

Convergence in \mathbb{Q}_p

Let a_i, b_{ij} etc. be elements of \mathbb{Q}_p

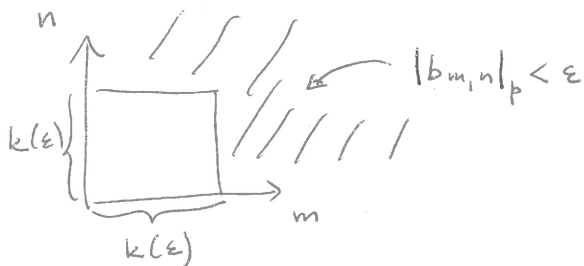
Recall: $\sum_{i \geq 0} a_i$ converges in \mathbb{Q}_p (i.e., the sequence of $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ converges)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Q}_p \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|_p = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_p(a_n) = +\infty.$$

Cor: If $\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n$ and $\sum_{n \geq 0} b_n$ converge $\implies \sum_{n \geq 0} (a_n + b_n)$ converges to $(\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n) + (\sum_{n \geq 0} b_n)$.

Prop. Assume that $(b_{m,n})_{m,n \geq 0}$ in \mathbb{Q}_p satisfy

(*) $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists k(\epsilon)$ such that $|b_{m,n}|_p < \epsilon$ whenever $\max(m,n) \geq k(\epsilon)$.



Then: (1) Every column $\sum_{n \geq 0} b_{m,n}$ converges

(2) Every row $\sum_{m \geq 0} b_{m,n}$ converges

(3) The sums $\sum_{m \geq 0} (\sum_{n \geq 0} b_{m,n}), \sum_{n \geq 0} (\sum_{m \geq 0} b_{m,n})$ converge to the same limit.

PF - Exercise.

Cor. If $\sum_{i \geq 0} a_i$ and $\sum_{j \geq 0} b_j$ converge, then $\sum_{k \geq 0} c_k$ (where $c_k = \sum_{i+j=k} a_i b_j$) converges to $(\sum_{i \geq 0} a_i) (\sum_{j \geq 0} b_j)$.

Power series. Write $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n, B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n x^n$. If $C(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n x^n$ is a formal product $C(x) = A(x)B(x)$.

Prop. (1) For $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p, A(x) := \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$ converges $\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|_p |x|_p^n = 0$.

In particular, if $0 < r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|_p r^n = 0$, then $A(x)$ converges for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ with $|x|_p \leq r$.

(2) If $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ and if $A(x), B(x)$ converge, so do $\sum (a_n + b_n) x^n$ and $C(x)$, and their respective limits are $A(x) + B(x)$ and $C(x)$.

The binomial series $\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{a}{n} X^n$ in \mathbb{Z}_p

Note: For $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$, the polynomial $a \mapsto \binom{a}{n} = \frac{a(a-1)\dots(a-n+1)}{n!}$ defines a continuous function $\mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$ sending $a \in \mathbb{N}$ to $\binom{a}{n} \in \mathbb{N}$. As \mathbb{N} is dense in \mathbb{Z}_p , $\binom{a}{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_p \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Cor. For each fixed $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, the power series

$$f_a(X) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{a}{n} X^n \quad \text{converges at } x \in \mathbb{Q}_p \quad \text{if } \underbrace{|x|_p < 1}_{x \in p\mathbb{Z}_p}$$

(and $\|f_a(x) - 1\|_p < 1$)

Note: $\binom{a+b}{n} = \sum_{\substack{k+l=n \\ k,l \geq 0}} \binom{a}{k} \binom{b}{l}$ (as a polynomial identity in $\mathbb{Q}[a, b]$ variables)

(if $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, then $f_a(X) = (1+X)^a$, $f_b(X) = (1+X)^b$ and $f_{a+b}(X) = f_a(X)f_b(X)$, as polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$)

$$\Rightarrow \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \underbrace{f_a(X)f_b(X)}_{\text{formal product of power series}} = f_{a+b}(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[X]]$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}_p \quad |x|_p < 1 \quad f_a(x)f_b(x) = f_{a+b}(x).$$

