

## On the A-numbers in the quadratic fields $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{\pm 37})$

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### § 1. Introduction

1. Every integer  $\alpha$  ( $\neq 0$ ) in the algebraic field  $\Omega$  is said to be an *A-number* in  $\Omega$  if it is representable as the sum of two integral squares in  $\Omega$ . In a previous paper [1] we have determined the A-numbers in the quadratic fields  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{D})$ , where  $D = -1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 11, \pm 19, \pm 43, \pm 67$  and  $\pm 163$ . In another paper [2] we determined the A-numbers when  $D = \pm 5$  and  $\pm 13$ . In the present paper we shall treat the cases  $D = \pm 37$ . The fields  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{\pm 37})$  have in the main the same properties as the fields  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{\pm 5})$  and  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{\pm 13})$  treated in paper [2]. There is, however, an essential difference: The fundamental unit has the form  $6 + \sqrt{37}$ . Thus the equations  $x^2 - 37y^2 = \pm 4$  have no solutions in odd (rational) integers. This fact necessitates a modification of the methods used in paper [2]. The following developments are in general analogous to those occurring in [1] and [2].

The number of ideal classes in the field  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{37})$  is  $= 1$  and in the field  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{-37}) = 2$ . In the Dirichlet field  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{37}, \sqrt{-37})$  the number of ideal classes is  $= 1$ . If  $x + y\sqrt{-37}$  is an A-number in  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{-37})$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  rational integers, then  $y$  is even. If  $\alpha$  is an integer in  $\mathbf{K}(\sqrt{37}, \sqrt{-37})$ , the number  $2\alpha$  belongs to the ring  $\mathbf{R}(1, \sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{37}, \sqrt{-37})$ . For the proofs see [1], p. 8–9.

In the sequel we shall write  $\theta$  instead of  $\sqrt{37}$  and consequently  $i\theta$  instead of  $\sqrt{-37}$ .

### § 2. The real field $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$

2. *Units and divisors of the rational primes 2 and 37.* Every A-number in this field must be positive and have a positive norm. The fundamental unit  $\varepsilon$  is  $6 + \theta$ . Since  $N(\varepsilon) = -1$ ,  $\varepsilon$  is not an A-number. The  $n$ th power of  $\varepsilon$  is an A-number if and only if  $n$  is even. The number 2 is a prime in the field and, of course, an A-number.

Since the prime  $\theta$  has the negative norm  $-37$ , it cannot be an A-number. The number  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $\theta$ . From the relation

$$(6 + \theta)\theta = \frac{1}{4}(5 + \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(7 + \theta)^2$$

it follows that the product  $\varepsilon\theta$  is an A-number. Hence the number  $\varepsilon^m\theta^n$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are rational integers,  $n \geq 0$ , is an A-number if and only if  $m + n$  is even.

3. *The rational primes for which 37 is a quadratic non-residue.* Let  $p$  be an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = +1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{37}{p}\right) = -1.$$

Then  $p$  is a prime in the field and since

$$p = u^2 + v^2,$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers,  $p$  is an A-prime.

Suppose next that  $p$  is an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{37}{p}\right) = -1.$$

Then  $p$  is a prime in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$ . Since  $\left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = +1$  we have, in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ ,

$$(p) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}',$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}'$  are different prime ideals. In this field we further have

$$\left(\frac{-1}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}(N_{\mathfrak{p}}-1)} = -1.$$

*The ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  can never be principal.* In fact, if we had  $\mathfrak{p} = (x + yi\theta)$  with rational integers  $x$  and  $y$ , we should have

$$p = x^2 + 37y^2.$$

But this equation clearly implies  $p \equiv +1 \pmod{4}$ . In  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$  we further have  $(2) = \mathfrak{q}^2$ , where  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime ideal that is not principal. Since the number of ideal classes in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$  is  $=2$ , the product  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{q}$  is a principal ideal. Hence

$$2p = x^2 + 37y^2,$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are rational odd integers. Since this relation may be written

$$p = \frac{1}{4}(x + y\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(x - y\theta)^2,$$

the number  $p$  is an A-prime in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$ . Thus the number  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  in this field.

