

## A class number associated with the product of an elliptic curve with itself

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In a previous paper [3] the existence of curves  $C$  on the product variety  $E \times E'$  of two elliptic curves  $E$  and  $E'$  with complex multiplication, with the self-intersection number  $(C, C) = 2$ , was proved.  $E \times E'$  is then the Jacobian variety of  $C$ ,  $C$  being a theta divisor on  $E \times E'$  (Weil [7], Satz 2). The purpose of this paper is to determine explicitly, in a special case  $E = E'$ , the number of mutually non-isomorphic such curves  $C$  of genus 2. More precisely, we shall determine, for a given elliptic curve  $E$  with the ring of endomorphisms isomorphic to the principal order of an imaginary quadratic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ , the number  $H$  of isomorphism classes of canonically polarized Jacobian varieties  $(E \times E, C)$ ,  $C$  being a theta divisor, as a function of  $m$ . In the case  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m > 1$ , for example, we shall obtain the following result:

$$H = \frac{1}{8} \prod_p (p-1) \prod_p (p+1) + \frac{1}{4} h - 2^{t-4},$$

where the first product extends over all prime factors  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  of  $m$ , and the second over all prime factors  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  of  $m$ ; and  $h$  and  $t$  are the class number and the number of distinct prime factors of the discriminant of the principal order of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ , respectively. The determination of the number  $H$  is reduced to that of the number of classes and the number of "singular" classes of right ideals of certain (non-maximal) orders of a quaternion algebra, and for this purpose Eichler's method ([1] Satz 10) is applicable.

We denote by  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  the field of rational numbers and the ring of rational integers, respectively.

§ 1. Summary from a previous paper.

In this section we shall summarize the parts of our previous paper [3] which relate directly to this paper, and see at the same time how we have been led to a number theoretic problem. Let  $Q(\sqrt{-m})$  be an imaginary quadratic number field and  $\mathfrak{o}$  its principal order; we take  $m$  a square-free positive integer. Let  $E$  be a 1-dimensional abelian variety (i. e. an elliptic curve) with the ring  $\alpha(E)$  of endomorphisms isomorphic to the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$ ; once for all we identify  $\alpha(E)$  with  $\mathfrak{o}$  through a fixed isomorphism. For any two endomorphisms  $\lambda, \mu (\in \mathfrak{o})$  of  $E$ ,  $\{\lambda, \mu\} \neq \{0, 0\}$ , the correspondence  $h_{\lambda, \mu}: E \ni x \rightarrow (\lambda x, \mu x) \in E \times E$  defines a homomorphism of  $E$  into the product  $E \times E$  of  $E$  with itself. The image of  $E$  by  $h_{\lambda, \mu}$  is an abelian subvariety of dimension 1 on  $E \times E$ , namely an elliptic curve lying on  $E \times E$ ; we denote it by  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$ . Any elliptic curve on  $E \times E$  is a translation of some  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$ . Each endomorphism of  $E \times E$  is given by the correspondence:  $E \times E \ni (x, y) \rightarrow (px + ry, qx + sy) \in E \times E$ , where  $p, q, r, s \in \mathfrak{o}$ . This endomorphism may be expressed by a matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix}$ . This is an automorphism of  $E \times E$  if and only if  $ps - qr$  is a unit of  $\mathfrak{o}$ . The intersection number  $(E_{\lambda, \mu}, E_{\xi, \eta})$  of two elliptic curves  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$  and  $E_{\xi, \eta}$  is given by

$$(1) \quad (E_{\lambda, \mu}, E_{\xi, \eta}) = \frac{N(\lambda\eta - \mu\xi)}{N(\lambda, \mu)N(\xi, \eta)},$$

where  $N(\lambda, \mu)$  denotes the norm of the ideal  $(\lambda, \mu)$ , etc. Every divisor  $X$  on  $E \times E$  is algebraically equivalent to a linear combination (with integral coefficients) of elliptic curves; hence basing on the formula (1) we can attach to every divisor  $X$  on  $E \times E$  a 2 by 2 matrix

$$(2) \quad M(X) = \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & l \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $k, l$  are rational integers and  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ , and  $\bar{\alpha}$  is the complex conjugate of  $\alpha$ , such that for any elliptic curve  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$ ,

$$M(E_{\lambda, \mu}) = \frac{1}{N(\lambda, \mu)} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mu}\mu & -\bar{\mu}\lambda \\ -\bar{\lambda}\mu & \bar{\lambda}\lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

For any two rational integers  $k$  and  $l$ , and any element  $\alpha$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$ , there exists a divisor  $X$  on  $E \times E$  for which the equality (2) holds. For two divisors  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $E \times E$ ,  $M(X) = M(Y)$  if and only if  $X \equiv Y$ <sup>1)</sup>. The intersection number  $(X, Y)$  of two divisors  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $E \times E$  is given by

$$(X, Y) = \det M(X+Y) - \det M(X) - \det M(Y);$$

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1) For two divisors  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $X \equiv Y$  means that  $X$  is algebraically equivalent to  $Y$ .

in particular we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(X, X) = \det M(X).$$

We also have a formula

$$(X, E_{\xi, \eta}) = \frac{1}{N(\xi, \eta)} (\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}) M(X) \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now let  $X$  be a divisor on  $E \times E$  with  $(X, X) = 2$ . Then either  $X$  or  $-X$  is linearly equivalent to a positive divisor  $Y$  ([3], Lemma 4). Let  $M(X)$  be given by (2). On account of the relations  $kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$  and  $(X, E_{1,0}) = k$ , we know that the former case occurs if and only if  $k > 0$ . Suppose  $E \times E$  is the Jacobian variety of some curve  $C$  of genus 2, and  $Y$  a theta divisor of it. Then  $Y$  is a positive divisor with  $(Y, Y) = 2$  and  $Y$  itself is a curve of genus 2 isomorphic to  $C$ . Hence we observe the set of all positive divisors  $Y$  on  $E \times E$  with  $(Y, Y) = 2$ . The conditions  $Y > 0$  and  $(Y, Y) = 2$  mean  $Y$  is non-degenerate and  $l(Y) = \frac{1}{2}(Y, Y) = 1$  (Nishi [6] Th. 6 and Cor.). ( $l(Y)$  means the dimension of the complete linear system  $|Y|$  determined by  $Y$ .) Therefore, if  $Y$  and  $Y'$  are two positive divisors on  $E \times E$  such that  $Y \equiv Y'$  and  $(Y, Y) = 2$ , then  $Y'$  is a translation of  $Y$ . We know that to every matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & l \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$ , there corresponds a positive divisor  $Y$  on  $E \times E$  with  $(Y, Y) = 2$  such that  $M(Y) = M$ ; and conversely. And by each such matrix  $M$ ,  $Y$  is determined up to translations. The base of our calculation is the following

LEMMA (Weil [7], Satz 2). *Let  $A$  be an abelian variety of dimension 2, and  $Y$  be a positive divisor on  $A$  such that  $(Y, Y) = 2$ . Then, either  $Y$  is irreducible and  $A$  is the Jacobian variety of  $Y$ , the identity map of  $Y$  being the canonical mapping of  $Y$  into its Jacobian variety; or  $Y$  is a sum of two elliptic curves,  $Y = E_1 + E_2$ ,  $(E_1, E_2) = 1$ .*

Now we consider an equivalence relation in the set of all positive divisors  $Y$  on  $E \times E$ , with  $(Y, Y) = 2$ : two such divisors  $Y$  and  $Y'$  are equivalent to each other if and only if there exists an automorphism  $A$  of  $E \times E$  such that  $Y' \equiv A^{-1}(Y)$ . In other words  $Y$  and  $Y'$  are equivalent to each other if and only if there exists a birational automorphism of  $E \times E$  which maps  $Y$  onto  $Y'$ . We denote by  $h_1$  the number of these equivalence classes (that  $h_1$  is finite was proved in [3], §5; but this will also be established later in §5). If  $Y$  is irreducible, then by Weil's lemma,  $Y$  is a non-singular curve of genus 2 and  $E \times E$  is the Jacobian variety of  $Y$ ,  $Y$  being a theta divisor of  $E \times E$ ; and two such curves are birationally equivalent to each other if and only if they are equivalent in the sense just mentioned above; we denote by  $H$  the number of equivalence classes which contain positive irreducible divisors  $Y$ ,  $(Y, Y) = 2$ .

