

EXONENT OF CLASS GROUP OF CERTAIN IMAGINARY QUADRATIC FIELDS

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great respect and friendship*

ABSTRACT. Let $n > 1$ be an odd integer. We prove that there are infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields of the form $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{x^2 - 2y^n})$ whose ideal class group has an element of order n . This family gives a counter example to a conjecture by H. Wada [20] on the structure of ideal class groups.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let x, y and n be positive integers. We consider the family of imaginary quadratic fields

$$K_{x,y,n,\mu} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{x^2 - \mu y^n})$$

with the conditions: $\gcd(x, y) = 1$, $y > 1$, $\mu \in \{1, 2, 4\}$ and $x^2 \leq \mu y^n$. Let $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,y,n,\mu})$ and $\mathcal{C}(K_{x,y,n,\mu})$ be respectively denote the class number and (ideal) class group of $K_{x,y,n,\mu}$. For $\mu \in \{1, 4\}$, there are many results concerning the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,y,n,\mu})$. We highlights some important results for these values of μ in the next two paragraphs.

In 1922, T. Nagell [16] proved that $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,y,n,1})$ is divisible by n if both n and y are odd, and $\ell \mid x$, but $\ell^2 \nmid x$ for all prime divisors ℓ of n . Let s be the square factor of $x^2 - y^n$, that is

$$x^2 - y^n = -s^2 D,$$

where $D > 0$ is the square-free part of $x^2 - y^n$. For $s = 1$, N. C. Ankeny and S. Chowla [1] proved that $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,3,n,1})$ is divisible by n if both n and x are even, and $x < (2 \times 3^{n-1})^{1/2}$. In 1998, M. R. Murty [14] considered the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{1,y,n,1})$ by n , when $s = 1$ and $n \geq 5$ is odd. In the same paper, he further discussed this result

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when $s < \frac{y^{n/4}}{2^{3/2}}$. He also discussed a more general case, that is the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,y,n,1})$ in [15]. K. Soundararajan [18] (resp. A. Ito [9]) studied the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,y,n,1})$ by n under the condition $s < \sqrt{(y^n - x^2)/(y^{n/2} - 1)}$ (resp. each prime divisor of s divides D also). Furthermore, Y. Kishi [12] (resp. A. Ito [9], and M. Zhu and T. Wang [21]) studied the divisibility by n of $\mathcal{H}(K_{2^k,3,n,1})$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}(K_{2^k,p,n,1})$ with p odd prime and $\mathcal{H}(K_{2^k,y,n,1})$ with y odd integer). In [6], Hoque and Saikia investigated the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{x,p,n,1})$ for any positive integer x , odd integer n and any prime p satisfying certain assumptions. Recently, K. Chakraborty et al. [2] discussed the divisibility by n of $\mathcal{H}(K_{p,q,n,1})$ when both p and q are odd primes, and n is an odd integer.

On the other hand, B. H. Gross and D. E. Rohrlich [17] (resp. J. H. E. Cohn [5], and K. Ishii [11]) proved the divisibility by n of $\mathcal{H}(K_{1,y,n,4})$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}(K_{1,2,n,4})$ except for $n = 4$, and $\mathcal{H}(K_{1,y,n,4})$ for even n) for an odd integer n . Further, S. R. Louboutin [13] proved that $\mathcal{C}(K_{1,y,n,4})$ has an element of order n if atleast one odd prime divisor of y is equal to $3 \pmod{4}$. Recently, A. Ito [10] discussed the divisibility of $\mathcal{H}(K_{3^e,y,n,4})$ by n under certain conditions.

More recently, K. Chakraborty and A. Hoque [7] (resp. in[3]) proved the divisibility by 3 of $\mathcal{H}(K_{1,y,3,2})$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}(K_{\ell,k^n,3,2\ell})$ for certain odd integers ℓ, n, k) for any odd integer y . One can consult the survey [4] for more information about the divisibility of class number of quadratic fields. In this paper, we show that $\mathcal{C}(K_{p,q,n,2})$ has an element of order n when both p and q are odd primes, and n is an odd integer. Namely, we prove:

Theorem 1. *Let p and q be distinct odd primes, and let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer with $p^2 < 2q^n$ and $2q^n - p^2 \neq \square$. Assume that $3q^{n/3} \neq p + 2$ whenever $3 \mid n$. Then $\mathcal{C}(K_{p,q,n,2})$ has an element of order n .*

