

K-groups over Number Fields

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For $n = 1$, there is an exact sequence as follows (See [18]):

$$0 \rightarrow K_2(\mathcal{O}_F) \rightarrow K_2(F) \xrightarrow{\oplus \tau_{\mathcal{P}}} \bigoplus_{\mathcal{P} \text{ finite}} (k_{\mathcal{P}})^* \rightarrow 0.$$

The map $\oplus \tau_{\mathcal{P}}$ is explicitly given by the so-called tame symbol:
For each prime ideal \mathcal{P} of \mathcal{O}_F , the map

$$\tau_{\mathcal{P}} : K_2(F) \rightarrow k_{\mathcal{P}}^*$$

defined by

$$\tau_{\mathcal{P}}(a, b) = (-1)^{v_{\mathcal{P}}(a)v_{\mathcal{P}}(b)} a^{v_{\mathcal{P}}(b)} b^{-v_{\mathcal{P}}(a)} \pmod{\mathcal{P}},$$

where $v_{\mathcal{P}}$ denotes the \mathcal{P} -adic valuation. Therefore $K_2\mathcal{O}_F = \ker(\oplus \tau_{\mathcal{P}})$, and hence $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ is also called the **tame kernel**.

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Qin's following theorem determines the 4-rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$.

Theorem 1.1[10] [11]

Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$, $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ square-free, $S(d) = \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$ if $d > 0$ or $\{1, 2\}$ if $d < 0$. Suppose that $m|d$ ($m > 0$ if $d > 0$) and write $d = u^2 - 2w^2$ with $u, w \in \mathbb{Z}$ (we take $u > 0$ if $d > 0$) if $2 \in NF$. Then $\{-1, m\} \in K_2\mathcal{O}_F^2$ if and only if one can find an $\epsilon \in S(d)$ such that

(i) $\left(\frac{dm^{-1}}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{p}\right)$, for any odd prime $p|m$,

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and $\{-1, m(u + \sqrt{d})\} \in K_2\mathcal{O}_F^2$ if and only if one can find a $\delta \in S(d)$ such that

(iii) $\left(\frac{dm^{-1}}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\delta(u+w)}{p}\right)$, for any odd prime $p|m$,

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Indeed, Qin introduced sign matrices via Legendre symbols to determine the 4-rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ where F is the quadratic extension in Theorem 1.1 above, see [19], [20], [12]. In the case of relative quadratic extension, the sign matrices defined via local Hilbert symbols to compute the 4-rank of the tame kernel was the work of Hurrelbrink and Kolster. In [14], [13], Qin determined the 8-rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ completely.



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$$0 \rightarrow (\mu_p \oplus CL(O_E[1/p]))^{G'} \rightarrow K_2 O_E[1/p] \rightarrow \oplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in S'} \mu_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow 0,$$

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Qin [15] proved a reflection theorem which for $p=3$ is Scholz Reflection Theorem. He obtained some formulae for the p^n -rank of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$. With the help of this reflection theorem, he established relations between the p^n -divisibility of the order of $K_2\mathcal{O}_F$ and the p^n -divisibility of the class number of some algebraic number fields.



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Let E/F be a finite extension of number fields. The transfer $\text{tr}_{E/F}$ was defined which is a group homomorphism $\text{tr}_{E/F} : K_2(E) \rightarrow K_2(F)$. Using some basic properties of the transfer mapping in K-theory, we proved some relations among orders of odd parts of tame kernels of some subfields of E/F . We denote by $K_2(E/F)$ the kernel of the map $\text{tr}_{E/F} : K_2\mathcal{O}_E \rightarrow K_2\mathcal{O}_F$.



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Proposition 1.3[22]

Let l be an odd prime number and E/F be a dihedral extension with Galois group D_l , k its quadratic subfield fixed by $\langle \sigma \rangle$, K the fixed field of τ and K' the fixed field of $\sigma\tau$. Then for every odd prime $p \neq l$, we have

$$K_2(E/k)(p) \cong K_2(K/F)(p) \times K_2(K'/F)(p),$$

and

$$|K_2(\mathcal{O}_E)| |K_2(\mathcal{O}_F)|^2 =_p |K_2(\mathcal{O}_K)|^2 |K_2(\mathcal{O}_k)|.$$

Higher class numbers in extensions of number fields

It is known that one has the analytic class number formula

$$\zeta_F^*(0) = -\frac{R_1(F)h_F}{w_1(F)},$$

where $w_1(F)$ is the number of roots of unity in F , h_F is the class number of F , $R_1(F)$ is the first regulator of F and $\zeta_F^*(0)$ is the first non-vanishing coefficient in the Taylor-expansion of the zeta-function $\zeta_F(s)$ around $s = 0$.

