its ideal class group in the ordinary sense. Suppose  $L$  is a finite algebraic number extension of  $K$ . Then there is a canonical homomorphism

$$j : C_K \rightarrow C_L$$

induced by extension of ideals. Then  $\ker(j)$  consists of those ideal classes in  $K$  which capitulate in  $L$ . One of the main goals in capitulation theory is to determine  $\ker(j)$ .

If  $K_2^{(1)}$  is the Hilbert 2-class field of  $K$ , then by class field theory the Galois group  $Gal(K_2^{(1)}/K)$  and the 2-class group  $C_{2,K}$  of  $K$  are canonically isomorphic. Let  $K_2^{(n)}$  be the Hilbert 2-class field of  $K_2^{(n-1)}$ , then  $K_2^{(n)}/K$  is a Galois extension for each non negative integer  $n$  and

$$K \subset K_2^{(1)} \subset K_2^{(2)} \subset \dots \subset K_2^{(n)} \subset \dots$$

is the 2-Hilbert class tower of field  $K$ . terminates at  $K_2^{(1)}$  or  $K_2^{(2)}$  [10].

In the following, we give some known results about the structure of Galois group  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K)$  where  $C_{2,K}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  (see, for instance, [4], Section 1). Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field such that  $C_{2,K} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be the Galois group of  $K_2^{(2)}/K$ . Then if  $G'$  is the commutator subgroup of  $G$ , we have  $G' = Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K_2^{(1)})$ , and

$$G/G' \simeq Gal(K_2^{(1)}/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $Q_m, D_m, S_m$  be the quaternion, dihedral and semidihedral groups of order  $2^m$ , So that in term of generators and relations,

$$Q_m = \langle x, y \mid x^{2^{m-2}} = y^2 = a, a^2 = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{-1} \rangle;$$

$$D_m = \langle x, y \mid x^{2^{m-1}} = y^2 = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{-1} \rangle;$$

$$S_m = \langle x, y \mid x^{2^{m-1}} = y^2 = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{2^{m-2}-1} \rangle.$$

By [2, Theorem 4.5, Chap 5] we have  $G$  is isomorphic to  $D_m, Q_m$  or  $S_m$ . The commutator subgroup  $G'$  of  $G$  is always cyclic:  $G' = \langle x^2 \rangle$ . The group  $G$  has exactly three sub-groups of index 2. Namely,  $\langle x \rangle$ ;  $\langle x^2, y \rangle$  and  $\langle x^2, xy \rangle$ . When  $G$  is not the quaternion group of order 8, only one of the three maximal sub-groups of  $G$  is cyclic. When  $m \geq 4$  the other two maximal sub-groups of  $G$  are not abelian and their maximal abelian factor groups are again isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Of course, when  $G$  is the quaternion group of order 8 its three maximal subgroups are cyclic and when  $G$  is the dihedral group of order 8, its three sub-groups are abelian. None of the proper factor groups of  $G$  is of quaternion type. According to what we just said, the Hilbert 2-class field tower of  $K$  terminates in at most two steps. If  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)}$ , then the Galois group  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K_2^{(1)})$  is cyclic and  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K)$  is a quaternion, dihedral or semidihedral group.

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$  be a biquadratic number field where  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . In this paper, we first give a rank for some real biquadratic number fields. Then, in section 3 we give the Hasse unit index for some real biquadratic number fields and we give the list of real biquadratic number field  $K$  such that its 2-ideal class group of  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  (Theoreme 3.4). In the last section we give the 2-ideal classes of  $K$ , which capitulate in the genus field of  $K$ . Consequently we prove the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $p, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be distinct primes with  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$ . Assume that the 2-ideal class group of  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , then:*

1. *If  $K_2^{(2)} = K_2^{(1)}$  we have  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K)$  is abelian.*
2. *If  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)}$  we have  $Gal(K_2^{(2)}/K)$  is dihedral.*

## 2. Rank of 2-ideal class group of some real biquadratic number fields

The following notations will be used throughout the paper:

- K a real biquadratic number field
- $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  a quadratic subfield of K with odd class number
- E the group of units of k
- N the norm map
- r the number of primes of k which are ramified in K e a positive integer defined by  $2^e = [E : E \cap N(K^*)]$
- $\varepsilon_m$  the fundamental unit of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$
- $h(K)$  the class number of K
- $h_2(K)$  the 2-part of  $h(K)$
- $h(m)$  the class number for the quadratic number field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$
- $C_{2,K}$  the 2-ideal class group of K
- $K^{(*)}$  the genus field of K
- $K_2^{(1)}$  the Hilbert 2-class field of K
- $K_2^{(2)}$  the Hilbert 2-class field of  $K_2^{(1)}$
- $Q_K$  the hasse unit index of the biquadratic number field K
- $(\frac{a,d}{p})$  the Hilbert's 2-th power norm residue symbol mod P