Finally we denote by  $h_2$  the number of equivalence classes which contain sums of two elliptic curves  $E_1+E_2$ ,  $(E_1, E_2)=2$ . Then, by the Lemma we have  $H=h_1-h_2$ . Suppose an automorphism  $A$  of  $E \times E$  is given by the correspondence:  $E \times E \ni (x, y) \rightarrow (px+ry, qx+sy) \in E \times E$ , where  $p, q, r, s \in \mathfrak{o}$ , and  $ps-qr$  is a unit of  $\mathfrak{o}$ . It is easy to see that the condition  $Y' \equiv A^{-1}(Y)$  is written in the following form:

$$M(Y') = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{p} & \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} & \bar{s} \end{pmatrix} M(Y) \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now we observe the set of all matrices  $M = \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & l \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $k, l$  are rational integers,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $k > 0$  and  $\det M = kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$ . We define an equivalence relation in this set: two matrices  $M$  and  $M'$  are equivalent to each other (notation  $M \sim M'$ ), if and only if there exists a matrix  $U = \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $p, q, r, s \in \mathfrak{o}$  and  $ps-qr$  is a unit of  $\mathfrak{o}$ , such that  $M' = {}^t\bar{U}MU$ . Then the number of these equivalence classes is equal to  $h_1$ .

## § 2. The number $h_2$ .

Two elliptic curves  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  and  $E_{\gamma, \delta}$  on  $E \times E$  are isomorphic to each other if and only if two ideals  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\gamma, \delta)$  are in the same class ([3], Cor. of Prop. 3); and  $E_{\alpha, \beta} = E_{\gamma, \delta}$  if and only if  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 0$  ([3], Cor. 2 of Lemma 3). Suppose two sums of elliptic curves  $E_1+E_2$  and  $E_3+E_4$  with  $(E_1, E_2) = (E_3, E_4) = 1$  are equivalent. Then there exists a birational automorphism of  $E \times E$  which maps  $E_1+E_2$  onto  $E_3+E_4$ . Hence  $E_1$  is isomorphic to one of the two elliptic curves  $E_3$  and  $E_4$ . The elliptic curve  $E_1$  (resp.  $E_2$ ) is a translation of an abelian subvariety  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  (resp.  $E_{\gamma, \delta}$ ) of dimension 1 on  $E \times E$ ; and we have  $E_1+E_2 \equiv E_{\alpha, \beta} + E_{\gamma, \delta}$ . What we have just remarked implies that the classes of ideals  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\gamma, \delta)$  are determined by the equivalence classes of the divisor  $E_1+E_2$ . Now, since  $(E_{\alpha, \beta}, E_{\gamma, \delta}) = 1$ , we have  $N(\alpha, \beta)N(\gamma, \delta) = N(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)$ ; and this means  $(\alpha, \beta)(\gamma, \delta) = (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma)$ . Hence, if the ideal  $(\alpha, \beta)$  belongs to a class  $C$ , say, then the ideal  $(\gamma, \delta)$  belongs to the class  $C^{-1}$ . There is an isomorphism  $\iota_1$  of  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \times E_{\gamma, \delta}$  onto  $E \times E$  which is the identity map on  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  and on  $E_{\gamma, \delta}$  ([3], Cor. of Prop. 6). Suppose  $E_{\lambda, \mu} + E_{\nu, \kappa}$  is another divisor with  $(E_{\lambda, \mu}, E_{\nu, \kappa}) = 1$ , such that  $(\lambda, \mu) \in C$ ,  $(\nu, \kappa) \in C^{-1}$ . Then there is an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $E_{\alpha, \beta} \times E_{\gamma, \delta}$  onto  $E_{\lambda, \mu} \times E_{\nu, \kappa}$ ; and an isomorphism  $\iota_2$  of  $E_{\lambda, \mu} \times E_{\nu, \kappa}$  onto  $E \times E$  which is the identity map on  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$  and on  $E_{\nu, \kappa}$ . The composed map  $A = \iota_2 \varphi \iota_1^{-1}$  then is an automorphism of  $E \times E$  which maps  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  (resp.  $E_{\gamma, \delta}$ ) onto  $E_{\lambda, \mu}$  (resp.  $E_{\nu, \kappa}$ ). Hence  $E_{\alpha, \beta} + E_{\gamma, \delta}$  is equivalent to  $E_{\lambda, \mu} + E_{\nu, \kappa}$ . On the other hand, for any elliptic curve  $E_{\alpha, \beta}$  on  $E \times E$  there exists an elliptic curve  $E_{\gamma, \delta}$  such that  $(E_{\alpha, \beta}, E_{\gamma, \delta}) = 1$  ([3], Prop. 6). These facts imply that  $h_2$  is equal to the number of pairs  $\{C, C^{-1}\}$

of ideal classes. Since the number of classes  $C$  for which  $C=C^{-1}$ , is  $2^{t-1}$ , where  $t$  is the number of distinct prime factors of the discriminant of the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$ , we have

$$h_2 = \frac{1}{2}(h+2^{t-1}),$$

where  $h$  is the number of ideal classes of the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$ .

### § 3. Quaternion algebra.

In the rest of this paper we shall determine the number  $h_1$ . In this section we shall establish a correspondence between the classes of matrices described at the end of §1 and the classes of right ideals of some orders of a quaternion algebra. We observe a quaternion algebra  $K = \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q}\sqrt{-m} + \mathbf{Q}I + \mathbf{Q}\sqrt{-m}I$ , where  $I^2 = -1$  and  $I\sqrt{-m} = -\sqrt{-m}I$ , over the field  $\mathbf{Q}$  of rational numbers. By an order in the quaternion algebra  $K$ , we understand, as usual, a subring of  $K$ , which contains the ring  $\mathbf{Z}$  of rational integers and is a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4. If  $S$  is a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4 contained in  $K$ , then the set  $R = \{\xi \in K \mid S\xi \subset S\}$  makes an order in  $K$ , which we call the right order of  $S$ . For an order  $R$  in  $K$ , by a right  $R$ -ideal we shall mean, in this paper, only such a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module  $S$  of rank 4 in  $K$ , whose right order is equal to  $R$ . Now, to every matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & l \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$ , we make correspond a right  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module

$$A = k\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha + I)\mathfrak{o}$$

in  $K$ , where  $\mathfrak{o}$  is the principal order of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ .  $A$  is then a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4, and the right order  $R$  of  $A$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$  if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $k \equiv l \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ;  $R$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  in other cases. To see this, suppose  $\lambda + I\mu$  ( $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ ) belongs to  $R$ . Since  $k(\lambda + I\mu) = k(\lambda - \alpha\mu) + (\alpha + I)k\mu$ , we have  $\lambda' = \lambda - \alpha\mu \in \mathfrak{o}$ . Consequently  $(\alpha + I)\mu (= -\lambda' + \lambda + I\mu)$  must belong to  $R$ . Since for any  $\omega \in \mathfrak{o}$  we have  $k\omega(\alpha + I)\mu = k(\omega - \bar{\omega})\alpha\mu + (\alpha + I)k\bar{\omega}\mu$  and  $(\alpha + I)\omega(\alpha + I)\mu = -k\bar{\omega}\mu + (\alpha + I)(\omega\alpha + \bar{\omega}\bar{\alpha})\mu$ , we see  $(\alpha + I)\mu$  belongs to  $R$  if and only if  $\mu((\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0)\alpha, k, l, \omega_0\alpha + \bar{\omega}_0\bar{\alpha}, \alpha + \bar{\alpha}) \subset \mathfrak{o}$ , where  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{-m}$  if  $m \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{4}$ ;  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m})$  if  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$ , this is equivalent to the condition  $\mu(\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0, k, l, 2) \subset \mathfrak{o}$ . Noticing that the congruence

2) For the orders  $R$  with which we shall mostly concern in this paper, this definition of right  $R$ -ideals proves to be equivalent to that of Eichler (see §5). His definition is: a right  $R$ -ideal is  $\bigcap_p \mu_p R(p) \cap K$  where  $\mu_p$ 's are regular elements and  $\mu_p R(p) = R(p)$  but for a finite number of primes  $p$ .

$\alpha\bar{\alpha}+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is impossible if  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have the desired result.

