

On Complex Quadratic Fields with Class-Number Two

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Abstract. Let $d < 0$ be the discriminant of a complex quadratic field of class-number $h(d)$. In a previous paper the author has effectively shown how to find all d with $h(d) = 2$. In this paper, it is proved that, if $h(d) = 2$, then $|d| \leq 427$.

1. Introduction. The work for this paper was completed in the summer of 1971 and reported on then in various places, including the informal conference at Asilomar organized by the Lehmers. It is particularly appropriate that it appear here since it is a direct generalization of my Ph.D. thesis, which was written under the supervision of D. H. Lehmer. Let $d < 0$ be the discriminant of a complex quadratic field of class-number $h(d)$. The aim of this paper is to prove

THEOREM 1. *If $h(d) = 2$, then d is one of the eighteen numbers $-15, -20, -24, -35, -40, -51, -52, -88, -91, -115, -123, -148, -187, -232, -235, -267, -403, -427$.*

Actually, we have proved in [3] that if $h(d) = 2$, then $|d| < 10^{1030}$. Thus it suffices to prove the following result:

THEOREM 2. *If $h(d) = 2$ and $|d| < 10^{2000}$, then d is one of the eighteen numbers listed in Theorem 1.*

Outside of a result of Lehmer, Lehmer and Shanks quoted in Lemma 5, every number used in this paper was calculated in 1971 on a programable desk calculator.* Indeed, if we restrict ourselves to the range $4 \cdot 10^{11} < |d| < 10^{2000}$ (as Lemma 5 almost lets us do) and if we accept the numbers in Table 1 (certain constants involving the first 11 zeros of $\zeta(s)$), then we shall see that there is only one point that even needs a programable calculator (Lemma 11 below). All the other results regarding the range $4 \cdot 10^{11} < |d| < 10^{2000}$ have been written so that they may be verified by hand. Since this work was first announced, Montgomery and Weinberger [2] have al-

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so proved Theorem 1. Although similar in spirit, their method involves zeros of L -functions with large conductors. The numbers in their tables depend on an extended computer calculation.

2. Theoretical Preliminaries. Let

$$Q(m, n) = am^2 + bmn + cn^2, \quad d = b^2 - 4ac < 0, \quad a > 0,$$

be a positive definite quadratic form and let

$$\zeta(s, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m, n \neq 0, 0} Q(m, n)^{-s}.$$

We let $B_k(x)$ be the k th Bernoulli polynomial ($B_0(x) = 1, B_1(x) = x - 1/2, B_2(x) = x^2 - x + 1/6, \dots$). We will have occasion to use $B_k(x - [x])$ where $[x]$ is the greatest integer function. The greatest integer notation occurs only with the Bernoulli polynomials. By the Euler-Maclaurin sum formula

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s, Q) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (am^2)^{-s} + a^{-s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\left(m + \frac{bn}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} n^2 \right]^{-s} \\ &= a^{-s} \zeta(2s) + a^{-s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\left(x + \frac{bn}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} n^2 \right]^{-s} dx \right. \\ (1) \quad &\quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(x - [x]) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\left[\left(x + \frac{bn}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} n^2 \right]^{-s} \right) dx \right\} \\ &= a^{-s} \zeta(2s) + 2^{2s-1} a^{s-1} |d|^{(1/2)-s} \zeta(2s-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u^2 + 1)^{-s} du + h(s, Q) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(s, Q) = a^{-s} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(x - [x]) \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \left[\left(x + \frac{bj}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right]^{-s} \right\} dx.$$

With $s = \sigma + it$, we proved in [4] that for $\sigma \geq 1/2, k \geq 2, k$ even, $|d|/a^2 \geq 4$,

$$|h(s, Q)| < a^{-1/2} 2\pi \left(\frac{k}{k-1} \right)^2 \left(\frac{4|s| + 2k - 2}{\pi(2|d|/a^2)^{1/2}} \right)^k.$$

For our purposes here, we need to improve this estimate.

LEMMA 1. *If $\sigma \geq 1/2, k \geq 2$, then*

$$|h(s, Q)| < 2 \left(\frac{4a}{|d|} \right)^{\sigma-1/2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{ak} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{k}{k-1} \right)^2 \left[\frac{2|s| + (k-1)/2}{\pi(|d|/a^2)^{1/2}} \right]^k \exp \left(\frac{1}{4k} + \frac{1}{2\pi^3 k^2} \right).$$

Proof. As in [4], we let $x + bj/(2a) = uj|d|^{1/2}/(2a)$ give a change of variable from x to u and then we integrate by parts $k - 1$ times to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(x - [x]) \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \left[\left(x + \frac{bj}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right]^{-s} \right\} dx \\
 & = (-1)^{k-1} \left(\frac{2a}{j|d|^{1/2}} \right)^{k+2s-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{B_k(x - [x])}{k!} \frac{d^k}{du^k} \{(u^2 + 1)^{-s}\} du.
 \end{aligned}$$

