

Normal integral bases and ray class groups

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1. Introduction. A finite Galois extension N/F over a number field F with group G has a *normal integral basis* (NIB for short) when \mathcal{O}_N is cyclic over the group ring $\mathcal{O}_F[G]$. Here, \mathcal{O}_F denotes the ring of integers of a number field F . For a prime number p , we say that a number field F has *property* (A_p) when any tame cyclic extension N/F of degree p has a NIB. It is well known by Hilbert and Speiser that the rationals \mathbb{Q} satisfy (A_p) for all primes p . On the other hand, Greither *et al.* [6] proved that any number field F with $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ does not satisfy (A_p) for some p . For an integer $a \in \mathcal{O}_F$, let $\text{Cl}_F(a)$ be the ray ideal class group of F defined modulo the principal ideal $a\mathcal{O}_F$. Using [6, Corollary 7], we showed in [8, V] that if $\zeta_p \in F^\times$, then F satisfies (A_p) if and only if the ray class group $\text{Cl}_F(p)$ is trivial. Here, ζ_p is a primitive p th root of unity.

Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime number, F a number field, $K = F(\zeta_p)$, and $\Delta_F = \text{Gal}(K/F)$. In this paper, we study property (A_p) when $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$ but $[K : F] = 2$ in connection with the ray class groups $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ and $\text{Cl}_K(p)$. Here, $\pi = \pi_p = \zeta_p - 1$. For a set X on which Δ_F acts, X^{Δ_F} denotes the invariant part. First, we prove the following:

THEOREM 1. *Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime number, F a number field such that $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that $[K : F] = 2$. If F satisfies (A_p) , then the ray class groups $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ and $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F}$ are trivial.*

We say that a number field F has *property* (B_p) when for any $a \in F^\times$, the cyclic extension $K(a^{1/p})/K$ has a NIB if it is tame, where $K = F(\zeta_p)$. A theorem of Kawamoto [12, 13] asserts that \mathbb{Q} satisfies (B_p) for all primes p . Analogously to the result of Greither *et al.*, it is known by [8, IV] that any number field $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ does not satisfy (B_p) for some p . In [11], we studied this property in some more detail. Using Theorem 1, we prove the following “duality” between properties (A_p) and (B_p) .

THEOREM 2. *Under the setting and assumptions of Theorem 1, assume further that K/F is ramified at least for one prime divisor (including the infinite one). Then F satisfies (A_p) only when it satisfies (B_p) .*

When $p = 3$, we can prove the following assertion stronger than Theorem 1.

THEOREM 3. *Let $p = 3$, F be a number field with $\zeta_3 \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_3)$. Then F satisfies (A_3) if and only if the ray class groups $\text{Cl}_K(\pi_3)$ and $\text{Cl}_K(3)^{\Delta_F}$ are trivial.*

To prove this, we need the following descent property on NIB.

THEOREM 4. *Let $p = 3$, and F, K be as in Theorem 3. Then a tame cyclic cubic extension N/F has a NIB if and only if NK/K has a NIB.*

When $p = 3$ is unramified at F , this assertion is already known, by a result of Greither [5, Theorem 2.2].

The following is a consequence of Theorem 3.

PROPOSITION. *Let $p = 3$ and $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ be a quadratic field with d a square free integer. Then F satisfies (A_3) if and only if*

$$d = -1, -2, -3, -11, 2, 3, 5, 6, 17, 33, 41, 89.$$

REMARK 1. Let $p = 2$ and K be a number field. It is shown in [8, V] that the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (i) any tame abelian extension over K of exponent 2 has a NIB,
- (ii) any tame $(2, 2)$ -extension over K has a NIB,
- (iii) the ray class group $\text{Cl}_K(4)$ of K defined modulo 4 is trivial.

REMARK 2. Let h_p (resp. h_p^+) be the class number of the p -cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ (resp. $\mathbb{Q}(\cos(2\pi/p))$), and let $h_p^- = h_p/h_p^+$. It is well known by Kummer that if $p \nmid h_p^-$, then $p \nmid h_p^+$ (cf. Washington [15, Theorems 5.34, 10.9]). Under the setting of Theorem 1, let X be the subgroup of $K^\times/(K^\times)^p$ consisting of classes $[x]$ with $x \in K^\times$ such that the cyclic extension $K(x^{1/p})/K$ is tame. Namely,

$$X = \{[x] \in K^\times/(K^\times)^p \mid (x, p) = 1, x \equiv u^p \pmod{\pi^p} \text{ for some } u \in \mathcal{O}_K\}.$$

By the action of Δ_F , we can decompose X as $X = X^+ \oplus X^-$, where $X^+ = X^{\Delta_F}$. Property (A_p) (resp. (B_p)) is a property on X^- (resp. X^+). Hence, Theorem 2 may be regarded as a Galois module analogue of the above classical duality.

REMARK 3. In [11, Theorem 2], we proved that an imaginary quadratic field $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ with d a square free negative integer satisfies (B_3) if and only if $d = -1, -2, -3$, or -11 . Hence, by the Proposition, (A_3) and (B_3) are equivalent for imaginary quadratic fields. However, in general, (A_p) is

stronger than (B_p) . Actually, we see from [11, Theorem 3] and the Proposition that there are many real quadratic fields satisfying (B_3) but not (A_3) .

