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#### Abstract

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## 1 Introduction to the working set

Consider the n-th cyclotomic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  with  $\zeta_n$  a n-th primitive root of unity, with  $n \not\equiv 2 \mod 4$ , and define K as the maximal real subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ , also another notation that we will use for the maximal real subfield is  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)^+$ . From now we will refer to  $\zeta_n$  without the index if not necessary.

**Proposition 1.1.** The maximal real subfield is  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$ 

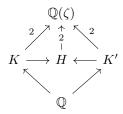
*Proof.* First of all we can easly see that K is real, infact since for the root of unity  $\overline{\zeta} = \zeta^{-1}$  (complex conjugation) and so:

$$\overline{\zeta+\zeta^{-1}}=\overline{\zeta}+\overline{\zeta^{-1}}=\zeta^{-1}+\zeta$$

So  $\zeta + \zeta^{-1}$  is real and K too.

Since  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  is complex (so strictly greater) the index  $e := [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) : K] \ge 2$ . Consider now the polynomial of degree 2 in  $K[x] : f = (x - \zeta)(x - \zeta^{-1}) = x^2 - (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})x + 1$ , since  $\zeta$  is a root obviously  $e \le 2$ , so the subfield K has maximal degree since this is the minimal degree for a proper subfield.

If there was another  $K'=\mathbb{Q}(\chi)$  with such property we can consider  $H=\mathbb{Q}(\zeta,\chi)$  that is also real with  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)\supsetneq H\supset K$ , so H=K and akin H=K' so K=K' and K is unique.



Now we will consider the group of units  $E_K$  that is the group formed by the invertible elements of its ring of integers  $O_K^*$ . Is it possible to characterize the ring of integers for K [5, Proposition 2.16] similarly to what happens for  $O_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)}$  (infact the proof follows without difficulty from this)

Proposition 1.2.  $O_K = Z[\zeta + \zeta^{-1}]$ 

Since  $x^n - 1$  is separable  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)/\mathbb{Q}$ 

is a Galois extension and it's easy to see that its Galois group  $G_0$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}_n)^*$ . Also we can se that:

**Proposition 1.3.**  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is a Galois extension and its Galois group G is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*/\{\pm 1\}$ 

*Proof.* Consider the map  $\sigma: G_0 \to G$  that maps  $\alpha_i$  to  $\alpha_{i|_G}$  where  $\alpha_i$  is the automorphism that maps  $\zeta$  to  $\zeta^i$ . Obviously  $\sigma$  is a morphism of groups. Also it is easy to describe its kernerl:

$$\ker(\sigma) = \{ \alpha_i \in G_0 \mid \forall x \in K \text{ follows } x = \alpha_i(x) \}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \{ \alpha_i \in G_0 \mid \zeta + \zeta^{-1} = \alpha_i(\zeta + \zeta^{-1}) = \zeta^i + \zeta^{-i} \}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_{-1} \}$$

Where (1) follows from the fact that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$  and (2) from linear algebra. So from the first theorem of isomorphism  $\sigma(G_0) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n^*/\{\pm 1\}$  and then

$$\phi(n)/2 = |\mathbb{Z}_n^*/\{\pm 1\}| \le |G| \le [K:\mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta):\mathbb{Q}]/2 = \phi(n)/2$$

So  $\sigma(G_0) = G$  and  $|G| = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$  and the thesis follows.

Remark 1. We excluded the case of  $n \equiv 2 \mod 4$  because it is a repetition, in fact in this situation  $G_0 \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{2+4k}^*$  and since 2+4k=2(1+2k) with the second term odd for the Chinese reminder theorem  $\mathbb{Z}_{2+4k}^* \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2^* \times \mathbb{Z}_{1+2k}^* \simeq \{1\} \times \mathbb{Z}_{1+2k}^* \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{1+2k}^*$  that is isomorphic to the Galois group for the n/2-th root of unity.

