A REMARK ON ELLIPTIC UNITS

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§ 0. Introduction

Let p be a prime number such that $p\equiv 3 \mod 4$ and p>3. Put $K=Q(\sqrt{-p})$ and let H be the absolute class field of K. In [5], Gross defined units u_{σ} ($\sigma\in \mathrm{Gal}\,(H/K)$) in a class field of HT of a CM-field T containing K. He gave a question about a property of these units. In this paper, following Robert [8], we give the explicit method to calculate u_{σ} . In particular when p=23 we calculate them concretely to show that Gross' question is correct.

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§ 1.

First we define the notations and recall the problem of Gross [5]. Let p be a prime number such that $p\equiv 3 \mod 4$ and p>3. Let $K=Q(\sqrt{-p})$ with the integer ring O=O(K). Let H be the absolute class field of K with the integer ring O(H). Let I_K (resp. I_H) be the idele group of K (resp. H). Let E be an elliptic curve defined over E0 with complex multiplication by E0. We fix a Weierstrass model for E1, E2 where E3 where E3, E3 where E4 be the absolute invariant of E5.

i. e.
$$j_E = \frac{1728g_2^3}{g_2^3 - 27g_3^2}$$
.

Let v be a finite place of H where E has good reduction. Let H_v be the completion at v, and let k_v be the residue field of H_v . Let \widetilde{E}_v be the reduction of E at v. The reduction of endomorphisms gives an injection:

$$\theta_v: K \longrightarrow \operatorname{End}_H(E) \otimes Q \longrightarrow \operatorname{End}_{k_v}(E_v) \otimes Q$$

whose image contains the Frobenius endomorphism π_v . Let α_v be the unique element of K with $\theta_v(\alpha_v) = \pi_v$.

Let χ_E be the Grössen character of E. This is a continuous homomorphism of I_H to the multiplicative group K^{\times} , which is the uniquely characterized by the following conditions:

1) If $a=(\alpha)$ is a principal idele, $\chi_E(a)=N_{H/K}(\alpha)$.

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2) If $a=(a_v)$ is an idele with $a_v=1$ at all infinite places of H and at those places where E has bad reduction,

$$\chi_E(a) = \prod \alpha_v^{v(a_v)}$$

where the product is taken over the places of H at which E has good reduction.

Let h be the class number of K. It is known that the absolute invariant is H-isomorphism invariant and there are just h absolute invariants of elliptic curves whose endomorphism rings are isomorphic to O. We denote this set of absolute invariants by J. The character χ_E is H-isogeny invariant.

We say a curve E over H with complex multiplication by O is a Q-curve if it is isogenous over H to all of its Galois conjugates E^{τ} ($\tau \in \text{Aut}(H)$).

Recall the Q-curve A=A(p) which was studied in [2][4][5].

Let χ_p be the unique continuous homomorphism of I_H to K which satisfies

- 1) If $a=(\alpha)$ is a principal idele, $\chi_p(a)=N_{H/K}(\alpha)$.
- 2) If $a=(a_v)$ is an idele with $a_v=1$ for all $v \mid \infty$, p and \mathfrak{p}_v is prime at v, then

$$\chi_p(a) = \prod_{v \mid \infty, p} \alpha_v^{v(a_v)}$$

where ε is the composition of the natural isomorphism from $(O/\sqrt{-p}O)^{\times}$ to $(\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$ and quadratic residue homomorphism from $(\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$ to $\{\pm 1\}$, and α_v is the element of O such that $N_{H/K}\mathfrak{p}_v=(\alpha_v)$ and $\varepsilon(\alpha_v)=1$. (In this case this determines α_v uniquely.)

There exists an elliptic curve with complex multiplication by O defined over F=Q(j) ($j\in J$) with the absolute value j, the Grössen character χ_p and the minimal discriminant $(-p^3)$ over F. It is determined uniquely up to F-isomorphism and we denote this curve by A=A(p). (In fact A(p) is F-isomorphic to the following elliptic curve.

