

Some Elements of Finite Order in $K_2\mathbb{Q}$

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Abstract Let K_2 be the Milnor functor and let $\Phi_n(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ be the n -th cyclotomic polynomial. Let $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ denote a subset consisting of elements of the form $\{a, \Phi_n(a)\}$, where $a \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ and $\{, \}$ denotes the Steinberg symbol in $K_2\mathbb{Q}$. J. Browkin proved that $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$ if $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ or 6 and conjectured that $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a group for any other values of n . This conjecture was confirmed for $n = 2^r 3^s$ or $n = p^r$, where $p \geq 5$ is a prime number such that $h(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p))$ is not divisible by p . In this paper we confirm the conjecture for some n , where n is not of the above forms, more precisely, for $n = 15, 21, 33, 35, 60$ or 105 .

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1 Introduction

Let \mathbb{Q} be the field of rational numbers. Let $v_p(\cdot)$ denote the p -adic valuation on \mathbb{Q} . Denote by K_2 the Milnor functor and by $\Phi_n(x)$ the n -th cyclotomic polynomial. The following isomorphism ([1]), which is due to Tate, is well known: $K_2\mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\tau} A_2 \oplus A_3 \oplus A_5 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_p \oplus \cdots$, where $A_2 = \{\pm 1\}$, and for any odd prime p , $A_p = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$. The isomorphism $\tau = (\tau_p)$ is defined as follows. For any odd prime p and any $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}^*$,

$$\tau_p\{x, y\} = (-1)^{v_p(x)v_p(y)} x^{v_p(y)} y^{-v_p(x)} \pmod{p}.$$

And τ_2 is defined as follows: If $x = (-1)^i 2^j 5^k u$, $y = (-1)^I 2^J 5^K w$, where $u, w \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then $\tau_2\{x, y\} = (-1)^{iI+jK+kJ}$. Let $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ denote a subset of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$ consisting of the Steinberg symbols $\{a, \Phi_n(a)\}$, where $a, \Phi_n(a) \in \mathbb{Q}^*$. For an abelian group H , and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $H_n = \{x \in H \mid x^n = 1\}$. Browkin ([2]) proved that $G_n(\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq (K_2\mathbb{Q})_n$ and $(K_2\mathbb{Q})_3 = G_3(\mathbb{Q})$. Moreover, he proved that $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is a group if $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ or 6 and conjectured that $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a group otherwise. The last assertion was proved for an arbitrary field having at least three elements, and the conjecture was formulated for these fields. Browkin's result on $K_2\mathbb{Q}$ was extended in [3] and [4]. Browkin's conjecture was confirmed in many cases: $n = 5$ and 7 ([5]); $n = 2^r 3^s$ ([6]); $n = p^r$ with the class number $h(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p))$ not divisible by p ([6–8]). For $n = 5$ see also [9].

In this paper, we confirm Browkin's conjecture for $n = 15, 21, 33, 35, 60$ and 105 .

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2 Preliminaries

In the following we shall need two lemmas on cyclotomic polynomial. From now on, we denote $\Phi_n(x, y) = y^{\phi(n)}\Phi_n(\frac{x}{y})$, where $\phi(\cdot)$ is the Euler function.

Lemma 2.1 *Let p be an odd prime. Suppose $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $(x, y) = 1$. (1) If $x \not\equiv y \pmod{p}$, then $p \nmid \Phi_p(x, y)$; (2) If $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$, then $p \parallel \Phi_p(x, y)$; (3) $2 \nmid \Phi_p(x, y)$.*

Proof See (1), (2) in [5]. (3) is obvious.

Lemma 2.2 *Let q be a prime with $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and n has at least two distinct prime factors. If for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q^2 \mid \Phi_n(a)$, then $q \parallel \Phi_n(a + q)$.*

Proof Let $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}$ be the prime factorization. Since $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, q splits completely in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$. Write $\Phi_n(a) = \prod_{i=1, (i, n)=1}^n (a - \zeta_n^i) = \prod_{i=1, (i, p_j)=1}^{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}} (a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$. If $i \neq j$, $(a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i) - (a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^j) = \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^j (1 - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^{i-j})$. Since n has at least two distinct prime factors, there are no common factors for ideals $(a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$ and $(a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^j)$ except $(1 - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1}})$, $(1 - \zeta_{p_2^{n_2}})$, \dots , and $(1 - \zeta_{p_s^{n_s}})$. Since $q^2 \mid \Phi_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}(a)$, there exists a prime factor \mathfrak{S} of q such that $\mathfrak{S}^2 \mid (a - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$. We also have $\mathfrak{S} \mid (a + q - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$. If $\mathfrak{S}^2 \mid (a + q - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$, then $\mathfrak{S}^2 \mid q$, which is impossible since q is unramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$. So $\mathfrak{S} \parallel (a + q - \zeta_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}^i)$ and then $q \parallel \Phi_n(a + q)$. This completes the proof.

We also need a lemma on the group of units in some special cyclotomic fields.

