

ARITHMETICAL PROPERTIES OF THE  
VALUES OF SOME POWER SERIES WITH  
ALGEBRAIC COEFFICIENTS TAKEN FOR  
 $U_m$ -NUMBERS ARGUMENTS. <sup>1</sup>

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Abstract : In this paper it is proved that the values of some gap series for  $U_m$ -numbers arguments are either a  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq m$  or an element of a certain algebraic number field. In this work the method which is used by Oryan for Liouville numbers in [9] and [10] is extended to the  $U_m$ -numbers. This extended method is used first for the gap series with rational coefficients and then for the gap series with algebraic coefficients. Further by using the similar methods for the  $p$ -adic gap series the similar results are obtained. The obtained results in the work contains the theorems in [9], [10] as special cases.

INTRODUCTION

Mahler [5] divided in 1932 the complex numbers into four classes  $A, S, T, U$  as follows.

Let  $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients. The number  $H(P) = \max\{|a_n|, \dots, |a_0|\}$  is called the height of  $P(x)$ . Let  $\xi$  be a complex number and

$$\omega_n(H, \xi) = \min\{|P(\xi)| : \text{degree of } P \leq n, H(P) \leq H, P(\xi) \neq 0\},$$

where  $n$  and  $H$  are natural numbers. Let

$$\omega_n(\xi) = \limsup_{H \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\log \omega_n(H, \xi)}{\log H},$$

and

$$\omega(\xi) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega_n(\xi)}{n}.$$

The inequalities  $0 \leq \omega_n(\xi) \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq \omega(\xi) \leq \infty$  hold. From  $\omega_{n+1}(H, \xi) \leq \omega_n(H, \xi)$  we get  $\omega_{n+1}(\xi) \geq \omega_n(\xi)$ . So  $\omega(\xi)$  is either a non-zero finite number or positive infinity.

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If for an index  $\omega_n(\xi) = +\infty$ , then  $\mu(\xi)$  is defined as the smallest of them; otherwise  $\mu(\xi) = +\infty$ . So  $\mu$  is uniquely determined and both of  $\mu(\xi)$  and  $\omega(\xi)$  cannot be finite. Therefore there are the following four possibilities for  $\xi$ .  $\xi$  is called

- $A$  - number if  $\omega(\xi) = 0, \mu(\xi) = \infty$ ,
- $S$  - number if  $0 < \omega(\xi) < \infty, \mu(\xi) = \infty$ ,
- $T$  - number if  $\omega(\xi) = \infty, \mu(\xi) = \infty$ ,
- $U$  - number if  $\omega(\xi) = \infty, \mu(\xi) < \infty$ .

The class  $A$  is composed of all algebraic numbers. The transcendental numbers are divided into the classes  $S, T, U$ .  $\xi$  is called a  $U$ -number of degree  $m$  ( $1 \leq m$ ) if  $\mu(\xi) = m$ .  $U_m$  denotes the set of  $U$ -numbers of degree  $m$ . The elements of the subclass  $U_1$  are called Liouville numbers.

Koksma [3] set up in 1939 another classification of complex numbers. He divided them into four classes  $A^*, S^*, T^*, U^*$ . Let  $\xi$  be a complex number and

$$\omega_n^*(H, \xi) = \min\{|\xi - \alpha| : \text{degree of } \alpha \leq n, H(\alpha) \leq H, \alpha \neq \xi\},$$

where  $\alpha$  is an algebraic number. Let

$$\omega_n^*(\xi) = \limsup_{H \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\log(H\omega_n^*(H, \xi))}{\log H},$$

and

$$\omega^*(\xi) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega_n^*(\xi)}{n}.$$

We have  $0 \leq \omega_n^*(\xi) \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq \omega^*(\xi) \leq \infty$ . If for an index  $\omega_n^*(\xi) = +\infty$ , then  $\mu^*(\xi)$  is defined as the smallest of them; otherwise  $\mu^*(\xi) = +\infty$ . So  $\mu^*$  is uniquely determined and both of  $\mu^*(\xi)$  and  $\omega^*(\xi)$  cannot be finite. There are the following four possibilities for  $\xi$ .  $\xi$  is called

- $A^*$  - number if  $\omega^*(\xi) = 0, \mu^*(\xi) = \infty$ ,
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- $T^*$  - number if  $\omega^*(\xi) = \infty, \mu^*(\xi) = \infty$ ,
- $U^*$  - number if  $\omega^*(\xi) = \infty, \mu^*(\xi) < \infty$ .

$\xi$  is called a  $U^*$ -number of degree  $m$  ( $1 \leq m$ ) if  $\mu^*(\xi) = m$ . The set of  $U^*$ -numbers of degree  $m$  is denoted by  $U_m^*$ .

Wirsing [12] proved that both classifications are equivalent, i.e.  $A$ -,  $S$ -,  $T$ -,  $U$ -numbers are as same as  $A^*$ -,  $S^*$ -,  $T^*$ -,  $U^*$ -numbers. Moreover every  $U$ -number of degree  $m$  is also a  $U^*$ -number of degree  $m$  and conversely.

LeVeque [4] proved that the subclass  $U_m$  is not empty. Oryan [8] proved that a class of power series with algebraic coefficients take values in the subclass  $U_m$  for algebraic arguments under certain conditions. Zeren [13] obtained the similar results for the some gap series. Oryan [10] also proved that the values of some power series for the arguments from the set of Liouville numbers are  $U$ -numbers of degree  $\leq m$ .

Let  $p$  be a fixed prime number and  $|\dots|_p$  denotes the  $p$ -adic valuation of the set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Furthermore let  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  denotes the all  $p$ -adic numbers over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Mahler [6] had a classification of  $p$ -adic numbers in 1934 as follows. Let

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

be a polynomial with integer coefficients. The number

$$H(P) = \max\{|a_n|, \dots, |a_0|\}$$

is called the height of  $P$ . Let  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -adic number and

$$\omega_n(H, \xi) = \min\{|P(\xi)|_p : \text{degree of } P \leq n, H(P) \leq H, P(\xi) \neq 0\}$$

where  $n$  and  $H$  are natural numbers. Let

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and

$$\omega(\xi) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega_n(\xi)}{n}.$$

It is clear that  $0 \leq \omega_n(\xi) \leq +\infty$  and  $0 \leq \omega(\xi) \leq +\infty$  for  $n \geq 1$ . If for an index  $\omega_n(\xi) = +\infty$ , then  $\mu(\xi)$  is defined as the smallest of them; otherwise  $\mu(\xi) = +\infty$ . So  $\mu(\xi)$  is uniquely determined and both of  $\omega(\xi)$  and  $\mu(\xi)$  cannot be finite. Therefore there are the following four possibilities for  $p$ -adic  $\xi$  number. The  $p$ -adic number  $\xi$  is called

- $A$  - number if  $\omega(\xi) = 0, \mu(\xi) = \infty,$
- $S$  - number if  $0 < \omega(\xi) < \infty, \mu(\xi) = \infty,$
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The classification of complex numbers which is given by Koksma [3] can be carried over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Let  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -adic number and

$$\omega_n^*(H, \xi) = \min\{|\xi - \alpha|_p : \text{degree of } \alpha \leq n, H(\alpha) \leq H, \alpha \neq \xi\},$$

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$$\begin{aligned} A^* \text{ - number if } & \quad \omega^*(\xi) = 0, \mu^*(\xi) = \infty, \\ S^* \text{ - number if } & \quad 0 < \omega^*(\xi) < \infty, \mu^*(\xi) = \infty, \\ T^* \text{ - number if } & \quad \omega^*(\xi) = \infty, \mu^*(\xi) = \infty, \\ U^* \text{ - number if } & \quad \omega^*(\xi) = \infty, \mu^*(\xi) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$\xi$  is called a  $U^*$ -number of degree  $m$  ( $1 \leq m$ ) if  $\mu^*(\xi) = m$ . The set of  $p$ -adic  $U^*$ -numbers of degree  $m$  is denoted by  $U_m^*$ .

