# NONABELIAN NORMAL CM-FIELDS OF DEGREE $2 p q$ 

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#### Abstract

We prove that the relative class number of a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$ (where $p$ and $q$ are two distinct odd primes) is always greater than four. Not only does this result solve the class number one problem for the nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree 42, but it has also been used elsewhere to solve the class number one problem for the nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree 84.


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## 1. Introduction

There are only finitely many normal CM-fields $N$ of a given relative class number $h_{N}^{-}$ (see Odlyzko [Odl]). Their degrees are less than or equal to 266 (see Bessassi [Bes, Theorem 2]), and even to 216 (see Lee and Kwon [LK, Theorem 1]). Those of relative class number one which are Abelian, dihedral, dicyclic or of degree $4 p^{2}, p \geq 3$ an odd prime, are known (see Stark [Sta], Louboutin [Lou92], Park and Kwon [PK98], Chang and Kwon [CK98], Yamamura [Yam] and Chang and Kwon [CK00]; Louboutin and Okazaki [LO98], Louboutin, Okazaki and Olivier [LOO], Lefeuvre [Lef], Lefeuvre and Louboutin [LL], Louboutin [Lou99], and Chang and Kwon [CK02]). If $K \subseteq N$ are two CM-fields, then $h_{K}^{-}$divides $4 h_{N}^{-}$(see Okazaki [Oka]). Hence, if $h_{N}^{-}=1$ then $h_{K}^{-}$divides four and the determination of all the CM-fields of a given type and of relative class number less than or equal to four is useful for determining the CM-fields of a more complicated type and of relative class number one. Throughout this paper we let $p>q \geq 3$ denote two distinct odd primes. We will prove the following result which not only solves the class number one problem for the nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree 42 but also is used in Park and Kwon [PK07] to solve the class number one problem for the nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree 84.

[^0]THEOREM 1. The relative class number of a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$ is always greater than four.

Our strategy for proving Theorem 1 is as follows.
(i) In Section 2, we prove that the nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree $2 p q$ are the composita of an imaginary quadratic number field and of a real metacyclic number field of degree $p q$.
(ii) In Section 3, we use class field theory and modular characters to construct the real metacylic number fields of degree $p q$. This construction is particularly convenient for computing relative class numbers of nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree $2 p q$.
(iii) In Section 4, we explain how to compute efficiently the relative class number of a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$.
(iv) In Section 5, we give lower bounds on the relative class numbers of the nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$.
(v) Finally, in Section 6, we use these results to prove Theorem 1.

Throughout this paper, we use the following notation. Let $K$ be a number field. Then $h_{K}, d_{K}, A_{K}, E_{K}, \omega_{K}, \zeta_{K}(s)$ and $\kappa_{K}$ denote its class number, the absolute value of its discriminant, its ring of algebraic integers, its group of units, its number of complex roots of unity, its Dedekind zeta function and its residue at its simple pole $s=1$, respectively. If $K$ is a CM-field, $K^{+}, h_{K}^{-}$and $Q_{K} \in\{1,2\}$ denote its maximal totally real subfield, its relative class number and its Hasse unit index (see Washington [Was, Chapter 4]). We let $\mathfrak{F}_{K / L}$ denote the finite part of the conductor of an abelian extension $K / L$ and set $f_{K / L}=N_{L / \mathbb{Q}}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{K / L}\right)$. Let $\mathfrak{F}$ be a nonzero integral ideal of a number field $L$. If $f \mathbb{Z}=\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathbf{Z}, f \geq 1$, then Image $\left(E_{L}\right)$ and Image $(\mathbb{Z})$ denote the images of $E_{L}$ and $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \operatorname{gcd}(n, f)=1\}$ in the multiplicative group $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*}$. As a shorthand, we call them the images of $E_{L}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ in $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*}$. This latter image is isomorphic to the multiplicative group $(\mathbb{Z} / f \mathbb{Z})^{*}$.

## 2. The nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree $2 p q$

Let $N_{2 p q}$ be a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$ and Galois group $G$. Since the complex conjugation is in the center $Z(G)$ of $G$ (see Louboutin, Okazaki and Olivier [LOO, Lemma 2]), $N_{2 p q}^{+}$is a real normal number field of degree $p q$. If its Galois group $G^{+}$were Abelian, then it would be cyclic, hence $G / Z(G)$ would also be cyclic and $G$ would be Abelian. This is a contradiction. Therefore, $q$ divides $p-1$, that is, $p \equiv 1 \bmod 2 q$, and $G^{+}$is isomorphic to the Frobenius nonabelian group of order $p q:\left\langle a, b ; a^{p}=b^{q}=1, b a b^{-1}=a^{s}\right\rangle$, where $s \not \equiv 1 \bmod p$ and $s^{q} \equiv 1 \bmod p$. A nonabelian normal number field of Galois group isomorphic to a Frobenius group will be referred to as a metacyclic number field. Now, let $n_{p}$ denote the number of $p$-Sylow subgroups of $G$. Since $n_{p} \equiv 1 \bmod p$ and $n_{p}$ divides $2 p q$, it follows that $n_{p}=1$ (for $p>2 q$ ). Hence, $N_{2 p q}$ contains an imaginary cyclic subfield $K_{2 q}=K_{2 q}^{+} k_{2}$
of degree $2 q$, where $K_{2 q}^{+}$is a real cyclic number field of degree $q$ and $k_{2}$ is an imaginary quadratic number field. Hence, we have the following result.

Proposition 2. Let $p>q \geq 3$ be two distinct odd primes. If $N_{2 p q}$ is a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$, then $p \equiv 1 \bmod 2 q, N_{2 p q}^{+}$is a real metacyclic number field of degree $p q, \quad N_{2 p q}=N_{2 p q}^{+} k_{2}$ is a compositum of $N_{2 p q}^{+}$and an imaginary quadratic number field $k_{2}$ and we have the following lattice of subfields.

$N_{2 p q} / K_{2 q}^{+}$cyclic of degree $2 p$,
$K_{2 q} / \mathbb{Q}$ cyclic of degree $2 q$,
$N_{2 p q}^{+} / \mathbb{Q}$ metacyclic of degree pq,
$K_{2 q}^{+}$and $N_{2 p q}^{+}$normal and totally real,
$N_{2 p q}, K_{2 q}$ and $k_{2}$ totally imaginary.

Conversely, if $p \equiv 1 \bmod 2 q$, if $N_{2 p q}^{+}$is a real metacyclic number field of degree $p q$ and if $k_{2}$ is an imaginary quadratic number field, then their compositum $N_{2 p q}=$ $N_{2 p q}^{+} k_{2}$ is a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q$.