4. *The rational primes for which 37 is a quadratic residue.* Let  $p$  be an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{37}{p}\right) = +1.$$

In this case we have

$$(p) = \omega\omega',$$

where  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are different primes. Since

$$\left(\frac{-1}{\omega}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}(|N\omega|-1)} = -1,$$

the prime  $\omega$  is not an A-number.

Finally, we consider an odd prime  $p$  such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = +1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{37}{p}\right) = +1.$$

Since the field is simple, and since the norm of the fundamental unit  $\varepsilon$  is  $-1$ , we have always

$$4p = u^2 - 37v^2,$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers of the same parity. Then the numbers

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2}(u + v\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega' = \frac{1}{2}(u - v\theta)$$

are conjugate prime factors of  $p$  in the field. If we suppose  $u > 0$ , the numbers  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are positive. Since the field  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i)$  is simple, we have

$$\omega = \pi_1\pi_2\eta,$$

where  $\eta$  is a unit and  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are primes in that field. According to lemma 3 in [2], we may suppose that

$$\pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a + c\theta) + \frac{1}{2}i(b + d\theta)$$

and

$$\pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a + c\theta) - \frac{1}{2}i(b + d\theta),$$

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  being rational integers. The unit  $\eta$  belongs to the field  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$  since the product  $\pi_1\pi_2$  belongs to this field. Since  $\omega$  is positive,  $\eta$  is so. The norm of  $\omega$  is positive and the norm of  $\pi_1\pi_2$  is also positive. Hence the norm of  $\eta$  is positive. Thus we have

$$\eta = \varepsilon^{2m}.$$

Putting

$$\psi_1 = \pi_1\varepsilon^m \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2 = \pi_2\varepsilon^m,$$

we get

$$\omega = \psi_1\psi_2,$$

where  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are primes in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i)$  such that  $\psi_1$  is transformed into  $\psi_2$  when  $i$  is substituted by  $-i$  and vice versa. Consequently we may suppose that  $\eta = 1$ . Hence

$$\omega = \frac{1}{4}(a + c\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(b + d\theta)^2, \tag{1}$$

which involves the relations

$$2u = a^2 + b^2 + 37(c^2 + d^2) \tag{2}$$

and

$$v = ac + bd. \tag{3}$$

If the numbers  $a, b, c, d$  are all odd or all even, it is clear that  $\omega$  is an *A*-number. Suppose next that  $a$  and  $c$  are both even or both odd. Then it follows from (1) that  $\frac{1}{2}(b+d\theta)$  is an integer and consequently  $\omega$  is an *A*-number. Analogously when  $b$  and  $d$  are both even or both odd. Hence it remains to examine the following case: one of the numbers  $a$  and  $c$  is even and the other one odd, one of the numbers  $b$  and  $d$  is even and the other one odd. Then it follows from (3) that  $v$  is even. Hence  $u$  is also even, and we get from (2)

$$a^2 + b^2 + 37(c^2 + d^2) \equiv a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

But the sum of four squares is divisible by 4 only when the squares are all even or all odd. Thus we have proved that  $\omega$  is always an *A*-number.

5. *Summary and proof of the main result.* As a consequence of the discussions in the preceding sections we may state the following result

**Theorem 1.** *The prime  $\omega$  in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$  is an *A*-number only in the following cases: (i)  $\omega = 2\varepsilon^{2m}$ ; (ii)  $\omega = \theta\varepsilon^{2m+1}$ ; (iii)  $\omega = p\varepsilon^{2m}$ , when  $p$  is an odd rational prime such that  $\left(\frac{37}{p}\right) = -1$ ; (iv)  $\omega$  is of the form  $\frac{1}{2}(u+v\theta)$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers such that  $\frac{1}{4}(u^2 - 37v^2)$  is a rational prime  $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .*

We are now in a position to establish our main result.

**Theorem 2.** *The integer  $\alpha$  in the field  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$  is an *A*-number if and only if*

$$\alpha = \beta\gamma^2\theta^m\varepsilon^n,$$

where  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are integers in the field with the following properties:  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are prime to  $\theta$ ;  $\beta$  is either = 1 or = a product of *A*-primes, different or not;  $\gamma$  is either a unit or = a product of primes  $\pi$  such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{\pi}\right) = -1. \tag{4}$$

$m$  and  $n$  are rational integers,  $m > 0$ , such that  $m + n$  is even.  $\varepsilon$  is the fundamental unit, chosen  $> 1$ .