REMARK 4. On the descent property on NIB, the following general fact is known for the unramified case. Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime number, F a number field with $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Then an unramified cyclic extension N/F of degree p has a NIB if and only if NK/K has a NIB. This was first shown by Brinkhuis [1] when $p = 3$ and F is an imaginary quadratic field, and then by the author [9] for the general case.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall a theorem of Gómez Ayala on NIB, and give some of its versions. In Section 3, we show several lemmas related to the theorem. In Section 4, we prove Theorems 1 and 2. In Section 5, we deal with the case $p = 3$, and prove Theorems 3, 4 and the Proposition.

2. A theorem of Gómez Ayala. In this section, we recall a theorem of Gómez Ayala on NIB and give some of its versions. Let p be a prime number, K a number field with $\zeta_p \in K^\times$, L/K a cyclic extension of degree p , and $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$. Let g be a fixed generator of G and ζ_p a fixed primitive p th root of unity. For $0 \leq i \leq p - 1$, let $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ be the additive group of integers $x \in \mathcal{O}_L$ such that $x^g = \zeta_p^i x$. For an integer $\omega \in \mathcal{O}_L$, the resolvent ω_i is defined by

$$\omega_i = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \zeta_p^{-ir} \omega^{g^r} \quad (0 \leq i \leq p - 1).$$

As is easily seen, we have $\omega_i \in \mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$. The following lemma is easily shown and well known to specialists. Let $E_K = \mathcal{O}_K^\times$ be the group of units of K .

LEMMA 1. *Under the above setting, the following assertions hold. If L/K has a NIB, then $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ is cyclic over \mathcal{O}_K for each i . More precisely, if an integer ω of L generates \mathcal{O}_L over $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$, then the resolvent ω_i generates $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ over \mathcal{O}_K and*

$$\omega_i \in E_K \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \omega_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

In [4, Theorem 2.1], Gómez Ayala gave the following necessary and sufficient condition for a tame Kummer extension of prime degree to have a NIB in terms of a Kummer generator. Let \mathfrak{A} be a p th power free integral ideal of a number field K . Namely, $\wp^p \nmid \mathfrak{A}$ for any prime ideal \wp of K . Then we can uniquely write

$$(1) \quad \mathfrak{A} = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \mathfrak{A}_i^i$$

for some square free integral ideals \mathfrak{A}_i of K relatively prime to each other. The associated ideals \mathfrak{B}_j of \mathfrak{A} are defined by

$$(2) \quad \mathfrak{B}_j = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \mathfrak{A}_i^{\lfloor ij/p \rfloor} \quad (0 \leq j \leq p-1).$$

Here, for a real number x , $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the largest integer $\leq x$. Clearly, we have $\mathfrak{B}_0 = \mathfrak{B}_1 = \mathcal{O}_K$.

THEOREM 5 (Gómez Ayala). *Let p be a prime number and K a number field with $\zeta_p \in K^\times$. Let L/K be a tame cyclic extension of degree p with group G . Then L/K has a NIB if and only if there exists an integer $a \in \mathcal{O}_L$ with $L = K(a^{1/p})$ satisfying the following three conditions:*

- (i) *the integral ideal $a\mathcal{O}_K$ is p th power free,*
- (ii) *the associated ideals \mathfrak{B}_j of $a\mathcal{O}_K$ defined by (1) and (2) are principal,*
- (iii) *letting $\alpha = a^{1/p}$, the congruence*

$$A = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \frac{\alpha^j}{x_j} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

holds for some generators x_j of the principal ideals \mathfrak{B}_j .

Further, when this is the case, $\omega = A/p$ generates \mathcal{O}_L over $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$.

The following is a consequence of this theorem.

LEMMA 2. *Let p , K , L/K , G be as in Theorem 5. Then L/K has a NIB if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) *$\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ is cyclic over \mathcal{O}_K for each i with $0 \leq i \leq p-1$,*
- (ii) *there exists a generator α_i of $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ over \mathcal{O}_K such that the principal ideal $\alpha_i^p \mathcal{O}_K$ of K is p th power free and*

$$A = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \alpha_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Further, when this is the case, $\omega = A/p$ generates \mathcal{O}_L over $\mathcal{O}_K[G]$.

Proof. Assume that L/K has a NIB. Under the notation of Theorem 5, let g be a generator of G with $\alpha^g = \zeta_p \alpha$. By Lemma 1, $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ is cyclic over \mathcal{O}_K . Further, we see from (1) and (2) that $\alpha^i/x_i \in \mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ and $(a^i/x_i^p)\mathcal{O}_K$ is p th power free. Therefore, $\alpha_i = \alpha^i/x_i$ generates $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ over \mathcal{O}_K . Hence, conditions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 2 are satisfied by Theorem 5. Conversely, assume that these two conditions are satisfied. Let $\alpha = \alpha_1$ and $a = \alpha^p$ ($\in \mathcal{O}_K$), and choose $g \in G$ so that $\alpha^g = \zeta_p \alpha$. Clearly, $L = K(a^{1/p})$, and condition (i) in Theorem 5 is satisfied. Let \mathfrak{B}_j be the ideals associated to the p th power free

integral ideal $a\mathcal{O}_K$. We have $\alpha_j = \alpha^j/y_j$ for some $y_j \in \mathcal{O}_K$ since $\alpha^j \in \mathcal{O}_L^{(j)}$ and α_j generates $\mathcal{O}_L^{(j)}$ over \mathcal{O}_K . However, as $\alpha_j^p \mathcal{O}_K$ is p th power free, we see that $y_j \mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{B}_j$ by (2). Therefore, all conditions in Theorem 5 are satisfied, and hence L/K has a NIB. ■

The following is a version of this lemma.

