

Prime divisors of the class number of the real p^r th cyclotomic field and characteristic polynomials attached to them

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Abstract

Let p be an odd prime and $r \geq 1$ an integer. We investigate to characterize the prime divisors of the class number of the real p^r th cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Let E be the group of units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, and C the subgroup generated by cyclotomic units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Then the class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ coincides with the order of the quotient group E/C . For a prime ℓ distinct from p , we show that there is an intimate connection between certain polynomials in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ which are divisors of $x^n - 1$, where $n = \phi(p^r)/2$, and the ℓ -part of E/C . As a consequence, the ℓ -rank of E/C is given by the degree of a particular one among such polynomials. Moreover we give a concrete algorithm by which we can compute such polynomial to obtain the ℓ -rank of E/C .

Introduction

Let p be an odd prime and $r \geq 1$ an integer. Let $\zeta = \zeta_{p^r} = \cos(2\pi/p^r) + i \sin(2\pi/p^r)$ be a primitive p^r th root of unity and $h_{p^r}^+$ the class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Let E be the group of units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, and C the subgroup generated by cyclotomic units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Then it is well known that $h_{p^r}^+ = [E : C]$ (cf. [13]). It is difficult to determine $h_{p^r}^+$ itself. Indeed, the values of h_p^+ are not known for $p \geq 71$ (cf. [10]). Hence it is interesting to study which prime divisors appear in $h_{p^r}^+$. The class number parity of $h_{p^r}^+$ can be completely checked by easy calculation (see [1], [2], [14]). So it suffices to study odd prime divisors ℓ of $h_{p^r}^+$. In the case $\ell = p$, there is a famous conjecture of Kummer-Vandiver that p never divides $h_{p^r}^+$. The conjecture has been verified for all

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$p < 12 \times 10^6$ (cf. [3]). Therefore, excluding this case, we may study odd prime divisors of $h_{p^r}^+$ distinct from p .

E. E. Kummer [8] investigated this problem firstly and gave a necessary condition for an odd prime distinct from p to divide h_p^+ (Satz VI). For a real abelian field K , H. W. Leopoldt [9] studied the divisibility condition of the class number h_K of K by an odd prime ℓ which does not appear in the degree of K . He showed that if ℓ is a prime divisor of h_K , then ℓ divides a generalized Bernoulli number. However the converse is not necessarily valid in general. Subsequently G. Cornell and M. Rosen [4] investigated the ℓ -rank of the ideal class group of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_f)^+$ for a composite conductor f . Their method does not give any information about the ℓ -rank of the ideal class group of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. We have already given a necessary and sufficient condition for ℓ to divide h_p^+ in the previous paper [15]. The method used there depends on certain matrix computations, so that it is difficult to calculate the \mathbb{F}_ℓ -rank of such a matrix if p becomes large. Hence the practical computation of divisibility of h_p^+ by ℓ turns out to be almost impossible.

In 2003, Schoof [12] investigated the quotient group E/C of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)^+$ and gave a method by which one can calculate all the simple Jordan-Hölder factors of it of order less than 8×10^5 . In this way he obtained an “approximate” value \widetilde{h}_p^+ of h_p^+ in the sense that (a) \widetilde{h}_p^+ divides h_p^+ , and (b) the quotient h_p^+/\widetilde{h}_p^+ is a possibly empty product of prime powers, each of which is greater than 8×10^5 . Cohen-Lenstra heuristics suggests that $h_p^+ = \widetilde{h}_p^+$ for all $p < 10^4$, but it is very difficult to prove the coincidence at present.

In this paper, we treat only with the real p^r th cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ and investigate which prime divisors appear in the class number $h_{p^r}^+$ of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Moreover we study the structure of the group E/C , which is deeply related to the ideal class group of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Our study is done independently of Schoof’s work. Roughly speaking, our aim of this paper is as follows: (i) We introduce two polynomials $v_n(x)$ and $w_n(x) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ associated with the group theoretical structure of E/C for a prime $\ell \neq p$. (ii) These polynomials $v_n(x)$ and $w_n(x)$ have a number theoretical meaning respectively and satisfy $w_n \mid v_n \mid x^n - 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$. In particular, we show that the ℓ -rank of E/C is given by $\deg w_n - 1$ or by $\deg w_n$ according as $\ell > 2$ or $\ell = 2$. (iii) Although it is easy to obtain v_n by definition, the calculation of w_n is difficult. We establish an effective method by which we determine w_n from v_n . (iv) By our method we calculate all the ℓ -rank (E/C) of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)^+$ in the range $2 \leq \ell < 10^4$, $3 \leq p < 10^4$, and $\ell \neq p$ except one case $(\ell, p) = (131, 7411)$.

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§ 1. Notations and Main result

Let $n = \varphi(p^r)/2$. Let g be a primitive root modulo p^r . For every $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, we put

$$e_i = \frac{\zeta^{g^{i+1}} - \zeta^{-g^{i+1}}}{\zeta^{g^i} - \zeta^{-g^i}},$$

which is a cyclotomic unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Then we have $e_{n+i} = e_i$ for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Among e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1} there exists one relation $e_0 e_1 \dots e_{n-1} = -1$. Let $E_{p^r}^+$ be the group of units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ and $C_{p^r}^+$ its subgroup of cyclotomic units. $C_{p^r}^+$ is generated by e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1} , i.e., $C_{p^r}^+ = \langle e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1} \rangle$. It is well known that $h_{p^r}^+ = [E_{p^r}^+ : C_{p^r}^+]$ (cf. [13]). Hence, to search a prime divisor ℓ of $h_{p^r}^+$, we must find a cyclotomic unit ξ such that $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi} \in E_{p^r}^+ \setminus C_{p^r}^+$. Let g_i be the least positive residue of g^i modulo p^r for every $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, i.e., $g_i \equiv g^i \pmod{p^r}$ and $0 < g_i < p^r$. Then $g_{i+2n} = g_i$ and $g_{i+n} = p^r - g_i$ for every $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let ℓ be an odd prime distinct from p . For any integers a and b such that $(a, p) = 1$, $R(a, b)$ denotes the least positive solution which satisfies $ax \equiv b \pmod{p^r}$. For any integers a, b such that $a + b \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, let $[a, b]_{\text{odd}}$ be the odd integer which equals either a or b .

For $k = 1, 2, \dots, (\ell - 1)/2$ and any integer j , we let

$$\varepsilon_j^{(k)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } [R(\ell, \ell - 2k) - g_{2n-j}, R(\ell, \ell - 2k) - g_{n-j}]_{\text{odd}} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The number $\varepsilon_j^{(k)}$ is well defined, because $g_{n-j} + g_{2n-j} = p^r$ is odd. Let $c_j \in \mathbb{F}_\ell$ be defined by

$$c_j = \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} (\varepsilon_j^{(k)} - \varepsilon_{j+1}^{(k)}).$$

Since $\varepsilon_{j+n}^{(k)} = \varepsilon_j^{(k)}$ for any integer j and $k = 1, 2, \dots, (\ell - 1)/2$, we have $c_{j+n} = c_j$ and $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j = 0$. We define the polynomials u_n and v_n in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ by

$$u_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j x^j \quad \text{and} \quad v_n(x) = \gcd(u_n(x), x^n - 1).$$

Then u_n and v_n have a trivial divisor $x-1$ because $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j = 0$. For any $m \mid n$, we define u_m and v_m in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ by $u_m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} c_{j+km}) x^j$ and $v_m(x) = \gcd(u_m(x), x^m - 1)$ respectively, where $t = n/m$. We notice that $\gcd(u_n, x^m - 1)$ divides u_m , but it does not

necessarily coincide with u_m . From now on let $v_n(x)$ and $v_m(x)$ be monic polynomials. We denote by K_m the subfield of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ of degree m and by h_{K_m} the class number of K_m . In particular $K_n = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ and $h_{K_n} = h_{p^r}^+$. Let E_{K_m} be the group of units in K_m and C_{K_m} the subgroup of cyclotomic units in K_m , that is, $C_{K_m} = C_{p^r}^+ \cap E_{K_m} = \langle \xi_0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m-1} \rangle$, where $\xi_i = N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+ / K_m}(e_i)$ for each i .

Let $R = \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]/(x^m - 1)$ and let $\Phi : R \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$ be the natural isomorphism such that $\Phi(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i \bar{x}^i) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$. Put $G = Gal(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+ / \mathbb{Q})$. We define the group action of G on \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m by $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})^\sigma = (a_{m-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{m-2})$, where σ is the generator of G such that $\zeta^\sigma = \zeta^g$.