Lemma 2.3 *In $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$, $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7)$, $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{11})$, the groups of units can be generated by $-1, 1 + \zeta_5^3, \zeta_5, -1, 1 + \zeta_7, 1 + \zeta_7^2, \zeta_7$, and $-1, 1 + \zeta_{11}, 1 + \zeta_{11}^2, 1 + \zeta_{11}^3, 1 + \zeta_{11}^4, \zeta_{11}$, respectively.*

Proof See [5]. Since the class numbers of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{11})$ are 1, the group of units can be generated by the cyclotomic units. By Lemma 8.1 [10], we see that the results follow.

Lemma 2.4 ([5]) *Let $n \geq 1$ and p be an odd prime. Suppose that q is a prime with $q = mp + 1$. Then $\Phi_p(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ has $p - 1$ distinct roots, say, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{p-1} \pmod{q}$, and we have the following isomorphism: $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x)) \stackrel{\cong}{\simeq} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{p-1} \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$, where α is defined as follows: For any $f(x) \in (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})[x]/(\Phi_p(x))$, $\alpha(f(x)) = (f(\alpha_1), f(\alpha_2), \dots, f(\alpha_{p-1}))$.*

Lemma 2.5 *Let a, b be two integers and p be a prime. If $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p}$, then $(a - b\zeta_p^i, a - b\zeta_p^j) = 1 (i \neq j)$. If $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$, then $1 - \zeta_p^i \mid a - b\zeta_p^i$ and $(\frac{a - b\zeta_p^i}{1 - \zeta_p^i}, \frac{a - b\zeta_p^j}{1 - \zeta_p^j}) = 1 (i \neq j)$.*

Proof If $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p}$, then for any prime ideal with $\wp \mid (a - \zeta_p^i b)$ and $\wp \mid (a - \zeta_p^j b)$, where $i \neq j$, we have $\wp \mid (\zeta_p^i b - \zeta_p^j b) = (\text{unit})(1 - \zeta_p) b$. Therefore $\wp = (1 - \zeta_p)$ or $\wp \mid b$. Similarly, $\wp \mid \zeta_p^j (a - \zeta_p^i b) - \zeta_p^i (a - \zeta_p^j b) = (\text{unit})(1 - \zeta_p) a$. So $\wp = (1 - \zeta_p)$ or $\wp \mid a$. If $\wp \neq (1 - \zeta_p)$ then $\wp \mid a$ and $\wp \mid b$, which is impossible since $(a, b) = 1$. Therefore $\wp = (1 - \zeta_p)$. But $a - \zeta_p^i b = (a - b) + b(1 - \zeta_p^i) \equiv 0 \pmod{\wp}$. This implies that $a \equiv b \pmod{\wp}$, so we have $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$, since $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$, a contradiction. If $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$, it's easy to see that $1 - \zeta_p^i \mid a - b\zeta_p^i$ and $(\frac{a - b\zeta_p^i}{1 - \zeta_p^i}, \frac{a - b\zeta_p^j}{1 - \zeta_p^j}) = 1$ since $a - \zeta_p^i b = (a - b) + b(1 - \zeta_p^i)$.

3 Main Theorems

In this section, we will prove two theorems. In the first of them we determine $v_p(\Phi_n(a, b))$, where $p \mid n$, and in the second we prove that, if Browkin's conjecture is true, then the Diophantine equation $\Phi_n(a, b) = \varepsilon_n z^p q^p$, where p is the greatest prime divisor of n , $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and $\varepsilon_n = p$ or 1, has a solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with z not divisible by any prime divisor of n .

Theorem 3.1 *For a natural number n not being a prime power, let p be the greatest prime factor of n . Then, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(a, b) = 1$, we have*

- (1) $v_r(\Phi_n(a, b)) = 0$ if $r \neq p$ is a prime divisor of n ;
(2) $v_p(\Phi_n(a, b)) = 1$ only if $p - 1$ is divisible by every prime divisor different from p of n ; and $v_p(\Phi_n(a, b)) = 0$ otherwise.

Proof Let $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}$ be the prime factorization, where $p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_s = p$. Since $\Phi_{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_s^{n_s}}(x) = \Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(x^{p_1^{n_1-1} p_2^{n_2-1} \cdots p_s^{n_s-1}})$, we need to consider only the prime factors of $\Phi_n(a, b)$, where $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s$. We have $\Phi_n(x) = \prod_{d|n} (x^d - 1)^{\mu(\frac{n}{d})}$, where $\mu(\cdot)$ is the Möbius function. We see that, if s is odd, then

$$\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(x) = \frac{(x^{p_1 p_2 p_3 \cdots p_s} - 1) \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq s} (x^{\frac{n}{p_i p_j}} - 1) \cdots \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{p_i} - 1)}{\prod_{i=1}^s (x^{\frac{n}{p_i}} - 1) \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq s} (x^{\frac{n}{p_i p_j p_k}} - 1) \cdots (x - 1)}$$