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## LEMMAS

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) be algebraic numbers which belong to an algebraic number field  $K$  of degree  $g$ ,  $\eta$  be an algebraic number and  $F(y, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients so that its degree is at least one in  $y$ . Next assume that  $F(\eta, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0$ . Then the degree of  $\eta \leq dg$  and

$$h(\eta) \leq 3^{2dg + (\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_k)g} H^g h(\alpha_1)^{\ell_1 g} \dots h(\alpha_k)^{\ell_k g},$$

where  $h(\eta)$  is the height of  $\eta$ ,  $h(\alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) is the height of  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ),  $H$  is the maximum of the absolute values of coefficients of  $F$ ,  $\ell_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) is the degree of  $F$  in  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) and  $d$  is the degree of  $F$  in  $y$ . (O. Ş. İÇEN [2], p.25)

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\alpha$  be an algebraic number of height  $h$ , then

$$|\alpha| \leq h + 1$$

(Schneider, Th. [11], p.5, Hilfssatz 1)

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) be  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers in  $p$ -adic number field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of degree  $g$ ,  $\eta$  be a  $p$ -adic algebraic number and  $F(y, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients so that its degree is at least one in  $y$ . Next assume that  $F(\eta, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0$ . Then the degree of  $\eta \leq dg$  and

$$h(\eta) \leq 3^{2dg + (\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_k)g} H^g h(\alpha_1)^{\ell_1 g} \dots h(\alpha_k)^{\ell_k g},$$

where  $h(\eta)$  is the height of  $\eta$ ,  $h(\alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) is the height of  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ),  $H$  is the maximum of the absolute values of coefficients of  $F$ ,  $\ell_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) is the degree of  $F$  in  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) and  $d$  is the degree of  $F$  in  $y$ . (Orhan Ş. İÇEN [2], p.25)

**Lemma 4.** Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $P(\alpha) = 0$ . Then

$$|\alpha|_p \geq H(P)^{-1},$$

where  $H(P)$  is the height of  $P(x)$ . (J.F. Morrison [7], p.337)

**Theorem (Baker).** Let  $\xi$  be a real or complex number,  $\chi > 2$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$  be a sequence of distinct numbers in an algebraic number field  $K$  with field heights  $H_K(\alpha_1), H_K(\alpha_2), \dots$  such that for each  $i$

$$|\xi - \alpha_i| < (H_K(\alpha_i))^{-\chi} \quad (i)$$

and

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_K(\alpha_{i+1})}{\log H_K(\alpha_i)} < +\infty. \quad (ii)$$

Then  $\xi$  is either an  $S$ -number or a  $T$ -number. (Baker, A. [1], p.98, Theorem 1)

## THEOREMS

Theorem 1 . Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{k_n} x^{k_n} \quad (k_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots); k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots) \quad (1.1)$$

be a series with non-zero rational coefficients  $c_{k_n} = b_{k_n}/a_{k_n}$  ( $a_{k_n}, b_{k_n}$  integers;  $b_{k_n} \neq 0$ ,  $a_{k_n} > 0$  and  $a_{k_n} > 1$  for  $n \geq N_0$ ) satisfying the following conditions

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{k_{n+1}}}{\log a_{k_n}} = +\infty, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |b_{k_n}|}{\log a_{k_n}} < 1 \quad (1.3)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty. \quad (1.4)$$

Furthermore let  $\xi$  be a  $U_m$ -number for which the following two properties hold.

1°)  $\xi$  has an approximation with algebraic numbers  $\alpha_n$  of degree  $m$  of an algebraic number field  $K$  so that the following holds for sufficiently large  $n$

$$|\xi - \alpha_n| < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_n)^{n\omega(n)}} \quad (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(n) = +\infty), \quad (1.5)$$

where  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = m$ .

2°) There exist two real numbers  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  with  $1 < \delta_1 \leq \delta_2$  and

$$a_{k_n}^{\delta_1} \leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n} \leq a_{k_n}^{\delta_2} \quad (1.6)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ .

Then  $f(x)$  converges for every complex number  $x$  and  $f(\xi)$  is either a  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq m$  or an algebraic number of  $K$ .

Proof . 1) Since the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  which satisfies the conditions above is strictly increasing for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ . Because from (1.2) we get

$$\log a_{k_{n+1}} > 2 \log a_{k_n} > \log a_{k_n}$$

for  $n \geq N_1 \geq N_0$ . Hence  $a_{k_{n+1}} > a_{k_n}$ , that is, the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  is strictly increasing. Moreover,

$$\log a_{k_n} > \log a_{k_{N_1}} 2^{n-N_1}$$

for  $n \geq N_1$ . It holds  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = +\infty$ . Hence we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ .

Let

$$\theta := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |b_{k_n}|}{\log a_{k_n}}.$$

From (1.3) and from  $\theta < \frac{1+\theta}{2} < 1$ , there exists a number  $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{\log |b_{k_n}|}{\log a_{k_n}} < \frac{1+\theta}{2}$$

holds for  $n \geq N_2 \geq N_1$ . Therefore we deduce

$$|b_{k_n}| < a_{k_n}^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}}. \quad (1.7)$$

Let  $x$  be a complex number. We can show by using the Ratio Test that  $f(x)$  converges. Say

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{k_n} x^{k_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n$$

then from (1.2), (1.4) and (1.7) we have

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{b_{k_{n+1}} x^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}}}{\frac{b_{k_n} x^{k_n}}{a_{k_n}}} \right| < \frac{1}{a_{k_{n+1}}^\varepsilon}$$

for a suitable  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = 0 < 1.$$

Now we prove an inequality which we will use later. Let  $A_{k_n} := [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$  and  $\eta$  be a constant such that  $0 < \eta < 1 - (1/\delta_1)$ . We have the inequality

$$A_{k_n} < K_0 a_{k_n}^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}} \quad (1.8)$$

for  $n \geq N_3 \geq N_2$  where  $K_0 > 1$  is a suitable constant. Because from (1.2) we have

$$\frac{\log a_{k_{n+1}}}{\log a_{k_n}} > \frac{1}{\eta}$$

for  $n \geq N_3 \geq N_2$  and so

$$a_{k_n} < a_{k_{n+1}}^\eta. \quad (1.9)$$

Let  $K_0 := a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_{N_3-1}}$ . From (1.9) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k_{N_3}} &< a_{k_{N_3+1}}^\eta < a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3}} \\ a_{k_{N_3+1}} &< a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3-1}} \\ &\vdots \\ a_{k_{n-1}} &< a_{k_n}^\eta \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k_n} &\leq a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_{N_3-1}} a_{k_{N_3}} \dots a_{k_n} \\ &\leq K_0 a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3} + \eta^{n-N_3-1} + \dots + \eta + 1} \\ &< K_0 a_{k_n}^{\eta^n + \dots + \eta + 1} \\ &< K_0 a_{k_n}^{1/(1-\eta)} \end{aligned}$$

which is the inequality (1.8).

