

SOME LACUNARY POWER SERIES AND MAHLER'S  
 $U_m$ -NUMBERS IN  $p$ -ADIC DOMAIN

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**Abstract**

In this paper, we consider some lacunar power series in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. We obtain some results about lacunary power series with rational coefficients for  $U_m$ -number arguments in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . We determined whether the values of the considered lacunary power series belong to a certain field of algebraic numbers or to the set of transcendental numbers in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Also, we find similar results for lacunary power series with  $p$ -adic algebraic coefficients.

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**1. Introduction.** MAHLER [1] gave a classification of complex numbers and divided the set of complex numbers into four classes as the  $A$ ,  $S$ ,  $T$ ,  $U$ -numbers. The set of  $A$ -numbers corresponds to the set of complex algebraic numbers. Later, MAHLER [2] introduced a classification of  $p$ -adic numbers and he divided the set of  $p$ -adic numbers as the  $p$ -adic  $A$ ,  $S$ ,  $T$ ,  $U$ -numbers. Again, the set of  $p$ -adic  $A$ -numbers corresponds to the set of  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers. Also, a  $p$ -adic  $U$ -number of degree  $m$  is called a  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number. KOKSMA [3] obtained another classification stand on approximation by algebraic numbers. Moreover, this classification applies to use with  $p$ -adic numbers. Koksma's classification also divides the set of  $p$ -adic numbers into four disjointed classes called as the  $p$ -adic  $A^*$ ,  $S^*$ ,  $T^*$ ,  $U^*$ -numbers. These two classifications are equivalent, that is the  $p$ -adic  $A$ ,  $S$ ,  $T$ ,  $U$ -numbers are the same as the  $p$ -adic  $A^*$ ,  $S^*$ ,  $T^*$ ,  $U^*$ -numbers. Again, a

$p$ -adic  $U^*$ -number of degree  $m$  is called a  $p$ -adic  $U_m^*$ -number. Furthermore, every  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number is a  $p$ -adic  $U_m^*$ -number. We refer to [4–6] for more information.

Most of the results obtained on the approximation theory in the field of complex numbers can be transferred to another field, such as the field of  $p$ -adic numbers and formal Laurent series [4, 7–9]. For example, many researchers have studied the theory of transcendental numbers in the field of  $p$ -adic numbers with the notable papers by MAHLER [10, 11]. In the 1930's, Mahler obtained the  $p$ -adic analogues of the Hermite–Lindemann and the Gelfond–Schneider Theorems. Then,  $p$ -adic analogues of many results obtained in the field of complex numbers were studied [8, 12–14].

In the present paper, we focus on transcendental number theory and consider some lacunary power series in the field of  $p$ -adic numbers. We obtain whether the values of some lacunary power series with rational coefficients for  $U_m$ -number arguments are  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers or  $p$ -adic transcendental numbers. Later, we give a generalization of this result and show whether the values of some lacunary power series with  $p$ -adic algebraic coefficients for  $U_m$ -number arguments are  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers or  $p$ -adic transcendental numbers. Therefore, the results of this paper are the  $p$ -adic analogues of the results obtained in [15] and are generalizations of the results obtained in [8].

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall the basic concepts and some results known on classification of  $p$ -adic numbers. In Section 3, we consider some lacunary power series with rational coefficients and prove whether the values of these series for  $U_m$ -number arguments belong to a certain field of  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers or to the set of  $p$ -adic transcendental numbers. In Section 4, we investigate the values of some lacunary power series with  $p$ -adic algebraic coefficients for  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number arguments.

**2. Preliminaries.** Throughout the paper, we assume that  $p$  is a prime number. Let  $|\cdot|_p$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  denote respectively the  $p$ -adic valuation on the field of the rational numbers and the field of  $p$ -adic numbers. The height and degree of a polynomial  $F$  with rational integral coefficients is the maximum of the absolute values of the coefficients of  $F$  denoted as  $H(F)$  and the degree of maximal degree monomial of  $F$  denoted as  $\deg(F)$ . Also, the height and degree of the minimal polynomial with rational integer coefficients of a  $p$ -adic algebraic number  $\alpha$  are denoted by  $H(\alpha)$  and  $\deg(\alpha)$ , respectively. The following result proved by IÇEN [16] gives an upper bound on the height of a  $p$ -adic algebraic number.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $K$  be a  $p$ -adic algebraic number field of degree  $g$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) be  $p$ -adic algebraic numbers in  $K$  and  $F(y, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  be a polynomial with integral coefficients so that the degree of  $F$  in  $y$  is at least 1, and  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -adic algebraic number. If  $F(\xi, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0$ , then  $\deg(\xi)$  is  $\leq dg$ , and*

$$H(\xi) \leq 3^{2dg+(l_1+\dots+l_k)g} H(F)^g H(\alpha_1)^{l_1g} \dots H(\alpha_k)^{l_kg},$$

where  $l_i$  is the degree of  $F$  in  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) and  $d$  is the degree of  $F$  in  $y$ .

