# On the ring of p-integers of a cyclic p-extension over a number field

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RÉSUMÉ. Soit p un nombre premier. On dit qu'une extension finie, galoisienne, N/F d'un corps de nombres F, à groupe de Galois G, admet une base normale p-entière (p-NIB en abrégé) si  $\mathcal{O}'_N$  est libre de rang un sur l'anneau de groupe  $\mathcal{O}'_F[G]$  où  $\mathcal{O}'_F = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$  désigne l'anneau des p-entiers de F. Soit  $m=p^e$  une puissance de p et N/F une extension cyclique de degré m. Lorsque  $\zeta_m \in F^\times$ , nous donnons une condition nécessaire et suffisante pour que N/F admette une p-NIB (Théorème 3). Lorsque  $\zeta_m \notin F^\times$  et  $p \nmid [F(\zeta_m) : F]$ , nous montrons que N/F admet une p-NIB si et seulement si  $N(\zeta_m)/F(\zeta_m)$  admet p-NIB (Théorème 1). Enfin, si p divise  $[F(\zeta_m) : F]$ , nous montrons que la propriété de descente n'est plus vraie en général (Théorème 2).

ABSTRACT. Let p be a prime number. A finite Galois extension N/F of a number field F with group G has a normal p-integral basis (p-NIB for short) when  $\mathcal{O}'_N$  is free of rank one over the group ring  $\mathcal{O}'_F[G]$ . Here,  $\mathcal{O}'_F = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$  is the ring of p-integers of F. Let  $m = p^e$  be a power of p and N/F a cyclic extension of degree m. When  $\zeta_m \in F^\times$ , we give a necessary and sufficient condition for N/F to have a p-NIB (Theorem 3). When  $\zeta_m \notin F^\times$  and  $p \nmid [F(\zeta_m) : F]$ , we show that N/F has a p-NIB if and only if  $N(\zeta_m)/F(\zeta_m)$  has a p-NIB (Theorem 1). When p divides  $[F(\zeta_m) : F]$ , we show that this descent property does not hold in general (Theorem 2).

#### 1. Introduction

We fix a prime number p throughout this article. For a number field F, let  $\mathcal{O}_F$  be the ring of integers, and  $\mathcal{O}_F' = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$  the ring of p-integers of F. A finite Galois extension N/F with group G has a normal integral basis (NIB for short) when  $\mathcal{O}_N$  is free of rank one over the group ring  $\mathcal{O}_F[G]$ . It has a normal p-integral basis (p-NIB for short) when  $\mathcal{O}_N'$  is free of rank one over  $\mathcal{O}_F'[G]$ . For a cyclic p-extension N/F unramified outside p, several results on p-NIB are given in the lecture note of Greither [5]. Let N/F

be such a cyclic extension of degree  $m=p^e$ . In particular, it is known (A) that when  $\zeta_m \in F^{\times}$ , it has a p-NIB if and only if  $N=F(\epsilon^{1/m})$  for some unit  $\epsilon$  of  $\mathcal{O}_F'$  ([5, Proposition 0.6.5]), and (B) that when  $\zeta_m \notin F^{\times}$ , it has a p-NIB if and only if the pushed-up extension  $N(\zeta_m)/F(\zeta_m)$  has a p-NIB ([5, Theorem I.2.1]). Here,  $\zeta_m$  is a fixed primitive m-th root of unity. These results for the unramified case form a basis of the study of a normal p-integral basis problem for  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extensions in Kersten and Michalicek [12], [5] and Fleckinger and Nguyen-Quang-Do [2]. The purpose of this article is to give some corresponding results for the ramified case.

Let  $m = p^e$  be a power of p, F a number field with  $\zeta_m \in F^{\times}$ . In Section 2, we give a necessary and sufficient condition (Theorem 3) for a cyclic Kummer extension N/F of degree m to have a p-NIB. It is given in terms of a Kummer generator of N, but rather complicated compared with the unramified case. We also give an application of this criterion.

When  $\zeta_m \notin F^{\times}$  and  $p \nmid [F(\zeta_m) : F]$ , we show the following descent property in Section 3.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $m = p^e$  be a power of a prime number p, F a number field with  $\zeta_m \notin F^{\times}$ , and  $K = F(\zeta_m)$ . Assume that  $p \nmid [K : F]$ . Then, a cyclic extension N/F of degree m has a p-NIB if and only if NK/K has a p-NIB.