if s is even, then

$$\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(x) = \frac{(x^{p_1 p_2 p_3 \cdots p_s} - 1) \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq s} (x^{\frac{n}{p_i p_j}} - 1) \cdots (x - 1)}{\prod_{i=1}^s (x^{\frac{n}{p_i}} - 1) \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq s} (x^{\frac{n}{p_i p_j p_k}} - 1) \cdots \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{p_i} - 1)}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b) \\ &= \frac{\Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_i - 1 p_{i+1} \cdots p_s}, b^{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_i - 1 p_{i+1} \cdots p_s}) \prod_{j,k} \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k}}) \cdots \Phi_{p_i}(a, b)}{\prod_j \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j}}) \prod_{j,k,l} \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k p_l}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k p_l}}) \cdots \prod_j \Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_j}, b^{p_j})} \end{aligned}$$

when s is odd, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b) \\ &= \frac{\Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_i - 1 p_{i+1} \cdots p_s}, b^{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_i - 1 p_{i+1} \cdots p_s}) \prod_{j,k} \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k}}) \cdots \prod_j \Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_j}, b^{p_j})}{\prod_j \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j}}) \prod_{j,k,l} \Phi_{p_i}(a^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k p_l}}, b^{\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}{p_i p_j p_k p_l}}) \cdots \Phi_{p_i}(a, b)} \end{aligned}$$

when s is even.

We are going to compute $v_r(\Phi_n(a, b))$ for any prime divisor $r | n$. First we consider $r \neq p$, i.e., $r = p_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq s - 1$).

If $p_1 = 2$, then $2 \nmid \Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b)$. We need to consider only $p_i \nmid a$ and $p_i \nmid b$ because, if $p_i | a$ or $p_i | b$, then $a^n \not\equiv b^n \pmod{p_i}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, since $(a, b) = 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we have $v_{p_i}(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b)) = 0$.

Case 1 $a \equiv b \pmod{p_i}$: It follows easily by Lemma 2.1.

Case 2 $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p_i}$, but $a^{p_j} \equiv b^{p_j} \pmod{p_i} (j \neq i)$: We need to consider only $j < i$ because $(p_j, p_i - 1) = 1$ when $j > i, p_j > p_i$. We can also consider only one prime p_j since if $a^{p_j} \equiv b^{p_j} \pmod{p_i}$ and $a^{p_k} \equiv b^{p_k} \pmod{p_i}$, for $j \neq k$, it follows that $a \equiv b \pmod{p_i}$, a contradiction. We have $(a^{p_j})^* \equiv (b^{p_j})^* \pmod{p_i}$, where $*$ denotes any positive integer. Since the form like $\Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_j^*}, b^{p_j^*})$ where $*$ $|$ $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s$ but $*$ \nmid $p_i p_j$ appears the same times ($C_{s-2}^0 + C_{s-2}^2 + \cdots = C_{s-2}^1 + C_{s-2}^3 + \cdots = 2^{s-3}$ times) on the numerator and the denominator of $\Phi_n(a, b)$, the result follows from Lemma 2.1.

Case 3 $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p_i}$ and $a^{p_j} \not\equiv b^{p_j} \pmod{p_i}, 1 \leq j \leq s, j \neq i$, but $a^{p_j p_k} \equiv b^{p_j p_k} \pmod{p_i}$: We also need to consider only those $\Phi_{p_i}(a^*, b^*)$, where $p_j p_k | *$ because if $a^{p_j p_k} \equiv b^{p_j p_k} \pmod{p_i}$ and $a^{p_j p_l} \equiv b^{p_j p_l} \pmod{p_i}$, then $a^{p_j} \equiv b^{p_j} \pmod{p_i}$, which is just Case 2. Similarly, we may check that the form like $\Phi_{p_i}(a^{p_j p_k^*}, b^{p_j p_k^*})$, where $*$ $|$ $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s$ but $*$ \nmid $p_i p_j p_k$ appears the same times ($C_{s-3}^0 + C_{s-3}^2 + \cdots = C_{s-3}^1 + C_{s-3}^3 + \cdots = 2^{s-4}$ times) in the numerator and the denominator of $\Phi_n(a, b)$. By Lemma 2.1, we get $v_{p_i}(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b)) = 0$.

Continuing this procedure, we always have $v_{p_i}(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s}(a, b)) = 0$.

Case $(s - 1)$ $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p_i}, a^{p_j} \not\equiv b^{p_j} \pmod{p_i} (j \neq i), \dots, a^{p_j p_k} \not\equiv b^{p_j p_k} \pmod{p_i}, \dots, a^{\frac{n}{p_i p_k}} \not\equiv b^{\frac{n}{p_i p_k}} \pmod{p_i} (1 \leq j \neq k \leq s)$ but $a^{\frac{n}{p_i}} \equiv b^{\frac{n}{p_i}} \pmod{p_i}$: Since $p_i < p_s, (p_s, p_i - 1) = 1$. Then $a^{\frac{n}{p_i p_s}} \equiv b^{\frac{n}{p_i p_s}} \pmod{p_i}$, it's just case $(s - 2)$. The result follows from Lemma 2.1.

