

ON THE p -ADIC HEIGHTS OF SOME ABELIAN VARIETIES

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ABSTRACT. For an abelian variety defined over an algebraic number field, different definitions of p -adic heights have been given by several authors. In this note, we shall prove that the p -adic height defined by A. Néron and that by P. Schneider coincide.

1. In this section we shall recall briefly the construction of p -adic heights. Let K be a finite extension field of the p -adic rational number field \mathbf{Q}_p , where p is a prime number. Let \mathcal{O} be the integer ring of K , \mathfrak{p} the maximal ideal of \mathcal{O} , and let $k = \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}$ be the residue field of \mathcal{O} . Let A be an abelian variety of dimension d defined over K , $\delta = \text{id}_A$ the identity map of A . Let 0 be the identity point of A and let t_1, \dots, t_d be a \mathfrak{p} -admissible system of local coordinates of A at 0 in the sense of A. Néron; namely, t_1, \dots, t_d are K -rational functions on A which constitute a local coordinate system at 0 and their reductions modulo \mathfrak{p} are k -rational functions on $A \times_{\mathcal{O}} k$ also constitute a local coordinate system at the identity point of $A \times_{\mathcal{O}} k$.

Let $A(K)$ be the group of K -rational points of A and let U be an open neighborhood of 0 in $A(K)$. A function $\Phi: U \rightarrow K$ is called \mathcal{O} -analytic on U if for $a \in U$ we have

$$\Phi(a) = \phi(t_1(a), \dots, t_d(a)),$$

where $\phi = \phi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_d)$ is a d -variable power series with coefficients in \mathcal{O} which converges at $(t_1(a), \dots, t_d(a))$ for all $a \in U$.

A K -rational divisor Δ on A is called disjoint from $0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ if any component of the set obtained from the reduction mod \mathfrak{p} of the support of Δ does not contain the identity point of $A \times_{\mathcal{O}} k$.

For a subgroup G of $A(K)$, let $\Lambda = \mathbf{Z}[G]$ be the group ring of G with coefficients in \mathbf{Z} , which is also the group of 0 -cycles with components in G . Let $I \subset \Lambda$ be the augmentation ideal of Λ ; i.e., the ideal generated by the cycles of the form $(a) - (0)$ with $a \in G$. Let $I^2 \subset \Lambda$ be the ideal generated by the cycles of the form $(a + b) - (a) - (b) + (0)$ with $a, b \in G$. As $(a + b) - (a) - (b) + (0) = ((a) - (0)) * ((b) - (0))$, where $*$ is the multiplication in Λ , I^2 coincides with the square of I ; $I^2 = \{a * b \mid a, b \in I\}$.

A divisor and a 0 -cycle are called disjoint if their supports are disjoint. For a divisor $\Delta = \text{div}(f)$ linearly equivalent to 0 , and a 0 -cycle $\mathfrak{a} \in I$ which are disjoint, we define a pairing $[\Delta, \mathfrak{a}]$ by $[\Delta, \mathfrak{a}] = \prod f(a_i)^{m_i}$ for $\mathfrak{a} = \sum m_i(a_i)$, as usual. For a divisor Δ algebraically equivalent to 0 and a 0 -cycle $\mathfrak{a} = \sum m_i(a_i)$, let $\Delta * \mathfrak{a} = \sum m_i \Delta_{a_i}$, where Δ_{a_i} is the translate of Δ by a_i , and let $\mathfrak{a}^- = \sum m_i(-a_i)$. If $\mathfrak{a} \in I$, then $\Delta * \mathfrak{a}$ is linearly equivalent to 0 . So for $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} * \mathfrak{c} \in I^2$, Δ algebraically

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equivalent to 0, the value $[\Delta * b^-, c]$ has a meaning. We define the pairing $[\Delta, a]$ by $[\Delta, a] = [\Delta * b^-, c]$. By a certain reciprocity law, this pairing is known to be well defined.

In [4], A. Néron has shown the following fact: Let G be an open subgroup of $A(K)$ such that $t_i(a) \in p\mathcal{O}$ for $a \in G$, $i = 1, \dots, d$, where t_1, \dots, t_d are \mathfrak{p} -admissible system of local coordinates of A at 0. Let Δ be a K -rational divisor on A algebraically equivalent to 0 and disjoint from 0 mod \mathfrak{p} . Then for $a \in I = I_G$,

$$\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} [\Delta, p^\nu a - p^\nu \delta a]^{1/p^\nu}$$

converges and satisfies $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(0) = 1$, $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = [\Delta, a]$ for $a \in I^2$. The function $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \theta'_{\Delta,0}((a) - (0))$ on $a \in G$ is an \mathcal{O} -analytic function with values in $1 + p\mathcal{O}$ (cf. [4, Théorème and its proof]).