An immediate consequence of the above result is:

Corollary 1. *Let p, q and n as in Theorem 1. Then there are infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields with discriminants of the form $p^2 - 2q^n$ whose class number is divisible by n .*

The present family of imaginary quadratic fields provides a counter example of a conjecture (namely, Conjecture 1) given by H. Wada [20] in 1970. We define some notations before stating this conjecture. The class group of a number field can be expressed, by the structure theorem of abelian groups, as the direct product of cyclic groups of orders h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t . We denote the direct product $C_{h_1} \times C_{h_2} \times \dots \times C_{h_t}$ of cyclic groups by $[h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t]$. By Gauss's genus theory, if there are r number of distinct rational primes that ramifies in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, for

some square-free integer $D > 1$, then the 2-rank of its class group is $r - 1$. In other words, the 2-Sylow subgroup of its class group has rank $r - 1$. It is noted that the 2-Sylow subgroup of class group tends to $r - 2$ elementary 2-groups and one large cyclic factor collecting the other powers of 2 in the class number so that the 2-Sylow subgroup of the subgroup of squares is cyclic. On the other hand, $r - 1$ number of even integers are there among h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t . Sometimes, the structure of the class group of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ can be trivially determined by r and the class number, $h = h_1 h_2 \cdots h_t$. In this case, the group is cyclic when $r = 1$ or $r = 2$ or it is of the type $(h_1, h_2, 2^{r_1}, \dots, 2^{r_k})$ when $r \geq 3$. In this context, H. Wada [20] gave the following conjecture.

Conjecture 1 (Wada [20]). *All the class groups of imaginary quadratic fields are either cyclic or of the type $(h_1, h_2, 2^{r_1}, 2^{r_2}, \dots, 2^{r_k})$.*

In Table 2, we find a class group of the type $(h_1, h_2, h_3, 2^{r_1}, 2^{r_2}, \dots, 2^{r_k})$ (see ** mark) which is not cyclic. This gives a counter example to Conjecture 1.

2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

We begin the proof with the following crucial proposition.

Proposition 1. *Let p, q and n as in Theorem 1, and let s be the positive integer such that*

$$p^2 - 2q^n = -s^2 D, \quad (2.1)$$

where D is a square-free positive integer. Then for $\alpha = p + s\sqrt{-D}$, and for any prime divisor ℓ of n , 2α is not an ℓ -th power of an element in the ring of integers of $K_{p,q,n,\mu}$.

Proof. Let ℓ be a prime such that $\ell \mid n$. Then ℓ is odd since n is odd. From (2.1), we see that $-D \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, and thus if 2α is an ℓ -th power of an element in the ring of integers $\mathcal{O}_{K_{p,q,n,2}}$ in $K_{p,q,n,2}$, then we can write

$$2\alpha = (u + v\sqrt{-D})^\ell \quad (2.2)$$

for some $u, v \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{p,q,n,2}}$. Taking norm, we obtain

$$8q^n = (u^2 + Dv^2)^\ell. \quad (2.3)$$

This shows that $\ell = 3$ with $3 \mid n$. Thus (2.3) reduces to

$$2q^m = u^2 + Dv^2, \quad (2.4)$$

where $n = 3m$ for some integer $m > 0$. Now (2.4) implies that u and v either both odd or both even since D is odd. If both u and v are even, then $2 \mid q$ which is a contradiction. It remains to treat the case when

both u and v are odd. We compare the real and imaginary parts on both sides of (2.2), and get

$$2p = u^3 - 3uv^2D \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$2s = 3u^2v - v^3D. \quad (2.6)$$

We see that (2.5) implies $u \mid 2p$. As u is an odd integer and p is odd prime, we must have $u = \pm 1$ or $u = \pm p$.

If $u = 1$, then (2.5) would imply $2p = 1 - 3v^2D$, which is a contradiction. Similarly, if $u = p$ then (2.5) gives

$$2 = p^2 - 3v^2D. \quad (2.7)$$

Reading (2.7) modulo 3, we see that $p^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ which again leads to a contradiction.