Finally we consider $v_p(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_s}(a, b))$. The same discussion goes on as in the foregoing part, except case $(s - 1)$. If $a \not\equiv b \pmod{p_s}$, $a^{p^j} \not\equiv b^{p^j} \pmod{p_s} (j \neq s)$, $a^{p_j p_k} \not\equiv b^{p_j p_k} \pmod{p_s} (j, k \neq s), \dots, a^{\frac{n}{p_j p_k}} \not\equiv b^{\frac{n}{p_j p_k}} \pmod{p_s}$ and $a^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{s-1}} \not\equiv b^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{s-1}} \pmod{p_s}$, by Lemma 2.1, then $v_{p_s}(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_s}(a, b)) = 0$. On the other hand, we see that $v_{p_s}(\Phi_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_s}(a, b)) = 1$ happens only if $p_s \equiv 1 \pmod{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{s-1}}$ together with $a^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{s-1}} \equiv b^{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{s-1}} \pmod{p_s}$. Our theorem is proved.

Theorem 3.2 *Let p be the greatest prime divisor of n . Given $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, if $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$, then we have:*

(1) *The Diophantine equation $\Phi_n(a, b) = \varepsilon_n z^p q^p$ has a solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with $(a, b) = 1$ and z is not divisible by any prime divisor r of n , where $\varepsilon_n = p$ only if $p - 1$ is divisible by every prime divisor r , $r \neq p$ of n and $\varepsilon_n = 1$ otherwise,*

(2) *For any prime divisor $r \mid n$, $r \neq p$, the Diophantine equation $\Phi_n(a, b) = \varepsilon_n z^r q^r$ has solutions $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with $(a, b) = 1$ and z is not divisible by every prime divisor r of n , where ε_n is the same as above.*

Proof Since $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, by Proposition 2.10 [10], there exists $a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $q \mid \Phi_n(a_0)$. By Lemma 2.2, we may suppose $q \parallel \Phi_n(a_0)$. Let $\beta = \{a_0, \Phi_n(a_0)\}^p$. If $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$, then there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(a, b) = 1$ such that $\beta = \{\frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n(\frac{a}{b})\}$. Choosing a prime l other than any prime divisor of n , we prove that $p \mid j = v_l(\Phi_n(a, b)) > 0$. It is obvious that $l \nmid ab$. We claim that, for $p \neq j$,

$$\tau_l \left\{ \frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) \right\}^{\frac{n}{p^{v_p(n)}}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{l}. \tag{*}$$

In fact, if (*) does not hold, then

$$\tau_l \left\{ \frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) \right\}^{\frac{n}{p^{v_p(n)}}} = \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{j \cdot \left(\frac{n}{p^{v_p(n)}} \right)} \equiv 1 \pmod{l}.$$

On the other hand, $\{\frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n(\frac{a}{b})\}^n = 1$, so $(\frac{a}{b})^n \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$. Since $(j, p) = 1$, $(\frac{a}{b})^{\frac{n}{p^{v_p(n)}}} \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$. Since $l \mid \Phi_n(a, b)$, we have $l \mid$ (numerator of $\Phi_n(a, b)$). By the expression of $\Phi_n(a, b)$ in the proof of the former theorem, l must divide such a form $\Phi_p(a^t, b^t)$, where $t \mid n$ and $(t, p) = 1$. Then $a^{p \cdot t} \equiv b^{p \cdot t} \pmod{l}$. Hence, $a^t \equiv b^t \pmod{l}$, which contradicts the fact that $l \mid \Phi_p(a^t, b^t)$ and $(a, b) = 1$. We obtain $p \mid v_l(\Phi_n(a, b))$.

Finally we will prove $p \mid v_q(\Phi_n(a, b))$. First we have $v_q(\frac{a}{b}) = 0$. If not, then an easy calculation shows that $\tau_q \{\frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n(\frac{a}{b})\} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, by the previous assumption, $\tau_q \{a_0, \Phi(a_0)\}^p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, i.e., $a_0^p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, which contradicts Lemma 2.9 [10]. Next we have $v_q(\Phi_n(a, b)) > 0$. If not, then

$$\tau_q \{a_0, \Phi(a_0)\}^p = \tau_q \left\{ \frac{a}{b}, \Phi_n \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) \right\} = (-1)^{v_q(\frac{a}{b}) v_q(\Phi_n(\frac{a}{b}))} \frac{(\frac{a}{b})^{v_q(\Phi_n(\frac{a}{b}))}}{(\Phi_n(\frac{a}{b}))^{v_q(\frac{a}{b})}} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}.$$

i.e., $a_0^p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, which is also a contradiction. Then, by the same argument of the foregoing part of the proof, we can get $p \mid v_q(\Phi_n(a, b))$. Hence, if $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ is a group, then, by Theorem 3.1, we get (1). If we replace p by some other prime factor of n in the proof, then we will obtain (2).