ROTH [17] obtained that the exponent for approximation of real algebraic irrationals by rational numbers cannot be greater than 2. The  $p$ -adic analogue of this result was proved by RIDOUT [18]. Now, we recall Ridout's result which will be quite useful to obtain our results.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\xi$  be a number in the field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\epsilon$  be a positive real number. If there exists a sequence  $\left\{\frac{p_n}{q_n}\right\}$  of rational numbers such that  $2 \leq \max(|p_1|, |q_1|) < \max(|p_2|, |q_2|) < \dots$  and  $0 < \left|\xi - \frac{p_n}{q_n}\right|_p < \frac{1}{\max(|p_n|, |q_n|)^{2+\epsilon}}$ , where  $q_n \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(p_n, q_n) = 1$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\xi$  is transcendental.*

The result given by Roth [17] was extended to the approximations of algebraic numbers by algebraic numbers [19]. Moreover, the  $p$ -adic version of this result was given in [20].

We note that the results obtained in the present paper are true for all sufficiently large  $n$  unless otherwise specified.

**3. Some lacunary power series with rational coefficients.** In this section, we consider some lacunary power series with rational coefficients in the field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and investigate the values of these series for some  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number arguments. Let us start by introducing the lacunary power series that we consider.

We take the increasing sequence of positive integers  $\{k_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ . Let

$$(3.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} x^{k_n}$$

be a lacunary power series with rational coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , where  $a_{k_n} > 1$ ,  $b_{k_n} \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(a_{k_n}, b_{k_n}) = 1$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . We assume that  $\left|\frac{b_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}}\right|_p = p^{-u_{k_n}}$  and

$$(3.2) \quad \sigma := \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{k_{n+1}}}{u_{k_n}} > 1,$$

$$(3.3) \quad 0 \leq \lambda := \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log_p A_{k_n} B_{k_n}}{u_{k_n}} < +\infty,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty,$$

where  $A_{k_n} = [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$  denotes the least common multiple of the numbers  $a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}$  and  $B_{k_n} = \max_{0 \leq \nu \leq n} \{|b_{k_\nu}|\}$ . Also, let us consider the polynomials

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{\nu} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

The following result helps us for the argument selection.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The radius of convergence of the series  $f(x)$  in (3.1) is infinite.*

**Proof.** By using (3.4), we have

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{1}{\limsup_{k_n \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt[k_n]{\left|\frac{b_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}}\right|_p}} = \liminf_{k_n \rightarrow +\infty} p^{u_{k_n}/k_n} = +\infty. \quad \square$$

Let us now introduce the  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number arguments that we will investigate the values of the lacunary power series in (3.1). We consider  $K$  as a  $p$ -adic number field such that  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = m$  and  $\alpha_n$  as an algebraic number in  $K$  such that  $\deg(\alpha) = m$ . Let  $\zeta$  have an approximation with the numbers  $\alpha_n$  such that

$$(3.6) \quad |\zeta - \alpha_n|_p \leq \frac{1}{H(\alpha_n)^{nw(n)}} \quad \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} w(n) = +\infty \right)$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad p^{u_{k_n} \delta_1} \leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n} \leq p^{u_{k_n} \delta_2}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ , where  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are two real numbers such that  $0 < \delta_1 \leq \delta_2$ .

Now, we are ready to settle the main question about the values of the above lacunary power series with rational coefficients for  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number arguments in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\sigma > 2m(1 + \lambda + \delta_2)$  for the lacunary power series  $f(x)$  in (3.1). If  $\{f_n(\alpha_{k_n})\}$  is a constant sequence, then  $f(\zeta)$  is an algebraic number in  $K$ , otherwise  $f(\zeta)$  is a transcendental number in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .*