*Proof.* It is evident that the conditions are sufficient. Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an *A*-number and that

$$\alpha = \xi\eta\theta^m,$$

where  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are integers in the field with the following properties: they are prime to  $\theta$ ;  $\eta$  is either = 1 or = a product of primes  $\pi$  satisfying the relation (4) in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$ ;  $\xi$  is either = 1 or = a product of *A*-primes;  $m$  is a rational integer  $\geq 0$ . Then we must have  $\eta = \rho\gamma^2$ , where  $\gamma$  is an integer in the field and  $\rho$  a unit. Thus the number  $\alpha/\gamma^2$  is an *A*-number. Now applying lemma 4 in [2] a certain number of times to the prime factors  $\pi$  of  $\xi$ , we find that the number

$$\frac{\alpha}{\gamma^2\xi} = \rho\theta^m$$

must be an *A*-number. Finally, applying a result in section 2 we achieve the proof.

§ 3. The imaginary field  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$

6. *Units and divisors of the rational primes 2 and 37.* The number  $-1$  is an A-number in the field since

$$-1 = 6^2 + (i\theta)^2.$$

Thus the numbers  $\alpha$  and  $-\alpha$  are simultaneously A-numbers or not.

The prime  $i\theta$  is clearly not an A-number, and  $(i\theta)^m$  is an A-number only when  $m$  is even. The number  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $i\theta$ . The number  $u + vi\theta$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers, is never an A-number when  $v$  is odd. In virtue of the relation

$$2i\theta = 6^2 + (1 + i\theta)^2$$

we state: *the number  $2i\theta$  is an A-number.* We have

$$(2) = \mathfrak{q}^2 = (1^2 + 1^2),$$

where the prime ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  is not principal. The number  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $\mathfrak{q}$ .

7. *The rational primes for which  $-37$  is a quadratic non-residue.* Let  $p$  be an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = +1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = -1.$$

Then  $(p)$  is a prime ideal in the field and since

$$p = u^2 + v^2,$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers,  $p$  is an A-prime.

Suppose next that  $p$  is an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = -1.$$

Then  $(p)$  is a prime ideal in the field  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ . Since  $37$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$ , and since the field  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)$  is simple, the equation

$$4p = x^2 - 37y^2$$

is solvable in rational integers  $x$  and  $y$ .

If  $x$  and  $y$  are both even, we get

$$p = x_1^2 - 37y_1^2 = x_1^2 + (i\theta y_1)^2,$$

where  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}x$  and  $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}y$ . Hence  $p$  is an A-prime.

If  $x$  and  $y$  are both odd, we shall show that  $p$  is not an A-number. In fact we have, for every rational integer  $m$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2}(x + y\theta)(6 + \theta)^m = \frac{1}{2}(u + v\theta),$$

where the rational integers  $u$  and  $v$  are clearly odd when  $x$  and  $y$  are odd. Hence, in this case, the equation

$$p = u^2 - 37v^2$$

is not possible in rational integers  $u$  and  $v$ . Suppose next that

$$p = (a + ci\theta)^2 + (b + di\theta)^2,$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are rational integers. This relation implies

$$p = a^2 + b^2 - 37(c^2 + d^2), \quad ac = -bd.$$

If  $d=0$  we must have  $a=0$ . Hence we should have  $p=b^2-37c^2$  which is impossible as was shown above. If  $d \neq 0$  we get  $b = -acd^{-1}$  and by elimination of  $b$

$$pd^2 = (c^2 + d^2)(a^2 - 37d^2).$$

Put  $c = fc_1$  and  $d = fd_1$  where  $(c_1, d_1) = 1$ . Then we get

$$p = (c_1^2 + d_1^2)(a^2 d_1^{-2} - 37f^2).$$

Hence  $a$  is divisible by  $d_1$ . Putting  $a = gd_1$  we must have either

$$p = c_1^2 + d_1^2$$

or

$$p = g^2 - 37f^2.$$

But these equations are both impossible. Hence  $p$  is not an *A-number*. We say that the rational prime  $p$  is a *B-prime* when  $p$  has the following properties:  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $37$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$ ; the equation  $p = x^2 - 37y^2$  has no solutions in rational integers  $x$  and  $y$ . Hence we have proved that a *B-prime* is not an *A-number*. By the same method we may show that the equation

