

# An Investigation on P-Adic U Numbers<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT :** In this paper, firstly we show that there are infinitely many p-adic numbers  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma \in U_m$  and  $P_i(\gamma) \in U_m$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $P_i(x)$  are non-constant polynomials with integer coefficients. Secondly, we prove that the finite linear combination of p-adic algebraic numbers and semi-strong p-adic U-numbers belong to  $A \cup U$ . Finally, we prove that if  $\gamma_1$  is a p-adic U-number and  $\gamma_2$  is a semi-strong p-adic U-number, then both  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2$  numbers belong to  $A \cup U$ . Moreover, we remark that if  $\gamma_2$  is taken as a p-adic U-number the last statement fails to be true.

## Introduction

Mahler [10] divided the complex numbers into four classes as A, S, T, U. Later, Koksma [7] set up another classification of complex numbers. He divided them into four classes as A\*, S\*, T\*, U\*. Wirsing [14] has shown that these two classifications are equivalent.

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

Mahler [11] had a classification of p-adic numbers as follows: Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients and  $H(P)$  be the height of  $P(x)$ . Suppose that  $H, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\xi \in Q_p$ . Mahler lets

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$$w_n(H, \xi) = \min \left\{ |P(\xi)| : \deg P \leq n, H(P) \leq H, P(\xi) \neq 0 \right\}.$$

It is clear that  $0 \leq w_n(\xi, H) \leq 1$ , since, if  $P(x) = 1$ , then  $|P(\alpha)|_p = 1$ . Next Mahler lets

$$w_n(\xi) = \limsup_{H \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\log w_n(H, \xi)}{\log H} \quad \text{and} \quad w(\xi) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w_n(\xi)}{n}.$$

It is clear that  $w_n(\xi)$  is nondecreasing as function of  $n$ . One has,  $0 \leq w_n(\xi) \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq w(\xi) \leq \infty$ . If  $w_n(\xi) = \infty$  for some integer  $n$ , let  $\mu(\xi)$  be the smallest such integer; if  $w_n(\xi) < \infty$  for every  $n$ , let  $\mu(\xi) = \infty$ . Mahler calls the number  $\xi$  a

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

On the other hand, Schlickewei [14] gives a classification of p-adic numbers as follows: Let  $\xi \in Q_p$  and

$$w_n^*(H, \xi) = \min \left\{ |\xi - \alpha| : \deg \alpha \leq n, H(\alpha) \leq H, \xi \neq \alpha \right\}$$

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

$$w_n^*(\xi) = \limsup_{H \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\log(Hw_n^*(H, \xi))}{\log H}, \quad \text{and} \quad w^*(\xi) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w_n^*(\xi)}{n}.$$

It is clear that the inequalities  $0 \leq w_n^*(\xi) \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq w^*(\xi) \leq \infty$  hold. If for any index  $w_n^*(\xi) = \infty$ , then  $\mu^*(\xi)$  is defined as the smallest of them; otherwise,  $\mu^*(\xi) = \infty$ . So  $\mu^*(\xi)$  is uniquely determined and neither  $\mu^*(\xi)$  nor  $w^*(\xi)$  can be finite. There are the following four possibilities for  $\xi$ . The p-adic number  $\xi$  is called

- A\* - number if  $w^*(\xi) = 0$  and  $\mu^*(\xi) = \infty$
- S\* - number if  $0 < w^*(\xi) < \infty$  and  $\mu^*(\xi) = \infty$
- T\* - number if  $w^*(\xi) = \infty$  and  $\mu^*(\xi) = \infty$
- U\* - number if  $w^*(\xi) = \infty$  and  $\mu^*(\xi) < \infty$ .

$\xi$  is called a U\*- number of degree  $m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ) if  $\mu^*(\xi) = m$ . The set of p-adic U\*- numbers of degree  $m$  is denoted by  $U_m^*$ . Thus  $U^* = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} U_m^*$  holds.

The p-adic set  $U_1^*$  is called p-adic Liouville numbers. Long [9] proved that  $U_m = U_m^*$ . We give some definition and lemmas.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The number  $\gamma$  is called p-adic  $U_m$  number if for every  $w > 0$ , there are infinitely many algebraic numbers  $\alpha$  of degree  $m$  with

$$0 < |\gamma - \alpha|_p < H(\alpha)^{-w}$$

and if there are constants  $C, K > 0$  depending only on  $\gamma$  and  $m$  such that the relation

$$0 < |\gamma - \beta|_p < C.H(\beta)^{-K}$$

holds for every algebraic number  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  which has degree less than  $m$ .

**Lemma 1. (Schlickewei)** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two nonconjugate algebraic numbers of degree  $t$  and  $k$ , respectively. Then, for  $M > \max\{t, k\}$

$$|\alpha - \beta|_p > \frac{c_1}{H(\alpha)^{M-1} H(\beta)^M}$$

where  $|\alpha|_p = p^{-h}$ ,  $r = \min\{0, h\}$  and  $c_1 = p^{(M-1)r-M(|h|+1)} ((2M)!)^{-1}$   
(See [13]).

**Lemma 2. (J. F. Morrison )** Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_p$  and

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

such that  $P(\alpha) = 0$ . Then,

$$|\alpha|_p > H(P)^{-1}. \text{ (See. [12]).}$$

**Lemma 3. (O. Ş. İçen )** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) be algebraic numbers in  $\mathcal{Q}_p$  with  $[Q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) : Q] = g$  and let  $F(y, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients, whose degree in  $y$  is at least one. If  $\eta$  is an algebraic number such that  $F(\eta, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0$ , then the degree of  $\eta \leq dg$  and

$$H(\eta) \leq 3^{2dg + (l_1 + \dots + l_k)g} H^g H(\alpha_1)^{l_1g} \dots H(\alpha_k)^{l_kg}$$

where  $H(\eta)$  is the height of  $\eta$ ,  $H(\alpha_i)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) is the height of  $\alpha_i$  and,  $H$  is the maximum of absolute values of the coefficients of  $F$ ,  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) is the degree of  $F$  in  $x_i$  and  $d$  is the degree of  $F$  in  $y$ . ( See. [6] ).