2) We consider the polynomials

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} x^{k_\nu} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Since

$$f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = c_{k_0} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_0} + c_{k_1} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_1} + \dots + c_{k_n} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_n} \in K,$$

we have  $(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^\circ \leq m$ . Now we can determine an upper bound for the height of  $f_n(\alpha_{k_n})$ . For this, we consider the polynomial

$$F(y, x) = A_{k_n} y - \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{k_n} c_{k_\nu} x^{k_\nu}.$$

Since  $F(y, x)$  is the polynomial with integral coefficients and

$$\begin{aligned} F(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}), \alpha_{k_n}) &= A_{k_n} f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) - \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{k_n} c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \\ &= A_{k_n} f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) - A_{k_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

applying Lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) &\leq 3^{2 \cdot 1 \cdot m + k_n \cdot m} H(F)^m H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n \cdot m} \\ &\leq 3^{3k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n \cdot m} \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_{k_n} := \max_{\nu=0}^n \{ |b_{k_\nu}| \}$ . From (1.6) we get

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq 3^{3k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m a_{k_n}^{\delta_2 m}.$$

Moreover we can write

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq c^{k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m a_{k_n}^{\delta_2 m}$$

where  $c = 3^3 > 1$  is a constant. Since the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , it follows from (1.7)

$$B_{k_n} \leq a_{k_n}^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}} \quad (1.10)$$

for  $n \geq N_4 \geq N_3$ . From here using (1.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) &\leq c^{k_n m} K_0^m a_{k_n}^{\frac{m}{1-\eta} + \frac{1+\theta}{2} m} a_{k_n}^{\delta_2 m} \\ &\leq c^{k_n m} K_0^{k_n m} a_{k_n}^{\left(\frac{1}{1-\eta} + \frac{1+\theta}{2} + \delta_2\right) m} \\ &= (c')^{k_n m} a_{k_n}^{m\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_4$  where  $c' = cK_0 > 1$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{1-\eta} + \frac{1+\theta}{2} + \delta_2$ . From (1.4) we have

$$(c')^{k_n m} = e^{k_n m \log c'} \leq e^{m \log a_{k_n}} = a_{k_n}^m$$

for  $n \geq N_5 \geq N_4$ . Thus it holds for  $n \geq N_5$

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq a_{k_n}^{m\gamma'} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $\gamma' = 1 + \gamma$ .

3) Since

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| &= |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi) + f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| \\ &\leq |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| + |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| \end{aligned}$$

we can determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|$  and  $|f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|$ . The following equality holds.

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} \xi^{k_\nu} - \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu}) \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} (\xi - \alpha_{k_n}) (\xi^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.12)$$

Moreover from (1.5) we have

$$|\alpha_{k_n}| \leq |\xi| + 1$$

for  $n \geq N_5 \geq N_5$ . Thus using (1.5) and (1.12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| &\leq |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}| \sum_{\nu=0}^n |c_{k_\nu}| |\xi^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}| \\ &\leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} \sum_{\nu=0}^n |c_{k_\nu}| k_\nu (|\xi| + 1)^{k_\nu-1} \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . Since

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^n |c_{k_\nu}| k_\nu (|\xi| + 1)^{k_\nu-1} \leq k_n^2 B_{k_n} (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1}$$

using  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(k_n) = +\infty$ , (1.4) and (1.10) we have

$$k_n^2 B_{k_n} (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1} \leq \frac{1}{2} a_{k_n}^{\delta_1 \frac{\omega(k_n)}{2}}$$

for  $n \geq N_7 \geq N_6$ . From this inequality, (1.6) and (1.13) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| &\leq \frac{1}{2} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} a_{k_n}^{\delta_1 \omega(k_n)/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n \omega(k_n)/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)/2} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_7$ . Thus using (1.6) and (1.11) we deduce that there exists a suitable sequence  $\{\omega_n^*\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \omega_n^* = +\infty$  and

$$|f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| \leq \frac{1}{2} H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-\omega_n^*} \quad (1.14)$$

for  $n \geq N_8 \geq N_7$ .

4) Now we can determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|$ . We have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| = \left| \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} c_{k_n+\nu} \xi^{k_n+\nu} \right| \leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{|b_{k_n+\nu}|}{a_{k_n+\nu}} |\xi|^{k_n+\nu}.$$

From (1.7) we get

$$\frac{|b_{k_n}|}{a_{k_n}} < \frac{1}{a_{k_n}^{(1-\theta)/2}}$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . Thus it follows

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| &\leq \frac{|b_{k_{n+1}}|}{a_{k_{n+1}}} |\xi|^{k_{n+1}} + \frac{|b_{k_{n+2}}|}{a_{k_{n+2}}} |\xi|^{k_{n+2}} + \dots \\ &< \frac{|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{a_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} |\xi|^{k_{n+2}-k_{n+1}} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_6$ . Hence from  $(1-\theta)/2 > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , (1.2) and (1.4) we have

$$\left( \frac{a_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} |\xi|^{k_{n+2}-k_{n+1}} < \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\left( \frac{a_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1+\nu}}} \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} |\xi|^{k_{n+1+\nu}-k_{n+1}} < \frac{1}{2^\nu} \quad (\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

for  $n \geq N_9 \geq N_8$ . So we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| &\leq \frac{|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^\nu} + \dots \right] \\ &\leq \frac{2|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_9$ . From (1.4) we have

$$4|\xi|^{k_{n+1}} \leq a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/4}$$

and

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} a_{k_{n+1}}^{-(1-\theta)/4} \quad (1.15)$$

for  $n \geq N_{10} \geq N_9$ . We define now  $s'(n) := (\log a_{k_{n+1}} / \log a_{k_n})$ . From (1.2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'(n) = +\infty$ . Using (1.15) we have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} a_{k_n}^{-s'(n)(1-\theta)/4}$$

for  $n \geq N_{10}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'(n) = +\infty$ , from (1.11) we deduce that there exists a suitable sequence  $\{s(n)\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s(n) = +\infty$  and

$$\frac{1}{2} a_{k_n}^{-s'(n)(1-\theta)/4} \leq \frac{1}{2} H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s(n)} \quad (1.16)$$

for  $n \geq N_{11} \geq N_{10}$ . Let now  $\omega_n^{**} := \min\{s(n), \omega_n^*\}$  for  $n \geq N_{11}$ . So from (1.14) and (1.16) it follows that

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})| \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-\omega_n^{**}} \quad (1.17)$$

for  $n \geq N_{11}$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_n^{**} = +\infty$ . If the sequence  $\{f_n(\alpha_{k_n})\}$  is constant then  $f(\xi)$  is an algebraic number of  $K$ . Otherwise  $f(\xi)$  is a  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq m$ .

**Corollary .** For  $k_n = n$  and  $m = 1$  from Theorem 1 we obtain Theorem 1 in [10] as a special case.

**Example .** Let  $\alpha$  be a constant algebraic number of degree  $m$  and  $c$  be an integer with  $c > 1$ . We consider the number

$$\xi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c^{(n!)^2}} \alpha^n .$$

Because of Theorem 1 in [8] we know that  $\xi$  is a  $U_m$ -number. We consider now the algebraic numbers

$$\alpha_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{1}{c^{(\nu!)^2}} \alpha^\nu \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) .$$

From Lemma 1 we obtain

$$H(\alpha_n) \leq c^{k(n!)^2} ,$$

where  $k > 0$  is a constant. Furthermore we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\xi - \alpha_n| &\leq c^{-((n+1)!)^2 \epsilon} \quad (\epsilon > 0) \\ &\leq c^{-(n!)^2 (n+1)^2 \epsilon} \\ &\leq (H(\alpha_n))^{-\frac{(n+1)^2 \epsilon}{k}} \\ &\leq (H(\alpha_n))^{-n \frac{(n+1)^2 \epsilon}{kn}} \end{aligned}$$

as we have done before. If  $\omega_n = \frac{(n+1)^2 \xi}{kn}$  then  $\omega_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From here we have

$$|\xi - \alpha_n| \leq H(\alpha_n)^{-n\omega_n} \quad \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_n = +\infty \right). \quad (1.18)$$

