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# A note on one-dimensional varieties over the complex *p*-adic field

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the varieties  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  of dimension one that contain points of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  by using tools from Non-Archimedian Analysis.

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## 1. Introduction

The algebraic (in)dependence between elements of the form  $x, \exp(x)$  in the p-adic domain plays a fundamental role in the p-adic Transcendental Number Theory. Many results have been made towards this direction. For example, in 1932 K.Mahler, [N], proved that  $\exp(\alpha)$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for any non-zero algebraic element  $\alpha \in E$ (the domain of convergence of the exponential function). In 2008, Yu.V. Nesterenko proved that if  $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n \in E$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and form a basis of a finite extension of degree n of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then, there exist at least  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  among the elements  $\exp(\alpha_1), ..., \exp(\alpha_n)$  which are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebraically independent. This result is usually called half of Lindemann-Weierstrass Conjecture in the p-adic domain, [N].

In this paper, we use Weierstrass Preparation Theorem to give necessary and sufficient conditions on a class of polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$  so that each one of them has a root of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$ . Similarly, we use Hilbert Theorem on the ring of strictly convergent power series to give necessary and sufficient conditions on a class of polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$ so that each one of them has a root of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ . That enables us to put necessary conditions on certain varieties  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  of dimension one over  $\mathbb{Q}$  in order to have points of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ . Also, we give a class of varieties  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  of dimension one over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that each variety contains a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ . This point does not contradict Schanuel's conjecture for two elements. The conjecture asserts that for a given variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of dimension one and a tuple  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2)) \in V$ , then  $x_1, x_2$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearly dependent. Finally,

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we give some applications on Weierstrass Preparation Theorem and Hilbert Theorem concerning the algebraic dependence over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and other related topics.

Many results concerning the existence of roots of p-adic exponential polynomials have been made by Poorten (see [P] and [PR]) and others. These results imply the existence of roots of polynomials  $P[X, Y] \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]$  of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$ . In our work, we consider these polynomials directly where the coefficients and degrees of the variables play a role in the existence of such roots. We prove, as a Corollary, that there exist polynomials in  $\mathbb{Q}[X, Y]$  which do not contain any root of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$ . This implies the existence of varieties  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of dimension one which do not contain points of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ . Using the same technic, we prove that there exist polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with 2n variables which do not contain any root of the form  $(x_1, ..., x_n, \exp(x_1), ..., \exp(x_n))$ . Furthermore, we use Weierstrass Preparation Theorem to prove the existence of varieties  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of dimension one that contain points of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

### 2. Background

We recall some basic notations and results regarding the field of p-adic numbers and some elementary Non-Archimedian Analysis that will be needed later. For more details, see [BGR] and [G].

Let p be a prime number,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  the completion of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with respect to the non-archimedian absolute value |.| and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  the completion of the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . This field is Non-Archimedian (with respect to the extended p-adic absolute value |.|), complete and algebraically closed with the residue class field  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  (the algebraic closure of the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ) and the value group  $p^{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \{0\}$ . Moreover, The field  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is endowed by the exponential map:

$$\exp: E \to 1 + E,$$
$$x \longmapsto \sum_{n \ge 0} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

where  $E = \{ x \in \mathbb{C}_p; |x| < p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} \}.$ 

It is well-known in the Non-Archimedian fields that a series  $\sum_{n} a_n$  is convergent if and only if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| = 0$ . Therefore, Let  $f(X) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n X^n \in \mathbb{C}_p[[X]]$  be a power series. Then, f(X) is convergent for each x in the closed ball B(0, c) if and only if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| c^n = 0$ . Since  $(|a_n|c^n)$  is convergent, it is bounded. i.e, it has a maximum. Therefore, the norm  $\| \cdot \|_c$ on f(X) is defined as follows:

$$|| f(X) ||_c := \max\{|a_n|c^n\}.$$

We summaries the properties of  $\| \cdot \|_c$  as follows, [G]: 1)  $\| f(X) \|_c = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(X) \equiv 0$ , 2)  $\| f(X) + g(X) \|_c \leq \max\{\| f(X) \|_c, \| g(X) \|_c\}$ , 3)  $\| \alpha \|_c = |\alpha|$ , for any constant  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}_p$ .

4)  $|f(x)| \le ||f(X)||_c$ , for any  $x \in B(0, c)$ ,

where f(X), g(X) are convergent power series on B(0, c) and |.| stands for the *p*-adic absolute value on  $\mathbb{C}_p$ .