## 1.1 The circluar units and the class number

**Definition 1.4.** If  $\mathbb{K}$  is a number field (as  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  and K) we can define the **ideal class group** as the quotient  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{K}}/\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{K}}$  where:

 $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{K}}$  is the group of the nonzero fractional ideals of the ring of integers  $O_{\mathbb{K}}$ , that are the  $O_{\mathbb{K}}$ -submodules J of K such that exists  $r \in O_{\mathbb{K}}$  such that  $rI \subset O_{\mathbb{K}}$ 

 $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{K}}$  is the set of nonzero principal fractionary ideals, so the ideals generated by only one element

We will indicate the number of classes in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{K}}/\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{K}}$  as  $h_K$ . This number will measure the "distance" of  $O_{\mathbb{K}}$  to became a unique factorization domain. In [3, Page 141] it is proven that actually the ideal class group is finite so  $h_K$  is well defined.

**Definition 1.5.** For a field  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  (with n minimal) we define the group of cyclotomic (or circular) units as the intesection  $C_{\mathbb{K}}$  of the group generated by:

$$\{-1, \zeta, 1 - \zeta^a \text{ for } a = 1, ..., n - 1\}$$

and the unit of  $\mathbb{K}$  (  $E_{\mathbb{K}}$  ). An elements of  $C_{\mathbb{K}}$  is said to be a **circular unit** of  $\mathbb{K}$ .

In general the circular units aren't easy to describe, in fact in general  $1-\zeta^a$  is not a unit, but for the particular case in which  $\mathbb K$  is the maximal real subfield (K) it has some intresting properties and it's related to the class number.

If  $n = p^m$  where p is a prime it is possible to describe ([5, Lemma 8.1, Theorem 8.2]) explicitly the group of circluar units as the group generated by -1 and:

$$\xi_a = \zeta^{\frac{1-a}{2}} \frac{1-\zeta^a}{1-\zeta}$$
 for  $1 < a < \frac{p^m}{2}, (a, p) = 1$ 

Also we have the equality for the index:

$$[E_K:C_K]=h_K$$

Moreover Sinnot in [4] has imporved this showing that  $E_K/C_K$  is finite and the index is:

$$[E_K:C_K]=2^ah_K$$

where if g is the number of distinct primes dividing n we have that a=0 if g=1 (as expected) and  $a=2^{g-2}+1-g$  otherwhise. Even if the index is simple does not exist a simple costruction of  $C_K$ , so we have the problem:

Explicitly construct a group C' with finite index  $[E_K : C']$  that is optimal

Where we will understand later what we mean by *optimal*, but essentially we want the index to be small and with a simple factorization for  $[E_K : C']/h_K$ . In particular the costruction of Greither will generalize the work of Ramachandra and Levesque, so we will omit them from now and see them later.

#### 1.2 Dirichlet Characters

**Definition 1.6.** Given a group X and a field  $\mathbb{F}$  a Dirichlet character is a group homomorphism  $\chi:X\to\mathbb{F}^*$ 

In our case the field is  $\mathbb{C}$  and X is the Galois group  $G_0 \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ , so we can see the dirichlet characters as homomorphisms:  $\xi : \mathbb{Z}_n^* \to \mathbb{C}^*$ . Since if n|m there is a natural homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_m^* \to \mathbb{Z}_n^*$  we can induct a new character using the composition from  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$ . This characters are completely equivalent, so we can choose n to be minimal and call it the **conductor** of  $\chi$ , denoted by  $f_{\chi}$ .

In some cases the character are also extended as ring homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_n \to \mathbb{C}$ , assuming  $\chi$  to be zero on the non invertible elements. In this way the conductor can be seen as a sort of period, infact for all n we have  $\chi(n) = \chi(n+f_{\chi})$ .

Also we need another object: the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ , that is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with G as basis on which we define the addition (using the module addition) and the moltiplication inducting it from the operation of G. This costruction is also possible for a general ring and a multiplicative group:

**Definition 1.7.** The group ring of X over R, denoted by R[X] or RX, is the set of all mapping  $f: X \to R$  with finite support (i.e. with finite  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$ ). The addition and the scalar multiplication are defined as usual.

We can also have a group structure over R[X] using the vector addition and the multiplication: were fg is defined as:  $fg(x) = \sum_{y \in X} f(y)g(y^{-1}x) = \sum_{uv=x} f(u)g(v)$ .

This is only a formal representation of the linear combinations, useful for the definition, but we will obviously use a simpler notation  $f = \sum_{x \in X} f(x)x$ .

