# Ideal class groups of CM-fields with non-cyclic Galois action

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Abstract. Suppose that L/k is a finite and abelian extension such that k is a totally real base field and L is a CM-field. We regard the ideal class group  $\operatorname{Cl}_L$  of L as a  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$ -module. As a sequel of the paper [8] by the first author, we study a problem whether the Stickelberger element for L/k times the annihilator ideal of the roots of unity in L is in the Fitting ideal of  $\operatorname{Cl}_L$ , and also a problem whether it is in the Fitting ideal of the Pontrjagin dual  $(\operatorname{Cl}_L)^{\vee}$ . We systematically construct extensions L/k for which these properties do not hold, and also give numerical examples.

# 0 Introduction

Our aim in this paper is to study the Galois action on the ideal class group of a CM-field over a totally real base field. Let k be a totally real number field and L be a CM-field such that L/k is finite and abelian. In this paper, we fix an odd prime number p, and study the p-component  $A_L$  of the ideal class group  $\operatorname{Cl}_L$ , namely  $A_L = \operatorname{Cl}_L \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$ . We put  $R_L = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)]$  and regard  $A_L$  as an  $R_L$ -module.

Let  $\theta_{L/k}$  be the Stickelberger element defined by

$$\theta_{L/k} = \sum_{\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/k)} \zeta(0, \sigma) \sigma^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)]$$

where  $\zeta(s,\sigma) = \sum_{(\frac{L/k}{\mathfrak{a}})=\sigma} N(\mathfrak{a})^{-s}$  is the partial zeta function. We define  $\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)$  to be the group of roots of unity in L with order a power of p, and  $I_L = \operatorname{Ann}_{R_L}(\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L))$  to be the annihilator ideal of  $\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)$  in  $R_L$ . The results in Deligne and Ribet [2] imply that  $I_L \theta_{L/k} \subset R_L$ . In this setting, Brumer's conjecture claims that

(B) 
$$I_L \theta_{L/k} \subset \operatorname{Ann}_{R_L}(A_L)$$

For a commutative ring R and a finitely presented R-module M, we denote by  $\operatorname{Fitt}_R(M)$  the (initial) Fitting ideal of R (cf. Northcott [12] §3.1). In general,

we have  $\operatorname{Fitt}_R(M) \subset \operatorname{Ann}_R(M)$ . As a sequel of the paper [8], we study in this paper the following two stronger properties (SB) and (DSB) than (B);

(SB) 
$$I_L \theta_{L/k} \subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L}(A_L)$$

and

(DSB) 
$$I_L \theta_{L/k} \subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L}((A_L)^{\vee}).$$

Here,  $(A_L)^{\vee}$  is the Pontrjagin dual of  $A_L$  with cogredient Galois action, namely  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$  acts as  $(\sigma f)(x) = f(\sigma x)$  for  $f \in (A_L)^{\vee}$  and  $x \in A_L$ . In many cases, these two properties hold true. For example, if  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , (SB) always holds true, which was proved in our previous paper [9]; if the  $\mu$ -invariant of L vanishes and any prime above p does not split in  $L/L^+$ , (SB) holds by Nickel [11] Theorem 4; if  $\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)$  is cohomologically trivial, (DSB) holds by Greither [4]. (Nickel [11] Theorem 4 implies more, for example, it implies that (SB) holds true if all primes above p are tamely ramified in L/k and  $L^{\rm cl} \not\subset (L^{\rm cl})^+(\mu_p)$  where  $L^{\rm cl}$  denotes the normal closure of L over Q.) But these two properties do not hold in general (see [5], [8]). In [5], some explicit numerical examples for which (SB) does not hold were given. In [8], (DSB) was studied but explicit numerical examples for which (DSB) does not hold were not given. In this paper, we give explicit numerical examples for which (DSB) does not hold, and also give explicit conditions under which (DSB) does not hold. Also, we give explicit examples for which neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds. While the first author studied (SB) and (DSB) in [8] using Iwasawa theoretic arguments, we study these problems in this paper by investigating finite and abelian extensions directly. Concerning the background and known results on these two problems, see [8] and [3]. For the function field case, see Popescu [13].

We are interested in the Teichmüller character component of  $A_L$ . So we assume that a primitive *p*-th root of unity is in *L*, and put  $K = k(\mu_p)$ , which is a subfield of *L*. Let  $K_{\infty}/K$  (resp.  $L_{\infty}/L$ ) be the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension of *K* (resp. *L*). We assume that L/k is a finite and abelian extension, L/K is a *p*-extension and  $L \cap K_{\infty} = K$ . We denote by  $K^+$  the maximal real subfield of *K*, and by  $L_n$  the *n*-th layer of  $L_{\infty}/L$  (so  $[L_n : L] = p^n$ ) for any integer  $n \ge 0$ . If  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  is cyclic, (SB) and (DSB) are equivalent. In this paper, we consider the case that  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  is *not cyclic*. In §1 we will prove the following theorem (we will prove in §1 a slightly more general Theorem 1.2).

**Theorem 0.1** We assume that no prime above p splits in  $K/K^+$  (namely (NTZ) is satisfied, see the beginning of §1), and also that if a prime v splits in  $K/K^+$ , v is unramified in L/K (we call this property (R), see the beginning of §1). Suppose also that G = Gal(L/K) is not cyclic. Then (DSB) does not hold for  $L_n/k$  for all  $n \ge 0$ . Namely, we have

$$I_{L_n}\theta_{L_n/k} \not\subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}((A_{L_n})^{\vee})$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

In §2 we will give an explicit numerical example L/k of Theorem 0.1 where  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1901}), p = 3, K = k(\mu_3)$  and  $L = K(\alpha, \beta)$  with  $\alpha^3 - 84\alpha - 191 = 0$  and  $\beta^3 - 57\beta - 68 = 0$ . Then we know that  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . For this L/k,

we explicitly compute  $A_L$ , the Galois action on it,  $\theta_{L/k}$  and also  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L}((A_L^-)^{\vee})$ (for the minus part  $A_L^-$ , see the beginning of §1). We will see directly

$$\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)\theta_{L/k} \notin \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L}((A_L)^{\vee})$$

from these computations for this example.

In §3 and §4 we study the case that L/k does not satisfy (NTZ). In §3 we prove Proposition 3.2 which says that if L/k satisfies some conditions, L/ksatisfies neither (SB) nor (DSB). Using this Proposition 3.2, we will see in §3.2 that there is an explicit example L/k for which neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds. The example we give in §3.2 is p = 3,  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{69}, \sqrt{713})$ ,  $K = k(\mu_3)$ , and  $L = K(\alpha, \beta)$  where  $\alpha^3 - 6\alpha - 3 = 0$  and  $\beta^3 - 6\beta - 1 = 0$ . Then we know that  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . For this L/k, neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds.

The condition of Proposition 3.2 is not easy to check. In §4 we will prove another theorem by which we can easily construct examples for which neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds.

**Theorem 0.2** Suppose that L/k satisfies the conditions of §4.1. Then neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds for  $L_n/k$  for any integer  $n \ge 1$ . Namely, we have both

 $I_{L_n}\theta_{L_n/k} \not\subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}(A_{L_n}) \quad and \quad I_{L_n}\theta_{L_n/k} \not\subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}((A_{L_n})^{\vee})$ 

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

We give in  $\S4.3$  a numerical example for which Theorem 0.2 can be applied.

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**Erratum for the paper [8]**: The first named author would like to make a correction concerning his previous paper [8]. In page 426 line 21, the correct formula is  $\hat{H}^{-1}(G, \mathcal{X}^{\omega}_{L_{\infty}}) = \hat{H}^{0}(G, A^{\omega}_{L_{\infty}})^{\vee} = (\bigwedge^{2} G)(1).$ 

#### Notation

For any positive integer n,  $\mu_{p^n}$  denotes the group of  $p^n$ -th roots of unity. For a group G and a G-module M, we denote by  $M^G$  the G-invariant part of M (the maximal subgroup of M on which G acts trivially), and by  $M_G$  the G-coinvariant of M (the maximal quotient of M on which G acts trivially).

## 1 The case that there is no trivial zero

In this section, we assume the conditions before Theorem 0.1. Namely,  $K = k(\mu_p)$ , L/k is a finite and abelian extension,  $K \subset L$ , L/K is a *p*-extension,

and  $L \cap K_{\infty} = K$ . Suppose that  $K^+$  is the maximal real subfield of K. We take  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and consider the *n*-th layer  $L_n$  of the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension  $L_{\infty}/L$ . We put  $R_{L_n} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k)]$ . Any  $R_{L_n}$ -module M is decomposed into  $M = M^+ \oplus M^-$  where  $M^{\pm} = \{x \in M \mid \rho(x) = \pm x\}$  for the complex conjugation  $\rho \in \operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k)$ . Let  $\omega$  be the Teichmüller character which gives the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)$  on  $\mu_p$ . For any  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)]$ -module M, we define  $M^{\omega}$  to be

$$M^{\omega} = M \otimes_{R_K} R_K / \langle \{ \sigma - \omega(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(K/k) \} \rangle$$
  
 
$$\simeq \{ x \in M \mid \sigma(x) = \omega(\sigma)x \text{ for all } \sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(K/k) \}.$$

Note that  $M \mapsto M^{\omega}$  is an exact functor.

For any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we call the following condition  $(\mathbf{R})_n$ ;

(R)<sub>n</sub> Any prime which splits in  $K/K^+$  is unramified in  $L_n/K$ .

We simply write (R) for the condition  $(R)_0$ .

We also consider the following condition (no trivial zero);

(NTZ) No prime above p splits in  $K/K^+$ .

Of course, if n is sufficiently large, the condition  $(R)_n$  implies (NTZ). Also, if we assume (NTZ) and (R), then we get  $(R)_n$  for all  $n \ge 0$ .

The following is a key Proposition of this section.

**Proposition 1.1** We assume that  $L_n/k$  satisfies  $(\mathbf{R})_n$  and  $G = \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  is not cyclic. Then we have

$$\#(A_{L_n}^-)^{\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/K)} > \#A_K^-$$

and

$$#(A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/K)} > #A_K^{\omega}.$$

Proof. We put  $\Gamma_n = \text{Gal}(K_n/K)$  and  $G_n = \text{Gal}(L_n/K)$ . Then  $G_n = G \times \Gamma_n$  by our assumption.