The content of this paper is as follows. In §2 we generalize a certain sum considered by Kummer [8] and obtain the value of the sum, which plays a role when we give a number theoretical meaning of the above polynomial v_n in §4. In §3 we illustrate a connection between the polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ and the vector subspace $\text{Ker } f(A)$ of \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m , where A is the circular matrix of degree m such that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We write it as $A = circ(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$. For a polynomial $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{m-1}x^{m-1}$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, we obtain the circular matrix $f(A) = circ(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})$. We denote by $\text{Ker } f(A)$ the kernel of the linear transformation $f(A)$ from \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m to itself. Let $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$ be a non-trivial \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space closed under the action of G . Then there exists a unique monic polynomial $f \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ such that $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$ and $f(x) | x^m - 1$ (Theorem 3.8). Such a polynomial f is given by $f = (x^m - 1) / \gcd(\alpha^*, x^m - 1)$, where α is a generator of the principal ideal $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L})$ of R with the least degree and $\alpha^*(x) = x^{m-1}\alpha(1/x)$. In §4 we show a number theoretical meaning of $v_n(x)$ which is important to obtain its divisor $w_n(x)$ defined below. As a consequence, if $v_n(x) = x - 1$, then $\ell \nmid h_{p^r}^+$. Moreover, for every divisor m of n , if $v_m(x) = x - 1$, then $\ell \nmid h_{K_m}$ (Theorem 4.3). This result improves Kummer's Satz VI in [8] a little. For a divisor m of n and $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$, we consider the cyclotomic unit $\xi(\mathbf{y}) = \xi_0^{y_0} \xi_1^{y_1} \dots \xi_{m-1}^{y_{m-1}}$ in §5. Since the vector space $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m; \sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{K_m}\}$ is closed under the action of G , it follows from Theorem 3.8 that among the divisors of $x^m - 1$, there exists a unique monic polynomial $w_m(x) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ such that

$$\text{Ker } w_m(A) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m; \sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{K_m}\}.$$

The polynomial $w_n(x)$ plays a significant role for our study. It satisfies $x-1 | w_m(x) | v_m(x)$

for every $m \mid n$. Then the ℓ -rank of $E_{p^r}^+ / C_{p^r}^+$ is given by $\deg w_n - 1$. More generally, for the subfield K_m of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, the ℓ -rank of E_{K_m} / C_{K_m} is given by $\deg w_m - 1$ (Theorem 5.4). In §6 we explain a concrete algorithm to compute $w_n(x)$ for an odd prime $\ell \neq p$. In §7 we show that the corresponding results in the previous sections hold true in the case $\ell = 2$. Our method is proved to be sufficiently effective. In §8 we put $r = 1$ and by our algorithm we make a table of all the non-trivial polynomials $w_n(x)$ for the pairs (ℓ, p) in the range $2 \leq \ell < 10^4$, $3 \leq p < 10^4$, and $\ell \neq p$ except the only one case $(\ell, p) = (131, 7411)$. In this exceptional case, we can obtain an “approximate” polynomial $\hat{w}_n(x) = (x - 1)(x + 31)$ of $w_n(x)$, but we can not determine whether $w_n(x) = (x - 1)(x + 31)$ or not. Finally we notice that our method yields nothing with respect to $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^r})^+$.

§ 2. Certain sum introduced by Kummer

Let $m > 1$ be an odd integer and a, b, c integers such that $(ac, m) = 1$. We do not exclude the case $(b, m) > 1$ in the following. Since $(a, m) = 1$, we obtain the least positive solution, say $R(a, b)$, of $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$. Either $R(a, b) - R(a, c)$ or $R(a, b) - R(a, -c)$ is odd, because $R(a, c) + R(a, -c) = m$ by $(ac, m) = 1$. We let

$$\varepsilon(m; a, b, c) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } [R(a, b) - R(a, c), R(a, b) - R(a, -c)]_{\text{odd}} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here we denote by $S(m; a, b, c)$ the following sum which was first considered by Kummer [8] in the case $m = p$:

$$S(m; a, b, c) = \sum_{\zeta \neq 1} \frac{(\zeta^b - \zeta^{-b})(\zeta^c + \zeta^{-c})}{\zeta^a - \zeta^{-a}},$$

where ζ runs through all the m th roots of unity except 1. We can determine the value of $S(m; a, b, c)$ by means of $\varepsilon(m; a, b, c)$.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $m > 1$ be an odd integer and a, b, c integers such that $(abc, m) = 1$. Let m' be a proper divisor of m . Then*

$$S(m; a, bm', c) = 2m\varepsilon(m; a, bm', c) - 2R(a, bm').$$

Corollary 2.2. *Let $m > 1$ be an odd integer and a, b, c integers such that $(abc, m) = 1$. Then*

$$S(m; a, b, c) = 2m\varepsilon(m; a, b, c) - 2R(a, b).$$

Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.2 are proved by a same way. So, it suffices to prove Corollary 2.2. Then we may assume that $a = 1$, that is, we may prove that $S(m; 1, b, c) = 2m\varepsilon(m; 1, b, c) - 2R(1, b)$. We expand each term in $S(m; 1, b, c)$ as follows:

$$\frac{(\zeta^b - \zeta^{-b})(\zeta^c + \zeta^{-c})}{\zeta - \zeta^{-1}} = \sum_{k=1}^b \zeta^{b+c-2k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^b \zeta^{b-c-2k+1}.$$

We take out the exponents of ζ in the right side to obtain two arithmetic sequences $\{b+c-2k+1\}_{k=1}^b$ and $\{b-c-2k+1\}_{k=1}^b$. Multiplying each integer in the first sequence by -1 , we obtain the second one. Since $S(m; 1, b, c) = S(m; 1, b', c')$ if $b \equiv b', c \equiv c' \pmod{m}$, we may consider that $0 < b, c < m$. So $R(1, b) = b$ and $R(1, -c) = m - c$. Therefore the first sequence lies between $-m + 1$ and $2m$ and the second between $-2m$ and m . We denote by T the set of the integers appearing in the first sequence. We divide our consideration into two cases.

First we consider the case where $b+c$ is odd. Then, since $b+c-m$ is even and $b-c$ is odd, we have $\varepsilon = 1$ or $\varepsilon = 0$ according as $b-c > 0$ or $b-c \leq 0$, where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(m; 1, b, c)$. Here we observe that T consists on b successive even integers and that $b-c > 0$ if and only if $0 \in T$. Since

$$\sum_{\zeta \neq 1} \zeta^x = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } m \nmid x, \\ m-1 & \text{if } m \mid x, \end{cases}$$

where ζ runs through all the m th roots of unity except 1, we prove $S(m; 1, b, c) = 2m\varepsilon(m; 1, b, c) - 2R(1, b)$ in this case. In the same way as above we can give the proof for the remaining case $b+c$ is even. This completes the proof of Corollary 2.2.

§ 3. Polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ and the vector space $\text{Ker} f(A)$

In this section we denote by A the circular matrix of degree m such that $A = \text{circ}(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$. For a polynomial $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{m-1}x^{m-1}$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, we obtain the circular matrix $f(A) = \text{circ}(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})$. We denote by $\text{Ker} f(A)$ the kernel of the linear transformation $f(A)$ from \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m to itself, that is, $\text{Ker} f(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m; f(A)\mathbf{x}^t = \mathbf{0}\}$, where \mathbf{x}^t is the transpose of $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1})$ and $\mathbf{0}$ is the zero vector of size m . We notice that each element of $\text{Ker} f(A)$ is corresponding to a cyclotomic unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. Some of the results of this section are well known in the theory of error-correcting codes, so that we leave the proofs to the reader except Proposition 3.6 and Theorem 3.8.

Proposition 3.1. *Let f be a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ of degree less than m . Then*

$$\dim_{\mathbb{F}_\ell} \text{Ker} f(A) = \deg \gcd(f, x^m - 1).$$

Corollary 3.2. *Let m be a divisor of $n = \varphi(p^r)/2$. Then $\text{Ker } u_m(A) = \text{Ker } v_m(A)$ for every $m|n$, where u_m and v_m are the polynomials defined in §1.*

Remark 3.3. *Though we assume that ℓ is an odd prime distinct from p except in §7, all the results in this section are also true for $\ell = 2$. We use them for $\ell = 2$ in §7.*

Proposition 3.4. *Let f and g be polynomials in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ which divide $x^m - 1$. Then $f|g$ if and only if $\text{Ker } f(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } g(A)$. As a consequence, for the divisors f, g of $x^m - 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, $\text{Ker } f(A) = \text{Ker } g(A)$ if and only if $f = cg$ for some non-zero constant $c \in \mathbb{F}_\ell$.*

Now, putting $R = \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]/(x^m - 1)$, we define $\Phi : R \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$ by $\Phi(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i \bar{x}^i) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$, where $\bar{x} = x \pmod{(x^m - 1)}$ is a unit of R . Then Φ is obviously an isomorphism as a \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space. We simply use x instead of \bar{x} . For $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$, the group action of G on \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m is defined by $\mathbf{a}^\sigma = (a_{m-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{m-2})$, where $\zeta^\sigma = \zeta^g$. Since Φ is an isomorphism as a \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space and R is a ring, we can naturally define the ring structure to \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m . Hence Φ is a ring isomorphism. That is, for a polynomial $\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i x^i \in R$, we obtain $\Phi(\beta(x))^{\sigma^i} = \Phi(x^i \beta(x)) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \Phi(\beta(x))$ for every $i, 0 \leq i \leq m-1$, where 1 in the right side has the $i + 1$ st position.