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{\alpha_i\}$  be sequence of algebraic numbers in  $\mathcal{Q}_p$  with

$$(1) \quad \deg \alpha_i = m_i \leq \ell \text{ and } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_i) = \infty \quad (\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$$

$$(2) \quad |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i| = \frac{1}{H(\alpha_i)^{w_i}}, \text{ where } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} w_i = \infty$$

$$(3) \quad 0 < |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i| < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i+1})^\delta} \text{ for } \delta > 0.$$

Then,  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i \in U_m^*$  where  $m = \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} m_i$ . (See. [4]).

**Definition 2.** Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ . If there are infinitely many p-adic algebraic numbers  $\{\alpha_i\}$  such that

- (1)  $\deg \alpha_i = m_i \leq \ell$  and  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_i) = \infty$  ( $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ )
- (2)  $0 < |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i| = \frac{1}{H(\alpha_i)^{w_i}}$  where  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} w_i = \infty$
- (3)  $0 < |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i| < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i+1})^\delta}$  for some fixed  $\delta > 0$ .

Then, the number  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i = \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  is said to be an *irregular semi-strong p-adic U-number*. If  $\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} m_i = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} m_i$ ,  $\gamma$  is called a *semi-strong p-adic U-number*. If  $\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} m_i = m$  Theorem 1 proves that  $\gamma \in U_m$ .

In this paper  $U_m^s$  denotes all semi-strong p-adic  $U_m$ -numbers and  $U^s$  denotes all semi-strong p-adic U-numbers.

Main results of this paper are the following theorems.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $P_i(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  where  $\deg P_i \geq 1$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ). Then there are infinitely many  $\gamma \in U_m$  such that  $P_i(\gamma) \in U_m$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha$  be a p-adic algebraic number of degree  $m$  and  $\alpha^{(1)} = \alpha, \alpha^{(2)}, \dots, \alpha^{(m)}$  denotes the conjugates of  $\alpha$ . Consider the equation

$$P_i(\alpha^{(r)} + y) = P_i(\alpha^{(s)} + y) \quad (1 \leq r, s \leq m, r \neq s). \quad (1.1)$$

For fixed  $r, s, i$ , (1.1) is equivalent to some polynomial equation

$$c_t y^t + \dots + c_1 y + c_0 = 0$$

where the coefficients  $c_j$  are p-adic algebraic numbers. Since  $\alpha^{(r)} \neq \alpha^{(s)}$  for  $r \neq s$ ,  $c_t \neq 0$  and so (1.1) has only finitely many solutions in  $y \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ . Consider  $y = p^n$ , then there is a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $\deg P_i(\alpha + p^n) = m$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) for  $\forall n \geq n_0$ .

Let  $\{w(i)\}$  be a sequence of positive real numbers with  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} w_i = \infty$ .

We define algebraic numbers  $\alpha_i$  and integers  $n_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) as

$$\deg P_i(\alpha + p^{n_1}) = m \quad (i = 1, \dots, k), \quad \alpha_1 = \alpha + p^{n_1} \quad (1.2)$$

$$(a) \quad \deg P_t(\alpha + p^{n_{i+1}}) = m \quad (t = 1, \dots, k)$$

$$(b) \quad H(\alpha_i)^{w(i)} < p^{n_{i+1}} \quad (1.3)$$

$$(c) \quad n_i^2 < n_{i+1} \quad (i \geq 1)$$

$$\alpha_{i+1} = \alpha_i + p^{n_{i+1}} \quad (1.4)$$

From (1.2) and (1.4) we have  $\alpha_{i+1} = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} p^{n_j}$ .  $F(\alpha_{i+1}, \alpha, \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} p^{n_j}) = 0$

holds for the polynomial  $F(y, x_1, x_2) = y - x_1 - x_2$ . Applying Lemma 3 we find

$$H(\alpha_{i+1}) \leq 3^{4m} H(\alpha)^{2m} H\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i+1} p^{n_j}\right)^{2m}.$$

Using (1.3)(c) we write

$$H\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i+1} p^{n_j}\right) = p^{n_1} + \dots + p^{n_{i+1}} \leq (i+1)p^{n_{i+1}} \leq p^{2n_{i+1}}$$

Since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} p^{n_i} = \infty$ , there is a natural number  $i_1$  such that  $p^{n_{i+1}} \geq 3^{4m} H(\alpha)^{2m}$  for  $\forall i \geq i_1$ . So, we can write

$$H(\alpha_{i+1}) \leq (p^{n_{i+1}})^{2m+1} \quad (\forall i \geq i_1). \quad (1.5)$$

A combination of (1.4) and (1.5) gives us

$$|\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p = \left| p^{n_{i+1}} \right|_p = \frac{1}{p^{n_{i+1}}} \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i+1})^{1/(2m+1)}} \quad (\forall i \geq i_1).$$

Writing a  $\delta = 1/(2m+1)$ , we obtain

$$|\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i+1})^\delta} \quad (\forall i \geq i_1). \quad (1.6)$$

On the other hand, it follows from (1.3)(b) and (1.4) that

$$|\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_i)^{w(i)}} \quad (\forall i \geq i_1). \quad (1.7)$$

Thus,  $\{\alpha_i\}$  satisfies the conditions (1), (2) and (3) of Theorem 1 and so we have  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i = \gamma \in U_m$ .

