

We can define a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}.$$

We know this function to be discontinuous under the usual absolute value. In  $\mathbb{R}$  under the usual absolute value, we define a function  $h$  to be continuous at a point  $a$  in the domain of  $h$  by

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |h(x) - h(a)| < \epsilon.$$

We can reformulate this definition in the p-adic sense by

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < |x - a|_p < \delta \implies |h(x) - h(a)|_p < \epsilon.$$

If we reformulate our original function, then we can show that under the p-adic absolute value, the function is continuous at every point. We will define  $g : \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$  as

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

as an analog to the function  $f$  we defined earlier. We will show that this function is indeed continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. If  $g$  is continuous at a point  $c$ , then  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $|x - c|_p < \delta \implies |g(x) - g(c)|_p < \epsilon$ . If we let  $\delta = 1$ , then we have