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Abstract. The aim of this paper is to organize some known mass formulas arising from a definite central division algebra over a global field and to deduce some more new ones.

1. Introduction

Let K be a global field and A be the ring of S-integers in K, where S be a non-empty finite set of places of K that contains all Archimedean places if K is a number field. Let D be a central division algebra D of degree $n \geq 2$ over K that is is *definite* relative to S. This means that for all places $v \in S$ the completion $D_v := D \otimes_K K_v$ of D at v remains a *division* algebra over K_v. When K is a number field, the definite condition implies that K is necessarily totally real and that D is a totally definite *quaternion* algebra (the completions at all real places are Hamiltion quaternion algebras). There are extensive studies for these quaternion algebras over totally real fields in various aspects (mass formulas, class number formulas, modular forms, theta series etc) by Eichler and many others. In this paper we studies three mass formulas arising from the algebra D and an A-order R in D.

The first one is the more classical mass associated to the pair (D, R) using algebras, which dates back to Deuring and Eichler; see [7], cf. [22]. Let $\{I_1, \dots, I_h\}$ be a complete set of representatives of the right locally principal ideal classes of R. Define the *mass of* (D, R) by

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) := \sum_{i=1}^{h} [R_i^\times : A^\times]^{-1}, \tag{1.1}$$

where R_i is the left order of I_i. See Section 2.3 for detailed discussions.

Another two masses are defined by group theory. Recall that if a reductive group G over K has finite S-arithmetic subgroups, then for any open compact subgroup $U \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, where $\mathbb{A}^S$ is the prime-to-S adele ring of K, one can associate the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(G, U)$ as the weight sum over the double coset space $\mathrm{DS}(G, U) = G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)/U$ (see Section 2.2). Now let G be the multiplicative group of D viewed as an algebraic group over K. Let G_1 denote the reduced norm one subgroup of G and G^{ad} the adjoint group of G. The definite condition implies that the groups $G_1(K)$ and $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)$ have finite S-arithmetic subgroups (Section 2.2). Put $U := \widehat{R}^\times \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, where $\widehat{R} = \prod_{v \notin S} R_v$ is the profinite completion of R. Put $U_1 := U \cap G_1(\mathbb{A}^S)$ and let $U^{\mathrm{ad}} \subset G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$ be the image of U. Using the vanishing

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of the first Galois cohomology one shows that the induced projection $\mathrm{pr} : G(\mathbb{A}^S) \to G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$ is open and surjective, particularly that U^{ad} is an open compact subgroup. Therefore we have defined the masses $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$.

The main contents of this article are to compare these masses and to compute them explicitly. Our first main result is the following; see Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.8.

Theorem 1.1. *We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) = h_A \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}), \tag{1.2}$$

where h_A is the class number of A. Moreover, we have

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) = c(S, U) \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1), \tag{1.3}$$

where

$$c(S,U) = \begin{cases} n^{-(|S|-1)}[\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)] & \text{if } K \text{ is a function field;} \\ 2^{-(|S|-|\infty|-1)}[\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)] & \text{if } K \text{ is a totally real field.} \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

Here $\mathrm{Nr} : G(\mathbb{A}^S) \to \mathbb{A}^{S,\times}$ *denotes the reduced norm map, $\widehat{A} = \prod_v A_v$ is the profinite completion of A and ∞ is the set of Archimedean places of the number field K.*

Thus, knowing one of the three masses will allow us to compute the other two. For $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ we obtain the following formula; see Theorem 4.2.

Theorem 1.2. *We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) = \frac{h_A}{n^{|S|-1}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_v \lambda_v(R_v), \tag{1.5}$$

where $\zeta_K(s)$ is the Dedekind zeta function of K, v runs through all non-Archimedean places of K and the local term $\lambda_v(R_v)$ is defined in (4.10).

In the case where D is a quaternion algebra, i.e. $n = 2$, Theorem 1.2 gives rise to a more explicit formula (see Corollary 4.3) which was obtained first by Körner in the number field case (see [16, Theorem 1], also see [15] for the computation). The mass formula proved by Körner is used further by Brzezinski [3] to classify orders in all definite quaternion algebras over $\mathbb{Q}$ with class number one. We remark that definite Eichler orders $\mathcal{O}$ of class number $h(\mathcal{O}) \le 2$ are classified in Kirschmer and Voight [14]

The proof of (1.2) is analyzing the action of the Picard group $\mathrm{Pic}(A)$ on the double coset space $\mathrm{DS}(G, U)$ and comparing the two masses from the definition. The proof of (1.3) is first to reduce the case where R is maximal, and in this case we compute the factor $c(S, U)$ from the explicit formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$.

The proof of Theorem 1.2 is similar to that in Körner [16] which starts the (known) mass formula for maximal orders and computes explicitly the local terms. Using the interpretation of masses as volumes of fundamental domains, we can reduce the mass formula for maximal orders to the classical case (i.e. $S = \infty$ or "the place at infinity" in the function field case), which is well known due to Eichler in the number field case and is due to Denert-Van Geel [6] in the function field case (also see different proofs in Wei and the author [24]). In the latter case, the mass formula was used in Denert and Van Geel [5] to prove the cancellation property for $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$-orders in definite central division algebras over $K = \mathbb{F}_q(t)$.

Though there is no new idea added in the proof of Theorem 1.2, it is convenient to have an explicit formula for some arithmetic and geometric applications (e.g. estimating class numbers and computing certain supersingular objects, see [3, 14, 5, 10, 11, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30]).

We remark that mass formulas for more general groups have been determined by Prasad [17], Gan and Gross [13], Shimura (cf. [21]) and Gan-Hanke-Yu [8, 9]. We refer the interested reader to their papers for more mass formulas.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses variants of masses arising from a definite central division algebra. Section 3 compares these masses (Theorem 1.1) and deduces a mass formula (Theorem 1.2) in the case where R is a maximal order. In Section 4 we compute the local indices and prove Theorem 1.2. The last section discusses a mass formula for types of orders.