When p divides [K:F], this type of descent property does not hold in general. Actually, we show the following assertion in Section 4. Let  $Cl'_F$  be the ideal class group of the Dedekind domain  $\mathcal{O}'_F = \mathcal{O}_F[1/p]$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let F be a number field with  $\zeta_p \in F^{\times}$  but  $\zeta_{p^2} \notin F^{\times}$ , and  $K = F(\zeta_{p^2})$ . Assume that there exists a class  $C \in Cl_F'$  of order p which capitulates in  $\mathcal{O}_K'$ . Then, there exist infinitely many cyclic extensions N/F of degree  $p^2$  with  $N \cap K = F$  such that (i) N/F has no p-NIB but (ii) NK/K has a p-NIB.

At the end of Section 4, we see that there are several examples of p and F satisfying the assumption of Theorem 2.

**Remark 1.** In Theorem 1, the condition  $p \nmid [K : F]$  means that [K : F] divides p-1. Further, p must be an odd prime as  $p \nmid [K : F]$ .

**Remark 2.** As for the descent property of normal integral bases in the usual sense, the following facts are known at present. Let F be a number field with  $\zeta_p \notin F^{\times}$ , and  $K = F(\zeta_p)$ . For a cyclic extension N/F of degree p unramified at all finite prime divisors, it has a NIB if and only if NK/K has a NIB. This was first proved by Brinkhuis [1] when p = 3 and F is an imaginary quadratic field, and then by the author [7] for the general case. When p = 3, for a tame cyclic cubic extension N/F, it has a NIB if and

only if NK/K has a NIB. This was first proved by Greither [6, Theorem 2.2] when p=3 is unramified in  $F/\mathbb{Q}$ , and then by the author [9] for the general case.

## 2. A condition for having a p-NIB

In [4, Theorem 2.1], Gómez Ayala gave a necessary and sufficient condition for a tame Kummer extension of prime degree to have a NIB (in the usual sense). In [8, Theorem 2], we generalized it for a tame cyclic Kummer extension of arbitrary degree. The following is a p-integer version of these results. Let  $m = p^e$  be a power of a prime number p, and F a number field. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an m-th power free integral ideal of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ . Namely,  $\wp^m \nmid \mathfrak{A}$  for all prime ideals  $\wp$  of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ . We can uniquely write

$$\mathfrak{A} = \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \mathfrak{A}_i^i$$

for some square free integral ideals  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$  relatively prime to each other. As in [4, 8], we define the associated ideals  $\mathfrak{B}_i$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  as follows.

(1) 
$$\mathfrak{B}_{j} = \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \mathfrak{A}_{i}^{[ij/m]} \quad (0 \leq j \leq m-1).$$

Here, for a real number x, [x] denotes the largest integer  $\leq x$ . By definition, we have  $\mathfrak{B}_0 = \mathfrak{B}_1 = \mathcal{O}'_F$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $m = p^e$  be a power of a prime number p, and F a number field with  $\zeta_m \in F^{\times}$ . Then, a cyclic Kummer extension N/F of degree m has a p-NIB if and only if there exists an integer  $a \in \mathcal{O}_F'$  with  $N = F(a^{1/m})$  such that (i) the principal integral ideal  $a\mathcal{O}_F'$  is m-th power free and (ii) the ideals associated to  $a\mathcal{O}_F'$  by (1) are principal.

The proof of this theorem goes through exactly similarly to the proof of [8, Theorem 2]. So, we do not give its proof. (In the setting of this theorem, the conditions (iv) and (v) in [8, Theorem 2] are not necessary as m is a unit of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ .)

It is easy to see that the assertion (A) mentioned in Section 1 follows from this theorem. The following is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.

**Corollary 1.** Let m and F be as in Theorem 3. Let  $a \in \mathcal{O}'_F$  be an integer such that the principal integral ideal  $a\mathcal{O}'_F$  is square free. Then, the cyclic extension  $F(a^{1/m})/F$  has a p-NIB.