Again when $u = -1$, the relations (2.5) and (2.4) give,

$$3Dv^2 - 1 = 2p \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$Dv^2 + 1 = 2q^m. \quad (2.9)$$

We now add (2.8) and (2.9), and that gives

$$2Dv^2 = p + q^m. \quad (2.10)$$

Now subtracting (2.9) from (2.8) which leads us to

$$Dv^2 = 1 + p - q^m. \quad (2.11)$$

In this case finally (2.10) and (2.11) together give $3q^m = p + 2$. This contradicts the assumption.

We are now left with the case when $u = -p$. In this case (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) become,

$$Dv^2 + p^2 = 2q^m, \quad (2.12)$$

$$3Dv^2 - p^2 = 2 \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$Dv^3 + 2s = 3p^2v. \quad (2.14)$$

Multiplying (2.12) by 3, and then subtracting the resulting equation from (2.13), we get

$$2p^2 + 1 = 3q^m. \quad (2.15)$$

Also (2.14) shows that $v \mid s$, and thus we can write $s = vt$ for some odd integer t , since both v and s are odd. Therefore (2.14) can be rewritten as

$$Dv^2 + 2t = 3p^2. \quad (2.16)$$

Since $s = vt$, so that (2.1) becomes

$$Dv^2t^2 + p^2 = 2q^n.$$

Using (2.16), we obtain

$$3p^2t^2 - 2t^3 + p^2 = 2q^n.$$

Since $n = 3m$, so that using (2.15) the above equation reduces to

$$81p^2t^2 - 54t^3 + 27t^2 = 2(2p^2 + 1)^3.$$

Finally reading this equation modulo 4, we arrive at

$$0 \equiv 2 \pmod{4},$$

which is not possible. This completes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.

Let s be the positive integer such that

$$p^2 - 2q^n = -s^2D,$$

where D is a square-free positive integer. Let $\alpha := p + s\sqrt{-D}$. Then

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 2q^n,$$

where $\bar{\alpha}$ is the conjugate of α , and they are coprime.

We see that q splits completely in $K_{p,q,n,2} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, and thus we have,

$$(q) = \mathfrak{q}\mathfrak{q}',$$

where \mathfrak{q} and its conjugate \mathfrak{q}' are prime ideals in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{p,q,n,2}}$ different from each other. Moreover, $(2) = \mathfrak{p}^2$ with $\mathfrak{p} = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-D})$.

We see that (α) is not divisible by any rational integer other than ± 1 , and thus we can consider the following decomposition of (α) :

$$(\alpha) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{q}^m.$$

Then $N(\alpha) = 2q^m$ and hence $n = m$.

We now put $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{q}$. Then (since n is odd)

$$\mathfrak{A}^n = \mathfrak{p}^{n-1}(\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{q}^n) = (2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\alpha) \subseteq (2\alpha),$$

which is principal in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{p,q,n,2}}$. Thus if $[\mathfrak{A}]$ denotes the ideal class containing \mathfrak{A} then by Proposition 1, we see that the order of $[\mathfrak{A}]$ is n . This completes the proof.

3. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Here, we provide some numerical values to corroborate Theorem 1. All the computations in this paper were done using PARI/GP (version 2.7.6) [19]. Table 1 gives the list of imaginary quadratic fields $K_{p,q,n,2}$ corresponding to the distinct primes p and q not larger than 17, and odd integer $3 \leq n \leq 19$. We see that absolute discriminants are not exceeding 5×10^{23} , and the corresponding class numbers are very large which can go upto (about) 5.5×10^{11} . It is noted that this list does not exhaust all the imaginary quadratic fields $K_{p,q,n,2}$ of discriminants not exceeding 5×10^{23} . In the Table 1, we use * mark in the column for class number to indicate the failure of the assumption “ $3q^{n/3} \neq p + 2$ ” of Theorem 1.