2. Definitions of masses

2.1. **Setting.** Let K be a global field. Let S be a non-empty finite set of places of K that contains all Archimedean places if K is a number field or contains a fixed place ∞ if K is a global function field. We also write ∞ for the set of Archimedean places when K is a number field. Let A be the ring of S-integers. If K is a number field and $S = \infty$, then A is nothing but the ring of integers in K which is usually denoted by O_K. Let V^K (resp. V_f^K) denote the set of all (resp. all non-Archimedean) places of K. There is a natural one-to-one bijection between the set of places $v \notin S$ and the set $\mathrm{Max}(A)$ of non-zero prime ideals of A. For any place v of K, let K_v denote the completion of K at v. If v is non-Archimedean, then let O_v denote the valuation ring, $k(v)$ the residue field and q_v its cardinality. In case $v \notin S$, one also writes A_v for O_v, the completion of A at v. Write $|I| := |A/I|$ (resp. $|I_v| := |A_v/I_v|$) if $I \subset A$ (resp. $I_v \subset A_v$) is a non-zero integral ideal. Let $\mathbb{A}$ denote the adele ring of K, $\mathbb{A}^S := \prod'_{v \notin S} K_v$ the prime-to-S adele ring of K and $\mathbb{A}_S := \prod_{v \in S} K_v$. One has $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}_S \times \mathbb{A}^S$. Write $\widehat{A} = \prod_{v \notin S} A_v$ for the profinite completion of A. For any finitely generated A-module R, write $\widehat{R} := R \otimes_A \widehat{A}$.

Let G be a reductive algebraic group over K. Recall that an *S-arithmetic subgroup of* G is a subgroup of the group $G(K)$ of K-rational points which is commensurable to the intersection of $G(K)$ with an open compact subgroup U of $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$. If an S-arithmetic subgroup of G is finite, then every S-arithmetic subgroup of G is finite.

For any open compact subgroup $U \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, we write $\mathrm{DS}(G, U)$ for the double coset space $G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)/U$. By the finiteness of class numbers due to Harish-Chandra and Borel [2], the set $\mathrm{DS}(G, U)$ is always finite.

2.2. **Mass of** (G, U)**.** Suppose that any S-arithmetic subgroup of G is finite. For any open compact subgroup $U \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, we define the mass of (G, U) by

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G, U) := \sum_{i=1}^{h} |\Gamma_{c_i}|^{-1}, \tag{2.1}$$

where $c_1, \dots, c_h$ are representatives for the double coset space $\mathrm{DS}(G,U)$ and $\Gamma_{c_i} := G(K) \cap c_i U c_i^{-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, h$. Note that $\Gamma_{c_i} = \{g \in G(K) \mid g(c_i U) = c_i U\}$ and it is finite.

If $G_S := G(\mathbb{A}_S)$ is compact, then any S-arithmetic subgroup is discretely embedded into the compact group G_S and hence is finite. In this case the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ associated to (G,U) is defined for any open compact subgroup $U \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$.

There are examples of groups G with finite S-arithmetic subgroups whose S-component G_S needs not to be compact. For example, let D be a definite quaternion algebra over $\mathbb{Q}$ (with $S = \infty$) and $G := D^\times$ be the multiplicative group of D. Then the group $G(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{H}^\times$ of $\mathbb{R}$-points, which is the group of units in the Hamilton quaternion algebra, is not compact. However, any arithmetic subgroup of $G(\mathbb{Q})$ is finite. Another example is the multiplicative group G associated to a definite central division algebra D over a function field K with $|S| = 1$.

Note that if $G_S := G(\mathbb{A}_S)$ is compact, then the group $G(K)$ is identified with a discrete subgroup in $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ through the diagonal embedding and the quotient topological space $G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ is compact. This space provides a fertile ground for studying harmonic analysis. Slightly more general, one has the following equivalent statements which characterize the groups with finite S-arithmetic subgroups:

Proposition 2.1. *The following statements are equivalent.*

1. *Any S-arithmetic subgroup of $G(K)$ is finite.*
2. *The group $G(K)$ is discretely embedded into the locally compact topological group $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$.*
3. *The group $G(K)$ is discretely embedded into the locally compact topological group $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ and the quotient topological space $G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ is compact.*

PROOF. See a proof in Gross [12]. ∎

In general, it is very difficult to calculate the class number $|\mathrm{DS}(G,U)|$ explicitly. The mass $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ associated to (G,U), by its definition, is a weighted class number. It is weighted according to the extra symmetries of each double coset. The mass is easier to compute and it provides a good lower bound for the class number. On the other hand, one can interpret $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ as the volume of a fundamental domain.

Lemma 2.2. *Let G be a reductive group over K with finite S-arithmetic subgroups. Then $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U) = \mathrm{vol}(G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S))\mathrm{vol}(U)^{-1}$ for any Haar measure on $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ and the counting measure for the discrete subgroup $G(K)$. In particular if the Haar measure is chosen so that $\mathrm{vol}(U) = 1$, then $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U) = \mathrm{vol}(G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S))$.*

PROOF. Let $c_1, \dots, c_h$ be representatives for $\mathrm{DS}(G,U)$. One has

$$G(\mathbb{A}^S) = \coprod_{i=1}^{h} G(K) c_i U$$

and for each class

$$\mathrm{vol}(G(K)\backslash G(K) c_i U) = \frac{\mathrm{vol}(U)}{\mathrm{vol}(G(K) \cap c_i U c_i^{-1})} = \mathrm{vol}(U) |\Gamma_{c_i}|^{-1}.$$

Then we get

$$\mathrm{vol}(G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)) = \sum_{i=1}^{h} \mathrm{vol}(G(K)\backslash G(K)c_iU) = \mathrm{vol}(U)\cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G,U). \quad \blacksquare$$

This interpretation of $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ allows us to compare the masses $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U')$ for different open compact subgroups U and U' in $G(\mathbb{A}^S)$. Indeed by Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G,U') = \mathrm{Mass}(G,U)[U:U'], \tag{2.2}$$

where the index $[U:U']$ is defined by

$$[U:U'] := [U:U''][U':U'']^{-1} \tag{2.3}$$

for any open compact subgroup $U'' \subset U \cap U'$.

2.3. **Mass of** (D,R)**.** Let D be a central central algebra over K which is definite relative to S. This means that the completion D_v at v, for any place $v \in S$, is a central *division* algebra over K_v. In particular D is a division algebra. In the literature, definite central simple algebras are exactly those that do not satisfy the S-Eichler condition.

Let $S_D \subset V^K$ denote the finite set of ramified places for D. When D is a quaternion algebra, the definite condition for D simply means that $S \subset S_D$. However, the condition $S \subset S_D$ is not sufficient to conclude that D is definite in general. One also needs to know the invariants of D.