Let  $H_F$  be the Hilbert class field of F. The p-Hilbert class field  $H'_F$  of F is by definition the maximal intermediate field of  $H_F/F$  in which all prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  over p split completely. Let  $Cl_F$  be the ideal class group of

F in the usual sense, and P the subgroup of  $Cl_F$  generated by the classes containing a prime ideal over p. Then, we naturally have  $Cl_F'\cong Cl_F/P$ . Hence, by class field theory,  $Cl_F'$  is canonically isomorphic to  $Gal(H_F'/F)$ . It is known that any ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F'$  capitulates in  $\mathcal{O}_{H_F}'$ . This is shown exactly similarly to the classical principal ideal theorem for  $H_F/F$  given in Koch [13, pp. 103-104]. Now, we can derive the following "capitulation" result from Theorem 3.

**Corollary 2.** Let m and F be as in Theorem 3. Then, for any abelian extension N/F of exponent dividing m, the pushed-up extension  $NH'_F/H'_F$  has a p-NIB. In particular, if  $h'_F = |Cl'_F| = 1$ , any abelian extension N/F of exponent dividing m has a p-NIB.

*Proof.* For brevity, we write  $H = H'_F$ . For each prime ideal  $\mathfrak{L}$  of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$ , we can choose an integer  $\omega_{\mathfrak{L}} \in \mathcal{O}'_H$  such that  $\mathfrak{L}\mathcal{O}'_H = \omega_{\mathfrak{L}}\mathcal{O}'_H$  by the principal ideal theorem mentioned above. Let  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_r$  be a system of fundamental units of  $\mathcal{O}'_H$ , and  $\zeta$  a generator of the group of roots of unity in H. Let N/F be an arbitrary abelian extension of exponent dividing m. Then, we have

$$N = F(a_1^{1/m}, \cdots, a_s^{1/m})$$

for some  $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_F'$ . We see that NH is contained in

$$\widetilde{N} = H\left(\zeta^{1/m}, \, \epsilon_i^{1/m}, \, \omega_{\mathfrak{L}}^{1/m} \mid 1 \leq i \leq r, \, \mathfrak{L}|a_1 \cdots a_s\right).$$

Here,  $\mathfrak{L}$  runs over the prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}'_F$  dividing  $a_1 \cdots a_s$ . As H/F is unramified, the principal ideal  $\mathfrak{L}\mathcal{O}'_H = \omega_{\mathfrak{L}}\mathcal{O}'_H$  is square free. Hence, by Corollary 1, the extensions

(2) 
$$H(\zeta^{1/m})/H$$
,  $H(\epsilon_i^{1/m})/H$ ,  $H(\omega_s^{1/m})/H$  with  $\mathfrak{L}|a_1\cdots a_s|$ 

have a p-NIB. As the ideal  $\omega_{\mathfrak{L}}\mathcal{O}'_{H} = \mathfrak{L}\mathcal{O}'_{H}$  is square free, the extension  $H(\omega_{\mathfrak{L}}^{1/m})/H$  is fully ramified at the primes dividing  $\mathfrak{L}$  and unramified at other prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}'_{H}$ . Therefore, we see from the choice of  $\zeta$  and  $\epsilon_{i}$  that the extensions in (2) are linearly independent over H and that the ideal generated by the relative discriminants of any two of them equals  $\mathcal{O}'_{H}$ . Therefore, the composite  $\widetilde{N}/H$  has a p-NIB by a classical theorem on rings of integers (cf. Fröhlich and Taylor [3, III (2.13)]). Hence, NH/H has a p-NIB as  $NH \subseteq \widetilde{N}$ .

**Remark 3.** For the ring of integers in the usual sense, a result corresponding to this corollary is obtained in [8, Theorem 1].

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1

The "only if" part follows immediately from [3, III, (2.13)]. Let us show the "if" part. Let  $m = p^e$ , F, K be as in Theorem 1. Here,

