

Introduction to p-adic Hodge theory 3

— Analytic functions on p-adic annuli, Ax-Tate-Sen Theorem

Let K be a complete valued field. $v(-) : K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Theorem (Vertex factorization). Let $f(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n t^n$ be a formal Laurent series

Suppose that $NP(f)$ has a vertex P_0 , then we have a decomposition $f(t) = g(t) \cdot h(t)$,

where $NP(g)$ = part of $NP(f)$ to the left of P_0

$NP(h)$ = part of $NP(f)$ to the right of P_0 .

Theorem. The norm on K extends uniquely to K^{alg} .

Proof: Existence: For $\alpha \in K^{\text{alg}}$, take a finite extⁿ L of K containing α (e.g. $L = K(\alpha)$)

$$\text{define } v(\alpha) := \frac{1}{[L:K]} v(N_{L/K}(\alpha))$$

(1) This is independent of L .

(2) $v(\alpha\beta) = v(\alpha) + v(\beta)$. b/c $N_{L/K}(\alpha\beta) = N_{L/K}(\alpha) \cdot N_{L/K}(\beta)$

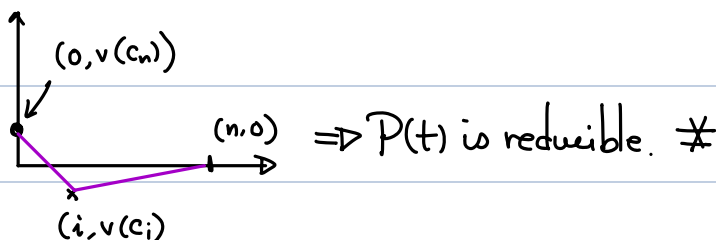
(3) $v(\alpha + \beta) \geq \min\{v(\alpha), v(\beta)\}$.

Pf: WLOG, $v(\alpha) \geq v(\beta)$. Suffices $v\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \geq 0$ (if $v\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right) \geq 0$)

Put $\gamma = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$. Write $P(t) = t^n + c_1 t^{n-1} + \dots + c_n \in K[t]$ for min poly of γ over K .

Claim: $v(c_i) \geq 0$ for all i $\pm N_{K(\gamma)/K}(\gamma)$

If not,



So min poly for $\gamma+1$ is $P(t-1) \in \mathcal{O}_K[t] \Rightarrow v(\gamma+1) \geq 0$.

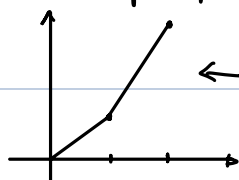
Uniqueness: left as an exercise.

Theorem. Let $f(t) = 1 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \dots \in K[[t]]$ be a power series.

Then as multisets, $\left\{ -v(\text{zeros of } f) \right\}_{(\text{in } K^{\text{alg}})} = \left\{ \text{slopes in } \text{NP}(f) \right\} \quad (*)$

E.g. $f(x) = (1+pt)(1+p^2t)$ has zeros $t = -\frac{1}{p}, -\frac{1}{p^2}$, valuations $-1, -2$

$$= 1 + (p+p^2)t + p^3t^2$$



← slopes are 1 and 2.

Proof: Suppose that $f(t) = (1 - \alpha_1 t)(1 - \alpha_2 t)(1 - \alpha_3 t) \dots$ with $\alpha_i \in K^{\text{alg}}$

with $v(\alpha_1) \leq v(\alpha_2) \leq \dots \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (*) = \{v(\alpha_1), v(\alpha_2), \dots\}$

$$\Rightarrow v(a_1) = v\left(\sum \alpha_i\right) \geq v(\alpha_1)$$

$$v(a_2) = v\left(\sum_{i \leq j} \alpha_i \alpha_j\right) \geq v(\alpha_1) + v(\alpha_2)$$

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The equality for $v(a_i)$ holds if $v(\alpha_i) < v(\alpha_{i+1})$. $\square$.

Theorem If K is a complete valued field, then $\widehat{K}^{\text{alg}}$ is algebraically closed.

Proof: First prove that $\widehat{K}^{\text{alg}}$ is perfect if $\text{char } K = p > 0$.

$$(\forall \alpha \in \widehat{K}^{\text{alg}} \text{ is the limit of } \alpha_n \in K^{\text{alg}}, v(\alpha_n^{1/p} - \alpha_{n+1}^{1/p}) = \frac{1}{p} v(\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}))$$

So $\alpha_n^{1/p}$ converges to $\alpha^{1/p}$.)