Let R be an A-order in D. Two right R-ideals I and I' are said to be *equivalent*, which we denote by $I_1 \sim I_2$, if there is an element $g \in D^\times$ such that $I' = gI$. In other words, $I_1 \sim I_2$ if and only if I and I' are isomorphic as right R-modules. Let $\mathrm{Cl}(R)$ denote the set of equivalence classes of locally free right R-ideals. It is well known that the set $\mathrm{Cl}(R)$ is always finite, and that this set can be parametrized by an adelic class space:

$$\mathrm{Cl}(R) \simeq D^\times \backslash D^\times_{\mathbb{A}^S}/\widehat{R}^\times,$$

where $\widehat{R} = \prod_{v\notin S} R_v$ ($R_v = R\otimes_A A_v$) is the profinite completion of R and $D_{\mathbb{A}^S} = D \otimes_K \mathbb{A}^S$ is the attached prime-to-S adele ring of D.

Let $I_1,\dots,I_h$ be representatives for the ideal classes in $\mathrm{Cl}(R)$. Let R_i be the left order of I_i. Then $[R_i^\times : A^\times]$ is finite. This follows from the Dirichlet theorem that $A^\times$ is finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$-module of rank $|S|-1$ and the following exact sequence:

$$1 \to R_{i,1}^\times/A_1^\times \to R_i^\times/A^\times \to \mathrm{Nr}(R_i^\times)/\mathrm{Nr}(A^\times) \to 1,$$

where $\mathrm{Nr}: D^\times \to K^\times$ is the reduced norm, $R_{i,1}^\times = R_i^\times \cap \ker \mathrm{Nr}$ and $A_1^\times := A^\times \cap \ker \mathrm{Nr}$. Note that the abelian groups $\mathrm{Nr}(A^\times) = (A^\times)^{\deg(D/K)}$ and $\mathrm{Nr}(R_i^\times)$ are subgroups of finite index in $A^\times$. Therefore, the quotient group $\mathrm{Nr}(R_i^\times)/\mathrm{Nr}(A^\times)$ is a finite abelian group. As the group $R_{i,1}^\times/A_1^\times$ is finite, one concludes that $R_i^\times/A^\times$ is also finite. Define the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ by

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) := \sum_{i=1}^{h} [R_i^\times : A^\times]^{-1}. \tag{2.4}$$

The definition is independent of the choice of the representatives I_i.

When $|S|=1$, the group $G(K)=D^\times$ has finite S-arithmetic subgroups and hence the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)$ is also defined, where $U:=\widehat{R}^\times$. In this case put

$$\mathrm{Mass}^{\mathrm{u}}(D,R):=\mathrm{Mass}(G,U)=\sum_{i=1}^{h}|R_i^\times|^{-1}, \tag{2.5}$$

which is an un-normalized version for $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$. Clearly we have $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)=|A^\times|\cdot\mathrm{Mass}^{\mathrm{u}}(D,R)$.

3. Comparison of masses

In the rest of this paper we let K, S, A, D and R be as in Section 1 (or 2.3), except in Section 4.1 where A denotes an arbitrary Dedekind domain.

3.1. **Notation.** Let $G=D^\times$ be the multiplicative group of D, viewed as an algebraic group over K. Let Z be the center of G and $G^{\mathrm{ad}}=G/Z$ be the adjoint group of G. We have a short exact sequence of algebraic groups over K:

$$1 \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\mathrm{pr}} G^{\mathrm{ad}} \longrightarrow 1, \tag{3.1}$$

where pr is the natural projection morphism. Let $\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}}$ denote the multiplicative group over K, and $\mathrm{Nr}:G\to\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}}$ be the morphism induced from the reduced norm map $\mathrm{Nr}:D^\times\to K^\times$. Let $G_1:=\ker\mathrm{Nr}\subset G$ be the reduced norm one subgroup. We have a short exact sequence of algebraic groups over K:

$$1 \longrightarrow G_1 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Nr}} \mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}} \longrightarrow 1. \tag{3.2}$$

The group G_1 is an inner form of SL_n and hence is semi-simple and simply connected.

Applying Galois cohomology to (3.1) and using Hilbert Theorem 90, we have

$$G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)=G(K_v)/K_v^\times \quad \text{and} \quad G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)=D^\times/K^\times$$

and that $\mathrm{pr}:G(K_v)\to G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)$ (resp: $\mathrm{pr}:G(K_v)\to G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)$) is a natural surjective map. When v is an unramifield place for D, we have $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)=\mathrm{GL}_n(K_v)/K_v^\times$. It is not hard to show that any maximal open compact subgroup is conjugate to $\mathrm{GL}_n(O_v)K_v^\times/K_v^\times$, for example using the Cartan decomposition. It follows that $\mathrm{pr}(G(O_v))$ is a maximal open compact subgroup for almost all places v, and hence that the map $\mathrm{pr}:G(\mathbb{A}^S)\to G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$ is surjective and open in the adelic topology.

For any open compact subgroup $U\subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, we write U^{ad} for the image $\mathrm{pr}(U)$ of U in $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$, which is an open and compact subgroup. Note that $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)=D_v^\times/K_v^\times$ is compact for all $v\in S$ as D_v is a division algebra and $D_v^\times\simeq\mathbb{Z}\times O_{D_v}^\times$ (unit group of the unique maximal order). It follows that the group G^{ad} has finite S-arithmetic subgroups and that $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ is defined.

3.2. **Compare** $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ **and** $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$**.** We now take $U=\widehat{R}^\times$ and want to compare the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ with the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$, where $U^{\mathrm{ad}}=\mathrm{pr}(U)$.

The projection map $\mathrm{pr}:G(\mathbb{A}^S)\to G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$ gives rise to a surjective map $\mathrm{pr}:\mathrm{DS}(G,U)\to\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$. Moreover it induces a canonical bijection

$$D^\times\backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)/\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\widehat{R}^\times\simeq\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}}). \tag{3.3}$$

Let $\mathrm{Pic}(A)=\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}/K^\times\widehat{A}^\times$ denote the Picard group of A and let $h_A=|\mathrm{Pic}(A)|$ denote the class number of A. The group $\mathrm{Pic}(A)$ acts on $\mathrm{DS}(G,U)$ by $[a]\cdot[c]=[ca]$ for $a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}$ and $c\in G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, where $[a]$ is the class of $a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}$ in $\mathrm{Pic}(A)$ and $[c]$ is the class in $\mathrm{DS}(G,U)$. One has the induced bijection

$$\mathrm{pr}:\mathrm{DS}(G,U)/\mathrm{Pic}(A)\xrightarrow{\sim}\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}}). \tag{3.4}$$

For $c\in G(\mathbb{A}^S)$, write $[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}$ for the class $D^\times c\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\widehat{R}^\times$ and regard it as an element in $\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ through the canonical isomorphism in (3.3).

