

DETERMINATION OF ALL SUBFIELDS OF CYCLOTOMIC FUNCTION FIELDS WITH DIVISOR CLASS NUMBER TWO

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we determine all subfields of cyclotomic function fields with divisor class number two. We also give the generators of such fields explicitly.

1. Introduction

Let $k = \mathbb{F}_q(T)$ be the rational function field over the finite field \mathbb{F}_q with q elements and $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{F}_q[T]$ the ring of polynomials. Let ∞ be the prime divisor of k associated to $(1/T)$. For each polynomial $N \in \mathbb{A}$, one uses the Carlitz module to construct the N -th cyclotomic function field K_N and its maximal real subfield K_N^+ . For the theory of cyclotomic function fields, we refer to the Rosen's Book ([12, Chap.12]).

Let K be a finite abelian extension of k which is contained in some cyclotomic function field. By the conductor of K , we mean the monic polynomial $N \in \mathbb{A}$ such that K_N is the smallest cyclotomic function field containing K and we denote it by $\text{cond}(K)$. Let $K^+ = K \cap K_N^+$ be the maximal real subfield of K , i.e., the maximal subfield of K on which ∞ splits completely. We say that K is a *real* extension of k if $K = K^+$ and *imaginary* otherwise. Let us denote by g_K and h_K the genus and the divisor class number of K , respectively. The aim of this paper is the determination of all subfields K of cyclotomic function fields with $h_K = 2$. In section 2, based on the work of Leitzel, Madan and Queen [10], we show that it is enough to consider the fields K with $g_K = 1$ when $q = 2, 3, 4$ and 5 (Proposition 2.1). Finally we determine all fields K with $h_K = 2$ among these explicitly (Theorem 3.1 and 3.2).

2. Divisor class number two and genus

Let K be a finite abelian extension of k with $h_K = 2$. Since $g_K = 0$ implies $h_K = 1$, we must have $g_K \geq 1$. By Theorem 3 in [10], it is sufficient to consider the following cases;

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- (i) $q = 2$ and $g_K \leq 5$
- (ii) $q = 3$ and $g_K \leq 2$
- (iii) $q = 4$ or 5 and $g_K = 1$.

From now on, by a finite abelian extension K of k we always assume that K is contained in some cyclotomic function fields over k . Let $S_\infty(K)$ be the set of all prime divisors of K lying above ∞ . The primes in $S_\infty(K)$ are called the infinite primes of K . In our case, the following proposition shows that it is sufficient to consider the fields K with $g_K = 1$ when $q \leq 5$.

Proposition 2.1. *Let K be a finite abelian extension of k .*

- (i) *If $g_K = 1$, then h_K is equal to the number of primes of K of degree one.*
- (ii) *If $h_K = 2$, then $g_K = 1$ and $q \leq 5$.*

Proof. (i) follows immediately from the equation (13) in [10].

(ii) Let N_d be the number of primes of K of degree d . Then

$$N_1 \geq |S_\infty(K)| = [K^+ : k].$$

At first, we assume that $q = 2, g_K \geq 2$ and $h_K = 2$. Since K is a real extension of k , $N_1 \geq 2$. Then by Theorem 4 in [10], $(g_K, N_1, N_2) = (2, 2, 1)$. Thus

$$|S_\infty(K)| = [K : k] = 2.$$

Since $N_1 = 2$ and ∞ splits completely in K , the inertia degree of (T) and $(T + 1)$ in the extension K/k is 2. Thus $N_2 \geq 2$, which is a contradiction. Hence if $q = 2$ and $h_K = 2$, then $g_K = 1$. Now we consider the case that $q = 3, g_K = 2$ and $h_K = 2$. Then by Theorem 4 in [10], $N_1 = 0$. But

$$N_1 \geq |S_\infty(K)| = [K^+ : k] \geq 1,$$

and so this case is impossible. Hence if $q = 3$ and $h_K = 2$, then $g_K = 1$. \square

From Proposition 2.1, we need the result of the subfields of cyclotomic function fields with $g_K = 1$. In [8], we have determined all such subfields K when $q \geq 3$.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $q = 2$. Let K be a real finite abelian extension of k . Then $h_K = 1$ if and only if $g_K = 0$. In this case $K (\neq k)$ is $K_{P_1^2}$ or K_{P_2} , where $\deg P_1 = 1$ and $\deg P_2 = 2$.*