4 Some Examples

In this section, we will verify that $G_n(\mathbb{Q})$ are not groups for $n = 15, 21, 33, 35, 60$ and 105 . In all the cases we proceed in the same way:

1 We first find a prime $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ such that we need to prove only that $\Phi_n(a, b) = \varepsilon_n z^p q^p$ has no integral solutions.

2 We factor $\Phi_n(a, b)$ in $\mathbb{Z}(\zeta_p)$ and get a polynomial about ζ_p .

3 Finally we consider a polynomial over $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x))$. By Lemma 2.4, we are working over $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$. By computation, if the polynomial has no solution over the finite field then we get what we want.

Theorem 4.1 $G_{15}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We have $31 \parallel \Phi_{15}(-3) = 31 \cdot 271$. We let $q = 31$. Since $5 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, by Theorem 3.2, we need to prove only the Diophantine equation $\Phi_{15}(a, b) = z^5 31^5$ has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$. We see that the equation can be written as

$$\Phi_5(a^3, b^3) = \Phi_5(a, b)z^5 31^5, \tag{4.1}$$

i.e., $\prod_{i=1}^4(a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^i) = \prod_{j=1}^4(a - b\zeta_5^j)z^5 31^5$. We have

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_5 = a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^6 = (a - b\zeta_5^2)(a^2 + ab\zeta_5 + b^2\zeta_5^4),$$

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^2 = a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^{12} = (a - b\zeta_5^4)(a^2 + ab\zeta_5^4 + b^2\zeta_5^3),$$

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^3 = (a - b\zeta_5)(a^2 + ab\zeta_5 + b^2\zeta_5^2),$$

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^4 = a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^9 = (a - b\zeta_5^3)(a^2 + ab\zeta_5^3 + b^2\zeta_5).$$

If $a \not\equiv b \pmod{5}$, then $a^3 \not\equiv b^3 \pmod{5}$. By Lemma 2.5, $(a - b\zeta_5^i, a - b\zeta_5^j) = 1$, $(a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^i, a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^j) = 1$ ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq 4$). If $a \equiv b \pmod{5}$, then $1 - \zeta_5^i \mid a - b\zeta_5^i$ and $(\frac{a - b\zeta_5^i}{1 - \zeta_5^i}, \frac{a - b\zeta_5^j}{1 - \zeta_5^j}) = 1$. We can also see that $1 - \zeta_5^i \mid a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^i$ and $(\frac{a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^i}{1 - \zeta_5^i}, \frac{a^3 - b^3\zeta_5^j}{1 - \zeta_5^j}) = 1$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq 4, i \neq j$). It is known that $\frac{1 - \zeta_5^i}{1 - \zeta_5^j}$ is a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$. From the above, we conclude that, if (4.1) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , then $a^3 - b^3\zeta_5 = (a - b\zeta_5^2)\varepsilon\alpha^5$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ and ε is a unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$.

By Lemma 2.3, we may assume that $\varepsilon = \zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j$ ($0 \leq i, j \leq 4$). Hence

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_5 = (a - b\zeta_5^2)\zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j\alpha^5.$$

We have $\alpha^5 \equiv \rho \pmod{5}$, where $\rho \in \mathbb{Z}$. For any $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, consider

$$a^3 - b^3x = (a - bx^2)x^i(1 + x^3)^j\rho \tag{4.2}$$

over $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_5(x))$.

One can check that only if i, j take the following values:

i	j
0	0
3	1
4	0

there are $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ such that (4.2) holds.

Now let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z}$, consider

$$(a^3 - b^3x)(a - bx^2)^4x^{5-i}(1 + x^3)^{5-j} = \alpha^5 \tag{4.3}$$

over $\mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_5(x))$.

Let

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_5(x) = 0\} = \{2, 4, 6, 8\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{15}(x) = 0\} = \{7, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20, 28\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z})^5 = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 5, \pm 6\}.$$

By Lemma 2.4, we see that (4.3) holds if and only if $x \in S_1$. Let i, j take the values as in the above and $\frac{a}{b} \pmod{31} \in S_2$. One can verify that, for any nonzero integers a, b , there exists no $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_5(x))$ satisfying (4.3). Hence $\Phi_{15}(a, b) = z^5 31^5$ has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ satisfying $(a, b) = 1$. Our theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.2 $G_{21}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We see that $43 \parallel \Phi_{21}(-3) = 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 2269$. We choose $q = 43$. Since $7 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, and we have to consider two Diophantine equations:

$$\Phi_7(a^3, b^3) = \Phi_7(a, b)43^7z^7, \tag{4.4}$$

$$\Phi_7(a^3, b^3) = 7\Phi_7(a, b)43^7z^7. \tag{4.5}$$

We have $a^3 - b^3\zeta_7 = a^3 - b^3\zeta_7^{15} = (a - b\zeta_7^5)(a^2 + ab\zeta_7^5 + b^2\zeta_7^3)$. If (4.4) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , as in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we must have $a^3 - b^3\zeta_7 = (a - b\zeta_7^5)\varepsilon\alpha^7$, where ε is a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_7]$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_7]$.

