

Topics in Arithmetic Geometry

Adèles, product formula, idèles

p-adic numbers: other completions of \mathbb{Q} .

Recall that if we complete \mathbb{Q} with respect to the standard absolute value $|\cdot|$, we obtain \mathbb{R} . In other words we can also think of \mathbb{R} in the following way

$$\mathbb{R} = \left\{ \dots a_n \dots a_1 a_0, a_{-1} a_{-2} \dots \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, a_i \in \{0, \dots, 9\} \right\} / \sim \quad [0, 999 \dots = 1]$$

$\hookrightarrow \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i 10^i$

We can think of \mathbb{Q}_p as

$$\mathbb{Q}_p = \left\{ \dots a_n \dots a_1 a_0, a_{-1} a_{-2} \dots \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, a_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\} \right\}$$

$\hookrightarrow \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i p^i$

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$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \left\{ \dots a_n \dots a_1 a_0, 0 \dots 0 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, a_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\} \right\}$$

A better way is the following. Let $|\cdot|_p: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$\frac{a}{b} \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ p^{-v_p(a) - v_p(b)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This $|\cdot|_p$ is a non-archimedean absolute value

$$|xy|_p = |x|_p \cdot |y|_p \quad |x+y|_p \leq \max(|x|_p, |y|_p)$$

and we can complete \mathbb{Q} with respect to $|\cdot|_p$ to obtain \mathbb{Q}_p .

There is yet another way. We can think of \mathbb{Z}_p as $\varprojlim_n \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$. One can show that \mathbb{Z}_p is a discrete valuation ring with unique maximal ideal $p\mathbb{Z}_p$; every $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ can be uniquely written as $p^{v_p(x)} \cdot u$, with $u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$. Now we can define \mathbb{Q}_p as $\mathbb{Z}_p[\frac{1}{p}] = \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} p^{-n} \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Adèles of \mathbb{Q} :

Define $A_{\mathbb{Q}} := \left(\prod'_p \mathbb{Q}_p \right) \times \mathbb{R}$, where \prod' denotes the restricted product, i.e. $A_{\mathbb{Q}} = \left\{ x \in \prod_p \mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{R} \mid \text{for almost all } p, x_p \in \mathbb{Z}_p \right\} = \hat{\mathbb{Q}} \times \mathbb{R} = A_{\infty} \times A_{\neq \infty}$ where A_p is the factor at p , A^p is the factor away from p (where p may also be ∞).

We can make $A_{\mathbb{Q}}$ into a \mathbb{Q} -algebra by

$$\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}} : x \mapsto \left(p \mapsto \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Q}_p \\ x \\ \mathbb{R} \\ x \end{matrix} \right)$$

Topological \mathbb{Q} -algebra

The topology of $A_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is not the one induced from the product topology of $\prod_p \mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{R}$. For the good topology, $\prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{R} \subseteq A_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is open, and has itself the product topology. This topology has some nice properties. For example, it is locally compact; note that the p -adic norm $|\cdot|_p$ on \mathbb{Q} to \mathbb{Q}_p in a unique way, and then \mathbb{Z}_p is the closed unit ball.

Now we can write $\prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p \cong \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$, which is $\varprojlim_n \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, with respect to the division relations.

Consider the map $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i \cdot 2^i \mapsto \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i \cdot 3^{-i}$, and we claim that φ is a homeomorphism onto C , the standard Cantor set in $[0, 1]$, and thus hence it is not locally constant. In practice, we want to consider locally constant functions.

Product formula

Let K be a number field. Then define

$$A_K := \left(\prod_{p \in \mathcal{O}_K} K_p \right) \times (\mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K),$$

and note that $K \cong \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f)$, f irreducible, so $\mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K \cong \mathbb{R}[X]/(f)$, which is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^{r_1} \times \mathbb{C}^{r_2}$, if f has r_1 real roots and $2r_2$ complex. Also $\mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K \cong \prod_{v| \infty} K_v \cong \prod_{\sigma: K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}} \sigma$ up to conjugation K_{σ} . We can also think of A_K as

$$A_K = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{O}_K} (\mathcal{O}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K) \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$\prod_{p \in \mathcal{O}_K} (\mathcal{O}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K) = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_K / \mathfrak{I} = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathcal{O}_K / \mathfrak{I} \mathcal{O}_K$$

Idèles

The idèles of K is A_K^{\times} , and we want to define a topology on A_K^{\times} , such that it becomes a group. As a set

$$A_K^{\times} = \left\{ x \in A_K \mid \text{for almost all } p: |x|_p = 1 \right\} \text{ for all } v: x_v \neq 0.$$

The topology we want is not the topology induced from A_K , as for that topology, the inverse map is not continuous. Also, $A_K^{\times} \subseteq A_K$ is not open. The right topology is given by the map

$$A_K^{\times} \hookrightarrow A_K \times A_K, \quad x \mapsto (x, x^{-1}).$$

and then the image is the closed subset $\{(x, y) \in A_K^2 \mid xy = 1\}$. Then take the induced topology. Then A_K^{\times} is locally compact and contains $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_K^{\times} \times K_{\mathbb{R}}$ as an open subset, and $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_K^{\times}$ has its product topology, where $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_K^{\times} = \prod_p \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{K,p}^{\times}$.

Product formula:

There are natural norms $\|\cdot\|_v: K_v \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x \in K: \prod_v \|x\|_v = 1$. For $x \in K$, $\|x\|_v$ is the factor by which $x \cdot : K_v \rightarrow K_v$ changes any Haar measure.

Ex: $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto |x|$
 $\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto |x|^2$
 $K_p \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto |x|^{-1} [K_v: \mathbb{Q}_p]$
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 $\# \mathcal{O}_{K_p} / p \cdot \mathcal{O}_{K_p} = p [K_v: \mathbb{Q}_p]$