LEMMA 3. *Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime number, F a number field with $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that $[K : F] = 2$. Let N/F be a tame cyclic extension of degree p with group G , and $L = NK$. Then N/F has a NIB if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ is cyclic over \mathcal{O}_K for each i with $0 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2$,
- (ii) for each $0 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2$, there exists a generator α_i of $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$ over \mathcal{O}_K such that the principal ideal $\alpha_i^p \mathcal{O}_K$ of K is p th power free and

$$\alpha_0 \in E_F \quad \text{and} \quad A = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} (\alpha_i + \alpha'_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Here and in the proof of this lemma, for an element x (resp. a subset X) of L , x' (resp. X') denotes its conjugate over N .

Proof. Since $L = NK$ and $\zeta'_p = \zeta_p^{-1}$, we easily see that

$$(3) \quad (\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)})' = \mathcal{O}_L^{(p-i)}, \quad \omega'_i = \omega_{p-i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq (p-1)/2)$$

for any integer $\omega \in \mathcal{O}_N$. Assume that $\mathcal{O}_N = \mathcal{O}_F[G]\omega$ for some $\omega \in \mathcal{O}_N$. Then we see that $\mathcal{O}_L = \mathcal{O}_K[G]\omega$ by a classical result on rings of integers (cf. Fröhlich and Taylor [3, III, (2.13)]), and that

$$\omega_0 = \text{Tr}_{L/K} \omega \in E_K \cap F = E_F$$

by Lemma 1. Here, $\text{Tr}_{L/K}$ denotes the trace map. From the above and Lemmas 1, 2, we see that conditions (i) and (ii) of Lemma 3 are satisfied with $\alpha_i = \omega_i$. Conversely, assume that conditions (i) and (ii) are satisfied, and let $\omega = A/p$. Then $\omega \in \mathcal{O}_N$ by (ii). By (3) and the conditions of Lemma 3, we see from Lemma 2 that $\mathcal{O}_L = \mathcal{O}_K[G]\omega$. As $\omega \in \mathcal{O}_N$, this implies that $\mathcal{O}_N = \mathcal{O}_F[G]\omega$. ■

REMARK 5. In [10], we gave a generalization of the theorem of Gómez Ayala (Theorem 5) and some of its applications. A function field analogue of the theorem is already given in Chapman [2].

3. Lemmas. In this section, we prepare some lemmas related to Theorem 5 which are necessary to prove our theorems. In what follows, we let $p \geq 3$ be a *fixed* odd prime number, ζ_p a *fixed* primitive p th root of unity, and $\pi = \pi_p = \zeta_p - 1$.

LEMMA 4. *Let s, t be integers with $1 \leq s < t \leq p-1$. Let K be a number field, and $\mathfrak{A}_1, \mathfrak{A}_2$ square free integral ideals of K relatively prime to each other. If the associated ideals \mathfrak{B}_j of $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1^s \mathfrak{A}_2^t$ defined by (2) are principal, then \mathfrak{A}_1 and \mathfrak{A}_2 are principal.*

Proof. As $s < t$, we see that $[si/p] < [ti/p]$ for some i with $1 \leq i \leq p-1$. Let k be the smallest such integer. Then

$$[s(k-1)/p] = [t(k-1)/p] = [sk/p] = a, \quad [tk/p] = a+1$$

for some integer a . This is because $[s(i+1)/p] = [si/p]$ or $[si/p]+1$. Therefore, from the assumption, the ideals $\mathfrak{B}_{k-1} = \mathfrak{A}_1^a \mathfrak{A}_2^a$ and $\mathfrak{B}_k = \mathfrak{A}_1^a \mathfrak{A}_2^{a+1}$ are principal. Hence, \mathfrak{A}_2 is principal. Let r be the smallest integer with $[sr/p] \geq 1$. Then $[sr/p] = 1$ and $\mathfrak{B}_r = \mathfrak{A}_1 \mathfrak{A}_2^{\lfloor tr/p \rfloor}$. Hence, \mathfrak{A}_1 is also principal. ■

LEMMA 5. *Let K be a number field with $\zeta_p \in K^\times$, and let λ_1 and λ_2 be integers of K such that the principal ideals $\lambda_1 \mathcal{O}_K$ and $\lambda_2 \mathcal{O}_K$ are square free and relatively prime to each other and to p . Let $a = \lambda_1 \lambda_2^{p-1}$, and $L = K(a^{1/p})$. Assume that L/K has a NIB. Then $a \equiv \eta^p \pmod{\pi^p}$ and $\lambda_i \equiv \eta_i \pmod{\pi}$ for some units $\eta, \eta_i \in E_K$ with $i = 1, 2$. Further, when $p = 3$, we have $\lambda_i \equiv \eta_i \pmod{3}$ for some $\eta_i \in E_K$.*

Proof. When $a \in (K^\times)^p$, we easily see that a, λ_1 and λ_2 are units of K from the conditions on λ_i , and hence the assertion is obvious. So, we may as well assume that $[L : K] = p$. Let $\alpha = a^{1/p}$, and choose a generator g of $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ so that $\alpha^g = \zeta_p \alpha$. For $1 \leq i \leq p-1$, let $\alpha_i = \alpha^i / \lambda_2^{i-1}$. Then $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{O}_L^{(i)}$, and the ideal $\alpha_i^p \mathcal{O}_K = \lambda_1^i \lambda_2^{p-i} \mathcal{O}_K$ of K is p th power free. Hence, by the assumption and Lemma 1, we have $\mathcal{O}_L^{(i)} = \mathcal{O}_K \alpha_i$. Therefore, by Lemma 2, the congruence

$$\delta_0 + \delta_1 \alpha + \delta_2 \frac{\alpha^2}{\lambda_2} + \dots + \delta_{p-1} \frac{\alpha^{p-1}}{\lambda_2^{p-2}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

holds for some units $\delta_i \in E_K$. It follows from this that

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \delta_{p-i} \lambda_2^{i-1} \alpha^{p-i} + \delta_0 \lambda_2^{p-2} \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

and that

$$(5) \quad \frac{\delta_0}{\alpha^2} + \frac{\delta_1}{\alpha} + \frac{\delta_2}{\lambda_2} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-3} \frac{\delta_{i+2}}{\lambda_2^{i+1}} \alpha^i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