Table 1: Numerical examples of Theorem 1.

n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$	n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$
3	3	5	-241	12	3	3	7	-677	30
3	3	11	-2653	24	3	3	13	-4385	96
3	3	17	-9817	48	3	5	3	-29	6
3	5	7	-661	18	3	5	11	-2637	36
3	5	13	-4369	48	3	5	17	-9801	72
3	7	3	-5	2*	3	7	5	-201	12
3	7	11	-2613	24	3	7	13	-4345	48
3	7	17	-9777	60	3	11	5	-129	12
3	11	7	-565	12	3	11	13	-4273	24
3	11	17	-9705	72	3	13	5	-81	1*
3	13	7	-517	12	3	13	11	-2493	24
3	13	17	-9657	48	3	17	7	-397	6
3	17	11	-2373	24	3	17	13	-4105	48
5	3	5	-6241	40	5	3	7	-33605	240
5	3	11	-322093	150	5	3	13	-742577	800
5	3	17	-2839705	800	5	5	3	-461	30
5	5	7	-33589	150	5	5	11	-322077	280
5	5	13	-742561	500	5	5	17	-2839689	1760
5	7	3	-437	20	5	7	5	-6201	80
5	7	11	-322053	320	5	7	13	-742537	380
5	7	17	-2839665	1120	5	11	3	-365	20
5	11	5	-6129	60	5	11	7	-33493	70
5	11	13	-742465	480	5	11	17	-2839593	800
5	13	3	-317	10	5	13	5	-6081	60
5	13	7	-33445	80	5	13	11	-321933	440
5	13	17	-2839545	960	5	17	3	-197	10
5	17	5	-5961	60	5	17	7	-33325	120
5	17	11	-321813	240	5	17	13	-742297	480
7	3	5	-156241	168	7	3	7	-1647077	1260
7	3	11	-38974333	2926	7	3	13	-125497025	11648
7	3	17	-820677337	10724	7	5	3	-4349	42
7	5	7	-1647061	896	7	5	11	-38974317	2968
7	5	13	-125497009	5824	7	5	17	-820677321	26432
7	7	3	-4325	84	7	7	5	-156201	308

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n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$	n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$
7	7	11	-38974293	3696	7	7	13	-125496985	5768
7	7	17	-820677297	19096	7	11	3	-4253	42
7	11	5	-156129	392	7	11	7	-1646965	588
7	11	13	-125496913	4704	7	11	17	-820677225	18144
7	13	3	-4205	56	7	13	5	-156081	364
7	13	7	-1646917	728	7	13	11	-38974173	3360
7	13	17	-820677177	16800	7	17	3	-4085	56
7	17	5	-155961	224	7	17	7	-1646797	658
7	17	11	-38974053	3780	7	17	13	-125496745	7392
9	3	5	-3906241	1440	9	3	7	-80707205	11448
9	3	11	-4715895373	29556	9	3	13	-21208998737	162432
9	3	17	-237175752985	337176	9	5	3	-39341	198
9	5	7	-80707189	7272	9	5	11	-4715895357	67716
9	5	13	-21208998721	62136	9	5	17	-237175752969	349164
9	7	3	-39317	162	9	7	5	-3906201	2448
9	7	11	-4715895333	28512	9	7	13	-21208998697	57744
9	7	17	-237175752945	463824	9	11	3	-39245	288
9	11	5	-3906129	1692	9	11	7	-80707093	3852
9	11	13	-21208998625	79200	9	11	17	-237175752873	284256
9	13	3	-39197	108	9	13	5	-3906081	1512
9	13	7	-80707045	4608	9	13	11	-4715895213	33300
9	13	17	-237175752825	228096	9	17	3	-39077	180
9	17	5	-3905961	1368	9	17	7	-80706925	5184
9	17	11	-4715895093	35712	9	17	13	-21208998457	74376
11	3	5	-97656241	3608	11	3	7	-394653477	46332
11	3	11	-570623341213	286770	11	3	13	-3584320788065	2956800
11	3	17	-68543792615257	2056120	11	5	3	-354269	704
11	5	7	-3954653461	36432	11	5	11	-570623341197	519200
11	5	13	-3584320788049	875072	11	5	17	-68543792615241	6392760
11	7	3	-354245	528	11	7	5	-97656201	6864
11	7	11	-570623341173	340032	11	7	13	-3584320788025	1146464
11	7	17	-68543792615217	5876112	11	11	3	-354173	528
11	11	5	-97656129	8712	11	11	7	-3954653365	39776
11	11	13	-3584320787953	797720	11	11	17	-68543792615145	3800544
11	13	3	-354125	660	11	13	5	-97656081	9944
11	13	7	-3954653317	37268	11	13	11	-570623341053	570240
11	13	17	-68543792615097	4511232	11	17	3	-354005	352
11	17	5	-97655961	7216	11	17	7	-3954653197	25872
11	17	11	-570623340933	353760	11	17	13	-3584320787785	1076416
13	3	5	-2441406241	29432	13	3	7	-193778020805	435968
13	3	11	-69045424287853	4435704	13	3	13	-605750213184497	30878952
13	3	17	-19809156065811865	59575360	13	5	3	-3188621	2028
13	5	7	-193778020789	357422	13	5	11	-69045424287837	4188392
13	5	13	-605750213184481	14891136	13	5	17	-19809156065811849	89333920
13	7	3	-3188597	1612	13	7	5	-2441406201	35984
13	7	11	-69045424287813	4845568	13	7	13	-605750213184457	10482888
13	7	17	-19809156065811825	104113152	13	11	3	-3188525	1560
13	11	5	-2441406129	35412	13	11	7	-193778020693	183716
13	11	13	-605750213184385	14582464	13	11	17	-19809156065811753	70607680
13	13	3	-3188477	1716	13	13	5	-2441406081	32552
13	13	7	-193778020645	228800	13	13	11	-69045424287693	4533152
13	13	17	-19809156065811705	117589680	13	17	3	-3188357	1560
13	17	5	-2441405961	22464	13	17	7	-193778020525	221000