In general, for a K -rational divisor Δ not necessarily disjoint from 0 mod \mathfrak{p} , take a K -rational function f on A such that $\text{div}(f) + \Delta = \Delta'$ is disjoint from 0 mod \mathfrak{p} , and put $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \theta'_{\Delta',0}(a)f(a)^{-1}$.

REMARK. Note that for a divisor $\Delta = \text{div}(f)$ linearly equivalent to 0, Néron's \mathfrak{p} -adic theta function $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ differs from the function f slightly (cf. [4, §4(b)]). So there are some ambiguities in the above definition of $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ in the case of Δ not disjoint from 0 mod \mathfrak{p} . However from op. cit., for $a \in I$, $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a)$ is defined up to units so this ambiguity disappears when we take the image of $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a)$ by a homomorphism which is trivial on the unit group.

In §3 we shall prove the following Proposition.

PROPOSITION. *Let Ω be the completion of the algebraic closure of K , R the integer ring of Ω , and \mathfrak{m} the maximal ideal of R . Let $\hat{A}(R) = \{a \in A(\Omega) | t_i(a) \in \mathfrak{m}, i = 1, \dots, d\}$. Assume that A has ordinary good reduction mod \mathfrak{p} . Let Δ be a K -rational divisor on A algebraically equivalent to 0 and disjoint from 0 mod \mathfrak{p} . Then the limit*

$$\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} [\Delta, p^\nu a - p^\nu \delta a]^{1/p^\nu}$$

converges for $a = (a) - (0)$ with $a \in \hat{A}(R)$, and $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \theta'_{\Delta,0}((a) - (0))$ defines an \mathcal{O} -analytic function on $\hat{A}(R)$ with values in $1 + \mathfrak{m}$, satisfying $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = [\Delta, a]$ for $a \in I^2 = I^2_{\hat{A}(R)}$. Moreover, $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ is the unique \mathcal{O} -analytic function on $\hat{A}(R)$ which satisfies $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(a) = [\Delta, a]$ for $a \in I^2$.

A. Néron has extended his \mathfrak{p} -adic theta function $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ to $A(K)$ in the following way. Let Δ be a K -rational divisor on A algebraically equivalent to 0 and let $a = (a) - (0)$ be a 0-cycle disjoint from Δ with $a \in A(K)$. Let m be the exponent of the finite group $A(K)/G$ (G is an open subgroup of $A(K)$ such that $t_i(a) \in p\mathcal{O}$ for $a \in G$, $i = 1, \dots, d$). Then define the extension $\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0}$ of $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ by

$$[\Delta, ma - m\delta a] = \tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0}(a)^m \theta'_{\Delta,0}(m\delta a)^{-1}.$$

So $\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0}(a) = \tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0}((a) - (0))$ is defined up to m th root of unity (with value in the algebraic closure of K).

Now let K be an algebraic number field of finite degree. Let A be an abelian variety defined over K . For a nonarchimedean prime v of K , let K_v be the completion of K at v , \mathcal{O}_v the integer ring of K_v , \mathfrak{p}_v the maximal ideal of \mathcal{O}_v , and let

$k_v = \mathcal{O}_v/\mathfrak{p}_v$ be the residue field at v . Let \mathbf{A}_K^\times be the group of finite ideles of K ; i.e., \mathbf{A}_K^\times is the restricted direct product $\prod' K_v^\times$ where the product ranges through all of the nonarchimedean primes of K and (x_v) is in \mathbf{A}_K^\times if $x_v \in \mathcal{O}_v^\times$ for all but a finite number of primes v . We have a canonical homomorphism $K^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_K^\times$ and we identify K^\times with its image. Let p be a fixed prime number such that A has ordinary good reduction at all primes of K over p . Let $\rho: \mathbf{A}_K^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p$ be a nontrivial continuous homomorphism which is trivial on K^\times corresponding to a \mathbf{Z}_p -extension of K by the class field theory. For a nonarchimedean prime v , let ρ_v be the component of ρ at v .