Suppose that $\hat{P}(x) = x^d + \hat{a}_{d-1}x^{d-1} + \dots + \hat{a}_d$ is an irreducible separable polynomial in $\widehat{K}^{\text{alg}}[x]$ $d \geq 2$

• Since $\text{NP}(\hat{P})$ is a straight line, may assume $v(\hat{a}_d) = 0$ & all zeros of $\hat{P}$ has valuation 0

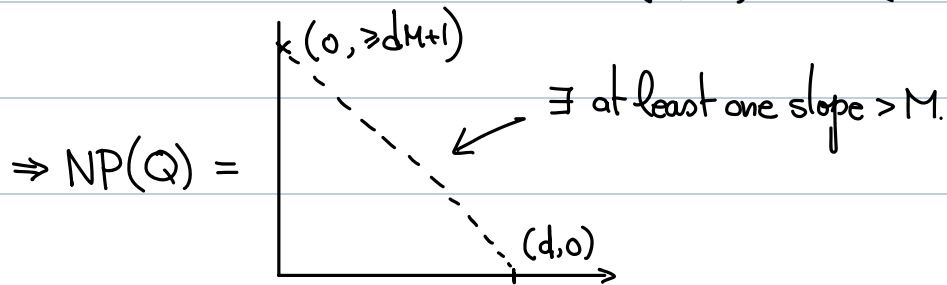
Let $M = \max \{v(\hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}) \text{ for two distinct zeros } \hat{\alpha} \text{ and } \hat{\beta} \text{ of } \hat{P}\}$

Now, take $a_i \in K^{\text{alg}}$ s.t. $v(a_i - \hat{a}_i) \geq dM + 1$

Consider $Q(x) = \hat{P}(x+\alpha) = (x+\alpha)^d + \hat{a}_1(x+\alpha)^{d-1} + \dots + \hat{a}_d$

$$= x^d + \dots + \hat{P}'(\alpha) \cdot x + (\alpha^d + \hat{a}_1 \alpha^{d-1} + \dots + \hat{a}_d)$$

$$P(\alpha) + \underbrace{(\alpha_1 + \hat{a}_1) \alpha^{d-1} + \dots + (\alpha_d + \hat{a}_d)}_{\text{valuation} \geq dM+1}$$



But no two zeros have valuations both $\geq M$.

$\Rightarrow NP(Q)$ has exactly one slope $> M \Rightarrow Q$ reducible. Contradiction!

Theorem. Suppose $\text{char } K = p > 0$. Then K^{sep} is dense in K^{alg}

Proof: Given $\alpha \in K^{\text{sep}}$, want to approximate α^{1/p^m} by elements in K^{sep} .

WLOG $v(\alpha) \geq 0$ (say $v(\pi) = 1$)

Consider $\beta_n \in K^{\text{sep}}$ a zero of $x^{p^m} - \pi^n x = \alpha$ (for $n \gg 0$ so that the NP is a straight line)

$$\Rightarrow v(\beta_n) = \frac{1}{p^m} v(\alpha).$$

$$(\beta_n - \alpha^{1/p^m})^{p^m} = \pi^n \beta_n \Rightarrow v(\beta_n - \alpha^{1/p^m}) = \frac{1}{p^m} (n + \frac{1}{p^m} v(\alpha)) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Theorem (Ax-Sen-Tate) If F is a complete valued field and $K \subseteq F^{\text{alg}}$,

then $(\hat{F}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{Gal}_K} = \hat{K}^{\text{perf}}$, where K^{perf} = perfection of K .

(Note: This works for K/F infinite.

The perfection is needed b/c Gal_K cannot distinguish K from K^{perf}

also changing $\hat{F}^{\text{alg}}$ to $\hat{F}^{\text{sep}}$ doesn't help b/c F^{sep} is dense in F^{alg}

Proof: Will only treat the case when F is an extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

If $\alpha \in F^{\text{alg}}$, put $\Delta_K(\alpha) = \inf_{g \in \text{Gal}_K} (v(g\alpha - \alpha))$

Lemma. Suppose $[K(\alpha):K] = n$. Let $m_0 = \max \{m \text{ s.t. } p^{m+1} \leq n\}$

There exists $\delta \in K$ such that $v(\alpha - \delta) \geq \Delta_K(\alpha) - \sum_{k=0}^{m_0} \frac{1}{p^k(p-1)} > \Delta_K(\alpha) - \frac{p}{(p-1)^2}$.

