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p-adic exponential and p-adic logarithm

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Let  $p$  be a prime number and let  $\mathbb{C}_p$  be the field of <http://planetmath.org/ComplexPAdicNumbers>  $p$ -adic numbers.

**Definition 1.** The  $p$ -adic exponential is a function  $\exp_p: R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$  defined by

$$\exp_p(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{s^n}{n!}$$

where

$$R = \{s \in \mathbb{C}_p : |s|_p < \frac{1}{p^{1/(p-1)}}\}.$$

The domain of  $\exp_p$  is restricted because the radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n/n!$  over  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is precisely  $r = p^{-1/(p-1)}$ . Recall that, for  $z \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ , we define

$$|z|_p = \frac{1}{p^{\nu_p(z)}}$$

where  $\nu_p(z)$  is the largest exponent  $\nu$  such that  $p^\nu$  divides  $z$ . For example, if  $p \geq 3$ , then  $\exp_p$  is defined over  $p\mathbb{Z}_p$ . However,  $e = \exp_p(1)$  is never defined, but  $\exp_p(p)$  is well-defined over  $\mathbb{C}_p$  (when  $p = 2$ , the number  $e^4 \in \mathbb{C}_2$  because  $|4|_2 = 0.25 < 0.5 = r$ ).

**Definition 2.** The  $p$ -adic logarithm is a function  $\log_p: S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$  defined by

$$\log_p(1 + s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{s^n}{n}$$

where

$$S = \{s \in \mathbb{C}_p : |s|_p < 1\}.$$

We extend the  $p$ -adic logarithm to the entire  $p$ -adic complex field  $\mathbb{C}_p$  as follows. One can show that:

$$\mathbb{C}_p = \{p^t \cdot w \cdot u : t \in \mathbb{Q}, w \in W, u \in U\} = p^{\mathbb{Q}} \times W \times U$$

where  $W$  is the group of all roots of unity of order prime to  $p$  in  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  and  $U$  is the open circle of radius centered at  $z = 1$ :

$$U = \{s \in \mathbb{C}_p : |s - 1|_p < 1\}.$$

We define  $\log_p: \mathbb{C}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$  by:

$$\log_p(s) = \log_p(u)$$

where  $s = p^r \cdot w \cdot u$ , with  $w \in W$  and  $u \in U$ .

**Proposition** (Properties of  $\exp_p$  and  $\log_p$ ). *With  $\exp_p$  and  $\log_p$  defined as above:*

1. *If  $\exp_p(s)$  and  $\exp_p(t)$  are defined then  $\exp_p(s + t) = \exp_p(s) \exp_p(t)$ .*
2.  *$\log_p(s) = 0$  if and only if  $s$  is a rational power of  $p$  times a root of unity.*
3.  *$\log_p(xy) = \log_p(x) + \log_p(y)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$ .*
4. *If  $|s|_p < p^{-1/(p-1)}$  then*

$$\exp_p(\log_p(1 + s)) = 1 + s, \quad \log_p(\exp_p(s)) = s.$$

In a similar way one defines the general  $p$ -adic power by:

$$s^z = \exp_p(z \log_p(s))$$

where it makes sense.