**Lemma 2.1.** We keep the same notation as above, the rank of  $C_{2,K}$  is equal to  $r-e-1$ .

*Proof.* See [1] □

**Remark 2.2.** We have:

- 1)  $e=0$  if and only if  $-1$  and  $\varepsilon_m$  are norms in the extension  $K/k$ .
- 2)  $e=1$  if and only if  $-1$  is a norm and  $\varepsilon_m$  is not a norm, or  $-1$  is not a norm and  $\varepsilon_m$  or  $-\varepsilon_m$  is a norm in the extension  $K/k$ .
- 2)  $e=2$  if and only if  $-1$ ,  $\varepsilon_m$  and  $-\varepsilon_m$  are not norms in the extension  $K/k$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $F$  be a real quadratic number field with fundamental unit  $\varepsilon$  and discriminant  $D$ . Suppose that  $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon) = 1$ . Then there exists a positive square free integer  $m$  dividing  $D$  such that  $m\varepsilon$  is a square in  $F$ .

*Proof.* See [5] □

**Remark 2.4.** In the proof of lemma 2.3 [see 5], the integer  $m$  is norm in the extension  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be distinct primes with  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$ . Then, we have:

1)  $e=0$  if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i)  $(\frac{q_1q_2}{p}) = (\frac{q_1q_2}{q_3}) = -1$ .
- (ii)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_2}{p}) = -(\frac{q_1q_2}{q_3}) = 1$ .

1)  $e=1$  if and only if one of the following conditions is

satisfied:

- (i)  $(\frac{q_1q_2}{p}) = -(\frac{q_1q_2}{q_3}) = -1$ .
- (ii)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_2}{p}) = (\frac{q_1q_2}{q_3}) = -1$ .
- (iii)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_2}{p}) = (\frac{q_1q_2}{q_3}) = 1$ .

*Proof.* The discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  is equal to  $q_1q_2$ , by lemma 2.3 there exists an integer  $m|q_1q_2$  such that  $m$  is a norm in the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})/\mathbb{Q}$  [see remark 2.4] and  $\sqrt{m\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ . Since  $\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}$  is the fundamental unit of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  then  $m$  must be contained in  $\{q_1, q_2\}$ . Either way, we can conclude that:

$$\sqrt{q_1\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}) \text{ or } \sqrt{q_2\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}) \quad (1)$$

Consequently  $\varepsilon_{q_1q_2} = q_1u^2$  or  $\varepsilon_{q_1q_2} = q_1v^2$  with  $u$  and  $v$  are in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ .

It is easy to see that the primes of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  ramified in K are exactly those lying above  $p$  and  $q_3$ . Denote  $S = \{p, q_3\}$ , and  $\mathcal{P}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  which is ramified in K lying above  $\ell \in S$ ,

-if  $\ell$  remain inert in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ , then we have:

$$\left(\frac{-1, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}}\right) = \left(\frac{N_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})/\mathbb{Q}}(-1), pq_1q_3}{\ell}\right) = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}}\right) = \left(\frac{N_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}), pq_1q_3}{\ell}\right) = 1$$

-if  $\ell$  is decomposed in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ , then we have:

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}}\right) = \left(\frac{q_1u^2, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}}\right) = \left(\frac{q_1, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}}\right) = \left(\frac{q_1}{\ell}\right).$$

Using remark 2.2, the lemma 2.5 follows immediately. □

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be distinct prime numbers with  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$ . Then the 2-ideal class group of K is of rank equal to 2 if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

$$\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = 1,$$

*Proof.* By lemma 2.1 the rank of  $C_{2,K}$  is equal to  $r-e-1$ . The positive integer  $e$  is given by lemma 2.5. One can compute the positive integer  $r$  and the lemma follows. □

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be distinct prime numbers with  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_3}, \sqrt{pq_1q_2})$ . Then the 2-ideal class group of L is cyclic if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- 1)  $(\frac{q_1q_3}{p}) = -1$ .
- 2)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_3}{p}) = (\frac{q_1q_2}{q_2}) = -1$ .
- 3)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_3}{p}) = -(\frac{q_1}{q_1}) = -(\frac{q_3}{q_2}) = -1$ .
- 4)  $(\frac{q_1}{p}) = (\frac{q_3}{p}) = (\frac{q_1}{q_2}) = (\frac{q_3}{q_2}) = -1$ .