Cor: If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b \geq 1$, $p \nmid b$, $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, $|x|_p < 1$

$$\Rightarrow (f_{a/b}(x))^b = f_a(x) = (1+x)^a$$

Ex: $p=7$, $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{1}{2}$, $1+x = \frac{16}{9}$, $x = \frac{7}{9} \in 7\mathbb{Z}_7$. The value

$$y := f_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{7}{9}\right) = 1 + \underbrace{\sum_{n \geq 1} \binom{1/2}{n} \left(\frac{7}{9}\right)^n}_{\in 7\mathbb{Z}_7} \in 1 + 7\mathbb{Z}_7 \quad \text{satisfies}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y^2 = \frac{16}{9} \in \mathbb{Z}_7 \text{ and } y \equiv 1 \pmod{7\mathbb{Z}_7} \\ \cup \mathbb{Z}_7 \text{ converges to an element of } 1 + 7\mathbb{Z}_7 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{y = -\frac{4}{3} \in \mathbb{Z}_{(7)} \subset \mathbb{Z}_7}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{4}{3} \in \mathbb{Z}_{(7)} \subset \mathbb{Z}_7$$

On the other hand, the series

$$1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \binom{1/2}{n} \left(\frac{7}{9}\right)^n \quad \text{also converges in } \mathbb{R},$$

to $\frac{4}{3} \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $y_{\mathbb{R}}^2 = \frac{16}{9} \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \underline{y_{\mathbb{R}} = 4/3 \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}}$.

Exercise. Construct another example of this kind.

Formal composition of power series does not commute with evaluation (in general)!!

$$\text{If } A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n \text{ and } B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n x^n \quad (a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p, b_0 = B(0) = 0),$$

the coefficients d_n of the formal composition

$$D(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_n x^n = A(B(x)) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k \left(\sum_{l \geq 1} b_l x^l \right)^k \text{ are polynomial expressions (with coefficients in } \mathbb{Z}) \text{ of } a_0, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n.$$

⚠ Warning: if $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ and if $B(x)$ and $A(B(x))$ converge, it does not necessarily follow that $A(B(x))$ is equal to $D(x)$.

Ex: (related to the "Dwork exponential")

$$p=2, \quad A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(4x)^n}{n!} \quad (\text{"exp}(4x)\text{"}), \quad B(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{2}$$

$$B(1) = 0, \quad A(B(1)) = A(0) = 1$$

$$\text{But } D(x) = A(B(x)) = 1 - 2x + \sum_{n \geq 2} d_n x^n \text{ with}$$

$$\forall n \geq 2 \quad d_n \in 4\mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad D(1) \in -1 + 4\mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad D(1) \neq A(B(1)).$$

Thm. If $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, if $B(x)$ converges to $y \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, if $A(y)$ converges and if $\forall n \geq 1 \quad |b_n x^n|_p \leq |B(x)|_p \quad \Rightarrow \quad A(B(x)) = D(x)$.

Structure of \mathbb{Z}_p^* ($p = \text{prime}$)

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \varprojlim_n (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \dots)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \varprojlim_n ((\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* \leftarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z})^* \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^* \leftarrow \dots)$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$
 p^n

$$(1+p\mathbb{Z}_p) = \varprojlim_n \left(\underbrace{\{1\}}_{\text{Ker}(pr_1)} \leftarrow \underbrace{1+p\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^2)}_{\text{Ker}(pr_2)} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \underbrace{1+p\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^n)}_{\text{Ker}(pr_n)} \leftarrow \dots \right)$$

Set $\delta := \begin{cases} 0 & p \neq 2 \\ 1 & p = 2 \end{cases}$	Fix $b = (b_n) \in 1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}_p$ $\notin 1+p^{2+\delta}\mathbb{Z}_p$	$b_n \in 1+p^{1+\delta}(\text{mod } p^n)$
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Exponential isomorphisms:

$$(p^k\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} 1+p^{1+\delta+k}\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^{n+1+\delta}) \quad (0 \leq k \leq n)$$

$$\uparrow \quad \text{exp}_b : (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} 1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^{n+1+\delta}), \quad x(\text{mod } p^n) \mapsto b_{n+1+\delta}^x(\text{mod } p^{n+1+\delta})$$

$$\uparrow \quad \text{exp}_b : (\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z}, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} 1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^{n+2+\delta})$$

can pass to \varprojlim_n ; obtain an isomorphism between the additive group of \mathbb{Z}_p and an open subgroup of the multiplicative group \mathbb{Z}_p^* :

$$\text{exp}_b : \underbrace{\left(\varprojlim_n \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}, + \right)}_{(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \underbrace{\left(\varprojlim_n 1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}(\text{mod } p^{n+1+\delta}) \right)}_{(1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot)} = \left(\cancel{1+p^{1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}_p}, \cdot \right)$$

$$(p^k\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+p^{k+1+\delta}\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot) \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

$$\text{exp}_b(x) = \text{exp}_b((x_n)) = (b_{n+1+\delta}^{x_n}(\text{mod } p^{n+1+\delta}))$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \quad \text{exp}_b(x) = b^{x \cdot v}$$