This is the condition (1.5). Let now choose the sequences  $\{a_{n_k}\}$  and  $\{b_{n_k}\}$  so that the conditions (1.2), (1.3), (1.4) and (1.6) are satisfied. We define now  $f(x)$  suitably. The degrees of the terms of the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are bounded. Therefore we can construct a subsequence  $\{\alpha_{n_k}\}$  of this sequence so that the terms of this subsequence are different from each other and the sequence  $\{H(\alpha_{n_k})\}$  is strictly increasing. For this subsequence it holds

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k+1}})}{\log H(\alpha_{n_k})} = +\infty. \quad (1.19)$$

Because if this lim sup was finite, from (ii) in Baker's Theorem and from (1.18) the condition (i) would be satisfied and because of Baker's Theorem  $\xi$  would be an  $S$ -number or a  $T$ -number. This would contradict the fact that  $\xi$  is a  $U_m$ -number. Hence (1.19) is true. On the other hand because of (1.19) there exists an index subsequence  $\{n_{k_j}\}$  of the sequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_{j+1}}})}{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})} = +\infty. \quad (1.20)$$

Since  $\{H(\alpha_{n_k})\}$  is monotonically increasing, we have

$$\frac{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_{j+1}}})}{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})} \leq \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_{j+1}}})}{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})}.$$

From here using (1.20) we get

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_{j+1}}})}{\log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})} = +\infty. \quad (1.21)$$

Let

$$a_{n_{k_j}} := H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})^{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the integral part of  $x$ . For the sequence  $\{a_{n_{k_j}}\}$  we show that the condition (1.6) is satisfied for  $\delta_1 = 2$ ,  $\delta_2 = 3$ . It is clear that

$$a_{n_{k_j}}^2 = H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})^{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor^2} \leq H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})^{n_{k_j}} \leq a_{n_{k_j}}^3.$$

Because it holds

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor^2 \leq \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \cdot 2 = n_{k_j}$$

and on the other hand

$$\frac{n_{k_j}}{3} \leq \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} - 1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor$$

for  $n_{k_j} \geq 6$ . Thus we have

$$n_{k_j} \leq 3 \left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Now we show that the condition (1.2) is satisfied. From (1.21) we obtain

$$\frac{\log a_{n_{k_{j+1}}}}{\log a_{n_{k_j}}} = \frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_{j+1}}}{2} \right\rfloor \log H(\alpha_{n_{k_{j+1}}})}{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor \log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})} \rightarrow +\infty$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , since

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_{j+1}}}{2} \right\rfloor \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor$$

and  $H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})$  is monotonically increasing to infinity as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Furthermore since

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor}{n_{k_j}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

we obtain

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{n_{k_j}}}{n_{k_j}} = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor \log H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})}{n_{k_j}} = +\infty.$$

From here we have the condition (1.4). For  $b_{n_{k_j}} = 1$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) the condition (1.3) is satisfied. Thus the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied for  $\xi$  and

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_{n_{k_j}}} x^{n_{k_j}}.$$

Therefore either  $\mu(f(\xi)) \leq m$  or  $f(\xi)$  belongs to  $K$ . Using the above ideas it is possible to construct many other  $\xi$  and  $f(x)$  so that the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied.

**Theorem 2.** *Let*

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} x^{k_n} \quad (k_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots); \quad k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots) \quad (2.1)$$

*be a series with non-zero algebraic integer  $\eta_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) of a number field  $K$  of degree  $q$  and with positive integers  $a_{k_n}$  ( $a_{k_n} > 1$  for  $n \geq N_0$ ) satisfying the following conditions*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{k_{n+1}}}{\log a_{k_n}} = +\infty, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\eta_{k_n})}{\log a_{k_n}} < 1 \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $H(\eta_{k_n})$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is the height of  $\eta_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Furthermore let  $\xi$  be a  $U_m$ -number for which the following two properties hold.

1°)  $\xi$  has an approximation with algebraic numbers  $\alpha_n$  of degree  $m$  of an algebraic number field  $L$  so that the following holds for sufficiently large  $n$

$$|\xi - \alpha_n| < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_n)^{n\omega(n)}} \quad \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(n) = +\infty \right), \quad (2.5)$$

where  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = m$ .

2°) There exist two real numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  with  $1 < c_1 \leq c_2$  and

$$a_{k_n}^{c_1} \leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n} \leq a_{k_n}^{c_2} \quad (2.6)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ . Let  $M$  be a smallest number field which contains  $K$  and  $L$  with  $[M : \mathbb{Q}] = t$ .

Then  $f(x)$  converges for every complex number  $x$  and  $f(\xi)$  is either a  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq t$  or an algebraic number of  $M$ .

**Proof.** 1) Since the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  which satisfies the conditions above is strictly increasing for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ . Because from (2.2) we have

$$\log a_{k_{n+1}} > 2 \log a_{k_n} > \log a_{k_n}$$

for  $n \geq N_1 \geq N_0$ . Hence  $a_{k_{n+1}} > a_{k_n}$ , that is, the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  is strictly increasing. Moreover,

$$\log a_{k_n} > \log a_{k_{N_1}} 2^{n-N_1}$$

for  $n \geq N_1$ . It holds  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = +\infty$ . Thus we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ .

Let

$$\theta := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\eta_{k_n})}{\log a_{k_n}}.$$

From (2.3) and from  $\theta < \frac{1+\theta}{2} < 1$ , there exists a number  $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{\log H(\eta_{k_n})}{\log a_{k_n}} < \frac{1+\theta}{2}$$

holds for  $n \geq N_2 \geq N_1$ . Thus we deduce

$$H(\eta_{k_n}) < a_{k_n}^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}} \quad (2.7)$$

for  $n \geq N_2$ . Applying Lemma 2 we have

$$|\eta_{k_n}| \leq H(\eta_{k_n}) + 1 \leq 2H(\eta_{k_n}) < 2a_{k_n}^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}}. \quad (2.8)$$

Let  $x$  be a complex number. We can show by using the Ratio Test that  $f(x)$  converges. Say

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} x^{k_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n$$

then from (2.2), (2.4) and (2.8) we have

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{\varepsilon_0}}$$

for a suitable  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = 0 < 1.$$

Now we prove an inequality which we will use later. Let  $A_{k_n} := [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$  and let  $\eta$  be a constant such that  $0 < \eta < 1 - (1/c_1)$ . We have the inequality

$$A_{k_n} \leq a_{k_0} \dots a_{k_n} \leq a_{k_n}^{\varepsilon + (\frac{1}{1-\eta})} \quad (2.9)$$

for  $n \geq N_3 \geq N_2$  where  $0 < \varepsilon < c_1 - 1/(1-\eta)$ . From (2.2) we have

$$\frac{\log a_{k_{n+1}}}{\log a_{k_n}} > \frac{1}{\eta}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$  and so

$$a_{k_n} < a_{k_{n+1}}^{\eta}. \quad (2.10)$$

Let  $K_0 := a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_{N_3-1}}$ . From (2.10) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k_{N_3}} &< a_{k_{N_3+1}}^{\eta} < a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3}} \\ a_{k_{N_3+1}} &< a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3-1}} \\ &\vdots \\ a_{k_{n-1}} &< a_{k_n}^{\eta} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k_n} &\leq a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_{N_3-1}} a_{k_{N_3}} \dots a_{k_n} \\ &\leq K_0 a_{k_n}^{\eta^{n-N_3} + \eta^{n-N_3-1} + \dots + \eta + 1} \\ &< K_0 a_{k_n}^{\eta^n + \dots + \eta + 1} \\ &< K_0 a_{k_n}^{1/(1-\eta)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , it follows

$$K_0 \leq a_{k_n}^\varepsilon$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ . Thus we have inequality (2.9).