$$2p = (a + ci\theta)^2 + (b + di\theta)^2,$$

where  $p$  is a *B-prime*, is not possible in rational integers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ . In fact, if  $d=0$  we get  $2p = b^2 - 37c^2$ , which is impossible modulo 4. If  $d \neq 0$  we get in the same way as above

$$2p = (c_1^2 + d_1^2)(g^2 - 37f^2).$$

Hence  $c_1^2 = d_1^2 = 1$  and  $p = g^2 - 37f^2$ . Since  $p$  is a *B-prime* the latter equation is impossible. Thus we have proved

**Lemma 1.** *When  $p$  is a B-prime none of the numbers  $p$  or  $2p$  is an A-number.*

We further prove

**Lemma 2.** *The product of two B-primes is an A-number.*

*Proof.* Let  $p$  and  $p_1$  be two *B-primes*

$$p = \frac{1}{4}[x^2 + (yi\theta)^2] \quad \text{and} \quad p_1 = \frac{1}{4}[x_1^2 + (y_1i\theta)^2],$$

where  $x, y, x_1$  and  $y_1$  are odd rational integers. Then

$$16pp_1 = [xx_1 \pm 37yy_1]^2 + [(xy_1 \pm x_1y)\mathfrak{i}\theta]^2.$$

Here the sign may be chosen such that the number  $xx_1 \pm 37yy_1$  is divisible by 4. Then  $xy_1 \pm x_1y$  is also divisible by 4. This proves the lemma.

8. *The rational primes  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  for which  $-37$  is a quadratic residue. Let  $p$  be an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,*

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = +1.$$

Then we have

$$(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}',$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}'$  are different prime ideals in the field  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ . In this field we further have

$$\left(\frac{-1}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}(N_{\mathfrak{p}}-1)} = -1. \tag{5}$$

*The ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  can never be principal.* In fact, if we had  $\mathfrak{p} = (x + y\mathfrak{i}\theta)$  with rational integers  $x$  and  $y$ , we should have

$$p = x^2 + 37y^2.$$

But this equation clearly implies  $p \equiv +1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be integers in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ , not both equal to zero. Further, let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in the field satisfying relation (5). If the sum  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is divisible by the power  $\mathfrak{p}^m$ , we must have*

$$\alpha \equiv \beta \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^v},$$

where  $v = [\frac{1}{2}(m + 1)]$ .

The proof is the same as that of lemma 6 in paper [2].

The following results may be obtained in the same manner as the lemmata 7–10 in paper [2].

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in the field satisfying relation (5). Then  $\mathfrak{p}^2$  is a principal ideal  $= (u + v\mathfrak{i}\theta)$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  being rational integers,  $u$  even and  $v$  odd. Further, the numbers  $2(u + v\mathfrak{i}\theta)$  and  $\mathfrak{i}\theta(u + v\mathfrak{i}\theta)$  are  $A$ -numbers.*

*Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  be another prime ideal satisfying relation (5). Then  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}_1$  is a principal ideal  $= (\alpha)$ , where the integer  $\alpha$  is not an  $A$ -number.*

9. *The rational primes  $p \equiv +1 \pmod{4}$  for which  $-37$  is a quadratic residue. Consider finally the case*

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = +1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = +1,$$

where  $p$  is an odd rational prime. Here we have

$$(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}',$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}'$  are different prime ideals in the field. Exactly as in paper [2], p. 272, it may be shown that these ideals are principal. Hence

$$p = u^2 + 37v^2,$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers. Then the numbers

$$\omega = u + vi\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \omega' = u - vi\theta$$

are conjugate prime factors of  $p$  in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ . Since the field  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i\theta)$  is simple, we have

$$\omega = \pi_1\pi_2,$$

where  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are primes in the latter field. Since  $2\pi_1$  and  $2\pi_2$  belong to the ring  $\mathbf{R}(1, i, \theta, i\theta)$  (cf. the introduction), we may suppose that

$$\pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a + ci\theta) + i\frac{1}{2}(b + di\theta)$$

and

$$\pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a + ci\theta) - i\frac{1}{2}(b + di\theta),$$

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  being rational integers. Hence

$$\omega = \frac{1}{4}(a + ci\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(b + di\theta)^2, \tag{6}$$

which involves the equations

$$4u = a^2 + b^2 - 37(c^2 + d^2) \tag{7}$$

and

$$2v = ac + bd. \tag{8}$$

If  $u$  is even and  $v$  odd the prime  $\omega$  can never be an A-number. In this case we call  $\omega$  a *C-prime*.

