

## THE TORSION OF $p$ -RAMIFIED IWASAWA MODULES II

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ABSTRACT. In this article we prove the existence of a non-trivial torsion of the 3-ramified Iwasawa module over the  $\mathbb{Z}_3^2$ -extension of an imaginary quadratic field.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $p$  be a prime number,  $k/\mathbb{Q}$  a finite extension of the rational number field  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\tilde{k}$  the compositum of all  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extensions of  $k$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is the additive group of  $p$ -adic integers. Then one has

$$(1) \quad \text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p^{\oplus r_2(k)+1}$$

if  $k/\mathbb{Q}$  is abelian, where  $r_2(k)$  denotes the number of complex primes of  $k$  (see Corollary 5.32 and Theorem 13.4 of [17]). Let  $M_{\tilde{k}}/\tilde{k}$  be the maximal pro- $p$  abelian extension which is unramified outside all primes lying above  $p$  and  $\infty$ , and  $X_{\tilde{k}} = \text{Gal}(M_{\tilde{k}}/\tilde{k})$  denotes its Galois group. The module  $X_{\tilde{k}}$  has natural  $\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k} = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k)]]$ -module structure, and this subject had been deeply studied by Greenberg [5], Jannsen [10] and Nguyen Quang Do [15] including the case where  $k$  is a local field.

The author asked in a previous article [4] whether the torsion submodule  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}}$  of  $X_{\tilde{k}}$  over  $\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}$  is always trivial or not when  $k$  is not a totally real field and then obtained partial results for imaginary quadratic fields as follows:

**Theorem A.** (1) *For any prime number  $p$ , there exist infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields  $k$  such that  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} = 0$ .*

(2) *Let  $p \neq 3$  be a prime number and let  $k$  be an imaginary quadratic field. If the class number  $h_k$  of  $k$  is not divided by  $p$ , then  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} = 0$ .*

These results were shown by observing the base field  $k$  and the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension  $k_\infty$  of  $k$ . When  $p = 3$  and the completion of  $k$  at a prime lying above 3 contains the group of all 3-rd roots of unity  $\mu_3$ , the fields  $k$  and  $k_\infty$  do not know whether  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} = 0$  or not. In this article, we shall show that  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0$  in this exceptional case.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p = 3$  and let  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  be an imaginary quadratic field with a positive square-free integer  $m$  such that  $3 \neq m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ . If  $3 \nmid h_k$ , then  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0$ .*

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One can show that if  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)$  or if  $3 \nmid h_k$  and  $m \not\equiv 3 \pmod 9$ , then  $X_{\tilde{k}} \simeq \Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}$ , in particular,  $\text{Tor}_{\tilde{k}/k} X_{\tilde{k}} = 0$ , for the prime 3. Indeed, these  $k$ 's are 3-rational with  $\text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$  (see Example 3 of [13]). If  $k$  is 3-rational and  $\text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$ , then  $X_{\tilde{k}} \simeq \Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}$  by Theorem 2 of [8]. See also the proof of Theorem 1.1 of [4]. Hence we have classified the non-triviality of  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}}$  under the assumption that  $p \nmid h_k$ . As a corollary to Theorem 1 and a result of Davenport and Heilbronn [2], [3] as extended by Horie and Nakagawa [7], we find that there exist infinitely many imaginary quadratic fields  $k$  with *positive density* such that  $\text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0$  for the prime 3.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\#S$  denote the cardinality of a set  $S$ . Let  $p = 3$  and let  $\Delta_k$  be the discriminant of a number field  $k$ . Let  $K^-(x)$  be the set of imaginary quadratic fields  $k$  such that  $|\Delta_k| < x$  and put  $K^-(x, 6, 9) = \{k \in K^-(x) \mid \Delta_k \equiv 6 \pmod 9\}$ . Then we have*

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{k \in K^-(x, 6, 9) \mid \text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0\}}{\#K^-(x, 6, 9)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{k \in K^-(x, 6, 9) \mid \text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0\}}{\#K^-(x)} \geq \frac{1}{16}.$$

(Note that if  $3 \neq m \equiv 3 \pmod 9$ , then  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})} \equiv 6 \pmod 9$ .)

