

p-adic Numbers 강의록

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1 5강. Hensel's lemma and Local-Global Principal

1.1 Hensel's Lemma

Let the polynomial $F(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \cdots + a_nX^n$ with coefficients $a_i \in R$. The formal derivative is defined

$$F'(X) = a_1 + 2a_2X + \cdots + na_nX^{n-1}$$

Theorem 1 ([Gou20] Theorem 4.5.2). $F(X)$ a polynomial whose coefficients are in \mathbb{Z}_p . Suppose that there exists a p -adic integer $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that

$$F(\alpha_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$$

$$F'(\alpha_1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$$

Then there exists a unique p -adic integer $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $\alpha \equiv \alpha_1 \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$ and $F(\alpha) = 0$

Proof. We construct Cauchy sequence $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ that satisfies

$$(a) F(\alpha_n) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^n}$$

$$(b) \alpha_{n+1} \equiv \alpha_n \pmod{p^n}$$

How to do that? α_1 is given. $\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n + b_np^n$

$$F(\alpha_{n+1}) = F(\alpha_n + b_np^n) = F(\alpha_n) + F'(\alpha_n)b_np^n + \cdots$$

By the Taylor formula (Is this true? True! for polynomials)

So we have b_n chosen to make $F(\alpha_n) + F'(\alpha_n)b_np^n$ divisible by p^{n+1} ...

(Need more... $F'(\alpha_n)$ also not divisible by p ? The same logic!) \square

In other language

Theorem 2. $F(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \cdots + a_nX^n$ be a polynomial whose coefficients are in \mathbb{Z}_p . If there exists a p -adic integer $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $|F(\alpha_1)| < 1$ and $|F'(\alpha_1)| = 1$. Setting

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n - \frac{F(\alpha_n)}{F'(\alpha_n)}$$

defines a convergent sequence whose limit $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ is the unique p -adic integer such that $|\alpha - \alpha_1| < 1$ and $F(\alpha) = 0$

Stronger version of Hensel's lemma.

Theorem 3. $F(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \cdots + a_nX^n$ be a polynomial whose coefficients are in \mathbb{Z}_p . If there exists a p -adic integer $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $|F(\alpha_1)| < |F'(\alpha_1)|^2$. Then there exists a unique p -adic integer α such that $|\alpha - \alpha_1| < p^{v_p(F(\alpha_1)) - v_p(F'(\alpha_1))}$ and $F(\alpha) = 0$

1.2 Application of Hensel's Lemma

We call m -th root of unity if it is root of $F(X) = X^m - 1$. Primitive m -th root of unity is m -th root of unity that does not satisfy $\zeta^n = 1$ for $1 \leq n \leq m-1$

Remark 1. Root of unity (if exists) is always p -adic integer

Proposition 1 ([Gou20] Proposition 4.6.1). For any prime p and any positive integer m not divisible by p , there exists a primitive m -th root of unity in \mathbb{Q}_p if and only if $m \mid p-1$

Proof. $F'(\lambda) = m\lambda^{m-1}$ so if $p \nmid m$ then $F'(\alpha_1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ if $\alpha_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

So we want to find $\alpha_1^m \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ then by Hensel's lemma, it lifts to the root in \mathbb{Q}_p .

Now, $m \mid p-1$, we can find m incongruent roots of $X^m - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

There are no other roots of unity. $\zeta^k = 1$ and $p \nmid k$ then as modulo p , k must divide $p-1$ or $k=1$. \square

Remark 2. 1. $(p-1)$ -roots of unity are all noncongruent modulo p ($p-1$ root of unity 중 1와 congruent한 것은 1 뿐이므로! Hensel lemma)

2. The structure of \mathbb{Z}_p^\times as a multiplicative group, is $V \times U_1$ where V is $(p-1)$ roots of unity and $U_1 = 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$.

나중에 analysis를 하고 돌아올시다!

3. Containing n -th root of unity is an important feature! Especially in the field theory, **Kummer Theory**

Next application is analyzing the multiplicative group \mathbb{Q}_p^\times , quotient group $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times / (\mathbb{Q}_p^\times)^2$

First $p \neq 2$ prime.