Suppose next that  $u$  is odd and  $v$  even. If the numbers  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are all even,  $\omega$  is an A-number. If they are all odd, we get from (7)  $4u \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , thus  $u$  is even and  $\omega$  is a C-prime. Exactly as in paper [2], p. 273, it may be shown that the only remaining possibility is that  $a$  and  $d$  are both even and  $b$  and  $c$  are both odd. (It is, of course, unnecessary to treat the case with  $b$  and  $c$  even and  $a$  and  $d$  odd). In this case we get from (7)

$$a^2 + d^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}.$$

It follows from this congruence that  $\frac{1}{2}a$  and  $\frac{1}{2}d$  are either both odd or both even. If  $\omega$  were an A-number, it is evident that it should exist a unit  $E$  in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i\theta)$  such that

$$E\pi_1 = a_1 + c_1 i\theta + i(b_1 + d_1 i\theta), \tag{9}$$

$a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $d_1$  being rational integers. It suffices to consider the case that  $E$  is the fundamental unit in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i\theta)$ . In this field one may choose the fundamental unit  $= 6 + \theta$ , cf. paper [3], p. 11-15. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E\pi_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(6 + \theta)[a + ci\theta + i(b + di\theta)] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[6a - 37d + (6c + b)i\theta + (6b + 37c)i + (a - 6d)\theta]. \end{aligned}$$



Since the number  $6c + b$  is odd we see that  $E\pi_1$  is not of the form (9) with rational integers  $a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1$ . Thus we conclude that  $\omega$  is not an A-number in this case. We say that the prime  $\omega$  is an *F-prime*, when  $\omega$  is of the form (6), where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are rational integers, such that one of the numbers  $a^2 + d^2$  and  $b^2 + c^2$  is divisible by 8 and the other one only by 2.

In the above proof the numbers  $6a - 37d$  and  $a - 6d$  are even, and the numbers  $6c + b$  and  $6b + 37c$  are odd. Hence we may state

**Lemma 5.** *In all the representations of an F-prime  $\omega$ ,*

$$\omega = \frac{1}{4}(a + ci\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(b + di\theta)^2,$$

*with rational integers  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ , one of the numbers  $a^2 + d^2$  and  $b^2 + c^2$  is divisible by 8 and the other one only by 2.*

**Lemma 6.** *The product of two F-primes is an A-number.*

*Proof.* Let  $\omega$  and  $\omega_1$  be two F-primes,

$$\omega = \frac{1}{4}(a + ci\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(b + di\theta)^2,$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{4}(a_1 + c_1i\theta)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(b_1 + d_1i\theta)^2,$$

where  $a, b, c, d, a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $d_1$  are rational integers, such that  $a, d, a_1$  and  $d_1$  are even and  $b, c, b_1$  and  $c_1$  are odd. Then we get

$$16\omega\omega_1 = [aa_1 - 37cc_1 \pm bb_1 \mp 37dd_1 + (ac_1 + a_1c \pm bd_1 \pm b_1d)i\theta]^2 + [ab_1 - 37cd_1 \mp a_1b \pm 37c_1d + (b_1c + ad_1 \mp a_1d \mp bc_1)i\theta]^2.$$

Since  $a \pm d$  and  $a_1 \pm d_1$  are always divisible by 4, we have, as well for the upper as for the lower sign,

$$ac_1 + a_1c \pm (bd_1 + b_1d) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

and

$$ab_1 - 37cd_1 \mp (a_1b - 37c_1d) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