Moreover, in that situation $Q_{N_{2 p q}}=Q_{K_{2 q}}=1, \omega_{N_{2 p q}}=\omega_{K_{2 q}}$, for $K_{2 q}$ is the maximal Abelian subfield of $N_{2 p q}, h_{k_{2}}=h_{k_{2}}^{-}$divides $h_{K_{2 q}}^{-}$, and $h_{K_{2 q}}^{-}$divides $h_{N_{2 p q}}^{-}$, by Louboutin, Okazaki and Olivier [LOO, Theorem 5]. Hence, if $h_{N_{2 p q}}^{-} \leq 4$, then $h_{K_{2 q}}^{-} \leq 4$. By Park and Kwon [PK97, Theorem 2] and Chang and Kwon [CK98, Theorem 1], there are 89 such $K_{2 q}$, those listed in the first column of Tables 1 and 2.

## 3. The metacyclic number fields of degree $p q$

We use class field theory and modular characters to construct the metacyclic fields of degree $p q$. This construction is particularly convenient for computing relative class numbers of nonabelian normal CM-fields of degree $2 p q$. We adopt the notation of Cox [Cox, Ch. 2] and Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Section 2]. Let $\mathfrak{m}$ be an integral ideal of a real cyclic number field $L$ of prime degree $q \geq 3$ (we will choose $L=K_{2 q}^{+}$). Let $I_{L}(\mathfrak{m})$ be the group generated by the integral ideals of $L$ prime to $\mathfrak{m}$. Let $P_{L}(\mathfrak{m})$ be its subgroup generated by the principal ideals $(\alpha)$ with $\alpha \equiv 1 \bmod \mathfrak{m}$. Let $P_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})$ be the subgroup of $I_{L}(\mathfrak{m})$ generated by the principal ideals $(\alpha)$ such that $\alpha \equiv a \bmod \mathfrak{m}$ for some integer $a$ coprime with $\mathfrak{m}$. The quotient $\operatorname{group} C l_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})=I_{L}(\mathfrak{m}) / P_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})$ is called the ring class group for $\mathfrak{m}$. Recall that if $H$ is a congruence subgroup for $\mathfrak{m}$, that is, if $H$ contains $P_{L}(\mathfrak{m})$, then there is a unique Abelian extension $M / L$, all of whose ramified primes divides $\mathfrak{m}$, such that $H=\operatorname{ker}\left(\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}\right)$, where $\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}: I_{L}(\mathfrak{m}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Gal}(M / L)$ is the Artin map of $M / L$ (see

TABLE 1. The 80 imaginary cyclic sextic fields $K=K_{2 q}$ with $q=3$ and $h_{K}^{-} \leq 4$ (see Park and Kwon [PK97, Table 3]), possible $p$, upper bounds on $C_{K}(p)$ and possible $\mathfrak{F}_{N_{6 p}^{+} / K^{+}}\left(\mathfrak{p}_{7}\right.$ and $\mathfrak{p}_{13}$ are the prime ideals in $K^{+}$lying above 7 and 13 , respectively).

| $\left(f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)$ | $r_{t r}$ | $r_{i, r}$ | $p$ | $C_{K}(p)^{1 / 3}$ | possible $\mathfrak{F}_{N_{6 p}^{+} / K^{+}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (7,7,7;1,1) | $7_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 29 | (2.7) |
| (9,9,3;1,1) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (19,19,19;1,1) | $19_{t r}$ |  | 19 | 12 | $\bullet$ |
| (21,7,3;1,1) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 21 | - 7), |
| (28,7,4,1,1) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 29 | (2 7 7), (2 11) |
| (36,9,4;1,1) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 29 | - |
| (39,13,3;1,1) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 17 | - |
| (43,43,43;1,1) | $43_{t r}$ |  | 43 | 18 | - |
| (56,7,8;1,1) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 28 | (2.7) |
| (63,9,7,1,1) |  | $7_{i, r}$ | 7 | 29 | - |
|  |  |  | 19 | 18 | $\bullet$ |
| (63,63,3;3,1) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (63,63,3;3,1) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (63,63,7;3,1) | $7{ }_{\text {tr }}$ |  | 7 | 16 | - |
| (67,67,67;1,1) | $67_{t r}$ |  | 67 | 9 | $\bullet$ |
| (76,19,4;1,1) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 18 | - |
| (77,7,11;1,1) |  | $11_{i, r}$ | 7 | 26 | (2.11) |
|  |  |  | 19 | 17 | - |
| (91,13,7;1,1) |  | $7{ }_{i, r}$ | 7 | 24 | - |
|  |  |  | 19 | 15 | - |
| (91,91,7;3,1) | $7_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 15 | $\bullet$ |
| (93,31,3;1,1) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 27 | $\bullet$ |
| (104,13,8;1,1) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 23 | - |
| (117,117,3;3,1) | $3_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (129,43,3;1,1) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 23 | - |
| (133,133,7;3,1) | $7{ }_{\text {tr }}$ |  | 7 | 11 | $\bullet$ |
| (171,171,19;3,1) | $19_{t r}$ |  | 19 | 12 | - |
| (217,217,7;3,1) | $7{ }_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 11 | $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ |
| (247,247,19;3,1) | $19_{t r}$ |  | 19 | 14 | . |
| (35,7,35;1,2) | $7{ }_{t r}$ | $5_{i, r}$ | - |  |  |
| (45,9,15;1,2) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (52,13,52;1,2) | $13_{t r}$ | $2_{i, r}$ | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (72,9,24;1,2) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (91,91,91;3,2) | $7_{t r}, 13_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (91,91,91;3,2) | $7_{t r}, 13_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (105,7,15;1,2) |  | $3_{i, r}, 5_{i, r}$ | - |  |  |
| (52,13,4;1,3) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 24 | $\bullet$ |
| (57,19,3;1,3) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 13 | $\bullet$ |
| (72,9,8;1,3) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 28 | $\bullet$ |
| (99,9,11;1,3) |  | $11_{i, r}$ | 7 | 26 | - |
|  |  |  | 19 | 18 | $\bullet$ |
| (111,37,3;1,3) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 8 | $\bullet$ |

TABLE 1. Continued.

