

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

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

**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 do that?  $\alpha_1$  is given.  $\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n + b_n p^n$

$$F(\alpha_{n+1}) = F(\alpha_n + b_n p^n) = F(\alpha_n) + F'(\alpha_n)b_n p^n + \dots$$

By the Taylor formula (Is this true? True! for polynomials)  
So we have  $b_n$  chosen to make  $F(\alpha_n) + F'(\alpha_n)b_n p^n$  divisible by  $p^{n+1} \dots$

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

In other language

**Theorem 2.**  $F(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots + a_nX^n$  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.**  $F(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots + a_nX^n$  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 an unique  $p$ -adic integer  $\alpha$  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  $\not\equiv 1$  외 congruent한 것은 1뿐이라고! 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 돌아옵시다!

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  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$  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  $x_1^{b_1} \cdots x_n^{b_n}$ ,  $b_n < p-1$ . Summing over  $x_n$  becomes 0.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** In the same setting of the Chevalley-Warning theorem and assume  $f_\alpha$  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. Hansel'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 있나. 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  $\square$

**Remark 4.** Quadratic form에 대해 더 깊이 공부하면 조금 더 디렉트한 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  $(H) \forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^n, \exists y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^p$  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  $t^2m = x \cdot x, x \in \mathbb{Z}^p$ . Let  $t$  be the integer smallest among the all solutions  $f(x) = m$

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

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.  $\square$

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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