Let Δ be a K -rational divisor on A algebraically equivalent to 0 and $a \in A(K)$, which are disjoint. For a nonarchimedean prime v , we can construct the v -adic theta function $\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)$ substituting A, K_v instead of A, K in the above construction.

Then A. Néron's p -adic height corresponding to the homomorphism ρ is defined by

$$h_{\Delta,\rho}(a) = \sum \rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)),$$

where the summation ranges through all of the nonarchimedean primes of K , and as $\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)^m \in K_v^\times$ for some m , we put

$$\rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)) = \frac{1}{m} \rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)^m).$$

It can be shown that this function is well defined and depends only on the linear equivalence class of Δ .

Let $A' = \text{Pic}^0(A)$ be the dual abelian variety. Then we obtain a pairing from $A(K) \times A'(K)$ to \mathbf{Q}_p by putting

$$\langle a, \text{cl}(\Delta) \rangle_N = h_{\Delta,\rho}(a),$$

here $\text{cl}(\Delta)$ is the image of Δ in A' .

Next we recall the construction of P. Schneider's p -adic height pairing (as P. Schneider's p -adic height pairing coincides with Mazur and Tate's p -adic height pairing (cf. [3, §4.4]), we recall the latter).

Let K be an algebraic number field of finite degree and A an abelian variety defined over K . Let \mathcal{O} be the integer ring of K and let \mathcal{A} be the Néron model of A over \mathcal{O} . Let \mathcal{A}^0 be the connected component of the identity of \mathcal{A} and let A' be the dual abelian variety of A . For a K -rational divisor Δ of A algebraically equivalent to 0 there corresponds an extension X of \mathcal{A}^0 by the multiplicative group \mathbf{G}_m over \mathcal{O} (cf. [1, §1]);

$$(1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{A}^0 \rightarrow 0.$$

Here we note that for an extension field L of K , the group of L -rational points $X(L)$ of X may be described as follows (cf. [3, p. 210]): $X(L)$ is the set of pairs (\mathfrak{a}, c) where \mathfrak{a} is a 0-cycle of degree 0 with L -rational components and $c \in L^\times$; $c(\mathfrak{a}, 1) = (\mathfrak{a}, c)$, $(\mathfrak{a}_1, c_1)(\mathfrak{a}_2, c_2) = (\mathfrak{a}_1 + \mathfrak{a}_2, c_1 c_2)$, when (\mathfrak{a}, c) maps to $0 \in A(L)$ (i.e., when $\mathfrak{a} \in I^2$ is Néron's notation recalled as before), then $(\mathfrak{a}, c) = (0, [\Delta, \mathfrak{a}]c)$. For $a \in A(L)$, the map $\sigma_\Delta: a \mapsto ((a) - (0), 1)$ defines a K -rational section of π , and σ_Δ is regular on $A(L) \setminus |\Delta|$.

Let p be a fixed prime number such that A has ordinary good reduction at the primes of K over p . Let $\rho: \mathbf{A}_K^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p$ be a nontrivial continuous homomorphism

which is trivial on K^\times corresponding to a \mathbf{Z}_p -extension of K , where \mathbf{A}_K^\times is the group of finite ideles of K as before. For a nonarchimedean prime v of K , let ρ_v be the component of ρ at v .

By considering the K_v -rational points of (1) we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow K_v^\times \rightarrow X(K_v) \rightarrow A(K_v) \rightarrow 0$$

(note that $H^1(R, \mathbf{G}_m) = 0$ for a local ring R). In [3, Theorem (1.5)], Mazur and Tate have constructed a canonical ρ_v -splitting $\psi_{\rho,v}: X(K_v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$ for the above exact sequence (in our case, canonical ρ_v -splitting is the restriction to the fiber at $\text{cl}(\Delta) \in A'(K)$ of their canonical ρ_v -splitting of the biextension of $A(K_v) \times A'(K_v)$ by K_v^\times). We recall that a homomorphism $\psi_{\rho,v}: X(K_v) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$ is called a ρ_v -splitting if it satisfies

$$\psi_{\rho,v}(cx) = \rho_v(c) + \psi_{\rho,v}(x) \quad \text{for } c \in K_v^\times, x \in X(K_v).$$

(The characterizing property of canonicalness will be explained later.)

Now let $a \in A(K)$ and take a point $x \in X(K)$ mapping to a . Mazur and Tate have defined their p -adic height pairing by

$$\langle a, \text{cl}(\Delta) \rangle_S = \sum \psi_{\rho,v}(x),$$

where the summation ranges through the nonarchimedean primes of K . Here we note that the sum on the right is well defined and independent of the choice of x and depends only on the linear equivalence class of Δ .

