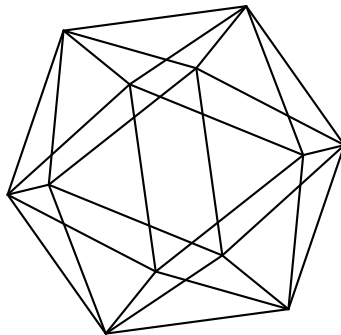


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ABSTRACT. We describe the set of prime numbers splitting completely in the non-abelian splitting field of certain monic irreducible polynomials of degree 3. As an application we establish some divisibility properties of the associated ternary recurrence sequence by primes  $p$ , thus greatly extending recent work of Evink and Helminck and of Faisant. We also prove some new results on the number of solutions of the characteristic equation of the recurrence sequence modulo  $p$ , extending and simplifying earlier work of Zhi-Hong Sun (2003).

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Tribonacci sequence  $(T_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a generalization of the Fibonacci sequence. It is defined by  $T_1 = 1, T_2 = 1, T_3 = 2$ , and by the third order linear recurrence  $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$  for every  $n \geq 4$ . Using class field theory, Evink and Helminck [11] proved the following intriguing result.

**Theorem 1.** *Any prime  $p \nmid 11 \cdot 19$  divides  $T_{p-1}$  if and only if it is represented by the binary form  $X^2 + 11Y^2$ .*

Here and in the rest of the paper the letter  $p$  will be exclusively used to denote prime numbers.

More recently Faisant [12] established a similar result for the Padovan sequence defined by  $B_0 = 0, B_1 = B_2 = 1$ , and by  $B_n = B_{n-2} + B_{n-3}$  for every  $n \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 2.** *A prime  $p$  divides  $B_{p-1}$  if and only if  $p$  is represented by the binary form  $X^2 + 23Y^2$  with  $X \neq 0$  and  $Y$  integers.*

Recall that the Ramanujan tau function  $\tau(n)$  is defined as the coefficient of  $q^n$  in the formal series expansion of  $q \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^{24}$ . The Ramanujan-Wilton [32] congruences state that modulo 23 we have

$$\tau(p) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = 23; \\ 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{23}\right) = -1; \\ 2 & \text{if } p = X^2 + 23Y^2, X \neq 0; \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Denote by  $N_p(f)$  the number of distinct roots modulo  $p$  of a polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . It is known that  $\tau(p) \equiv N_p(x^3 - x - 1) - 1 \pmod{23}$ , cf. Serre [23, p. 437] or [6, pp. 42–43]. This then leads to the following reformulation of Faisant's theorem.

**Theorem 3.** *A prime  $p$  divides  $B_{p-1}$  if and only if  $N_p(x^3 - x - 1) = 3$  if and only if  $\tau(p) \equiv 2 \pmod{23}$ .*

The observant reader will notice that  $x^3 - x - 1$  is the characteristic polynomial of the Padovan recurrence.

We point out that also Theorem 1 can be reformulated using a congruence observed by Ahlgren [1, (5.4)].

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $r_{12}(n)$  be the number of representations of  $n$  as a sum of twelve squares. A prime  $p$  divides  $T_{p-1}$  if and only if  $r_{12}(p) \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$ .*

Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a monic irreducible polynomial. Any rule for characterizing those primes  $p$  for which  $N_p(f) = \deg(f)$  might be called a *higher reciprocity law*. In case  $f$  is quadratic, the law of quadratic reciprocity leads to a characterization in terms of congruence classes. By class field a characterization in terms of congruence classes exists if and only if the splitting field of  $f$  over the rationals is abelian (see, e.g. [14, Chp.1]). An example is given by Theorem 13 below. In the non-abelian case sometimes there is a characterization involving Fourier coefficients of a modular form. Here our aim is to find higher reciprocity laws involving linear ternary recurrence sequences. Theorem 3 gives a nice demonstration of what we are after.

Results similar to Theorems 1 and 2, but involving *binary* recurrences  $\{u_n\}_n$  are known since Cauchy (1829) (see also Sun [28] and Williams and Hudson [31]). Typically they involve distinguishing between  $u_{(p-1)/3}$  if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $u_{(p+1)/3}$  if  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . It can also be  $u_{(p-1)/4}$  and  $u_{(p+1)/3}$ , as, e.g., in Halter-Koch [13]. Further, the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial might be large. E.g., in [31] the sequence  $u_0 = 2$ ,  $u_1 = 529$ , and  $u_{n+2} = 529u_{n+1} - 40^3u_n$  plays a role.

In this paper we provide more results in the same vein as Theorems 1 and 2. All starting terms and coefficients will be no larger than 5 in absolute value and no distinction into two cases is necessary. We show that Theorem 1 belongs to a family of similar results, which we present in Table 2. Likewise, the family for Theorem 2 is presented in Table 1.

Our method of proof is by relating the ternary sequence divisibility by a prime  $p$ , to the number of solutions modulo  $p$  of the characteristic equation (given Theorem 3 this becomes perhaps not as a surprise). This quantity on its turn we relate using class field theory to the representation of primes by binary quadratic forms. In the next two subsections we present our results and give some corollaries in the rest of the introduction.

**1.1. Numbers of solutions of cubic polynomials modulo primes.** The following result is due to Sun [27], who proved it by an elementary method (taking about fifteen pages). Before tackling some relevant variants, we provide a short and simple reproof of his result using class field theory.

**Theorem 5.** *For arbitrary integers  $a_1, a_2$  and  $a_3$ , let  $\{s_n\}$  be the third-order recurrence sequence defined by*

$$s_0 = 3, \quad s_1 = -a_1, \quad s_2 = a_1^2 - 2a_2, \quad s_{n+3} + a_1s_{n+2} + a_2s_{n+1} + a_3s_n = 0 \quad (n \geq 0).$$

*Let  $f(x) = x^3 + a_1x^2 + a_2x + a_3$ . Given a prime  $p$ , we let  $N_p(f)$  denote the number of integers  $0 \leq a < p$  for which  $f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . If  $p \nmid 6 \operatorname{disc}(f)(a_1^2 - 3a_2)$ , then*

$$N_p(f) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } s_{p+1} \equiv a_1^2 - 2a_2 \pmod{p}; \\ 0 & \text{if } s_{p+1} \equiv a_2 \pmod{p}; \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Unfortunately this result does not cover the Padovan and Tribonacci sequences. For this reason we will establish two analogues that do cover these sequences. These results are by no means exhaustive; using our class field theory based approach it is easy to establish similar results.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  be integers and let  $\{u_n\}$  be the third-order recurrence sequence defined by*

$$(1) \quad u_0 = 0, \quad u_1 = -a_2, \quad u_2 = -a_3, \quad u_{n+3} + a_2u_{n+1} + a_3u_n = 0 \quad (n \geq 0).$$

*Let  $f = x^3 + a_2x + a_3$  and  $d = 9a_3^2 - 4a_2^3$ . Put  $D = \text{disc}(f)$ . Let*

$$(2) \quad p \nmid 6Da_2a_3((20a_2^3a_3 + 27a_2^3 + 9a_2d)^2 - d(31a_2^2 + d)^2),$$

*be a prime. Then*

$$N_p(f) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } Du_{p-1}^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}; \\ 0 & \text{if } Du_{p-1}^2 \equiv a_2^4 \pmod{p}; \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Using the same approach as in the proof of Theorem 5, we deduce the following result

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $a_1, a_2$  and  $a_3$  be integers and let  $\{U_n\}$  be the third-order recurrence sequence defined by*

$$U_0 = 0, \quad U_1 = 1, \quad U_2 = -a_1, \quad U_{n+3} + a_1U_{n+2} + a_2U_{n+1} + a_3U_n = 0 \quad (n \geq 0).$$

*Let  $f = x^3 + a_1x^2 + a_2x + a_3$ . Put  $D = \text{disc}(f)$ . Given a prime  $p$  we have*

$$N_p(f) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } DU_{p-1}^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}; \\ 0 & \text{if } DU_{p-1}^2 \equiv (a_1^2 - 3a_2)^2 \pmod{p}; \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

*with at most finitely many exceptions.*

Saito [22] gave similar results for polynomials  $f$  of arbitrary degree, however restricting to the case where  $N_p(f) = \deg(f)$ . In the cubic case Sun [29] also related  $N_p(f)$  to a sum involving the binomial coefficient  $\binom{3k}{k}$ .