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n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$	n	p	q	$p^2 - 2q^n$	$h(-D)$
13	17	11	-69045424287573	5311488	13	17	13	-605750213184217	13254488
15	3	5	-61035156241	133620	15	3	7	-9495123019877	3654000
15	3	11	-8354496338831293	44413440	15	3	13	-102371786028181505	389436480
15	3	17	-5724846103019631577	1053896220	15	5	3	-28697789	6330
15	5	7	-9495123019861	2182740	15	5	11	-8354496338831277	48860640
15	5	13	-102371786028181489	231737760	15	5	17	-5724846103019631561	2429285220
15	7	3	-28697765	7140	15	7	5	-61035156201	232380
15	7	11	-8354496338831253	58597320	15	7	13	-102371786028181465	184700760
15	7	17	-5724846103019631537	1804868640	15	11	3	-28697693	4740
15	11	5	-61035156129	251460	15	11	7	-9495123019765	1636920
15	11	13	-102371786028181393	129010680	15	11	17	-5724846103019631465	1339566720
15	13	3	-28697645	3960	15	13	5	-61035156081	177120
15	13	7	-9495123019717	1139880	15	13	11	-8354496338831133	43159500
15	13	17	-5724846103019631417	970122240	15	17	3	-28697525	7200
15	17	5	-61035155961	294480	15	17	7	-9495123019597	1418310
15	17	11	-8354496338831013	39988560	15	17	13	-102371786028181225	224843520
17	3	5	-1525878906241	902632	17	3	7	-465261027974405	21068168
17	3	11	-1010894056998587533	340866116	17	3	13	-17300831838762675857	3293665952
17	3	17	-1654480523772673528345	16865341776	17	5	3	-258280301	20672
17	5	7	-465261027974389	13394096	17	5	11	-1010894056998587517	483167744
17	5	13	-17300831838762675841	2677442880	17	5	17	-1654480523772673528329	45027534568
17	7	3	-258280277	17068	17	7	5	-1525878906201	887400
17	7	11	-1010894056998587493	513329824	17	7	13	-17300831838762675817	1808666448
17	7	17	-1654480523772673528305	31484143616	17	11	3	-258280205	16320
17	11	5	-1525878906129	891072	17	11	7	-465261027974293	7670808
17	11	13	-17300831838762675745	2180205664	17	11	17	-1654480523772673528233	18565719040
17	13	3	-258280157	9248	17	13	5	-1525878906081	1364692
17	13	7	-465261027974245	18608472	17	13	11	-1010894056998587373	805270688
17	13	17	-1654480523772673528185	17835810304	17	17	3	-258280037	9928
17	17	5	-1525878905961	601936	17	17	7	-465261027974125	8867200
17	17	11	-1010894056998587253	526706580	17	17	13	-17300831838762675577	2528985824
19	3	5	-38146972656241	2652552	19	3	7	-22797790370746277	153169260
19	3	11	-122318180896829092573	5845471904	19	3	13	-2923840580750892221345	54859889096
19	3	17	-478144871370302649694297	246910222416	19	5	3	-2324522909	39976
19	5	7	-22797790370746261	174949568	19	5	11	-122318180896829092557	5849478624
19	5	13	-2923840580750892221329	28846572768	19	5	17	-478144871370302649694281	548121230352
19	7	3	-2324522885	50388	19	7	5	-38146972656201	6622792
19	7	11	-122318180896829092533	4729953024	19	7	13	-2923840580750892221305	36032330968
19	7	17	-478144871370302649694257	458154357332	19	11	3	-2324522813	37240
19	11	5	-38146972656129	4247868	19	11	7	-22797790370746165	76028880
19	11	13	-2923840580750892221233	26134377792	19	11	17	-478144871370302649694185	389010811712
19	13	3	-2324522765	40356	19	13	5	-38146972656081	5545188
19	13	7	-22797790370746117	55016248	19	13	11	-122318180896829092413	6947197088
19	13	17	-478144871370302649694137	397061284992	19	17	3	-2324522645	36784
19	17	5	-38146972655961	3776896	19	17	7	-22797790370745997	77990972
19	17	11	-122318180896829092293	8470575516	19	17	13	-2923840580750892221065	35488586232