We shall say two matrices  $M$  and  $M'$  are properly equivalent to each other if there exists a matrix  $U$  of determinant 1, with elements in  $\mathfrak{o}$ , such that  ${}^t\bar{U}MU = M'$ . For two properly equivalent matrices  $M$  and  $M'$ , putting

$$M' = \begin{pmatrix} k' & \alpha' \\ \bar{\alpha}' & l' \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix}, \quad ps - qr = 1,$$

we have the following relation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{p} & \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} & \bar{s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha+I \\ \bar{\alpha}-I & l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k' & \alpha'+I \\ \bar{\alpha}'-I & l' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $kl = (\bar{\alpha}-I)(\alpha+I)$ , we also have the relation:

$$(3) \quad \rho(k, \alpha+I) \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} = (k', \alpha'+I).$$

where  $\rho = \bar{p} + k^{-1}\bar{q}(\bar{\alpha}-I)$ . This means that the two right  $R$ -ideals  $A = k\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha+I)\mathfrak{o}$  and  $A' = k'\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha'+I)\mathfrak{o}$  are in the same class:  $\rho A = A'$ . Conversely, if two right  $R$ -ideals  $A, A'$  in the same class are associated with matrices  $M$  and  $M'$  respectively, we have a relation of the form (3) with  $\rho \in K$ ,  $\rho \neq 0$ , and  $ps - qr$  a unit of  $\mathfrak{o}$ . Then we have the relation:

$$k\rho\bar{\rho} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{p} & \bar{q} \\ \bar{r} & \bar{s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha+I \\ \bar{\alpha}-I & l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} = k' \begin{pmatrix} k' & \alpha'+I \\ \bar{\alpha}'-I & l' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $I$ , we see that  $k\rho\bar{\rho}(ps - qr) = k'$ . This means that  $ps - qr$  is a positive rational number, and consequently is equal to 1. Hence the two matrices  $M$  and  $M'$  are properly equivalent.

Now we shall show that if  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$  (the latter is admitted only in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ), then every class of right  $R$ -ideals contains a right ideal of the form  $A = k\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha+I)\mathfrak{o}$ . We begin with

LEMMA 1. *Every right  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module  $S$  contained in  $K$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{a} + (\gamma+I)\mathfrak{L}$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{L}$  are  $\mathfrak{o}$ -ideals in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  and  $\gamma$  is an element of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ .*

PROOF. Put  $\mathfrak{a} = S \cap \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  and  $\mathfrak{L} = \{y \mid x, y \in \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m}), x + Iy \in S\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{L}$  are  $\mathfrak{o}$ -ideals in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ . There exist two elements  $\gamma_1 + I\beta_1, \gamma_2 + I\beta_2$  of  $S$  such that  $(\beta_1, \beta_2) = \mathfrak{L}$ . Whenever two elements  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathfrak{o}$  satisfy the equation  $\beta_1\lambda_1 + \beta_2\lambda_2 = 0$ , we have  $\gamma_1\lambda_1 + \gamma_2\lambda_2 \in \mathfrak{a}$ . Hence for any element  $t \in \mathfrak{L}^{-1}$ , we have  $(\gamma_1\beta_2 - \gamma_2\beta_1)t \in \mathfrak{a}$ ; and this means  $\gamma_1\beta_2 - \gamma_2\beta_1 \in \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{L}$ . There exist two elements  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$  such that  $\gamma_1\beta_2 - \gamma_2\beta_1 = \alpha_2\beta_1 - \alpha_1\beta_2$ , so that  $(\gamma_1 + \alpha_1)\beta_2 - (\gamma_2 + \alpha_2)\beta_1 = 0$ . Since  $\gamma_1$  (resp.  $\gamma_2$ ) may be replaced by  $\gamma_1 + \alpha_1$  (resp.  $\gamma_2 + \alpha_2$ ), the proof is completed.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $S \subset K$  be a right  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module and a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4. Then there exists an element  $\rho \neq 0$  of  $K$  such that  $\rho S \cap \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m}) = \mathfrak{o}$ .*

PROOF. We write  $S$  in the form stated in Lemma 1:  $S = \alpha + (\gamma + I)\mathfrak{L}$ . If  $\rho_1 = \lambda + I\mu$  is an element of  $K$ , then  $\rho_1 S = \alpha_1 + (\gamma_1 + I)\mathfrak{L}_1$ , with  $\mathfrak{L}_1 = (\mu\alpha, (\mu\gamma + \bar{\lambda})\mathfrak{L})$ . Since  $S$  is a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4, we have  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$ . Hence we can find two elements  $\lambda', \mu'$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  such that  $(\mu'a, \lambda'\mathfrak{L}) = \mathfrak{o}$ . Taking  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}' - \bar{\mu}'\bar{\gamma}$ ,  $\mu = \mu'$ , we have  $\rho_1 S = \alpha_1 + (\gamma_1 + I)\mathfrak{o}$ , say. Then  $\rho = (\gamma_1 + I)^{-1}\rho_1$  has the desired property.

LEMMA 3. *A right  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module  $S = \mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\mathfrak{L}$  is a right  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ -module if and only if  $\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{L}^{-1} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $\mathfrak{L} = \bar{\mathfrak{L}}$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{o}$ , and  $\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1 \in \mathfrak{L}^{-1}$ .*

PROOF. For any element  $\omega \in \mathfrak{o}$ , we have  $\omega I = -\gamma\bar{\omega} + (\gamma + I)\bar{\omega}$ ; and for any element  $\beta \in \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $(\gamma + I)\beta I = -(1 + \gamma\bar{\gamma})\bar{\beta} + (\gamma + I)\bar{\gamma}\bar{\beta}$ . Hence  $SI \subset S$  if and only if  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $\mathfrak{o} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $(1 + \gamma\bar{\gamma})\bar{\mathfrak{L}} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ , and  $\bar{\gamma}\bar{\mathfrak{L}} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ . These relations imply  $\gamma\bar{\gamma}\bar{\mathfrak{L}} \subset \mathfrak{L}$  and  $(1 + \gamma\bar{\gamma})\bar{\mathfrak{L}} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ , so that  $\bar{\mathfrak{L}} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ ; consequently  $\bar{\mathfrak{L}} = \mathfrak{L}$ . Thus we see the conditions stated in this Lemma are necessary. Sufficiency is obvious.

Let  $S = \mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\mathfrak{L}$  be a right  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ -module in  $K$ . By Lemma 3 we can put  $\mathfrak{L}^{-1} = k\alpha_0$  and  $\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1 = kla_0$ , where  $k, l$  are positive rational integers;  $\alpha_0$  is primitive ambiguous ideal in  $\mathfrak{o}$ , and  $a_0$  is the norm of  $\alpha_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = a_0\mathbf{Z} + (r + \omega_0)\mathbf{Z}$  with  $r \in \mathbf{Z}$ . The right order of  $S$  is given by

LEMMA 4. *The notation being as above, the right order  $R = \{\xi \mid \xi \in K, S\xi \subset S\}$  of a right  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ -module  $S$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma + I)\alpha_0^{-1}$  if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $k \equiv l \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ;  $\mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\alpha_0^{-1}$  otherwise.*

PROOF. Suppose  $\xi = x + (\gamma + I)y$  with  $x, y \in \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  is an element of  $R$ . Since  $1 \in S$ , we have  $\xi \in S$ ; and consequently  $x \in \mathfrak{o}$  and  $(\gamma + I)y \in R$ . Therefore  $R$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\mathfrak{C}$ , where  $\mathfrak{C}$  is an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -ideal in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ . For any element  $\omega \in \mathfrak{o}$  we have  $\omega(\gamma + I) = (\omega - \bar{\omega})\gamma + (\gamma + I)\bar{\omega}$ ; and for any element  $\beta \in k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}$  we have  $(\gamma + I)\beta(\gamma + I) = -(\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1)\bar{\beta} + (\gamma + I)(\beta\gamma + \bar{\beta}\bar{\gamma})$ . Then  $\mathfrak{C}$  is the greatest subset of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  satisfying the relations:  $(\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0)\gamma\mathfrak{C} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C} \subset k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}$ ,  $(\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1)k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}\mathfrak{C} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $T_r(k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}\mathfrak{C}) \subset k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}$ . Hence we have an equality  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} = ((\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0)\gamma, k\alpha_0, l\alpha_0, \alpha_0 T_r(\alpha_0^{-1}\gamma))$ . Now we know  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{o}$  (Lemma 3), and  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ . The relation  $\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1 = kla_0$  implies  $\gamma$  is relatively prime to  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1}$ . Hence we have  $\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0 \in \mathfrak{C}^{-1}$ . For any two elements  $\alpha, \alpha' \in \alpha_0$  we have a congruence  $\alpha'(\alpha\gamma + \bar{\alpha}\bar{\gamma})\alpha_0^{-1} \equiv (\alpha' + \bar{\alpha}')\alpha\gamma\alpha_0^{-1} \pmod{\mathfrak{C}^{-1}}$ . Thus from the above equality we have a formula  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} = (\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0, k\alpha_0, l\alpha_0, \alpha_0 T_r(\alpha_0^{-1}))$ . Now, if  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0 = \sqrt{-m} \in \alpha_0$  and  $T_r(\alpha_0^{-1}) = (1)$ . Hence by this formula  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} = \alpha_0$ . If  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0 = 2\sqrt{-m} \in \alpha_0$  and  $T_r(\alpha_0^{-1}) = (1)$  or  $(2)$ ; and, since the congruence  $\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is impossible, we have  $(k, l, 2) = 1$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} = \alpha_0$ . If  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0 = 2\sqrt{-m} \in 2\alpha_0$  and  $T_r(\alpha_0^{-1}) = (2)$ . Hence we have  $\mathfrak{C}^{-1} = (k, l, 2)\alpha_0$ . This settles our assertion.