| $\left(f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)$ | $r_{t r}$ | $r_{i, r}$ | $p$ | $C_{K}(p)^{1 / 3}$ | possible $\mathfrak{F}_{N_{6 p}^{+} / K^{+}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (133,133,19;3,3) | $19{ }_{t r}$ |  | 19 | 15 | $\bullet$ |
| (133,133,19;3,3) | $19_{t r}$ |  | 19 | 7 | $\bullet$ |
| (133,7,19;1,3) |  | $19_{i, r}$ | 19 | 17 | $\bullet$ |
|  |  |  | 127 | 14 | $\bullet$ |
| (148,37,4;1,3) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 10 | $\bullet$ |
| (152,19,8;1,3) |  | $2, r$ | 7 | 17 | - |
| (171,171,3;3,3) | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (171,171,3;3,3) | $3_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (244,61,4;1,3) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 14 | - |
| (259,259,7;3,3) | $7_{\text {tr }}$ |  | 7 | 5 | $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ |
| (273,91,3;3,3) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 15 | $\bullet$ |
| (292,73,4;1,3) |  | $2, r$ | 7 | 14 | (2) |
| (301,301,7;3,3) | $7_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 6 | - |
| $(301,301,7 ; 3,3)$ | 7 tr |  | 7 | 5 | $\bullet$ |
| (327,109,3;1,3) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 13 | $\bullet$ |
| $(333,333,3 ; 3,3)$ | $3_{t r}$ |  | - |  |  |
| (341,31,11;1,3) |  | $11_{i, r}$ | 7 | 35 | $\bullet$ |
|  |  |  | 19 | 23 | (11) |
| (364,91,4;3,3) |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 7 | 12 | (2) $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ |
| (381,127,3;1,3) |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 15 | - |
| $(399,133,3 ; 3,3)$ |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 13 | 16 | - |
| (469,67,7;1,3) |  | $7_{i, r}$ | 7 | 16 | $\bullet$ |
|  |  |  | 19 | 11 | $\bullet$ |
| (553,553,7;3,3) | $7_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 6 | $\bullet$ |
| (657,657,3;9,3) | 3 tr |  | - |  |  |
| (39,13,39;1,4) | $13_{t r}$ |  | 13 | 17 | $\text { (3) } \mathfrak{p}_{13}^{2}$ |
| (56,7,56;1,4) | $7{ }_{t r}$ |  | 7 | 24 | (2.7) |
| (84,7,84;1,4) | $7{ }_{\text {tr }}$ | $3_{i, r}$ | - |  |  |
| (117,9,39;1,4) | $3 t r$ |  | - |  |  |
| (117,117,39;3,4) | $3_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (124,31,4;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (133,19,7;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| $(155,31,155 ; 1,4)$ | $31_{t r}$ |  | 31 | 20 | $\bullet$ |
| (163,163,163;4,4) | 163 tr |  | 163 | 4 | $\bullet$ |
| (171,9,19;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (172,43,4;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (183,61,3;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (201,67,3;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (209,19,11;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (248,31,8;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (252,63,4;3,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (259,259,259;3,4) | $7_{t r}, 37_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| (473,43,11;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (511,73,7;1,4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| (711,711,3;12,4) | 3 tr |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |

Cox [Cox, Theorem 8.6]). If $M$ is metacyclic of degree $p q$ containing $L$ (we will choose $M=N_{2 p q}^{+}$and $\left.L=K_{2 q}^{+}\right)$, then $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}$ is invariant under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$ and $\operatorname{ker} \Phi_{\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}}$ is a subgroup of index $p$ of $I_{L}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}\right)$ containing $P_{L, \mathbb{Z}}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}\right)$ (see Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, proof of Proposition 1]). Conversely, if $\mathfrak{m}$ is invariant under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$ and if $H$ is a subgroup of index $p$ of $I_{L}(\mathfrak{m})$ containing $P_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})$ and invariant under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$, then its associated field $M$ is a normal, of degree $p q$ and $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}$ divides $\mathfrak{m}$.

Proposition 3 (See Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Theorem 2]). Let $\mathfrak{m}$ be a given ideal of $L$ invariant under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$. There is a bijective correspondence between the metacyclic number fields $M$ of degree pq containing $L$ with $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\mathfrak{m}$ and the groups of order $p$ generated by the primitive characters $\chi$ of order $p$ on the ring class group $C l_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})$ with $\chi \circ b=\chi^{s}$.

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{I}$ be a nonzero integral ideal of $L$ coprime with the conductor of $\chi$. We have $\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathfrak{I}) \in \operatorname{Gal}(M / L)$. Hence,

$$
\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}(b(\mathfrak{I}))=b \Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathfrak{I}) b^{-1}=\left(\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathfrak{I})\right)^{s}=\Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}\left(\mathfrak{I}^{S}\right),
$$

$b(\mathfrak{I}) \mathfrak{I}^{-s} \in \operatorname{ker} \Phi_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and $\chi\left(b(\mathfrak{I}) \mathfrak{I}^{-s}\right)=+1$.
Let $\chi$ be a character on $C l_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{m})$. The modular character $\chi_{0}$ on the multiplicative $\operatorname{group}\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{m}\right)^{*}$ associated with $\chi$ is defined by $\chi_{0}(\alpha)=\chi((\alpha))$, and $\chi$ is primitive if and only if $\chi_{0}$ is primitive. In particular, as in Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Lemma 3], if $\mathfrak{F}$ is a given ideal of $L$ invariant under the action of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$ and if there exists a metacyclic number field $M$ of degree $p q$ containing $L$ with $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\mathfrak{F}$, then there exists a primitive modular character $\chi_{0}$ of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*}$ which is trivial on the images of $\mathbb{Z}$ and the group of units $E_{L}$ of $L$. Therefore, as in Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Theorem 6], we obtain the following result.

Proposition 4. Let $f_{L}$ denote the conductor of L. For a prime $r$, set

$$
\Pi_{L}(r)= \begin{cases}r^{q-1} & \text { if } r \text { is ramified in } L, \\ (r-1)^{q-1} & \text { if } r \text { splits in } L, \\ \left(r^{q}-1\right) /(r-1) & \text { if } r \text { is inert in } L .\end{cases}
$$

(1) If $p$ does not divide $f_{L}$, then $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\left(p^{a}\right) \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(r_{j}\right)$ with $a=0$ or 2 . If $p$ divides $f_{L}$, then $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\mathfrak{p}^{a} \prod_{j=1}^{m}\left(r_{j}\right)$ with $a=0$ or $2 \leq a \leq q$, where $(p)=\mathfrak{p}^{q}$ in $L$. Here, the $r_{j}$ are distinct primes not equal to $p$ which satisfy $\Pi_{L}\left(r_{j}\right) \equiv 0 \bmod p$.
(2) Conversely, let $\mathfrak{F}$ be an ideal as in the previous point. Set

$$
f=p^{b} \prod_{j=1}^{m} r_{j} \text { with } b= \begin{cases}a & \text { if } p \nmid f_{L} \\ 0 & \text { if } p \mid f_{L} \text { and } a=0, \\ 1 & \text { if } p \mid f_{L} \text { and } 2 \leq a \leq q\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
N_{L}(\mathfrak{F})= \begin{cases}p^{q-1} \Pi_{L}(p) & \text { if } p \nmid f_{L} \text { and } a=2, \\ p^{a-1} & \text { if } p \mid f_{L} \text { and } 2 \leq a \leq q, \\ 1 & \text { if } a=0 .\end{cases}
$$

Then $\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathbb{Z}=f \mathbb{Z}$ and $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*} /(\mathbb{Z} / f \mathbb{Z})^{*}$ is of order $N_{L}(\mathfrak{F}) \prod_{j=1}^{s} \Pi_{L}\left(r_{j}\right)$. Let $n_{L}(\mathfrak{F})$ be the order of the image of $E_{L}$ in $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*} /(\mathbb{Z} / f \mathbb{Z})^{*}$. If there exists a metacyclic number field $M$ of degree $p q$ containing $L$ with $\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\mathfrak{F}$, then $p$ divides the positive integer