2) We consider the polynomials

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{k_\nu} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) .$$

Let

$$\gamma_n := \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) .$$

Since  $\gamma_n \in M$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ), we have  $(\gamma_n)^\circ \leq t$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). Now we can determine an upper bound for the height of  $\gamma_n$ . For this, we consider the polynomial

$$F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = A_{k_n} y - \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{A_{k_n}}{a_{k_\nu}} x_\nu x_{n+1}^{k_\nu} .$$

Since  $F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$  is the polynomial with integral coefficients and

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma_n, \eta_{k_0}, \eta_{k_1}, \dots, \eta_{k_n}, \alpha_{k_n}) &= A_{k_n} \gamma_n - \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{A_{k_n}}{a_{k_\nu}} \eta_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \\ &= A_{k_n} \gamma_n - A_{k_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = 0 , \end{aligned}$$

applying Lemma 1 we have

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq 3^{2.t.1 + [(1+1+\dots+1)+k_n]t} H^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n.t}$$

where  $H$  is the height of the polynomial  $F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$ ,  $g = t$ ,  $d = 1$ ,  $\ell_0 = 1, \dots, \ell_n = 1, \ell_{n+1} = k_n$ . Since  $H = \max_{\nu=0}^n \left\{ A_{k_n}, \frac{A_{k_n}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right\} = A_{k_n}$ , using (2.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} H(\gamma_n) &\leq 3^{2t+3k_n t} A_{k_n}^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n.t} \\ &\leq 3^{5k_n t} A_{k_n}^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t a_{k_n}^{c_2 t} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$ .

Let  $K_1 := H(\eta_{k_0}) \dots H(\eta_{k_{N_3-1}})$ . From (2.7) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} H(\eta_{k_0}) \dots H(\eta_{k_n}) &\leq K_1 (a_{k_{N_3}} \dots a_{k_n})^{(1+\theta)/2} \\ &\leq K_1 (a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_n})^{(1+\theta)/2} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_3$ . Thus using (2.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(\gamma_n) &\leq c^{k_n t} A_{k_n}^t (a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_n})^{t(1+\theta)/2} a_{k_n}^{c_2 t} \\ &\leq c^{k_n t} (a_{k_0} a_{k_1} \dots a_{k_n})^{t(1+\theta)/2+t} a_{k_n}^{c_2 t} \\ &\leq c^{k_n t} a_{k_n}^{[\varepsilon + (1/(1-\eta))][t(1+\theta)/2+t]} a_{k_n}^{c_2 t} \\ &= c^{k_n t} a_{k_n}^{[\varepsilon + (1/(1-\eta))][t(1+\theta)/2+t] + c_2 t} \\ &= c^{k_n t} a_{k_n}^{\gamma t} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma = [\varepsilon + (1/(1-\eta))][t(1+\theta)/2 + 1] + c_2$  and  $c > 1$  is a suitable constant. On the other hand from (2.4) we obtain

$$c^{k_n t} = e^{k_n t \log c} \leq e^{t \log a_{k_n}} = a_{k_n}^t$$

for  $n \geq N_4 \geq N_3$ . Thus we have

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq a_{k_n}^{t\gamma'} \quad (2.11)$$

for  $n \geq N_4$  where  $\gamma' = 1 + \gamma$ .

3) Now we can determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - \gamma_n|$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - \gamma_n| &= |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi) + f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n| \\ &\leq |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| + |f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|, \end{aligned}$$

we must determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|$  and  $|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|$ . We have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| = \left| \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \xi^{k_\nu} \right| \leq \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{|\eta_{k_\nu}|}{a_{k_\nu}} |\xi|^{k_\nu}$$

and from (2.8)

$$\frac{|\eta_{k_n}|}{a_{k_n}} \leq \frac{2a_{k_n}^{(1+\theta)/2}}{a_{k_n}} = 2a_{k_n}^{(\theta-1)/2}$$

for  $n \geq N_4$ . Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| &\leq \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{|\eta_{k_\nu}|}{a_{k_\nu}} |\xi|^{k_\nu} \leq \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} 2a_{k_\nu}^{(\theta-1)/2} |\xi|^{k_\nu} \\
&= \frac{2}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} |\xi|^{k_{n+1}} + \frac{2}{a_{k_{n+2}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} |\xi|^{k_{n+2}} + \dots \\
&= \frac{2|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{a_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} |\xi|^{k_{n+2}-k_{n+1}} + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_4$ . Hence from  $(1-\theta)/2 > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , (2.2) and (2.4) we can obtain

$$\left( \frac{a_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1+\nu}}} \right)^{(1-\theta)/2} |\xi|^{k_{n+1+\nu}-k_{n+1}} < \frac{1}{2^\nu} \quad (\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

for  $n \geq N_5 \geq N_4$ . From here we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| &\leq \frac{2|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^\nu} + \dots \right] \\
&\leq \frac{4|\xi|^{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/2}}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . From (2.4) it follows that

$$8|\xi|^{k_{n+1}} \leq a_{k_{n+1}}^{(1-\theta)/4}$$

and here also

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} a_{k_{n+1}}^{-(1-\theta)/4} \tag{2.12}$$

for  $n \geq N_6 \geq N_5$ . We define now  $s'(n) := (\log a_{k_{n+1}} / \log a_{k_n})$ . From (2.2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'(n) = +\infty$ . Using (2.12) we have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} a_{k_n}^{-s'(n)(1-\theta)/4} \tag{2.13}$$

for  $n \geq N_6$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'(n) = +\infty$ , from (2.11) we deduce that there exists a suitable sequence  $\{s(n)\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s(n) = +\infty$  and

$$\frac{1}{2} a_{k_n}^{-s'(n)(1-\theta)/4} \leq \frac{1}{2} H(\gamma_n)^{-s(n)}$$

for  $n \geq N_7 \geq N_6$ . From here using (2.13) we have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} H(\gamma_n)^{-s(n)} \quad (2.14)$$

for  $n \geq N_7$ .

4) Now we can determine an upper bound for  $|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|$ . The following equalities hold.

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \xi^{k_\nu} - \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu}) \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} (\xi - \alpha_{k_n}) (\xi^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}) . \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

From (2.5) we have

$$|\alpha_{k_n}| \leq |\xi| + 1$$

for  $n \geq N_8 \geq N_7$ . Thus using (2.5) and (2.15) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n| &\leq |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}| \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{|\eta_{k_\nu}|}{a_{k_\nu}} |\xi|^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1} \\ &\leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{|\eta_{k_\nu}|}{a_{k_\nu}} k_\nu (|\xi| + 1)^{k_\nu-1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

for  $n \geq N_8$ . Moreover we can obtain that

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{|\eta_{k_\nu}|}{a_{k_\nu}} k_\nu (|\xi| + 1)^{k_\nu-1} \leq k_n^2 \beta_{k_n} (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $\beta_{k_n} := \max_{\nu=0}^n |\eta_{k_\nu}|$ . Since the sequence  $\{a_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{k_n} = +\infty$ , from (2.8) it follows that

$$\beta_{k_n} \leq 2a_{k_n}^{(1+\theta)/2}$$

for  $n \geq N_9 \geq N_8$ . Thus we have

$$k_n^2 \beta_{k_n} (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1} \leq 2k_n^2 (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1} a_{k_n}^{(1+\theta)/2}$$

for  $n \geq N_9$ . From (2.16) and (2.17) we obtain that

$$|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n| \leq 2H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} k_n^2 (|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1} a_{k_n}^{(1+\theta)/2}$$

for  $n \geq N_9$ . Then using (2.6) it follows that

$$|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n| \leq \frac{2k_n^2(|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1}}{a_{k_n}^{c_1\omega(k_n)-(1+\theta)/2}} \quad (2.18)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ . Using (2.4) and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(k_n) = +\infty$  we deduce that there exists a suitable sequence  $\{s''(n)\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s''(n) = +\infty$  and

$$\frac{2k_n^2(|\xi| + 1)^{k_n-1}}{a_{k_n}^{c_1\omega(k_n)-(1+\theta)/2}} \leq \frac{1}{2}(a_{k_n}^{t\gamma'})^{-s''(n)} \quad (2.19)$$

for  $n \geq N_{10} \geq N_9$ . From (2.11), (2.18) and (2.19) we have

$$|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{2}H(\gamma_n)^{-s''(n)} \quad (2.20)$$

for  $n \geq N_{10}$ . Let now  $s'''(n) := \min\{s''(n), s(n)\}$  for  $n \geq N_{10}$ . Thus from (2.14) and (2.20) it follows that

$$|f(\xi) - \gamma_n| \leq H(\gamma_n)^{-s'''(n)} \quad (2.21)$$

for  $n \geq N_{10}$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'''(n) = +\infty$ .