By Lemma 2.3, $\varepsilon = \zeta_7^i(1 + \zeta_7)^j(1 + \zeta_7^2)^k$ ($0 \leq i, j, k \leq 6$), so

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_7 = (a - b\zeta_7^5)\zeta_7^i(1 + \zeta_7)^j(1 + \zeta_7^2)^k\alpha^7.$$

Letting $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z}$, we consider

$$(a^3 - b^3x)(a - bx^5)^6x^{7-i}(1+x)^{7-j}(1+x^2)^{7-k} = \alpha^7 \tag{4.6}$$

over $\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_7(x))$.

If $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{43}$, then (4.6) can be written as $(\frac{a}{b})^3 - x(\frac{a}{b} - x^5)^6x^{7-i}(1+x)^{7-j}(1+x^2)^{7-k}b^5 = \alpha^7$. Let $f(c, a, x) = (a^3 - x)(a - x^5)^6c$, $c \in (\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^*$. We have

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_7(x) = 0\} = \{4, 11, 16, 21, 35, 41\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{21}(x) = 0\} = \{9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 23, 24, 25, 31, 38, 40\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^7 = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 6, \pm 7\}.$$

By Lemma 2.4, one can see that (4.6) holds if and only if $x \in S_1$. Let x be taken from S_1 , a from S_2 , and let c range from 1 to 42. One can verify that no non-integers x, a, c exist to make $f(c, a, x) \in (\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^7$. Thus $b \equiv 0 \pmod{43}$, and $a \equiv 0 \pmod{43}$, which contradicts the fact $(a, b) = 1$.

Considering (4.5), we know that $a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{7}$ and $a \not\equiv b \pmod{7}$, and so if $i \neq j$, then $(\frac{a^3 - b^3\zeta_7^i}{1 - \zeta_7^i}, \frac{a^3 - b^3\zeta_7^j}{1 - \zeta_7^j}) = 1$ and $(a - b\zeta_7^i, a - b\zeta_7^j) = 1$. Note that $7 = \prod_{i=1}^6(1 - \zeta_7^i)$. So if (4.5) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , we must have $a^3 - b^3\zeta_7 = (1 - \zeta_7)(a - b\zeta_7^5)\zeta_7^i(1 + \zeta_7)^j(1 + \zeta_7^2)^k$, $0 \leq i, j, k \leq 6$. Consider

$$(a^3 - b^3x)(a - bx^5)^6x^{7-i}(1+x)^{7-j}(1+x^2)^{7-k}(1-x)^6 = \alpha^7. \tag{4.7}$$

Write $f(c, a, x) = (a^3 - x)(a - x^5)^6c$, $c \in (\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^*$. Discussing as in (4.4), we see that there exist no nonzero integers a and b with $(a, b) = 1$ satisfying $f(c, a, x) \in (\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^7$. This completes our proof.

Theorem 4.3 $G_{33}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We have $67 \parallel \Phi_{33}(-2) = 67 \cdot 20857$ and $11 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. By Theorem 3.2, we need to prove only that

$$\Phi_{33}(a, b) = 67^{11}z^{11}, \tag{4.8}$$

i.e., $\Phi_{11}(a^3, b^3) = \Phi_{11}(a, b)67^{11}z^{11}$ has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with $(a, b) = 1$. We have

$$a^3 - b^3\zeta_{11} = a^3 - b^3\zeta_{11}^{12} = (a - b\zeta_{11}^4)(a^2 + ab\zeta_{11}^4 + b^2\zeta_{11}^8).$$

If (4.8) is solvable, discussing as in the foregoing theorem, we see that $a^3 - b^3\zeta_{11} = (a - b\zeta_{11}^4)\varepsilon\alpha^{11}$, where ε is a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{11}]$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{11}]$. If $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{67}$, let $f(c, a, x) = (a^3 - x)(a - x^4)^{10}c$, $c \in (\mathbb{Z}/67\mathbb{Z})^*$. We have

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/67\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{11}(x) = 0\} = \{9, 14, 15, 22, 24, 25, 40, 59, 62, 64\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/67\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{33}(x) = 0\}$$

$$= \{4, 6, 10, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 33, 35, 36, 39, 47, 49, 54, 55, 56, 60, 65\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/67\mathbb{Z})^{11} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 29, \pm 30\}.$$

Similarly to the previous proof, letting x be taken from S_1 , a from S_2 , and c range from 1 to 66, one can verify that there do not exist x, a, c to make $f(c, a, x) \in (\mathbb{Z}/67\mathbb{Z})^{11}$. Thus $b \equiv 0 \pmod{67}$, and $a \equiv 0 \pmod{67}$, which contradicts the fact $(a, b) = 1$. Our theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.4 $G_{35}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We have that $71 \parallel \Phi_{35}(2) = 71 \cdot 122921$ and $7 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. Similarly to the foregoing examples, we need to show only that

$$\Phi_5(a^7, b^7) = \Phi_5(a, b)71^5z^5 \tag{4.9}$$

has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with $(a, b) = 1$. We have

$$a^7 - b^7\zeta_5 = a^7 - b^7\zeta_5^{21} = (a - b\zeta_5^3)(a^6 + a^5b\zeta_5^3 + a^4b^2\zeta_5 + a^3b^3\zeta_5^4 + a^2b^4\zeta_5^2 + ab^5 + b^6\zeta_5^3).$$