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{L}(\mathfrak{F}):=\frac{N_{L}(\mathfrak{F})}{n_{L}(\mathfrak{F})} \prod_{j=1}^{m} \Pi_{L}\left(r_{j}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. (1) Let $M$ be a metacyclic number field of degree $p q$ containing $L$ with

$$
\mathfrak{F}_{M / L}=\prod \mathfrak{R}_{j}^{e_{j}}
$$

$e_{j} \geq 1$. According to Kwon and Martinet [KM], $e_{j}=1$ if $\mathfrak{R}_{j}$ does not divide $p$, $e_{j}=2$ if $\Re_{j}$ divides $p$ but $p$ does not divide $f_{L}$, and $2 \leq e_{j} \leq q$ if $\Re_{j}$ divides $p$ and $p$ divides $f_{L}$. Moreover, if a prime $r \neq p$ is ramified in the extension $M / L$, then there exists a primitive character of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} /(r)\right)^{*}$ which is trivial on the image of $\mathbb{Z}$, hence $\left|\left(A_{L} /(r)\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})\right|=\Pi_{L}(r) \equiv 0 \bmod p($ see Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Lemma 5. (1)]).
(2) The second part can be easily proved in a similar way to Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Theorem 6].

We now discuss the primitive modular characters.
Proposition 5. Let $\phi$ be a primitive character of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*}$ which is trivial on the image of $\mathbb{Z}$. Let $\sigma$ be a generator of $\operatorname{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q})$. Let $Z_{m}$ denote the additive cyclic group $\mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z}$ of order $m \geq 1$. Let $r$ be a prime.
(1) If $\mathfrak{F}=(r)=\mathfrak{r}_{1} \mathfrak{r}_{2} \cdots \mathfrak{r}_{q}$ splits in L, with $r \equiv 1 \bmod p$, and if $\phi \circ \sigma=\phi^{s}$ for some $s$ of order $q \bmod p$, then there exists a character $\psi$ of order $p$ on the cyclic group $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{r}_{1}\right)^{*}$ of order $r-1$ such that for any $\alpha \in A_{L}$ coprime with ( $r$ ) we have $\phi(\alpha)=\prod_{j=0}^{q-1} \psi^{s^{j}}\left(\sigma^{q-j}(\alpha)\right)$.
(2) If $\mathfrak{F}=(r)$ is inert in $L, r^{q} \equiv 1 \bmod p$ and $r \not \equiv 1 \bmod p$, then any primitive character $\phi$ of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} /(r)\right)^{*}$ is trivial on the image of $\mathbb{Z}$ and may be constructed as a character of order $p$ on the cyclic factor group $\left(A_{L} /(r)\right)^{*} / B$ of order $p$, where $B$ is the subgroup of order $\left(r^{q}-1\right) / p$ of $\left(A_{L} /(r)\right)^{*}$.
(3) If $\mathfrak{F}=\left(p^{2}\right)$ and $(p)=\mathfrak{p}_{1} \mathfrak{p}_{2} \cdots \mathfrak{p}_{q}$ splits in $L$ and if $\phi \circ \sigma=\phi^{s}$ for some $s$ of order $q \bmod p$, then there exists a character $\psi$ of order $p$ on the cyclic group $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}_{1}^{2}\right)^{*}$ of order $p(p-1)$ such that for any $\alpha \in A_{L}$ coprime with $(p)$ we have $\phi(\alpha)=\prod_{j=0}^{q-1} \psi^{s^{j}}\left(\sigma^{q-j}(\alpha)\right)$.
(4) If $\mathfrak{F}=\left(p^{2}\right)$ and $(p)$ is inert in $L$, then $\left(A_{L} /\left(p^{2}\right)\right)^{*}$ is isomorphic to $Z_{p^{q}-1} \times Z_{p}^{q}$ and $\left(A_{L} /\left(p^{2}\right)\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})$ is isomorphic to $Z_{\left(p^{q}-1\right) /(p-1)} \times Z_{p}^{q-1}$. Moreover, suppose that $a \in\left(A_{L} /\left(p^{2}\right)\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})$ of order $\left(p^{q}-1\right) /(p-1)$ and $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{q-1} \in\left(A_{L} /\left(p^{2}\right)\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})$ of order $p$ are such that $a, b_{1}, \ldots, b_{q-1}$ generate $\left(A_{L} /\left(p^{2}\right)\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})$. Then for any $\alpha \in A_{L}$ coprime with $(p)$ with $\alpha \equiv a^{i} b_{1}^{j_{1}} \cdots b_{q-1}^{j_{q-1}} \bmod p^{2}$, we have $\phi(\alpha)=\zeta_{p}^{k_{1} j_{1}+\cdots+k_{q-1} j_{q-1}}$ for some integers $k_{1}, \ldots, k_{q-1}$.
(5) If $\mathfrak{F}=\mathfrak{p}^{e}$ and $(p)=\mathfrak{p}^{q}$ is ramified in L, then $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*}$ with $2 \leq e \leq q$ is isomorphic to $Z_{p-1} \times Z_{p}^{e-1}$ and $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*} / \operatorname{Image}(\mathbb{Z})$ is isomorphic to $Z_{p}^{e-1}$. Then any primitive character of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*}$ is trivial on the image of Z. Let $a \in\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*}$ of order $p-1$ and $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{e-1} \in\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*}$ of order $p$ be such that $a, b_{1}, \ldots, b_{e-1}$ generate $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{p}^{e}\right)^{*}$. Then for any $\alpha \in A_{L}$ coprime with $(p)$ with $\alpha \equiv a^{i} b_{1}^{j_{1}} \cdots b_{e-1}^{j_{e-1}} \bmod p$, we have $\phi(\alpha)=\zeta_{p}^{k_{1} j_{1}+\cdots+k_{e-1} j_{e-1}}$ for some integers $k_{1}, \ldots, k_{e-1}$.
Proof. The proof of (1) is as follows. We may assume that $\mathfrak{r}_{j}=\sigma^{j-1}\left(\mathfrak{r}_{1}\right)$ for $1 \leq j \leq q$. Let $\phi=\prod_{j=1}^{q} \psi_{j}$ be the factorization of $\phi$, where $\psi_{j}$ is a character on $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{r}_{j}\right)^{*}$. Let $\lambda_{1} \in A_{L}$ satisfy $\lambda_{1} \equiv 1 \bmod \mathfrak{r}_{1}$ and $\lambda_{1} \equiv 0 \bmod \mathfrak{r}_{j}$ for $2 \leq j \leq q$. Set $\lambda_{j}=\sigma^{j-1}\left(\lambda_{1}\right)$ for $1 \leq j \leq q$. Then $\lambda_{j} \equiv 1 \bmod \mathfrak{r}_{j}$, and $\lambda_{j} \equiv 0 \bmod \mathfrak{r}_{j^{\prime}}$ for $1 \leq j^{\prime} \leq q$ and $j^{\prime} \neq j$. It follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\psi_{j}(\alpha) & =\phi\left(\lambda_{1}+\cdots+\lambda_{j-1}+\lambda_{j} \alpha+\lambda_{j+1}+\cdots+\lambda_{q}\right) \\
& =\phi\left(\sigma^{j-1}\left(\lambda_{1} \sigma^{q+1-j}(\alpha)+\lambda_{2}+\cdots+\lambda_{q}\right)\right) \\
& =\phi^{s^{j-1}}\left(\lambda_{1} \sigma^{q+1-i}(\alpha)+\lambda_{2}+\cdots+\lambda_{q}\right) \\
& =\psi_{1}^{s^{j-1}}\left(\sigma^{q+1-j}(\alpha)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\phi(\alpha)=\prod_{j=1}^{q} \psi_{j}(\alpha)=\prod_{j=1}^{q} \psi_{1}^{s^{j-1}}\left(\sigma^{q+1-j}(\alpha)\right)
$$