Now we would like to generalize again the characters as ring homorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$  (or another Galois group) to  $\mathbb{C}$ . This is very simple since G is a basis for the free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module its definition over the group is enough.

**Notation.** Given the elements  $z \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  and  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[G_0]$  it's well defined the power notation  $x^f$ , infact for  $g \in G_0$  we have  $z^g = g(z)$ ,  $z^{g_1+g_2} = z^{g_1}z^{g_2}$  and  $z^{-g} = (z^g)^{-1}$ .

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**Definition 1.8.** Let G be a group and R a commutative ring, let's consider the augmentation map  $\epsilon: R[G] \to R$  that sends every  $g \in G$  to  $1_R$  and every  $r \in R$  to itself and its an homomorphism of R-modules. We also say that the kernel of  $\epsilon$  is the augmentation ideal

# 2 The Greither Setup

Let's consider an integer n (with  $n \not\equiv 2 \mod 4$ ), with factorization  $n = p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_s^{e_s}$  and let  $S = \{1, ..., n\}$ . We will use the power set  $\mathcal{P}_S = \{I \mid I \subsetneq S\}$  and the notation  $n_I = \prod_{i \in I} p_i^{e_i}$ 

The Greither's idea is to define a subgroup starting from a function  $\beta : \mathcal{P}_S \to \mathbb{Z}[G_0]$ , then varing  $\beta$  we have different subgroups but with similar properties.

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $\beta$  is called multiplicative if  $\beta(\emptyset) = 1$  and for all sets I, J with empty intersection we have  $\beta(I \cup J) = \beta(I)\beta(J)$ .

A multiplicative function is univocally determinated from its value over the singletons:  $\{\{i\} \mid i \in S\}$  (we will use this later for a particular construction)

Consider a general function  $\beta$  and  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$ , we define  $z_I := 1 - \zeta^{n_I}$  and

$$z(\beta) := \prod_{i \in I} z_I^{\beta(I)}$$

Using that  $1-\zeta^{-m}=-\zeta^{-m}(1-\zeta^m)$  ,  $\overline{\zeta}=\zeta^{-1}$  and the properties of complex

conjugation we have that

$$\overline{z(\beta)} = \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} (1 - \zeta^{-n_I})^{\beta(I)} = \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} -\zeta^{-n_I\beta(I)} (1 - \zeta^{n_I})^{\beta(I)} = 
= (-1)^{|\mathcal{P}_S|} \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} \zeta^{-n_I\beta(I)} z_I^{\beta(I)} \stackrel{*}{=} -\zeta^{-t} z(\beta) \text{ with } t = \sum n_I \beta(I) \quad (1)$$

In \* we use that  $|\mathcal{P}_S| = 2^s - 1$  is odd.

We define now for  $a \in (1, n/2)$  coprime with n the real unit:

$$\xi_a(\beta) := \zeta^{d_a(\beta)} \frac{\sigma_a(z(\beta))}{z(\beta)} \text{ with } d_a(\beta) = (1-a)\frac{t}{2}$$
 (2)

Where  $\underline{\sigma_a}$  is the automorphism  $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^a$ . This is real because using the equation 1 and  $\overline{\sigma_a(z)} = \sigma_a(\overline{z})$  we have:

$$\overline{\xi_a(\beta)} = \zeta^{-d_a(\beta)} \frac{\zeta^{-at} \sigma_a(z(\beta))}{\zeta^{-t} z(\beta)} = \xi_a(\beta)$$
(3)

And its a unit because its the product of circular units. We now use this units to define the goal group of the article:

$$C_{\beta}$$
 is the group generated by -1 and  $\xi_a(\beta)$  for  $1 < a < n/2$  and  $(a,n) = 1$ 

For its index we will use the notation:  $[E_K : C_\beta] = h_K i_\beta$ .

## 2.1 A little remark

Sometimes it is easier to work with functions  $\beta$  to  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$  instead of  $\mathbb{Z}[G_0]$  (as we will do later), but this is not a problem because we can show that with somo hypotesis  $C_{\beta}$  remain the same.