**Proof.** We handle the polynomials  $f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^\nu$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ), where  $\deg(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq m$ . If we take  $F(z, x) = A_{k_n} z - \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{k_n} \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{k_\nu}$ , then  $F(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}), \alpha_{k_n}) = 0$ . Moreover, we find that  $H(F) = \max_{\nu=0}^n \left\{ A_{k_n}, A_{k_n} \left| \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right| \right\} \leq A_{k_n} B_{k_n}$ , where  $B_{k_n} = \max_{0 \leq \nu \leq n} \{|b_{k_\nu}|\}$ . Using (3.3), we have a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that  $A_{k_n} B_{k_n} < p^{u_{k_n}(\lambda + \varepsilon_1)}$ . Now, using Lemma 2.1 and the inequalities (3.3), (3.4) and (3.7), we obtain the following result

$$(3.8) \quad H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n})) \leq 3^{2m+k_n m} H(F) H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n m} \leq p^{u_{k_n} m(1 + \lambda + \varepsilon_1 + \delta_2)}.$$

Since there exists a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  from (3.4) such that  $|\zeta|_p^{k_n} < p^{u_{k_n} \varepsilon_2}$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \zeta^\nu \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{b_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}} \right|_p |\zeta|_p^{k_{n+1}}, \left| \frac{b_{k_{n+2}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \right|_p |\zeta|_p^{k_{n+2}}, \dots \right\} \\ &\leq p^{-(1-\varepsilon_2)u_{k_{n+1}}}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2), there exists a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_3 > 0$  such that  $(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)u_{k_n} < u_{k_{n+1}}$ , where  $\sigma - \varepsilon_3 > 1$ . Hence, we obtain that  $|f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p \leq p^{-(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)(1 - \varepsilon_2)u_{k_n}}$ . Then using (3.8), we have that

$$(3.9) \quad |f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{\frac{-(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)(1 - \varepsilon_2)}{m(1 + \lambda + \varepsilon_1 + \delta_2)}}.$$

By the definition of the polynomial  $f_n(x)$ , it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \left( \zeta^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu} \right) \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right|_p \left| \zeta - \alpha_{k_n} \right|_p \left| \zeta^{k_\nu-1} + \zeta^{k_\nu-2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu-1} \right|_p \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We infer that  $|\alpha_{k_n}|_p \leq |\zeta|_p + 1$  from (3.6). Since  $\{u_{k_n}\}$  is a monotone increasing sequence, we have  $p^{-u_{k_\nu}} < C$  ( $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ), where  $C$  is a suitable positive number. Combining (3.6) and (3.7), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &\leq |\zeta - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\zeta|_p + 1)^{k_n} \max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-u_{k_\nu}}\} \\ &\leq |\zeta - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\zeta|_p + 1)^{k_n} C \\ &\leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n} w(k_n) ((|\zeta|_p + 1)C)^{k_n} \\ &\leq p^{-w(k_n)u_{k_n}\delta_1} ((|\zeta|_p + 1)C)^{k_n}. \end{aligned}$$

We consider the real number  $\frac{\log_p C_1}{\varepsilon_4}$  such that  $\varepsilon_4$  is a sufficiently small positive number. From (3.4), we have  $C_1^{k_n} < p^{\varepsilon_4 u_{k_n}}$ . Therefore, from (3.8), we obtain that

$$(3.10) \quad |f_n(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \leq p^{\varepsilon_4 u_{k_n} - w(k_n)u_{k_n}\delta_1} \leq H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{\frac{-(w(k_n)\delta_1 - \varepsilon_4)}{m(1+\lambda+\varepsilon_1+\delta_2)}}.$$

Since  $\lim w(n) = +\infty$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$ , we see that

$$H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)(1 - \varepsilon_2)}{m(1+\lambda+\varepsilon_1+\delta_2)}} < H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{\frac{w(k_n)\delta_1 - \varepsilon_4}{m(1+\lambda+\varepsilon_1+\delta_2)}}.$$

Combining (3.9) and (3.10) we conclude that

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} |f(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p &= \max \left\{ |f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p, |f_n(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p \right\} \\ &< \frac{1}{H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)(1 - \varepsilon_2)}{m(1+\lambda+\varepsilon_1+\delta_2)}}}. \end{aligned}$$