Proof. If $g_K = 0$, then $h_K = 1$ obviously. Conversely, if $h_K = 1$, then $g_K \leq 4$ by Theorem 1 in [11]. When $g_K = 1$, h_K is equal to the number of prime divisors of K of degree one. Since K is a real extension of k ,

$$1 = h_K \geq |S_\infty(K)| = [K : k].$$

Thus $K = k$, which is impossible (because $g_K = 1$). If $g_K = 2$, then, as in the proof of Theorem 2 in [11],

$$h_K = (N_1^2 + N_1 + 2N_2 - 4)/2 = 1.$$

Thus $N_1^2 + N_1 + 2N_2 = 6$. Since $N_1 \geq n = [K : k] \geq 2$, we have $(N_1, N_2, n) = (2, 0, 2)$. Since $N_1 = 2$ and ∞ splits completely in K , two prime divisors (T) and $(T + 1)$ must inert in K . Then $N_2 \geq 2$, which is impossible. Assume that $g_K = 3$ or 4 . Since $N_1 \geq |S_\infty(K)| \geq 1$, there is no K with $h_K = 1$ by Theorem 2 in [11].

When $g_K = 0$, we can see that the same argument of section 4 in [7] holds for the case $q = 2$. Thus the last statement follows from Proposition 4.1, 4.2 and Theorem 4.3 in [7]. \square

Almost the same argument as in [8, Theorems 3.4-3.5] gives

Proposition 2.3. *Let $q = 2$ and K be a real extension of k with $g_K = 1$. Then K is one of the followings;*

- (1) K is a quadratic extension of k with $\text{cond}(K) = P_1^4, P_2^2$ or $P_1^2 P_1'^2$, where $\deg P_1 = \deg P_1' = 1$ and $\deg P_2 = 2$,
- (2) K is a quartic extension of k with $\text{cond}(K) = P_1^3$, where $\deg P_1 = 1$,
- (3) K is a biquadratic extension of k with $\text{cond}(K) = P_1^2 P_1'^2$, where $\deg P_1 = \deg P_1' = 1$,

By Proposition 2.3, it is easy to check that Theorem 3.4 and 3.5 in [8] holds without assuming that $q \geq 3$. In this paper we use results in [8] without assuming that $q \geq 3$.

3. Divisor class number two problem

In this section, we determine all subfields K of cyclotomic function fields with $h_K = 2$. By proposition 2.1, it is equivalent to determine all subfields K with $g_K = 1$ and $N_1 = 2$ when $q = 2, 3, 4, 5$. Since any infinite prime divisor of K has degree one,

$$[K^+ : k] = |S_\infty(K)| \leq 2.$$

If $[K^+ : k] = 2$, then $N_1 = |S_\infty(K)| = 2$. Thus any monic polynomials $P \in \mathbb{A}$ of degree one must have inertia degree $f_P \geq 2$ in the extension K/k . If $[K^+ : k] = 1$, then exactly one monic polynomial $P \in \mathbb{A}$ must be totally ramified in K and the others must have inertia degree ≥ 2 .

Let us denote by X_K the character group of $\text{Gal}(K/k)$. For a fixed monic irreducible polynomial Q , let $Y_K = \{\chi \in X_K : \chi(Q) \neq 0\}$ and $Z_K = \{\chi \in X_K : \chi(Q) = 1\}$. From [14, Chap. 3], we know that $[Y_K : Z_K] = f_Q, |Z_K| = g_Q$, the number of primes lying above Q .

3.1. K/k is a real extension with $h_K = 2$

Theorem 3.1. *Let K/k be a real extension with $h_K = 2$. Then $[K : k] = 2$ and, up to isomorphisms $(x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*)$, K is one of the following cases;*

- (1) $q = 2, K = k(\alpha), \alpha$ is a root of $y^2 + y = 1/(T^2 + T + 1)$,
- (2) $q = 4, K = k(\alpha), \alpha$ is a root of $y^2 + y = 1/(T^2 + T + \omega)$ or $y^2 + y = \omega^2/(T^2 + \omega T + 1)$, where ω is a generator of \mathbb{F}_4^* ,

- (3) $q = 3, K = k(\sqrt{T^4 + 2T^2 + 2}),$
- (4) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt{T^4 + 2}).$