p is an odd prime number (see Remark 1). Let N/F be a cyclic extension of degree m, L=NK, and  $G=\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)=\operatorname{Gal}(N/F)$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{O}'_L=\mathcal{O}'_K[G]\cdot\omega$  for some  $\omega\in\mathcal{O}'_L$ . To prove that N/F has a p-NIB, it suffices to show that we can choose  $W\in\mathcal{O}'_N$  such that  $\mathcal{O}'_L=\mathcal{O}'_K[G]\cdot W$ . Actually, when this is the case, we easily see that  $\mathcal{O}'_N=\mathcal{O}'_F[G]\cdot W$ . Let  $\Delta_F=\operatorname{Gal}(L/N)=\operatorname{Gal}(K/F)$  and  $\ell=|\Delta_F|\ (\geq 2)$ . As  $p\nmid [K:F]$ ,  $\ell$  divides p-1 (see Remark 1). We fix a primitive m-th root of unity:  $\zeta=\zeta_m$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a fixed generator of the cyclic group  $\Delta_F$  of order  $\ell$ , and let  $\kappa\in\mathbb{Z}$  be an integer with  $\zeta^\sigma=\zeta^\kappa$ , which is uniquely determined modulo m. For an integer  $x\in\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $[x]_{p^f}$  be the class in  $\mathbb{Z}/p^f=\mathbb{Z}/p^f\mathbb{Z}$  represented by x. For  $1\leq f\leq e$ , the class  $[\kappa]_{p^f}$  in the multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^f)^\times$  is of order  $\ell$ . We put

$$t_f = p^{f-1}(p-1)/\ell \ (\in \mathbb{Z}).$$

For each  $1 \leq f \leq e$ , we choose integers  $r_{f,1}, \dots, r_{f,t_f} \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that their classes modulo  $p^f$  form a complete set of representatives of the quotient  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^f)^{\times}/\langle [\kappa]_{p^f} \rangle$ . Then, we have

(3) 
$$\{[0]_m, [p^{e-f}r_{f,i}\kappa^{j-1}]_m \mid 1 \le f \le e, 1 \le i \le t_f, 1 \le j \le \ell\} = \mathbb{Z}/m.$$

For brevity, we put

$$a(f, i, j) = p^{e-f} r_{f,i} \kappa^{j-1}.$$

Fixing a generator g of G, we define the resolvents  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_{f,i,j}$  of  $\omega$  by

$$\alpha_0 = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{m-1} \omega^{g^{\lambda}}$$
 and  $\alpha_{f,i,j} = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{m-1} \zeta^{-a(f,i,j)\lambda} \omega^{g^{\lambda}},$ 

for each  $1 \leq f \leq e$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t_f$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ . By (3), we see that the determinant of the  $m \times m$  matrix of the coefficients of  $\omega^{g^{\lambda}}$  in the above m equalities is divisible only by prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  dividing p. Hence, it is a unit of  $\mathcal{O}_K'$ . Therefore, from the assumption  $\mathcal{O}_L' = \mathcal{O}_K'[G] \cdot \omega$ , we obtain

(4) 
$$\mathcal{O}'_{L} = \mathcal{O}'_{K}\alpha_{0} + \sum_{f,i,j} \mathcal{O}'_{K}\alpha_{f,i,j}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}_L^{\prime}{}^{(0)} = \mathcal{O}_K^{\prime}$ , and let  $\mathcal{O}_L^{\prime}{}^{(f,i,j)}$  be the additive group of integers  $x \in \mathcal{O}_L^{\prime}$  such that  $x^g = \zeta^{a(f,i,j)}x$ . As  $\zeta^{\sigma} = \zeta^{\kappa}$ , we see that

(5) 
$$\mathcal{O}'_{L}^{(f,i,j)} = (\mathcal{O}'_{L}^{(f,i,1)})^{\sigma^{j-1}}.$$

As is easily seen, we have  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{O}_K'$  and  $\alpha_{f,i,j} \in \mathcal{O}_L'^{(f,i,j)}$ . From  $\mathcal{O}_L' = \mathcal{O}_K'[G] \cdot \omega$ , we see that

$$\mathcal{O}_{L}^{\prime(0)} = \mathcal{O}_{K}^{\prime} = \mathcal{O}_{K}^{\prime} \alpha_{0}$$
 and  $\mathcal{O}_{L}^{\prime(f,i,j)} = \mathcal{O}_{K}^{\prime} \alpha_{f,i,j} = \mathcal{O}_{K}^{\prime} \alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}}$ .