If we choose sufficiently small numbers  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$ , then there exists a number  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_3)(1 - \varepsilon_2)}{m(1 + \lambda + \varepsilon_1 + \delta_2)} > \frac{\sigma}{m(1 + \lambda + \delta_2)} - \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\sigma > 2m(1 + \lambda + \delta_2)$ , it is possible to choose a number  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\frac{\sigma}{m(1+\lambda+\delta_2)} - \varepsilon \geq 2 + \varepsilon$ . Therefore, we obtain that

$$(3.12) \quad |f(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p < \frac{1}{H(f_n(\alpha_{k_n}))^{2+\varepsilon}}$$

and this completes the proof. □

**4. Some lacunary power series with  $p$ -adic algebraic coefficients.** Let  $L$  be a  $p$ -adic algebraic number field such that  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = q$  and  $\{k_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be an increasing sequence of positive integers. In the field  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , we deal with the lacunary power series

$$(4.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} x^{k_n}$$

with the  $p$ -adic algebraic coefficients, where  $\eta_{k_n}$  is a  $p$ -adic algebraic integer in  $L$  and  $a_{k_n}$  is a positive rational integer ( $a_{k_n} > 1$  for sufficiently large  $n$ ) that satisfies the following conditions

$$(4.2) \quad \sigma := \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{k_{n+1}}}{u_{k_n}} > 1,$$

$$(4.3) \quad \lambda := \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log_p A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n})}{u_{k_n}} < +\infty$$

and

$$(4.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{k_n}}{k_n} = +\infty,$$

where  $\left| \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \right|_p = p^{-u_{k_n}}$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $A_{k_n} = [a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}]$  denotes the least common multiple of  $a_{k_0}, a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n}$ . Also, let us consider the polynomials  $f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{k_\nu}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Using (4.4), the following results can be proven in a similar way as the proof of Lemma 3.1.

**Lemma 4.1.** *The radius of convergence of the series  $f(x)$  in (4.1) is infinite.*

We take  $M$  to be the smallest  $p$ -adic algebraic number field containing  $K$  and  $L$  such that  $[M : \mathbb{Q}] = t$ , where  $K$  is the  $p$ -adic number field given in Section 3. Also, let  $\zeta$  be the  $p$ -adic  $U_m$ -number introduced in Section 3. We are now ready to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\sigma(\sigma - 1) > 4t(\lambda\sigma + (\sigma - 1)\delta_2)$  for the lacunary power series (4.1). If the sequence  $\{f_n(\alpha_{k_n})\}$  is constant, then  $f(\zeta)$  is an algebraic number in  $M$ , otherwise  $f(\zeta)$  is a transcendental number in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .*

**Proof.** If we take the polynomials  $f_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} x^{k_\nu}$ , then  $\gamma_n := f_n(\alpha_{k_n})$  is an algebraic number in  $M$  and  $\deg(\gamma_n) \leq t$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now, we will obtain an upper bound for  $H(\gamma_n)$  by using Lemma 2.1. For this reason, we use the polynomial  $F(y, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = A_{k_n} y - A_{k_n} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{x_\nu}{a_{k_\nu}} x_{n+1}^{k_\nu}$ , where  $F(\gamma_n, \eta_{k_0}, \eta_{k_1}, \dots, \eta_{k_n}, \alpha_{k_n}) = 0$ . From Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq 3^{2t+(n+1+k_n)t} H^t H(\eta_{k_0})^t \cdots H(\eta_{k_n})^t H(\alpha_{k_n})^{k_n t}.$$

By (4.2), there exists  $\sigma_1 := \sigma - \varepsilon_1 > 1$  such that  $u_{k_{n+1}} > \sigma_1^{n-N_1} u_{k_{N_1}}$  for a suitable positive number  $N_1$ . Therefore, we have  $u_{k_\nu} \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_1^{n-k_\nu}} u_{k_n}$  ( $n \geq \nu \geq N_1$ ) and  $u_{k_{N_2}} + \dots + u_{k_n} \leq \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_1 - 1} u_{k_n}$  ( $n \geq N_2$ ), where  $N_2$  is a suitable positive integer number. By using (4.3), we have a sufficiently small number  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  such that  $A_{k_n} H(\eta_{k_n}) < p^{u_{k_n}(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}$ . After these auxiliary results, we can give an upper bound for the height  $H(\gamma_n)$ . Since  $H = A_{k_n}$ , from (3.7), we obtain that

$$H(\gamma_n) \leq 3^{5k_n t} p^{u_{k_n} \delta_2 t} D p^{(u_{k_{N_2}} + \dots + u_{k_n})(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)t} \leq 3^{5k_n t} D^t p^{\left(\frac{\sigma_1(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma_1 - 1} + \delta_2\right) u_{k_n} t},$$

where  $D = H(\eta_{k_0}) \cdots H(\eta_{k_{N-1}})$ . By (4.4), we see that there exists a suitable positive number  $\varepsilon_3$  such that

$$(4.5) \quad H(\gamma_n) \leq p^{\left(\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma - \varepsilon_1 - 1} + \varepsilon_3 + \delta_2\right) u_{k_n} t}.$$