Let $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$ be a \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space closed under the action of G . Then $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L})$ is an ideal of R and so it is principal, i.e., $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = \alpha R$ with some $\alpha \in R$. For any $f = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i x^i \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, we put $f^*(x) = x^{m-1} f(1/x) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i x^{m-1-i}$ and $f^\Delta(x) = x^{\deg f} f(1/x)$, where f^Δ is called the reciprocal polynomial of f . Since $f^* = f^\Delta \cdot x^{m-1-\deg f}$ and x is a unit, f^* and f^Δ have the same effect as an operator in the following.

Now we suppose that $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$ with $f \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$. Then $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = \alpha R$ for some $\alpha \in R$. We consider a relation between f and α . We denote by τ the automorphism of \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m defined by $\mathbf{a}^\tau = (a_0, a_{m-1}, a_{m-2}, \dots, a_1)$ for any $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$. Obviously τ is an involution and satisfies the relation $\tau^{-1} \sigma \tau = \sigma^{-1}$ and $(\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b})^\tau = \mathbf{a}^\tau \mathbf{b}^\tau$ for any $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$. Here, for any $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$ and $\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{m-1})$, we have $f(A)\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a}^\tau \mathbf{b})^t$ by definition of the product in \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m , where $f(A) = \text{circ}(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})$. Therefore, $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Ker } f(A)$ if and only if $\mathbf{a}^\tau \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$.

Lemma 3.5. *Let $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$ for a polynomial f in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ with $\deg f < m$. Then we have*

$$\mathcal{L} = \{ \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m ; \Phi^{-1}(\mathbf{b})f^* \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m - 1} \}.$$

Now there exists an ideal I of $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ such that $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = I/(x^m - 1)$. Then replacing α by $\gcd(\alpha, x^m - 1)$, we choose the generator α of I with the least degree among the

non-zero polynomials in I . It is uniquely determined up to multiplication by non-zero element of \mathbb{F}_ℓ . Here, putting $\gamma = (x^m - 1)/\gcd(f^*, x^m - 1)$, we have $\gamma f^* \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m - 1}$. By the definition $I = \{\beta \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]; \beta f^* \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m - 1}\}$. Thus we have $I = \gamma \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, which leads to $\alpha = \gamma$. This proves the following

Proposition 3.6. *Let f be a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ with $\deg f < m$. Put $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$ and $\alpha = (x^m - 1)/\gcd(f^*, x^m - 1)$. Then we have $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = \alpha R$.*

Remark 3.7. *$\text{Ker } f(A)$ is a \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space generated by $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^\sigma, \dots, \mathbf{b}^{\sigma^{m-1}}$, where α is given by Proposition 3.6 and $\mathbf{b} = \Phi(\alpha)$.*

Theorem 3.8. *Let $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$ be a non-trivial \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space closed under the action of G . Then, among the divisors of $x^m - 1$, there exists a unique monic polynomial $f \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ such that $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$. The polynomial f is given by $f = (x^m - 1)/\gcd(\alpha^*, x^m - 1)$, where $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = \alpha R$.*

Proof of Theorem 3.8 Let \mathcal{N} be the diagonal part of \mathbb{F}_ℓ^m . Put $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{L}) = \alpha R$ with some $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$. We may choose α as a monic polynomial with the possibly least degree. Obviously $\deg \alpha < m$. We define f by α as in Theorem 3.8.

If $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{N}$ then the assertion is trivial. Hence we may assume that $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathcal{N}$. Let $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i x^i \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$ and $\mathbf{b} = \Phi(\alpha)$. Then $\mathcal{L} = \Phi(\alpha R)$ implies that \mathcal{L} is generated by $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^\sigma, \dots, \mathbf{b}^{\sigma^{m-1}}$ as a \mathbb{F}_ℓ -vector space. From the assumption, it follows that $\mathbf{b} \notin \mathcal{N}$. First we show that $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \text{Ker } f(A)$. By the assumption we have $\alpha^* f \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m - 1}$, which is equivalent to $\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^\tau = \mathbf{0}$, where $\mathbf{a} = \Phi(f)$. Hence $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Ker } f(A)$ by the fact written just before Lemma 3.5. Therefore, since $\mathbf{b}^{\sigma^j} \in \text{Ker } f(A)$ for each j , we have $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \text{Ker } f(A)$. Similar argument shows the converse, so we have $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ker } f(A)$. The uniqueness of f is followed from Proposition 3.4. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.8.

§ 4. The polynomial $v_n(x)$ and $E_U^{(\ell)}$

Let p be an odd prime and $r \geq 1$ an integer. Put $n = \varphi(p^r)/2$ and let $\ell \neq p$ be an odd prime. In this section we use the results on the sum $S(p^r; a, b, c)$ in §2 to show that all the results in [15] are generalized to the case p^r . For $k = 1, 2, \dots, (\ell - 1)/2$ and for any integers i, j , we have $\varepsilon_{j-i}^{(k)} = \varepsilon(p^r; \ell g^j, (\ell - 2k)g^j, \ell g^i)$, where $\varepsilon_j^{(k)}$ is defined in §1. Let $c_j, u_n(x)$ and $v_n(x)$ be the same as in §1. By $E_U^{(\ell)}$ we denote the group of the primary cyclotomic units of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, i.e.,

$$E_U^{(\ell)} = \{\eta \in C_{p^r}^+; \alpha^\ell \equiv \eta \pmod{\ell^2} \text{ for some integer } \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+\}.$$

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\ell \neq p$ be an odd prime. Then*

$$E_U^{(\ell)} \subseteq \{e_0^{x_0} e_1^{x_1} \dots e_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}} \in C_{p^r}^+; v_n(A) \mathbf{x}^t \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{\ell}\},$$

where A is the circular matrix of degree n . Therefore $E_U^{(\ell)}/(C_{p^r}^+)^{\ell}$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Ker } v_n(A)/\mathcal{N}$, where \mathcal{N} is the diagonal part of \mathbb{F}_{ℓ}^n .

Proof of Theorem 4.1(cf. Theorem 1 [15]) Put $\alpha = ((\zeta - \zeta^{-1})^{\ell} - (\zeta^{\ell} - \zeta^{-\ell}))/\ell \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})$. Then we have $e_0^{\ell} = (\zeta - \zeta^{-1})^{(\sigma^{-1})^{\ell}} = (\zeta^{\ell} - \zeta^{-\ell} + \ell\alpha)^{\sigma^{-1}}$. Let β be the number in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ defined by

$$\beta = -\frac{\alpha}{(\zeta - \zeta^{-1})^{\ell}} + \frac{(\zeta^{\ell} - \zeta^{-\ell})\alpha^{\sigma}}{(\zeta - \zeta^{-1})^{\ell}(\zeta^{\ell g} - \zeta^{-\ell g})}.$$

Then $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ and

$$\beta \equiv -\frac{\alpha}{\zeta^{\ell} - \zeta^{-\ell}} + \frac{\alpha^{\sigma}}{\zeta^{\ell g} - \zeta^{-\ell g}} \pmod{\ell}.$$

This implies that $e_0^{\ell} \equiv e_0^{\sigma^s} (1 + \ell\beta) \pmod{\ell^2}$, where s is an integer such that $1 \leq s \leq 2n$ and $g^s \equiv \ell \pmod{p^r}$. So, for a cyclotomic unit $\xi = e_0^{x_0} e_1^{x_1} \dots e_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}}$,

$$\xi^{\ell} \equiv \xi^{\sigma^s} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 + \ell\beta^{\sigma^j})^{x_j} \equiv \xi^{\sigma^s} (1 + \ell \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \beta^{\sigma^j}) \pmod{\ell^2}.$$

Noting that σ^s is the Frobenius automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})$ at the prime ℓ , we can show that $E_U^{(\ell)} = \{\xi \in C_{p^r}^+; \xi^{\ell} \equiv \xi^{\sigma^s} \pmod{\ell^2}\}$. Therefore, we have $\xi \in E_U^{(\ell)}$ if and only if $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \beta^{\sigma^j} \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell}$. The latter is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} \frac{\zeta^{(\ell-2k)g^j} - \zeta^{-(\ell-2k)g^j}}{\zeta^{\ell g^j} - \zeta^{-\ell g^j}} \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} \frac{\zeta^{(\ell-2k)g^{j+1}} - \zeta^{-(\ell-2k)g^{j+1}}}{\zeta^{\ell g^{j+1}} - \zeta^{-\ell g^{j+1}}},$$

because $\alpha \equiv -\sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} (\zeta^{\ell-2k} - \zeta^{-\ell+2k}) \pmod{\ell}$. Multiplying $\zeta^{\ell g^i} + \zeta^{-\ell g^i}$ in both sides of this congruence and summing them with respect to $\zeta \neq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} S(p^r; \ell g^j, (\ell - 2k)g^j, \ell g^i) \\ & \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} S(p^r; \ell g^{j+1}, (\ell - 2k)g^{j+1}, \ell g^i) \pmod{\ell}. \end{aligned}$$