If (4.9) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , then we have $a^7 - b^7\zeta_5 = (a - b\zeta_5^3)\varepsilon\alpha^5$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ and ε is a unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$. By Lemma 2.3, we may assume that $\varepsilon = \zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j$ ($0 \leq i, j \leq 4$). Hence,

$$a^7 - b^7\zeta_5 = (a - b\zeta_5^3)\zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j\alpha^5.$$

Consider $a^7 - b^7x = (a - bx^3)x^i(1 + x^3)^j\alpha^5$ over $\mathbb{Z}/71\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_5(x))$. Change it into

$$(a^7 - b^7x)(a - bx^3)^4x^{5-i}(1 + x^3)^{5-j} = \alpha^5. \quad (4.10)$$

Let

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/71\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_5(x) = 0\} = \{5, 24, 54, 57\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/71\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{35}(x) = 0\}$$

$$= \{2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24, 27, 29, 36, 38, 40, 43, 49, 50, 58, 60, 64\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/71\mathbb{Z})^5 = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 20, \pm 23, \pm 26, \pm 30, \pm 32, \pm 34\}.$$

If $b \neq 0$, let $f(c, a, x) = (a^7 - b^7x)(a - bx^3)^4 \cdot c$. Again, similarly to the previous proof, letting x be taken from S_1 , a from S_2 and c range from 1 to 70, one can verify that no nonzero integers a, x, c exist satisfying $f(c, a, x) \in (\mathbb{Z}/71\mathbb{Z})^5$. Then $b \equiv 0 \pmod{71}$, hence $a \equiv 0 \pmod{71}$, a contradiction. Hence $\Phi_{35}(a, b) = 71^5z^5$ has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ satisfying $(a, b) = 1$. Our theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.5 $G_{60}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We have $60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ and $181 \parallel \Phi_{60}(6)$. Furthermore, $5 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2 \cdot 3}$. By Theorem 3.2, if the Diophantine equation

$$\Phi_{60}(a, b) = 181^5z^5 \quad (4.11)$$

has no solution $a, b, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(a, b) = 1$, then $G_{60}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a group. We have

$$\Phi_{60}(a, b) = \frac{\Phi_5(a^{12}, b^{12})\Phi_5(a^2, b^2)}{\Phi_5(a^6, b^6)\Phi_5(a^4, b^4)} = \prod_{i=1}^4 (a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^i + b^4\zeta_5^{2i}),$$

where $a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^i + b^4\zeta_5^{2i} = \frac{(a^{12} - b^{12}\zeta_5^i)(a^2 - b^2\zeta_5^i)}{(a^6 - b^6\zeta_5^{3i})(a^4 - b^4\zeta_5^{2i})}$.

Assume $a \equiv b \pmod{5}$. If $a \neq b$, then $(\frac{a-b\zeta_5^i}{1-\zeta_5^i}, \frac{a-b\zeta_5^j}{1-\zeta_5^j}) = 1$, $(\frac{a^2-b^2\zeta_5^i}{1-\zeta_5^i}, \frac{a^2-b^2\zeta_5^j}{1-\zeta_5^j}) = 1$, $(\frac{a^6-b^6\zeta_5^i}{1-\zeta_5^i}, \frac{a^6-b^6\zeta_5^j}{1-\zeta_5^j}) = 1$ and $(\frac{a^{12}-b^{12}\zeta_5^i}{1-\zeta_5^i}, \frac{a^{12}-b^{12}\zeta_5^j}{1-\zeta_5^j}) = 1$. It's known that $\frac{1-\zeta_5^i}{1-\zeta_5^j}$ is a unit of $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$. Thus $(a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^i + b^4\zeta_5^{2i}, a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^j + b^4\zeta_5^{2j}) = 1$.

Similarly, when $a \not\equiv b \pmod{5}$, but $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{5}$, or $a \not\equiv b \pmod{5}$, but $a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{5}$, or $a \not\equiv b \pmod{5}$, but $a^4 \equiv b^4 \pmod{5}$, we may also obtain $(a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^i + b^4\zeta_5^{2i}, a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5^j + b^4\zeta_5^{2j}) = 1$.

Hence if (4.11) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , then $a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5 + b^4\zeta_5^2 = \varepsilon\alpha^5$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ and ε is a unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$. We will prove that it is impossible.

By Lemma 2.3, we may assume that $\varepsilon = \zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j$ ($0 \leq i, j \leq 4$). Then $a^4 - a^2b^2\zeta_5 + b^4\zeta_5^2 = \zeta_5^i(1 + \zeta_5^3)^j\alpha^5$. Consider

$$(a^4 - a^2b^2x + b^4x^2)x^{5-i}(1 + x^3)^{5-j} = \alpha^5 \quad (4.12)$$

over $\mathbb{Z}/181\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_5(x))$.