Now we show that  $P_t(\gamma) \in U_m$  ( $t = 1, \dots, k$ ). Put  $\beta_i = P_t(\alpha_i)$ . Applying Taylor Formula, we have

$$P_t(\alpha_{i+1}) = P_t(\alpha_i) + (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i) \frac{P_t'(\alpha_i)}{1!} + (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i)^2 \frac{P_t''(\alpha_i)}{2!} + \dots$$

It is clear that  $P_t^{(j)}(\alpha_i) = 0$  for  $\forall j \geq M$  where  $M > \max\{\deg P_1(x), \dots, \deg P_k(x)\}$ . Thus, taking  $| \cdot |_p$  of both sides we write

$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p = \left| \alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i \right|_p \left| P_t'(\alpha_i) + \dots + (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i)^{M-1} \frac{P_t^{(M-1)}(\alpha_i)}{(M-1)!} \right|_p$$

Now, we can determine an upper bound for the value

$$\left| P_t'(\alpha_i) + \dots + (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i)^{M-1} \frac{P_t^{(M-1)}(\alpha_i)}{(M-1)!} \right|_p.$$

On the other hand, it can be easily proved that there is a natural number  $i_2$  such that,  $|\alpha_i|_p = |\alpha_{i+1}|_p$  for  $\forall i \geq i_2$ . Thus, since  $|\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p < 1$ ,

$$\left| P_t^{(i)}(\alpha_i) \right|_p < p^{M|h|} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{1}{j!} \right|_p < p^M \quad (1 \leq j < M). \quad \text{So, we have}$$

$$\left| P_t'(\alpha_i) + \dots + (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i)^{M-1} \frac{P_t^{(M-1)}(\alpha_i)}{(M-1)!} \right|_p < p^{M|h|}.$$

Hence, we find that

$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p = |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p c_1 \quad (1.8)$$

where  $c_1 = p^{M(|h|+1)}$ . We consider the polynomial  $F(y, x) = y - P_t(x)$ . Then,  $F(\beta_i, \alpha_i) = 0$  holds. Applying Lemma 3 gives

$$H(\beta_i) \leq 3^{2m+M} H(\alpha_i)^{mM}.$$

Since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_i) = \infty$ , there is a natural number  $i_3$  such that  $i_3 \geq i_2$  and

$$H(\alpha_i) > 3^{2m+M} \quad (\forall i \geq i_3).$$

Hence, putting  $p = mM + 1$  we have

$$H(\beta_i) \leq H(\alpha_i)^p \quad (\forall i \geq i_3). \quad (1.9)_i$$

and also using (1.9)<sub>i</sub> and (1.8) in (1.6) we write



$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p \leq \frac{c_1}{H(\alpha_i)^{w(i)}} \leq \frac{c_1}{H(\beta_i)^{w(i)/p}}.$$

Since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\beta_i) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $i_4 \geq i_3$  such that

$$H(\beta_i) > c_1 \quad (\forall i \geq i_4).$$

Hence, we have

$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\beta_i)^{(w(i)-p)/p}} \quad (\forall i \geq i_4). \quad (1.10)$$

using (1.8) and (1.9) <sub>$i+1$</sub>  in (1.6) we obtain

$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p \leq c_1 |\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i|_p \leq \frac{c_1}{H(\alpha_{i+1})^\delta} \leq \frac{c_1}{H(\beta_{i+1})^{\delta/p}} \quad (\forall i \geq i_4).$$

Put  $\delta_1 = \delta/2p$ . Since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\beta_i) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $i_5 \geq i_4$  such that  $H(\beta_i)^{\delta_1} > c_1$  ( $\forall i \geq i_5$ ). Hence, we write

$$|\beta_{i+1} - \beta_i|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\beta_{i+1})^{\delta_1}} \quad (\forall i \geq i_5). \quad (1.11)$$

$\{\beta_i\}$  satisfies the condition (1), (2) and (3) of Theorem 1 by (1.10) and (1.11). Finally, we have

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \beta_i = P_t(\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i) = P_t(\gamma) \in U_m \quad (t = 1, \dots, k).$$

**Example 1.** Consider the function  $y^m = x^n$  where  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If we take as  $y = t^n$ ,  $x = t^m$  and we consider the polynomials

$$P_1(t) = t^n \quad \text{and} \quad P_2(t) = t^m,$$

By Theorem 2, there are infinitely many numbers  $\gamma \in U_m$  such that  $P_1(\gamma) \in U_m$  and  $P_2(\gamma) \in U_m$ . Hence, there are infinitely many numbers  $x, y \in U_m$  satisfying the condition  $y^m = x^n$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  be p-adic algebraic numbers and  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k$  be semi-strong p-adic U-numbers. Then, the number  $\gamma = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1\gamma_1 + \dots + \alpha_k\gamma_k$  belongs to  $A \cup U$ .

**Proof :** From Definition 2, there are p-adic algebraic sequences  $\{\alpha_j^{(i)}\}$  which satisfies the following properties such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_j^{(i)} = \gamma_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

$$\deg \alpha_j^{(i)} = m_j^{(i)} \leq \ell \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_j^{(i)}) = \infty \quad (\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+) \quad (2.1)_i$$

$$\left| \gamma_i - \alpha_j^{(i)} \right|_p = \frac{1}{H(\alpha_j^{(i)})^{w_i(j)}} < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})^{\delta_i}} \quad (2.2)_i$$

where  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} w_i(j) = \infty$  and some fixed numbers  $\delta_i > 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ).

On the other hand, as equivalent to (2.2)<sub>i</sub> we can write

$$\left| \alpha_{j+1}^{(i)} - \alpha_j^{(i)} \right|_p = \frac{1}{H(\alpha_j^{(i)})^{w_i(j)}} < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})^{\delta_i}} \quad (\forall 1 \leq i \leq k). \quad (2.3)_i$$

Now, we will show that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})} = \infty \quad (\forall 1 \leq i \leq k).$$

It is given that  $\ell \geq \max\{\deg \alpha_{j+1}^{(i)}, \deg \alpha_j^{(i)}\}$ . Also, using (2.3)<sub>i</sub> in Lemma 1 we write

$$\frac{c_1}{H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})^{\ell-1} H(\alpha_j^{(i)})^\ell} < \left| \alpha_{j+1}^{(i)} - \alpha_j^{(i)} \right|_p = \frac{1}{H(\alpha_j^{(i)})^{w_i(j)}}$$

where  $\left| \alpha_{j+1}^{(i)} \right|_p = p^{-h}$ ,  $r = \min\{0, h\}$  and

$$c_1 = p^{(\ell-1)r - \ell(|h|+1)} ((2\ell)!)^{-1}.$$

Hence, we find

$$H(\alpha_j^{(i)})^{w_i(j) - \ell} < H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})^{\ell-1} c_1^{-1}.$$

So, taking logarithms of both sides of the last inequality we have

$$(w_i(j) - \ell) \log H(\alpha_j^{(i)}) < (\ell - 1)(\log H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})) + \log c_1^{-1}$$

or

$$\frac{(w_i(j) - \ell)}{\ell - 1} < \frac{\log H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})} + \frac{\log c_1^{-1}}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})}.$$

Since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} w_i(j) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log c_1^{-1}}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})} = 0$  holds

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})} = \infty. \quad (2.4)_i$$

Let  $H_j$  be a monotone union of  $H(\alpha_j^{(i)})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ). Now, we are in a position to prove that

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H_j} = \infty.$$

To this end, it is sufficient to find a subsequence  $\{H_{j_n}\}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} = \infty.$$

Putting  $\mu_i(n) = \frac{\log H(\alpha_{j+1}^{(i)})}{\log H(\alpha_j^{(i)})}$  where  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_i(n) = \infty$

holds for  $\forall i = 1, \dots, k$ .