as claimed. The proofs of (2), (4) and (5) are clear. The proof of (3) is similar to that of (1).

Let $\chi_{0}$ be a primitive modular character of order $p$ on $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*}$. We can now construct the primitive characters $\chi$ of order $p$ on $C l_{L, \mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{F})$ and of associated modular character equal to $\chi_{0}$ (see Louboutin, Park and Lefeuvre [LPL, Section 5]). In fact, in all the cases we will have to cope with, the class number $h=h_{L}$ of $L=K_{2 q}^{+}$will be relatively prime with $p$. Let $h^{*} \in\{1, \ldots, p-1\}$ be such that $h h^{*} \equiv 1 \bmod p$. For any integral ideal $\mathcal{I}$ of $L$ there exists some $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}} \in A_{L}$ such that $\mathcal{I}^{h}=\left(\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}\right)$, and we obtain

$$
\chi(\mathcal{I})=\chi^{h h^{*}}(\mathcal{I})=\chi^{h^{*}}\left(\mathcal{I}^{h}\right)=\chi^{h^{*}}\left(\left(\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}\right)\right)=\chi_{0}^{h^{*}}\left(\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}\right)
$$

In the 14 cases for which we will have to compute relative class numbers (see Table 3), we have $q=[L: \mathbb{Q}]=\left[K_{2 q}^{+}: \mathbb{Q}\right]=3$ and the groups $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}\right)^{*} /\left\langle\right.$ Image $E_{L}$, Image $\left.\mathbb{Z}\right\rangle$
are cyclic of order $p$, which makes the required relative class number computations rather easy.

## 4. Computation of relative class numbers

Set $N=N_{2 p q}, N^{+}=N_{2 p q}^{+}, K=K_{2 q}, K^{+}=K_{2 q}^{+}$, and $k=k_{2}$. Let $\chi_{+}$be any one of the $p-1$ primitive Hecke characters of order $p$ associated with the cyclic extension $N^{+} / K^{+}$of degree $p$. Let $\chi_{-}$be the primitive quadratic Hecke character associated with the quadratic extension $K / K^{+}$. Then $Q_{N}=Q_{K}=1, w_{N}=w_{K}, h_{K}^{-}$divides $h_{N}^{-}$ and

$$
h_{N}^{-} / h_{K}^{-}=\prod_{j=1}^{p-1} 2^{-q} L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right)
$$

(use Louboutin [Lou01, (18)]), and $w_{N} L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{p}\right]$.
Let $\mathfrak{F}_{\chi}$ be the finite part of the conductor of $\chi=\chi-\chi_{+}^{j}$. Set $f_{\chi}=N_{K^{+} / \mathbb{Q}}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{\chi}\right)$ and $A_{\chi}=\sqrt{d_{K^{+}} f_{\chi} / \pi^{q}}$. Let $W_{\chi}$ be the Artin root number associated to this $L$-series. Then we have the following absolutely convergent series expansion (see Louboutin [Lou01, Section 3]):

$$
L(0, \chi)=\frac{A_{\chi}}{\pi^{q / 2}}\left(W_{\chi} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\overline{a_{n}(\chi)}}{n} K_{q, 1}\left(n / A_{\chi}\right)+\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_{n}(\chi)}{n} K_{q, 2}\left(n / A_{\chi}\right)\right),
$$

where $a_{n}(\chi)=\sum_{N_{K^{+} / \mathbb{Q}}(I)=n} \chi(I)$ and $0 \leq K_{q, 2}(B) \leq K_{q, 1}(B) \leq q e^{-B^{2 / q}}$ for $B>0$. We explained in Louboutin [Lou00] and [Lou01] how to use such series expansions to compute the exact value of $L(0, \chi) \in \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p}\right)$, numerical approximations to $W_{\chi}$ being computed by the technique developed in Louboutin [Lou00, Section 5, bottom of p. 388]. It remains to explain how we compute the $a_{n}(\chi)$. Since $n \mapsto a_{n}(\chi)$ is multiplicative, we are reduced to computing $a_{r^{e}}(\chi)$ for $e \geq 1$ and $r$ a prime. Let $\mathfrak{r}$ be a prime ideal in $K^{+}$lying above $r$. Then $\chi_{-}(\mathfrak{r})=\chi_{k}(r)=\left(-d_{k} / r\right)$. Set $f_{N}=N_{K^{+} / \mathbb{Q}}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{\chi-\chi_{+}}\right)$. If $r \mid f_{N}$, then $a_{r^{e}}(\chi)=0$. Otherwise we have the following lemma.

Lemma 6. Let $r$ be a prime with $\operatorname{gcd}\left(r, f_{N}\right)=1$.
(1) If $(r)$ is inert in $K^{+}$, then ( $r$ ) splits in $N^{+} / K^{+}, \chi_{+}(r)=1$ and $a_{r e}(\chi)=0$ if $e \not \equiv 0 \bmod q$, and $a_{r^{e}}(\chi)=\chi_{k}(r)^{e / q}$ otherwise.
(2) If $(r)=\mathfrak{r}^{q}$ is ramified in $K^{+}$, then $\mathfrak{r}$ splits in $N^{+} / K^{+}$and $a_{r^{e}}(\chi)=\chi_{k}(r)^{e}$.
(3) If $(r)=\mathfrak{r} \sigma(\mathfrak{r}) \cdots \sigma^{q-1}(\mathfrak{r})$ splits in $K^{+}$, then

$$
a_{r^{e}}(\chi)=\chi_{k}(r)^{e} \sum_{a_{1}+a_{2}+\cdots+a_{q}=e} \chi_{+}(\mathfrak{r})^{a_{1}+s a_{2}+\cdots+s^{q-1} a_{q}} .
$$

Proof. For (3), use $\chi_{+} \circ \sigma=\chi_{+}^{s}$.

