CORRIGENDA


On p. 75, every occurrence of the superscript $\mu + 1/2$ in Eq. (68) and on line 11 should be changed to $\mu - 1/2$.

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Carsten Eckhardt of Göttingen has pointed out that the algorithm to determine the structure of the Sylow $p$-subgroup $S_p$ of the class group may only produce a subgroup of $S_p$. In all of the cases in which this algorithm was run we actually obtained $S_p$; hence, the results in Section 5 are not affected by this observation. Nevertheless, the complexity result given in the paper has not been proved. This difficulty can be overcome by first extending and improving Algorithm 4.1. We first note that we may assume that $|\Delta|$ is large enough so that $R > 1$ (see, for example, Cusick [1]).

We let $\mathfrak{h}_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$) be $k$ reduced ideals of $\mathcal{O}_K$ with periods $p_i = p^{\mu_i}$ ($\mu_i \in \mathbb{Z}$), where $p$ is a prime. We put $P = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k = p^\mu$. Given a reduced ideal $\mathfrak{j}$, our new algorithm will either determine $t_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$) such that (4.1) holds or establish that no such set of $t_i$'s exists. This algorithm executes in $O(\sqrt{PR|\Delta|^\epsilon})$ elementary operations. We note that if (4.1) holds, then

$$\prod_{i=1}^{k} \mathfrak{h}_i^{p_i-t_i} \sim \prod_{i=1}^{k} (\mathfrak{h}_i^{m_i})^{q_i},$$

where $t_i = m_i q_i + r_i$, $m_i \geq 0$, $0 \leq r_i \leq p_i$. When $m_i \neq 0$, we may assume that $r_i < m_i$ and $0 \leq q_i \leq t_i/m_i < p_i/m_i$. Given these bounds on $r_i$ and $q_i$ for a fixed set of values of the $m_i$'s, we let $C_1$ and $C_2$ denote the number of ideal classes represented by the left-hand and right-hand side of (1), respectively.

When $P > R$, our approach will be to produce a sorted list $J$ of the $C_1 \times O(R)$ reduced ideals that could be equivalent to the left-hand side of (1). We then determine whether any particular reduced ideal among the $C_2$ ideal classes represented by the right-hand side of (1) is in $J$. If none is, then (4.1) has no solution; if one is, then we can easily provide a solution of (1). The number of elementary operations needed to do this is $O(RC_1|\Delta|^\epsilon) + O(C_2|\Delta|^\epsilon)$. 

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We consider two subcases. If \( \sqrt{p} < 2 \log_2(\tilde{h} + Y) \), find \( s \) \( (\geq 0) \) such that \( p^s \leq \sqrt{pP/R} \) and \( p^{s+1} > \sqrt{pP/R} \) and find \( n \) \( (\geq 0) \) such that

\[
\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i \leq s \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu_{n+1} > s.
\]

Put \( \gamma = s - \lambda \geq 0 \), \( m_i = 0 \) \( (i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n) \), \( m_{n+1} = p^\gamma \), \( m_i = 1 \) \( (i = n + 2, n + 3, \ldots, k) \). In this subcase,

\[
C_1 \leq m_{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i = p^s \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 \leq p^{-\gamma} \prod_{i=n+1}^{k} p_i = P/p^s.
\]

Since \( O(RC_1) = O(\sqrt{pP/R}) \), \( O(C_2) = O(\sqrt{pP/R}) \), and \( \sqrt{p} < 2 \log_2(\tilde{h} + Y) < 2 \log_2(\tilde{h} + 2Y) = O(\lfloor A \rfloor) \), we see that we need to perform \( O(\sqrt{PR} |A|^2) \) elementary operations.