We denote by  $E_{L_n}$  the unit group and by  $\mathcal{C}_{L_n}$  the idele class group of  $L_n$ . For any prime w of  $L_n$ , we denote by  $L_{n,w}$  the completion of  $L_n$  at w, and by  $E_{L_{n,w}}$  the unit group of  $L_{n,w}$  if w is a finite prime, and  $E_{L_{n,w}} = L_{n,w}^{\times}$  if w is an infinite prime. By Lemma 5.1 (2) in [7] (cf. also [8] §1), an exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow E_{L_n} \longrightarrow \prod_w E_{L_{n,w}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{L_n} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_{L_n} \longrightarrow 0$  yields an exact sequence

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}^0(G_n, E_{L_n})^- &\longrightarrow (\bigoplus_v \hat{H}^0(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^- \longrightarrow \hat{H}^{-1}(G_n, A_{L_n})^- \\ &\longrightarrow H^1(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \longrightarrow (\bigoplus_v H^1(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^- \longrightarrow \hat{H}^0(G_n, A_{L_n})^- \\ &\longrightarrow H^2(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \longrightarrow (\bigoplus_v H^2(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^- \end{split}$$

where v runs over all finite primes of K, for each v we choose a prime w of  $L_n$  above v, and  $G_{n,v} = \operatorname{Gal}(L_{n,w}/K_v)$  is the decomposition group of  $G_n$  at v. We know that  $\hat{H}^0(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}})$  is isomorphic to the inertia group of  $G_{n,v}$  by local class field theory. The exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow E_{L_{n,w}} \longrightarrow L_{n,w}^{\times} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$  implies that  $H^1(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}) = \mathbb{Z}/e_v\mathbb{Z}$  where  $e_v$  is the ramification index of v in  $L_n/K$ , and that  $H^2(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}})$  is a subgroup of the Brauer group of  $K_v$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{l}$  the prime of  $K^+$  below v. If  $\mathfrak{l}$  does not split in  $K/K^+$ , the complex conjugation  $\rho$  acts trivially on  $\hat{H}^q(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}})$  (q = 0, 1, 2) by the above description, so  $\rho$  acts trivially on  $\bigoplus_{v|\mathfrak{l}} \hat{H}^q(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}})$ . Hence we have  $(\bigoplus_{v|\mathfrak{l}} \hat{H}^q(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^- = 0$ . If  $\mathfrak{l}$  splits in  $K/K^+$ , v is unramified in  $L_n/K$  by our assumption (R)<sub>n</sub>. Therefore, we have  $H^q(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}) = 0$  (q = 0, 1, 2; see [14] Chap.XII §3 for the case q = 2). Thus, in any case we obtain

(1.1.1) 
$$(\bigoplus_{v} \hat{H}^{q}(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^{-} = 0 \text{ for } q = 0, 1, 2.$$

Suppose that  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L) = p^c$ . Then we know  $L_n = L(\mu_{p^{n+c}})$  and  $K_n = K(\mu_{p^{n+c}})$ . We will compute  $H^q(G_n, E_{L_n})^- = H^q(G_n, E_{L_n}^-) = H^q(G_n, \mu_{p^{n+c}})$ . As is well-known (for example, see Lemma 13.27 in [16]), we have  $H^1(\Gamma_n, \mu_{p^{n+c}}) = 0$ . Since  $\Gamma_n$  is cyclic, we have  $H^q(\Gamma_n, \mu_{p^{n+c}}) = 0$  for any  $q \ge 1$ . This implies that

$$H^{q}(G_{n},\mu_{p^{n+c}}) = H^{q}(G_{n}/\Gamma_{n},H^{0}(\Gamma_{n},\mu_{p^{n+c}})) = H^{q}(G,\mu_{p^{c}})$$

by the Serre-Hochschild spectral sequence. Therefore, we obtain

(1.1.2) 
$$H^{q}(G_{n}, E_{L_{n}})^{-} = H^{q}(G, \mu_{p^{c}}) \simeq H^{q}(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^{c}\mathbb{Z}).$$

Let  $i_{L_n/K} : A_K^- \longrightarrow A_{L_n}^-$  be the natural map. Since the kernel of  $i_{L_n/K}$  is isomorphic to the kernel of  $H^1(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \longrightarrow (\bigoplus_v H^1(G_{n,v}, E_{L_{n,w}}))^-$  (cf. Remark 2.2 in [6]), considering (1.1.1), we have an isomorphism  $\operatorname{Ker}(i_{L_n/K}) \simeq H^1(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \simeq H^1(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z})$ . Therefore, we have

(1.1.3) 
$$\# \operatorname{Ker}(i_{L_n/K} : A_K^- \longrightarrow (A_{L_n}^-)^{G_n}) = \# (G/G^{p^c}).$$

On the other hand, the norm map  $A_{L_n}^- \longrightarrow A_K^-$  is surjective by Lemma 5.1 (1) in [7] (cf. Lemma 1.4 below). Therefore, the image of  $i_{L_n/K}$  coincides with the image of the multiplication by  $N_{G_n} = \sum_{\sigma \in G_n} \sigma$  on  $A_{L_n}^-$ . Thus, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \longrightarrow A_K^- \longrightarrow (A_{L_n}^-)^{G_n} \longrightarrow \hat{H}^0(G_n, A_{L_n}^-) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Using (1.1.1) and (1.1.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Coker}(i_{L_n/K}: A_K^- \longrightarrow (A_{L_n}^-)^{G_n}) &\simeq & \hat{H}^0(G_n, A_{L_n})^- \simeq H^2(G_n, E_{L_n})^- \\ &\simeq & H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

Considering an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^{c}\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_{p}/\mathbb{Z}_{p} \xrightarrow{p^{c}} \mathbb{Q}_{p}/\mathbb{Z}_{p} \longrightarrow 0,$$

and taking cohomology, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)/p^c \longrightarrow H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)[p^c] \longrightarrow 0$$

where  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)[p^c]$  is the kernel of the multiplication by  $p^c$  on  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . Since  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{Hom}(\bigwedge^2 G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$  by the universal coefficient sequence (see page 60 in Chap. III in [1] and Theorem 6.4 (iii) in Chap. V in [1], cf. also Lemma 1.3 in [8]), we get  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)[p^c] \neq 0$  from our assumption that G is not cyclic. Since  $H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$  is isomorphic to G as an abelian group,  $H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)/p^c$  is isomorphic to  $G/G^{p^c}$  as an abelian group. Therefore, we obtain

$$#H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}) > #H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)/p^c = #G/G^{p^c}.$$

This implies that

(1.1.4) 
$$\# \operatorname{Coker}(i_{L_n/K} : A_K^- \longrightarrow (A_{L_n}^-)^{G_n}) > \# (G/G^{p^c}).$$

It follows from (1.1.3) and (1.1.4) that  $\#A_K^- < \#(A_{L_n}^-)^{G_n}$ . Since  $H^1(G_n, E_{L_n})^{\omega} = H^1(G, \mu_{p^c}) \simeq H^1(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z})$  and

$$\hat{H}^0(G_n, A_{L_n})^{\omega} \simeq H^2(G_n, E_{L_n})^{\omega} \simeq H^2(G, \mu_{p^c}) \simeq H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}),$$

by the same method as above, we obtain an exact sequence

$$(1.1.5) \quad 0 \longrightarrow H^1(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow A_K^{\omega} \longrightarrow (A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{G_n} \longrightarrow H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since

$$#H^1(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z}) = #G/G^{p^c} < #H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}/p^c\mathbb{Z})$$

we obtain  $#A_K^{\omega} < #(A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{G_n}$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 1.1.

As in the proof of Proposition 1.1, we suppose that  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L) = \#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K) = p^{c}$ . Let  $\kappa : \operatorname{Gal}(L_{\infty}/k) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p}^{\times}$  be the cyclotomic character and  $\gamma$  be a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_{\infty}/L) = \operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K)$ . We fix this  $\gamma$  throughout this paper. Since  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L) = p^{c}$ , we know that  $\operatorname{ord}_{p}(1-\kappa(\gamma)) = c$ . We also regard  $\gamma$  as a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_{n}/L) = \operatorname{Gal}(K_{n}/K)$ . For  $\theta_{K/k}$  and  $\theta_{L_{n}/k}$ , we have  $p^{c}\theta_{K/k} \in R_{K} = \mathbb{Z}_{p}[\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)], p^{n+c}\theta_{L_{n}/k} \in R_{L_{n}} = \mathbb{Z}_{p}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_{n}/k)], (\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_{n}/k} \in R_{L_{n}}$ .

The Teichmüller character  $\omega$  induces the ring homomorphism  $R_K \longrightarrow R_K^{\omega} = \mathbb{Z}_p$  (resp.  $R_{L_n} \longrightarrow R_{L_n}^{\omega} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/K)]$ ) such that  $\sigma \mapsto \omega(\sigma)$  for all  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(K/k)$  (note that  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k) = \operatorname{Gal}(L_n/K) \times \operatorname{Gal}(K/k)$ ). For an element  $x \in R_K$  (resp.  $x \in R_{L_n}$ ), we denote the image of x by  $x^{\omega}$ .

**Theorem 1.2** We assume that  $L_n/k$  satisfies  $(\mathbf{R})_n$ ,  $G = \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  is not cyclic, and that  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$  where  $p^c = \#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K)$ . We have

$$(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k} \notin \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}((A_{L_n})^{\vee})$$

(If n = 0, we have  $p^c \theta_{L/k} \notin \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L}((A_L)^{\vee})$ .) In particular, we have

$$I_{L_n}\theta_{L_n/k} \not\subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}((A_{L_n})^{\vee})$$

**Remark 1.3** If [K:k] = 2 (for example, if p = 3), the class number formula implies  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$ . In fact, by definition, we have  $\theta_{K/k}^{\omega} = L(0, \omega^{-1})$ . Since [K:k] = 2, we get  $A_K^{\omega} = A_K^-$ . So we obtain

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{-}) = (\#A_K^{-}) = (p^c L(0, \omega^{-1})) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$$

by the class number formula.

We often use the following lemmas in this paper.

**Lemma 1.4** Let L/K be an abelian p-extension of CM-fields. We put G = Gal(L/K). For a prime v of K, we denote by  $I_v(L/K)$  the inertia group of v in G. Then we have an exact sequence

$$\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K) \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} (\bigoplus_{v} I_{v}(L/K))^{-} \longrightarrow (A_{L}^{-})_{G} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} A_{K}^{-} \longrightarrow 0$$

where a is induced by the reciprocity map of local class field theory, v runs over all finite primes of K, and N is induced by the norm map.

Proof. This is Proposition 5.2 in [7].

In general, for an abelian extension L/k and a subfield K such that  $k \subset K \subset L$ , we define a ring homomorphism

$$c_{L/K}: \mathbb{Q}[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)]$$

by the restriction  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma_{|K}$  for  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$ . We will use the same notation  $c_{L/K}$  for any group rings such as  $R_L = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)], \mathbb{Z}_p[[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)]]$  (in case L/k is infinite), etc.