Proposition 2. $b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ If there exists an $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $\alpha_1^2 \equiv b \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$ then b is a square on the element of \mathbb{Z}_p^\times

Proof. Hensel's lemma on $X^2 - b$ \square

Corollary 1. $p \neq 2$ the $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ is a square if and only if it can be written as $x = p^{2n}y^2$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$. Thus $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times / (\mathbb{Q}_p^\times)^2$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Coset representation $\{1, p, c, cp\}$

If $p = 2$ prime. Then we apply the strong hensel's lemma. 2-adic unit is square if and only if it is congruent to 1 modulo 8. $\mathbb{Q}_2^\times / (\mathbb{Q}_2^\times)^2$ has order 8. Coset representative $\{1, -1, 5, -5, 2, -2, 10, -10\}$

More detail: $f(X) = X^2 - b$, $f'(X) = 2X$. For $X \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $|f'(x)|^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4} < |x^2 - b|$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2^\times$ if $x^2 \equiv b \pmod{8}$. $x = 1 + 2y$, $y \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ so $x^2 = 1 + 4y + 4y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ so if and only if $b \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$.

$x \in \mathbb{Q}_2$ is a square if and only if it can be written as $x = 2^{2n}y$ for $y \in 1 + 8\mathbb{Z}_2$.

1.3 Hensel's Lemma for Polynomials

$g(X), h(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$. $\bar{g}(X), \bar{h}(X) \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$ a polynomials obtained by reducing the coefficients modulo p . $g(X)$ and $h(X)$ are relatively prime modulo p if $\gcd(\bar{g}, \bar{h}) = 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_p[X]$

Theorem 4 (Theorem 4.7.2 (Hensel's Lemma for Polynomials)). $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ a polynomial and assume $g_1(X), h_1(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ such that

- $g_1(X)$ monic
- $g_1(X)$ and $h_1(X)$ reduced into polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_p[X]$ by modulo p for each coefficients, then is relatively prime modulo p
- $f(X) \equiv g_1(X)h_1(X) \pmod{p}$ coefficient-wise

Then there exists $g(X), h(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ that

- $g(X)$ monic
- $g(X) \equiv g_1(X) \pmod{p}$ and $h(X) \equiv h_1(X) \pmod{p}$
- $f(X) = g(X)h(X)$

Proof. Construct the sequence of polynomials $g_n(X), h_n(X)$ satisfying

- $g_n(X)$ monic, degree equal to $g_1(X)$
- $g_{n+1}(X) \equiv g_n(X) \pmod{p^n}$ and $h_{n+1}(X) \equiv h_n(X) \pmod{p^n}$
- $f(X) \equiv g_n(X)h_n(X) \pmod{p^n}$

All coefficient wise.

$$g_2(X) = g_1(X) + pr_1(X), h_2(X) = h_1(X) + ps_1(X).$$

Then we are finding $r_1(X)h_1(X) + s_1(X)g_1(X) \equiv (f(X) - g_1(X)h_1(X))/p = k_1(X) \pmod{p}$.

By relatively prime modulo p condition, $a(X), b(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ such that $a(X)g_1(X) + b(X)h_1(X) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Define $\tilde{r}_1(X) = b(X)k_1(X)$, $\tilde{s}_1(X) = a(X)k_1(X)$ \square

1.4 Local-Global Principle

We will use \mathbb{Q}_p to analyze Diophantine equation. The existence of solutions in \mathbb{Q} can be detected by studying roots on \mathbb{Q}_p which are local solutions.

Easy direction: If the equation has \mathbb{Q} solution then it does in \mathbb{Q}_p , $p \leq \infty$ because $\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$.

Instances:

- $X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 = 0$ in $\mathbb{Q}_\infty = \mathbb{R}$; only $(0,0,0)$ can be a solution
 - $X^2 - 3Y^2 = 0$ in \mathbb{Q}_7 ; only $(0,0)$ can be a solution
 - $X^2 - 37Y^2 = 0$ in \mathbb{Q}_5 ; only $(0,0)$ can be a solution
- \mathbb{Q}_p is "local" information near the prime p . "global" means for \mathbb{Q} . The Local-Global Principle is

Local-Global Principle: The existence or non-existence of solutions in \mathbb{Q} of a diophantine equation can be detected by studying, for each $p \leq \infty$ the solutions of the equation in \mathbb{Q}_p (local solutions)