As in [4], we use the estimate,

$$(3) \quad |B_k(x)/k!| \leq 2\zeta(k)/(2\pi)^k,$$

but we will improve our estimate of $(d^k/du^k) \{(u^2 + 1)^{-s}\}$. Let

$$g_k(s, u) = (-1)^k (u^2 + 1)^{s+k/2} (d^k/du^k) \{(u^2 + 1)^{-s}\}.$$

Thus $g_k(s, u)$ is a polynomial in s and a rational function of u and $(u^2 + 1)^{1/2}$. For small y and u , we have

$$(4) \quad \left(\frac{y^2 + 1}{u^2 + 1} \right)^{-s} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k g_k(s, u) \frac{(y - u)^k}{k!(u^2 + 1)^{k/2}},$$

the left-hand side being given by the principal value. If we let

$$u = \cotan \theta, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi,$$

and

$$y - u = -(u^2 + 1)^{1/2} z,$$

then the expansion (4) becomes

$$[(1 - e^{i\theta} z)(1 - e^{-i\theta} z)]^{-s} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(s, u) \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

which is valid for small z and θ near $\pi/2$. On the other hand, for small z , we may get this by multiplying the series for $(1 - e^{i\theta} z)^{-s}$ and $(1 - e^{-i\theta} z)^{-s}$; in this way we get

$$(5) \quad g_k(s, u) = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} [s(s+1) \cdots (s+j-1)][s(s+1) \cdots (s+k-j-1)] e^{i(k-2j)\theta}.$$

This is now valid by analytic continuation for all s and all real u (i.e., all θ in the range $0 < \theta < \pi$). By putting absolute value signs everywhere in (5), we see that $|g_k(s, u)|$ is less than or equal to the coefficient of $z^k/k!$ in

$$[(1 - z)(1 - z)]^{-|s|} = (1 - z)^{-2|s|}$$

and hence for all s and all real u ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |g_k(s, u)| & \leq |2s|(|2s| + 1) \cdots (|2s| + k - 1) \\
 & < [|2s| + (k - 1)/2]^k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using this and (2), we find for $\sigma \geq 1/2$ that

$$|h(s, Q)| < 2a^{-\sigma} \zeta(k)^2 \left(\frac{2a}{|d|^{1/2}} \right)^{2\sigma-1} \left[\frac{2|s| + (k - 1)/2}{\pi(|d|/a^2)^{1/2}} \right]^k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u^2 + 1)^{-(k+1)/2} du.$$

To simplify this, we note that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u^2 + 1)^{-(k+1)/2} du = \frac{\pi^{1/2} \Gamma(k/2)}{\Gamma((k+1)/2)}.$$

Now Stirling's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Gamma(z) &= (z - 1/2) \log z - z + 1/2 \log(2\pi) \\ &\quad + \frac{B_2(0)}{2z} - \frac{B_3(0)}{6z^2} - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{B_3(u - [u])}{(u+z)^3} du \end{aligned}$$

and the same generalization used in [4],

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Gamma(z + 1/2) &= z \log z - z + 1/2 \log(2\pi) \\ &\quad + \frac{B_2(1/2)}{2z} - \frac{B_3(1/2)}{6z^2} - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{B_3(u - 1/2 - [u - 1/2])}{(u+z)^3} du \end{aligned}$$

shows that for real $z > 0$,

$$\log \frac{\Gamma(z)}{\Gamma(z + 1/2)} < -1/2 \log z + \frac{1}{8z} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{2\zeta(3)}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2z^2}.$$

We set $z = k/2$ in this and then use the estimate $\zeta(m) < m/(m-1)$ for $m = 3$ and $m = k$; the lemma follows.

LEMMA 2. Suppose that $a \leq (|d|/3)^{1/2}$ and that $\sigma = 1/2$. For all integers $J \geq 1$, we have

$$(6) \quad |h(s, Q)| < 4|s|(3|d|)^{-1/4} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{J-1} j^{-1} + \frac{|2s+1|}{3\sqrt{3}} \sum_{j=J}^{\infty} j^{-2} \right].$$

Proof. For $\sigma = 1/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(x - [x]) \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \left[\left(x + \frac{bj}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right]^{-s} \right\} dx \right| \\ & \leq |s| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(y^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right)^{-3/2} \cdot 2|y| dy \\ & \leq 2|s| \left(\frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right)^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we may integrate by parts as in Lemma 1. For this purpose, we note that

$$(d^2/du^2)[(u^2 + 1)^{-s}] = 2s(u^2 + 1)^{-s-1} [(2s + 1) - (u^2 + 1)^{-1}(2s + 2)].$$