**Lemma 1.5** Suppose that L/k is a finite and abelian extension and  $k \subset K \subset L$ . We denote by  $S_L$  (resp.  $S_K$ ) the set of finite primes of k ramifying in L/k (resp. K/k). Then we have

$$c_{L/K}(\theta_{L/k}) = (\prod_{v \in S_L \setminus S_K} (1 - \varphi_v^{-1}))\theta_{K/k}$$

where  $\varphi_v$  is the Frobenius of v in  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)$ .

Proof. This is well-known, and follows from the expression of  $\theta_{L/k}(s)$  by the Euler product (see Tate [15] p.86 and Lemma 2.1 in [7]).

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Assume that  $(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k}$  is in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}((A_{L_n})^{\vee})$ . Let  $c_{L_n/K} : R_{L_n} \longrightarrow R_K$  be the ring homomorphism defined by the restriction. Then we have

$$c_{L_n/K}((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k}) \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_K}(((A_{L_n})^{\vee})_{G_n})$$

where  $G_n = \operatorname{Gal}(L_n/K)$ . This implies that

$$c_{L_n/K}((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k})^{\omega} \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(((A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{\vee})_{G_n}).$$

If a prime  $\mathfrak{l}$  of k is ramified in  $L_n/K$ , the primes of  $K^+$  above  $\mathfrak{l}$  do not split in  $K/K^+$  by our assumption  $(\mathbb{R})_n$ , so  $\omega(\varphi_{\mathfrak{l}}) \neq 1$ . This implies that  $c_{L_n/K}(\theta_{L_n/k}^{\omega}) = u\theta_{K/k}^{\omega}$  for some unit  $u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$  by Lemma 1.5. Since  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L) = p^c$ , we know that  $p^c$  divides  $\kappa(\gamma) - 1$  but  $p^{c+1}$  does not. Therefore, we get

$$(c_{L_n/K}((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k})^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$$

as ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Hence we obtain

$$p^{c}\theta_{K/k}^{\omega} \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}}(((A_{L_{n}}^{\omega})^{\vee})_{G_{n}}) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}}(((A_{L_{n}}^{\omega})^{G_{n}})^{\vee}) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}}((A_{L_{n}}^{\omega})^{G_{n}}).$$

Here, the last equality holds because  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(M) = (\#M)$  for any finite  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module M.

Since we are assuming  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$ , we get

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) \subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}((A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{G_n}),$$

which implies that  $\#A_K^{\omega} \geq \#(A_{L_n}^{\omega})^{G_n}$ . This contradicts Proposition 1.1. Thus, we get the conclusion of Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 0.1. Since (NTZ) and (R) imply  $(R)_n$  for all  $n \ge 0$ , what we have to show is  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega})$  by Theorem 1.2. We define the Iwasawa module  $X_{K_{\infty}}$  by

$$X_{K_{\infty}} = \lim A_{K_n}$$

where the limit is taken with respect to the norm maps. Then by our assumption (NTZ), we have an isomorphism  $(X_{K_{\infty}}^{-})_{\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K)} \simeq A_{K}^{-}$  by Lemma 1.4. We put  $\Lambda_{K_{\infty}} = \mathbb{Z}_{p}[[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/k)]] = \lim_{\leftarrow} R_{K_{n}}$ . Similarly as in the finite level,

We put  $\Lambda_{K_{\infty}} = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/k)]] = \lim_{\leftarrow} R_{K_n}$ . Similarly as in the finite level, we consider the ring homomorphism  $\Lambda_{K_{\infty}} \longrightarrow \Lambda_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K)]]$  which is induced by  $\omega$ , and we denote the image of  $x \in \Lambda_{K_{\infty}}$  by  $x^{\omega} \in \Lambda_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega}$ . Let  $((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{\infty}/k})^{\omega} \in \Lambda_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega}$  be the projective limit of  $((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_n/k})^{\omega} \in R_{K_n}^{\omega}$ (which is the numerator of the *p*-adic *L*-function of Deligne and Ribet). Then the main conjecture proved by Wiles [17] can be stated as

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\Lambda_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega}}(X_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega}) = \left(\left((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{\infty}/k}\right)^{\omega}\right)$$

because  $X_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega}$  contains no nontrivial finite submodule and hence its Fitting ideal coincides with its characteristic ideal. Let  $c_{K_{\infty}/K} : \Lambda_{K_{\infty}} \longrightarrow R_{K}$  be the restriction map. By the condition (NTZ), we get

$$c_{K_{\infty}/K}(((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{\infty}/k})^{\omega}) = u((1 - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K/k})^{\omega} = u'p^{c}\theta_{K/k}^{\omega}$$

for some  $u, u' \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$  by Lemma 1.5. From the isomorphism  $(X_{K_{\infty}}^{\omega})_{\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K)} \simeq A_K^{\omega}$ , it follows that

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^{\omega}) = (p^c \theta_{K/k}^{\omega}).$$

## 2 A numerical example

In this section, we will give an example of a number field which does not satisfy (DSB). We will give an extension L/k explicitly, and compute the Stickelberger element of L/k and the Fitting ideals of  $A_L$  and  $A_L^{\vee}$ . We will see from these computations that (SB) holds for this L/k but (DSB) does not.

We take p = 3 and  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1901})$ . Then p = 3 is inert in k. Let  $F_{\alpha}$  be the minimal splitting field of  $X^3 - 84X - 191$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We know that  $F_{\alpha}$  contains k and  $F_{\alpha}/k$  is a cubic cyclic extension which is unramified everywhere. We define  $F_{\beta}$  to be the minimal splitting field of  $X^3 - 57X - 68$ . Then we can

check that  $F_{\beta}/k$  is a cubic cyclic extension of k which is unramified outside 3 and that the prime of k above 3 is totally ramified in  $F_{\beta}/k$ . Put  $F = F_{\alpha}F_{\beta}$ ,  $L = F(\mu_3)$  and  $K = k(\mu_3)$ . Then L/k satisfies all the conditions in Theorem 0.1. In fact,  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K) = \text{Gal}(F/k) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  is not cyclic, and both conditions (NTZ) and (R) are satisfied because (3) is ramified in K/k and L/K is unramified outside (3). We also have  $L \cap K_{\infty} = K$ . (Theoretically the existence of F can be checked by class field theory. For a modulus  $\mathfrak{m} = (3)^2$  of k, the ray class group of k modulo  $\mathfrak{m}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . So the class field theory tells us that there is an abelian extension F/k whose Galois group is  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ , and which is unramified outside 3, and  $F \cap k_{\infty} = k$ .)

Let  $\sigma$  (resp.  $\tau$ ) be a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(F_{\alpha}/k)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Gal}(F_{\beta}/k)$ ). We can write the Stickelberger element for L/k as

$$\theta_{L/k}^- = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i \le 2\\ 0 \le j \le 2}} a_{ij} \sigma^i \tau^j \in \mathbb{Q}[G] \simeq \mathbb{Q}[\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)]^-.$$

Let  $\chi$  be the unique quadratic character of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k)$ . We define characters  $\varphi_i$  of  $\operatorname{Gal}(F_{\alpha}/k)$  and  $\psi_i$  of  $\operatorname{Gal}(F_{\beta}/k)$  by

$$\varphi_i(\sigma) = \zeta_3^i$$
 and  $\psi_j(\tau) = \zeta_3^j$  for  $0 \le i, j \le 2$ 

where  $\zeta_3$  is a primitive 3-rd root of unity. Then all the odd characters of  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$  can be written as  $\Psi_{ij} = \chi \varphi_i \psi_j$ . The element  $\theta_{L/k}^-$  is characterized by the *L*-values;

(2.1) 
$$\Psi_{ij}(\theta_{L/k}^{-}) = L_{\{3\}}(0, \Psi_{ij}^{-1})$$
 for all  $i, j$  such that  $0 \le i, j \le 2$ 

where  $L_{\{3\}}(s, \Psi_{ij})$  is the *L*-function obtained by removing the Euler factors above 3, which is  $(1 - \Psi_{ij}(3))$  in this example. In our case,  $L_{\{3\}}(s, \Psi_{ij})$ 's coincide with the usual *L*-functions  $L(s, \Psi_{ij})$ 's since (3) is ramified in any subfield of *L* corresponding to  $\Psi_{ij}$ . Using Pari/GP, we calculated the values of these *L*-functions at s = 0. The following table gives these values.

(i, j)	(0, 0)	(1, 0)	(2, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 1)	(2, 1)	(0, 2)	(1, 2)	(2, 2)
$L(0, \Psi_{ij})$	18	24	24	60	96	24	60	24	96

This implies that

$$\theta_{L/k}^{-} = \frac{142}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\sigma - \frac{2}{3}\sigma^2 - \frac{38}{3}\tau - \frac{38}{3}\sigma\tau + \frac{34}{3}\sigma^2\tau - \frac{38}{3}\tau^2 + \frac{34}{3}\sigma\tau^2 - \frac{38}{3}\sigma^2\tau^2.$$

Now we identify  $\mathbb{Z}_p[G]$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_p[S, T]/((S+1)^3 - 1, (T+1)^3 - 1)$  by sending  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  to S + 1 and T + 1, respectively. In this ring, we have equalities  $S^3 = -3S - 3S^2, T^3 = -3T - 3T^2$ . Using S and T, we can rewrite  $\theta_{L/k}^-$  as

$$\theta_{L/k}^{-} = 18 - 6S - 2S^{2} - 42T - 18ST - 14S^{2}T - 14T^{2} - 14ST^{2} - \frac{38}{3}S^{2}T^{2}$$

Since  $I_L = (3, S, T), I_L \theta_{L/k}^-$  is generated by the following three elements;

$$3\theta^-_{L/k} = 2(3^3 - 3^2S - 3S^2 - 7 \cdot 3^2T - 3^3ST - 7 \cdot 3S^2T - 7 \cdot 3ST^2 - 7 \cdot 3ST^2 - 19S^2T^2),$$

$$S\theta^-_{L/k} = 8(3S + 3S^2T + 3ST^2 + 3S^2T^2),$$

and

$$T\theta_{L/k}^{-} = 4(5 \cdot 3T + 3^2 S^2 T + 2 \cdot 3ST^2 + 2 \cdot 3S^2 T^2).$$

Next, we proceed to the ideal class groups. By the computation using Pari/GP, we have isomorphisms

$$A_K^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$A_L^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}/27\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

as abelian groups. Therefore, we also have

$$(A_L^-)^{\vee} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/27\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}.$$

Moreover, using Pari/GP, we can compute the Galois action on  $A_L^-$ , namely how  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  act on this group. Pari/GP computes explicitly the basis of the ideal class group, which is represented by a basis of the ring of integers of L, though we do not write down here this representation. Let  $\{g_1, \ldots, g_8\}$  be the basis of  $A_L^-$  corresponding to the above isomorphism, which was computed by Pari/GP. We denote by  $M_{\sigma}$  (resp.  $M_{\tau}$ ) the matrix corresponding to the action of  $\sigma$  (resp.  $\tau$ ) with respect to the above basis. The result of the computation is

$$M_{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 9 & -9 & 9 \\ 3 & 4 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 & 3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$M_{\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & -9 & -9 & 0 & 0 & -9 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This means that  $\sigma(g_1) = g_1 + 3g_2 - g_3 + g_4 - g_6 + g_7 - g_8$ , for example.