2. The result of this note is the following Theorem.

THEOREM. *Let K be an algebraic number field of finite degree and A an abelian variety defined over K . Let p be a prime number such that A has ordinary good reduction at all primes of K over p . Let $\rho: \mathbf{A}_K^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p$ be a nontrivial continuous homomorphism trivial on K^\times , corresponding to a \mathbf{Z}_p -extension of K . Then for $a \in A(K)$ and Δ a K -rational divisor on A algebraically equivalent to 0, we have*

$$\langle a, \text{cl}(\Delta) \rangle_N = \langle a, \text{cl}(\Delta) \rangle_S.$$

PROOF. Let the notations be the same as in §1. Let v be a nonarchimedean prime of K . We take a divisor from the linear equivalence class of Δ , which is disjoint from $0 \pmod v$ for all primes v over p (for simplicity, we write this divisor by Δ). We compare the local components of Néron's and Schneider's p -adic height pairings.

First we treat the case where v is a prime not above p . In this case ρ_v is trivial on \mathcal{O}_v^\times as ρ is continuous. Let q be the residue characteristic of v , and let G be an open subgroup of $\mathcal{A}^0(\mathcal{O}_v)$ such that $t_i(a) \in q\mathcal{O}_v$ for $a \in G$, $i = 1, \dots, d$; here t_1, \dots, t_d are v -admissible systems of local coordinates of A at 0.

If $\Delta = \text{div}(f)$ is linearly equivalent to 0, then from [3, (2.2.2)], we have $\psi_{\rho,v}((\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{1})) = \rho_v(f(\mathbf{a}))$ for $\mathbf{a} \in I = I_G$, whenever the right-hand side is defined. On the other hand, from the Remark before the Proposition in §1 (cf. also [4, §4(b)]), $\rho_v(\theta'_{\Delta, \mathfrak{d}}(\mathbf{a})) = \rho_v(f(\mathbf{a}))$.

In general let Δ be a divisor algebraically equivalent to 0. Take a K_v -rational function on A such that $\text{div}(f) + \Delta = \Delta'$ is disjoint from $0 \pmod v$. We consider the objects of §1 defined with respect to Δ' . Now in the case we are considering, the

characterizing property of canonicalness of ρ_v -splitting is that $\psi_{\rho,v} = 0$ on $X(\mathcal{O}_v)$, where X is the extension of \mathcal{A}^0 by \mathbf{G}_m corresponding to Δ' . Let $m = [A(K_v) : G]$, where G is an open subgroup of $\mathcal{A}^0(\mathcal{O}_v)$ as above. Then we have for $\mathbf{a} = (a) - (0)$, $a \in A(K_v)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\rho,v}((\mathbf{a}, 1)) &= \frac{1}{m} \psi_{\rho,v}((m\mathbf{a}, 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \psi_{\rho,v}((0, [\Delta', m\mathbf{a} - m\delta\mathbf{a}])) + \frac{1}{m} \psi_{\rho,v}((m\delta\mathbf{a}, 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \rho_v([\Delta', m\mathbf{a} - m\delta\mathbf{a}]), \end{aligned}$$

as $m\delta\mathbf{a}$ has support in $\mathcal{A}^0(\mathcal{O}_v)$.

On the other hand from the equation defining the v -adic theta function $\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta',0,v}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{m} \rho_v([\Delta', m\mathbf{a} - m\delta\mathbf{a}]) = \rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta',0,v}(\mathbf{a})),$$

as $\theta'_{\Delta',0,v}(m\delta\mathbf{a}) \in 1 + q\mathcal{O}_v$.

From the multiplicativity of the local pairings with respect to Δ , we see that in this case the local components of Néron's and Schneider's p -adic height pairings coincide.