Now suppose  $S$  be a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module of rank 4 contained in  $K$ , whose right

order is  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$  (the latter is admitted only in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ). Since  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o} \subset \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ ,  $S$  is in any case a right  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ -module and Lemma 1-4 are applicable to  $S$ . By Lemmas 2 and 3 there exists a regular element  $\rho \in K$  such that  $\rho S$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)k^{-1}\alpha_0^{-1}$ ; and by Lemma 4 the right order of  $S$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\alpha_0^{-1}$  or  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma + I)\alpha_0^{-1}$  (the latter is possible only if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ). It is easy to see that if the right order of  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ , then the former holds; if  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ , then the latter. In either case we have  $\alpha_0 = \mathfrak{o}$ . (Notice that since  $\alpha_0$  is an primitive integral ideal of  $\mathfrak{o}$ ,  $\alpha_0$  can not be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{o}$  or  $2\mathfrak{o}$ .) Thus, for an order  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ , every class of right  $R$ -ideals contains an ideal of the form  $A = k\rho S = k\mathfrak{o} + (\gamma + I)\mathfrak{o}$ . Therefore there is a one-to-one correspondence between proper classes of matrices  $M$  described above and classes of right  $R$ -ideals ( $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ ). If  $m \neq 1$  or  $3$ , the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  contains only two units, namely  $\pm 1$ ; hence one class of matrices  $M$  consists of one or two proper classes. In the former case, in this paper, the class of matrices  $M$  or the corresponding right  $R$ -ideals will be called singular. We denote by  $H'$  the number of proper classes of matrices  $M$ , where  $M = \begin{pmatrix} k & \alpha \\ \bar{\alpha} & l \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $kl - \alpha\bar{\alpha} = 1$ ; and by  $H''$  the number of singular classes of matrices  $M$ . We have then  $h_1 = \frac{1}{2}(H' + H'')$  ( $m \neq 1, 3$ ). Also we denote by  $H'(R)$  (resp.  $H''(R)$ ) the number of classes (resp. singular classes) of right  $R$ -ideals. In the case  $m \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we have  $H' = H'(R)$ ,  $H'' = H''(R)$  where  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ ; and in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we have  $H' = \sum_R H'(R)$ ,  $H'' = \sum_R H''(R)$  where the sums extend over two orders  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ .

#### § 4. $p$ -adic extension.

Let  $\mathbf{Q}(p)$  be the field of  $p$ -adic numbers and  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$  the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. We denote by  $R(p)$  (resp.  $A(p)$ ) the  $p$ -adic extension of an order  $R$  (resp. an ideal  $A$ ):  $R(p) = R \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}(p)$  (resp.  $A(p) = A \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}(p)$ ). Also we put  $K(p) = K \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(p)$ . If  $R$  is an order in the quaternion algebra  $K$ , then  $R(p)$  is an order in  $K(p)$ , i. e. a subring of  $K(p)$ , which contains  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$  and is a free  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$ -module of rank 4. We shall understand, in this paper, by a right  $R(p)$ -ideal a free  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$ -module of

rank 4 in  $K(p)$ , whose right order is equal to  $R(p)$ . We can easily see that if  $A$  is a right  $R$ -ideal, then  $A(p)$  is a right  $R(p)$ -ideal. Let  $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4]$  be a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis of an order  $R$  in  $K$ . By the discriminant of  $R$  we understand  $D = \det(T_r(\bar{\lambda}_i \lambda_j))$ , where  $\bar{\lambda}_i$  means the conjugate of  $\lambda_i$  in the quaternion algebra  $K$ . By the level of an order  $R$  we understand the positive rational integer

$$q = n(\tilde{R})^{-1}$$

where  $\tilde{R}$  means the complementary ideal of  $R$  and  $n(\tilde{R})$  the greatest common divisor of the norms of elements of  $\tilde{R}$ . (The complementary ideal  $\tilde{R}$  of  $R$  is one which has a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis  $[\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4]$  such that  $T_r(\bar{\lambda}_i \mu_j) = 1$  if  $i = j$ ;  $= 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .) The  $p$ -component of  $D$  (resp.  $q$ ) is equal to the discriminant (resp. the level) of the  $p$ -adic extension  $R(p)$ . It is known that if  $p \parallel q$  (i. e.  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ ), then  $p^2 \parallel D$  ([1] § 2). For the orders  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$  (the latter is admitted only in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ), by a simple calculation we know that  $q = m$  if a)  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , or b)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ ; and that  $q = 4m$  if c)  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , or d)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ . And  $D = q^2$  (though the prime  $p = 2$  does not satisfy the above condition). It is known that if  $K(p) = K \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}(p)$  is a division algebra, then  $p \mid q$ . We denote by  $q_1$  the product of all and different such primes  $p$ . By a simple calculation we know that an odd prime factor  $p$  of  $q$  divides  $q_1$  if and only if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ; and  $2 \mid q_1$  if and only if  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  or  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ . We put  $q = q_1 q_2$ . Now let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $p \mid q_1$ . Since we have  $p \parallel q$  by the above result,  $R(p)$  is the (unique) maximal order of the division algebra  $K(p)$ ; and every right ideal of  $R(p)$  is two-sided and principal, and is a power of the unique prime ideal  $\pi R(p)$  where  $\pi$  is a prime element in  $R(p)$ . Next let  $p$  be an odd prime,  $p \mid q_2$ . Then we have  $p \parallel q$  by the above result, and we know ([1] § 2) that  $R(p)$  is isomorphic to an order of 2 by 2 matrices with components in  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$ , the left-lower component being divisible by  $p$ :

$$R(p) \cong \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}(p) & \mathbf{Z}(p) \\ p\mathbf{Z}(p) & \mathbf{Z}(p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We shall show that every right  $R(p)$ -ideal  $A(p)$  is of the form  $A(p) = \mu R(p)$  with  $\mu$  a regular element in  $K(p)$ . Represent all elements of  $R(p)$  by 2 by 2 matrices through the above isomorphism. It is easy to see that the set of the first rows of all elements of  $A(p)$  then make a left  $R(p)$ -module of the form either  $(p^a \mathbf{Z}(p), p^a \mathbf{Z}(p))$  or  $(p^{a+1} \mathbf{Z}(p), p^a \mathbf{Z}(p))$ . The former is generated by  $(p^a, 0)$ ; and the latter by  $(0, p^a)$ . Similarly, the set of the second rows of those elements of  $A(p)$ , of which the first rows are zeros, makes a left  $R(p)$ -module generated by either  $(p^b, 0)$  or  $(0, p^b)$ . And  $A(p)$  is the direct sum of these two

type of left  $R(p)$ -modules. Among the 4 possible combinations, however, the former-former one or the latter-latter one gives a maximal order (instead of  $R(p)$ ) as the right order. The former-latter one or the latter-former one gives  $R(p)$  as the right order; and  $A(p)$  then is equal to  $\mu R(p)$  where

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} p^a & 0 \\ c & p^b \end{pmatrix}, c \bmod p^{b+1}, \text{ or } \mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p^a \\ p^b & c \end{pmatrix}, c \bmod p^b,$$

respectively. Therefore in this case our definition of right  $R(p)$ -ideals is equivalent to that of Eichler. We know that every two-sided ideal of  $R(p)$  is a power of the two-sided ideal  $\pi R(p)$ , where  $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ p & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  ([1] § 2). Remark that the ideal  $\pi R(p)$  is invariant under the canonical involution of  $K(p)$  (i. e. equal to its conjugate). Next let  $p$  be a prime,  $p \nmid q$ . Then  $R(p)$  is a maximal order in  $K(p)$ , isomorphic to the order of all 2 by 2 matrices with components in  $\mathbf{Z}(p)$ . We can see in like manner that our definition of right-ideals is equivalent to that of Eichler; and every right  $R(p)$ -ideal is uniquely written in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} p^a & 0 \\ c & p^b \end{pmatrix} R(p), c \bmod p^b.$$