Easy example

Proposition 3 ([Gou20] Proposition 4.8.1). A number $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ is a square if and only if it is a square in every \mathbb{Q}_p , $p \leq \infty$

Proof.

$$x = \pm \prod_{p < \infty} p^{v_p(x)}$$

If x is square in every \mathbb{Q}_p , then $v_p(x)$ must be even, and x is positive number. Thus is square in \mathbb{Q} \square

We can interpret proposition as $f(X) = X^2 - a$, $a \in \mathbb{Q}$, $f(X)$ has a solution in \mathbb{Q} if and only if it has a solution in each \mathbb{Q}_p . (Local-Global Principle)

Local-Global Principle might fail :

- $(X^2 - 2)(X^2 - 17)(X^2 - 34) = 0$ has roots in \mathbb{Q}_p but not in \mathbb{Q}

Remark 3. $p = 2, 17$ holds since $X^2 - 17 = 0$, $X^2 - 2$ is solvable in $\mathbb{Q}_2, \mathbb{Q}_{17}$

$p \neq 2, 17$ then one of the three equation is solvable. (Legendre symbol..!)

- $X^4 - 17 = 2Y^2$ has roots in \mathbb{Q}_p but not in \mathbb{Q} .

Theorem 5 (Theorem 4.8.2 (Hasse-Minkowski)). For the quadratic form

$$F(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} X_i X_j \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

the equation $F(X_1, \dots, X_n) = 0$ has non-trivial solutions in \mathbb{Q} if and only if it has non-trivial solutions in \mathbb{Q}_p for $p \leq \infty$.

1.5 Hasse-Minkowski Application

Let us consider

$$aX^2 + bY^2 + cZ^2 = 0$$

a, b, c are pairwise-relatively prime integers with no square factors.

We can find the solution in \mathbb{Q}_p if

- $p = \infty$: a, b, c do not have the same sign
- p odd prime : $p \nmid abc$ or $p \mid a$ then $b + r^2c \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for some $r \in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 6 (Chevalley-Warning Theorem). Let $f_\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ a family of polynomials that satisfy $\sum_\alpha \deg f_\alpha < n$. If V be their common zeros in K^n then

$$\text{Card}(V) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

Lemma 1. Let $u \geq 0$ be an integer. Then

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} x^u = \begin{cases} -1 & u \geq 1, p-1 \mid u \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. If $p-1 \mid u$, by fermat's little theorem, $x^{p-1} = 1$ in \mathbb{F}_p for $x \neq 0$ so $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} x^u = p-1 = -1$

Else, let y be an integer $y^u = 1$ then $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} x^u = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} x^u y^u = 0$ \square

Proof of the Chevalley-Warning Theorem. Define $P = \prod_\alpha (1 - f_\alpha^{p-1})$. Then $x \in V$ if and only if $P(x) = 1$.

Claim:

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^n} P(x) = 0$$

Since $\deg P < n(p-1)$, every monomial has some variable of degree less than $p-1$. For example $x_1^{b_1} \dots x_n^{b_n}$, $b_n < p-1$. Summing over x_n becomes 0. \square

Corollary 2. In the same setting of the Chevalley-Warning theorem and assume f_α does not have a constant term. Then the system of equation $f_\alpha = 0$ have a nontrivial common solution

Proof. $0 \in V$ \square

Corollary 3. The quadratic form with more than 3 variables (Only one $f \in \mathbb{F}_p[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ with $n \geq 3$) have a nontrivial zero.

Applied to $p \nmid abc$, solves the case.

In the case $p \mid a, b, c$ coprime to a . Thus Hensel's lemma is applicable. The problem reduced to the existence of solution reduced to modulo p .

- $p = 2$: a, b, c all odd then two sum must be divisible by 4, and if a even then $b + c$ or $a + b + c$ divisible by 8

a, b, c all odd. Two y, z should be odd and x should be even. $a(4x') + b(1 + 4y') + c(1 + 4z') = 0$ so $b + c \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

Conversely, look at the solution modulo 8.

- $b + c \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ then let x divisible by 4, y, z odd gives solution modulo 8. Now Strong Hensel's lemma

- $b + c \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ then let x is form $4k + 2$, repeat.