For fixed  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , we define subsequence  $H_{j_n}$  that every element is selected from the interval  $[H(\alpha_n^{(i)}), H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})]$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  as in the following: Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Case I:** When  $H_j = H(\alpha_n^{(i)})$  if  $H_{j+1} = H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})$ , then,  $H_{j_n} = H(\alpha_n^{(i)})$  selection is made. In this case  $\frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} = \mu_i(n)$  holds.

**Case II:** If there are at most  $m$  elements  $H(\alpha_r^{(s)})$  between  $H(\alpha_n^{(i)})$  and  $H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})$  where  $m \leq k-1$  and  $(s \neq i, 1 \leq s \leq k, r \in \mathbb{N})$ , i.e.,  $H_j = H(\alpha_n^{(i)})$  and  $H_{j+m+1} = H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})$ , then  $\mu_i(n)$  can be written as

$$\mu_i(n) = \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})}{\log H(\alpha_n^{(i)})} = \frac{\log H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})}{\log H_{j+m}} \frac{\log H_{j+m}}{\log H_{j+m-1}} \cdots \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H(\alpha_n^{(i)})}.$$

Let  $\frac{\log H_{t+1}}{\log H_t}$  denote the maximum of

$$\frac{\log H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})}{\log H_{j+m}}, \frac{\log H_{j+m}}{\log H_{j+m-1}}, \dots, \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H(\alpha_n^{(i)})}$$

and define  $H_{j_n} = H_t$ , then

$$\mu_i(n) \leq \left( \frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} \right)^{m+1} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} \geq (\mu_i(n))^{1/(m+1)} \text{ holds.}$$

**Case III :** If there are more than  $k - 1$  elements  $H(\alpha_r^{(s)})$  between  $H(\alpha_n^{(i)})$  and  $H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})$  where  $(s \neq i, 1 \leq s \leq k, r \in \mathbb{N})$ , then, there is some  $\alpha_r^{(s)}$  ( $s \neq i$ ) such that

$$[H(\alpha_r^{(s)}), H(\alpha_{r+1}^{(s)})] \subset [H(\alpha_n^{(i)}), H(\alpha_{n+1}^{(i)})].$$

In this case the element  $H_{j_n}$  is selected in the subinterval  $[H(\alpha_r^{(s)}), H(\alpha_{r+1}^{(s)})]$ .

a) If there are at most  $k - 2$  elements  $H_j$  between  $H(\alpha_r^{(s)})$  and  $H(\alpha_{r+1}^{(s)})$  then, the element  $H_{j_n}$  is selected as in Case II.

b) If there are more than  $k - 2$  elements  $H_j$  between  $H(\alpha_r^{(s)})$  and  $H(\alpha_{r+1}^{(s)})$  then, there is at least one index  $\nu$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq k$ ) different from  $i$  and  $s$  such that

$$[H(\alpha_\ell^{(\nu)}), H(\alpha_{\ell+1}^{(\nu)})] \subset [H(\alpha_r^{(s)}), H(\alpha_{r+1}^{(s)})].$$

Now, the same discussion is considered for the interval  $[H(\alpha_\ell^{(\nu)}), H(\alpha_{\ell+1}^{(\nu)})]$ . This discussion is completed at most finitely step. So, for the selected elements  $H_{j_n}$

$$\frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} \geq (\mu_\nu(n))^{1/(m+1)} \quad (m < k, 1 \leq \nu \leq k)$$

holds and also, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_i(n) = \infty$  for  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$  we write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j_n+1}}{\log H_{j_n}} = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H_j} = \infty. \quad (2.5)$$

Let  $j_0$  be a natural number such that

$$H_j \geq \max \left\{ H(\alpha_1^{(1)}), \dots, H(\alpha_1^{(k)}) \right\} \quad \text{for } \forall j \geq j_0.$$

We define the natural numbers  $t_i(j)$  and the p-adic algebraic numbers  $\gamma_j$  as

$$t_i(j) = \max \left\{ \nu \mid H(\alpha_\nu^{(i)}) \leq H_j \right\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq k) \quad (2.6)_i$$

$$\gamma_j = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \alpha_{t_1(j)}^{(1)} + \dots + \alpha_k \alpha_{t_k(j)}^{(k)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq k). \quad (2.7)$$

Now, for the polynomial

$$F(y, x_1, \dots, x_{2k+1}) = y - x_1 - x_2 x_3 - \dots - x_{2k} x_{2k+1}$$

$$F(\gamma_j, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{t_k(j)}^{(k)}) = 0 \quad \text{holds. Applying Lemma 3 we write}$$

$$H(\gamma_j) \leq 3^{2m\ell^k + (2k+1)m\ell^k} [H(\alpha_0) \dots H(\alpha_k)]^{m\ell^k} [H(\alpha_{t_1(j)}^{(1)}) \dots H(\alpha_{t_k(j)}^{(k)})]^{m\ell^k}$$

where  $[Q(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k) : Q] = m$ . Putting

$$c_2 = 3^{2m\ell^k + (2k+1)m\ell^k} [H(\alpha_0), \dots, H(\alpha_k)]^{m\ell^k}$$

and from (1.6)<sub>i</sub> we find  $H(\gamma_j) \leq c_2 H_j^{mk\ell^k}$ . Since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H_j = \infty$  there is a natural number  $j_1$  such that  $j_1 \geq j_0$  and  $H_j > c_2$  for  $\forall j \geq j_1$ . Hence, taking  $\rho = mk\ell^k + 1$  we have