If the sequence  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is constant then  $f(\xi)$  is an algebraic number of  $M$ . Otherwise  $f(\xi)$  is a  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq t$ .

**Corollary** . For  $k_n = n$  and  $t = 1$  from Theorem 2 we obtain Theorem 3 in [10] as a special case.

**Example** . Let  $\alpha$  be a constant algebraic number of degree  $m$  and  $c$  be an integer with  $c > 1$ . We consider the number

$$\xi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c^{(n!)^2}} \alpha^n .$$

Because of Theorem 1 in [8]  $\xi$  is a  $U_m$ -number. We consider now the algebraic numbers

$$\alpha_n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{1}{c^{(\nu!)^2}} \alpha^\nu \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots) .$$

From Lemma 1 we obtain

$$H(\alpha_n) \leq c^{k(n!)^2}$$

where  $k > 0$  is a constant. From the above we get

$$|\xi - \alpha_n| \leq (H(\alpha_n))^{-n\omega_n} \quad (\omega_n = \frac{(n+1)^2 \varepsilon}{kn} \rightarrow \infty) .$$

This is the condition (2.5). We can now choose the sequence  $\{a_{n_k}\}$  and  $\{\eta_{n_k}\}$  so that the conditions (2.2), (2.3), (2.4) and (2.6) are satisfied. As in the example of Theorem 1 we can construct a subsequence  $\{\alpha_{n_{k_j}}\}$  of the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  so that the terms of this subsequence are different from each other and for the sequence  $\{H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}})\}$  the conditions (1.19), (1.20) and (1.21) are satisfied.

Let

$$a_{n_{k_j}} := H(\alpha_{n_{k_j}}) \left\lfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n_{k_j}}{2} \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

and  $\beta$  be a constant algebraic integer of a number field  $K$  of degree  $q$ . If

$$\eta_{n_{k_j}} = \beta^{n_{k_j}} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

the conditions (2.2), (2.3), (2.4) and (2.6) are satisfied for  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_2 = 3$ . So the conditions of Theorem 2 hold for  $\xi$  and

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{n_{k_j}}}{a_{n_{k_j}}} x^{n_{k_j}} .$$

Therefore either  $\mu(f(\xi)) \leq t$  or  $f(\xi)$  belongs to a smallest number field which contains  $K$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 3 .** *In the  $p$ -adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , let*

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{k_n} x^{k_n} \quad (k_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots); k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots) \quad (3.1)$$

be a series with non-zero rational coefficients  $c_{k_n} = b_{k_n}/a_{k_n}$  ( $a_{k_n}$ ,  $b_{k_n}$  integers;  $b_{k_n} \neq 0$ ,  $a_{k_n} > 0$ ,  $(a_{k_n}, b_{k_n}) = 1$  and  $a_{k_n} > 1$  for  $n \geq N_0$ ) satisfying the following conditions

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{k_{n+1}}}{u_{k_n}} = +\infty, \quad (3.2)$$

$$0 \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_p A_{k_n} B_{k_n}}{u_{k_n}} < \infty \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty \quad (3.4)$$

where  $|c_{k_n}|_p = p^{-u_{k_n}}$ ,  $A_{k_n} = [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$ ,  $B_{k_n} = \max_{\nu=0}^n |b_{k_\nu}|$ . Furthermore let  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number for which the following two properties hold.

1°)  $\xi$  has an approximation with  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers  $\alpha_n$  of degree  $m$  of a  $p$ -adic algebraic number field  $K$  so that the following holds for sufficiently large  $n$ .

$$|\xi - \alpha_n|_p \leq H(\alpha_n)^{-n\omega(n)} \quad \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(n) = +\infty \right), \quad (3.5)$$

where  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = m$ .

2°) There exist two real numbers  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  with  $1 < \delta_1 \leq \delta_2$  and

$$p^{u_{k_n} \delta_1} \leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n} \leq p^{u_{k_n} \delta_2} \quad (3.6)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  where  $H(\alpha_{k_n})$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is the height of  $\alpha_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Then the radius of convergence of  $f(x)$  is infinity and  $f(\xi)$  is either a  $p$ -adic  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq m$  or a  $p$ -adic algebraic number of  $K$ .

**Proof . 1)** Since

$$r = \frac{1}{\limsup_{k_n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k_n]{|c_{k_n}|_p}} = \frac{1}{\limsup_{k_n \rightarrow \infty} p^{-\frac{u_{k_n}}{k_n}}} = \liminf_{k_n \rightarrow \infty} p^{\frac{u_{k_n}}{k_n}} = +\infty,$$

it follows that the radius of convergence of  $f(x)$  is infinity. We consider the polynomials

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} x^{k_\nu} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Since

$$f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = c_{k_0} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_0} + c_{k_1} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_1} + \dots + c_{k_n} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_n} \in K,$$

we have  $(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^\circ \leq m$ . Now we can determine an upper bound for the height of  $f_n(\alpha_{k_n})$ . For this, we consider the polynomial

$$F(y, x) = A_{k_n} y - \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{k_n} c_{k_\nu} x^{k_\nu}.$$

Since  $F(y, x)$  is the polynomial with integral coefficients and

$$F(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}), \alpha_{k_n}) = A_{k_n} f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) - \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{k_n} c_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = 0,$$

applying Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) &\leq 3^{2.1.m+k_n.m} H(F)^m H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n.m} \\ &\leq 3^{3k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n.m}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus using (3.6) we get

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq 3^{3k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m p^{u_{k_n} \cdot m \cdot \delta_2}.$$

Moreover we can write

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq c_1^{k_n m} (A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m p^{u_{k_n} \cdot m \cdot \delta_2} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $c_1 > 1$  is a constant.

Let  $\theta := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_p A_{k_n} B_{k_n}}{u_{k_n}}$ . From (3.3) there exists a number  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{\log_p A_{k_n} B_{k_n}}{u_{k_n}} < \frac{1 + \theta}{2}$$

for  $n \geq N_1 \geq N_0$ . Thus we have

$$(A_{k_n} B_{k_n})^m < p^{c_2 u_{k_n}} \quad (3.8)$$

for  $n \geq N_1$  where  $c_2 = \frac{1+\theta}{2} m$ . From (3.4) we obtain

$$c_1^{k_n m} = p^{k_n m \log_p c_1} \leq p^{m u_{k_n}} \quad (3.9)$$

for  $n \geq N_2 \geq N_1$ . Combining (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9) it follows that

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq p^{c_3 u_{k_n}} \quad (3.10)$$

for  $n \geq N_2$  where  $c_3 = c_2 + m + m \delta_2$ .