As u runs from 0 to ∞ , $(2s + 1) - (u^2 + 1)^{-1}(2s + 2)$ covers the straight line segment from -1 to $(2s + 1)$. Thus for $\sigma = 1/2$,

$$|(d^2/du^2)[(u^2 + 1)^{-s}]| < |2s(2s + 1)|(u^2 + 1)^{-3/2}.$$

It follows from (2) with $k = 2$ and $\sigma = 1/2$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad & \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(x - [x]) \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \left[\left(x + \frac{bj}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{|d|}{4a^2} j^2 \right]^{-s} \right\} dx \right| \\
 & \leq \left(\frac{2a}{j|d|^{1/2}} \right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12} \left| \frac{d^2}{du^2} [(u^2 + 1)^{-s}] \right| du \\
 & \leq \frac{4a^2}{|d|j^2} \cdot \frac{|2s(2s + 1)|}{12} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u^2 + 1)^{-3/2} du \\
 & \leq 4a^2 |s(2s + 1)| / (3|d|j^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

We use the estimate (7) for $j \leq J - 1$ and the estimate (8) for $j \geq J$ to get

$$|h(s, Q)| \leq \frac{4a^{1/2}|s|}{|d|^{1/2}} \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} j^{-1} + \frac{4a^{3/2}|s(2s + 1)|}{3|d|} \sum_{j=J}^{\infty} j^{-s}.$$

The right-hand side increases with a and so we may replace a by $(|d|/3)^{1/2}$. This gives (6).

LEMMA 3. *Let $Q(x, y)$ be a reduced quadratic form. Then for integral x and y not both zero, $Q(x, y) \geq a$ and if $y \neq 0$, $Q(x, y) \geq c$.*

Proof. We have

$$4a Q(x, y) = (2ax + by)^2 + |d|y^2$$

and since $Q(x, y)$ is reduced, $c \geq a \geq |b|$. Thus for $|y| \geq 2$,

$$Q(x, y) \geq |d|/a = 4c - b^2/a \geq 4c - a > c,$$

while for $|y| = 1$,

$$Q(x, y) \geq (b^2 + |d|)/4a = c$$

and finally for $y = 0, x \neq 0$,

$$Q(x, y) \geq ax^2 \geq a.$$

From this point on, $d < 0$ is a discriminant of a quadratic field of class-number two. There are then two reduced quadratic forms of discriminant d ; the principal form is

$$Q_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + \frac{|d|}{4} y^2 & \text{if } d \text{ is even,} \\ x^2 + xy + \frac{|d| + 1}{4} y^2 & \text{if } d \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

and the other reduced form will be denoted throughout by

$$Q_2(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2.$$

Thus $a \leq (|d|/3)^{1/2}$ since Q_2 is reduced and a is a prime number by Lemma 3 and the fact that some prime factor of a must be represented by Q_2 . If $c \neq a$ then either $b = 0$ or $b = a$. In either event $a|d$ and $a \nmid c$, since then d could not be a field discriminant. But some prime factor of c must be represented by Q_2 and so c is also a prime.

LEMMA 4. Let $p = p_1$ and $p = p_2$ ($p_1 < p_2$) be the smallest primes such that $(d/p) \neq -1$. Then $p_1 = a$ and if $c \neq a$ then $p_2 = c$. If $p_1 = a < (|d|/4)^{1/2}$, then $a|d|$ and $c > (|d|/4)^{1/2}$. If p is a prime and $(d/p) = 1$, then $p > (|d|/4)^{1/2}$.

Proof. By Lemma 3, any prime represented by Q_1 must be $\geq |d|/4$. We know that a and c are both primes (sometimes equal). Further since $|d| \geq 15$, $a < (|d|/3)^{1/2} < |d|/4$ and

$$c = \frac{b^2 + |d|}{4a} \leq \frac{a}{4} + \frac{|d|}{4a} < \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{|d|}{3}\right)^{1/2} + \frac{|d|}{8} < \frac{|d|}{4}$$

we see from Lemma 3 that $p_1 = a$ and if $a \neq c$, then $p_2 = c$. If $a < (|d|/4)^{1/2}$, then $c > |d|/(4a) > (|d|/4)^{1/2}$. The rest of the lemma follows.

Lemma 4 allows us to very efficiently search through “small” values of d for fields of class-number two. Fortunately a search for something similar is in the literature and can be adapted to our purposes.

LEMMA 5. Let M_a be the smallest positive integer such that $M_a \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ and such that for all primes $p < a$, $(-M_a/p) = -1$. Then

$$M_{53} = 1333963, \quad M_{67} = 20950603, \quad M_{149} = 575528148427.$$

If $a_0 = 53, 67, \text{ or } 149$ and $a \geq a_0$ then $|d| > M_{a_0}$.

