

# CLEAN GROUP RINGS OVER LOCALIZATIONS OF RINGS OF INTEGERS

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**ABSTRACT.** A ring  $R$  is said to be clean if each element of  $R$  can be written as the sum of a unit and an idempotent. In a recent article (J. Algebra, 405 (2014), 168-178), Immormino and McGoven characterized when the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[C_n]$  is clean, where  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is the localization of the integers at the prime  $p$ . In this paper, we consider a more general setting. Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be its ring of integers, and  $R$  be a localization of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  at some prime ideal. We investigate when  $R[G]$  is clean, where  $G$  is a finite abelian group, and obtain a complete characterization for such a group ring to be clean for the case when  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  is a cyclotomic field or  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is a quadratic field.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

All rings considered here are associative with identity  $1 \neq 0$ . An element of a ring  $R$  is called clean if it is the sum of a unit and an idempotent, and a ring  $R$  is called clean if each element of  $R$  is clean. Clean rings were introduced and related to exchange rings by Nicholson in 1977 [12] and the study of clean rings has attracted a great deal of attention in recent 2 decades. For some fundamental properties about clean rings as well as a nice history of clean rings we suggest the interested reader to check the article [10].

Let  $G$  be a multiplicative group. We denote by  $R[G]$  the group ring of  $G$  over  $R$  which is the set of all formal sums

$$\alpha = \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g,$$

where  $\alpha_g \in R$  and the support of  $\alpha$ ,  $\text{supp}(\alpha) = \{g \in G \mid \alpha_g \neq 0\}$ , is finite. We let  $C_n$  denote the cyclic group of order  $n$ . Since a homomorphic image of a clean ring is a clean ring, it follows that it is necessary that  $R$  is clean whenever  $R[G]$  is.

In this paper, we investigate the question of when a commutative group ring  $R[G]$  over a local ring  $R$  is clean. We also study when such a group ring is  $*$ -clean (see next section for the definition of  $*$ -clean rings). Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  denote the localization of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers at the prime  $p$ . In [3], the authors proved that  $\mathbb{Z}_{(7)}[C_3]$  is not clean. It then follows that since  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is a clean ring (as it is local) that  $R$  being a commutative clean ring is not sufficient for  $R[G]$  to be a clean ring. In a recent paper [7], it was shown that  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[C_3]$  is clean if and only if  $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . More generally, the authors gave a complete characterization of when  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[C_n]$  is clean. Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is a local ring between  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ . In this paper, we consider a more general setting. Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative local ring and we denote  $\bar{R} = R/\mathfrak{m}$ . Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be its ring of integers, and  $R$  be a localization of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  at some prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ . We investigate when  $R[G]$  is clean, where  $G$  is a finite abelian group, and provide a complete characterization for such a group ring to be clean for the case when  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  is a cyclotomic field or  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is a quadratic field. Our main results are as follows.

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**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  be a cyclotomic field for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$  its rings of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal, and  $G$  a finite abelian group. Let  $p$  be the prime with  $p\mathbb{Z} = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $n_0$  be the maximal positive divisor of  $n$  with  $p \nmid n_0$ , let  $n_1$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid n_1$  and  $\gcd(n_1, n_0) = 1$ , and let  $m'$  be the maximal divisor of  $\frac{\text{lcm}(\exp(G), n_0)}{n_0 n_1}$  with  $p \nmid m'$ .*

*Then the group ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$ ,  $\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p$ , and  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{n_1} p, \text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p) = 1$ . In particular, if  $\exp(G)$  is a divisor of  $n$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean.*

Note that if  $n = 1$  (i.e.  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ), then  $n_0 = 1$  and  $m' = 1$ . Therefore Theorem 1.1 implies the following corollary which is exactly the main result of [7, Theorem 3.3].

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, let  $p$  be a prime number, and let  $n_1$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid n_1$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[G]$  is clean if and only if  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$  (i.e.  $p$  is a primitive root of  $n_1$ ).*

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  be a quadratic field for some non-zero square-free integer  $d \neq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  its rings of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal, and  $G$  a finite abelian group. Let  $p$  be the prime with  $p\mathbb{Z} = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\Delta$  be the discriminant of  $K$ , and let  $n$  be the maximal positive divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid n$ .*

1. *If  $\Delta \nmid n$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if one of the following holds*
  - (a)  *$p = 2$  is a primitive root of unity of  $n$  and  $\Delta \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ;*
  - (b)  *$p \neq 2$  is a primitive root of unity of  $n$  and  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $0$ ;*
  - (c)  *$n = 2$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , and  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = -1$ , where  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol.*
2. *If  $\Delta \mid n$  and  $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if  $|d|$  is a prime,  $n = 4|d|^{\ell}$  with  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$ , and  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)/2$ .*
3. *If  $\Delta \mid n$  and  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if one of the following holds*
  - (a)  *$|d|$  is a prime,  $n = |d|^{\ell}$  or  $2|d|^{\ell}$  for some  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , and either  $\text{ord}_n p = \frac{2\varphi(n)}{3 + \left(\frac{d}{p}\right)}$ , or  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)/2$  with  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = -1$  and  $d < 0$ , where  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol.*
  - (b)  *$|d| = q$  is a prime,  $n = 4q^{\ell}$  with  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ ,  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and  $\text{ord}_{q^{\ell}} p = q^{\ell-1}(q-1)/2$ .*
  - (c)  *$|d| = q_1$  is a prime,  $n = q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  or  $2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  with  $q_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $q_2$  is another odd prime,  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ ,  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $q_2^{\ell_2}$ ,  $\text{ord}_{q_1} p = q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2$ , and  $\gcd(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2, q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1)) = 1$ .*
  - (d)  *$|d| = q_1 q_2$  is a product of two distinct primes,  $n = q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  or  $2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  with  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ ,  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $q_1^{\ell_1}$  and  $q_2^{\ell_2}$ , and  $\gcd(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2, q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1)/2) = 1$ .*