Proof. Let $p = \text{char}(k)$. First suppose that $[K : k]$ is p -power. By Theorem 3.4 in [8], it suffices to consider the following cases;

- (i) $p = 2, K$ is a quadratic extension of k with conductor $P_1^4, \text{deg } P_1 = 1,$
- (ii) $p = 2, K$ is a quadratic extension of k with conductor $P_2^2, \text{deg } P_2 = 2,$
- (iii) $p = 2, K$ is a quadratic extension of k with conductor $P_1^2 P_1', \text{deg } P_1 = \text{deg } P_1' = 1.$

If K is an extension of cases (i) or (iii), then $f_{P_1} = 1$ or $f_{P_1} = f_{P_1'} = 1$. Thus $h_K > 2$. If K is an extension of case (ii), then $q = 2$ or 4 .

First suppose $q = 2$. Then we have

$$\text{Gal}(K_{P_2^2}/k) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2)$$

and $P_2 = T^2 + T + 1$. By [5, Section 3], we see that

$$\text{Gal}(K_{P_2^2}/k) \cong (\mathbb{F}_q[T]/P_2^2)^* \cong \langle \overline{T^2 + 1} \rangle \times \langle \overline{T^2 + T} \rangle \times \langle \overline{T^3 + T^2 + T + 1} \rangle,$$

where \overline{M} denotes $M \pmod{P_2}$ for $M \in \mathbb{A}$. It is easily checked that $T \pmod{P_2^2}$ corresponds to $(1, 1, 1)$ and $T + 1 \pmod{P_2^2}$ corresponds to $(2, 0, 1)$. Since

$$X_{K_{P_2^2}} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2),$$

the nontrivial element of X_K corresponds to $(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0)$ or $(0, 1, 1)$. Clearly the character which corresponds to $(0, 0, 1)$ takes -1 at both prime ideals (T) and $(T + 1)$. Now we want to find a generator for K/k . By [4, Proposition 3.1], K must be isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_q(x, y)$ with

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 + x^2 + 1.$$

Let $y_1 = (y + 1)/x$. Then

$$y_1^2 + y_1 = x + 1 + 1/x.$$

Let $x_1 = x + 1/(y_1^2 + y_1 + 1)$. Then

$$x_1^2 + x_1 = \frac{1}{y_1^2 + y_1 + 1}.$$

Let $T = y_1, y_2 = x_1$. Then

$$y_2^2 + y_2 = \frac{1}{T^2 + T + 1}.$$

By [13, Proposition III.7.8], it is immediately checked that this equation defines the required quadratic extension K . Therefore we have $K = k(\alpha)$, where α is any root of $y^2 + y = 1/(T^2 + T + 1)$. Next suppose that $q = 4$. By the similar argument in the case $q = 2$, we find that $K = k(\alpha)$, where α is a root of $y^2 + y = 1/(T^2 + T + \omega)$ or $y^2 + y = \omega^2/(T^2 + \omega T + 1)$. Here ω is a generator of \mathbb{F}_4^* .

Now suppose $([K : k], p) = 1$. Since $[K : k] = 2$, we have $q = 3$ or 5 . By [8, Theorem 3.5], it suffices to consider the following cases;

- (i) $K = k(\sqrt{P_4}), \deg P_4 = 4,$
- (ii) $K = k(\sqrt{P_1 P_3}), \deg P_1 = 1, \deg P_3 = 3,$
- (iii) $K = k(\sqrt{P_2 P'_2}), \deg P_2 = \deg P'_2 = 2,$
- (iv) $K = k(\sqrt{P_1 P'_1 P_2}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = 1, \deg P_2 = 2,$
- (v) $K = k(\sqrt{P_1 P'_1 P''_1 P'''_1}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = \deg P''_1 = \deg P'''_1 = 1.$

If a monic irreducible polynomial P divides $\text{cond}(K)$, then P must totally ramify in K/k because $[K : k] = 2$. Thus we do not need to check the cases (ii), (iv) and (v).