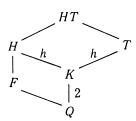
$$y^2 = x^3 + \frac{mp}{2^4 \cdot 3} x - \frac{np^2}{2^5 \cdot 3^3}$$

where $m^3 = j_{A(p)}$

$$n^2 = \frac{j - 1728}{-p}$$
 sign $n = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)$ (c. f. Gross [5])

Let $B = B(p) = \operatorname{Res}_{H/K} A(p) = \prod_{\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(H/K)} A(p)^{\sigma}$ be the Weil restriction of A(p)

which is an abelian variety of dimension h. Then $T = \operatorname{End}_K(B) \otimes Q$ is CM-field of degree 2h and



Here we can define the Grössen character of B, χ_B . $\chi_B:I_K\to T^\times$: continuous homomorphism

- s.t. 1) If $a=(\alpha)$ is a principal idele, $\chi_B(a)=\alpha$
 - 2) If $a=(a_v)$ is an idele with $a_v=1$ when $v\mid \infty$ or B is bad reduction at v, then

$$\chi_B(a) = \prod \alpha_v^{v(a_v)}$$

where the product is taken over the places of K at which B has good reduction and α_v is the inverse image of the Frobenius endomorphism as in the elliptic case.

From now on in this section, we write a, b for integral ideals of K which are prime to p and write α for an integer of K which is prime to p.

By the definition of χ_B , we get an integer $\chi_B(\mathfrak{a})$ of T. If we write O(T) for the integer ring of T, a principal ideal $\chi_B(\mathfrak{a})O(T)$ is $\mathfrak{a}O(T)$ and the following identities hold:

- (1) $\chi_B(\alpha) = \alpha$
- (2) $\chi_B(\mathfrak{ab}) = \chi_B(\mathfrak{a})\chi_B(\mathfrak{b})$.

The restriction $f = \chi_B(\mathfrak{a})|_A$ is an isogeny from A to $A^{\sigma_{\mathfrak{a}}}$, where $\sigma_{\mathfrak{a}}$ is $(\mathfrak{a}, H/K)$. Let $f_{\mathfrak{a}}$ be an element of H s.t. $f^*(\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\sigma_{\mathfrak{a}}}) = f_{\mathfrak{a}}\boldsymbol{\omega}$, where f^* is the pull back of f. Then the principal idele $f_{\mathfrak{a}}O(H)$ is $\mathfrak{a}O(H)$ and the following identities hold:

- (1) $f_{(\alpha)} = \alpha$
- (2) $f_{\mathfrak{ab}} = f_{\mathfrak{a}} f_{\mathfrak{b}}$.

By the above we get units $u_a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \chi_B(a)/f_a$ of HT and $u_{ab} = u_a u_b^{\sigma_a}$.

Since u_a depends only on the ideal class of \mathfrak{a} , we denote $u_{\sigma \mathfrak{a}} = u_{\mathfrak{a}}$. Let U_{HT} be the unit group of HT. By the above

is 1-cocycle. Gross gave the following two questions.

- Q 1 Is the cocycle u a coboundary? i.e. $u \in B^1(Gal(HT/T), U_{HT})$?
- Q 2 Does the summation of $u(\sigma)$ over Gal(HT/T) belong to U_{HT} ?

i.e.
$$\sum_{\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(HT/T)} u(\sigma) \! \in \! U_{HT} ?$$

$\S 2$. The explicit algorithm for u

For a prime p we have h different A(p) (so do $\{u_{\sigma}\}$) followed by the choice of j, where h is the class number of $K=Q(\sqrt{-p})$. But from the definition they are conjugate and we may only examine the case when $j \in \mathbb{R}$, and we may suppose the coefficients of the defining equation of A(p) are integers.

From now on $j \in \mathbb{R}$

$$A(p): y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$$
 $g_2, g_3 \in O$ $\omega = dx/y$

It is easy to calculate $\chi_B(\mathfrak{a})$ from the definition of χ_B and χ_p . We give the algorithm for $f_{\mathfrak{a}}$, followed by Robert [8].