For a congruence (*) such as (4) and (5), let $(*)^g$ be the congruence obtained by letting g act on (*). Let

$$c_j = 1 + \zeta_p + \zeta_p^2 + \dots + \zeta_p^j = \frac{\zeta_p^{j+1} - 1}{\zeta_p - 1} \quad (0 \leq j \leq p-2)$$

be a cyclotomic unit. Dividing (4) – (4)^g by $\pi\alpha$, we obtain

$$(6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \delta_{p-i} c_{p-1-i} \lambda_2^{i-1} \alpha^{p-1-i} + \delta_1 \lambda_2^{p-2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^{p-2}}.$$

Again, dividing (6) – (6)^g by $\pi\alpha$, we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p-3} \delta_{p-i} c_{p-1-i} c_{p-2-i} \lambda_2^{i-1} \alpha^{p-2-i} + \delta_2 c_1 \lambda_2^{p-3} \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^{p-3}}.$$

Repeating this process, we finally obtain

$$\delta_{p-1} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{p-2} c_i \right) \alpha + \delta_{p-2} \left(\prod_{i=0}^{p-3} c_i \right) \lambda_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi},$$

and hence

$$(7) \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{\delta_{p-2}}{\delta_{p-1}} \lambda_2 \pmod{\pi}.$$

Starting from the congruence (5), we similarly obtain

$$\alpha \equiv \delta_0 / \delta_1 \pmod{\pi}.$$

From the last two congruences, we obtain the assertion for the general case.

Finally, let us deal with the case $p = 3$. By (4), we have

$$\delta_2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1 \lambda_2 \alpha + \delta_0 \lambda_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

For an element $x \in L^\times$ with $x \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi_3}$, we have $x^2 + x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence, it follows from (7) that

$$\delta_2 \alpha^2 + \delta_1 \lambda_2 \alpha + \delta_1^2 \delta_2^{-1} \lambda_2^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

From these two congruences, it follows that $\lambda_2 \equiv \delta_0 \delta_1^{-2} \delta_2 \pmod{3}$. The assertion for the case $p = 3$ follows from this. ■

For an ideal \mathfrak{A} of K with $(\mathfrak{A}, p) = 1$, let $[\mathfrak{A}]_\pi$ be the ideal class in $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ represented by \mathfrak{A} .

LEMMA 6. *Let K be a number field with $\zeta_p \in K^\times$, $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$ an integer such that $a \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$, and $L = K(a^{1/p})$. Assume that (i) L/K has a NIB, and (ii) $a\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{A}_1^r \mathfrak{A}_2^{p-r} \mathfrak{A}_3^p$ for some $1 \leq r \leq p-1$ and some integral ideals \mathfrak{A}_i of K such that \mathfrak{A}_1 and \mathfrak{A}_2 are square free and relatively prime to each other. Then the classes $[\mathfrak{A}_i]_\pi \in \text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ are trivial for $i = 1, 2, 3$.*

Proof. As L/K has a NIB, we see from Theorem 5 that there exists an integer $b \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $L = K(b^{1/p})$ such that $b\mathcal{O}_K$ is p th power free and the ideals associated to $b\mathcal{O}_K$ by (1) and (2) are principal. By assumption (ii), we see that $b\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{A}_1^s \mathfrak{A}_2^{p-s}$ for some $1 \leq s \leq p-1$. It follows from Lemma 4 that $\mathfrak{A}_i = \lambda_i \mathcal{O}_K$ for some $\lambda_i \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $i = 1, 2$. Then

$$(8) \quad L = K((\varepsilon_1 \lambda_1 \lambda_2^{p-1})^{1/p})$$

for some unit $\varepsilon_1 \in E_K$. As L/K has a NIB, we see from Lemma 5 that $\lambda_i \equiv \eta_i \pmod{\pi}$. Hence, the classes $[\mathfrak{A}_1]_\pi$ and $[\mathfrak{A}_2]_\pi$ are trivial. It also follows from Lemma 5 that $\varepsilon_1 \lambda_1 \lambda_2^{p-1} \equiv \eta^p \pmod{\pi^p}$ for some $\eta \in E_K$. From this and $\lambda_2 \equiv \eta_2 \pmod{\pi}$, it follows that

$$(9) \quad \varepsilon_1^r \lambda_1^r \lambda_2^{p-r} \equiv \delta^p \pmod{\pi^p}$$

for some $\delta \in E_K$. From assumption (ii) and (8), we see that $a = \varepsilon_1^r \lambda_1^r \lambda_2^{p-r} x^p$ for some $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$ and that $\mathfrak{A}_3 = x\mathcal{O}_K$. Then, by (9) and $a \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$, it follows that x is congruent to a unit modulo π . Therefore, $[\mathfrak{A}_3]_\pi = 1$. ■

For a number field K and an integer $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$, we write $\mathcal{O}_K/a = \mathcal{O}_K/a\mathcal{O}_K$ for brevity, and let $[E_K]_a$ be the subgroup of the multiplicative group $(\mathcal{O}_K/a)^\times$ generated by the classes containing units of K . For an element $x \in K^\times$ with $(x, a) = 1$, $[x]_a$ denotes the class represented by x . When F is a subfield of K and $a \in \mathcal{O}_F$, we naturally regard $(\mathcal{O}_F/a)^\times$ as a subgroup of $(\mathcal{O}_K/a)^\times$.