By definition, we have

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})=\sum_{[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}\in\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})}|\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}|^{-1},$$

where $\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}=G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)\cap\mathrm{pr}(c)U^{\mathrm{ad}}\mathrm{pr}(c)^{-1}$. We have

$$\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}=(D^\times\cap c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1}\mathbb{A}^{S,\times})/K^\times. \tag{3.5}$$

This group contains $(D^\times\cap c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1}K^\times)/K^\times=R_c^\times/A^\times$ as a subgroup, where $R_c=D\cap c\widehat{R}c^{-1}$, which is also the left order of the ideal class corresponding to the class $[c]$. Therefore, the contribution of the class $[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}$ in $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ is equal to

$$|\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}|^{-1}=|R_c^\times/A^\times|^{-1}|(D^\times\cap c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1}\mathbb{A}^{S,\times})/(D^\times\cap K^\times c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1})|^{-1}. \tag{3.6}$$

On the group G, we have

$$\mathrm{pr}^{-1}([c]^{\mathrm{ad}})=\{[ac];a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\}\simeq\mathrm{Pic}(A)/\mathrm{Stab}([c]),$$

where $\mathrm{Stab}([c])$ is the stabilizer of the class $[c]$ under the $\mathrm{Pic}(A)$-action, and

$$R_{ac}^\times=\Gamma_{ac}=D^\times\cap(ac)\widehat{R}^\times(ac)^{-1}=\Gamma_c=R_c^\times.$$

This says that every member in the fiber $\mathrm{pr}^{-1}([c]^{\mathrm{ad}})$ has the same weight. Thus, the weight sum over the fiber $\mathrm{pr}^{-1}([c]^{\mathrm{ad}})$ in $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ is

$$\sum_{[c']\in\mathrm{pr}^{-1}([c]^{\mathrm{ad}})}|R_{c'}^\times/A^\times|^{-1}=|R_c^\times/A^\times|^{-1}\frac{h_A}{|\mathrm{Stab}([c])|}. \tag{3.7}$$

It is easy to see

$$[ac]=[c]\iff D^\times ac\widehat{R}^\times=D^\times c\widehat{R}^\times\iff a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\cap D^\times c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1},$$

and we get

$$\mathrm{Stab}([c])=(\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\cap D^\times c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1})/K^\times\widehat{A}^\times. \tag{3.8}$$

We now show

Lemma 3.1. *There is an isomorphism of finite abelian groups*

$$\mathrm{Stab}([c])\simeq(D^\times\cap\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1})/(D^\times\cap K^\times c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1}). \tag{3.9}$$

PROOF. To simply notation, put $W:=c\widehat{R}^\times c^{-1}$. First of all for $a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}$ we have

$$aW\cap D^\times\neq\emptyset\iff a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\cap D^\times W.$$

We now show that for each $a\in\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\cap D^\times W$, the intersection $aW\cap D^\times$ defines an element in $(\mathbb{A}^{S,\times}W\cap D^\times)/(K^\times W\cap D^\times)$. Suppose we have two elements $ax_1=d_1$, $ax_2=d_2$, where $x_1,x_2\in W$ and $d_1,d_2\in D^\times$. Then

$$(ax_1)^{-1}(ax_2)=x_1^{-1}x_2=d_1^{-1}d_2\in W\cap D^\times\subset K^\times W\cap D^\times.$$

Therefore, we define a map

$$\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \cap D^\times W \to (\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} W \cap D^\times)/(K^\times W \cap D^\times), \quad a \mapsto [aW \cap D^\times].$$

We need to show that elements which go to the identity class lie in $K^\times \widehat{A}^\times$. Suppose an element $ax \in aW \cap D^\times$ lies in the identity class, i.e. $ax = ky$ for some $k \in K^\times$ and $y \in W$. Then the element $ak^{-1} = yx^{-1}$ lies in $\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \cap W = \widehat{A}^\times$. This shows that $a \in K^\times \widehat{A}^\times$. Therefore, the above map induces a bijection

$$(\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \cap D^\times W)/K^\times \widehat{A}^\times \simeq (\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} W \cap D^\times)/(K^\times W \cap D^\times).$$

Moreover, this is an isomorphism of finite abelian groups. Combining with the isomorphism (3.8), one obtains an isomorphism (3.9). ∎

Theorem 3.2. *We have the equality*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = h_A \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}). \tag{3.10}$$

Proof. It follows from (3.6) and Lemma 3.1 that

$$|\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}|^{-1} = |R_c^\times/A^\times|^{-1} |\operatorname{Stab}([c])|^{-1}.$$

By (3.7) we have

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = \sum_{[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}} \sum_{[c'] \in \mathrm{pr}^{-1}([c]^{\mathrm{ad}})} |R_{c'}^\times/A^\times|^{-1} = \sum_{[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}} |R_c^\times/A^\times|^{-1} \frac{h_A}{|\operatorname{Stab}([c])|},$$

where $[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}$ runs over all double cosets in $\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$. Thus,

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = \sum_{[c]^{\mathrm{ad}}} h_A |\Gamma_c^{\mathrm{ad}}|^{-1} = h_A \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}. \quad ∎$$

Corollary 3.3. *If R and R' are two A-orders in D, then we have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = \mathrm{Mass}(D,R')[\widehat{R}'^\times : \widehat{R}^\times], \tag{3.11}$$

where the index $[\widehat{R}'^\times : \widehat{R}^\times]$ is defined in (2.3).