In Section 2, we collect some necessary knowledge of the structure of the group of units  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$  and field extension. Furthermore, we give some general characterization theorems for clean and  $\ast$ -clean group rings. In Section 3, we deal with group rings over local subrings of cyclotomic fields and provide a proof of Theorem 1.1. In Section 4, we consider group rings over local subrings of quadratic fields and give a proof of Theorem 1.3.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

For a finite abelian group  $G$ , we denote by  $\exp(G)$  the exponent of  $G$ . We denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all positive integers and  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $\varphi(n)$  the Euler function. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_s^{k_s}$  be its prime factorization, where  $s, k_1, \dots, k_s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  are pair-wise distinct

primes. It is well-known that

$$\varphi(n) = \prod_{i=1}^s \varphi(p_i^{k_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{k_i-1} (p_i - 1)$$

and  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{k_1}\mathbb{Z})^\times \times \dots \times (\mathbb{Z}/p_s^{k_s}\mathbb{Z})^\times.$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{Z}/p_i^k\mathbb{Z})^\times &\cong C_{p_i^{k-1}(p_i-1)} && \text{where } p_i \geq 3, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/2^\ell\mathbb{Z})^\times &= \langle -1 \rangle \times \langle 5 \rangle \cong C_2 \oplus C_{2^{\ell-2}} && \text{where } \ell \geq 3, \\ \text{and } (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^\times &\cong C_2. \end{aligned}$$

For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , we denote by  $\text{ord}_n m = \text{ord}_{(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times} m$  the multiplicative order of  $m$  modulo  $n$ . If  $\text{ord}_n m = \varphi(n)$ , we say  $m$  is a primitive root of  $n$  and  $n$  has a primitive root if and only if  $n = 2, 4, q^\ell$ , or  $2q^\ell$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime and  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be another integer with  $\gcd(n_1, m) = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}_n m &\leq \text{ord}_{nn_1} m \leq n_1 \text{ord}_n m, \\ \text{and } \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_n m, \text{ord}_{n_1} m) &= \text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n, n_1)} m. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\zeta_n$  be an  $n$ th primitive root of unity over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$ . Let  $m$  be another positive integer. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) &= \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\gcd(n, m)}) \\ \text{and } \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)(\zeta_m) &= \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative local ring and we denote  $\bar{R} = R/\mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $\bar{R}$  is a field and we denote by  $\text{char } \bar{R}$  the characteristic of  $\bar{R}$ . For any polynomial  $f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0 \in R[x]$ , we denote  $\overline{f(x)} = \overline{a_n} x^n + \dots + \overline{a_0} \in \bar{R}[x]$ , where  $\overline{a_i} = a_i + \mathfrak{m}$  for all  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring  $R$  and let  $G$  be a multiplicative group. Then the group ring of  $G$  over  $R$  is the ring  $R[G]$  of all formal sums

$$\alpha = \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g,$$

where  $\alpha_g \in R$  and the support of  $\alpha$ ,  $\text{supp}(\alpha) = \{g \in G \mid \alpha_g \neq 0\}$ , is finite. Addition is defined componentwise and multiplication is defined by the following way: for  $\alpha, \beta \in R[G]$ ,

$$\alpha\beta = \left( \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g \right) \left( \sum_{h \in G} \beta_h h \right) = \sum_{g, h \in G} \alpha_g \beta_h (gh).$$

For more information on the group ring, we refer [11] as a reference.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative noetherian local ring with  $\text{char } \bar{R} = p \geq 0$ , let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, and let  $n$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid n$ . Then  $R[G]$  is clean if and only if each monic factor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\bar{R}[x]$  can be lifted to a monic factor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $R[x]$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from [7, Proposition 2.1] and [14, Theorem 5.8].  $\square$

Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mathcal{O}$  its rings of integers, and  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal. Then there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$  and the localization  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a discrete valuation ring, which implies that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  is a UFD (Unique factorization domain). Furthermore, the norm  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = |\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}| = |\bar{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathfrak{p}}|$  is a prime power of  $p$ .

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field, where  $q$  is a power of some prime  $p$  and let  $\bar{\zeta}_n$  be the  $n$ th primitive root of unity over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ . Then  $[\mathbb{F}_q(\bar{\zeta}_n) : \mathbb{F}_q] = \text{ord}_n q$ . Let  $F$  be an arbitrary field and let  $f(x)$  be

a polynomial of  $F[x]$ . If  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f(x)$ , then  $[F(\alpha) : F] = \deg(f(x))$  if and only if  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $F[x]$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mathcal{O}$  its rings of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal, and  $G$  a finite abelian group. Then the group ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if  $[K[\zeta_m] : K] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$  for every positive divisor  $m$  of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid m$ , where  $\zeta_m$  is an  $m$ th primitive root of unity over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  is a UFD, we suppose that  $x^n - 1 = f_1(x) \cdots f_s(x)$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f_1(x), \dots, f_s(x)$  are monic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$ . Then the Generalized Gauss' Primitive Polynomial Lemma implies that  $f_1(x), \dots, f_s(x)$  are also monic irreducible polynomials in  $K[x]$ . For every positive divisor  $m$  of  $n$ , let  $\Phi_m(x)$  be the  $m$ th cyclotomic polynomial. Then  $\Phi_m(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \subset \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  and