LEMMA 7. (I) For a number field K with $\zeta_p \in K^\times$, the exponent of $\text{Cl}_K(p)$ divides p if $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$.

(II) Let F be a number field with $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$. Then $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$ if and only if $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_p$.

Proof. We put

$$A = (1 + \pi\mathcal{O}_K)/(1 + p\mathcal{O}_K) (\subseteq (\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times) \quad \text{and} \quad B = A[E_K]_p/[E_K]_p.$$

As $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$, we see that $\text{Cl}_K(p) = B$ from the exact sequence

$$\{0\} \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Cl}_K(p) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_K(\pi) \rightarrow \{0\}.$$

Then the first assertion is obvious as A is of exponent p . Let us show the second one. The ‘‘only if’’ part holds as $(\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times/[E_K]_p$ is a subgroup of $\text{Cl}_K(p)$. We show the ‘‘if’’ part. We have $\text{Cl}_K(p) = B$ as $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$. Let $d = [K : F]$, and let $\mathcal{C} = [x]_p$ be a class in B^{Δ_F} with $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$. Then, since $\mathcal{C}^d = [N_{K/F}x]_p$, we obtain $\mathcal{C}^d = 1$ by $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_p$. Here, $N_{K/F}$ denotes the norm map. Therefore, $\mathcal{C} = 1$ as d divides $p - 1$ and B is a p -abelian group. ■

Let F be a number field with $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. When $[K : F] = 2$, for an element x (resp. an ideal \mathfrak{A}) of K , let x' (resp. \mathfrak{A}') denotes the conjugate over F .

LEMMA 8. Let F be a number field with $\zeta_p \notin F^\times$, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that $[K : F] = 2$. Assume further that $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ and $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F}$ are trivial. Let a be an integer of K relatively prime to p such that $a\mathcal{O}_K$ is square free and $(a, a') = 1$, and let $b = a(a')^{p-1}$. Then the cyclic extension $L = K(b^{1/p})/K$ has a NIB if it is tame.

Proof. Let \mathfrak{B}_j be the ideals of K associated to $b\mathcal{O}_K$ by (1) and (2). Then

$$\mathfrak{B}_0 = \mathfrak{B}_1 = \mathcal{O}_K, \quad \mathfrak{B}_j = (a')^{j-1}\mathcal{O}_K \quad \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq p-1.$$

As L/K is tame, $b \equiv u^p \pmod{\pi^p}$ for some $u \in \mathcal{O}_K$. We see that $u \equiv \varepsilon \pmod{\pi}$ for some unit $\varepsilon \in E_K$ because $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$. Hence, $b = a(a')^{p-1} \equiv \varepsilon^p \pmod{\pi^p}$. On the other hand, $aa' \pmod{p}$ is congruent to a unit modulo p since $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$. Hence, so is $(a')^{p-2} = b/(aa')$. This implies that $a' \equiv \delta \pmod{p}$ for some unit $\delta \in E_K$ because $\text{Cl}_K(p)$ and its subgroup $(\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times/[E_K]_p$ are p -abelian groups (by Lemma 7). Now, let $\beta = b^{1/p} \pmod{\pi}$. Then

$$1 + \frac{\beta}{\varepsilon} + \sum_{j=2}^{p-1} \delta^{j-1} \frac{\beta^j}{(a')^{j-1}\varepsilon^j} \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (\beta/\varepsilon)^j \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Therefore, L/K has a NIB by Theorem 5. ■

The following is one more consequence of Theorem 5, for which see [11, Proposition 1]. For a number field F , let h_F be the class number of F (in the usual sense).

LEMMA 9. *Let p be a prime number, F a number field, and $K = F(\zeta_p)$. Assume that $h_F = 1$ and $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_p$. Then F satisfies (B_p) .*

4. Proofs of Theorems 1 and 2. First, we derive Theorem 2 from Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2. Assume that F satisfies (A_p) . Then $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ and $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F}$ are trivial by Theorem 1. Since $[K : F] = 2$ and $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$, we see that $h_F = 1$, or $h_F = 2$ and K/F is the Hilbert class field of F . Hence, by the second assumption of Theorem 2, we must have $h_F = 1$. On the other hand, $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_p$ by Lemma 7. Hence, F satisfies (B_p) by Lemma 9. ■

To prove Theorem 1, the following theorem of Greither *et al.* [6, Corollary] is crucial.

THEOREM 6 (Greither *et al.*). *If a number field F has property (A_p) , then the exponent of the quotient $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times/[E_F]_p$ divides $(p-1)^2/2$.*

Proof of Theorem 1. This is done in several steps.