Proof. Since both the groups $\widehat{R}'^\times$ and $\widehat{R}^\times$ contain the center $\widehat{A}^\times$, one has

$$[\widehat{R}'^\times : \widehat{R}^\times] = [U'^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}],$$

where $U'^{\mathrm{ad}} = \mathrm{pr}(\widehat{R}'^\times)$ and $U^{\mathrm{ad}} = \mathrm{pr}(\widehat{R}^\times)$. As

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U'^{\mathrm{ad}}) = \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})[U'^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}],$$

the assertion follows immediately from Theorem 3.2. ∎

Remark 3.4. (1) When the class number h_A of A is one, the induced map $\mathrm{pr} : \mathrm{DS}(G,U) \to \mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ below (3.3) is bijective. In this case the equality $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ of different masses in Theorem 3.2 is the term-by-term equality.

(2) The action of $\mathrm{Pic}(A)$ on the class space $\mathrm{DS}(G,U) \simeq \mathrm{Cl}(R)$ needs not to be free in general. Therefore, the class number $h(R) = |\mathrm{DS}(G,U)|$ may not be equal to $h_A \cdot |\mathrm{DS}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})|$. To see this, let us look at the isotropy subgroup of the identity class $[1]$ ($c = 1$ in (3.8)):

$$\operatorname{Stab}([1]) \simeq (\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \cap D^\times \widehat{R}^\times)/K^\times \widehat{A}^\times.$$

In the extreme case one considers the possibility of the equality

$$\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \cap D^\times \widehat{R}^\times = \mathbb{A}^{S,\times}.$$

This is possible if one can find a maximal subfield L of D over K which satisfies the *Principal Ideal Theorem* (cf. Artin and Tate [1, Chapter XIII, Section 4, p.137–141]), that is, $\mathbb{A}^{S,\times} \subset L^\times \widehat{B}^\times$, where B is the integral closure of A in L. Below is an example (provided by F.-T. Wei).

(3) **An example.** Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{10})$ and $L = K(\sqrt{-5}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}, \sqrt{-2})$. Let D be the quaternion algebra over K which is ramified exactly at the two real places of K. Since L/K is inert at the real places, we can embed L into D over K by the Hasse principle (cf. [18, Section 18.4]). Notice that the primes 2 and 5 are ramified in K. Let $\mathfrak{p}$ be the prime of $O_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}]$ lying over 5.

Claim: $\mathfrak{p} = \sqrt{10}\, O_K + 5O_K$ and $\mathfrak{p}$ is of order 2 in $\mathrm{Pic}(O_K)$.

Proof of the claim: Let $\mathfrak{q}$ be the unique prime of O_K lying over 2. Then $\sqrt{10}\, O_K = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{q}$ and $5O_K = \mathfrak{p}^2$. Therefore, $\mathfrak{p} = \sqrt{10}\, O_K + 5O_K$, and $\mathfrak{p}^2 = 5O_K$ is principal. We now show that $\mathfrak{p}$ is not principal. Suppose that $\mathfrak{p}$ is principal. Then there exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\mathrm{Nr}(x + y\sqrt{10}) = x^2 - 10y^2 = \pm 5$. Then $x = 5x'$ for some $x' \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $5x'^2 - 2y^2 = \pm 1 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 5$. This implies that $-2y^2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 5$, which is a contradiction.

Moreover, we have

$$\mathfrak{p} O_L = \sqrt{10}\, O_L + 5O_L = \sqrt{-5}\,(\sqrt{-2}\, O_L + \sqrt{-5}\, O_L) = \sqrt{-5}\, O_L,$$

which is principal. Let R be a maximal order in D which contains O_L. Then $\mathfrak{p}R = \sqrt{-5}R$. This shows that the isotropy subgroup of the identity class [1] is non-trivial, and particularly that the action of $\mathrm{Pic}(O_K)$ on $\mathrm{Cl}(R)$ is not free. As the class number of O_K is equal to 2, we also show that the canonical map $\mathrm{Pic}(O_K) \to \mathrm{Pic}(O_L)$, sending any ideal class $[I]$ to $[IO_L]$, is the zero map.

3.3. **Comparison of** $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ **and** $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$**.** Recall that G_1 is the norm-one subgroup of G and $U_1 := U \cap G_1(\mathbb{A}^S)$, where $U = \widehat{R}^\times$. Let $\widetilde{R}$ be a maximal A-order in D containing R. Put $\widetilde{U} := (\widetilde{R} \otimes_A \widehat{A})^\times$ and $\widetilde{U}_1 := \widetilde{U} \cap G_1(\mathbb{A}^S)$. We compare the masses $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$. Using the interpretation of masses as the volume of fundamental domains (Lemma 2.2), one first has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1) &= \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, \widetilde{U}_1)[\widetilde{U}_1 : U_1], \\ \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) &= \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, \widetilde{U}^{\mathrm{ad}})[\widetilde{U}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

From this we see that the comparison of these two masses depends on U and can be reduced to the case where R is a maximal A-order. Put

$$c(S, U) := \frac{\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})}{\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)}. \tag{3.13}$$

Lemma 3.5. *One has*

$$c(S, U) = c(S, \widetilde{U}) \cdot [\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)], \tag{3.14}$$

where $\mathrm{Nr} : G(\mathbb{A}^S) \to \mathbb{A}^{S,\times}$ *is the reduced norm map.*

PROOF. Using the relation (3.12) we get

$$c(S, U) = c(S, \widetilde{U}) \cdot \frac{[\widetilde{U}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}]}{[\widetilde{U}_1 : U_1]}. \tag{3.15}$$

Since both U and $\widetilde{U}$ contain the center $\widehat{A}^\times$, one has $[\widetilde{U}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}] = [\widetilde{U} : U]$. Using the following short exact sequences

$$1 \longrightarrow U_1 \longrightarrow U \longrightarrow \mathrm{Nr}(U) \longrightarrow 1,$$

$$1 \longrightarrow \widetilde{U}_1 \longrightarrow \widetilde{U} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Nr}(\widetilde{U}) = \widehat{A}^\times \longrightarrow 1,$$

one easily shows that $[\widetilde{U} : U] = [\widetilde{U}_1 : U_1] \cdot [\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)]$. Thus, $[\widetilde{U}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}] = [\widetilde{U}_1 : U_1] \cdot [\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)]$ and the lemma is proved. ∎

Recall (Section 2.3) that $S_D \subset V^K$ denotes the finite set of ramified places for D.

