

p-adic number

1° Represent fraction and negative number;

$$\text{Find } 7x \dots 142857143 = 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{7} = \dots 142857143 \text{ in } 10\text{-adic sense,}$$

$$\text{Find } 1 + \dots 9999 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \dots 99 = -1 \text{ in } 10\text{-adic sense}$$

Find function: use multiplication, if  $ad = a \frac{b}{c}$   
then  $d = \frac{b}{c}$

Find negative number: use addition, if  $a+d = a+c$   
 $\Rightarrow d=c$

2° why  $x^2 = x$  has 4 sol in 10-adic sense;

(cause  $10 = 2 \times 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$  so " $ab=0 \nRightarrow a=0$  or  $b \neq 0$ ")

That's why we need p-adic number, (cause

p-adic numbers form an integral domain ( $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0, b=0$ )