$$x^n - 1 = \prod_{1 < m \mid n} \Phi_m(x) = f_1(x) \cdots f_s(x).$$

1. Suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean. Let  $f(x)$  be a monic irreducible factor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  and let  $\mathfrak{h}(x)$  be a monic irreducible factor of  $\overline{f(x)}$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$ . By Theorem 2.1, there exists a monic irreducible factor  $h(x)$  of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  such that  $\overline{h(x)} = \mathfrak{h}(x)$ . If  $h(x) \neq f(x)$ , it follows by  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  is a UFD that  $f(x)h(x)$  is a monic factor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  and hence  $\overline{h(x)}^2$  is a monic factor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$ . Since  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ , we obtain  $x^n - 1 \in \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$  has no multiple root in any extension of  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $h(x) = f(x)$  and hence  $\overline{f(x)} = \overline{h(x)} = \mathfrak{h}(x)$  is irreducible in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$ .

Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$ . It follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$  is a UFD that there exists  $i \in [1, s]$  such that  $f_i(x)$  divides  $\Phi_m(x)$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$ . Thus every root of  $f_i(x)$  is a  $m$ th primitive root of unity in  $K$  and hence  $[K(\zeta_m) : K] = \deg(f_i(x)) = \deg(\overline{f_i(x)})$ . Since  $\overline{f_i(x)}$  is irreducible in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$  and every root of  $\overline{f_i(x)}$  is a  $m$ th primitive root of unity in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}$ , we have  $\deg(\overline{f_i(x)}) = [\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\zeta_m) : \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}] = \text{ord}_m N(\mathfrak{p})$ , where  $\zeta_m$  is a  $m$ th primitive root of unity over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Therefore  $[K(\zeta_m) : K] = \text{ord}_m N(\mathfrak{p})$ .

2. Conversely, suppose  $[K(\zeta_m) : K] = \text{ord}_m N(\mathfrak{p})$  for every divisor  $m$  of  $n$ . Let  $i \in [1, s]$ . Then  $f_i(x)$  is a factor of some  $m$ th cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_m(x)$  with  $m \mid n$ . Since  $f_i(x)$  is irreducible in  $K[x]$ , we have  $\deg(f_i(x)) = [K(\zeta_m) : K]$  and hence

$$\deg(\overline{f_i(x)}) = \deg(f_i(x)) = [K(\zeta_m) : K] = \text{ord}_m N(\mathfrak{p}) = [\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\zeta_m) : \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}].$$

Therefore  $\overline{f_i(x)}$  is irreducible in  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$  and

$$x^n - 1 = \overline{f_1(x)} \cdots \overline{f_s(x)} \in \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{h}(x)$  be a monic factor of  $x^n - 1 \in \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$ . Since  $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$  is a UFD, there exists a subset  $I \subset [1, s]$  such that  $\mathfrak{h}(x) = \prod_{i \in I} \overline{f_i(x)}$  and hence  $\prod_{i \in I} f_i(x) = \mathfrak{h}(x)$ . Therefore every monic factor of  $x^n - 1 \in \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]}$  can be lifted to a monic factor of  $x^n - 1 \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[x]$ . It follows from Theorem 2.1 that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean.  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is called a  $*$ -ring if there exists an operation  $*$  :  $R \rightarrow R$  such that  $(x + y)^* = x^* + y^*$ ,  $(xy)^* = x^*y^*$ , and  $(x^*)^* = x$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . An element  $p \in R$  is said to be a projection if  $p^* = p = p^2$  and a  $*$ -ring  $R$  is said to be a  $*$ -clean ring if every element of  $R$  is the sum of a unit and a projection. A commutative  $*$ -ring is  $*$ -clean if and only if it is clean and every idempotent is a projection ([8, Theorem 2.2]). Let  $G$  be an abelian group. With the classical involution

$$\begin{aligned} * : R[G] &\rightarrow R[G], \text{ given by} \\ (\sum a_g g)^* &= \sum a_g g^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

the group ring  $R[G]$  is a  $*$ -ring. The question of when a group ring  $R[G]$  is  $*$ -clean has been recently studied by several authors and many interesting results were obtained (see, for examples, [2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9], for some recent developments). Next we provide a characterization for  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  to be  $*$ -clean.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mathcal{O}$  its rings of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal with  $p\mathbb{Z} = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $G$  a finite abelian group with  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ . If the group ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean, then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $K[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  be clean. Suppose  $K[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. Since every idempotent of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is an idempotent of  $K[G]$ , thus every idempotent of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is a projection. It follows that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.

Suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. Let  $\mathcal{O}_{K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})/\mathbb{Q}}$  be the ring of integers of  $K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})$  and let  $I$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})/\mathbb{Q}}$  with  $I \cap \mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}$ . By [4, The beginning of Section 5] and  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ , there is a complete family of orthogonal idempotents of  $K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})[G]$  which lies in  $(\mathcal{O}_{K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})/\mathbb{Q}})_I[G]$ . It follows from [4, Lemma 4.3] that every idempotent of  $K[G]$  lies in  $(\mathcal{O}_{K(\zeta_{\exp(G)})/\mathbb{Q}})_I[G] \cap K[G] = \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$ . Since every idempotent of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is a projection, we obtain every idempotent of  $K[G]$  is a projection. Note that  $K[G]$  is clean. Thus  $K[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.  $\square$