Now, we are able to state Weierstrass Preparation Theorem:

**Theorem 1.** (Weierstrass Preparation Theorem [G]) Let c be a positive real number of the form  $p^{\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and let

$$f(X) = a_0 + a_1 X + ... + a_n X^n + ... \in \mathbb{C}_p[[X]]$$

be a power series convergent on the closed ball B(0,c). Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be a number defined by the conditions:

 $|a_N|c^N = \max_n\{|a_n|c^n\}$  and  $|a_N|c^N > |a_n|c^n, \forall n > N$ . Then, there exist a polynomial  $g(X) \in \mathbb{C}_p[X]$  of degree N, and a power series h(X)convergent on the closed ball B(0,c) such that 1) f(X) = h(X)g(X). In addition, each root of g(X), if exists, belongs to B(0,c).

2)  $\|h(X) - 1\|_c < 1$ . In particular, h(X) has no roots in B(0, c).

We need the following notions and results related to the ring of strictly convergent power series in order to study the polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}[X_1, X_2]$  that admit roots of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ . See [S] and [BGR] for more details.

Let (K, |.|) be a Non-Archimedian, complete and algebraically closed field. Then, a formal power series  $f(X_1, ..., X_n) = \sum_{I=(i_1,...,i_n)} a_I X_1^{i_1} ... X_n^{i_n} \in K[[X_1, ..., X_n]]$  is convergent on a ball  $B(0, \rho) := \{\bar{x} = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in \mathbb{C}_p^n : \max |x_i| \le \rho\}$  if and only if

 $|a_I|\rho^{(i_1+\ldots+i_n)} \to 0$  as  $i_1+\ldots+i_n \to \infty$ . We define a norm  $|.|_{\rho}$  on f as follows:

$$|f|_{\rho} := \max_{I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)} \{ |a_I| \rho^{(i_1 + \dots + i_n)} \}$$

This norm is usually called *Gauss norm*, [S]. Let  $T_n(\rho)$  be the set of all formal power series in  $K[[X_1, ..., X_n]]$  which are convergent on the ball  $B(0, \rho)$ . Then,  $T_n(\rho)$  forms a complete normed K-algebra embeds  $K[X_1, ..., X_n]$  as a dense K- subalgebra. In particular, for  $\rho = 1, K\langle X_1, ..., X_n \rangle$  denotes the ring of all power series which are convergent on the unit ball. Each element of this ring is usually called strictly convergent power series, [S]. Then, we have the following:

**Lemma 1.** ([S] Lemma 4.9, p.9) A strictly convergent power series  $f = \sum_{I=(i_1,..,i_n)} a_I X_1^{i_1} \dots X_n^{i_n} \in K\langle X_1, .., X_n \rangle \text{ is unit in } K\langle X_1, .., X_n \rangle \text{ if and only if } |a_{(0,..,0)}| = |f| \text{ and } |a_{(i_1,..,i_n)}| < |f| \text{ for all } i_1 + .. + i_n > 0.$ 

This lemma immediately implies that if  $|a_{(0,0,..,0)}| < |f|$ , then f is not unit in  $K\langle X_1, .., X_n \rangle$ .

**Lemma 2.** (Hilbert Theorem [S], Corollary 5.10, p.14) There is a one to one correspondence between the maximal ideals of  $K\langle X_1, ..., X_n \rangle$  and the points in the unit ball  $B(0,1) := \{\bar{x} = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in \mathbb{C}_p^n : \max\{|x_i|\} \leq 1\}$ . Under this correspondence, a point  $\bar{x} = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in B(0, 1)$  determines the maximal ideal  $\langle X_1 - x_1, ..., X_n - x_n \rangle$ .

Throughout the paper, we use the standard notation  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$  for the 2*n*- tuple  $(x_1, ..., x_n, \exp(x_1), ..., \exp(x_n))$ , [K].

## 3. The Main Results

It is clear that finding roots of a polynomial with rational coefficients can be reduced to the case of coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore, without loss of generality, we can take the polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . We only consider the class of polynomials  $P[X, Y] \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$  in which at least one of the degrees of the variable Y is relatively prime to p. Furthermore, we exclude the case of polynomials that contain the variable X in each term since they have the trivial root  $(0, \exp(0))$ .