Every two-sided  $R(p)$ -ideal is of the form  $p^a R(p)$ . Finally let  $p=2$ . We shall prove the following

LEMMA 5. *Every right  $R(2)$ -ideal is equal to a principal ideal  $\mu R(2)$  with a regular element  $\mu$  in  $K(2)$ .*

PROOF. In the case a)  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , we have  $p=2 \nmid q$  and hence the Lemma is true. In the case b)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$  we have  $p=2 \parallel q$  ( $q=m$ ); then we can prove the Lemma in the same way as in the case of odd  $p$ ,  $p \parallel q$ . We shall treat the case c)  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and the case d)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ . In either case the order  $R$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  and the rational prime 2 ramifies in  $\mathfrak{o}$ . Suppose  $S$  is a right  $R(2)$ -ideal. We denote by  $\mathfrak{o}(2)$  the 2-adic extension of the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$  of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ . Since  $S$  is a right  $\mathfrak{o}(2) + I\mathfrak{o}(2)$ -module in  $K(2)$  and a free  $\mathbf{Z}(2)$ -module of rank 4, and since every ideal of  $\mathfrak{o}(2)$  is a power of the prime ideal  $\pi\mathfrak{o}(2)$  where  $\pi$  is a prime element in  $\mathfrak{o}(2)$ , we can put  $S = \pi^t(\mathfrak{o}(2) + (\gamma + I)\pi^{-s}\mathfrak{o}(2))$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbf{Q}(2)(\sqrt{-m})$ . The conditions  $SI \subset S$  means, as in Lemma 3, that  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{o}(2)$ ,  $s \geq 0$ , and  $\pi^s \mid \gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1$ . Then we see, as in the proof of Lemma 4, that the right order of  $S$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{o}(2) + (\gamma + I)\pi^{-u}\mathfrak{o}(2)$  and the ideal  $\pi^{-u}\mathfrak{o}(2)$  is determined by the equality  $\pi^u\mathfrak{o}(2) = ((\omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0)\gamma, (\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1)\pi^{-s}, \pi^s, \pi^s T_r(\pi^{-s}\gamma\mathfrak{o}(2)))$ . Since, by our assumption, the right order of  $S$  is  $R(2) = \mathfrak{o}(2) + I\mathfrak{o}(2)$ ,  $u$  ought to be 0. Since  $2 \mid \omega_0 - \bar{\omega}_0 (= 2\sqrt{-m})$  and  $\pi^s T_r(\pi^{-s}\gamma\mathfrak{o}(2)) \subset \pi\mathfrak{o}(2)$ , this means that  $\pi^s$  or  $(\gamma\bar{\gamma} + 1)\pi^{-s}$  is a unit of  $\mathfrak{o}(2)$ . In the former case we have  $S = \pi^t R(2)$ ; and in the latter case we have  $S = \pi^t(\bar{\gamma} - I)^{-1} R(2)$ .

Hence our assertion is proved.

By Lemma 5 we know that, also for the prime  $p=2$ , our definition of right  $R(2)$ -ideals is equivalent to that of Eichler. Next we shall determine the two-sided  $R(2)$ -ideals and the number of integral right  $R(2)$ -ideals with given norm. At the end of our proof of Lemma 5, we have seen that, in the case c) or d), every right  $R(2)$ -ideal is written in the form  $\pi'R(2)$  or  $\pi'(\bar{\gamma}-I)^{-1}R(2)$  where  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{o}(2)$  and  $\pi$  is a prime element of  $\mathfrak{o}(2)$ . First in the case c), if  $\bar{\gamma}-I$  is not a unit of  $R(2)$ , then, putting  $\gamma = a+b\sqrt{-m}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}(2)$ , one of the two elements  $a$  and  $b$  is odd and the other is even; hence  $(1+I)(\bar{\gamma}-I)^{-1}$  or  $(\sqrt{-m}+I)(\bar{\gamma}-I)^{-1}$  is a unit of  $R(2)$ . We can see that three right  $R(2)$ -ideals  $A = \pi R(2) = (1+\sqrt{-m})R(2)$ ,  $B = (1+I)R(2)$ ,  $C = (\sqrt{-m}+I)R(2)$  are two-sided<sup>3)</sup> and satisfy the following relations:  $A^2 = B^2 = C^2 = 2R(2)$ ,  $AB = BC = CA$  and  $BA = CB = AC$ . Consequently we know that every right  $R(2)$ -ideal is two-sided and can be written uniquely in one of the three forms:  $A^n$ ,  $A^n B$ ,  $A^n C$ . Remark that the ideals  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are invariant under the canonical involution of  $K(2)$ , respectively; the ideal  $AB$  is (two-sided and yet) not invariant under the canonical involution. Now we consider the case d)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ . It is easy to see that the two right ideals  $A = \sqrt{-m}R(2)$  and  $B = (1+I)R(2)$  are two-sided and satisfy the relations:  $A^2 = B^2 = 2R(2)$ ,  $AB = BA$ . Let  $S = \alpha R(2)$ , where  $\alpha = a+bI+c\sqrt{-m}+d\sqrt{-m}I \in R(2)$ , be an integral right  $R(2)$ -ideal. If  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{2}$ , then  $\alpha$  is a unit of  $R(2)$  and  $S = R(2)$ . If  $a \equiv b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then  $\alpha$  is factorized as follows:  $\alpha = \alpha'\sqrt{-m}$ ,  $\alpha' \in R(2)$ . If  $a \equiv b \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{2}$ , then  $\alpha$  is factorized as follows:  $\alpha = \alpha'(1+I)$ ,  $\alpha' \in R(2)$ . In what follows, those elements  $\alpha = a+bI+c\sqrt{-m}+d\sqrt{-m}I$  of  $R(2)$  which satisfy the condition:  $a \equiv b \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $c \not\equiv d \pmod{2}$ , will be called primitive. If  $\alpha \in R(2)$  is primitive, then  $c+dI$  is a unit of  $R(2)$  and  $\alpha' = \alpha(c+dI)^{-1}$  is also primitive and has the form  $\alpha' = a'+b'I+\sqrt{-m}$ . Suppose  $\alpha = a+bI+\sqrt{-m}$  and  $\alpha' = a'+b'I+\sqrt{-m}$  are two primitive elements of  $R(2)$  and  $\alpha$  is not a zero-divisor and  $2^s \parallel \bar{\alpha}\alpha$ . Since  $\bar{\alpha}\alpha' = (a-bI-\sqrt{-m})(a'+b'I+\sqrt{-m}) = aa' + bb' + m + (ab' - ba')I + (a-a')\sqrt{-m} + (b-b')\sqrt{-m}I$ ,  $\alpha' \in \alpha R(2)$  if and only if  $a \equiv a'$ ,  $b \equiv b' \pmod{2^s}$ . And the last congruences imply  $a^2 + b^2 + m \equiv a'^2 + b'^2 + m \pmod{2^{s+1}}$ ; consequently  $\alpha' = \alpha\varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is a unit of  $R(2)$ . Hence we have  $\alpha R(2) = \alpha' R(2)$  if and only if  $a \equiv a'$ ,  $b \equiv b' \pmod{2^s}$ . On the other hand, if  $\alpha = a+bI+\sqrt{-m}$  is any primitive element of  $R(2)$ , then  $\alpha'' = \alpha\sqrt{-m}(1+I)^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2}m + \frac{1}{2}mI + \frac{1}{2}(a-b)\sqrt{-m} - \frac{1}{2}(a+b)\sqrt{-m}I$  is also a primitive element of  $R(2)$ ; and we

3) In fact  $R(2)$  is the unique order of level 4 in  $K(2)$ , in this case. But this is not necessary in what follows.