(Note: Lemma $\Rightarrow$ Thm. Given $\alpha \in (\widehat{F^{\text{alg}}})^{\text{Gal}_K}$, write $\alpha = \lim \alpha_n$ with $\alpha_n \in F^{\text{alg}}$, $r_n := v(\alpha - \alpha_n) \rightarrow +\infty$

Then $\Delta_K(\alpha_n) \geq r_n \Rightarrow \exists \delta_n \in K \text{ s.t. } v(\alpha_n - \delta_n) \geq r_n - \frac{p}{(p-1)^2} \Rightarrow \lim \delta_n = \alpha$.)

Proof of lemma. Proof by induction on $n = [K(\alpha):K]$.

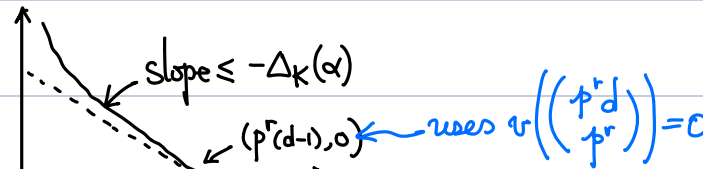
Let $Q(x) :=$ minimal poly of α over K (of deg n)

Consider $P(x) := Q(x+\alpha)$, its zeros are $\sigma(\alpha) - \alpha \Rightarrow$ valuation $\geq \Delta_K(\alpha)$

So $NP(P)$ has slope $\leq -\Delta_K(\alpha)$.

Case 1. $n = p^r \cdot d$ for $p \nmid d$ yet $d > 1$.

Consider $\frac{1}{p^r!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{p^r}(P) =: P^{(p^r)}(x) = Q^{(p^r)}(x+\alpha)$

On the one hand, $NP(P^{(p^r)}) =$ 

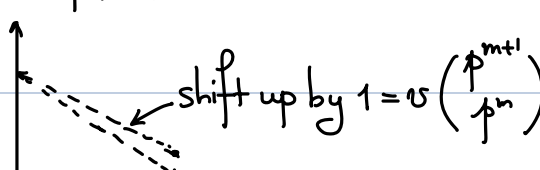
$\Rightarrow \beta$ a zero with $v(\beta) \geq \Delta_K(\alpha)$ and $v(\text{difference of conj of } \beta) \geq \Delta_K(\alpha)$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta$ is a zero of $Q^{(p^r)}(x)$, a polynomial of degree $< n$

& $\Delta_K(\alpha + \beta) = \min_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}_K} \{v(\sigma(\alpha + \beta) - (\alpha + \beta))\} \geq \min_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}_K} \{v(\sigma\alpha - \alpha), v(\beta), v(\sigma(\beta))\}$

Okay by induction. $\geq \Delta_K(\alpha)$

Case 2: $n = p^{m+1}$, Consider $P^{(p^m)} := \frac{1}{p^m!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{p^m}(P)$ instead

$NP(P^{(p^m)}) =$ 

So we can get β with $v(\beta) \geq \Delta_K(\alpha) - \frac{1}{p^m(p-1)}$.

The rest of the argument is the same as above except that we get

$$\Delta_K(\alpha + \beta) \geq \Delta_K(\alpha) - \frac{1}{p^m(p-1)}.$$

§ Analytic functions on p-adic annuli

Fix a complete valued field K .

Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ be an interval. Put

$$A(I) := \{z \in \widehat{K}^{\text{alg}}; v(z) \in I\}$$

A formal Laurent series $f(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n t^n$ converges on $A(I)$

iff $\forall r \in I, v(a_n) + n \cdot r \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$

For each $r \in I$, define the r-Gauss valuation of $f = \sum a_n t^n$ with coeffs in K to be

$$v_r(f) = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (v(a_n) + n \cdot r)$$

Fact: If $r \in I \cap v(K^{\text{alg}, \times})$, then

$$v_r(f) = \min_{\substack{z \in \widehat{K}^{\text{alg}} \\ v(z) = r}} v(f(z)) = \text{min. valuation on the annulus } A([r, r])$$

Define $\mathcal{H}(I) :=$ ring of p-adic analytic functions on $A(I)$

$\mathcal{H}(I)$ is a Fréchet space complete for all valuations $v_r(\cdot)$ with $r \in I$

$$\mathcal{B}(I) = \text{ring of bounded functions} = \bigcup \left\{ f \in \mathcal{H}(I) \mid v_r(f) \text{ is uniformly bounded below for } r \in I \right\}$$

Example $I = (0, +\infty]$, $A(I) =$ open unit disc.

$$f(x) = \log(1+x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} x^n \in \mathcal{H}(I) \text{ but does not belong to } \mathcal{B}(I)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots \in \mathcal{B}(I) \text{ but does not belong to } \mathcal{H}([0, +\infty])$$