Thus, the transpose of a relation matrix of  $A_L^-$  is

$\int \sigma - 1$	-3	1	-1	0	1	-1	1
0	$\sigma - 4$	-1	1	0	0	1	-1
0	3	$\sigma + 1$	1	1	-1	0	-1
0	-3	1	$\sigma$	1	0	0	0
-9	3	0	0	$\sigma - 1$	0	0	0
-9	-3	1	0	0	$\sigma + 1$	1	-1
9	-3	0	1	1	1	$\sigma - 1$	1
-9	3	1	-1	-1	1	-1	$\sigma$
$\tau - 1$	3	1	1	-1	1	-1	0
0	$\tau - 1$	-1	1	1	-1	1	0
-9	-3	$\tau + 1$	0	0	1	1	1
9	0	0	au	1	1	1	1
9	0	1	0	$\tau - 1$	-1	1	-1
9 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$1 \\ -1$	$0 \\ -1$	$\begin{array}{c} \tau-1 \\ -1 \end{array}$	-1 $\tau - 1$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$-1 \\ 0$
9 0 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\-1\\0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \tau-1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{array}$	-1 au - 1 0	$\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\\tau-1\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$
9 0 0 9	$egin{array}{c} 0 \ 3 \ 0 \ -3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\-1\\0\\0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$	$-1 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 0 \\ 0$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\\tau-1\\1\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \end{array}$
$ \begin{array}{c} 9\\0\\0\\9\\27\end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\-1\\0\\0\\0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$	$-1 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\\tau-1\\1\\0\end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       -1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       \tau -1 \\       0     \end{array} $
$ \begin{array}{c} 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 9 \\ 27 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       -1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0     \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & \ -1 & \ 0$	$-1 \\  au - 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\  au-1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$
$ \begin{array}{c} 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 27 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       -1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       3     \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ $	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & \ -1 & \ 0$	$egin{array}{c} -1 & & \  au & -1 & & \  au & 0 & & \ 0 & & 0 & & \ 0 & & 0 & & \ 0 & & 0 & & \ 0 & & 0 & & \ 0 & & 0 & & \ \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $
$ \begin{array}{c} 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 27 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{ccc} 1 & & \ -1 & 0 & \ 0 & 0 & \ 0 & 0 & \ 3 & 0 & \ 0 &$	$egin{array}{c} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & $	$egin{array}{c} -1 & \  au -1 & \ 0 & \ $	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \end{array}$
$ \begin{array}{c} 9\\0\\9\\27\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\end{array} \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & \ -1 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 0 & \ 3 & \ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \end{array}$
$ \begin{array}{c} 9\\0\\0\\9\\27\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\end{array} \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{ccc} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & $	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & $	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $
$ \begin{array}{c} 9\\ 0\\ 9\\ 27\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$	$egin{array}{c} \tau - 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & $	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \tau - 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $

Here, each row vector represents a relation of  $A_L^-$ . Substituting S + 1 and T + 1 for  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  respectively, and applying the elementary row and column operations, we can reduce the above matrix to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3S & 0 \\ 9 & -S^2 + ST - T^2 \\ S+T & S+S^2 - T - ST - 2S^2T + T^2 \\ ST & 3+S^2 + 2S^2T - T^2 \\ S^2 & 6 - ST - 2S^2T + T^2 \\ 0 & 3S \\ 0 & 3T \\ 0 & 9 \\ 0 & -S^2T + ST^2 \\ 0 & S^2T^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here, extra zero vectors and identity matrices which were appeared in the process of the reduction were removed. We know from this calculation that  $A_L^-$  is generated by two elements as an  $R_L^-$ -module and that these two generators have 10 relations in  $A_L^-$ . Taking all the 2 × 2 minors in the above matrix and carrying out tedious computation, we obtain

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L^-}(A_L^-) = (81, \ 3S, \ 3T, \ 27 - S^2 T^2).$$

So we get

$$3\theta_{L/k}^{-} \equiv 2(27 - 19S^2T^2) \equiv -36S^2T^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_L^-}(A_L^-)},$$

and also

$$S\theta^-_{L/k} \equiv T\theta^-_{L/k} \equiv 0 \pmod{\operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_L}(A^-_L)}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$I_L \theta^-_{L/k} \subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_L}(A^-_L)$$

in this case. In particular,  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)\theta_{L/k}^{-} \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L}^{-}}(A_{L}^{-})$  holds. Note that we also have numerically checked

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}((A_L^-)_G) = (27) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^-).$$

This corresponds to the fact that the norm map induces an isomorphism

$$(A_L^-)_G \xrightarrow{\simeq} A_K^-.$$

Next we will calculate the Fitting ideal of the dual. Let  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_8\}$  be the dual basis of  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$  determined by  $\{g_1, \ldots, g_8\}$ . Namely,  $f_1, \ldots, f_8$  are homomorphisms from  $A_L^-$  to  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  satisfying

$$f_1(g_1) = \frac{1}{27}, \ f_1(g_j) = 0 \ (j \neq 1),$$
  
$$f_2(g_2) = \frac{1}{9}, \ f_2(g_j) = 0 \ (j \neq 2),$$

and for  $3 \le i \le 8$ ,

$$f_i(g_i) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad f_i(g_j) = 0 \ (j \neq i).$$

Note that any element  $f \in (A_L^-)^{\vee}$  can be written as

$$f = 27f(g_1)f_1 + 9f(g_2)f_2 + 3f(g_3)f_3 + \dots + 3f(g_8)f_8.$$

Let  $\widetilde{M}_{\sigma}$  (resp.  $\widetilde{M}_{\tau}$ ) be the matrix representing the action of  $\sigma$  (resp.  $\tau$ ) on  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$  corresponding to the dual basis  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_8\}$ . Recall that  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$  have the cogredient Galois action. We have

 $\widetilde{M}_{\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -9 & -9 & -9 & 9 & -9 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$ 

Then the transpose of a relation matrix of  $(A_L^-)^\vee$  is

$\int \sigma - 1$	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	-1	
-9	$\sigma - 4$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	
9	-3	$\sigma + 1$	1	0	1	0	1	
-9	3	1	$\sigma$	0	0	1	-1	
0	0	1	1	$\sigma - 1$	0	1	-1	
9	0	-1	0	0	$\sigma + 1$	1	1	
-9	3	0	0	0	1	$\sigma - 1$	-1	
9	-3	-1	0	0	-1	1	$\sigma$	
$\tau - 1$	0	-1	1	1	0	0	1	
9	$\tau - 1$	-1	0	0	1	0	-1	
9	-3	$\tau + 1$	0	1	-1	0	0	
9	3	0	au	0	-1	0	0	
-9	3	0	1	$\tau - 1$	-1	0	0	•
9	-3	1	1	$^{-1}$	$\tau - 1$	0	0	
-9	3	1	1	1	0	$\tau - 1$	1	
0	0	1	1	$^{-1}$	0	0	$\tau - 1$	
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	9 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 3\end{array}$	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
0 0 0	9 0 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 3\\ 0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 3\end{array}$	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
0 0 0	9 0 0 0	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 3\\ 0\\ 0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 3\\ 0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 3\end{array}$	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
0 0 0 0	9 0 0 0 0	0 3 0 0 0		$     \begin{array}{c}       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       3 \\       0     \end{array} $	$     \begin{array}{c}       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       3     \end{array}   $	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	
0 0 0 0 0	9 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0		0 0 0 3 0 0	$     \begin{array}{c}       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       3 \\       0     \end{array} $	0 0 0 0 0 3	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	

Calculating in the same way as before, we can reduce the above matrix to

1	9	0	$-S^2T + ST^2$
1	S	0	$-T^{2}$
	T	0	$-S^2$
	0	3	$S^2T$
	0	S	$T^2$
	0	T	$-S^2$
	0	0	3
	0	0	$S^2T^2$ /

•

From this, we know that  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$  is generated by three elements and that these elements have 8 relations in  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$ . Furthermore, taking all the  $3 \times 3$  minors in

and

the above matrix, we obtain

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L}^{-}}((A_{L}^{-})^{\vee}) = (81, 9S, 9T, 3S^{2}, 3T^{2}, 3ST).$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{split} &\frac{3}{2}\theta^-_{L/k} \equiv 27 - 19S^2T^2 \not\equiv 0 \ \left( \mathrm{mod} \ \mathrm{Fitt}_{R^-_L}((A^-_L)^\vee) \right), \\ &\frac{S}{8}\theta^-_{L/k} \equiv 3S \not\equiv 0 \qquad \left( \mathrm{mod} \ \mathrm{Fitt}_{R^-_L}((A^-_L)^\vee) \right), \\ &\frac{T}{2}\theta^-_{L/k} \equiv 3T \not\equiv 0 \qquad \left( \mathrm{mod} \ \mathrm{Fitt}_{R^-_L}((A^-_L)^\vee) \right). \end{split}$$

In conclusion, we have

$$I_L \theta^-_{L/k} \not\subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_L}((A^-_L)^{\vee})$$

unlike to the previous case. We also have

$$\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)\theta_{L/k}^{-} = 3\theta_{L/k}^{-} \notin \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L}^{-}}((A_{L}^{-})^{\vee}).$$

Note that we have checked numerically

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(((A_L^-)^{\vee})_G) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(((A_L^-)^G)) = (81) \subsetneq (27) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(A_K^-),$$

namely  $\#(A_L^-)^G = 81 > \#A_K^- = 27$ . Note that this is the inequality which was obtained in Proposition 1.1.

# 3 Examples for which neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds

In this section, we will prove that there are extensions L/k for which neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds.