Corollary 1 is shown by the inequality

$$\#\{k \in K^-(x, 6, 9) \mid \text{Tor}_{\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}} X_{\tilde{k}} \neq 0\} \geq \#\{k \in K^-(x, 6, 9) \mid 3 \nmid h_k\}$$

and doing estimation similar to the proof of a result of Taya (Theorem 2 of [16]). His description is very easy to understand.

Furthermore, we have an application on the unramified Iwasawa modules. Let  $Y_F = \text{Gal}(L_F/F)$  be the Galois group of the maximal unramified pro- $p$  abelian extension  $L_F/F$  of a number field  $F$ . It is conjectured by Greenberg that  $Y_{\tilde{k}}$  is a pseudo-null  $\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}$ -module, i.e., there are two relatively prime annihilators, for any finite extension  $k/\mathbb{Q}$  (Conjecture 3.5 of [6]). Several works on this conjecture have been done for imaginary quadratic fields and imaginary biquadratic fields (see [1], [9] and [12]), and no counterexample has been found yet. As a corollary to Theorem 1, we obtain the failure of the pseudo-nullity for a  $\mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$ -extension of certain biquadratic imaginary fields.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $p = 3$  and let  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  be an imaginary quadratic field with a positive square-free integer  $m$  such that  $3 \neq m \equiv 3 \pmod 9$ . Then  $Y_{\tilde{k}(\mu_3)}$  is not a pseudo-null  $\Lambda_{\tilde{k}(\mu_3)/k(\mu_3)}$ -module, if  $3 \nmid h_k$ .*

Corollary 2 immediately follows from Theorem 1 of this article and Proposition 3.6 of [11]. Note that the failure of the pseudo-nullity of  $Y_{\tilde{k}(\mu_3)}$  does not contradict Greenberg's conjecture since  $\tilde{k}(\mu_3) \subsetneq \widetilde{k(\mu_3)}$  by the isomorphism (1), and note that  $k(\mu_3)$  is not contained in Bandini's results [1]. The pseudo-nullity of  $Y_{\widetilde{k(\mu_3)}}$  in this case seems quite mysterious.

Here, we shall set the notation of this article. Let  $\widetilde{M}_k/k$  be the maximal pro-3 extension unramified outside all primes lying above 3 (resp. maximal pro-3 extension) of an algebraic extension  $k$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Q}_3$ ), and let  $G_k = \text{Gal}(\widetilde{M}_k/k)$  be

its Galois group. Then  $M_k$  is also defined to be the maximal abelian subfield of  $\widetilde{M}_k$  and we then have  $X_k = G_k^{\text{ab}}$ , where the symbol ab means the maximal pro-3 abelian quotient. If  $K/k$  is a pro-3 extension, then the complete group ring  $\Lambda_{K/k} = \mathbb{Z}_3[[\text{Gal}(K/k)]]$  acts on  $X_K$  via the inner automorphism. Let  $\langle J \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2$  and let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_3[\langle J \rangle]$ -module. Then we have the eigen spaces  $M^\pm = \{x \in M \mid Jx = \pm x\}$  of  $M$  and the decomposition  $M = M^+ \oplus M^-$ . For any topological group  $G$ , let  $G'$  be the topological commutator group of  $G$ .

2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Put  $K = \mathbb{Q}_3(\mu_3)$  and let  $M_K/K$  be the maximal abelian pro-3 extension. Then, by class field theory, we have an isomorphism

$$(2) \quad K^\times \otimes \mathbb{Z}_3 \simeq \text{Gal}(M_K/K), \quad x \otimes \alpha \mapsto (x, M_K/K)^\alpha,$$

where  $(\cdot, M_K/K)$  is the reciprocity map.