*Proof.* With the same technique used in proof for lemma 2.5, one can compute a positive integer  $e$  for biquadratic field L, and using lemma 2.1 we verify that the 2-ideal class group of L is of rank equal to 1, if and only if one of condition 1), 2), 3), 4) of lemma 2.7 is satisfied. □

### 3. The Hasse unit index for some real biquadratic fields

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be a distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = -\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$ . Then the biquadratic number field,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_2}, \sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  contains the following units:

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$$

Consequently  $Q_K = 4$ .

*Proof.* The discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  is equal to  $p q_1 q_3$ , then there exists an integer  $m | p q_1 q_3$  such that  $\sqrt{m \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$ . Since  $\varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}$  is the fundamental unit of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  then  $m \notin \{1, p q_1 q_3\}$ . On other hand since  $\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = -1$  then  $p, q_3, q_1 q_3, p q_3$  are not a norms in the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3})/\mathbb{Q}$  so  $m \notin \{p, q_3, p q_3, q_1 q_3\}$  and we have  $\sqrt{m \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  such that  $m | p q_1 q_3$  and  $m \notin \{1, p, q_3, p q_3, q_1 q_3, p q_1, p q_1 q_3\}$ .

Either way we can conclude that:

$$\sqrt{q_1 \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3}) \quad (2)$$

With the same reason we have:

$$\sqrt{q_2 \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_2 q_3}) \quad (3)$$

Consequently, using (1), (2) and (3), we obtain that the unit  $\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$  are contained in  $K$  consequently  $Q_K = 4$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$ . Then the biquadratic number field,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_2}, \sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  contains exactly one of the following units:

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$$

Consequently,  $Q_K = 2$ .

*Proof.* The discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_2})$  is equal to  $p q_1 q_2$ , then there exists an integer  $m | p q_1 q_2$  such that,  $\sqrt{m \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_2})$ , since  $\varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}$  is the fundamental unit of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_2})$  then  $m \notin \{1, p q_1 q_2\}$ , therefore:

$$\sqrt{m \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_2}) \quad (4)$$

With  $m \in \{p, q_1, q_2, p q_1, p q_2, q_1 q_2\}$  similarly we have,

$$\sqrt{m \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p q_1 q_3}) \quad (5)$$

With  $m \in \{p, q_1, q_3, p q_1, p q_3, q_1 q_3\}$  consequently using (1), (4) and (5) we obtain that exactly one of the units

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$$

is contained in  $K$ , so  $Q_K = 2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and

$\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = -\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$ . Then the biquadratic number field,  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_3}, \sqrt{p q_1 q_2})$  contains exactly one of the following units:

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$$

Consequently  $Q_L = 2$ .

*Proof.* We have:

$$\sqrt{q_1 \varepsilon_{q_1 q_3}} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_3}) \quad (6)$$

Using (3), (4) and (6) we obtain that exactly one of the unit,

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_1 q_2} \varepsilon_{p q_2 q_3}}$$

is contained in  $L$  so  $Q_L = 2$ .  $\square$

As a consequence we have the list of real biquadratic number fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_2}, \sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  such that  $C_{2,K}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1 q_2}, \sqrt{p q_1 q_3})$  be a biquadratic number field. The 2-ideal class group of  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

$$\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = -\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$$

*Proof.* In [7] the class number for  $K$  is given by:

$$h(K) = \frac{Q_K h(p q_1 q_3) h(p q_2 q_3)}{4}$$

assume that  $C_{2,K} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\text{rank}(C_{2,K}) = 2$ . By lemma 2.6 we have

$$\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = 1.$$

1) If  $\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$ , by [3] we have  $4 | h(p q_1 q_3)$  and  $4 | h(p q_2 q_3)$ . On other hand by lemma 3.2,  $Q_K = 2$ , therefore  $8 | h(K)$ . Consequently  $C_{2,K}$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