Here, the last equality holds by (5). Therefore, from (4), we obtain

(6) 
$$\mathcal{O}'_L = \mathcal{O}'_K + \sum_{f,i,j} \mathcal{O}'_K \alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}}.$$

Now, we put

$$W = 1 + \sum_{f,i,j} \alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}} = 1 + \sum_{f,i} \operatorname{Tr}_{L/N}(\alpha_{f,i,1}) \in \mathcal{O}'_{N}.$$

Here,  $\operatorname{Tr}_{L/N}$  denotes the trace map. As  $\alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}} \in \mathcal{O}_L^{\prime}(f,i,j)$ , we have

$$W^{g^{\lambda}} = 1 + \sum_{f,i,j} \zeta^{a(f,i,j)\lambda} \alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}}$$

for  $0 \le \lambda \le m-1$ . We see that the determinant of the  $m \times m$  matrix of the coefficients of  $\alpha_{f,i,1}^{\sigma^{j-1}}$  in the above m equalities is a unit of  $\mathcal{O}'_K$ . Hence, by (6), we obtain  $\mathcal{O}'_L = \mathcal{O}'_K[G] \cdot W$ . Therefore, as  $W \in \mathcal{O}'_N$ , N/F has a p-NIB.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2

Let F, K be as in Theorem 2, and  $\Delta_F = \operatorname{Gal}(K/F)$ . As  $\zeta_p \in F^{\times}$ , we can choose a generator  $\sigma$  of the cyclic group  $\Delta_F$  of order p so that  $\zeta_{p^2}^{\sigma} = \zeta_{p^2}^{\kappa}$  with  $\kappa = 3$  or 1 + p according to whether p = 2 or  $p \geq 3$ . When  $p \geq 3$ , we put

$$D = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \kappa^i \sigma^{p-1-i} \ (\in \mathbb{Z}[\Delta_F]).$$

The following lemma is an exercise in Galois theory.

**Lemma.** Under the above setting, let x be a nonzero element of K. We put

(7) 
$$a = \begin{cases} xx^{3\sigma}, & \text{for } p = 2, \\ x^{D} = x^{\sigma^{p-1}}x^{\kappa\sigma^{p-2}} \cdots x^{\kappa^{p-2}\sigma}x^{\kappa^{p-1}}, & \text{for } p \ge 3. \end{cases}$$

Let  $L = K(a^{1/p^2})$ . Assume that  $a \notin (K^{\times})^p$ . Then, L/F is an abelian extension of type  $(p, p^2)$ . Hence, there exists a cyclic extension N/F of degree  $p^2$  with  $N \cap K = F$  and L = NK.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as in Theorem 2, and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F'$  contained in  $\mathcal{C}$ . By the assumption of Theorem 2,  $\mathfrak{Q}\mathcal{O}_K' = \beta\mathcal{O}_K'$  is a principal ideal. Let  $\mathfrak{P} = \alpha\mathcal{O}_K'$  be an arbitrary principal prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K'$  of degree one in K/F relatively prime to  $\mathfrak{Q}$ , and let  $\wp = \mathfrak{P} \cap \mathcal{O}_F'$ . Then,  $\wp$  is a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F'$  splitting completely in K. Let  $x = \alpha\beta$ , and define an integer a by (7). As  $\mathfrak{Q}\mathcal{O}_K' = \beta\mathcal{O}_K'$  is invariant under the action of  $\sigma$ , we have

$$a\mathcal{O}_K' = \alpha \alpha^{3\sigma} \beta^4 \mathcal{O}_K'$$
 or  $\alpha^{\sigma^{p-1}} \alpha^{\sigma^{p-2} \kappa} \cdots \alpha^{\sigma \kappa^{p-2}} \alpha^{\kappa^{p-1}} \beta^T \mathcal{O}_K'$ 

according to whether p=2 or  $p\geq 3$ . Here,

$$T = 1 + \kappa + \dots + \kappa^{p-1}.$$

For  $p \geq 3$ , since  $\kappa^i \equiv 1 + ip$ ,  $T \equiv p \mod p^2$ , the last term equals

$$\prod_{i=0}^{p-1} \alpha^{\sigma^{p-1-i}(1+ip)} \beta^p X^{p^2} \mathcal{O}_K'$$

for some  $X \in \mathcal{O}'_K$ . We may as well replace a with  $a/\beta^4$  (resp.  $a/X^{p^2}$ ) for p=2 (resp.  $p\geq 3$ ). Then, it follows that