$$H(\gamma_j) \leq H_j^\rho \quad (\forall j \geq j_1). \quad (2.8)_i$$

We suppose that  $\gamma \notin A$  (If  $\gamma \in A$ , the theorem holds). We approximate  $\gamma$  with the algebraic numbers  $\gamma_j$ . From (1.2)<sub>i</sub> we write

$$0 < |\gamma - \gamma_j|_p < c_3 \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{t_1(j)+1}^{(1)})^{\delta_1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{t_k(j)+1}^{(k)})^{\delta_k}} \right\} \quad (2.9)$$

where  $c_3 = \max \{ |\alpha_1|_p, \dots, |\alpha_k|_p \}$ . Using the definition of  $H_j$  and (2.6)<sub>i</sub> we have

$$H(\alpha_{t_i(j)+1}^{(i)}) \geq H_{j+1} \quad (\forall 1 \leq i \leq k). \quad (2.10)$$

With a combination of (2.9) and (2.10) we write

$$0 < |\gamma - \gamma_j|_p < c_3 \frac{1}{H_{j+1}^{\delta'}}$$

where  $\delta' = \min\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k\}$ . On the other hand, since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H_j = \infty$  there is a natural number  $j_2$  such that  $j_2 \geq j_1$  and  $H_{j+1}^{\delta'/2} > c_3$  for  $\forall j \geq j_2$ . Thus, putting  $\delta = \delta'/2$

$$0 < \left| \gamma - \gamma_j \right|_p < \frac{1}{H_{j+1}^\delta} \quad (\forall j \geq j_2) \quad (2.11)$$

holds. Taking logarithms of both sides (2.8)<sub>i</sub> we have

$$\frac{\log H(\gamma_j)}{\rho \log H_j} < 1. \quad (2.12)$$

Let us define  $w(j) = \frac{\delta \log H_{j+1}}{\rho \log H_j}$ . From (2.12) we obtain

$$H(\gamma_j)^{w(j)} < H_{j+1}^\delta \quad (\forall j \geq j_2). \quad (2.13)$$

So, using (2.13) in (2.11) we find that

$$0 < \left| \gamma - \gamma_j \right|_p < \frac{1}{H(\gamma_j)^{w(j)}} \quad (\forall j \geq j_2). \quad (2.14)$$

From (2.5)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w(j_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta \log H_{j_n+1}}{\rho \log H_{j_n}} = \infty$  and by (2.14)

$$0 < \left| \gamma - \gamma_{j_n} \right|_p < \frac{1}{H(\gamma_{j_n})^{w(j_n)}}. \quad (2.15)$$

Thus, we have  $\gamma \in U$ .



**Theorem 4.** In Theorem 3, if  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H_j} = \infty$  and

$r = \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{dery}_j$ , then  $\gamma = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \gamma_1 + \dots + \alpha_k \gamma_k \in A \cup U_r$ .

**Proof :** If  $\gamma \in A$  the statement is clear. Let  $\gamma \notin A$ . We prove that  $\gamma \in U_r$ . In (2.8)<sub>j</sub> we replace  $j+1$  for  $j$  and write

$$H(\gamma_{j+1}) \leq H_{j+1}^\rho. \quad (2.16)$$

When (2.11) is used

$$0 < |\gamma - \gamma_j|_p < \frac{1}{H(\gamma_{j+1})^{\delta/\rho}} \quad (\forall j \geq j_2) \quad (2.17)$$

holds true. Since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H_j} = \infty$   $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} w(j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta \log H_{j+1}}{\rho \log H_j} = \infty$  and by

$$(2.14) \quad 0 < |\gamma - \gamma_j|_p < \frac{1}{H(\gamma_j)^{w(j)}} \text{ holds.}$$

Now, we shall prove that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(\gamma_j) = \infty$ . From (2.11)

$$|\gamma_{j+1} - \gamma_j|_p = |\gamma_{j+1} - \gamma_j + \gamma - \gamma|_p < \max \left\{ |\gamma_{j+1} - \gamma|_p, |\gamma - \gamma_j|_p \right\} < \frac{1}{H_{j+1}^\delta}$$

holds for  $\forall j \geq j_2$ . A combination of this inequality and Lemma 1 gives

$$\frac{c_2}{H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H(\gamma_j)^\ell} < |\gamma_{j+1} - \gamma_j|_p < \frac{1}{H_{j+1}^\delta} \quad (\forall j \geq j_2) \quad (2.18)$$

or

$$c_2 H_{j+1}^\delta < H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H(\gamma_j)^\ell \quad (\forall j \geq j_2). \quad (2.19)$$

Thus, from (2.19) and (2.8)<sub>j</sub> we find

$$c_2 H_{j+1}^\delta < H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H(\gamma_j)^\ell < H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H_j^{\ell\rho} \quad (\forall j \geq j_2). \quad (2.20)$$

Since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_{j+1}}{\log H_j} = \infty$  there is a natural number  $j_3$  such that  $j_3 \geq j_2$

and

$$H_j^{2\ell\rho} < c_2 H_j^\delta. \quad (2.21)$$

From (2.20) and (2.21) we get

$$H_j^{2\ell\rho} < c_2 H_j^\delta < H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H(\gamma_j)^\ell < H(\gamma_{j+1})^\ell H_j^{\ell\rho}$$

and so we find

$$H_j^{\rho} < H(\gamma_{j+1}) \quad (\forall j \geq j_3). \quad (2.22)$$

On the other hand, since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H_j = \infty$  it is true that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(\gamma_{j+1}) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(\gamma_j) = \infty.$$

Thus, the conditions (1), (2) and (3) of Theorem 1 are satisfied, then, we have  $\gamma \in U_r$  where  $r = \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{dery}_j$ .

**Theorem 5.** If  $\gamma_1 \in U$  and  $\gamma_2 \in U^s$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  then  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2, \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \in A \cup U$ .