Theorem 3.6. *Assume that $S = \infty$ and that R is a maximal A-order.*

(1) *If K is a totally real number field, then*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) = h_A \cdot \frac{(-1)^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]}}{2^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]-1}} \cdot \zeta_K(-1) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D \cap V_f^K} (q_v - 1), \tag{3.16}$$

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) = \frac{(-1)^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]}}{2^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]-1}} \cdot \zeta_K(-1) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D \cap V_f^K} (q_v - 1), \tag{3.17}$$

and

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1) = \frac{(-1)^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]}}{2^{[K:\mathbb{Q}]}} \cdot \zeta_K(-1) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D \cap V_f^K} (q_v - 1). \tag{3.18}$$

(2) *If K is a global function field, then*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) = h_A \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \zeta_K(-i) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D} \lambda_v, \tag{3.19}$$

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \zeta_K(-i) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D} \lambda_v, \tag{3.20}$$

and

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \zeta_K(-i) \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D} \lambda_v. \tag{3.21}$$

where

$$\lambda_v = \prod_{1 \le i \le n-1, d_v \nmid i} (q_v^i - 1) \tag{3.22}$$

and d_v is the index of $D_v := D \otimes_K K_v$.

Proof. (1) The formulas for $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$ are due to Eichler [7]; also see [22, Chapter V]. The formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ follows from Eichler's formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ and Theorem 3.2.

(2) The formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ is obtained by Denert and Van Geel [6] and also by Wei and the author [24, Theorem 1.1]. The formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$ follows from the relation $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R) = h_A \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$; see [29, Eq. (3), p. 907]

*. The formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ follows from the formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ and Theorem 3.2. ∎

Theorem 3.7. *Assume that R is a maximal A-order. We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) = c^{\mathrm{ad}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D \cap V_f^K} \lambda_v, \tag{3.23}$$
$$\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1) = c_1 \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_{v \in S_D \cap V_f^K} \lambda_v,$$

where λ_v is given in (3.22), $c^{\mathrm{ad}} = 1/n^{|S|-1}$ and

$$c_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } K \text{ is a function field;} \\ 2^{-[K:\mathbb{Q}]} & \text{if } K \text{ is a totally real number field.} \end{cases} \tag{3.24}$$

PROOF. We write $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}, S)$ for $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ to emphasize the dependence of the mass on S. We have

(3.25)
$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}, S) &= \frac{\mathrm{vol}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)\backslash G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S))}{\mathrm{vol}(U)} \\
&= \frac{\mathrm{vol}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)\backslash G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^\infty))}{\mathrm{vol}(\prod_{v\in S-\infty} G^{\mathrm{ad}}(O_v)\cdot U)} \cdot \prod_{v \in S-\infty} \left[\frac{\mathrm{vol}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v))}{\mathrm{vol}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}(O_v))}\right]^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{n^{|S|-|\infty|}} \frac{\mathrm{vol}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K)\backslash G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^\infty))}{\mathrm{vol}(\prod_{v\in S-\infty} G^{\mathrm{ad}}(O_v)\cdot U)} \\
&= \frac{1}{n^{|S|-|\infty|}} \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}, \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

Here $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(O_v) = O_{D_v}^\times / O_v^\times$ where O_{D_v} is the valuation ring in the division algebra D_v, and we use the isomorphism $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K_v)/G^{\mathrm{ad}}(O_v) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. The computation above reduces to the case where $S = \infty$. Using the formulas (3.17) and (3.20) we compute the factor

$$c^{\mathrm{ad}} = \frac{1}{n^{|S|-|\infty|}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{|\infty|-1}} = \frac{1}{n^{|S|-1}}.$$

This settles the formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}})$. Using $G_1(K_v) = G_1(O_v)$ for $v \in S$, the same computation as in (3.25) shows that $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1, S) = \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1, \infty)$, i.e. $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$ is independent of S. Therefore, the formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1)$ is given by (3.18) and (3.21), respectively. ∎

We now show the following comparison result.

Corollary 3.8. *Let R be any A-order in D. We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) = c(S, U) \cdot \mathrm{Mass}(G_1, U_1), \tag{3.26}$$

*In the function field case with $|S| = 1$ the notation $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ in [24] is defined to be the unnormalized mass $\mathrm{Mass}^{\mathrm{u}}(D, R)$ (2.5) in this paper, which is $(q-1)^{-1}$ times the mass $\mathrm{Mass}(D, R)$ in this paper.

where

$$(3.27)\quad c(S,U)=\begin{cases} n^{-(|S|-1)}[\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)] & \textit{if } K \textit{ is a function field;}\\ 2^{-(|S|-|\infty|-1)}[\widehat{A}^\times : \mathrm{Nr}(U)] & \textit{if } K \textit{ is a totally real number field.}\end{cases}$$

PROOF. When R is a maximal order, we compute using Theorem 3.7

$$(3.28)\qquad c(S,\widetilde{U})=\begin{cases} n^{-(|S|-1)} & \text{if } K \text{ is a function field;}\\ 2^{-(|S|-|\infty|-1)} & \text{if } K \text{ is a totally real number field.}\end{cases}$$

The statement then follows from Lemma 3.5. ∎

The proof of Corollary 3.8 when R is a maximal A-order is ad hoc. Namely, this is derived after knowing both $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1,U_1)$.

4. MASS FORMULAS FOR ARBITRARY A-ORDERS R

In the previous section we obtain the formulas for $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$, $\mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}},U^{\mathrm{ad}})$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(G_1,U_1)$ in the case where R is maximal. We now consider the case of arbitrary A-orders R. Using Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.8, one only needs to know any of them. We derive a formula for $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$.

4.1. **More notations.** Let A be any Dedekind domain and let K be the fraction field of R. Let V be a finite-dimensional K-vector space. For any two (full) A-lattices X_1 and X_2, let $\chi(X_1,X_2)$ be the unique fractional ideal of A that is characterized by the following properties (See Serre [20, Chapter III, Section 1]):

- If $X_2\subset X_1$ and $X_1/X_2\simeq A/\mathfrak{p}$ for a non-zero prime ideal $\mathfrak{p}\subset A$, then $\chi(X_1,X_2)=\mathfrak{p}$.
- $\chi(X_1,X_2)=\chi(X_2,X_1)^{-1}$ for any two A-lattices X_1 and X_2 in V.
- $\chi(X_1,X_2)\chi(X_2,X_3)=\chi(X_1,X_3)$ for any three A-lattices X_1,X_2 and X_3 in V.