have  $\alpha\sqrt{-m}R(2) = \alpha''(1+I)R(2)$ . An integral ideal  $\alpha R(2)$ ,  $\alpha \in R(2)$ , will be called primitive if  $\alpha$  is primitive and is not a zero-divisor. Since the product of a primitive element and a unit of  $R(2)$  is also primitive, the definition of a primitive ideal is independent of the choice of  $\alpha$ . Now, in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ , for any primitive element  $\alpha = a + bI + \sqrt{-m}$  we have  $\alpha\bar{\alpha} = a^2 + b^2 + m \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ . Hence, corresponding to 4 primitive elements  $\alpha = \pm 1 \pm I + \sqrt{-m}$  there exist just 4 primitive ideals  $C_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), say, with norm 4. And every integral right  $R(2)$ -ideal is uniquely expressible in one of the forms:  $A^n, BA^n, C_i A^n$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). In the case  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ , for any integer  $s \geq 3$ , the congruence  $x^2 + y^2 + m \equiv 2^s \pmod{2^{s+1}}$  has  $2^s$  solutions  $x, y \pmod{2^s}$  (notice that, for any element  $a \in \mathbf{Z}(2)$ ,  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , the congruence  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{2^{s+1}}$  has just 2 solutions  $x \pmod{2^s}$ ); and corresponding to the  $2^s$  primitive elements  $x + yI + \sqrt{-m}$  there exist just  $2^s$  primitive ideals with norm  $2^s$ . Denoting by  $C_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) all the primitive ideals of  $R(2)$ , every integral right  $R(2)$ -ideal is uniquely expressible in one of the forms:  $A^n, BA^n, C_i A^n$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Finally, in the case  $m \equiv 2$  or  $6 \pmod{8}$ , we determine the two-sided ideals of  $R(2)$ . For any primitive element  $\alpha = a + bI + \sqrt{-m} \in R(2)$  which is not a zero-divisor,  $\alpha I \bar{\alpha}$  is not divisible by 4 (because, putting  $\alpha I \bar{\alpha} = a' + b'I + c'\sqrt{-m} + d'\sqrt{-m}I$ , we have  $c' = 2b$ ), so that  $\alpha R(2)\bar{\alpha} \not\subset R(2)\alpha\bar{\alpha}$ , i. e.  $\alpha R(2) \not\subset R(2)\alpha$ . Therefore there exist no primitive two-sided ideals; every two-sided ideal of  $R(2)$  is expressible in one of the two forms:  $A^n \cdot BA^n$ . Remark that every two-sided  $R(2)$ -ideal is invariant under the canonical involution of  $K(2)$ .

The zeta-function of the order  $R(p)$  is defined by  $\zeta_p(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^{-2ns}$ , where  $a_n$  is the number of integral right  $R(p)$ -ideals with norm  $p^n$ . Then we have in the case c),  $\zeta_2(s) = (1 + 2 \cdot 2^{-2s})(1 + 2^{-2s} + 4^{-2s} + \dots) = (1 + 2^{1-2s})(1 - 2^{-2s})^{-1}$ ; in the case d) and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ ,  $\zeta_2(s) = (1 + 2^{-2s} + 4 \cdot 4^{-2s})(1 + 2^{-2s} + 4^{-2s} + \dots) = (1 + 2^{-2s} + 4^{1-2s})(1 - 2^{-2s})^{-1}$ ; in the case d) and  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ ,  $\zeta_2(s) = (1 + 2^{-2s} + 8 \cdot 8^{-2s} + 16 \cdot 16^{-2s} + \dots)(1 + 2^{-2s} + 4^{-2s} + \dots) = (1 - 2^{-2s} - 2 \cdot 4^{-2s} + 8^{1-2s})(1 - 2^{1-2s})^{-1}(1 - 2^{-2s})^{-1}$ .

### § 5. The number $H(R)$ .

In this section we shall determine the class number  $H(R)$  of the order  $R$  along the line of Eichler's paper [1] ( $R$  is  $\mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $\mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ . (The latter is admitted only in the case  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ). Since in the cases c) and d) (see § 4) the level  $q$  of the order  $R$  has a square factor 4, some modifications are necessary. Let  $A$  be any right  $R$ -ideal. It has been proved in § 4 that for every rational prime  $p$ , the  $p$ -adic extension  $A(p)$  of  $A$  is a principal ideal  $\alpha_p R(p)$  with a regular element  $\alpha_p$ . Since  $A$  is a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module contained in

$K$ ,  $A$  is equal to the intersection of all  $p$ -adic extensions of it:  $A = \bigcap_p \alpha_p R(p) \cap K$  where  $\alpha_p$  is a unit of  $R(p)$  except for a finite number of primes  $p$ . Conversely, any expression  $\bigcap_p \alpha_p R(p) \cap K$ , where  $\alpha_p$ 's are regular elements in  $K(p)$ , and but for a finite number of primes  $p$ ,  $\alpha_p$ 's are units of  $R(p)$ , gives a right  $R$ -ideal (in our sense). Therefore, for the orders  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ , our definition of right  $R$ -ideals is equivalent to that of Eichler. Next, if  $B$  is a left  $R$ -ideal in our sense, then the  $p$ -adic extensions are also principal ideals  $R(p)\beta_p$  with regular elements  $\beta_p$  (notice that the conjugate  $\bar{B}$  of  $B$  is a right  $R$ -ideal); and  $B = \bigcap_p R(p)\beta_p \cap K$ . The left orders of right  $R$ -ideals  $A$  and the right orders of left  $R$ -ideals  $B$  are of the form  $R' = \bigcap_p \gamma_p R(p) \gamma_p^{-1} \cap K$ ; we denote by  $\Omega$  the set of these orders. It is easy to see that for any order  $R' \in \Omega$  our definition of right (or left) ideals is equivalent to that of Eichler. Hence the totality of ideals whose right and left orders belong to  $\Omega$  makes a groupoid with the proper multiplication. Now two orders  $R'$  and  $R''$  are said to have the same type if there exists a regular element  $\mu$  of  $K$  such that  $R'' = \mu R' \mu^{-1}$ . Let  $R_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, \dots, T$ ) represent all different types of orders of  $\Omega$ . The left orders of right  $R$ -ideals in the same ideal class have the same type. If two right  $R$ -ideals  $A'$  and  $A''$  have the same left order  $R_\nu$ , then  $A'' = BA'$  with a two-sided  $R_\nu$ -ideal  $B$ . Let  $B_{\nu\lambda}$  ( $\lambda = 1, \dots, H_\nu$ ) be a set of representatives of all classes of two-sided  $R_\nu$ -ideals. Then we have

$$H'(R) = \sum_{\nu=1}^T H_\nu.$$

Now the zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  of  $R(\zeta(s) = \sum_A N(A)^{-2s}$ , where the sum extends over all integral right  $R$ -ideal  $A$  and  $N(A)$  denotes the norm of  $A$ ) is equal to the product of "local" zeta functions  $\zeta_p(s)$  of  $R(p)$ . Since the residue of  $\zeta(s)$  at  $s=1$  is equal to  $q^{-1}\pi^2 \sum_{\nu=1}^T (H_\nu/e_\nu)$ , where  $2e_\nu$  is the number of units of  $R_\nu$ , the so-called mass  $M = \sum_{\nu=1}^T (H_\nu/e_\nu)$  is expressed explicitly in a "finite" form:  $M = \frac{1}{12} \prod_{p \mid q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p \mid q_2} (p+1)$  in the case a), b), or c); the coefficient  $\frac{1}{12}$  is replaced by  $\frac{1}{6}$  in the case d) (cf. [2]). To obtain a formula for the number  $H'(R)$  and  $H''(R)$ , we need to show the following Lemma which corresponds to Satz 7 of [1]:

LEMMA 6. *Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two orders of  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathfrak{o}$  be an order (of rank 2 as a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module) in a quadratic number field contained in the quaternion algebra  $K$ , isomorphic to one of the 4 orders:  $\mathfrak{o}_1 = [1, \sqrt{-1}]$ ,  $\mathfrak{o}_2 = [1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-3})]$ ,*

$\mathfrak{o}_3 = [1, \sqrt{-m}]$ ,  $\mathfrak{o}_4 = [1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m})]$  ( $\mathfrak{o}_4$  appears only in the case a)). Let  $\mathfrak{o}$  be optimally embedded in  $R_i$  ( $i=1, 2$ ), i. e., denoting by  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathfrak{o})$  the quadratic field generated by  $\mathfrak{o}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathfrak{o} = R_i \cap \mathbf{Q}(\mathfrak{o})$  ( $i=1, 2$ ). Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$  (a having  $\mathfrak{o}$  as its order) such that  $R_2\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}R_1$ . And conversely if  $\mathfrak{o}$  is optimally embedded in the order  $R_1$  and if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -ideal, then  $\mathfrak{o}$  is optimally embedded in the left order of  $\mathfrak{a}R_1$ .