Case (i) : Let $X_{K_{P_4}} = \langle \chi \rangle$. Then $X_K = \langle \chi^{(q^4-1)/2} \rangle$. Since $[K^+ : k] = 2$, all monic irreducible polynomials of degree one must inert in K/k . Thus we must find all monic irreducible polynomials P_4 of degree 4 such that $\{P_4(\alpha) | \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^* \setminus (\mathbb{F}_q^*)^2$. An elementary calculation shows that only $P_4 = T^4 + 2T^2 + 2$ (resp. $P_4 = T^4 + 2$) for $q = 3$ (resp. $q = 5$) satisfies the above condition. Thus, up to isomorphisms $(x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*)$, we have

$$K = \begin{cases} k(\sqrt{T^4 + 2T^2 + 2}) & \text{if } q = 3 \\ k(\sqrt{T^4 + 2}) & \text{if } q = 5. \end{cases}$$

Case (iii) : By the similar argument in Case (i), we must find all pairs of monic irreducible polynomials P_2, P'_2 of degree 2 such that $\{P_2(\alpha)P'_2(\alpha) | \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^* \setminus (\mathbb{F}_q^*)^2$. A simple calculation shows that no such pairs of polynomials exist. It completes the proof. \square

3.2. K/k is an imaginary extension with $h_K = 2$

Theorem 3.2. *Let K/k be an imaginary extension with $h_K = 2$. If K/k is totally imaginary, then up to isomorphisms $(x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*)$, K is one of the following cases;*

- (1) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt{-(T+3)}\sqrt[4]{-T}),$
- (2) $q = 3, K = k(\sqrt{-T(T^2+T+2)}),$
- (3) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt{-T(T^2+2)}).$

If K/k is not totally imaginary, then up to isomorphisms $(x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^)$, K is one of the following cases;*

- (1) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt[4]{T^2+3}),$
- (2) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt{-(T+3)}, \sqrt[4]{-T}),$
- (3) $q = 3, K = k(\sqrt{T^2+1}, \sqrt{-(T+1)}),$
- (4) $q = 5, K = k(\sqrt{T^2+2}, \sqrt{-T}).$

Proof. First assume that K/k is totally imaginary. By [8, Theorem 4.2], it suffices to consider the following cases;

- (i) $K = k(\sqrt[3]{-P_2^2}), \deg P_2 = 2, q \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$
- (ii) $K = k(\sqrt[3]{P_1 P'_1}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = 1, q \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$
- (iii) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1} \sqrt[4]{-P'_1}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = 1, q \equiv 1 \pmod{4},$

- (iv) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1}, \sqrt[3]{-P'_1}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = 1, q \equiv 1 \pmod{6},$
- (v) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_3}), \deg P_3 = 3, q \text{ odd},$
- (vi) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1 P_2}), \deg P_1 = 1, \deg P_2 = 2, q \text{ odd},$
- (vii) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1 P'_1 P''_1}), \deg P_1 = \deg P'_1 = \deg P''_1 = 1, q \text{ odd}.$

In any cases, K/k must have exactly one finite prime of degree one. For cases (ii) and (vii), each monic irreducible divisor P_i of the conductor is of degree one and totally ramifies in K/k . Thus we discard these cases. Since $q = 2, 3, 4$ or 5 , we also discard the case (iv). In the case (i), an elementary calculation shows that h_K is 1 or 3.

Case (iii) : Clearly, $q = 5$. Write

$$X_{K_{P_1 P'_1}} \cong X_{K_{P_1}} \times X_{K_{P'_1}} = \langle \chi_1 \rangle \times \langle \chi_2 \rangle.$$

Then $X_K = \langle \chi_1^2 \chi_2 \rangle$. We may assume that $P'_1 = T$. Write $P_1 = T + \alpha$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_5^*$. Since P'_1 totally ramifies in K/k , the other monic polynomials Q of degree one must have $f_Q \geq 2$. Since $\chi_2(P_1) = \chi_2(\alpha)$, we must have $\alpha \in \{2, 3\}$. For $\alpha = 2$, we have

$$(\chi_2^2 \chi_2)(T + 1) = \chi_2^2(4) \chi_2(1) = 1.$$

Thus $T + 1$ splits completely in K/k and so $h_K \geq 6$. For $\alpha = 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi_1^2 \chi_2)(T + 1) &= \chi_1^2(3) \chi_2(1) = -1, \\ (\chi_1^2 \chi_2)(T + 2) &= \chi_1^2(4) \chi_2(2) = \exp(2\pi i/4) \neq 1, \\ (\chi_1^2 \chi_2)(T + 4) &= \chi_1^2(1) \chi_2(4) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $h_K = 2$ and we have $K = k(\sqrt{-(T+3)} \sqrt[4]{-T})$ with $q = 5$.