Proposition 7. Let $K_{(p-1) / q}(p)$ be the subfield of degree $(p-1) / q$ of the cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p}\right)$. Then $L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right) \in K_{(p-1) / q}(p)$ for $1 \leq j \leq p-1$, and $h_{N_{2 p q}}^{-} / h_{K_{2 q}}^{-}=\left(h_{N_{2 p q} / K_{2 q}}^{-}\right)^{q}$ is a perfect $q$ th power, where

$$
h_{N_{2 p q} / K_{2 q}}^{-}=N_{K_{(p-1) / q}(p) / \mathbb{Q}}\left(2^{-q} L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}\right)\right)
$$

Thus, for $q=3$ and $p=7$, we have $L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}\right) \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ and $h_{N_{42}}^{-} / h_{K_{6}}^{-}=$ $\left(h_{N_{42} / K_{6}}^{-}\right)^{3}$ is a perfect cube, with $h_{N_{42} / K_{6}}^{-}=\left|2^{-3} L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}\right)\right|^{2}$.
Proof. Since $\chi_{+} \circ b=\chi_{+}^{s}$ and $\chi_{-} \circ b=\chi_{-}$, we have $\left(\chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j}\right) \circ b^{l}=\chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j s^{l}}$, which implies $a_{n}\left(\chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right)=a_{n}\left(\chi-\chi_{+}^{j s^{l}}\right)$ and $L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right)=L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j s^{l}}\right)$, that is, $L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right)=L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j^{\prime}}\right)$ as soon as $j^{\prime}=j$ in $(\mathbb{Z} / p \mathbb{Z})^{*} /\langle s\rangle$. Now, $L\left(0, \chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right) \in$ $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p}\right)$, by Siegel-Klingen's Theorem (see Hida [Hid, Corollary 1 p. 57]), and for $\sigma_{l} \in \operatorname{Gal}\left(\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p}\right) / \mathbb{Q}\right)$ such that $\sigma_{l}\left(\zeta_{p}\right)=\zeta_{p}^{l}$, we have $\sigma_{l}\left(a_{n}\left(\chi-\chi_{+}^{j}\right)\right)=a_{n}\left(\chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j l}\right)$, hence $\sigma_{l}\left(L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j}\right)\right)=L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j l}\right)$ and $L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}^{j}\right) \in K_{(p-1) / q}(p)$, the subfield of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{p}\right)$ fixed by $\langle s\rangle$.

## 5. Upper bounds on discriminants

We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{N}^{-}=\frac{Q_{N} \omega_{N}}{(2 \pi)^{p q}} \sqrt{\frac{d_{N}}{d_{N^{+}}}} \frac{\kappa_{N}}{\kappa_{N^{+}}}=\frac{\omega_{K}}{(2 \pi)^{p q}} \sqrt{\frac{d_{N}}{d_{N^{+}}}} \frac{\kappa_{N}}{\kappa_{N^{+}}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

(see Washington [Was] and use Proposition 2). Let $\chi_{K}$ be any one of the $q-1$ primitive Dirichlet characters of order $2 q$ associated with $K$. Let $\chi_{N / K}$ be any one of the $p-1$ primitive Hecke characters of order $p$ associated with the cyclic extension $N / K$ of degree $p$. For $0<s<1$, we have

$$
\zeta_{N}(s)=\zeta_{K}(s) \prod_{j=1}^{p-1} L\left(s, \chi_{N / K}^{j}\right)=\zeta_{K}(s) \prod_{j=1}^{(p-1) / 2}\left|L\left(s, \chi_{N / K}^{j}\right)\right|^{2}
$$

and

$$
\zeta_{K}(s)=\zeta_{k}(s) \prod_{j=1}^{(q-1) / 2}\left|L\left(s, \chi_{K}^{j}\right)\right|^{2}
$$

By Proposition 2, if $h_{N}^{-} \leq 4$, then $h_{k}^{-} \leq 4$. Hence, $\zeta_{k}(s)<0$ for $0<s<1$, by Watkins [Wat1] and [Wat2], which implies $\zeta_{N}(s) \leq 0$ for $0<s<1$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\kappa_{N} \geq 2 /\left(e \log d_{N}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

provided that $d_{N}^{1 / 2 p q} \geq 2 \pi^{2}$ (by Louboutin [Lou03, Theorem 1]). By Louboutin [Lou98, Corollary 2 and Theorem 11], for a given $K^{+}$there exists a computable
constant $\mu_{K^{+}}$such that for any $N^{+}$containing $K^{+}$we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\kappa_{N^{+}} \leq \kappa_{K^{+}}^{p}\left(\log \left(f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}\right)+4 \mu_{K^{+}}\right)^{p-1} / 2^{p-1} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $d_{N^{+}} / d_{K^{+}}^{p}=f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{p-1}$. Note that $d_{N}=d_{K^{+}}^{2 p} f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{2(p-1)} f_{N / N^{+}}$and

$$
f_{N / N^{+}}=f_{K / K^{+}} \times \operatorname{gcd}\left(f_{N / K^{+}}, f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}\right)^{p-1} \geq f_{K / K^{+}}
$$

Using (2), (3) and (4) and noticing that $d_{N} \mapsto \sqrt{d_{N}} / \log d_{N}$ increases with $d_{N} \geq$ $d_{K^{+}}^{2 p} f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{2(p-1)} f_{K / K^{+}} \geq e^{2}$, we have proved that if $h_{N}^{-} \leq 4$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
e \geq \frac{2^{p-2} \omega_{K} \sqrt{d_{K^{+}}^{p} f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{p-1} f_{K / K^{+}}}}{(2 \pi)^{p q}\left(\log \left(f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}\right)+4 \mu_{K^{+}}\right)^{p-1} \kappa_{K^{+}}^{p} \log \left(d_{K^{+}}^{2 p} f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{2(p-1)} f_{K / K^{+}}\right)} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 6. Proof of Theorem 1

Assume that $h_{N}^{-} \leq 4$. Then $h_{K}^{-} \leq 4$. By Park and Kwon [PK97, Theorem 2] and Chang and Kwon [CK98, Theorem 1], there are 89 such $K$, those listed in the first column of Table 1 (in accordance with the notation in Park and Kwon [PK97] and Chang and Kwon [CK98], we set $f=f_{K}=f_{K_{2 q}}, f_{+}=f_{K^{+}}=f_{K_{2 q}^{+}}$and $m=f_{k}=$ $f_{k_{2}}$ ). We will use Proposition 8 below to exclude 22 of these 89 fields $K$ (those with a $\bullet$ in the fourth column of Table 1) and to show that for 56 of the remaining 67 fields $K$ we know beforehand the possible values of $p$ (see the fourth column of Table 1).