**Theorem 2.** The polynomial with rational integer coefficients

$$P[X,Y] = c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i Y^{\alpha_i} + e_1 X Y^{\beta_{1,2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_k X^{\gamma_{k,1}} Y^{\gamma_{k,2}}; \gamma_{k,1} \ge 2,$$

in which  $(d_1\alpha_1 + ... + d_m\alpha_m + e_1, p) = 1$ , has a root of the form  $(x, \exp(x)) \in \mathbb{C}_p \times \mathbb{C}_p^*; p \ge 3$ if and only if  $|c + d_1 + ... + d_m| \le p^{-1}$ .

Proof. (Proof of the necessary condition) If  $(x, \exp(x))$  is a root of P[X, Y], then x is a root of the power series  $f(X) := P[X, \exp(X)]$  which is convergent on E (since at least one of the degrees of the variable Y is relatively prime to p, see [PR, Theorem 1]). Thus,  $x \in E$ . So,

$$c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i \exp(\alpha_i x) = -\Big(e_1 x \exp(\beta_{1,2} x) + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_k x^{\gamma_{k,1}} \exp(\gamma_{k,2} x)\Big).$$

We have  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $|\exp(w)| = 1$  for every  $w \in E$ . Using the strong triangle inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i} \exp(\alpha_{i}x)| &\leq \max_{k} \{ |e_{1}x \exp(\beta_{1,2}x)|, |f_{k}x^{\gamma_{k,1}} \exp(\gamma_{k,2}x)| \} \\ &\leq \max_{k} \{ |e_{1}||x|| \exp(\beta_{1,2}x)|, |f_{k}||x^{\gamma_{k,1}}|| \exp(\gamma_{k,2}x)|) \} \\ &\leq \max_{k} \{ |x|, |x|^{\gamma_{k,1}} \} \\ &< p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} < 1. \end{aligned}$$

We define  $z_i = \alpha_i x; i = 1, 2, ..., m$ . Then,

$$|c + d_1 \exp(z_1) + \dots + d_m \exp(z_m)| < 1.$$
(1)

Therefore,  $|c + d_1 + \dots + d_m| < 1$ . This is because,

$$\begin{split} |c+d_1\exp(z_1)+\ldots+d_m\exp(z_m)| &= |c+d_1+\ldots+d_m+d_1(\exp(z_1)-1)+\ldots+d_m(\exp(z_m)-1)|. \end{split}$$
 If  $|c+d_1+\ldots+d_m|=1,$  then we find that

$$|d_1(\exp(z_1) - 1) + \dots + d_m(\exp(z_m) - 1)| \le \max_{1 \le i \le m} \{|d_i(\exp(z_i) - 1)|\}$$

$$\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{ |(\exp(z_i) - 1)| \}$$
( using the fact  $|w| = |\exp(w) - 1|, \forall w \in E$ )  $\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{ |(z_i)| \}$ 

$$< p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}}$$

$$< 1.$$

So, by the isosceles triangle inequality, we find that

$$|c + d_1 \exp(z_1) + \dots + d_m \exp(z_m)| =$$
  
= max{|c + d\_1 + \dots + d\_m|, |d\_1(\exp(z\_1) - 1) + \dots + d\_m(\exp(z\_m) - 1)|} =  
= |c + d\_1 + \dots + d\_m| = 1.

This contradicts (1). Therefore,  $|c + d_1 + \ldots + d_m| < 1$ , so  $|c + d_1 + \ldots + d_m| \le p^{-1}$ . This is because,  $c + d_1 + \ldots + d_m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and the value group of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $p^{\mathbb{Z}} \cup \{0\}$ .i.e, for each  $q \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ ,  $|q| = p^s$ , for some  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Proof of the sufficient condition. Consider the polynomial

$$P[X,Y] = c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i Y^{\alpha_i} + e_1 X Y^{\beta_{1,2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_k X^{\gamma_{k,1}} Y^{\gamma_{k,2}} \in \mathbb{Z}[X,Y],$$

with the condition  $|c + d_1 + ... + d_m| \leq p^{-1}$ . We have to prove that P[X, Y] has a root of the form  $(x, \exp(x)), x \in E$ . This is equivalent to prove that the power series  $f(X) := P[X, \exp(X)]$  has a root  $x \in E$ . Suppose that the power series f(X) takes the form  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + ... + a_nX^n + ...$ 