### 3. GROUP RINGS OVER LOCAL SUBRINGS OF CYCLOTOMIC FIELDS

In this section, we investigate when a group ring over a local subring of a cyclotomic field is clean and provide a proof for our main theorem 1.1. We also characterize when such a group ring is  $*$ -clean. We start with the following lemma which we will use without further mention.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  be a cyclotomic field for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$  its rings of integers, and  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$  for some prime  $p$ . Suppose  $n = p^u n_0$  with  $p \nmid n_0$ . Then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p^{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}$ .*

*Proof.* This follows by [1, VI.1.12 and VI.1.15].  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Let  $n_2$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  such that  $p \nmid n_2$  and let  $n_3 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$ . Since

$$m' = \frac{\text{lcm}(n_2, n_0)}{n_0 n_1} = \frac{\text{lcm}(n_3, n_0)}{n_0},$$

we have  $\text{lcm}(n_3, n_0) = n_0 m'$  and  $\text{lcm}(n_2, n_0) = n_0 m' n_1$ .

Let  $m$  be a divisor of  $n_2$ . Then

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)] = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n, m))}{\varphi(n)} = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, m))}{\varphi(n_0)}$$

and

$$\text{ord}_m N(\mathfrak{p}) = \text{ord}_m p^{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{ord}_m p}{\gcd(\text{ord}_m p, \text{ord}_{n_0} p)} = \frac{\text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{n_0} p, \text{ord}_m p)}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, m)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}.$$

Therefore by Theorem 2.2 that  $R[G]$  is clean if and only if

$$\text{for every divisor } m \text{ of } n_2, \quad \text{we have} \quad \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, m))}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, m)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}.$$

1. We first suppose that  $R[G]$  is clean. Since  $n_1, n_3$  and  $n_2$  are divisors of  $n_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_1))}{\varphi(n_0)} &= \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_1)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}, \\ \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_3))}{\varphi(n_0)} &= \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_3)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}, \\ \text{and} \quad \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_2))}{\varphi(n_0)} &= \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_2)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gcd(n_1, n_0) = 1$ , we obtain

$$\varphi(n_1) = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_1))}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_1)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{n_0} p, \text{ord}_{n_1} p)}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \leq \frac{\text{ord}_{n_1} p \text{ord}_{n_0} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \text{ord}_{n_1} p \leq \varphi(n_1).$$

Then  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$ .

Since

$$m' = \frac{\varphi(n_0 m')}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_3))}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_3)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \leq \frac{m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = m',$$

we obtain  $\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} m' \varphi(n_1) &= \frac{\varphi(n_0 m' n_1)}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, n_2))}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, n_2)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{ord}_{n_0 m' n_1} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \\ &= \frac{\text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p, \text{ord}_{n_1} p)}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \leq \frac{\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p \text{ord}_{n_1} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p \varphi(n_1)}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = m' \varphi(n_1), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain  $\text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p, \text{ord}_{n_1} p) = \text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p \text{ord}_{n_1} p$ . Thus  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p, \text{ord}_{n_1} p) = 1$ .

2. Conversely, suppose that  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$ ,  $\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p$ , and  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{n_1} p, \text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p) = 1$ . Then for every  $m \mid n_2$ , we let  $m_1 = \gcd(m, n_1)$  and  $m_2 = \frac{\text{lcm}(m/m_1, n_0)}{n_0}$ . Then  $\text{ord}_{m_1} p = \varphi(m_1)$ . It follows by  $n_0 m_2 \mid n_0 m'$  that  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{m_1} p, \text{ord}_{n_0 m_2} p) = 1$  and

$$\text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p = \text{ord}_{n_0 m_2 \frac{m'}{m_2}} p \leq \frac{m'}{m_2} \text{ord}_{n_0 m_2} p \leq \frac{m'}{m_2} m_2 \text{ord}_{n_0} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p = \text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p.$$

Thus  $\text{ord}_{n_0 m_2} p = m_2 \text{ord}_{n_0} p$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{ord}_{\text{lcm}(n_0, m)} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} &= \frac{\text{ord}_{m_1 n_0 m_2} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{\text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{m_1} p, \text{ord}_{n_0 m_2} p)}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \\ &= \frac{\text{ord}_{m_1} p \text{ord}_{n_0 m_2} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} = \frac{m_2 \text{ord}_{m_1} p \text{ord}_{n_0} p}{\text{ord}_{n_0} p} \\ &= m_2 \text{ord}_{m_1} p = m_2 \varphi(m_1) \\ &= \frac{\varphi(m_1 n_0 m_2)}{\varphi(n_0)} = \frac{\varphi(\text{lcm}(n_0, m))}{\varphi(n_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $R[G]$  is clean.

3. In particular, if  $\exp(G)$  is a divisor of  $n$ , then  $n_1 = m' = 1$  and hence  $\mathcal{O}_p[G]$  is clean.  $\square$

Next we characterize when a group ring of a finite abelian group over a local ring  $\mathcal{O}_p$  is  $*$ -clean. We need the following two propositions.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$  if and only if  $\gcd(m, n) \geq 3$  or  $m \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* If  $m \leq 2$ , then it is obvious that  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$ . We suppose  $m \geq 3$ .

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$ . Then  $K \subset K(\zeta_n) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)})$ . Thus  $K(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$  if and only if  $[K(\zeta_n) : K] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)}) : K]$ .