When K is a global field, we define $|I|$ to be $|A/I|$ for any non-zero integral ideal $I\subset A$ and extend the definition to fractional ideals by

$$|I_1I_2^{-1}|=|I_1||I_2|^{-1}$$

for non-zero integral ideals I_1 and I_2 of A. In this case let $\widehat{A}$ denote the finite completion of A and $\widehat{K}:=\widehat{A}\otimes_A K$. Put $\widehat{X}:=X\otimes_A\widehat{A}$ and $\widehat{V}:=V\otimes_K\widehat{K}$. Then for any Haar measure on $\widehat{V}$ one has

$$(4.1)\qquad |\chi(X_1,X_2)|=\frac{\mathrm{vol}(\widehat{X}_1)}{\mathrm{vol}(\widehat{X}_2)}.$$

Now we define the *discriminant* of an A-lattice with respect to a bilinear form on V (for any Dedekind domain A). Let $T: V\times V\to K$ be a non-degenerate K-bilinear map. Put $n=\dim_K V$. For any K-basis $E=\{e_1,e_2,\dots,e_n\}$ of V, the *discriminant of* E with respect to T is defined to be

$$(4.2)\qquad D_T(E):=\det(T(e_i,e_j))\in K.$$

For an A-lattice X in V, the *discriminant of* X with respect to T is defined to be the fractional ideal generated by $D_T(E)$

$$(4.3)\qquad \mathfrak{d}_T(X):=(D_T(E))_E\subset K$$

for all K-bases E contained in X. Computation of discriminants can be reduced to the local computation, namely, we have

$$\mathfrak{d}_T(X)\otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{d}_T(X_{\mathfrak{p}}), \quad X_{\mathfrak{p}} := X\otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}}, \tag{4.4}$$

where $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the completion of A at the non-zero prime ideal $\mathfrak{p}$.

If X_1 and X_2 are two A-lattices in V, then one has the formula [20, Chap. III, § 2, Proposition 5, p. 49]

$$\mathfrak{d}_T(X_2) = \mathfrak{d}_T(X_1)\chi(X_1,X_2)^2. \tag{4.5}$$

In particular, if $X_2\subset X_1$ then $\mathfrak{d}_T(X_2)=\mathfrak{d}_T(X_1)\mathfrak{a}^2$, where $\mathfrak{a}=\chi(X_1,X_2)$, which is an integral ideal of A.

Now we define the *reduced discriminant* of an A-lattice in a *central simple algebra* over K; some authors simply call this the *discriminant* of the lattice. Let B be a central simple K-algebra and X be an A-lattice in B. Let $T: B\times B\to K$ be the non-degenerate K-bilinear form defined by

$$T(x,y) := \mathrm{Tr}(x\cdot y),$$

where $\mathrm{Tr}: B\to K$ is the reduced trace from B to K. Then $\mathfrak{d}_T(X)$ is defined and it can be shown to be the square of a unique fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ in K. The *reduced discriminant of* X, denoted by $\mathfrak{d}(X)$, is defined to this fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$, namely, the square root of $\mathfrak{d}_T(X)$. It is easy to see that the association $X\mapsto\mathfrak{d}(X)$ commutes with finite etale base changes and localizations. Namely, if A' is a finite etale extension or a localization of A then one has

$$\mathfrak{d}(X\otimes_A A') = \mathfrak{d}(X)\otimes_A A'. \tag{4.6}$$

4.2. **Computation of** $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$**.** We return to compute $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ where R is any A-order. Let $\widetilde{R}$ be a maximal A-order in D containing R. The masses $\mathrm{Mass}(D,\widetilde{R})$ and $\mathrm{Mass}(D,R)$ differ by the factor

$$\prod_{v\notin S}[\widetilde{R}_v^\times : R_v^\times], \tag{4.7}$$

Put $\kappa(R_v):=R_v/\mathrm{rad}(R_v)$, where $\mathrm{rad}(R_v)$ denotes the Jacobson radical of R_v.

Lemma 4.1.

(1) *We have*

$$[\widetilde{R}_v : R_v] = \frac{|\mathfrak{d}(R_v)|}{|\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)|}. \tag{4.8}$$

(2) *We have*

$$[\widetilde{R}_v^\times : R_v^\times] = \frac{|\mathfrak{d}(R_v)|}{|\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)|}\cdot\frac{|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)^\times|/|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)|}{|\kappa(R_v)^\times|/|\kappa(R_v)|}. \tag{4.9}$$

Proof. (1) We have $[\widetilde{R}_v:R_v]=|\chi(\widetilde{R}_v,R_v)|$ from (4.1) and $\mathfrak{d}(R_v)=\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)\chi(\widetilde{R}_v,R_v)$. Then we get $|\mathfrak{d}(R)|=|\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)|\cdot[\widetilde{R}_v:R_v]$ and (4.8).

(2) For any Haar measure on D_v we have

$$[\widetilde{R}_v^\times : R_v^\times] = \frac{\mathrm{vol}(\widetilde{R}_v^\times)}{\mathrm{vol}(R_v^\times)} = \frac{\mathrm{vol}(\widetilde{R}_v)}{\mathrm{vol}(R_v)}\cdot\frac{|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)^\times|/|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)|}{|\kappa(R_v)^\times|/|\kappa(R_v)|}$$

Then we obtain the formula (4.9) from the formula (4.8). ∎

For any non-Archimedean place $v \in S$, we define R_v to be the unique maximal order O_{D_v} in the division algebra D_v, noting that this is not the completion of R, which does not make sense. For any non-Archimedean place v, we define

$$\lambda_v(R_v) := \frac{|\mathfrak{d}(R_v)|}{|\kappa(R_v)^\times|/|\kappa(R_v)|} \cdot \prod_{1\le i\le n} (1-q_v^{-i}). \tag{4.10}$$

Clearly $\lambda_v(R_v)=1$ when $R_v \simeq \mathrm{Mat}_n(A_v)$. Now we prove the following formula.