2) It holds that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &= |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi) + f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \\ &\leq \max\{|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p, |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

We can determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p$  and  $|f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p$ . It holds

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} c_{k_\nu} \xi^{k_\nu} \right|_p \\ &\leq \max\{|c_{k_{n+1}}|_p |\xi|_p^{k_{n+1}}, |c_{k_{n+2}}|_p |\xi|_p^{k_{n+2}}, \dots\} . \end{aligned}$$

We can find an upper bound for  $|c_{k_n} \xi^{k_n}|_p$  as follows

$$|c_{k_n} \xi^{k_n}|_p = |c_{k_n}|_p |\xi|_p^{k_n} = p^{-u_{k_n} + k_n \log_p |\xi|_p} .$$

From (3.4) we have

$$u_{k_n}/2 \leq u_{k_n} - k_n \log_p |\xi|_p$$

and

$$|c_{k_n} \xi^{k_n}|_p \leq p^{-u_{k_n}/2}$$

for  $n \geq N_3 \geq N_2$ . According to (3.2), since the sequence  $\{u_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing for sufficiently large  $n$  we obtain

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p \leq \max\{p^{-u_{k_{n+1}}/2}, p^{-u_{k_{n+2}}/2}, \dots\} = p^{-u_{k_{n+1}}/2} \quad (3.12)$$

for  $n \geq N_4 \geq N_3$ .

3) We have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=0}^n c_{k_\nu} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu}) \right|_p \leq \max_{\nu=0}^n |c_{k_\nu} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu})|_p \\ &= \max_{\nu=0}^n \{|c_{k_\nu}|_p |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p |\xi|_p^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}|_p\} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

Since

$$|\alpha_{k_n}|_p = |\xi - (\xi - \alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq \max\{|\xi|_p, |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p\} \leq |\xi|_p + 1$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ , it follows that

$$|\xi|_p^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}|_p \leq (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_\nu-1} .$$

Hence using (3.13) we get

$$|f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq \max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-u_{k_\nu}}\} |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_n-1} .$$

Since the sequence  $\{u_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing for  $n \geq N_4$ ,  $\max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-u_{k_\nu}}\}$  is bounded.

Thus there exists a constant  $c_4 > 0$  such that

$$|f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq c_4 |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_n-1}$$

for  $n \geq N_4$ . From (3.5) and (3.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &\leq c_5^{k_n} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} \\ &\leq c_5^{k_n} p^{-u_{k_n} \delta_1 \omega(k_n)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

for  $n \geq N_4$  where  $c_5 > 0$  is a constant. Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(k_n) = +\infty$ , from (3.2), (3.4) and (3.10) we deduce that there exist two suitable sequences  $\{s'_n\}$  and  $\{s''_n\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s''_n = +\infty$ ,

$$p^{-u_{k_{n+1}}/2} \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s'_n} \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$c_5^{k_n} p^{-u_{k_n} \delta_1 \omega(k_n)} \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s''_n} \quad (3.16)$$

for  $n \geq N_5 \geq N_4$ . Therefore from (3.11), (3.12) and (3.14) we obtain

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq \max\{p^{-u_{k_{n+1}}/2}, c_5^{k_n} p^{-u_{k_n} \delta_1 \omega(k_n)}\} \quad (3.17)$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . Thus combining (3.15), (3.16) and (3.17) we have

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq \max\{H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s'_n}, H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s''_n}\}$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . Let  $s_n := \min\{s'_n, s''_n\}$ . From the inequality above we get

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{-s_n}$$

for  $n \geq N_5$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = +\infty$ . If the sequence  $\{f_n(\alpha_{k_n})\}$  is not a constant sequence then  $\mu(f(\xi)) \leq m$  for  $f(\xi)$ , that is,  $f(\xi)$  is a  $p$ -adic  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq m$ . Otherwise  $f(\xi)$  is a  $p$ -adic algebraic number of  $K$ .

**Corollary .** For  $k_n = n$  and  $m = 1$  from Theorem 3 we obtain Theorem 1 in [9] as a special case.

**Theorem 4 .** In the  $p$ -adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} x^{k_n} \quad (k_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots); k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots) \quad (4.1)$$

be a series with non-zero  $p$ -adic algebraic integers  $\eta_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) of a  $p$ -adic number field  $K$  of degree  $q$  and with positive integers  $a_{k_n}$  ( $a_{k_n} > 1$  for  $n \geq N_0$ ),  $|\eta_{k_n}/a_{k_n}|_p = p^{-t_{k_n}}$  and  $A_{k_n} = [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$  satisfying the following conditions

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_{k_{n+1}}}{t_{k_n}} = +\infty, \quad (4.2)$$

$$0 \leq \operatorname{hm} \sup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_p A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n})}{t_{k_n}} < \infty \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty, \quad (4.4)$$

where  $H(\eta_{k_n})$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is the height of  $\eta_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Furthermore  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number for which the following two properties hold.

1°)  $\xi$  has an approximation with  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers  $\alpha_n$  of degree  $m$  of a  $p$ -adic number field  $L$  so that the following holds for sufficiently large  $n$

$$|\xi - \alpha_n|_p \leq H(\alpha_n)^{-n\omega(n)} \quad \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(n) = +\infty \right), \quad (4.5)$$

where  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = m$ .

2°) There exist two real numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  with  $1 < c_1 \leq c_2$  and

$$p^{t_{k_n} c_1} \leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n} \leq p^{t_{k_n} c_2} \quad (4.6)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  where  $H(\alpha_{k_n})$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is the height of  $\alpha_{k_n}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Let  $M$  be a smallest number field which contain  $K$  and  $L$  with  $[M : \mathbb{Q}] = t$ .

Then the radius of convergence of  $f(x)$  is infinity and  $f(\xi)$  is either a  $p$ -adic  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq t$  or a  $p$ -adic algebraic number of  $M$ .

**Proof . 1)** It can be satisfied that the radius of convergence of  $f(x)$  is infinity as Theorem 3. We consider the polynomials

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{k_\nu} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Let

$$\gamma_n := f_n(\alpha_{k_n}) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} .$$

Since  $\gamma_n \in M$ ,  $(\gamma_n)^\circ \leq t$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). We can now determine an upper bound for the height of  $\gamma_n$ . For this, we consider the polynomial

$$F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = A_{k_n} y - \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{A_{k_n}}{a_{k_\nu}} x_\nu x_{n+1}^{k_\nu} .$$

Since  $F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$  is the polynomial with integral coefficients and

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma_n, \eta_{k_0}, \eta_{k_1}, \dots, \eta_{k_n}, \alpha_{k_n}) &= A_{k_n} \gamma_n - \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{A_{k_n}}{a_{k_\nu}} \eta_{k_\nu} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \\ &= A_{k_n} \gamma_n - A_{k_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} = 0 , \end{aligned}$$

applying Lemma 3 we have

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq 3^{2t+1+[(1+1+\dots+1)+k_n]t} H^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n t}$$

where  $H$  is the height of the polynomial  $F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$ ,  $g = t$ ,  $d = 1$ ,  $\ell_0 = 1, \dots, \ell_n = 1, \ell_{n+1} = k_n$ . Since

$$H = \max_{\nu=0}^n \{A_{k_n}, A_{k_n}/a_{k_\nu}\} = A_{k_n} ,$$

using (4.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(\gamma_n) &\leq 3^{2t+3k_n t} A_{k_n}^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t p^{t k_n t c_2} \\ &\leq l_0^{k_n t} A_{k_n}^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \dots H(\eta_{k_n})^t p^{t k_n t c_2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  where  $l_0 > 0$  is a suitable constant. From (4.2) and (4.3) it follows

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_{k_{n+1}} / \log_p (A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n})) = +\infty \quad (4.8)$$

for  $n \geq N_1 \geq N_0$ . Since  $|a_{k_{n+1}}|_p \leq 1$ , from Lemma 4 we obtain

$$H(\eta_{k_{n+1}})^{-1} \leq |\eta_{k_{n+1}}|_p \leq p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}} |a_{k_{n+1}}|_p \leq p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}}$$

and from here

$$t_{k_{n+1}} \leq \log_p H(\eta_{k_{n+1}}) .$$

Furthermore since  $A_{k_n} \geq 1$ , we can write

$$\frac{t_{k_{n+1}}}{\log_p(A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n}))} \leq \frac{\log_p H(\eta_{k_{n+1}})}{\log_p H(\eta_{k_n})}.$$

Thus using (4.8) we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_p H(\eta_{k_{n+1}})}{\log_p H(\eta_{k_n})} = +\infty.$$

It is satisfied

$$H(\eta_{k_{n+1}})^\nu > H(\eta_{k_n}) \quad (4.9)$$

for  $n \geq N_2 \geq N_1$  where  $\nu$  is a constant with  $0 < \nu < 1/2$ .