Since  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)}) : K] = \frac{[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\text{lcm}(n, m)}) : \mathbb{Q}]}{[K : \mathbb{Q}]} = \frac{2\varphi(\text{lcm}(m, n))}{\varphi(m)} = \frac{2\varphi(n)}{\varphi(\gcd(m, n))}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [K(\zeta_n) : K] &= [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : K \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\gcd(m, n)})][\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\gcd(m, n)}) : K \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)] \\ &= \frac{\varphi(n)}{\varphi(\gcd(m, n))} [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\gcd(m, n)}) : K \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\gcd(m, n)})] \\ &= \frac{\varphi(n)}{\varphi(\gcd(m, n))} [K(\zeta_{\gcd(m, n)}) : K], \end{aligned}$$

we obtain  $|K(\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)}) : K| \leq 2$ . Moreover,  $K(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$  if and only if  $|K(\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)}) : K| = 2$  if and only if  $\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)} \notin K$ .

If  $\gcd(m, n) \geq 3$ , then  $\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)} \notin \mathbb{R}$  and hence  $\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)} \notin K \subset \mathbb{R}$ . It follows that  $K(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$ .

If  $\gcd(m, n) \leq 2$ , then  $\zeta_{\gcd(m,n)} \in \mathbb{Q} \subset K$  and hence  $K(\zeta_n) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)(\zeta_n)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $\exp(G) \geq 3$  and  $\gcd(\exp(G), n) \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from [4, Theorem 1.2] and Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  be a cyclotomic field for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$  its rings of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal with  $p\mathbb{Z} = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p$  is a prime, and  $G$  a finite abelian group with  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ . Let  $n_0$  be the maximal divisor of  $n$  with  $p \nmid n_0$  and let  $n_1$  be the maximal divisor of  $\exp(G)$  with  $\gcd(n_1, n_0) = 1$ . Then the group ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$ ,  $3 \leq \exp(G) \leq 2n_1$ , and  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{n_1} p, \text{ord}_{n_0} p) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* 1. Suppose  $\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1)$ ,  $3 \leq \exp(G) \leq 2n_1$ , and  $\gcd(\varphi(n_1), \text{ord}_{n_0} p) = 1$ . Since every prime divisor of  $\exp(G)/n_1$  is a divisor of  $n_0$ , it follows from  $\exp(G)/n_1 \leq 2$  that  $(\exp(G)/n_1)$  divides  $n_0$ . Hence

$$\frac{\text{lcm}(\exp(G), n_0)}{n_0 n_1} = \frac{\text{lcm}(\exp(G)/n_1, n_0)}{n_0} = 1.$$

Thus by Theorem 1.1  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean. Since  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ , we have  $\gcd(n, \exp(G)) = \gcd(n_0, \exp(G)/n_1) \leq 2$ . Thus it follows from Proposition 3.3 that  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)[G]$  is  $*$ -clean and hence by Theorem 2.3  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.

2. Suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. Let  $m' = \frac{\text{lcm}(\exp(G), n_0)}{n_0 n_1}$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean, it follows from Theorem 1.1 that

$$\text{ord}_{n_1} p = \varphi(n_1), \quad \text{ord}_{n_0 m'} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p, \quad \text{and} \quad \gcd(\varphi(n_1), m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p) = 1.$$

By Theorem 2.3 and Proposition 3.3, we have  $\exp(G) \geq 3$  and  $\gcd(n, \exp(G)) \leq 2$ . Thus  $\gcd(n_0, \exp(G)/n_1) \leq 2$ . Since every prime divisor of  $\exp(G)/n_1$  is a divisor of  $n_0$ , we obtain

$$\exp(G) = 2^\ell n_1 \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

If  $\ell \geq 2$ , then  $n_0 = 2n'_0$  with  $n'_0$  is odd which implies that  $m' = 2^{\ell-1}$ . Thus

$$2^{\ell-1} \text{ord}_{n_0} p = m' \text{ord}_{n_0} p = \text{ord}_{m' n_0} p = \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{2^\ell} p, \text{ord}_{n'_0} p) \leq 2^{\ell-2} \text{ord}_{n'_0} p = 2^{\ell-2} \text{ord}_{n_0} p,$$

a contradiction. Thus  $\exp(G) \leq 2n_1$  and  $m' = 1$ . The assertion follows.  $\square$

Next, we provide some ( $*$ -clean or non  $*$ -clean) clean group rings in each case of the characterizations of Theorems 1.1 and 3.4.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  be a cyclotomic field for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$  its rings of integers, and  $G$  a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ .

1. If  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $\exp(G)$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.
2. Suppose  $\gcd(\exp(G), n) = 1$  and  $\exp(G)$  has a primitive root. If there is a prime divisor  $q$  of  $\varphi(n)$  such that  $q \nmid \varphi(\exp(G))$ , then there exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$  and  $\gcd(y, \exp(G)) = 1$  such that  $\text{ord}_n x = q$  and  $\text{ord}_{\exp(G)} y = \varphi(\exp(G))$ . By Chinese Remainder Theory, there exists  $z \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(z, n \exp(G)) = 1$  such that  $\text{ord}_n z = q$  and  $\text{ord}_{\exp(G)} z = \varphi(\exp(G))$ . By Dirichlet's prime number theorem, there is a prime  $p$  such that  $p \equiv z \pmod{n \exp(G)}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then by Theorem 3.4  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.
3. Suppose  $\gcd(\exp(G), n) \geq 3$ ,  $\gcd(\frac{\exp(G)}{\gcd(\exp(G), n)}, n) = 1$ , and  $\frac{\exp(G)}{\gcd(\exp(G), n)}$  has a primitive root. If there is a prime divisor  $q$  of  $\varphi(n)$  such that  $q \nmid \varphi(\frac{\exp(G)}{\gcd(\exp(G), n)})$ , then there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $\gcd(\text{ord}_n p, \text{ord}_{\frac{\exp(G)}{\gcd(\exp(G), n)}} p) = 1$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then by Theorems 1.1 and 3.4,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean but not  $*$ -clean.