Case (v) : By [3, Corollary 4.7], we see that h_K is odd.

Case (vi) : Suppose that $q = 3$. Under isomorphisms $T \mapsto T + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$, we may assume that $P_1 = T$ and $P_2 \in \{T^2 + 1, T^2 + T + 2, T^2 + 2T + 2\}$. Since ∞ and P_1 totally ramify in K/k , $T + 1, T + 2$ must be inert. We write

$$X_K = \{1, \chi_1 \chi_2^4\},$$

where each χ_i can be viewed as a primitive character of $(\mathbb{F}_q[T]/P_i)^*$. Let $P_2 = T^2 + T + 2$. Then T is a primitive root modulo $T^2 + T + 2$. And $T + 1 \equiv T^7$ and $T + 2 \equiv T^6 \pmod{T^2 + T + 2}$. Thus

$$(\chi_1 \chi_2^4)(T + 1) = 1 \cdot (-1) = -1, \quad (\chi_1 \chi_2^4)(T + 2) = (-1) \cdot 1 = -1.$$

An elementary calculation shows that other choices of P_2 do not satisfy this condition. Thus we have

$$K = k(\sqrt{-T(T^2 + T + 2)}).$$

Suppose that $q = 5$. We may assume that $P_1 = T$. Again an elementary calculation shows that only $P_2 = T^2 + 2$ satisfies the condition for $h_K = 2$. Thus we have

$$K = k(\sqrt{-T(T^2 + 2)})$$

up to isomorphisms $T \mapsto T + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$. It is easy to see that this K is isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_q(x, y)$ with $y^2 = x^3 + 2x$ in [4, Proposition 3.1] ($x \mapsto -x$.)

Next assume that K/k is not totally imaginary and $\text{cond}(K) = \text{cond}(K^+)$. By [8, Theorem 4.4], it suffices to consider the following cases;

- (i) $K = k(\sqrt[q]{P_2}), \deg P_2 = 2, q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$,
- (ii) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1}, \sqrt[q]{-P_1'}), \deg P_1 = \deg P_1' = 1, q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$,
- (iii) $K = k(\sqrt[q]{-P_1}, \alpha), \deg P_1 = 1, \alpha \in K_{P_1}^+$ such that $k(\alpha)$ is a quadratic subfield of $K_{P_1}^+, q = 4$.

Case (i) : Clearly, $q = 5$. We must find all monic irreducible polynomials P_2 of degree 2 such that

$$\{P_2(\alpha) | \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_5\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_5^* \setminus (\mathbb{F}_5^*)^4 = \{2, 3, 4\}.$$

Up to isomorphisms ($x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$), it suffices to consider two polynomials $P_2 = T^2 + 2$ or $T^2 + 3$. If $P_2 = T^2 + 2, P_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{T + 3}$. Thus $h_K \geq 6$. (In fact, $h_K = 10$). If $P_2 = T^2 + 3, P_2 \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{T + \alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Thus $h_K = 2$ and we have

$$K = k(\sqrt[q]{T^2 + 3}), q = 5.$$

Case (ii) : We have $q = 5$. Write

$$X_{K_{P_1 P_1'}} \cong X_{K_{P_1}} \times X_{K_{P_1'}} = \langle \chi_1 \rangle \times \langle \chi_2 \rangle.$$

Then $X_K = \langle \chi_1^2, \chi_2 \rangle$. We may assume that $P_1' = T, P_1 = T + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$. Since the ramification index of P_1 in K/k is 2, we must have

$$\chi_2(P_1) = \chi_2(\alpha) \neq 1, \quad \chi_1^2(T) = \chi_1^2(-\alpha) \neq 1.$$

Thus $\alpha \in \{2, 3\}$. For $\alpha = 2$, we have

$$\chi_1^2(T + 1) = \chi_1^2(4) = 1, \quad \chi_2^2(T + 1) = \chi_2^2(1) = 1.$$

Thus $(T + 1)$ splits completely in K . Thus $h_K \geq 10$. For $\alpha = 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1^2(T + 1) &= \chi_1^2(3) = -1, \\ \chi_1^2(T + 2) &= \chi_1^2(2) = \exp(2\pi i/4) \neq 1, \\ \chi_1^2(T + 4) &= \chi_1^2(4) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $h_K = 2$ and we have

$$K = k(\sqrt{-(T + 3)}, \sqrt[q]{-T}) \text{ with } q = 5.$$

Case (iii) : Since $\text{cond}(K) = \text{cond}(K^+) = P_1^2, P_1$ is totally ramified in K/k . Thus $h_K > 2$.