In our case, we have

$$a_{0} = c + d_{1} + ... + d_{m},$$

$$a_{1} = d_{1}\alpha_{1} + ... + d_{m}\alpha_{m} + e_{1},$$

$$a_{n} = \frac{d_{1}\alpha_{1}^{n} + ... + d_{m}\alpha_{m}^{n}}{n!} + e_{1}\frac{\beta_{1,2}^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}; n < \min_{1 \le j \le s} \{\gamma_{j,1}\},$$

$$a_{n} = \frac{d_{1}\alpha_{1}^{n} + ... + d_{m}\alpha_{m}^{n}}{n!} + e_{1}\frac{\beta_{1,2}^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + f_{1}\frac{\gamma_{1,2}^{n-\gamma_{1,1}}}{(n-\gamma_{1,1})!} + ... + f_{s}\frac{\gamma_{s,2}^{n-\gamma_{s,1}}}{(n-\gamma_{s,1})!}; n \ge \min_{1 \le i \le s} \{\gamma_{j,1}\}$$

Let  $\alpha$  be any rational number satisfying  $-1 < \alpha < \frac{-1}{p-1}$ . In fact, we have chosen  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$  to guarantee that  $p^{\alpha} \in |\mathbb{C}_p|$ . Then f(X) is convergent on the closed ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$ . The general assumption of the theorem guarantees that  $\operatorname{ord}(a_1) = 0$ . Therefore,  $|a_1| = 1$ . Also, by definition of  $\alpha$ , we find that  $p^{-1} < p^{\alpha}$ . Thus,

$$|a_0| \le p^{-1} < |a_1| p^{1.\alpha} \le \max_{n \ge 1} \{ |a_n| p^{n\alpha} \}.$$

Therefore, the number N, defined in Weierstrass Preparation theorem, is strictly larger than zero.i.e, N > 0. Weierstrass Preparation theorem guarantees that f(X) can be written in the form f(X) = h(X)g(X); h(X) is a power series convergent and non-vanishing

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on  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$  and g(X) is a polynomial with *p*-adic complex coefficients of degree N > 0. Since  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is algebraically closes field, it follows that g(X) has a root *x*. This root belongs to  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$ .i.e.,  $x \in E$ . Therefore, f(x) = h(x).0 = 0. Thus,  $P(x, \exp(x)) = 0$ .

**Remark 1.** In the proof of the necessary condition, we did not use the assumption  $(d_1\alpha_1 + ... + d_m\alpha_m + e_1, p) = 1$ . This implies that any polynomial of the form

$$P[X,Y] = c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i Y^{\alpha_i} + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_k X^{\xi_{k,1}} Y^{\xi_{k,2}}; \xi_{k,1} \ge 1,$$

with  $(c + d_1 + ... + d_m, p) = 1$  and at least one of the degrees of the variable Y is relatively prime to p does not have any root of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$ .

**Example 1.** We can use Remark 1 to prove that the polynomial  $P[X, Y] = X^2 + Y^2$  has no roots of the form  $(x, \exp(x)) \in \mathbb{C}_p \times \mathbb{C}_p^*; p \geq 3$ .

**Example 2.** Consider the polynomial

$$P[X,Y] = p - 1 + (p+1)Y^{p} + X + X^{3}Y^{p-1} + X^{7}Y^{15}.$$

Then, the domain of  $f(X) = P[X, \exp(X)]$  is E,  $(d_1\alpha_1 + ... + d_m\alpha_m + e_1, p) = (p(p+1) + 1, p) = 1$  and  $|c+d_1+...+d_m| = |2p| = p^{-1}$ . According to Theorem 2, we find that P[X, Y] has a root of the form  $(x, \exp(x)) \in \mathbb{C}_p \times \mathbb{C}_p^*; p \geq 3$ . This example shows that there exists a non trivial tuple of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$  satisfies an algebraic dependence relation with rational integer coefficients relatively prime to p.

Also we can use Hilbert Theorem to get a result concerning the roots of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  to the polynomials with rational integer coefficients and two variables.