4. Let  $n = 7$ ,  $\exp(G) = 49 \times 3$ , and let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 23\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\text{ord}_7 23 = 3$ ,  $\text{ord}_3 23 = 2 = \varphi(3)$ , and  $\text{ord}_{49} 23 = 21 = 7 \text{ord}_7 23$ , it follows from Theorems 1.1 and 3.4  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean but not  $*$ -clean.

#### 4. GROUP RINGS OVER LOCAL SUBRINGS OF QUADRATIC FIELDS

In this section, we investigate when a group ring over a local subring of a quadratic field is clean. Let  $d$  be a non-zero square-free integer with  $d \neq 1$ ,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  a quadratic number field,

$$\omega = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d} & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \Delta = \begin{cases} 4d & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ d & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  is the ring of integers and  $\Delta$  is the discriminant of  $K$ .

For an odd prime  $p$  and an integer  $a$ , we denote by  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  the Legendre symbol of  $a$  modulo  $p$ .

We first provide two useful lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $d \neq 1$  be a non-zero square-free integer and let  $\Delta$  be the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  if and only if  $n$  is a multiple of  $\Delta$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from [13, Corollary 4.5.5] □

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $d \neq 1$  be a non-zero square-free integer and let  $I$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , where  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Suppose  $\Delta$  is the discriminant of  $K$  and  $\text{char } \mathcal{O}_K/I = p$ , where  $p$  is a prime.*

1. *If  $p = 2$ , then  $N(I) = p$  if and only if  $\Delta \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ .*
2. *If  $p$  is odd, then  $N(I) = p$  if and only if  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $0$ .*

*Proof.* This follows by [1, Theorem 22, III.2.1, and V.1.1]. □

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** Let  $R = \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . By Theorem 2.2, we have  $R[G] = \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean if and only if  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$  for every divisor  $m$  of  $n$ .

1. Since  $\Delta \nmid n$ , it follows by Lemma 4.1 that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) = \mathbb{Q}$  for every positive divisor  $m$  of  $n$ .

1.1. Suppose the item 1.(a) or 1.(b) holds. By Lemma 4.2 we have  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$ . Therefore for every divisor  $m$  of  $n$ , we obtain that  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $m$  and hence

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p})).$$

Thus  $R[G]$  is clean.

Suppose the item 1.(c) holds. By Lemma 4.2 we have  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p^2$ . Thus

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_2) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_2) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_2) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(2) = \text{ord}_2 p^2 = \text{ord}_2(N(\mathfrak{p})),$$

whence  $R[G]$  is clean.

1.2. Conversely, suppose  $R[G]$  is clean. Then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = \text{ord}_n(N(\mathfrak{p}))$  implies that  $\varphi(n) = \text{ord}_n(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Thus either  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $n$ , or  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p^2$  and  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)$  is odd, i.e.,  $n \leq 2$ . The assertions follow by Lemma 4.2.

2.1. Suppose that  $R[G]$  is clean. Since  $\Delta = 4d \nmid 4$ , we have  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}] = \text{ord}_4(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Thus  $\varphi(4) = \text{ord}_4(N(\mathfrak{p}))$  and hence  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . If  $p \mid d$ , then  $p \mid n$ , a contradiction. Thus  $p \nmid d$  and hence by Lemma 4.2.2  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$ .

Since  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_n(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ , we obtain that  $\varphi(n)/2 = \text{ord}_n(N(\mathfrak{p})) = \text{ord}_n p$ . Since  $4 \mid n$ , we may assume that  $n = 2^\ell n'$  with  $\ell \geq 2$  and  $n'$  is odd. Thus  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2^\ell\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/n'\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . Since  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$  has an element of order  $\varphi(n)/2$ , we obtain that  $n' = 1$  if  $\ell \geq 3$ .



and  $n'$  is a prime power if  $\ell = 2$ . Thus  $n = 4q^\ell$  and  $d \mid q^\ell$ , where  $q$  is a prime. Note that  $d$  is square-free. Therefore  $|d| = q$  is a prime.

2.2. Conversely,  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  implies that  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$ . Suppose  $|d| = 2$  and  $n = 2^\ell$  with  $\ell \geq 3$ . Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$ . If  $m = 4$ , then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = 2$  and  $\text{ord}_4 p = 2$  by  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Thus  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_4 p$ . If  $m = 2^t$  with  $t \geq 3$ , then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = 2^{t-2}$  and  $\text{ord}_m p = m/4 = 2^{t-2}$  by  $2^{\ell-2} = \varphi(n)/2 = \text{ord}_n p$ . Thus  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Putting all these together, we obtain that  $R[G]$  is clean.

Suppose  $|d| \geq 3$  is a prime and  $n = 4|d|^\ell$ . Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$ . If  $m = |d|^t$  for some  $1 \leq t \leq \ell$ , then  $4d \nmid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m) = |d|^{t-1}(|d| - 1)$ . Since  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $|d|^\ell$ , we obtain  $\varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p$ . Therefore  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . If  $m = 2|d|^t$  for some  $1 \leq t \leq \ell$ , then  $4d \nmid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m) = |d|^{t-1}(|d| - 1)$ . Since  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $|d|^\ell$ , we obtain  $\varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p$ . Therefore  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . If  $m = 4|d|^t$  for some  $1 \leq t \leq \ell$ , then  $4d \mid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = |d|^{t-1}(|d| - 1)$ . Since  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $|d|^\ell$ , we obtain  $\varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p$ . Therefore  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . If  $m = 4$ , then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] = 2$  and  $\text{ord}_4 p = 2$  as  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Thus  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] = \text{ord}_4 p$ . Putting all these together, we obtain that  $R[G]$  is clean.