Let us choose the sign such that the number  $cc_1 \mp bb_1$  is divisible by 4. Then we clearly obtain

$$aa_1 - 37cc_1 \pm (bb_1 - 37dd_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

and

$$b_1c + ad_1 \mp (a_1d + bc_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 7.** *If  $\omega$  is an F-prime,  $2\omega$  is not an A-number.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\omega$  given by (6), where  $a$  and  $d$  are even,  $b$  and  $c$  odd. Then we have

$$8\omega = 4\omega(1^2 + 1^2) = [a + b + (c + d)i\theta]^2 + [a - b + (c - d)i\theta]^2.$$

If  $2\omega$  were an A-number, it should exist a unit  $E$  in  $\mathbf{K}(\theta, i\theta)$  such that

$$E[a + b + (c + d)i\theta + i(a - b) - (c - d)\theta] = a_1 + c_1i\theta + i(b_1 + d_1i\theta),$$

where the rational integers  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $d_1$  were all even. It is sufficient to take  $E=6+\theta$ . Then we get  $a_1=6a+6b-37(c-d)$ . Hence  $a_1$  is odd, and  $2\omega$  is not an A-number.

**10. Summary.** As a consequence of the discussions in the preceding sections, we may state the following results.

**Theorem 3.** *All the prime ideals in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$  are principal except the prime ideal divisors of 2 and of the odd rational primes  $p$  satisfying the relations, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,*

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1, \quad \left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = +1.$$

**Theorem 4.** *The prime  $\omega$  in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$  is an A-number only in the following cases:*  
(i)  $w = \pm p$  where  $p$  is an odd rational prime such that, in  $\mathbf{K}(1)$ ,

$$\left(\frac{-37}{p}\right) = -1,$$

except when  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  and the equation  $p = x^2 - 37y^2$  has no solutions in rational integers  $x$  and  $y$ .

(ii)  $\omega$  is of the form  $u + vi\theta$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are rational integers,  $u$  odd,  $v$  even, such that  $u^2 + 37v^2$  is a rational prime, except when the A-number  $4\omega$  has a representation of the form

$$4\omega = (a + ci\theta)^2 + (b + di\theta)^2, \tag{10}$$

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  being rational integers such that one of the numbers  $a^2 + d^2$  and  $b^2 + c^2$  is divisible by 9 and the other one only by 2.

By means of this theorem it may always be decided if a given prime is an A-prime or not. This is evident in the first case. In the second case it follows from section 5 that equation (10) is always solvable when  $\omega$  is a prime of the type in question. Thus a solution of (10) may be found by trial.

It is now possible to determine the necessary and sufficient conditions for a given integer  $\alpha$  in the field to be an A-number. To arrive at a result of that sort it should, however, be necessary to develop a great number of lemmata on certain products of the type

$$\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \dots \omega_r,$$

where  $\omega_i$  is either a B-prime, or a C-prime, or an F-prime, or a number  $u + vi\theta$  defined in lemma 4, and finally  $\omega_r$  may also be  $= 2$  or  $= i\theta$ . It should furthermore be necessary to distinguish two kinds of C-primes. (The lemmata 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are of the type in question.) Since the discussions in that matter should be too extensive we terminate with these remarks.

**11. Numerical examples in  $\mathbf{K}(i\theta)$ .** The numbers 3 and 11 are B-primes since

$$3 = \frac{1}{4}(7^2 - 37 \cdot 1^2) \quad \text{and} \quad 11 = \frac{1}{4}(9^2 - 37 \cdot 1^2).$$

The number  $2 + 3i\theta$  is a C-prime since

$$2 + 3i\theta = \frac{1}{4}[3^2 + (6 + i\theta)^2],$$

and since  $N(2 + 3i\theta) = 337$  is a prime.

The number  $-16 + i\theta$  is a C-prime of another kind since

$$-16 + i\theta = \frac{1}{4}[(3 + i\theta)^2 + (1 - i\theta)]^2,$$

and since  $N(-16 + i\theta) = 293$  is a prime.

The number  $-3 + 2i\theta$  is an F-prime since

$$-3 + 2i\theta = \frac{1}{4}[4 + i\theta]^2 + 3^2],$$

and since  $N(-3 + 2i\theta) = 157$  is a prime.

The number  $-13 + 2i\theta$  is an A-prime since

$$-13 + 2i\theta = (6 + i\theta)^2 + (5 - i\theta)^2,$$

and since  $N(-13 + 2i\theta) = 313$  is a prime.

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