**3.1.** We begin with the following easy lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** Let k be a totally real number field and M/k be a finite abelian extension such that M is a CM-field. Suppose that M' is an intermediate CM-field of M/k such that M/M' is a p-extension. Then we have

$$\#\operatorname{Ker}(A_{M'}^{-} \longrightarrow A_{M}^{-}) \leq [M:M'].$$

Proof. As is well-known, there is an injective map from  $\operatorname{Ker}(A_{M'}^- \longrightarrow A_M^-)$  to  $H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(M/M'), E_M)^- = H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(M/M'), \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M))$ . We put  $M'' = M \cap M_{\infty}'$  where  $M_{\infty}'$  is the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension of M', and  $G = \operatorname{Gal}(M/M')$ ,  $H = \operatorname{Gal}(M/M'')$ . Consider an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(G/H, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M'')) \longrightarrow H^1(G, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M)) \longrightarrow H^1(H, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M)).$$

We know  $H^1(G/H, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M'')) = 0$  and  $\mu_{p^{\infty}}(M) = \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M'')$ . Therefore, we have

$$#H^{1}(G, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M)) \le #H^{1}(H, \mu_{p^{\infty}}(M)) \le #H \le #G = [M : M'],$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.

In this section we assume that k is a totally real number field and  $K = k(\mu_p)$ . For simplicity, we also assume [K : k] = 2 (namely we replace k by  $K^+$  if it is needed). Suppose that L/k is an abelian extension such that  $K \subset L$ . We also assume that

$$\operatorname{Gal}(L/K) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus r}, \ A_K^- \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus r} \text{ for some } r \ge 2,$$

and the natural map  $A_K^- \longrightarrow A_L^-$  is the zero map.

**Proposition 3.2** Assume that L/k satisfies the above conditions. We also assume that there are intermediate fields  $K_{\alpha}$ ,  $K_{\beta}$  of L/K such that  $[K_{\alpha} : K] = [K_{\beta} : K] = p$ , each prime of k which splits in K and which is ramified in L is ramified in  $K_{\alpha}$ ,  $A_{K_{\alpha}}^{-}$  is generated by exactly r elements as a  $\mathbb{Z}_{p}[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\alpha}/K)]$ -module,  $A_{K_{\beta}}^{-}$  is generated by exactly r' elements as a  $\mathbb{Z}_{p}[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\beta}/K)]$ -module, and r' > r. Then neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds for L/k.

We will give in §3.2 a numerical example which satisfies all the conditions of the above proposition. Before the proof, we remark that our assumption implies that (R) is not satisfied for L/k. In fact, if (R) is satisfied, by Lemma 1.4 we have isomorphisms  $(A_L^-)_{\text{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})} \simeq A_{K_{\alpha}}^-$  and  $(A_L^-)_{\text{Gal}(L/K_{\beta})} \simeq A_{K_{\beta}}^-$ . This shows that r = r' by Nakayama's lemma. Therefore, (R) is not satisfied in our case. After the proof of Proposition 3.2, we will show that our assumption in Proposition 3.2 implies that (NTZ) is not satisfied for L/k.

Proof of Proposition 3.2. We have  $L \cap K_{\infty} = K$ . In fact, if we put  $K' = L \cap K_{\infty}$ , we know that  $A_{K}^{-} \longrightarrow A_{K'}^{-}$  is injective. By Lemma 3.1, we have  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_{K}^{-} \longrightarrow A_{L}^{-}) \leq [L:K']$ . Since the left hand side is  $p^{r}$  by our assumption, we must have  $[L:K'] = p^{r}$  and K' = K. We put  $p^{c} = \#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L)$ as in §1. Then we have  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K) = p^{c}$ .

For an intermediate field M of L/K such that [M : K] = p, we consider  $R_M = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/k)]$  and the decomposition  $R_M = R_M^+ \oplus R_M^-$ . Here,  $R_M^- = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/k)]^-$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)]$ . For any element  $x \in R_M$ , we denote by  $x^- \in R_M^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)]$  the minus component of x. We take a faithful character  $\psi_M : \operatorname{Gal}(M/K) \longrightarrow \mu_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^{\times}$ , and put  $O_{\psi_M} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Image} \psi_M]$ which we regard as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)]$ -module on which  $\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)$  acts via  $\psi_M$ . We also denote by  $\psi_M$  the ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)] \longrightarrow O_{\psi_M}$  which is defined by  $\sigma \mapsto \psi_M(\sigma)$  for all  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(M/K)$ . We define  $(A_M^-)_{\psi_M}$  by

$$(A_M^-)_{\psi_M} = A_M^- \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)]} O_{\psi_M}.$$

Suppose that  $\sigma_M$  is a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)$ . Then  $\sigma_M$  acts trivially on  $\mu_{p^{\infty}}(M) = \mu_{p^{\infty}}(K) = \mu_{p^c}$ . Thus, we have  $(\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/k)]$  where  $\theta_{M/k}$  is the Stickelberger element of M/k. We consider  $(\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k}^- \in \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(M/K)]$  and  $\psi_M((\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k}^-) \in O_{\psi_M}$ .

**Lemma 3.3** For an intermediate field M of L/K such that [M : K] = p, we have

Fitt<sub>$$O_{\psi_M}$$</sub>  $((A_M^-)_{\psi_M}) = (\psi_M((\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k}^-))$ .

Proof. This can be proved by the class number formula. Let  $\operatorname{ord}_p : \mathbb{Q}_p^{\times} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the normalized additive valuation at p such that  $\operatorname{ord}_p(p) = 1$ . The class number formula says that  $\operatorname{ord}_p(\#A_K^-) = \operatorname{ord}_p(p^c\theta_{K/k}^-)$  and

$$\operatorname{ord}_p(\#A_M^-) = \operatorname{ord}_p(p^c \theta_{K/k}^- N_{\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\psi_M(\theta_{M/k}^-)))$$

where  $N_{\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q}_p}$  is the norm from  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_p)$  to  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Hence we have

$$\operatorname{ord}_p(\frac{\#A_M^-}{\#A_K^-}) = \operatorname{ord}_p(N_{\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\psi_M(\theta_{M/k}^-)))).$$

On the other hand, since the norm map  $A_M^- \longrightarrow A_K^-$  is surjective by Lemma 1.4, we have

$$(A_M^-)_{\psi_M} = A_M^- / (1 + \sigma_M + \ldots + \sigma_M^{p-1}) A_M^- = A_M^- / \operatorname{Image}(A_K^- \longrightarrow A_M^-).$$

Since the natural map  $i_{L/K}: A_K^- \longrightarrow A_L^-$  is the zero map by our assumption, the image of  $i_{M/K}: A_K^- \longrightarrow A_M^-$  is in the kernel of  $i_{L/M}: A_M^- \longrightarrow A_L^-$ . By Lemma 3.1 we have  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_K^- \longrightarrow A_M^-) \leq p$  and  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_M^- \longrightarrow A_L^-) \leq p^{r-1}$ . Therefore, we must have  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_K^- \longrightarrow A_M^-) = p$  and  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_M^- \longrightarrow A_L^-) = p^{r-1}$ . It follows that

$$#(A_M^-)_{\psi_M} = #\operatorname{Coker}(A_K^- \longrightarrow A_M^-) = p \frac{\#A_M}{\#A_K^-}$$

This implies that

$$\operatorname{ord}_p(\#(A_M^-)_{\psi_M}) = \operatorname{ord}_p(N_{\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\psi_M((\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k}^-))).$$

Thus, we get  $\operatorname{length}_{O_{\psi_M}}((A_M^-)_{\psi_M}) = \operatorname{length}_{O_{\psi_M}}(O_{\psi_M}/\psi_M((\sigma_M - 1)\theta_{M/k}^-)))$ , which implies the conclusion of Lemma 3.3 (note that  $O_{\psi_M}$  is a discrete valuation ring).

Now we prove Proposition 3.2. First, we will prove that (SB) does not hold. Since the map  $(A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\beta)} \longrightarrow A_{K_\beta}^-$  which is induced by the norm map is surjective, the number of generators of  $A_L^-$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)]$ -module is  $\geq r'$  by Nakayama's lemma. We consider a surjective homomorphism  $(A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\alpha)} \longrightarrow A_{K_\alpha}^-$ . Let  $\psi_1 = \psi_{K_\alpha}$  be a faithful character of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_\alpha/K)$ . For any  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K_\alpha/K)]$ module M, we define the  $\psi_1$ -quotient by  $M_{\psi_1} = M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K_\alpha/K)]} O_{\psi_1}$ . We consider a surjective homomorphism  $((A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\alpha)})\psi_1 \longrightarrow (A_{K_\alpha}^-)\psi_1$  which is the  $\psi_1$ -quotient of the above homomorphism. The number of generators of  $((A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\alpha)})\psi_1$  (resp.  $(A_{K_\alpha}^-)\psi_1$ ) as an  $O_{\psi_1}$ -module is  $\geq r'$  (resp. r) by Nakayama's lemma. Therefore, we obtain

(3.1.1) 
$$\operatorname{Ker}(((A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\alpha)})_{\psi_1} \longrightarrow (A_{K_\alpha}^-)_{\psi_1}) \neq 0.$$

It follows from Lemma 3.3 that

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi_1}}(((A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_\alpha)})_{\psi_1}) \subsetneq (\psi_1((\sigma_{K_\alpha}-1)\theta_{K_\alpha/k}^-)).$$

Let  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  be a K-isomorphism whose restriction to  $K_{\alpha}$  is  $\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}$ . The image of  $(\sigma - 1)\theta_{L/k}^-$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\alpha}/K)]$  is  $u(\sigma_{K_{\alpha}} - 1)\theta_{K_{\alpha}/k}^-$  for some unit uby Lemma 1.5 because all the primes of k which split in K and which are ramified in L are ramified in  $K_{\alpha}$ . If  $(\sigma - 1)\theta_{L/k}^-$  was in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)]}(A_L^-)$ ,  $\psi_1((\sigma_{K_{\alpha}} - 1)\theta_{K_{\alpha}/k}^-)$  would be in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi_1}}(((A_L^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})})_{\psi_1}))$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, we have  $(\sigma - 1)\theta_{L/k}^- \notin \operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)]}(A_L^-)$ , and conclude that (SB) does not hold.