**Proof :** Suppose that the number  $\gamma_1$  belongs to subclass  $U_m$ . From Definition 1 there are infinitely many p-adic algebraic numbers  $\{\alpha_i\}$  such that

$$|\gamma_1 - \alpha_i|_p < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_i)^{w_1(i)}}$$

where  $\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} w_1(i) = \infty$  and  $\deg \alpha_i = m$ . Since  $\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} w_1(i) = \infty$  there is a subsequence  $\{w_1(i_k)\}$  of  $\{\alpha_i\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} w_1(i_k) = \infty$  and

$$|\gamma_1 - \alpha_{i_k}|_p < \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}} \quad (3.1)$$

On the other hand, since  $\gamma_2 \in U^s$  from Definition 2 there are infinitely many  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers  $\{\beta_k\}$  which satisfy the following properties

$$\deg \beta_k = n_k \leq \ell \quad (\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+) \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\beta_k) = \infty \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$|\gamma_2 - \beta_k|_p < \frac{1}{H(\beta_k)^{w_2(k)}} < \frac{1}{H(\beta_{k+1})^{\delta_1}} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} w_2(k) = \infty$  and some fixed  $\delta_1 > 0$ . Also, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_{k+1} - \beta_k|_p &= |\beta_{k+1} - \gamma_2 + \gamma_2 - \beta_k|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ |\beta_{k+1} - \gamma_2|_p, |\gamma_2 - \beta_k|_p \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and using (3.3) we find

$$|\beta_{k+1} - \beta_k|_p < \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\beta_{k+1})^{w_2(k+1)}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_k)^{w_2(k)}} \right\}.$$

From  $H(\beta_k) < H(\beta_{k+1})$

$$|\beta_{k+1} - \beta_k|_p < \frac{1}{H(\beta_k)^{w(k)}} \quad (3.4)$$

holds where  $w(k) = \min\{w_2(k), w_2(k+1)\}$ . A combination of (3.4) and Lemma 1 gives

$$\frac{c_1}{H(\beta_{k+1})^n H(\beta_k)^n} < |\beta_{k+1} - \beta_k|_p < \frac{1}{H(\beta_k)^{w(k)}}$$

or

$$H(\beta_k)^{w(k)-n} < \frac{1}{c_1} H(\beta_{k+1})^n.$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\beta_k) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $k_0$  such that

$H(\beta_{k+1}) > \frac{1}{c_1}$  for  $\forall k \geq k_0$ . Hence we can write

$$H(\beta_k)^{w(k)-n} < H(\beta_{k+1})^{n+1}$$

for  $\forall k \geq k_0$ . Taking the logarithms of both sides of the last inequality we write

$$(w(k) - n) < (n+1) \frac{\log H(\beta_{k+1})}{\log H(\beta_k)}.$$

Thus, since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} w(k) = \infty$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H(\beta_{k+1})}{\log H(\beta_k)} = \infty \quad (3.5)$$

is valid.

Let us show that  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \in A \cup U$ . If  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \in A$ , then, the statement is clear. We assume that  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \notin A$ . Now, we approximate

the number  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  with the p-adic algebraic numbers  $\gamma_k$  which is selected in the intervals  $[H(\alpha_{i_k}), H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}]$  as in the following cases.

**Case I:** If there is no element  $H(\beta_v)$  between  $H(\alpha_{i_k})$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$  then the p-adic number is defined as

$$\gamma_k = \alpha_{i_k} + \beta_{t(k)}$$

where  $t(k) = \max\{v \mid H(\alpha_v) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})\}$ . In this case

$$H(\beta_{t(k)}) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k}) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}. \quad (3.6)$$

is valid. From (3.1) and (3.3) we write

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)+1})\delta} \right\}$$

and from (3.6) we can write  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\delta w_1(i_k)} \leq H(\beta_{t(k)+1})^\delta$ . Thus, we have

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\mu(k)}} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\mu(k) = \min\{w_1(i_k), \delta w_1(i_k)\}$ .

It satisfies  $F(\gamma_k, \alpha_{i_k}, \beta_{t(k)}) = 0$  for the polynomial

$$F(y, x_1, x_2) = y - x_1 - x_2$$

and applying Lemma 3

$$H(\gamma_k) \leq 3^{4\ell^2} H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\ell^2} H(\beta_{t(k)})^{\ell^2}$$

holds where  $\ell \geq \max\{m, n\}$ . Using (3.6) in this inequality we have

$$H(\gamma_k) \leq 3^{4\ell^2} H(\alpha_{i_k})^{2\ell^2}.$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_{i_k}) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $k_1$  such that  $k_1 \geq k_0$

and  $H(\alpha_{i_k}) > 3^{4\ell^2}$  for  $\forall k \geq k_1$ . Hence, taking as  $p = 2\ell^2 + 1$  we have

$$H(\gamma_k) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})^p \quad (\forall k \geq k_1). \quad (3.8)$$

So, using (3.8) in (3.7) we find

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\gamma_k)^{\mu(k)/p}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_1). \quad (3.9)$$

**Case II:** If there is only one element  $H(\beta_v)$  between  $H(\alpha_{i_k})$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$ , then the number  $\gamma_k$  can be selected in the following manner: Let  $H(\beta_{t(k)})$  denote the element between  $H(\alpha_{i_k})$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$ . Thus,

$$H(\alpha_{i_k}) < H(\beta_{t(k)}) < H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$$

holds. On the other hand, it can be written that

$$w_1(i_k) = \frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})} = \frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)} \log H(\beta_{t(k)})}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)}) \log H(\alpha_{i_k})}.$$

(i) If  $\frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})} \geq \frac{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})}{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})}$ , then, it follows that

$$w_1(i_k) \leq \left( \frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})} \right)^2 \text{ and so}$$

$$\frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})} \geq \sqrt{w_1(i_k)} \quad (3.10)$$

holds. Let be  $\gamma_k = \alpha_{i_k} + \beta_{t(k)}$ . From (3.1) and (3.3) it follows that

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{w_2(t(k))}} \right\}.$$

Using  $\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)} = \log H(\beta_{t(k)}) \frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})} w_1(i_k)$  and (3.10) it follows that

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{\sqrt{w_1(i_k)}}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{w_2(t(k))}} \right\}.$$

Putting  $\mu(k) = \min \left\{ \sqrt{w_1(i_k)}, \delta w_2(t(k)) \right\}$  we have