**Theorem 3.** The polynomial

$$P[X_1, X_2] = a_{I_0} + a_{I_1} X_1^{i_{1,1}} X_2^{i_{1,2}} + \dots + a_{I_m} X_1^{i_{m,1}} X_2^{i_{m,2}} \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, X_2],$$

in which at least one of the elements  $a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \ldots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1}$ ,  $a_{I_1}i_{1,2} + \ldots + a_{I_m}i_{m,2}$  and all the degrees of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are relatively prime to p has a root of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  if and only if  $|a_{I_0} + \ldots + a_{I_m}| \leq p^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* (*Proof of the necessary condition*). If P has a root of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  for some elements  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ , then

$$P(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2)) = a_{I_0} + a_{I_1}(\exp(x_1))^{i_{1,1}}(\exp(x_2))^{i_{1,2}} + \dots + a_{I_m}(\exp(x_1))^{i_{m,1}}(\exp(x_2))^{i_{m,2}} = 0$$

Let  $z_j := i_{j,1}x_1 + i_{j,2}x_2, \forall j = 1, 2, ..., m$ . Then  $z_j \in E$ . Using the universal property of the exponential function, we obtain

$$a_{I_0} + a_{I_1} \exp(z_1) + \dots + a_{I_m} \exp(z_m) = 0.$$

Thus,

$$|a_{I_0} + a_{I_1} \exp(z_1) + \dots + a_{I_m} \exp(z_m)| = 0 < 1.$$

By a similar argument to the necessary proof of Theorem 2, we find that  $|a_{I_0} + \ldots + a_{I_m}| \leq p^{-1}$ . *Proof of the sufficient condition.* Consider the polynomial

$$P[X_1, X_2] = a_{I_0} + a_{I_1} X_1^{i_{1,1}} X_2^{i_{1,2}} + \dots + a_{I_m} X_1^{i_{m,1}} X_2^{i_{m,2}} \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, X_2],$$

in which at least one of the elements  $a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \ldots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1}$ ,  $a_{I_1}i_{1,2} + \ldots + a_{I_m}i_{m,2}$  and all the degrees of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are relatively prime to p. Let  $f \in \mathbb{C}_p[[X_1, X_2]]$  be an element defined by the relation

$$f(X_1, X_2) = P[\exp(X_1), \exp(X_2)].$$

Then,  $P[X_1, X_2]$  has a root of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  if and only if  $(x_1, x_2)$  is a root of f. It is clear that f is convergent on the ball  $B(0, \rho) := \{(x_1, x_2) : \max |x_i| \le \rho, i = 1, 2\}$ for every  $\rho < p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}}$  (since all the degrees of the variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are relatively prime to p). Let  $\alpha$  be a rational number satisfying the relation  $-1 < \alpha < \frac{-1}{p-1}$ . Then,  $f(X_1, X_2)$  is convergent on the ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$ . We define new variables:  $Z_1 := p^{\alpha}X_1, Z_2 := p^{\alpha}X_2$ . Also, we define a new power series  $g(Z_1, Z_2)$  by the relation

$$g(Z_1, Z_2) := f(p^{-\alpha}Z_1, p^{-\alpha}Z_2).$$

It's clear that  $g(Z_1, Z_2)$  is convergent on the unit ball B(0, 1). Furthermore,  $f(X_1, X_2)$  has a root in the ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$  if and only if  $g(Z_1, Z_2)$  has a root in the unit ball. Since  $g(Z_1, Z_2)$  is convergent on the unit ball, it follows that  $g(Z_1, Z_2) \in \mathbb{C}_p \langle Z_1, Z_2 \rangle$ . Suppose that  $g(Z_1, Z_2)$  takes the form  $g = (g_0, g_1, ..., g_q, ...)$ , where  $g_i$  is homogeneous polynomial of degree *i*. Then, in our case, we have

$$g_0 = g(0,0) = a_{I_0} + \dots + a_{I_m},$$

$$g_1 = (a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \dots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1})p^{-\alpha}Z_1 + (a_{I_1}i_{1,2} + \dots + a_{I_m}i_{m,2})p^{-\alpha}Z_2.$$

Suppose that  $\alpha$  takes the form  $\alpha = \frac{-m}{n}$ . Then, we have

$$|p^{-\alpha}|^n = |p^m| = p^{-m} \Rightarrow |p^{-\alpha}| = p^{\frac{-m}{n}} = p^{\alpha}.$$

