# Non-archimedean Analysis



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## 1 Valuation fields

#### 1.1 absolute values and completion

**Definition 1.1.** Let **k** be a field. An *absolute value* on **k** is a function  $\|\cdot\|$ :  $\mathbf{k} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  satisfying the following properties for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{k}$ :

- (a) ||x|| = 0 if and only if x = 0;
- (b)  $||xy|| = ||x|| \cdot ||y||$ ;
- (c)  $||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$ .

A field **k** equipped with an absolute value  $\|\cdot\|$  is called a *valuation field*.

**Remark 1.2.** Let **k** be a field. Recall that a *valuation* on **k** is a function  $v: \mathbf{k}^{\times} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

- $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{k}^{\times}, v(xy) = v(x) + v(y);$
- $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{k}^{\times}, v(x+y) \ge \min\{v(x), v(y)\}.$

We can extend v to the whole field  $\mathbf{k}$  by defining  $v(0) = +\infty$ . Fix a real number  $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$ . Then v induces an absolute value  $|\cdot|_v : \mathbf{k} \to \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by  $|x|_v = \varepsilon^{v(x)}$  for each  $x \in \mathbf{k}$ .

In some literature, the valuation v is called an *additive valuation* and the induced absolute value

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 $|\cdot|_v$  is called a *multiplicative valuation*. In this note, the term *valuation* always refers to the additive valuation.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $(\mathbf{k}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a valuation field. We say that  $\mathbf{k}$  is *complete* if the metric  $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$  makes  $\mathbf{k}$  a complete metric space.

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $(\mathbf{k}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a valuation field. Let  $(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \|\cdot\|)$  be its completion as a metric space. Then the operations of addition and multiplication on  $\mathbf{k}$  can be extended to  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  uniquely, making  $(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \|\cdot\|)$  a complete valuation field containing  $\mathbf{k}$  as a dense subfield.

**Definition 1.5.** A valuation field  $(\mathbf{k}, \|\cdot\|)$  is called *spherically complete* if every decreasing sequence of closed balls in  $\mathbf{k}$  has a non-empty intersection.

#### 1.2 Non-archimedean fields and ultra-metric spaces

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $(\mathbf{k}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a valuation field. We say that  $\mathbf{k}$  is non-archimedean if its absolute value  $\|\cdot\|$  satisfies the strong triangle inequality:

$$||x + y|| \le \max\{||x||, ||y||\}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{k}.$$

Otherwise, we say that  $\mathbf{k}$  is archimedean.

Let **k** be a non-archimedean field. Then easily see that  $\{x \in \mathbf{k} : ||x|| \le 1\}$  is a subring of **k**. Moreover, it is a local ring whose maximal ideal is  $\{x \in \mathbf{k} : ||x|| < 1\}$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be a non-archimedean field. The ring of integers of  $\mathbf{k}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{k}^{\circ} := \{ x \in \mathbf{k} : ||x|| \le 1 \}.$$

Its maximal ideal is

$$\mathbf{k}^{\circ \circ} := \{ x \in \mathbf{k} : ||x|| < 1 \}.$$

The residue field of  $\mathbf{k}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{k}} := \widetilde{\mathbf{k}} := \mathbf{k}^{\circ}/\mathbf{k}^{\circ \circ}.$$

Yang: Is the valuation on residue field trivial?

**Theorem 1.8** (Hessel's lemma). Let **k** be a non-archimedean field and  $\mathcal{k}_{\mathbf{k}}$  be its residue field. For any polynomial  $\tilde{f}(X) \in \mathcal{k}_{\mathbf{k}}[X]$  and any simple root  $\tilde{a} \in \mathcal{k}_{\mathbf{k}}$  of  $\tilde{f}(X)$ , there exists a root  $a \in \mathbf{k}^{\circ}$  of  $f(X) \in \mathbf{k}^{\circ}[X]$  such that the image of a in  $\mathcal{k}_{\mathbf{k}}$  is  $\tilde{a}$ . Yang: To be checked.

#### 1.3 *p*-adic fields

Construction 1.9. Let K be a number field and  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K$  of K. Considering the localization  $(\mathcal{O}_K)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$ , which is a discrete valuation ring, denote by  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}: K^{\times} \to \mathbb{Z}$  the corresponding discrete valuation. The p-adic absolute value on K associated to  $\mathfrak{p}$ 

is defined as

$$|x|_{\mathfrak{p}} := N(\mathfrak{p})^{-v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x)}, \quad \forall x \in K,$$

where  $N(\mathfrak{p}) := \#(\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p})$  is the norm of  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

The completion of K with respect to the p-adic absolute value  $|\cdot|_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is denoted by  $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , called the  $\mathfrak{p}$ -adic field.

One can just focus on the case  $K=\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}=(p)$  for a prime number p.

**Example 1.10.** Let p be a prime number. For every  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we can write r as  $r = p^n \frac{a}{b}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are integers not divisible by p. The p-adic absolute value on  $\mathbb{Q}$  is defined as

$$|r|_p := p^{-n}$$
.

The p-adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  can be described concretely as follows:

$$\mathbb{Q}_p = \left\{ \sum_{i=n}^{+\infty} a_i p^i \middle| n \in \mathbb{Z}, a_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\} \right\}.$$

For  $x = \sum_{i=n}^{+\infty} a_i p^i \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  with  $a_n \neq 0$ , its *p*-adic absolute value is given by  $|x|_p = p^{-n}$ . The operations of addition and multiplication on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  are defined similarly as those on decimal expansions.

Construction 1.11. Let p be a prime number. The field  $\mathbb{C}_p$  of p-adic complex numbers is defined as the completion of the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with respect to the unique extension of the p-adic absolute value  $|\cdot|_p$  on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The field  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is algebraically closed and complete with respect to  $|\cdot|_p$ . Yang: To be completed.

**Proposition 1.12.** The field  $\mathbb{C}_p$  of p-adic complex numbers is not spherically complete.

Construction 1.13. Let p be a prime number. Yang: We construct the *spherically complete* p-adic field  $\Omega_p$ . Yang: To be completed.

Yang: What is the relation between the finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $K_p$ ?

# 2 Ultra-metric spaces

**Definition 2.1.** A metric space (X, d) is called an *ultra-metric space* if its metric d satisfies the strong triangle inequality:

$$d(x, z) \le \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z)\}, \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let (X, d) be an ultra-metric space. Then for any  $x \in X$  and r > 0, the closed ball  $B(x,r) := \{y \in X : d(x,y) \le r\}$  satisfies the following properties:

- (a) For any  $y \in B(x,r)$ , we have B(x,r) = B(y,r).
- (b) Any two closed balls in X are either disjoint or one is contained in the other.

Yang: To be revised.

We will use B(x,r) to denote the open ball with center x and radius r. We will use E(x,r) to denote the closed ball with center x and radius r.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let (X, d) be an ultra-metric space. Then X is totally disconnected, i.e., the only connected subsets of X are the singletons. Yang: To be revised.

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