To the uninitiated the problem of determining  $N_p(f)$  might even seem somewhat recreational, however we like to point out the following quote of Dalawat [10, p. 32]: “The Langlands programme at its most basic level, is a search of patterns in the sequence  $N_p(f)$  for varying primes  $p$  and a fixed but arbitrary polynomial with rational coefficients.”. Our main motivation in this paper is to understand for which binary forms  $X^2 + nY^2$  with  $n \geq 1$ , similar results to those of Evink-Helminck and Faisant exist. We will show that this problem is closely related to the question of for which  $n$  the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-n})$  is 1 or 3. More precisely, we are looking for the monic irreducible polynomials  $f$  of degree 3 with integer coefficients, such that, with at most finitely many exceptions, all the primes that split completely over the splitting field of  $f$  are represented by the same principal form of discriminant  $-D$ . This is a problem with a long tradition and has been studied by many mathematicians. In 1827, Jacobi showed that for all prime greater than 3 such that  $p \nmid 243$ ,  $N_p(x^3 - 3) = 3$  if and only if  $p$  is represented by the principal form  $X^2 + XY + 61Y^2$ . Gauss (published in 1876 in his Collected Works) showed that for every prime  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 27$  we have  $N_p(x^3 - 2) = 3$  if and only if

$p$  can be written in the form  $p = X^2 + 27Y^2$ , cf. Cox [9, Theorem 4.15]. In 1868, Kronecker proved that  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 31$  can be written in the form  $p = X^2 + 31Y^2$  if and only if  $N_p(x^3 + x + 1) = 3$ . In 1991, Williams and Hudson in [31] found 25 monic irreducible polynomials of degree 3 with integer coefficient  $f$  such that, with finitely many exceptions, the primes  $p$  splitting completely over the splitting field of  $f$  are represented by the same principal form of discriminant  $-D$ .

A somewhat related problem was studied by Ciolan et al. [8], who showed that for a large class of ternary sequences  $\{U_n\}$ , including the Tribonacci sequence, one has

$$\#\{n \leq x : U_n = X^2 + nY^2 \text{ for some integers } X, Y\} \ll \frac{x}{(\log x)^{0.05}}.$$

A lot of (historical) material on primes of the form  $X^2 + nY^2$  can be found in the beautiful book by Cox [9]. For more on the characterization of these primes using Fourier coefficients of modular forms, see. e.g., the book by Hiramatsu and Saito [14].

**1.2. Connections with class field theory.** In this paper, we provide a large class of monic irreducible polynomials  $f$  of degree 3 with integer coefficients, such that  $N_p(f) = 3$  if and only if  $p$  is represented by the same principal form of discriminant  $-D$ , with the exception of finitely many  $p$ . To do so, we give in the following theorem a description of those values of  $n$  for which the splitting field of  $f$  is the ray class field of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  modulo its conductor (which is either  $\langle 1 \rangle$  or  $\langle 2 \rangle$ ), due to the requirement that the odd part of  $\text{disc}(f)$  is assumed to be square-free).

**Theorem 8.** *Suppose that  $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is irreducible with  $\text{disc}(f) = -4^t n$ , where  $t \geq 0$ , and  $n$  is a positive odd square-free integer. Let  $L$  be the splitting field of  $f$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$  the conductor of  $L/K$ , where  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-n})$ . We denote by  $M$  the number field  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha$  the unique real root of  $f$ , and by  $d_M$  its discriminant. The conductor  $\mathfrak{F}$  is given as follows:*

- If  $2 \mid d_M$  and  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}'_1 \mathfrak{P}'_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}'_1, \mathfrak{P}'_2$  are the prime ideals of  $\mathfrak{O}_K$  above 2.
- If  $2 \mid d_M$  and  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 2 \rangle$ , where  $\langle 2 \rangle$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathfrak{O}_K$ .
- If  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2 \mathfrak{P}_2$  and  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}_1, \mathfrak{P}_2$  are the primes ideals of  $\mathfrak{O}_M$ .
- If  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$  and  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}_1$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  is a prime ideal of  $\mathfrak{O}_K$  above 2 and  $\mathfrak{P}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathfrak{O}_M$ .
- If  $2 \nmid d_M$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

If  $h_K = 1$  in the second case, or  $h_K = 3$  in any of the other cases, then  $L$  is the ray class field of  $K$  modulo the corresponding conductor  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

The positive odd square-free integers  $n$  for which  $h_K = 1$ , respectively 3 are precisely

- 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, 19, 67, 49, 163, respectively
- 23, 31, 59, 83, 107, 139, 211, 283, 307, 331, 379, 499, 547, 643, 883, 907

The first assertion is the celebrated Baker-Heegner-Stark theorem, cf. Oesterlé [20], the second follows using Sage math software and the work of Watkins [30].

We remark that the method of proof of Theorem 8 also works if we fix a prime  $p$  and consider irreducible polynomials  $f$  of degree 3 with  $\text{disc}(f) = -p^{2t}n$ , where  $t \geq 0$ , and  $n$  is a positive square-free integer coprime to  $p$ .

If  $f$  is as in Theorem 8, then  $N_p(f) = 3$  if and only if  $p$  splits completely over the splitting field of  $f$  (see [4, Corollary 4.39]). If we are in one of the five cases of Theorem 8 a more explicit description of these completely splitting primes  $p$  can be given.

**Theorem 9.** *Assume that we are in one of the five cases of Theorem 8. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- $p$  splits completely over  $L$ .
- $\left(\frac{-n}{p}\right) = 1$  and  $f \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has a solution in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .
- $mp = X^2 + nY^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Here  $m = 4$  if  $2 \nmid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ , and  $m = 1$  otherwise.