Proof. The values of M_a are part of Table 3 of [1]. Note that if p is the largest prime less than a , our M_a is the N_p of [1]. Dr. Shanks has kindly informed me that the value of N_{149} (our M_{151}) is erroneous and that it should be increased to $N_{149} = N_{151}$. This does not affect the values that we use here. When d is even, $a = 2$. When d is odd, $a = 2$ only for $d = -15$. Otherwise for odd d , $a > 2$ and this gives $(d/2) = -1$ which implies $|d| \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$. Thus by Lemma 4, if $a \geq a_0$ then $|d| \geq M_{a_0}$.

For $a \geq 149$, Lemma 5 gives us a convenient jumping off place. Unfortunately, for smaller a , the starting point is not so advanced. For $a < 53$, [1] does us no good at all since $M_{47} = 77683$, which is far too small to use in our present estimates (and $M_{41} = 163$). In the sequel, what we will actually use is

$$M_{149} > 4 \cdot 10^{11}, \quad M_{67} > 6 \cdot 10^6, \quad M_{53} > 1.2 \cdot 10^6.$$

3. Some Numerical Estimates. For convenience, we let $h_j(s) = h(s, Q_j)$, $j = 1, 2$. Also we let

$$L_d(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{n}\right) n^{-s}.$$

We then have,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s)L_d(s) &= \zeta(s, Q_1) + \zeta(s, Q_2) \\ &= (1 + a^{-s})\zeta(2s) + (1 + a^{s-1}) \left(\frac{|d|}{4}\right)^{1/2-s} \cdot \frac{\pi^{1/2}\Gamma(s - 1/2)}{\Gamma(s)} \zeta(2s - 1) \\ &\quad + h_1(s) + h_2(s). \end{aligned}$$

After an application of the functional equation of $\zeta(s)$, we get

$$\zeta(s)L_d(s) - (1 + a^{-s})\zeta(2s) = (1 + a^{s-1})\zeta(2 - 2s)\frac{\Gamma(1 - s)}{\Gamma(s)} \left(\frac{|d|}{4\pi^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-s} + h_1(s) + h_2(s).$$

We apply this equation with $s = \rho_m = \frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_m$, a zero of $\zeta(s)$. The result is

$$(9) \quad \left(\frac{|d|}{4\pi^2}\right)^{i\gamma_m} = -\frac{(1 + a^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\gamma_m})\zeta(1 - 2i\gamma_m)\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - i\gamma_m)}{(1 + a^{-\frac{1}{2}-i\gamma_m})\zeta(1 + 2i\gamma_m)\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_m)} - \left(\frac{|d|}{4\pi^2}\right)^{i\gamma_m} \cdot \frac{h_1(\rho_m) + h_2(\rho_m)}{\zeta(2\rho_m)(1 + a^{-\rho_m})}.$$

Let $\alpha_m, 0 \leq \alpha_m < 2\pi$ be defined by

$$(10) \quad \alpha_m \equiv \pi - 2 \arg \zeta(2\rho_m) - 2 \arg \Gamma(\rho_m) \pmod{2\pi}.$$

For convenience we let

$$\delta_m(a) = \frac{|h_1(\rho_m)| + |h_2(\rho_m)|}{(1 - a^{-\frac{1}{2}})|\zeta(2\rho_m)|}.$$

It will also be useful to let θ denote a number, not necessarily the same each time it occurs, such that $|\theta| \leq 1$.

LEMMA 6. *If $\delta_m(a) < \frac{1}{2}$ then there is an integer x_m such that*

$$\gamma_m \log \left(\frac{|d|}{4\pi^2}\right) = \alpha_m + 2\pi x_m + 2 \arg(1 + a^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\gamma_m}) + \frac{\pi}{3} \delta_m(a) \theta.$$

Proof. The lemma follows from (9) thanks to the elementary inequality,

$$(11) \quad |\arg(1 + z)| \leq \pi|z|/3$$

which is valid for $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Now we define

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} \alpha_1 - \alpha_n\right),$$

and

$$B_n(a) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} \arg(1 + a^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\gamma_1}) - \arg(1 + a^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\gamma_n}) \right];$$

(the Bernoulli polynomials will not occur again).

LEMMA 7. *If $\delta_m(a) < \frac{1}{2}$ for $m = 1$ and $m = n$, then*

$$(12) \quad x_n = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} x_1 + A_n + B_n(a) + \frac{\theta}{6} \left[\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} \delta_1(a) + \delta_n(a) \right].$$

If further $a \geq 4$, then

$$(13) \quad x_n = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} x_1 + A_n + \frac{\theta}{6} \left[2a^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} + 1\right) + \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} \delta_1(a) + \delta_n(a) \right].$$

Proof. Equation (12) follows from Lemma 6 and (13) follows from (12) and (11).

