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Number theory exercises 03

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[number theory 03.1] Prove that $\sqrt{-1}$ exists in \mathbb{Q}_5 .

[number theory 03.2] Prove that a primitive 11^{th} root of unity exists in \mathbb{Q}_{23} .

[number theory 03.3] Prove that addition, multiplication, and inversion (away from 0) are *continuous* on \mathbb{Q}_p .

[number theory 03.4] Show that the usual power series $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$ converges in \mathbb{Q}_p for $|x| < \frac{1}{p-1}$.
(*Hint:* First show that the power p^ℓ of p dividing $n!$ is bounded by

$$\ell \leq \frac{n}{p} + \frac{n}{p^2} + \frac{n}{p^3} + \dots$$

That is, there are at most n/p integers less than n and divisible by p , there are at most n/p^2 numbers less than n and divisible by p^2 , ...)

[number theory 03.5] * (Starred problems are optional.) Show that there are only finitely-many quadratic extensions of \mathbb{Q}_p . In fact, for p odd, there are exactly *three*, while there are exactly *7* quadratic extensions of \mathbb{Q}_2 .