First we give a few notations.

$$L = \left\{ \int_{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\omega} | \gamma \in H_{1}(A(\boldsymbol{C}), \boldsymbol{Z}) \right\} \quad L_{\sigma} = \left\{ \int_{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\sigma} | \gamma \in H_{1}(A^{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{C}), \boldsymbol{Z}) \right\} \quad (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in \operatorname{Gal}(H/K))$$

$$G_2(\mathcal{L}) = \lim_{\substack{s \to 0 \\ s \to 0}} \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}^-(0)} \frac{1}{\lambda^2 \cdot |\lambda|^{2s}} \quad G_k(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}^-(0)} \frac{1}{\lambda^k} \quad (k > 2)$$

 $(\mathcal{L}: a lattice)$

Then $G_k(L) \in H$ $(k \ge 2)$

$$\mathcal{Q}(z, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}^{-(0)}} \left\{ \frac{1}{(z-\lambda)^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right\}$$
: the Weierstrass \mathcal{Q} -function

Then

$$\mathcal{Q}(z, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{k \ge 1} (2k+1) G_{2k+2}(\mathcal{L}) z^{2k} \quad (0 < |z| < \min_{\omega \in \mathcal{L}^{-}(0)} |\omega|)$$
(\mathcal{L}: a lattice)

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L} = \sum_{0 \neq \lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^{-1}L/L} \mathcal{Q}(\lambda, L) \in H.$$

We use the q-expansions and the integral conditions to calculate u explicitely as follows.

1. the determination of $G_2(L)$

1. approximate value of $G_2(L)$

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{w_1}{2\pi}\right)^2 G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{12} \left(1 - 24 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{nq^n}{1 - q^n} \frac{3}{\pi \operatorname{Im}(w_2/w_1)}\right),$$

$$(2) \quad \left(\frac{w_1}{2\pi}\right)^2 G_4(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{720} \left(1 + 240 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^3 q^n}{1 - q^n}\right),$$

(3)
$$\left(\frac{w_1}{2\pi}\right)^2 G_6(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{30240} \left(1 - 504 \sum_{n \ge 1} \frac{n^5 q^n}{1 - q^n}\right)$$
,

where \mathfrak{a} is an integral ideal of K s.t. $\mathfrak{a}^{-1}=(w_1, w_2) \operatorname{Im}(w_1/w_2)>0$ $q=\exp(2\pi i(w_2/w_1)).$

From the complex multiplication theory, their exists

$$\rho(\mathfrak{a}) = \rho(\mathfrak{a}, L) \in C$$
 s.t. $L_{\sigma_{\mathfrak{a}}} = \rho(\mathfrak{a})\mathfrak{a}^{-1}$

(4)
$$\rho(\mathfrak{a})^2 = \frac{140}{60} \cdot \frac{g_2}{g_3} \cdot \frac{G_6(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})}{G_4(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})},$$

(5)
$$G_2(L)^{\sigma_{\mathfrak{A}}} = G_2(L_{\sigma_{\mathfrak{A}}}) = \rho(\mathfrak{A})^{-2} G_2(\mathfrak{A}^{-1})$$
.

- 2. the integral condition of $G_2(L)$
 - (6) $2\sqrt{-p}G_2(L) \in O(H)$.

In general it is difficult to determine the integer ring when the degree is high, but in this case when j is real we can do it slightly more easily.

- (7) $2pG_2(L) \in O(F)$: the integer ring of $F = \mathbf{Q}(j)$.
- 2. the determination of $\mathcal{Q}_{a,L}$
 - 1. approximate value of $(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L})^{\sigma\mathfrak{b}}$

(8)
$$\left(\frac{w_3}{2\pi i}\right) \mathcal{P}(z, \mathfrak{b}) = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{q^m q_z}{(1 - q^m q_z)^2} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^n}{1 - q^n}$$

where \mathfrak{b} is an integral ideal s.t. $\mathfrak{b}=(w_3, w_4) \operatorname{Im}(w_3/w_4)>0$ $q=\exp(2\pi i(w_4/w_3)) \quad q_z=\exp(2\pi i(z/w_3))$

(9)
$$(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L})^{\sigma_{\mathfrak{b}}} = \mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L\sigma_{\mathfrak{b}}} = \rho(\mathfrak{b})^{-2}$$
,

- 2. the integral condition of $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L}$
 - (10) $2\mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{g},L} \in O(H)$

Especially when Na=2

(11)
$$4\mathcal{L}_{0,L}^3 - g_2\mathcal{L}_{0,L} - g_3 = 0$$

3.1. the determination of $G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L)$

(12)
$$G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L) - N\mathfrak{a}G_2(L) = \mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L}$$

From 1, 2 and (12) we can determine $G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L)$

2. the determination of f_{α}

(13)
$$G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L) = f_{\mathfrak{a}}^2 G_2(L)$$

From 1 and (13) we can determine f_a . Proof of (1) \sim (13)

(1) (3), (8) See Lang [7] Chap. 4 and Kubert and Lang [6] Chap. 10

(12) Define

$$\sigma(z, L) = z \prod_{\lambda \in L^{-(0)}} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\lambda}\right) \exp\left(\frac{z}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{z}{\lambda}\right)^{2}\right)$$
: the Weierstrass σ -function.