$p=2$: $b \in 1+4\mathbb{Z}_2$ \Rightarrow $\text{exp}_b : (\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+4\mathbb{Z}_2, \cdot)$

$$b \notin 1+8\mathbb{Z}_2 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} & (\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+4\mathbb{Z}_2, \cdot) \\ & (2^k\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+2^{4+2k}\mathbb{Z}_2, \cdot) \end{aligned} \quad (k \geq 0)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2^* = \underbrace{\{\pm 1\}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2^*} \oplus (1+4\mathbb{Z}_2)$$

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 $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^*$

$p \neq 2 : \forall n \geq 1$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times = (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times [p-1] \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times [p^{n-1}]$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\{a \pmod{p^n} \mid a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}\} \oplus \text{Ker}(pr_n)$$

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$$\mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (1+p\mathbb{Z} \pmod{p^n})$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z})^\times = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (1+p\mathbb{Z} \pmod{p^{n+1}})$$

Can pass to \varprojlim_n :

$$\varprojlim_n (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times = \left(\varprojlim_n \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}) \right) \oplus \varprojlim_n (1+p\mathbb{Z} \pmod{p^n})$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^\times = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}_p) \oplus (1+p\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot)$$

$pr = (pr_n) \downarrow$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \leftarrow$$

Inverting the isomorphisms $\mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ we get sections compatible

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \xleftarrow{pr_n} (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times \xleftarrow{pr_{n+1}} (\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

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of pr_n (morphisms (injective) with $pr_n \circ s_n = \text{id}$, $\text{Im}(s_n) = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$)

and $s = (s_n) : (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$, $pr \circ s = \text{id}$, $\text{Im}(s) = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$.

Formula for s_n : $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \xleftarrow{pr_n} (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times$

given $a \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \tilde{a}$ choose \tilde{a} such that

$a = pr_n(\tilde{a}) = \tilde{a} \pmod{p}$. Then $s_n(a) := \tilde{a}^{p^{n-1}} \in (\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times [p-1]$ depends only on a , not on \tilde{a} . As $s_n(a)^{p-1} = 1$, $s_n(a) = \tilde{a}^{p^k} \quad \forall k \geq n-1$

Formula for s : $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \xleftarrow{pr} \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$

given $a \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \tilde{a}$ choose $\tilde{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ such that $\tilde{a} \pmod{p} = a$.

Then $s(a) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{a}^{p^k}$ (this converges in \mathbb{Z}_p , and depends only on a).

Terminology: $s(a) \in \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ is the Teichmüller representative of $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$

Summary ($p \neq 2$): fix $\begin{cases} b \in 1+p\mathbb{Z}_p \\ b \notin 1+p^2\mathbb{Z}_p \end{cases}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^\times = \mu_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}_p) \oplus (1+p\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot)$$

$$\downarrow \swarrow$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

$$\exp_b : (\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+p\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot)$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_p^k, +) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1+p^k\mathbb{Z}_p, \cdot) \quad (k \geq 0)$$

~~Solution de l'exercice~~

Exercise (Another definition of $\exp_b(x)$ (= "b^x") for $b \in 1+p\mathbb{Z}_p$, $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$)
 writing $b = 1+a$ and making sense of $(1+a)^x$ as $\sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{x}{k} a^k$

Let $p = \text{prime}$, $a \in p\mathbb{Z}_p$.

(1) For each $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$, the polynomial $Q_k(X) := \frac{X(X-1)\dots(X-k+1)}{k!} \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$
 ($Q_0(x) = 1$) satisfies $Q_k(\mathbb{Z}_p) \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$ [Hint: \mathbb{N} is dense in \mathbb{Z}_p .]

(2) $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ $\sum_{\substack{i+j=k \\ i,j \geq 0}} Q_i(X)Q_j(Y) = Q_k(X+Y) \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]$.

(3) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ the limit $f_a(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n Q_k(x)a^k \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ exists.

(i.e., $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_k(x)a^k$ converges in \mathbb{Z}_p)

(4) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ $f_a(x+y) = f_a(x)f_a(y)$; $f_a(x) \in 1+ax\mathbb{Z}_p$; $\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}$ $f_a(z) = (1+a)^z$.