Here there are perhaps positive integers k such that $\ell - 2k = bp^u$ for some positive integers u and b coprime to p . Hence it follows from Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.2 that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} (2p^r \varepsilon_{j-i}^{(k)} - 2R(\ell, \ell - 2k)) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \sum_{k=1}^{(\ell-1)/2} k^{-1} (2p^r \varepsilon_{j+1-i}^{(k)} - 2R(\ell, \ell - 2k)).$$

Therefore, by $(\ell, 2p) = 1$, we have $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j c_{j-i} \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell}$ for every i . Thus, if $\xi = e_0^{x_0} e_1^{x_1} \dots e_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}} \in E_U^{(\ell)}$, then $u_n(A)(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^t \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{\ell}$. Therefore Corollary 3.2 shows that $E_U^{(\ell)} / (C_{p^r}^+)^{\ell}$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Ker } v_n(A) / \mathcal{N}$. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Remark 4.2. *Theorem 4.1 is valid for any subfield K_m of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$. In fact, putting $E_{U_{K_m}}^{(\ell)} = \{\eta \in C_{K_m}; \alpha^{\ell} \equiv \eta \pmod{\ell^2} \text{ for some integer } \alpha \in K_m\}$, we can similarly show that $E_{U_{K_m}}^{(\ell)} / (C_{K_m}^+)^{\ell}$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Ker } v_m(A) / \mathcal{N}$ for a divisor m of n .*

Theorem 4.3. *Let p be an odd prime and $\ell \neq p$ an odd prime. If $v_n(x) = x - 1$, then $\ell \nmid h_{p^r}^+$. Moreover, for every $m|n$, if $v_m(x) = x - 1$, then $\ell \nmid h_{K_m}$.*

Proof of Theorem 4.3 If $\ell | h_{p^r}^+$, then $\ell | \#(E_U^{(\ell)} / (C_{p^r}^+)^{\ell})$. This implies that $\text{Ker } v_n(A) / \mathcal{N} \neq \{1\}$. Hence $v_n(x)$ is not trivial. The latter assertion is proved similarly by Remark 4.2. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.3.

Remark 4.4. *Theorem 4.3 is sufficiently effective to find the pair (ℓ, p) such that $\ell \nmid h_p^+$. In fact, we treat with the case $r = 1$ and calculate $v_n(x)$ for 1227 primes p in the range $5 \leq p < 10^4$ and for $\ell = 3, 11, 113$ and 1009. Then it turns out that the numbers of non-trivial $v_n(x)$ are 437, 216, 40 and 12 for $\ell = 3, 11, 113$ and 1009 respectively.*

§ 5. The polynomial $w_n(x)$ for odd prime ℓ

Let $\xi_i = N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+ / K_m}(e_i)$ for each i . For $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_{\ell}^m$, we put $\xi(\mathbf{y}) = \xi_0^{y_0} \xi_1^{y_1} \dots \xi_{m-1}^{y_{m-1}}$. Since $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_{\ell}^m; \sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{K_m}\}$ is closed under the action of G , it follows from Theorem 3.8 that among the divisors of $x^m - 1$, there exists a unique monic polynomial $w_m(x) \in \mathbb{F}_{\ell}[x]$ such that

$$\text{Ker } w_m(A) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_{\ell}^m; \sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{K_m}\},$$

where $A = \text{circ}(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$. Then $w_m(x)$ satisfies $x - 1 | w_m(x) | v_m(x)$ for every $m | n$, because $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \text{Ker } w_m(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } r_m(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } v_m(A)$, where $r_m(x) | x^m - 1$ is defined by $E_{U_{K_m}} / (C_{K_m}^+)^{\ell} \simeq \text{Ker } r_m(A) / \mathcal{N}$. When $w_m(x) = x - 1$, we call it trivial. We define μ_m by

$$\mu_m = \deg w_m - 1.$$

The polynomial $v_m(x)$ is dependent on the choice of the primitive root g modulo p^r , but $w_m(x)$ and μ_m are independent on the choice of g .

Proposition 5.1. *Let f be a divisor of $x^m - 1$. Put $\alpha = (x^m - 1) / f^{\Delta}(x)$ and $\mathbf{a} = \Phi(\alpha) \in \mathbb{F}_{\ell}^m$. Then f is a factor of w_m if and only if $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \in E_{K_m}$.*

Proof of Proposition 5.1 By Proposition 4.4, $f|w_m$ if and only if $\text{Ker } f(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } w_m(A)$. On the other hand, as seen in the proof of Theorem 3.8, we have $\text{Ker } f(A) = \Phi(\alpha R) = \{ \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} b_j \mathbf{a}^{\sigma^j} ; b_j \in \mathbb{F}_\ell \}$. Therefore, noting that $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \in E_{K_m}$ if and only if $\mathbf{a} \in \text{Ker } w_m(A)$, we obtain the assertion of Proposition 5.1.

We notice that Proposition 5.1 is also valid in the case $\ell = 2$. The following proposition shows that $w_n(x)$ dominates all the $w_m(x)$ for the proper divisors $m | n$.

Proposition 5.2. *Let m, m' be divisors of n . Then if m divides m' , we have $w_m(x) = \text{gcd}(w_{m'}(x), x^m - 1)$. In particular, $w_m(x) = \text{gcd}(w_n(x), x^m - 1)$ for every $m | n$.*

Corollary 5.3. *Let m_1 and m_2 be divisors of n and $m_3 = \text{gcd}(m_1, m_2)$. Suppose that $w_{m_1}(x) = w_{m_2}(x) = w_n(x)$. Then we have $w_{m_3}(x) = w_n(x)$.*

Corollary 5.3 is an immediate consequence of Proposition 5.2.

Now, as stated in §1, the ℓ -rank of $E_{p^r}^+ / C_{p^r}^+$ is determined by the following

Theorem 5.4. *Let p be a prime and ℓ an odd prime distinct from p . Then μ_n is equal to the ℓ -rank of $E_{p^r}^+ / C_{p^r}^+$. More generally, for the subfield K_m of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, μ_m is equal to the ℓ -rank of E_{K_m} / C_{K_m} .*

As a corollary we obtain a generalization of Theorem 5 in [15]. Put $\rho_m = \text{deg } v_m - 1$ for each $m | n$.

Corollary 5.5. *$\ell | h_{p^r}^+$ if and only if $w_n(x)$ is non-trivial. In general, for the subfield K_m of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$, we have that $\ell | h_{K_m}$ if and only if $w_m(x)$ is not trivial. And if $\rho_m = \rho_n$, then $w_m(x) = w_n(x)$, so that $\mu_m = \mu_n$. Therefore $\ell | h_{p^r}^+$ if and only if $\ell | h_{K_m}$ for such $m | n$.*

Proof of Theorem 5.4 It suffices to prove the assertion only in case $m = n$, because the proof in the general case is similarly deduced. Suppose that $\ell | h_{p^r}^+$. For the simplicity, we put $E = E_{p^r}^+$ and $C = C_{p^r}^+$. We denote by $(E/C)_\ell$ the ℓ -elementary subgroup of E/C , i.e., $(E/C)_\ell = \{ xC \in E/C ; (xC)^\ell = 1 \}$. Then we have a natural isomorphism $(E/C)_\ell \simeq E^\ell \cap C/C^\ell$.

Next we consider the homomorphism $\psi : \text{Ker } w_n(A) / \mathcal{N} \longrightarrow E^\ell \cap C/C^\ell$ such that $\psi(\mathbf{y}\mathcal{N}) = \xi(\mathbf{y})C^\ell$ for any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^n$. This homomorphism is obviously well defined and surjective. On the other hand, since e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-2} is a basis of C , we can easily show that ψ is also injective. Thus ψ is an isomorphism. Therefore we have

$$\ell\text{-rank } (E/C)_\ell = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_\ell} \text{Ker } w_n(A) / \mathcal{N} = \text{deg } w_n - 1 = \mu_n$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.4.

Corollary 5.6. *Let m and m' be the divisors of $n = \varphi(p^r)/2$. Suppose that $w_m(x) \neq w_{m'}(x)$ for $m|m'$. Then ℓ divides the relative class number $h_{K_{m'}}/h_{K_m}$.*

The proofs of Corollaries 5.5 and 5.6 are almost obvious.