By combining Theorem 9 and Theorem 6, we obtain a generalization of Theorem 2. Also by combining Theorem 7 and Theorem 9, we obtain a generalization of Theorem 1. In terms of ternary recurrences these generalizations have consequences that are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1. Results of the form  $p \mid u_{p-1} \Leftrightarrow p = (X/2)^2 + n(Y/2)^2$ ,  $2 \mid X + Y$  with  $u_{n+3} + a_2u_{n+1} + a_3u_n = 0$ ,  $u_0 = 0$ ,  $u_1 = -a_2$ ,  $u_2 = -a_3$ .

| $n$ | $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ | $\text{disc}(f)$ | Exceptional primes |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 23  | $(0, -1, 1)$      | -23              | $\{3, 23\}$        |
| 31  | $(0, 1, 1)$       | -31              | $\{3, 31\}$        |
| 59  | $(0, 2, 1)$       | -59              | $\{2, 3, 59\}$     |
| 211 | $(0, -2, 3)$      | -211             | $\{2, 3, 211\}$    |
| 283 | $(0, 4, 1)$       | -283             | $\{2, 3, 283\}$    |
| 499 | $(0, 4, 3)$       | -499             | $\{2, 3, 499\}$    |
| 643 | $(0, -2, 5)$      | -643             | $\{2, 3, 5, 643\}$ |

TABLE 2. Results of the form  $p \mid u_{p-1} \Leftrightarrow 4p = X^2 + nY^2$ , with  $u_{n+3} + a_1u_{n+2} + a_2u_{n+1} + a_3u_n = 0$ ,  $u_0 = 0$ ,  $u_1 = 1$ ,  $u_2 = -a_1$ .

| $n$ | $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ | $\text{disc}(f)$ | Exceptional primes         |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 83  | $(1, 1, 2)$       | -83              | $\{2, 3, 47, 83\}$         |
| 107 | $(1, 3, 2)$       | -107             | $\{2, 3, 7, 107\}$         |
| 139 | $(-1, 1, 2)$      | -139             | $\{2, 3, 47, 139\}$        |
| 307 | $(-1, 3, 2)$      | -307             | $\{2, 3, 7, 307\}$         |
| 331 | $(-2, 4, 1)$      | -331             | $\{2, 3, 5, 17, 331\}$     |
| 379 | $(1, 1, 4)$       | -379             | $\{2, 3, 101, 379\}$       |
| 547 | $(1, -3, 4)$      | -547             | $\{2, 3, 7, 547\}$         |
| 883 | $(5, -5, 2)$      | -883             | $\{2, 3, 5, 421, 883\}$    |
| 907 | $(5, 1, 2)$       | -907             | $\{2, 3, 5, 11, 19, 907\}$ |

**1.3. Applications of Theorem 8.** Theorem 8 can be applied to some well-known sequences to give results similar to Theorems 1 and 2.

**Corollary 10.** *Consider the Perrin sequence defined by:*

$$P_0 = 3, P_1 = 0, P_2 = 2, P_{n+3} = P_{n+1} + P_n \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

*Let  $p$  be a prime integer such that  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 23$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $P_{p+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$ .
- (2)  $p = X^2 + 23Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (3)  $\left(\frac{-23}{p}\right) = 1$  and  $x^3 - x - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has a solution in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Corollary 11.** *Consider the Berstel sequence defined by:*

$$B_0 = B_1 = 0, B_2 = 1, B_{n+3} = 2B_{n+2} - 4B_{n+1} + 4B_n \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

*Let  $p$  be a prime integer such that  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $B_p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .
- (2)  $p = X^2 + 11Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The Berstel sequence has six zero-terms, which is the maximum number of zero-terms for a non-zero ternary linear recurrence by a result of Beukers [5].

Let  $\tau_{16}(n)$  be the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the formal series expansion of

$$x \left( 1 + 240 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k \sum_{d|k} d^3 \right) \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - x^k)^{24}.$$

(In modular forms parlance  $\tau_{16}(n)$  is the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficient of the cusp form  $\Delta E_4$  of weight 16.)

**Corollary 12.** *Consider the ternary recurrence sequence given by:  $C_0 = 0, C_1 = 0, C_2 = 1, C_{n+3} = C_{n+2} + C_n$ . Let  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$  be a prime. The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $C_p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .
- (2)  $p = X^2 + 31Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (3)  $\tau_{16}(p) \equiv 2 \pmod{31}$ .

**1.4. Abelian splitting fields.** For a large class of abelian extensions of degree 3, Huard and al. [15] determined explicitly the set of rational primes  $p$  splitting completely in them, as well as the exceptional primes. Here we recall their result.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $f$  be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree 3 given by  $f := x^3 + Ax + B$ , where the largest positive  $k$  such that  $k^2 \mid A$  and  $k^3 \mid B$  is 1. Assume that the splitting field  $L$  of  $f$  is abelian (this is so if and only if  $\text{disc}(f)$  is a square). Then, if  $p \nmid 3 \text{disc}(f)$ ,*

$$p \text{ splits completely in } L \iff p \equiv a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\varphi(F)/3} \pmod{F},$$

where  $\varphi$  is Euler's totient function and the  $F, a_i$ 's are given in [15, pp. 468–469].

Combining this result and Theorem 6, we get the following corollary



**Corollary 14.** *Let  $f$  be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree 3 given by  $f := x^3 + Ax + B$ , and  $D = \text{disc}(f)$ , where the largest positive  $k$  such that  $k^2 \mid A$  and  $k^3 \mid B$  is 1. Let  $(N_n)_n$  be a ternary recurrence sequence given by:*

$$N_{n+3} = -AN_{n+1} - BN_n, \quad \text{with } N_0 = 0, N_1 = -A, N_2 = -B.$$

*Modulo a prime  $p$ , we have, with finitely many exceptions,*

$$DN_{p-1}^2 \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \equiv a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\varphi(F)/3} \pmod{F}; \\ a_2^4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Example 15.** Let  $f$  be the irreducible polynomial  $x^3 - 31x + 62$  having discriminant  $4^2 \cdot 31^2$ . We define  $(N_n)_n$  as follows:

$$N_0 = 0, N_1 = 31, N_2 = -62 \quad \text{and} \quad N_{n+3} = 31N_{n+1} - 62N_n.$$

By Corollary 14 we deduce that

$$4N_{p-1} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 27, 29, 30 \pmod{31}; \\ \pm 31 \pmod{p} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with finitely many exceptions.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $L$  be a finite Galois extension of a number field  $K$  and  $\mathfrak{P}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . It is well known (see for example Theorem 3.34 in [18]) that there are positive integers  $e, f, g$  such that

$$\mathfrak{P}\mathcal{O}_L = (\mathfrak{B}_1\mathfrak{B}_2 \cdots \mathfrak{B}_g)^e, \quad [\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{B}_i : \mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{P}] = f,$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, g$  and  $efg = [L : K]$ , where the  $\mathfrak{B}_i$ 's are maximal ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_L$ . The integer  $e$  is called the *ramification degree* and is the number of times the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{B}_i$  of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  that lies over  $\mathfrak{P}$  repeats as a factor of  $\mathfrak{P}\mathcal{O}_L$ . In case  $e > 1$  one says that  $\mathfrak{P}$  *ramifies* in  $K$ . The integer  $g$  is called the *decomposition index* and is the number of distinct prime ideals  $\mathfrak{B}_i$  over  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Now we recall the Dedekind-Kummer theorem (see, for example, [2, Theorem 10.1.5]).