Put  $\langle J \rangle = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_3)$ . Then  $J$  acts on both groups in (2) and the reciprocity map commutes with the action of  $J$ . Put  $U = \{x \in K^\times \mid x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$ . Since  $\sqrt{-3}$  is a prime element of  $K$ , one sees that

$$K^\times \otimes \mathbb{Z}_3 = \mu_3 \oplus 3^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \oplus U.$$

Then

$$(K^\times \otimes \mathbb{Z}_3)^+ = 3^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \oplus U^+ \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$$

and

$$(K^\times \otimes \mathbb{Z}_3)^- = \mu_3 \oplus U^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$$

as  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -modules. This shows that there is a unique  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -extension  $K_\infty^a$  of  $K$  such that  $K_\infty^a/\mathbb{Q}_3$  is a Galois extension and such that  $J$  acts on  $\text{Gal}(K_\infty^a/K)$  as  $-1$ . Let  $K_\infty/K$  be the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -extension, which is obtained by adjoining the group of all 3-power-th roots of unity  $\mu_{3^\infty}$ . Put  $K^{(2)} = K_\infty K_\infty^a$ . Then  $K^{(2)}/K$  is a unique  $\mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$ -extension such that  $K^{(2)}/\mathbb{Q}_3$  is a Galois extension,  $K^{(2)}$  contains  $K_\infty$  and such that  $\text{Gal}(K^{(2)}/K)^\pm \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -modules. Note that  $K^{(2)}$  is the fixed field of  $(\mu_3 \oplus 3^{\mathbb{Z}_3}, M_K/K)$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(K^{(2)}/K)$ . We then define a subgroup  $H_{K^{(2)}}$  of  $G_K$  to be the kernel of the natural morphism  $G_K \rightarrow \Gamma$ . Let  $\gamma_c, \gamma_a \in G_K$  be lifts of a system of topological generators of  $\Gamma \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$ . Here we note that  $X_{K^{(2)}} = H_{K^{(2)}}^{\text{ab}}$ . In fact, since  $K \subseteq K^{(2)} \subseteq \widetilde{M}_K$ , we sees that  $\widetilde{M}_{K^{(2)}} = \widetilde{M}_K$ . In particular,  $M_{K^{(2)}}$  is the maximal abelian subextension of  $\widetilde{M}_K/K^{(2)}$ . We want to know the structure of  $X_{K^{(2)}}$  as a  $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}_3[[\Gamma]]$ -module.

**Lemma 1.** *There exist  $\mathfrak{f}, \zeta \in H_{K^{(2)}}$  such that*

$$(3, M_K/K) = \mathfrak{f} \pmod{G'_K}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}, M_K/K\right) = \zeta \pmod{G'_K},$$

and such that

$$X_{K^{(2)}} = \Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}},$$

where we let  $[\gamma_c, \gamma_a] = \gamma_c\gamma_a\gamma_c^{-1}\gamma_a^{-1}$ . Furthermore, we have

$$X_{K^{(2)}} = \Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} \oplus (\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}}), \quad \Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} \simeq \Lambda$$

as  $\Lambda$ -modules.

*Proof.* First, we shall introduce the five-term exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(G/H, A^H) \rightarrow H^1(G, A) \rightarrow H^1(H, A)^{G/H} \rightarrow H^2(G/H, A^H) \rightarrow H^2(G, A).$$