Initially we can osserve that we can factor the real unit  $\xi_a(\beta)$  with simpler real units

$$x_a(\beta, I) = \zeta^{\frac{(1-a)}{2}n_I\beta(I)} \frac{\sigma_a(z_I^{\beta(I)})}{z_I^{\beta(I)}}$$

such that we have the equality:

$$\xi_a(\beta) = \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} x_a(\beta, I) \tag{4}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Consider two functions  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  from  $\mathcal{P}_S$  to  $\mathbb{Z}[G_0]$  such that for all  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$  their images of  $\beta_i(I)$  coincides in  $\mathbb{Z}[\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+/\mathbb{Q})]^{-1}$  for i = 1, 2. Then for all  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$   $x_a(\beta_i, I)$  coincides for i = 1, 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Observe that  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+$  is a subfield of K since  $\zeta_{n/n_I} = \zeta_n^{n_I}$ , and since we see the elements of the group rings as homomorphism of fields make sense to compare two elements for their image on  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+$ 

*Proof.* Obviously for all  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$   $x_a(\beta_i, I)$  depends only on the image of  $\beta_i$  over  $z_I = 1 - \zeta_n^{n_I} \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^2$ , so it's enough to show the equivalence over  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})$ . Since the two functions are equal on  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+$  their difference  $\beta_1(I) - \beta_2(I)$  is the identity on the reals, so it is a multimple of 1 - j, where j is the complex conjugation We can observe now, using morphism properties, that exist a unit r such that:

$$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+ \ni q = \frac{x_a(\beta_1, I)}{x_a(\beta_2, I)} = \left(\zeta^{\frac{(1-a)}{2}n_I} \frac{\sigma_a(z_I)}{z_I}\right)^{\beta_1(I) - \beta_2(I)} = r^{1-j}$$

So we have that  $\overline{q}=q^j=r^{(1-j)j}=r^{j-1}=q^{-1}$  (since  $j^2=1$ ), that for real numebers happen only for  $\pm 1$ 

Remark 2. For what we have seen in the equation 4 it follows immediatly that also  $\xi_a(\beta)$  is unique up to a sign if  $\beta$  is a lifting of a function from  $\mathcal{P}_S$  to  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ . Since the group  $C_\beta$  contains -1 it is enough to have a function  $\beta: \mathcal{P}_S \to \mathbb{Z}[G]$  for its definition.

### 2.2 Index calculation

**Theorem 2.3.** For any function  $\beta: \mathcal{P}_S \to \mathbb{Z}[G]$  we have

$$i_{\beta} = \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ even}} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{P}_S \\ (f_{\chi}, n_I) = 1}} \phi(n_I) \cdot \chi(\beta(I)) \cdot \prod_{i \notin I} (1 - \chi^{-1}(p_i)) \right)$$
 (5)

Remarks 3 (On theorem 2.3). •  $\phi$  is the Euler totient function

- A character  $\chi$  is said to be **even** if  $\chi(-1) = 1$
- With  $\chi^{-1}$  we mean the character defined as  $1/\chi$  on the invertible elements and zero otherwhise, that is also a morphism because 1/(xy) = (1/x)(1/y)

For the proof we need the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 2.4.** For  $z \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)^*$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[G_0]$ , then for any character  $\chi$  we have:

$$\sum_{(a,n)=1} \chi^{-1}(a) \log |z^{\sigma_a \gamma}| = \chi(\gamma) \sum_{(a,n)=1} \chi^{-1}(a) \log |z^{\sigma_a}|$$
 (6)

*Proof.* It is easy to prove this for  $\gamma = \sigma_g \in G_0$ , infact since g is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is possible to change the index from (a, n) = 1 to (ag, n) = 1 and rearrange. Then we can pass to  $\mathbb{Z}[G_0]$  using the additivity of  $\chi$  and the logarith of exponential (also the modulo is multiplicative).