3. If  $p \mid d$ , then  $p \mid n$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $-1$ .

3.1. Let  $R[G]$  be clean. Suppose  $|d|$  is a prime and  $n = |d|^\ell$  or  $n = 2|d|^\ell$  for some  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = -1$ , then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p^2$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta(n)) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta(n)) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_n p^2$  implies either  $\varphi(n) = \text{ord}_n p$  or  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)/2$  is odd. If  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ , then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta(n)) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta(n)) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \text{ord}_n p$  implies that  $\varphi(n)/2 = \text{ord}_n p$ . Putting all these together, we have either  $\text{ord}_n p = \frac{2\varphi(n)}{3 + \left(\frac{d}{p}\right)}$ , or  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)/2$  is odd with  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = -1$ . Note that  $\varphi(n)/2$  is odd if and only if  $|d| \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , i.e.,  $d < 0$ . Therefore (a) holds.

Otherwise, there exists an  $m \mid n$  with  $m \geq 3$  such that  $d \nmid m$ . Therefore  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Since  $\varphi(m)$  must be even, we obtain that  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$  and hence  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ . Since  $d \mid n$ , we have  $\varphi(n)/2 = \text{ord}_n p$ . Therefore  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong C_{\varphi(n)}$  or  $C_2 \oplus C_{\varphi(n)/2}$ , which implies that  $n = q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  or  $2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  or  $4q_1^{\ell_1}$ , where  $q_1, q_2$  are distinct odd primes with  $q_1 \mid d$ ,  $\ell_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Note that  $d$  is square-free. Then either  $|d| = q_1$  and  $n \in \{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}, 2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}, 4q_1^{\ell_1}\}$  with  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , or  $|d| = q_1 q_2$  and  $n \in \{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}, 2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}\}$  with  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose  $|d| = q_1$ . If  $n = q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$  or  $2q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}$ , then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(q_1^{\ell_1})/2 = \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_2^{\ell_2}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_2^{\ell_2}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2}) = \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] &= \varphi(q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2})/2 = \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}(p) \\ &= \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p, \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p) = \frac{\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p \cdot \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p}{\text{gcd}(\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p, \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p)} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1})/2 \cdot \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2})}{\text{gcd}(\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1})/2, \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2}))} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2})/2}{\text{gcd}(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2, q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1))}, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\text{gcd}(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2, q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1)) = 1$  which implies that  $d = -q_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Therefore (c) holds. If  $n = 4q_1^{\ell_1}$ , then  $p \neq 2$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(q_1^{\ell_1})/2 = \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p$ ,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) :$

$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_4) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) = \varphi(4) = \text{ord}_4 p$  which implies that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{4q_1^{\ell_1}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{4q_1^{\ell_1}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] &= \varphi(4q_1^{\ell_1})/2 = \text{ord}_{4q_1^{\ell_1}}(p) \\ &= \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_4 p, \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p) = \frac{2 \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p}{\gcd(2, \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p)} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(4q_1^{\ell_1})/2}{\gcd(2, q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2)}, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\gcd(2, q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2) = 1$ , whence  $q_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Therefore (b) holds.

Suppose  $|d| = q_1 q_2$ . Then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(q_1^{\ell_1}) = \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}}(p)$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_2^{\ell_2}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_2^{\ell_2}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2}) = \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}}(p)$ , whence  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of both  $q_1^{\ell_1}$  and  $q_2^{\ell_2}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] &= \varphi(q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2})/2 = \text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2}}(p) \\ &= \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p, \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p) = \frac{\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p}{\gcd(\text{ord}_{q_1^{\ell_1}} p, \text{ord}_{q_2^{\ell_2}} p)} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1}) \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2})}{\gcd(\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1}), \varphi(q_2^{\ell_2}))} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(q_1^{\ell_1} q_2^{\ell_2})}{\gcd(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1), q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1))}, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\gcd(q_1^{\ell_1-1}(q_1-1)/2, q_2^{\ell_2-1}(q_2-1)/2) = 1$ . Therefore (d) holds.

3.2. Conversely, suppose that (a) holds. Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$  with  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $d \mid m$ . If  $(\frac{d}{p}) = 1$ , then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ , implying that  $R[G]$  is clean. If  $(\frac{d}{p}) = -1$  and either  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)$  or  $\text{ord}_n p = \varphi(n)/2$  with  $|d| = -d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p^2$ ,  $\text{ord}_n p^2 = \varphi(n)/2$ , and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = \text{ord}_m p^2 = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ , implying that  $R[G]$  is clean.

Suppose that (b) holds. Then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$  and  $\text{ord}_{q^i} p = q^{i-1}(q-1)/2$  is odd for all  $i \in [1, \ell]$ . Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$  with  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $d \mid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Therefore  $R[G]$  is clean.

Suppose that (c) holds. Then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$ ,  $\text{ord}_{q_1^i} p = q_1^{i-1}(q_1-1)/2$  is odd,  $p$  is a primitive root of  $q_2^j$ , and  $\gcd(\text{ord}_{q_1^i} p, \text{ord}_{q_2^j} p) = 1$  for all  $i \in [1, \ell_1]$  and  $j \in [1, \ell_2]$ . Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$  with  $m \geq 3$ . If  $m = q_2^t$  or  $2q_2^t$  for some  $1 \leq t \leq \ell_2$ , then  $d \nmid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Otherwise  $d \mid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Therefore  $R[G]$  is clean.