Here  $G, H$  and  $A$  stand for a profinite group, a closed normal subgroup of  $G$  and a discrete  $G$ -module, respectively. For reference, see some books about the Galois cohomology, for example, chapter 1, §6, of [14]. By applying the dual of the five-term sequence with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}_3/\mathbb{Z}_3$  to the exact sequence  $1 \rightarrow H_{K^{(2)}} \rightarrow G_K \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow 1$ , the sequence

$$(3) \quad H_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}_3) \longrightarrow (X_{K^{(2)}})_\Gamma \longrightarrow G_K^{\text{ab}} \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. From the fact that  $\text{Ker}(G_K^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow \Gamma) = (\mu_3 \oplus 3^{\mathbb{Z}_3}, M_K/K)$  and the above exact sequence, there exist  $\mathfrak{f}, \zeta \in H_{K^{(2)}}$  such that  $(3, M_K/K) = \mathfrak{f} \bmod G'_K$  and  $(\frac{-1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}, M_K/K) = \zeta \bmod G'_K$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \langle \tilde{\gamma}_a, \tilde{\gamma}_c \rangle$  be a free pro-3 group of rank 2 and  $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow 1$  a minimal presentation of  $\Gamma$  by  $\mathcal{G}$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}_a \mapsto \gamma_a|_{K^{(2)}}, \tilde{\gamma}_c \mapsto \gamma_c|_{K^{(2)}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is generated by the commutator  $[\tilde{\gamma}_a, \tilde{\gamma}_c]$  as a closed normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow G_K$  be a morphism defined by  $\tilde{\gamma}_a \mapsto \gamma_a, \tilde{\gamma}_c \mapsto \gamma_c$ . Then we obtain the exact commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}_3) & \longrightarrow & (X_{K^{(2)}})_\Gamma & \longrightarrow & G_K^{\text{ab}} & \longrightarrow & \Gamma \longrightarrow 0 \\ \text{id} \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{id} \\ H_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}_3) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{H}/[\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{G}] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}^{\text{ab}} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Gamma \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

since  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{ab}} \simeq \Gamma$  and  $H_2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{Z}_3) = 0$  because  $\mathcal{G}$  is a free pro-3 group of rank 2. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Image}(H_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}_3) \rightarrow (X_{K^{(2)}})_\Gamma) &= \text{Image}(\mathcal{H}/[\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{G}] \rightarrow (X_{K^{(2)}})_\Gamma) \\ &= [\gamma_c, \gamma_a]^{\mathbb{Z}_3} [H_{K^{(2)}}, G_K] / [H_{K^{(2)}}, G_K]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above, by Nakayama's lemma, we have

$$X_{K^{(2)}} = \Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}}.$$

Thus the first assertion follows.

Since  $h_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)} = 1$ , the extension  $\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}$  is totally ramified at 3. Thus

$$\text{Gal}(\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_3\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}_3).$$

Note that there is a unique  $\mathbb{Z}_3^{\oplus 2}$ -extension  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)$  by the isomorphism (1), which is the compositum of all  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)$ . By the natural morphism, we may identify  $\langle J \rangle = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_3)$  with  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)/\mathbb{Q})$ . Then one sees that  $\text{Gal}(\widetilde{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3))^{\pm} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -modules. This shows that  $K^{(2)} = K\widetilde{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}$ , whence we can identify  $\Gamma$  with  $\text{Gal}(\widetilde{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3))$ . Since  $G_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}$  is a free pro-3 group of rank 2 ( $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)$  is 3-rational), we find that  $G_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}$  is generated by the images  $\gamma_c|_{\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}}$  and  $\gamma_a|_{\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}}$  of  $\gamma_c$  and  $\gamma_a$ . Put  $H_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)} = \text{Gal}(\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}/\widetilde{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)})$ . Since  $X_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)} = H_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}^{\text{ab}}$  by the same reason mentioned before Lemma 1, we then have

$$H_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}^{\text{ab}} = X_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)} = \Lambda[\gamma_c|_{\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}}, \gamma_a|_{\widetilde{M}_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}}]H'_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)} \simeq \Lambda.$$

By observing the natural surjective morphism  $X_{K^{(2)}} \rightarrow X_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)}$ , we can conclude that  $\Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} \simeq \Lambda$  and  $X_{K^{(2)}} = \Lambda[\gamma_c, \gamma_a]H'_{K^{(2)}} \oplus (\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}})$ .  $\square$

Let  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  with  $3 \neq m \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ . Then one can easily see that the completion of  $k$  at the prime above 3 is  $K$ . Similarly to  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_3)$ , we find that  $K^{(2)} = K\tilde{k}$ , whence we identify  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda_{\tilde{k}/k}$  with  $\text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k)$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively.