Theorem 4.2. *Notations as above. We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = h_A \cdot \frac{1}{n^{|S|-1}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_{v\in V_f^K} \lambda_v(R_v). \tag{4.11}$$

PROOF. By Theorem 3.2, Corollary 3.3 and Theorem 3.7 we have

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = h_A \cdot \frac{1}{n^{|S|-1}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_{v} (\lambda_v \cdot [\widetilde{R}_v^\times : R_v^\times]), \tag{4.12}$$

where λ_v is defined in (3.22). Thus, it suffices to check

$$\lambda_v \cdot [\widetilde{R}_v^\times : R_v^\times] = \lambda_v(R_v). \tag{4.13}$$

The left hand side of (4.13) is equal to (using Lemma 4.1)

$$\lambda_v \cdot \frac{|\mathfrak{d}(R_v)|}{|\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)|} \cdot \frac{|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)^\times|/|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)|}{|\kappa(R_v)^\times|/|\kappa(R_v)|}. \tag{4.14}$$

Suppose $D_v = \mathrm{Mat}_m(\Delta)$, where Δ is a central division algebra with index d, thus $n = dm$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_v \cdot \frac{1}{|\mathfrak{d}(\widetilde{R}_v)|} \cdot |\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)^\times|/|\kappa(\widetilde{R}_v)| \\ &= \prod_{1\le i\le n-1, d\nmid i} (q_v^i - 1) \cdot \frac{1}{q_v^{m^2\cdot d(d-1)/2}} \cdot \prod_{1\le j\le m} (1-q_v^{-dj}) \\ &= \prod_{1\le i\le n} (1-q_v^{-i}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

This verifies the equality (4.13) and completes the proof of the theorem. ∎

In the rest of this section we restrict to the case $n=2$. If the order R_v is not isomorphic to $\mathrm{Mat}_2(A_v)$, then define the *Eichler symbol* $e(R_v)$ by

$$e(R_v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \kappa(R_v) = \kappa(v)\times\kappa(v); \\ -1 & \text{if } \kappa(R_v) \text{ is a quadratic field extension of } \kappa(v); \\ 0 & \text{if } \kappa(R_v) = \kappa(v). \end{cases} \tag{4.16}$$

Corollary 4.3. *Assume that $n=2$. Then we have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(D,R) = \frac{h_A|\zeta_K(-1)|}{2^{|S|-1}} \prod_{v\in S_R} |\mathfrak{d}(R_v)| \frac{(1-q_v^{-2})}{(1-e(R_v)q_v^{-1})}. \tag{4.17}$$

where S_R consists of all non-Archimedean places v of K such that either v is ramified in D or R_v is not maximal.

PROOF. By Theorem 4.2, it suffices to check

$$\frac{|\kappa(R_v)^\times|}{|\kappa(R_v)|} = (1-q_v^{-1})(1-e(R_v)q_v^{-1}). \tag{4.18}$$

But this is clear. ∎

In the case where K is a totally real number field and $S=\infty$ Corollary 4.3 was obtained by Körner [16, Theorem 1].

5. Mass formulas for types of orders

Let $\mathcal{R}$ be the *genus* of R, that is, the set consists of all A-orders in D which are isomorphic to R locally everywhere. A *type* of R is a $D^\times$-conjugacy class of orders in $\mathcal{R}$. The set of $D^\times$-conjugacy classes of orders in $\mathcal{R}$ is denoted by $T(R)$. This is a finite set and its cardinality $|T(R)|$, denoted by $t(R)$, is called the *type number* of R.

Definition 5.1. Let $\{R_1,\dots,R_t\}$ be a set of A-orders representing the $D^\times$-conjugacy classes in $\mathcal{R}$. Define the *mass of the types of* R by

$$\mathrm{Mass}(T(R)) := \sum_{i=1}^{t} [N(R_i):K^\times]^{-1}, \tag{5.1}$$

where $N(R_i)$ is the normalizer of R_i in $D^\times$.

We know that there is a natural bijection

$$T(R) \simeq D^\times \backslash G(\mathbb{A}^S)/\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R}), \tag{5.2}$$

where $\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R})$ is the normalizer of $\widehat{R}$ in $\widehat{D}^\times = G(\mathbb{A}^S)$.

The following result evaluates $\mathrm{Mass}(T(R))$. In the computation, one also shows that each term $[N(R_i):K^\times]$ is finite so that $\mathrm{Mass}(T(R))$ is defined.

Theorem 5.2. *We have*

$$\mathrm{Mass}(T(R)) = \frac{1}{n^{|S|-1}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} |\zeta_K(-i)| \cdot \prod_v \lambda_v(R_v) \cdot [\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R}) : \mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\widehat{R}^\times]. \tag{5.3}$$

PROOF. Let $\mathcal{N}^{\mathrm{ad}}$ denote the image of the open subgroup $\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R}) \subset G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ in $G^{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbb{A}^S)$. We now show

$$\mathrm{Mass}(T(R)) = \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, \mathcal{N}^{\mathrm{ad}}). \tag{5.4}$$

Let $c_1,\dots,c_t \in G(\mathbb{A}^S)$ be representatives for the double coset space in (5.2). For each $i=1,\dots,t$, put

$$\Gamma_i^{\mathrm{ad}} := G^{\mathrm{ad}}(K) \cap \mathrm{pr}(c_i)\,\mathcal{N}^{\mathrm{ad}}\,\mathrm{pr}(c_i)^{-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_i := G(K) \cap c_i\,\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R})\,c_i^{-1}. \tag{5.5}$$

It is clear that $\Gamma_i^{\mathrm{ad}} = \Gamma_i/K^\times$. So it suffices to show that $\Gamma_i = N(R_i)$. Notice $R_i = D \cap c_i\widehat{R}c_i^{-1}$, so $\widehat{R}_i = c_i\widehat{R}c_i^{-1}$. Let $x \in \Gamma_i$. Then $x = c_i y c_i^{-1}$ for some $y \in \mathcal{N}(\widehat{R})$. Therefore, $c_i^{-1}xc_i \in \mathcal{N}(\widehat{R})$. This gives $x(c_i\widehat{R}c_i^{-1})x^{-1} = (c_i\widehat{R}c_i^{-1})$. Therefore,

$$x \in \Gamma_i \iff x(\widehat{R}_i)x^{-1} = \widehat{R}_i,$$

and hence $\Gamma_i = N(R_i)$. This shows (5.4).

Using (5.4), we have $\mathrm{Mass}(T(R)) = \mathrm{Mass}(G^{\mathrm{ad}}, U^{\mathrm{ad}}) \cdot [\mathcal{N}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}]$. Then formula (5.3) follows from Theorems 4.2 and 3.2 and $[\mathcal{N}^{\mathrm{ad}} : U^{\mathrm{ad}}] = [\mathcal{N}(\widehat{R}) : \mathbb{A}^{S,\times}\widehat{R}^\times]$. ∎

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