In the case when v is a prime over p , we consider the fiber at v of the exact sequence (1). Taking the formal completion along the maximal torus of the special fiber (we denote this completion by superscript t) we obtain the following exact sequence (cf. [3, §5])

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^t \rightarrow X^t \rightarrow A^t \rightarrow 0.$$

Mazur and Tate have proved that the above exact sequence has a unique splitting $\psi: X^t \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^t$. The characterizing property of canonicalness of ρ_v -splitting is that $\psi_{\rho,v} = \rho_v \circ \psi$ on $X^t(\mathcal{O}_v)$. Now take the formal completion along the 0-section of the special fiber of the exact sequence (1) (we denote this completion by \hat{X} etc.); we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{G}}_m \rightarrow \hat{X} \rightarrow \hat{A} \rightarrow 0.$$

Let Ω_v be the completion of the algebraic closure of K_v , R_v the integer ring of Ω_v , and let \mathfrak{m}_v be the maximal ideal of R_v . Considering the R_v -valued points we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$(2) \quad 0 \rightarrow 1 + \mathfrak{m}_v \rightarrow \hat{X}(R_v) \rightarrow \hat{A}(R_v) \rightarrow 0.$$

From Mazur and Tate's splitting $\psi: X^t \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^t$, we obtain a splitting $\psi': \hat{X}(R_v) \rightarrow 1 + \mathfrak{m}_v$ of the above exact sequence. Now Δ is disjoint from $0 \pmod v$. From the Proposition in §1, for $\mathbf{a} = (a) - (0)$ with $a \in \hat{A}(R_v)$,

$$\theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(\mathbf{a}) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} [\Delta, p^\nu \mathbf{a} - p^\nu \delta \mathbf{a}]^{1/p^\nu}$$

converges and defines an \mathcal{O}_v -analytic function on $\hat{A}(R_v)$. From $\theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(\mathbf{a}) = [\Delta, \mathbf{a}]$ for $\mathbf{a} \in I^2$, by putting $\mathbf{a} = (a + b) - (a) - (b) + (0)$ with $a, b \in \hat{A}(R_v)$ we have

$$\theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(a + b) \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(a)^{-1} \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(b)^{-1} = [\Delta, \mathbf{a}] = \sigma_\Delta(a + b) \sigma_\Delta(a)^{-1} \sigma_\Delta(b)^{-1};$$

here $\sigma_\Delta: a \mapsto ((a) - (0), 1)$ is the K -rational section of $\pi: X \rightarrow A$ such that $\sigma_\Delta(0) = 1$. Hence $\sigma_\Delta \cdot \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}{}^{-1}: \hat{A}(R_v) \rightarrow \hat{X}(R_v)$ is a section of (2) as abstract groups. As $\theta'_{\Delta,0,v}$ is \mathcal{O}_v -analytic and σ_Δ is K -rational, from [8, (4.2), Corollary 1], $\sigma_\Delta \cdot \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}{}^{-1}$ is in fact a formal group homomorphism defined over \mathcal{O}_v . We define $\psi'': \hat{X}(R_v) \rightarrow 1 + \mathfrak{m}_v$ by

$$\psi''(x) = x/(\sigma_\Delta \cdot \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}{}^{-1}(\pi(x))),$$

then ψ'' is a splitting of (2) as abstract groups. As $\psi' \cdot \psi''^{-1}$ is trivial on $1 + \mathfrak{m}_v$, it induces a formal group homomorphism $\psi' \cdot \psi''^{-1}: \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{G}_m$ defined over \mathcal{O}_v (cf. *ibid.*). We need the following Lemma.

LEMMA. *Let \hat{A} be the formal group of an abelian variety defined over K_v , which has good reduction mod v . Then any formal group homomorphism $\phi: \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{G}_m$ defined over \mathcal{O}_v is trivial.*

PROOF OF THE LEMMA. If ϕ were nontrivial, there should exist a surjective homomorphism ψ such that $\phi = \psi^m$ for some m (cf. [8, (4.2), Corollary 1]). The reduction mod v of the homomorphism ψ is a surjective homomorphism of formal groups over k_v , $\psi/k_v: \hat{A}/k_v \rightarrow \hat{G}_m/k_v$. Consider the characteristic polynomials of the Frobenius endomorphism of \bar{k}_v over k_v acting on these p -divisible groups over k_v (cf. [2, §4.e]). The multiplicativity of the characteristic polynomials and the Riemann-Weil hypothesis lead to a contradiction.