Let  $K_0 := H(\eta_{k_0})H(\eta_{k_1}) \dots H(\eta_{k_{N_2-1}})$ . From (4.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(\eta_{k_{N_2}}) &< H(\eta_{k_{N_2+1}})^\nu < H(\eta_{k_n})^{\nu^{n-N_2}} \\ H(\eta_{k_{N_2+1}}) &< H(\eta_{k_n})^{\nu^{n-N_2-1}} \\ &\vdots \\ H(\eta_{k_{n-1}}) &< H(\eta_{k_n})^\nu \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_2$ . We also get

$$\begin{aligned} H(\eta_{k_0}) \dots H(\eta_{k_n}) &\leq H(\eta_{k_0}) \dots H(\eta_{k_{N_2-1}}) H(\eta_{k_{N_2}}) \dots H(\eta_{k_n}) \\ &\leq K_0 H(\eta_{k_n})^{\nu^{n-N_2} + \nu^{n-N_2-1} + \dots + \nu + 1} \\ &< K_0 H(\eta_{k_n})^{\nu^n + \dots + \nu + 1} \\ &< K_0 H(\eta_{k_n})^{1/1-\nu} < K_0 H(\eta_{k_n})^2 \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_2$ . Combining this inequality with (4.7) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} H(\gamma_n) &\leq l_0^{k_n t} A_{k_n}^t K_0^t H(\eta_{k_n})^{2t} p^{t k_n t c_2} \\ &\leq l_1^{k_n t} (A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n}))^{2t} p^{t k_n t c_2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

where  $l_1$  is a constant with  $l_1 = l_0 K_0 > 0$ . From (4.4) we obtain

$$l_1^{k_n t} = p^{k_n t \log_p l_1} \leq p^{t k_n} \quad (4.11)$$

for  $n \geq N_3 \geq N_2$ . On the other hand from (4.3) we have

$$A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n}) \leq p^{t k_n l_2} \quad (4.12)$$

for  $n \geq N_4 \geq N_3$  where  $l_2 > 0$  is a suitable constant. Combining (4.10),(4.11) and (4.12) it follows that

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq p^{t_{k_n} + 2l_2 t_{k_n} + t_{k_n} c_2} = p^{t_{k_n} l_3} \quad (4.13)$$

for  $n \geq N_4$  where  $l_3$  is a constant with  $l_3 = 1 + t(2l_2 + c_2)$ .

2) It holds

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p &= |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi) + f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \\ &\leq \max\{|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p, |f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

We can determine an upper bound for  $|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p$  and  $|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_\nu} \xi^{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\eta_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}} \right|_p |\xi|_p^{k_{n+1}}, \left| \frac{\eta_{k_{n+2}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \right|_p |\xi|_p^{k_{n+2}}, \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left| \frac{\eta_{k_n} \xi^{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \right|_p = \left| \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \right|_p |\xi|_p^{k_n} = p^{-t_{k_n} + k_n \log_p |\xi|_p}$$

are hold. From (4.4) it follows that

$$\frac{t_{k_n}}{2} \leq t_{k_n} - k_n \log_p |\xi|_p$$

for  $n \geq N_5 \geq N_4$ . So we have

$$\left| \frac{\eta_{k_n} \xi^{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \right|_p \leq p^{-\frac{t_{k_n}}{2}}$$

for  $n \geq N_5$ . According to (4.2) since the sequence  $\{t_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing for sufficiently large  $n$ , we obtain

$$|f(\xi) - f_n(\xi)|_p \leq \max\{p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}/2}, p^{-t_{k_{n+2}}/2}, \dots\} = p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}/2} \quad (4.15)$$

for  $n \geq N_6 \geq N_5$ .

3) Furthermore it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_\nu}^{k_\nu}) \right|_p \leq \max_{\nu=0}^n \left| \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} (\xi^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_\nu}^{k_\nu}) \right|_p \\ &= \max_{\nu=0}^n \left\{ \left| \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right|_p \left| \xi - \alpha_{k_n} \right|_p \left| \xi^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1} \right|_p \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

Since

$$|\alpha_{k_n}|_p = |\xi - (\xi - \alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq \max\{|\xi|_p, |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p\} \leq |\xi|_p + 1$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ , we get

$$|\xi^{k_\nu-1} + \xi^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1}|_p \leq (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_\nu-1}.$$

From here using (4.16) we obtain

$$|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \leq \max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-t_{k_\nu}}\} |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_n-1}.$$

Since the sequence  $\{t_{k_n}\}$  is monotonically increasing for  $n \geq N_6$ ,  $\max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-t_{k_\nu}}\}$  is bounded. Therefore there exists a positive constant  $l_4$  such that

$$|f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \leq l_4 |\xi - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\xi|_p + 1)^{k_n-1}$$

for  $n \geq N_6$ . Thus from (4.5) and (4.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p &\leq l_5^{k_n} H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n \omega(k_n)} \\ &\leq l_5^{k_n} p^{-t_{k_n} c_1 \omega(k_n)} \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

for  $n \geq N_6$  where  $l_5$  is a suitable constant with  $l_5 > 0$ . Furthermore from  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(k_n) = +\infty$ , (4.2), (4.4) and (4.13) we deduce that there exist suitable sequences  $\{s'_n\}$  and  $\{s''_n\}$  such that

$$p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}/2} \leq H(\gamma_n)^{-s'_n} \quad (4.18)$$

and

$$l_5^{k_n} p^{-t_{k_n} c_1 \omega(k_n)} \leq H(\gamma_n)^{-s''_n} \quad (4.19)$$

for  $n \geq N_7 \geq N_6$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s''_n = +\infty$ . Combining (4.14), (4.15) and (4.17) we obtain

$$|f(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \leq \max\{p^{-t_{k_{n+1}}/2}, l_5^{k_n} p^{-t_{k_n} c_1 \omega(k_n)}\} \quad (4.20)$$

for  $n \geq N_7$ . From here using (4.18), (4.19) and (4.20) we also have

$$|f(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \leq \max\{H(\gamma_n)^{-s'_n}, H(\gamma_n)^{-s''_n}\}$$

for  $n \geq N_7$ . Let  $s_n := \min\{s'_n, s''_n\}$ . From the inequality above we obtain

$$|f(\xi) - \gamma_n|_p \leq H(\gamma_n)^{-s_n}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = +\infty$ . If the sequence  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is not a constant sequence then  $\mu(f(\xi)) \leq t$  for  $f(\xi)$ , that is,  $f(\xi)$  is a  $p$ -adic  $U$ -number of degree  $\leq t$ . Otherwise  $f(\xi)$  is a  $p$ -adic algebraic number of  $K$ .

Corollary . For  $k_n = n$  ve  $t = 1$  from Theorem 4 we obtain Theorem 3 in [9] as a special case.

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