There are conjectural analogues of the formula when 0 is replaced by negative integers.

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Motivic formulation of the Lichtenbaum Conjecture.

For any number field F and for any integer $n \geq 2$,

$$\zeta_F^*(1-n) = \pm \frac{R_n^M(F)h_n(F)}{w_n(F)},$$

where $h_n(F)$ is the order of the motivic cohomology group $H_M^2(\mathcal{O}_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$, $w_n(F)$ is the order of the torsion subgroup of the motivic cohomology group $H_M^1(\mathcal{O}_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$ and $R_n^M(F)$ is the motivic regulator of $H_M^1(\mathcal{O}_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$.

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We also note that for all $n \geq 2$, the motivic groups $H_M^2(\mathcal{O}_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$ are finite, $H_M^1(\mathcal{O}_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$ are finitely generated \mathbb{Z} -modules, and

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Lemma 2.1([8])

Let O_F be the ring of integers in a number field F with r_1 real embeddings, and let $n \geq 2$. Then for $i = 1, 2$,

(i) The Chern character

$$K_{2n-i}(O_F) \rightarrow H_M^i(O_F, \mathbb{Z}(n))$$

is an isomorphism if $2n - i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 7 \pmod{8}$, injective with cokernel $\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{r_1}$ if $2n - i \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$, surjective with kernel $\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{r_1}$ if $2n - i \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$.

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In the remaining cases ($n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$) there is an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow K_{2n-2}(O_F) \rightarrow H^2(O_F, \mathbb{Z}(n)) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{r_1} \rightarrow K_{2n-1}(O_F) \\ \rightarrow H^1(O_F, \mathbb{Z}(n)) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $H_M^i(O_F, \mathbb{Z}(n)) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p \cong H_{\acute{e}t}^i(O_F[\frac{1}{p}], \mathbb{Z}_p(n))$, for all primes p .

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Let F be a finite Galois extension of a number field k with the Galois group G . R. Brauer (in 1951) and S. Kuroda (in 1950) proved independently some multiplicative relations between the Dedekind zeta functions of some subfields of F . For every cyclic subgroup H of G ,

$$c_G(H) := \frac{1}{(G : H)} \sum_{H^* \text{ cyclic } H \subseteq H^* \subseteq G} \mu((H^* : H)),$$

where μ is the Möbius function. Then

$$\zeta_k(s) = \prod_{H \text{ cyclic } H \subseteq G} \zeta_{F^H}(s)^{c_G(H)},$$

where F^H is the subfield of F fixed by H .

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Let l be a prime number and D the dihedral group of order $2l$. Let F/\mathbb{Q} be a complex Galois extension with Galois group G , where $G = V_4$ or D . When n is even, we gave the Brauer-Kuroda formulae for higher class numbers by an index of the first Motivic cohomology groups using the Brauer-Kuroda relations about zeta-functions and the Motivic formulation of the Lichtenbaum Conjecture.

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Theorem 2.1 [24]

Let F be a complex biquadratic extension of \mathbb{Q} with quadratic subfields F_0, F_1 and F_2 , where F_0 is real. Then for $n > 1$ we have

$$\frac{h_n(F)h_n(\mathbb{Q})^2}{\prod_{i=0}^2 h_n(F_i)} = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}.$$

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Theorem 2.2 [24]

Let F be a complex Galois extension of \mathbb{Q} with the dihedral Galois group D_l . Let k be the unique quadratic subfield of F and K (resp. K') the subfield of F fixed by $\langle \sigma \rangle$ (resp. by $\langle \tau^2 \sigma \rangle$). Then if $l = 3$, we have

$$\frac{h_n(F)h_n(\mathbb{Q})^2}{h_n(k)h_n(K)^2} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } 1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 9.$$

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
Corollary [24]

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{m})$ and $F = K(\zeta_3)$, where m is a cubefree integers not equal 1 and -1 , ζ_3 is a primitive cube root of unity. Then

$$|K_2(\mathcal{O}_F)| = \frac{1}{12}|K_2(\mathcal{O}_K)|^2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{4}|K_2(\mathcal{O}_K)|^2 \text{ or } \frac{3}{4}|K_2(\mathcal{O}_K)|^2 \text{ or } \frac{9}{4}|K_2(\mathcal{O}_K)|^2.$$

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