Proposition 8. Let $N$ be a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $2 p q, K$ its subfield of degree $2 q$ and $k$ its quadratic subfield. Let $r$ be a prime.
(1) If $r=r_{t r} \neq p$ is totally ramified in $K$, then $\mathfrak{r}$ splits completely in $N^{+} / K^{+}$and $2^{p-1} \mid h_{N}^{-}$, where $\mathfrak{r}^{q}=r A_{K^{+}}$.
(2) Assume that $r=r_{i, r} \neq p$ is inert in $K^{+}$and ramified in $k$. Then either ( $r$ ) splits in $N^{+} / K^{+}$and $2^{p-1} \mid h_{N}^{-}$, or $(r)$ is ramified in $N^{+} / K^{+}$and $r^{q} \equiv 1 \bmod p$.
Proof. Use Proposition 4 and Louboutin and Okazaki [LO94, Proposition 2].
Proposition 9. Let $N$ be a nonabelian normal CM-field of degree $6 p, K$ its sextic subfield and $k$ its quadratic subfield. Let $r$ be a prime. Assume that $K \neq \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{7}\right)$ or $p \neq 7$. If $r$ splits in $k$ and if the prime ideals lying above $r$ in $K^{+}$are ramified in $N^{+} / K^{+}$, then $p \mid h_{N}^{-}$.

Proof. Use Louboutin, Okazaki and Olivier [LOO, Proposition 8].
(A) First, assume that some prime $r_{t r}$ is totally ramified in $K$ (there are 46 such $K$ ). We must have $p=r_{t r}$, by point (1) of Proposition 8. Hence, at most one prime can be totally ramified in $K$, which rules out three fields $K$. We must also have $r_{t r}=p \geq 2 q+1$, which rules out 15 more fields $K$. Finally, if some other prime

TABLE 2. The nine imaginary cyclic fields $K=K_{2 q}$ with $q>3$ and $h_{K}^{-} \leq 4$ (see Chang and Kwon [CK98, Table I]).

| $\left(q ; f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)$ | $r_{t r}$ | $r_{i, r}$ | $p$ | $C_{K}(p)^{1 / q}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $(5 ; 11,11,11 ; 1,1)$ | $11_{t r}$ |  | 11 | 9 |
| $(5 ; 31,31,31 ; 1,3)$ | $31_{t r}$ |  | 31 | 5 |
| $(5 ; 33,11,3 ; 1,1)$ |  | $3_{i, r}$ | 11 | 9 |
| $(5 ; 44,11,4 ; 1,1)$ |  | $2_{i, r}$ | 31 | 8 |
| $(5 ; 55,11,55 ; 1,4)$ | $11_{t r}$ |  | 11 | 9 |
| $(5 ; 75,25,15 ; 1,2)$ | $5_{t r}$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |
| $(7 ; 43,43,43 ; 1,1)$ | $43_{t r}$ | 43 | 3 |  |
| $(7 ; 49,49,7 ; 1,1)$ | $7_{t r}$ | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| $(11 ; 23,23,23 ; 1,3)$ | $23_{t r}$ |  | 23 | 3 |

TABLE 3. For $q=3$, possible values of $p$ and $\mathfrak{F}_{N_{6 p}^{+} / K^{+}}$.

| $\left(f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)$ | $p=7$ | $p=13$ | $p=19$ | $p \geq 31$ | Possible |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $C_{K}(7)^{1 / 3}$ | $C_{K}(13)^{1 / 3}$ | $C_{K}(19)^{1 / 3}$ | $C_{K}(p)^{1 / 3}$ | $\left(\mathfrak{F}_{N_{6 p}^{+} / K^{+}}, p\right)$ |
| $(124,31,4 ; 1,4)$ | 39 | 27 | 23 | 21 | $((11), 19)$ |
| $(133,19,7 ; 1,4)$ | 17 | 13 | 12 | 11 |  |
| $(171,9,19,1,4)$ | 23 | 18 | 17 | 16 |  |
| $(172,43,4,1,4)$ | 33 | 23 | 20 | 18 |  |
| $(183,61,3,1,4)$ | 14 | 11 | 10 | 9 |  |
| $(201,67,3,1,4)$ | 16 | 12 | 11 | 10 | $((11), 7)$ |
| $(209,19,11,1,4)$ | 16 | 12 | 11 | 10 |  |
| $(248,31,8 ; 1,4)$ | 37 | 26 | 23 | 21 |  |
| $(252,63,4 ; 3,4)$ | 32 | 22 | 20 | 18 |  |
| $(473,43,11 ; 1,4)$ | 30 | 22 | 20 | 18 |  |
| $(511,73,7 ; 1,4)$ | 14 | 11 | 10 | 9 |  |

$r_{i, r}$ is inert in $K^{+}$and ramified in $k$, then $r_{t r}$ must divide $r_{i, r}^{q}-1$, by point (2) of Proposition 8, which rules out three more fields $K$.
(B) Second, in the case that $\left(f, f_{+}, m, h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)=(105,7,15 ; 1,2)$, the primes $r_{i, r}=3$ and $r_{i, r}=5$ are both inert in $K^{+}$and ramified in $k_{2}$. By point (2) of Proposition $8, p$ must divide $3^{3}-1$ and $5^{3}-1$, which is a contradiction. Hence, this $K$ is ruled out, and we have ruled out 22 fields $K$.
(C) Among the 67 (that is, $89-22$ ) remaining $K$, there are 25 fields $K$ for which some prime $r_{t r}$ is totally ramified in $K$, in which case $p=r_{t r}$, by point (1) of Proposition 8, and 31 fields $K$ for which some prime $r_{i, r}$ is inert in $K^{+}$and ramified in $k$, in which case $p$ divides $r_{i, r}^{q}-1$, by point (2) of Proposition 8. Hence, for these

TABLE 4. The fields $N=N_{6 p}$ of degree $6 p$ ( $\mathfrak{p}_{7}$ and $\mathfrak{p}_{13}$ are the prime ideals in $K^{+}$lying above 7 and 13 , respectively).