We assume that  $(a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \dots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1}, p) = 1$  (the other case can be done similarly). This implies that  $|a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \dots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1}| = 1$ . Now, since  $-1 < \alpha < \frac{-1}{p-1}$ , it follows that  $p^{-1} < p^{\alpha}$ . Hence, we obtain the inequalities

$$|g_0| = |a_{I_0} + \dots + a_{I_m}| \le p^{-1} < p^{\alpha} = |(a_{I_1}i_{1,1} + \dots + a_{I_m}i_{m,1})p^{-\alpha}| \le \max_J \{|b_J|\} = |g|,$$

where  $\{b_J\}$  are the coefficients of the power series g. Thus,

Using Lemma 1, it implies that g is not unit in the ring  $\mathbb{C}_p\langle Z_1, Z_2\rangle$ . Therefore, there exits a maximal ideal  $\rho$  in  $\mathbb{C}_p\langle Z_1, Z_2\rangle$  such that  $g \in \rho$ . Using Lemma 2 and the fact that  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is algebraically closed field, it follows that there exist the elements  $z_1, z_2 \in B(0, 1)$  such that

$$\varrho = \langle Z_1 - z_1, Z_2 - z_2 \rangle.$$

Therefore, g can be written in the form  $g = r_1(Z_1 - z_1) + r_2(Z_2 - z_2)$ , for some  $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{C}_p(Z_1, Z_2)$ . Thus, it is clear that

$$g(z_1, z_2) = 0.$$

Hence, g has a root in the unit ball. Therefore, f has a root in the ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$ . Thus, the original polynomial  $P[X_1, X_2]$  has a root of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  be a variety over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of dimension one defined by a system of polynomials with rational integer coefficients of the form

$$P_{1}[X_{1}, X_{3}] = c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i}^{(1)} X_{3}^{\alpha_{i}^{(1)}} + \sum_{l=1}^{r} f_{k}^{(1)} X_{1}^{\xi_{k,1}^{(1)}} X_{3}^{\xi_{k,2}^{(1)}}; \xi_{k,1}^{(1)} \ge 1$$

$$P_{2}[X_{2}, X_{4}] = c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i}^{(2)} X_{4}^{\alpha_{i}^{(2)}} + \sum_{l=1}^{r} f_{k}^{(2)} X_{2}^{\xi_{k,1}^{(2)}} X_{4}^{\xi_{k,2}^{(2)}}; \xi_{k,1}^{(2)} \ge 1$$

$$P_{3}[X_{3}, X_{4}] = a_{I_{0}} + a_{I_{1}} X_{3}^{i_{1,1}} X_{4}^{i_{1,2}} + \dots + a_{I_{m}} X_{3}^{i_{m,1}} X_{4}^{i_{m,2}},$$

such that there exists a degree of each of the variables  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  in  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  respectively which is relatively prime to p and all the degrees of the variables  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  in  $P_3$  are also relatively prime to p. If V contains a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ , then the quantities  $c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i^{(1)}, c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i^{(2)}$  and  $a_{I_0} + \ldots + a_{I_m}$  are all divisible by p.

*Proof.* If V contains a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ , then we have

$$P_1(x_1, \exp(x_1)) = P_2(x_2, \exp(x_2)) = P_3(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2)) = 0$$

Using Theorems 2 and 3, we find that the quantities  $c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i^{(1)}, c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i^{(2)}$  and  $a_{I_0} + \ldots + a_{I_m}$  are all divisible by p.

**Remark 2.** From the previous corollary, we can deduce that if we have a variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$ defined as in the previous Corollary in which one of the quantities  $c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i^{(1)}, c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i^{(2)}$  or summation of coefficients of  $P_3$  is relatively prime to p, then V has no point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

We can also give sufficient conditions on a **class** of varieties such that each variety admits a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$  as follows.

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**Corollary 2.** Let p be an odd prime and let  $c, d, m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \geq 1$  with the conditions (d+1,p) = (m,p) = 1, p | (c+d). Then the variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  of dimension one defined by the system of polynomials

$$P_1[X_1, X_3] = c + dX_3^m + mX_1$$
$$P_2[X_2, X_4] = c + dX_4 + X_2$$
$$P_3[X_3, X_4] = X_4 - X_3^m,$$

has a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

*Proof.* In fact, Theorem 2 guarantees that  $P_1$  has a root of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$ . By a simple calculation, we find that  $(mx, \exp(mx))$  is a root of  $P_2$  which admits roots of the form  $(x, \exp(x))$  according to Theorem 2.

It's clear that  $(\exp(x), \exp(mx))$  is a root of  $P_3$  which admits roots of the form  $(\exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ according to Theorem 3. Hence  $(x, mx, \exp(x), \exp(mx)) \in V$ .