(5) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ $v_p(f_a(x) - f_a(y)) \geq v_p(x-y) + v_p(a)$

($\Leftrightarrow |f_a(x) - f_a(y)|_p \leq |x-y|_p \cdot |a|_p$)

One writes, usually, $(1+a)^x$ instead of $f_a(x)$ ($a \in p\mathbb{Z}_p$, $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$).

Rank on adèles

let $f(x_1, \dots, x_M) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_M]$.

We know: $\forall n \geq 1$ $f \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ has a solution with $x_1, \dots, x_M \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}$ $\forall r \geq 1$ $f \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r}$ — " — $\in \mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z}$

\Downarrow (uses compactness of \mathbb{Z}_p)

$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}$ $f=0$ has a solution with $x_1, \dots, x_M \in \mathbb{Z}_p$

\Downarrow
 $f=0$ — " — $\in \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p =: \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$

Fact: $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim_{m|n} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ (indexed by $(\mathbb{N}_+, \text{divisibility order})$)

$$= \{ (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \mid x_n \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \forall m|n \quad x_n \equiv x_m \pmod{m} \}$$

So: $f=0$ has a solution with $x_1, \dots, x_M \in \mathbb{Z}$ \Downarrow \cap \Downarrow diagonal map
 " — " — $\in \mathbb{R} \times \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{R} \times \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$ (a, a, a, \dots)

Rings of interest:

\mathbb{Z}	$\subset \mathbb{R} \times \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$	$\subset \mathbb{R} \times \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$
\cap	\cap	\cap
$\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m}\mathbb{Z}$	$\subset \bigcup_{m \geq 1} \mathbb{R} \times \frac{1}{m}\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$	$\subset \mathbb{R} \times \prod_p \mathbb{Q}_p$
	$\prod_p \frac{1}{m}\mathbb{Z}_p$	<u>too big</u>

(Def: $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}} := \bigcup_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m}\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$)
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}}$ finite adèles

$\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}} := \mathbb{R} \times (\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$ adèles of \mathbb{Q}

$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \left\{ x = (x_m)_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mid x_m \in \mathbb{R}, x_p \in \mathbb{Q}_p; \text{ for all but finitely many } p \right\}$
 \uparrow diagonal map
 $=$ the subring of $\mathbb{R} \times \prod_p \mathbb{Q}_p$ generated by \mathbb{Q} and $\mathbb{R} \times \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$

So: let $f(x_1, \dots, x_M) \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_M]$.

$f=0$ has a solution with $x_1, \dots, x_M \in \mathbb{Q}$ (global solution) \Downarrow

" — " — $\in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ (local solutions everywhere)

Exercise: $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}} = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} + \mathbb{Q}$, $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cap \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q} = (\mathbb{R} \times \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) / \text{diag}(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$= \varprojlim_n \mathbb{R}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

~~Section 10.10~~

Question: when does " \uparrow " hold? If yes, we say that the

Hasse principle ("local-to-global principle") holds.

$p = x^2 + y^2$ - the descent method

Prop. $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ prime $\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \quad x^2 + y^2 = p$.

Pf: " $\Rightarrow \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq a < p/2, a^2 + 1 = pb \quad (\Rightarrow 1 \leq b < p/4)$

basic identity: if $\alpha = x + iy, \alpha' = x' + iy',$ then $\alpha\bar{\alpha}' = (xx' + yy') + i(-xy' + yx')$
 and $(x^2 + y^2)(x'^2 + y'^2) = \frac{(\alpha\bar{\alpha})}{N(\alpha)} \frac{(\alpha'\bar{\alpha}')}{N(\alpha')} = N(\alpha\bar{\alpha}') = (xx' + yy')^2 + (-xy' + yx')^2$

basic congruence: if $\alpha' \equiv \alpha \pmod{m\mathbb{Z}[i]},$ then $\alpha' = \alpha + m\beta \quad (\beta \in \mathbb{Z}[i])$
 and $\alpha\bar{\alpha}' = \alpha\bar{\alpha} + m\alpha\bar{\beta} = N(\alpha) + m\alpha\bar{\beta} \equiv 0 \pmod{m\mathbb{Z}[i]} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha\bar{\alpha}'}{m} \in \mathbb{Z}[i].$

Assume: we are given $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 + y^2 = pm, p \nmid m, m > 1$