| $\left(f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)$ | $p$ | $\mathfrak{F}_{N^{+} / K^{+}}$ | $2^{-3} L\left(0, \chi_{-} \chi_{+}\right)$ | $h_{N}^{-}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (7,7,7;1,1) | 7 | (2.7) | $-(1+\sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $2^{3}$ |
| (28,7,4;1,1) | 7 | (2.7) | $(1-3 \sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $2^{12}$ |
| (28,7,4;1,1) | 7 | (2.11) | $4-2 \sqrt{-7}$ | $\left(2^{2} \cdot 11\right)^{3}$ |
| (56,7,8;1,1) | 7 | (2.7) | $-(5+9 \sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $\left(2^{2} \cdot 37\right)^{3}$ |
| (77,7,11;1,1) | 7 | (2.11) | $1+\sqrt{-7}$ | $2^{9}$ |
| (217,217,7;3,1) | 7 | $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ | $(1-7 \sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $(2 \cdot 43)^{3}$ |
| (259,259,7;3,3) | 7 | $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ | $(3-7 \sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $3 \cdot\left(2^{3} \cdot 11\right)^{3}$ |
| (292,73,4;1,3) | 7 | (2) | $(5-\sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $3 \cdot 2^{9}$ |
| (341,31,11;1,3) | 19 | (11) | $\begin{aligned} & \zeta_{19}^{2}+\zeta_{19}^{3}+2 \zeta_{19}^{4}+4 \zeta_{19}^{5} \\ & +2 \zeta_{19}^{6}+3 \zeta_{19}^{8}+2 \zeta_{19}^{9}+3 \zeta_{19}^{12} \\ & +\zeta_{19}^{14}+4 \zeta_{19}^{16}+4 \zeta_{19}^{17}+3 \zeta_{19}^{18} \end{aligned}$ | $3 \cdot(11 \cdot 1907)^{3}$ |
| (364,91,4;3,3) | 7 | (2) $\mathfrak{p}_{7}^{2}$ | $19-3 \sqrt{-7}$ | $3 \cdot\left(2^{3} \cdot 53\right)^{3}$ |
| (39,13,39;1,4) | 13 | (3) $\mathfrak{p}_{13}^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -3 \zeta_{13}-\zeta_{13}^{2}-3 \zeta_{13}^{3}-\zeta_{13}^{4} \\ & -\zeta_{13}^{5}-\zeta_{13}^{6}-3 \zeta_{13}^{7}-3 \zeta_{13}^{8} \\ & -3 \zeta_{13}^{9}-\zeta_{13}^{10}-3 \zeta_{13}^{11}-\zeta_{13}^{12} \end{aligned}$ | $4 \cdot(3 \cdot 79)^{3}$ |
| (56,7,56;1,4) | 7 | (2.7) | $(25+\sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $4(2 \cdot 79)^{3}$ |
| (124,31,4;1,4) | 19 | (11) | $\begin{aligned} & \zeta_{19}-8 \zeta_{19}^{2}-8 \zeta_{19}^{3}-19 \zeta_{19}^{4} \\ & +2 \zeta_{19}^{5}-19 \zeta_{19}^{6}+\zeta_{19}^{7}+2 \zeta_{19}^{8} \\ & -19 \zeta_{19}^{9}-9 \zeta_{19}^{10}+\zeta_{19}^{11}+2 \zeta_{19}^{12} \\ & -9 \zeta_{19}^{13}-8 \zeta_{19}^{14}-9 \zeta_{19}^{15}+2 \zeta_{19}^{16} \\ & +2 \zeta_{19}^{17}+2 \zeta_{19}^{18} \end{aligned}$ | $4 \cdot\left(7^{2} \cdot 11^{3} \cdot 22963\right)^{3}$ |
| (201,67,3;1,4) | 7 | (11) | $(47+35 \sqrt{-7}) / 2$ | $4 \cdot\left(2^{3} \cdot 337\right)^{3}$ |

$56=25+31$ fields $K$, the possible values for $p$ are determined, and compiled in the fourth column of Table 1.
(D) For the remaining 11 (that is, $67-56$ ) fields $K$ (those with an empty fourth column in Tables 1 and 2), we have $q=3$, and we compute $\kappa_{K^{+}}$and $\mu_{K^{+}}$and use (5) to obtain an upper bound on $p$, as compiled in Table 3.

For example, assume that some $N=N_{6 p}$ with $h_{N}^{-} \leq 4$ contains the field $K=K_{6}$ with $\left(f, f_{+}, m ; h_{K^{+}}, h_{K}^{-}\right)=(171,9,19 ; 1,4)$. Here, $\kappa_{K^{+}}=0.377461 \cdots$ and
$\mu_{K^{+}}=0.303063 \cdots$. We claim that $p \leq 31$. Indeed, assume that $p>31$. Then $1<f_{N^{+} / K^{+}} \leq 16^{3}$, by (5), and $f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}=r_{N^{+} / K^{+}}^{3}$ is a perfect cube, where $r_{N^{+} / K^{+}}>$ 1 is square-free and coprime with $2,3,5,7$ and 11 , by point (1) of Proposition 4 and since $p>31$ cannot divide either $\Pi_{K^{+}}(2)=\left(2^{3}-1\right) /(2-1)=7$, or $\Pi_{K^{+}}(3)=3^{2}$, or $\quad \Pi_{K^{+}}(5)=\left(5^{3}-1\right) /(5-1)=31$, or $\quad \Pi_{K^{+}}(7)=\left(7^{3}-1\right) /(7-1)=57$, or $\Pi_{K^{+}}(11)=\left(11^{3}-1\right) /(11-1)=7 \cdot 19$ (we could also use the fact that if $r \in\{5,7$, $11\}$, then $r$ splits in $k$, hence $r \nmid f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}$by Proposition 9). Thus, $r_{N^{+} / K^{+}}=13$ and we obtain a contradiction. Indeed, $A_{K^{+}}=\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$, where $\alpha^{3}-3 \alpha-1=0$. Since $\alpha^{61} \equiv 3 \bmod (13)$, it follows that $\alpha \in E_{K^{+}}$is of order 61 in the multiplicative group $\left(A_{K^{+}} /(13)\right)^{*} /(\mathbb{Z} / 13 \mathbb{Z})^{*}$ of order $\Pi_{K^{+}}(13)=3 \cdot 61$, and $i_{L}((13))$ defined in $(1)$ which divides $\Pi_{K^{+}}(13) / 61=3$ cannot be divisible by $p \geq 31$.
(E) Fix $K$ and $p$. Using (5), we compute $C_{K}(p)$ such that if $h_{N}^{-} \leq 4$ then $f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}<C_{K}(p)$, as compiled in the fifth column in Tables 1, 2 and 3. Using Proposition 4, we find all the possible conductors $\mathfrak{F}_{N^{+} / K^{+}}$with $1<f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}<C_{K}(p)$ (since no prime $p>3$ divides $h_{K^{+}}$when $h_{K}^{-} \leq 4$, we cannot have $f_{N^{+} / K^{+}}=1$ ). For $q>3$, there is no possible such $\mathfrak{F}_{N^{+} / K^{+}}$. Using Proposition 5 and proceeding as in point (D), we find all the possible modular characters on a given $\left(A_{L} / \mathfrak{F}_{N^{+} / K^{+}}\right)^{*}$, then all the possible primitive characters on $C l_{K^{+}, \mathbb{Z}}\left(\mathfrak{F}_{N^{+} / K^{+}}\right)$of a given modular character. Finally, we compute $h_{N}^{-}$for the associated CM-fields $N$. For $q=3$, we end up with 14 CM-fields $N$ for which we must compute $h_{N}^{-}$. We used the series expansions for $K_{3,1}(B)$ and $K_{3,2}(B)$ given in Louboutin [Lou00, Theorem 17]. Our computational results are summarized in Table 4, which proves Theorem 1. The computations were carried out by using the PARI and KANT softwares (see [BBBCO] and [DFKPRSW]).

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