$2 \mid a$ then solution look at modulo 8... (the same)

By Hasse-Minkowski, if above condition guarantees solution in \mathbb{Q} .

1.6 Sum of three squares

Theorem 7. An $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is sum of three squares if and only if n is not a form of $4^a(8b - 1)$

Consider 동차 이차식 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - nw^2 = 0$

Lemma 2. $f(X) = 0$ 의 non-trivial 유리수 해가 존재할 조건은 $-n$ 이 \mathbb{Q}_2 의 제곱수가 아닌 것. 그리고 이 필요충분 조건은 n 이 $4^a(8b - 1)$ 꼴이 아닌 것.

Proof. Hasse-Minkowski에 의해 유리수 해가 존재하는 것은 \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}_p 에서 근이 존재하는 것과 동치. 실수는 일단 됐고.

$\mathbb{Q}_p, p \neq 2$ 를 보자.

Case 1. $p \nmid n, w = 1, z = 0$. $x^2 + y^2 \equiv n \pmod{p}$ solution 존재?

$S = \{x^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_p\}$ 원소 개수 $(p+1)/2$. $T = \{n - y^2 \mid y \in \mathbb{F}_p\}$ 원소 개수 $(p+1)/2$. 공통원소 존재. 따라서 mod p 해가 존재. Hensel's condition.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2y, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 2z, \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} = -2nw$$

$(x_0, y_0, 0, 1)$ 에서 위의 x, y 중 하나는 0이 아님. Lifting 가능.

Case 2. $p \mid n$

mod p solution: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ nontrivial solution 을 찾을 수 있다. Chevalley Warning theorem. Lifting은 자명 그러면 이제 $p = 2$ 를 들여다보자. $-n$ be square이면 \mathbb{Q}_2 에서 주어진 이차식은 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + W^2 = 0$. 위의 solution 이 존재한다면 mod 8로 바라보았을 때 모든 수가 짝수여야... 무한강하.

$-n$ not a square. Consider $x^2 = n - y^2 - z^2$ polynomial. We shall appropriately choose y, z so $f(x) = x^2 - A$ applied strong hensel.

$f'(x) = 2x$ so we want to find $|f(x_0)|_2 < |f'(x_0)|_2^2$. If x_0 is unit, then $|x_0^2 - A|_2 < 1/4$ or $x_0^2 \equiv A \pmod{8}$ but $x_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

Mod 8로 식을 바라봅시다. $-n$ is not square is equivalent to n not $7 \pmod{8}$. 그 외에는 항상 해를 찾을 수 있죠..

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 2$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

$$1 + 4 + 0 = 5$$

$$1 + 4 + 1 = 6$$

따라서 lifting이 존재하고... QED

□

Remark 4. Quadratic form 에 대해 더 깊이 공부하면 조금 더 직접적인 방법으로 \mathbb{Q}_2 의 제곱수 조건이 튀어나오게 됩니다... 참고문헌 A course in Arithmetic, J.P.Serre Chapter 1 to 4.

Lemma 3 (Davenport-Cassels). $f(X) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}X_iX_j$ positive definite quadratic form $a_{ij} = a_{ji} \in \mathbb{Z}$. If

(H) $\forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^n, \exists y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ that $f(x - y) < 1$

Then if $f(X) = m$ in \mathbb{Q}^n has a solution, then so does in \mathbb{Z}

Proof. Let $x \cdot y = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}x_iy_j$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}^n$. If $f(X) = m$ has solution in \mathbb{Q}^n , then there exists $t > 0$ integer such that $t^2m = x \cdot x, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$. Let t be the integer smallest among the all solutions $f(x) = m$

$\frac{x}{t} = y + z, y \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ with $z \cdot z < 1$ exists by (H).

Now if $z \cdot z = 0$ then t must be 1... this leads to conclusion.

Else $z \cdot z \neq 0$ then let $a = y \cdot y - m, b = 2(mt - x \cdot y), t' = at + b, x' = ax + by$.

Then $x' \cdot x' = t'^2m$ and $tt' = t^2z \cdot z$ so $t' = t(z \cdot z) < t$ contradiction. □

For the quadratic form $f(X) = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2$ satisfies (H) because choosing $|x_i - y_i| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ can be chosen. Thus completing the Sum of three squares.

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