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{\mu(k)}}. \quad (3.11)$$

It satisfies  $F(\gamma_k, \alpha_{i_k}, \beta_{t(k)}) = 0$  for the polynomial  $F(y, x_1, x_2) = y - x_1 - x_2$  and applying Lemma 3 and using  $H(\alpha_{i_k}) < H(\beta_{t(k)})$  it follows that

$$H(\gamma_k) \leq 3^{4\ell^2} H(\beta_{t(k)})^{2\ell^2}$$

where  $\ell \geq \max\{m, n\}$ . Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\beta_{t(k)}) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $k_2$  such that  $k_2 \geq k_1$  and  $H(\beta_{t(k)}) > 3^{4\ell^2}$  for  $\forall k \geq k_2$ . Thus, we have

$$H(\gamma_k) \leq H(\beta_{t(k)})^p \quad (3.12)$$

for  $\forall k \geq k_2$  where  $p = 2\ell^2 + 1$ . Using (3.12) in (3.11) we have

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\gamma_k)^{\mu(k)/p}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_2). \quad (3.13)$$

(ii) If  $\frac{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})}{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})} > \frac{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})}$ , then it follows that

$$\frac{\log H(\beta_{t(k)})}{\log H(\alpha_{i_k})} \geq \sqrt{w_1(i_k)}. \quad (3.14)$$

Let be  $\gamma_k = \alpha_{i_k} + \beta_{t(k)-1}$ . A combination of (3.1) and (3.3) gives

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^\delta} \right\}.$$

Using  $\log H(\beta_{t(k)})^\delta = \log H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\delta \log H(\beta_{t(k)}) / \log H(\alpha_{i_k})}$  and (3.4) it follows that



$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\delta \sqrt{w_1(i_k)}}} \right\}.$$

Putting  $\mu(k) = \min \{ w_1(i_k), \delta \sqrt{w_1(i_k)} \}$ , we find

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\mu(k)}}. \quad (3.15)$$

Using (3.12) in (3.15), we have

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\gamma_k)^{\mu(k)/p}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_2). \quad (3.16)$$

**Case III:** If there are at least two elements  $H(\beta_v)$  between  $H(\alpha_{i_k})$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$ , then we define the number  $\gamma_k$  as

$$\gamma_k = \alpha_{i_k} + \beta_{t(k)}$$

where  $t(k) = \min \{ v \mid H(\alpha_v) \geq H(\alpha_{i_k}) \}$ . In this case, it follows that

$$H(\alpha_{i_k}) \leq H(\beta_{t(k)}) < H(\beta_{t(k)+1}) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}.$$

A combination of (3.1) and (3.3) gives

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{w_2(t(k))}} \right\}$$

and since  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)} > H(\beta_{t(k)+1})$

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)+1})}, \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{w_2(t(k))}} \right\}.$$

can be written. If  $H(\beta_{t(k)+1}) = H(\beta_{t(k)})^{\log H(\beta_{t(k)+1})/\log H(\beta_{t(k)})}$  is considered

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\beta_{t(k)})^{\mu(k)}} \quad (3.17)$$

holds where  $\mu(k) = \min \{ \log H(\beta_{t(k)+1})/\log H(\beta_{t(k)}), w_2(i_k) \}$ . Since the inequality (3.12) holds in Case III and using (3.17) we have

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\gamma_k)^{\mu(k)/p}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_2). \quad (3.18)$$

There are infinitely many disjoint intervals

$$[H(\alpha_{i_k}), H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}] \text{ since } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_{i_k}) = \infty.$$

Thus, for the numbers  $\gamma_k$  which are selected for three cases it holds

$$|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_k|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\gamma_k)^{\mu(k)/p}}$$

where  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(k) = \infty$ . So that  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \in U$ .

On the other hand, it can be easily show that  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \in A \cup U$  with the same method. In fact, we will only consider the first case.

**Case I:** If there is no element  $H(\beta_v)$  between  $H(\alpha_{i_k})$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}$  then, the p-adic number is defined as  $\gamma'_k = \alpha_{i_k} \cdot \beta_{t(k)}$

where  $t(k) = \max\{v \mid H(\alpha_v) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})\}$ . From (3.1) and (3.3) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \gamma'_k|_p &= |\gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \alpha_{i_k} \beta_{t(k)} + \gamma_1 \beta_{t(k)} - \gamma_1 \alpha_{i_k}|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{|\gamma_1|_p}{H(\beta_{t(k)+1})^\delta}, \frac{|\beta_{t(k)}|_p}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and also, using  $H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)} \leq H(\beta_{t(k)+1})$

$$|\gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \gamma'_k|_p \leq \max \left\{ \frac{|\gamma_1|_p}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\delta w_1(i_k)}}, \frac{|\beta_{t(k)}|_p}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{w_1(i_k)}} \right\}.$$

(3.19)

holds. On the other hand, there is a natural number  $k_0$  such that

$$|\beta_{t(k)}|_p = |\beta_{t(k_0)}|_p$$

for  $\forall k \geq k_0$ . Let be  $C = \max\{A, B\}$  where  $A = |\gamma_1|_p$  and  $B = |\beta_{t(k_0)}|_p$ . Using these notations in (3.19), we write

$$|\gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \gamma'_k|_p \leq \frac{C}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\mu(k)}}$$

where  $\mu(k) = \min\{\delta w_1(i_k), w_1(i_k)\}$ . Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_{i_k}) = \infty$  there is a natural number  $k_1$  such that  $k_1 \geq k_0$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k}) > C$  for  $\forall k \geq k_1$ . So,

$$\left| \gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \gamma'_k \right|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{\mu(k)-1}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_1) \quad (3.20)$$

holds. It satisfies  $F(\gamma'_k, \alpha_{i_k}, \beta_{t(k)}) = 0$  for the polynomial  $F(y, x_1, x_2) = y - x_1 x_2$  and applying Lemma 3 and using  $H(\beta_{t(k)}) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})$ , it follows that

$$H(\gamma'_k) \leq 3^{4\ell^2} H(\alpha_{i_k})^{2\ell^2}.$$

Since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} H(\alpha_{i_k}) = \infty$  there is a natural  $k_2$  such that  $k_2 \geq k_1$  and  $H(\alpha_{i_k}) > 3^{4\ell^2}$ . Thus, putting  $p = 2\ell^2 + 1$ , we have  $H(\gamma'_k) \leq H(\alpha_{i_k})^p$  for  $\forall k \geq k_2$ . In this inequality using in (3.20) we find

$$\left| \gamma_1 \gamma_2 - \gamma'_k \right|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_{i_k})^{(\mu(k)-1)/p}} \quad (\forall k \geq k_2). \quad (3.21)$$

The other cases can be treated with the same method. Finally, we have  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \in A \cup U$ .