LEMMA 10. *Under the setting of Theorem 1, assume that $[K : F] = 2$ and that F satisfies (A_p) . Then $\text{Cl}_K(\pi^p)$ is a p -abelian group. Hence, $\text{Cl}_K(p)$, $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ and Cl_K are p -abelian groups.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be an ideal class in $\text{Cl}_K(\pi^p)$ whose order n is relatively prime to p . It suffices to show that $\mathcal{C} = 1$. Let $\mathfrak{P} \in \mathcal{C}$ be a prime ideal

of K with $(\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{P}') = 1$. Then $\mathfrak{P}^n = a\mathcal{O}_K$ for some integer $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $a \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$. Let $b = a(a')^{p-1}$ and $L = K(b^{1/p})$. Since

$$(10) \quad b\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{P}^n(\mathfrak{P}')^{n(p-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad p \nmid n,$$

the extension L/K is of degree p . It is tame as $b \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$. As $bb' \in (K^\times)^p$, there uniquely exists a tame cyclic extension N/F of degree p with $L = NK$. As F satisfies (A_p) , N/F and hence L/K have a NIB. Now, it follows from (10) and Lemma 6 that $\mathfrak{P} = \lambda\mathcal{O}_K$ for some $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$ and that $\lambda \equiv \delta \pmod{\pi}$ for some $\delta \in E_K$. As $\lambda^p \equiv \delta^p \pmod{\pi^p}$, we see that \mathcal{C}^p is trivial in $\text{Cl}_K(\pi^p)$. This implies that $\mathcal{C} = 1$. ■

LEMMA 11. *Under the setting and assumptions of Lemma 10, we have $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$.*

Proof. We have a natural surjection $\varphi : \text{Cl}_K(\pi^p) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ compatible with the action of Δ_F . Let \mathcal{C} be a nontrivial class in $\text{Cl}_K(\pi^p)$. By Lemma 10, the order of \mathcal{C} equals p^e for some $e \geq 1$. It suffices to show that $\varphi(\mathcal{C}) = 1$.

Let us first show that $\varphi(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}') = 1$. Let $\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q} \in \mathcal{C}$ be prime ideals of K with $(\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q}) = (\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q}') = 1$. Then $\mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}^{p^e-1} = a\mathcal{O}_K$ for some integer a with $a \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$. Let $b = a(a')^{p-1}$ and $L = K(b^{1/p})$. We have

$$(11) \quad b\mathcal{O}_K = (\mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}')(\mathfrak{P}'\mathfrak{Q})^{p-1}\mathfrak{A}^p$$

with

$$(12) \quad \mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{Q}^{p^{e-1}-1}(\mathfrak{Q}')^{p^e-p^{e-1}-1}.$$

In particular, the cyclic extension L/K is of degree p . As $b \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$, it is tame. As $bb' \in (K^\times)^p$, there exists a tame cyclic extension N/F of degree p with $L = NK$. As F satisfies (A_p) , L/K has a NIB. Then it follows from (11) and Lemma 6 that $\varphi(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}') = [\mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}']_\pi = 1$.

Let us deal with the case $e = 1$. By (12), we have $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathfrak{Q}')^{p-2}$. By (11) and Lemma 6, the class $\varphi(\mathcal{C}')^{p-2} = [\mathfrak{A}]_\pi$ is trivial in $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$. This implies that $\varphi(\mathcal{C}) = 1$ since $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ is a p -abelian group by Lemma 10.

Finally, we deal with the case $e \geq 2$. Let $\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{Q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{Q}_{p-1} \in \mathcal{C}$ be prime ideals of K which are relatively prime to each other and to their conjugates over F . Then

$$\mathfrak{R}(\mathfrak{Q}_1 \dots \mathfrak{Q}_{p-1})^{(p^e-1)/(p-1)} = a_1\mathcal{O}_K$$

for some $a_1 \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $a_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^p}$. Let $b_1 = a_1(a'_1)^{p-1}$ and $L_1 = K(b_1^{1/p})$. Then L_1/K is of degree p , and has a NIB as F satisfies (A_p) . We have

$$b_1\mathcal{O}_K = (\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{Q}_1 \dots \mathfrak{Q}_{p-1})(\mathfrak{R}'\mathfrak{Q}'_1 \dots \mathfrak{Q}'_{p-1})^{p-1}\mathfrak{B}^p$$

with

$$\mathfrak{B} = (\mathfrak{Q}_1 \dots \mathfrak{Q}_{p-1})^{(p^{e-1}-1)/(p-1)}(\mathfrak{Q}'_1 \dots \mathfrak{Q}'_{p-1})^{p^{e-1}-1}.$$

As L_1/K has a NIB, it follows from Lemma 6 that

$$[\mathfrak{B}]_\pi = \varphi(\mathcal{C})^{p^{e-1}-1} \varphi(\mathcal{C}')^{(p-1)(p^{e-1}-1)} = 1.$$

On the other hand, we have seen above that $\varphi(\mathcal{C}) = \varphi(\mathcal{C}')^{-1}$. Hence, $\varphi(\mathcal{C}')^{(p-2)(p^{e-1}-1)} = 1$. Therefore, $\varphi(\mathcal{C}) = 1$ as $\text{Cl}_K(\pi)$ is a p -abelian group. ■

LEMMA 12. *Under the setting and assumptions of Lemma 10, we have $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$.*

Proof. By Lemma 10, $(\mathcal{O}_K/p)^\times / [E_K]_p$ is a p -abelian group. Therefore, we see from Theorem 6 that $(\mathcal{O}_F/p)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_p$. Then we obtain $\text{Cl}_K(p)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$ from Lemmas 7(II) and 11. ■

Now, Theorem 1 follows from Lemmas 11 and 12. ■

5. Proofs of Theorems 3, 4 and Proposition

5.1. Proof of Theorem 4. In all what follows, we let $p = 3$ and $\pi = \pi_3 = \zeta_3 - 1$. We begin with the following lemma.