**Theorem 16.** *Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field. Then a rational prime ramifies in  $K$  if and only if it divides the discriminant of  $K$  over the rationals.*

It tells us that there are only finitely many ramified  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Given a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{B}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  over  $\mathfrak{P}$ , the *decomposition group* of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is defined as the subgroup of the Galois group that fixes  $\mathfrak{B}$  as a set, that is

$$D_{\mathfrak{B}} = \{\delta \in \text{Gal}(L/K) : \mathfrak{B}^\delta = \mathfrak{B}\}.$$

It is well known that the quotient space  $\text{Gal}(L/K)/D_{\mathfrak{B}}$  has cardinality  $g$ , and hence the decomposition group has order  $ef$ . Given  $\delta \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$ , we define  $\bar{\delta}$  by

$$\bar{\delta}(x + \mathfrak{B}) = \delta(x) + \mathfrak{B} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{O}_K.$$

The map

$$\psi : D_{\mathfrak{B}} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{B} / \mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{P})$$

defined by

$$\psi(\delta) = \bar{\delta},$$

is a surjective homomorphism (see for example Proposition 9.4 in [19]) and its kernel  $I_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is given by

$$I_{\mathfrak{B}} = \{\delta \in D_{\mathfrak{B}} : \delta(x) \equiv x \pmod{\mathfrak{B}} \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{O}_L\}.$$

It is a subgroup of  $D_{\mathfrak{B}}$  called *inertia group* and has cardinality  $e$ . Any representative of Frobenius is called a *Frobenius element* of  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  and denoted by  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . When  $\mathfrak{B}$  is unramified,  $I_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is trivial as its order is  $e$ , and in this case,  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is unique. In other words,  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is the unique element of  $D_{\mathfrak{B}}$  which satisfies

$$\delta(x) \equiv x^{N(\mathfrak{P})} \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}, \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{O}_L.$$

If  $\mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{B}'$  are two maximal ideals lying over  $\mathfrak{P}$ , then there exists  $\delta \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$  such that  $\mathfrak{B}^\delta = \mathfrak{B}'$ . Hence the relation between the corresponding Frobenius element is given by

$$\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}^\delta} = \delta^{-1} \text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}} \delta.$$

One defines  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{P}} = [\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}}]$ , where  $[\ast]$  is the conjugacy class in  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ . When  $L/K$  is an abelian extension, this class consists of just one element and we identify  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{P}}$  with  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ , thus  $\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{P}}$  does not depend on the maximal ideal lying above  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Recall that  $\mathfrak{P}$  is said to be *wildly ramified* in  $L$  if  $\gcd(e, p) = 1$ , where  $p$  is the only prime integer divisible by  $\mathfrak{P}$  and  $e$  is the ramification degree of  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be a cycle in  $K$  (a formal product  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}_0 \mathfrak{S}_\infty$  of an integral ideal  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  with a product  $\mathfrak{S}_\infty$  of some or all of the real primes). The cycle  $\mathfrak{S}$  is called the *conductor* of  $L/K$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- The only prime ideals of  $K$  dividing  $\mathfrak{S}$  are those which are ramified in  $L$ ;
- For any prime ideal  $\mathfrak{P}$  of  $K$  dividing  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  we have  $\nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathfrak{S}_0) \leq 2$ ;
- $\mathfrak{P} \parallel \mathfrak{S}_0$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{P}$  is wildly ramified in  $L$ .

Denote the conductor of  $L/K$  by  $\mathfrak{S}$  and define  $I^{S(\mathfrak{S})}$  to be the group of fractional ideals generated by the prime ideals of  $K$  not dividing  $\mathfrak{S}_0$ . Let  $Cl_{\mathfrak{S}}$  be the quotient of  $I^{S(\mathfrak{S})}$  by the subgroup of principal ideals lying in  $I^{S(\mathfrak{S})}$  that are generated by an element  $a$  such that  $a > 0$  for every real prime dividing  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(a-1) \geq \nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathfrak{S})$  for all integral prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}$  dividing  $\mathfrak{S}$ . By the **Artin reciprocity law**, the map

$$\rho : Cl_{\mathfrak{S}} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$$

defined by  $\rho([\mathfrak{P}]) = \text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{P}}$ , is surjective. Moreover, there exists an abelian extension  $H_{\mathfrak{S}}$  called *Hilbert class field* modulo  $\mathfrak{S}$  such that  $Cl_{\mathfrak{S}}$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Gal}(H_{\mathfrak{S}}/K)$  and a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{P}'$  of  $K$  splits completely in  $H_{\mathfrak{S}}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{P}'$  is generated by an element  $a$  such that  $a > 0$  for every real prime dividing  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(a-1) \geq \nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathfrak{S})$  for all integral prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}$  dividing  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

**2.1. More on primes that split completely.** Let  $f$  be a monic irreducible polynomial with integer coefficients and  $L$  the splitting field of  $f$ . We are interested in determining "explicitly" the primes  $p$  which split completely over  $L$ . When  $L$  is abelian it is well-known that, with possibly finitely many exceptions,  $p$  splits completely over  $L$  if and only if the Frobenius element to  $p$  (denoted  $\sigma_p$ ) is trivial (cf. Wyman [33]). We give two examples illustrating this result.

**Example 17** (Quadratic fields). Here  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ , with  $m$  a square-free integer. Let  $p \nmid 2m$  be a prime and  $\mathfrak{P}$  a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $p$  of norm  $N\mathfrak{P}$ . The Frobenius element is the unique element  $\sigma_p$  of the decomposition group  $D(\mathfrak{P})$  such that for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_L$ ,

$$\sigma_p(\alpha) \equiv \alpha^{N\mathfrak{P}} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}}.$$

It follows by Euler's criterion that  $\sigma_p = \text{id}_L$  if and only if  $\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) = 1$ . For the theory of binary recurrence sequences this implies for example that if  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 5$  is a prime, then  $F_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $\left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = 1$ , which by the law of quadratic reciprocity is equivalent with  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ . A similar, more general, result is (see for example [21], pages 12): If  $p$  is a prime integer and  $(U_n)_n$  a binary recurrence sequence given by

$$U_{n+2} = PU_{n+1} - QU_n, \quad U_0 = 0, \quad U_1 = 1, \quad n \geq 0,$$

then

$$U_{p-\left(\frac{p}{p}\right)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{if } p \nmid PQD, \quad \text{where } D = P^2 - 4Q.$$

**Example 18** (Cyclotomic fields). Here  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ , for some odd integer  $m > 1$ . We know that  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^*$  with  $[n]$  acting as  $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^n$ . Any prime  $p \nmid m$  is unramified in  $L$ . Hence the Frobenius element in  $p$  is trivial if and only if  $[p] = [1]$ , that is  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . We conclude that  $p$  splits completely over  $L$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

For an arbitrary abelian extions no description of the Frobenius element in  $p$  is known. However, using class field theory, it can be shown that, with finitely many exceptions, the primes which split completely over  $L$  lie in certain congruence classes modulo the conductor. In the generic case though no explicit description of these congruence classes is known.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 5

Our proof of Theorem 5 will involve the following lemma.

**Lemma 19.** *Let  $f$  the monic irreducible polynomial with integer coefficients of degree 3 and  $p \nmid 6 \text{disc}(f)$  be a prime. Suppose that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a prime ideal above  $p$  in the splitting field  $L$  of  $f$ . If  $L$  is non-abelian, then*

$$N_p(f) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1; \\ 0 & \text{if } \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3; \\ 1 & \text{if } \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2. \end{cases}$$

If  $L$  is abelian, then

$$N_p(f) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1; \\ 0 & \text{if } \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3; \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We only deal with the case where  $L$  is non-abelian, the abelian case being similar and left to the reader. The assumption  $p \nmid 6 \text{disc}(f)$  implies that  $p$  is unramified in  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f$ . By [4, Corollary 4.39] we infer that  $p$  is unramified over  $L$  and so  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is cyclic group. By Lagrange's theorem, we get  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . If  $N_p(f) = 3$ , then  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ . Hence we deduce that the number of prime ideals of  $L$  above  $p$  is maximal, i.e. six, and so  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ , then  $p$  splits completely over  $L$  and so over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , and hence  $N_p(f) = 3$ . This shows that  $N_p(f) = 3$  implies that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , then the decomposition index  $g = 3$  and combining this argument with the fact that  $p$  is prime ideal over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  and  $[L : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] = 2$ , yields a contradiction, and so  $N_p(f) = 0$  implies  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ . Now assume  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ . If  $N_p(f) = 1$ , then according to [3, Proposition 10.5.1] we have  $\langle p \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1 \mathfrak{P}_2$ , with  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{P}_2$  prime ideals over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  having inertia degrees 2, respectively 1. Since  $[L : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] = 2$ ,