Next, we prove that (DSB) does not hold. In the proof of Lemma 3.3, we proved that  $\# \operatorname{Ker}(A_{\overline{K}}^- \longrightarrow A_{\overline{K}_{\beta}}^-) = p, \# \operatorname{Ker}(i_{L/K_{\beta}}) = p^{r-1}$ , and  $\operatorname{Image}(i_{K_{\beta}/K}) = \operatorname{Ker}(i_{L/K_{\beta}})$ . Let  $\psi_2 = \psi_{K_{\beta}}$  be a faithful character of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\beta}/K)$ . In the proof of Lemma 3.3 we also proved that  $(A_{\overline{K}_{\beta}}^-)_{\psi_2}$  is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{Coker}(i_{K_{\beta}/K})$ , so we have an injective homomorphism

(3.1.2) 
$$(A_{K_{\beta}}^{-})_{\psi_{2}} \hookrightarrow (A_{L}^{-})^{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\beta})}.$$

Let  $\pi$  be a prime element of  $O_{\psi_2}$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  we know that  $O_{\psi_2}/(\pi^m)$ is a Gorenstein ring, so the Pontrjagin dual  $(O_{\psi_2}/(\pi^m))^{\vee}$  is isomorphic to  $O_{\psi_2}/(\pi^m)$  (cf. [10] Proposition 4 on page 328). Since  $(A_{K_\beta}^-)_{\psi_2}$  is a finite  $O_{\psi_2}$ -module, we can apply the above argument to know that the Pontrjagin dual  $((A_{K_\beta}^-)_{\psi_2})^{\vee}$  is generated by exactly r' elements as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K_\beta/K)]$ -module. Therefore, from the injectivity (3.1.2) we know that the number of generators of  $(A_L^-)^{\vee}$  is  $\geq r'$ .

By the same method as (3.1.2), we obtain an injective homomorphism

$$(3.1.3) \qquad (A_{K_{\alpha}}^{-})_{\psi_{1}} \hookrightarrow (A_{L}^{-})^{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})}$$

Taking the dual and the  $\psi_1$ -quotient, we have a surjective homomorphism

$$(((A_L^-)^{\vee})_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})})_{\psi_1} \longrightarrow ((A_{K_{\alpha}}^-)_{\psi_1})^{\vee}$$

where the number of generators of  $(((A_L^-)^{\vee})_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})})_{\psi_1}$  is  $\geq r'$  and the number of generators of  $((A_{K_{\alpha}}^-)_{\psi_1})^{\vee}$  is r. Therefore, the above surjective homomorphism has nontrivial kernel. This implies that

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi_1}}((((A_L^-)^{\vee})_{\operatorname{Gal}(L/K_{\alpha})})_{\psi_1}) \subsetneq (\psi_1((\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}-1)\theta_{K_{\alpha}/k}^-))$$

by Lemma 3.3. Therefore, by the same method as in the case of (SB), we know that  $(\sigma - 1)\theta_{L/k}^-$  is not in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)]}((A_L^-)^{\vee})$ . Thus, (DSB) does not hold. This completes the proof of Proposition 3.2.

We finally remark that our assumption in Proposition 3.2 implies that (NTZ) is not satisfied for L/k. In fact, (3.1.1) and Lemma 1.4 imply that there is a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of k which splits in K and is ramified in  $L/K_{\alpha}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}$  has to be ramified in  $K_{\alpha}/K$  by our assumption. Therefore, the inertia group of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/k)$  is not cyclic. This shows that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is above p. Since  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits in K, (NTZ) is not satisfied.

**3.2.** We give a numerical example which satisfies the conditions of Proposition 3.2.

Let p = 3,  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{69}, \sqrt{713})$  and  $K = k(\mu_3) = k(\sqrt{-3})$ . Suppose that  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  satisfy  $\alpha^3 - 6\alpha - 3 = 0$  and  $\beta^3 - 6\beta - 1 = 0$ , and put  $K_\alpha = K(\alpha)$ ,  $K_\beta = K(\beta)$ . The minimal splitting field of  $x^3 - 6x - 3$  (resp.  $x^3 - 6x - 1$ ) over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -extension and contains  $\sqrt{69}$  (resp.  $\sqrt{93}$ ). Therefore, both  $k(\alpha)/k$  and  $k(\beta)/k$  are cubic cyclic extensions. We put  $L = K_\alpha K_\beta$ . We have  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(K_\alpha/K) \oplus \operatorname{Gal}(K_\beta/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(k(\alpha)/k) \oplus \operatorname{Gal}(k(\beta)/k) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 2}$ .

There is only one prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  in k above 3. We can check that both  $k(\alpha)/k$  and  $k(\beta)/k$  are unramified outside  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is totally ramified both in  $k(\alpha)$  and in  $k(\beta)$ . Since  $K = k(\sqrt{-3}) = k(\sqrt{-23})$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits in K. Two primes of K above  $\mathfrak{p}$  are totally ramified in L. So L/k satisfies neither (NTZ) nor (R).

We can easily check that  $A_K^- \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus 2}$  by the computations of the class numbers of imaginary quadratic fields which are contained in K. More precisely, we have

$$A_K^- = A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})} \oplus A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-31})}.$$

We can check that the natural map  $A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)}$  is the zero map both theoretically (using that the  $\lambda$ -invariant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$  is 1) and numerically (using Pari/GP). We will explain it numerically. By Pari/GP, we can check that  $A^-_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . Since the norm map  $A^-_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})}$  is surjective by class field theory, it is bijective. This shows that the natural map  $A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23},\sqrt{-3},\alpha)}$  is the zero map. Similarly, using  $A^-_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-31},\sqrt{-3},\beta)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ , we know that  $A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-31})} \longrightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-31},\sqrt{-3},\beta)}$  is also the zero map. Therefore,  $A^-_K \longrightarrow A^-_L$  is the zero map.

Using Pari/GP, we can compute

$$A_{K_{\infty}}^{-} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/81\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/27\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}.$$

The action of a generator  $\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}$  of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\alpha}/K)$  is represented by the matrix

$$M_{\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}} = \begin{pmatrix} -32 & 21 & -27 \\ -10 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The meaning of the matrix is the same as §2. Putting  $S = \sigma_{K_{\alpha}} - 1$ , we obtain a relation matrix

of  $A^-_{K_{\alpha}}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\alpha}/K)]$ -module. The above matrix is reduced to

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 3 & S & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 27S & 3+3S+S^2-9S^2 \end{array}\right)$$

This shows that  $A_{K_{\alpha}}^{-}$  is generated by exactly two elements.

In the same way, we have

$$A^-_{K_\beta} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}.$$

The action of a generator  $\sigma_{K_{\beta}}$  of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K_{\beta}/K)$  is represented by the matrix

$$M_{\sigma_{K_{\beta}}} = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} -2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right).$$

We put  $T = \sigma_{K_{\beta}} - 1$ , then a relation matrix of  $A_{K_{\beta}}^{-}$  is

Therefore,  $A_{K_{\beta}}^{-}$  is generated by exactly three elements. Thus, our L/k satisfies all the conditions of Proposition 3.2. Hence we know that neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds for our L/k.

We finally remark that we could not compute numerically the Fitting ideal of  $A_L^-$  for this example. We can compute

$$A_L^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}/81\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/81\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$$

as an abelian group. But since the degree of L is too large, we could not compute the action of  $\operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$  on  $A_L^-$ , using Pari/GP.

## 4 Other examples

**4.1.** In this subsection, we describe the setting and the assumptions in this section. Let k' be a totally real number field and  $K' = k'(\mu_p)$ . We assume  $(K')^+ = k'$ , so [K' : k'] = 2. Let F'/k' be a finite and abelian *p*-extension such that  $\operatorname{Gal}(F'/k')$  is not cyclic. We further assume that F'/k' is ramified at a prime above *p*. We put L' = F'K'. We assume (NTZ) and (R) for L'/k'. So every prime above *p* does not split in K'/k', and every prime which splits in K'/k' is unramified in L'/k'. Let  $k'_{\infty}/k'$  (resp.  $F'_{\infty}/F'$ ) be the cyclotomic  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -extension. We further assume that  $F' \cap k'_{\infty} = k'$ , and all the primes of F' above *p* are totally ramified in  $F'_{\infty}$ .

We also assume that there is a CM-field K'' which is a quadratic extension of k' such that  $A_{\overline{K''}} = 0$ , and that there is a prime  $\mathfrak{P}'$  of k' above p which is ramified in F' and which splits in K''. Put L'' = F'K''. Then (R) is not satisfied for L''/k' because  $\mathfrak{P}'$  splits in K'' and is ramified in L''. Also, (NTZ) is not satisfied for L''/k' because  $\mathfrak{P}'$  splits in K''. Since  $\mathfrak{P}'$  splits in K'' and does not split in K', we have  $K' \neq K''$ . We assume that every prime of k' which is prime to p and which splits in K'' is unramified in L''/k'.

In this setting, we put K = K'K''. Then K is a CM-field and K/k' is an abelian extension such that  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k') \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . The maximal real subfield  $K^+$  of K is a quadratic extension of k'. We put  $k = K^+$ , F = kF' and L = kL' = kL''. We have  $K = kK' = k(\mu_p)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}'$  be a prime of k' above p which is ramified in F' and which splits in K''. Since  $\mathfrak{p}'$  does not split in K', it does not split in k. We denote by  $\mathfrak{p}$  the prime of k above  $\mathfrak{p}'$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits in K, and is ramified in L. In particular, neither (NTZ) nor (R) is satisfied for L/k. Since every prime above p is totally ramified in  $F'_{\infty}/F'$ , every prime of L (resp. K) above p is also totally ramified in  $L_{\infty}$  (resp.  $K_{\infty}$ ).

**4.2.** In this subsection, we will prove Theorem 0.2. Put  $G = \operatorname{Gal}(L/K) =$  $\operatorname{Gal}(L'/K') = \operatorname{Gal}(L''/K'') = \operatorname{Gal}(F/k) = \operatorname{Gal}(F'/k')$  and  $\Gamma = \operatorname{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K) =$  $\operatorname{Gal}(K'_{\infty}/K') = \operatorname{Gal}(K''_{\infty}/K'')$ . Let  $\kappa : \Gamma \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$  be the cyclotomic character and  $\gamma$  be a generator of  $\Gamma$ .

We put  $\Gamma_1 = \operatorname{Gal}(K_1/K) = \operatorname{Gal}(K_1'/K') = \operatorname{Gal}(K_1''/K'')$  where  $K_1$  (resp.  $K'_1, K''_1$  is the first layer of  $K_{\infty}/K$  (resp.  $K'_{\infty}/K', K''_{\infty}/K''$ ). We regard  $\gamma$  as a generator of  $\Gamma_1$ .

As in §3, we consider  $R_{K'_1} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K'_1/k')]$  and the decomposition  $R_{K'_1} =$  $R_{K'_1}^+ \oplus R_{K'_1}^-$ . For any element  $x \in R_{K'_1}$ , we denote by  $x^- \in R_{K'_1}^- \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1]$ the minus component of x. Let  $\psi : \Gamma_1 \longrightarrow \mu_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^{\times}$  be a faithful character, and  $O_{\psi} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Image} \psi]$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1]$ -module on which  $\Gamma_1$  acts via  $\psi$ . The ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1] \longrightarrow O_{\psi}$  defined by  $\sigma \mapsto \psi(\sigma)$  for all  $\sigma \in \Gamma_1$  is also denoted by  $\psi$ . So  $\psi(x^{-}) \in O_{\psi}$  is defined for  $x \in R_{K'_{1}}$ .