Suppose that (d) holds. Then  $N(\mathfrak{p}) = p$ . Let  $m$  be a positive divisor of  $n$  with  $m \geq 3$ . If  $m = q_1^{t_1}$ , or  $2q_1^{t_1}$ , or  $q_2^{t_2}$ , or  $2q_2^{t_2}$  for some  $1 \leq t_1 \leq \ell_1$  or some  $1 \leq t_2 \leq \ell_2$ , then  $d \nmid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m) = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . If  $m = q_1^{t_1} q_2^{t_2}$  or  $2q_1^{t_1} q_2^{t_2}$ , then  $d \mid m$  and hence  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})] = \varphi(m)/2 = \text{ord}_m p = \text{ord}_m(N(\mathfrak{p}))$ . Therefore  $R[G]$  is clean.  $\square$

Next we characterize when such a group ring is  $*$ -clean. We first prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $d \neq 1$  be a non-zero square free integer. Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n)$  if and only if either  $(d < 0 \text{ and } \Delta \mid n)$  or  $n \leq 2$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\Delta$  is the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .*

*Proof.* If  $n \leq 2$ , it is obvious that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n)$ . Now we let  $n \geq 3$ .

Suppose that  $d < 0$  and  $\Delta \mid n$ . Then by Lemma 4.1  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  and hence  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ . Since  $n \geq 3$  and  $d < 0$ , we have

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1})] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1})] = 2.$$

Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n)$ .

Suppose that  $d > 0$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and by  $n \geq 3$ , we have  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n) \not\subset \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n)$ .

Suppose that  $d < 0$  and  $\Delta \nmid n$ . Thus by Lemma 4.1  $\sqrt{d} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ . Therefore  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2\varphi(n)$  and  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$ . It follows that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})(\zeta_n)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with exponent  $n$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $n \geq 3$  and either  $d > 0$  or  $\Delta \nmid n$ , where  $\Delta$  is the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .*

*Proof.* This result follows from [4, Theorem 1.2] and Lemma 4.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  be a quadratic field for some non-zero square-free integer  $d \neq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  its ring of integers,  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  a nonzero prime ideal with  $p\mathbb{Z} = \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $G$  a finite abelian group with  $p \nmid \exp(G)$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the discriminant of the field extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ . Then*

1. *if  $d > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean and  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ .*
2. *if  $d < 0$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean if and only if  $\Delta \nmid \exp(G)$ ,  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $\exp(G)$ ,  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ , and  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $0$ .*

*Proof.* 1. Let  $d > 0$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean and  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ . Then by Proposition 4.4  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. It follows from Theorem 2.3 that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.

Conversely, suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. Then by Theorem 2.3  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. It follows from Proposition 4.4 that  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ .

2. Let  $d < 0$ . Suppose that  $\Delta \nmid \exp(G)$ ,  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $\exp(G)$ ,  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ , and  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $0$ . Then by Theorem 1.3  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is clean and by Proposition 4.4  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. It follows from Theorem 2.3 that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.

Conversely, suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean. Then by Theorem 2.3  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[G]$  is  $*$ -clean and hence by Proposition 4.4  $\exp(G) \geq 3$  and  $\Delta \nmid \exp(G)$ . It follows from Theorem 1.3.1 that  $p$  is a primitive root of unity of  $\exp(G)$  and  $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $0$ .  $\square$

We close the paper with the following examples which provide some ( $*$ -clean or non  $*$ -clean) clean group rings for each case of the characterizations of Theorems 1.3 and 4.5.

**Example 4.6.** 1. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\gcd(\exp(G), d) = 1$ , where  $d \neq 1$  is a square free integer and  $\exp(G) \neq 4$  has a primitive root. Suppose that  $d = \delta d_0$  such that  $d_0$  is the maximal odd positive divisor of  $d$ . Thus  $\delta \in \{-1, 2, -2\}$ . For every prime  $p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8d_0}$ , we have  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{d_0}{p}\right) = 1$ . Since there exists  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(x, \exp(G)) = 1$  such that  $\text{ord}_{\exp(G)} x = \varphi(\exp(G))$ , for every prime  $p$  with  $p \equiv x \pmod{\exp(G)}$ , we have  $\text{ord}_{\exp(G)} p = \varphi(\exp(G))$ . Note that  $v_2(\exp(G)) \leq 1$ . By Dirichlet's prime number theorem, there is a prime  $p$  such that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8d_0}$  and  $p \equiv x \pmod{\exp(G)}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal such that  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then by Theorem 1.3.1  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean. If  $\exp(G) \geq 3$ , then by Theorem 4.5  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is  $*$ -clean.

2. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 3\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) = 8$ . Then Theorem 1.3.2 and Theorem 4.5.2 imply that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean but not  $*$ -clean.

3. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 11\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) = 12$ . Then Theorem 1.3.2 and Theorem 4.5.1 imply that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean as well as  $*$ -clean.

4. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 19\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) = 5$ . Then Theorem 1.3.3.a and Theorem 4.5.1 imply that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean as well as  $*$ -clean.
5. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 5\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) = 6$ . Then Theorem 1.3.3.a and Theorem 4.5.2 imply that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean but not  $*$ -clean.
6. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{33})$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be a prime ideal with  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = 2\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $\exp(G) = 33$ . Then Theorem 1.3.3.d and Theorem 4.5.1 imply that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}[G]$  is clean as well as  $*$ -clean.

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