$g = 2$  and the index is a multiplicative function, it follows that  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{P}_2$  are prime ideals over  $L$ , which contradicts the fact that  $L : \mathbb{Q}$  is Galois.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 5.* By Binet's formula, we have  $s_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $f$ . Assume that  $p \nmid 6 \operatorname{disc}(f)(a_1^2 - 3a_2)$  is a prime, and  $\mathfrak{B}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  above  $p$ . By Lemma 19 it suffices to show that

$$s_{p+1} \equiv a_1^2 - 2a_2 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1 \text{ and } s_{p+1} \equiv a_2 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow \#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3.$$

If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ , then  $x^p \equiv x \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{O}_L$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  prime ideal above  $L$ . Hence modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$  we have

$$s_{p+1} \equiv \alpha^{p+1} + \beta^{p+1} + \gamma^{p+1} \equiv \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \equiv a_1^2 - 2a_2,$$

where we used the fact that  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -a_1$  and  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \gamma\beta = a_2$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \gamma, \sigma(\gamma) = \alpha.$$

We then get

$$s_{p+1} \equiv \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \gamma\beta \equiv a_2 \pmod{p}.$$

Assume now that  $s_{p+1} \equiv a_1^2 - 2a_2 \pmod{p}$ . We want to show that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ . Since  $p \nmid (a_1^2 - 3a_2)$ , it follows that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 3$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

We let  $y_1 = 3\alpha + a_1, y_2 = 3\beta + a_1$  and  $y_3 = 3\gamma + a_1$ , where  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  are the roots of the polynomial  $x^3 - 3(a_1^2 - 3a_2)x - b$ , with  $b = -2a_1^3 + 9a_1a_2 - 27a_3$ . Hence

$$s_{p+1} = \frac{1}{3^{p+1}} \left( (y_1 - a_1)^{p+1} + (y_2 - a_1)^{p+1} + (y_3 - a_1)^{p+1} \right).$$

Noting that  $(y_1 - a_1)^{p+1} \equiv (y_2 - a_1)(y_1 - a_1) \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ ,  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$  and using Fermat's little theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 9(a_1^2 - 2a_2) &\equiv (y_2 - a_1)(y_1 - a_1) + (y_2 - a_1)(y_1 - a_1) + (y_3 - a_1)^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}} \\ &\equiv 2y_1y_2 + 3a_1^2 + y_3^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$  we have

$$6(a_1^2 - 3a_2) \equiv 2y_1y_2 + y_3^2 \equiv -2(3(a_1^2 - 3a_2) + y_3(y_1 + y_2)) + y_3^2,$$

which implies  $4(a_1^2 - 3a_2) \equiv y_3^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . By multiplying both sides by  $y_3$  and using the fact that  $y_3^3 - 3(a_1^2 - 3a_2)y_3 - b = 0$ , we get  $y_3 \equiv b/(a_1^2 - 3a_2) \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . So we deduce that  $b^2 - 4(a_1^2 - 3a_2)^3 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , which gives the contradiction as  $b^2 - 4(a_1^2 - 3a_2)^3 = -27\operatorname{disc}(f)$ . In conclusion we have  $s_{p+1} \equiv a_1^2 - 2a_2 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ . Now assume that  $s_{p+1} \equiv a_2 \pmod{p}$ . Since  $p \nmid (a_1^2 - 3a_2)$ , it suffices to show that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 2$ . Let us assume that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

We get, modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 9a_2 &\equiv (y_2 - a_1)(y_1 - a_1) + (y_2 - a_1)(y_1 - a_1) + (y_3 - a_1)^2 \\ &\equiv 2y_1y_2 + 3a_1^2 + y_3^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $-3(a_1^2 - 3a_2) \equiv 2y_1y_2 + y_3^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Since  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$  and  $y_1y_2 + y_3y_2 + y_1y_3 = -3(a_1^2 - 3a_2)$ , one gets  $a_1^2 - 3a_2 \equiv y_3^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Multiplying

both sides of this congruence by  $y_3$  and since  $y_3^3 - 3(a_1^2 - 3a_2)y_3 - b = 0$ , we get  $y_3 \equiv -b/2(a_1^2 - 3a_2) \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Combining this last equivalence and  $a_1^2 - 3a_2 \equiv y_3^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , we deduce that  $b^2 - 4(a_1^2 - 3a_2)^3 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , which leads to a contradiction as  $b^2 - 4(a_1^2 - 3a_2)^3 = -27 \text{disc}(f)$ , and by assumption  $p \nmid 6 \text{disc}(f)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. PROOF OF THEOREM 6

*Proof.* We first determine the Binet formula of the sequence  $\{u_n\}$ . It is well known that there exist  $a_1, b_1, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , such that  $u_n = a_1\alpha^n + b_1\beta^n + c_1\gamma^n$ . This gives rise to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + b_1 + c_1 &= u_0; \\ a_1\alpha + b_1\beta + c_1\gamma &= u_1; \\ a_1\alpha^2 + b_1\beta^2 + c_1\gamma^2 &= u_2, \end{aligned}$$

which by Cramér's rule yields that  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  are of the form  $\Delta_i/\Delta$ , where

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha^2 & \beta^2 & \gamma^2 \end{vmatrix} = (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma)(\gamma - \beta),$$

and the  $\Delta_i$  are the  $3 \times 3$  determinants obtained by replacing the  $i$ th column in  $\Delta$  by  $(u_0, u_1, u_2)^T$ , leading to

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= u_0(\beta\gamma^2 - \gamma\beta^2) - (u_1\gamma^2 - u_2\gamma) + \beta^2u_1 - u_2\beta, \\ \Delta_2 &= (u_1\gamma^2 - u_2\gamma) - u_0(\alpha\gamma^2 - \alpha^2\gamma) + (u_2\alpha - \alpha^2u_1), \\ \Delta_3 &= (u_2\beta - u_1\beta^2) + u_0(\alpha\beta^2 - \alpha^2\beta) - (u_2\alpha - \alpha^2u_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\Delta u_n = (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^{n+3} + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^{n+3} + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^{n+3}.$$

Let  $p$  be a prime satisfying (2) and  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{O}_L$  a prime ideal above  $p$ . Since  $\Delta^2 = \text{disc}(f)$ , by Lemma 19 it suffices to show that  $\text{disc}(f)u_{p-1}^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$  and  $\text{disc}(f)u_{p-1}^2 \equiv a_2^4 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ . In case  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ , modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$  we have  $x^p \equiv x$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{O}_L$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u_{p-1} &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^3 + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^3 + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^3 \\ &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)(-a_2\alpha - a_3) + (\alpha - \gamma)(-a_2\beta - a_3) + (\beta - \alpha)(-a_2\gamma - a_3) \\ &\equiv 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the solutions of the equation  $x^3 + a_2x + a_3 = 0$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \gamma, \sigma(\gamma) = \alpha.$$

We then get, modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,

$$\Delta u_{p-1} \equiv (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^2\beta + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^2\gamma + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^2\alpha \equiv a_2^2.$$

Assume now that  $u_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . We want to show that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ . Since  $p \nmid a_2$ , it follows that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 3$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