For any  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1]$ -module M, we define  $M_{\psi}$  by  $M_{\psi} = M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1]} O_{\psi}$ . We will prove

## Lemma 4.1

(4.2.2) 
$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((((A_{L_{1}}^{-})^{\vee})_{G})_{\psi}) \subsetneq (\psi(((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{1}'/k'})^{-})).$$

Proof. We will first prove (4.2.1). Since  $(R)_1$  is satisfied for  $L'_1/k'$ , the norm map induces an isomorphism

$$(A^-_{L'_1})_G \xrightarrow{\simeq} A^-_{K'_2}$$

by Lemma 1.4. Therefore, we have  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{K_1'}^-}((A_{L_1'}^-)_G) = \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{K_1'}^-}(A_{K_1'}^-)$ . Using the class number formula and the fact that  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K_1') = p\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K')$ , we get 11 1-

$$\operatorname{ord}_{p}(\frac{\#A_{K_{1}'}}{\#A_{K'}}) = \operatorname{ord}_{p}(N_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}(\mu_{p})/\mathbb{Q}_{p}}(\psi(\theta_{K_{1}'/k'}))) + 1$$

by the same method as Lemma 3.3. Since  $A_{K'}^- \longrightarrow A_{K'_1}^-$  is injective in our case, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A^-_{K'} \longrightarrow A^-_{K'_1} \longrightarrow (A^-_{K'_1})_{\psi} \longrightarrow 0.$$

It follows that

$$\operatorname{ord}_p(\#(A^-_{K'_1})_{\psi}) = \operatorname{length}_{O_{\psi}}((A^-_{K'_1})_{\psi}) = \operatorname{length}_{O_{\psi}}(O_{\psi}/\psi((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta^-_{K'_1/k'})),$$

which implies (4.2.1).

Next, we will prove (4.2.2). Suppose that n is an integer > 1. As in the proof of Proposition 1.1, we have  $H^q(\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/L'_1), E_{L'_n})^- = 0$  for any  $q \ge 1$ . Using the long exact sequence in §1 for  $L'_n/L'_1$ , we obtain  $\hat{H}^0(\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/L'_1), A^-_{L'_n}) = H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/L'_1), A^-_{L'_n}) = 0$  by our assumption (NTZ). This implies that the natural map  $A^-_{L'_1} \longrightarrow (A^-_{L'_n})^{\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/L'_1)}$  is bijective (cf. the proof of Proposition 1.1). Put  $A_{K'_{\infty}} = \lim A_{K'_n}$  and  $A_{L'_{\infty}} = \lim A_{L'_n}$ . Thus, we have an isomorphism

(4.2.2.1) 
$$A^-_{L'_1} \xrightarrow{\simeq} (A^-_{L'_{\infty}})^{\operatorname{Gal}(L'_{\infty}/L'_1)}.$$

Put  $\mathcal{X}_{K'_{\infty}} = A_{K'_{\infty}}^{\vee}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{L'_{\infty}} = A_{L'_{\infty}}^{\vee}$ . In the proof of Theorem 0.3 in [8], we proved

The isomorphism (4.2.2.1) induces an isomorphism  $(\mathcal{X}_{L'_{\infty}})_{G \times \operatorname{Gal}(L'_{\infty}/L'_{1})} \simeq ((A_{L'_{1}})^{\vee})_{G}$ . We denote by  $c_{K'_{\infty}/K'_{1}} : \Lambda_{K'_{\infty}} = \mathbb{Z}_{p}[[\operatorname{Gal}(K'_{\infty}/k')]] \longrightarrow R_{K'_{1}}$  the natural restriction map. Since every prime of k' above p is ramified in  $K'_{1}$ , by Lemma 1.5 we have

(4.2.2.3) 
$$c_{K'_{\infty}/K'_{1}}((\gamma-\kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K'_{\infty}/k'}) = (\gamma-\kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K'_{1}/k'}.$$

Hence by (4.2.2.2) and (4.2.2.3) we have

Fitt<sub>$$R_{K'_1}^-$$</sub> (( $(A_{L'_1}^-)^{\vee})_G$ )  $\subset (p, \gamma - 1)(((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K'_1/k'})^-),$ 

which implies (4.2.2).

Next, we consider L''/K''. Since  $K'' \neq K'$ , K'' does not contain a primitive p-th root of unity, so neither does  $K''_1$ . Put  $R_{K''_1} = \mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K''_1/k')]$ . Since  $I_{K''_1} = \operatorname{Ann}_{R_{K''_1}}(\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K''_1)) = R_{K''_1}$ , we have  $\theta_{K''_1/k'} \in R_{K''_1}$  by a theorem of Deligne and Ribet.

As we did for  $K'_1$ , we consider the decomposition  $R_{K''_1} = R^+_{K''_1} \oplus R^-_{K''_1}$ , and use the notation  $x^- \in R^-_{K''_1}$  which is the minus component of x for any  $x \in R_{K''_1}$ . For a faithful character  $\psi : \Gamma_1 \longrightarrow \mu_p$ , we also consider the ring homomorphism  $\psi : R^-_{K''_1} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1] \longrightarrow O_{\psi}$ .

We will prove

## Lemma 4.2

(4.2.3) 
$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A_{L_{1}''}^{-})_{G})_{\psi}) \subsetneq (\psi(\theta_{K_{1}''/k'}^{-}))$$

Proof. We first note that

(4.2.3.1) 
$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((A^{-}_{K_{1}^{\prime\prime}})_{\psi}) = (\psi(\theta^{-}_{K_{1}^{\prime\prime}/k'})).$$

We can prove (4.2.3.1) by the class number formula, using the same method as Lemma 3.3 and (4.2.1) (now we use  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K_1'') = \#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(K'') = 1$ ).

We first prove (4.2.3). By Lemma 1.4, we have a commutative diagram of exact sequences

where w (resp. v) runs over all finite primes of  $K_1''$  (resp. K''). Let  $v_{k'}$  be the prime of k' below a prime v of K''. If  $v_{k'}$  is not above p and splits in K''/k', v is unramified in L'' by our assumption. Hence  $(\bigoplus_v I_v(L''/K''))^- =$  $(\bigoplus_{v|p} I_v(L''/K''))^-$ . Similarly, we have  $(\bigoplus_w I_w(L_1''/K_1''))^- = (\bigoplus_{w|p} I_w(L_1''/K_1''))^-$ . If v is above p, v is totally ramified in  $K_1''$  because every prime above p is totally ramified in  $F_{\infty}'/F'$ . Let w be the prime of  $K_1''$  above v. Then the restriction map  $I_w(L_1''/K_1'') \longrightarrow I_v(L''/K'')$  is bijective because every prime of L'' above v is totally ramified in  $L_1''$ . Therefore,  $\beta$  is bijective. Since  $A_{K''}^- = 0$ ,  $\delta$  is also bijective. Thus,  $\alpha$  has a left inverse  $\beta^{-1} \circ \gamma^{-1} \circ \gamma$ . Hence we have isomorphisms

$$(4.2.3.2) \quad (A_{L_1''})_G \simeq (\bigoplus_{w|p} I_w(L_1''/K_1''))^- \oplus A_{K_1''}^- \simeq (\bigoplus_{v|p} I_v(L''/K''))^- \oplus A_{K_1''}^-$$

as  $R_{K_1'}^-$ -modules. Since there is a prime  $\mathfrak{p}'$  of k' above p which splits in K'' and which is ramified in L'',  $(\bigoplus_{v|p} I_v(L''/K''))^- \neq 0$ . Therefore, we have

$${\rm Fitt}_{R^{-}_{K^{\prime\prime}_{1}}}((A^{-}_{L^{\prime\prime}_{1}})_{G})\subset (p,\gamma-1)\,{\rm Fitt}_{R^{-}_{K^{\prime\prime}_{1}}}(A^{-}_{K^{\prime\prime}_{1}}).$$

By (4.2.3.1), this implies that

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A^-_{L_1''})_G)_{\psi}) \subset \psi((\gamma - 1)\theta^-_{K_1''/k'})$$

This completes the proof of (4.2.3).

Finally, we will prove (4.2.4). Since  $\#\mu_{p^{\infty}}(L_1'') = 1$ , we have  $H^1(G, E_{L_1''})^- = 0$ . This implies that the natural map  $A_{K_1''}^- \longrightarrow (A_{L_1''}^-)^G$  is injective. Hence  $((A_{L_1''}^-)^{\vee})_G \longrightarrow (A_{K_1''}^-)^{\vee}$  is surjective, so  $(((A_{L_1''}^-)^{\vee})_G)_{\psi} \longrightarrow ((A_{K_1''}^-)^{\vee})_{\psi}$  is also surjective, which gives an inclusion

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((((A_{L_{1}^{\prime\prime})}^{-})_{G})_{\psi}) \subset \operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A_{K_{1}^{\prime\prime})}^{-})_{\psi}).$$

In general, for any  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_1]$ -module M, we define  $M^{\psi}$  to be the kernel of  $N_{\Gamma_1} = 1 + \gamma + \ldots + \gamma^{p-1}$  on M. We have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M^{\psi} \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{N_{\Gamma_1}} M \longrightarrow M_{\psi} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Suppose that M is finite. Then by the above exact sequence, we have

$$#(M^{\vee})_{\psi} = #(M^{\psi})^{\vee} = #M^{\psi} = #M_{\psi}.$$

Applying the above equality to  $M = A^{-}_{K''_{1}}$ , we get

$$\mathrm{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((((A^{-}_{L_{1}''})^{\vee})_{G})_{\psi})\subset \mathrm{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A^{-}_{K_{1}''})^{\vee})_{\psi})=\mathrm{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((A^{-}_{K_{1}''})_{\psi}).$$

Using (4.2.3.1), we obtain (4.2.4).

**Remark 4.3** Note that (4.2.3) shows that (SB) does not hold for  $L''_1/k'$ . In fact, we have  $c_{L''_1/K'_1}(\theta_{L''_1/k'}) = u\theta_{K''_1/k'}$  for some  $u \in R_{K''_1}^{\times}$  by Lemma 1.5 because all the primes of k' above p are ramified in  $K''_1$ , and a prime of k' which is not above p and which splits in K'' is unramified in  $L''_1/K''_1$ . So if  $\theta_{L''_1/k'}$  was in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L''_1}}(A_{L''_1}), \theta_{K''_1/k'}^{-}$  would be in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{K''_1}}((A_{L''_1})_G)$ , and  $\psi(\theta_{K''_1/k'})$  would be in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A_{L''_1})_G)_{\psi})$ , which contradicts (4.2.3).

