4. Lecture 4. Some rings of periods

4.1. *p*-adic fields. We fixed a prime number *p*. Consider a complete valued field *K* of characteristic 0 with valuation $v: K \to \mathbb{Q} \cap \infty$ such that v(p) = 1.

Let O_K denote the ring of integers in K, \mathfrak{p}_K its maximal ideal and $k = O_K/\mathfrak{p}_K$ -its residue field of characteristic p.

We are mostly interested in the case when K is a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p . However, sometimes it is convenient to extend the residue field k to its algebraic closure. So we adopt the following terminology.

Definition. A *p*-adic field is a field K of characteristic 0 with a discrete valuation $v : K \to \mathbb{Q} \cup \infty$ such that K is complete with respect to v and its residue field k is a perfect field of characteristic p.

For *p*-adic field K we choose a uniformizer $\pi = \pi_K$, i.e. any generator of \mathfrak{p}_K as O_K -module

Examples. 1. Any finite extension K of \mathbb{Q}_p is a p-adic field.

2. Let K be a p-adic field. Fix an algebraic closure of K and consider the maximal unramified extension $L = K^{un}$ of K. This field has a discrete valuation v and its residue field l is isomorphic to the algebraic closure of the residue field k of K.

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However, the field L is not complete with respect to v, so it is not a p-adic field. The completion L' of L with respect to v is a p-adic field with residue field l = k.

Exercise. Let L be an algebraic field extension of a padic field K. Then the valuation v uniquely extends to a valuation of the field L. If L/K is a finite extension then L is a p-adic field with this valuation.

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Element s(a) is called the **Teichmuller representative** of an element $a \in k$

Exercise.

Let $\pi \in \mathfrak{p}_K$ be a uniformizer. Then any element $x \in K$ can be uniquely written as

$$x = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} s(a_i) \pi^i$$

where $a_i \in k$ and $a_i = 0$ for $i \ll 0$

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