By the Lemma, $\psi' = \psi''$. We apply the Mazur-Tate's construction of p -adic height pairing recalled as before. Let $m = [A(K_v): \hat{A}(\mathcal{O}_v)]$, which is the cardinality of the group of rational points of the special fiber of A at v . As before, let $\mathfrak{a} = (a) - (0)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\rho,v}((\mathfrak{a}, 1)) &= \frac{1}{m} \psi_{\rho,v}((m\mathfrak{a}, 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \rho_v([\Delta, m\mathfrak{a} - m\delta\mathfrak{a}]) + \frac{1}{m} \rho_v \circ \psi'((m\delta\mathfrak{a}, 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \rho_v([\Delta, m\mathfrak{a} - m\delta\mathfrak{a}]) + \frac{1}{m} \rho_v \circ \psi''(\sigma_\Delta(m\mathfrak{a})) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \rho_v([\Delta, m\mathfrak{a} - m\delta\mathfrak{a}]) + \frac{1}{m} \rho_v \circ \theta'_{\Delta,0,v}(m\mathfrak{a}) \\ &= \rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(\mathfrak{a})). \end{aligned}$$

So $\psi_{\rho,v}((\mathfrak{a}, 1)) = \rho_v(\tilde{\theta}'_{\Delta,0,v}(\mathfrak{a}))$ for all nonarchimedean primes v . The Theorem is proved.

3. In this section we prove the Proposition of §1. Let the notations be the same as in the Proposition. Let f be the K -rational function on A such that $\text{div}(f) = (p\delta)^{-1}\Delta - p\Delta$, $f(0) = 1$. We expand f as a power series in t_1, \dots, t_d near 0, then from [4, p. 158], we see that $f \in \mathcal{O}[[t_1, \dots, t_d]]$ and $f - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\text{deg } 2}$. Also from the arguments used in *ibid.* p. 158, to prove the convergence of $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$, it suffices to show that for $a \in \hat{A}(R)$, $\text{ord}_p((f(p^\nu a) - 1)/p^\nu)$ diverges to ∞ as $\nu \rightarrow \infty$, where ord_p is the additive valuation such $\text{ord}_p(p) = 1$. Let \hat{A} be the formal group of A , and let I be the integer ring of the completion of the maximal unramified

extension of K . Then \hat{A} is isomorphic to \hat{G}_m^d over I . Hence $\hat{A}(R) \simeq (1 + \mathfrak{m})^d$ over I . As this isomorphism may be expressed by some invertible power series, we see that $\text{ord}_p(t_i(p^\nu a)) = \text{ord}_p((1+z)^{p^\nu} - 1)$ for some $z \in \mathfrak{m}$. We expand $(1+z)^{p^\nu}$ with binomial coefficients $\binom{p^\nu}{r}$. For $r < p^{\nu-1}$, using the fact that $\text{ord}_p(r!) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [r/p^k]$, where $[x]$ is the largest integer such that $[x] \leq x$, after some computations we have $\text{ord}_p \binom{p^\nu}{r} = \nu - \text{ord}_p(r)$. Hence

$$\text{ord}_p((1+z)^{p^\nu} - 1) \geq \text{Min}(p^{\nu-1} \text{ord}_p z, \nu - \text{ord}_p r + r \text{ord}_p z),$$

where r ranges from 1 to $p^{\nu-1} - 1$.

As $\text{ord}_p(t_i(p^\nu a))$ satisfies similar inequality, we see that

$$\text{ord}_p((f(p^\nu a) - 1)/p^\nu) \geq \text{Min}(2p^{\nu-1} \text{ord}_p(z_i) - \nu, \nu - 2 \text{ord}_p r + 2r \text{ord}_p(z_i)),$$

where r ranges from 1 to $p^{\nu-1} - 1$, i ranges from 1 to d , and z_i are elements in \mathfrak{m} .

From $\text{ord}_p(z_i) > 0$, we see easily that the right-hand side of the above inequality diverges to ∞ when $\nu \rightarrow \infty$.

When $\text{ord}_p(z_i)$ ranges through a compact subset of $\{x \in \mathbf{R} | x > 0\}$, this convergence is uniform. Hence $\theta'_{\Delta,0}$ defines an \mathcal{O} -analytic function on $\hat{A}(R)$.

Now let $\mathfrak{a} = (a+b) - (a) - (b) + (0) \in I^2$. By Néron's result we have $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(\mathfrak{a}) = [\Delta, \mathfrak{a}]$ for $a, b \in \hat{A}(R)$ sufficiently close to 0 (cf. [4, Théorème]). For a fixed b , both sides of the above equation are given by power series in coordinates of a . Hence we have $\theta'_{\Delta,0}(\mathfrak{a}) = [\Delta, \mathfrak{a}]$ for all $\mathfrak{a} \in I^2$. Uniqueness is clear from the Lemma in §2.

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