Now we proceed to the proof of Theorem 0.2. Let  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k')^{\vee}$  be the group of characters of  $\operatorname{Gal}(K/k')$ . For any  $\chi \in \operatorname{Gal}(K/k')^{\vee}$  and a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K/k')]$ -module M, we define

$$M^{\chi} = \{ x \in M \mid \sigma(x) = \chi(\sigma)x \text{ for all } \sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(K/k') \}.$$

Let  $\chi_1$  be the trivial character,  $\chi_k$  be the character corresponding to k/k', and  $\chi'$  (resp.  $\chi''$ ) be the character corresponding to K'/k' (resp. K''/k'). Any  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\operatorname{Gal}(K/k')]$ -module M is decomposed into  $M = M^{\chi_1} \oplus M^{\chi_k} \oplus M^{\chi'} \oplus M^{\chi''}$ . Since  $\chi', \chi''$  are odd characters (and  $\chi_1, \chi_k$  are even characters), we have  $M^- = M^{\chi'} \oplus M^{\chi''}$ . We identify  $\mathcal{G}_n = \operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k)$  with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/k')$  by the restriction map, and also identify  $\mathcal{G}_n$  with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L''_n/k')$ . We have an isomorphism

(4.2.5) 
$$A_{L_n}^- = A_{L_n}^{\chi'} \oplus A_{L_n}^{\chi''} \simeq A_{L'_n}^- \oplus A_{L''_n}^-$$

as  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\mathcal{G}_n]$ -modules for any  $n \ge 0$ .

Using the identifications of  $\mathcal{G}_n$  with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/k')$  and with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L''_n/k')$ , we regard  $\theta_{L'_n/k'}$ ,  $\theta_{L''_n/k'}$  as elements in  $\mathbb{Q}[\mathcal{G}_n]$ . Then we have

(4.2.6) 
$$\theta_{L_n/k} = \theta_{L'_n/k'} \theta_{L''_n/k'}.$$

We will give a proof of (4.2.6). We use a technique of Tate [15] Proposition 1.8 on page 87. Let  $\sigma$  (resp.  $\tau$ ) be a generator of  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/L'_n)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/L''_n)$ ), which is a cyclic group of order 2. Note that  $\sigma\tau$  is in  $\mathcal{G}_n$  and this equals to the complex conjugation  $\rho$ . We know that  $\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k') \simeq \mathcal{G}_n \times \langle \sigma \rangle \simeq \mathcal{G}_n \times \langle \tau \rangle$ . We have an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k')]^- \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/k')]^- \oplus \mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L''_n/k')]^- \simeq \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^- \oplus \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^-$$

where the first isomorphism is induced by  $c_{L_n/L'_n} \oplus c_{L_n/L''_n}$  and the second isomorphism comes from our identifications of  $\mathcal{G}_n$  with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L'_n/k')$  and with  $\operatorname{Gal}(L''_n/k')$ . Since  $c_{L_n/L'_n}$  (resp.  $c_{L_n/L''_n}$ ) is defined by  $\sigma \mapsto 1$  (resp.  $\tau \mapsto 1$ ), the above first isomorphism satisfies  $a + b\sigma \mapsto (a + b, a - b)$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^-$ .

Let x be an element of  $\mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k')]^-$ . The multiplication by x defines an endomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k')]^-$  which is a free  $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^-$ -module of rank 2. Hence, the determinant induces a homomorphism  $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k')]^- \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^-$ . Namely,  $\mathcal{N}(a + b\sigma) = a^2 - b^2$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{G}_n]^-$ , and

(4.2.7) 
$$\mathcal{N}(x) = c_{L_n/L'_n}(x)c_{L_n/L''_n}(x).$$

Let  $\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)$  be a  $\mathbb{C}[\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/k')]$ -valued function defined in [15] satisfying  $\theta_{L_n/k'}(0) = \theta_{L_n/k'}$ . Using Tate [15] Proposition 1.8 on page 87, we have

(4.2.8) 
$$\mathcal{N}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)) = \prod_{v \in S} (1 - \varphi_v^{-1} N(v)^{-s}) \theta_{L_n/k}(s)$$

where S is the set of primes of k' which are ramified in k/k' and are unramified in  $L_n/k$ , and N(v) is the norm of a prime v. If v is in S, it is unramified in  $L_n/K$ , so it is prime to p. Hence it is unramified in K', and is unramified in  $L'_n$ . Therefore, we have

 $S = \{v : a \text{ prime of } k' \mid v \text{ is ramified in } L_n/k' \text{ and is unramified in } L'_n/k'\}.$ 

By Tate [15] Corollary 1.7 on page 86, we have

(4.2.9) 
$$c_{L_n/L'_n}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)) = \prod_{v \in S} (1 - \varphi_v^{-1} N(v)^{-s}) \theta_{L'_n/k'}(s).$$

If a prime v of k' is ramified in  $L_n$  and unramified in  $L''_n$ , it is ramified in K' so it is a prime above p. But this contradicts our assumption that all the primes above p are totally ramified in  $L''_n/L''$ . Hence there is no prime of k' which is ramified in  $L_n$  and unramified in  $L''_n$ . By Tate [15] Corollary 1.7 on page 86, we have

(4.2.10) 
$$c_{L_n/L''_n}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)) = \theta_{L''_n/k'}(s).$$

By (4.2.7), (4.2.8), (4.2.9), and (4.2.10), we get

$$\mathcal{N}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)) = c_{L_n/L'_n}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s))c_{L_n/L''_n}(\theta_{L_n/k'}(s)).$$

Substituting s = 0, we obtain (4.2.6). This completes the proof of (4.2.6).

Now, we will prove that (SB) does not hold for  $L_n/k$  for  $n \ge 1$ . Suppose that  $(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k}$  is in  $\operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_n}}(A_{L_n})$ . Since  $(A_{L_n}^-)_{\operatorname{Gal}(L_n/L_1)} \longrightarrow A_{L_1}^-$  is surjective by Lemma 1.4, we have  $c_{L_n/L_1}((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k}^-) \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{L_1}^-}(A_{L_1}^-)$ , and

$$c_{L_n/K_1}((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta^-_{L_n/k}) \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_{K_1}}((A^-_{L_1})_G).$$

By Lemma 1.5,  $c_{L_n/K_1}(\theta_{L_n/k}) = u\theta_{K_1/k}^-$  for some  $u \in (R_{K_1}^-)^{\times}$  because every prime of k above p is totally ramified in  $K_1$ , and every prime of k which is not above p and which splits in K is unramified. Therefore, we have

$$(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_1/k}^- \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{K_1}^-}((A_{L_1}^-)_G).$$

By (4.2.5) and (4.2.6), this implies that

$$(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta^{-}_{K'_{1}/k'}\theta^{-}_{K''_{1}/k'} \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^{-}_{K_{1}}}((A^{-}_{L'_{1}})_{G})\operatorname{Fitt}_{R^{-}_{K_{1}}}((A^{-}_{L''_{1}})_{G})$$

and

$$\psi((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta^-_{K_1'/k'}\theta^-_{K_1''/k'}) \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A^-_{L_1'})_G)_{\psi})\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A^-_{L_1'})_G)_{\psi}).$$

On the other hand, by (4.2.1) and (4.2.3) we have

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A_{L_{1}'}^{-})_{G})_{\psi})\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}(((A_{L_{1}''}^{-})_{G})_{\psi}) \subsetneq (\psi((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{1}'/k'}^{-}\theta_{K_{1}''/k'}^{-})).$$

This is a contradiction.

By the same method, we can prove that (DSB) does not hold. Suppose that  $(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{L_n/k}$  is in Fitt<sub> $R_{L_n}$ </sub>  $(A_{L_n}^{\vee})$ . As we saw in §1,  $H^1(\text{Gal}(L_n/L_1), E_{L_n})^- = H^1(\text{Gal}(L_n/L_1), \mu_{p^{\infty}}(L_n)) = 0$  ([16] Lemma 13.27), which implies that  $A_{L_1}^- \longrightarrow A_{L_n}^-$  is injective. Therefore, we get

$$(\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_1/k}^- \in \operatorname{Fitt}_{R_{K_1}^-}(((A_{L_1}^-)^{\vee})_G)$$

by the same method as above. By (4.2.5) and (4.2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta^-_{K'_1/k'}\theta^-_{K''_1/k'} &\in & \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_{K_1}}(((A^-_{L'_1})^{\vee})_G)\operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_{K_1}}(((A^-_{L''_1})^{\vee})_G) \\ &= \operatorname{Fitt}_{R^-_{K_1}}(((A^-_{L_1})^{\vee})_G). \end{aligned}$$

But (4.2.2) and (4.2.4) imply that

$$\operatorname{Fitt}_{O_{\psi}}((((A_{L_{1}}^{-})^{\vee})_{G})_{\psi}) \subsetneq (\psi((\gamma - \kappa(\gamma))\theta_{K_{1}'/k'}^{-}\theta_{K_{1}''/k'}^{-})),$$

which is a contradiction. This completes the proof of Theorem 0.2.

**4.3.** We give an example which satisfies the conditions of Theorem 0.2. We consider p = 3,  $k' = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1901})$  and  $K' = k'(\mu_3)$ . Let  $F'_{\alpha}$  (resp.  $F'_{\beta}$ ) be the minimal splitting field of  $X^3 - 84X - 191$  (resp.  $X^3 - 57X - 68$ ). Both  $F'_{\alpha}$  and  $F'_{\beta}$  are  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -extensions over  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing k'. We put  $F' = F'_{\alpha}F'_{\beta}$ . The prime (3) of k' is ramified in  $F'_{\beta}$ , so in F'. The extension F'/k' is unramified outside 3. The Galois group  $G = \operatorname{Gal}(F'/k')$  is not cyclic and isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . Put L' = F'K'. Then L'/k' satisfies both (NTZ) and (R) as we explained in §2. From our construction (see §2), we know  $F' \cap k'_{\infty} = k'$ , and every prime above 3 is totally ramified in  $F'_{\infty}/F'$ .

We put  $K'' = k'(\sqrt{-2})$ . Then  $A_{K''} = 0$ , and (3) splits in K''/k'. Put L'' = F'K''. Then L''/K'' is unramified outside (3). We take  $k = k'(\sqrt{6}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6},\sqrt{1901})$ , F = kF', K = kK' = K'K'', and L = kL'. Thus, the extension L/k satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 0.2, namely the conditions in the subsection 3.1. Applying Theorem 0.2, we know that neither (SB) nor (DSB) holds for  $L_n/k$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

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