LEMMA 13. *Let F, K be as in Theorem 4, N/F a tame cyclic cubic extension, and $L = NK$. Then L/K has a NIB if and only if there exists an integer $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $L = K((\lambda(\lambda')^2)^{1/3})$ satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i) $\lambda \mathcal{O}_K$ is square free and $(\lambda, \lambda') = 1$,
- (ii) $\varepsilon_1^3 \lambda (\lambda')^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi^3}$ for some unit $\varepsilon_1 \in E_K$,
- (iii) $\lambda \equiv \varepsilon_2 \pmod{3}$ for some unit $\varepsilon_2 \in E_K$.

Proof. We can easily show the “if” part using Theorem 5 by an argument similar to the proof of Lemma 8. So, we assume that L/K has a NIB, and show the “only if” part. As L/K has a NIB, there exists an integer $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$ relatively prime to 3 with $L = K(a^{1/3})$ satisfying the conditions in Theorem 5. As $a \mathcal{O}_K$ is cube free, $a \mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{A}_1 \mathfrak{A}_2^2$ for some square free integral ideals \mathfrak{A}_i of K with $(\mathfrak{A}_1, \mathfrak{A}_2) = 1$. By Lemma 6, the ideals \mathfrak{A}_1 and \mathfrak{A}_2 are principal. As $L = NK$, we must have $aa' \in (K^\times)^3$. From this, it follows that $\mathfrak{A}_2 = \mathfrak{A}'_1$. Hence, we can write $a = \eta \lambda (\lambda')^2$. Here, η is a unit of K , and $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_K$ is an integer such that $\lambda \mathcal{O}_K$ is square free and $(\lambda, \lambda') = 1$. From $aa' \in (K^\times)^3$, we have $\eta \eta' = \eta_1^3$ for some $\eta_1 \in E_K$. As $[K : F] = 2$, we see that $\eta_1 \in E_F$. Further, as the quotient $E_F/N_{K/F}E_K$ is of exponent 2, we have $\eta_1 = \eta_2 \eta'_2$ for some $\eta_2 \in E_K$. Therefore, $\eta = \eta_2^3 \delta$ for some unit $\delta \in E_K$ with $\delta \delta' = 1$. Hence, replacing a with a/η_2^3 and λ with $\delta' \lambda$, we can write $a = \lambda (\lambda')^2$. Now, the assertion follows from Lemma 5. ■

We now turn to the proof of Theorem 4. It suffices to show the “if” part. Assume that L/K has a NIB, and choose $\lambda, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ as in Lemma 13.

Let $b = \varepsilon_1^3 \lambda (\lambda')^2$, and $\beta = b^{1/3} \pmod{\pi}$. We have $\beta' = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda' / \beta$. By Lemma 1,

$$\mathcal{O}_L^{(1)} = \mathcal{O}_K \beta, \quad \mathcal{O}_L^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}_K \frac{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda'}{\beta}.$$

By Lemma 3, it suffices to show that there exists a unit $\eta \in E_K$ such that

$$1 + \beta \eta + \frac{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda'}{\beta} \eta' \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

This is equivalent to saying that

$$(13) \quad (\beta \eta)^2 + \beta \eta + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda' \eta \eta' \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

As $\beta \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$, we see that $\beta' \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$ and hence

$$(14) \quad \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda' \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(15) \quad b/b' \equiv \varepsilon_1^3 (\varepsilon_1')^{-3} \lambda^{-1} \lambda' \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}.$$

From (14) and (15), it follows that $\varepsilon_1^4 (\varepsilon_1')^{-2} (\lambda')^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$, and hence

$$\lambda^2 \varepsilon_1^{-2} (\varepsilon_1')^4 - 1 = (\lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 - 1)(\lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

CLAIM. $\lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$.

Indeed, let \mathfrak{P} be a prime ideal of K over p , and $e = \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{P}} \pi$. From the above congruence, we see that $\lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 \equiv 1$ or $-1 \pmod{\mathfrak{P}^e}$ because

$$(\lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 - 1, \lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 + 1) \mid 2 \quad \text{and} \quad p \neq 2.$$

Assume that $x = \lambda \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{\mathfrak{P}^e}$. By the above, we have $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{(\mathfrak{P}')^e}$. Hence, $(x')^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{P}^e}$. Thus, $b = x(x')^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{\mathfrak{P}^e}$. This contradicts $b \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$. Hence, the claim is shown.

Let $\eta = (\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_1^{-1} (\varepsilon_1')^2)^{-1}$. Then, by the Claim and Lemma 13(iii), we see that

$$\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1' \lambda \lambda' \eta \eta' \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

Therefore, as $\beta \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$, congruence (13) holds. Hence, N/F has a NIB. ■

5.2. Proof of Theorem 3. By Theorem 1, it suffices to show the “if” part. Assume that F satisfies $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$ and $\text{Cl}_K(3)^{\Delta F} = \{0\}$. In particular, $h_K = 1$. Let N/F be an arbitrary tame cyclic cubic extension, and $L = NK$. By Theorem 4, it suffices to show that L/K has a NIB. As $h_K = 1$, we can write $L = K(a^{1/3})$ with

$$a = \varepsilon \prod_{i=1}^r (\pi_i^{e_i} (\pi_i')^{f_i}) \prod_{j=1}^s \varrho_j^{g_j} \quad (e_i \in \{1, 2\}, f_i, g_j \in \{0, 1, 2\}).$$