**Remark 3.** Schanuel's conjecture in the case of two variables asserts that if  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  is a variety of dimension one over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and has a point of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ , then the point must take the form  $(x, mx, \exp(x), \exp(mx))$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

## 4. Further Applications of Weierstrass Preparation Theorem and Hilbert Theorem

We can use Weierstrass Preparation Theorem to get a result concerning the algebraic dependence over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  as follows.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $P_1, P_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$  be polynomials defined as in the beginning of the previous section of the form

$$P_{1}[X,Y] = c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i}^{(1)} Y_{i}^{\alpha_{i}^{(1)}} + e^{(1)} X Y^{\beta_{1,2}^{(1)}} + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_{k}^{(1)} X^{\gamma_{k,1}^{(1)}} Y^{\gamma_{k,2}^{(1)}}; \gamma_{k,1}^{(1)} \ge 2,$$
  

$$P_{2}[X,Y] = c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_{i}^{(2)} Y_{i}^{\alpha_{i}^{(2)}} + e^{(2)} X Y^{\beta_{1,2}^{(2)}} + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_{k}^{(2)} X^{\gamma_{k,1}^{(2)}} Y^{\gamma_{k,2}^{(2)}}; \gamma_{k,1}^{(2)} \ge 2,$$

in which  $(d_1^{(1)}\alpha_1^{(1)} + ... + d_m^{(1)}\alpha_m^{(1)}, p) = (d_1^{(2)}\alpha_1^{(2)} + ... + d_m^{(2)}\alpha_m^{(2)}, p) = 1$ . If the quantities  $c^{(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i^{(1)}, c^{(2)} + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i^{(2)}$  are divisible by p and  $(x_1, \exp(x_1)), (x_2, \exp(x_2))$  are roots of  $P_1, P_2$  receptively, then there exists a variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of dimension  $\leq 1$  containing the point  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $P_1(x_1, \exp(x_1)) = 0$ , it follows that  $x_1$  and  $\exp(x_1)$  are  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebraically dependent. The same holds true for  $x_2$  and  $\exp(x_2)$ . It remains to show that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebraically dependent. For this, it suffices to show that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . We briefly review the proof of Theorem 2. We have considered

the power series  $f[X] := P[X, \exp(X)] \in \mathbb{Q}[[X]]$  which is convergent on the closed ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha}), \alpha \in (-1, \frac{-1}{p-1}) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . Weierstrass Preparation Theorem can be applied over any finite extension K of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  (For more details, see [G]). Also, the coefficients of f(X) (which are rationals) can be considered as elements in any finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Hence, we can take K to be  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then, f(X) can be factored in the form f(X) = g(X)h(X), where  $g(X) \in \mathbb{Q}_p[X]$  and  $h(X) \in \mathbb{Q}_p[[X]]$  is non-vanishing and converging on the ball  $B(0, p^{\alpha})$ . The roots of f(X) are exactly the roots of the polynomial g. That is, each root of f(X) is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . This clearly implies that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -algebraically dependent. Thus,

$$td_{\mathbb{Q}_p}\mathbb{Q}_p(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2) \le 1.$$

Hence, there exists a variety  $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of dimension  $\leq 1$  containing the point  $(x_1, x_2, \exp(x_1), \exp(x_2))$ .

Finally, we generalize Theorem 2 to the case of polynomials  $P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n] \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n].$ 

As in the two variables case, we reduce the problem to find the roots of polynomials with rational integer coefficients and exclude the polynomials that have at least one of the variables  $X_1, ..., X_n$  in each term since it implies that the trivial point $(0, ..., 0, \exp(0), ..., \exp(0))$ is a root of these polynomials. Also, we only consider the polynomials in which all the degrees of the variables  $Y_1, ..., Y_n$  are relatively prime to p. Then, we prove

**Theorem 5.** The polynomial with rational integer coefficients

$$P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n] = c + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i Y_1^{\alpha_{i,1}} ... Y_n^{\alpha_{i,n}} + \sum_{j=1}^n e_j X_j Y_1^{\beta_{j,1}} .... Y_n^{\beta_{j,n}} + \sum_{k=1}^s f_k X_1^{\gamma_{k,1}} ... X_n^{\gamma_{k,n}} Y_1^{\gamma_{k,n+1}} ... Y_n^{\gamma_{k,2n}};$$
$$\gamma_{k,1} + ... + \gamma_{k,n} \ge 2,$$

in which at least one of the elements  $(d_1\alpha_{1,1} + \dots + d_m\alpha_{m-1} + e_1) = (d_1\alpha_{1,m} + \dots + d_m\alpha_{m-1} + e_1)$ 