2) If  $\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = -1$ , by [3] we have,  $h(p q_1 q_3) \equiv h(p q_2 q_3) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and by lemma 3.1 we have  $Q_K = 4$ , then  $h_2(K) = 4$ . The 2-ideal class group of  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Suppose now that  $\left(\frac{p}{q_1}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q_2}\right) = -\left(\frac{p}{q_3}\right) = 1$ , by lemma 2.6 we have  $\text{rank}(C_{2,K}) = 2$ , by [3] we have,  $h(p q_1 q_3) \equiv h(p q_2 q_3) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and by lemma 3.1 we have  $Q_K = 4$ , then  $h_2(K) = 4$ . Consequently  $C_{2,K}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . The theorem follows.  $\square$

### 4. Proof of theorem 1.1

Throughout this section we suppose that:  $C_{2,K} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

**4.1. Necessary and sufficient conditions such that  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)}$**

The genus field of biquadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$  is  $K^{(*)} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}, \sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{q_1q_3})$ . We introduce the biquadratic number field  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_3}, \sqrt{pq_1q_2})$ , then  $K^{(*)}/L$  is unramified. The 2-ideal class group of L is cyclic [see lemma 2.7], then the fields  $K^{(*)}$  and L have the same Hilbert 2- class field  $K_2^{(2)}$ . Therefore

$$h(K_2^{(1)}) = \frac{1}{2}h(K^{(*)}) = \frac{1}{4}h(L)$$

Consequently

$$K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)} \Leftrightarrow 2|h(K_2^{(1)}) \Leftrightarrow 4|h(K^{(*)}) \Leftrightarrow 8|h(L)$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $p, q_1$  and  $q_2$  be a distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $(\frac{p}{q_1}) = (\frac{p}{q_2}) = (\frac{q_2}{q_1}) = 1$ . There exist  $X, Y, k, l$  such that  $pq_1 = k^2X^2 + 2lXY + 2mY^2, -q_2 = l^2 - 2k^2m$ , denote  $\alpha = (\frac{q_1q_2}{p})_4$  and  $\beta = \frac{2(k^2X+Y)}{p}$ , we have:*

$$8|h(pq_1q_2) \text{ if and only if } \alpha = \beta = 1.$$

*Proof.* See [3] □

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  the integres defined in theorem 5 we have a following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $p, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be a distinct prime numbers such that,  $p \equiv -q_1 \equiv -q_2 \equiv -q_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . If the biquadratic number field,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{pq_1q_3})$  has 2-ideal class group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , then:  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)}$  if and only if  $(\frac{q_2}{q_1}) = 1$  and  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)} \Leftrightarrow 8|h(L)$ . Suppose now that the condition of theorem 3.4 are satisfied. A class number of L is given by:

$$h(L) = \frac{Q_L h(pq_1q_3)h(pq_1q_2)}{4}$$

By lemma 3.3, we have  $Q_L = 2$ . On other hand by [3] we have,  $h(pq_1q_3) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $h(L) = h(pq_1q_2)$ . The lemma 4.1 gives then necessary and sufficient conditions such that  $K_2^{(1)} \neq K_2^{(2)}$ . □

**4.2. Generators of 2-ideal class group of K**

Since  $(\frac{q_1q_2}{p}) = 1$  the ideal  $p$  splits completely in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ , we have  $po_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})} = \mathcal{P}_1\mathcal{P}_2$  where  $\mathcal{P}_i, i \in \{1, 2\}$  are two distinct prime ideals in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ . Moreover, since  $p$  is ramified in  $K$  then  $\mathcal{P}_i o_K = \mathcal{Y}_i^2$ , where  $\mathcal{Y}_i, i \in \{1, 2\}$  are two distinct prime ideals in  $K$  wich remain inert in  $K^{(*)} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}, \sqrt{q_1q_2}, \sqrt{q_1q_3})$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Assume that the 2-ideal class group of K is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Then the two ideal class  $[\mathcal{Y}_1^l]$*

*and  $[\mathcal{Y}_2^l]$  generates the 2-ideal class group of K. With  $l$  is the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ .*

*Proof.* 1) Show that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  are not principal ideals. Since  $l$  is the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ , the prime ideal  $\mathcal{P}_1^l$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2^l$  are principal. Therefore  $[\mathcal{Y}_1^l]$  and  $[\mathcal{Y}_2^l]$  are in  $C_{2,K}$ . Applying the Artin reciprocity laws in the extension  $K^{(*)}/K$  we find that  $\mathcal{Y}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2$  are not principal ideals. It follows that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  are not principal ideals.

