

Problem 1.

For absolute value functions (multiplicative valuations) we have the Ostrowski's Theorem. For additive valuation, let v be some additive valuation on \mathbb{Q} . Then we know that $v(1) = v(1) + v(1)$, and $v(1) = 0$. Then $| \cdot |_v$ is a non-archimedean absolute value function:

$$|x|_v = \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{v(x)}$$

By Ostrowski's Theorem this function is equivalent to some p -adic valuation, meaning there exists some $\alpha > 0$ such that $| \cdot |_v^\alpha = | \cdot |_p$ for some prime p . Then if we use \ln in both sides of the equation above we get:

$$\ln |x|_p^\alpha = -v(x) \implies v(x) = -\alpha \ln |x|_p$$

We will show that for any α this v is a valuation function:

$$\begin{aligned} v(xy) &= -\alpha \ln |xy|_p = -\alpha \ln |x|_p |y|_p = -\alpha (\ln |x|_p + \ln |y|_p) \\ &= -\alpha \ln |x|_p - \alpha \ln |y|_p \\ &= v(x) + v(y) \end{aligned}$$

WLOG suppose $|x|_p \leq |y|_p$, then $|x+y|_p \geq \max\{|x|_p, |y|_p\} = |y|_p$:

$$v(x+y) = -\alpha \ln |x+y|_p \leq -\alpha \ln |y|_p = \min\{-\alpha \ln |y|_p, -\alpha \ln |x|_p\} = \min\{v(y), v(x)\}$$

And lastly:

$$\begin{aligned} v(x) = \infty &\implies 0 = \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{v(x)} = |x|_p^\alpha \implies |x|_p = 0 \implies x = 0 \\ x = 0 &\implies v(x) = -\alpha \ln |0|_p = -\alpha \ln 0 = \infty \\ v(x) = \infty &\iff x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This proves that any additive valuation is of the form $-\alpha \ln |x|_p$ for some prime p and positive α .

Problem 2.

Problem 3.

We know that $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p \mid |x|_p \leq 1\}$ is the disjoint union of open balls around $0, 1, \dots, p-1$, with radius 1. Using this fact:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & |x|_p > 1 \\ i & x \in B(i, 1) \end{cases}$$

is the desired function. It is not constant, so we only need to check that if it is locally constant. Let $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$. If $|x|_p > 1$, then $x \notin B$. Since B is both closed and open, then \overline{B} is also closed and open. Then there x is contained in an open (\overline{B}) such that the function is constant over that open. Similarly for any $x \in B(i, 1)$, we have that x is contained in an open that f is constant over it. And we are done.

Problem 4.

It is enough to show that for any $\epsilon > 0$, we have a finite covering with balls of radius ϵ . Now ϵ can only acquire values of the form p^α . with integer $\alpha \leq 0$. Let $\epsilon = p^{-r}$, then we have:

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = B(0, \epsilon) \cup \dots \cup B(p^r - 1, \epsilon)$$

Problem 5.

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