Then

$$\mathcal{Q}(z, L) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \log \sigma(z, L)$$

Define

$$\theta(z, L) = \Delta(L)\sigma^{12}(z, L) \exp(-6G_2(L)z^2)$$

where $\Delta(L) = (2\pi)^{12}((60G_4(L))^3 - 27(140G_6(L))^2)$. Then

$$\begin{split} z\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\log\,\theta(z,\;L) &= -12G_2(L)z^2 + 12\frac{\sigma'(z,\;L)}{\sigma(z,\;L)}z\\ &= 12(1-\sum\limits_{k\geq 0\atop 2+k}G_k(L)z^k) \end{split}$$

Let α be an integral ideal of K.

Define

$$\theta(z, L; \alpha) = \theta(z, L)^{N\alpha}/\theta(z, \alpha^{-1}L)$$
.

Then

$$z\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\log\left(z,\;L\;;\;\mathfrak{a}\right)=12(N\mathfrak{a}-1+\sum\limits_{k\geq 0\atop 2\mid k}(G_{k}(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L)-N\mathfrak{a}G_{k}(L))z^{k})$$

On the other hand, $\theta(z, L; \mathfrak{q})$ is an elliptic function w.r. to L and an even function. Comparing zeros, poles and the first coefficient of power series expansion at z=0, we get the next equation:

$$\theta(z, L; a) = \frac{\Delta(L)}{\Delta(a^{-1}L)} \prod_{\lambda \in a^{-1}L/L - \{0\}} \frac{\Delta(L)}{(\mathcal{L}(z, L) - \mathcal{L}(\lambda, L))^6}$$

We compare two expression of z^2 -coefficient of $z(\partial/\partial z)\log\theta(z, L; \mathfrak{a})$ and we get the result.

- (5), (9) From the definition and (12).
- (4) From the homogeneity of G_4 and G_6 ,

$$\rho(\mathfrak{a})^{\mathbf{2}} \!=\! \! \Big(\frac{G_{\mathbf{6}}(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})}{G_{\mathbf{6}}(L)} \Big) \! \Big(\frac{G_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})}{G_{\mathbf{4}}(L)} \Big)^{\!-1} \! =\! \frac{140}{60} \cdot \frac{g_2}{g_3} \cdot \frac{G_{\mathbf{6}}(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})}{G_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})}$$

(6) In (12) we take $\mathfrak{a}=(\alpha)$. $\alpha \in O$

$$O \ni 2\mathcal{Q}_{\mathfrak{a},L} = 2(G_2(\mathfrak{a}^{-1}L) - N\mathfrak{a}G_2(L)) = \alpha(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})G_2(L)$$
.

Since the greatest common ideal of $\alpha(\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$ is $(\sqrt{-p})$, $2\sqrt{-p}G_2(L) \in O$

(7) Since $H=Q(j, \sqrt{-p})$,

$$2\sqrt{-p}G_2(L) = x_0 + x_1\sqrt{-p} + x_2j + x_3j\sqrt{-p} + x_4j^2 + x_5j^2\sqrt{-p} \quad x_i \in \mathbf{Q}$$

Since j is real, $G_2(L)$ is also real and

$$2\sqrt{-p}G_2(L) = x_1\sqrt{-p} + x_3j\sqrt{-p} + x_5j^2\sqrt{-p}$$

From (6)

$$O(F) \ni N_{H/K}(2\sqrt{-p}G_2(L)) = p(x_1 + x_3j + x_5j^2)^2$$

$$O(F) \ni p(x_1 + x_3j + x_5j^2) = 2pG_2(L)$$

- (10) See Cassels [3]
- (11) From

$$A(p): y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$$

(13) From $f_{\mathfrak{a}}L = \mathfrak{a}L$ and (5).

§ 3. Calculation example when p=23.

If the class number of $K=Q(\sqrt{-p})$ is 1, then $u_{\sigma}=1$ and Q 1 and Q 2 are trivially correct. There doesn't exist K of the class number 2 under the assumption of p. Under the condition that the class number of K is 3, p=23 is minimal. In this case we calculate u_{σ} concretely by the method of § 2, and show that Q 1 and Q 2 are correct.