In Theorem 5 if we take  $\gamma_2 \in U$  instead of  $\gamma_2 \in U^s$ , the theorem fails to be true. So that if  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in U$ , then, the number  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  does not necessarily belong to  $A \cup U$ . Now, to prove this, we first prove the following theorem in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  which is proved for real numbers by Erdős [6].

**Theorem 6.** Let  $x$  a  $p$ -adic number. Then, there are some Liouville numbers  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  such that  $x = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ .

**Proof :** If  $x$  is a rational number then the statement is clear. In fact, for any Liouville number  $\gamma_1$ , the number  $\gamma_2 = x - \gamma_1$  is a Liouville number and  $x = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  holds.

We assume that  $x$  be non-rational p-adic number and  $x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$  where  $a_k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ . We define the numbers  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  as

$$\gamma_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k p^k \text{ and } \gamma_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k p^k$$

where for  $n! \leq k < (n+1)!$

$$b_k = a_k \text{ and } c_k = 0 \quad (n = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$$

$$b_k = 0 \text{ and } c_k = a_k \quad (n = 0, 2, 4, \dots)$$

i.e.,

$$\gamma_1 = 0 + a_1 p^1 + 0 p^2 + \dots + 0 p^5 + a_6 p^6 + \dots + a_{23} p^{23} + 0 p^{24} + \dots$$

$$\gamma_2 = a_0 + 0 p^1 + a_2 p^2 + \dots + a_5 p^5 + 0 p^6 + \dots + 0 p^{23} + a_{24} p^{24} + \dots$$

a) If there are at most finitely many numbers  $b_k$  distinct from 0, then,  $\gamma_1 \in Q$  and  $\gamma_2 \in U_1$  will be infinitely many numbers  $c_k$  distinct from 0. Thus,  $\gamma_1 \in Q$  and  $x = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \in U_1$ . Moreover,  $\frac{x}{2} \in U_1$  and

$$x = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2}.$$

b) If there are infinitely many numbers  $b_k$  and  $c_k$  distinct from 0, then the numbers  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are Liouville numbers. Now, we shall prove this.

Put  $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k p^k$ . We shall approximate  $\gamma_1$  by algebraic numbers  $s_{(2n)!-1}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \gamma_1 - s_{(2n)!-1} \right|_p &= \left| a_{(2n+1)!} p^{(2n+1)!} + a_{(2n+1)!+1} p^{(2n+1)!+1} + \dots \right|_p \\ &= \left| p^{(2n+1)!} \right|_p \left| a_{(2n+1)!} + a_{(2n+1)!+1} p + \dots \right|_p \end{aligned}$$

and so we have

$$\left| \gamma_1 - s_{(2n)!-1} \right|_p \leq \left( \frac{1}{p^{(2n)!}} \right)^{2n+1} = \frac{1}{H(s_{(2n)!-1})^{2n+1}}.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2n+1) = \infty$  the number  $\gamma_1$  is a p-adic Liouville number.

With the same method, putting  $t_n = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k p^k$  it is possible to approximate  $\gamma_2$  by  $t_{(2n-1)!-1}$ . It follows that

$$\left| \gamma_2 - t_{(2n-1)!-1} \right|_p \leq \left( \frac{1}{p^{(2n-1)!-1}} \right)^{2n} = \frac{1}{H(t_{(2n-1)!-1})^{2n}}$$

and so the number  $\gamma_2$  is a p-adic Liouville number.

Let be  $x = p^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$  where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ . From the first part of the proof there are p-adic Liouville numbers  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  such that  $x = p^\alpha (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)$ . Then,  $p^\alpha \gamma_1$  and  $p^\alpha \gamma_2$  are Liouville numbers that satisfy  $x = p^\alpha \gamma_1 + p^\alpha \gamma_2$ .

Finally, for every  $x \in Q_p$  there are  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in U_1$  such that  $x = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ .

Hence, in the Theorem 5 if we replace the condition  $\gamma_2 \in U^s$  with the condition  $\gamma_2 \in U$ , the theorem fails to be true. Since we know that there are p-adic numbers not belonging to the classes  $A$  and  $U$  by [13], for any number  $x \notin A \cup U (x \in Q_p)$  there are numbers  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in U_1$  such that  $x = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  by Theorem 6. If the Theorem 5 would be true, the number  $x$  would have belonged to  $A \cup U$ . But this is impossible since  $x \notin A \cup U$ .

We can give a result for Theorem 5.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\xi \in U$ ,  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in U^s$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,

$$\text{a) } \xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A \cup U,$$

$$\text{b) } \xi \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A \cup U.$$

**Proof :** We shall prove this result with Mathematical . Induction.

For  $n = 1$  from Theorem 5 it holds  $\xi + \gamma_1, \xi \cdot \gamma_1 \in A \cup U$ .

Let the statement be true for any number  $n$ , i.e.;

$$\xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A \cup U \quad \text{and} \quad \xi \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A \cup U.$$

Now we shall prove the statement for  $n + 1$ .

If  $\xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A$  and  $\xi \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in A$  it is clear that

$$\xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k + \gamma_{n+1} = \xi + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \gamma_k \in U^s \subset U$$

for  $\gamma_{n+1} \in U^s$  and  $\xi \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \cdot \gamma_{n+1} = \xi \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \gamma_k \in U^s \subset U$  holds..

We assume that  $\xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in U$  and  $\xi \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \in U$ . From Theorem 5

we obtain

$$\xi + \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k + \gamma_{n+1} = \xi + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \gamma_k \in A \cup U$$

and

$$\xi \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k \cdot \gamma_{n+1} = \xi \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \gamma_k \in A \cup U.$$

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