(e.g. $x = a, y = 1, m = b$)

construction of $x'', y'' \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $x''^2 + y''^2 = pm', 1 \leq m' < m:$

write $\alpha = x + iy \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ and take $\alpha' = x' + iy' \in \mathbb{Z}[i], \alpha' \equiv \alpha \pmod{m\mathbb{Z}[i]}$
 with small $x', y' \in \mathbb{Z}:$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x' \equiv x \pmod{m} \\ y' \equiv y \pmod{m} \end{array} \right.$ and $|x'|, |y'| \leq \frac{m}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \alpha' \neq 0$ (if $x' = y' = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 \mid pm \Rightarrow m = p$ - false). As above,

$\frac{\alpha\bar{\alpha}'}{m} = \underbrace{x'' + iy''}_{\alpha''} \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ (in concrete terms, $xx' + yy' \equiv x^2 + y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$
 $-xy' + yx' \equiv -xy + yx \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$)

and $x''^2 + y''^2 = \frac{N(\alpha)}{m} \frac{N(\alpha')}{m} = \frac{p}{m} \frac{N(\alpha')}{m}$, $N(\alpha') = x'^2 + y'^2 \equiv x^2 + y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$
 $1 \leq N(\alpha') \leq \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{m^2}{2}$

$\Rightarrow 1 \leq m' \leq \frac{m}{2} < m$. If we knew that $p \nmid m'$, then we could repeat the same procedure with $x'' + iy''$ instead of $x + iy$.

For our initial choice $\alpha = x + iy = a + i$ we have $1 \leq m = b < p/4 < p$,
 so we obtain $1 \leq m' < m < p$ again ($\Rightarrow p \nmid m'$). We can, therefore, continue until we obtain $m' = 1 \Rightarrow$ Prop.

Exercise: p prime, $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \quad x^2 - ay^2 = p$
 $a \in \{\pm 2, 3\}$ (by the same method)

Note: the inequalities used are precisely those which imply that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ (resp. $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{a}]$ in the Exercise) is a Euclidean domain with respect to $|N(\alpha)|$.

The four square Thm by the descent method

Thm (Lagrange) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_+ \exists x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{Z} \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = n.$

Pf (Euler) One uses the identity

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2)(x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 + t'^2) = (x''^2 + y''^2 + z''^2 + t''^2), \text{ where}$$

$$x'' = xx' + yy' + zz' + tt', \quad y'' = -xy' + yx' - zt' + tz', \quad z'' = -xz' + yt' + zx' - ty', \quad t'' = -xt' - yz' + zy' + tx'$$

Where does this formula come from? $q = x + iy + jz + kt \in \mathbb{H}$ quaternion
 $(ij = -ji = k, i^2 = j^2 = -1), \bar{q} = x - iy - jz - kt, N(q) = q\bar{q} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2, q\bar{q}' = q'',$
 $N(q'') = N(q)N(\bar{q}') = N(q)N(q')$

Enough to consider, therefore, $n = p > 2$ prime. We know that

$$\exists a, b, m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } 0 \leq a, b \leq \frac{p-1}{2}, \quad a^2 + b^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = pm \quad (\Rightarrow 1 \leq m < p)$$

$$(\Rightarrow p \nmid m)$$

Assume, in general, that $\exists x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = pm, \quad 1 < m < p$

• if $2|m$: can assume $x \equiv y \pmod{2}$
 $z \equiv t \pmod{2} \} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z+t}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z-t}{2}\right)^2 = p \frac{m}{2}.$

• if $2 \nmid m$: take $x', y', z', t' \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad x' \equiv x \pmod{m}, \quad z' \equiv z \pmod{m}$
 $y' \equiv y \pmod{m}, \quad t' \equiv t \pmod{m}, \quad |x'|, |y'|, |z'|, |t'| < \frac{m}{2}$

(not all x', y', z', t' are zero, since $m^2 \nmid pm$). This implies that

$q'' = q\bar{q}'$ is divisible by m (which can also be checked by hand;

e.g. $x'' \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$), hence

$$m^2 \mid N(q'') = \underbrace{N(q)}_{pm} N(q') \xrightarrow[\substack{1 < m < p \\ p \text{ prime}}]{\implies} m \mid N(q'), \quad x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 + t'^2 = mm',$$

$$\left(\frac{x''}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y''}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z''}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{t''}{m}\right)^2 = pm'. \quad \text{But } mm' < 4\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^2 \implies 1 \leq m' < m < p$$

We repeat the argument until $m' = 1 \implies$ Thm.