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We begin by observing that in Table 1 there are some values of p and q (see * mark) for which the class number of the corresponding

imaginary quadratic fields are not divisible by a given odd integer $n \geq 3$. These are because of the failure of the assumption “ $3q^{n/3} \neq p + 2$ when $3 \mid n$ ”. However the class number of $K_{19,7,3,2}$ is 12 that satisfies the divisibility property even though this assumption does not hold. Thus this assumption is neither necessary nor sufficient. We have found only two pairs of values of p and q for which this assumption does not hold. Thus it may be possible to drop this assumption by adding some exceptions for the values of the pair (p, q) .

In the light of the numerical evidence we are tempted to state the following conjecture:

Conjecture 2. *Let p and q be two distinct odd primes. For each positive odd integer n and for each positive integer m such that m is not a n -root of any rational integer, there are infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields of the form $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p^2 - mq^n})$ whose class number is divisible by n .*

For $m = 1, 4$, this conjecture is true (see [2] and references therein). Further Corollary 1 shows that the conjecture is true for any odd integer n when $m = 2$.

We now demonstrate the structures of class groups of $K_{p,q,n,2}$ for some values of p, q and n . In Table 2, by (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t) we mean the group $\mathbb{Z}_{h_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{h_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{h_t}$.

Table 2: Structure of the class group of $K_{p,q,n,2}$.

$p^2 - 2q^n$	Structure of $\mathcal{C}(K_{p,q,n,2})$	2-parts	3-parts	5-parts	Remaining parts
$11^2 - 2 \times 17^5$	[20, 10, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,4)	—	(5,5)	—
$7^2 - 2 \times 17^{13}$	[1084512, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,32)	(3)	—	(11,13,79)
$13^2 - 2 \times 11^{15}$	[479550, 30, 3]	(2,2)	(3,3,3)	(5,25)	(23,139)
$13^2 - 2 \times 17^{15}$	[10105440, 12, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,4,32)	(3,3)	(5)	(37,569)
$3^2 - 2 \times 5^{21}$	[565992, 6, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,8)	(3,9)	—	(7,1123)
$3^2 - 2 \times 13^{21}$	[7991268432, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,16)	(3,3)	—	(7,23783537)
$17^2 - 2 \times 11^{21}$	[286454952, 12, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,4,8)	(3,9)	—	(7,568363)
$11^2 - 2 \times 7^{25}$	[292374800, 10, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,16)	—	(5,25)	(101,7237)
$13^2 - 2 \times 17^{25}$	[60345039225000, 6, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,8)	(3,3)	(3125)	(41,59,332617)
$5^2 - 2 \times 11^{27}$	[381006210618, 6, 6, 2, 2, 2]**	(2,2,2,2,2,2)	(3,3,81)	—	(11,211,92119)
$5^2 - 2 \times 13^{27}$	[9392738579820, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,4)	(3,27)	(5)	(59,9011,32717)
$5^2 - 2 \times 17^{27}$	[627358330621332, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,4)	(3,81)	—	(183167,10571179)
$17^2 - 2 \times 13^{27}$	[8751451767912, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,8)	(3,27)	—	(12251,67493)
$17^2 - 2 \times 11^{29}$	[12592336322520, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]	(2,2,2,2,2,8)	(27)	(5)	(29,7411,54251)

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