If $b \neq 0 \pmod{181}$, then let $f(c, a, x) = (a^4 - a^2x + x^2) \cdot c$. Let

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/181\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_5(x) = 0\}$$

$$= \{6, 8, 30, 40, 51, 68, 71, 86, 95, 110, 113, 130, 141, 151, 173, 175\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/181\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_5(x) = 0\} = \{42, 59, 125, 135\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/181\mathbb{Z})^5 = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 7, \pm 17, \pm 19, \pm 26, \pm 32, \pm 39, \pm 43, \pm 48,$$

$$\pm 49, \pm 61, \pm 62, \pm 65, \pm 72, \pm 73, \pm 80, \pm 88, \pm 89\}.$$

By Lemma 2.4, (4.12) holds if and only if $x \in S_2$ and $\alpha_i = (a^4 - a^2x_i + x_i^2) \cdot c$. Let $a \in S_1$ and c range from 1 to 180. We can check that α_i will not be in $(\mathbb{Z}/181\mathbb{Z})^5$ simultaneously. Then we have $b \equiv 0 \pmod{181}$, therefore $a \equiv 0 \pmod{181}$, which is a contradiction. Our theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.6 $G_{105}(\mathbb{Q})$ is not a subgroup of $K_2\mathbb{Q}$.

Proof We have $105 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ and $211 \parallel \Phi_{105}(-2), 7 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3 \cdot 5}$. Consider the Diophantine equation

$$\Phi_{105}(a, b) = 211^7 z^7. \tag{4.13}$$

We have

$$\Phi_{105}(a, b) = \frac{\Phi_7(a^{15}, b^{15})\Phi_7(a, b)}{\Phi_7(a^5, b^5)\Phi_7(a^3, b^3)} = \prod_{i=1}^6 (a^8 - a^7 b \zeta_7^i + a^5 b^3 \zeta_7^{3i} - a^4 b^4 \zeta_7^{4i} + a^3 b^5 \zeta_7^{5i} - ab^7 + b^8 \zeta_7^i).$$

$$\text{In fact, } a^8 - a^7 b \zeta_7 + a^5 b^3 \zeta_7^3 - a^4 b^4 \zeta_7^4 + a^3 b^5 \zeta_7^5 - ab^7 + b^8 \zeta_7 = \frac{(a^{15} - b^{15} \zeta_7)(a - b \zeta_7)}{(a^5 - b^5 \zeta_7^3)(a^3 - b^3 \zeta_7^2)}.$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.5,

$$(a^8 - a^7 b \zeta_7^i + a^5 b^3 \zeta_7^{3i} - a^4 b^4 \zeta_7^{4i} + a^3 b^5 \zeta_7^{5i} - ab^7 + b^8 \zeta_7^i, a^8 - a^7 b \zeta_7^j + a^5 b^3 \zeta_7^{3j} - a^4 b^4 \zeta_7^{4j} + a^3 b^5 \zeta_7^{5j} - ab^7 + b^8 \zeta_7^j) = 1,$$

if $i \neq j$.

Hence if (4.13) is solvable in \mathbb{Z} , then $a^8 - a^7 b \zeta_7 + a^5 b^3 \zeta_7^3 - a^4 b^4 \zeta_7^4 + a^3 b^5 \zeta_7^5 - ab^7 + b^8 \zeta_7 = \varepsilon \alpha^7$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_7]$ and ε is a unit of $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_7]$. Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.5, let

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/211\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_{105}(x) = 0\} = \{4, 6, 9, 16, 20, 24, 30, 36, 37, 44, 45, \\ 46, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 56, 59, 62, 66, 69, 70, 78, 80, 81, 84, 93, 95, 99, 103, 105, \\ 119, 120, 126, 136, 139, 154, 163, 170, 172, 176, 182, 189, 194, 204, 208, 209\},$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}/211\mathbb{Z} \mid \Phi_7(x) = 0\} = \{58, 123, 144, 148, 171, 199\},$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/211\mathbb{Z})^7 = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 10, \pm 14, \pm 15, \pm 19, \pm 21, \pm 23, \\ \pm 55, \pm 61, \pm 71, \pm 74, \pm 77, \pm 83, \pm 100, \pm 104\}.$$

If $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{211}$, let $f(c, a, x) = (a^8 - a^7x + a^5x^3 - a^4x^4 + a^3x^5 - a + x) \cdot c$.

By Lemma 2.4, (4.14) is solvable if and only if $x \in S_2$, and $\alpha_i = f(c, a, x_i), x_i \in S_2$. We can check that, if $a \in S_1, x_i \in S_2$ and c ranges from 1 to 210, all $f(c, a, x_i) \notin (\mathbb{Z}/211\mathbb{Z})^7$. This is a contradiction. Hence $b \equiv 0 \pmod{211}$, so $a \equiv 0 \pmod{211}$. This contradicts the fact $(a, b) = 1$. Hence (4.14) has no solution $(a, b, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ with $(a, b) = 1$. Our theorem is completed.

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