PROOF. The second part can be proved as in the proof of Satz 7 [1]. For the first part the assertion as well as assumption are reduced to those for the  $p$ -adic extensions. The case in which the level of the orders  $R_i(p)$  is square-free, the result is known ([1] Satz 7). Hence we have only to consider the case c)  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  or d)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ ;  $p=2$ ; and  $\mathfrak{o} \cong [1, \sqrt{-1}]$  or  $[1, \sqrt{-m}]$  (notice that, since  $T_r(\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-3})) = 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{o}_2$  can not be embedded in  $R(2)$ ). In case c), since every right  $R(2)$ -ideal is two-sided, we have  $R_1(2) = R_2(2)$  and it suffices to take  $\mathfrak{a}(2) = \mathfrak{o}(2)$ . We consider the case d). Since  $R(2)$ ,  $R_1(2)$ ,  $R_2(2)$  are of the same type, by transforming  $R_1(2)$  and  $R_2(2)$  by a suitable element we may assume  $R_1(2) = R(2)$ ; and that there exists a regular element  $\alpha \in K(2)$  such that  $R_2(2) = \alpha R(2)\alpha^{-1}$ . By the observation in § 4 we may assume that  $\alpha = 1$  or  $\alpha$  is a primitive element of the form:  $\alpha = a + bI + \sqrt{-m} \in R(2)$ . In the case  $\mathfrak{o} \cong \mathfrak{o}_1$  let  $J = yI + z\sqrt{-m} + u\sqrt{-m}I$  be the element of  $\mathfrak{o}$  which corresponds to  $\sqrt{-1}$ . Then we have  $y^2 + mz^2 + mu^2 = 1$  and hence  $y \equiv 1$ ,  $z \equiv u \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Suppose  $\alpha \neq 1$ . Since  $a \equiv b \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , we have  $\bar{\alpha}J\alpha \equiv 2y(b + aI)\sqrt{-m} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . This implies  $\mathfrak{o} \not\subset R(2)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\alpha$  can not be a primitive element; hence we have  $R_2(2) = R(2)$ . Next if  $\mathfrak{o} \cong \mathfrak{o}_3$  and  $J = yI + z\sqrt{-m} + u\sqrt{-m}I$  corresponds to  $\sqrt{-m}$ , then we have  $y^2 + mz^2 + mu^2 = m$  and hence  $y \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $z - uI$  is a unit of  $R(2)$ . The congruence  $\bar{\alpha}J\alpha \equiv 2(1 + I)(z - uI)\sqrt{-m} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  implies that  $\alpha$  can not be a primitive element; consequently  $R_2(2) = R(2)$ . Hence the assertion.

Now the Lemma is proved, so that Eichler's deduction ([1] Satz 10) applies to our case. Let  $R_\nu$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq T$ ) be an order which represents a type of orders of  $\Omega$ . We fix a positive rational integer  $n$  and observe all elements  $\alpha_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq c_\nu$ ) with norm  $n$  in  $R_\nu$ . With every element  $\alpha$  in this set we associate  $s = T_r(\alpha)$  and the order  $\mathfrak{o}_\nu = R_\nu \cap \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$  is the field generated by  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Then  $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$  is a quadratic field and  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha}$  determine the same  $s$  and  $\mathfrak{o}_\nu$ , excepting the case  $n = a^2$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\alpha = \pm a$ . Let  $\{\mathfrak{o}_i\}$  be the set of mutually non-isomorphic orders  $\mathfrak{o}_i$  of imaginary quadratic number fields,  $\mathfrak{o}_i \supset \mathbf{Z}[\xi]$ ,  $\xi^2 - s\xi + n = 0$ . We denote by  $g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_i)$  the number of orders in  $R_\nu$  which are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{o}_i$  and optimally embedded in  $R_\nu$  (the value  $g_\nu = 0$  is admitted). We further denote by  $\pi_{\nu\nu}(n)$  the number of integral principal right  $R_\nu$ -ideals with norm  $n$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^T H_\nu \pi_{\nu\nu}(n) = \sum_{\nu=1}^T (H_\nu c_\nu / 2e_\nu) = (M) + \sum_{s, \iota} \sum_{\nu=1}^T (H_\nu g_\nu(\nu_\iota) / e_\nu),$$

where the left hand side is the trace of an "Anzahlmatrix"  $P(n)$  (cf. [1]),  $2e_\nu$  is the number of units of the order  $R_\nu$ , and  $(M)$  is equal to the mass  $M$  if  $n$  is a square number;  $(M)=0$  otherwise. Now, under the assumption that the analogue of Lemma 6 holds for the orders  $\nu_\iota$ , we can prove in the same way as in [1] Satz 10 the following equality (also cf. [5]):

$$(4) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^T (H_\nu g_\nu(\nu_\iota) / e_\nu) = \prod_p N_p(\nu_\iota) \cdot \frac{h(\nu_\iota)}{2w(\nu_\iota)}$$

where  $h(\nu_\iota)$  is the number of ideal classes of the order  $\nu_\iota$ ,  $2w(\nu_\iota)$  is the number of units of the order  $\nu_\iota$ , and  $N_p(\nu_\iota)$  is defined as follows: if  $R(p)$  contains an order  $\nu'$  isomorphic to  $\nu_\iota(p)$  such that  $\nu'$  is optimally embedded in  $R(p)$ , then  $N_p(\nu_\iota)$  is equal to the index of the group of those two-sided ideals which are the product of an  $\nu'$ -ideal and the order  $R(p)$ , in the group of all two-sided ideals of  $R(p)$ ; if  $R(p)$  contains no such order  $\nu'$ , then  $N_p(\nu_\iota)=0$ . Now we put  $n=1$ . Then every element  $\alpha$  mentioned above is equal to  $\pm 1$  or satisfies the equation  $\alpha^2 - s\alpha + 1 = 0$ ,  $s^2 - 4 < 0$ . Hence we have only two orders  $\nu_1 = [1, \sqrt{-1}]$  and  $\nu_2 = [1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-3})]$  to observe as  $\nu_\iota$ . Then by Lemma 6 the above assumption is satisfied. Since  $\pi_{\nu\nu}(1) = 1$ , the above equality (4) gives  $H'(R)$ . We have, by [1] Satz 10,  $N_p = 1$  if  $p \nmid q$  ( $= q_1 q_2$ );  $N_p = 1 - \left\{ \frac{\nu_\iota}{p} \right\}$  if  $p \parallel q$ ,  $p \mid q_1$ ;  $N_p = 1 + \left\{ \frac{\nu_\iota}{p} \right\}$  if  $p \parallel q$ ,  $p \mid q_2$ . The symbol  $\left\{ \frac{\nu}{p} \right\}$  is defined as follows:

$$\left\{ \frac{\nu}{p} \right\} = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{k}{p} \right), & \text{if } p \text{ is prime to the conductor of } \nu, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is the quadratic field generated by  $\nu$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\left( \frac{k}{p} \right)$  is the Artin symbol. Since in the cases c) and d)  $q$  has a square factor 4, for the value of  $N_2$  the following supplement is necessary:

	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$
case c)	3	0	3
case d)	2	0	2

The table is readily verified using the results of § 4. Recalling the fact that an odd prime factor  $p$  of  $q = q_1 q_2$  divides  $q_1$  if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and divides  $q_2$  if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have the following formulas:

case a)  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m > 3$ ,

$$H'(R) = \frac{1}{12} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p|q_2} (p+1) + 2^{t-2} + \frac{1}{3} \prod_{p|q_1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)\right) \prod_{p|q_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)\right),$$

case b)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m > 2$ ,  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ ,

$$H'(R) = \frac{1}{12} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p|q_2} (p+1) + 2^{t-3} + \frac{1}{3} \prod_{p|q_1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)\right) \prod_{p|q_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)\right),$$

case c)  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m > 1$ ,  $H'(R) = \frac{1}{12} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p|q_2} (p+1) + 3 \cdot 2^{t-3}$ ,

case d)  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m > 2$ ,  $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$ ,

$$H'(R) = \frac{1}{6} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p|q_2} (p+1) + 2^{t-2},$$

where  $t$  is the number of distinct prime factors of the discriminant of the principal order  $\mathfrak{o}$  of  $\mathbf{Q}\sqrt{-m}$ .