Since  $|\zeta|_p^{k_n} = p^{k_n \log_p |\zeta|_p}$ , we have  $\left| \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \zeta^{k_n} \right|_p \leq p^{-u_{k_n} + k_n \log_p |\zeta|_p}$ . Using (4.4), we have that  $\left| \frac{\eta_{k_n}}{a_{k_n}} \zeta^{k_n} \right|_p \leq p^{-\frac{u_{k_n}}{2}}$ . Therefore, combining (4.2) and (4.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \zeta^{k_\nu} \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\eta_{k_{n+1}}}{a_{k_{n+1}}} \zeta^{k_{n+1}} \right|_p, \left| \frac{\eta_{k_{n+2}}}{a_{k_{n+2}}} \zeta^{k_{n+2}} \right|_p, \dots \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ p^{-\frac{u_{k_{n+1}}}{2}}, p^{-\frac{u_{k_{n+2}}}{2}}, \dots \right\} \\ &\leq p^{-\frac{\sigma_1}{2} u_{k_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (4.5), we see that

$$(4.6) \quad |f(\zeta) - f_n(\zeta)|_p \leq H(\gamma_n)^{\frac{-(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)}{\left(\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma - \varepsilon_1 - 1} + \varepsilon_3 + \delta_2\right)t}}.$$

Since  $|\alpha_{k_n}|_p \leq |\zeta|_p + 1$  from (3.6) and  $\{u_{k_n}\}$  is a monotone increasing sequence, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\zeta) - \gamma_n|_p &= \left| \sum_{\nu=0}^n \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} (\zeta^{k_\nu} - \alpha_{k_n})^{k_\nu} \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{b_{k_\nu}}{a_{k_\nu}} \right|_p \left| \zeta - \alpha_{k_n} \right|_p \left| \zeta^{k_\nu - 1} + \zeta^{k_\nu - 2} \alpha_{k_n} + \dots + \alpha_{k_n}^{k_\nu - 1} \right|_p \right\} \\ &\leq |\zeta - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\zeta|_p + 1)^{k_n} \max_{\nu=0}^n \{p^{-u_{k_\nu}}\} \\ &\leq |\zeta - \alpha_{k_n}|_p (|\zeta|_p + 1)^{k_n} M, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M$  is a suitable positive number. By using (3.6), (3.7) and (4.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\zeta) - \gamma_n|_p &\leq H(\alpha_{k_n})^{-k_n w(k_n)} ( (|\zeta|_p + 1)M )^{k_n} \\ &\leq p^{-w(k_n)u_{k_n} \delta_1} ( (|\zeta|_p + 1)M )^{k_n} \\ &\leq p^{(\varepsilon_4 - \delta_1 w(k_n))u_{k_n}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_4$  is a sufficiently small positive number. From (4.5), we see that

$$(4.7) \quad |f_n(\zeta) - \gamma_n|_p \leq H(\gamma_n)^{\frac{\delta_1 w(k_n) - \varepsilon_4}{\left(\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma - \varepsilon_1 - 1} + \varepsilon_3 + \delta_2\right)^t}}.$$

Since  $\lim w(n) = +\infty$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$ , combining (4.6) and (4.7), we conclude that

$$(4.8) \quad |f(\zeta) - f_n(\alpha_{k_n})|_p < \frac{1}{\frac{\frac{\sigma - \varepsilon_1}{2}}{H(\gamma_n)^{\left(\frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma - \varepsilon_1 - 1} + \varepsilon_3 + \delta_2\right)^t}}}.$$

Again as in the proof of Theorem 2, there exists a suitable positive number  $\varepsilon$  depending on  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  such that

$$\frac{\sigma - \varepsilon_1}{2t \left( \frac{(\sigma - \varepsilon_1)(\lambda + \varepsilon_2)}{\sigma - \varepsilon_1 - 1} + \varepsilon_3 + \delta_2 \right)} > \frac{\sigma}{2t \left( \frac{\sigma \lambda}{\sigma - 1} + \delta_2 \right)} - \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\sigma(\sigma - 1) > 4t(\lambda\sigma + (\sigma - 1)\delta_2)$ , we can choose a positive number  $\varepsilon$ , such that

$$\frac{\sigma(\sigma - 1)}{2t(\lambda\sigma + (\sigma - 1)\delta_2)} - \varepsilon \geq 2 + \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, we obtain that

$$(4.9) \quad |f(\zeta) - \gamma_n|_p < \frac{1}{H(\gamma_n)^{2+\varepsilon}}$$

and this completes the proof.  $\square$

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