Using  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$  we get modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^{p+2} + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^{p+2} + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^{p+2} \\ &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)\beta\alpha^2 + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^2\alpha + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^3 \\ &\equiv a_2\gamma(\beta - \alpha). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\gamma \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , which implies  $p \mid a_3$ , contradiction. In conclusion, we get  $u_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $N_p(f) = 3$  for all prime  $p \nmid a_2a_3\text{disc}(f)$ . Now assume that  $\text{disc}(f) u_{p-1}^2 \equiv a_2^4 \pmod{p}$ . Since  $p \nmid a_2$  it is clear that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 1$ . If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , then  $a_2^2 \equiv \gamma^2(\alpha - \beta)^2$  and so  $a_2^2 \equiv -\gamma^2(3\gamma^2 + 4a_2)$ . Using the fact that  $\gamma^3 + a_2\gamma + a_3 = 0$ , we deduce that  $a_2\gamma^2 - 3a_3\gamma + a_2^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Then, there exists  $v \in \mathcal{O}_L$  such that modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$  we have

$$v^2 \equiv 9a_3^2 - 4a_2^3, \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{3a_3 \pm v}{2a_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta \equiv -\frac{2a_2a_3}{3a_3 \pm v}.$$

Using the fact that  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \gamma\beta = a_2$ , we obtain

$$-a_2 - \frac{2a_2a_3}{3a_3 \pm v} \equiv \gamma^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}.$$

It follows that  $(20a_2^3a_3 + 27a_2^3 + 9a_2d)^2 \equiv d(31a_2^2 + d)^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , contradicting assumption (2).  $\square$

## 5. PROOF OF THEOREM 8

*Proof.* Recall that by assumption we only consider monic irreducible polynomials  $f$  of the form  $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , for which  $\text{disc}(f) = -4^t n$ , with  $t \geq 0$  and  $n$  square-free and odd. Let  $\alpha$  the unique real root of  $f$  and  $\beta, \gamma$  its complex roots. It well known that  $\text{disc}(f) = (\alpha - \beta)^2(\alpha - \gamma)^2(\gamma - \beta)^2$ . Let  $L$  be the splitting field of  $f$ ,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-n})$ ,  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  and let  $d_M = \text{disc}(M/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Galois theory,  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 3! = 6$ . Since  $\text{disc}(f) < 0$ , we deduce that  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \sqrt{\text{disc}(f)}) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \sqrt{-n})$ .

Assume  $2 \mid d_M$ . By the Dedekind-Kummer theorem, the prime 2 is ramified over  $M$ . So  $\langle 2 \rangle$  decomposes either as  $\mathfrak{P}_1^2\mathfrak{P}_2$ , or as  $\mathfrak{P}^3$ .

We first consider the case where  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2\mathfrak{P}_2$ . Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a prime ideal above  $p$  not dividing  $2n$ . If  $\mathfrak{P}$  is ramified over  $L$ , then  $e(\mathfrak{B} \mid \mathfrak{P}) = 3$  since  $L/K$  is a Galois extension ( $\mathfrak{B}$  is a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $\mathfrak{P}$ ). One deduces that  $e(\mathfrak{B} \mid p) \geq 3$ . Since the ramification index  $e(\cdot)$  is a multiplicative function we obtain a contradiction and deduce that all prime ideals of  $K$  above  $p \nmid 2n$  are unramified. Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a prime ideal of  $K$  above  $p \mid n$ . We assume  $\mathfrak{P}$  ramifies over  $L$  (and so  $e(\mathfrak{B} \mid \mathfrak{P}) = 3$ ). Since  $p \mid d_K$ , we obtain by the Dedekind-Kummer theorem that  $p$  is ramified and so totally ramified over  $L$ . Let  $\mathfrak{P}'$  be a prime ideal of  $M$  such that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is above  $\mathfrak{P}'$ . Using the fact that the ramification index  $e(\cdot)$  is a multiplicative function, we get  $e(\mathfrak{P}' \mid p) = 3$ . The different of the extension  $M/\mathbb{Q}$  is divisible by  $\mathfrak{P}'^2$  by Proposition 8 of [17]. Since the norm of the different equals the discriminant (see for example Proposition 14 of [17]), we deduce that the exponent of  $p$  in  $n$  is greater than 2, contradicting  $n$  being a square-free integer. So all the prime ideals of  $K$  above  $p$  dividing  $n$  are unramified. If  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $d_K = -n$  and so  $2 \nmid d_K$ . If  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then we have  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}'_1\mathfrak{P}'_2$ . Assume that the  $\mathfrak{P}'_i$  are unramified over  $L$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}'$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $\mathfrak{P}'_i$ . Since  $L/K$  is Galois and the ramification index  $e(\cdot)$  is a multiplicative function, one gets a contradiction. So the  $\mathfrak{P}'_i$  are ramified over  $L$ . Since  $(2, 3) = 1$ , we deduce by the definition of the conductor that  $\nu_{\mathfrak{P}'_i}(\mathfrak{F}) = 1$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}'_1\mathfrak{P}'_2$ . If  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , then  $\langle 2 \rangle$  is

prime ideal over  $K$ . By the same argument as above, we deduce that  $\langle 2 \rangle$  ramifies and so  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 2 \rangle$ . Now, if  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $d_K = -4n$  and so 2 ramify according to Dedekind-Kummer theorem i.e.  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^2$ . If  $\mathfrak{P}$  is ramified over  $L$ , then 2 is totally ramified over  $L$ , contradicting the assumption that  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2 \mathfrak{P}_2$  over  $M$ . So  $\mathfrak{P}$  is unramified and  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

Assume now  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$  over  $M$ . By the same argument as before, one deduces that all prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}'$  of  $K$  above  $p \neq 2$  are unramified. It follows that  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}'_1 \mathfrak{P}'_2$  if  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 2 \rangle$  if  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . If  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $d_K = -4n$  and so  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^2$  by the Kummer-Dedekind theorem. If  $\mathfrak{P}$  is unramified over  $L$ , then we get the contradiction using the multiplicativity of the ramification index. So  $\mathfrak{P}$  is ramified over  $L$  and  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}$ . Now, if  $2 \nmid d_M$ , then we use the same argument as above to get  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ .

Let  $H_{\mathfrak{F}}$  be the Hilbert class field of  $K$  modulo  $\mathfrak{F}$ . By definition of the Hilbert class field, we have  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ . It is well known (see for example [18]) that

$$h_{\mathfrak{F}} = \frac{h_K N_{\mathfrak{F}}}{(U : U_{\mathfrak{F}})} \prod_{\mathfrak{P} | \mathfrak{F}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N(\mathfrak{P})} \right),$$

where  $h_{\mathfrak{F}} = \#Cl_{\mathfrak{F}}$ ,  $h_K$  is the class number of  $K$ ,  $U = \mathcal{O}_K^*$ ,  $U_{\mathfrak{F}} = U \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , with

$$K_{\mathfrak{F}} := \{x \in K^* \mid \nu_{\mathfrak{P}}(x) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathfrak{P} | \mathfrak{F}\},$$

and  $(U : U_{\mathfrak{F}})$  denotes the cardinality of the quotient group  $U/U_{\mathfrak{F}}$ . As  $U = \{\pm 1\}$  we have  $U_{\mathfrak{F}} = \{\pm 1\}$ . By the Artin reciprocity law  $[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K]$  equals  $h_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

★ **Case 1:**  $2 \mid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}'_1 \mathfrak{P}'_2$  and so

$$[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K] = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot (1 - 1/2)(1 - 1/2) = 3 = [L : K].$$

Since  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , it follows that  $L = H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

★ **Case 2:**  $2 \mid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 1$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 2 \rangle$  and so

$$[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K] = 1 \cdot 4 \cdot (1 - 1/4) = 3 = [L : K].$$

Since  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , it follows that  $L = H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

★ **Case 3:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2 \mathfrak{P}_2$ ,  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$  and so

$$[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K] = h_K = 3 = [L : K].$$

Since  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , it follows that  $L = H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

★ **Case 4:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$ ,  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{P}$  and so

$$[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K] = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot (1 - 1/2) = 3 = [L : K].$$

Since  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , it follows that  $L = H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

★ **Case 5:**  $2 \nmid d_M$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$  and so

$$[H_{\mathfrak{F}} : K] = h_K = 3 = [L : K].$$

Since  $L \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , it follows that  $L = H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

Thus we have dealt with all five cases completing the proof.  $\square$

## 6. PROOF OF THEOREM 9

The proof is similar to that of Theorem 9.4 in the book of Cox [9].