Remark 5.7. *The converse of Corollary 5.6 is not necessarily true. Indeed, let $p = 2089, r = 1, \ell = 3$ and $m' = 6, m = 2$. Then we obtain $w_2(x) = w_6(x) = w_{1044}(x) = (x-1)(x+1)$, and so $3\text{-rank}(E_{K_2}/C_{K_2}) = 3\text{-rank}(E_{K_6}/C_{K_6}) = 1$. On the other hand, putting $\mathbf{a} = (4, 6, 7, 3, 1, 0) \in (\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^6$, we have $\sqrt[3]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \in E_{K_6} \setminus C_{K_6}$ by an easy calculation, and so $3|h_{K_6}/h_{K_2}$. This shows that $3^2\text{-rank}(E_{K_6}/C_{K_6}) = 1$.*

Corollary 5.8. *Let $n_i = \varphi(p^{i+1})/2$ for $i \geq 0$. Then $w_{n_i}(x)|w_{n_{i+1}}(x)$ for every $i \geq 0$ and $w_{n_i}(x) = w_{n_s}(x)$ for every $i \geq s$ with some positive integer s .*

Corollary 5.8 is proved by Theorem 16.12 in [13].

§ 6. Algorithm to compute $w_n(x)$ for odd prime ℓ

In this section we explain our algorithm to compute the polynomial $w_n(x)$ for an odd prime $\ell \neq p$. Now we fix the least divisor m of n such that $\rho_m = \rho_n$, so $v_m(x) = v_n(x)$ and $w_m(x) = w_n(x)$ by Corollary 5.5. Here, if $\rho_m = 0$, then $\ell \nmid h_p^+$ by Theorem 4.3, i.e., $w_m(x) = w_n(x) = x - 1$. In the following it suffices to give an algorithm by which we can compute $w_m(x)$ in the case $\rho_m > 0$.

Our algorithm consists on two steps: The first step is necessary and useful to save the time of calculation when $v_m(x)$ has many divisors. So, if $v_m(x)$ has at most two distinct divisors including $x - 1$, we can skip the first step. On the other hand the second step is essential to determine $w_m(x)$.

The first step is to calculate an ‘‘approximate’’ polynomial, say $\hat{w}_m(x)$, of $w_m(x)$ satisfying

$$w_m(x) | \hat{w}_m(x) | v_m(x) | x^m - 1$$

Using Proposition 5.1 and the following Proposition 6.1, we can calculate $\hat{w}_m(x)$ from $v_m(x)$.

Proposition 6.1. *Let p be an odd prime and $\ell \neq p$ an odd prime. For a prime q such that $q \equiv 1 \pmod{p\ell}$, we let $\mathcal{Q}|q$ be a prime ideal of the first degree of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})$. Let $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfy $\zeta_{p^r} \equiv b \pmod{\mathcal{Q}}$ and $b^{p^r} \equiv 1, b \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. For $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$, we write $\xi(\mathbf{a}) = f(\zeta_{p^r})$ by some polynomial $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.*

If $f(\zeta_{p^r})$ is a ℓ th power in K_m , then $f(b)$ is a ℓ th power residue modulo q . Therefore if $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \in E_{K_m}$, then $f(b)^{\frac{q-1}{\ell}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ for any integer b such that $b^{p^r} \equiv 1$ and $b \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$.

Proposition 6.1 is proved by a short calculation. So we leave it to the readers.

Now we decompose $v_m(x)$ into irreducible factors as $v_m(x) = g_1^{r_1}(x)g_2^{r_2}(x) \cdots g_t^{r_t}(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$. Put $g(x) = g_i^{s_i}(x)$ ($s_i \leq r_i$) and $\alpha(x) = (x^m - 1)/g^\Delta(x)$. Let $\Phi(\alpha) = \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^m$. For the first *seven* primes $q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_7$ satisfying $q_i \equiv 1 \pmod{p\ell}$, we make *seven* pairs (q_i, b_i) as in Proposition 6.1 and examine whether $f(b_i)^{\frac{q_i-1}{\ell}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q_i}$ is satisfied. If these congruent equations are all satisfied for the *seven* pairs (q_i, b_i) , we regard $g_i^{s_i}(x)$ as a factor of $\hat{w}_m(x)$. Otherwise $g_i^{s_i}(x)$ is not a factor of $\hat{w}_m(x)$. In this way, collecting all the divisors of $\hat{w}_m(x)$, we define a ‘‘approximate’’ polynomial $\hat{w}_m(x)$ of $w_m(x)$. Here, as we temporarily choose *seven* primes q_i to define $\hat{w}_m(x)$, *seven* has not a particular meaning. Namely, $\hat{w}_m(x)$ only plays a auxiliary role to obtain an essential polynomial $w_m(x)$.

Remark 6.2. *In Proposition 6.1, we concretely calculate $f(b)^{\frac{q-1}{\ell}}$ as follows: Fix the least divisor m of n such that $\rho_m = \rho_n$. Then $v_n(x) = v_m(x)$. For a factor $h(x)$ of $v_m(x)$, put $\alpha(x) = (x^m - 1)/h^\Delta(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i x^i$ and $\mathbf{a} = \Phi(\alpha) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1})$. Here we have*

$$\xi(\mathbf{a}) = N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+ / K_m}(e_0^{a_0} e_1^{a_1} \cdots e_{m-1}^{a_{m-1}}) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\zeta^{g_{k+1}} - \zeta^{-g_{k+1}}}{\zeta^{g_k} - \zeta^{-g_k}} \right)^{a_k},$$

where $a_{i+m} = a_i$ for every i . In this equation we substitute b for ζ and obtain the following number $z = f(b)$ in \mathbb{F}_q .

$$z = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{b^{g_{k+1}} - b^{-g_{k+1}}}{b^{g_k} - b^{-g_k}} \right)^{a_k} \pmod{q}.$$

If $z^{(q-1)/\ell} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, then $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \notin E_{K_m}$. This shows that $h(x)$ does not divide $w_n(x)$, so that $h(x) \nmid \hat{w}_m(x)$. If $z^{(q-1)/\ell} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, we choose another pair (q', b') and calculate the corresponding number z' for it. And we examine whether $z'^{(q'-1)/\ell} \equiv 1 \pmod{q'}$ and we repeat these calculations *seven* times to get a divisor of $\hat{w}_m(x)$.

The second step: For each factor of $\hat{w}_m(x)$ obtained in the first step, we examine whether it is a factor of $w_m(x)$ by Proposition 5.1 and the following Proposition 6.3. When we skip the first step, we consider $\hat{w}_m(x) = v_m(x)$ and examine the same test.

Proposition 6.3. *Let p be an odd prime and $\ell \neq p$ an odd prime. Let K_m be the subfield of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ of degree m . Let ξ be a unit of K_m . Suppose that $\mathbb{Q}(\xi) = K_m$. We denote by $g(x)$ the minimal polynomial of ξ over \mathbb{Q} . Then $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi} \in K_m$ if and only if $g(x^\ell)$ has a unique irreducible factor of degree m in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.*

The proof of Proposition 6.3 is a routine one. So we omit it. Applying Proposition 6.3 to a cyclotomic unit ξ in K_m , we can decide whether $\sqrt[\ell]{\xi}$ is contained in K_m .

From now on, we treat only with the case $r = 1$. That is, we consider the class number h_p^+ of the field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$. Put $f = (p-1)/m$. For the subfield K_m of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ of degree m , let $\eta_j^{(f)}$ be the Gaussian periods of f terms, that is, $\eta_j^{(f)} = \sum_{s=0}^{f-1} \zeta^{g^{j+sm}}$ ($0 \leq j < m$). Then a \mathbb{Z} -basis of the ring of integers of K_m is given by $\eta_0^{(f)}, \eta_1^{(f)}, \dots, \eta_{m-1}^{(f)}$. So a cyclotomic unit ξ of K_m is represented as $\xi = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i \eta_i^{(f)}$, where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. To get the minimal polynomial $g(x)$ of ξ over \mathbb{Q} , we use the Gauss formula

$$\eta_i^{(f)} \eta_j^{(f)} = \sum_{s \bmod f} \eta^{[g^i + g^{j+sm}]},$$

where $\eta^{[i]}$ in the right hand means the Gaussian period $\eta_j^{(f)}$ which contains ζ^i , i.e., $\eta^{[i]} = \sum_s \zeta^{ig^{sm}}$. Using the Gauss formula and the trivial relation $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \eta_i^{(f)} = -1$ repeatedly, we can reduce $g(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (x - \xi^{g^j}) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, \eta_0^{(f)}, \eta_1^{(f)}, \dots, \eta_{m-1}^{(f)}]$ to a polynomial $g(x)$ of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. The remaining is only to check whether $g(x^\ell)$ has an irreducible factor of degree m .

We here give an example to illustrate our algorithm.