Let p=23 and $K=Q(\sqrt{-23})$, then we have the absolute class field $H=K(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\alpha^3 - \alpha - 1 = 0$.

Set

$$O = Z + ((1 + \sqrt{-23})/2)Z$$
,
 $\alpha = 2Z + ((1 + \sqrt{-23})/2)Z$

and

$$\tilde{a} = 2Z + ((1 - \sqrt{-23})/2)Z$$
.

Then $Gal(H/K) = \{\sigma_0, \sigma_{\alpha}, \sigma_{\overline{\alpha}}\}$ and since $N\alpha = N\tilde{\alpha} = 2$, in this case we can use (11). And

$$\begin{split} j &= -\alpha^{12} 5^{3} (2\alpha - 1)^{3} (3\alpha + 2)^{3} \\ A(23) \colon y^{2} &= 4x^{3} - 2^{2} 3^{3} c_{4} x - 2^{3} 3^{3} c_{6} \\ \text{where } c_{4} &= 5 \cdot 23^{2} \alpha^{4} (2\alpha - 1) (3\alpha + 2) \\ c_{6} &= \frac{7 \cdot 23^{2} \alpha^{8} (4\alpha^{2} + 2\alpha - 3) (3\alpha + 1)}{2\alpha + 3} \; . \end{split}$$

As for the numerical value above, see Berwick [1] or Gross [4]. From the

algorithm of §2

$$G_{2}(L) = 33\alpha^{2} + 30\alpha + 9$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha, L} = -\frac{3}{2}(13\alpha^{2} + 38\alpha + 45 - 3(\alpha^{2} - 2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{-23})$$

$$f_{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{46}\alpha^{2}\sqrt{-23} - \frac{1}{46}\alpha\sqrt{-23} - \frac{3}{46}\sqrt{-23}$$

And from the definition of χ_B

$$\chi_B(\mathfrak{a}) = \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)^{1/3}$$
 (Fix a cubic root of unity.)

Therefore

$$u_{\sigma_0} = 1$$

$$u_{\sigma_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 - \frac{1}{4}\alpha - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{46}\alpha^2\sqrt{-23} + \frac{3}{92}\alpha\sqrt{-23} + \frac{9}{92}\sqrt{-23}\right)\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$u_{\sigma_0} = \bar{u}_{\sigma_0}.$$

To see that $u_{\sigma_0} + u_{\sigma_a} + u_{\sigma_a}$ is unit, we examine

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{u_{\sigma_0} + u_{\sigma_a} + u_{\sigma_a}} \\ = & (-\alpha^2 + 1) + \frac{1}{92} (23\alpha + 12\alpha^2 \sqrt{-23} + 5\alpha\sqrt{-23} - 8\sqrt{-23}) \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)^{1/3} \\ & + \frac{1}{92} (23\alpha - 12\alpha^2 \sqrt{-23} - 5\alpha\sqrt{-23} + 8\sqrt{-23}) \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)^{1/3} \end{split}$$

is an integer.

To do so, we may examine that the elementary symmetric polynomials of the conjugates of $1/\sum u_{\sigma}$ over T. They all are in T^+ (the maximal real subfield of T). Since $[T^+:Q]=3$, the integer ring of T^+ is determined by Tornheim [9], for example. In this case the integer ring of T^+ is $\mathbf{Z}[\chi_B(\mathfrak{a})+\chi_B(\mathfrak{a})^{-1}]$ and they all are integers and Q 1, 2 are correct.

Thus we have

PROPOSITION. Let $K=Q(\sqrt{-23})$ and let H be the absolute class field of K. Let A(23) be the Q-curve as in § 1. Let $B=\prod_{\sigma\in\operatorname{Gal}(H/K)}A(23)^{\sigma}$ be the Weil restriction of A(23). Let $T=\operatorname{End}_K(B)\otimes Q$. Let U_{HT} be the unit group of HT. Let U be the 1-cocycle of $\operatorname{Gal}(HT/T)$ to U_{HT} as in § 1.

Then u is contained in $B^1(Gal(HT/T), U_{HT})$ and $\sum_{\sigma \in Gal(HT/T)} u(\sigma)$ is contained in U_{HT} .

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