When \( \sqrt{p} > 2 \log_2(\tilde{h} + Y) > 2 \log h \geq 2k \), we put \( \rho_i = \sqrt{(p/R)^{1/\mu_i}} > 1 \) and note that \( \rho_1 \rho_2 \cdots \rho_k = \sqrt{P/R} \). If \( M_i = [\rho_i] \) and \( N_i = M_i + 1 \), we get

\[
\prod_{i=1}^{k} M_i < \sqrt{P/R} \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=1}^{k} N_i > \sqrt{P/R}.
\]

Find the least value of \( n \) \( (\geq 1) \) such that

\[
\prod_{i=1}^{n} N_i \prod_{i=n+1}^{k} M_i > \sqrt{P/R}.
\]

Put \( m_i = M_i \) \( (i = 1, 2, \ldots, n) \), \( m_i = N_i \) \( (i = n + 1, n + 2, \ldots, k) \). Since \( N_n/M_n < 2 \), we have \( \sqrt{P/R} < \prod_{i=1}^{k} m_i < 2 \sqrt{P/R} \). Also, \( C_1 \leq \prod_{i=1}^{n} m_i \) and

\[
C_2 < \prod_{i=1}^{k} \left( \frac{p_i}{p_i^2} \cdot m_i^2 + 1 \right) < \sqrt{PR} \prod_{i=1}^{k} \left( 1 + \frac{m_i}{p_i} \right) < \sqrt{PR} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{m_i}{p_i} \right).
\]

Since \( m_i/p_i < 2/(pR^{1/\mu_i})^{1/2} \) and \( \sqrt{p} > 2k \), we have \( \sum_{i=1}^{k} m_i/p_i = O(1) \).

Thus, in this subcase we need to perform \( O(\sqrt{PR} |A|^2) \) elementary operations.

When \( P < R \), we put \( m_i = 0 \) \( (i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, k) \). Here we have \( C_1 \leq P \) and \( C_2 = 1 \). If we put \( S = \sqrt{PR} \) and use Algorithm 2.1 in the manner suggested in the second case of Algorithm 4.1, we can determine whether or not (4.1) has a solution in

\[
O(S |A|^2) + O(PR |A|^2/S) = O(\sqrt{PR} |A|^2)
\]

elementary operations.

We also require a simple result from group theory. We let \( H \) be an abelian \( p \)-group such that

\[
H = \langle g_1 \rangle \times \langle g_2 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle g_k \rangle,
\]

where \( |\langle g_i \rangle| = p^{\mu_i} \). Consider \( g_{k+1} \), where \( |\langle g_{k+1} \rangle| = p^{\mu_{k+1}} \) and let \( G \) be the group \( \langle H, g_{k+1} \rangle \). Let \( \lambda_{k+1} \) be the least nonnegative integer such that

\[
g_{k+1}^{p^{\lambda_{k+1}}} = \prod_{i=1}^{k} g_i^{\lambda_i},
\]
where \( t_i = p^{\lambda_i} m_i, (m_i, p) = 1, 0 \leq \lambda_i < \mu_i \). If no such value of \( \lambda_{k+1} \) exists, then \( G = H \times \langle g_{k+1} \rangle \); otherwise, let \( \mu = \min \{ \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_{k+1} \} \) and put

\[
g = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k} g_i^{m_i p^{\lambda_i - \mu}} \right) g_{k+1}^{-p^{\lambda_{k+1} - \mu}}.
\]

It is now a simple matter to prove the following

**THEOREM.** If \( \mu = \lambda_{k+1} \), then \( G = H \times \langle g \rangle \); if \( \mu = \lambda_j \) \((j \neq k + 1)\), then \( G = \langle H_j, g_{k+1} \rangle \times \langle g \rangle \), where

\[
H_j = \langle g_1 \rangle \times \langle g_2 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle g_{j-1} \rangle \times \langle g_{j+1} \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle g_k \rangle.
\]

By using this theorem, it is easy to show that if \( g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_m \) generate an abelian \( p \)-group \( S_p \) of order \( p^n \), then we need to utilize \( O(n m^2) \) determinations like (2) to find the group structure of \( S_p \). Combining this with our algorithm above and the arguments used in the last paragraph of Section 4, we now see that algorithms for determining \( h \) and the class group structure can be developed which will execute in \( O(\Delta^{1/5 + \varepsilon}) \) and \( O(\Delta^{1/4 + \varepsilon}) \) elementary operations, respectively.

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