Example 1. Let $p = 5437, \ell = 31$ and $r = 1$. Then $n = 2718, \rho_{2718} = \rho_6 = 1$ and $v_6(x) = (x-1)(x+5) \in \mathbb{F}_{31}[x]$. Now $g = 5$ and $e_0 = (\zeta^5 - \zeta^{-5})/(\zeta - \zeta^{-1}) = 1 + \eta_{327}^{(2)} + \eta_{654}^{(2)}$, where $\zeta = \zeta_{5437}$ and $\eta_i^{(2)}$ is the Gaussian period of 2 terms. So

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_0 &= N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)+/K_6}(e_0) \\ &= 4313206656944\eta_0^{(906)} + 4318106573460\eta_1^{(906)} + 4322874423442\eta_2^{(906)} \\ &\quad + 4332036559191\eta_3^{(906)} + 4673220060409\eta_4^{(906)} + 4302990157453\eta_5^{(906)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_i^{(906)}$ is the Gaussian period of 906 terms.

Now, to examine whether $h(x) = (x+5)|w_6(x)$, we put $\alpha(x) = (x^6 - 1)/h^\Delta(x) = 6(5 + 6x + x^2 - 5x^3 - 6x^4 - x^5)$, so that $\mathbf{a} = \Phi(\alpha(x)) = (6, 5, 6, 1, -5, -6, -1)$. Here we may consider $\mathbf{a} = (5, 6, 1, -5, -6, -1)$. Put $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^\sigma + (6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) = (5, 11, 12, 7, 1, 0)$. Then $\sqrt[31]{\xi(\mathbf{a})} \in E_{K_6}$ if and only if $\sqrt[31]{\xi(\mathbf{b})} \in E_{K_6}$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} ll\xi(\mathbf{b}) &= \xi_0^5 \xi_1^{11} \xi_2^{12} \xi_3^7 \xi_4 \\ &= -6254457917559997100304146708868348214016373677219158680465\eta_0^{(906)} \\ &\quad -6763964819275024893167115701761960432558589567472683935938\eta_1^{(906)} \\ &\quad -6193152508641797868472023527278775422576039963176680635248\eta_2^{(906)} \\ &\quad -6227327731106592730040756696702447201998647791566600467761\eta_3^{(906)} \\ &\quad -6234129729181136596192064753782974987571735120573354167785\eta_4^{(906)} \\ &\quad -6241006540845803026912245003275911831096087870246353410713\eta_5^{(906)}. \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the minimal polynomial $g(x)$ of $\xi(\mathbf{b})$ over \mathbb{Q} . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) = & 1 - 37914039246610352215088352391670418089817473990254831297910x \\
 & - 52640663545217914581877701877797657992550443567446555416593/ \\
 & 548686612147881645821650051877097330551416795839586592078x^2 \\
 & - 154275569908394591335361358545259896427515799142841111292857/ \\
 & 4003974092063920341744578774674834644409493766684006148078x^3 \\
 & - 52640663545217914581877701877797657992550443567446555416593/ \\
 & 548686612147881645821650051877097330551416795839586592078x^4 \\
 & - 37914039246610352215088352391670418089817473990254831297910x^5 + x^6.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$(1 - 6x - 5422x^2 - 10894x^3 - 5422x^4 - 6x^5 + x^6) \mid g(x^{31}),$$

which shows that $x + 5$ is a factor of $w_6(x)$. Thus we have $w_{2718}(x) = w_6(x) = (x - 1)(x + 5)$ and 31-rank of E_{5437}^+/C_{5437}^+ is 1.

Remark 6.4. *In example 1, for every $m \mid n = 2718$, we obtain that $w_m(x) = (x - 1)(x + 5)$ or $w_m(x) = x - 1$ according as $6 \mid m$ or not. We here show an interesting example. Let $p = 7753$ and $\ell = 5$. Then $n = 3876$ and $w_{3876}(x) = w_{12}(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)(x^2 + x + 1)$. Hence $w_3(x) = (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$ and $w_4(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)$ by Proposition 5.2, so that $5 \mid h_{K_3}$ and $5 \mid h_{K_4}$.*

§ 7. The polynomial $w_n(x)$ for the case $\ell = 2$

In this section we illustrate a method by which we can determine the 2-rank of $E_{p^r}^+/C_{p^r}^+$. This method is a similar one in the preceding sections.

Let $e_i = \sin(2g_{i+1}\pi/p^r)/\sin(2g_i\pi/p^r)$ be the cyclotomic unit in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ defined in §1. Let $\mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Let c_i be 0 or 1 according as e_i is positive or not. We define the polynomials u_n and v_n in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ as $u_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j x^{n-1-j}$ and $v_n(x) = \gcd(u_n(x), x^n + 1)$. We note that $x^n + 1 = x^n - 1$ in this case. For a polynomial $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, we define $f^*(x)$ as in §3, i.e., $f^*(x) = x^{n-1}f(1/x)$. Then $v_n^*(x) = \gcd(u_n^*(x), x^n + 1)$. For any $m \mid n$, we put $t = n/m$ and define polynomials u_m and v_m in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ as $u_m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} c_{j+km}) x^{m-1-j}$ and $v_m(x) = \gcd(u_m(x), x^m + 1)$ respectively.

The following theorem was given by Bentzen [1].

Theorem 7.1. $2|h_{p^r}^+$ if and only if $\deg \gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x)) > 0$.

Here we give another proof of Theorem 7.1. Our proof is based upon the following results in [14].

Lemma 7.2. (Lemma 1 [14]) *Let $C_{p^r,0}^+$ be the subgroup of $C_{p^r}^+$ of totally positive cyclotomic units. Then we have*

$$\text{Ker } v_n^*(A) \simeq C_{p^r,0}^+ / (C_{p^r}^+)^2.$$

Theorem 7.3. (Theorem 1 [14]) *Let $E_U^{(2)}$ be the subgroup of $C_{p^r}^+$ of 2-primary cyclotomic units, i.e., $E_U^{(2)} = \{\eta \in C_{p^r}^+; \alpha^2 \equiv \eta \pmod{4} \text{ for some integer } \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+\}$. Then we have*

$$\text{Ker } v_n(A) \simeq E_U^{(2)} / (C_{p^r}^+)^2.$$

Now, Corollary of Theorem 1 [14] shows that $h_{p^r}^+$ is even if and only if $\text{Ker } v_n(A) \cap \text{Ker } v_n^*(A) \neq 1$. Since $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} \text{Ker } v_n(A) \cap \text{Ker } v_n^*(A) = \deg \gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$, it follows from Lemma 7.2 and Theorem 7.3 that $2|h_{p^r}^+$ if and only if $\deg \gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x)) > 0$. This completes the proof of Theorem 7.1.

Theorem 7.4. *Let p be an odd prime and $\ell = 2$. Then, among the divisors of $x^n + 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, there exists a unique monic polynomial $w_n(x)$ such that*

$$\text{Ker } w_n(A) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n; \sqrt{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{p^r}^+\},$$

where $w_n(x)$ is a divisor of $\gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$ and $x + 1 \nmid w_n(x)$. And the 2-rank of $E_{p^r}^+ / C_{p^r}^+$ is equal to the degree of $w_n(x)$.

Remark 7.5. $w_n(x)$ is not necessarily equal to $\gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$. As an example, we have $v_n(x) = (x^3 + x + 1)(x^3 + x^2 + 1) = \gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$ and $w_n(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$ for $p = 4327$.

Corollary 7.6. *Let m be a divisor of n . Then, among the divisors of $x^m + 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, there exists a unique monic polynomial $w_m(x)$ such that*

$$\text{Ker } w_m(A) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_2^m; \sqrt{\xi(\mathbf{y})} \in E_{K_m}\}.$$

Here $w_m(x)$ is a divisor of $\gcd(v_m(x), v_m^*(x))$. It satisfies $w_m(x) = \gcd(w_n(x), x^m + 1)$ and $x + 1 \nmid w_m(x)$. The 2-rank of E_{K_m} / C_{K_m} is equal to the degree of $w_m(x)$.

In case $\ell = 2$, w_n again dominates all the w_m for the proper divisors $m|n$ by Corollary 7.6. On the other hand, $w_n(x)$ does not have $x + 1$ as a divisor in case $\ell = 2$. This is quite different from the fact $x - 1 | w_n(x)$ in case $\ell > 2$.

Proof of Theorem 7.4 For the simplicity, we put $E = E_{p^r}^+$ and $C = C_{p^r}^+$. Suppose that $2|h_{p^r}^+$. Since $E^2 \cap C \subseteq E_U^{(2)}$, we have $\text{Ker } w_n(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } v_n(A)$ by Theorem 7.3. It follows from Proposition 3.4 that $w_n|v_n$. Similarly $\text{Ker } w_n(A) \subseteq \text{Ker } v_n^*(A)$ implies $w_n|v_n^*$. Therefore w_n is a divisor of $\text{gcd}(v_n, v_n^*)$. We denote by $(E/C)_2$ the 2-elementary subgroup of E/C . Then, in a similar way as in Theorem 5.3, we have

$$(E/C)_2 \simeq E^2 \cap C/C^2 \simeq \text{Ker } w_n(A).$$

We notice that $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ implies $(1, 1, \dots, 1) \notin \text{Ker } v_n(A)$ and $x + 1 \nmid v_n(x)$, so $\text{Ker } w_n(A) \cap \mathcal{N} = \{(0, 0, \dots, 0)\}$. Therefore we have $x + 1 \nmid w_n(x)$ and

$$2\text{-rank}(E/C)_2 = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} \text{Ker } w_n(A) = \text{deg } w_n.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 7.4.