*Proof.* We are going to show that the first assertion is equivalent to the second one and the first assertion is equivalent to the third one. Assume  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ . Then it splits completely over  $K$  and so  $p = \mathfrak{P}_1 \mathfrak{P}_2$ , with  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{P}_2$  prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . By the Artin reciprocity law and Theorem 8 it follows that  $\mathfrak{P}_1 = (a)$ , where  $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $\nu_{\mathfrak{P}_i}(a-1) \geq \nu_{\mathfrak{P}_i}(\mathfrak{F})$ .

★ **Case 1:**  $2 \mid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\langle 2 \rangle \mid (a-1)$  and so  $a-1 = 2t$ , with  $t \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Since  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{-n}}{2} \right]$ . Thus we can write  $t = X_1 + X_2(1 + \sqrt{-n})/2$  with  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $a = (2X_1 + X_2 + 1) + X_2\sqrt{-n}$ . Hence

$$p = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{P}_1) = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = X^2 + nY^2, \text{ with } X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

★ **Case 2:**  $2 \mid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 1$ .

We proceed as in Case 1 to get the result.

★ **Case 3:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2, \mathfrak{P}_2$ ,  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

Since  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-n}]$ . Hence we get  $a = X_1 + X_2\sqrt{-n}$ , which implies

$$p = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{P}_1) = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = X_1^2 + nX_2^2, \text{ with } X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

★ **Case 4:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$ ,  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

We proceed as in Case 3 to get the desired result.

★ **Case 5 (1)** ( $2 \nmid d_M$  and  $-n \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ ). We consider two subcases. If  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then we have the result using the same argument as above. If  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then

$$\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1 + \sqrt{-n}}{2} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad a = \left( \frac{2X_1 + X_2}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{X_2}{2} \right) \sqrt{-n}.$$

Let us show that  $X_2$  is an even integer in order to conclude that  $(2X_1 + X_2)/2$  and  $X_2/2$  are integers, which together with  $p = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a)$  will give us the desired result. If  $X_2$  were an odd integer, then we would get  $4p = X^2 + nY^2$ , with  $X$  and  $Y$  odd integers. Using the fact that  $-n \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$ , we obtain  $4p \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$  and so  $2 \mid p$ , which is a contradiction.

Now assume that  $p = X^2 + nY^2 = (X + Y\sqrt{-n})(X - Y\sqrt{-n})$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

★ **Case 1:**  $2 \mid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

By Theorem 8, we have  $\langle 2 \rangle \mid (a-1)$  and  $X + Y \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  since  $p$  and  $n$  are odd integers. Put  $a = (1 + \sqrt{-n})/2$ , we get  $X + Y\sqrt{-n} = (X - Y) + 2a$ . By the Artin reciprocity law, we deduce that  $(X + Y\sqrt{-n})$  splits completely over  $L$ . Likewise we show that  $(X - Y\sqrt{-n})$  splits completely over  $L$ .

★ **Case 2:**  $2 \mid d_M$  and  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 1$ .

We proceed as in Case 1 to get the desired result.

★ **Case 3:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}_1^2, \mathfrak{P}_2$  and  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

Since  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-n}]$ , the result follows immediately.

★ **Case 4:**  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$ ,  $-n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .

Since  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-n}]$ , the result follows immediately.

★ **Case 5:** (1)  $2 \nmid d_M$ ,  $-n \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ .



We have  $X + Y \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  since  $p$  and  $n$  are odd integers. We also have  $\mathfrak{P} = \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-n} \rangle$  since  $-2 = -4k + 2\sqrt{-n} - 2 + (1 - n - 2\sqrt{-n})$ , with  $-n + 1 = 4k$ . Now we want to show that  $X + Y\sqrt{-n} - 1 \in \mathfrak{P}$ . We can write  $X - 1 = 2a_1 - Y$ , with  $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  as  $X + Y$  is odd, and hence

$$x + y\sqrt{-n} - 1 = 2a_1 - Y + Y\sqrt{-n} = 2a_1 - Y(\sqrt{-n} - 1) \in \mathfrak{P}.$$

So  $\mathfrak{P} \mid (X + Y\sqrt{-n} - 1)$  and we conclude that  $(Y \pm X\sqrt{-n})$  splits completely over  $L$ . Hence  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ , completing the proof of the first equivalence.

Suppose  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ , then  $p = X^2 + nY^2$  for some  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$  which implies  $\left(\frac{-n}{p}\right) = 1$ . Moreover,  $p$  splits completely over  $M$ . If  $f$  has no root in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $p$  is a prime ideal of  $M$  with inertia degree 3 by Proposition 8.3 of [19], contradicting the fact that  $p$  splits completely over  $M$ . Assume that  $\left(\frac{-n}{p}\right) = 1$  and  $f$  has a root in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . The assumption that  $\left(\frac{-n}{p}\right) = 1$  ensures that  $p = \mathfrak{P}_1\mathfrak{P}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}_1, \mathfrak{P}_2$  are prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Since

$$\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{P}_i \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{with } i = 1, 2,$$

we deduce that  $f$  has a root in  $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{P}_i$ . Using Proposition 8.3 of [19] and the fact that  $L/K$  is a Galois extension, we infer that  $\mathfrak{P}_i$  splits completely over  $L$ , and so  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ .

Now we treat the case where  $2 \nmid d_M$ ,  $-n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $h_K = 3$ . Suppose that  $p$  splits completely over  $K$ , and hence  $p = \mathfrak{P}_1\mathfrak{P}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}_1, \mathfrak{P}_2$  are prime ideals of  $K$ . By the Artin reciprocity law,  $\mathfrak{P}_i = (a_i)$ , where  $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . We can write

$$a_i = \left(\frac{2X_1 \pm X_2}{2}\right) \pm \left(\frac{X_2}{2}\right)\sqrt{-n}, \quad X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Since  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{P}) = p$ , it follows that

$$p = \left(\frac{2X_1 \pm X_2}{2}\right)^2 + n\left(\frac{X_2}{2}\right)^2,$$

and  $2X_1 \pm X_1 \pm X_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . So we have the result. Now assume that

$$p = \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^2 + n\left(\frac{Y}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{X}{2} + \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n}\right)\left(\frac{X}{2} - \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n}\right), \quad X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Put  $a = (1 + \sqrt{-n})/2$ . Thus  $\sqrt{-n} = 2a - 1$  and one obtains

$$\frac{X}{2} + \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n} = \frac{X - Y}{2} + aY \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{X}{2} - \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n} = \frac{X + Y}{2} - aY.$$