2) show that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  is not principal ideal. We have  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})}(\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l) = \mathcal{P}_1^l\mathcal{P}_2^l = p^l o_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})}$ , supposing that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  is principal then  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l = (a)$  with  $a \in K$ . So  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})} = p^l o_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})}$ . It follows that there exists a unit  $u$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  such that  $p^l u$  is a norm in  $K/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ . Then we must have

$$\left(\frac{p^l u, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}\right) = 1 \quad (7).$$

Using the properties of Hilbert’s 2-th power norm residue symbol mod  $\mathcal{P}_1$ , we have  $(\frac{-1, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}) = 1$  and  $(\frac{\varepsilon_{q_1q_2}, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}) = (\frac{q_1, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}) = 1$ . So

$$\left(\frac{u, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}\right) = 1 \text{ for any unit } u \text{ of } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2}).$$

Moreover we have  $(\frac{p^l, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}) = (-\frac{p}{q_3})^l = (-1)^l = -1$ , consequently  $(\frac{p^l u, pq_1q_3}{\mathcal{P}_1}) = -1$  which is in contradiction with (7). Finally  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  is not principal ideal. □

**4.3. Determination of the 2-ideal class group of K which capitulates in  $K^{(*)}$**

We have  $[\mathcal{Y}_1^l]$  and  $[\mathcal{Y}_2^l]$  generates the 2-ideal class group of K. We denote by  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  the two prime ideals in  $K^{(*)}$  such that  $\mathcal{Y}_1 o_{K^{(*)}} = \mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2 o_{K^{(*)}} = \mathcal{Q}_2$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *All 2-ideal classes group of K capitulate in  $K^{(*)}$ .*

*Proof.* 1) show that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  capitulates in  $K^{(*)}$ . Since  $(\frac{q_1q_3}{p}) = -1$  the number of prime ideals of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  which ramify in  $L' = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_3}, \sqrt{p})$  is equal to 1, by lemma 2.1 we have  $\text{rang}(C_{2,L'}) = 0$ . Moreover, since  $p$  is ramified in  $L' = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_3}, \sqrt{p})$  we have  $po_L = \mathcal{P}'^2$ . The class number of  $L'$  is odd, so  $\mathcal{P}'$  is principal ideal. On other hand  $\mathcal{P}' o_{K^{(*)}} = \mathcal{Q}_1\mathcal{Q}_2$  consequently  $\mathcal{Q}_1\mathcal{Q}_2$  is principal ideal. And we have  $\mathcal{Q}_1^l\mathcal{Q}_2^l$  is principal ideal, it follows that  $\mathcal{Y}_1^l\mathcal{Y}_2^l$  capitulates in  $K^{(*)}$ .

2) show that  $\mathcal{Y}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2$  capitulate in  $K^{(*)}$ . Let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_3}, \sqrt{pq_1q_2})$  since  $(\frac{q_1q_3}{p}) = -1$  and  $p$  is ramified in L we have  $po_L = \mathcal{S}^2$  with  $\mathcal{S}$  is a prime ideal in L, therefore  $\mathcal{S} o_{K^{(*)}} = \mathcal{Q}_1\mathcal{Q}_2$ . We have  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  are principal if and only if  $\mathcal{S}$  is principal, indeed: We now that if  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  is a principal ideal, then  $N_{K^{(*)}/L}(\mathcal{Q}_1) = \mathcal{S}$  is a principal ideal. Conversely if

$\mathcal{S}$  is a principal ideal, by Artin reciprocity law applied in the extension  $K_2^{(2)}/L$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  split completely in  $K_2^{(2)}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  are splits completely in  $K_2^{(2)}$ , by Artin reciprocity law applied in the extension  $K_2^{(2)}/K^{(*)}$  we have  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  are principal ideals. -show that  $\mathcal{S}$  is principal ideal.

We know that  $\sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3}} = u_1 \sqrt{q_1} + u_2 \sqrt{q_3}$  with  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  [see proof of lemma 2.5] and  $\sqrt{\varepsilon_{pq_2 q_3}} = v_1 \sqrt{q_2} + v_2 \sqrt{pq_3}$  with  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  [see proof of lemma 3.1], therefore  $\sqrt{p} \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{pq_2 q_3}}$  is a integr of  $L$ . Since  $p_{oL} = (\sqrt{p} \sqrt{\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{pq_2 q_3}})^2 (\varepsilon_{q_1 q_3} \varepsilon_{pq_2 q_3})^{-1} o_L = \mathcal{S}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  is a principal ideal. We conclude that  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  are principal, then  $\mathcal{Y}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_2$  capitulate in  $K^{(*)}$ . Hence the theorem 1.1 follows.  $\square$

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