Now we need some explicit numerical estimates for $|h_i(\rho_m)|$ for various m . The nature of Lemmas 1 and 2 is such that any estimate derived for h_2 will automatically be valid for h_1 when the $a^{-1/2}$ term is deleted. We have,

$$(14) \quad |h_2(\rho_m)| < \begin{cases} 7.2 \cdot 10^{-11} a^{-1/2} & \text{for } m \leq 11 \text{ and } |d|/a^2 \geq 4000, \\ 3.3 \cdot 10^{-11} a^{-1/2} & \text{for } m \leq 2 \text{ and } |d|/a^2 \geq 800, \\ 1.043a^{-1/2} & \text{for } m \leq 2 \text{ and } |d|/a^2 \geq 250. \end{cases}$$

These estimates follow from Lemma 1 with $|s| = 55, k = 84$ in the first, $|s| = 21.05, k = 44$ in the second and $|s| = 21.05, k = 11$ in the third. Corresponding to these are the estimates

$$(15) \quad |h_1(\rho_m)| < \begin{cases} 7.2 \cdot 10^{-11} & \text{for } m \leq 11 \text{ and } |d| \geq 4000, \\ 3.3 \cdot 10^{-11} & \text{for } m \leq 2 \text{ and } |d| \geq 800. \end{cases}$$

We also need some estimates from Lemma 2. With $s = \rho_1$ and $J = 6$ in Lemma 2, we get

$$(16) \quad |h_2(\rho_1)| < 141 |d|^{-1/4}$$

and with $s = \rho_2, J = 9$ in Lemma 2 we get

$$(17) \quad |h_2(\rho_2)| < 235 |d|^{-1/4}.$$

From these and the values of $|\zeta(2\rho_n)|$ in Table 1, we get without any difficulty,

$$(18) \quad |\delta_m(a)| < \begin{cases} 10^{-9} & \text{for } m \leq 11 \text{ and } |d|/a^2 \geq 4000, \\ 2.4 \cdot 10^{-10} & \text{for } m \leq 2, |d|/a^2 \geq 800, \\ 2 \cdot 10^{-10} + 1.26(a^{1/2} - 1)^{-1} & \text{for } m = 2, |d|/a^2 \geq 250, \\ 10^{-10} + .537(a^{1/2} - 1)^{-1} & \text{for } m = 1, |d|/a^2 \geq 250, \\ 2 \cdot 10^{-10} + 283 |d|^{-1/4}(1 - a^{-1/2})^{-1} & \text{for } m = 2, |d| \geq 800, \\ 10^{-10} + 72.5 |d|^{-1/4}(1 - a^{-1/2})^{-1} & \text{for } m = 1, |d| \geq 800. \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 8. *If either $|d|/a^2 \geq 800$, or $|d|/a^2 \geq 250, a \geq 5$ or $|d| > 10^9$, then*

$$x_1 > 2.249 \log |d| - 8.543 - \frac{1}{3}a^{-1/2},$$

and

$$|d| > 41.4 \exp(.444x_1 - .149a^{-1/2}).$$

In particular, $x_1 > 3$ in all cases and if $x_1 > 10400, |d| > 10^{2000}$.

Proof. We see from (18) that $|\delta_1(a)| < 1/2$ under the hypotheses of the lemma (we only need to make this estimate in the third case for $a > 100$ as otherwise the first case applies). We note that (11) holds for $z = a^{-1/2+i\gamma_1}$ (for $a = 2$ and 3 by direct calculation) and thus Lemma 6 implies

$$x_1 > \frac{\gamma_1}{2\pi} \log \left(\frac{|d|}{4\pi^2} \right) - \frac{\alpha_1}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{3}a^{-1/2}$$

and

$$|d| > 4\pi^2 \exp \left[\frac{2\pi x_1 + \alpha_1 - (\pi/6) - (2\pi/3)a^{-1/2}}{\gamma_1} \right].$$

The lemma follows from the numerical values of γ_1 and α_1 in Table 1.

