Exercise 1. Read and understand the proof of Ostrowski's theorem.

**Exercise 2.** Read and understand the proof that the different definitions of equivalence of absolute values are equivalent.

**Exercise 3.** Prove that  $|\cdot|_p$  is not equivalent to neither  $|\cdot|_q$  nor  $|\cdot|_{\infty}$  for  $p \neq q$  primes numbers.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $n \ge 2$  and let  $d \ge 2$  be a natural number such that there exists a prime p with  $v_p(d)$  not a multiple of n. Show that the (positive real) n-th root of d is not a rational number.

**Exercise 5.** Let K be a field. Show that on the field of rational fractions K(T) with coefficients in K, the valuation – deg and the  $T^{-1}$ -adic valuation are equal.

**Exercise 6.** Let  $|\cdot|_{\infty}$  denote the standard absolute value on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that for  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $|\cdot|^{\alpha}$  is an absolute value if and only if  $\alpha \leq 1$ .

Exercise 7 (Valuations and absolute values).

A totally ordered group  $(\Gamma, +, \leq)$  is a group  $(\Gamma, +)$  with a total order  $\leq$  (meaning that for any  $x, y \in \Gamma$ , either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ ) such that for all  $x, y, z \in \Gamma$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $x + z \leq y + z$ .

Let K be a field. A valuation on K is a map  $v: K^{\times} \to \Gamma$  where  $\Gamma$  is a totally ordered group such that

- (i) v(xy) = v(x) + v(y);
- (ii) if we extend v to a map of monoids  $v : K \to \Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$  by  $v(0) = \infty$  (where we declare  $\infty > \gamma$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ), we have

 $v(x+y) \ge \min(v(x), v(y)).$ 

(1) A valuation is said to be of height one if  $\Gamma = (\mathbb{R}, \leq)$ . Show that the map

 $\begin{cases} \text{height one} \\ \text{valuations on } K \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{non-archimedean} \\ \text{absolute values on } K \end{cases}$  $v \mapsto \exp(-v(\cdot))$ 

is a bijection.

A valuation ring is an integral domain R with fraction field K such that for any  $x \in K$ , either  $x \in R$  or  $x^{-1} \in R$ .

- (2) Show that a valuation ring is a local ring, by showing that its set of non-units is an ideal.
- (3) Show that the relation  $\overline{x} \leq \overline{y}$  if  $yx^{-1} \in R$  define a total order on the quotient group  $(\Gamma, +) := (K^{\times}/R^{\times}, \times)$ , and that the quotient map  $v: K^{\times} \to \Gamma$  is a valuation.
- (4) Conversely, show that if  $v: K^{\times} \to \Gamma$  is a valuation then the set  $R := \{x \in K, v(x) \ge 0\}$  (where 0 denotes the identity element of  $(\Gamma, +)$ ) is a valuation ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} := \{x \in K, v(x) > 0\}$ .

Two valuations  $v_1: K^{\times} \to \Gamma_1, v_2: K^{\times} \to \Gamma_2$  are called equivalent if there exists  $v: K^{\times} \to \Gamma$  and order-preserving group embedding  $\varphi_1: \Gamma \to \Gamma_1, \varphi_2: \Gamma \to \Gamma_2$  such that  $v_1 = \varphi_1 \circ v$  and  $v_2 = \varphi_2 \circ v$ .

(5) Show that the above constructions induce a bijection

$$\begin{cases} \text{valuation rings with} \\ \text{fraction field } K \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \begin{cases} \text{equivalence classes of} \\ \text{valuations on } K \end{cases}.$$

(6) Show that two height one valuations  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  on a field K are equivalent if and only if they define equivalent non-archimedean absolute values, if and only there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}^*_+$  such that  $v_1(x) = cv_2(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .

**Exercise 8.** The aim of this exercise is to study the radius of convergence of the exponential series on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and its extensions.

(1) Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and let p be a prime number. Show that

$$v_p(p^N!) = \frac{p^N - 1}{p - 1}.$$

(2) Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , let p be a prime number and let  $a \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ . Show that

$$v_p((ap^N)!) = a \frac{p^N - 1}{p - 1}.$$

(3) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that

$$v_p(n!) = \frac{n - S_n}{p - 1}$$

where  $S_n$  denotes the sum of the digits of n in base p.

(4) Deduce a necessary and sufficient criterion of  $|x|_p$  to have

$$\frac{x^n}{n!} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0.$$

(5) Let K be a complete extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Deduce for which  $x \in K$  the series

$$\exp(x) := \sum_{n \ge 0} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

converges.

**Exercise 9.** Show the following converse to the weak Tychonov theorem: if  $(X_i)$  is a countable family of compact (non-empty) metric spaces and  $X_0$  (without loss of generality) is not compact, then  $\prod_i X_i$  is not compact for the product topology.

Exercise 10. (Hard)

- (1) Show that a metric space is compact if and only if it is complete and totally bounded.
- (2) Deduce that a non-archimedean locally compact normed field with a non-trivial absolute value is complete and has a finite residue field.

- (3) A non-trivial valuation on a field is called *discrete* if it is equivalent to a valuation with value group  $\Gamma = (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$ . Show that a height one non-trivial valuation on a field K is discrete if and only if 0 is an isolated point in the value group  $v(K^{\times})$ .
- (4) Show that moreover, a locally compact non-archimedean normed field K with a non-trivial absolute value must satisfy that the associated valuation v(·) = log(−|·|) is discrete. (*Hint*: the equality case of the strong triangle inequality forces a convergent sequence to have the same absolute value as its limit after a certain rank.)
- (5) Let K be a field with a non-trivial valuation v. Show that v is discrete if and only if the valuation ring  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is principal, if and only if the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  is principal.
- (6) Show the following converse to (2) and (4): if a normed field is complete, has finite residue field, and its valuation is discrete then it is locally compact.

**Exercise 11.** Do the analysis of chapter 3 but starting with the field K(T) of rational fractions with coefficients in a field K, equipped with the *T*-adic absolute value  $|\cdot|_T := \exp(-v_T(\cdot))$ . Namely:

- (1) What is its valuation ring, maximal ideal, and residue field ?
- (2) Denote by L its completion and  $\mathcal{O}_L$  the corresponding valuation ring. Identify  $\mathcal{O}_L$  as the ring of formal power series K[[T]] with coefficients in K. What is its maximal ideal ? What is its residue field ? More generally, describe its ideals and the corresponding quotient rings.
- (3) Write K[[T]] as a limit.
- (4) When is K[[T]] compact for the topology induced by the *T*-adic valuation ?
- (5) Deduce from your answer above an example of a metric space that is complete but not locally compact.

Notice that in a way the *p*-adic integers behave like a power series in a formal variable p with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , except that  $(p-1) \cdot p^0 + 1 \cdot p^0 = 1 \cdot p^1$  and other similar phenomena, so addition and multiplication is not performed term-by-term as in power series. However, see the following exercise:

**Exercise 12** (Hard). Construct an isomorphism of rings

$$\mathbb{Z}[[X]]/(X-p) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{Z}_p$$

sending X to p. Bonus question: show that if we endow  $\mathbb{Z}[[X]]$  with the X-adic topology, i.e. the topology induced by the metric induced by the X-adic valuation, and endow  $\mathbb{Z}[[X]]/(X-p)$  with the quotient topology, then the above is a homeomorphism.

**Exercise 13** (Not so relevant). Read up on quaternions and show that the quaternions with the Euclidean norm is a "complete locally compact archimedean normed non-commutative field".