

Non-Wieferich primes and Euclidean algorithm in number fields

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An odd prime p is said to be a non-Wieferich prime with respect to the base a if

$$a^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}. \quad (1)$$

The following are some important results on non-Wieferich primes.

Theorem 1 (*J.H. Silverman [1]*) For any fixed $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$, $\alpha \neq \pm 1$, and assuming the abc conjecture, $\text{card} \{p \leq x : \alpha^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}\} \gg_\alpha \log x$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 2 (*M. Ram Murty, H. Graves [2]*) For any $a \geq 2$ and any fixed $k \geq 2$, there are $\gg \log x / \log \log x$ primes $p \leq x$ such that $a^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$ and $p \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$, under the assumption of abc conjecture.

Recently, the authors generalized the notion of non-Wieferich primes to algebraic number fields [3] and proved the following theorems.

Theorem 3 [3] Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ be a real quadratic field of class number one and assume that the abc conjecture holds true in K . Then there are infinitely many non-Wieferich primes in \mathcal{O}_K with respect to the unit ε satisfying $|\varepsilon| > 1$.

Theorem 4 [3] Let K be any algebraic number field of class number one and assume that the abc conjecture holds true in K . Let η be a unit in \mathcal{O}_K satisfying $|\eta| > 1$ and $|\eta^{(j)}| < 1$ for all $j \neq 1$, where $\eta^{(j)}$ is the j th conjugate of η . Then there exist infinitely many non-Wieferich primes in K with respect to the base η .

By computing non-Wieferich primes in number fields the authors proved that certain cyclic cubic fields of class number one are Euclidean (see [4] for details).

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