TABLE 1

n	$\gamma_n + 5 \cdot 10^{-10}\theta$	$\alpha_n/(2\pi) + 10^{-7}\theta$	$ \xi(2\rho_n) + 10^{-4}\theta$	$\gamma_n/\gamma_1 + 10^{-7}\theta$	$A_n + 10^{-7}\theta$
1	14.134725142	.189940085	1.9488		
2	21.022039639	.744277023	.8310	1.487262004	-.461786352
3	25.010857580	.644452141	.5342	1.769461898	-.308360397
4	30.424876126	.868568588	.5148	2.152491528	-.459724164
5	32.935061588	.424902705	.8130	2.330081501	.017673174
6	37.586178159	.399505477	.9383	2.659137534	.105571332
7	40.918719012	.353564641	1.9220	2.894907301	.196294299
8	43.327073281	.439618184	.9778	3.065292946	.142603819
9	48.005150881	.380301171	.5426	3.396256411	.264784061
10	49.773832478	.365820574	1.4281	3.521386654	.303031906
11	52.970321478	.266601822	.6885	3.747531058	.445204546

The values of γ_2/γ_1 and A_2 are correct to within $5 \cdot 10^{-10}\theta$.

LEMMA 9. If $|d|/a^2 \geq 4000$, then for $2 \leq n \leq 11$,

$$(19) \quad \left| x_n - \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_n \right| < 10^{-9} + \frac{1}{3} a^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} + 1 \right).$$

If $|d|/a^2 \geq 800$, then

$$(20) \quad \left| x_2 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_2 - B_2(a) \right| < 10^{-10},$$

and if also $a > 4$, then

$$(21) \quad \left| x_2 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_2 \right| < 10^{-10} + .83a^{-1/2}.$$

If $|d|/a^2 \geq 250$ and $a \geq 13$, then

$$(22) \quad \left| x_2 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_2 - B_2(a) \right| < 10^{-10} + .344(a^{1/2} - 1)^{-1},$$

$$(23) \quad \left| x_2 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_2 \right| < 10^{-10} + .344(a^{1/2} - 1)^{-1} + .83a^{-1/2}.$$

If $|d| > 4 \cdot 10^{11}$ and $a \geq 10^4$, then

$$(24) \quad \left| x_2 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} x_1 - A_2 \right| < 10^{-10} + 66 |d|^{-1/4} + .83a^{-1/2}.$$

Proof. We see from (18) that $\delta_m(a) < \frac{1}{2}$ for $m = 1$ and $m = n$ in every case. The lemma is now a direct consequence of (12) and (13) of Lemma 7 together with the estimates in (18).

4. Proof of Theorem 2. We now wish to systematically examine the inequalities of Lemma 9 and show that $x_1 > 10400$ so that by Lemma 8, $|d| > 10^{2000}$.

LEMMA 10. *If $a \geq 10^{14}$, then $|d| > 10^{2000}$.*

Proof. For $a \geq 10^{14}$, we have $|d| > 3 \cdot 10^{28}$ (and by Lemma 8, $x_1 > 3$). It follows from (24) that

$$|x_2 - (\gamma_2/\gamma_1)x_1 - A_2| < 5.15 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

which we will write as

$$(25) \quad \left| (x_2 - 4) - \frac{5546}{3729}(x_1 - 3) - \left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} - \frac{5546}{3729} \right) (x_1 - 3) + .340 \cdot 10^{-6} \right| < 5.16 \cdot 10^{-6},$$

since $4 - (3\gamma_2/\gamma_1 + A_2) = .340 \cdot 10^{-6} + 2 \cdot 10^{-9}\theta$ and

$$(26) \quad \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} - \frac{5546}{3729} = (3 + \theta)10^{-9}.$$

Therefore

$$(27) \quad \left| (x_2 - 4) + \frac{5546}{3729}(x_1 - 3) \right| < 6 \cdot 10^{-6} + 4 \cdot 10^{-9}x_1.$$

But for $x_1 \leq 10400$, the right-hand side of (27) is less than $1/3729$ and so, since $(3729, 5546) = 1$, $3729|(x_1 - 3)$. Thus if $x_1 < 10400$, then $x_1 = 3732$ or $x_1 = 7461$. But we see from (26) that $x_1 = 3732$ and $x_1 = 7461$ do not satisfy (25) either. Hence $x_1 > 10400$ and $|d| > 10^{2000}$.

LEMMA 11. *If $|d|/a^2 \geq 4000$ and $a \geq 53$, then $|d| > 10^{2000}$.*

Proof. By Lemma 8, $x_1 > 0$ and by (19) of Lemma 9,

$$(28) \quad \left| x_n - \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1}x_1 - A_n \right| < \frac{1}{21} \left(\frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_1} + 1 \right), \quad 2 \leq n \leq 11.$$

A check on a programable desk calculator shows this can not happen for $0 < x_1 < 10400$ and this proves the lemma.

Incidentally $x_1 = 2324$ and $x_1 = 7898$ satisfy (28) for $2 \leq n \leq 10$. Perhaps the most interesting number though, is $x_1 = 42$ which satisfies eight of the ten inequalities in (28) and comes close on the other two. It would be interesting to know if somewhere around $-5 \cdot 10^9$ there is a discriminant with small class-number that accounts for this.