Finally, assume that K/k is not totally imaginary and $\text{cond}(K) \neq \text{cond}(K^+)$. By [8, Theorem 4.6], we need to consider the following cases;

- (i) $K = k(\sqrt{P_2}, \sqrt{-P_1}), \deg P_2 = 2, \deg P_1 = 1, q$ odd,
- (ii) $K = k(\sqrt{-P_1}, \sqrt{P_1' P_1''}), \deg P_1 = \deg P_1' = \deg P_1'' = 1, q$ odd.

Case (i) : We have $q = 3$ or 5 . We write $\chi_1 = \chi_{P_1}, \chi_2 = \chi_{P_2}$. Suppose that $q = 3$. We may assume that $P_2 = T^2 + 1$ under isomorphisms ($x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$). Since T is a square modulo P_2 , we have $P_1 = T + 1$ or $T + 2$. For $P_1 = T + 2$, we have

$$\chi_1(T) = \chi_1(1) = 1, \quad \chi_2^{(q^2-1)/2}(T) = \chi_2^4(T) = 1.$$

Thus $h_K > 2$. For $P_1 = T + 1$, we have

$$\chi_1(T) = \chi_1(2) = -1, \quad \chi_2^4(T + 2) = -1.$$

Thus $h_K = 2$ and we have

$$K = k(\sqrt{T^2 + 1}, \sqrt{-(T + 1)}) \text{ with } q = 3.$$

Suppose that $q = 5$. Under isomorphisms ($x \mapsto x + \alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$), we may assume that $P_2 = T^2 + 2$ or $T^2 + 3$. Suppose that $P_2 = T^2 + 2$. Since $T + 2$ is a square modulo P_2 , we have $P_1 = T, T + 1$ or $T + 4$. For $P_1 = T + 1$, we have

$$\chi_1^2(T + 2) = \chi_1^2(1) = 1, \quad \chi_2^2(T + 2) = 1.$$

Thus $h_K > 2$. For $P_1 = T + 4$, we have

$$\chi_2^{12}(T + 3) = 1, \quad \chi_1^2(T + 3) = \chi_1^2(4) = 1.$$

Thus $h_K > 2$. For $P_1 = T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_2^{12}(T + 1) &= -1, & \chi_1^2(T + 2) &= \chi_1^2(2) = -1, \\ \chi_1^2(T + 3) &= \chi_1^2(3) = -1, & \chi_2^{12}(T + 4) &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $h_K = 2$ and we have

$$K = k(\sqrt{T^2 + 2}, \sqrt{-T}) \text{ with } q = 5.$$

Suppose that $P_2 = T^2 + 3$. Then $P_1 \in \{T, T + 2, T + 3\}$. It is easily checked that $h_K > 2$ in any cases.

Case (ii) : We have $q = 3$ or 5 . We write $\chi_1 = \chi_{P_1}, \chi_2 = \chi_{P'_1}, \chi_3 = \chi_{P''_1}$. Suppose that $q = 3$. We may assume that $P_1 = T, P'_1 = T + 1$ and $P''_1 = T + 2$. Since

$$\chi_1^{(q-1)/2}(P'_1) = \chi_1(1) = 1,$$

thus $f_{P'_1} = 1$ and so $h_K \geq 4$. Suppose that $q = 5$. We may assume that $P_1 = T$ and so $P'_1, P''_1 \in \{T + 1, T + 2, T + 3, T + 4\}$. Both $\chi_1^2(P'_1)$ and $\chi_1^2(P''_1)$ must not be 1. Thus $\{P'_1, P''_1\} = \{T + 2, T + 3\}$, say $P'_1 = T + 2, P''_1 = T + 3$. Then

$$\chi_2^{(q-1)/2} \chi_3^{(q-1)/2}(P_1) = \chi_2^2(3) \chi_3^2(2) = (-1) \cdot (-1) = 1.$$

Thus $f_{P_1} = 1$ and so $h_K \geq 4$. □

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