

75. On Certain Cubic Fields. III

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1. The notations E_F , E_F^+ , \mathcal{O}_F for an algebraic number field F , D_g for a polynomial $g(x) \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$ and $D(\theta)$ for an algebraic number θ have the same meanings as in [1]. For a totally real cubic field K , we also use the notations $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $\mathcal{B}_i(K)$ and $S: K \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ as in [1].

The purpose of this note is to show the following theorem:

Theorem. Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\delta)$, where $\text{Irr}(\delta: \mathbf{Q}) = g(x) = x^3 - nx^2 - (n+1)x - 1$, $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ but $n \neq 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5, -6$. If $D_g = (n^2 + n - 3)^2 - 32$ is square free, then we have $\delta \in \mathcal{A}(K)$, $\delta + 1 \in \mathcal{B}_i(K)$ and $E_K^+ = \langle \delta, \delta + 1 \rangle$.

Remark 1. We may limit our consideration to the case $n \leq -7$ for the following reason. Put $G(n, x) = x^3 - nx^2 - (n+1)x - 1$ and $m = -(n+1)$. Then we have $-(1/x^3)G(n, x) = G(m, 1/x)$ and if $n \geq 6$, we have $m \leq -7$. Thus if $\text{Irr}(\delta: \mathbf{Q}) = G(n, x)$ with $n \geq 6$, then $\text{Irr}(1/\delta: \mathbf{Q}) = G(m, x)$ with $m \leq -7$. Thus we suppose $n \leq -7$ in the sequel.

Remark 2. K/\mathbf{Q} is cubic because of the irreducibility of $g(x)$, and it is totally real in virtue of $D_g = (n^2 + n - 3)^2 - 32 > 0$. It is easy to verify that $(n^2 + n - 3)^2 - 32$ can not be a square. Thus K/\mathbf{Q} is non Galois.

2. *Proof of Theorem.* First we shall show $\delta \in \mathcal{A}(K)$, $\delta + 1 \in \mathcal{B}_i(K)$. It is clear that $\delta, \delta + 1 \in E_K^+$. As $K = \mathbf{Q}(\delta)$, $D_g \neq 0$ and D_g is square free, we have $D_g = D(\delta)$ and consequently we have $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}\delta + \mathbf{Z}\delta^2$. Any unit $v \neq \pm 1$ in E_K^+ can be written as $v = a + b\delta + c\delta^2$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $(b, c) \neq (0, 0)$. This yields, in denoting the conjugates of δ by α, β, γ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S(v) &= \frac{1}{2} \{ b^2(\alpha - \beta)^2 + c^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2 + 2bc(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \\ &\quad + b^2(\beta - \gamma)^2 + c^2(\beta^2 - \gamma^2)^2 + 2bc(\beta - \gamma)(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) \\ &\quad + b^2(\gamma - \alpha)^2 + c^2(\gamma^2 - \alpha^2)^2 + 2bc(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma^2 - \alpha^2) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 4 in [1], we have $S(\delta) = n^2 + 3n + 3 > 0$ and $S(v) = P + Q + R$, where

$$P = \frac{1}{2} b^2 \{ (\alpha - \beta)^2 + (\beta - \gamma)^2 + (\gamma - \alpha)^2 \} = b^2 S(\delta),$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{1}{2} c^2 \{ (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2 + (\beta^2 - \gamma^2)^2 + (\gamma^2 - \alpha^2)^2 \} = c^2 (n^4 + 4n^3 + 5n^2 + 8n + 1) \\ &= c^2 S(\delta) + (n^4 + 4n^3 + 5n - 2)c^2 = (n^2 + n + 1)c^2 S(\delta) + (-2n^2 + 2n - 2)c^2, \end{aligned}$$