In the case $\ell = 2$, Theorem 7.4 shows that $\text{gcd}(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$ plays a role as an approximate polynomial $\hat{w}_n(x)$ of $w_n(x)$. Thus, for each factor of $\text{gcd}(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, we examine whether it is a factor of $w_n(x)$ by Proposition 5.1 and the following

Proposition 7.7. *Let p be an odd prime. Let K_m be the subfield of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^r})^+$ of degree m . Let ξ be a unit of K_m . Suppose that $\mathbb{Q}(\xi) = K_m$. We denote by $g(x)$ the minimal polynomial of ξ over \mathbb{Q} . Then $\sqrt{\xi} \in K_m$ if and only if $g(x^2)$ has a unique irreducible factor $h(x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ of degree m such that $g(x^2) = (-1)^m h(x)h(-x)$.*

The proof of Proposition 7.7 is same as one of Proposition 6.3. So we omit it.

Remark 7.8. *In the case $\ell = 2$ and $r = 1$, Bentzen [1] calculated the polynomial $w_n(x)$ for $p < 6000$. Our calculation of $w_n(x)$ was done for $p < 10000$ and it coincides with his table for $p < 6000$.*

Example 2. Let $p = 7687, \ell = 2$ and $r = 1$. Then $n = 3843$ and $v_n(x) = x^{11} + x^{10} + x^6 + x^3 + 1$. So we have $\text{gcd}(v_n(x), v_n^*(x)) = x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$. Now $g = 6$ and $e_0 = (\zeta^6 - \zeta^{-6})/(\zeta - \zeta^{-1}) = \eta_0^{(2)} + \eta_{2527}^{(2)} + \eta_{4545}^{(2)}$, where $\zeta = \zeta_{7687}$ and $\eta_i^{(2)}$ is the Gaussian period of 2 terms. Since $\rho_n = \rho_{63}$, we must consider the cyclotomic units in K_{63} . But it suffices to consider the cyclotomic units in K_3 because $x^2 + x + 1|x^3 + 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_0 = N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/K_3}(e_0) &= 12329504535330953686\eta_0^{(2562)} + 11893174231611985867\eta_1^{(2562)} \\ &\quad + 12286294258110801841\eta_2^{(2562)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_i^{(2562)}$ is the Gaussian period of 2562 terms.

Now, since $w_n(x) \mid \gcd(v_n(x), v_n^*(x))$, we may examine whether $h(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ is a factor of $w_3(x) = w_n(x)$. Then $\alpha(x) = (x^3 - 1)/h^*(x) = -1 + x$, so that $\mathbf{a} = \Phi(\alpha(x)) = (1, 1, 0)$. Hence we have

$$\xi(\mathbf{a}) = \xi_0 \xi_1 = -114579034093\eta_0^{(2562)} - 110525592358\eta_1^{(2562)} - 114176445562\eta_2^{(2562)}.$$

We calculate the minimal polynomial $g(x)$ of $\xi(\mathbf{a})$ over \mathbb{Q} . Then

$$g(x) = -1 + 36508973025053741394x - 339281072013x^2 + x^3.$$

Therefore we have

$$g(x^2) = (-1 + 6042265554x - 592761x^2 + x^3)(1 + 6042265554x + 592761x^2 + x^3),$$

which shows that $w_{3843}(x) = w_3(x) = x^2 + x + 1$, so that 2-rank of E_{7687}^+/C_{7687}^+ is 2.

§ 8. Numerical results

We here treat with $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)^+$ ($r = 1$) and tabulate all the non-trivial polynomials $w_n(x)$ for the pairs (ℓ, p) in the range $2 \leq \ell < 10^4$, $3 \leq p < 10^4$, and $\ell \neq p$ except the one case $(\ell, p) = (131, 7411)$. The number of non-trivial polynomial $w_n(x)$ is 345 in all. For this exceptional case denoted by † in the table, we can obtain $\hat{w}_n(x) = (x - 1)(x + 31)$, but we can not determine $w_n(x) = (x - 1)(x + 31)$. We recall that the triviality of $w_n(x)$ means $w_n(x) = x - 1$ for $\ell > 2$ and $w_n(x) = 1$ for $\ell = 2$ respectively. In the table we denote by m the least divisor of n such that $\rho_m = \rho_n$, where $\rho_n = \deg v_n(x) - 1$ or $\rho_n = \deg v_n(x)$ according as $\ell > 2$ or $\ell = 2$. We notice that $w_n(x)$ is trivial for the pair (ℓ, p) lying in above range and not appearing in the table. Hence, if there exists an odd prime $p < 10^4$ such that (ℓ, p) does not appear in the table for every $\ell < 10^4$, then h_p^+ has no prime divisors $< 10^4$. The number of such odd prime $p < 10^4$, $p \neq 7411$ is 925 as against the number of all odd primes $p < 10^4$ is 1228.

First we used three personal computers for about 270 hours to calculate approximate polynomials $\hat{w}_n(x)$ in 2000. We used a program which was written in C with inline-assembler. Each PC consisted on Pentium 3, 800 MHz with 512 MB memory. Second we used a personal computer (Pentium 4, 3.2 GHz with 1 GB memory) for about 6 hours to calculate $w_n(x)$ from $\hat{w}_n(x)$ a few years later. We used a Mathematica program named “nt003-44”. However, by working only nt003-44, we could not obtain all the $w_n(x)$ with one exceptional case $(\ell, p) = (131, 7411)$. In fact, for the following 28 pairs, since the coefficients of a defining equation $g(x)$ of $\xi(\mathbf{a})$ are very huge, i.e., exceeding 5000 digits, we could not find an irreducible divisor $h(x)$ with degree m of $g(x^\ell)$

by nt003-44:

$$\begin{aligned}(\ell, p) = & (23, 4049), (29, 5209), (29, 9689), (31, 8431), (37, 3433), (47, 829), (61, 3121), \\ & (61, 6361), (67, 8713), (71, 953), (73, 5581), (73, 9857), (79, 4603), (97, 4481), \\ & (97, 6337), (101, 5701), (109, 7417), (109, 8017), (113, 8317), (113, 9521), \\ & (131, 7411), (151, 3301), (211, 1231), (313, 6577), (421, 7841), (541, 9551), \\ & (883, 3547), (1451, 5051).\end{aligned}$$

For these 27 pairs excluding $(131, 7411)$, we used the Chinese Remainder Theorem for the coefficients of $g(x^\ell)$ in addition to nt003-44, and determined the coefficients of $h(x)$ and checked that $h(x)$ divides $g(x^\ell)$. We could therefore obtain $w_n(x)$ in above 27 cases. For the case $(\ell, p) = (131, 7411)$, we could not obtain $g(x)$ itself, so we could not adapt the Chinese Remainder Theorem for it to get $w_n(x)$.

Table of the non-trivial polynomials $w_n(x)$ for $p < 10^4$ and $\ell, 2 \leq \ell < 10^4$

ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)$	ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)$
2	163	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	4801	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	277	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	5197	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	349	6	$(x^2 + x + 1)^2$	2	5479	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	397	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	5531	7	$x^3 + x + 1$
2	491	7	$x^3 + x + 1$	2	5659	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	547	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	5779	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	607	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	5953	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	709	6	$(x^2 + x + 1)^2$	2	6037	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	827	7	$x^3 + x + 1$	2	6079	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	853	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6163	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	937	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6247	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	941	10	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	2	6301	7	$x^3 + x + 1$
2	1009	63	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6553	21	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	1399	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6637	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	1699	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6709	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	1777	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	6833	7	$x^3 + x^2 + 1$
2	1789	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7027	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	1879	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7297	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	1951	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7489	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	2131	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7589	7	$x^3 + x + 1$
2	2161	5	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	2	7639	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	2311	21	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7687	63	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	2689	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7841	7	$(x^3 + x + 1)(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$
2	2797	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7867	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	2803	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	7879	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	2927	7	$x^3 + x + 1$	2	8011	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3037	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	8191	63	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3271	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	8209	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3301	5	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	2	8629	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3517	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	8647	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3727	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	8731	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	3931	5	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	2	8831	5	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
2	4099	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	8887	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4219	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	9109	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4261	6	$(x^2 + x + 1)^2$	2	9283	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4297	6	$(x^2 + x + 1)^2$	2	9319	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4327	7	$x^3 + x^2 + 1$	2	9337	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4357	6	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	9391	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4561	30	$(x^2 + x + 1)^2$	2	9421	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4567	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	9601	3	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4639	3	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	9649	6	$x^2 + x + 1$
2	4789	126	$x^2 + x + 1$	2	9721	3	$x^2 + x + 1$

ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$	ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$
3	229	2	$x+1$	3	5741	2	$x+1$
3	257	2	$x+1$	3	5821	2	$x+1$
3	401	8	x^2+x-1	3	6053	2	$x+1$
3	521	26	x^3+x^2-x+1	3	6133	6	$x+1$
3	641	40	x^2+x-1	3	6637	6	$x+1$
3	733	2	$x+1$	3	6737	4	x^2+1
3	761	2	$x+1$	3	6997	2	$x+1$
3	1129	6	$x+1$	3	7057	6	$x+1$
3	1229	2	$x+1$	3	7481	2	$x+1$
3	1373	2	$x+1$	3	7537	2	$x+1$
3	1489	6	$x+1$	3	7573	6	$x+1$
3	1901	2	$x+1$	3	7673	2	$x+1$
3	2089	6	$x+1$	3	7753	2	$x+1$
3	2213	2	$x+1$	3	7873	6	$(x+1)^2$
3	2557	6	$x+1$	3	8017	2	$x+1$
3	2677	2	$x+1$	3	8069	2	$x+1$
3	2713	6	$x+1$	3	8297	4	x^2+1
3	2753	8	x^2-x-1	3	8581	858	$x+1$
3	2777	4	$x+1$	3	8597	2	$x+1$
3	2857	6	$x+1$	3	8713	6	$x+1$
3	2917	6	$x+1$	3	8761	6	$(x+1)^2$
3	3137	2	$x+1$	3	8837	2	$x+1$
3	3221	2	$x+1$	3	9133	2	$x+1$
3	3229	2	$x+1$	3	9281	40	$x+1$
3	3877	2	$x+1$	3	9293	2	$x+1$
3	3889	6	$x+1$	3	9413	26	$(x+1)(x^3+x^2-x+1)$
3	4001	40	$x+1$	3	9697	4	x^2+1
3	4241	4	x^2+1	3	9749	2	$x+1$
3	4409	2	$x+1$	3	9833	2	$x+1$
3	4481	40	$x+1$	5	401	20	$x+1$
3	4493	2	$x+1$	5	457	4	$x-2$
3	4597	2	$x+1$	5	641	4	$x-2$
3	4649	2	$x+1$	5	857	4	$x-2$
3	4729	2	$x+1$	5	977	4	$x-2$
3	4933	18	$x+1$	5	1093	2	$x+1$
3	5081	2	$x+1$	5	1297	8	x^2-2
3	5261	2	$x+1$	5	1429	2	$x+1$
3	5281	6	$x+1$	5	1873	8	x^2-2
3	5297	2	$x+1$	5	2081	2	$x+1$
3	5333	2	$x+1$	5	2153	2	$x+1$
3	5477	2	$x+1$	5	2473	4	$x-2$
3	5521	6	$x+1$	5	3121	20	$x+1$
3	5641	4	x^2+1	5	3181	2	$x+1$

ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$	ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$
5	3253	2	$x+1$	7	2437	3	$x-2$
5	3697	4	$x+2$	7	2557	6	$(x-2)(x-3)$
5	4073	4	$x+2$	7	2917	6	$x-3$
5	4357	2	$x+1$	7	3217	3	$x-2$
5	4441	12	$(x+1)(x-2)$	7	3313	6	$x-3$
5	4457	4	$x+2$	7	3571	3	$x+3$
5	4657	4	$x+2$	7	4219	3	$x+3$
5	4793	4	$x+2$	7	4229	2	$x+1$
5	4889	4	$x+1$	7	4339	3	$x+3$
5	4937	4	$x+2$	7	4597	6	$x-3$
5	4993	24	$x+2$	7	4783	3	$x-2$
5	6113	2	$x+1$	7	4861	6	$x+2$
5	6449	104	$x+2$	7	5273	2	$x+1$
5	6481	24	$x+1$	7	5417	2	$x+1$
5	6521	4	$x+2$	7	5953	6	$x+3$
5	6949	2	$x+1$	7	6037	6	$x-3$
5	7229	2	$x+1$	7	6709	6	$x-3$
5	7529	4	$x+2$	7	6991	3	$x-2$
5	7753	12	$(x+2)(x^2+x+1)$	7	6997	6	$x-3$
5	7817	2	$x+1$	7	7057	84	$x+1$
5	8161	12	$x+2$	7	7351	21	$x-2$
5	8297	4	$x-2$	7	7489	48	$x-2$
5	8377	4	$x+2$	7	7621	3	$x-2$
5	8501	10	$x+1$	7	8017	6	$x+2$
5	8689	24	$x+1$	7	8287	3	$x-2$
5	9161	4	$x+2$	7	8563	3	$x-2$
5	9181	10	$x+1$	7	8629	6	$x-2$
5	9377	4	$x+2$	7	8893	6	$x+2$
5	9601	20	$x+2$	7	9013	6	$x+2$
5	9829	2	$x+1$	7	9029	2	$x+1$
7	313	3	$x-2$	7	9049	6	$x+1$
7	577	6	$x+1$	7	9133	6	$x-3$
7	877	6	$(x+2)(x-2)$	7	9277	3	$x-2$
7	1009	6	$x+1$	7	9319	3	$x+3$
7	1069	6	$x-3$	7	9421	6	$x-3$
7	1129	6	$x+3$	7	9613	6	$x+2$
7	1381	6	$x-3$	7	9697	24	$x-2$
7	1567	3	$x+3$	11	191	5	$x-5$
7	1601	2	$x+1$	11	631	5	$x+2$
7	1831	3	$x-2$	11	641	40	$x-4$
7	1889	16	x^2-x-1	11	821	10	$x+3$
7	1987	3	$x-2$	11	1297	2	$x+1$
7	2029	2	$x+1$	11	1861	5	$x-5$

ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$	ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$
11	2351	5	$x-4$	19	4591	9	$x+3$
11	2381	10	$x+3$	19	5557	3	$x+8$
11	2621	10	$x-2$	19	8017	3	$x+8$
11	3001	10	$(x+2)(x+4)$	19	8389	6	$x+7$
11	3581	5	$x-4$	23	4049	22	$x-10$
11	4201	5	$x-3$	23	5413	11	$x-3$
11	5101	10	$x+4$	29	5209	28	$x-4$
11	5441	10	$x-2$	29	6257	4	$x+12$
11	5501	55	$x-4$	29	9689	28	$x+3$
11	6581	10	$x-3$	31	5119	3	$x+6$
11	8681	10	$x-2$	31	5437	6	$x+5$
11	9421	10	$(x+2)(x+5)$	31	8431	15	$x-14$
13	1063	3	$x+4$	31	9001	10	$x+2$
13	1459	3	$x+4$	31	9127	3	$x-5$
13	2617	4	$x+5$	31	9907	3	$x+6$
13	3041	4	$x+5$	37	2113	12	$x-8$
13	3469	6	$x-4$	37	3433	12	$x-14$
13	4729	12	$x+2$	37	7561	6	$x-11$
13	5827	3	$x+4$	37	8269	3	$x-10$
13	6073	12	$x+6$	41	2417	8	$x+14$
13	6229	6	$x+3$	41	6421	10	$x+10$
13	6529	12	$x+2$	41	7937	4	$x-9$
13	6781	6	$x+3$	47	829	46	$x+4$
13	7333	6	$x+3$	61	3121	20	$x+28$
13	7369	12	$x-6$	61	6361	60	$x+8$
13	8101	2	$x+1$	67	8713	33	$x-26$
13	9241	84	$x-3$	71	953	7	$x-32$
17	1697	4	$x+4$	73	5557	6	$x-9$
17	2417	4	$x-4$	73	5581	9	$x-16$
17	4817	8	$x-2$	73	9511	3	$x+9$
17	6577	4	$x-4$	73	9857	8	$x+22$
17	6673	8	$x-2$	79	4603	39	$x-25$
17	6961	8	$x-2$	97	4481	32	$x-28$
17	9041	4	$x-4$	97	6337	48	$x+25$
17	9817	4	$x-4$	101	5701	10	$x-6$
19	1153	72	$x+3$	109	7417	12	$x+41$
19	1459	9	$x-6$	109	8017	12	$x-8$
19	1489	3	$x+8$	113	8317	14	$x+28$
19	2659	3	$x-7$	113	9521	28	$x+2$
19	3313	9	$x-7$	131 [†]	7411 [†]	65	$x+31$ [†]
19	3529	18	$x+8$	151	3301	150	$x-4$
19	3547	9	$x+8$	211	1231	15	$x+77$
19	4177	18	$x+4$	313	6577	8	$x-125$

ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$	ℓ	p	m	$w_n(x)/(x-1)$
421	7841	5	$x+142$	883	3547	9	$x-286$
541	9551	5	$x-124$	1451	5051	5	$x+430$

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