LEMMA 12. *If $53 \leq a < 10^{14}$, then $|d| > 10^{2000}$.*

Proof. We break the interval on a up into several pieces. We begin with $10^4 \leq a < 10^{14}$. By Lemmas 5 and 8, $|d| > 4 \cdot 10^{11}$ and $x_1 > 51$. It follows from (24) that $x_1 \geq 75$ (see Table 2) and therefore by Lemma 8, $|d| > 10^{16}$. For $10^4 \leq a <$

TABLE 2. $|x_2 - (\gamma_2/\gamma_1)x_1 - A_2| + 10^{-4}\theta$, where x_2 is the nearest integer to $(\gamma_2/\gamma_1)x_1 + A_2$ for $0 \leq x_1 \leq 85$

x_1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	.4618	.0255	.4873	.0000	.4873	.0255	.4618	.0510	.4363	.0764
10	.4108	.1019	.3854	.1274	.3599	.1529	.3344	.1783	.3089	.2038
20	.2835	.2293	.2580	.2548	.2325	.2802	.2070	.3057	.1816	.3312
30	.1561	.3567	.1306	.3821	.1051	.4076	.0796	.4331	.0542	.4586
40	.0287	.4840	.0032	.4905	.0223	.4650	.0477	.4395	.0732	.4141
50	.0987	.3886	.1242	.3631	.1496	.3376	.1751	.3121	.2006	.2867
60	.2261	.2612	.2515	.2357	.2770	.2102	.3025	.1848	.3280	.1593
70	.3534	.1338	.3789	.1083	.4044	.0829	.4299	.0574	.4554	.0319
80	.4808	.0064	.4937	.0190	.4682	.0445				

With an error of .0032, the table is periodic in x_1 with period 39. This is because $58/39$ is an excellent approximation to γ_2/γ_1 . The small change from x_1 to $x_1 + 2$ is because $3 - 2(58/39) = 1/39$. These properties show that $|x_2 - (\gamma_2/\gamma_1)x_1 - A_2|$ will be small only at $x_1 = 3, 42, 81, 120, 159, \dots$ and values removed from these by small even numbers.

10^6 we now have $|d|/a^2 > 4000$ and Lemma 11 applies. So we may restrict our attention to $10^6 \leq a < 10^{14}$ and $|d| > 10^{16}$. But now by (24) again, $x_1 \geq 81$ and by Lemma 8, $|d| > 16 \cdot 10^{16}$. Once more we apply (24), this time $x_1 > 160$ and so $|d| > 10^{32}$ and $|d|/a^2 > 4000$. Therefore by Lemma 11, $|d| > 10^{2000}$.

Next, we take the range $149 \leq a < 10^4$. By Lemma 5, $|d| > 4 \cdot 10^{11}$ and so by Lemma 11, $|d| > 10^{2000}$. Lastly, we take the range $53 \leq a < 149$. By Lemma 5, $|d| > 1.2 \cdot 10^6$ and so by Lemma 8, $x_1 > 22$. For $53 \leq a < 67$ we have $|d|/a^2 > 250$; by Lemma 5, for $67 \leq a < 149$, $|d| > 6 \cdot 10^6$ and again $|d|/a^2 > 250$. It follows from (23) that $x_1 \geq 30$. By Lemma 8, we now have $|d| > 2.5 \cdot 10^7$. Hence $|d|/a^2 > 800$ and so by (21), $x_1 \geq 34$. Therefore $|d| > 10^8$ and so $|d|/a^2 > 4000$. Thus by Lemma 11, $|d| > 10^{2000}$ and this completes the proof.

We have now come to the point that we must make use of the numerical values of $B_2(a)$ with prime a , $2 \leq a \leq 47$.

LEMMA 13. *If $a < 53$ and either $|d| > 600000$ or $|d|/a^2 \geq 800$, then $|d| > 10^{2000}$.*

Proof. We recall that a is a prime. For $|d| > 600000$ and $a \leq 23$, we have $|d|/a^2 > 800$ already. For $|d| > 600000$ and $29 \leq a \leq 47$, we have $x_1 > 21$ by Lemma 8 and $|d|/a^2 > 250$. By (22), together with the fact that $|B_2(a)| < .107$ for $29 \leq a \leq 47$ (see Table 3), we get $x_1 \geq 28$ in this case which by Lemma 8 leads to $|d| > 800 \cdot 47^2$ and so we have $|d|/a^2 > 800$ in all cases. Now by (20),