Here, $\varepsilon \in E_K$, and π_i (resp. ϱ_j) are integers of K relatively prime to 3 such that $\pi_i \mathcal{O}_K$ (resp. $\varrho_j \mathcal{O}_K$) are prime ideals of K of relative degree one (resp. two) over F . The integers π_i, ϱ_j are chosen so that $N_{K/F} \pi_i$ and ϱ_j are

relatively prime to each other. As $L = NK$, we have $aa' \in (K^\times)^3$. Therefore, it follows that $e_i + f_i = 3$ and $g_j = 0$. It also follows that $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1^3 \delta$ for some units $\varepsilon_1, \delta \in E_K$ with $\delta \delta' = 1$. Now, letting

$$b = \delta' \prod_{e_i=1} \pi_i \prod_{e_i=2} \pi_i',$$

we have $a = \varepsilon_1^3 b(b')^2$. Here, in the first (resp. second) product, i runs over integers $1 \leq i \leq r$ with $e_i = 1$ (resp. $e_i = 2$). As $b\mathcal{O}_K$ is square free and $(b, b') = 1$, we see that L/K has a NIB by Lemma 8. ■

5.3. Proof of Proposition. It is known and easy to show that $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ satisfies (A_3) (cf. [4, p. 110]). Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\ell}, \sqrt{-3})$ be a $(2, 2)$ -extension of \mathbb{Q} with ℓ a square free integer, and let $Q_K (= 1, 2)$ be the unit index of K , and ε a fundamental unit of K . Let $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ be a fundamental unit of the maximal real subfield K^+ of K . We can calculate Q_K and ε using a classical result in Hasse [7, Section 26]. When $Q_K = 1$, we have $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$. When $Q_K = 2$, we can choose ε so that

$$(16) \quad \varepsilon^2 = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{or} \quad -\varepsilon_0$$

according to whether $\sqrt{-1} \in K^\times$ or not. By Uchida [14], there are exactly 13 K 's with $h_K = 1$, namely,

- (a) $\ell = 2, 5, 17, 41, 89$,
- (b) $\ell = -1, -2, -11$, or
- (c) $\ell = -7, -19, -43, -67, -163$.

For this, see also Yamamura [16]. By Theorem 3, a quadratic field F satisfying (A_3) is contained in these K . For a finite abelian group A , we write $A = (n_1, \dots, n_r)$ when A is isomorphic to the additive group $\mathbb{Z}/n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n_r$.

First, let us deal with quadratic fields contained in those K in (c). We see that $Q_K = 2$ and $(\mathcal{O}_K/\pi)^\times = (8)$. We have $\varepsilon_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{\pi}$ as 3 is ramified in K^+ . Hence, by (16), the order of the class $[\varepsilon]_\pi$ divides 4. Therefore, we see that $[E_K]_\pi \subsetneq (\mathcal{O}_K/\pi)^\times$ and $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) \neq \{0\}$. Hence, by Theorem 3, any quadratic field $F \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ contained in these K does not satisfy (A_3) .

Next, let us deal with those K in (b). For these K , we see that $Q_K = 2$, and that by (16),

$$\varepsilon = (-1 - \sqrt{-1} + \sqrt{-3} - \sqrt{3})/2, \sqrt{-2} + \sqrt{-3}, \sqrt{-11} + 2\sqrt{-3},$$

respectively. Using this, we easily see that $(\mathcal{O}_K/3)^\times = [E_K]_3$. As $h_K = 1$, this implies that $\text{Cl}_K(3) = \{0\}$. Then it follows from [8, V, Proposition 2] that K satisfies (A_3) . Therefore, by Theorem 4, all quadratic fields contained in these K satisfy (A_3) .

Finally, let us deal with those K in (a). For these K , we have $Q_K = 1$ and $(\mathcal{O}_K/\pi)^\times = (8)$. Using $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pm \sqrt{\ell} \pmod{3}$ and $\ell \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$, we

see that the order of the class $[\varepsilon]_\pi$ (resp. $[\varepsilon]_3$) equals 8. Hence, $(\mathcal{O}_K/\pi)^\times = [E_K]_\pi$. This implies that $\text{Cl}_K(\pi) = \{0\}$ as $h_K = 1$. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\ell})$ be a real quadratic field contained in these K . We have $(\mathcal{O}_F/3)^\times = (8)$ and $(\mathcal{O}_K/3)^\times = (3, 3, 8)$. Thus $(\mathcal{O}_F/3)^\times \subseteq [E_K]_3$ since the class $[\varepsilon]_3$ is of order 8. By Lemma 7, this implies that $\text{Cl}_K(3)^{\Delta_F} = \{0\}$. Hence, by Theorem 3, a real quadratic field $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\ell})$ with ℓ in (a) satisfies (A_3) . Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3\ell})$ be an imaginary quadratic field contained in these K . We see that $(\mathcal{O}_F/3)^\times = (2, 3)$, and that $[E_K]_3 = (3, 8)$ is generated by the classes $[\zeta_3]_3$ and $[\varepsilon]_3$. Let $x = 1 + \sqrt{-3\ell}$. We see that the class $[x]_3 \in (\mathcal{O}_F/3)^\times$ is of order 3 but $x \not\equiv \zeta_3, \zeta_3^2 \pmod{3}$. Hence, $(\mathcal{O}_F/3)^\times \not\subseteq [E_K]_3$. Therefore, any imaginary quadratic field $F \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ contained in these K does not satisfy (A_3) . Thus, we have shown the Proposition. ■

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