 $(d_1\alpha_{1,1} + ... + d_m\alpha_{m,1} + e_1), ..., (d_1\alpha_{1,n} + ... + d_m\alpha_{m,n} + e_n)$  is relatively prime to  $p; p \ge 3$ , has a root of the form  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$  if and only if

$$|c+d_1+\ldots+d_m| \le p^{-1}.$$

Proof. Proof of the necessary condition. If  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$  is a root of the polynomial  $P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n]$ , then  $\bar{x}$  is a root of the power series  $f(X_1, ..., X_n) := P[X_1, ..., X_n, \exp(X_1), ..., \exp(X_n)]$  which is convergent on the disk  $\{\bar{x}: \max |x_i| < p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}}\}$ . Thus,  $\bar{x} \in E^n$ . So,

$$c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i \exp(\alpha_{i,1} x_1) \dots \exp(\alpha_{i,n} x_n) =$$

$$= -\Big(\sum_{j=1}^{n} e_j x_j \exp(\beta_{j,1} x_1) \dots \exp(\beta_{j,n} x_n) + \sum_{k=1}^{s} f_k x_1^{\gamma_{k,1}} \dots x_n^{\gamma_{k,n}} \exp(\gamma_{k,n+1} x_1) \dots \exp(\gamma_{k,2n} x_n)\Big).$$

Using the fact  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $|\exp(w)| = 1$ ,  $\forall w \in E$  and the strong triangle inequality, we find that

$$|c + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i \exp(\alpha_{i,1} x_1) \dots \exp(\alpha_{i,n} x_n)| < 1.$$

Let  $z_i = \alpha_{i,1}x_1 + ... + \alpha_{i,n}x_n$ ; i = 1, 2, ..., m. Using the universal property of the exponential function, we find that

$$|c + d_1 \exp(z_1) + \dots + d_m \exp(z_m)| < 1.$$

By a similar fashion to the two variables case, we find that  $|c + d_1 + ... + d_m| \le p^{-1}$ . Proof of the sufficient condition. Consider the polynomial

$$P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n] = c + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i Y_1^{\alpha_{i,1}} ... Y_n^{\alpha_{i,n}} + \sum_{j=1}^n e_j X_j Y_1^{\beta_{j,1}} .... Y_n^{\beta_{j,n}} + \sum_{k=1}^s f_k X_1^{\gamma_{k,1}} ... X_n^{\gamma_{k,n}} Y_1^{\gamma_{k,n+1}} ... Y_n^{\gamma_{k,2n}}; \gamma_{k,1} + ... + \gamma_{k,n} \ge 2,$$

with the conditions:

1) At least one of the elements  $(d_1\alpha_{1,1} + \ldots + d_m\alpha_{m,1} + e_1), \ldots, (d_1\alpha_{1,n} + \ldots + d_m\alpha_{m,n} + e_n)$  is relatively prime to p,

2)  $|c + d_1 + \dots + d_m| \le p^{-1}$ .

Consider the ring of the formal power series  $\mathbb{C}_p[[X_1, ..., X_n]]$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{C}_p[[X_1, ..., X_n]]$  be an element defined by the relation

$$f(X_1, ..., X_n) = P[X_1, ..., X_n, \exp(X_1), ..., \exp(X_n)].$$

Then,  $P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n]$  has a root of the form  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$  if and only if  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  is a root of f. It is clear that f is convergent on the ball  $B(0, \rho)$  for every  $\rho < p^{-1}_{\overline{p-1}}$ . Applying the same argument in the proof of Theorem 3, we find that P has a root of the form  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$ .

**Remark 4.** As in the two variables case, the polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}$ 

$$P[X_1, ..., X_n, Y_1, ..., Y_n] = c + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i Y_1^{\alpha_{i,1}} ... Y_n^{\alpha_{i,n}} + \sum_{k=1}^s f_k X_1^{\xi_{k,1}} ... X_n^{\xi_{k,n}} Y_1^{\xi_{k,n+1}} ... Y_n^{\xi_{k,2n}} ; \xi_{k,1} + ... + \xi_{k,n} \ge 1,$$

with  $(c + d_1 + \dots + d_m, p) = 1$  has no roots of the form  $(\bar{x}, \exp(\bar{x}))$ .

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