Since by assumption  $X + Y$  is even, we get

$$\frac{X}{2} + \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n} \in \mathcal{O}_K \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{X}{2} - \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n} \in \mathcal{O}_K.$$

The corresponding ideals  $\left(\frac{X}{2} + \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{X}{2} - \frac{Y}{2}\sqrt{-n}\right)$  split completely over  $L$  by the Artin reciprocity law.  $\square$

## 7. PROOF OF COROLLARY 10

*Proof.* We consider the polynomial  $f = x^3 - x - 1$ . We have  $\text{disc}(f) = -23$  and  $h_K = 3$ , so, by Theorem 8, we deduce that the splitting field  $L$  of  $f$  is the Hilbert class field of  $K$  modulo  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ . By Theorem 9, it follows that a prime  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 23$  splits completely over  $L$  if and only if  $p = X^2 + 23Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $2) \Leftrightarrow 3)$ . Now assume  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ . By Binet's formula, we have  $P_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n$ ,

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $f$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $p$ . Since  $p$  splits completely over  $L$ , it follows that the decomposition group of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is trivial. So  $x \equiv x^p \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{O}_L$ . Hence, modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,

$$P_{p+1} \equiv \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \equiv (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma) \equiv 0^2 - 2(-1) \equiv 2.$$

Next suppose that  $P_{p+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$ . By assumption  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 23$ , so  $p$  is unramified over  $L$ , which implies that the decomposition group of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a cyclic group. Next, our aim is to show that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is trivial. It is clear that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ , and so  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  by Lagrange's theorem. If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

Hence, we have

$$2 \equiv \alpha^{p+1} + \beta^{p+1} + \gamma^{p+1} \equiv \alpha\beta + \beta\alpha + \gamma^2 \equiv 2\alpha\beta + \gamma^2,$$

Using the fact that  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = -1$ , one gets modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$

$$4 \equiv -2(\alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma) + \gamma^2 \equiv 3\gamma^2.$$

As  $\gamma^2 \equiv 2 - 2\alpha\beta \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , it follows that  $\alpha\beta \equiv -1/3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Since  $\alpha\beta\gamma = 1$ , we deduce that  $\gamma \equiv -3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Hence we have  $23/3 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , contradicting  $p \nmid 3 \cdot 23$ . So  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 2$ . Assume  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ , we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \gamma, \sigma(\gamma) = \alpha.$$

Hence, we get modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$

$$2 \equiv \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma \equiv -1.$$

So  $3 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , contradicting  $p \neq 3$ .  $\square$

## 8. PROOF OF COROLLARY 11

*Proof.* We consider the polynomial  $f = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 4$ . We have  $\text{disc}(f) = -4^2 \cdot 11$ ,  $h_K = 1$  and  $\langle 2 \rangle = \mathfrak{P}^3$  in  $M$  (see Proposition 10.5.2 [2]), so, by Theorem 8, we deduce that the splitting field  $L$  of  $f$  is the Hilbert class field of  $K$  modulo  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 2 \rangle$ . By Theorem 9, it follows that a prime  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$  splits completely over  $L$  if and only if  $p = X^2 + 11Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easy to see that 2) implies 1). By Binet's formula, we have  $\sqrt{-176} B_n = (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^n + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^n + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^n$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $f$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $p$ . Now let's suppose that  $B_p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . The assumption on  $p$  ensures that it is unramified over  $L$ , and so the decomposition group of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a cyclic group. Now, we want to show that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is trivial. It is clear that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$  and so  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  by Lagrange's theorem. If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

Hence, we have modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$

$$0 \equiv (\gamma - \beta)\beta + (\alpha - \gamma)\alpha + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma \equiv 2\gamma(\beta - \alpha) + (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha + \beta).$$

Since  $\alpha \not\equiv \beta \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , it follows that  $\alpha + \beta \equiv 2\gamma \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$  and so  $\gamma \equiv 2/3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Using the fact that  $\alpha\beta\gamma = 4$ , we obtain  $\alpha\beta \equiv 6 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . However,  $\gamma(\alpha + \beta) + \alpha\beta \equiv 6 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$  and so  $(2 \cdot 13)/9 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , contradicting our assumption that

$p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$ . So  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 2$ . Suppose that  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ . Then we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \gamma, \sigma(\gamma) = \alpha.$$

Hence, we get modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)\beta + (\alpha - \gamma)\gamma + (\beta - \alpha)\alpha \\ &\equiv \gamma\beta + \beta\alpha + \gamma\alpha - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) \\ &\equiv 3(\gamma\beta + \beta\alpha + \gamma\alpha) + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 \\ &\equiv 3 \cdot 4 + 4, \end{aligned}$$

contradicting our assumption that  $p > 2$ , and so  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ .  $\square$

### 9. PROOF OF COROLLARY 12

*Proof.* We consider the polynomial  $f = x^3 - x^2 - 1$ . We have  $\text{disc}(f) = -31$  and  $h_K = 3$ , so, by Theorem 8, we deduce that the splitting field  $L$  of  $f$  is the Hilbert class field of  $K$  modulo  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 1 \rangle$ . By Theorem 9, it follows that a prime  $p \nmid 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$  splits completely over  $L$  if and only if  $p = X^2 + 31Y^2$ , with  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easy to see that 2) implies 1). Now assume that  $C_p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . By Binet's formula, we have  $\sqrt{-31} B_n = (\gamma - \beta)\alpha^n + (\alpha - \gamma)\beta^n + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma^n$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $f$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  above  $p$ . The assumption on  $p$  ensures that it is unramified over  $L$ , which implies that the decomposition group of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a cyclic group. Now, we want to show that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is trivial. It is clear that  $D(\mathfrak{B})$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$  and so  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  by Lagrange's theorem. If  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 2$ , by symmetry, we can assume without loss of generality that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \alpha, \sigma(\gamma) = \gamma.$$

Hence, we have modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$

$$0 \equiv (\gamma - \beta)\beta + (\alpha - \gamma)\alpha + (\beta - \alpha)\gamma \equiv 2\gamma(\beta - \alpha) + (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha + \beta).$$

Since  $\alpha \not\equiv \beta \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , it now follows that  $\alpha + \beta \equiv 2\gamma \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , which together with  $1 = \alpha + \beta + \gamma$  yields  $\gamma \equiv 1/3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Since  $\alpha\beta\gamma = 1$ , we obtain  $\alpha\beta \equiv 3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ . However,  $\gamma(\alpha + \beta) \equiv 3 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , which implies  $-29/3 \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{B}}$ , contradicting our assumption that  $p \nmid 3 \cdot 29$ . So  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) \neq 2$ .

Assume  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 3$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that the Frobenius element is given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \beta, \sigma(\beta) = \gamma, \sigma(\gamma) = \alpha.$$

Hence, we get modulo  $\mathfrak{B}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv (\gamma - \beta)\beta + (\alpha - \gamma)\gamma + (\beta - \alpha)\alpha \\ &\equiv \gamma\beta + \beta\alpha + \gamma\alpha - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) \\ &\equiv 3(\gamma\beta + \beta\alpha + \gamma\alpha) + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 \\ &\equiv 3 \cdot 0 + (-1)^2, \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible, and hence  $\#D(\mathfrak{B}) = 1$ , yielding the equivalence of (a) and (b).

The equivalence of (b) and (c) is a consequence of a variation of the Ramanujan-Wilton congruence, see, e.g., Aygin and Williams [3] or Ciolan et al. [7, Section 4.4].  $\square$

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