Suppose that  $3 \nmid h_k$ . Then the natural morphism  $G_K \rightarrow G_k$  is surjective. It follows from the facts that  $k$  does not contain  $\mu_3$  and that the unit group of  $k$  is finite that there is an isomorphism

$$(4) \quad \mu_3 \oplus U \simeq G_k^{\text{ab}}$$

by class field theory. Hence, if it is necessary, we may assume  $\mathfrak{f}$  to be in  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Ker}(G_K \rightarrow G_k)$ . Indeed, since  $H_2(G_k, \mathbb{Z}_3) = 0$ , we then have the following exact sequence:

$$(5) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}/[\mathcal{K}, G_K] \longrightarrow G_K^{\text{ab}} \longrightarrow G_k^{\text{ab}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

By the isomorphisms (2) and (4), we find that there is  $\mathfrak{f}' \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $\mathfrak{f}' \pmod{G'_K} = (3, M_K/K)$  and that  $\mathcal{K}$  is generated by  $\mathfrak{f}'$  as a closed normal subgroup of  $G_K$ . Since  $\mathfrak{f}' \in H_{K^{(2)}}(\supseteq \mathcal{K})$  and  $\mathfrak{f} \equiv \mathfrak{f}' \pmod{G'_K}$ , we may assume  $\mathfrak{f}' = \mathfrak{f}$ .

Put  $H_{\tilde{k}} = \text{Ker}(G_k \rightarrow \Gamma)$ , so that  $X_{\tilde{k}} = H_{\tilde{k}}^{\text{ab}}$  as mentioned before. Because  $H_2(G_k, \mathbb{Z}_3) = 0$ , one sees that  $H_2(H_{\tilde{k}}, \mathbb{Z}_3) = 0$ . Note that the sequence  $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \rightarrow H_{K^{(2)}} \rightarrow H_{\tilde{k}} \rightarrow 1$  is exact. It follows that  $\mathcal{K}/[\mathcal{K}, H_{K^{(2)}}] \simeq \text{Ker}(X_{K^{(2)}} \rightarrow X_{\tilde{k}}) = \Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}}$ . Here we need the following two results:

**Theorem B** (Proposition 2.6 of [15] and Example 5.2(c) of [10]). *Let  $p$  be a prime number,  $E/\mathbb{Q}_p$  a finite extension and  $E^{(d)}/E$  a  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\oplus d}$ -extension. Then the following two assertions hold:*

- (1)  $\text{rank}_{\Lambda_{E^{(d)}/E}} X_{E^{(d)}} = [E : \mathbb{Q}_p]$ .
- (2) *If  $\mu_{p^\infty} \subseteq E^{(d)}$  and if  $\text{Gal}(E^{(d)}/E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p^{\oplus 2}$ , then  $X_{E^{(d)}}$  has no non-trivial  $\Lambda_{E^{(d)}/E}$ -torsion.*

Property (2) of Theorem B is deduced from the explicit structure of  $X_{K^{(2)}}$  as a  $\Lambda$ -module given in [10]. What we did in this article was to argue the structure with given generators of  $X_{K^{(2)}}$ .

From Theorem B, we find that  $\text{rank}_\Lambda X_{K^{(2)}} = 2$ , whence

$$\text{rank}_\Lambda(\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}}) = 1.$$

Furthermore, since  $X_{K^{(2)}}$  has no  $\Lambda$ -torsion, we get  $\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} \simeq \Lambda$ . This shows that

$$(\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}} + \Lambda\zeta H'_{K^{(2)}})/\Lambda\mathfrak{f}H'_{K^{(2)}}$$

is a non-trivial torsion  $\Lambda$ -submodule of  $X_{\tilde{k}}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

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