For the calculation of the index we need a new object that allows to evaluate a :

 $<sup>^{2}\</sup>zeta_{n/n_{I}}=\zeta_{n}^{n_{I}}$ 

**Definition 2.5.** The **regulator**  $R_L$  of a number fields L is defined as follows: given its rank r, a set of independent units  $\{\epsilon_1, ..., \epsilon_r\} \subset L$  and  $\{\sigma_1, ..., \sigma_{r+1}\}$  its embedding into  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . Set  $\delta_j$  to be 1 if  $\sigma_j$  is real, and 2 otherwhise. Then:

$$R_L(\epsilon_1, ..., \epsilon_r) = |\det(\delta_i \log |\epsilon_i^{\sigma_i}|)_{1 \le i, j \le r}|$$
(7)

Remark 4. The embedding that we decide to omit is not relevant, infact since they are units their norm is 1, so  $\sum_i \delta_i \log |\epsilon_j^{\sigma_i}| = \log |\prod_i \epsilon_j^{\delta_i \sigma_i}| = \log |N(\epsilon_j)| = 0$ , so writing this equality as a linear system from Cramer formula follows the uniqueness of the determinant up to a sign.

Now we need to recall some Lemmas from [5] without the proofs:

**Lemma 2.6** (Lemma 4.15 in [5]). Given the groups  $A \subset B$  of finite index, generated by independent units of a number field L, respectively  $\{\epsilon_i\}_{i=1}^r$  and  $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^r$ :

$$[B:A] = \frac{R_L(\epsilon_1, ..., \epsilon_r)}{R_L(\mu_1, ..., \mu_r)}$$
(8)

**Lemma 2.7** (Lemma 5.26 in [5]). Let X be a finite abelian group and let f be a function on X with values in  $\mathbb{C}$ 

$$\det(f(\sigma\tau^{-1}) - f(\sigma))_{\sigma,\tau \neq 1} = \prod_{\substack{\chi \in \hat{X} \\ \chi \neq 1}} \sum_{\sigma \in X} \chi(\sigma) f(\sigma)$$
(9)

Where  $\hat{X}$  is the set of homorphisms (characters) from X to  $\mathbb{C}^*$ 

In our case X will be  $G \equiv \mathbb{Z}_n/\pm 1$ , and so the elements of  $\hat{X}$  are the even characters of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Proof of Theorem 2.3. Using Lemma 2.6 we can evaluate  $[E_K : C_{\beta}]$  with the quotient of the regulators. In the equation 8 we can omit the unit -1 since it is contained in both the two groups (for what we have said in 4 can only change a sign).

So we need to prove that  $R(\xi_a(\beta)) = \pm R_K h_K A$  with (a, n) = 1, 1 < a < n/2 and A be the right part of the equation 5. The  $\pm$  is a more simple way to indicate that we don't matter the sign without inserting everything in a modulo.

From definition, using that  $\delta_i$  is always 1 since the units are all real and the

embeddings can be seen as elements of the Galois Group G:

$$R(\xi_{a}(\beta)) = \pm \det[\log |\xi_{a}(\beta)^{\tau}|] \quad ((a, n) = 1, 1 < a < n/2; \tau \in G)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \pm \det[f(\tau\sigma) - f(\tau)]_{\sigma, \tau \in G-1} \quad \text{with } f(\sigma) = \log |\sigma z(\beta)|$$

$$= \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ \text{even}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(a, n) = 1} \chi^{-1}(a) \log |\sigma_{a} z(\beta)| \quad \text{using Lemma } 2.7$$

$$= \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ \text{even}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(a, n) = 1} \chi^{-1}(a) \sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{S}} \log |(1 - \zeta^{n_{i}a})^{\beta(I)}|$$

$$= \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ \text{even}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{S}} \left( \sum_{(a, n) = 1} \chi^{-1}(a) \log |(1 - \zeta^{n_{i}a})^{\beta(I)}| \right)$$

$$\stackrel{6}{=} \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ \text{even}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{S}} \left( \chi(\beta(I)) \sum_{(a, n) = 1} \chi^{-1}(a) \log |(1 - \zeta^{n_{i}a})| \right)$$

Where in (1) we have used that  $\log |\zeta^d| = 0$  because  $\zeta$  is a unit and the logaritm's properties.

The last part is a bit technical and uses [5, Lemma 8.4] to reduce the first sum to the  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$  such that  $(f_\chi, 1) = 1$ , and then continues as for the proof of Theorem 8.3 in [5, Pages 148-150] and involves the analytic class numebr formula and Dirichlet L-series (also Chapter 4 in [5]).

## 3 Particular case of formula 5

Now we can try to see what happen if we request some conditions over  $\beta$ , with some particular cases.