### § 6. The number of singular classes.

Every class  $C$  of right  $R$ -ideal ( $R = \mathfrak{o} + I\mathfrak{o}$  or  $R = \mathfrak{o} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m} + I)\mathfrak{o}$ ,  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ) contains a right  $R$ -ideal of the form  $A = k\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha + I)\mathfrak{o}$  where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{o}$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $k | \alpha\bar{\alpha} + 1$  (§ 3). It is easy to see that the class  $C$  is singular if and only if two right  $R$ -ideals  $A$  and  $A' = k\mathfrak{o} + (\alpha - I)\mathfrak{o}$  are equivalent. Since  $A' = \sqrt{-m}^{-1}A\sqrt{-m}$ , the condition is equivalent to the equivalence of two right ideals  $A$  and  $A\sqrt{-m}$ .

LEMMA 7. *Let  $m > 3$ . A right  $R$ -ideal  $A$  belongs to a singular class if and only if the left order of  $A$  contains an element  $\lambda$  satisfying the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ .*

PROOF. Suppose  $A$  belongs to a singular class. Then there exists an element  $\lambda \in K$  such that  $\lambda \cdot A = A\sqrt{-m}$ . We have  $\lambda\bar{\lambda} = m$ ; and the element  $\lambda$  belongs to the left order  $R'$ , say, of  $A$ . Now we have  $\bar{\lambda}A\sqrt{-m} = \bar{\lambda}\lambda A = Am$  and hence  $\bar{\lambda}A = A\sqrt{-m} = \lambda A$ . Therefore there exists a unit  $\varepsilon$  of  $R'$  such that  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda\varepsilon$ . We have  $\mathbf{Q}(\varepsilon) \subset \mathbf{Q}(\lambda)$ . If  $\varepsilon$  does not belong to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , then we have  $\mathbf{Q}(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{Q}(\lambda)$ . Since  $K$  is a definite quaternion algebra,  $\mathbf{Q}(\varepsilon)$  is an imaginary quadratic field and  $\varepsilon$  satisfies the following equation:  $\varepsilon^2 - a\varepsilon + 1 = 0$ ,  $a = 0$  or  $\pm 1$ . We can put  $\bar{\lambda} = x + y\varepsilon$ , with  $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ , and the above relation implies that  $x = y$ . Then we have  $m = \lambda\bar{\lambda} = x^2N(1 + \varepsilon)$ . Since  $N(1 + \varepsilon) = 1, 2$ , or  $3$ , and since we are assuming  $m$  is square-free and  $m > 3$ , this is impossible. Hence  $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{Q}$ , i.e.  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ . If  $\varepsilon = 1$  then  $\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $m$  is a square number. This is impossible. Therefore we have  $\varepsilon = -1$  and  $\lambda$  satisfies the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ . Conversely suppose the left order  $R'$  of  $A$  contains an element  $\lambda$  which satisfies the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ . Then  $\lambda R'(p) = R'(p)\lambda$  for all  $p$  (§ 4), so that  $\lambda R' = R'\lambda$ .

$A^{-1}\lambda A$  is an integral two-sided  $R$ -ideal with norm  $m$ . In the case a), b), or c), there exists no such an ideal of  $R$  except  $R\sqrt{-m}$ , and hence we have  $\lambda A = A\sqrt{-m}$ . In the case d), there exist just two such ideals  $R\sqrt{-m}$  and  $B$ , say, where the 2-adic extension  $B(2)$  of  $B$  is  $(1+I)R(2)$ . By Lemma 5 there exists an element  $C \in K(2)$  such that  $A(2) = CR(2)$ . The element  $C^{-1}\lambda C$  belongs to the 2-adic extension of  $A^{-1}\lambda A$ . Putting  $C^{-1}\lambda C = x + yI + z\sqrt{-m} + u\sqrt{-m}I$ ,  $x, y, z, u \in \mathbf{Z}(2)$ , we have  $T_r(C^{-1}\lambda C) = 2x = 0$ ,  $n(C^{-1}\lambda C) = y^2 + mz^2 + mu^2 = m$ . If  $C^{-1}\lambda C \in (1+I)R(2)$ , then  $y \equiv 0$ ,  $z \equiv u \pmod{2}$  and consequently  $y^2 + mz^2 + mu^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , this is impossible. Hence the 2-adic extension of  $A^{-1}\lambda A$  is  $R(2)\sqrt{-m}$ ; and we have  $A^{-1}\lambda A = R\sqrt{-m}$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 8. *Let  $R'$  be the left order of some right  $R$ -ideal (i. e.  $R' \in \Omega$ ). If  $R'$  contains an element  $\lambda$  satisfying the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ , then for any unit  $\varepsilon$  of  $R'$ ,  $\lambda\varepsilon$  satisfies the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ ; and every root  $\mu \in R'$  of this equation is obtained in this way.*

PROOF. This is easily seen from the proof of Lemma 7.

Now let  $R_1, \dots, R_T$  be a set of orders representing the all different types of orders of  $\Omega$ . Suppose an order  $R_\nu$  contains an element  $\lambda$  which satisfies the equation  $\lambda^2 + m = 0$ . Then by Lemma 8, the number of roots  $\mu (\in R_\nu)$  of this equation is equal to the number  $2e_\nu$  of units of  $R_\nu$ . With every root  $\mu \in R_\nu$  of this equation we associate an order  $\mathfrak{o}_\mu = R_\nu \cap Q(\mu)$ . Then every order  $\mathfrak{o}_\mu$  corresponds to just two roots  $\pm\mu$ ; and  $\mathfrak{o}_\mu$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{o}_3 = [1, \sqrt{-m}]$  or  $\mathfrak{o}_4 = [1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{-m})]$  (the latter case may occur only in the case a)). Hence we have the equality  $e_\nu = g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_3) + g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_4)$  in the case a), and  $e_\nu = g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_3)$  in the case b), c), or d). If an order  $R_\nu$  does not contain such an element  $\lambda$ , then of course we have  $g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_3) = g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_4) = 0$ . Now we have an expression of  $H''(R): H''(R) = \sum_{\nu=3,4} \sum_{1 \leq \nu \leq T} (H_\nu g_\nu(\mathfrak{o}_\nu) / e_\nu)$ . On account of Lemma 6 we can apply the formula (4) in § 5 to this expression. Using the values of  $N_p$  in § 5, and noticing that  $h(\mathfrak{o}_3) = (2 - \chi(2))h(\mathfrak{o}_4)$ , where  $\chi$  is the Artin symbol for  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m})/\mathbf{Q}$ , we have the following results: the number  $H''(R)$  of singular classes of the order  $R$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(3 - \chi(2))h(\mathfrak{o}_4)$  in the case a);  $\frac{1}{2}h(\mathfrak{o}_3)$  in the case b);  $\frac{3}{2}h(\mathfrak{o}_3)$  in the case c);  $h(\mathfrak{o}_3)$  in the case d) ( $m > 3$ ).

## § 7. Class number formulas.

We summarize our calculations in the following formulas for  $H$  which is introduced at the beginning of this paper. We have:

I. If  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $m > 3$ , then

$$H = \frac{1}{24} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod_{p|q_2} (p+1) + \frac{1}{6} \prod_{p|q_1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)\right) \prod_{p|q_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{4} (1 - (-1))^{\frac{1}{8}(m^2-1)} - 2^{t-3}.$$

II. If  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m > 1$ , then

$$H = \frac{1}{8} \prod'_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod'_{p|q_2} (p+1) + \frac{1}{4} h - 2^{t-4}.$$

III. If  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$  and  $m > 2$ , then

$$H = \frac{7}{24} \prod'_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod'_{p|q_2} (p+1) + \frac{1}{3} \prod'_{p|q_1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)\right) \prod'_{p|q_2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{4} h - 2^{t-4}.$$

IV. If  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ , then

$$H = \frac{3}{8} \prod_{p|q_1} (p-1) \prod'_{p|q_2} (p+1) + \frac{1}{4} h - 2^{t-4}.$$

where  $\prod'$  indicates that the product extends over only odd prime factors of  $q_i$  ( $i=1$  or  $2$ ), i.e. the first product extends over all prime factors  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  of  $m$ , and the second over all prime factors  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  of  $m$ ;  $h$  and  $t$  are the class number and the number of distinct prime factors of the principal order of  $Q(\sqrt{-m})$ ; and  $\left(\frac{p}{3}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol. In the excluded cases  $m=0, 1, 2, 3$ , we know  $H=0, 0, 1, 0$ , respectively [3].

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