(8) 
$$a\mathcal{O}_K' = \alpha \alpha^{3\sigma} \mathcal{O}_K' \quad \text{or} \quad \prod_{i=0}^{p-1} \alpha^{\sigma^{p-1-i}(1+ip)} \beta^p \mathcal{O}_K'$$

according to whether p=2 or  $p\geq 3$ . In particular, we see that  $a\not\in (K^\times)^p$  as  $\wp$  splits completely in K and  $\mathfrak{P}=\alpha\mathcal{O}_K'$  is a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K'$  over  $\wp$ . Then, by the lemma,  $L=K(a^{1/p^2})$  is of degree  $p^2$  over K, and there exists a cyclic extension N/F of degree  $p^2$  with  $N\cap K=F$  and NK=L. We see from (8) and Theorem 3 that L/K has a p-NIB. Let us show that N/F has no p-NIB. For this, assume that it has a p-NIB. Let  $N_1$  be the intermediate field of N/F of degree p. By the assumption,  $N_1/F$  has a p-NIB. We see from (7) and  $\kappa\equiv 1$  mod p that  $N_1K=K(b^{1/p})$  with

$$b = xx^{\sigma} \cdots x^{\sigma^{p-1}}.$$

As  $b \in \mathcal{O}_F'$  and  $\zeta_p \in F^{\times}$ , it follows that  $N_1 = F((\zeta_p^s b)^{1/p})$  for some  $0 \le s \le p-1$ . Since  $x\mathcal{O}_K' = \mathfrak{PQO}_K'$ , we have  $b\mathcal{O}_F' = \wp \mathfrak{Q}^p$ . As  $N_1/F$  has a p-NIB, it follows from Theorem 3 that there exists an integer  $c \in \mathcal{O}_F'$  with  $N_1 = F(c^{1/p})$  such that  $c\mathcal{O}_F'$  is p-th power free. Hence,  $c = (\zeta_p^s b)^r y^p$  for some  $1 \le r \le p-1$  and  $y \in F^{\times}$ . We have  $c\mathcal{O}_F' = \wp^r (y\mathfrak{Q}^r)^p$ . As the integral ideal  $c\mathcal{O}_F'$  is p-th power free, we must have  $y\mathfrak{Q}^r = \mathcal{O}_F'$ . This is a contradiction as the class  $\mathcal{C}$  containing  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is of order p.

We see in the below that there are many examples of p and F satisfying the assumption of Theorem 2.

Let p=2. Let  $q_1, q_2$  be prime numbers with  $q_1 \equiv q_2 \equiv -1 \mod 4$  and  $q_1 \neq q_2$ , and let  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-q_1q_2})$ . Then, the imaginary quadratic field F satisfies the assumption of Theorem 2. The reason is as follows. Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be the unique prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F'$  over  $q_1$ . We see that the class  $\mathcal{C} = [\mathfrak{Q}] \in Cl_F'$  is of order 2 from genus theory. Let  $K = F(\sqrt{-1}) = F(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$  and  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q_1q_2})$ . By genus theory, the class number of k in the usual sense is odd. Hence, we have  $q_1\mathcal{O}_k = (\alpha\mathcal{O}_k)^2$  for some integer  $\alpha$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{Q}\mathcal{O}_K' = \alpha\mathcal{O}_K'$ , and the class  $\mathcal{C}$  capitulates in  $\mathcal{O}_K'$ .

Let us deal with the case  $p \geq 3$ . Let p be an odd prime number, k a real quadratic field in which p remains prime,  $F = k(\zeta_p)$ , and  $K = F(\zeta_{p^2})$ . Let

 $\mathbf{B}_1/\mathbb{Q}$  be the unique cyclic extension of degree p unramified outside p, and  $k_1=k\mathbf{B}_1$ . Clearly, we have  $K=F\mathbf{B}_1$ . In the tables in Sumida and the author [10, 11], we gave many examples of p and k having an ideal class  $C \in Cl_k$  of k which is of order p and capitulates in  $k_1$ . (More precisely, real quadratic fields in the rows " $n_0=0$ " and " $n_0=1$ " of the tables satisfy the condition.) For such a class C, the lift  $C_F \in Cl_F$  to F is of order p and it capitulates in K. As p remains prime in k, there is only one prime ideal of F (resp. K) over p, and it is a principal ideal. Hence, we have  $Cl_F = Cl'_F$  and  $Cl_K = Cl'_K$ . Thus, we obtain many examples of  $p \geq 3$  and F satisfying the assumption of Theorem 2.

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