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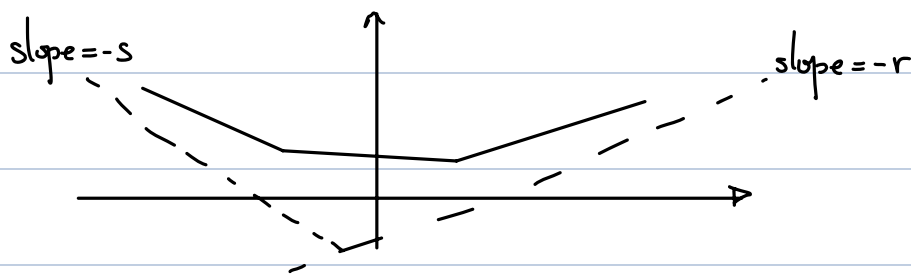
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Lemma. If $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}(I)$, then f has finitely many zeros on $A(I) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{B}(I)$

If K is discretely valued or I is closed, then $f \in \mathcal{B}(I) \Rightarrow f$ has finitely many zeros on $A(I)$.

Proof: Say $I = [r, s]$, $(r, s]$, or (r, s) .

$$\text{Then } f(x) \in \mathcal{B}(I) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \exists M_1, v(a_n) + nr \geq M_1 & \text{for all } n \\ \exists M_2, v(a_n) + ns \geq M_2 \end{cases}$$



f has finitely many zeros on $A(I) \Leftrightarrow \text{NP}(f)$ has finitely many segments of slopes in $-I$.



$\mathcal{B}(I)$ is clear.

Conversely, if K is discretely valued, each segment with slopes in (r, s) brings NP closer to the bound by $v(\infty)$.

Lemma If $f(x) \in \mathcal{H}(I)$ has no zeros in $A(I)$, then $f(x) \in \mathcal{B}(I)^\times$.

Proof: Condition $\Rightarrow f(x) \in \mathcal{H}(I)^\times$

But previous lemma $\Rightarrow f(x) \in \mathcal{B}(I)$; so $f(x) \in \mathcal{B}(I)^{\times}$ $\square$

Proposition Assume that K is discretely valued or I is closed. Then $\mathcal{B}(I)$ is a PID

Proof: Let $J \subseteq \mathcal{B}(I)$ be an ideal.

For each $P(x) \in J$, we can write $P(x) = P_f(x) \cdot f^{\times}(x)$

for $P_f(x) \in K[x]$ accounts for zeros on $A(I)$, and $f^{\times}(x) \in \mathcal{B}(I)^{\times}$

All such $P_f(x)$ in $K[x]$ generate a principal ideal $(P_J(x))$.

Then $J = (P_J(x))$. $\square$

• Definition. A divisor D on $A(I)$ is a (Gal_K -stable) multisubset D of $A(I)$ s.t.

for any closed interval $J \subseteq I$, $D \cap A(J)$ is finite ($[a, +\infty]$ is considered closed)

Facts (1) If $f \in \mathcal{H}(I)$, $\text{div}(f)$ is a divisor on $A(I)$.

(b/c # of elements in $\text{div}(f)$ are controlled by $NP(f)$.)

(2) Conversely, if D is a divisor on $A(I)$, then $\exists f \in \mathcal{H}(I)$ s.t. $\text{div}(f) = D$

(Fix $s_0 \in I$. For each $s \in I$ can define a polynomial $P_s(x) \in K[x]$,

so that $\text{div}(P_s(x)) = D \cap A([s, s])$ and $\begin{cases} P_s(0) = 1 & \text{if } s < s_0 \\ P_s(x) \text{ monic} & \text{if } s \geq s_0 \end{cases}$

Define $f = \prod_{s < s_0} P_s(x) \cdot \prod_{s \geq s_0} \frac{P_s(x)}{x^{\deg P_s(x)}}$.

It's like $f(x) = \prod_{n \geq 1} \underbrace{(1 - p^n x)}_{s = -n \text{ terms}} \underbrace{(1 - p^n x^{-1})}_{s = n \text{ terms}}$

(3) Let D be a divisor on $A(I)$ and suppose we have $P_s(x)$ as above for each $s \in I$

Suppose that we have $Q_s(x) \in K[x]$ s.t. $\deg Q_s(x) < \deg P_s(x)$.

Then $\exists f \in H(I)$ s.t. $f - Q_S(x)$ is divisible by $P_S(x)$.

(4) $H(I)$ is a Bézout domain, i.e. any finitely generated ideal is principal.

(b/c (f, g) is the same as the function with $\text{div} = \text{div}(f) \sim \text{div}(g)$.)