TABLE 3

a	$B_2(a) + 10^{-7}\theta$	$3729 B_2(a) + 10^{-3}\theta$
2	-.541421469	-2018.961
3	.304504877	1135.499
5	-.355642421	-1251.611
7	.176779814	659.212
11	.102601911	382.603
13	-.066432969	-247.729
17	.084063829	313.474
19	-.038819482	-144.758
23	.022308245	83.187
29	-.106959524	-398.852
31	-.090143184	-336.144
37	.026169905	97.588
41	.038194456	142.427
43	.048526374	180.955
47	-.034830231	-129.882

$$\left| (x_2 - 4) - \frac{5546}{3729}(x_1 - 3) - B_2(a) - \left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} - \frac{5546}{3729} \right) (x_1 - 3) + .340 \cdot 10^{-6} \right| < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

or,

$$(29) \quad \left| 3729(x_2 - 4) - 5546(x_1 - 3) - 3729 B_2(a) - 3729 \left(\frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} - \frac{5546}{3729} \right) (x_1 - 3) - .001268 \right| < 10^{-5}.$$

If $x_1 < 10400$, then we see from (29) and (26) that

$$(30) \quad |3729(x_2 - 4) - 5546(x_1 - 3) - 3729 B_2(a)| < .16.$$

From Table 3, we see that this is possible only for $a = 2, 29, 31, 43$ and 47 . Further (29) and (26) eliminate $a = 2, 29$ and 47 (basically because the right-hand side of (26) is positive). This leaves $a = 31$ and 43 ; in these cases (30) shows that we must have

$$-5546(x_1 - 3) \equiv \begin{cases} -336 \pmod{3729} & \text{if } a = 31, \\ 181 \pmod{3729} & \text{if } a = 43. \end{cases}$$

This gives

$$x_1 = 1095, 4628, 8553 \quad \text{if } a = 31,$$

$$x_1 = 2833, 6562, 10291 \quad \text{if } a = 43.$$

When we put these values of x_1 in (29) and use (26), we see that (29) is not satisfied and so $x_1 > 10400$. Therefore $|d| > 10^{2000}$.

In the case of $a = 43$ and $x_1 = 2833$, we have

$$3729(4 \cdot 10^{-9})(x_1 - 3) = .0422 + 10^{-4}\theta,$$

$$3729 B_2(a) = 180.955 + .001\theta,$$

and so the error term in (26) is essentially the maximum permissible. As a check, we could also try the above six values of x_1 in (12) of Lemma 7 with $n = 3$; calculation reveals that the right-hand side of (12) is nowhere near an integer.

LEMMA 14. *If $a \geq 13$, then $|d| > 600000$.*

Proof. By Lemma 4,

$$(31) \quad (d/p) = -1 \quad \text{for } p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11.$$

There are precisely 30 possible values of $d \pmod{9240}$ satisfying these conditions. For each of these thirty values, we then check the 64 or 65 values of d between 0 and -600000 that are congruent to it $\pmod{9240}$ and find that, besides $d = -67$, $d = -163$ (both class-number one) that every such d is either divisible by two primes less than $(|d|/4)^{1/2}$ or there is a prime $p < (|d|/4)^{1/2}$ with $(d/p) = 1$. Thus by Lemma 4, if $a \geq 13$ then $|d| > 600000$.

The search just described was easy on the desk calculator although it would have been a chore by hand. The search revealed that there are exactly two discriminants d between 0 and -600000 satisfying (31) such that d is divisible by at most one prime ≤ 47 and is a nonresidue of all other primes ≤ 47 . These numbers are -85507 and -207883 . They do not contradict the value of M_{53} in Lemma 5 since 37 divides the former and 13 divides the latter. Although their class-numbers are undoubtedly small for their size, they do not have class-number 2 since

$$\left(\frac{-85507}{61}\right) = \left(\frac{-207883}{53}\right) = 1.$$

LEMMA 15. *If $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$ then either d is one of the eighteen discriminants in Theorem 1 or $|d| > 800a^2$.*

Proof. It is easily checked that if $|d| \leq 484$, then d is one of the eighteen numbers listed in Theorem 1 and so we assume that $|d| > 484$ and so $(|d|/4)^{1/2} > 11$. Therefore by Lemma 4, $a|d|$ and d is a nonresidue of the other four primes ≤ 11 . This gives us 30 possible values of $d \pmod{4620}$ when $a = 2$ and 30, 15, 10, 6 possible values of $d \pmod{9240}$ when $a = 3, 5, 7, 11$ respectively. We now tabulate every value of d between -484 and $-800a^2$ satisfying these congruence conditions and such that if p is a prime, $p \neq a$, $p < (|d|/4)^{1/2}$ then $(d/p) = -1$. The list

contains only nonfundamental discriminants (for example $-163a^2$ for $a = 2, 3, 5$). The lemma follows from Lemma 4.

Theorem 2 follows from Lemmas 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

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