**Theorem 3.1.** If we assume  $\beta: \mathcal{P}_S \to \mathbb{Z}[G]$  to be multiplicative then:

$$i_{\beta} = \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ even}} \left( \prod_{p_i \nmid f_{\chi}} \left( \phi(p_i^{e_i}) \cdot \chi(\beta(i)) + 1 - \chi^{-1}(p_i) \right) \right)$$
 (10)

Where  $\beta(i)$  mean  $\beta(\{i\})$ 

*Proof.* It is easy that we can lift  $\beta$  to  $\mathbb{Z}[G_0]$  conserving multiplicativity. Consider now, for  $\chi \neq 1$  even, the two factors :

$$T_{\chi} = \sum_{\substack{I \in \mathcal{P}_S \\ (f_{\chi}, n_I) = 1}} \phi(n_I) \cdot \chi(\beta(I)) \cdot \prod_{i \notin I} (1 - \chi^{-1}(p_i))$$

$$\tag{11}$$

and

$$U_{\chi} = \prod_{p_i \nmid f_i} \left( \phi(p_i^{e_i}) \cdot \chi(\beta(i)) + 1 - \chi^{-1}(p_i) \right)$$
 (12)

that are the arguments of the products in equations 5 and 10. So it's enough to prove  $U_\chi = T_\chi$ . Initially we can observe that the argument of the sum in 11 are the subset of  $S_\chi = \{i \mid p_i \nmid f_\chi\}$ . Also we can observe

$$\phi(n_I) = \prod_{i \in I} \phi(p_i^{e_i})$$

$$\chi(\beta(I)) = \chi\left(\prod_{i \in I} \beta(i)\right) = \prod_{i \in I} \chi(\beta(i))$$

From which expanding the product of  $U_{\chi}$  we get the equality.

Using this formula and the definition of  $C_{\beta}$  we can see that for  $\beta$  costant to 1 (that is the simplest example of multiplicative  $\beta$ ) we get the Ramachandra's unit index from [2] (or in a more modern notation [5, Theorem 8.3]):

$$[E_K : C_R] = h_K \cdot \prod_{\substack{\chi \neq 1 \\ \text{even}}} \left( \prod_{p_i \nmid f_\chi} \left( \phi(p_i^{e_i}) + 1 - \chi(p_i) \right) \right)$$
 (13)

Where  $C_R$  is the group generated by -1 and the units of the form of 2 with  $\beta(I) = 1$ :

$$\xi_a := \zeta^{d_a} \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} \frac{1 - \zeta^{an_I}}{1 - \zeta^{n_I}} \text{ with } d_a = \frac{1}{2} (1 - a) \sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_S} n_I$$

We can also coNstruct  $\beta$  multiplicative such that:

$$\beta(i) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if exists } \chi \neq 1 \text{ even, with } \chi(p_i) = 1 \\ 0 \text{ otherwhise} \end{cases}$$

And we obtain the Levesque group  $C_{\mathcal{D}}$  defined in [1, Page 331]

## 3.1 A new system of unit

Following the previous steps we know construct a new multiplicative map  $\beta$  with a more optimal index.

**Notation.** If x is an element of finite group  $\Gamma$  we define:

$$N_x := 1 + x + \dots + x^{\operatorname{ord}(x) - 1} \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$$

This will be called trace element of x.

Let now define  $G_i$  for i=1,...,s to be the Galois group  $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/p_i^{e_i}})^+/\mathbb{Q}))$ . Consider now the Frobenius automorphism:

$$F_i: G_i \to G_i \text{ with } \alpha \mapsto \alpha^{p_i}$$

and its trace element  $N_{F_i} \in \mathbb{Z}[G_i]$ . Now we choose for every i=1,...,s a lift of  $N_{F_i}$  into  $\mathbb{Z}[G_0]^3$  and associate it to  $\beta(i)$ ; then  $\beta$  is defined multiplicatively. Of course  $\beta$  is not unique, but for all  $I \in \mathcal{P}_S$  they coincide in  $\mathbb{Z}[\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n/n_I})^+/\mathbb{Q})]$ ,

so we can use Lemma 2.2

 $<sup>^3 {\</sup>rm Remind~that~} \zeta_{n/p_i^{e_i}} = \zeta_n^{p_i^{e_i}}$ 

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